DRAKE KICKABOUT Season 21 4

THE LEAGUE CUP FINAL

SHREWD MANAGEMENT WINS THE DAY

D.D.T. 0:1 LANG GAH

On paper **D.D.T.** should have the better of **Lang Gah**, but some brilliant marking from **Wonnil Dennis** and **Leek** gave **Lang Gah** the upper hand in this one. They also dared a little more, in a 3-4-3 opposed to the more defensive 3-5-2 of **D.D.T.**, but could possibly have been a bit more positive, as their all men behind the ball did hamper them a bit. The only goal of the match came as early as in the 4th minute, with captain **Dripunkt Padich** picking up the ball after a bad clearence from **Delaney** following a corner, and the **Lang Gah** captain rounded **Othmar Zeidler** and slotted the ball into the empty net. It might have been part of the whole management plan of **manager Hargraves** to try getting ahead early on, and then sit back and control, in their solid 3-4-3, and if so it all went according to plan, as **D.D.T.** never got even close to scoring, not a single time they managed to get off a shot, and a well deserved win for the 3rd division team, and on their league cup form, one might wonder why they aren't higher up the table in the league.

NECK AND NECK

The fight at the top of the league is as close as can be, only goals scored separating the two front runners, with both teams standing on 43 points and with a positive goal difference of 28 goals, with current leaders **Ameliehekeani** having scored 37 goals while the "trailing" **Laissez-Faire** have scored 32 goals so far.

This week **Ameliehekeani** eased to a well deserved 2-0 at home to **Dow Crag Rovers**, but they probably should have been able to win by a couple more, as the visitors played a horrific backfiring offside trap, with the hosts well in charge of proceedings in the middle of the park, and they took full advantage creating a lot more chances than they might have had. Thanks to a fine display from **Lux** the visitors managed to keep the score down, but the **Dow** management will probably think twice before they try employ the offside trap again anytime soon. ***** The other top team, **Laissez-Faire**, hosted **Q of N** in their match, and they got a well deserved and rather easy win, 4-0 it ended here, to get them level on goal difference. The SW-2-5-2 of the hosts had too much on offer in all areas for **Q of N** to pose any threat whatsoever, and the only question here was whether the hosts could get the goals to level out the goal difference compared to the leaders. As they did, we now go into the last three matches of the season with both teams knowing that one slip up will probably cost them the title, and with both teams having to play some of the better teams, it's anyone's guess who'll end top of the pile come end of season, but a tricky double header against **Putney** for **Ameliehekeani** suggest **Laissez-Faire** might just edge it.

In the fight to avoid relegation the **Falcons** have the better of the **Flamengos**, and deserve their win, to put three points between the two teams. Both teams should be able to pick up some points against the teams below them in the final matches of the season, but **Wycombe** looks the more likely to prevail here. ***** **D.D.T.** should have been able to climb up into 3rd this week, but they just couldn't find the goal their play deserved at home to **Putney Celtic**. The rather attack minded 3-5-2 of the hosts created enough chances to secure a win, against the more defensive SW-2-5-2 of the visitors, but they couldn't find a way past the duo at the back of the **Putney** team. With the already mentioned double header against **Ameliehekeani** coming up, I'm sure **manager Overli** was well pleased after hanging on here, to keep their noses in front of **D.D.T.** and **West London** before those final matches of the season. ***** **West London** crept closer to the two teams above them, as they had no trouble securing a win at home to **Walton Rangers**, 3-0 it ended. ***** **Skelmersdale** dominated from start

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to finish at home to **The Showboats**, their match ended in a 5-0 win, but with the visitors missing no less than four first team regulars, this couldn't end any other way.

ALMOST THERE

Leaders **Terra Firma** only manage a 0-0 draw, in honesty a fair result, after a rather unentertaining match at **Zion Gardens**. The hosts lined up in a rather defence minded 3-5-2, but their attempts on taking **Todd** and **Freeman** out of the match went badly. This gave **Terra** the initiative in the middle of the park, but with their line up surprisingly defensive, playing in a SW-2-5-2, they really couldn't take any advantage of this. The match ended in a stalemate, neither team looking able to create any real openings. ***** This meant that 2nd placed **Red Star** could narrow the gap, but they ended up shooting themselves in the foot, as **Muntari** gifted the visitors a goal in the 62nd minute, and the match at home to **Azelea** ended 1-1 despite the hosts looking well in control against their local rivals. Can't see **Red S**tar now having the chance to catch up with **Terra**, and they must do better than here to hold on to 2nd spot. ***** The team in 3rd had a visit to **Faarevejle Utd** this week, and the 4-3-3 of the hosts did just enough to merit their win against the SW-2-3-4 of the visitors, climbing up into 4th in the process, three points behind **Univ. Nanterre**. These two teams probably will end in 3rd and 4th, but what team where is hard to say, and both teams can in theory manage to climb above **Red Star** as well, but this is not a very likely scenario. ***** At **Southdown FC** the hosts get a well deserved, though surprisingly narrow, 1-0 win at home to **Sporting Stars**. The 3-5-2 of **Southdown** have much the better of play, against the 3-4-3 of the **Stars**, but **Gwneth** have a brilliant match between the sticks, to keep it at a single goal. The three poinst put them a point ahead of **Azalea**, and very open battle to avoid that 3rd relegation spot, with also **Royal Spurs** and **Tudor Avenue** still just three points clear. **Sporting Stars** on the other hand is now confirmed as 3rd division material. ***** Bottom of the table **St Johns** loose 1-3 at home to **Royal Spurs**, not helped one bit by goalie **Kairius** getting himself sent off in the 52nd minute, after bringing down **Bredtoft** just outside the area. The hosts managed to pull one back, to 1-2 after this, but when **Torres** made it 3-1 to the **Spurs**, it was all over here. Three very important points for **Royal Spurs**, while relegation now is confirmed for **St Johns**. ***** A double from **Hoopla jr** secured a 2-0 win for **Arsenal 1866** at home to **Tudor Avenue**, leaving the injury struck visitors in the midst of a relegation struggle.

