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THE PREMIER LEAGUE

WICKED WYCOMBE GRAB PRICELESS WIN

A tough trip to **Aston Villa**; themselves looking to close the gap at the top, was **Wycombe's** challenge today and manager Read could not have asked for more with the sides rear-guard action to keep the Villa out. Dag's men have an awesome attack so captain MAWSON needed to play out of his skin to protect HYDE in goal; and he did, challenge after challenge; frustration grew the longer the game went on and eventually the sucker punch was made. A neat intricate passing display from ALEX, SAMUEL and THOMSON saw GUPPY go clean through and slot the ball under JOHNSTONE. They held on and three points gets Wycombe so much closer to the safety zone!

They did suffer a 5 - 2 derby defeat against Craig's **Wednesday** the following week, falling apart in 13 minutes to concede 4 times. That win was much needed for Craig having gone down 2 - 0 against Seamy's **Everton** in week one, undeservedly so but you gotta win your home games and unlike the Dyche Everton, they did. Seamy went on to record another good result in week 2, a 1 - 1 draw with **Luton** and just a late lapse in concentration cost them all three points here.

Elsewhere, **Wigan** picked up four valuable points, in their double header against **Greenock Morton**; which puts Wynne's outfit in real difficulty now. With **Luton** only managing 2 points, **Leeds Utd** extend their lead at the top; a 3 - 0 derby away win against **Glasgow Celtic** giving them that cushion, but Glasgow not helped after a silly red card in the 3rd minute for YEBOAH. Strugglers **Bolton** were shipping goals; 11 in total; routed 7 - 2 at home by **Aberdeen** before losing 4 - 0 in **Sunderland**. Tough times for Mr Butler as present.

DISCO DAVE ON THE UP

Division Two is very much made up of the top three, running away from the rest, a bunch of mid table sides, and a few at the bottom that don't look as if they have enough about them to move into mid-table! **Leeds City** made a big move on the title this week following two wins against **Crystal Palace** and **Nottingham Forest**. Plenty of goals too, putting the pressure on **Liverpool** at the top who only managed two draws; ok one of them was against **Chelsea** but the other was against lowly **Arsenal** where they really ought to have won. Perhaps Puffo is buckling under the pressure!

Arsenal to their credit picked up all three points in the North London derby, seeing Fingers off with not too much trouble; some say a win against their rivals is all that matters, and whilst it isn't, with neither club

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Season 14
Session 11

PREMIER LEAGUE. DIVISION 1

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 LEEDS UTD	15	4	2	1	11	2	5	3	0	14	2	21	32
2 LUTON TOWN	14	5	2	1	9	2	2	2	2	11	6	12	25
3 GLASGOW CELTIC	15	4	2	1	9	4	3	2	3	5	4	6	25
4 ASTON VILLA	14	4	2	1	7	2	2	3	2	4	3	6	23
5 SHEFFIELD WED	15	3	2	2	14	11	3	1	4	15	15	3	21
6 SUNDERLAND	15	4	2	2	16	6	1	3	3	13	15	8	20
7 EVERTON13		3	2	2	10	8	2	1	3	5	12	-5	18
8 WIGAN ATHLETIC	14	5	0	3	24	23	0	2	4	4	15	-10	17
9 ABERDEEN	13	3	3	0	8	2	1	1	5	7	7	6	16
10 WYCOMBE WANDS	15	3	0	4	11	13	2	0	6	9	26	-19	15
11 BOLTON WANDS	14	2	1	3	14	19	2	1	5	12	20	-13	14
12 GREENOCK MORTON	15	2	2	4	7	11	1	1	5	4	15	-15	12

