

Welcome to the Session 9 Mid-Season Review. At the halfway point of the campaign every division remains alive with intrigue. Surprise leaders have emerged, pre-season favourites have stumbled, and the transfer market has injected fresh optimism into clubs across the league.

Division One: The Battle of the Giants

Eschtermgom Utd and Seaside Town FC have stunned the division by occupying the top two positions, while powerful clubs such as Stalin City, Red Star United and New Lords remain in pursuit.

Eschtermgom's leadership has come despite being ranked only 24th overall. Costa Paquett remains the heartbeat of the side and Fenchurch adds depth. Seaside Town have paired excellent home form with one of the league's largest support bases.

Stalin City remain many observers' favourites. Their ranking of second overall, combined with star midfielder Estaradez and the arrival of Hormuza, suggests they have another gear available. Red Star United's financial strength and New Lords' elite ranking indicate neither can be discounted.

But manager HALS won't want to give up his title without a fight. He's a winner

Club-by-Club Assessment

Stalin City: Title contenders with elite infrastructure and one of the strongest squads in the league.

Young Lions FC: Inconsistent results but enough talent to avoid danger.

Silent Running: Huge potential but struggling badly in the table.

Red Star United: Powerhouse club still capable of promotion.

Eschtermgom Utd: The surprise leaders and biggest overachievers.

Comics United: Attacking football and genuine promotion ambitions.

Seaside Town FC: Excellent campaign and serious title challenge.

Readieonians: The league's biggest underachievers so far.

New Lords: Ranked number one overall but outside promotion places.

Wraith: Need a miracle to avoid relegation.

Riversiders FC: Zed Dog shines but results disappoint.

CLOUGH LEAGUE. DIVISION 1										
...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts		
1 ESCHTERGOM UTD	12	9	3	0	25	2	23	30		
2 SEASIDE TOWN FC	12	9	2	1	17	3	14	29		
3 STALIN CITY	12	8	2	2	35	10	25	26		
4 COMICS UNITED	12	6	4	2	16	8	8	22		
5 RED STAR UNITED	12	6	2	4	27	18	9	20		
6 NEW LORDS	12	5	5	2	19	12	7	20		
7 ROCKODROMO	12	5	2	5	18	15	3	17		
8 YOUNG LIONS FC	12	3	2	7	13	27	-14	11		
9 RIVERSIDERS FC	12	1	5	6	4	16	-12	8		
10 READIEONIANS	12	1	4	7	2	14	-12	7		
11 SILENT RUNNING	12	1	2	9	5	35	-30	5		
12 WRAITH	12	1	1	10	2	23	-21	4		

Rockodromo: Solid and competitive, lacking only consistency.

PSV Barking: Dominating Division Two and heading for promotion.

Albion Thistle: Strengthened by goalkeeper Ali K.

Midgard Vikings: Outstanding season driven by Misto.

Canarinho: Bottom but hoping Hormuz changes fortunes.

Lilyputt: Talented squad that has underperformed.

NM Canaries: One of the season's surprise packages.

Applejack Utd: Stable and well managed, capable of climbing.

New Catton: Paull has inspired a promotion challenge.

Pluto Pirates: Dangerous but unpredictable.

Everton: Competitive and difficult to beat.



CLOUGH LEAGUE. DIVISION 2									
...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts	
1 PSV BARKING	12	10	2	0	19	2	17	32	
2 MIDGARD VIKINGS	12	6	5	1	12	2	10	23	
3 NM CANARIES	12	6	3	3	21	15	6	21	
4 NEW CATTON	12	4	7	1	8	4	4	19	
5 LILYPUTT	12	4	5	3	16	17	-1	17	
6 PLUTO PIRATES	12	4	3	5	21	12	9	15	
7 EVERTON	12	3	6	3	17	17	0	15	
8 ALBION THISTLE	12	4	3	5	12	14	-2	15	
9 APPLEJACK UTD	12	4	3	5	11	16	-5	15	
10 RANGERS 68	12	4	2	6	13	17	-4	14	
11 PONTE BRIDGE	12	0	4	8	4	17	-13	4	
12 CANARINHO	12	0	3	9	1	22	-21	3	

Rangers 68: Young Haaland could be a key addition.

Concordians FC: Daniel Clambake provides leadership.

Cereal Killers: The outstanding side of Division Three.

Forever Utd: Struggling badly under vacant management.

Oakley Forest: Steady progress and promotion hopes.

Santiago Wands: Vinadelmar may transform their season.

Ardmor Coasters: Competitive but inconsistent.

Tatooine Storm: Financial giants and promotion favourites.

Balamban PI FC: Battling hard despite limited

resources.

Bricktop Pigs: Debuchy has inspired a remarkable season.

Norsemen: Ario Barzan arrival could be season-changing.

South London FC: Performing better than their ranking suggests.

Dun Duchathair: Still capable of a late push.

