

THE MESSI LEAGUE

MESSI LEAGUE. DIVISION 1

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 REAL AYELL	12	6	0	0	26	1	3	2	1	3	1	27	29
2 RADFORD SEMELE	12	4	1	0	7	1	4	2	1	12	7	11	27
3 HAVERING TOWN	12	4	1	1	9	3	3	3	0	13	1	18	25
4 GLOBE TROTTERS	12	3	2	1	6	2	2	2	2	10	3	11	19
5 REQUIEM	12	1	3	2	1	7	4	0	2	13	5	2	18
6 PRIMROSE HILL	12	2	1	3	14	7	3	1	2	17	3	21	17
7 BRECON WARRIORS	12	2	1	3	6	8	3	1	2	10	2	6	17
8 WELSH WIZARDS	12	3	2	1	12	4	1	2	3	1	5	4	16
9 SHROPSHIRE STAR	12	2	2	2	9	6	1	2	3	6	11	-2	13
10 DEFCON1 FC	12	3	2	2	4	3	0	2	3	2	10	-7	13
11 LES FERDINAND	12	1	1	4	5	17	0	0	6	3	27	-36	4
12 VIPPEROED BK	12	0	1	5	1	32	0	0	6	1	25	-55	1

MESSI LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 DYNAMO TEST	12	4	2	0	14	3	4	2	0	14	3	22	28
2 CITY COLTS	12	4	0	2	11	4	4	2	0	10	3	14	26
3 MISTIQUE	12	3	1	2	6	5	5	1	0	15	2	14	26
4 OLD STEINE FC	12	3	2	1	6	1	4	0	2	10	4	11	23
5 TECHNO TERRIERS	12	4	1	1	11	7	2	2	2	6	7	3	21
6 WESSEX RANGERS	12	2	1	2	6	4	3	2	2	9	5	6	18
7 BERMONDSEY BM	12	3	1	2	14	10	1	2	3	3	4	3	15
8 SPORTING SPUDS	12	2	2	2	8	10	1	0	5	2	15	-15	11
9 FRALKA	12	1	3	2	5	6	1	1	4	4	9	-6	10
10 IB 2301	12	1	2	4	3	14	0	3	2	2	5	-14	8
11 THE LEVELLERS	12	2	1	3	5	7	0	1	5	5	21	-18	8
12 JERSEY BOYS	12	2	0	4	3	11	0	0	6	2	14	-20	6

MESSI LEAGUE. DIVISION 3

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 THE GREEKS	12	6	0	0	11	0	3	2	1	6	1	16	29
2 UTOPIA	12	5	0	1	14	3	4	1	1	14	6	19	28
3 DAL RIADA	12	5	2	0	9	0	1	3	1	3	3	9	23
4 HOTH WAMPAS	12	2	2	2	7	7	3	2	1	11	7	4	19
5 THE BLIND RABBI	12	3	2	1	12	8	1	3	2	4	4	4	17
6 NEWTON HEATH FC	12	1	4	1	9	7	2	0	4	5	10	-3	13
7 BARNBY PARK	12	1	5	0	1	0	0	4	2	1	5	-3	12
8 CLIFTON MIGHTY	12	1	1	3	2	7	2	2	3	10	11	-6	12
9 SCI FI ELITE	12	1	2	3	2	10	2	0	4	10	14	-12	11
10 BRECON RANGERS	12	1	3	2	7	8	0	3	3	0	5	-6	9
11 SYDSIDEN	12	0	4	2	0	8	0	5	1	2	4	-10	9
12 PARK END BLUES	12	0	3	3	1	8	0	3	3	0	5	-12	6

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Messi League - Session Nine

Season 34

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ROUND-UP TIME

The bubble finally bursts for manager BARRETT as a dreadful session sees their fading title hopes disappear. Down to earth with a bang. Great Session for **real Ayell**, winning the big one away to the **Town**, and also getting a good result in the champions league. Top of the pile now, but watch out for god, he is looking ominous and wants his title back.

At the bottom **Shropshire** are beginning to look in danger. What a come down after a couple of fine seasons.

