GLADSTONE Season 21
KICKABOUT 16

# THE CUP FINAL

**ICI PAINT THE TOWN RED**

ICI Bolton 1-0 Sun Inn

So the old rivals meet once again in the hunt for a trophy and as they both knew each others game so well, it was just a case of which player/s will step up to win the game for his side.

Both teams were set up in almost identical formations, with the only difference was that Sun Inn utilised a sweeper for the moments that ICI got past the defence, but as both sides decided to zonal mark the other and this just cut down the shots the keepers would have to face despite the number of creative players as the ball was mainly kept in midfield by all the stars on show.

There was only one moment of magic in the game and it came about when Cito swapped passes with Romanov before crossing the ball in the space between keeper and sweeper, right into the path of the onrushing Samara, and he made no mistake, putting the ball out of the reach of the Sun Inn keeper to give ICI Bolton a lead that their manager just told his team to sit on it and absorb everything Sun Inn could throw at them.

By full time, and despite all the efforts of Sun Inn, it was the ICI Bolton fans that were the ones celebrating their 1-0 victory.

# TITLE GOING TO NEW ZEALAND AFTER SUN SETS ON LAWTON

After last session's slip up in their derby game against title rivals Sun Inn, manager Macauley knew his Sutton Rovers side couldn't afford to make any more mistakes if they wanted to take the big prize.

Lochend Thistle, who started the season so well, now sat in 6th and came into the game at full strength while Sutton Rovers, while they were missing 3 players, they were able to put out a strong side and with Allchurch marking Hoddle out of the match, giving the Rovers midfield full control of the midfield and with the manager motivating his team, this game was only likely to go one way. From the start, Rovers put the home defence under the pump, peppering the goal with shots if it hadn't have been for Jocko in the home goal, this match could have easily been over by half-time, as it is it still took 21 minutes for Sutton to find a gap in the home defence and break the deadlock, which was when Barker was allowed to stride forward from midfield, find space in the penalty area and nod the ball home, although this was to be the only goal scored in the first half. During the break, news came through that Sun Inn were being held by Red Star, which meant Rovers were currently top, but only on goal difference and those facts made Macauley's team talk simple. With those words ringing in their ears, Rovers set out to kill off the game as soon as they could, and back on the attack they went, pinning the Thistle defence firmly back in their own area and with all that pressure coming down on them, a goal was always coming, it was jut a case of when that would be, with that answer being in the 52nd when Vuulur rose highest at a corner to power a header into the roof of the net to make it 2-0 and with Lochend not being allowed out of the own half, Rovers just controlled possession for the remainder of the game to run out 2-0 winners, and all that was left was to listen out for the final score of the Sunn Inn game, and when it finally did, there was a loud cheer that went up from the away fans as though Rovers and Sun Inn both had 48 points, Rovers had an 18 goal buffer over their rivals, with only Sutton's postponed game against Carleton City and they came through it with ease as goals from Vuulur, Boston and Clog helping them to a 3-0 victory, giving them a deserved title.

**(In my opinion, Empire City should get performance of the year, after a creditable first season in division 1, added to their league cup trophy.**

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## NOVA SCOTIA TAKE THE FINAL PROMOTION PLACE

The important game of the week in the division with 4th placed The Heebees hosting 3rd placed Nova Scotia with the big prize being promotion to division 1.Heebees decided to play with a 3-4-3 formation as they knew they had to win the game while Nova Scotia only needed a draw to go up so decided to opt for a defensive approach to the game, trying to make sure that they suffocated the home side and stifle everything they tried. Unfortunately for all those in attendance, and with so much riding on the game, it turned out to be a total bust, with Nova Scotia stifling Heebees so much that neither side were able to muster a single shot in anger, leaving the game to finish 0-0 and for promotion to go to Nova Scotia. The other big match at the top of the table saw top of the table Harold Wood host 2nd placed Canine Rovers and just like in the Heebees/Nova Scotia game, both teams managed to cancel one another out, any shots that got through were easily fielded by the keepers.

There were only 2 games this week that had any entertainment for the watching fans, the first was the game that saw AFC Scrumble hosting a Bolton Spartans side that still flatters to deceive, especially given the talent that manager Stocks has at his disposal, Scrumble on the other hand pretty much need a rebuild as they're on a continuing downward spiral. Bolton started the scoring early, with Smolov finding the net from close range after only 7 minutes, and that lead was doubled on the half hour, Bottas heading home to make it 2-0 at the break.3 minutes after the break, Ianis Hagi made it 3 with a cross that floated over the keeper's head before Russel Howard completing the scoring in the 78th minute to make the final score 4-0. The other game saw 9th placed Ratcliff Rovers give a footballing lesson to 5th placed Highbury Corner, Rovers going for a balanced formation while Highbury went for the unorthodox 2-4-4 abd while it gave them plenty of attacking intent, it also left them wanting at the back, and this gave Rovers plenty of chance to take advantage of that. Rovers opened the scoring after only 6 minutes with Orknejar scoring directly from a corner, and from there, the home side was just prepared to hit their opponents on the counter attack, and superstar Larne made it 2-0 in the 19th minute, curling a free-kick beyond the away keeper. There was even more action in the second half, as the home side continued to repel the Highbury attacks before launching attacks of their own, 4 minutes into the second half, Bamford made it 3-0 with a shot the Highbury keeper misjudged completely. Even though Highbury continued to attack, the game was long gone for them, but the scoring still wasn't over as the home side scored twice more, in the 72nd minute through Amantas then in the 76th minute with a Thor goal to make the final score 5-0 to Ratcliff Rovers.