HEROIC HEROES

In the top of the table meeting it is **Bolton Tigers** that are well in control throughout their match at home to **Hatchend Heroes**, but they still can't manage a goal, as the visitors showed a lot of spirit, and refused to let the hosts get anything for free, and **Milboorn** rather easily taking care of what little got through to him. Still can't see **Bolton Tigers** not winning the division, while **Hatchend** might be able to hang on to 2nd spot, but they have to pick up more points to keep **Sky Blue Fire** behind. ***** **Sky Blue Fire** this week got a well deserved win at **Beruit FC**, their 3-3-4 well in control against the 3-5-2 of the hosts. The match that might be the stumbling block in the fight for 2nd spot is their away match at **Bolton**, but if they get it right, they might even be able to win at **Bolton**. ***** **Wath Dearnesmen** have the better of play at home to **Lang Gah**, the visitors probably preoccupied with the then upcoming league cup final, but the visitors still managed to keep it tight enough at the back to secure a 0-0 draw. The two points dropped for **Wath** probably mean they have to settle for 4th spot this season. ***** **Crimson Dynamo** and **Fatal Flops** both need some more points to be certain of division three football next season, especially **Fatal Flops**. Both teams line up in rather defence minded formations, SW-3-3-3 against SW-2-5-2, and no surprise as they both fail to find a goal. Looking at the teams I think this was an opportunity lost for **manager Hudson**, and the decision to play with all men behind the ball might have cost them the win here. Some nailbiting weeks coming up, and it might be the battle to avoid relegation won't be decided until the final match of the season, when **Fatal Flops** visit **Rustin** and **Crimson** entertain the leaders. ***** The team in 9rh, **Rustin Diamonds**, get a crucial result this week, as they manage a 1-0 win at home to **Walsall Swifts**, and they are now in the relegation places only due to their inferior goal difference compared to **Kirkwood**. The visitors on the other hand are now very close to be confirmed for relegation, though they theoretically still can survive. This match could in truth have gone either way, as the

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SW-2-4-3 of the hosts were too defence minded, and only the even more defence minded SW-3-4-2 of **Walsall** left the hosts in control. The result looked most likely to be a goalless draw, but that was until **Angliman** managed to drop the ball following a corner, leaving **Cherundolo** with an open goal, and only having to side foot the ball into the empty net. After this the visitors still didn't manage to threaten at all, and so it ended with that crucial win for **Rustin**. ***** Rock bottom **System Lords** managed a rare point at home to **Kirkwood Albion**, leaving the visitors very close to **Rustin**. The visitors played in a very defence minded SW-3-4-2, and despite they had more of the ball, they really didn't deserve to get more than a draw.

BARNET CLOSER AND CLOSER, THEN TWO FROM THREE

When you are top of the league, and visit the team in 10th, why play defensively? That is what we all stood wondering after watching an entertaining a match as watching paint dry. At **Fenham** the hosts really had no trouble hanging on to a draw against **Barnet**, as the visitors really didn't do enough to warrant a win here. The visitors lined up in a rather attack minded 3-3-4, but then their manager started shouting "keep behind the ball", and his players obeyed, despite this left them time and again loosing out on great opportunities to break forward. This left them with only a couple of real openings, and on both occasions **Gola** managed to keep the ball out without much difficulty.***** 2nd placed **Newark Celtic** ease to a 4-0 win at **FC Barca**, but they are too far behind to really pose any danger to **Barnet**, and must in stead concentrate on keeping at least one of **Ord Mantell** and **Balderton** behind, to secure promotion. ***** **Balderton** get a deserved win at home to **Real Santiago** this week, but in their 3-5-2 they made hard work of it, really lacking any bite up front, and having to rely on set pieces to get any real chances going. Still, this was enough to secure a win, as from a free kick just outside of the area, **Zen** powered home the ball already in the 9th minute, and a goal back from the visitors was never on the cards, in fact not a single shot ensued. ***** **Ord Mantell** dropped two points at **Newtown FC**, as they can't get a winner despite dominating their opponents, with **McMurphy** having a superb match between the sticks for the hosts. The 3-5-2 of **Ord** did create some fine openings, but they would probably have benefited from putting some more up front. ***** It is all **Gestalt Gems** at home to **Luton Lions**, but despite creating a chance every third minute, they are not able to score from any of them. Their 3-4-3 just ended up firing off shots from range, leaving **Soixante** not very troubled in the **Luton** goal. ***** It's a pretty even match at **Crosspit**, and fair enough the match end in a 1-1 draw.

