



RESULTS ONLY NEWSLETTER

But there should be a text version of a written newsletter by the Cranners along with this

RESULTS ROUND-UP

TEMPERATURE: Hot

Week Forty-six

DIVISION 1

FERENGHI off - Washington (46) Att 50000* Pitch: Hard	0 : 1 BLACKPOOL (H - 0.5) Jay garmley 66 Wind: Calm
NEW ELVET Att 50828 Wind: Calm Pitch: Hard	0 : 6 PSV LOFTUS (A - 3.9) Ramsgaard 3,38 Jungsta 5 Washington 54 Berkessy 77,87
NEWARK FC Att 39173 Pitch: Good	0 : 0 AJAX (H - 0.1) Wind: Calm
WANDSWORTH TOWN Att 46322* Pitch: Hard	0 : 0 BURNHAM DOWN (A - 1.3) Wind: Calm
ABBEY ROAD Osyoos 28 Wind: Calm	1 : 0 FC AMAZONAS (H - 0.9) Att 34411 Pitch: Wet
BERRY BROW UTD Att 30864 Pitch: Hard	0 : 0 BISPHAM (H - 0.7) Wind: Calm

DIVISION 2

DYNAMO TOOTING Att 51172 Wind: Calm	0 : 1 WANDERERS FC (A - 0.7) Barero 28 Pitch: Hard
ZELDATREE Att 47216 Wind: Light	0 : 1 BOLEYN BOYS (A - 0.3) Freddy 88 Pitch: Hard
NEWPORT PAGNELL Att 38588 Wind: Calm Pitch: Hard	0 : 5 LANCS VILLANS (A - 0.5) (ba)walters 6 Studenti 13 Guevara 16,50 Fjord 42
GALWAY GAELS Padraicin 39 Att 30745 Wind: Calm	1 : 1 VINO VILLA (A - 0.7) Casa 75 bkd - Dragovic (48) Pitch: Good
RED CASTLE Cruyff jr 22 Haas 52 Att 48000* Pitch: Hard	2 : 2 MANCHESTER DEVS (H - 0.1) Lurgan 50 Beddgelert 77 Wind: Calm
REAL REMMIGEL Zeyaadah 85 Wind: Calm	1 : 0 VEGAN CITY (H - 1.1) Att 35171 Pitch: Good

DIVISION 3

HUDDERSFIELD FC Schindler 38 Wind: Calm	1 : 0 HATHERSHAW FC (H - 0.7) Att 56355 Pitch: Good
DUTCH COURAGE Ozil turk 55 Wind: Calm	1 : 0 SIRMIONE (H - 0.5) Att 29683 Pitch: Hard
TWO RIVERS George soros 48 Koke 83 Pitch: Hard	2 : 0 FERENCVAROS (H - 0.1) Att 27596 Wind: Calm
SOUTHPORT KEWS Att 20263 Wind: Calm Pitch: Hard	0 : 7 MIDLANDS HEATH (A - 2.7) Wozczeh 3,63 Zeus deewater 15 Dudley 31,69 Amstel 41 Moscato 78
NEWTON BOROUGH bkd - Lodz (25) Att 26990 Wind: Calm Pitch: Hard	0 : 3 LOWFIELDS FC (A - 2.7) Dottir 15 Fabian 28 Wilford 77
F.C GROOVUS Att 27139 Wind: Light	0 : 1 BRIGHTON EXPO (A - 0.7) Odegaard 34 Pitch: Hard

DIVISION 4

FERGUSLIE PARK Wag butler 16,64 Skibinska 36 Loonball 51 Popescu 53 Rob lewis 81	6 : 0 ALDERAAN FC (H - 1.3) Att 23506 Wind: Calm Pitch: Hard
REAL SCORB Att 19573 Pitch: Good	0 : 0 BLACKBERRY RVRS (A - 0.5) Wind: Calm
ATHLETIC LIONS Wlodarczyk 13 Choppy walters 18 Bush 27 Van der elst 34 Puji 57	5 : 0 WOMBLE TOWN (H - 2.3) Att 26551 Wind: Calm Pitch: Hard
NJF ATHLETIC Att 24573 Wind: Calm	0 : 1 GLENFABBA AFC (A - 1.3) Fieasta 45 Pitch: Good
L.A CRIMEWAVE Pacific 60(p) bkd - Pacific (26)/ Rocastle (35)/ Catalunya (21) off - O'dearie (50)	1 : 1 BELLE VUE (A - 0.9) Shoreline 39 Att 36000 Wind: Light Pitch: Hard *Derby Game*
R.Y.L. ARSENAL Att 35115 Wind: Calm	0 : 1 SPORTING PORTO (A - 0.3) Argo ibramo 76 Pitch: Hard

