## 1998-99 English Pro League for Soccer Blast

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	IR
1	Manchester United (C)	38	22	13	3	80	37	+43	79	A-
2	Arsenal	38	22	12	4	59	17	+42	78	A-
3	Chelsea	38	20	15	3	57	30	+27	75	B+
4	Leeds United	38	18	13	7	62	34	+28	67	B-
5	West Ham United	38	16	9	13	46	53	-7	57	С
6	Aston Villa	38	15	10	13	51	46	+5	55	С
7	Liverpool	38	15	9	14	68	49	+19	54	С
8	Derby County	38	13	13	12	40	45	-5	52	С
9	Middlesbrough	38	12	15	11	48	54	-6	51	С
10	Leicester City	38	12	13	13	40	46	-6	49	C-
11	Tottenham Hotspur	38	11	14	13	47	50	-3	47	C-
12	Sheffield Wednesday	38	13	7	18	41	42	-1	46	C-
13	Newcastle United	38	11	13	14	48	54	-6	46	C-
14	Everton	38	11	10	17	42	47	-5	43	D+
15	Coventry City	38	11	9	18	39	51	-12	42	D+
16	Wimbledon	38	10	12	16	40	63	-23	42	D+
17	Southampton	38	11	8	19	37	64	-27	41	D+
18	Charlton Athletic (R)	38	8	12	18	41	56	-15	36	D
19	Blackburn Rovers (R)	38	7	14	17	38	52	-14	35	D
20	Nottingham Forest (R)	38	7	9	22	35	69	-34	30	D-

## **Designer Notes**

I had the idea to make this set after watching the "Beckham" documentary, which reminded me that this season was Man United's famous treble-winning season, and came right after the 1998 World Cup when England lost to Argentina after Beckham was sent off. I followed this season from the United States thanks to a 2-hour Premier League highlights show that was on every Sunday, so this set brought back a lot of familiar names.

**Rosters**. There are 20 players plus goalkeepers for each club. Players who played several matches for more than one club are carded twice, and a note is on the card as to when they appeared for the club. (There is also a date for players who came from other leagues mid-season). For example, "bef 1/29" would mean that player is available to that club for any match before January 29, 1999. Players are rated for their performance on each club, not for the entire season.

**START Ratings**. I used numerical start ratings, suggested by Neil Maitland's super helpful <u>tips</u> on Soccer Blast ratings. The symbols for each club are tied to these ratings so you will get more realistic results using the pregame rolls for each side. It also helps me sort through which players to start for each match. To translate the numbers back into traditional Soccer Blast ratings, use ✓ + for 5, BLANK for 2-4 and ✗ for 1.

**Boutique Rating**. Speaking of playing time, this is also the year Sheffield Wednesday's Paolo DiCanio was suspended for several matches for shoving a referee. He is given a ✓ ★ CARD rating and if he receives a straight red, roll 2d6 to see how many matches he is suspended. Note that after transferring to West Ham he did not receive a card, so he must have learned his lesson.

**Credits**: Information for this set came from FBRef.com, Wikipedia, 11v11, WorldFootball.net. Also many thanks to Neil Maitland for providing excellent suggestions for this set.





