UP FOR THE CUP

BOREFEST V2.0, IN ORDINARY TIME THAT IS

WATH DEARNESMEN 2:0 TERRA FIRMA (AET)

Both teams lined up in balanced formations, **Wath** in a 3-5-2 while **Terra** opted for an unorthodox SW-2-4-3. The zonal marking employed by **Wath** gave them a fine advantage, almost completely levelling up the match, and leaving them with what few on target shots there were in ordinary time, the grand total of two. Into extra time we went, and I suspect everybody anticipated the match going all the way to penalties, as it was not looking very likely we'd see any goals from open play, but straight from the start of extra time, **Wath** poured forward with intent, and **Gunter** drove the ball into the net from all of 30 yards. **Terra** didn't have a way back from this, as their team was set up to play for penalties, or at least so it seemed, and when **Alvor** got a second goal for **Wath**, with a diving header in the 105th minute, it definitely was all over for **Terra**.

TROPHY QUARTER-FINAL HIGHLIGHTS

Barnet F.C. entertained **Lang Gah** in the first of the Trophy quarter-finals, having to try doing better than **D.D.T.** had managed in the league cup final. **Manager Stevens** sent his team out in a 3-3-4, while **manager Hargraves** had gone with a 3-4-3. Despite the differing formations, both teams looked weakest in the middle of the park, but it were **Lang Gah** that had the better of the area, and with their forwards also having the better of the **Barnet** defence, **Lang Gah** ran out deserved winners, and look a good bet for another final. ***** **Balderton FC** should have taken full advantage of **Tudor Avenue** still having to do without three first team regulars, and the 3-5-2 of the hosts had far the better of play in this match. Had **manager Breznitz** gone for some zonal marking, that would at least have levelled the match to some degree, but as it was, **Balderton** had all the chances. Still, they really struggled to make it count, and part of this was due to most chances coming from midfield and defence, and thus had a long way to go before it ended in a shot on **Linka**, and in truth the

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Tudor goalie seldom looked really troubled in ordinary time. **Manager Presland** must have said some stern words before extra time, as his team straight from the restart went up field, and **Van Persil** curled a shot into the top left corner, leaving **Linka** with no chance off saving. Some more goals did follow, also a consolation goal for **Tudor**, and 3-1 a fair result, but **Balderton** shouldn't have needed to go the extra thirty minutes. ***** **Royal Spurs** played in a 3-4-3 against the 3-5-2 of **Southdown FC**, with both teams fairly balanced, and with the visitors having the slightest of advantages possession wise. This meant they were able to create a handful of chances, and midway through the second half they got two goals in three minutes. A late **Kinsella** own goal, in the 85th minute, gave **Royal Spurs** some hope, but they really never looked likely to create anything from their own play, and 2-1 to **Southdown** it ended. ***** The last of the quarter-finals were at **Arsenal**, where the hosts entertained **Puxi Pandas**. The hosts fielded a fairly balanced SW-3-4-2, that had slightly the better of play over all, but they really lacked any attacking intent. The 3-5-2 of **Puxi Pandas** had gone for domination of the midfield area, and had far the better of play here, and from this they managed to create some good chances. But with **manager Barnsley's** decision to play with all men behind the ball, a lot of the momentum that they could have gotten, went down the drain. As a result it was the individual brilliance from some of the **Arsenal** players that decided this match, as they in the 43rd minute took the lead from a **Baut** strike from outside the area, as he got the ball served on a plate from **Bergkamp**. The **Pandas** never gave up, and it wouldn't have been unfair had they got an equaliser, but in the 90th minute it was **Hoopla jr** that in stead secured the win for **Arsenal**, as he deflected the ball into the net with a nice flick of his heel, as the ball got played into the area by **Baut**.

Trophy Semi-final Draw

Lang Gah v Arsenal 1866

Balderton FC v Southdown FC

Can manager Hargraves and his **Lang Gah** again beat higher division opponents in a cup? I sure wouldn't bet against it, but **manager Odegaard** might. Balderton FC might be the underdogs in their tie, as they face a team two divisions higher, but I think both ties can go either way.

GOLDEN BOOT RACE

Quizcran Hoopla of **West London** have the lead in the 1st division, standing on 17 goals. **Bolshoi** of **D.D.T.** is the closest, and only viable contestant imho, at 14 goals, while there is a couple of **Laissez-Faire** players at 11 goals each, but really can't see them catch up with the **West London** player.

