

## United have easy ride in race to the finish

- The list of the remaining Barclays Premier League fixtures for the top three clubs with predicted results shows how Liverpool could feasibly go unbeaten for the rest of the season yet still finish second to Manchester United
- Not only do the reigning champions have two games in hand over Liverpool and Chelsea, they have ten games at Old Trafford to play compared with nine at Anfield and Stamford Bridge. Nor do United have to travel to any of the clubs presently in the top six. Chelsea must go to Liverpool, Aston Villa and Arsenal
- It is set to be a close race, however. Even though our predictions have United finishing three points clear of Liverpool, one result could change everything. If we adjusted our forecast to show Liverpool beating United at Old Trafford in mid-March then the final tallies would have the sides level on 89 points. They presently have the same goal difference, +22

### Tom Dart's prediction



January	14	Wigan (h)	Pts	3			
	17	Bolton (a)		3	Stoke City (h)	3	
	19		Everton (h)		1		
	27	West Brom (h)		3			
	28		Wigan (a)		3	Middlesbrough (h)	3
February	1		Chelsea (h)		1	Liverpool (a)	1
	2	Everton (h)		3			
	7		Portsmouth (a)		3	Hull City (h)	3
	8	West Ham Utd (a)		1			
	17	Fulham (h)		3			
March	21				Aston Villa (a)	0	
	22	Blackburn (h)		3	Man City (h)	3	
	28	Portsmouth (h)		3	Middlesbrough (a)	3	
						Wigan (h)	3
	3					Portsmouth (a)	3
April	4	Newcastle Utd (a)		3	Sunderland (h)	3	
	14	Liverpool (h)		1	Man Utd (a)	1	
	21	Fulham (a)		3	Aston Villa (h)	3	
						Tottenham (a)	1
May	4	Aston Villa (h)		1	Fulham (a)	1	
	11	Sunderland (a)		3	Blackburn (h)	3	
	18	Wigan (a)		3	Arsenal (h)	3	
	25	Tottenham (h)		3	Hull City (a)	3	
						West Ham Utd (a)	3
	2	Middlesbrough (a)		3	Newcastle Utd (h)	3	
	9	Man City (h)		3	West Ham Utd (a)	1	
	16	Arsenal (h)		1	West Brom (a)	3	
	24	Hull City (a)		3	Tottenham (h)	3	
		Remaining games		19		17	
		Predicted points		49		41	
		Predicted total points		1st 90	2nd 87	3rd 79	