



### BIT OF A GOAL AND ACTION DROUGHT THIS WEEK

+The first match of the day had top of the table Sun Inn travelling to the Midlands to play a Red Star Rovers that were missing a couple of players, though Sun Inn were also missing someone so it was likely to be a close game with both midfields being the key to win the game. Rovers set themselves up in a defensive posture to try to cut down any chance that Sun Inn were likely to create, while Lawton went for his tried and tested formation as well as taking 2 of Rovers influential players out of the game with excellent marking, allowing their side to have plenty of space in the midfield to create opportunities for their forward line. The Red Star backline performed manfully to keep the away side out in the first half but Ilaşcu fired home in the 69<sup>th</sup> minute to give Sun Inn a hard fought win.

2<sup>nd</sup> placed Uffington FC will feel that it was 2 points thrown away in the 1-1 draw away to bottom of the table Lochend Thistle. Jocko had a day to remember in goal for Lochend pulling off countless saves to keep his side in the game, although he wasn't able to keep Uffington out forever as Leupolz finally nodded them into the lead in the 57<sup>th</sup> minute. You might have felt that the away side would ease their way to a win, but as the game went into the final minutes, captain Huddle appeared from nowhere to hammer home a loose ball to equalise for Lochend. Thistle stay bottom but due to dropping points, Uffington drop to 4<sup>th</sup>.

4<sup>th</sup> placed Sutton Rovers had a tricky home game against 6<sup>th</sup> placed Canine Rovers and with both teams having great defensive records, the fans didn't expect much goalmouth action in the game. Both manager opted for both matching formations and their marking were top notch, shutting down chances to Sutton, as well as wiping out Canine's attack. As predicted, it was a close game between the teams but with all the chances going to Sutton, it was only a matter of time before Sutton broke them down and that happened in the 43<sup>rd</sup> minute when Valuur powered a header past the Canine keeper and with the away side unable to break Sutton down, the match ended 1-0 to Sutton, a victory that moved them up to 2<sup>nd</sup>, and dropped Canine down to 9<sup>th</sup>.

ICI Bolton came into the week in 5<sup>th</sup> placed but had to travel to 7<sup>th</sup> placed Nova Scotia FC so they knew they were in for a tough game as Nova Scotia are not an easy side to score against, then again ICI aren't actually well known to be a prolific side themselves. Though ICI did create some chances, they weren't able to beat the home keeper or their defence but Nova Scotia weren't able to create any chances either so the game drifted to a 0-0 draw, keeping ICI in 5<sup>th</sup> and Nova Scotia in 7<sup>th</sup>.

8<sup>th</sup> placed Empire City travelled down to the South East coast to play 11<sup>th</sup> placed Ramsgate Utd and Utd definitely had a bit of 'oomph' in their challenges, some of which were a touch agricultural to say the least though the ref were certainly lenient but even he had to act when Bobby took down Madden in the area in the 36<sup>th</sup> minute, leaving the ref with no choice but to award a penalty, which Kompany made no mistake from and with neither side managing to create any chances in the second half, the win moving Expire all the way up to 3<sup>rd</sup> placed and keeping Ramsgate firmly stuck in 11<sup>th</sup>.

10<sup>th</sup> placed Carleton City hosted 9<sup>th</sup> placed Harold Wood in the final game of the day, both managers went for matching formations but Brutus opted for a man-to-man marking approach, but it only half worked while Baddad asked his players to zonal mark their opponents. There were a couple of shots from each side in the match, but both goalkeepers were easily able to deal with them, the resultant 0-0 draw managing to lift Harold Wood up a place into 8<sup>th</sup> while Carleton City remained in 10<sup>th</sup>.

### CAN THE SPARTANS FINALLY WIN PROMOTION?

Free scoring Bolton Spartans lead the table, seemingly scoring goals for fun while also being solid defensively and this week they hosted 11<sup>th</sup> placed Bignor Hill, who may seem a bit lowly but manager Symonds does have some useful players in his squad, and to try to dull Bolton's edge, he went for a defensive formation and it certainly did suffocate the Spartans for a while. It took the home side 72<sup>nd</sup> minutes to finally break the deadlock, and it was star man Thill that was the scorer, he followed that up with another 2 --++goals to make the final score 3-0 to Bolton, reinforcing their lead at the top while Bignor remain in 11<sup>th</sup>.

Joint top of the table coming into the week were Highbury Corner and they had to travel to the midlands to play Magoo's side 10<sup>th</sup> placed Plumstead Common. Plumstead decided to motivate their side as they needed a result to try to pull them out of the bottom 3, Highbury decided to try to take control of both the midfield and attack to try to blow Plumstead out of the water, but despite having plenty of talented players at their disposal, they weren't able break through the Plumstead back line, the game ending in a 0-0 draw, meaning Highbury stay in second but they are now 2 points behind the leaders, but the draw did allow Plumstead to move up to 9<sup>th</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Juventus needed a result to ensure that the gap to the top 2 didn't increase but they had to travel to 8<sup>th</sup> placed Newport Exiles and both sides have stellar players in their squad. The



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Exiles opted to play an offside trap, which proved to be a mistake as Juve's midfield dwarfed his, but after Overli put them into the lead after 20 minutes, they were put on the back foot just 5 minutes later when Grasten scored the equaliser from a penalty. Despite Juventus having the bulk of the chances, they were unable to score a winner, meaning the game finished in a 1-1 draw, but they stay 3<sup>rd</sup> despite this, with Newport staying in 8<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> placed Ratcliff Rovers faced a trip up north to play 9<sup>th</sup> placed The Heebes in a game important to both teams for different reasons. There was a lot for either team to lose so the game proved to be very cagey with shots very much at a premium and it took until the 70<sup>th</sup> minute for the deadlock to be broken with Amantas poking the ball home from close range to put Ratcliff 1-0 up, then 9 minutes later Hao Yun made it 2-0 to put the game out of Heebes reach, the win moving Ratcliff to within a point of Juventus in 3<sup>rd</sup> while Heebes drop a place into 10<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> placed Olympiakos came into their game against 7<sup>th</sup> placed Venus Volcanos missing a couple of important players and therefore having to blood a youth team player while having to play defensively which made it easier for Venus to keep them at bay. There were only 2 shots each for the sides so the fans weren't entertained, Mexican waves going around the ground for almost the entire game as the match itself ended 0-0, dropping Olympiakos to 6<sup>th</sup> while Venus stay in 7<sup>th</sup>. Confederates came into the game in 6<sup>th</sup> place and were hoping for a victory as they were playing bottom of the table Vitoria XI, Confederates opted for their usual attacking stance but they were met head-on by Vitoria usual stubborn, tough tackling defence. Despite fielding many creative players in their squad, Confederates struggled to create any clear chances as Vitoria snapped into every tackle as soon as he home side got the ball. The only goal of the game came in the 42<sup>nd</sup> minute when Doone headed home from a Matushka free-kick, and with Vitoria only managing to score twice in 9 previous league games, Confederates completed a 1-0 victory, moving them up to 5<sup>th</sup> place.

## REBELLION RUMBLING ALONG NICELY AS THE THEY AND ALE CAN LAY DOWN A MARKER TO THE REST

Leaders Ale Can City continue their inevitable charge towards promotion this week as they hosted 4<sup>th</sup> placed Firefal Down in a local derby and City were in no mood to give Firefal an inch of space when they were on the ball, something that helped City go 3-0 up within 6 minutes, and they were in no mood to take it easy, Nooyoik making it 4-0 in the 15<sup>th</sup> minute. With the game already lost, all Firefal could do is try to prevent any more damage, with both side swapping silly bookings until a minute before the end when Ferri made it 5-0 with a curling shot into the top corner from the edge of the area. The win keeps City at the top and fortunately doesn't harm Firefal too much, keeping them in 4<sup>th</sup> game of the week saw 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Jakku Rebellion hosting 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Royal Oak, it took the match a little to

warm up but once Pele headed Royal Oak into a 31<sup>st</sup> minute lead, that seemed to wake a sleeping giant with Jakku's midfield taking a grip on the game. Scusi and Moseisley turned the game around before the break, scoring in the 40<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> minutes to make it 2-1, Scusi scored his second of the game in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute to make it 3 and with that Jakku just shut up shop, their defence comfortably kept Royal Oak at bay, this victory allowed Jakku to join Ale Can at the top, both teams starting to move clear at the top\*\*\* 5<sup>th</sup> placed Richmond drop 2 points and a chance to get closer to the top 3 as, despite countless shots, they weren't able to score against bottom of the table AFC Scrumble, with Madd putting on an inspired performance in a 0-0 draw, luckily it didn't affect their place in the table\*\*\*6<sup>th</sup> placed Ewood Eagles struggle to score against 10<sup>th</sup> placed Comic City, with both sides successfully marking their opponents, the game turned into a midfield slog, and with chances being at a premium, the game drifted to a 0-0 draw, dropping Ewood to 7<sup>th</sup> place while Comic remain in 10<sup>th</sup>\*\*\*7<sup>th</sup> placed Appleby FC took on 11<sup>th</sup> placed GKA Flugels in their quest to try to get somewhere near the promotion places. There weren't many shots in the games but every one of them went to the home side and they took their chances well, Mugabi and Brandt giving them a 2-0 lead after only 7 minutes though they had to wait till the 66<sup>th</sup> minute before they scored their 3<sup>rd</sup> of the game, Henderson volleying home to make the final score 3-0 to Appleby, moving them up a place into 6<sup>th</sup>.