Poor season in the second for the **Terriers**, pointless in two games as they drop off the pace. Unfortunately all their rivals were in fine form and the manager has it all to do now. First win, finally, at the bottom for **IB 2301** but still in the danger zone. Looks like a tight relegation battle here in the weeks ahead.

The Greeks and **utopia** forge ahead in the third. Looks pretty safe for them now, but **Hoth Wampas** have a great one and move into fourth cutting the gap on them and Seamy to just four points. The third promotion place now thrown wide open.

RESULTS ROUND-UP

TEMPERATURE: Freezing Week Twenty-five

DIVISION 1

REAL AYELL Haulm lawton 16,66,77 Sandblaster 32 Balter 32,36,44,72 Salto 46	9 : 0 VIPPEROED BK (H - 4.5) Att 44600* Wind: Brisk Pitch: Frozen
DEFCON1 FC Thomas 82 Wind: Light	1 : 0 WELSH WIZARDS (A - 0.9) Att 24777 Pitch: Muddy
REQUIEM Att 36005* Pitch: Frozen	0 : 0 SHROPSHIRE STAR (H - 0.1) Wind: Light
GLOBE TROTTERS Att 43670* Pitch: Frozen	0 : 0 HAVERING TOWN (A - 0.3) Wind: Light
BRECON WARRIORS Att 31413* Wind: Light	0 : 1 RADFORD SEMELE (A - 1.5) Fields 71 Pitch: Frozen

CAN WADDSS SEE HIS WAY CLEARLY

LES FERDINAND Att 38791 Wind: Light Pitch: Frozen	0 : 6 PRIMROSE HILL (A - 4.3) Shantalla 18 Silva 19,38 Snatch 45,83 Hooch 62
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DIVISION 2

TECHNO TERRIERS Gyros brutus 31 Nossebro 87 Att 36260 Pitch: Frozen	2 : 3 MISTIQUE (H - 0.1) Korsbage 1,86 Chippy jensen 6 Wind: Light *Derby Game*
IB 2301 Att 30694* Wind: Calm Pitch: Frozen	0 : 3 DYNAMO TEST (A - 1.5) Strandhusene 9 Ketchum 25,42
CITY COLTS Whip wadders 32 (h)ooof 53 bkd - Whinny wyne (29)	2 : 0 JERSEY BOYS (H - 0.9) Att 31990 Wind: Calm Pitch: Frozen
OLD STEINE FC Maastricht 15,23 Bubbles wonky 22 Sanglamore 77	4 : 0 SPORTING SPUDS (H - 0.1) Att 23695* Wind: Light Pitch: Frozen
THE LEVELLERS Att 27094 Wind: Brisk Pitch: Frozen	0 : 3 WESSEX RANGERS (A - 0.7) Halik 1 Belcher 77 Bredetved 88
BERMONDSEY BM Layton 22 Hakan 35 Overli 87 Wind: Light	3 : 1 FRALKA (H - 1.1) Smolzee 30 bkd - Brisba (32) Att 24000* Pitch: Good

DIVISION 3

UTOPIA Dal harley 10 Seraphim 25 Gerbil 71	3 : 0 BRECON RANGERS (H - 0.5) Att 23801* Wind: Light Pitch: Frozen
DAL RIADA Att 26137 Pitch: Muddy	0 : 0 THE BLIND RABBI (H - 0.5) Wind: Light
NEWTON HEATH FC Att 22280 Pitch: Muddy	0 : 0 PARK END BLUES (H - 0.1) Wind: Light
SYDSIDEN Att 21986 Pitch: Frozen	0 : 0 BARNBY PARK (A - 0.5) Wind: Brisk
THE GREEKS Thassos 27 Skiathosa 83 Pitch: Frozen	2 : 0 CLIFTON MIGHTY (H - 2.1) Att 34465 Wind: Light
SCI FI ELITE Att 28529 Wind: Light Pitch: Frozen	0 : 5 HOTH WAMPAS (A - 0.7) Dantooine 4,83 Rafal 14 Yavin 63 Ogrady 70

