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THE MESSI LEAGUE

MESSI LEAGUE. DIVISION 1

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 PRIMROSE HILL	9	5	0	0	26	1	4	0	0	19	1	43	27
2 GLOBE TROTTERS	9	3	2	0	8	2	3	1	0	6	0	12	21
3 NEWSOME FC	9	3	2	0	23	3	2	1	1	4	2	22	18
4 REQUIEM9	2	1	1	5	3	3	1	1	8	5	5	17	
5 REAL AYELL	9	2	2	0	4	0	2	1	2	6	9	1	15
6 SPORTING SPUDS	9	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	2	13	5	7	11
7 MISTIQUE	9	1	1	2	5	11	2	1	2	8	14	-12	11
8 HAVERING TOWN	9	1	0	3	6	10	2	0	3	9	21	-16	9
9 VIPPEROED BK	9	2	1	1	8	3	0	1	4	0	12	-7	8
10 DEFCON1 FC	9	1	0	4	4	12	1	2	1	3	5	-10	8
11 LES FERDINAND	9	1	0	4	5	13	1	1	2	2	7	-13	7
12 FRALKA	9	0	0	5	3	20	0	0	4	3	18	-32	0

MESSI LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 WESSEX RANGERS	9	3	2	0	4	1	3	1	0	12	0	15	21
2 RADFORD SEMELE	9	3	1	0	8	1	2	2	1	5	1	11	18
3 CITY COLTS	9	2	2	0	7	2	2	3	0	9	2	12	17
4 THE LEVELLERS	9	3	2	0	10	2	2	0	2	7	5	10	17
5 CLIFTON MIGHTY	9	4	0	1	12	4	1	0	3	9	11	6	15
6 TECHNO TERRIERS	9	4	0	0	8	1	0	2	3	2	9	0	14
7 DYNAMO TEST	9	3	1	0	11	0	0	1	4	1	8	4	11
8 WELSH WIZARDS	9	3	1	1	3	1	0	1	3	0	7	-5	11
9 THE GREEKS	9	2	2	1	8	7	0	1	3	0	4	-3	9
10 DAL RIADA	9	2	1	2	6	8	0	0	4	1	9	-10	7
11 BRECON WARRIORS	9	1	1	2	5	7	0	1	4	4	15	-13	5
12 JERSEY BOYS	9	0	0	4	4	20	1	1	3	4	15	-27	4

MESSI LEAGUE. DIVISION 3

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 SHROPSHIRE STAR	9	5	0	0	17	2	4	0	0	14	1	28	27
2 IB 2301	9	3	1	0	19	4	4	0	1	14	12	17	22
3 BERMONDSEY BM	9	4	0	1	10	4	2	1	1	2	6	2	19
4 HOTH WAMPAS	9	2	1	2	4	4	2	1	1	6	7	-1	14
5 SCI FI ELITE	9	2	0	2	14	12	2	1	2	6	5	3	13
6 PARK END BLUES	9	2	1	1	10	3	2	0	3	5	15	-3	13
7 OLD STEINE FC	9	2	0	3	13	12	2	0	2	6	4	3	12
8 FALLEN ANGELS	9	3	0	1	16	9	0	2	3	10	22	-5	11
9 BRECON RANGERS	9	2	1	1	5	1	0	1	4	1	5	0	8
10 UTOPIA	9	0	2	2	1	4	1	1	3	1	11	-13	6
11 LEODIS	9	0	1	4	2	10	1	1	2	3	10	-15	5
12 LADY PARK	9	1	1	3	3	7	0	0	4	4	16	-16	4

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Messi League - Session Seven

Season 30

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ROUND-UP TIME

Looks like the **Hill** are on their way to another title - chasing the Colts record no doubt - as **Globe Trotters** stumble this week. Six points clear and increasing it looks like

Good win for **Havering** at the bottom as they win at **Defcon** to move out of the bottom three and put Sutton into the relegation zone in the process. Looks like quite a battle though with six teams who could possibly end up in the bottom three.

Division two promotion battle is boiling up nicely with nobody really being able to dominate at the top. Looks like anybody down to **Techno** could make a hit on the promotion battle as the season goes on.