8<sup>th</sup> placed Red Storm hosted 9<sup>th</sup> placed Craigend Rovers with both sides needing a win to pull away from the bottom 3, Storm took control of the game but were unable to make a dent in Craigend's defence. Despite their dominance, Storm did allow Rovers to have a couple of shots but their keeper kept them out with ease, unfortunately Craigend's keeper was equally competent dealing with everything the home side threw at him, the game ending 0-0, with both teams staying in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

## TOP 2 START TO PULL AWAY FROM THE PACK

Barracuda Bay came into this week top of the table but knew they had a tough opponent to face as they were hosting 4<sup>th</sup> placed Redhill Gems, who happen to be their derby rivals with both sets of fans hoping for a decent game. Unfortunately with Barracuda playing a defensive game and zonal marking approach, while the Gems went for a 2-5-2 formation in front of a keeper/sweeper backline and playing for a draw and that severely impacted on any chances either side could create so it was no surprise that the game ended 0-0, dropping Barracuda down to 2<sup>nd</sup> while Redhill drop a place to 5<sup>th</sup>.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the rejuvenated Phoenix Reds popped down to the South Coast to play 10<sup>th</sup> placed Selsdon Utd, who are a side that are starting to rebuild, albeit gradually. The Reds started fast, taking the lead after only 6 minutes through a Kipkeeter header but what they didn't expect was for Selsdon



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to equalise just 10 minutes later. Once they recovered from the shock of that goal, the Reds took control of the game though it took them until the 40<sup>th</sup> minute to retake the lead Bos Vatenen scoring his first for the club. Just like in the first half, the Reds scored 7 minutes into the second half, Jorge the scorer this time and it was 4-1 in the 60<sup>th</sup> minute, Bos Vatenen scoring his second of the game. Cruz scored the final goal of the game in the 83<sup>rd</sup> minute to make the final score 5-1 to Phoenix Reds which moved them back to the top of the table, Selsdon remain in 10<sup>th</sup>.

3<sup>rd</sup> placed Connaught FC hosted 11<sup>th</sup> placed Hawarden Castle and both sides opted to blood a schoolboy, eager to start building for the start of next season. Connaught dominated their opponents throughout the entire game but it actually took until the 66<sup>th</sup> minute for the deadlock to be broken, with ace striker Shabadoo firing low into the corner. This proved to be the only goal of the game, the win keeping Connaught on the heels of the top 2 while Hawarden remained in 11<sup>th</sup>.

5<sup>th</sup> placed Crockenhill Utd visited bottom of the table Haybrook Ath, who are still in the middle of a huge rebuild and because of this both sides felt it safe to blood a schoolboy. Crockenhill opted to play a sweeper but because of that they restricted their ability to create many chances, Carter did manage to put the home side 1-0 up after only 9 minutes from a free-kick 25 yards from goal. The Haybrook team somehow managed to hold out the home side for almost the entire match but the pressure Crockenhill put on eventually bore fruit, Chevy heading home in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute to complete a 2-0 win which moved them up to 4<sup>th</sup>.

6<sup>th</sup> placed Pacific Heights had to face 9<sup>th</sup> placed Coniston Rovers, and even though Pacific Heights are known to be very prolific, they swarmed forward against Coniston, raining shots down on the Rovers goal, unfortunately they found Von Wessem on top form and with Coniston not able to create an shots,the game meandered to a 0-0 draw, leaving Pacific Heights dropping to 7<sup>th</sup> and Coniston remaining in 9<sup>th</sup>.

7<sup>th</sup> placed Bluorange Stars faced 8<sup>th</sup> placed Northern Spark and both sides used balanced formations in a bid to try to find gaps in their opponent's defence, there was only 1 goal in the game and it was totally against the run of play when Yurt scored when he latched onto a long clearance from his keeper and fired home from close range to give Northern Spark a 1-0 victory, a win that moved Spark up to 6<sup>th</sup> and dropped the Stars down to 8<sup>th</sup>.

## UP FOR THE CUP

### 3rd Round replay highlights

Great result for Phoenix Reds as they beat Ratcliff Rovers 1-0 in extra time thanks to a goal from Jorge\*\*\*a combination of great tactics allied with excellent marking are what helps Highbury Corner knock out Nova Scotia with the winning goal coming 2 minutes from time by captain Inccie\*\*\*Ewood Eagles play a magnificent game against Sun Inn taking them all the way to penalties after stopping them from getting any shots in

normal time but after 15 successful penalties, Dracule had his attempt saved sending Sun Inn through\*\*\*another goalless replay took place between Juventus and Canine Rovers, where there were no shots in the game itself, this game also going to penalties with Canine winning 5-4\*\*\*ICI Bolton make no mistake in their replay against Ramsgate Utd, scoring 3 times in the first half on their way to a 3-0 victory\*\*\*Carleton City are the 3-1 victors in their replay against Red Star Rovers but they lose Cenparkaldo for a couple of games due to an ankle strain.

## BOWLING ALONG

### 2nd Round Replay highlights

Royal Oak are thanking their lucky stars after they managed to recover from a 3-1 deficit to score 3 times in 9 minutes so that they could beat Barracuda Bay, though they really didn't deserve it\*\*\*GKA Flugels went behind early against Connaught FC but turned the tie around with 3 quick goals. Connaught did pull a goal back but they couldn't score again so GKA go through\*\*\*Haybrook and Crockenhill meet again, this time in the bowl and this time Crockenhill were absolutely ruthless in their approach to the game, winning 5-1 with a hat-trick from Milk\*\*\*the tie between Vitoria XI and Redhill Gems ended in a predictable draw, withboth teams seeming allergic to shooting, this is likely to go to penalties\*\*\*Coniston Rovers suffer a double whammy in their 1-0 defeat against Weymouth as not only did they lose the game, but they also lost La Vendedcora to injury\*\*\*Bignor Hill make no mistake against Comic City although it did take an hour for Bignor to take the lead but once Elvington headed home, the result was never in doubt, Davos put the seal on their win in the 75<sup>th</sup> minute to complete a 2-0 victory\*\*\*Harold Wood take an hour before they finally break the deadlock against non league Hastings but 2 quick goals from Ben and Chestnut in the 61<sup>st</sup> and 62<sup>nd</sup> minutes ease them into the next round with a 2-0 win\*\*\*the final tie saw Sutton Rovers thrash Hednesford 7-1, Rotan scoring 3 times before Hednesford scoring through a Turku Merxc own goal, but Rovers just picked up their game and scored 4 more times, including a 4<sup>th</sup> goal for Rotan.

### 3rd Round Draw

GKA Flugels vs **Crockenhill Utd**

Weymouth[NL] vs **Bignor Hill**

Royal Oak vs **Harold Wood**

**Sutton Rovers** vs Vitoria XI/Redhill Gems

The big 2 left in the competition are still kept apart so chances of a very interesting final with the unstoppable force facing the immovable object.

## LEAGUE CUP

### Quarter-final 1st leg

The first leg between Sun Inn and Bolton Spartans proves to be a tactical battle with both teams trying to gain an advantage



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to take into next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> leg and the game was light on goalmouth action with only a couple of shots between both teams, but thanks to goals from Lingo and Cavas, Sun Inn take a 2-0 lead into the second leg\*\*\* Canine Roves find it impossible to break down the Red Storm defence in their 0-0 draw and may have to play a bit more of an expansive game in the second leg if they want to progress\*\*\*the Dark Lord will be hoping that Juventus have done the hard work against Uffington in the 1<sup>st</sup> leg with a Sorloth brace as well as a goal from Overli himself either side of the half-time whistle, though Samson will be hoping that the Quizcrans goal just before the end will give them a lifeline\*\*\*ICI Bolton are shut down by the Sutton Rovers marking and find creating chances next to impossible, Rovers didn't create many shots themselves, but they did most the most of those they did create, as once they took an early lead through a Rotan header they easily kept ICI under control but with only a 1 goal lead, this tie is far from over.

## AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Florida Col proves to be quite a popular player with 8 managers attempting to sign him but in the end, he was won by Ewood Eagles with a 1788k and will be hoping to improve his new team, providing that he doesn't become 'eggbound' too often.

ICI Bolton will be delighted to add young targetman Grigor to their side but not as delighted as Bluorange Stars are as they now find themselves 2.5 million better off.

## MANAGER OF THE MONTH

**DIVISION ONE:** goes to manager Macauley of Sutton Rovers, 3 wins out of 3 as they move into position on 3 fronts.

**DIVISION TWO:** goes to manager Armstrong of Highbury Corner, dropped points in the league but made up for it with a great win against Nova Scotia in the cup..

**DIVISION THREE:** goes to manager Read of Jakku Rebellion, comfortable win against a promotion rival.

**DIVISION FOUR:** goes to manager Mansell of Phoenix Reds, shout out to Crockenhill, but the Reds had a great week culminating with that win over Ratcliff.