Week Twenty-six

DIVISION 1

WELSH WIZARDS Ramsey 1 Thomas 3 Snash 25,37	7 : 0 LES FERDINAND (H - 3.5) Att 29274 Wind: Light Pitch: Good
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Polanski 27,41,86

DEFCON1 FC

Att 25295

Wind: Calm

HAVERING TOWN

Att 39415

Wind: Light

PRIMROSE HILL

Att 52906

Wind: Light

VIPPEROED BK

Att 36277

Wind: Calm

Pitch: Frozen

SHROPSHIRE STAR

Att 58029

Wind: Light

Derby Game

0 : 2 BRECON WARRIORS (A - 0.5)

Canterbury 35,65

Pitch: Frozen

0 : 1 REAL AYELL (A - 0.7)

Haulm lawton 37

Pitch: Frozen

0 : 1 REQUIEM (H - 0.9)

Old minster 2

Pitch: Frozen

0 : 4 RADFORD SEMELE (A - 3.5)

Pythagorus 15

Karla 22

Mane 32,73

0 : 0 GLOBE TROTTERS (A - 0.3)

bkd - Billy (60)

Pitch: Frozen

DIVISION 2

DYNAMO TEST

Att 42038*

Pitch: Wet

IB 2301

Horridge 3

Wittmann 20

Akbulut 36

Wind: Light

SPORTING SPUDS

Kongsoere 18

Mucveri 59

Gyros brutus 60(og)

Pitch: Muddy

FRALKA

Ryan curran 6,28

Att 28653*

Pitch: Frozen

MISTIQUE

Ebbeloekke 56

Chippy jensen 83

Pitch: Frozen

JERSEY BOYS

Att 31686

Wind: Light

Derby Game

0 : 0 BERMONDSEY BM (H - 0.3)

Wind: Light

3 : 2 THE LEVELLERS (H - 0.1)

Nag waddingham 18

Balcone 48

Att 25055

Pitch: Frozen

3 : 1 TECHNO TERRIERS (A - 0.1)

Soidintie 90

Att 27665

Wind: Light

2 : 2 CITY COLTS (A - 0.7)

Carlsberg 16,76

Wind: Light

2 : 0 WESSEX RANGERS (H - 0.3)

Att 30527*

Wind: Light

0 : 1 OLD STEINE FC (H - 0.3)

M c muldoon 5

Pitch: Good

HELNWEIN SAVES PENALTY FOR JERSEY
BOYS AFTER 24 MINS

DIVISION 3

THE BLIND RABBI

Burpuskas 7

Ying sah 19

Salty molloy 22,26,36,45

Sorensen 75

bkd - Dal ilama (36)

DAL RIADA

Att 30053

Pitch: Frozen

BARNBY PARK

Att 20749*

Pitch: Good

HOTH WAMPAS

Ogrady 11

Rafal 14

Dantooine 59

7 : 3 SCI FI ELITE (H - 1.3)

Bo-katan kryze 14,55

Dundee 75

Att 28589

Wind: Light

Pitch: Good

0 : 0 THE GREEKS (A - 0.1)

Wind: Light

0 : 0 UTOPIA (A - 0.5)

Wind: Light

3 : 1 NEWTON HEATH FC (H - 1.3)

Baggini 64

Att 27821

Wind: Light

Pitch: Frozen

BRECON RANGERS

Molby 26,26

Germain 46

Att 25062

Wind: Light

Pitch: Frozen

PARK END BLUES

Att 19734

Pitch: Frozen

3 : 5 CLIFTON MIGHTY (H - 0.9)

Mccruden 11

Colin caotes 38

Peter murray 71

Wylie 76

Chip ballantyne 88

0 : 0 SYDSIDEN (H - 0.5)

Wind: Light

Week Twenty-seven

CHAMPIONS TROPHY

Semi-final 1st leg

PRIMROSE HILL

bkd - Troilus (10)/

Nissley (45)/

Shantalla (67)

0 : 0 REAL AYELL (H - 0.3)

Att 60000*

Wind: Brisk

Pitch: Wet

MESSI FRIENDLIES

WHITBY TOWN(NL) 0 : 0 GLOBE TROTTERS (A - 0.1)