Ponte Bridge: Fighting against the odds.

Transfer Market Winners

The headline signing was Ario Barzan joining Norsemen. Albion Thistle's acquisition of Ali K gives them a reliable goalkeeper, while Vinadelmar could transform Santiago Wands. Lilyputt secured experienced performer Abuali, and Rangers 68 took a low-risk gamble on young striker Haaland.

CLOUGH LEAGUE. DIVISION 3									
...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts	
1 CEREAL KILLERS	12	11	1	0	41	3	38	34	
2 TATOOINE STORM	12	8	4	0	15	5	10	28	
3 BRICKTOP PIGS	12	6	4	2	13	6	7	22	
4 OAKLEY FOREST	12	5	5	2	10	2	8	20	
5 DUN DUCHATHAIR	12	6	1	5	25	15	10	19	
6 NORSEMEN	12	4	3	5	13	22	-9	15	
7 SOUTH LONDON FC	12	3	4	5	4	9	-5	13	
8 ARDMOR COASTERS	12	4	0	8	19	27	-8	12	
9 BALAMBAN PI FC	12	3	2	7	4	23	-19	11	
10 CONCORDIANS FC	12	2	4	6	3	7	-4	10	
11 SANTIAGO WANDS	12	2	4	6	4	16	-12	10	
12 FOREVER UTD	12	1	2	9	3	19	-16	5	

Mid-Season Awards

Team of the Half Season: PSV Barking

Player of the Half Season: Costa Paquett (Eschtergom Utd)

Biggest Surprise: Eschtergom Utd

Best Young Prospect: Ario Barzan

Most Improved Club: NM Canaries

Biggest Disappointment: Readieonians

Predictions for the Run-In

Division One: Stalin City, Seaside Town FC and Eschtergom Utd to battle for promotion.

Division Two: PSV Barking look strongest, with Midgard Vikings and NM Canaries chasing.

Division Three: Cereal Killers and Tatooine Storm appear best placed for promotion.

Expect New Lords, Lilyputt and Readieonians to improve significantly during the second half, while Wraith, Canarinho and Forever Utd face difficult relegation battles.

Final Word

Session 9 has delivered one of the most competitive and unpredictable campaigns in recent memory. Established powers remain dangerous, surprise challengers continue to emerge and the auction market has added another

MANAGER OF THE MONTH AWARD

Division One goes to manager MCAULAY of **Comics Utd** what a great session for him silverware looking a distinct possibility

Division Two goes to manager CRANFIELD of **Rangers 68**. two wins at last and the delice puts pressure on the teams above him

Division Three goes to manager READ of **Tatooine Storm** as they head for promotion already

RESULTS ROUND-UP

TEMPERATURE: Freezing

Week twenty-five

DIVISION 1

YOUNG LIONS FC Att 33000* Wind: Light Pitch: Frozen	0 : 5 STALIN CITY (A - 0.9) Laudrup 5 Estaradez 25 Cohen 37,90 Rahm 64
SILENT RUNNING Schifo 72 Att 38094 Wind: Calm Pitch: Muddy	1 : 4 ROCKODROMO (A - 0.7) Grange 13 Putniski 30 Grazka 46 Calzache 48(og)
RED STAR UNITED Amsterdam 5 Blokchin 38 Zito 43 Moriarty 48(p),53 bkd - Moriarty (73)/ Blokchin (10) Pitch: Good	5 : 0 WRAITH (H - 1.7) bkd - Sampson (13)/ Frites (42)/ Sabadilla (80) Inj - Alburngarten (1) Att 53101 Wind: Light *Derby Game*
ESCHTERGOM UTD Att 32514* Pitch: Frozen	0 : 0 RIVERSIDERS FC (A - 0.1) Wind: Light
SEASIDE TOWN FC Att 59014 Pitch: Frozen	0 : 0 COMICS UNITED (H - 0.7) Wind: Calm
NEW LORDS Pascal 63,67 Wind: Light	2 : 0 READIEONIANS (H - 0.1) Att 40729 Pitch: Frozen

DIVISION 2

PSV BARKING Muldoon 1 Renoult 6 Pitch: Good	2 : 0 PONTE BRIDGE (H - 1.1) Att 30454 Wind: Light
ALBION THISTLE Snowdown 2 Att 30413 Wind: Light	1 : 2 RANGERS 68 (H - 0.5) Overli 29 Voller 47(og) Pitch: Frozen
MIDGARD VIKINGS Troon 12 bkd - Misto (10)/ Casablanca (1) off - Meruere (3)/ Casablanca (63)	1 : 0 PLUTO PIRATES (H - 0.9) bkd - Albeira (57)/ Rolando (75) Att 34753 Wind: Light Pitch: Frozen