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KICKABOUT RESULTS

Week Forty-seven

RE-ARRANGED MATCHES

DIVISION 2

ZELDATREE 4 : 0 **GALWAY GAELS** (H - 1.5)
 Barker 14,69 Att 38856
 Feelta 39 Wind: Calm
 Matheson 79 Pitch: Hard

DIVISION 4

NJF ATHLETIC 0 : 5 **SPORTING PORTO** (A - 2.5)
 Att 31335 Valeron 29
 Wind: Calm Bodola 64
 Pitch: Good O'dearie 68
 Sheep 69
 Fu suk li 82

Week Forty-eight

THE NEWTON CUP

FINAL

PSV LOFTUS 1 : 0 **BURNHAM DOWN** (A - 0.1)
 Ramsgaard 37 Att 68217
 bkd - Finnish (28) Wind: Calm
 Pitch: Hard

THE NEWTON BOWL

FINAL

BOLEYN BOYS 2 : 0 **NEWARK FC** (H - 0.5)
 Stewsson 11,43 Att 46521
 Wind: Calm Pitch: Good

THE NEWTON TROPHY

FINAL

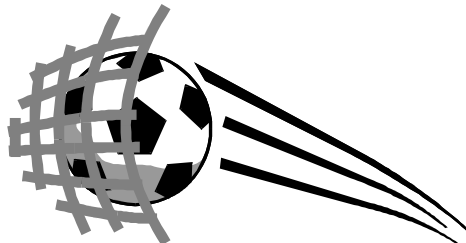
NEWPORT PAGNELL 0 : 1 **HUDDERSFIELD FC** (A - 1.1)
 Att 55374 Gubern 9
 Wind: Light Pitch: Hard

NEWTON FRIENDLIES

DUTCH COURAGE	0 : 1	BOLEYN BOYS	(A - 0.5)
LEEK TOWN(NL)	0 : 1	ABBAY ROAD	(A - 2.5)
ALDERAAN FC	0 : 0	TWO RIVERS	(A - 0.3)
bkd - Dack (3)			
SPORTING PORTO	3 : 0	ATHLETIC LIONS	(H - 1.5)
BERRY BROW UTD	0 : 0	HATHERSHAW FC	(A - 1.7)
NEWPORT PAGNELL	3 : 0	BLACKPOOL	(H - 1.7)
Inj - Lisbon (1)			
WOMBLE TOWN	1 : 0	BRIGHTON EXPO	(H - 1.9)
F.C GROOVUS	2 : 0	HERNE BAY(NL)	(H - 1.5)
FC AMAZONAS	0 : 0	VINO VILLA	(A - 0.9)
ILFORD(NL)	3 : 0	FERENGHI	(H - 5.1)
PSV LOFTUS	0 : 0	L.A CRIMEWAVE	(A - 0.7)
TRURO CITY(NL)	0 : 0	LANCS VILLANS	(H - 0.9)
TAMWORTH(NL)	3 : 0	MANCHESTER DEVS	(H - 1.5)
WHITBY TOWN(NL)	0 : 3	R.Y.L. ARSENAL	(A - 1.1)
REAL SCORB	0 : 0	ROMULUS(NL)	(H - 2.1)
BELLE VUE	1 : 0	MET POLICE(NL)	(H - 0.3)

