

KICKABOUT

SHAKESPEARE

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BROOKS IN TROUBLE

Reebok with 2 surprising point losses!

ART OF NOISE MARCH ON

Big Bad Bo bully the division and with 7 games left the Noise only need 5 more points to secure promotion

GILLINGHAM MAKE IT TO THE LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Bennike is the hero of Priestfield

LAIZY TOWN ROBS THE AUCTION

The Doc make a steal and bring in young MFAD Yel Katzir for less than 3000k

1st DIVISION

Gillingham are getting the machine into fifth gear. In the first match of the round, Midnight Heroes were run over with a whopping 4-0. Well, no one considers Heroes to be anything other than cannon fodder this year, but that doesn't take anything away from Adrian, who after many years among mountain monkeys in the high north finally is back on Brexit ground. The switch appears to have benefited Adrian, as his Gillingham team thoroughly dominated the Heroes from start to finish.



Adrian celebrating top spot

In Gillingham's second game, it was the Comedy Genius' turn to get their ass on comedy. Every time Steven's boys were marginally close to Gillingham's goal, Gillingham slammed the defensive lid on and the Comedies were left like little boys with their fingers in the cookie jar, only to see Gillingham score the necessary goals to get them an unchallenged 3-0 victory.

Elsewhere, Peter Brooks and his Reebok team managed to fuck up big time first against R.S.Raiders who won on a Reebok own goal. In the following match, Reebok only managed a draw against Metropole IF. Brooks must be very concerned about his team's inability to produce chances. If he doesn't improve soon then perhaps Fat Lady as already sung her song for Pete. Reebok's 5 lost points mean that Reebok are now 4 points after Gillingham

2nd DIVISION

Excalibur met 2 teams that both are stuck in the relegation zone. In the first games, Ian Read's team won by a whopping 8-0 over Alcatraz. Alcatraz excelled in fielding an inept sw and an even more inept gk. If it was an experiment, it can quickly be seen as complete failure. Excalibur's 3-5-2 was superior to Alcatraz's 2-3-4 in all areas and Alcatraz is locked up in bottom spot.

In the ensuing battle against Gondor, Excalibur continued to dominate its opponent. Gondor did perform significantly better than Alcatraz and Gondor came up with a few chances from creativity. But when the match was over, Gondor lay in ruins and Excalibur left the realm of men with a solid 5-0 victory.

The top team Westhill met Elsinore Castle in a double header and in both games there were solid performances never leaving any doubts about the result. Westhill lined up in the traditional top team formation 3-5-2 and slowly squeezed the air out of Elsinore. Westhill got its 2 wins. Especially the great FWT Lewandowski was a pleasure to watch in the first match as he scored twice.



Elsinore Castle fired blanks against Westhill

Westhill and Excalibur sit on the bacon and have respectively 10 and 6 points down to the 4th place. A lot has to go wrong for the two teams to lose promotion. Which team who takes 3rd place is far more interesting with only 4 points separating Royal Aston in 4th position and Roxley Foxes in 6th position who have played a game less than the rest.

3rd DIVISION

The third division is dominated by Art of Noise, which continues to set an impressive pace. With 7 games left, Bo only needs to pick up 5 points to be sure of promotion.

There is much more excitement about the last two promotion places, where as many as 5 teams can make legitimate claims to follow Bo and Co up into the second division. There are thus only 5 points separating Real Kickaveg in second place and Steel City in 6th place. Real Kickaveg was the team of the challengers that came out of the round best with the maximum 6 points. Brutus and his Garden Goerillas first took Legion and picked up a safe 3 victory.



GARDEN GOERILLA MOVEMENT

In game 2 against Liverpool Stars, Kickaveg quickly took the lead, but then the game was on the line for a long time and it would not have been undeserved if Liverpool had escaped with the one point. With the result, Dave King lost and his stars lost a step in the promotion battle, but with a bit of luck it is not impossible for Dave to catch the teams in front.

The big losers of the round by AFC Karori who lost both games and thus went from being 3 points from promotion to now being 7 points from the top 3. Two defeats to Art of Noise might have been expected but Warwick must have hoped for a better result when he saw that Art of Noise were missing All purpose Vasco Degama in both matches. It's just hard to get points when you only manage to create 2 shots on goal over 180 minutes of football.