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Derby Game	
CANARINHO Att 25146 Wind: Light	0 : 1 EVERTON (A - 0.3) Vercauteren 64 Pitch: Muddy
NM CANARIES Real king wazoo 4,4,59 Tigana 12 Oberdorf 56 Att 34561 Pitch: Frozen	5 : 3 LILYPUTT (A - 0.1) Truffle 32 Lilo pele 71 Vladm 88 Wind: Calm
NEW CATTON Att 24317 Pitch: Frozen	0 : 0 APPLEJACK UTD (H - 1.5) Wind: Calm

DIVISION 3

CEREAL KILLERS Radonovic 62 Wind: Light	1 : 0 CONCORDIANS FC (H - 0.1) Att 20712* Pitch: Muddy
FOREVER UTD Att 24125	0 : 3 DUN DUCHATHAIR (A - 0.7) Maxi toltec 29

CLOUGH LEAGUE - SESSION 9 REVIEW

Session 9 delivered emphatic victories, title statements, cup drama and a handful of shock results across all three divisions.

DIVISION ONE

League leaders Eschtergom Utd suffered a frustrating goalless draw against Riversiders FC before responding with a superb 3-0 victory at Rockodromo. Seaside Town also dropped points in a 0-0 draw with Comics United but recovered with a derby win over Readieonians.

Stalin City produced one of the performances of the session, thrashing Young Lions 5-0 before later drawing with New Lords. Red Star United were equally impressive, defeating Wraith 5-0 and Riversiders 3-1. Comics United's highlight was a remarkable 6-0 victory over Silent Running, with Kullin scoring all six goals.

DIVISION TWO

PSV Barking strengthened their position at the top with victories over Ponte Bridge and Pluto Pirates. Midgard Vikings stayed in contention thanks to a hard-fought derby win over Pluto Pirates and a draw at Everton.

NM Canaries entertained with a 5-3 victory over Lilyputt before losing to Applejack United. Rangers 68 enjoyed an excellent session with victories over Albion Thistle and Canarinho.

DIVISION THREE

Cereal Killers continued their promotion march with wins over Concordians and Norsemen. Tatooine Storm also secured maximum points, while Oakley Forest and Dun Duchathair produced impressive victories to keep pressure on the promotion places.

LEAGUE CUP

Stalin City reached the final with an emphatic aggregate victory over Bricktop Pigs. Red Star United produced a dramatic comeback against PSV Barking, scoring three late goals to win the tie. Comics United and Eschtergom Utd also progressed.

AWARDS

Team of the Session: Comics United

Player of the Session: Kullin (Comics United)

Shock Result: Red Star United's late cup comeback against PSV Barking.

Performance of the Session: Stalin City's domination of Young Lions and Bricktop Pigs.

The title races remain alive in all three divisions and the season is building towards a thrilling conclusion.

Wind: Brisk Pitch: Frozen	Hoegarrden 40 Leopold 56
OAKLEY FOREST Nevin 6,52 Owen 23 Polovski 64	4 : 0 NORSEMEN (H - 1.3) Att 24904 Wind: Light Pitch: Frozen
SANTIAGO WANDS Att 25373 Wind: Light Pitch: Frozen	0 : 0 SOUTH LONDON FC (H - 0.5) bkd - Adie roccrusher (86)/ Chukkasa (70)
TATOOINE STORM Luize 24	2 : 1 ARDMOR COASTERS (A - 0.1) Bos mimikyu 36

Cruze 59
Wind: Light
BRICKTOP PIGS 0 : 0 **BALAMBAN PI FC** (H - 1.1)
Att 28373
Pitch: Frozen

Week twenty-six

DIVISION 1

STALIN CITY 1 : 1 **NEW LORDS** (H - 0.9)
Laudrup 80
Att 57018*
Pitch: Frozen

COMICS UNITED 6 : 0 **SILENT RUNNING** (H - 1.2)
Kullin 7,14,36,43,55,81
Wind: Light

READIEONIANS 0 : 2 **SEASIDE TOWN FC** (A - 0.5)
Att 44000
Wind: Light
Derby Game

WRAITH 0 : 1 **YOUNG LIONS FC** (A - 0.7)
Att 36014
Wind: Calm

RIVERSIDERS FC 1 : 3 **RED STAR UNITED** (A - 0.7)
Francis 40
Att 53838
Wind: Light

ROCKODROMO 0 : 3 **ESCHTERGOM UTD** (A - 0.7)
Att 50693
Wind: Light
Pitch: Frozen

DIVISION 2

PONTE BRIDGE 0 : 1 **NEW CATTON** (A - 1.1)
Att 24229
Wind: Light

LILYPUTT 1 : 0 **ALBION THISTLE** (A - 0.9)
Lilo pele 26
Wind: Light

APPLEJACK UTD 3 : 1 **NM CANARIES** (H - 0.1)
Damson 35,39
Colorado 62
Wind: Light

