

Basement battle

There are just 10 points separating 11th-placed Crystal Palace and basement dwellers West Bromwich Albion, with no team in the bottom half of the English Premier League mathematically assured of their survival.

Ahead of the penultimate week of the season, The Straits Times looks at the six biggest strugglers and their run-ins.

West Ham

15th place – Played: 35, Points: 35, Goal difference: -24

Huddersfield

16th – P: 35, PTS: 35, GD: -29

Swansea

17th – P: 35, PTS: 33, GD: -25

Southampton

18th – P: 35, PTS: 32, GD: -19

Stoke City

19th – P: 36, PTS: 30, GD: -33

West Brom

20th – P: 36, PTS: 28, GD: -24

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They have the league's worst defence, having conceded 67 goals. But David Moyes is confident one more win will keep them safe.

They have the second-worst goal difference and realistically need at least one more point. They have the toughest run-in, with their opponents all in the top six.

They will face two teams below them, so a win against the Saints should take them across the line.

They have a game in hand over the duo below but may need to win twice, especially against Swansea.

They have the league's worst goal difference. They must win today – Swansea and Southampton face each other next week, meaning one side will reach least 34 points.

They have to win all their remaining games and hope other results go their way.

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REMAINING OPPONENTS

Leicester (a),
Man United (h)
Everton (h)

Man City (a)
Chelsea (a)
Arsenal (h)

Bournemouth (a)
Saints (h)
Stoke (h)

Everton (a)
Swansea (a)
Man City (h)

Crystal Palace (h)
Swansea (a)

Tottenham (h)
Crystal Palace (a)

AVERAGE POSITION OF OPPONENTS

6th

4th

16th

9th

14th

8th