## RESULTS ROUND-UP

TEMPERATURE: Cold

### Week twenty-two

#### DIVISION 1

<b>CARLETON CITY</b> Att 28527 Pitch: Wet	<b>0 : 0 HAROLD WOOD</b> Wind: Gale	<b>(A - 0.7)</b>
<b>RED STAR ROVERS</b> Att 55124* Wind: Storm	<b>0 : 1 SUN INN</b> Ilascu 69 Pitch: Good	<b>(A - 1.3)</b>
<b>RAMSGATE UTD</b> bkd - Karagounis (19) Att 48044* Pitch: Muddy	<b>0 : 1 EMPIRE CITY</b> Kompany 36(p) Wind: Gale	<b>(H - 0.1)</b>

<b>LOCHEND THISTLE</b> Hoddle 87 Att 46872 Pitch: Wet	<b>1 : 1 UFFINGTON FC</b> Leupolz 57 Wind: Gale	<b>(A - 0.5)</b>
<b>NOVA SCOTIA FC</b> Att 59336 Pitch: Wet	<b>0 : 0 ICI BOLTON</b> Wind: Gale	<b>(A - 0.7)</b>
<b>SUTTON ROVERS</b> Vuulur 43 Wind: Gale	<b>1 : 0 CANINE ROVERS</b> Att 52871 Pitch: Good	<b>(H - 1.5)</b>

#### DIVISION 2

<b>THE HEEBEES</b> Att 29115 Wind: Gale Pitch: Wet	<b>0 : 2 RATCLIFF ROVERS</b> Amantas 70 Hao yun 79	<b>(A - 0.1)</b>
<b>OLYMPIAKOS</b> bkd - Tzatziki (10) Wind: Gale	<b>0 : 0 VENUS VOLCANOS</b> Att 32073 Pitch: Frozen	<b>(A - 0.7)</b>
<b>CONFEDERATES</b> Doone 42 Wind: Gale	<b>1 : 0 VITORIA XI</b> Att 27555 Pitch: Wet	<b>(H - 0.3)</b>
<b>NEWPORT EXILES</b> Grasten 25(p) Att 28366 Pitch: Wet	<b>1 : 1 JUVENTUS</b> Overli 20 Wind: Gale	<b>(A - 1.1)</b>
<b>PLUMSTEAD COMON</b> bkd - Korai (59) Wind: Gale	<b>0 : 0 HIGHBURY CORNER</b> Att 30000* Pitch: Muddy	<b>(A - 0.7)</b>
<b>BOLTON SPARTANS</b> Thill 72,80,88 Wind: Gale	<b>3 : 0 BIGNOR HILL</b> Att 33707 Pitch: Muddy	<b>(H - 1.5)</b>

#### DIVISION 3

<b>JAKKU REBELLION</b> Scusi 40,52 Moseisley 45 Wind: Gale	<b>3 : 1 ROYAL OAK</b> Pele 31 Att 28960 Pitch: Muddy	<b>(H - 1.5)</b>
<b>ALE CAN CITY</b> Ferri 4,89 Simons 5 Pulescu 6 Nooyoik 15 bkd - Bella (19)/ Pulescu (63)	<b>5 : 0 FIREFAL DOWN FC</b> bkd - Hajto (47)/ Hanley (13) Att 37000* Wind: Gale Pitch: Good *Derby Game*	<b>(H - 0.3)</b>
<b>RED STORM</b> Att 26415 Pitch: Good	<b>0 : 0 CRAIGEND ROVERS</b> Wind: Brisk	<b>(H - 1.3)</b>
<b>EWOOD EAGLES</b> Att 37473 Pitch: Muddy	<b>0 : 0 COMIC CITY</b> Wind: Gale	<b>(H - 0.7)</b>
<b>RICHMOND PARK</b> Att 26952 Pitch: Wet	<b>0 : 0 AFC SCRUMBLE</b> Wind: Brisk	<b>(H - 1.7)</b>
<b>APPLEBY FC</b> Mugabi 3 Brandt 7 Henderson 66	<b>3 : 0 GKA FLUGELS</b> Att 26596 Wind: Gale Pitch: Good	<b>(H - 0.5)</b>

#### DIVISION 4

<b>CONNAUGHT FC</b> Shabadoo 66 Wind: Gale	<b>1 : 0 HAWARDEN CASTLE</b> Att 21967 Pitch: Frozen	<b>(H - 0.7)</b>
<b>SELSDON UTD</b> Delap 16 Att 26005 Wind: Gale Pitch: Good	<b>1 : 5 PHOENIX REDS</b> Kipketer 6 Bos vatenen 40,60 Jorge 52 Cruz 83	<b>(A - 1.3)</b>
<b>PACIFIC HEIGHTS</b> Att 28314 Pitch: Good	<b>0 : 0 CONISTON ROVERS</b> Wind: Gale	<b>(H - 3.1)</b>



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<b>BLUORANGE STARS</b> Att 15521 Wind: Gale	<b>0 : 1</b>	<b>NORTHERN SPARK</b> Yurt 35 Pitch: Frozen	<b>(A - 0.3)</b>
<b>HAYBROOK ATH</b> Att 24595 Wind: Brisk Pitch: Frozen	<b>0 : 2</b>	<b>CROCKENHILL UTD</b> Carter 9 Chevy 82	<b>(A - 4.1)</b>
<b>BARRACUDA BAY</b> bkd - Hai (70)/ Jambo mugabe (41)/ Cuda (71) Wind: Gale *Derby Game*	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>REDHILL GEMS</b> bkd - Odegaard (64)/ Kirsten (51) Att 26390* Pitch: Muddy	<b>(H - 0.3)</b>

## Week twenty-three

### THE GLADSTONE CUP

#### 3rd round replays

<b>PHOENIX REDS</b> Jorge 105 Wind: Gale	<b>1 : 0</b>	<b>RATCLIFF ROVERS</b> Att 31759 Pitch: Muddy	<b>(H - 0.3)</b> [AET]
<b>NOVA SCOTIA FC</b> Att 59041 Wind: Brisk	<b>0 : 1</b>	<b>HIGHBURY CORNER</b> Governor inccie 88 Pitch: Muddy	<b>(A - 0.3)</b>
<b>EWOOD EAGLES</b> bkd - Ricowski (57) Wind: Gale	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>SUN INN</b> Att 47609 Pitch: Muddy	<b>(A - 0.5)</b> [AET]

SUN INN WIN PENALTY SHOOTOUT 8 - 7

<b>JUVENTUS</b> Att 33245 Pitch: Good	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>CANINE ROVERS</b> Wind: Gale	<b>(H - 0.3)</b> [AET]
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CANINE ROVERS WIN PENALTY SHOOTOUT 5 - 4

<b>RAMSGATE UTD</b> Att 48044* Wind: Gale Pitch: Muddy	<b>0 : 3</b>	<b>ICI BOLTON</b> Santa barbara 20,25 Samara 35	<b>( - )</b>
<b>RED STAR ROVERS</b> Mcewens 59 Att 46499 Wind: Gale Pitch: Good	<b>1 : 3</b>	<b>CARLETON CITY</b> Aviougne 32 Upperwestside 47,67 Inj - Cenparkaldo (2)	<b>(H - 0.1)</b>

### THE GLADSTONE BOWL

#### 2nd round

<b>ROYAL OAK</b> Lundquist 25 Trump 65 Andersen 69 Walters 74 Pitch: Frozen	<b>4 : 3</b>	<b>BARRACUDA BAY</b> Henriksen 22,58 Guolo 29 Att 29531 Wind: Gale	<b>(A - 0.3)</b>
<b>GKA FLUGELS</b> Mols 42,52 Babooshka 43 Att 21790 Pitch: Good	<b>3 : 2</b>	<b>CONNAUGHT FC</b> Shabadoo 18 Garcia 56 Wind: Gale	<b>(H - 1.1)</b>
<b>HAYBROOK ATH</b> Budapest 90 Att 24577 Wind: Brisk Pitch: Wet	<b>1 : 5</b>	<b>CROCKENHILL UTD</b> Milk 22,55,89 Sheep 47 Blokhhin 58	<b>(A - 4.1)</b>
<b>VITORIA XI</b> Att 25486 Pitch: Frozen	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>REDHILL GEMS</b> Wind: Brisk	<b>(H - 0.3)</b>
<b>WEYMOUTH(NL)</b> Foggart 51 bkd - Garside (70) Wind: Gale	<b>1 : 0</b>	<b>CONISTON ROVERS</b> Inj - La vendedora (2) Att 19137 Pitch: Frozen	<b>(H - 0.3)</b>
<b>BIGNOR HILL</b> Elvington 61 Davos lecherouiu 75 Pitch: Good	<b>2 : 0</b>	<b>COMIC CITY</b> Att 27993 Wind: Gale	<b>(H - 0.1)</b>

<b>HAROLD WOOD</b> Ben 61 Chestnut 62 Wind: Gale	<b>2 : 0</b>	<b>HASTINGS UTD(NL)</b> bkd - Patel (64) Att 24386 Pitch: Muddy	<b>(H - 1.9)</b>
<b>SUTTON ROVERS</b> Rotan 1,32,37,85(p) Donnane 61 Albu 65 Clog 71 Pitch: Frozen	<b>7 : 1</b>	<b>HEDNESFORD (NL)</b> Turku merxc 54(og) bkd - Garside (59) Att 46636 Wind: Storm	<b>(H - 3.7)</b>

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### THE GLADSTONE LEAGUE CUP

#### Quarter-final 1st legs

<b>SUN INN</b> Lingo 39 Diogo cavas 50 Pitch: Muddy	<b>2 : 0</b>	<b>BOLTON SPARTANS</b> Att 54761 Wind: Brisk	<b>(H - 0.5)</b>
<b>RED STORM</b> Att 29405 Pitch: Good	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>CANINE ROVERS</b> Wind: Gale	<b>(A - 0.9)</b>
<b>UFFINGTON FC</b> Quizcrans hoop1 87 Att 49807 Wind: Gale	<b>1 : 3</b>	<b>JUVENTUS</b> Sorloth 30,49 Overli 43 Pitch: Good	<b>(A - 0.7)</b>
<b>ICI BOLTON</b> Att 63179 Wind: Gale	<b>0 : 1</b>	<b>SUTTON ROVERS</b> Rotan 24 Pitch: Frozen	<b>(A - 0.7)</b>