Crucial win for **the Greeks** as they see off relegation rivals **Brecon Warriors** to move out of the bottom three. **Dal Rida** fall into bottom three as a result. Looks like a division of two halves here.

First win in the third for strugglers **Lady Park** but they remain bottom of the pile **Stars** continue to set a 100% pace at the top and are certainly stretching out the chasers as the majority don't seem able to keep up.

JERSEY LOOK TIRED BOYS

RESULTS ROUND-UP

TEMPERATURE: Cold

Week twenty-two

DIVISION 1

DEFCON1 FC Viana 57 Att 26453 Wind: Light	1 : 2 HAVERING TOWN (H - 0.7) Bullock 26 Fanny breznitz 56 Pitch: Muddy
SPORTING SPUDS Att 29369 Wind: Brisk Pitch: Frozen	0 : 2 REQUIEM (A - 0.3) St rieu 40 Danny kearns 48
LES FERDINAND Att 33607 Wind: Light	0 : 1 REAL AYELL (A - 2.3) Timothy taylor 39 Pitch: Muddy
GLOBE TROTTERS Turn 82 Att 43625* Pitch: Wet	1 : 1 MISTIQUE (H - 1.3) Adnaan 1 Wind: Calm
PRIMROSE HILL Winggreco 7 Staropramen 16,55,62 Karla 18 Halik 28	6 : 0 FRALKA (H - 3.3) bkd - Jens-peder (38) Att 53125 Wind: Light Pitch: Muddy
NEWSOME FC Att 29713 Pitch: Good	0 : 0 VIPPEROED BK (H - 0.3) Wind: Brisk

DIVISION 2

THE LEVELLERS Att 31026 Wind: Light	0 : 0 RADFORD SEMELE (A - 0.3) bkd - Voiculescu (70) Pitch: Wet
JERSEY BOYS Att 34200* Wind: Light Pitch: Good	0 : 4 CITY COLTS (A - 1.5) Soidintie 26 Shergar 34,59,66
THE GREEKS Geriant 40 Kossovski 76 Wind: Light	2 : 1 BRECON WARRIORS (H - 0.5) Fallon 68 Att 28195 Pitch: Muddy
CLIFTON MIGHTY Laudrup 31 Jump mcrudden 43 Pitch: Muddy	2 : 0 DYNAMO TEST (H - 0.9) Att 29942 Wind: Calm
WELSH WIZARDS Rhyl 66 Wind: Light	1 : 0 DAL RIADA (A - 0.1) Att 28503 Pitch: Good
WESSEX RANGERS Curt 12 bkd - Sensi (44) Wind: Light	1 : 1 TECHNO TERRIERS (H - 0.5) Sven 37(og) Att 36835 Pitch: Good

DIVISION 3

LEODIS Att 25083 Wind: Light	0 : 1 PARK END BLUES (A - 1.3) Salvati 54 Pitch: Muddy
IB 2301 Mitroichys 17 Bakfromdedsen 30 Att 21344 Pitch: Wet	2 : 2 FALLEN ANGELS (H - 0.9) Soolantra 37 Bradley 63 Wind: Light
LADY PARK Lynch 30 Wind: Light	1 : 0 UTOPIA (A - 0.1) Att 24234* Pitch: Muddy
HOTH WAMPAS Ruidavic 35 Mccoy 74(og) Wind: Light	2 : 1 SCI FI ELITE (H - 0.7) Jarofast 17 Att 24358 Pitch: Wet
SHROPSHIRE STAR Tempelkrog 8 Defi bleu 69 Wind: Light	2 : 1 OLD STEINE FC (H - 1.1) Densetsu 61 Att 25071 Pitch: Wet

BERMONDSEY BM 1 : 0 **BRECON RANGERS** (H - 0.9)
 Barley wine 82 Att 25391*
 Wind: Light Pitch: Good