PLUTO PIRATES 0 : 2 **PSV BARKING** (A - 0.7)
Att 29780
Wind: Calm
Pitch: Frozen

EVERTON 0 : 0 **MIDGARD VIKINGS** (A - 0.3)
Att 29907
Pitch: Good

RANGERS 68 3 : 0 **CANARINHO** (H - 0.5)
Hanoi 42,64
Bos tomatoes 67
bkd - Cornflakes (58)

DIVISION 3

CONCORDIANS FC 1 : 2 **BRICKTOP PIGS** (H - 0.3)
Daniel clambake 56
Att 28744
Wind: Light

ARDMOR COASTERS 2 : 0 **FOREVER UTD** (H - 1.3)
Silverstein 13
Kimblewick 55
Pitch: Frozen

BALAMBAN PI FC 1 : 3 **TATOOINE STORM** (A - 0.3)
Ranuji 71
Att 16821*
Wind: Light
Pitch: Good

NORSEMEN 0 : 4 **CEREAL KILLERS** (A - 0.9)
Att 22765
Wind: Calm
Pitch: Frozen

SOUTH LONDON FC 0 : 2 **OAKLEY FOREST** (A - 1.1)
Att 26396
Wind: Light
Pitch: Frozen

DUN DUCHATHAIR 4 : 0 **SANTIAGO WANDS** (H - 0.1)
Cluj-nabr 4
Maxi toltec 32
Batistuta 44
Leopold 54

Week twenty-seven

THE CLOUGH LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-final 2nd legs

BRICKTOP PIGS 0 : 5 **STALIN CITY** (A - 0.9)
Att 44340
Wind: Light
Pitch: Frozen

D rock 3
Laudrup 9,72
Kursk 29
Estaradez 83
Inj - Zuiderzee (15)

(STALIN CITY WIN 8-2 ON AGGREGATE)

PSV BARKING 3 : 4 **RED STAR UNITED** (H - 0.3)
Greenwood 39
Dolehest 47
Renoult 81
Att 42135
Wind: Light

Lartrigue 25
Blokkin 83
Moriarty 84
Vladivostok 86
Pitch: Good

(RED STAR UNITED WIN 4-3 ON AGGREGATE)

COMICS UNITED 2 : 0 **ALBION THISTLE** (A - 0.1)
Kullin 21(p)
Laquin 36
Inj - Choo hinn (2)
Pitch: Muddy

bkd - Snowdown (33)
Att 42458
Wind: Brisk

(COMICS UNITED WIN 5-0 ON AGGREGATE)

SEASIDE TOWN FC 0 : 0 **ESCHTERGOM UTD** (H - 0.7)
Att 56195
Pitch: Frozen

Wind: Light

(ESCHTERGOM UTD WIN 4-0 ON AGGREGATE)

Semi-final Draw

(on sessions 11 & 12)

Eschtergom Utd v Red Star Utd

Stalin City v Comics Utd

A chance for the others to win something as Seaside are out

A new manager at Red Star near to glory perhaps?

CLOUGH FRIENDLIES

UXBRIDGE(NL) 4 : 0 **SANTIAGO WANDS** (H - 4.1)

RANGERS 68 1 : 5 **MET POLICE(NL)** (A - 5.7)

ROMULUS(NL) 3 : 0 **ROCKODROMO** (H - 1.1)

ARDMOR COASTERS 5 : 0 **RIVERSIDERS FC** (H - 2.5)

TATOOINE STORM 3 : 3 **READIEONIANS** (A - 2.1)

WHITBY TOWN(NL) 1 : 1 **SILENT RUNNING** (A - 0.5)

YOUNG LIONS FC 1 : 0 **TAMWORTH(NL)** (A - 2.1)

PONTE BRIDGE 6 : 0 **LILYPUTT** (H - 5.3)

PLUTO PIRATES 5 : 0 **NEW LORDS** (H - 4.3)

OAKLEY FOREST 0 : 1 **NEW CATTON** (A - 0.5)

TRURO CITY(NL) 0 : 0 **NORSEMEN** (H - 1.9)

EVERTON 1 : 1 **ILFORD(NL)** (A - 1.1)

NM CANARIES 0 : 1 **HERNE BAY(NL)** (A - 2.9)

NM CANARIES MISS PENALTY AFTER 86 MINS

MIDGARD VIKINGS 5 : 0 **LEEK TOWN(NL)** (H - 2.5)

LEATHERHEAD(NL) 2 : 0 **DUN DUCHATHAIR** (H - 2.7)

CEREAL KILLERS 0 : 2 **STAFFORD(NL)** (A - 3.1)

OXFORD CITY(NL) 6 : 0 **APPLEJACK UTD** (H - 3.9)

DROYLSDEN(NL) 0 : 0 **SOUTH LONDON FC** (H - 0.9)

Inj - Pritchard (1)