WEATHER FORECAST

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





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TABLES

NEWTON LEAGUE. DIVISION 1

...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 BURNHAMDOWN	22	9	2	0	41	0	7	4	0	32	2	71	54
2 WANDSWORTHTOWN	22	6	5	0	15	2	4	6	1	9	1	21	41
3 BLACKPOOL	22	6	3	2	31	19	5	3	3	24	17	19	39
4 PSVLOFTUS	22	5	5	1	17	5	5	3	3	13	6	19	38
5 FERENGHI	22	6	4	1	18	3	2	6	3	9	8	16	34
6 NEWARKFC	22	4	6	1	8	3	3	6	2	8	14	-1	33
7 AJAX	22	5	4	2	11	7	2	5	4	9	14	-1	30
8 ABBEYROAD	22	3	3	5	7	9	2	5	4	12	13	-3	23
9 FC AMAZONAS	22	4	2	5	15	17	2	2	7	9	26	-19	22
10 BISPHAM	22	0	6	5	2	14	3	1	7	7	22	-27	16
11 BERRYBROW UTD	22	0	6	5	2	14	2	3	6	3	21	-30	15
12 NEWELVET	22	1	0	10	3	42	0	2	9	0	26	-65	5

NEWTON LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 LANCSVILLANS	22	5	3	3	18	11	7	3	1	28	10	25	42
2 BOLEYNBOYS	22	6	4	1	17	9	5	2	4	18	16	10	39
3 RED CASTLE	22	5	5	1	13	9	5	3	3	16	11	9	38
4 GALWAY GAELS	22	7	2	2	18	6	3	3	5	10	14	8	35
5 NEWPORT PAGNELL	22	4	6	1	7	7	3	4	4	4	6	-2	31
6 REAL REMMIGEL	22	5	5	1	11	4	1	5	5	4	10	1	28
7 MANCHESTER DEVS	22	6	1	4	22	15	1	4	6	11	23	-5	26
8 ZELDATREE	22	3	6	2	7	3	1	7	3	1	3	2	25
9 VINO VILLA22	4	3	4	13	12	1	5	5	6	12	-5	23	
10 DYNAMOTOOTING	22	3	5	3	5	4	1	5	5	2	10	-7	22
11 WANDERERSFC	22	3	4	4	13	21	1	3	7	10	25	-23	19
12 VEGANCITY	22	1	6	4	7	14	1	6	4	5	11	-13	18

NEWTON LEAGUE. DIVISION 3

...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 HUDDERSFIELD FC	22	9	2	0	32	2	4	6	1	14	5	39	47
2 BRIGHTON EXPO	22	6	4	1	14	3	7	3	1	18	7	22	46
3 DUTCH COURAGE	22	8	2	1	13	3	5	2	4	14	10	14	43
4 SIRMIONE	22	8	3	0	20	2	2	5	4	5	13	10	38
5 TWORIVERS	22	5	4	2	17	6	5	2	4	10	15	6	36
6 HATHERSHAW FC	22	6	2	3	22	12	3	4	4	6	6	10	33
7 LOWFIELDS FC	22	6	3	2	17	6	2	5	4	5	13	3	32
8 F.C. GROOVUS	22	5	3	3	9	5	0	6	5	1	9	-4	24
9 FERENCVAROS	22	3	5	3	10	9	1	3	7	4	13	-8	20
10 MIDLANDS HEATH	22	2	5	4	15	18	1	2	8	17	33	-19	16
11 SOUTHPORT KEWS	22	0	5	6	1	16	1	2	8	2	22	-35	10
12 NEWTON BOROUGH	22	2	3	6	4	16	0	1	10	2	28	-38	10

NEWTON LEAGUE. DIVISION 4

...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 SPORTING PORTO	22	9	1	1	28	3	9	2	0	26	3	48	57
2 R.Y.L. ARSENAL	22	3	5	3	10	8	4	6	1	16	6	12	32
3 BLACKBERRY RVRS	22	4	3	4	9	6	4	4	3	11	8	6	31
4 FERGUSLIE PARK	22	3	5	3	15	9	4	3	4	12	13	5	29
5 WOMBLETOWN	22	4	4	3	14	14	3	4	4	8	14	-6	29
6 ATHLETIC LIONS	22	4	6	1	16	7	2	4	5	2	13	-2	28
7 L.ACRIMEWAVE	22	2	7	2	3	9	1	8	2	3	8	-11	24
8 BELLEVUE	22	2	6	3	5	9	2	6	3	4	12	-12	24
9 REAL SCORB	22	3	7	1	7	4	0	7	4	1	5	-1	23
10 GLENFABBA AFC	22	2	7	2	3	4	1	6	4	1	6	-6	22
11 ALDERAAN FC	22	3	5	3	6	5	1	5	5	7	23	-15	22
12 NJF ATHLETIC	22	2	2	7	5	17	2	3	6	4	10	-18	17