Week twenty-three

THE MESSI CUP

3rd round

TECHNO TERRIERS 1 : 0 DYNAMO TEST (H - 0.7) Packhoss 19 Att 30272 Wind: Light Pitch: Frozen	SPORTING SPUDS 0 : 0 WESSEX RANGERS (A - 0.3) Att 31370 Pitch: Muddy	BRECON RANGERS 0 : 1 MISTIQUE (A - 0.9) Att 27861* Wack 68 Wind: Light bkd - Q (83)/ Pitch: Wet Bubble (16)/ Speedball (86)	PRIMROSE HILL 0 : 0 RADFORD SEMELE (H - 0.9) Att 55551 Pitch: Frozen	CLIFTON MIGHTY 6 : 4 IB 2301 (H - 0.3) Chip ballantyne 15,45,67 Mitroichys 16,75 Kozlak 29,58 Bakfromdedsen 22 Cricky g 90 Sorild 85 bkd - Jump mccrudden (82) Att 28404 Wind: Light Pitch: Muddy	GLOBE TROTTERS 1 : 0 THE LEVELLERS (A - 0.3) Rebeck 82 Att 43625* Wind: Light Pitch: Good	CITY COLTS 0 : 0 REAL AYELL (A - 0.5) Att 44832* Pitch: Wet	REQUIEM 5 : 0 JERSEY BOYS (H - 2.1) Machu picchu 6,14 Att 31722 Danny kearns 17,25 Wind: Calm Winwead 32 Pitch: Wet off - St rieul (19)
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Week twenty-four

MESSI FRIENDLIES

COLWYN BAY(NL) 3 : 0 GLOBE TROTTERS (H - 1.9)	BRECON WARRIORS 2 : 1 THURROCK(NL) (A - 1.5)
AFC HAYES(NL) 3 : 2 DYNAMO TEST (H - 2.5)	BRECON RANGERS 2 : 1 DIDCOT TOWN(NL) (A - 0.1)
ALTRINCHAM(NL) 5 : 0 CITY COLTS (H - 3.5)	BERMONDSEY BM 3 : 1 WROXHAM(NL) (A - 0.3)
DROYLSDEN(NL) 6 : 1 FALLEN ANGELS (H - 1.7)	

MESSI CUP DRAW

Quarter-finals

**Radford Semele or Primrose Hill
v Techno Terriers**

Globe Trotters v Mistique

**Wessex Rangers or Sporting
Spuds v Real Ayell or City Colts**

Requiemv Clifton Mighty

**(To be played on session 10 with
replays)**

OXFORD CITY(NL) 7 : 1 FRALKA (H - 2.1) bkd - Jens-peder (47) off - Jens-peder (62)	DEFCON1 FC 2 : 1 STAFFORD(NL) (A - 0.3)
LEATHERHEAD(NL) 5 : 1 JERSEY BOYS (H - 3.3)	IB 2301 1 : 4 LEEK TOWN(NL) (A - 3.9)
HERNE BAY(NL) 3 : 2 HOTH WAMPAS (H - 0.5)	PRIMROSE HILL 1 : 1 ILFORD(NL) (A - 2.9)
TRURO CITY(NL) 2 : 1 NEWSOME FC (A - 0.7)	TAMWORTH(NL) 2 : 0 SCI FI ELITE (H - 1.1)
LES FERDINAND 1 : 2 WHITBY TOWN(NL) (A - 3.1)	ROMULUS(NL) 4 : 1 REQUIEM (H - 2.9)
OLD STEINE FC 0 : 0 MET POLICE(NL) (A - 1.1)	MISTIQUE 0 : 5 UXBRIDGE(NL) (A - 3.5)
SHROPSHIRE STAR 1 : 2 TELFORD UTD(NL) (A - 2.3)	ENFIELD(NL) 5 : 0 TECHNO TERRIERS (H - 4.1)
SPORTING SPUDS 0 : 1 WOKING(NL) (A - 1.3)	CARSHALTON(NL) 6 : 0 THE GREEKS (H - 4.3)
WESSEX RANGERS 2 : 3 SOUTHPORT(NL) (A - 3.3)	ALFRETON TOWN(NL) 6 : 2 VIPPEROED BK (H - 5.1)
UTOPIA 0 : 5 HEDNESFORD (NL) (A - 2.9)	WELSH WIZARDS 0 : 1 SUTTON UTD(NL) (A - 3.3)
WEYMOUTH(NL) 5 : 0 THE LEVELLERS (H - 3.5)	REAL AYELL 1 : 3 MARGATE(NL) (A - 4.5)
CLIFTON MIGHTY 2 : 5 STEVENAGE(NL) (A - 4.7)	RUNCORN(NL) 3 : 1 LADY PARK (H - 2.9)
PARK END BLUES 2 : 2 HASTINGS UTD(NL) (A - 4.7)	RADFORD SEMELE 1 : 1 NORTHWICH(NL) (A - 5.3)
HAVERING TOWN 1 : 3 WELLING(NL) (A - 3.1)	KETTERING(NL) 2 : 2 DAL RIADA (A - 0.1)
LEODIS 1 : 1 STAFFORD(NL) (A - 3.1)	