### GLADSTONE FRIENDLIES

<b>AFC SCRUMBLE</b>	<b>1 : 1</b>	<b>ROMULUS(NL)</b>	<b>(A - 3.3)</b>
<b>HAROLD WOOD</b>	<b>0 : 3</b>	<b>ALE CAN CITY</b>	<b>(A - 2.5)</b>
<b>PACIFIC HEIGHTS</b>	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>BIGNOR HILL</b>	<b>(A - 0.9)</b>
<b>BLUORANGE STARS</b>	<b>1 : 0</b>	<b>RICHMOND PARK</b>	<b>(A - 0.3)</b>
<b>CARLETON CITY</b>	<b>1 : 3</b>	<b>MET POLICE(NL)</b>	<b>(A - 6.5)</b>
<b>UXBRIDGE(NL)</b>	<b>3 : 0</b>	<b>COMIC CITY</b>	<b>(H - 2.1)</b>
<b>CONFEDERATES</b>	<b>0 : 2</b>	<b>TELFORD UTD(NL)</b>	<b>(A - 3.7)</b>
<b>RAMSGATE UTD</b>	<b>1 : 1</b>	<b>CONISTON ROVERS</b>	<b>(A - 3.3)</b>
<b>CONNAUGHT FC</b>	<b>0 : 1</b>	<b>ENFIELD(NL)</b>	<b>(A - 3.1)</b>
<b>WOKING(NL)</b>	<b>5 : 0</b>	<b>CROCKENHILL UTD</b>	<b>(H - 4.3)</b>
<b>JAKKU REBELLION</b>	<b>1 : 1</b>	<b>EMPIRE CITY</b>	<b>(A - 1.9)</b>
<b>EWOOD EAGLES</b>	<b>4 : 0</b>	<b>BOLTON SPARTANS</b>	<b>(H - 1.7)</b>
<b>FIREFAL DOWN FC</b>	<b>2 : 0</b>	<b>OLYMPIAKOS</b>	<b>(H - 2.3)</b>
<b>NOVA SCOTIA FC</b>	<b>4 : 0</b>	<b>HAYBROOK ATH</b>	<b>(H - 3.5)</b>
<b>CARSHALTON(NL)</b>	<b>7 : 0</b>	<b>HIGHBURY CORNER</b>	<b>(H - 4.7)</b>
<b>VENUS VOLCANOS</b> bkd - Vialli (74)	<b>5 : 0</b>	<b>VITORIA XI</b>	<b>(H - 2.5)</b>
<b>UFFINGTON FC</b>	<b>0 : 3</b>	<b>SOUTHPORT(NL)</b>	<b>(A - 4.3)</b>
<b>ALFRETON TOWN(NL)</b>	<b>5 : 1</b>	<b>ROYAL OAK</b>	<b>(H - 2.1)</b>
<b>REDHILL GEMS</b>	<b>2 : 3</b>	<b>HEDNESFORD (NL)</b>	<b>(A - 1.7)</b>
<b>RED STAR ROVERS</b>	<b>1 : 1</b>	<b>RED STORM</b>	<b>(H - 0.5)</b>
<b>SUTTON UTD(NL)</b>	<b>4 : 0</b>	<b>PLUMSTEAD COMON</b>	<b>(H - 2.1)</b>
<b>WEYMOUTH(NL)</b>	<b>1 : 0</b>	<b>PHOENIX REDS</b>	<b>(H - 2.3)</b>
<b>NORTHERN SPARK</b>	<b>0 : 1</b>	<b>MARGATE(NL)</b>	<b>(A - 0.9)</b>
<b>STEVENAGE(NL)</b>	<b>8 : 0</b>	<b>NEWPORT EXILES</b>	<b>(H - 4.1)</b>
<b>THE HEEBES</b>	<b>1 : 3</b>	<b>RUNCORN(NL)</b>	<b>(A - 3.1)</b>
<b>LOCHEND THISTLE</b>	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>HASTINGS UTD(NL)</b>	<b>(A - 2.7)</b>
<b>BARRACUDA BAY</b>	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>NORTHWICH(NL)</b>	<b>(A - 1.5)</b>

### WEATHER FORECAST

Temperature next session: Cool  
Predicted wind speed next session: Gale



# KICKABOUT

# TABLES

## GLADSTONE LEAGUE. DIVISION 1

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 SUN INN	10	6	3	1	13	3	10	21
2 SUTTON ROVERS	10	5	2	3	13	3	10	17
3 EMPIRE CITY	10	4	4	2	7	4	3	16
4 UFFINGTON FC	10	4	4	2	11	9	2	16
5 ICI BOLTON	10	3	6	1	8	2	6	15
6 RED STAR ROVERS	10	4	3	3	8	8	0	15
7 NOVA SCOTIA FC	10	2	8	0	3	0	3	14
8 HAROLD WOOD	10	3	5	2	7	7	0	14
9 CANINE ROVERS	10	3	4	3	7	5	2	13
10 CARLETON CITY	10	2	3	5	8	15	-7	9
11 RAMSGATE UTD	10	1	2	7	3	15	-12	5
12 LOCHEND THISTLE	10	0	2	8	4	21	-17	2

## GLADSTONE LEAGUE. DIVISION 3

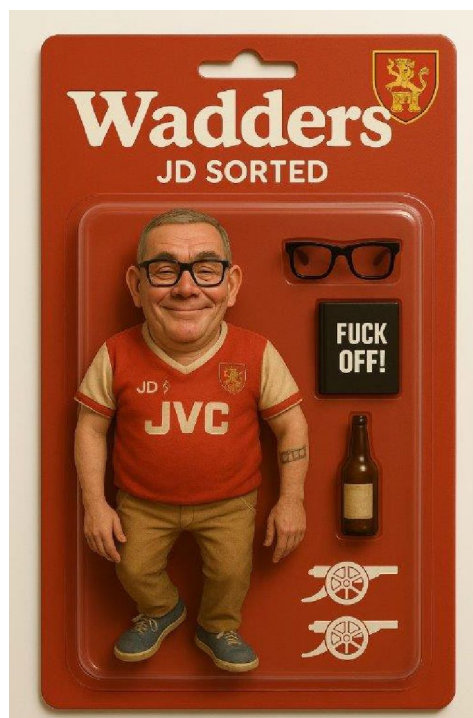
...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 ALE CAN CITY	10	9	0	1	33	9	24	27
2 JAKKU REBELLION	10	7	2	1	15	2	13	23
3 ROYAL OAK	10	5	3	2	38	22	16	18
4 FIREFAL DOWN FC	10	5	1	4	24	23	1	16
5 RICHMOND PARK	10	3	6	1	14	6	8	15
6 APPLEBY FC	10	4	3	3	16	10	6	15
7 EWOOD EAGLES	10	3	5	2	4	4	0	14
8 RED STORM	10	1	7	2	5	4	1	10
9 CRAIGEND ROVERS	10	2	1	7	8	28	-20	7
10 COMIC CITY	10	0	6	4	0	8	-8	6
11 GKA FLUGELS	10	0	5	5	2	23	-21	5
12 AFC SCRUMBLE	10	0	3	7	0	20	-20	3

## GLADSTONE LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 BOLTON SPARTANS	10	9	1	0	28	2	26	28
2 Highbury Corner	10	8	2	0	19	8	11	26
3 JUVENTUS	10	4	6	0	15	8	7	18
4 RATCLIFF ROVERS	10	5	2	3	16	13	3	17
5 CONFEDERATES	10	3	4	3	18	15	3	13
6 OLYMPIAKOS	10	3	3	4	12	14	-2	12
7 VENUS VOLCANOS	10	2	5	3	7	9	-2	11
8 NEWPORT EXILES	10	2	4	4	9	19	-10	10
9 PLUMSTEAD COMON	10	1	5	4	4	11	-7	8
10 THE HEEBES	10	1	4	5	6	14	-8	7
11 BIGNOR HILL	10	1	3	6	4	18	-14	6
12 VITORIA XI	10	0	3	7	2	9	-7	3

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1 SUN INN	10	6	3	1	13	3	10	21
2 SUTTON ROVERS	10	5	2	3	13	3	10	17
3 EMPIRE CITY	10	4	4	2	7	4	3	16
4 UFFINGTON FC	10	4	4	2	11	9	2	16
5 ICI BOLTON	10	3	6	1	8	2	6	15
6 RED STAR ROVERS	10	4	3	3	8	8	0	15
7 NOVA SCOTIA FC	10	2	8	0	3	0	3	14
8 HAROLD WOOD	10	3	5	2	7	7	0	14
9 CANINE ROVERS	10	3	4	3	7	5	2	13
10 CARLETON CITY	10	2	3	5	8	15	-7	9
11 RAMSGATE UTD	10	1	2	7	3	15	-12	5
12 LOCHEND THISTLE	10	0	2	8	4	21	-17	2



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# KICKABOUT STATS

## SPUDEYES JHAT-TICK AS THE STEADMAN HAMMER GOES FOR THE GOLDEN BOOT

### LEADING SCORERS

#### DIVISION 1

1	THOMAS	SUN INN	13
2	ROTAN	SUTTON ROVERS	10
3	SAMARA	ICI BOLTON	8
4	LEUPOLZ	UFFINGTON FC	8
5	ILASCU	SUN INN	6
6	QUIZCRANS	HOOPLUFFINGTON FC	6
7	LINGO	SUN INN	5
8	SANTA BARBARA	ICI BOLTON	5