FRALKA 0 : 0 ROMULUS(NL) (A - 2.9)

MET POLICE(NL) 0 : 0 BARNBY PARK (H - 0.9)

BERMONDSEY BM 0 : 1 UXBRIDGE(NL) (A - 2.1)

TELFORD UTD(NL) 2 : 0 DAL RIADA (H - 3.5)

BRECON WARRIORS 0 : 2 ENFIELD(NL) (A - 3.7)

WOKING(NL) 2 : 0 BRECON RANGERS (H - 5.1)

CARSHALTON(NL) 0 : 1 DYNAMO TEST (H - 1.5)

CLIFTON MIGHTY 0 : 1 SOUTHPORT(NL) (A - 2.1)

ALFRETON TOWN(NL) 0 : 0 CITY COLTS (H - 0.9)

DEFCON1 FC 5 : 0 HEDNESFORD (NL) (H - 2.5)

SUTTON UTD(NL) 6 : 0 IB 2301 (H - 5.3)

JERSEY BOYS 0 : 0 WEYMOUTH(NL) (A - 3.7)

MARGATE(NL) 0 : 0 LES FERDINAND (H - 4.3)

REQUIEM 0 : 2 STEVENAGE(NL) (A - 4.3)

HOTH WAMPAS 0 : 0 RUNCORN(NL) (A - 1.3)

MISTIQUE 0 : 2 HASTINGS UTD(NL) (A - 4.7)

NORTHWICH(NL) 0 : 2 NEWTON HEATH FC (A - 2.1)

SPORTING SPUDS 0 : 1 WELLING(NL) (A - 2.5)

KETTERING(NL) 0 : 1 OLD STEINE FC (-)

SHROPSHIRE STAR 0 : 2 STAFFORD(NL) (A - 4.5)

SLOUGH(NL) 0 : 0 WELSH WIZARDS (H - 2.3)

BATH(NL) 1 : 0 TECHNO TERRIERS (H - 3.9)

THE GREEKS 0 : 1 WYCOMBE(NL) (A - 4.5)

STOWMARKET(NL) 0 : 0 THE LEVELLERS (A - 0.9)

UTOPIA 0 : 0 COLWYN BAY(NL) (A - 1.5)

THURROCK(NL) 1 : 0 THE BLIND RABBI (H - 2.9)

AFC HAYES(NL) 2 : 0 VIPPEROED BK (H - 4.3)

WESSEX RANGERS 2 : 0 DIDCOT TOWN(NL) (H - 0.5)

HAVERING TOWN 0 : 0 ALTRINCHAM(NL) (A - 4.1)

WROXHAM(NL) 5 : 0 SYDSIDEN (H - 5.7)

PARK END BLUES 0 : 1 DROYLSIDEN(NL) (A - 2)

WEATHER FORECAST

Temperature next session: Freezing

Predicted wind speed next session: Gale

**THE MESSI CUP
3RD ROUND**

(To be played on Session Ten)

Utopia v Requiem
Primrose Hill v Mistique
Real Ayell v Dynamo Test
Welsh Wizards v The Greeks

Good showings here by lower division sides

THE MESSI LEAGUE CUP

Semi-finals

(To be played on session twelve)

(on neutral grounds)

Radford Semele v Dynamo Test
Globe Trotters v Havering Town

Test only side on course for a cup double

CHAMPIONS TROPHY

For the first season (might expand it in future years, the format will be a straight two leg KO competition

First round on S4 \$ 6

Semifinals on S9 & 11

Final one leg on S13

HILL VALLEY 0 : 2 RADFORD SEMELE (A - 0.7)

Att 56786 Fields 72

Wind: Brisk John 81

Pitch: Wet

PRIMROSE HILL 1 : 0 DARKSIDE ARTS (H - 1.3)

Staropramen 19 Att 51951

Wind: Brisk Pitch: Wet

THE MIGS 2 : 1 LEAMINGTON SPA (A - 0.1)

Liquid len 5 Jobarteh 82

Catalunya 78 Att 33278*

Wind: Calm Pitch: Wet

SHROPSHIRE STAR 0 : 4 REAL AYELL (A - 1.1)