PREMIER LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 LIVERPOOL	15	5	2	0	13	0	4	3	1	11	3	21	32
2 LEEDS CITY	14	5	2	0	17	2	4	2	1	16	3	28	31
3 CHELSEA	15	4	3	0	7	0	5	1	2	5	2	10	31
4 BRIGHTON	14	2	3	2	13	5	3	2	2	16	7	17	20
5 NEWCASTLE UTD	14	4	1	1	7	1	1	4	3	1	3	4	20
6 SWANSEA CITY	15	4	2	2	10	4	0	5	2	6	9	3	19
7 WALSALL1	3	4	2	1	6	3	1	2	3	3	5	1	19
8 NOTTINGHAM FOR	15	2	2	4	8	16	1	3	3	3	8	-13	14
9 CRYSTAL PALACE	14	2	3	2	11	9	1	1	5	7	14	-5	13
10 ARSENAL	14	2	2	3	7	9	1	2	4	4	12	-10	13
11 DARLINGTON	15	2	3	3	7	11	0	1	6	1	11	-14	10

having anything to play for, perhaps it is! 5 - 1 ouch; if that wasn't bad enough for the **Spurs** fans, an 8 - 0 battering from **Brighton** the following week had fans calling for Fingers to resign! £4.3m overdrawn and getting battered each week (59 conceded in 14 games) - shocking!

Elsewhere **Darlington** and **Walsall** shared a double header and it was honours even, with both sides recording 1 - 0 home wins. That keeps Walsall tucked up in mid-table but it moved Darlington off the bottom courtesy of that shocking Spursy goal difference! Not a great week for the Shed-Brothers; one postponement and a 3 - 0 defeat! Must have been Matron's turn to be **Palace** manager I reckon as Brutus (Mr Deal Renegade) wouldn't let that happen surely!

PREMIER CUP

SUTTON GETS A SEMI ON..!

GREENOCK TOWN 1 - 2 LUTON

Yes, it might be hard to imagine Mr Sutton getting over excited but with a Semi Final spot

confirmed and the real life Luton about to fire their way to the Premier League he was certainly excited here and when Greenock captain TINTREG put through his own net with 5 minutes to go, EFFU did a Mourinho and started sprinting up and down the touchline like a deranged rabbit! The game itself had little excitement, Greenock thought it was their day when they went ahead early on but Luton were level by the break and it always looked like one moment of magic or one mistake might win it for someone.

THE PREMIER TROPHY

2nd Round round-up

Craig 'notsomoaner- anymore' gets his **Aberdeen** firing (a bit like a Sheff Wed 2nd Leg) and they rout **Darlington** 5 - 0. The visitors zonal offered nothing for them with Aberdeen having 5 in the middle and when VAN KINKEL got two goals within a minute there was no doubting this result. *****

Wigan and **Walsall** will have to do it again after a 1 - 1 draw with things pretty even.

Advantage Walsall I would say and an offside trap here might just have won it for them. *****
Palace have renamed their home and away stands here, The Shed End for the home fans and Blindfold Alley for the away! Things are going well though and a 4 - 2 win over **Leeds City**, a side well above them in the league is a cracking result. Chances went in Leeds favour but BUTLAND played marvellously the home sides man marking gave them a big advantage. ***** Only 1 - 0 to **Chelsea** against **Newcastle** but they were in control here and just that GALLAGHER header saw them through.

Semi-final Draw

Aberdeen vs Chelsea

Crystal Palace vs Walsall or Wigan

(To be played on session 13 with replays).

Could well be an Aberdeen/Palace final; who knows, though Hudson/Robertson and Stocks may well have something to say about it.

MANAGER OF THE MONTH

DIVISION ONE: Seamy of Everton. Gave it to Seamy as he needs a morale booster after another KA weekend where he didn't win it.

DIVISION TWO: Lozza of Brighton. Nice results - time for a beer and a sing song whilst leaning precariously against the fireplace perhaps.