## WHO WANTS TO STAY UP

With the top 3 pretty much having already been decided, it was time to look at the other end of the table and the fight for survival.

9th placed Comic City had a home game against 7th placed Craigend Rovers, 10th placed Phoenix Reds were at home to 4th placed Ale Can City and 11th placed Coniston Rovers were home to 2nd placed Confederates, and there was just a single point separating 9th to 11th placed so there was still everything to play for. We'll start with Coniston who arguably had the toughest assignment, as they had to face the already promoted Confederates, who are a free scoring and creative side. Rovers opted for a 3-5-2 to try to contend with the 3-3-4 their opponents usually play. As expected Confederates pushed forward straight from kick-off, but between their defence and Von Wessen, Rovers kept the away side at bay, then out of the blue, they took the lead thanks to a Zelda goal and once they had got the lead, they fought like mad to keep it, and when the final whistle blew, they had done what they had to, which was win. Phoenix Reds were the ones that got the standout result of the day with their amazing 4-1 derby demolition of promotion hopefuls Ale Can City, their goals coming from Keiger, Vin Nostle and a brace from St Bernard giving the Reds a commanding 4-0 lead at the break, Ale Can did manage to score a consolation goal just after the break thanks to a Bella header. This result meant both sides had to wait to hear what the result was in the Comic/Craigend game, considering what was at stake for Comic, the fact they adopted an ultra defensive pose and must have been delighted that Craigend had done exactly the same so fans weren't expecting a shot fest, so they must have been pleasantly surprised when Rovers went ahead in the 38th minute through a Stuermer header, meaning that

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Comic City knew what they needed to do to survive. City did come out with a new determination in the second half, especially hearing the scores of their rivals at half-time, and they equalised in the 70th minute when Chubby Brown bundled the ball over the line but just 1 goal wasn't enough, so when Hagi scored in the 84th minute, the stadium exploded with noise as the fans knew that it was the goal that saved them while relegating their rivals.

## REBELLION RISING AGAIN

With the top 2 already have been decided, it was time to see who would be the third team that would win promotion from the 4th division, and it was Jakku Rebellion who came into the final game in 3rd place, 3 points ahead of the only team that can stop them, Pacific Heights, although there needs to be an 8 goal swing for that to happen, and that was unlikely though not impossible as Rebellion had to travel to division 4 champions Firefal Down FC, while Pacific Heights also had to travel but they were up against the divisional whipping boys Haybrook Ath.

Both teams came into the game at full strength, opting to man mark opposing players with Firefal asking Nasi Semak & Van Der Kerkhof to mark Maelstrom & Chun Lee respectively, while Jakku asked Trumpie to mark Bellissimo but unfortunately Mirieu kept losing Muh Mi, and this failure allowed the leaders 4 man midfield outclass Jakku's 5 men, and even though the away side were motivated to win the game. The first half was pretty much of a non event, apart from Leupolz getting a booking for an accidental trip and a couple of shots for the home side but Moore wanted his Firefal side to end the season in style, though he made up for that card on the hour when he fired home from just inside the box, with Bellissimo getting himself booked for 'inciting the crowd'. Midfield genius Stevens put the game to bed in the 70th minute, curling a perfect free-kick into the top corner to give Firefal a 2-0 comfortable victory, so all attention went to the final score from Haybrook, and news came in that Haybrook had outplayed Pacific Heights from beginning to end but could score allowing the game to run out to a 0-0, meaning Jakku Rebellion get promoted and Pacific Heights are left to rue the fact that they drew far too many games this season, but there's always next year.

## THE BOWL FINAL

### THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT STARTS WITH A TROPHY

The Heebees 1-2 Appleby FC (after extra time)

Appleby FC had had an amazing run to the Bowl final, but against The Heebees, they were definitely underdogs today as their opponents had just missed out on promotion while they had just been relegated. Appleby did what they do best, they controlled the midfield but this time they added an offside trap to it. Every time Heebees attacked they feel foul of said trap, and even when they got through, the Appleby keeper stopped any effort on target but with the Heebees keeper saved everything thrown at him so to extra time we went and that was when the deadlock was finally broken. Westmoreland found himself 1-on-1 with the Heebees keeper , with him not wasting the chance, firing past the keeper, and in the 102nd minute, he scored his, and Appleby' second of the game but Ekambe pulled one back for Heebees to make the score 2-1 at the break. Despite huffing and puffing in the second half, Heebees just weren't able to score again, thanks to a heroic showing from the Appleby back line, giving them their first trophy.