#### DIVISION 2

1	SMOLOV	BOLTON SPARTANS	14
2	CHUN WONDER	JUVENTUS	14
3	SORLOTH	JUVENTUS	12
4	NETANYAHO	BOLTON SPARTANS	11
5	IANIS HAGI	BOLTON SPARTANS	11
6	KAREN	HIGHBURY CORNER	9
7	HAO YUN	RATCLIFF ROVERS	8
8	MAMUSKA	HIGHBURY CORNER	8

#### DIVISION 3

1	BELLISSIMO	FIREFAL DOWN FC	16
2	SIMONS	ALE CAN CITY	15
3	WALTERS	ROYAL OAK	12
4	ANDERSEN	ROYAL OAK	9
5	SHEEP	ROYAL OAK	8
6	LUNDQUIST	ROYAL OAK	7
7	BRANDT	APPLEBY FC	7
8	SCUSI	JAKKU REBELLION	7

#### DIVISION 4

1	SHABADOO	CONNAUGHT FC	9
2	SHEEP	BARRACUDA BAY	8
3	MILK	CROCKENHILL UTD	8
4	JORGE	PHOENIX REDS	7
5	CRUZ	PHOENIX REDS	6
6	BONGO	BARRACUDA BAY	6
7	BLOKHIN	CROCKENHILL UTD	6
8	SMARI	PHOENIX REDS	5

### PRIVATE DEALS

FIREFAL DOWN FC sold DIOUF (18-2 FW) {APP} to CONFEDERATES for 200K

NEWPORT EXILES sold PARC Y PRIOR (18-2 MF) {P/S} {APP} to PHOENIX REDS for 200K

CONISTON ROVERS sold HOME ALONE (18-2 MF) {APP} to COMIC CITY for 130K

FIREFAL DOWN FC sold NKWOCHA (18-2 DF) {APP} to EWOOD EAGLES for 350K

FIREFAL DOWN FC sold LEITNER (18-2 MF) {APP} to ROYAL OAK for 300K

ICI BOLTON sold BOSTON (23-12 FW) to CONISTON ROVERS for 650K

BLUORANGE STARS sold GRIGOR (18-12 FWT) to ICI BOLTON for 2500K

All deals completed successfully!

### MANAGERIAL RATINGS - APPS

#### TOP

CARLETON CITY - 0

RAMSGATE UTD - 0

NEWPORT EXILES - 0

#### BOTTOM

BARRACUDA BAY - 90

SELSDON UTD - 90

ALE CAN CITY - 90

### MANAGERIAL RATINGS - YOUTH

#### TOP

SUN INN - 0

ALE CAN CITY - 1

ICI BOLTON - 2

#### BOTTOM

CANINE ROVERS - 45

VITORIA XI - 46

HAROLD WOOD - 47

### THE ROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :-

#### ZILCHO

### Since A Draw

Ale Can City	10 games
Haybrook Ath	10 games
Connaught Fc	9 games
Phoenix Reds	9 games



# KICKABOUT

# AUCTION

## AUCTION RESULTS

	POS	STATS	NAME	CLUB	FEE	NO	NHIGH
1)	DF	26-12	FLORIDA COL	(EWOOD EAGLES)	1788K	8	1377K
3)	MF	18-2	ROSENPUR	(EMPIRE CITY)	280K	4	165K
5)	DF	21-8	MALDINI	(BLUORANGE STARS)	287K	2	273K

All players not shown were unsold.

## SPECIAL AUCTION FOR SESSION EIGHT

1) 29-12 MF P STAR **BW 90 ADIE ROKCRUSHER SCOTTISH** EX MILITARY RENOWNED FOR HIS ABILITY TO CLOSE UP MIDFIELD - THEY SHALL NOT PASS IS HIS MOTTO - THE SIDE THAT BUYS HIS LOSES ALL THEIR PPS BECAUSE OF HIS STYLE OF PLAY AND HIS DPPS ARE DOUBLED IF HE INCURS THEM DURING THE SEASON. HIS CHARISMA MEANS THAT THE YOU GET FIVE EXTRA APPS THE NEXT FIVE APPS WHO YOU QUALIFY WILL HAVE A 30% CHANCE OF BECOMING SOMETHING SPECIAL (FROM FUT TO MF/A./D)

2)19-10 DF/A S **BW 95 CR 20 CLUBFOOT SEAMY. IRE NAT** THE NEXT SEAMUS COLEMAN. GETS UP TO SUPPORT THE ATTACK WHEN HE IS NOT LIMPING AND HAS A HAMMER OF A RIGHT FOOT. WILL ONLY SIGN FOR A CLUB THAT HAS A FWT IN THEIR SQUAD. HAS SIGNED HIS IMAGE RIGHTS TO YOUR CLUB. AN IRISH WHISKY FIRM WILL PAY THE CLUB 200k FOR EVERY GOAL CLUBFOOT SCORES THIS SEASON (THANKS TO CRAIG FOR THIS IDEA)

### VERY SPECIAL PLAYER

### PETER BROOKS.

3) 24-13 MF PS STAR **BW80/CR80 (250 capt games) ENG NAT**

Peter was always a thinker of the game, each session he will train one player from your squad, starting with the lowest in either BW or CR stats, this will be doubled due to his training abilities UP TO A MAX OF 70

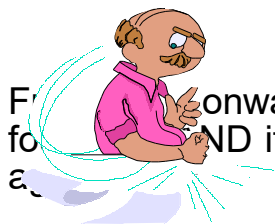
4)	SW	18-2	P	SBY	Titan of Ewood Eagles {RES 350k - 77% BW/ 40% CR}
5)	UT	21-8	P		-Tokugawa of Afc Scrumble {RES 275k - 92% BW/ 58% CR}
6)	FW	20-9	P		-Rasputin of Canine Rovers {RES 350k - 45% BW/ 38% CR}
7)	FW	22-7	S		-Mozeltovs of Confederates {RES 210k - 36% BW/ 95% CR}
8)	MF	21-8	S		-Mansell of Connaught Fc {RES 270k - 39% BW/ 59% CR}

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 playing will be banned for life and you will lose him



# KICKABOUT BITS

## MARKING



From now onwards if you use last season's marking numbers then you will be found **AND** if guilty the result of the game will either be reversed or decided

## MARKING INFO

- Tim Dodge has put together a clever little program that allowss shomatch subscribers to gather all the international squads together each session so that you can use that info to get marking info. Shomatch/teampick subscribers get a file sent out a file with all the int squads listed and this program pulls them all together. Makes it easier than ploughing through back newsletters, etc

The latest version now available at

<https://dodge.me.uk/markinfo.exe>

PLEASE NOTE THAT UNLESS YOU SUBSCRIBE TO TEAMPICK/SHOMATCH THEN YOUR TEAMSHEETS WILL ALWAYS BE SENT OUT BY POST. EMAIL TURNS ARE ONLY SENT TO TEAMPICK/SHOMATCH SUBSCRIBERS

## 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



# KICKABOUT BITS

## THE KICKABOUT COMMUNITY

**EMAIL CHAT LIST** -. To subscribe to the main list send a blank email to [KA-kickabout+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:KA-kickabout+subscribe@groups.io).

For others you do the same except put the league, name with Ka- in front of +subscribe.

## 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 teampick maestro will change this

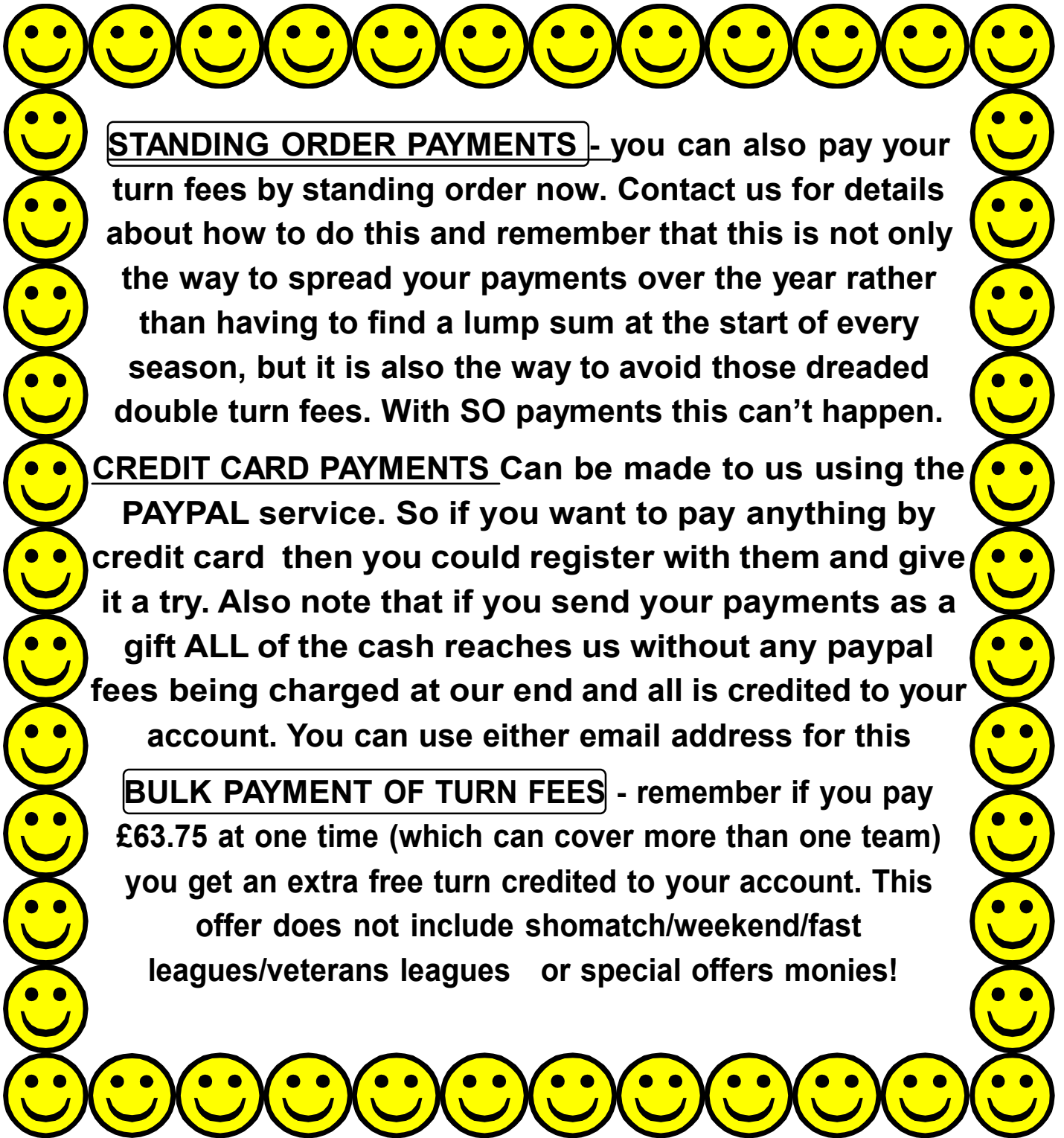
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Remember that a decent reserve keeper can cost peanuts but might be the difference between success and failure if your first choice is unavailable.