DROYLSDEN(NL) MISS PENALTY AFTER 4 MINS

STATISTICS & RECORDS PAGE

LEADING SCORERS

DIVISION 1

1	LAUDRUP	STALIN CITY	26
2	KULLIN	COMICS UNITED	22
3	CHERNEV	ESCHTERGOM UTD	16
4	COHEN	STALIN CITY	15
5	MORIARTY	RED STAR UNITED	14
6	SHALOM BOOM	ESCHTERGOM UTD	13
7	BLOKHIN	RED STAR UNITED	12
8	PASCAL	NEW LORDS	8

DIVISION 2

1	GREENWOOD	PSV BARKING	12
2	FINDLEY	ALBION THISTLE	11
3	REAL KING WAZOONM	CANARIES	10
4	LILLO PELE	LILYPUTT	10
5	CONTRALTO	PLUTO PIRATES	6
6	RENOULT	PSV BARKING	6
7	GODDARD	RANGERS 68	5
8	TARDELLI	EVERTON	5

DIVISION 3

1	PHELPS	CEREAL KILLERS	13
2	LEOPOLD	DUN DUCHATHAIR	11
3	BATISTUTA	DUN DUCHATHAIR	10
4	VAN VINDALOO	BRICKTOP PIGS	10
5	ESKY CANUCK	CEREAL KILLERS	10
6	SLOTH	CEREAL KILLERS	9
7	JOE BAKER	DUN DUCHATHAIR	6
8	PRICE	BRICKTOP PIGS	6

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THE ROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :- CASABLANCA [1] (MIDGARD VIKINGS) / MERUCRE [1] (MIDGARD VIKINGS)/

Consec. Defeats

Wraith	6 games
Ponte Bridge	4 games
Pluto Pirates	3 games
Concordians Fc	3 games

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PRIVATE DEALS

NEW LORDS sold OSRIC (18-2 MF) {P/S} {APP} to ESCHTERGOM UTD for 200K

NEW LORDS sold OSWIU (18-2 DF) {P/S} {APP} to APPLEJACK UTD for 250K

All deals completed successfully!

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - POSITION

TOP

ESCHTERGOM UTD - 0

SEASIDE TOWN FC - 4

STALIN CITY - 8

BOTTOM

CONCORDIANS FC - 132

SANTIAGO WANDS - 136

FOREVER UTD - 140

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - WAGES PER LEVEL

TOP

TATOOINE STORM - 0

SANTIAGO WANDS - 4

NEW LORDS - 8

BOTTOM

WRAITH - 132

SILENT RUNNING - 136

ESCHTERGOM UTD - 140

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - CASH

TOP

TATOOINE STORM - 0

RED STAR UNITED - 3

NEW LORDS - 6

BOTTOM

DUN DUCHATHAIR - 99

CEREAL KILLERS - 102

YOUNG LIONS FC - 105

WEATHER FORECAST

Temperature next session: Freezing

Predicted wind speed next session: Calm

AUCTION PAGE

AUCTION RESULTS FOR SESSION NINE

AUCTION RESULTS

POS	STATS	NAME	CLUB	FEE	NO	NHIGH
1) GK	25-11	ALI K	(ALBION THISTLE)	945K	10	409K
2) SW	19-11	VINADELMAR	(SANTIAGO WANDS)	888K	7	598K
3) DF	19-7	HORMUZ	(CANARINHO)	787K	11	701K
4) MF/G	29-10	ABUALI	(LILYPUTT)	765K	5	689K
5) FWS	18-12	ARIO BARZAN	(NORSEMEN)	987K	7	963K
6) UT	21-12	HORMUZA	(STALIN CITY)	89K	4	87K
8) FW	18-2	HAALAND	(RANGERS 68)	149K	1	109K
9) UT	21-11	FENCHURCH	(ESCHTERGOM UTD)	405K	1	383K

All players not shown were unsold.

ROLLING AUCTION FOR SESSION TEN

1) Add 150 Captains levels to nominated player

2) FW 19-10 S -Gallagher of Cereal Killers
{RES 525k - 49% BW/ 58% 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

EURO CHAMPIONS TROPHY GAMES

1st round - group games will be played on S2

1st round - group games will be played on S4

1st round - group games will be played on S7

Quarter finals - (over two legs) - on S8 & 10

Semi-finals (over one leg and neutral grounds) on S13

Final on neutral ground on S16

EURO CUP-WINNERS CUP GAMES

1st round - 1st legs will be played on S2

1st round - 2nd legs will be played on S4

2nd round - 1st legs will be played on S7

2nd round - 2nd legs will be played on S8

Semi-final - 1st legs will be played on S10

Semi-final - 2nd legs will be played on S13

Final on neutral ground on S16



Champions Trophy

UPTON PARK FC Wellington 12,87 Wind: Brisk	2 : 0 MAILERS (A - 1.5) Att 54000* Pitch: Wet
STALIN CITY Att 57018* Wind: Brisk	0 : 1 WAMPHYRI LORDS (A - 0.3) Van kuyp 89 Pitch: Wet
FC FIRM Charisteas 6 Dacia 34,55 Wind: Brisk	3 : 1 SALVATION FC (H - 0.5) Bravas ash 79 Att 66000* Pitch: Wet
BITTESWELL Brudle 32 Att 55954 Pitch: Muddy	1 : 1 GLOBAL TITANS (H - 1.1) Johnson 14 Wind: Brisk

