

THE MESSI LEAGUE

MESSI LEAGUE. DIVISION 1

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 SHROPSHIRE STAR	2	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	6
2 MISTIQUE	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	6
3 RADFORD SEMELE	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	4
4 PRIMROSE HILL	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
5 GLOBE TROTTERS	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	3
6 HAVERING TOWN	2	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	3
7 DYNAMO TEST	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	-2	3
8 DEFCON1 FC	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
9 REQUIEM	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	-1	1
10 CITY COLTS	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	1
11 BRECON WARRIORS	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	-3	0
12 REAL AYELL	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	-6	0

MESSI LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 TECHNO TERRIERS	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	6
2 HOTH WAMPAS	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	4
3 UTOPIA	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	4
4 LES FERDINAND	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
5 WELSH WIZARDS	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
6 WESSEX RANGERS	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	3
7 BERMONDSEY BM	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	4	-3	3
8 FRALKA	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	1
9 SPORTING SPUDS	2	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	-2	1
10 THE GREEKS	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	-2	1
11 VIPPEROED BK	2	0	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	1	1	-3	1
12 OLD STEINE FC	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	-2	0

MESSI LEAGUE. DIVISION 3

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 NEWTON HEATH FC	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	1	4	6
2 THE BLIND RABBI	2	1	0	0	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	4
3 JERSEY BOYS	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
4 DAL RIADA	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
5 IB 2301	2	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	1	2	4	0	3
6 SCI FI ELITE	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	-1	3
7 PARK END BLUES	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	-1	3
8 CLIFTON MIGHTY	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
9 BARNBY PARK	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	1
10 SYDSIDEN	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	1
11 BRECON RANGERS	2	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	-2	1
12 THE LEVELLERS	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	-2	0

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Messi League - Session One

Season 35

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ROUND-UP TIME

From champs to chumps and possible back to champs for Reigning champions **Real Ayell**, who started the season ingloriously with two defeats that left them bottom of the pile and looking very poorly indeed. Lack of forward planning perhaps. But things might well have been turned round dramatically now as manager Williamson swoops into the market to pick up the two midfield wantaways from **Brecon Warriors** which is going to change the picture considerably for them I feel.

Elsewhere it was an interesting start to the season as expectedly **Shropshire Stars** started well as did, unexpectedly **Mistique**, back in the groove and perhaps the manager has learned things from events elsewhere. Picking the eventual champions is something that even the pundit-hating Jens would be hard pushed to do at this stage of the season.

Unless Mr Phillips spends that cash quickly and wisely it is curtains for his side now I believe.

Techno start well in the second, get those yo-yos out Pad. But looks close behind him. Surprise good beginning for **Les Ferdinand** as well. This might make up for the starless **Greeks** looking in trouble

Newton Heath start well in the third under the guiding hand of Mr Patel. Can he keep it up? The usual suspects just behind him with wadders (continuing end of season form from last campaign), Puffo Mc Samson looking to bounce straight back to the second, and Seamy starting wellish

RESULTS ROUND-UP

TEMPERATURE: Warm

Week One

DIVISION 1

REAL AYELL Att 42864* Wind: Light	0 : 1 PRIMROSE HILL (A - 0.5) Staropramen 28 Pitch: Hard
DYNAMO TEST Glasner 4,34 Att 43594 Pitch: Good	2 : 1 BRECON WARRIORS (H - 0.9) Andersson 84 Wind: Light
DEFCON1 FC Att 26485* Pitch: Muddy	0 : 0 RADFORD SEMELE (A - 0.3) Wind: Light
CITY COLTS Kp thoroughbred 90 Att 31248 Pitch: Good	1 : 1 REQUIEM (A - 0.3) Rigby 70 Wind: Light

PUNDIT PICKS MIGHT BOTH BE DUDS?

