

LEAGUE ONE FIRST-HALF GOAL ANALYSIS

22
AUG 2026

MODEL STATUS

NO OFFICIAL BETS

Reason: every fixture falls inside the strategy's first-five-league-match exclusion window.

Executive summary

This report applies the attached **League One Over 0.5 First-Half Goals Strategy** to the next complete round. Because the 2026/27 league season has only just started, the required current-season home/away first-half rates, xG, shot and corner samples are not yet robust. The attached rules also say to skip newly promoted teams in their first five league matches.

Therefore, the scores below are **provisional screening scores**, not verified eight-point strategy scores. They rank the fixtures for later odds and team-news checks without pretending that missing data has passed a threshold.

Provisional top three

RANK	FIXTURE	SCREEN	WHY IT LEADS
1	Peterborough v Mansfield	6/8	Best stylistic fit; attacking home side and transition threat.
2	Leicester v Burton	6/8	Strong home-favourite narrative; verify price and first-half team data.
3	Luton v Notts County	6/8	Opening games were goal-positive, but promotion exclusion applies.

Best practical approach: treat these as a monitoring shortlist only. Re-check confirmed line-ups, weather and the Over 0.5 first-half price shortly before kick-off. The required acceptable odds band is 1.25-1.45.

Full fixture screening

Saturday 22 August 2026 - UK kick-off times. A formal strategy selection requires 7-8 verified points; no match currently qualifies because the season sample and exclusion rules prevent full validation.

FIXTURE	KO	PROV.	VIEW	ASSESSMENT
Doncaster Rovers v Barnsley	12:30	5/8	Medium	Both sides can play forward, but the strict 7-point threshold is not evidenced yet.
Luton Town v Notts County	12:30	6/8	High watch	Luton's opening 4-3 win and Notts County's 1-1 opener create a strong early-goal narrative; Notts are newly promoted.
Bromley v Cambridge United	15:00	4/8	Caution	Both clubs are in the first five matches after promotion, triggering the strategy exclusion.
Leicester City v Burton Albion	15:00	6/8	High watch	Clear attacking favourite at home; Leicester drew 1-1 on opening day, but current split data is insufficient.
MK Dons v Huddersfield Town	15:00	4/8	Caution	MK Dons are newly promoted and the early-season sample is too small for home/away thresholds.
Peterborough United v Mansfield Town	15:00	6/8	High watch	Best stylistic fit: Peterborough's attacking identity and Mansfield's transition threat support early chances.
Stevenage v Oxford United	15:00	4/8	Caution	Potentially controlled game state; no verified evidence yet for the required 160% combined first-half rate.
Stockport County v Blackpool	15:00	5/8	Medium	Two capable attacks, but an early-season tactical contest could suppress the first half.
Wigan Athletic v Leyton Orient	15:00	5/8	Medium	Reasonable attacking potential, though not enough verified first-half evidence for a formal selection.
AFC Wimbledon v Reading	15:00	5/8	Medium	Reading's 4-3 opener raises the ceiling; Wimbledon remain a first-five-match promoted-team exclusion.
Wycombe Wanderers v Plymouth Argyle	15:00	4/8	Caution	Physical match-up and uncertain attacking baseline reduce first-half confidence.

Screen interpretation

6/8 = strongest watchlist candidate, but not qualified. 5/8 = secondary watch. 4/8 = caution/skip. These figures reflect available fixture context and attacking narrative only; unverified criteria have not been awarded as if confirmed.

Strategy compliance check

RULE	STATUS	COMMENT
Combined match goals ≥ 2.70	Not verified	Current-season sample too small
Home FH goal rate $\geq 80\%$	Not verified	Requires meaningful home sample
Away FH goal rate $\geq 75\%$	Not verified	Requires meaningful away sample
Combined FH rates $\geq 160\%$	Not verified	Cannot be established after one round
Combined xG ≥ 2.80	Not verified	Use a trusted data feed on matchday
24 shots / 8 on target	Not verified	Use current league-only rolling averages
Combined corners ≥ 9	Not verified	Use current league-only rolling averages
4 of last 5 for each team had FH goal	Not available	No five-match league sample yet
Promotion / first-five exclusion	Active	Bromley, Cambridge, MK Dons, Notts County and Wimbledon are affected
Odds between 1.25 and 1.45	Check later	Prices move; verify shortly before kick-off

Matchday decision gate

1. Confirm line-ups: no missing key striker, creator or set-piece taker.
2. Confirm weather and pitch: avoid heavy rain or strong winds.
3. Pull current league-only home/away FH, xG, shots, shots-on-target and corners data.
4. Score all eight points. Proceed only at 7-8 points and odds of 1.25-1.45.
5. Maximum three singles; stake 1% of bankroll per selection. Do not use an accumulator.

Analyst notes and sources

Scope: next complete English League One round, Saturday 22 August 2026. The separate Sheffield Wednesday v Bradford City fixture on Thursday 20 August is outside this Saturday slate.

Method: rules and thresholds were taken directly from the user-supplied League One Over 0.5 First-Half Goals Strategy, Version 1.0. Fixture scheduling was checked against public fixture listings. Opening-day context was used only as narrative evidence, not as a statistically valid replacement for the required samples.

Fixture source: The Guardian, League One fixtures (accessed 15 August 2026):
<https://www.theguardian.com/football/leagueonefootball/fixtures>

Cross-check: Sky Sports, League One scores and fixtures (accessed 15 August 2026): <https://www.skysports.com/league-1-scores-fixtures>

Opening-day context: The Guardian live football coverage, 15 August 2026:
<https://www.theguardian.com/football/live/2026/aug/15/bolton-v-preston-middlesbrough-v-lincoln-bristol-city-v-millwall-and-more-football-live>

RESPONSIBLE BETTING

No strategy guarantees profit. Historical results do not ensure future outcomes. Only stake money you can afford to lose, use deposit limits, and stop if gambling is causing harm.

Prepared 15 August 2026. Re-check fixtures, kick-off times, odds, team news and weather before acting.