## THE TROPHY FINAL

### SECOND TIME LUCKY FOR PRITCHARD

The Heebees 3-1 Ale Can City

It wasn't long before The Heebees appeared at Wembley again, after their disappointment in the bowl final, this time their opponents were Ale Can City and with both managers utilising 3-4-3 formations o the fans would see shots in the game, especially given the fact that both sides had a number of creative players. Heebees flew out of the traps, not wanting to lose another final, and they took an early lead in the 3rd minute, defender Donaldson heading home from a corner that had been flicked on they then sat back, wanting to hit City on the break. Jackson made the score 2-0 in the 16th minute when he swept the ball home after a move that spanned the length of the pitch and this goal took some of the fight out of Ale Can, and that fight was extinguished completely in the 29th minute when superstar striker Vader made the score 3-0 to The Heebees. Happily for the City fans, that's how the

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scoreline stayed until half-time, and after half-time Ale Can came out trying to show a little pride and it only took 5 minutes for Pulescu to pull a goal back but that goal just persuaded manager Pritchard to instruct his side to sit back and absorb the Ale Can attacks and this they were able to do comfortably, to give The Heebees a deserved 3-1 victory.

## GOLDEN BOOT RACE

**Division 1:** Despite being out for a few games**, Neilsson (Empire City)** stays top scorer on 23 goals, 3 goals ahead of **Boston (Sutton Rovers)**.

**Division 2:** Both frontrunners for the 2nd division award scored this week, **Vader (The Heebees)** scoring 18 goals, just 1 goal ahead of **Ianis Hagi (Bolton Spartans)**.

**Division 3: Simons (Ale Can City)** take the third division prize with some ease, his 21 goals are 6 goals ahead of his rivals.

**Division 4: Bellissimo (Firefal Down FC)** has been in the lead for some time and takes the divisional (and overall) award with an impressive 30 goals, 3 goals ahead of **Bozton (Richmond Park)** on 27.goals.

## MEANEST DEFENCES

**Division 1:** Not only did **Sutton Rovers** win the league, they also took best defence award with them only letting in 4 goals, with rivals ICI Bolton rueing the penalty they conceded this week, otherwise they would have shared the award, but it just wasn't to be.

**Division 2:** With neither team conceding this week, both **Canine Rovers** and **Nova Scotia** get the best defence, only conceding 7 goals, but can they do this amongst the big boys.

**Division 3: Wigan Warriors** were always winning this award, conceding twice in 22 games which is impressive, especially as their nearest rivals for the award conceded 11 goals.

**Division 4: Richmond Park** take the award for division 4, only conceding 9 goals, 2 better than Pacific Heights.

## EURO QUALIFIERS FOR NEXT SEASON

Each league champion auto qualifies The league that wins the Trophy this season also gets an extra place while the four semi-finalists form this season also qualify again. The winners and runners up in the Cup-winners cup and Super cup also qualify. The final two places go to the league that wins the representative league

**Sutton Rovers** are through while **ICI Bolton** could qualify if they win the CWC

### CUP-WINNERS CUP

The Cup and League Cup winners of each league qualify. The league that wins this seasons competition and the league that produces the runners-up also get an extra place. The beaten semi-finalists also play again. The final two places go to the league that wins the representative league (on league placings)

**Empire City** are through as league Cup-winners **Sun Inn** will be in via ther Cup_ Up to two other teams will qualify form league position depending on whether Bolton win this season's competition

### SUPER CUP

The qualifiers will be the top two teams (on league placings) that have not qualified for the other two competition above. The beaten semi-finalists form this season's competition will also qualify again. The leagues that win and produce the runners-up form this season's competition will also get an extra place. (on league positions) . Two other places will be award by the KFA from Fair play award winners

**Impossible to work this out until the CWC final is played**

## MANAGER OF THE MONTH

**DIVISION ONE:** goes to manager **Macauley** of **Sutton Rovers,** rediscovered their form in the final week of the season to secure the title.

**DIVISION TWO:** goes to manager **Jack** of **Appleby FC,** relegated but finished the season in style with a trophy after winning the Bowl final.

**DIVISION THREE:** goes to manager **Mansell** of **Phoenix Reds**, great win right at the end, but it just wasn't enough to save them.

**DIVISION FOUR:** goes to manager **Fingers** of **Connaught FC**, excellent win against Redhill showing there may be hope on the horizon next season.

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# KICKABOUT RESULTS

## RESULTS ROUND-UP

**TEMPERATURE: Warm**

## Week Forty-six

### DIVISION 1

**UFFINGTON FC** 1 : 5 **EMPIRE CITY** (A - 0.7)
Ymer 89 — Neilsson 33
Att 63201 — Madden 34
Wind: Calm — Kompany 54
Pitch: Muddy — Hakin 77
Ceinwyn 84

**CARLETON CITY** 3 : 1 **VITORIA XI** (H - 1.5)
Edelweiss 4 — Budessn 35
Fifthavenue 13,45 — Att 30649
Wind: Calm — Pitch: Good

