

THE PREMIER LEAGUE

THE YEAR OF THE DAG?

Already we've seen all teams drop points so perhaps the Dumpsters pre-season tip of **Aston Villa** somewhat rings true after Dangerous Dag opens up with a 4-point haul and tops the table. After a 5 - 0 beating of the potential divisional whipping boys **Sunderland**, it was followed up with a goalless draw against a decent **Chelsea** side. Whether he can maintain it is another thing but I know Dag has plenty of stamina after witnessing his 6am finishes in Copenhagen and Norwich!

Jonny Boy Samson's **Liverpool** took a real beating at **Leeds Utd** and after he managed to drag himself out of The Gardeners Arms he put things right with a 1 - 0 derby victory against Seamus's **Everton**. Apparently takings at The Gardeners Arms have increased so much they now appear in the Deloitte Top 10. Seamy won't be happy with that defeat but they were well off the pace and could quite easily have lost their opener against **Wycombe**. The Euro Meister needs to turn this around pretty sharpish or it could be a season of struggles methinks.

After champions **Leeds Utd** had opened up with that beating of **Liverpool** it was a real surprise when they went down 1 - 0 at **Luton** despite dominating. Hatters manager Sutton doesn't have too much to shout about these days (looks-gone; hair-gone etc etc) but blimey he'll be on the rooftops crowing about this one for a while. Just a shame he lost his opener at **Chelsea**; which was extremely close until FERNANDEZ volleyed home with 10-minutes to play.

So elsewhere; **Sheffield Wednesday** and **Wycombe** have had decent starts too and are possibly ones to watch, particularly **Wednesday**, who were on top in both their games, but made to work hard by a dogged **Leeds City** side in front of a sell out crowd. It was a good job the early IAN WRIGHT goal ended up in the net as very little looked like it might double their lead. **Wycombe** for their part could have had maximum points - their draw at **Everton** felt like they dropped points but a late BERYLY LUBALA header sealed it at home to **Nottingham Forest**.

The bottom three currently has **Nottingham Forest**, **Everton** and **Sunderland** in it and you wouldn't bet against it ending that way for at least two of these?

DUMPY IN NOSE BLEED TERRITORY

He's top of the league the old fella and he's laughing at all of you. Yes, when he's not booking another holiday or ranting at the next player to ask him a silly question he's sat at his desk plotting world domination with **West Ham Utd**. Finally, having come to terms (emotionally) with being booted out of

Arsenal by wino Wadders, he's got them playing to his dodgy instructions. A derby win home to **Wigan** (injuries to the opposition too!) he took them to Wadders place and came away with a 2-1 win. Yes ok, defensively Arsenal were a shambles, about as steady as Wadders walking down a cobbled road but a double from CLAYTON put this one to bed. Can they hold onto top spot? NO.

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Season 17
Session 1

PREMIER LEAGUE. DIVISION 1

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 ASTON VILLA	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	5	4
2 SHEFFIELD WED	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	4
3 WYCOMBE WANDS	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	4
4 CHELSEA	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
5 LEEDS UTD	2	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	3
6 GLASGOW CELTIC	2	1	0	0	5	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	3
7 LEEDS CITY	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
8 LUTON TOWN	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
9 LIVERPOOL	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	-4	3
10 NOTTINGHAM FOR	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	-1	1
11 EVERTON	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	-1	1
12 SUNDERLAND	2	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	1	2	5	-8	0

BUBBLE
BURSTING TIME
FOR SEAMY?

Backing them up are **QPR**, **Brighton** and **Darlington**. The Hoops look a mid-table team at best but with Jens stepping in for a season to work his magic, the fans are hoping for improvements. (GM - The season can't get any worse can it, only way is up with a super manager at the helm!!) The win at home to **Greenock Morton** was fortunate, the visitors the more dangerous side but Rangers just more clinical. However, at **Wigan**, they were much the stronger, strangely only to find themselves 2 - 0 down. Jens angry ranting and raving on the touchline really out to be put on canvas and hung on a wall but it got a response and two late goals spared an underserved defeat. (Note for the caterers; Pie and Mash and those lovely Thames Eels are off the menu, to be replaced by Smørrebrød, Stegt Flæsk med Persillesovs and Koldskål. Num Nums!