KICKABOUT STATS

LEADING SCORERS

DIVISION 1

1	JIGILO JENSEN	BURNHAM DOWN	52
2	HUGARDZ	BURNHAM DOWN	31
3	SALASAN	BLACKPOOL	21
4	SKARZ	BLACKPOOL	16
5	MOUNIE	WANDSWORTH TOWN	13
6	WARWICK	FC AMAZONAS	11
7	SCORCHIO	FERENGHI	11
8	MANILLA	BLACKPOOL	10

DIVISION 2

1	FJORD	LANCS VILLANS	16
2	GUEVARA	LANCS VILLANS	13
3	RANGER	RED CASTLE	11
4	FABIAN	RED CASTLE	10
5	SNOWMAN	BOLEYN BOYS	10
6	ZEYAADAH	REAL REMMIGEL	9
7	ROFFEY	MANCHESTER DEVS	9
8	STEWSSON	BOLEYN BOYS	9

DIVISION 3

1	DEGRYSE	HUDDERSFIELD FC	20
2	ZLATAN	BRIGHTON EXPO	18
3	QUANER	HUDDERSFIELD FC	15
4	GLUCK	BRIGHTON EXPO	10
5	FRIEDMANSZKY	FERENCVAROS	8
6	ZOLA	LOWFIELDS FC	8
7	KUNG	MIDLANDS HEATH	8
8	TIKOLO	BRIGHTON EXPO	8

DIVISION 4

1	ROBERTO	SPORTING PORTO	24
2	ARGO IBRAMO	SPORTING PORTO	13
3	(AB)WALTERS	WOMBLE TOWN	9
4	PINILLA	BLACKBERRY RVRS	9
5	MINCHIA	SPORTING PORTO	9
6	SHEEP	SPORTING PORTO	9
7	VASQUEZ	R.Y.L. ARSENAL	8
8	CHOPPY WALTERS	ATHLETIC LIONS	8

Since A Home Draw

New Elvet	11 games
Sirmione	6 games
Lancs Villans	5 games
Njif Athletic	5 games
Dutch Courage	4 games
Sporting Porto	4 games
Blackpool	3 games

THE ROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :- WASHINGTON [3] (FERENGHI) / O'DEARIE [1] (L.A CRIMEWAVE) /

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - APPS

TOP

FERENGHI - 0

BLACKPOOL - 0

NEW ELVET - 0

BOTTOM

PSV LOFTUS - 90

SIRMIONE - 92

BURNHAM DOWN - 92

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - YOUTH

TOP

BERRY BROW UTD - 0

HATHERSHAW FC - 1

R.Y.L. ARSENAL - 2

BOTTOM

FERENGHI - 45

WANDERERS FC - 46

BURNHAM DOWN - 47

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - SPs

TOP

PSV LOFTUS - 0

HUDDERSFIELD FC - 0

SPORTING PORTO - 0

BOTTOM

FC AMAZONAS - 35

NEW ELVET - 35

FERENGHI - 35

Consec. Home Draws

Berry Brow Utd 6 games



KICKABOUT

AUCTION

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

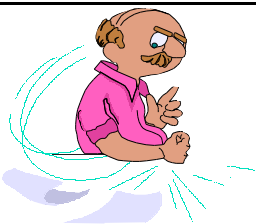
**The transfer deadline comes
into operation at the end of
Session thirteen**

IE NOW





KICKABOUT BITS



MARKING

From now onwards if you use last season's marking 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 allowss shomatch subscribers to gather all the international squads together each session so that you can use that info to get marking info. Shomatch/ teampick subscribers get a file sent out a file with all the int squads listed and this program pulls them all together. Makes it easier than ploughing through back newsletters, etc