CHAMPIONS TROPHY

QUARTER-FINALS

OVER TWO LEGS (8 & 10)

Upton Park v Mailers
Stalin City v Wamphyri Lords
FC Firm v Salvation Fc
Bitteswell v Global Titans
!Some juicy Lucy ties there)

Turn up for the book there as despite dominating possession **Mailers** can't find the net whereas **Park** with less possession strike twice. Sets up an intriguing second leg.

Tight game at **Stalin City** where the **Lords** are in the driving seat with home advantage to come.

Inform **FC Firm** defo favourites now but **Salvation** give themselves a lifeline with that late score.

Bitteswell come up against a brick wall called STEAKNFRIES as the **Titans** keeper plays like a one to deny them bar once. Is Akhbar JENSEN going to fail again in his quest for the Champions Trophy?

CUP-WINNERS CUP

Quarter-final 2nd legs

Semi-final Draw
Fiorentina v Tamuda Bay
Trento v Swan Districts
(To be played on sessions
10 & 13)

COMICS UNITED Att 40852 Pitch: Frozen	0 : 0 TRENTO (A - 0.5) Wind: Brisk
Trento win 5-1 on aggregate	
TAMUDA BAY Helmut 25,68 Danube 55 Pitch: Wet	3 : 0 WATCHMEN (H - 0.3) Att 30972* Wind: Brisk
Trento win 3-2 on aggregate	
FIORENTINA Att 49806 Pitch: Frozen	0 : 0 PAPEETE (H - 0.9) Wind: Brisk
Fiorentina win 2-0 on aggregate	
SWAN DISTRICTS Ali ratz 88 Wind: Brisk	1 : 0 GRIM LEMAREAL (H - 0.5) Att 51325 Pitch: Muddy
Swan Districts win 2-0 on aggregate	

INTERNATIONAL SQUADS

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1) BECK	GK	21-4		RIVERSIDERS FC
2) STUF	GK	18-2		NEW LORDS
3) PERIYAR	SW	18-2	P/S	NM CANARIES
4) FILIPO	SW	18-2	S	WRAITH
5) KANNUR	DF	18-12	P	ROCKODROMO
6) RANUJI	DF	21-12	P	BALAMBAN PI FC
7) DAVAO	DF	18-4	S	WRAITH
8) IWAMASA	DF	18-2	P/S	OAKLEY FOREST
9) ASI	DF	18-2	P	LILYPUTT
10) TOSSELL	MF/A/D	22-12	P/S	SILENT RUNNING
11) DIDI	MF/A/D	22-12	S	CANARINHO
12) WIN BIG	MF/D	22-12	P/S	WRAITH
13) SUNAK	MF/A	20-12	S	NEW LORDS
14) MASOOD	MF/D	26-12	P/S	APPLEJACK UTD
15) ARABTARABT	FW	21-8	P/S	RANGERS 68
16) ASIF	FW	18-2	P	LILYPUTT
17) PALAYAN	FW	18-2	P	WRAITH
18) ARANYA NIVAS	FW	18-2	S	NM CANARIES
19) WAH	FW	18-2	P	SILENT RUNNING
20) JOYAMIN	UT	21-12	P/S	PSV BARKING
21) TENDULKAR	UT	20-9	S	SANTIAGO WANDS

ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

1) RICE KRISPIES	GK	18-12		CEREAL KILLERS
2) SPRINGETT	GK	20-9		RANGERS 68
3) RICHARDSON	SW	19-10	P/S	SEASIDE TOWN FC
4) EALING	SW	18-2	S	RANGERS 68
5) CORNFLAKES	DF	21-12	S	CEREAL KILLERS
6) BARNES	DF	19-12	S	COMICS UNITED
7) CRUNCHY NUT	DF	19-11	S	CEREAL KILLERS
8) AETHELSTAN	DF	19-9	P	SANTIAGO WANDS
9) JONES	DF	21-8	S	FOREVER UTD
10) CORNFLAKES	MF/A/D	23-13	S	RANGERS 68
11) WATSON	MF/A/D	34-12	P	NEW LORDS
12) SPENCER	MF/A/D	27-12	S	RED STAR UNITED
13) STAINROD	MF/D	19-12	P/S	RANGERS 68
14) NORTHOLT	MF/G	20-12	S	SOUTH LONDON FC
15) STIRLING	FW	22-12	P/S	SILENT RUNNING
16) GREENWOOD	FWS	21-12	P	PSV BARKING
17) HAROLD	FW	23-12	P/S	WRAITH
18) PENDA	FW	20-12	S	NEW LORDS
19) THAMES	FW	20-12	S	SOUTH LONDON FC