**LOCHEND THISTLE** 0 : 2 **SUTTON ROVERS** (A - 1.3)
Att 55000* — Barker 21
Wind: Calm — Vuulur 52
Pitch: Good

**BIGNOR HILL** 1 : 1 **RAMSGATE UTD** (A - 0.1)
Soleil-fix 89 — Queen 81
Att 33534* — Wind: Calm
Pitch: Good

**JUVENTUS** 1 : 0 **ICI BOLTON** (A - 1.1)
Sorloth 28(p) — Att 43571
Wind: Calm — Pitch: Good
*Derby Game*

**SUN INN** 0 : 0 **RED STAR ROVERS** (H - 0.9)
Att 63689 — Wind: Calm
Pitch: Wet

### DIVISION 2

**HAROLD WOOD** 0 : 0 **CANINE ROVERS** (A - 0.3)
Att 34382 — bkd - Nasi ayam (15)/
Wind: Calm — Craig o'moaner (6)
Pitch: Good — off - Craig o'moaner (81)

**THE HEEBEES** 0 : 0 **NOVA SCOTIA FC** (H - 0.3)
Att 38774* — Wind: Calm
Pitch: Good

**AFC SCRUMBLE** 0 : 4 **BOLTON SPARTANS** (A - 1.7)
bkd - Curtis (65) — Smolov 7
Att 26505 — Bottas 30
Wind: Calm — Ianis hagi 48
Pitch: Hard — Russel howard 78

**APPLEBY FC** 0 : 0 **RED STORM** (H - 0.1)
Att 27081 — Wind: Calm
Pitch: Good

**RATCLIFF ROVERS** 5 : 0 **HIGHBURY CORNER** (A - 0.1)
Orknejar 6 — Att 31968*
Larne 19 — Wind: Calm
Bamford 49 — Pitch: Muddy
Amantas 72
Thor 76

**VENUS VOLCANOS** 0 : 0 **OLYMPIAKOS** (A - 0.1)
off - Van driva (31) — bkd - Sarandon (56)/
Att 52396 — Walters (18)/
Wind: Calm — Zeus (14)
Pitch: Hard — Inj - Dellas (6)
*Derby Game*

### DIVISION 3

**COMIC CITY** 2 : 1 **CRAIGEND ROVERS** (H - 0.1)
Chubby brown 70 — Stuermer 38
Hagi 84 — Att 34248
Wind: Light — Pitch: Hard

**SELSDON UTD** 1 : 2 **GKA FLUGELS** (A - 1.7)
Hamsey 27 — Matondo 38
Att 22265 — Prodan 61
Wind: Calm — Pitch: Good

**EWOOD EAGLES** 0 : 0 **WIGAN WARRIORS** (H - 0.9)
Att 43824 — Wind: Calm
Pitch: Good

**CONISTON ROVERS** 1 : 0 **CONFEDERATES** (A - 0.5)
Zelda 24 — Att 28284
Wind: Calm — Pitch: Good

**ROYAL OAK** 1 : 1 **NEWPORT EXILES** (A - 0.7)
Baddadio 68 — Idaho 35
Att 29477 — Inj - Deja vu (99)
Wind: Calm — Pitch: Good

**PHOENIX REDS** 4 : 1 **ALE CAN CITY** (H - 0.3)
St bernard 19,30 — Bella 49
Keiger 27 — bkd - Almao (78)/
Vin nostle 45 — Simons (84)
bkd - Smari (5) — Att 37480
Wind: Calm — Pitch: Good
*Derby Game*

### DIVISION 4

**NORTHERN SPARK** 0 : 5 **RICHMOND PARK** (A - 1.7)
Att 19227 — Storey 1
Wind: Calm — Lund 11
Pitch: Good — Bozton 32,63
Baker 64

**CONNAUGHT FC** 2 : 0 **REDHILL GEMS** (A - 0.1)
Joost 83 — Att 23027
Shabadoo 89 — Wind: Calm
Pitch: Hard

**BLUORANGE STARS** 2 : 3 **BARRACUDA BAY** (A - 1.1)
Harvey 53 — Guolo 11
Walters 64 — Jambo mugabe 68
Att 18620 — Henriksen 88
Wind: Calm — Pitch: Good

**HAYBROOK ATH** 0 : 0 **PACIFIC HEIGHTS** (A - 0.5)
Att 25816 — Wind: Calm
Pitch: Good

**HAWARDEN CASTLE** 0 : 0 **CROCKENHILL UTD** (A - 0.3)
Att 24587 — Wind: Calm
Pitch: Hard

**FIREFAL DOWN FC** 2 : 0 **JAKKU REBELLION** (H - 0.5)
Leupolz 60 — Att 36641*
Stevens 70 — Wind: Calm
bkd - Leupolz (8)/ — Pitch: Good
Bellissimo (60)

## Week Forty-seven

## Re-arranged Matches

### DIVISION 1

**SUTTON ROVERS** 3 : 0 **CARLETON CITY** (H - 0.9)
Vuulur 13 — Att 55038
Boston 20 — Wind: Calm
Clog 79 — Pitch: Good

### DIVISION 2

**VENUS VOLCANOS** 0 : 3 **CANINE ROVERS** (A - 0.7)
Att 45181 — Rasputin 5
Wind: Calm — Craig o'moaner 33
Pitch: Hard — Nasi ayam 48