4th DIVISION

As the only team in the top fight, Turnham Dragons add 6 points to the league table. In the first match against Port Noir, they won a narrow 1-0 victory, where Butler's boys tried to surprise Humphreys with a 4-2-4 formation. However, it did not shake Humphreys, who in his 3-4-3 formation created slightly more chances than Butler and deservedly took the victory. Turnham's second game was against Buckkeep Town who, rated on lvs, are the league's second worst team. The great dominance in terms of play resulted quite predictably in a great victory of 6-0 for Humphreys and his dragons.

CUP HIGHLIGHTS—REPLAY

Westhill and Gillingham met for the second time in two weeks, this time in the cup. Both teams chose 3-5-2 formations. Gillinghams showed ultra solid defensive work with 7 defensive blocks. Neither team managed to put the opponent under pressure or create scoring chances. The consequence of this was that after 120 minutes of play there had not been a shot on goal and that the match had to be decided in a penalty shootout. Here Westhill drew the longest straw, and are now the only non-first division team in the semi-finals.

Cup semi-finals

SCAYNES HILL vs. WESTHILL FAC

LAIZY TOWN vs. WEXFORD WRAITHS

Interesting semis ahead. Both games can go either way but the bookies got Scaynes Hill to battle Wexford Wraiths in the final.

BOWL—REPLAY

Steel City and Turnham Dragons drew 1-1 in the first game of the bowl. in the return leg, both managers chose to line up in SW-2-5-2 formations, which indicated that they had no ambitions going forward. After 91 minutes Steel City scored the only goal of the match on the only chance of the match and when the 120 minutes were played it was Steel City who can look forward to a hopefully more exciting semi-final

Bowl semi-finals

METROPOLE FC vs. PETERS UTD

EXCALIBUR FC vs. STEEL CITY

Two very even semi-finals with all four teams having between 240 and 250 lvs in their squads.

LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINALS

Offense sells tickets, but defense wins championships

Gillingham FC 1-0 Zulu Warriors

A team aspiring to take the league title must be able to put more pressure on a team from the sub-top of the 3rd division. As usual, Gillingham's concrete defense kept the opponent from getting chances in open play, and although Gillingham's attack in this match was almost as impotent as a Persian eunuch, Benike still managed to score on a Zulu defensive error. Manager Williamson of Gillingham is no doubt delighted

to see his side progress to the final of the League Cup, but the manner in which it happened must have caused the Norwegian Scot to frown.

Stalemate... WW II to decide it all

Wexford Wraiths 0-0 Westhill AFC

As neither Wexford nor Westhill managed to score in the match which was previously named WW1, it is straight on to WWII. Twice SW-2-5-2 gave the impression of two managers who were more afraid of losing than winning, and as such there is nothing more to report from a game in which neither team deserved victory.

TROPHY 1ST ROUND DRAW

BUCKKEEP TOWN vs. ARTOF NOISE FC

LIVERPOOL STARS vs. LEGION

A.S.WORG vs. PETERS UTD

FOSSETT FARM FC vs. SOUTH YORKS WAN

SOUTHPARK JNRS vs. BANKS ALLSTARS

AFC KARORI vs. TURNHAM DRAGONS

GALWAY LOFTUS vs. ELSINORE CASTLE

ADMIRAL CITY vs. SOLARIS SAINTS

GONDOR CITY vs. BURBAGE MOOR

REAL KICKAVEG vs. NASL ALLSTARS

CUTHBERTS CATS vs. ELVET ST.BEDE

DELIRIOUS BLUES vs. ALCATRAZ CASTLE

TOLPUDDLE vs. STEEL CITY

ZULU WARRIORS vs. PORT NOIR UTD

ERIDGE VALE vs. N.F.F.C

ROXLEY FOXES vs. GRIMTHORPE UTD

BIDDING WARS

An exciting auction with a number of good buys. Among the most spectacular can be mentioned: Reebok, which brings young Glazer in for the position as future first goalkeeper for a modest amount of 399k. *** Laizy makes a scoop by picking up Yel Katzir for 2777k. Yel is admittedly injured, but in the skilled hands of Doc Martin, it is only a matter of time before he is a dominant factor at Laizy Town. *** Real Kickaveg sign Nobbly Lewis. It's still an open question how



his career will shape up, but for 255k, Brutus can afford to take the chance ***

WHEELING AND DEALING

The big deal of the round happened when Brutus sold the young MFA Suede to Big Bo for a bag of peanuts and a SW, which Art of Noise never uses anyway. Both managers looked satisfied at the presentation of the deal *** Eridge Vale manager the Irish hobbit dropped the pacifier and paid 1700 for Wood – a good player of course, but therefore there is no reason to pay far too much. *** The rest of the round's deals were as interesting as an Arsenal game under George Graham