It is a much closer competition in the 2nd division, as **Versailles**, **Lapong** and **O'Higgins** of **Univ. Nanterre** lead the way, on 13, 12 and 11 goals, with the closest followers being **Hoopla Jnr** of **Arsenal 1866** and **Morten Bo-Jens** of **Southdown FC**, both on 10 goals.

All decided in the 3rd division, and for the over all price I think as well, with **Sansum** of **Bolton Tigers** at 22.

In a low scoring 4th there are really no way to predict who's going to end up as top scorer, as a good match or two, can put a lot of players up there. At the moment it is **Solkjaer** of **Newtown FC** and **Pedersen** of **Balderton FC** that lead the way, at 10 goals, and then there is four players at 9 goals each.

MEANEST DEFENCES

In division 1 it looks very likely that **Laissez-Faire** will get this, with just four goals against, and closest rivals **D.D.T.** on seven against, and then **Putney** and **Ameliehekeani** a further one and two goals behind.

In division 2 it looks as decided as in the first, with **Terra** still not having let in a single goal this season. **Red Star** follow closest, but with five goals against, they can only hope **Terra** for some reason should have some kind of defensive breakdown to change the outcome here.

We finally have an open competition in the 3rd division, at least to some degree, as **Bolton Tigers** lead the way on four goals, with **Hatchend** and **Lang Gah** two and four goals behind respectively, both teams having the slightest of hope that they might compete if **Bolton** have on bad match.

The leaders **Barnet F.C.** have only let in two goals in the 4th division, and with **Ord** at five and **Newark** at six, it will take at least one bad match for **Barnet** to let their rivals get near them.

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KICKABOUT RESULTS

MANAGER OF THE MONTH

DIVISION ONE: goes to **manager Read** of Wycombe Falcons, a crucial win in the league

DIVISION TWO: goes to **manager Petersen** of Royal Spurs, also for a crucial league win

DIVISION THREE: goes to **manager Hargraves** of Lang Gah, for their magnificent league cup win, and the team is also going good in the Trophy

DIVISION FOUR**:** goes to **manager Presland** of Balderton FC, win in the league, and the through to the semi-finals of the Trophy

RESULTS ROUND-UP

TEMPERATURE: Cold

Week Forty

DIVISION 1

AMELIEHEKEANI 2 : 0 **DOW CRAG ROVERS** (H - 0.5)
Bourgain 21
Callaghan 25
Wind: Light
off - Delaware (82)
Att 52008
Pitch: Wet

SKELMERSDALE 5 : 0 **THE SHOWBOATS** (H - 2.3)
Lanval 18,52
Is 42
Darth lawton 46
De souza 70
bkd - Dalaman (12)
Att 50775
Wind: Light
Pitch: Frozen

LAISSEZ-FAIRE 4 : 0 **Q OF N** (H - 1.9)
Turku merxc 37
Nijimmen 46,59,85
Pitch: Good
Att 55060
Wind: Brisk

D.D.T. 0 : 0 **PUTNEY CELTIC** (H - 0.3)
Att 59294
Pitch: Wet
Wind: Light

WYCOMBE FALCONS 2 : 0 **FLAMENGO RJ** (H - 0.5)
Paraguay 16
Culhwch 67
Pitch: Good
Att 53942
Wind: Light

WEST LONDON FC 3 : 0 **WALTON RANGERS** (H - 0.9)
Nihani 9
Woolly 25
Cameron 51
Att 39127
Wind: Light
Pitch: Wet

DIVISION 2

RED STAR 1 : 1 **AZALEA ATHLETIC** (H - 0.7)
Londonderry 18
bkd - Van propper (32)
Att 35808
Wind: Calm
Derby Game
Muntari 63(og)
bkd - Blok gol (58)/
Llangower (1)
Pitch: Wet

FAAREVEJLE UTD 1 : 0 **UNIV. NANTERRE** (H - 0.1)
Greenalls 65
Wind: Light
Att 50292
Pitch: Wet

SOUTHDOWN FC 1 : 0 **SPORTING STARS** (H - 1.1)
Morten bo-jens 19
Wind: Light
Att 28901
Pitch: Muddy

ARSENAL 1866 2 : 0 **TUDOR AVENUE** (H - 0.7)
Hoopla jnr 29,69
bkd - Meir michael (79)
Att 58467
Pitch: Wet
Wind: Brisk

ZION GARDENS 0 : 0 **TERRA FIRMA** (A - 0.5)
Att 29496
Wind: Light
bkd - David herd (51)
Pitch: Muddy

ST JOHNS 1 : 3 **ROYAL SPURS** (A - 0.9)
Cohen 61
off - Kairius (53)
Att 28768
Wind: Light
Moura 16
Salty molloy 44
Torres 76
Pitch: Frozen