WEATHER FORECAST

Temperature next session: Cold

Predicted wind speed next session: Light

THE MESSI LEAGUE CUP DRAW

Quarter-finals

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

Dynamo Test v Shropshire Stars

Primrose Hill v City Colts

Globe Trotters v Requiem

Sporting Spuds v Mistique

STATISTICS PAGE

LEADING SCORERS

DIVISION 1

2	ISTAS	PRIMROSE HILL	14
3	TENBY	NEWSOME FC	9
4	KROLEWSKIE	REQUIEM	7
5	KELLY	HAVERING TOWN	6
6	KARLA	PRIMROSE HILL	6
7	MUCVERI	SPORTING SPUDS	6
8	BULLOCK	HAVERING TOWN	5

DIVISION 2

1	SHERGAR	CITY COLTS	11
2	KOZLAK	CLIFTON MIGHTY	9
3	SEAMUSCU	CITY COLTS	8
4	PINOT GRIGIO	TECHNO TERRIERS	7
5	CHIP BALLANTYNE	CLIFTON MIGHTY	7
6	PACKHOSS	TECHNO TERRIERS	6
7	DOMEN	TECHNO TERRIERS	6
8	CRETAS	TECHNO TERRIERS	6

DIVISION 3

1	TEMPELKROG	SHROPSHIRE STAR	12
2	NEGRUTE	FALLEN ANGELS	9
3	MITROICHYS	IB 2301	9
4	ENTERPRISE	SCI FI ELITE	8
5	MOORSO	SHROPSHIRE STAR	8
6	SOOLANTRA	FALLEN ANGELS	8
7	JAROFAST	SCI FI ELITE	7
8	GRANT	IB 2301	7

THE ROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :- JENS-PEDER [1] (FRALKA) / ST RIEUL [1] (REQUIEM) / SPEEDBALL [3] (MISTIQUE) / BUBBLE [1] (MISTIQUE) / SENSI [3] (WESSEX RANGERS) /

Consec. Home Defeats

Fralka	5 games
Jersey Boys	5 games
Ord Mantell Fc	4 games
Les Ferdinand	3 games

PRIVATE DEALS

SPORTING SPUDS sold GERCHIP MOLLOY (18-2 MF) {P/S} {APP} to IB 2301 for 150K

MISTIQUE sold HOOCH (18-2 MF) {P/S} {APP} to PRIMROSE HILL for 250K

All deals completed successfully!

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - POSITION

TOP

PRIMROSE HILL - 0

GLOBE TROTTERS - 4

NEWSOME FC - 8

BOTTOM

UTOPIA - 132

LEODIS - 136

LADY PARK - 140

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - WAGES PER LEVEL

TOP

UTOPIA - 0

REQUIEM - 4

TECHNO TERRIERS - 8

BOTTOM

PARK END BLUES - 132

GLOBE TROTTERS - 136

JERSEY BOYS - 140

Since a Home Defeat

Wessex Rangers	20 games
Primrose Hill	16 games
Fenham Rovers	15 games
Real Ayell	14 games
Luton Lions	13 games
Shropshire Star	10 games
Newtown Fc	10 games
Globe Trotters	6 games

AUCTION PAGE

AUCTION RESULTS

POS	STATS	NAME	CLUB	FEE	NO	NHIGH
1)	CAPT COURSE		(BRECON RANGERS)	679K	9	589K
2)	WG99-99 BWCR		(SPORTING SPUDS)	122K	1	0K
3)	MP:7		(PRIMROSE HILL)	175K	7	143K
4)	WG99-99 FADER REMOVAL		(SHROPSHIRE STAR)	1111K	7	688K
5)	WG99-99 15		(JERSEY BOYS)	1189K	10	877K
6)	WG99-99 SEE NOTES TO GM		(REAL AYELL)	1263K	5	1056K
7)	DF18-2 ROSALIND		(IB 2301)	151K	1	149K

All players not shown were unsold.

