

# KICKABOUT

# THE PREMIER LEAGUE

## FINGERS CROSSED FOR LUTON AND WEDNESDAY

Well this weeks results have certainly made the final week a lot more interesting as Ian Read's Wycombe Wanderers close the gap on Luton and Sheffield Wednesday and Messrs Smith and Sutton will be looking nervously over their shoulders. Do they want to drop? Are they hoping that Wycombe can win again; the fixture list pits them against Leeds City - a tough game but with Disco already guaranteed third spot; will he let Wycombe win and throw a cat amongst the pigeons so to speak.

After getting battered by Sunderland, they ought to have lost also at home to Luton. Sutton's boys were on top throughout but were caught on the break twice and only a late consolation gave them some hope. If there was an award for least improved team the EFFU would probably win it.

Chelsea's tenure in the top flight came to an end. Just a draw with Aston Villa not enough after losing to Leeds City and Stocks is back in the 2<sup>nd</sup> next season.

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## ASHCROFT FAILS AS MATRON RECUPERATES

Poorly Matron had to take time off from his day-to-day duties of running everything at **Crystal Palace** and after steering them to top of the table he left it in the 'capable' hands of Brutus Ashcroft to steer them towards the title. Well, and this is where it all goes a bit ear shaped as Colly (no longer with flowing locks but looking super young and fresh faced - yes I have seen it for myself) and his **Newcastle** team came down to Laaaaandaaan Town and took all the points with them back up to Geordie land. Brutus's man marking was as poor as any of Dennis's golf stories and with Colly pushing 4 men up front they ran away with it 0 - 2. After that it was the reverse fixture, surely not another defeat? Well; the man marking worked this time which meant they scraped a draw, but only just. A poor week from a manager who loves to renegade on deals; especially at weekends.

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Session 15

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**PREMIER LEAGUE. DIVISION 1**

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 LEEDS UTD	21	9	1	0	34	7	9	2	0	28	4	51	57
2 GLASGOW CELTIC	21	8	2	1	25	6	4	3	3	10	5	24	41
3 LEEDS CITY	21	7	4	0	22	3	4	2	4	16	14	21	39
4 LIVERPOOL	21	6	5	0	21	4	2	1	7	4	17	4	30
5 SUNDERLAND	21	8	0	3	32	20	1	2	7	16	34	-6	29
6 EVERTON	21	5	1	4	20	14	3	2	6	20	20	6	27
7 ASTON VILLA	21	5	2	4	11	16	2	3	5	10	17	-12	26
8 SHEFFIELD WED	21	4	4	2	17	10	2	1	8	13	22	-2	23
9 LUTON TOWN	21	3	2	5	10	15	3	3	5	15	22	-12	23
10 WYCOMBE WANDS	21	5	0	5	19	31	2	1	8	15	39	-36	22
11 CHELSEA	21	3	4	3	8	7	1	3	7	3	17	-13	19
12 ABERDEEN	21	2	2	7	6	20	1	4	5	3	14	-25	15

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Elsewhere, its Cranners and **QPR** who spring back to the top; a 5 - 1 derby beating of Spursey **Spurs** is followed by a 3 - 0 home win against Kiwi Lozza and his **Brighton** upstarts. One more win will do it now; surely I can't mess that up can I?

**Walsall**, **West Ham** and **Greenock** will battle it out for the last spot. Not sure anyone wants it although **Greenock** beating **West Ham** this week was a big step forward to keep them in the race. **Walsall** could only manage two draws when just one win would have put them almost up. The **hammers** have got to go to **Palace** on the last game and with a proper manager back in charge that won't be easy. **Walsall** are away to **Tottenham**, looks like a win to me, but if both of them slip up then Wynne with a game at **Darlington** could jump in. All to play for.

### PREMIER CUP SEMI-FINAL REPLAY

No Mistake this time from KP

Darlington 0 - 6 Leeds Utd

Well this was more like the result we expected 1<sup>st</sup> tome around as KP's powerhouses put their foot down and blew away Darlington's hopes of

another upset. Approaching 60 shots at goal there really was little hope for KP's bottom club.