FRANCE INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

1) LILY DU BERLAISGK	18-12		PSV BARKING
2) FURAX	GK	20-8	NEW CATTON
3) PERIVALE	SW	19-12	P NEW CATTON
4) LAUTREC	SW	18-3	P ARDMOR COASTERS
5) MARASH DESAILLYDF	35-13	P/S	SEASIDE TOWN FC
6) LARTRIGUE	DF	21-12	S RED STAR UNITED
7) BLANC	DF	18-2	P SILENT RUNNING
8) DEBUCHY	MF/A/D	26-14	S BRICKTOP PIGS
9) POULKO	MF/A	22-13	S COMICS UNITED
10) LEBEOUF	MF/A	22-12	S COMICS UNITED
11) SABON	MF	19-12	P ROCKODROMO
12) N'DORAM	MF	20-12	P NEW CATTON
13) BUTHELEZI	FW	27-12	S YOUNG LIONS FC
14) RENOULT	FW	20-12	P PSV BARKING
15) PASCAL	FW	20-12	S NEW LORDS
16) MOISTEER	FW	19-11	P/S ESCHTERGOM UTD
17) PALERMO	FW	18-8	P SANTIAGO WANDS
18) ABA ZIETX	UT	24-4	P CONCORDIANS FC

RUSSIA INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

1) KOVALAKOV	GK	20-12		BRICKTOP PIGS
2) WHITE RUSSIAN	GK	18-12		STALIN CITY
3) BORSCHT	SW	18-2	P	NEW CATTON
4) ALEXEJ	SW	18-2	P	ARDMOR COASTERS
5) SHAVALADZA	DF	19-12	S	RANGERS 68
6) CHERNENKO	DF	19-11	S	EVERTON
7) MAKAROV	DF	20-8	S	SANTIAGO WANDS
8) KURTSADINOV	DF	18-2	S	STALIN CITY
9) OLEG	MF/A/D	28-12	P/S	READIEONIANS
10) KURSK	MF/A/D	26-12	P/S	STALIN CITY
11) VLADIVOSTOK	MF	21-13	S	RED STAR UNITED
12) URALS	MF/A	23-12	S	STALIN CITY
13) TZSAREITOU	MF	26-12	S	CONCORDIANS FC
14) VLADONIVIC	FWT	20-12	S	COMICS UNITED
15) BLOKHIN	FW	21-12	S	RED STAR UNITED
16) PUTINISKI	FW	19-10	S	ROCKODROMO
17) DRAGUNOV	FW	20-8	S	TATOOINE STORM
18) SEROVA	FWS	18-4	P	NEW CATTON
19) SVOBODA	UT	20-12	P	OAKLEY FOREST

SEMI-FINAL DRAW

ENGLAND v ASIA

FRANCE v RUSSIA

(SESSION TEN ON NEUTRAL
GROUNDS WITH EXTRA TIME AND
PENALTIES)

Just a reminder. for teampick users. Please get the match you are playing correct. Putting your cup game down as a friendly means I have to come out of the program to make sure i haven't made a mistake. It isn't rocket science to change the competition that you are playing in. PLEASE!!

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 match 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



FORTHCOMING KA WEEKENDS

YORK

October 2026 will not be in the lovely city of Sheffield.

I have been pressurised into moving it to the flood deluged city of York by Craig and Jens. They are organising things like a venue, restaurants and things to do.

I will not be there though)

8th to 11th of October

Jens, Gerard, Rob, Neil B & Craig are first men in
Pete Condon, Danny Smith, Seamus, Wadders, Cranners, Colly, Bo, Morten,
Gareth, Tim & Nigel promise to be there

It will be a case of first come first served, ie those who pay get the places. So
up to you Nerds. Anybody else interested let me know soonest



MAY 2027

12th to 15th

Kickabout will be forty years old in 2027,

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

Jens, Seamus, Gerard, Wadders, Cranners, Chris Moore & John Samson all say
they'll be there

To encourage the weaker bretheren amonsgt you to turn up for this during the
weekend there will be a draw for a lifetimes membership for one of your teams