ROLLING AUCTION FOR SESSION EIGHT

- 1) MF/G30-10 P -Burcomp Mansell - top ranked player but rather forgetful so might disappear at end of season to farm hobbits in New Zealand. You take the chance of whether he will still be playing next season!! - fast riser/ 99 CR / will star as soon as he reaches level 12

(NAT ENG and must be named accordingly)

- 2) GK 18-2 - SBY Lloris of Leodis
{RES 500k - 54% BW/ 26% CR}
- 3) MF 18-2 P APP Polarstjernen of Newsome Fc
{RES 110k - 61% BW/ 67% CR}
- 4) FW 19-12 P -Geriasse of Fallen Angels
{RES 800k - 63% BW/ 58% CR}

OUT-OF-CONTRACT PLAYERS

- 5) MF 20-7 P -Sharp of Brecon Rangers
{RES 280k - 57% BW/ 47% CR}
- 6) DF 20-9 P -Ronni of Park End Blues
{RES 360k - 71% BW/ 41% CR}

ROLLING AUCTION LEVELS

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

SESSIONS	MIN LEVEL
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

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

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 KA-kickabout+subscribe@groups.io. For others you do the same except put the league, name with Ka- infront of +subscribe.

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.

MARKING UPDATE

We have worked out a system to check on anybody who is using last season's marking numbers for the current season. Basically the program will save a list of all valid marking successes each session and if somebody cries foul, that he has been marked by somebody who hasn't scouted him, we can check and say yea or nay.



So from now onwards if you use last season's numbers then you will be found out AND if guilty the result of the game will either be reversed or decided against you.

MARKING INFO - Tim Dodge has put together a clever little program that allows s 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

New 2014 version now available at

<http://dodge.me.uk/markinfoexe>

**NEW
LINNK**

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

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

kickaboutonline.co.uk

Payments can now be made via paypal on our either of our email addresses.

FORTHCOMING KA WEEKENDS

ODENSE MAY 2023

now set for 11th to 14th of May 2023

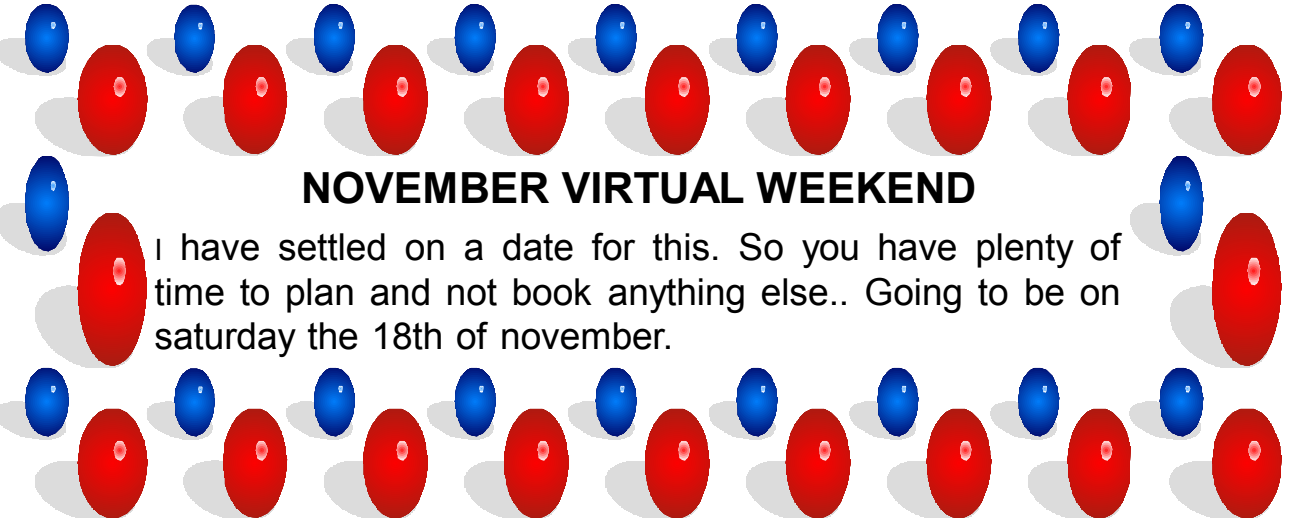
This will be held in the lovely Danish city of Odense at Martin Meienburg's house. Those who came last time will remember what a great location this is and what a good time we all had.