Better to have a level seven than a level 2?



# KICKABOUT MONEY



**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.

**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 use either email address for this

**BULK PAYMENT OF TURN FEES** - remember if you pay £63.75 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/fast leagues/veterans leagues or special offers monies!



# KICKABOUT

# FUN

## FORTHCOMING KA WEEKENDS

And Bo has offered to host us all at his place in Odense 14th-17th May  
Bo, Rob, Tim, Dennis, Jens, Wadders & Peter Jorgie are first men in  
Gareth, Nigel, Seamus, Gerard, Nick Wilson, Adrian, Danny Brez & Morten  
have all said they will be there



October 2026 will be in the lovely city of Sheffield.

8th to 11th of october

Jens is first man in

Pete Condon, Danny Smith . Gerard, Seamus, Jens, Wadders, Cranners, Craig  
Colly & Bo promise to be there



### MAY 2027

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

By universal accliation it was decided at the xmas pubmeet that we will return  
to Norwich for the special one, it is easy to get to, every knows and enjoys it  
there

To encourage the weaker bretheren amonsgt you to turn up for this the normal  
weekend fee will be halved, ie £20 and during the weekend there will be a draw  
for a lifetimes membership for one of your teams



### FUTURE DATES (ALL TENTATIVE)

OCTOBER 2027 - GALWAY

MAY 2028 - GLASGEE



# KICKABOUT INTS

## THE INTERNATIONAL TROPHY

There will be two groups of six teams each playing the other once (remember an extra point for an away performance), There will then be a KO semi-final, for all positions and a final session of six games to decided the twelve placings

First the prizes,

WINNER - 500K

RUNNER-UP - 200K

BEATEN SEMI-FINALISTS - 150K each

Beating any HIGHER RANKED team earns your club balance 100K

Winning any game (though not on penalties) gains you an extra 1 MP for your club side

The international scene can be therefore quite lucrative for your club side and with the arrival of your free SUPER SCOUT on Session two this becomes even more lucrative as well. However remember that if you fail to put in any orders he will DISSAPPEAR and you can only get him back by submitting a set of orders next time, and asking fro him back, when he will re-appear at the end of that session you submitted the orders.

### **FIXTURE SCHEDULE**

S2 - A v B / C v D / E v F

S3 - B v C / D v E / F v A

S4 - C v F / E v A / B v D

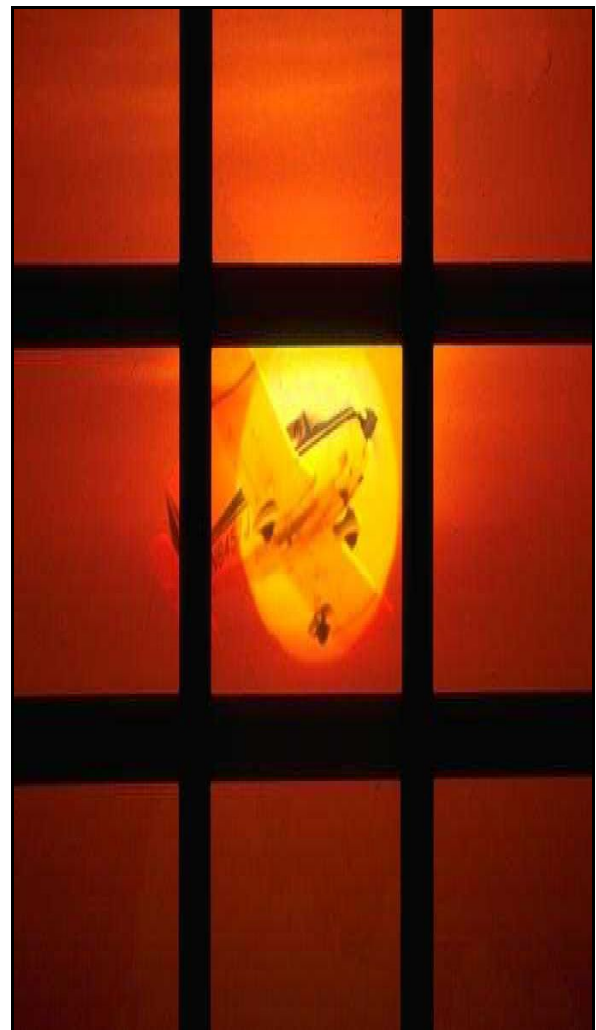
S6 - D v F / A v C / B v E

S8 - A v D / F v B / C v E

S10 - PLAY-OFFS ALL TWELVE TEAMS

S12 - FINAL GAMES ALL TWLEVE TEAMS

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# KICKABOUT INTS

## GROUP 1

<b>WALES</b> Att 57243 Pitch: Good	<b>0 : 0 USA</b> Wind: Brisk	(H - 0.9)
<b>SCOTLAND</b> bkd - Cooper (63) off - Axwell (58) Wind: Brisk	<b>0 : 0 HOLLAND</b> Inj - Tulip (2) Att 64283 Pitch: Muddy	(H - 0.5)
<b>AFRICA</b> Att 67878 Wind: Gale Pitch: Wet	<b>0 : 3 GERMANY</b> Zehn 2 Fenix komdom 65 Leupolz 72	(A - 0.5)

## GROUP 2

<b>ROMANIA</b> Rom 16 Wind: Brisk	<b>1 : 0 ENGLAND</b> Att 66873 Pitch: Muddy	(H - 1.3)
<b>SPAIN</b> Att 68952 Wind: Gale	<b>0 : 1 ASIA</b> Yu wen li 26(p) Pitch: Muddy	(H - 0.3)
<b>ITALY</b> Att 61605 Wind: Gale	<b>0 : 0 RUSSIA</b> bkd - Ufa (44) Pitch: Muddy	(A - 0.5)

## INTERNATIONALS - GROUP 1

...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 SCOTLAND	5	0	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	10	0	8	13
2 HOLLAND	5	3	0	0	6	1	0	2	0	0	0	5	13
3 WALES	5	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	3	11
4 GERMANY	5	0	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	7	1	3	9
5 AFRICA	5	1	0	2	1	9	0	0	2	1	5	-12	3
6 USA	5	0	0	2	0	5	0	1	2	0	2	-7	2

## INTERNATIONALS - GROUP 2

...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 ROMANIA	5	3	0	0	4	1	0	2	0	1	1	3	13
2 RUSSIA	5	0	2	0	2	2	1	2	0	2	1	1	10
3 ASIA	5	1	1	1	5	3	1	0	1	1	1	2	8
4 ENGLAND	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	8
5 SPAIN	5	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	3	-2	7
6 ITALY	5	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	5	-5	2

### GROUP ONE

Unbeaten Wales runners-up last season bow out unable to beat bottom side **USA**. Goalless draw between **Scotland & Holland** sees them through

### GROUP TWO

Holders Spain not at their races this season, can the dastardly Russians get back to their position of dominance?

