

# Premiership Affair League – Dating site clocks players' sordid scores off the pitch

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As the Premiership season gets well underway, one dating website is keeping track of the players' kicks off the pitch as well as on the pitch.

Footballers aren't best known for their track record of marital virtues. Now the adult dating site Maritalaffair.co.uk, which claims to be the country's highest quality adult dating and affair (<http://www.maritalaffair.co.uk>) site, is helping us rank them. It's added a new dimension to the league tables with its own Premiership Affairs table.

Players are awarded points by merit of public interest in their extramarital indiscretions. Every player who's been publicly associated with an affair qualifies for inclusion. The more popular their follies prove to be on Google, the higher the points. They get points according to how many time their name plus the word 'affair' has been typed into Google's search engine. To make it an even playing field, one thousand searches = 10 points.

The league table is already looking healthy. The season's barely begun and ten players are already piling up the points for their not-so-secret dalliances, past and present. Ryan Giggs has got on top with his ghost of the past, Imogen Thomas, to earn him 81 points (8100 monthly searches). He's followed in second place by John Terry, who earned his accolade with his team-mate's girlfriend Vanessa Perroncel. Arsene Wenger's alleged frisson with singer Sonia Tatar two years ago is still keeping him in fourth place on 1000 monthly searches (10 points).

A "culture of adultery" permeates all professional sports and it's a popular topic for comment for many a psychologists and sociologists. It's seems to be a mix of high libido from a super-fit body, lots of time on the road, feelings of constant self-deprivation for their sport, peer group pressure, opportunity, sense of self-importance, and of course availability of women who seem to find fame and a sports kit irresistible.

MaritalAffair.co.uk's table also found that Manchester United players prompt the most interest in their actual or alleged affairs. Ryan Giggs, Wayne Rooney and Rio Ferdinand are all players for The Red Devils and David Beckham, who strongly denied suggestions of a recent fling, used to play for them. That's 45% of mainstream footballer affair allegations have been associated with Manchester United.

Chelsea and Manchester City both take up 22% of the table. John Terry and Ashley Cole representing The Blues and Balotelli and Carlos Tevez representing City.

For August the table's looking like this:

Giggs 81  
John Terry 66  
Becks (rumours, which he denies) 24  
Arsene Wenger 10

Ashley Cole 9  
Rooney 7  
Rio Ferdinand 5  
Balotelli 1  
Peter Crouch 1  
Carlos Tevez 1

Naturally MaritalAffair.co.uk will be cheering on the footballers and keeping tabs of the goals off the pitch. You can keep up to date with the table here, footballers affairs (<http://www.maritalaffair.co.uk/f/premiership>):