The hotel we booked in at is called THE CABIN, which was perfectly acceptable though Martin tells me that there is a better class, though more expensive one called the Odeon now. But I will use the cabin, no problem

Martin, Neil H, Gerard, Jens, Gareth, Cranners, Rob Lewis, Seamus, Craig, Dennis, Petie Jorgi, Morten, Bo the Bike, KP (virt), Chris B (virt) & Dag (virt) are the first takers



looks like norwich again in october 2023
13-14th



NOVEMBER VIRTUAL WEEKEND

I have settled on a date for this. So you have plenty of time to plan and not book anything else.. Going to be on saturday the 18th of november.

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 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)

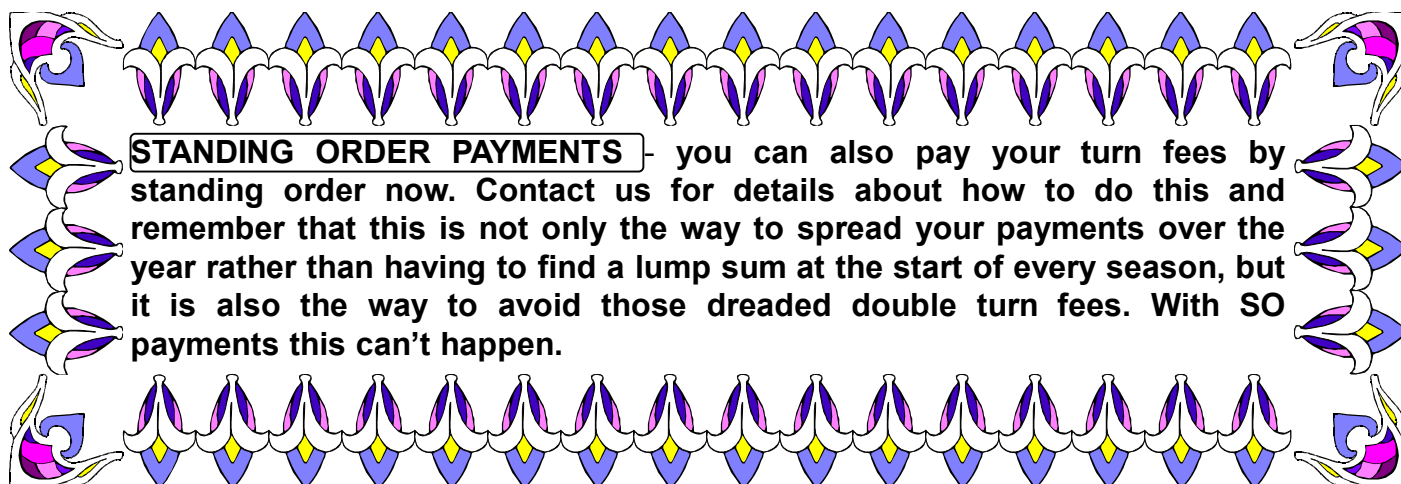
LEAGUE CUP GAMES

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 temapick maestro will change this