Pre-season favourites **Brighton** are there or thereabouts, Lozza perhaps not so sure about whether they are good enough to go up and despite bagging four points, my assessment is they were a little lucky to get that and are

someway away from being favourites. Against **Aberdeen**, with a home crowd behind them, they failed to excite and Craig's boys should have won that one; and probably thought they had when VAN KINKEL headed in with 15 minutes to play.

In the middle of the table sit **Aberdeen**, **Crystal Palace** and **Newcastle**. All three of these sides look more than capable of mounting a challenge, particularly **Palace** but with a duo in charge that spend more time in the shed than on the training field it might all go wrong somehow. **Newcastle** failed to find the net in both their games, though with **Aberdeen** and a solid **Walsall** their opponents, they weren't exactly bad results. More to come here.

Londoners **Arsenal** and **Tottenham** are in the bottom three. Tottenham under a weight of debt once again while Waddinghamham is in season 2 of 12 rebuild mode! The Spursy have no keeper so quite how they kept a clean sheet against **Darlington** is a miracle. Arsenal got

PREMIER LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1 WEST HAM UTD	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	6
2 Q.P.R.	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	2	2	2	4
3 BRIGHTON	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
4 DARLINGTON	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
5 CRYSTAL PALACE	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
6 ABERDEEN	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2
7 NEWCASTLE UTD	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
8 WALSALL	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
9 WIGAN ATHLETIC	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	-1	1
10 ARSENAL	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	-1	1
11 TOTTENHAM	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	-1	1
12 GREENOCK MORTON	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	-3	0

lucky at **Wigan**; a derby where the home side pushed forward all the time but were caught out by an offside trap (Wadds will put this down to acumen no doubt). Hmmm..

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the week is seeing **Greenock Morten** bottom of the table. Trust me they will not end up there and ought to be sitting on 6 points based on balance of play and chances. Wynne will be frustrated no doubt but better things lay ahead for sure.

AUCTION AND TRANSFERS

There's a big old transfer between **Aberdeen** and **Newcastle** this week which mainly centred around young midfielder LONGSTAFF moving up tut'north. It looks more beneficial to Colly in the short term and Craig long term which probably suits both. In the auction, big spenders were **Wycombe** who splashed far more than anyone else on star defender SALIBA and looking at the squad it makes them very strong at the back now to complement the other areas. **Nottingham Forest** and **Crystal Palace** also add some strength with their buys.

MANAGER OF THE MONTH

DIVISION ONE: **Killer Dag** at **Vino Villa** - the hitman has his way. Challenge him at your peril!

DIVISION TWO: **Dumpster** at **West Ham** - we are top o' the league say we are? blah blah blah?

RESULTS ROUND-UP

TEMPERATURE: Cool

Week one

DIVISION 1

LEEDS UTD Bamford 31,66,86 Andrew surman 56 Kilyan mbappe 71	5 : 0 LIVERPOOL (H - 1.3) Att 47860 Wind: Storm Pitch: Good
NOTTINGHAM FOR Silva 19 Gibbs-white 28 Att 26880* Pitch: Muddy	2 : 2 SHEFFIELD WED (A - 1.7) Hirst 20 Barry bannan 48 Wind: Storm
SUNDERLAND Att 33133 Wind: Storm Pitch: Muddy	0 : 5 ASTON VILLA (A - 1.3) Watkins 16,27,48 Raheem sterling 22 Bjarnason 57
CHELSEA Fernandez 80 bkd - Axel disasi (3)/ Jorginho (12) Pitch: Good	1 : 0 LUTON TOWN (H - 0.3) bkd - Cherry (58) Att 45816* Wind: Storm *Derby Game*
EVERTON Tonali 25 Santa 65	2 : 2 WYCOMBE WANDS (A - 0.5) Beryly lubala 14 Lewis wing 47