The latest version now available at

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

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



KICKABOUT BITS

THE KICKABOUT COMMUNITY

EMAIL CHAT LIST -. 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.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY TO REMEMBER

It seems that even old stagers of the game still can't work out what order games are to be played in. SO emblazon the following on your minds please

ORDER OF MATCHES IS

LEAGUE GAME ONE

LEAGUE GAME TWO (which is where any re-arranged league maxcth should go)

ALL CUP GAMES (including Cup/Bowl/ Trophy where the latter is always last if you have a Bowl or cup game as well)

LEAGUE CUP GAMES

EURO GAMES

FRIENDLIES

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

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

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.



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MONEY

STANDING ORDER PAYMENTS - you can also pay your turn fees by standing order now. Contact us for details about how to do this and remember that this is not only the way to spread your payments over the year rather than having to find a lump sum at the start of every season, but it is also the way to avoid those dreaded double turn fees. With SO payments this can't happen.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS Can be made to us using the **PAYPAL** service. So if you want to pay anything by credit card then you could register with them and give it a try. Also note that if you send your payments as a gift ALL of the cash reaches us without any paypal fees being charged at our end and all is credited to your account. You can use either email address for this

BULK PAYMENT OF TURN FEES - remember if you pay £63.75 at one time (which can cover more than one team) you get an extra free turn credited to your account. This offer does not include shomatch/weekend/fast leagues/veterans leagues or special offers monies!



KICKABOUT

FUN

FORTHCOMING KA WEEKENDS

We have four 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, Colly, Neil B &
Adrian have 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 &
Adrianall 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

October 2025 will be in the lovely city of Sheffield. Pete Condon has promised
to make an appearance as, I am told, will Danny Smith and we wil all be able to
shame Danny into returning to the fold

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



KICKABOUT FUN

MANAGERS NEEDED

Got a couple of good teams 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 have all said they will be taking part. Come on the rest of you sluggards



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KICKABOUT EUROS CHAMPIONS TROPHY

CHINTZ CHIANTI
Ozil turk 69
Wind: Brisk

1 : 0 STEELCITY HAWKS (A - 0.5)
Att 67673
Pitch: Good

DAKIN UNITED
Att 68070
Pitch: Hard

0 : 0 COMP CITY (A - 0.7)
Wind: Light
[AET]

COMP CITY WIN PENALTY SHOOTOUT 5 - 4

What a shock for the resurgent **Hawks** as they bow out against **Chintz**. Not much between the two sides in terms of chances to be honest, but the Chintzers did more with the ball when they had it, while Lawton's men passed it around but with little effect. First final for Mr Samson, better luck next time Craig

If this pair had have played all night I doubt either would score no matter how much they tried. not a shot on target during 120 minutes and eventually it went to the lottery of penalties before **Comp** went through, on their way to a second title in their history perhaps

CUP-WINNERS CUP

ICI BOLTON
Santa barbara 7
Att 64187
Wind: Brisk

1 : 1 GILLESPIE ROAD (H - 1.1)
Child 25
off - Jaaskelainen (85)
Pitch: Good

SOUTHLAND CITY
Att 36675*
Pitch: Muddy

0 : 0 DAGGERS FC (H - 1.3)
Wind: Light
[AET]

DAGGERS FC WIN PENALTY SHOOTOUT 4 - 3

Bolton made hard work of this. Always totally in command they got the goal early on but then allowed **Gillespie** to equalise to make it quite tense, though really they should have put it well beyond doubt

Another tense game that went to penalties but where **Southland** were held up by keeper SHAKY and their inability to break through. Penalties could have gone either way. Luckily for the home side they edged them

SUPER CUP

SCAYNES HILL
Law 31(og)
Att 65175
Pitch: Good

1 : 1 GESSLE WARRIORS (A - 0.1)
Turgut 2(og)
Wind: Light

This replay was decided by an own goal for either side. Litte in it and few chances to score but by courtesy of their own own goal **Gessle** went through on away goals

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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

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!



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

