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Seven teams remain in the hunt for promotion from the Championship ahead of the final round of fixtures, all 12 of which kick off simultaneously at 12.30pm on Saturday.

Coventry City have already clinched the title and either Ipswich Town, Millwall or Middlesbrough will claim the second automatic promotion spot. Middlesbrough and Southampton are already through to the play-offs, with Wrexham, Hull City and Derby County competing for the final play-off place.

Here's a look at the latest Championship promotion odds, along with the implied probability of each team making it to the top flight of English football.

[h3] Championship promotion 2025-26 – latest odds

Team	Odds	Implied probability
Ipswich Town	1/6	85.7%
Millwall	7/4	36.4%
Middlesbrough	7/4	36.4%
Southampton	9/4	30.8%
Wrexham	12/1	7.7%
Hull City	12/1	7.7%

Derby County	20/1	4.8%
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[h3] Championship promotion 2025-26 contenders analysed

[h4] Ipswich Town

A vastly superior goal difference to Millwall meant that an Ipswich win at Southampton on Tuesday evening would have all but confirmed an instant return to the Premier League. The Tractor Boys led in the second half, then trailed, so Jack Clarke's late equaliser earned what seems like a decent result.

Kieran McKenna's side are one point and 17 goals better off than Millwall, so they need to beat Queens Park Rangers on Saturday to guarantee promotion. Failure to do so would leave them needing a favour from already relegated Oxford United, who face the Lions at the Den.

Ipswich have already blown two opportunities to confirm promotion, however. They needed only four points from games against Southampton or West Bromwich Albion, but drew both. They may well be punished for not finishing the job when they had the chance.

They do have a kind fixture on the final day to fall back on, which is reflected in their odds of 1/6 to finish in second place. QPR have lost three games in a row and have nothing to play for. It would be a huge shock if Ipswich blew their third chance.

Remaining fixture: Queens Park Rangers (14th) – Home

- Championship promotion odds @ 1/6 with bet365

[h4] Millwall

Head coach Alex Neil is looking to guide Millwall back to the top flight for the first time since 1990 and has already secured a first appearance in the Championship play-offs for 24 years.

The Lions have been on the brink of the play-offs in recent seasons, finishing eighth twice in three years. They have not been anywhere this close to automatic promotion, though, and had they not drawn 1-1 with already relegated Leicester City, they would head into the final day as firm favourites.

They face another team consigned to League One next year on Saturday, when Oxford visit The Den. An early goal would put the pressure on Ipswich, but in truth, it's difficult to see either team slipping up with so much on the line.

Millwall's odds of 7/4 are probably fair, though it's worth considering that only one third-placed club has gone on to win the play-offs in the past four seasons. The south Londoners will need to prove they can bounce back from such a near-miss and, with only three wins in eight, that is not a given.

Remaining fixture: Oxford United (22nd) – Home

- Championship promotion odds @ 7/4 with bet365

[h4] Middlesbrough

Middlesbrough's run of seven winless league games came to a timely end when they beat Sheffield Wednesday 1-0 a week ago. They followed that up with a 5-1 demolition of Watford at the weekend, so there is much more hope on Teesside than there had been.

There is a slim chance Boro can still finish second – should they win at Wrexham, Ipswich lose and Millwall fail to win. But they are already assured of a place in the play-offs where, unless Millwall suffer an unexpected mishap against Oxford, it's almost certain they will face Southampton.

However, Boro also have the most difficult game of any team in the Championship promotion race. Failure to beat Wrexham would probably mean they concede home advantage in the second leg to the Saints, who have been on a roll in recent months.

Of the two, I would have Southampton as the more likely candidates to clinch a place in the Premier League, so it's surprising that Middlesbrough are only 7/4 to achieve the feat.

Remaining fixture: Wrexham (6th) – Away

- Championship promotion odds @ 7/4 with bet365

[h4] Southampton

Southampton have stormed into the promotion battle under Tonda Eckert, who took over from Will Still in November.

The Saints are unbeaten in the league since January 17, winning 13 of their 18 games in that time. They also famously knocked Premier League title contenders Arsenal out of the FA Cup and were eight minutes away from beating top-flight leaders Manchester City in the semi-final last weekend.

Either side of the FA Cup defeat by City, Southampton have drawn 2-2 at home to Bristol City and Ipswich, the latter ending their chances of automatic promotion.

It would be a shock if they didn't return to winning ways at Deepdale this weekend. Given their long unbeaten run, they must be the team to beat in the play-offs and appear overpriced to return to the Premier League at 9/4.

Remaining fixture: Preston North End (12th) – Away

- Championship promotion odds @ 9/4 with bet365

[h4] Wrexham

Wrexham had the chance to all but secure a play-off place last weekend, but lost 3-1 to champions Coventry.

A draw would have been a decent result and they now head into the final weekend level on 70 points with seventh-placed Hull City. The teams are separated by one on goal difference, so even a win may not get the Red Dragons in.

Derby County are also waiting in the wings for any slip-ups, with only a single point separating them from the play-offs.

Regardless of the club's finances, Wrexham's rise from the National League to the Championship in three seasons is remarkable. A fourth consecutive promotion would be unprecedented, though it is tough to see them finishing sixth without a favour from another team, especially as Middlesbrough have started to look like their old selves again.

Remaining fixture: Middlesbrough (4th) – Home

- Championship promotion odds @ 12/1 with bet365

[h4] Hull City

Hull will only have themselves to blame if they don't make the play-off cut. The Tigers have not won any of their past six games, a run that has included favourable fixtures against Charlton Athletic, Leicester City and Oxford.

There's no guarantee that they will end that streak against Norwich City on Saturday. The Canaries are flying high under former Rangers boss Philippe Clement, losing only once in seven outings.

A victory by a superior margin to Wrexham will get Hull promoted either on goal difference or goals scored. That adds even more pressure, knowing that ending their barren run alone won't be enough. Odds of 12/1 seem underpriced.

Remaining fixture: Norwich City (9th) – Home

- Championship promotion odds @ 12/1 with bet365

[h4] Derby County

Derby have been one of the surprise packages of the Championship season. They finished the 2024-25 campaign in 19th, just a point above the relegation zone, but John Eustace has turned them into promotion candidates.

The Rams have suffered three defeats in six, but those have been to Southampton, Norwich and Coventry, so they are understandable. Wins in the same run against QPR, Oxford and Stoke City show they are beating the teams they should, which bodes well for Saturday's visit from Sheffield United.

That game is undoubtedly the easiest of the three teams looking to claim a play-off spot, given the Blades have lost three of their past five fixtures. Don't be surprised to see Derby sneak in – and odds of 20/1 on their promotion chances could look generous after the final games have been played.

Remaining fixture: Sheffield United (15th) – Home

- Championship promotion odds @ 20/1 with bet365

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