

the same to me and I'm restless the  
to relax as the most that passes my  
glass of red and with three games  
a week, is it any wonder some can  
sure of 21st century football.

any where near as much as I used  
Jordan my assistant likes a bit of a  
or me!

the way my stomach turns over that  
all and making every run, shooting  
ng every save.

pride, everything revolves around  
e game of football. Win and it's a  
it's total crap.

well, everyone knows better than  
g the right result you are just doing  
id for.

up in the stands but that is not for  
e mental because you hear so many  
at I couldn't put up with it for long.  
times but had to go back to the  
being the type I am I would have to  
something.

and bottle it up, I have to do some-  
u can see by the way I like Totten-  
attacking manner.

few if not the only team who play  
everyone including the likes of Man-  
sea, Arsenal, Liverpool all play with

a, they're the same, it goes right the  
ision but I like to be a bit more ad-  
always try to use two strikers.

claring that will get you fourth place  
d a bit of luck to steer clear of inju-

y are the favourites to finish fourth  
ropped points against Everton but  
off Liverpool.

oping to get into the Champions  
e most kind fixtures for the remain-

m have the most difficult with Arse-  
Hart Lane and Manchester United  
after the other.

opportunity for us to have a big say  
ll end up - I know where I want to  
st have to put up with the stress.

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vanquished by Everton, when  
ings at both ends of the pitch  
posed in between a dust-up on  
line with David Moyes. The  
e fixtures offer a chance to get  
ack but thereafter City take on  
er United, Arsenal, Villa and  
ore heading to Upton Park on  
ay.

Liverpool, who have been a  
inconsistency this season, will  
the mix then remains to be  
the moment at least all eyes are  
ham after another night when  
e top-four contenders flattered  
ve. "Seeing that Manchester  
s obviously a big boost for us,"  
ouch. "But it's still down to us:  
o get the points on the board  
with Portsmouth on Saturday.  
think it'll go right down to the

# Premier League relegation: who will follow Portsmouth into the Championship?

**With Portsmouth all but relegated thanks to their point deduction there are two places to be filled in the Premier League's relegation zone, with West Ham United, Burnley, Hull City, Wolves, Bolton and Wigan all still in danger.**

On the up or going down? Five defeats on the bounce including a loss to Portsmouth tells its own tale. Memories of last season's last day escape will give them hope but the fact they are now managed by Iain Dowie, who was on the losing end of that Houdini act as a coach at Newcastle, may test their faith. Winnable home games against Fulham, Burnley and Sunderland will need to be exploited as will a potentially decisive trip to Wigan on the penultimate day of the season.

Hopes: That one of West Ham, Wigan and Wolves will play the Newcastle United role from last season.

Fears: That none of West Ham, Wigan and Wolves will play the Newcastle United role from last season.

## Burnley P 31 PTS 24 GD -33



Remaining fixtures: Blackburn (H), Man City (H), Hull City (A), Sunderland (A), Liverpool (H), Birmingham (A), Tottenham (H)  
On the up or going down? Under Owen Coyle Turf Moor saw heady victories over Manchester United and Everton and points taken from Aston Villa and Man City. But those days seem a long, long time ago. The curious decision to put Brian Laws in charge looks like a massive mistake. Defeats to Wigan and Wolves in recent weeks feel like surrender. A home win over hated rivals Blackburn could inject energy in to the survival bid; defeat, however, would all but kill it.

Hopes: Somewhere between slim and none.

Fears: They won't be back again for some time.

## West Ham United P 31 PTS 27 GD -16

Remaining fixtures: Stoke (H), Everton (A), Sunderland (H), Liverpool (A), Wigan (H), Fulham (A), Man City (H)

On the up or going down? Not fit to wear the shirt, according to the restless locals, during a mauling by Wolves that leaves confidence among the West Ham squad at a belly-of-a-snake low. On their day West Ham are a very decent team but such days have been few and far between lately. Five straight defeats – though that included Manchester United, Arsenal and Chelsea – sees Gianfranco Zola's men in a near fatal decline and the fixture list remains unkind.

Hopes: Robert Green and Carlton Cole find their England form again – and quickly – and the locals get behind, rather than on the backs of, the team.

Fears: A philosophy geared towards playing passing football is not compatible with a relegation dog fight.



## Wigan Athletic P 31 PTS 31 GD -30



Remaining fixtures: Man City (A), Fulham (A), Portsmouth (H), Arsenal (H), West Ham (A), Hull City (H), Chelsea (A)

On the up or going down? Depends which Wigan we are talking about. The side that did for Chelsea and Liverpool or the one that lost 4-0 to Bolton and Portsmouth and suffered that mauling at Tottenham. Two wins from their games against Portsmouth, West Ham and Hull should see them safe.

Hopes: They have enough resilience about them to win a couple of games even after they suffer an inevitable battering or two along the way.

Fears: Needing something from the last day of the season and a trip to Stamford Bridge.

## Wolves P 31 PTS 31 GD -22

Remaining fixtures: Everton (H), Arsenal (A), Stoke (H), Fulham (A), Blackburn (H), Portsmouth (A), Sunderland (H)

Looking up or down? If one team in the relegation mix is making a solid case for survival it is Wolves. Seven goals and seven points from their last three away matches suggests rude health. The momentum is with Mick McCarthy's side and, the next two fixtures notwithstanding, a relatively benign run-in awaits.

Hopes: They have timed their sprint to the finish to perfection.

Fears: Four of their last seven games are at Molineux where they can't score for toffee.



## Bolton P 31 PTS 32 GD -20



Remaining fixtures: Man United (H), Aston Villa (H), Chelsea (A), Stoke (A), Portsmouth (H), Tottenham (A), Birmingham (H)

Looking up or down? On the face of it Bolton have little to worry about – 14th, eight points clear of the drop zone, finding their form under Owen Coyle – but a nasty looking run-in means they are not safe just yet. Three eminently losable fixtures are up next and failure to take maximum points from matches with Stoke and Portsmouth would suck them right back in to it.

Hopes: They can nick enough points in April to keep their heads above water.

Fears: Complacency that the job has already been done.