DIVISION 3

SYSTEM LORDS 0 : 0 **KIRKWOOD ALBION** (A - 0.9)
Att 27995
Pitch: Wet
Wind: Calm

BERUIT FC 0 : 3 **SKY BLUE FIRE** (A - 0.5)
Att 26945
Wind: Light
Pitch: Muddy
Rasputin 14
Gamorrean 32
Romini 53

CRIMSON DYNAMO 0 : 0 **FATAL FLOPS FC** (A - 0.5)
bkd - Kreuzer (86)/
Mckenna (61)
Pitch: Good
Att 26597
Wind: Calm

WATH DEARNESMEN 0 : 0 **LANG GAH** (H - 0.5)
Att 26984*
Pitch: Muddy
Wind: Brisk

RUSTIN DIAMONDS 1 : 0 **WALSALL SWIFTS** (H - 0.1)
Cherundolo 39
bkd - Brexit tusk (63)
Att 30102
Pitch: Good
bkd - Vaxjo (69)
Inj - Jensen (1)
Wind: Light

BOLTON TIGERS 0 : 0 **HATCHEND HEROES** (H - 1.5)
Att 35049
Pitch: Muddy
Wind: Light

DIVISION 4

GESTALT GEMS 0 : 0 **LUTON LIONS** (H - 2.1)
Att 24232
Pitch: Good
Wind: Light

FC BARCA 0 : 4 **NEWARK CELTIC** (A - 3.9)
Att 25451
Wind: Light
Pitch: Wet
Kaiser 14
Count reventlow 20
Chalmers 35
Romerez 54

BALDERTON FC 1 : 0 **REAL SANTIAGO** (H - 0.9)
Zen 9
Wind: Brisk
Att 26830*
Pitch: Good

NEWTOWN FC 0 : 0 **ORD MANTELL FC** (A - 1.5)
Att 28247
Pitch: Frozen
Wind: Light

CROSSPIT UTD 1 : 1 **PUXI PANDAS** (A - 0.7)
Mcnair 38
Att 28652
Pitch: Muddy
Seamuscolly 25
Wind: Brisk

FENHAM ROVERS 0 : 0 **BARNET F.C.** (A - 1.3)
Att 24746
Pitch: Muddy
Wind: Calm

Week Forty-one

THE DRAKE CUP

Semi-final replay

WATH DEARNESMEN 2 : 0 **TERRA FIRMA** (A - 0.3)
Gunter 91
Alvor 105
Pitch: Wet
Att 31152
Wind: Light
[AET]

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KICKABOUT TABLES

THE DRAKE BOWL

Quarter-finals

BARNET F.C. Att 34194 Wind: Light Pitch: Muddy	**0 : 3**	**LANG GAH** Vasco da gama 10 Leek 31 Neilito baddadi 77	**(A - 0.3)**
BALDERTON FC Van persil 91,115 Roche 101 Att 26830* Wind: Light	**3 : 1**	**TUDOR AVENUE** Hayleah 115 bkd - Kriek (21) off - Gameiro (44) Pitch: Good	**(H - 1.5)** [AET]
ROYAL SPURS Kinsella 85(og) Att 30951 Wind: Light	**1 : 2**	**SOUTHDOWN FC** Morten bo-jens 67 Cleary 69 Pitch: Muddy	**(A - 0.3)**
ARSENAL 1866 Baut 43 Hoopla jnr 90 Pitch: Wet	**2 : 0**	**PUXI PANDAS** Att 51811 Wind: Light	**(H - 0.3)**

Week Forty-two

THE DRAKE LEAGUE CUP

FINAL

D.D.T. Att 54581 Wind: Light	**0 : 1**	**LANG GAH** Dripunkt padich 4 Pitch: Muddy	**(A - 0.7)**

DRAKE FRIENDLIES

BALDERTON FC	**0 : 2**	**KIRKWOOD ALBION**	**(A - 3.5)**
NEWARK CELTIC	**2 : 1**	**AZALEA ATHLETIC**	**(H - 1.1)**
BARNET F.C.	**0 : 1**	**STAFFORD(NL)**	**(A - 0.9)**
SOUTHDOWN FC	**0 : 0**	**D.D.T.**	**(H - 1.1)**
FAAREVEJLE UTD	**8 : 1**	**LEATHERHEAD(NL)**	**(H - 2.5)**
GESTALT GEMS	**4 : 1**	**LEEK TOWN(NL)**	**(H - 1.3)**
WYCOMBE FALCONS	**4 : 3**	**ORD MANTELL FC**	**(A - 0.7)**
PUTNEY CELTIC	**0 : 1**	**HERNE BAY(NL)**	**(A - 0.3)**
Q OF N	**4 : 0**	**ILFORD(NL)**	**(H - 1.9)**
REAL SANTIAGO	**2 : 1**	**SKELMERSDALE**	**(H - 0.9)**
ROYAL SPURS	**2 : 0**	**TRURO CITY(NL)**	**(H - 2.3)**
TAMWORTH(NL)	**1 : 0**	**SKY BLUE FIRE**	**(H - 1.7)**
BOLTON TIGERS	**3 : 1**	**TERRA FIRMA**	**(H - 0.1)**
UNIV. NANTERRE	**7 : 0**	**WALTON RANGERS**	**(H - 2.3)**
WATH DEARNESMEN	**1 : 1**	**DOW CRAG ROVERS**	**(A - 0.7)**
ZION GARDENS	**2 : 1**	**WHITBY TOWN(NL)**	**(H - 0.9)**
ST JOHNS	**0 : 0**	**ROMULUS(NL)**	**(A - 1.3)**
MET POLICE(NL)	**0 : 4**	**PUXI PANDAS**	**(A - 0.9)**