RESULTS ROUND-UP

TEMPERATURE: Cool

Week thirty-one

DIVISION 1

ASTON VILLA Att 48076* Wind: Light	0 : 1 WYCOMBE WANDS (H - 1.7) Steve guppy 72 Pitch: Good
BOLTON WANDS Sturridge 11 Porter 30 off - Hitchens (34) Att 30594 Wind: Brisk	2 : 7 ABERDEEN (A - 1.7) Raheem sterling 4,12,66 Scott booth 11,88 Van kinkel 54 Steve archibald 56 Pitch: Hard
SUNDERLAND Att 29430 Wind: Light	0 : 2 GLASGOW CELTIC (A - 0.9) Singh 33,82 Pitch: Good
EVERTON Mane 7 Calvert lewin 52 Pitch: Wet	2 : 0 SHEFFIELD WED (A - 0.5) Att 37306* Wind: Light

THE PREMIER LEAGUE CUP

Semi-finals

Glasgow Celtic v Aston Villa

Luton Town v Leeds City

(to be played on Session 12 with replays)

THE PREMIER CUP

Semi-finals

Leeds Utd v Sunderland

Sheffield Wednesday v Luton Town

(to be played on session 14)

THE PREMIER TROPHY

Semi-finals

Aberdeen v Crystal Palace

Walsall or Wigan Athletic v Chelsea

*(To be played with replays on
Session thirteen)*

THE CHAMPIONS TROPHY

Semi-finals

Legia Warsaw v Benfica

Leeds Utd v PSG

THE UEFA CUP

Semi-finals

FC Brondby v Borussia Dortmund

Everton v Atletico Madrid

(To be played on sessions 13 & 15)

LUTON TOWN Att 62964 Pitch: Wet	0 : 0 LEEDS UTD (A - 1.1) Wind: Light
WIGAN ATHLETIC Hunter 6 Roberts 77 bkd - Johnstone (6) Pitch: Good	2 : 1 GREENOCK MORTON (A - 0.5) Gooch 59 Att 28090* Wind: Light

DIVISION 2

ARSENAL Kevin tierney 25 Wilbur cush 35 Torreira 35,61 Virgil van dyk 77	5 : 1 TOTTENHAM (H - 1.9) Blanchflower 46 Att 21527 Wind: Brisk Pitch: Good
CHELSEA Att 44738 Pitch: Good	0 : 0 LIVERPOOL (H - 0.1) Wind: Light
SWANSEA CITY Scott mckenna 31 Att 24865 Pitch: Good	1 : 0 NEWCASTLE UTD (H - 0.7) off - Srnicek (33) Wind: Light
NOTTINGHAM FOR Att 23550 Wind: Calm Pitch: Wet	0 : 4 BRIGHTON (A - 0.3) Zeqiri 6 Ceballos 22 Trossard 44 Schelotto 65
LEEDS CITY Bronco lane 2 Holgate 19 Lualua 35	3 : 0 CRYSTAL PALACE (H - 1.3) Att 31336 Wind: Light Pitch: Wet
WALSALL Sam manton 76 Wind: Light	1 : 0 DARLINGTON (H - 0.3) Att 26645 Pitch: Muddy

Week thirty-two

DIVISION 1

ASTON VILLA Gordon strachan 87(og) Att 48076 Pitch: Wet	1 : 0 ABERDEEN (H - 0.1) off - Eoin jess (8) Wind: Brisk *Derby Game*
GLASGOW CELTIC bkd - Ajer (1) off - Tony yeboah (3) Att 31674* Wind: Brisk *Derby Game*	0 : 3 LEEDS UTD (A - 0.9) Roger judd 18 Kilyan mbappe 70 Bremner 79 Pitch: Good
SHEFFIELD WED Barry bannan 42 David ford 50 Scott severin 53 John harkes 55 Christi ronaldo 88(p) bkd - Martin hodge (13) Pitch: Good	5 : 2 WYCOMBE WANDS (H - 1.5) Martinelli 58 Robert thomson 88 bkd - Keith ryan (49)/ Alex samuel (84) Att 45739* Wind: Light *Derby Game*
SUNDERLAND Aiden o'brien 1,35,81 Borini 73 Att 36046 Pitch: Wet	4 : 0 BOLTON WANDS (H - 2.1) bkd - Sturridge (12) off - Heslop (7) Wind: Light *Derby Game*
EVERTON Calvert lewin 3 Att 37306* Pitch: Wet	1 : 1 LUTON TOWN (H - 0.1) Tunncliffe 88(p) Wind: Light *Derby Game*
GREENOCK MORTON Lee kilday 34 Att 28084 Pitch: Wet	1 : 1 WIGAN ATHLETIC (H - 0.5) Luke robinson 60 Wind: Light