### PREMIER TROPHY FINAL

DAG TAKES CRAIG OUT LIKE AN ASSASSIN

ASTON VILLA 2 - 0 ABERDEEN

Well after a very good run at the Galway weekend, where the wheels came off in the final furlong; our very own Cucumber Craig suffered again here at the hands of Mafia Dag! When youngster BILLY DODDS got his marching orders very early in the game it was always going to be an uphill battle. They held on for long periods; the Villa midfield and defence peppering the Aberdeen goal and after just over an hour BOLASIE gave them the lead with a powerful header. PAWLETT added the next, and 2 - 0 wrapped it up for Dag whose silverware should cover the cracks of an otherwise disappointing season. Well played.

### CHAMPIONS TROPHY SEMI-FINALS

SEAMY HAS GONE OFF THE FROGS

EVERTON 1 - 2 PSG

Well, a sterling couple of seasons of European football comes to an end for Seamy and Everton as PSG finally put

them away. An offside trap worked pretty well, as did the zonal marking but the French outfit were so strong up front it made little difference. Striker ZEMEKIS got two goals in the first 25 minutes and Everton struggled to get going after that.

### EUFA CUP SEMI-FINALS

**JACK EYES EURO SILVERWARE IN FIRST FINAL**  
**ANDERLECHT 0 - 5 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY**

Cracking result for Sheffield Wednesday here after they blew away the Belgium bunch with a fully motivated display. They packed the midfield and it was from here they controlled the game. BANNAN set them off after 3 minutes and the goals continued to flow. They've every chance of winning this competition that's for sure.

### GOLDEN BOOT RACE

BAMFORD of **Leeds Utd** in Div One by 8 furlongs at least with SANDERS of **Wigan** just ahead in a low scoring 2<sup>nd</sup> division; though ARCHER of **PALACE** is still in with a shout.

### MEANEST DEFENCES

KP has got this wrapped up in Division One; not sure which of his teams will get the award yet but he's already out

celebrating I've been told. Looks like its heading to QPR in the 2<sup>nd</sup> although that wily character Colly is only two behind so its not over yet.

### EURO QUALIFIERS FOR NEXT SEASON

#### CHAMPIONS TROPHY

Top three already qualified for next season. Perm one from the next three as well.

#### EUFA CUP

**Everton & Darlington** from the Cup, while **Sheffield Wednesday & Greenock Morton** go through from the League Cup.

### MANAGER OF THE MONTH

**DIVISION ONE: Jack of Sheffield Wed** - a Euro Final to come. Great stuff.

**DIVISION TWO: Cranners of QPR** - back on top; can he stay there?

### REMEMBER

Remember that the 3X rule and need to have minimum of two players in a position rules are suspended in the PREMIER league but the max in an area is still five

### PREMIER LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 Q.P.R.	21	9	2	0	19	1	5	4	1	16	8	26	48
2 CRYSTAL PALACE	21	7	1	2	20	8	7	3	1	27	9	30	46
3 WALSALL	21	6	4	1	14	2	3	5	2	7	12	7	36
4 WEST HAM UTD	21	6	2	3	23	9	5	0	5	15	22	7	35
5 GREENOCK MORTON	21	6	3	2	21	9	4	1	5	11	13	10	34
6 NEWCASTLE UTD	21	5	6	0	23	4	2	5	3	6	7	18	32
7 ARSENAL	21	4	3	4	13	10	3	3	4	7	13	-3	27
8 BRIGHTON	21	3	2	5	11	11	4	3	4	9	7	2	26
9 WIGAN ATHLETIC	21	7	2	1	27	10	1	0	10	10	33	-6	26
10 DARLINGTON	21	4	2	4	10	12	1	4	6	3	14	-13	21
11 NOTTINGHAM FOR	21	1	2	7	8	19	1	1	9	3	22	-30	9
12 TOTTENHAM	21	2	0	8	5	26	1	0	10	7	34	-48	9