## PLAY-OFFS SESSION TEN

(first named at home)

Scotland v Russia

Romania v Holland

Wales v England

Asia v Germany

Africa v Italy

Spain v USA



# KICKABOUT EUROS CHAMPIONS TROPHY DRAW

## GROUP ONE

- A - REC WAND [NEL]
- B - BOLTON WAND [LIV]
- C - ICI BOLTON [GLA]
- D - STEELCITY HAWKS [WEL]
- E - COMP CITY [DIS]
- F - WANDSWORTH TOWN [NEW]

## GROUP TWO

- A - GESSLE WARRIORS [DIS]
- B - SOUTHLAND CITY [MON]
- C - UGLE BETIS [DIS]
- D - FC SPROUT [JAC]
- E - SUTTON ROVERS [GLA]
- F - CATTO OB [WEL]

## GROUP THREE

- A - CARLILE CITY [CHUR]
- B - BLACKPOOL [NEW]
- C - DAGGERS FC [JAC]
- D - CHINTZ CHIANTI [DIS]
- E - RHUDDLAN ROVERS [NEL]
- F - LICHFIELD ROV [RAL]

## GROUP FOUR

- A - DAKIN UTD [CHU]
- B - BURNHAM DOWN [NEW]
- C - AMELIE [DRA]
- D - DANETOWN R [RAM]
- E - CELTIC NEVADA (DIS)
- F - GILLINGHAM [SHA]

The top two in each group will qualify for the finals

The group fixtures re as follows

SESS 2 : A v B - C v D - E v F

SESS 4 : B v C - F v A - D v E

SESS 6 : D v A - C v E - B v F

SESS 8 : D v B - C v F - E v A

SESS 10 : A v C - E v B - F v D

Draws for other euro competitions will appear in future newsletters



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# CUP-WINNERS CUP

## 1st round 2nd Legs

<b>REGIONAL ROVERS</b> Bergen 66 Inj - Bergen (7) Pitch: Muddy	<b>1 : 0</b>	<b>ROYSTON VASEY</b> Att 56024 Wind: Calm	<b>(H - 0.3)</b>
<b>BUGMAN RANGERS</b> Callejero 7 Coster 42 Wind: Calm	<b>2 : 2</b>	<b>SUN INN</b> Tomasz 60,86 Att 63775 Pitch: Muddy	<b>(H - 0.1)</b>
<b>NEPTUNES NOV.</b> Att 56960 Pitch: Muddy	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>VINTAGE CLARETS</b> Wind: Calm	<b>(H - 1.9)</b>
<b>RED STAR ROVERS</b> Figo 11 Inj - Agony (1) Att 46601 Pitch: Good	<b>1 : 0</b>	<b>CITY BOYZ</b> bkd - Biden (9) off - Hamish (73) Wind: Calm	<b>(H - 0.7)</b>
<b>THOMOSLAVIA UTD</b> Uzuri 22 Att 53350* Wind: Calm Pitch: Muddy	<b>1 : 2</b>	<b>WEXFORD WRAITHS</b> Overli 48 Samuelsen 52 off - Maxi ferro (17)	<b>(H - 0.1)</b>
<b>BILBAO ROCKS FC</b> Att 58349 Pitch: Frozen	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>PSV LOFTUS</b> Wind: Calm	<b>(A - 0.1)</b>
<b>LOCHEND THISTLE</b> Wei-dim 31 Roy 58 Att 33729 Pitch: Wet	<b>2 : 2</b>	<b>WARED WANDERERS</b> Magobah 3 Ronaldo 8 Wind: Calm	<b>(H - 1.7)</b>
<b>KINGS TOWN RAN</b> Att 52159 Pitch: Wet	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>LANG GAH</b> Wind: Calm	<b>(A - 0.3)</b> [AET]
KINGS TOWN RAN WIN PENALTY SHOOTOUT 5 - 3			
<b>XANADU</b> Sanders 72 Hartson 80 Chichi boo 118 Pitch: Frozen	<b>3 : 1</b>	<b>HAVENMATES</b> Chichi boo 24(og) Att 42981 Wind: Light	<b>(H - 0.7)</b> [AET]
<b>AJAX</b> Att 43941 Pitch: Muddy	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>CITY BLUES</b> Wind: Calm	<b>(A - 0.3)</b> [AET]
CITY BLUES WIN PENALTY SHOOTOUT 5 - 4			
<b>HIGHBURY CORNER</b> Att 57000* Pitch: Muddy	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>HARLEYS HEROES</b> Wind: Calm	<b>(A - 0.5)</b>
<b>FC POLSKI</b> Max planck 51 Att 55645 Pitch: Muddy	<b>1 : 1</b>	<b>SKELMERSDALE</b> Arschgeige 51 Wind: Calm	<b>(H - 0.3)</b>
<b>NEWARK ATHLETIC</b> Ricci 32(p),65 bkd - Winters (20) Pitch: Muddy	<b>2 : 0</b>	<b>WESTHILL AFC</b> Att 57533 Wind: Calm	<b>(H - 0.3)</b>
<b>EMPIRE CITY</b> Att 55702 Pitch: Muddy	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>DEANE RANGERS</b> Wind: Calm	<b>(H - 0.5)</b> [AET]
DEANE RANGERS WIN PENALTY SHOOTOUT 5 - 4			
<b>FC AMAZONAS</b> Att 32319 Pitch: Muddy	<b>0 : 0</b>	<b>PORTSMOUTH</b> Wind: Calm	<b>(A - 0.1)</b> [AET]
PORTSMOUTH WIN PENALTY SHOOTOUT 4 - 3			
<b>GILLESPIE ROAD</b> bkd - Fabregusio (54) Att 42208 Wind: Calm	<b>0 : 3</b>	<b>ALDERAAN FC</b> Organa 6,39 Jones 88(p) Pitch: Wet	<b>(H - 0.1)</b>

## SUPER CUP

### 2nd round Draw

**Newark FC v West Yorkshire**

**Dore Utd v Netheryon FC**

**Scaynes Hill v ST Peters**

**Lutterworth Town v Laissez- Faire**

**W.B.A. v Toolbox Fc**

**Hornchurch v Wembley FC**

**Ferenghi v Tartan Terrors**

**Wycombe FC v Croydon Flyers**

**(To be played on session eight with replays)**

## CUP-WINNERWS CUP

### 2nd Round Draw

**(on sessions nine and ten)**

**Kings Town Rangers v Neptunes  
Novices**

**Lochend Thistle v Regional Rovers**

**PSV Loftus v FC Polski**

**City Blues v Wexford Wraiths**

**Bugman Rangers v Alderaan FC**

**Red Star Rovers v Newark Athletic**

**Deane Rangers v Xanadu**

**Portsmouth v Harleys Heroes**

## THE INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :- HAMISH [1] (CITY BOYZ) / MAXI FERRO [1] (WEXFORD WRAITHS) /



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# REPS

## REPRESENTATIVE LEAGUE

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#### DIVISION ONE

- (A) NEWTON
- (B) DISRAELI
- (C) RAMSEY
- (D) SHAKESPEARE
- (E) RALEIGH

#### DIVISION TWO

- (A) JACKSON
- (B) WELLINGTON
- (C) GLADSTONE
- (D) CHURCHILL

#### DIVISION THREE

- (A) MONTGOMERY
- (B) DRAKE
- (C) LIVINGSTONE
- (D) NELSON

### SCHEDULE

SESS 5	A v B / C v D
SESS 7	E v A / B v C
SESS 9	D v B / C v E
SESS 11	E v D / A v C
SESS 13	D v A / B v E

#### GLADSTONE REPRESENTATIVE SQUAD

1) TIBURION	GK	21-13	RED STAR ROVERS
2) JOCKO	GK	22-12	LOCHEND THISTLE
3) BAK-DOR-ROBBIES	SW	30-13	P EWOOD EAGLES
4) PESATI	SW	23-13	P COMIC CITY
5) ROM	DF	26-14	P/S RED STAR ROVERS
6) KEIGER	DF	27-13	P/S PHOENIX REDS
7) DONNANE	DF/A	21-13	P/S SUTTON ROVERS
8) VUULUR	DF	21-13	P/S SUTTON ROVERS
9) DRAGON SZABOD	DF/A	30-12	P/S AFC SCRUMBLE
10) THAI SUNN	MF/A/D	34-12	P/S RED STAR ROVERS
11) BILLINGHAM	MF/A	24-13	P/S NOVA SCOTIA FC
12) QUEEN	MF/A/D	32-12	P/S RAMSGATE UTD
13) LOPAL	MF/A	22-13	P/S SUTTON ROVERS
14) TURKU MERXC	MF/A/D	30-12	P/S SUTTON ROVERS
15) NEILSSON	FWT	24-13	P/S EMPIRE CITY
16) ROTAN	FWS	22-13	P/S SUTTON ROVERS
17) SLONCA	FW	22-14	P/S PACIFIC HEIGHTS
18) WEI-DIM	FWT	22-13	S LOCHEND THISTLE
19) SOLSKOVIC	FWS	25-13	P REDHILL GEMS
20) ESPANYOL	UT	25-14	P/S PACIFIC HEIGHTS
21) BI BI TRUMPIE	UT	30-13	P JAKKU REBELLION
22) LINGO	UT	31-13	P/S SUN INN

### REPRESENTATIVE CUP

The response from managers for S5 was pathetic. I decided to do away with all Rep leagues in the future which led to an outcry from managers to keep it. Even from those who hadn't bothered to send in S5 orders.

So we are going to run the rep league as usual starting on s7

**Becuae of this the session five games will now be the last in the schedule played on Session fifteen**

**LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET A PROPER TURNOUT**

**FORM REP MANAGERS IN THE FUTURE**

**STARTING ON SESSION SEVEN!!!**

## RESULTS ROUND-UP

TEMPERATURE: Warm

### DIVISION 1

**RALEIGH**  
Att 56258  
Pitch: Good

**0 : 0 NEWTON**  
Wind: Calm

(A - 0.3)

**DISRAELI**  
Tojo banzai 80  
Wind: Calm

**1 : 0 RAMSEY**  
Att 65379  
Pitch: Good

(A - 0.1)

### DIVISION TWO

**WELLINGTON**  
Van halen 82  
Wind: Calm

**1 : 0 GLADSTONE**  
Att 58108  
Pitch: Good

(H - 0.9)

### DIVISION 3

**DRAKE**  
Att 41624  
Wind: Calm  
Pitch: Wet

**0 : 3 LIVINGSTONE**  
Lillie 7  
Jocovich 73  
Bonsu 82

(A - 0.9)

Holders **Raleigh** are held goalless by promoted **Newton**. **Disraeli** get an opening win are they going back to the top this season. Statement win in the third for **Livingstone** wiping the floor away to **Drake**.