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# KICKABOUT RESULTS

## THE GLADSTONE CUP

### FINAL

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **ICI BOLTON** | **1 : 0** | **SUN INN** | **(H - 0.1)** |
| Samara 27 | | Att 66941 | |
| Wind: Calm | | Pitch: Good | |

### THE GLADSTONE BOWL

### FINAL

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **THE HEEBEES** | **1 : 2** | **APPLEBY FC** | **(H - 0.7)** |
| Ekambe 103 | | Westmoreland 94,102 | [AET] |
| Att 31269 | | Wind: Calm | |
| Pitch: Good | | | |

## Week Forty-eight

### THE GLADSTONE TROPHY

### FINAL

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **THE HEEBEES** | **3 : 1** | **ALE CAN CITY** | **(H - 0.3)** |
| Donaldson 3 | | Pulescu 50 | |
| Jackson 16 | | Att 35575 | |
| Vader 29 | | Wind: Light | |
| Pitch: Good | | | |

## GLADSTONE FRIENDLIES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **BARRACUDA BAY** | **4 : 2** | **MET POLICE(NL)** | **(H - 2.5)** |
| | | bkd - Thompson (8) | |
| **CARLETON CITY** | **1 : 4** | **EWOOD EAGLES** | **(A - 0.5)** |
| **UXBRIDGE(NL)** | **2 : 1** | **CONFEDERATES** | **(H - 0.7)** |
| **JAKKU REBELLION** | **1 : 3** | **EMPIRE CITY** | **(H - 0.1)** |
| **FIREFAL DOWN FC** | **8 : 4** | **WIGAN WARRIORS** | **(H - 2.3)** |
| **HAROLD WOOD** | **3 : 7** | **SUN INN** | **(A - 2.3)** |
| **TELFORD UTD(NL)** | **7 : 2** | **NEWPORT EXILES** | **(H - 1.7)** |
| **NORTHERN SPARK** | **2 : 0** | **ENFIELD(NL)** | **(H - 1.1)** |
| **PACIFIC HEIGHTS** | **1 : 6** | **PHOENIX REDS** | **(A - 1.1)** |

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**Temperature next session: Hot**

**Predicted wind speed next session: Light**



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## GLADSTONE LEAGUE. DIVISION 1

| | ...TEAMNAME... | PL | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Dif | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | SUTTON ROVERS | 22 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 23 | 2 | 42 | 51 |
| 2 | SUN INN | 22 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 2 | 25 | 48 |
| 3 | EMPIRE CITY | 22 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 5 | 31 | 44 |
| 4 | ICI BOLTON | 22 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 11 | 5 | 25 | 42 |
| 5 | RED STAR ROVERS | 22 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 29 |
| 6 | LOCHEND THISTLE | 22 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 13 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 0 | 28 |
| 7 | CARLETON CITY | 22 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 14 | -6 | 26 |
| 8 | UFFINGTON FC | 22 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 21 | 19 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 27 | -20 | 24 |
| 9 | RAMSGATE UTD | 22 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 18 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 10 | -11 | 23 |
| 10 | JUVENTUS | 22 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 23 | -20 | 20 |
| 11 | VITORIA XI | 22 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 34 | -34 | 13 |
| 12 | BIGNOR HILL | 22 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 23 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 22 | -36 | 9 |

## GLADSTONE LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

| | ...TEAMNAME... | PL | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Dif | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | HAROLD WOOD | 22 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 27 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 28 | 3 | 45 | 57 |
| 2 | CANINE ROVERS | 22 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 33 | 45 |
| 3 | NOVA SCOTIA FC | 22 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 24 | 38 |
| 4 | THE HEEBEES | 22 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 10 | 18 | 37 |
| 5 | VENUS VOLCANOS | 22 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 10 | -1 | 33 |
| 6 | BOLTON SPARTANS | 22 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 18 | 22 | 10 | 32 |
| 7 | HIGHBURY CORNER | 22 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 13 | 3 | 32 |
| 8 | OLYMPIAKOS | 22 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 13 | 5 | 29 |
| 9 | RATCLIFF ROVERS | 22 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 29 |
| 10 | APPLEBY FC | 22 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 22 | -30 | 13 |
| 11 | RED STORM | 22 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 29 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 38 | -63 | 9 |
| 12 | AFC SCRUMBLE | 22 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 33 | -45 | 8 |

## GLADSTONE LEAGUE. DIVISION 3

| | ...TEAMNAME... | PL | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Dif | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | WIGAN WARRIORS | 22 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 23 | 2 | 38 | 53 |
| 2 | CONFEDERATES | 22 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 13 | 27 | 43 |
| 3 | NEWPORT EXILES | 22 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 23 | 43 |
| 4 | ALECAN CITY | 22 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 33 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 27 | 19 | 31 | 39 |
| 5 | EWOOD EAGLES | 22 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 39 |
| 6 | GK AFLUGELS | 22 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 33 |
| 7 | CRAIGEND ROVERS | 22 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 19 | -12 | 28 |
| 8 | ROYAL OAK | 22 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 21 | 22 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 23 | -15 | 24 |
| 9 | COMIC CITY | 22 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 23 | -17 | 21 |
| 10 | PHOENIX REDS | 22 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 24 | -14 | 20 |
| 11 | CONISTON ROVERS | 22 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 15 | -20 | 20 |
| 12 | SELSDON UTD | 22 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 23 | -49 | 3 |