Att 32679
Pitch: Good
LEEDS CITY
Mick jones 36
Tony doriga 56
Pitch: Good

Wind: Storm

2 : 0 GLASGOW CELTIC (H - 0.7)
Att 41926
Wind: Storm

DIVISION 2

Q.P.R. Joao pedro 9,83 Mcginn 58 Wind: Storm	3 : 1 GREENOCK MORTON (A - 0.7) Ryan yates 4 Att 26534 Pitch: Good
TOTTENHAM Att 23422* Wind: Storm	0 : 1 BRIGHTON (A - 0.3) Trossard 54 Pitch: Good
WALSALL bkd - Rogers (16) off - Rogers (51) Pitch: Wet	0 : 0 ARSENAL (H - 1.3) Att 32473 Wind: Storm *Derby Game*
WEST HAM UTD Magennis 24 bkd - Zuma (46)/ Magennis (35) off - (p)jones (59) Pitch: Good	1 : 0 WIGAN ATHLETIC (H - 0.5) Inj - Lloyd (1)/ Dempsey (1) Att 32882 Wind: Storm *Derby Game*
CRYSTAL PALACE Att 28250 Wind: Storm	0 : 1 DARLINGTON (A - 0.5) George meek 65 Pitch: Wet
ABERDEEN Att 28142 Pitch: Wet	0 : 0 NEWCASTLE UTD (H - 0.7) Wind: Storm

Week two

DIVISION 1

ASTON VILLA Att 47724 Pitch: Muddy	0 : 0 CHELSEA (H - 0.7) Wind: Storm
GLASGOW CELTIC Kulusevski 20(og) Lambert 23 Don megson 35 Gary bannister 38 Gary mcallister 72	5 : 2 SUNDERLAND (H - 0.3) Dennis cirkin 26 Rogers 66 Att 27359 Wind: Storm Pitch: Good
LIVERPOOL Alan hansen 38(p) bkd - Alexander (63)/ Avi cohen (39)/ Alan hansen (53) Pitch: Good	1 : 0 EVERTON (H - 0.5) bkd - Harrison (5)/ Dixie dean (10) Att 34234 Wind: Storm *Derby Game*
SHEFFIELD WED Ian wright 3 Wind: Storm	1 : 0 LEEDS CITY (H - 0.7) Att 45739* Pitch: Good
LUTON TOWN Leon hubert 82 Wind: Storm	1 : 0 LEEDS UTD (A - 1.3) Att 50670 Pitch: Good
WYCOMBE WANDS Beryly lubala 86 Wind: Storm	1 : 0 NOTTINGHAM FOR (H - 1.3) Att 34125 Pitch: Good

DIVISION 2

ARSENAL (p)jones 83(og) Att 26115 Pitch: Wet	1 : 2 WEST HAM UTD (A - 0.7) Clayton 58(p),73 Wind: Storm
NEWCASTLE UTD Att 27136 Pitch: Good	0 : 0 WALSALL (A - 0.1) Wind: Storm
GREENOCK MORTON Att 26791 Wind: Storm	0 : 1 CRYSTAL PALACE (H - 1.1) Bryan addams 2 Pitch: Good
BRIGHTON Trossard 82 Att 26825 Pitch: Good	1 : 1 ABERDEEN (A - 0.5) Van kinkel 75 Wind: Storm

WIGAN ATHLETIC **2 : 2 Q.P.R.** **(A - 1.3)**
 Hunter 17 McGinn 85
 Pearson 67 Simon stainrod 89
 Att 24844 bkd - Simon stainrod (49)
 Wind: Gale Pitch: Muddy
DARLINGTON **0 : 0 TOTTENHAM** **(H - 0.3)**
 Att 26032 Wind: Storm
 Pitch: Good

Week three

PREMIER FRIENDLIES

LEEDS CITY **3 : 0 NEWCASTLE UTD** **(H - 4.7)**
ENFIELD(NL) **3 : 0 BRIGHTON** **(H - 3.7)**
SHEFFIELD WED **0 : 0 GLASGOW CELTIC** **(H - 1.3)**
ARSENAL **0 : 0 CARSHALTON(NL)** **(A - 2.9)**
ALFRETON TOWN(NL) **4 : 0 EVERTON** **(H - 3.7)**
LEEDS UTD **0 : 0 DARLINGTON** **(H - 0.5)**
SUTTON UTD(NL) **6 : 0 CRYSTAL PALACE** **(H - 7.7)**
 bkd - Jerith (49)