## THE CHAMPIONS TROPHY

### Semi-finals

Paris St Germain v Everton

Benfica v Bayern Munich

## THE UEFA CUP

### Semi-finals

Sheffield Wed v Anderlecht

Borussia Dortmund v Ciftonville

(Two legs played on S13 & 15)

## RESULTS ROUND-UP

### TEMPERATURE: Warm

### Week Forty-three

#### DIVISION 1

<b>LEEDS UTD</b> Kilyan mbappe 12 Bamford 20 Pitch: Good	<b>2 : 0</b>	<b>GLASGOW CELTIC</b> Att 62370 Wind: Light *Derby Game*	<b>(H - 1.5)</b>
<b>LIVERPOOL</b> Att 39288 Pitch: Good	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>SHEFFIELD WED</b> Wind: Light	<b>(A - 0.9)</b>
<b>SUNDERLAND</b> Niall quinn 20,47,80 Will grigg 41,59 Pitch: Good	<b>5 : 0</b>	<b>WYCOMBE WANDS</b> Att 33173 Wind: Light	<b>(H - 0.7)</b>
<b>ABERDEEN</b> Att 30608 Wind: Light Pitch: Good	<b>0 : 5</b>	<b>EVERTON</b> Mane 21 Santa 23,38 Callum 51 Cruz 63	<b>(A - 2.3)</b>
<b>LUTON TOWN</b> Leon hubert 76 Att 56619 Pitch: Wet	<b>1 : 1</b>	<b>ASTON VILLA</b> Peter pawlett 20 Wind: Light	<b>(A - 0.5)</b>
<b>LEEDS CITY</b> Reiss nelson 39 David batty 55 Pitch: Good	<b>2 : 0</b>	<b>CHELSEA</b> Att 43668 Wind: Light	<b>(H - 0.3)</b>

#### DIVISION 2

<b>CRYSTAL PALACE</b> Att 32993 Wind: Light	<b>0 : 2</b>	<b>NEWCASTLE UTD</b> Wilson 39,49 Pitch: Hard	<b>(A - 0.7)</b>
<b>GREENOCK MORTON</b> Att 33200 Pitch: Good	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>BRIGHTON</b> Wind: Calm *Derby Game*	<b>(H - 0.7)</b>
<b>Q.P.R.</b> Richarlison 14,20 Zakaria 29 Hans gilhaus 33 Renato sanches 35 bkd - Hans gilhaus (62) *Derby Game*	<b>5 : 1</b>	<b>TOTTENHAM</b> Alex samuel 42 bkd - Cuti romero (12) Att 34554 Wind: Light Pitch: Muddy	<b>(H - 1.1)</b>
<b>WEST HAM UTD</b> (p)jones 20 Currie 44 bkd - Clayton (86)/ Magennis (52)	<b>2 : 0</b>	<b>NOTTINGHAM FOR</b> Att 31753 Wind: Light Pitch: Good *Derby Game*	<b>(A - 0.3)</b>
<b>WIGAN ATHLETIC</b> Inj - Sanders (7) Att 30005 Wind: Calm	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>ARSENAL</b> bkd - Turner (65)/ Limpas (55) Pitch: Good	<b>(A - 0.3)</b>