SHROPSHIRE STAR Bryan roy 3 Moretoncorbet 5 Defi bleu 17 Ohio 29 Haughton 82	5 : 0 HAVERING TOWN (H - 0.1) Att 44021 Wind: Light Pitch: Hard
MISTIQUE Skunk 66 Wind: Brisk	1 : 0 GLOBE TROTTERS (H - 0.3) Att 29612* Pitch: Wet

DIVISION 2

TECHNO TERRIERS Soidintie 18 Gyros brutus 79 Wind: Brisk	2 : 1 FRALKA (H - 0.9) Ryan curran 15 Att 26008 Pitch: Hard
WELSH WIZARDS Att 29214 Pitch: Good	0 : 0 HOTH WAMPAS (A - 0.1) Wind: Light
THE GREEKS Att 40037 Wind: Light	0 : 2 WESSEX RANGERS (A - 0.9) Belcher 24,73 Pitch: Good
LES FERDINAND Plebeya 39 Att 25339 Pitch: Good	1 : 1 VIPPEROED BK (H - 2.9) Abildore 42 Wind: Light
UTOPIA Seraphim 52 Att 23325* Wind: Light	1 : 1 SPORTING SPUDS (H - 0.3) Gnocchi butler 34 bkd - Maris piper (52) Pitch: Good
BERMONDSEY BM Bolgen 19 Guinness 30 bkd - Gamorrean (47)/ Overli (5)/ Hakan (30)/ Guinness (5)/ Layton (72) Inj - Guinness (6)	2 : 1 OLD STEINE FC (H - 0.7) Sanglamore 43(p) bkd - Verstappen (35) Inj - M c muldoon (1)/ Bubbles wonky (1) Att 24000* Wind: Light Pitch: Good *Derby Game*

DIVISION 3

JERSEY BOYS Gerwyn 32 Ahlgren 40 Wind: Light	2 : 1 THE LEVELLERS (H - 0.7) Nag waddingham 44 Att 24108 Pitch: Good
THE BLIND RABBI Abdul bulbas 2,31 Ying sah 9 Salty molloy 14 Wind: Light *Derby Game*	4 : 2 IB 2301 (A - 0.5) Karla 28 Williams 74 Att 30520 Pitch: Good
DAL RIADA bkd - Dal ted (54) Att 29167 Pitch: Hard	0 : 0 CLIFTON MIGHTY (H - 0.5) bkd - Gadocha (25) Wind: Brisk *Derby Game*
BRECON RANGERS Svealand 2 Att 26851 Wind: Light Pitch: Wet	1 : 3 NEWTON HEATH FC (H - 0.1) Barasi 6 Everhaart 26 Baggini 40
PARK END BLUES Oboyle 83(og) Wind: Calm	1 : 0 BARNBY PARK (A - 0.1) Att 18897 Pitch: Hard
SCI FI ELITE Dwayne dibbley 52 Wind: Calm	1 : 0 SYDSIDEN (H - 0.7) Att 25470 Pitch: Good

Week Two

DIVISION 1

RADFORD SEMELE Zeilberger 15 Fields 80 Pitch: Hard	2 : 0 CITY COLTS (H - 0.7) Att 46405 Wind: Brisk
REQUIEM Att 36005* Wind: Light	0 : 1 SHROPSHIRE STAR (A - 0.7) Moretoncorbet 42 Pitch: Hard
HAVERING TOWN Huyghe 7,29 Frank butcher 14 Arthur m 53 Rob da eagle 64	5 : 0 REAL AYELL (H - 0.1) Att 33600 Wind: Calm Pitch: Good
GLOBE TROTTERS Salarino 2,67 Manners 34 Pitch: Muddy	3 : 0 DYNAMO TEST (A - 0.7) Att 40740* Wind: Brisk
PRIMROSE HILL Att 43333 Pitch: Hard	0 : 0 DEFCON1 FC (H - 0.9) Wind: Light
BRECON WARRIORS Att 27945 Wind: Light Pitch: Wet	0 : 2 MISTIQUE (A - 0.7) Korshage 22 Puff 48