ASTON VILLA **0 : 1 MARGATE(NL)** **(A - 1.1)**
WALSALL **0 : 0 ABERDEEN** **(H - 0.5)**
RUNCORN(NL) **0 : 0 LIVERPOOL** **(H - 1.5)**
GREENOCK MORTON **0 : 1 NORTHWICH(NL)** **(A - 3.7)**
 Inj - John mcgovern (1) bkd - Foggart (1)
NOTTINGHAM FOR **0 : 1 WYCOMBE WANDS** **(A - 0.9)**
KETTERING(NL) **0 : 0 SUNDERLAND** **(H - 1.9)**
CHELSEA **6 : 0 Q.P.R.** **(H - 3.7)**
SLOUGH(NL) **0 : 0 TOTTENHAM** **(H - 2)**
WYCOMBE(NL) **3 : 0 WEST HAM UTD** **(H - 3.5)**
WIGAN ATHLETIC **0 : 0 COLWYN BAY(NL)** **(A - 1.5)**

WEATHER FORECAST

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

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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

BITS N PIECES

LEADING SCORERS

DIVISION 1

1	BAMFORD	LEEDS UTD	3
2	WATKINS	ASTON VILLA	3
3	BERYLY LUBALA	WYCOMBE WANDS	2

DIVISION 2

1	CLAYTON	WEST HAM UTD	2
2	TROSSARD	BRIGHTON	2
3	MCGINN	Q.P.R.	2
4	JOAO PEDRO	Q.P.R.	2

**BAMFORD
STARIGHT ON
THE OCHEE**

THE ROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :- ROGERS [1] (WALSALL) / (P)JONES [1] (WEST HAM UTD) /

Since A Win

Arsenal	12 games
Tottenham	6 games
Greenock Morton	4 games

Since A Draw

Sunderland	17 games
Leeds Utd	16 games
Crystal Palace	5 games
Glasgow Celtic	4 games

Consec. Home Wins

Chelsea	5 games
Leeds City	4 games

PRIVATE DEALS

NEWCASTLE UTD sold NEWBERRY (18-7 DF) to ABERDEEN for 0K

NEWCASTLE UTD sold LONGSTAFF (19-4 MF/A) to ABERDEEN for 1000K

ABERDEEN sold GORDON STRACHAN (20-10 FWS) to NEWCASTLE UTD for 0K

ABERDEEN sold WILLIE MILLER (19-11 DF) to NEWCASTLE UTD for 0K

ABERDEEN sold RUBEZIC (18-2 DF) {SBY} to NEWCASTLE UTD for 500K

LEEDS CITY sold CALLUM (21-7 WG) to EVERTON for 750K

All deals completed successfully!

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - POSITION

TOP

ASTON VILLA - 0

SHEFFIELD WED - 4

WYCOMBE WANDS - 8

BOTTOM

ARSENAL - 84

TOTTENHAM - 88

GREENOCK MORTON - 92

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - WAGES PER LEVEL

TOP

ABERDEEN - 0

GREENOCK MORTON - 4

WEST HAM UTD - 8

BOTTOM

GLASGOW CELTIC - 84

LEEDS UTD - 88

SHEFFIELD WED - 92

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - CASH

TOP

DARLINGTON - 0

SHEFFIELD WED - 3

LEEDS UTD - 6

BOTTOM

ASTON VILLA - 63

SUNDERLAND - 66

TOTTENHAM - 69

AUCTION PAGE

AUCTION RESULTS FOR SESSION ONE

AUCTION RESULTS

POS	STATS	NAME	CLUB	FEE	NO	NHIGH
1) GK	19-6	BIZOT (HOL)	(ASTON VILLA)	603K	2	309K
2) DF	26-12	VIV ANDERSON (E)	(NOTTINGHAM FOR)	788K	5	451K
4) MF	18-2	JERMAIN JELLIS	(WALSALL)	454K	1	0K
5) FW	23-7	HEWITT	(ABERDEEN)	29K	1	0K
6) UT	20-13	NAT CLYNE	(CRYSTAL PALACE)	375K	2	87K
8) DF	18-12	WILLIAM SALIBA	(WYCOMBE WANDS)	1778K	4	519K
9)	PP:5		(ASTON VILLA)	412K	4	324K
10) YOUTH TRAINER			(Q.P.R.)	324K	3	134K

All players not shown were unsold.