WEATHER FORECAST

Temperature next session: Cool

Predicted wind speed next session: Light

DRAKE LEAGUE. DIVISION 1

	...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	AMELIEHEKEANI	19	13	4	2	37	9	28	43
2	LAISSEZ-FAIRE	19	13	4	2	32	4	28	43
3	PUTNEY CELTIC	19	11	5	3	30	8	22	38
4	D.D.T.	19	10	6	3	20	7	13	36
5	WEST LONDON FC	19	10	5	4	32	13	19	35
6	SKELMERSDALE	19	7	3	9	22	19	3	24
7	DOW CRAG ROVERS	19	5	9	5	12	11	1	24
8	WALTON RANGERS	19	6	6	7	13	17	-4	24
9	WYCOMBE FALCONS	19	4	4	11	14	39	-25	16
10	FLAMENGO RJ	19	3	4	12	10	36	-26	13
11	THE SHOWBOATS	19	1	6	12	7	34	-27	9
12	Q OF N	19	1	4	14	6	38	-32	7

DRAKE LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

	...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	TERRA FIRMA	19	12	7	0	19	0	19	43
2	RED STAR	19	10	7	2	18	5	13	37
3	UNIV. NANTERRE	19	10	4	5	44	15	29	34
4	FAAREVEJLE UTD	19	9	4	6	18	16	2	31
5	ARSENAL 1866	19	8	6	5	19	12	7	30
6	ZION GARDENS	19	8	6	5	17	15	2	30
7	TUDOR AVENUE	19	6	4	9	19	25	-6	22
8	ROYAL SPURS	19	4	10	5	8	15	-7	22
9	SOUTHDOWN FC	19	4	8	7	18	24	-6	20
10	AZALEA ATHLETIC	19	4	7	8	19	25	-6	19
11	SPORTING STARS	19	1	6	12	7	29	-22	9
12	ST JOHNS	19	2	3	14	9	34	-25	9

DRAKE LEAGUE. DIVISION 3

	...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	BOLTON TIGERS	19	12	4	3	35	4	31	40
2	HATCHEND HEROES	18	11	4	3	14	6	8	37
3	SKY BLUE FIRE	19	10	4	5	35	15	20	34
4	WATH DEARNESMEN	19	9	4	6	22	20	2	31
5	LANG GAH	19	6	9	4	10	8	2	27
6	BERUIT FC	19	7	6	6	15	15	0	27
7	CRIMSON DYNAMO	19	6	6	7	14	21	-7	24
8	FATAL FLOPS FC	19	5	7	7	16	15	1	22
9	KIRKWOOD ALBION	18	4	8	6	12	17	-5	20
10	RUSTIN DIAMONDS	19	3	11	5	7	14	-7	20
11	WALSALL SWIFTS	19	2	6	11	3	18	-15	12
12	SYSTEM LORDS	19	1	5	13	3	33	-30	8

DRAKE LEAGUE. DIVISION 4

	...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	BARNET F.C.	19	13	6	0	31	2	29	45
2	NEWARK CELTIC	19	11	6	2	29	6	23	39
3	ORD MANTELL FC	19	10	7	2	38	5	33	37
4	BALDERTON FC	19	11	4	4	37	15	22	37
5	REAL SANTIAGO	19	7	7	5	15	8	7	28
6	NEWTOWN FC	19	5	9	5	23	18	5	24
7	GESTALT GEMS	19	7	3	9	16	18	-2	24
8	PUXI PANDAS	19	6	4	9	19	25	-6	22
9	CROSSPIT UTD	19	5	6	8	18	15	3	21
10	FENHAM ROVERS	19	4	6	9	16	17	-1	18
11	LUTON LIONS	19	3	5	11	6	28	-22	14
12	FC BARCA	19	0	1	18	4	95	-91	1

KICKABOUT STATS

LEADING SCORERS

DIVISION 1

1	QUIZCRAN HOOPLA	WEST LONDON FC	17
2	BOLSHOI	D.D.T.	14
3	NIJIMMEN	LAISSEZ-FAIRE	11
4	PURCELL	LAISSEZ-FAIRE	11
5	HADRIAN	WEST LONDON FC	10
6	CRUUSE	PUTNEY CELTIC	9
7	BRYAN ADAMS	AMELIEHEKEANI	9
8	NESBIT	AMELIEHEKEANI	9