**WALSALL** 0 : 0 **DARLINGTON** (A - 0.1)  
Att 28561  
Pitch: Wet  
Wind: Light

### Week Forty-four

#### DIVISION 1

<b>ASTON VILLA</b> Att 50570* Pitch: Good	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>CHELSEA</b> Wind: Light	<b>(H - 0.5)</b>
<b>GLASGOW CELTIC</b> Gary bannister 75(p) bkd - Gary bannister (12) Att 28824* Wind: Light *Derby Game*	<b>1 : 2</b>	<b>LEEDS UTD</b> Harrison 63 Speed 85 bkd - Nigel martyn (52) Pitch: Good	<b>(A - 1.3)</b>
<b>LIVERPOOL</b> bkd - Ray clemence (78)/ Jack milburn en (36)/ Nunez (40) off - Jack milburn en (43) *Derby Game*	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>ABERDEEN</b> bkd - Eric black (44) Att 36328 Wind: Light Pitch: Good	<b>(H - 0.5)</b>
<b>WYCOMBE WANDS</b> Lewis wing 18 Cole palmer 79 off - Sam volks (34) Pitch: Hard	<b>2 : 1</b>	<b>LUTON TOWN</b> Mark mccabe 88 Att 47210 Wind: Light	<b>(A - 0.7)</b>
<b>SUNDERLAND</b> Archie gemmill 13 Will grigg 20,22 Khazri 87 Wind: Light	<b>4 : 2</b>	<b>SHEFFIELD WED</b> Dougie freedman 28 Christi ronaldo 46 Att 38643 Pitch: Hard	<b>(A - 0.5)</b>
<b>LEEDS CITY</b> Tommy burnden 6 Reiss nelson 36 Pitch: Good	<b>2 : 0</b>	<b>EVERTON</b> Att 39042 Wind: Light	<b>(H - 0.1)</b>

#### DIVISION 2

<b>ARSENAL</b> Att 26712 Pitch: Good	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>DARLINGTON</b> Wind: Light	<b>(H - 0.3)</b>
<b>NEWCASTLE UTD</b> Mickey quinn 53 Att 29279 Pitch: Good	<b>1 : 1</b>	<b>CRYSTAL PALACE</b> Bryan addams 64 Wind: Light	<b>(H - 1.1)</b>
<b>GREENOCK MORTON</b> John mcgovern 86 Wind: Light	<b>1 : 0</b>	<b>WEST HAM UTD</b> Att 31674 Pitch: Hard	<b>(H - 0.3)</b>
<b>TOTTENHAM</b> Att 25738* Wind: Light Pitch: Good	<b>0 : 2</b>	<b>WIGAN ATHLETIC</b> Sanders 6 Jurvis 40	<b>(A - 0.9)</b>
<b>Q.P.R.</b> Stan bowles 25 Richarlison 45 Zakaria 81	<b>3 : 0</b>	<b>BRIGHTON</b> Att 30540 Wind: Light Pitch: Wet	<b>(H - 0.5)</b>
<b>WALSALL</b> Att 26291 Pitch: Hard	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>NOTTINGHAM FOR</b> Wind: Light	<b>(H - 0.3)</b>

### Week Forty-five

#### THE PREMIER CUP

##### Semi-final replay

<b>DARLINGTON</b> Att 48339 Wind: Light Pitch: Good	<b>0 : 6</b>	<b>LEEDS UTD</b> Bamford 19,81 Kilyan mbappe 23,42 Robson 50 Aitken 87	<b>(A - 1.9)</b>
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#### THE PREMEIR TROPHY

##### FINAL

<b>ASTON VILLA</b> Bolasie 63 Peter pawlett 77 bkd - Martinez (25)/ Konsa (18) *Derby Game*	<b>2 : 0</b>	<b>ABERDEEN</b> off - Billy dodds (5) Att 50570 Wind: Light Pitch: Good	<b>(H - 1.5)</b>
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### THE CHMAPIONS TROPHY

#### Semi-final 2nd legs

**EVERTON** 1 : 2 **PARIS ST GERMAIN(NL)**(A - 1.1)  
Callum 46 Zemekis 12,22 (AGG 1-3)  
Att 24779 Wind: Light  
Pitch: Good

**BAYERN MUNICH(NL)** 1 : 0 **BENFICA[NL]** (H - 0.9)  
Norden 118 bkd - Leander (2) [AET] (AGG 1-0)  
bkd - Wilkinson (71)/ Inj - Smith (1)/  
Watson (3) Kilmer (2)  
Inj - Calfield (1) Att 14813  
Wind: Light Pitch: Hard