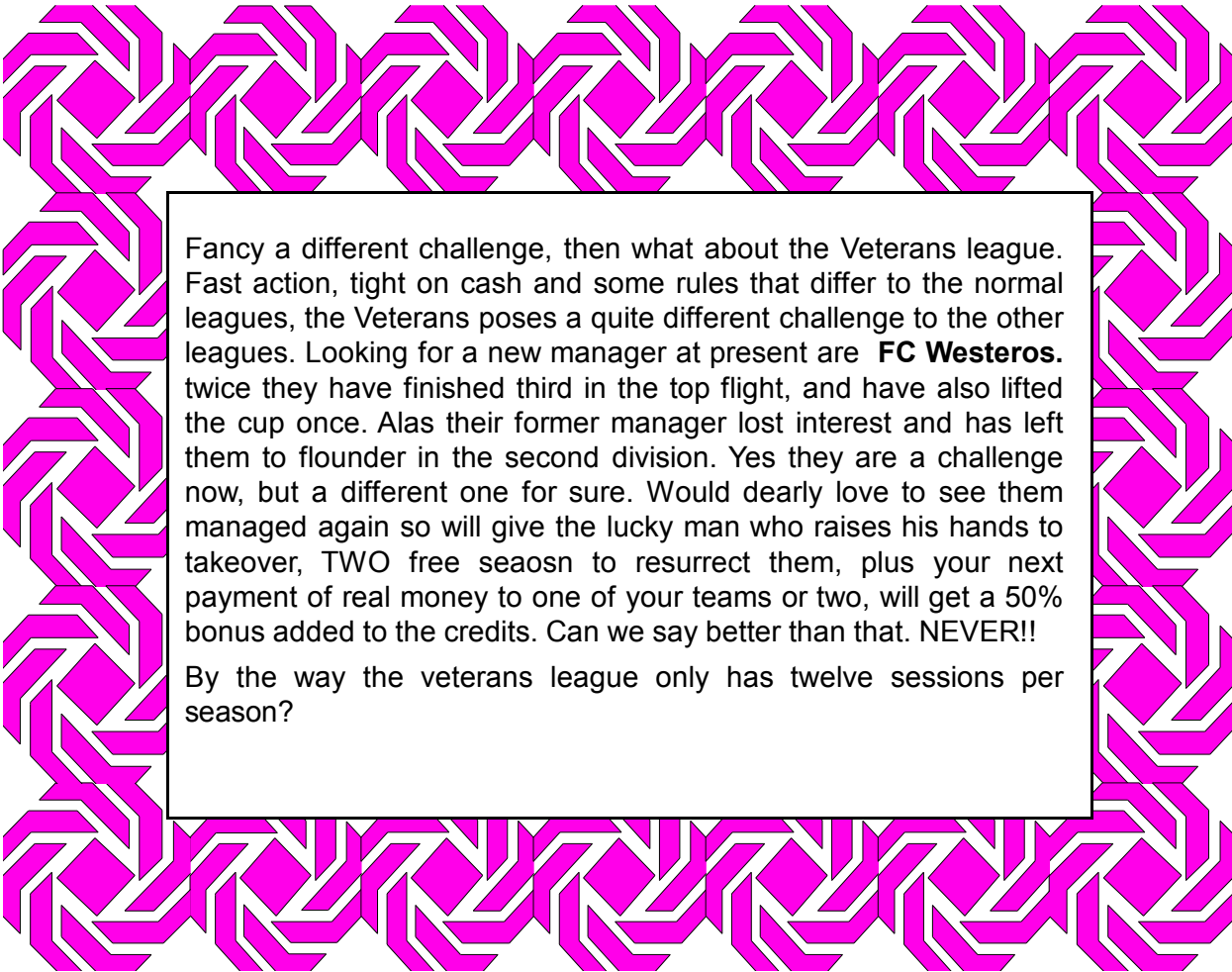
MUTTERINGS AND MEANDERINGS OF THE KA MIND

Just a reminder this time. As you all know you can only have five players in any of the three main outfield areas. This has an effect on any specialist players that you might have who normally add their levels to another outfield area. So if you have five players then the amount that your specialist adds to that area is always halved. This is often forgotten by managers expecting more from their MF specialists in important areas.

MANAGERS NEEDED

We have some spare teams in most leagues which would like to fill up.

SPECIAL OFFER



Fancy a different challenge, then what about the Veterans league. Fast action, tight on cash and some rules that differ to the normal leagues, the Veterans poses a quite different challenge to the other leagues. Looking for a new manager at present are **FC Westeros**. twice they have finished third in the top flight, and have also lifted the cup once. Alas their former manager lost interest and has left them to flounder in the second division. Yes they are a challenge now, but a different one for sure. Would dearly love to see them managed again so will give the lucky man who raises his hands to takeover, TWO free seasons to resurrect them, plus your next payment of real money to one of your teams or two, will get a 50% bonus added to the credits. Can we say better than that. NEVER!!