Att 56935 Batley-slapper 17

Wind: Light Sandblaster 26

Pitch: Wet Haulm lawton 41
Balter 66

semi-final draw

Radford Semele V Leamington Spa

Primrose Hill v Real Ayell

STATISTICS PAGE

LEADING SCORERS

DIVISION 1

1	SILVA	PRIMROSE HILL	15
2	HAULM LAWTON	REAL AYELL	14
3	BALTER	REAL AYELL	12
4	FIELDS	RADFORD SEMELE	11
5	STAROPRAMEN	PRIMROSE HILL	10
6	ROB DA EAGLE	HAVERING TOWN	10
7	MORETONCORBET	SHROPSHIRE STAR	7
8	SNATCH	PRIMROSE HILL	7

DIVISION 2

1	KETCHUM	DYNAMO TEST	18
2	CHIPPY JENSEN	MISTIQUE	9
3	CANTERBURY	SPORTING SPUDS	9
4	EBBELOEKKE	MISTIQUE	7
5	MITROICHYS	MISTIQUE	6
6	NAG WADDINGHAM	THE LEVELLERS	6
7	KONGSOERE	SPORTING SPUDS	6
8	KOMPLYKATE	DYNAMO TEST	6

DIVISION 3

1	GERBIL	UTOPIA	11
2	THASSOS	THE GREEKS	7
3	SALTY MOLLOY	THE BLIND RABBI	7
4	HARA ILLIOS	THE GREEKS	6
5	BAGGINI	NEWTON HEATH FC	6
6	GABRIEL	UTOPIA	6
7	SERAPHIM	UTOPIA	6
8	BO-KATAN KRYZE	SCI FI ELITE	5

Consec. Draws

Barnby Park	5 games
Sydsiden	5 games

Consec. Defeats

Vipperood Bk	9 games
Jersey Boys	6 games
Les Ferdinand	4 games
Sci Fi Elite	4 games
The Levellers	3 games

Since A Defeat

Dynamo Test	15 games
Radford Semele	11 games
The Greeks	10 games
Utopia	9 games
Real Ayell	7 games
Bermondsey Bm	6 games

THE ROLE OF SHAME

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

WHERE'S VINNIE

PRIVATE DEALS

RADFORD SEMELE sold SERVOIS (18-2 FW) {P/S} {APP} to SYDSIDEN for 120K

RADFORD SEMELE sold CARTWRIGHT (19-12 MF) {P/S} to CLIFTON MIGHTY for 800K

RADFORD SEMELE sold ADAM (18-2 MF) {APP} to LES FERDINAND for 120K

SPORTING SPUDS sold BOILED WADDERS (18-2 DF) {P/S} {APP} to PRIMROSE HILL for 150K

BRECON WARRIORS sold CANTERBURY (24-12 FW) to SPORTING SPUDS for 125K

SPORTING SPUDS sold ZLATAN IBRACHIP (22-8 MF) to BRECON WARRIORS for 0K

All deals completed successfully!

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - POSITION

TOP

REAL AYELL - 0

RADFORD SEMELE - 4

HAVERING TOWN - 8

BOTTOM

BRECON RANGERS - 132

SYDSIDEN - 136

PARK END BLUES - 140

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - WAGES PER LEVEL

TOP

SYDSIDEN - 0

DAL RIADA - 4

UTOPIA - 8

BOTTOM

PARK END BLUES - 132

SHROPSHIRE STAR - 136

PRIMROSE HILL - 140

AUCTION PAGE

AUCTION RESULTS

POS	STATS	NAME	CLUB	FEE	NO	NHIGH
1) SW	18-11	GRAVESANDE(RADFORD SEMELE)		1152K	11	1078K
2) DF	18-10	IGLESØ (VIPPEROED BK)		525K	9	503K
3) MF	18-9	VAN DER VADER(HOTH WAMPAS)		872K	10	555K
4) FW	18-8	EDAM BRUTUS (THE GREEKS)		588K	11	501K
5) UT	18-7	VAN DER VOLKIN (HOTH WAMPAS)		417K	9	410K

All players not shown were unsold.