### THE EUFA CUP

#### Semi-final 2nd legs

**ANDERLECHT(NL)"** 0 : 5 **SHEFFIELD WED** (H - 0.1)  
bkd - Bules (57)/ Barry bannan 3,83 (AGG 0-7)  
Flinders (16) Burns 24,62  
Att 28887 Dougie freedman 71  
Wind: Light Pitch: Good

**CLIFTONVILLE(NL)** 0 : 0 **BORUSSIA DORTMUND(NL)**(A - 0.9)  
off - Bardsley (72) Att 15041 (AGG 1-0)  
Wind: Light Pitch: Hard

### FRIENDLY MATCHES

**GREENOCK MORTON** 0 : 2 **LUTON TOWN** (A - 1.7)  
**NEWCASTLE UTD** 0 : 0 **EURO TEAM1(NL)** (A - 1.1)  
**SUNDERLAND** 0 : 0 **EURO TEAM1(NL)** (A - 1.3)  
**WYCOMBE WANDS** 4 : 0 **NOTTINGHAM FOR** (H - 0.7)  
**EURO TEAM1(NL)** 0 : 3 **WIGAN ATHLETIC** (A - 3.1)  
**EURO TEAM1(NL)** 0 : 0 **WEST HAM UTD** (H - 0.3)

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### WEATHER FORECAST

Temperature next session: Warm  
Predicted wind speed next session: Light

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# BITS N PIECES

## LEADING SCORERS

### DIVISION 1

1	<b>BAMFORD</b>	<b>LEEDS UTD</b>	<b>42</b>
2	SANTA	EVERTON	22
3	KILYAN MBAPPE	LEEDS UTD	17
4	GARY OLIVER	SUNDERLAND	16
5	GARY BANNISTER	GLASGOW CELTIC	16
6	AIDEN O'BRIEN	SUNDERLAND	15
7	IAN WRIGHT	SHEFFIELD WED	14
8	WILL GRIGG	SUNDERLAND	13

### DIVISION 2

1	SANDERS	WIGAN ATHLETIC	12
2	ARCHER	CRYSTAL PALACE	10
3	GRIFFITHS	GREENOCK MORTON	9
4	ELLIS RIMMER	GREENOCK MORTON	9
5	VINCE HILAIRE	CRYSTAL PALACE	9
6	JURVIS	WIGAN ATHLETIC	8
7	BOOTHMAN	WIGAN ATHLETIC	8
8	HUNTER	WEST HAM UTD	8

### Consec. Wins

Leeds Utd	6 games
Leeds City	5 games

### Consec. Draws

Walsall	3 games
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### Consec. Defeats

Tottenham	13 games
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### Since A Defeat

Leeds Utd	39 games
Walsall	16 games
Newcastle Utd	14 games
Arsenal	9 games
Leeds City	5 games
Aston Villa	3 games

## THE ROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :- JACK MILBURN EN [1] (LIVERPOOL) / SAM VOLKS [1] (WYCOMBE WANDS) / BILLY DODDS [6] (ABERDEEN) /

### MANAGERIAL RATINGS - DPS

#### TOP

SUNDERLAND - 0

EVERTON - 0

BRIGHTON - 6

#### BOTTOM

LEEDS CITY - 60

WYCOMBE WANDS - 60

CHELSEA - 69

### MANAGERIAL RATINGS - LEVELS PER PLAYER

#### TOP

LEEDS UTD - 0

ASTON VILLA - 3

EVERTON - 6

#### BOTTOM

NOTTINGHAM FOR - 63

WYCOMBE WANDS - 66

TOTTENHAM - 69

### MANAGERIAL RATINGS - SQUAD AGE

#### TOP

TOTTENHAM - 0

ABERDEEN - 3

CRYSTAL PALACE - 6

#### BOTTOM

BRIGHTON - 63

LEEDS CITY - 66

LEEDS UTD - 69

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# AUCTION PAGE

**The transfer deadline comes into  
operation at the end of session thirteen  
IE NOW**

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Please note that from now onwards it is illegal to sell any player and then buy him back in the next three session FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER. If you do that player will be banned for life and you will lose him