DIVISION 2

ARSENAL Att 26156 Pitch: Good	0 : 0 LIVERPOOL (A - 0.1) Wind: Light
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**NEWCASTLE UTD v CRYSTAL PALACE
was POSTPONED**

BRIGHTON Veltman 12 Tomer hemed 25 Trossard 33,86	8 : 0 TOTTENHAM (H - 1.9) Att 24510 Wind: Light Pitch: Good
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Undav 34
Zeqiri 53,78
Nzuzi toko 59

SWANSEA CITY Att 33715 Wind: Light	0 : 1 CHELSEA (A - 0.3) Thiago silva 64 Pitch: Wet
NOTTINGHAM FOR bkd - Almiron (23)/ McCleod (39) Att 27736 Wind: Light Pitch: Good *Derby Game*	0 : 7 LEEDS CITY (A - 3.5) John mc'cole 4 Reiss nelson 5,90 Tony doriga 8 Oztumer 24 David batty 73 Bronco lane 81 bkd - Thiago silva (14)
DARLINGTON Rhys armstrong 31 Att 26093 Wind: Light	1 : 0 WALSALL (A - 0.1) bkd - Jack charlton (83) off - Lloris (37) Pitch: Good

Week thirty-three

THE PREMIER CUP

Semi-final replay

GREENOCK MORTON Leroy fer 19 Att 37927 Wind: Light	1 : 2 LUTON TOWN (A - 0.1) Tunncliffe 36 Tintreg 84(og) Pitch: Wet
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THE PREMIER TROPHY

Quarter-finals

ABERDEEN Van kinkel 30,31 Raheem sterling 72 Gordon strachan 73,74 Pitch: Good	5 : 0 DARLINGTON (H - 0.9) off - Jamie holness (84) Att 30809 Wind: Light
WIGAN ATHLETIC Jurvis 20 bkd - Jurvis (9) Att 28090* Pitch: Wet	1 : 1 WALSALL (A - 0.5) Jorge leatio 63 bkd - Boyce (83) Wind: Light
CRYSTAL PALACE Wynaldum 7 Andersen 39 James tomkins 52 Vince hilaire 58 bkd - Mark bright (53)	4 : 2 LEEDS CITY (A - 0.9) Bronco lane 37 John charles 81 Att 30643 Wind: Brisk Pitch: Good
CHELSEA Gallagher 31 Wind: Brisk	1 : 0 NEWCASTLE UTD (H - 0.7) Att 42577 Pitch: Wet

PREMIER FRIENDLIES

TELFORD UTD(NL)	0 : 0 ASTON VILLA (A - 0.3)
BOLTON WANDS	0 : 0 WOKING(NL) (H - 1.1)
SHEFFIELD WED	3 : 1 BRIGHTON (H - 0.9)
SOUTHPORT(NL)	2 : 0 EVERTON (H - 1.5)
GLASGOW CELTIC	0 : 0 HEDNESFORD (NL) (A - 0.5)
LIVERPOOL	0 : 1 WEYMOUTH(NL) (A - 0.3)
LEEDS UTD	0 : 0 STEVENAGE(NL) (A - 2.1)
Inj - Perez (2)	
NOTTINGHAM FOR	2 : 0 WYCOMBE WANDS (H - 1.9)
SUNDERLAND	0 : 0 HASTINGS UTD(NL) (A - 2.9)
ARSENAL	0 : 0 WELLING(NL) (A - 1.5)
STAFFORD(NL)	2 : 0 SWANSEA CITY (H - 2.1)