ROLLING AUCTION FOR SESSION TEN

<u>NO</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>AGE/SK</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
1)	FWS	38-13	PS	STAR	-

IBBIE ABRAMA **Swe**DISH giant of the game, now at the end of his career. Is he the player to save you from relegation or take you to promotion or a title. A gamble and only a short term buy but his creaking bones can still produce the goods

2)	FW	18-2	S	APP	Skytte of Ib 2301 {RES 199k - 21% BW/ 82% CR}
3)	MF	18-2	P	FUT	Pedro of Newton Heath Fc {RES 300k - 59% BW/ 14% CR}

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

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- in front 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.

MUTTERINGS AND MEANDERINGS OF THE KA MIND

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

FORTHCOMING KA WEEKENDS

Spring 2025 Back To Norwich

Main house accomodation already booked for this

**Tommo McTomface, Geraldo, Jens & Seamus Are First Dogs In
dates 9th-11th of May**

**Craig is happy to plan another Glasgow weekend in October 2025
dates 9th-12th October**

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

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

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

**KA becomes 40 years old in 2027, perhaps something special to be
arranged?**



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)

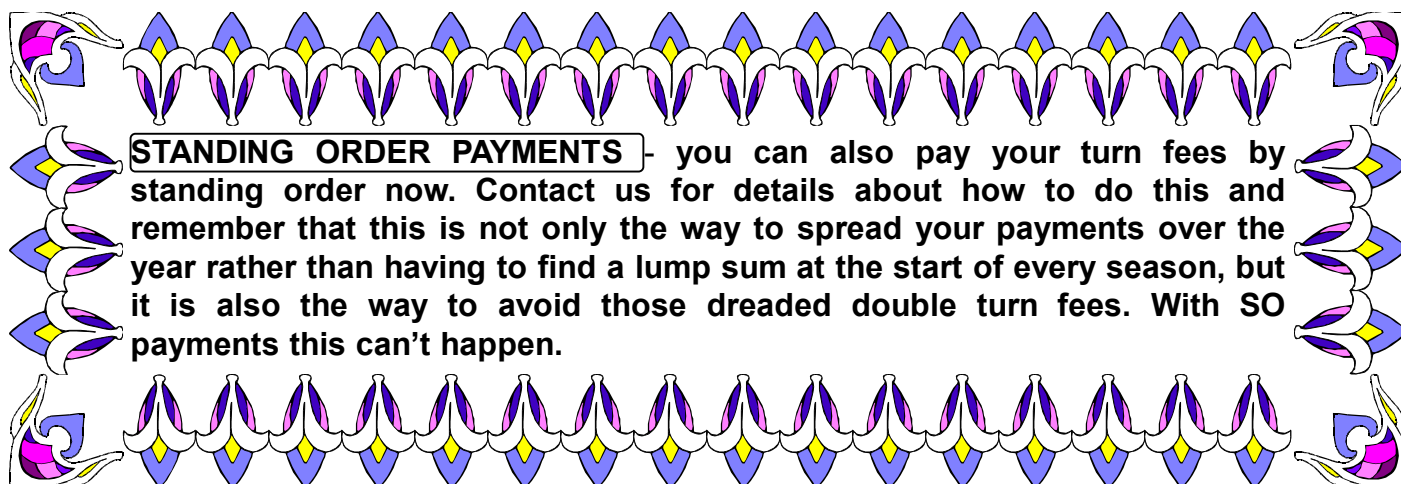
LEAGUE CUP GAMES

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 tempick maestro will change 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.

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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

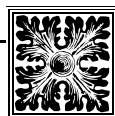
1st round is on S11 - bottom eight in division three play off (no replays)

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



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

New 2014 version now available at
<http://dodge.me.uk/markinfoexe>

**NEW
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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 **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

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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 **OVER** 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

the shakespeare league

The Shokie is ncie league whcih ahsn't really got a supert team, so competiitve indeed. However, for soem reason it has been leaking players and now is in the position that it needs a fresh infusion of new blood. I have a fix for this and that is to inject some 36-1 clubs into divison four.

STARTING OUT TIPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Good luck!