## GLADSTONE LEAGUE. DIVISION 4

| | ...TEAMNAME... | PL | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Dif | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | FIREFALDOWN FC | 22 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 44 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 37 | 9 | 63 | 57 |
| 2 | RICHMOND PARK | 22 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 30 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 28 | 6 | 49 | 47 |
| 3 | JAKKU REBELLION | 22 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 9 | 14 | 36 |
| 4 | PACIFIC HEIGHTS | 22 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 34 |
| 5 | BARRACUDA BAY | 22 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 33 |
| 6 | CROCKENHILL UTD | 22 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 20 | -10 | 29 |
| 7 | HAWARDEN CASTLE | 22 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 20 | -16 | 25 |
| 8 | NORTHERN SPARK | 22 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 7 | -9 | 24 |
| 9 | REDHILL GEMS | 22 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 13 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 15 | -14 | 23 |
| 10 | BLU ORANGE STARS | 22 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 20 | -11 | 21 |
| 11 | CONNAUGHT FC | 22 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 13 | 34 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 30 | -42 | 17 |
| 12 | HAYBROOK ATH | 22 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 20 | -32 | 8 |

# KICKABOUT STATS

## LEADING SCORERS

### DIVISION 1

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | NEILSSON | EMPIRE CITY | 23 |
| 2 | BOSTON | SUTTON ROVERS | 20 |
| 3 | THOMAS | SUN INN | 19 |
| 4 | SANTA BARBARA | ICI BOLTON | 19 |
| 5 | CLOG | SUTTON ROVERS | 18 |
| 6 | SAMARA | ICI BOLTON | 18 |
| 7 | SORLOTH | JUVENTUS | 13 |
| 8 | WEI-DIM | LOCHEND THISTLE | 12 |

### DIVISION 2

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | VADER | THE HEEBEES | 18 |
| 2 | IANIS HAGI | BOLTON SPARTANS | 17 |
| 3 | BEN | HAROLD WOOD | 14 |
| 4 | KAREN | HIGHBURY CORNER | 12 |
| 5 | BHOY | NOVA SCOTIA FC | 12 |
| 6 | COLUMBUS | HAROLD WOOD | 12 |
| 7 | MULLER | VENUS VOLCANOS | 11 |
| 8 | BONIEK | THE HEEBEES | 11 |

### DIVISION 3

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | SIMONS | ALE CAN CITY | 21 |
| 2 | GRASTEN | NEWPORT EXILES | 15 |
| 3 | VAN PERSIE | CONFEDERATES | 15 |
| 4 | ALMAO | ALE CAN CITY | 15 |
| 5 | TAYLOOR | WIGAN WARRIORS | 12 |
| 6 | REGOIRIE | NEWPORT EXILES | 11 |
| 7 | BADDADIO | ROYAL OAK | 10 |
| 8 | MATUSHKA | CONFEDERATES | 10 |

### DIVISION 4

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **BELLISSIMO** | **FIREFAL DOWN FC** | **30** |
| 2 | BOZTON | RICHMOND PARK | 27 |
| 3 | COSSAK | FIREFAL DOWN FC | 22 |
| 4 | LEUPOLZ | FIREFAL DOWN FC | 16 |
| 5 | GLOMACH | RICHMOND PARK | 15 |
| 6 | MUH MI | FIREFAL DOWN FC | 9 |
| 7 | CLINTON | HAWARDEN CASTLE | 9 |
| 8 | JOOST | CONNAUGHT FC | 9 |

## Since a Home Defeat

| | |
|---|---|
| Wigan Warriors | 23 games |
| Ici Bolton | 19 games |
| Firefal Down Fc | 17 games |
| Richmond Park | 13 games |
| Harold Wood | 12 games |
| Newport Exiles | 12 games |
| Sun Inn | 9 games |
| Nova Scotia Fc | 9 games |

## THE ROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :- NASI AYAM [3] (CANINE ROVERS) / CRAIG O'MOANER [1] (CANINE ROVERS) / VAN DRIVA [1] (VENUS VOLCANOS) /

**MANAGERIAL RATINGS - SQUAD AGE**

**TOP**

**HAYBROOK ATH - 0**

**CARLETON CITY - 3**

**CONNAUGHT FC - 6**

**BOTTOM**

**JAKKU REBELLION - 135**

**SUN INN - 138**

**RED STAR ROVERS - 141**

**MANAGERIAL RATINGS - ATTENDANCE**

**TOP**

**EMPIRE CITY - 0**

**ICI BOLTON - 2**

**SUN INN - 4**

**BOTTOM**

**CONNAUGHT FC - 90**

**BLUORANGE STARS - 92**

**NORTHERN SPARK - 94**

**MANAGERIAL RATINGS - MPS**

**TOP**

**COMIC CITY - 0**

**CONISTON ROVERS - 0**

**AFC SCRUMBLE - 4**

**BOTTOM**

**CARLETON CITY - 26**

**EMPIRE CITY - 26**

**UFFINGTON FC - 26**

## Consec. Home Defeats

| | |
|---|---|
| Afc Scrumble | 6 games |
| Selsdon Utd | 4 games |

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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 Is Paul Stevens**

# KICKABOUT BITS



## MARKING

From now onwards if you use last season's marking numbers then you will be found out AND if guilty the result of the game will either be reversed or decided against you.