WEATHER FORECAST

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

BITS N PIECES

LEADING SCORERS

DIVISION 1

1	BAMFORD	LEEDS UTD	22
2	KILYAN MBAPPE	LEEDS UTD	14
3	RAHEEM STERLING	ABERDEEN	11
4	MARK MCCABE	LUTON TOWN	10
5	WILL GRIGG	SUNDERLAND	10
6	AIDEN O'BRIEN	SUNDERLAND	10
7	ROBERTS	WIGAN ATHLETIC	9
8	STURRIDGE	BOLTON WANDS	9

DIVISION 2

1	REISS NELSON	LEEDS CITY	10
2	LUALUA	LEEDS CITY	9
3	BRONCO LANE	LEEDS CITY	8
4	ALAN HANSEN	LIVERPOOL	7
5	JOTA	LIVERPOOL	7
6	DON MEGSON	SWANSEA CITY	7
7	SON	TOTTENHAM	7
8	TROSSARD	BRIGHTON	7

Since A Home Win

Nottingham For	8 games
Greenock Morton	4 games
Tottenham	4 games

Consec. Away Wins

Chelsea	3 games
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Since An Away Win

Nottingham For	26 games
Swansea City	23 games
Vulture Street	17 games
Darlington	11 games

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THE ROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :- TONY YEBOAH [1] (GLASGOW CELTIC) / HITCHENS [1] (BOLTON WANDS) / HESLOP [1] (BOLTON WANDS) / EOIN JESS [1] (ABERDEEN) / SRNICEK [1] (NEWCASTLE UTD) / LLORIS [1] (WALSALL) / BOYCE [1] (WALSALL) / JAMIE HOLNESS [3] (DARLINGTON) /

PRIVATE DEALS

All deals completed successfully!

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - DPS

TOP

TOTTENHAM - 0

BRIGHTON - 3

SWANSEA CITY - 3

BOTTOM

WIGAN ATHLETIC - 63

DARLINGTON - 66

WALSALL - 69

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - LEVELS PER PLAYER

TOP

ASTON VILLA - 0

ABERDEEN - 3

LEEDS CITY - 6

BOTTOM

ARSENAL - 63

NOTTINGHAM FOR - 66

TOTTENHAM - 69

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - SQUAD AGE

TOP

DARLINGTON - 0

NOTTINGHAM FOR - 3

EVERTON - 6

BOTTOM

ARSENAL - 63

LEEDS UTD - 66

SUNDERLAND - 69

AUCTION PAGE

AUCTION RESULTS

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POS STATS
1) WG99-99

NAME	CLUB	FEE	NO	NHIGH
PLAYERS 8 & 16	(SUNDERLAND)	989K	4	776K

All players not shown were unsold.

AUCTION FOR SESSION TWELVE

2) FW	18-5	P	SBY	Lucas Moura of Tottenham {RES 300k - 95% BW/ 54% CR}
3) MF	18-2	S	FUT	Parthey of Arsenal {RES 180k - 47% BW/ 10% CR}
4) MF/A	24-4	P		Gary Macalister of Walsall {RES 100k - 59% BW/ 41% CR}
5) MF	18-4	S	FUT	Alan Pardew of Crystal Palace {RES 150k - 33% 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 player will be banned for life and you will lose him

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

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

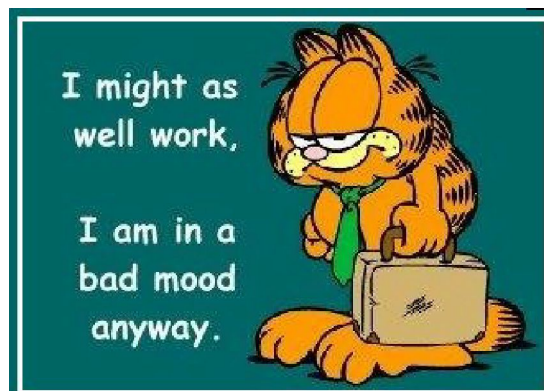
(If you look at teampick you will see that you CAN edit your fixtures as well to tell the program what games you are playing this session and it will put them in the correct order, OK)