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## **ROLLING AUCTION LEVELS**

The following are the minimum levels relating to each session for entering players into the rolling auction:-

<u>SESSIONS</u>	<u>MIN LEVEL</u>
1 to 3	5
4 to 5	6
6 to 8	7
9 to 10	8
11+	9

These are also the same levels which decide whether a player will go straight to N/L when out of contract rather than being put into the auction

## SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY TO REMEMBER

It seems that even old stagers of the game still can't work out what order games are to be played in. SO emblazon the following on your minds please

### ORDER OF MATCHES IS

LEAGUE GAME ONE

LEAGUE GAME TWO (which is where any re-arranged league maxcth should go)

ALL CUP GAMES (including Cup/Bowl/ Trophy where the latter is always last if you have a Bowl or cup game as well)

LEAGUE CUP GAMES

EURO GAMES

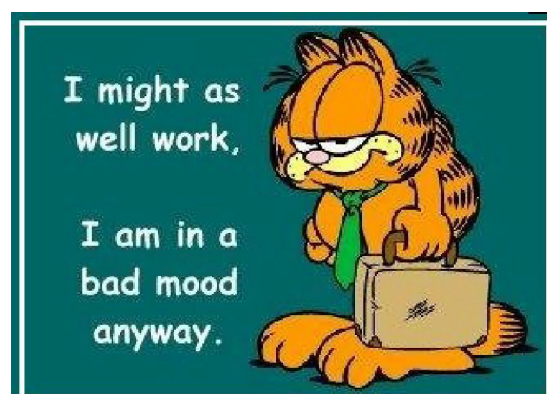
FRIENDLIES

(If you look at teampick you will see that you CAN edit your fixtures as well to tell the program what games you are playing this session and it will put them in the correct order, OK)

NB In teampick trophy games come after League Cup it appears. Please realise that they don't. In the fullness of time the tempick maestro will change this

## MUTTERINGS AND MEANDERINGS OF THE KA MIND

There has been chat about the usefulness of the FWS player type. Some don't seem to realise his attributes. Personally I would always have a FWS in my side. Why. Well if he gets a shot then it has more chance of beating the opposing keeper than does any other player type. He also acts like a star in gaining you extra shots at times. Finally he can play in any position without loss of levels without losing his effectiveness. Personally I always play him in midfield, especially if he is a star. Hoping that somebody will play offside which will double his leathaliity. FWS are king



**BULK PAYMENT OF TURN FEES - remember if you pay £63.25 at one time (which can cover more than one team) you get an extra free turn credited to your account. This offer does not include shomatch/weekend monies!**



**STANDING ORDER PAYMENTS** - you can also pay your turn fees by standing order now. Contact us for details about how to do this and remember that this is not only the way to spread your payments over the year rather than having to find a lump sum at the start of every season, but it is also the way to avoid those dreaded double turn fees. With SO payments this can't happen.

**THE KICKABOUT COMMUNITY**

**EMAIL CHAT LIST** - yes, you can subscribe to our email discussion group. There is a list for general Kickabout topics, a list for each individual league, one for the vulcano, one for teampick subscribers, even one for the weekend players. Learn more about the game, talk to other players and the Gm. To subscribe to the main list send a blank email to [Kickabout-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Kickabout-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). For others you do the same except put the league, name with Ka- in front of subscribe. However, some league lists have an ending in .co.uk instead of .com, so if one doesn't work then please try eeh other!!

One thing to note about subscribing to the list, we post a regular schedule of where every league is in the processing schedule, when it is sent out, when the latest return-by-date is. This is of great help and if you have email you should really be receiving this.

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

Can be made to us using the **PAYPAL** service. So if you want to pay anything by credit card then you could register with them and give it a try. Also note that if you send your payments as a gift ALL of the cash reaches us without any paypal fees being charged at our end and all is credited to your account.