MARKING INFO - Tim Dodge has put together a clever little program that allowss shomatch subscribers to gather all the international squads together each session so that you can use that info to get marking info. Shomatch/ teampick subscribers get a file sent out a file with all the int squads listed and this program pulls them all together. Makes it easier than ploughing through back newsletters, etc

The latest version now available at

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

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

# KICKABOUT BITS

## THE KICKABOUT COMMUNITY

**EMAIL CHAT LIST** -. To subscribe to the main list send a blank email to KA-kickabout+*subscribe@groups.io*.

For others you do the same except put the league, name with Ka- 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**

**THE MUSINGS AND MEANDERINGS OF THE KA MIND**

Seems not to have ever percolated the understanding of some out there, but if you only have ten men and a SBY, you do not have to play the SBY and qualify him. You can ask for a NL player. This has never been a `rule' but long ago it was decided that this would be the case and you can `save' your SBY.

# 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

We have four KA weekends planned for the future, taking to players recently it seems they might be very full, this is especially so with the Glasgow on next year, so you really need to get your names down if you are planning to attend any of these, to avoid disappointment. You don't need to send cash at present just get your name on the list

## Spring 2025 Back To Norwich

## Main house accomodation already booked for this

**Tommo McTomface is first man in**

**Geraldo, Jens, Seamus, Craig, Gareth, Nigel, Rob, Chris Moore, Colly, Neil B & Adrian have all indicated that they are coming**

**dates 9th-11th of May**

**Glasgow weekend dates 9th-12th October**

**Craig is first man in here**

**Gerard, Jens, Seamus, Gareth, Nigel, Rob, Cranners, Steadders, Neil B & Adrianall recon that they will be coming along**

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

**Bo, Rob, Tim & Dennis are first men in**

**Craig, Gareth, Nigel, & Cranners have all said they will be there**

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

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

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# KICKABOUT FUN

## MANAGERS NEEDED

Got a copule of good team free that might interest some of you out there.

**Premier** league is just coming to the end of another season. Hands on your own team with your own real life players, what fun. Got a couple of free teams, one of them very good indeed

£30 credit to start you off both are ideal for those who have just one or two clubs to manage to bolster their stable??

## VIRTUAL WEEKEND

We are hoping to run another virtual Kickabout weekend in 2025. tentatively the date is the weekend of the 22nd of February.

Cost for this extravaganza as always is £22.50 and will use Craig's new weekend set up and 16 team format (unless we are oversubscribed.

So have some fun during the dark nights of winter and get your name down.

- **Gerard, Scott, Wynne, Rob L, Gareth, Dag, Adrian & Craig have all said they will be taking part. Come on the rest of you sluggards**

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# KICKABOUT EUROS

# CHAMPIONS TROPHY

**CHINTZ CHIANTI** 1 : 0 **STEELCITY HAWKS** (A - 0.5)
Ozil turk 69
Wind: Brisk
Att 67673
Pitch: Good

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

**DAKIN UNITED** 0 : 0 **COMP CITY** (A - 0.7)
Att 68070
Pitch: Hard
Wind: Light [AET]

COMP CITY WIN PENALTY SHOOTOUT 5 - 4

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

# CUP-WINNERS CUP

**ICI BOLTON** 1 : 1 **GILLESPIE ROAD** (H - 1.1)
Santa barbara 7
Att 64187
Wind: Brisk
Child 25
off - Jaaskelainen (85)
Pitch: Good

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

**SOUTHLAND CITY** 0 : 0 **DAGGERS FC** (H - 1.3)
Att 36675*
Pitch: Muddy
Wind: Light [AET]

DAGGERS FC WIN PENALTY SHOOTOUT 4 - 3

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

# SUPER CUP

**SCAYNES HILL** 1 : 1 **GESSLE WARRIORS** (A - 0.1)
Law 31(og)
Att 65175
Pitch: Good
Turgut 2(og)
Wind: Light

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

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# CONTRACTS UPDATE

We have listened to the moaners who in contract negotiations have lost very good players cos they cannot get them to agree to a new contract. Galling to see their prized possession in the expired section of the autumn. Ok you will no doubt get some recompense for him, but the reserve bid is always painfully low and you never never know who might snaffle his arse with a cheeky bid do you.

So from now onwards if your prized player is on the last week of his contract

AND THIS ONLY RELATES TO THE LAST WEEK OF HIS CONTRACT PLEASE NOTE

Then there is a wage that if offered he will ALWAYS accept.

This has to be calculated by you (Oh shite!!)