AUCTION FOR SESSION TWO

NO	POS	AGE/SK	CAT	TYPE	COMMENTS
1)	GK	24-11	S		riser
2)	SW	18-5	PS	APP	
3)	MF	22-9	P		(180 Captains Games)
4)	FW	18-6	S	SBY	
5)	UT	20-12	PS		RISER
6)	FW	17-5	P	SBY	
7)	WG	21-12	PS	STAR	CR 90 (Anthony Gordon)
8) FOLLOWING INCREASE: 3000 FANS					

(You must indicate the NATIONALITY of the player on bidding or it and the cash will be lost)

9)	WG	99	99		Unsold Player [NIL]
					{NO RES - 30% BW/ 80% CR}
10)	FW		17-0	P	SBY
					Unsold Player [NIL]
					{NO RES - 7.5 OOP - 59% BW/ 33% CR}
11)	FW		21-7	P	Jamie Donley of Tottenham
					{RES 250k - 95% BW/ 81% CR}
12)	DF		20-8	P	Cash of Aston Villa
					{RES 300k - 22% BW/ 10% CR}

Please note that from now onwards it is illegal to sell any player and then buy him back in the next three sessions FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER. If you do that player will be banned for life and you will lose him

MIUTTERINGS AND MEANDERINGS OF THE KICKABOUT MIND

Every now and again a manger comes begging, silly me, I've fooked up something in a deal, can you action it. Answer always is NO, tough shit fella, be more careful, and got other things to do. Only way we'll do this is - action the deal, but you can't use the player in the next session. moral, check your turns

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

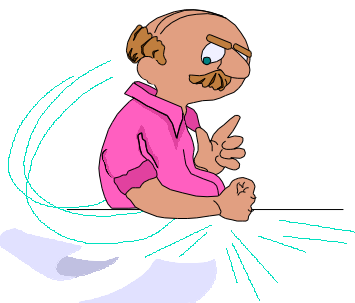
(If you look at teampick you will see that you CAN edit your fixtures as well to tell the program what games you are playing this session and it will put them in the correct order, OK)

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

We have finally been dragged kicking and screaming into the 21st Century , pity all dinsoaurs aren't like that and have upped our presence on social media sites. Links to our pages will soon appear on the web-site, but in the meantime we can be foudn on

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.

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- in front 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.

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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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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.

Bo has offered to host us all at his place in Odense 14th-17th May
Bo, Rob, Tim, Dennis & Jens are first men in
Gareth, Nigel, Seamus, Gerard, Wadders, Nick Wilson, Adrian, Pete
Jorgie, Danny Brez & Morten have all said they will be there

October 2026 will be in the lovely city of Sheffield.

8th to 11th of october

JENS is first man in

Pete Condon has promised to make an appearance as, I am told, will
Danny Smith .

Gerard, Seamus, Wadders, Cranners & Craig promise to be there

MAY 2027

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

By universal accliation it was decided at the xmas pubmeet that we will
return to Norwich for the special one, it is easy to get to, every knows
and enjoys it there

To encourage the weaker bretheren amonsgt you to turn up for this the
normal weekend fee will be halved, ie £20 and during the weekend there
will be a draw for a lifetimes membership for one of your teams

FUTURE DATES (ALL TENTATIVE)

OCTOBER 2027 - GALWAY

MAY 2028 - GLASGEE

CONTRACTS UPDATE

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

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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

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+

NOTE THIS WELL ALSO

In the calculations above where it refers to WAGES, this also refers to wages + any experience the player as. This means that you are NOT ever sure about the calculation. Not that important for a normal player who does not have an * by his name, but where specialists are involved it can be important. So we suggest that when offering a contract to a player who is a specialist or has an * by his name, you add something extra to the calculation. I would say 5k is a good rule of thumb
