

The overachievers



Hull City's achievement in sitting third in the Premier League is underlined by their twentieth position in the PowerTable, a table of potential drawn up by

Catalyst at the start of the season. Catalyst divides the league into four tiers of strength, based on categories such as squad and management talent, recent performance, facilities and commercial strength. Hull are ranked bottom of Tier

4 so are 17 places above their natural level. Their home form is what would be expected of a Tier 3 team, their away form is of Tier 1 standard, their goals scored is at a Tier 2 level and their goals conceded is the norm for Tier 3

	Home form	Away form	Goals scored	Goals conceded	Score	Current positions
TIER 1						
Man Utd	↓	↓	↓	↓	-7	1 Chelsea 7 17pts
Pts 75						2 Liverpool 7 17
Turnover £163m						3 Hull City 7 14
Attendance 52,200						4 Arsenal 7 13
Liverpool	↑	↑	↑	↑	+2	5 Aston Villa 7 13
Aston Villa	↑	↓	↓	↓	-	6 West Ham 7 12
TIER 2						
Tottenham	↓	↓	↓	↓	-14	7 Portsmouth 7 12
Pts 55						8 Man Utd 6 11
Turnover £78m						9 West Brom 7 10
Attendance 37,100						10 Blackburn 7 10
Portsmouth	↑	↓	↓	↓	-	11 Man City 7 9
Everton	↓	↑	↑	↓	-7	12 M'brough 7 9
Man City	↓	↓	↑	↓	-2	13 Wigan 7 8
Newcastle	↓	↓	↓	↓	-8	14 Sunderland 7 8
TIER 3						
Blackburn	↓	↑	↓	↓	+1	15 Everton 7 8
Pts 44						16 Bolton 7 7
Turnover £56m						17 Fulham 6 6
Attendance 30,500						18 Newcastle 7 5
Middlesbrough	↑	↓	↓	↓	-	19 Stoke City 7 4
West Ham	↑	↑	↑	↓	+7	20 Tottenham 7 2
Sunderland	↓	↑	↓	↑	-	
Fulham	↑	↓	↓	↑	-2	
TIER 4						
Wigan	↑	↑	↑	↑	+3	
Pts 34						
Turnover £45m						
Attendance 19,300						
Bolton	↑	↑	↑	↑	+1	
West Brom	↑	↑	↑	↑	+9	
Stoke City	↑	↓	↑	↓	-	
Hull City	↑	↑	↑	↑	+17	

Source: catalyst

Thread of success

Boaz Myhill (goalkeeper), Andy Dawson (left back) and Ian Ashbee, left, (central midfielder player) helped to take Hull City out of the league's bottom

division in 2003-04 and they are still with the club, inspiring their remarkable introduction to the top flight. The trio have started all seven games

2003-04 (out of 46)



Myhill



Dawson



Ashbee



2004-05 (out of 46)



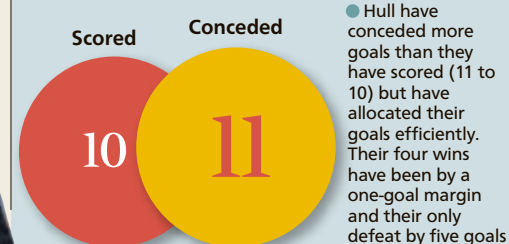
2005-08 (out of 141, incl play-offs)



2008-09 (out of 7)



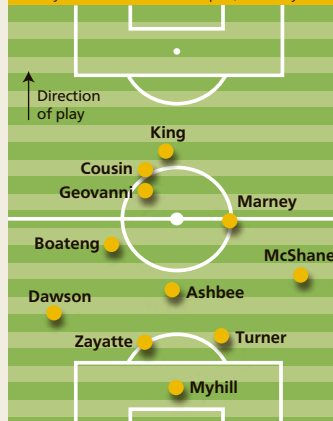
Spreading goals wisely



High ambitions

Hull have not thrived by packing their defence. They have played each game with two players in attack and occasionally, as against Tottenham, with Giovanni in the hole behind two strikers. They keep such a high line that they have been caught offside 11 more times than any other Premier League team (41 times; Arsenal are next with 30)

Hull City average positions away to Tottenham Hotspur, Sunday



The task ahead

Average points for 17th place in past five Premier League seasons **37pts** from 38 games

Hull's points so far **14** from 7 games **23** from 31 games needed So six wins, five draws and 20 defeats would be enough

Beating the bookies: Hull odds to be relegated