MANAGER OF THE MONTH

1st Division: Goes to manager Rob Scott of R. S. Rapiers two crucial away draws lifting the Raiders hope of avoiding relegation.

2nd Division: goes to manager Wright of Westhill. Two league wins and knocking Gillingham out of the cup. Cant do better than that.

3rd Division: Goes to manager the Garden Goerilla. Two wins and now serious contender for promotion.

4th Division: Goes to manager Humphreys of Turnham Dragons. Six points and a decent performance in Bowl



Good performance by the Dragons earns Catman MOM

GAZATTA DELLO SHAKESPEARE

Coach McCrudden in doc Jekyll and Mr. Hyde interview encapsules Eridge Vales season

Hello, im a journalist from the Shakespeare weekly.

Coach McCrudden, so far your season at Eridge Vales has been a rollercoaster ride. This session you lost to Zulu and won against Tolpuddel. Are you satisfied with the team?

"I don't like journalists; they are lying cunts. What is your name?"

My name is Ann Oying

"Narrow defeat to Zulu, should have got at least a draw. Win against a fellow struggler in Tolpuddle shows we are FINALLY making some progress."

You are happy with mediocrity?

"Maybe I like the misery."

Some call that the Irish mentality? do you agree?

"No, it's clearly Welsh. We inherited it from St. Patrick & the top half of Rob Lewis. His bottom half is now a mix of Danish, English & Shed."

Rumors is that Brutus Ashcroft is in trouble and have formed a guerilla movement. Apparently Petra the allotment manager/witch, threatens to cancel the ground lease due to high weed. How do you see the situation?

"It's mostly lies. he is actually an Old Orangutan who likes to wear other Apes clothes. Bit of a Gorilla wanna-be. Having said that he needs to blow some smoke up Petra's behind. He is very good at such things. His 'chum' Nob Lewis confessed that it's one of their favorite shed games. He calls it the Brutus Bong."

Petra claims that you play a part in dispute and have connections to the Allotment Republican Army? are you a troublemaker?

"I was never a member of the ARA but I have never disassociated myself from the ARA and never will until the day I die"

Any last comment before we end the interview?

"Free Palestine! Your are the nicest journalist I ever met. Call in again another time for a pint of Snuble Juice and a drop of Red Breast 12 :-)"

Thanks, will do so. Love both Snuble and Red Breast. God luck with your season



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KA-WEEKENDS

GLASGOW May 16-19th 2024

HAGGIS PAKORA & CONE HEADS

Again a few will stay and host it in an Airbnb while others can plan their own accommodation nearby. Craig always lines up great evenings with curry (Haggis Pakora's all round) and other foods whilst we frequent a few bars in the evenings - you are welcome to take it or leave it food and beers are not compulsory. It looks like being a well-attended event here with 16 already giving an early nod including:

Jens, Geraldo, Seamus, Chrispy Bally, Cranners, Wadders, Gareth, Rob Lewis, Bo, Morten, Fingers, Niel Humpy, Adrian Williamson, Craig, Kev "Distance" Presland and Nigel "The Comeback Kid" Smith

GALWAY Oct 10-13th 2024

SEA SHANTIES, GUINNESS & MUSSELS

Geraldo, Jens,
Cra-
Dod-
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SUSPENDED

Morten, Seamus,
iggins, Timmy
ge, Cranners
ders, Colly, Ga-
Rob Lewis, Steadders, Danny B,
dad & Fingers say they are coming

Norwich Spring 2025

VINTAGE DRINKS, CURRY & MEMORIES

Those playing Kickabout now have done so for a long time, so it would be really nice to see new faces coming along