By the way the veterans league only has twelve sessions per season?

What about having a tilt at **Crewe Alexandra** in the Ramsey league? Near the bottom of the fourth they have a weak squad though no problem in the age department as two stars apart most of their squad are 19YO. A top rank keeper performs miracles for them. Best though this is a team to work with as they have almost 10 million in the bank. Free season here for the hot dog who takes them on?

SEASON THIRTY DETAILS

This season we will be using the normal snail-mail league schedule, thus there is a league game every session except for S1, 6,9,11,12 & 15 when there will be two league games.

The Cup

- S2** 1st round (bottom eight teams from last season)
- S4** 2nd round (4 winners plus thirty-two byes from 1st round)
- S7** 3rd round
- S10** Quarter-finals
- S14** SF
- S16** final

Replays are always in the following session extra time and penalties to decide.

The League Cup

See front page for fixture schedule

The two group winners with the lowest points total will play off on session six

- S8** Quarter-finals
- S12** Semi-finals
- S14** Final

One game. If drawn there will be replays on the following sessions (inc final)

THE TROPHY

This will consist of twenty teams. All the third division along with the bottom eight of the second division as at the end of S10

- 1st** round is on S11 - bottom eight in division three play off (no replays)
- 2nd** round is on S12 - sixteen teams (no replays)
- 3rd** round is on S13 - eight teams (no replays)
- Semi-finals are on S14 - (no replays)
- and so Final is on S15 with no replay



CREATIVE/ BALL-WINNER

HOW DOES IT WORK?

SO WHAT DO THE NUMBERS MEAN?

The new statistics are aimed at a simple game mechanic - they are used to give a side additional chances of scoring during a game or they are used to nullify efforts created by the opposition; it doesn't take a genius to work out which does which.

The individual statistics of each player are only the "base value" for each formulae that uses them. The figures shown are modified by any number of different conditions before they are given a final rating, which is used to determine if he directly effects the match in any way. The kind of players he is playing with, the number of players in his part of the pitch, the weather and the team's formation are all mitigating factors in how this base value is modified.

Ball Winners are players that thrive in the heat of battle, that love to mix it with the opposition and find their talents easier to use when in packed areas of the pitch. They are primarily defensive players and tend to have more effect if the overall stance of the side is weighted in that direction. For each element of this make up that goes their way, they receive a bonus on their ball-winning ability, along with a subsequent penalty to their creative skill. So, if the

Batty of our example starts the game with figures of 75/25 then he will be completely happy playing in a full Power side, with a 4-4-2 formation that uses a negative style. If the weather is cold and the pitch muddy then he has about everything he can get in his favour. The only way of bettering this if for him to be playing in a five-man midfield, but then you lose the negative advantage and his figures won't look all that much better. Each one of the factors in his advantage will add a certain percentage to his abilities and in the example shown it would not be a surprise to see Batty's eventual stats change from 75/25 through to perhaps 105/10 or so.

Creative players like the opposite end of the scale, as you can imagine, and they like warm days with a good surface to play on, they like space to play in and a style that allows them to attack the opposing goalmouth. It doesn't take too much to work out what sort of formations and playing positions will get the best from them.

It may well become apparent that there are more opportunities in the game for ball winners than there are for creative players - this is a fact. The balance to this is that when a BW or CR affect kicks in, it only kicks in at the position the player is located. A BW gain by a player in midfield will kill off a shot from the opposing midfield area for example, while a striker picking up a creative chance will do so from his forward position. The creative chances always result in an additional chance whereas ball-winners need to have something to stop if they are to be effective. If a side adds an extra four Ball-winner stops to their midfield and the opposition isn't creating anything in that area, then these efforts are wasted. Thus, while there are many more ways of aiding your ball-winning players, their abilities are not always as valuable as the creative players

CONTRACTS UPDATE

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

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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 training requirements , ie MF/A/D x3 - Df/A X 1.5 / FW X 1, etc

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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(15K) X 3, i.e. 45K

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

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 5K