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

MUTTERINGS AND MEANDERINGS OF THE KA MIND

ESPECIALLY FOR WARWICK

Why does my FWT not work even when playing with a WG(Best option) or a DFA (not quite as good). Simple answer if that he will only get you those crucial extra shots if you opponent is not playing a Sweeper. the sweeper automatically latches onto the FWT and tries to stop him playing. This depends though on the relative levels of the players involved. A level two SW will get blown away by a level 12 FWT etc.



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. For others you do the same except put the league, name with Ka-infront 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.

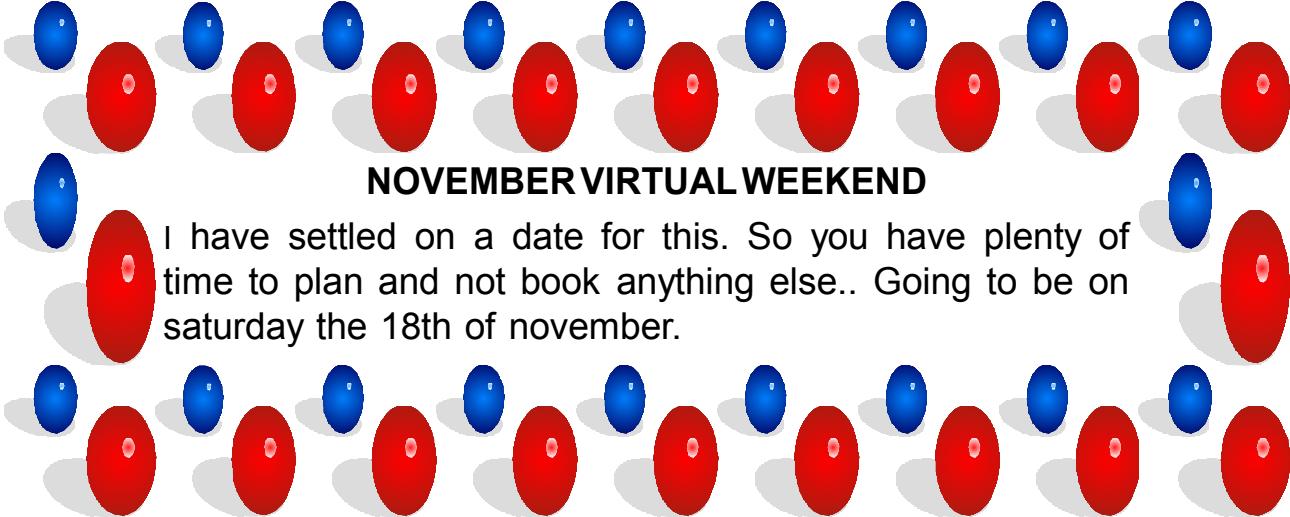
TIPS: Various long standing players of this league were asked if they were willing to provide a short piece of advice. Most either refused or ignored the request. There was allegedly a meeting of these managers which was so secret that not even News of the World could not sneak their hidden microphones 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, FWT, FWS, WG or UT. All teams except 2 chose the MF/G. These MF/G's are now aged 24.

FORTHCOMING KA WEEKENDS

DATE FOR NORWICH WEEKEND IS
NOW 13th-14th OCTOBER
First Taker is Super Thommo



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.

MANAGERS NEEDED

SPECIAL OFFER

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?

CREATIVE/BALL-WINNER

HOW DOES IT WORK?

SO WHAT DO THE NUMBERS MEAN?

The 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 teams 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 is 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 Battys 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 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

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