DIVISION 2

1	VERSAILLES	UNIV. NANTERRE	13
2	LAPONG	UNIV. NANTERRE	12
3	O'HIGGINS	UNIV. NANTERRE	11
4	HOOPLA JNR	ARSENAL 1866	10
5	MORTEN BO-JENS	SOUTHDOWN FC	10
6	GAMEIRO	TUDOR AVENUE	9
7	CLEARY	SOUTHDOWN FC	8
8	WONG-FOO	ARSENAL 1866	7

DIVISION 3

1	SANSUM	BOLTON TIGERS	22
2	HALL	BOLTON TIGERS	13
3	STROUTZ	WATH DEARNESMEN	9
4	OREGON	WATH DEARNESMEN	8
5	GUNTER	WATH DEARNESMEN	8
6	DANSON	SKY BLUE FIRE	8
7	PADREISER	WATH DEARNESMEN	7
8	MCKENNA	CRIMSON DYNAMO	7

DIVISION 4

1	SOLSKJAER	NEWTOWN FC	10
2	PEDERSEN	BALDERTON FC	10
3	CAMPBELL	BARNET F.C.	9
4	FREDRIKSSON	NEWARK CELTIC	9
5	ZEN	BALDERTON FC	9
6	VAN DER FADER	ORD MANTELL FC	9
7	COUNT REVENTLOW	NEWARK CELTIC	8
8	ROXETTE	ORD MANTELL FC	7

Since An Away Win

St Johns	20 games
Fc Barca	20 games
Crosspit Utd	20 games
System Lords	11 games
Sporting Stars	10 games
Q Of N	7 games

THE ROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :- DELAWARE [4] (DOW CRAG ROVERS) / DALAMAN [1] (THE SHOWBOATS) / GAMEIRO [1] (TUDOR AVENUE) / MEIR MICHAEL [1] (TUDOR AVENUE) / DAVID HERD [3] (TERRA FIRMA) / KAIRIUS [1] (ST JOHNS) /

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - LEVELS PER PLAYER

TOP

PUTNEY CELTIC - 0

AMELIEHEKEANI - 3

LANG GAH - 6

BOTTOM

CROSSPIT UTD - 135

FATAL FLOPS FC - 138

FC BARCA - 141

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - SQUAD AGE

TOP

FC BARCA - 0

PUXI PANDAS - 3

BARNET F.C. - 6

BOTTOM

AMELIEHEKEANI - 135

REAL SANTIAGO - 138

LANG GAH - 141

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - ATTENDANCE

TOP

LAISSEZ-FAIRE - 0

AMELIEHEKEANI - 2

SKELMERSDALE - 4

BOTTOM

GESTALT GEMS - 90

FC BARCA - 92

SYSTEM LORDS - 94

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ROLLING AUCTION LEVELS

The following are the minimum levels relating to each session for entering players into the rolling auction:-

SESSIONS	MIN LEVEL
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 then being put into the auction

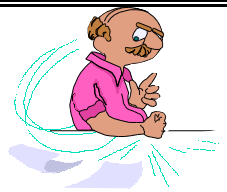
Please note that from now onwards it is illegal to sell any player and then buy him back in the next three session FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER. If you do that playing will be banned for life and you will lose him

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

IE NOW

Your newsletter-writer is Torleiv Jondahl

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 t he 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

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

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- infront of +subscribe.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY TO REMEMBER

It seems that even old stagers of the game still can'rt 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

MUTTERINGS AND MEANDERINGS OF THE KA MIND

There has been chat about the usefulness of the FWS player type. Some don't seem to realise his attributes. Personally I would always have a FWS in my side. Why. Well if he gets a shot then it has more chance of beating the opposing keeper than does any other player type. He also acts like a star in gaining you extra shots at times. Finally he can play in any position without loss of levels without losing his effectiveness. Personally I always play him in midfield, especially if he is a star. Hoping that somebody will play offside which will double his leathaliity. FWS are king

KICKABOUT 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!

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FORTHCOMING KA WEEKENDS

Spring 2025 Back To Norwich

Main house accomodation already booked for this

Tommo McTomface, Geraldo, Jens & Seamus Are First Dogs In
dates 9th-11th of May

Craig is happy to plan another Glasgow weekend in October 2025
dates 9th-12th October

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

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

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

KA becomes 40 years old in 2027, perhaps something special to be arranged?