DIVISION 2

WESSEX RANGERS Att 27222 Wind: Light	0 : 1 LES FERDINAND (H - 0.9) Slobiker 83 Pitch: Good
VIPPEROED BK Gwrach 81 Att 24581 Wind: Light Pitch: Wet	1 : 4 UTOPIA (A - 2.5) Jockey jensen 1 Tenenblat 48 Gerbil 50 Gabriel 70
SPORTING SPUDS Canterbury 4 Att 26586 Wind: Light	1 : 3 TECHNO TERRIERS (A - 0.3) Gyros brutus 12,80 Sunak rish 72 Pitch: Hard
OLD STEINE FC Att 23695* Wind: Light *Derby Game*	0 : 1 WELSH WIZARDS (A - 1.3) Coleman 73 Pitch: Good
FRALKA Smolzee 50 Att 28653* Pitch: Good	1 : 1 THE GREEKS (H - 0.1) Thassos 31 Wind: Light
HOTH WAMPAS Ogrady 17 Cricky g 27 Piggott 29 Van der volkin 44	4 : 0 BERMONDSEY BM (H - 0.7) Att 27886 Wind: Light Pitch: Good

DIVISION 3

CLIFTON MIGHTY Att 24892 Pitch: Good	0 : 0 BRECON RANGERS (H - 0.3) Wind: Light
NEWTON HEATH FC Melbourne 53 Zelensky 89 bkd - Westergaard (44) off - Westergaard (76) Att 26502 Pitch: Hard	2 : 0 PARK END BLUES (H - 0.3) bkd - Marley (61)/ Rabat (30)/ Bukoski (58)/ Smithson (80) Wind: Light *Derby Game*
NEWTON HEATH FC MISS PENALTY AFTER 80 MINS	
BARNBY PARK bkd - Lockyer (27) Att 20749* Pitch: Good	0 : 0 JERSEY BOYS (H - 0.1) bkd - Blow (55) Wind: Light *Derby Game*

SYDSIDEN Att 23236 Pitch: Good	0 : 0 THE BLIND RABBI (A - 0.3) Wind: Brisk
THE LEVELLERS Att 24317 Wind: Light	0 : 1 DAL RIADA (A - 1.1) Dal ori 8 Pitch: Wet
IB 2301 Wittmann 26,60 Thames 56 Karla 76 Pitch: Wet	4 : 2 SCI FI ELITE (H - 0.7) Dundee 19,29 Att 25777 Wind: Light