JUNE BEERMILE

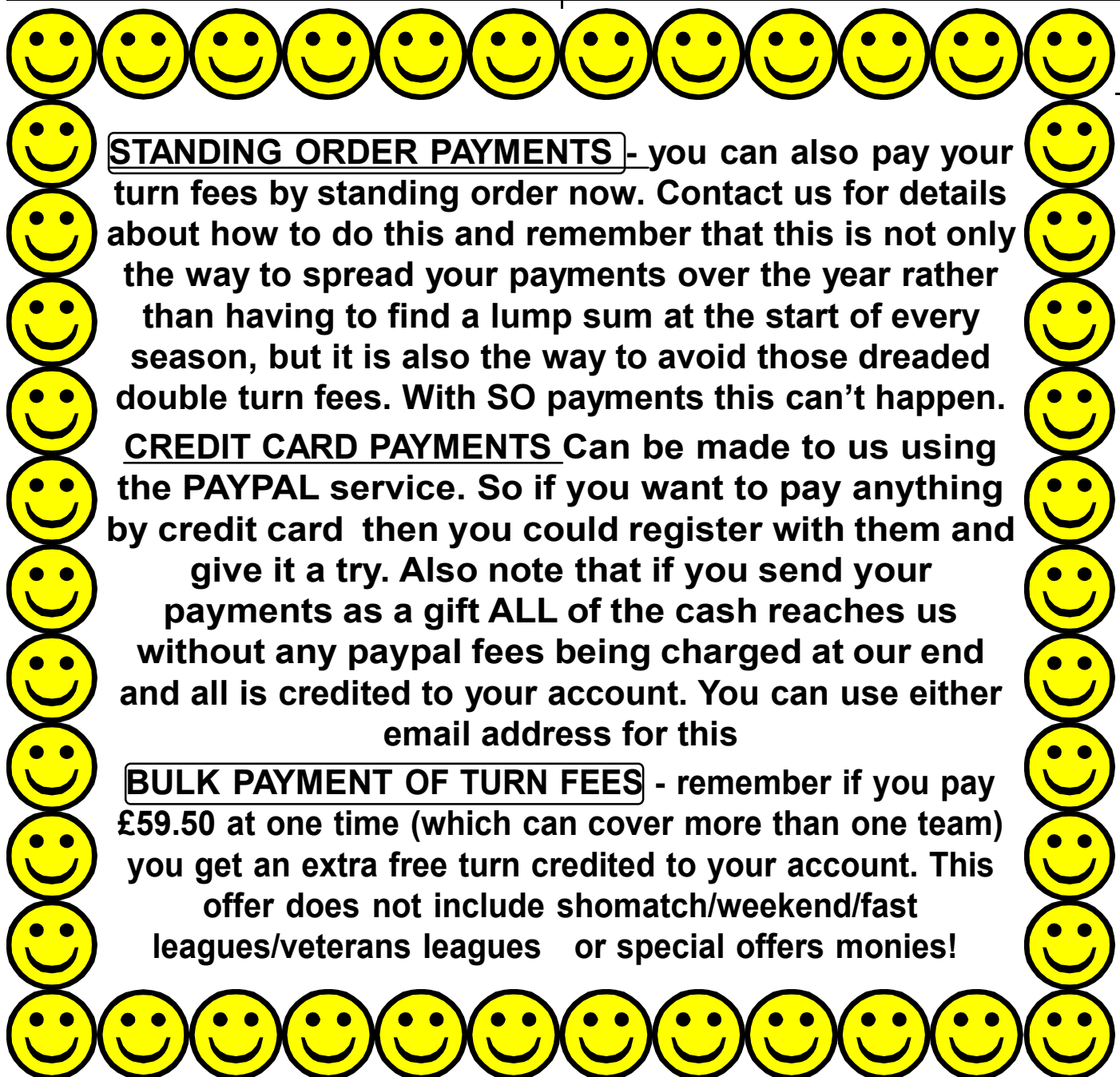
Cranners has arrnaged another
Beermile on 20th of June

Why not come along and say hello

FUTURE DATES CONFIRMED

OCTOBER 2027 - GALWAY

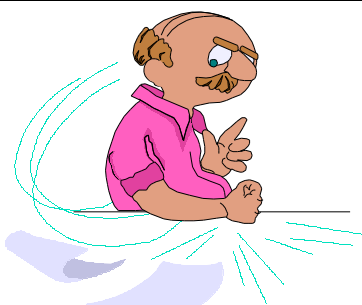
MAY 2028 - GLASGEE



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 £59.50 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!



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

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



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

FACEBOOK - kickabout online

and Twitter

Online Kickabout

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- infront 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.

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

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+

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

MANAGERS NEEDED

We have some teams that badly need a guiding hand on the tiller so to speak. Something to keep you busy during the summer and when your footie interest is piqued by the world cup.

All come with a season's free credit and to wet your avaricious appetites if you send cash for ONE other team at the same time we'll double it. (any one other team that you run, can't be bad can it soldiers!



PREMIER LEAGUE - DARLINGTON - First division outfit, not challengers but they do have nearly seven million in the bank to spend. Different kind of league Can you pilot them to the Champions Trophy and beat Real Madrid.

ROBSON LEAGUE - with the demise of KP, he has left two teams in this league vacant.

SMITH ATHLETIC are near the bottom of the third but have eight plus mill in the bank but

LEEDS UNI - are in line for division three promotion and have twelve mill plus in the bank, this is surely a side to whet the appetites?



WHERE'S HIS LEFT HAND
DARLING?

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!