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KICKABOUT EUROS

CHAMPIONS TROPHY

SUNNINGDALE	**0 : 1**	**CHINTZ CHIANTI**	**(A - 0.1)**
Att 64126		Pedro captanez 75	
Wind: Gale		Pitch: Wet	
WEXFORD WRAITHS	**0 : 0**	**COMP CITY**	**(A - 0.3)**
Att 62219*		Wind: Storm	[AET]
Pitch: Good			

COMP CITY WIN PENALTY SHOOTOUT 7 - 6

BURNHAM DOWN	**0 : 1**	**DAKIN UNITED**	**(H - 0.7)**
Att 54555*		De burgh 83	
Wind: Gale		Pitch: Muddy	
MARTINO FC	**0 : 0**	**SOUTHLAND CITY**	**(H - 0.1)**

CHAMPIONS TROPHY

Semi-final Draw

Steelcity Hawks v Chintz Chianti

Comp City v Dakin United

(To be played on S14 with replays)

CUP-WINNERS CUP

Att 59031 — Wind: Brisk
Pitch: Good

DAGGERS FC	**1 : 0**	**NORTHERN TOWN**	**(A - 1.3)**
Frears 13		Att 62000*	
Wind: Gale		Pitch: Good	
GILLESPIE ROAD	**0 : 0**	**CATTON OLD BOYS**	**(A - 1.3)**
Att 60920		bkd - St faith (21)	
Wind: Gale		Pitch: Wet	
BAKER STREET FC	**0 : 2**	**ICI BOLTON**	**(A - 0.9)**
Att 45427		Santa barbara 44,46	
Wind: Gale		Pitch: Wet	
RHUDDLAN ROVERS	**0 : 0**	**CELTIC NEVADA**	**(H - 0.9)**
Att 64686		Wind: Gale	

CUP-WINNERS CUP

Semi-final Draw

Gillespie Road v r ICI Bolton

Daggers FC v Southland City

(To be played on S14 & 15)

SUPER CUP

Pitch: Wet

FC POLSKI	**0 : 1**	**SCAYNES HILL**	**(A - 0.3)**
bkd - Markovnikof (27)		Mr wagyu 88	
Att 64112		Wind: Gale	
Pitch: Good			

SUPER CUP CUP

Semi-final Draw

Gessle Warriors v FC Scaynes Hill

Rhuddlan Rovers v Midnight Hero

To be played on S14 with replays))

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KICKABOUT REPS

REPRESENTATIVE LEAGUE

RESULTS ROUND-UP

TEMPERATURE: Cool

DIVISION 1

NEWTON 1 : 0 **SHAKESPEARE** (H - 0.3)
Hugardz 23
Wind: Light
Att 46973
Pitch: Wet

WELLINGTON 2 : 0 **DISRAELI** (A - 0.1)
Santos 15
Dripunkt padich 83
Wind: Calm
off - Daniel clambake (48)
Att 60036
Pitch: Good

DIVISION 2

NELSON 0 : 0 **CHURCHILL** (A - 0.3)
Att 53642
Wind: Calm
Pitch: Wet
bkd - Lee chong yung (80)/
Darovic (48)/
Klose (34)

DIVISION 3

MONTGOMERY 0 : 2 **JACKSON** (A - 0.1)
off - Iamazulu (70)
Att 50279
Wind: Brisk
Matta 48
Woodcock 69
Pitch: Good

Newton, the come back kings, former winners but in the doldrums since their last triumph, see off the **Shakespeare** to lift the trophy once again**.** Stars will abound for them no doubt. Congrats to Mr Cranfield, showing acumen with an unbeaten but close seaosn to pip current champs the **Ramsey.**

Down go the **Wellington,** slipped badly form second spot lasts season. A win in their final games was far, far too late to save them.

Mr Hails had already won division two and promotion for the **Raleigh** Four seasons since they were at the top of the pile. But at the bottom the **Churchill** go to the **Nelson** to get a goalless draw which keeps them up and sends down the Nelsoners.

Only needed a win for the **Jackson**, and they duly got it to leapfrog over the **Livingstone** and gain promotion They did well with only one home game and finally get out of division three after a long sojourn there Mr Engslev Is The Man

REPRESENTATIVE LEAGUE. DIVISION 1

	...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	NEWTON	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	8
2	RAMSEY	4	0	1	1	0	4	1	1	0	3	0	-1	7
3	DISRAELI	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	2	2	6
4	SHAKESPEARE	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	6
5	WELLINGTON	4	1	0	1	2	3	0	1	1	0	1	-2	5

CRANNERS CAN WIN SUMMAT!!

REPRESENTATIVE LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

	...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	RALEIGH	3	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	8
2	GLADSTONE	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	6
3	CHURCHILL	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	-2	3
4	NELSON	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	-2	1

REPRESENTATIVE LEAGUE. DIVISION 3

	...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	JACKSON	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	7
2	LIVINGSTONE	3	1	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	6
3	DRAKE	3	1	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	6
4	MONTGOMERY	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	6	-7	0

THE REPRESENTATIVEROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :- LEE CHONG YUNG [1] (CHURCHILL) / DANIEL CLAMBAKE [1] (DISRAELI) / IAMAZULU [1] (MONTGOMERY) /

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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

We suggest that you always add 1K to your bids

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 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 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 -

The Shakespeare League

The Shakie is ncie league whcih ahsn't really got a supert team, so competiitve indeed. However, for soem reason it has been leaking players and now is in the position that it needs a fresh infusion of new blood. I have a fix for this and that is to inject some 36-1 clubs into divison four.

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!