Week Three

MESSI FRIENDLIES

WROXHAM(NL)	5 : 0 DAL RIADA (H - 2.3)
DROYLSDEN(NL)	5 : 2 BRECON RANGERS (H - 2.9)
OXFORD CITY(NL)	4 : 0 BERMONDSEY BM (H - 2.9)
STAFFORD(NL)	4 : 0 BARNBY PARK (H - 2.5)
LEATHERHEAD(NL)	4 : 0 DYNAMO TEST (H - 2.1)
LEEK TOWN(NL)	6 : 0 CITY COLTS (H - 2.5)
HERNE BAY(NL)	4 : 0 BRECON WARRIORS (H - 3.7)
ILFORD(NL)	7 : 0 CLIFTON MIGHTY (H - 4.9) bkd - Georfie tom (67)
TRURO CITY(NL)	0 : 1 DEFCON1 FC (A - 2.5)
TAMWORTH(NL)	2 : 0 LES FERDINAND (H - 2.3)
HOTH WAMPAS	0 : 0 WHITBY TOWN(NL) (A - 1.1)
ROMULUS(NL)	4 : 1 GLOBE TROTTERS (H - 2.1)
MET POLICE(NL)	5 : 0 JERSEY BOYS (H - 2.1)
UXBRIDGE(NL)	7 : 0 IB 2301 (H - 4.5)
TELFORD UTD(NL)	5 : 0 HAVERING TOWN (H - 4.5)
ENFIELD(NL)	0 : 0 NEWTON HEATH FC (A - 0.7)
WOKING(NL)	5 : 0 REQUIEM (H - 4.5)
CARSHALTON(NL)	4 : 1 SCI FI ELITE (H - 2.1)
SOUTHPORT(NL)	3 : 0 MISTIQUE (H - 3.5)
PRIMROSE HILL	0 : 5 ALFRETON TOWN(NL) (A - 2.9)
HEDNESFORD (NL)	0 : 1 OLD STEINE FC (H - 1.5)
RADFORD SEMELE	0 : 3 SUTTON UTD(NL) (A - 6.7)
WEYMOUTH(NL)	6 : 0 SHROPSHIRE STAR (H - 6.9)
MARGATE(NL)	3 : 0 REAL AYELL (H - 2.5)
STEVENAGE(NL)	6 : 1 TECHNO TERRIERS (H - 5.3)
WELSH WIZARDS	1 : 2 RUNCORN(NL) (A - 3.1)
HASTINGS UTD(NL)	5 : 0 WESSEX RANGERS (H - 2.7)
THE GREEKS	0 : 1 NORTHWICH(NL) (A - 2.1)
WELLING(NL)	7 : 0 VIPPEROED BK (H - 7.3)
SPORTING SPUDS	1 : 3 KETTERING(NL) (A - 2.5)
STAFFORD(NL)	5 : 0 UTOPIA (H - 3.9)
THE BLIND RABBI	0 : 2 SLOUGH(NL) (A - 2.1)
BATH(NL)	5 : 0 THE LEVELLERS (H - 2.7)
WYCOMBE(NL)	4 : 1 PARK END BLUES (H - 4.1)
STOWMARKET(NL)	4 : 0 SYDSIDEN (H - 5.9)
COLWYN BAY(NL)	3 : 0 FRALKA (H - 1.9)

WEATHER FORECAST

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

STATISTICS PAGE

LEADING SCORERS

DIVISION 1

1	MORETONCORBET SHROPSHIRE STAR	2
2	SALARINO GLOBE TROTTERS	2
3	HUYGHE HAVERING TOWN	2
4	GLASNER DYNAMO TEST	2

DIVISION 2

1	GYROS BRUTUS TECHNO TERRIERS	3
2	BELCHER WESSEX RANGERS	2
3	GUINNESS BERMONDSEY BM	1
4	BOLGEN BERMONDSEY BM	1

DIVISION 3

1	DUNDEE SCI FI ELITE	2
2	WITTMANN IB 2301	2
3	KARLA IB 2301	2
4	ABDUL BULBAS THE BLIND RABBI	2

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - DPS

TOP

REAL AYELL - 0

DYNAMO TEST - 0

RADFORD SEMELE - 0

BOTTOM

NEWTON HEATH FC - 99

PARK END BLUES - 102

BERMONDSEY BM - 105

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - LEVELS PER PLAYER

TOP

DYNAMO TEST - 0

GLOBE TROTTERS - 3

WELSH WIZARDS - 6

BOTTOM

IB 2301 - 99

SYDSIDEN - 102

THE LEVELLERS - 105

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - SQUAD AGE

TOP

VIPPEROED BK - 0

SYDSIDEN - 3

THE LEVELLERS - 6

BOTTOM

PARK END BLUES - 99

NEWTON HEATH FC - 102

BERMONDSEY BM - 105

THE ROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :- WESTERGAARD [1] (NEWTON HEATH FC) /