The formula is as follows :

3 X basic wage where the basic wage = player level X PS Bonus X Div Bonus X POS Bonus X Type bonus

player level is obvious

P/S bonus increase the basic wage by 20%

Div Bonus - 125% for div 1/ 110% for div2 / 100% for divs 3/ 75% for div 4

Pos bonus refers to STARS/FUT/SBY which require 50% uplift

Type bonus is equal to the players expected wage rates , ie MF/A/D x3 - **Df/A X 2 / UT/WG/FWS x1.5** / GK SW X 2/ FW/MF/DF X 1

AND THIS ONLY RELATES TO THE LAST WEEK OF HIS CONTRACT PLEASE NOTE

as an example a DIV ONE 20/12 PS MF/A/D STAR would require a wage offer of **OVER** basic wage (81K) X 3 to accept unconditionally , i.e. 243K+ per week

or a 20-10 DIV THREE S DF/A would require a wage offer of **OVER** basic wage(20K) X 3, i.e. 60K+

On the last week of the contract there is no optimum length of contract though we suggest you opt for four weeks so you have time to bid again

## I REPEAT - AND THIS ONLY RELATES TO THE LAST WEEK OF HIS CONTRACT PLEASE NOTE

One last change to note as well. In future at whatever stage of the contract negotiation you are at with a player, the min he will now accept is one third of his basic wage

so in the MF/A/D example a bid under 27K+ will be rejected, the DF/A minimum is 6.66K+

# How to build a challenge side by Craig Lawton

Let's get right down to it. They are a challenge side because they are shit. More than likely it will be full of low to mid-level 20 somethings.

If you are lucky you may have a couple of million in the Bank but that won't be enough to turn things around in a couple of sessions. You need to be committed to be in this for the long haul.

? Have a plan. Base your coaching on getting 2 SPS per session. If you get a few more along the way as the season progresses then great either cash them or coach an extra youth player. Aim to coach your APP's & SBY's to level 12's by seasons end. Better to have 3 17/18 yr old level 12's than 5 level 8's.

? Clear out the 24-4's etc. to get them off the wage bill as they will be on relatively high wages. Either sell them to other managers at below NL price (you will still benefit vs selling to NL due to wages). If you can't get a buyer then hold on to them and run their contract down before selling to NL by session 13 - sales to NL go to half price after that.

? Play 2 APPS or a SBY every game unless you have a realistic chance of winning but try to win your derby games. Keep your MP's for derby games, matches against fellow strugglers and for (hopefully) a bit of a run in the Trophy.

? Build up your cash balance. Keep building this until you have at least circa £8m. Try to pick up bargains (below NL value) from the auction so you can then sell them on at a profit.

? Invest money in youth. Don't rely on this producing multiple MF specialists, unless your name is Morten. What you will hopefully get is a few FUT's which you can coach at 0.5 SP per level or sell for cash. This is a good way of increasing your teams' skill level quickly.

? Choose a category for the team and aim to get all the players of the same category (P, S or P/S). Having a power team is easier to build up quickly as there are more of them, there are plenty of 95 BW's around and are cheap to buy. However, longer term you will need to change the category of them team as power teams don't become super teams.

? If you have players that don't match your chosen category look to trade them for another player who is. It is rare your team will be full of P/S players so if you have any it may be best to move them on to build up your cash balance or trade for another player.

? Look to get a good quality GK and SW. You may not win many matches but two level 12's at the back could bring in some extra SP's through 0-0 draws.

? Don't coach anyone over the age of 18 unless there is a really good reason to do so e.g. 23-10 MF specialist.

? You need a captain so you can afford one player over the age of 19 - hopefully your captain will star or get rejuvenated.

? Within 2 seasons you should have a team full of level 12's and a decent cash balance as a solid platform to start your ascent to being the next KA super team.

Good luck!



## COMPETITION TIME

We know that what you kickabout players like is good competition, the chance to win something which doesn? involve skill (unlike in Kickabout). So as the nights get darker and longer we have decided TO REPEAT last year? xmas competition to brighten up your dull and dreary lives

We have competition about to run with far, far more prizes up for grabs. So how is this going to work you ask. Well, for every you pay into the credit of any account (in fact or every £30 you pay for any reason even Chris beer money you will get ticket in massive draw. chances to win something).

SO, what can you win? Well, Unfortunately, there will be some, `tough titties Prizes, . . no win ( ), but You will still win the joy of taking part

There are twenty prizes of double turn credit (any amount paid in)

There will be thirty prizes of between two and five turns credit

There will be one lifetime membership prize for one of your teams

There will be one prize of £100 free credit that can be spread around all your teams

There will be two prizes of £ 50 free turns

There will be two prizes of £ 20 free turns

There will be ten prizes of new team in any league of your choosing with Season free, plus every season there will be chance ( %) of that team receiving another free season (until you get to season where you have to pay, then it ends)

There will be five prizes of free entry to KA Weekend

Finally four mystery prizes that could be anything, lifetime membership, used pair of Cranners postie shoes, bottle of lube recommended by Hattie, pair of super ear plugs for use in KA weekends when Spud goes ballistic or Wadders does his Johnny Cash impression, or copy of Adirans? latest snakes and ladder campaign, you just have to wait and see what and see!!!

So get in there before the big buck prizes disappear cos this competition only runs until all the postal leagues are processed and sent out.

Oh nearly forgot. You have to claim your ticket when you send in the cash