You can pay by card/paypal through our new web-site

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## Premier Rules

This article is written for the several newcomers in this league and also as a refresher for the old timers of the league.

### TEAM DIFFERENCES:

- ? 3 times rule: not applicable to the Premier. No team re-arrangement by the GM if one area is more than 3 times that total of another area.
- ? Minimum number of players in an area is reduced from 2 to 1 eg: 5-4-1. However the 5 levels given for the formation is only valid for the same formations as all the other leagues. **THE MAX however is still five in an area**
- ? Youth scheme: there is an enhanced possibility of discovering someone special.
- ? Player naming: naming must be relevant to the team and the position.

### AUCTIONS

- ? Reduced auctions. Only auctions are on sessions 1+2 and 8+9.
- ? The auction criteria is for no MF specialists to be listed. Though the occasional add /A or /D has been known.
- ? Auction player bids must be named relevant to their club and position.
- ? You must state the correct and real nationality of the player else the bid is void.

### EUROPE:

- ? The top4 of the div1 go through to play in the Champions League
- ? Cup finalists go in the UEFA Cup. If one of the teams is already in the Champions league then the best runner up takes the spot.

TIPS: Various long standing players of this league were asked if they were willing to provide a short piece of advice. Most either refused or ignored the request. There was allegedly a meeting of these managers which was so secret that not even News of the World could not sneak their hidden microphones in. The discussions centred around keeping the div1 an exclusive club. However 3 managers who would welcome new blood into the elite division have spoken out and here is their advice:

- ? Bolton Wands Peter Brooks: due to the lack of specialists in this division older players with special attributes are best kept and coached up.
- ? Leeds Utd David Hargraves: Youth Youth Youth.
- ? Luton Town Paul Sutton: ignore Dave Hargraves advice.

.AND FINALLY?????????.In the first season all teams had the choice of creating their new team with either a MF/G, DF/A,

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## **FORTHCOMING KA WEEKENDS**

We have three KA weekends planned for the future, taking to players recently it seems they might be very full, this is especially so with the Glasgow on next year, so you really need to get your names down if you are planning to attend any of these, to avoid disappointment. You don't need to send cash at present just get your name on the list

### **Spring 2025 Back To Norwich**

#### **Main house accomodation already booked for this**

**Tommo McTomface is first man in  
Geraldo, Jens, Seamus, Craig, Gareth, Nigel, Rob, Chris Moore, Colly,  
and Neil B have all indicated that they are coming  
dates 9th-11th of May**

#### **Glasgow weekend dates 9th-12th October**

**Craig is first man in here**

**Gerard, Jens, Seamus, Gareth, Nigel, Rob, Cranners & Steadders all  
recon that they will be coming along**

**And Bo has offered to host us all at his place in Odense during the  
spring of 2026**

**Craig, Gareth, Nigel, Rob, Cranners & tim have all said they will be  
there**

**Looking for somewhere new after that and Sheffield is in the frame**

**Kickabout will be forty years old in 2027, so perhaps somewhere  
special could be planned for then?**

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# VIRTUAL WEEKEND

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We are hoping to run another virtual Kickabout weekend in 2025. tentatively the date is the weekend of the 22nd of February.

Cost for this extravaganza as always is £22.50 and will use Craig's new weekend set up and 16 team format (unless we are oversubscribed).

So have some fun during the dark nights of winter and get your name down.

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MANAGERS NEEDED

Got a few good teams free that might interest some of you out there.

**Royston Vasey** of the Churchill league, lay sixth, have just won the league cup, have four top specialists, a DFA-FWT combo and a deadly FWS. The product of one of those nasty dropout people, they are a team in the right hands could challenge at the very top. Power skill and a young squad, glory awaits you

£30 credit to start you off both are ideal for those who have just one or two clubs to manage to bolster their stable??