PRIVATE DEALS

REAL AYELL sold BATLEY-SLAPPER (33-4 MF/D) to SPORTING SPUDS for 100K

CLIFTON MIGHTY sold BULL DOG (20-5 UT) to REAL AYELL for 160K

MISTIQUE sold MOXY (22-12 GK) to RADFORD SEMELE for 1000K

THE BLIND RABBI sold SALTY MOLLOY (29-4 FWS) {P/S} to HAVERING TOWN for 100K

THE LEVELLERS sold JEFFERIES (25-4 WG) to GLOBE TROTTERS for 25K

THE BLIND RABBI sold ANDREAS (22-4 SW) {P/S} to CITY COLTS for 25K

THE LEVELLERS sold KARLA (32-3 MF/A/D) {P/S} to CITY COLTS for 200K

THE LEVELLERS sold MCTAGG (19-10 GK) to HOTH WAMPAS for 1200K

THE BLIND RABBI sold MCRUDDEN (22-5 MF) {P/S} to LES FERDINAND for 25K

THE BLIND RABBI sold SORENSEN (23-4 UT) to LES FERDINAND for 25K

THE LEVELLERS sold JAKOBCZAK (21-12 UT[r]) to JERSEY BOYS for 600K

All deals completed successfully!

Consec. Home Wins

Mistique	7 games
Hoth Wampas	7 games
Dynamo Test	6 games
The Blind Rabbi	5 games
Radford Semele	3 games
Shropshire Star	3 games

Since A Home Win

Vipperoe Bk	12 games
The Levellers	9 games
Les Ferdinand	8 games

AUCTION PAGE

ROLLING AUCTION FOR SESSION TWO

1) SUPER FAST RISER Can be added to any qualified non-riser/fader (nominate player)

OUT-OF-CONTRACT PLAYERS

2) UT 21-8

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Thramm of The Greeks

{RES 280k - 26% BW/ 95% 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.

THE MUSINGS AND MEANDERINGS OF THE KA MIND

Seems not to have ever percolated the understanding of some out there, but if you only have ten men and a SBY, you do not have to play the SBY and qualify him. You can ask for a NL player. This has never been a 'rule' but long ago it was decided that this would be the case and you can 'save' your SBY.

FORTHCOMING KA WEEKENDS

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

Spring 2025 Back To Norwich

Main house accomodation already booked for this

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

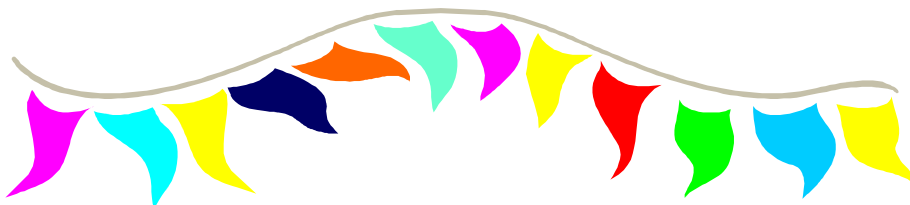
**Glasgow weekend dates 9th-12th October
Craig is first man in here
Gerard, Jens, Seamus, Gareth, Nigel, Rob, Cranners, Steadders, Neil B,
Adrian& Colly all recon that they will be coming along**

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

**Bo, Rob, Tim & Dennis are first men in
Craig, Gareth, Nigel, & Cranners have all said they will be there**

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

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



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)