### REPRESENTATIVE LEAGUE. DIVISION 1

...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 DISRAELI	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
2 NEWTON	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
3 RALEIGH	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4 RAMSEY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
5 SHAKESPEARE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### REPRESENTATIVE LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 WELLINGTON	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
2 GLADSTONE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
3 WELLINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 JACKSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### REPRESENTATIVE LEAGUE. DIVISION 3

...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 LIVINGSTONE	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	4
2 NELSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 MONTGOMERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 DRAKE	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	-3	0

Remember the winning Rep league side has chances of stars remaining stars at the end of the session. make sure your manager gets his orders in boys



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# CONTRACTS UPDATE

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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

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

as an example a DIV ONE 20/12 PS MF/A/D STAR would require a wage offer of **OVER** 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 **OVER** 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

**I REPEAT - AND THIS ONLY RELATES TO THE LAST WEEK OF HIS CONTRACT PLEASE NOTE**

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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

so in the MF/A/D example a bid under 27K+ will be rejected, the DF/A minimum is 6.66K+

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## **NOTE THIS WELL ALSO**

In the calculations above where it refers to WAGES, this also refers to wages + any experience the player as. This means that you are NOT ever sure about the calculation. Not that important for a normal player who does not have an \* by his name, but where specialists are involved it can be important. So we suggest that when offering a contract to a player who is a specialist or has an \* by his name, you add something extra to the calculation. I would say 5k is a good rule of thumb

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# MY TEAMS

*This is a new section where managers get to write something about their teams. A team you love, a team you have had success with, a team that frustrates you, anything, even a team you had in the past. We don't want a novel just a few lines or so about that team. Have asked the newsletter-writers to start the ball rolling, but open to all of you?*

## **My Most Frustrating Team (by Dave Hails)**

I have many teams across the leagues. Some of them I am really happy with, some are really frustrating, and some I just don't understand what is going on! Some are challenging for honours, others are in various stages of rebuild. But the team I am currently most frustrated with is AFC Europa in the Raleigh league. Tipped to do well this season, they are currently bottom of division 3 with no wins in the league yet. The start of the season was OK, dominating matches, but struggling to get shots on target. Then the injuries kicked in! 7 injuries so far, in 6 session. 7 injuries, and none of them training injuries. They were all incurred in matches - so all involved lost levels and players unavailable. Time and again, I have been unable to field my best team, because of injuries. Aargh! Oh well, I think I have them all back fit again now - at least I will do once I've dealt with the potentially career threatening injury to my SBY! Now all I have to do is train them to actually get shots on target. It's a bit like watching Brighton play! Lots of possession, but no end product.

**GM - another Brighton supporter, nuff said, keep on trucking Mr Hails**

## **The Rise and Fall and Fall of Cinema FC (Montgomery) -Cranners**

I started playing this game in 1995 when I met a guy called Graham Steadman in a new job. His brown envelope got me curious and as we both loved football, I was hooked. I'd read the Montgomery newsletter from back to front on the train to Brighton, I knew who managed every club and knew all the players in the Internationals! My team was Cinema FC, and as I gradually learned the game, they got better, went fully P/S and within a couple of seasons I won the UEFA Cup with them (edging out Tommo at Thomoslavia in the Ramsey). They didn't win the league but we went close. Then, we spiralled downwards to Division Three. They really are my worst non-star team, about 3 or 4 stars only since about 1998 - crazy. I've tried to turn them around but season after season, we've not got any better. We had a crowd walkout one year which damaged the finances further and without cash the squad is looking more desperate than Colly after finding out last orders had already been called 20 minutes ago. They are my first team so will never be dropped but I'm still looking for something magical to happen for us to start making the long road back to Div One seem possible.

**GM - One of the iconic KA chants comes from Cranners, 'I ain't got no stars'!!**

# MY TEAMS CONTINUED

## Don't cry for me Argentina - Wadders

This is a thank you script and not a pity blurb and I want you to know help is available.

For those who don't know I got attacked by travellers when I had just joined a new job and was still in probation. They shattered my leg which took three years of operations as it was completely smashed to smithereens. The surgeon did well.

With no income for ages and my flat to maintain I went on a very bad downward spiral and was found by my parents as a dripping wet ten stone shell of myself. They sold my flat which just about paid for the debts and took me in and nurtured me back. Therapy and my favourite drug Citalopram helped me.

To cut the sob story short I missed 15 years of Kickabout. You have all welcomed me back with open arms which I was nervous of before I sent an email to Chris. You have all been fucking amazing and I half wuv you all even Morten and Jens.

You lot are seriously amazing and don't even know it. I am now in a very happy place and all you guys helped massively.. Thank you all of you cunts..

On a side note I am now retired so if anyone is feeling bad they can call me on 07510 260566 or call the Samaritans on 116 123.

Cheers Wadders (I am in all of your debts and half wuv you)

**GM - See you can recover from adversity and be a Wadders!!!**

## My Favourite Team - Purple Hearts (Livingstone)

- Neil barrett

Although I've had Brutal Maniacs since 1987, I never really had many teams in the 1990's. I had The Psychedics in the Churchill for a while and a team in the Mountbatten briefly but by the early 2000's, I was down to just the Maniacs again. In 2003, I finally bought a PC and discovered the joys of sending and receiving turns by email, a real time saver. I decided to take on some more teams, the first of these being Purple Hearts, a dreadful team, rock bottom of division 4 in the now defunct Palmerston. I've taken on some pretty ropery challenge teams in later years but trust me, Purple Hearts were a disaster zone. After a couple of seasons of clearing the decks, they were ready to begin their rise. Three straight promotions followed, with goals galore flying in, with one highlight being beating the then invincible Martino 3-1 in a cup, in a season where they didn't concede a league goal all season. Everything was set for a division one title challenge but then the Palmerston merged with the Livingstone I was placed in division 3 in the newly merged league. Two further promotions immediately followed, meaning Purple Hearts had enjoyed five successive promotions \_ that has got to be a record surely! Unfortunately, starring and ageing did not go well in recent times and after a few seasons they were relegated back to division two. To my surprise, they bounced straight back and to even greater surprise, they are currently top of division one, despite being one of my weaker teams. It won't last I am sure but they have given me a lot of fun over the years.

**GM - in the pantheon of top managers Neil must be up there with Cranners and Wadders for this effort with the Hearts**

### Cliftonville 'til I die. A Ka anecdote - Colly.

In Clifton we trust and today lads we talk about my first KA love and Seamy's favourite team Clifton Reds.

My first team in the early 90s, they go hand in hand with Aero not so force and will always be my favourite team.

This goes back to the Wath glory years, when Gerrard didn't look like a bin dipping tramp and Brutard was still wearing denim shorts. Won a few things over the years but never quite reached the heights after that bar steward Molloy ripped me off for my 18 year old mfad. I shit you not, he was spawned from the devil even then, and like Jens and Biteswell I'm taking the credit for building the mighty Lutterworth empire. To paint the picture, Seamy and I will never forget the headline 'Ace in the hole' as I purchased said young all purpose to glorious fanfare. I think it was session 2, first season. Correct me if I'm wrong Shampbap.

This was when KA was fun before Cranners came along and ruined everything. I also remember Seamy and I playing agg each other that same session in a friendly which I won 3-1. Suck it Seamy - we'll not mention you beat me in the league.

Andropov was his name and naive Colly didn't quite understand what an all purpose was and what a predator looked like. Enter Darth Molloy whispering sweet promises and great treasures, as I foolishly swapped my ace in the hole for a couple of 19-10s. To this day the worst deal I ever done in KA and a sliding doors moment for both clubs. I take no credit nor pleasure in creating such a monster. I could go on for hours about my beloved Clifton Reds but hopefully this gave you a smile, I still run them and will never give them up, especially after Chris gifted them a lifetime membership.

This is an ode to KA and the many memorable moments it's given me over the years. Long may it continue and bring back Tommy Thomas. Mon Reds!

**GM - Colly is such a keen Cliftonville supporter and when they got to the final of the Premier league Eufe trophy he was badgering me for a ticket to the game!!**

### My First Team Started From Scratch (Gladstone) - Criag Lawton

Way back in the annals of time when Cranners was still in his 30's and Gareth was wearing double denim the Gladstone league was formed and I set up my first team from scratch and called them **Sun Inn**. The name came from the first Sunday league football team I joined. It was also the pub where my mate had a summer job which resulted in a lock in one night which I can barely remember but the scene in the house the next morning was akin to The Hangover, although thankfully without Mike Tyson's tiger.

I had already cut my teeth KA wise in the Mountbatten with **Glasgow Bargers** (now the Wellington and **Steelcity Hawks**) so decided to try my hand at starting a team from scratch. A poor first season resulted in a short stint in Division 4 for season two. Was this planned? Probably not, but it worked out ok with three promotions over four seasons resulting in being a Division 1 team for the beginning of the 1994-95 season. Those were the days when **ICI Bolton** (what a lovely fella Pete Brooks was) and **Selsdon Utd** (whatever happened to Pete Curran?) ruled the roost in the Gladstone. A couple of 3<sup>rd</sup> places followed but in 1998 **Sun Inn** won the first of their nine (so far) Division 1 Trophies. There have been plenty of Cup wins too including a Cup Winners Cup victory over the mighty **Dakin Utd** however, success in the Champions Cup has alluded this team.

**Sun Inn** remain one of my favourite teams to this day and this season is going well so far but there's a long way to go. Hopefully a return to qualifying for the Champions Cup will be a reward from this season and another tilt at the Champions Cup will follow.

(**GM \_Pete Curran** turned into an arrogant yuppie. KA wasn't good enough for him, a la Martin Dakin. Pity!!)