## **STARTING OUT TIPS**

If you are lucky you may have a couple of million in the Bank but that won't be enough to turn things around in a couple of sessions. You need to be committed to be in this for the long haul.

?Have a plan. Base your coaching on getting 2 SPS per session. If you get a few more along the way as the season progresses then great either cash them or coach an extra youth player. Aim to coach your APP's & SBY's to level 12's by seasons end. Better to have 3 17/18 yr old level 12's than 5 level 8's.

?Clear out the 24-4's etc. to get them off the wage bill as they will be on relatively high wages. Either sell them to other managers at below NL price (you will still benefit vs selling to NL due to wages). If you can't get a buyer then hold on to them and run their contract down before selling to NL by session 10 \_ sales to NL go to half price after that.

?Play 2 APPS or a SBY every game unless you have a realistic chance of winning but try to win your derby games. Keep your MP's for derby games, matches against fellow strugglers and for (hopefully) a bit of a run in the Bowl.

?Build up your cash balance. Keep building this until you have at least circa £8m. Try to pick up bargains (below NL value) from the auction so you can then sell them on at a profit.

?Invest money in youth. Don't rely on this producing multiple MF specialists, unless your name is Morten. What you will hopefully get is a few FUT's which you can coach at 0.5 SP per level or sell for cash. This is a good way of increasing your teams' skill level quickly.

?Choose a category for the team and aim to get all the players of the same category (P, S or P/S). Having a power team is easier to build up quickly as there are more of them, there are plenty of 95 BW's around and are cheap to buy. However, longer term you will need to change the category of them team as power teams don't become super teams.

?If you have players that don't match your chosen category look to trade them for another player who is. It is rare your team will be full of P/S players so if you have any it may be best to move them on to build up your cash balance or trade for another player.

?Look to get a good quality GK and SW. You may not win many matches but two level 12's at the back could bring in some extra SP's through 0-0 draws.

?Don't coach anyone over the age of 18 unless there is a really good reason to do so e.g. 23-10 MF specialist.

?You need a captain so you can afford one player over the age of 19 \_ hopefully your captain will star or get rejuvenated.

?Within 2 seasons you should have a team full of level 12's and a decent cash balance as a solid platform to start your ascent to being the next KA super team.

Good luck!

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# CONTRACTS UPDATE

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We have listened to the moaners who in contract negotiations have lost very good players cos they cannot get them to agree to a new contract. Galling to see their prized possession in the expired section of the autumn. Ok you will no doubt get some recompense for him, but the reserve bid is always painfully low and you never never know who might snaffle his arse with a cheeky bid do you.

So from now onwards if your prized player is on the last week of his contract

AND THIS ONLY RELATES TO THE LAST WEEK OF HIS CONTRACT PLEASE NOTE

Then there is a wage that if offered he will ALWAYS accept.

This has to be calculated by you (Oh shite!!)

The formula is as follows :

3 X basic wage where the basic wage = player level X PS Bonus X Div Bonus X POS Bonus X Type bonus

player level is obvious

P/S bonus increase the basic wage by 20%

Div Bonus - 125% for div 1/ 110% for div2 / 100% for divs 3/ 75% for div 4

Pos bonus refers to STARS/FUT/SBY which require 50% uplift

Type bonus is equal to the players expected wage rates , ie MF/A/D x3 - **Df/A X 2 / UT/WG/FWS x1.5** / GK SW X 2/ FW/MF/DF X 1

***We suggest that you always add 1K to your bids***

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as an example a DIV ONE 20/12 PS MF/A/D STAR would require a wage offer of basic wage (81K) X 3 to accept unconditionally , i.e. 243K per week

or a 20-10 DIV THREE S DF/A would require a wage offer of basic wage(20K) X 3, i.e. 60K

On the last week of the contract there is no optimum length of contract though we suggest you opt for four weeks so you have time to bid again

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One last change to note as well. In future at whatever stage of the contract negotiation you are at with a player, the min he will now accept is one third of his basic wage

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