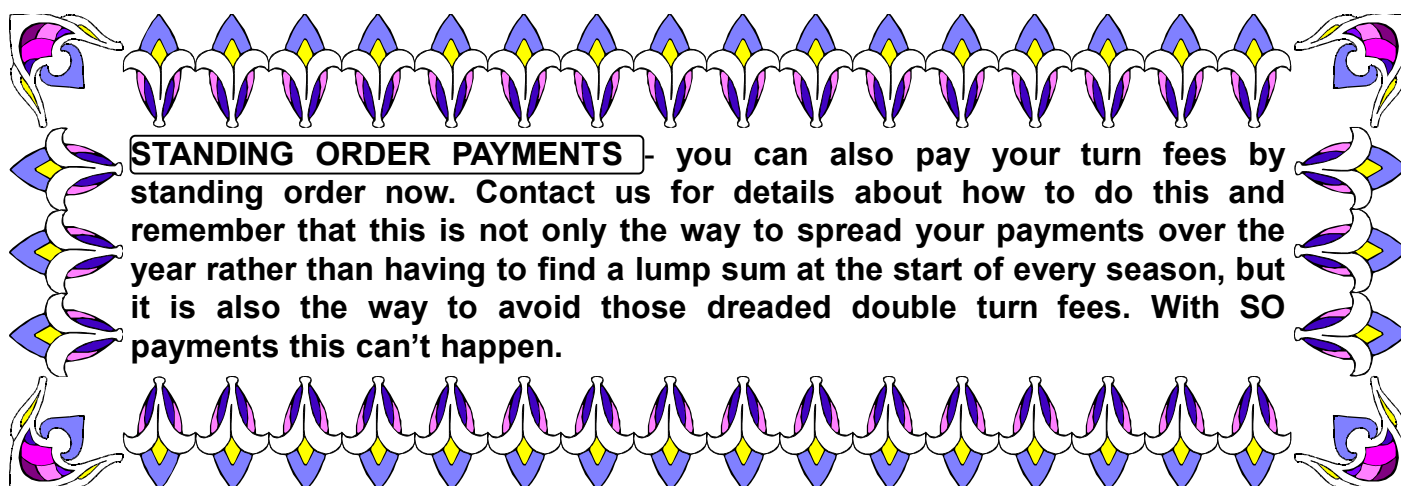
LEAGUE CUP GAMES

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.

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.

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

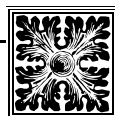
1st round is on S11 - bottom eight in division three play off (no replays)

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
LINK**



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

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

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+

How to build a challenge side by Craig Lawton

Let's get right down to it. They are a challenge side because they are shit. More than likely it will be full of low to mid-level 20 somethings.

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 13 _ 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 Trophy.

? 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!

MANAGERS NEEDED

Got a couple of good team free that might interest some of you out there.

Premier league is just coming to the end of another season. Hands on your own team with your own real life players, what fun. Got a couple of free teams, one of them very good indeed £30 credit to start you off both are ideal for those who have just one or two clubs to manage to bolster their stable??

VIRTUAL WEEKEND

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

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

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

Gerard, Scott, Wynne, Rob L, Gareth,
Dag, Adrian , Craig , Jens, Morten & Bo
have all said they will be taking part.
Come on the rest of you sluggards





COMPETITION TIME

We know that what you kickabout players like is a good competition, the chance to win something which doesn't involve skill (unlike in Kickabout). So as the nights get darker and longer we have decided TO REPEAT last year's xmas competition to brighten up your dull and dreary lives

We have a competition about to run with far, far more prizes up for grabs. So how is this going to work you ask. Well, for every £30 you pay into the credit of any account (in fact or every \$30 you pay for any reason ? even Chris beer money ? you will get a ticket in a massive draw. A 100% chances to win something).

SO, what can you win? Well, Unfortunately, there will be some, `tough titties Prizes, i.e. no win (25), but

You will still win the joy of taking part

There are twenty prizes of double turn credit (any amount paid in)

There will be thirty prizes of between two and five turns credit

There will be one lifetime membership prize for one of your teams

There will be one prize of £100 free credit that can be spread around all your teams

There will be two prizes of 30 free turns

There will be two prizes of 20 free turns

There will be ten prizes of a new team in any league of your choosing with a Season free, plus every season there will be a chance (50%) of that team receiving another free season (until you get to a season where you have to pay, then it ends)

There will be five prizes of a free entry to a KA Weekend

Finally four mystery prizes that could be anything, a lifetime membership, a used pair of Cranners postie shoes, a bottle of lube recommended by Hattie, a pair of super ear plugs for use in KA weekends when Spud goes ballistic or Wadders does his Johnny Cash impression, or a copy of Adraans' latest snakes and ladder campaign, you just have to wait and see what and see!!!

So get in there before the big buck prizes disappear cos this competition only runs until all the postal leagues S16 are processed and sent out.

Oh nearly forgot. You have to claim your ticket when you send in the cash