CHURCHILL Season 21
KICKABOUT 16

THE CUP FINAL

*****ALL HAIL KING DAVID*****

NEPTUNES NOV. (DIV 1) 1 : 0 MALWINKA (DIV 3)

The showpiece of the season at **Wembley** this afternoon took place between two sides that are two divisions apart, as **Neptunes** & their mercurial boss **Dave Hails** managed to see off the challenge of **Hargraves**' third division **Malwinka** outfit.

A simple 352 formation for **Neptunes** with dog like man marking in the middle third allowed them the control in the centre of the park to express themselves early on.

Malwinka lined up with an unorthodox sweeper 243 & despite decent man marking by **Eloptich & Ngububanana**, the extra man in midfield for **Neptunes** allowed them to dominate the chances created in this one. With the **Frank brothers** in goal & sweeping the back line, **Manager Dave Hargraves** knew that if he could keep it tight, he may well have a chance of extra time & penalties against their lofty first division opponents. But the flow of the game had **Neptunes** on top throughout & although they only created a handful of goal mouth opportunities, they were able to breach the **Malwinka** rearguard with **Van Kampen** showing his silky skills to beat two men before shooting past **Frank** in the **Malwinka** goal to give **Neptunes** the lead just ten minutes after the half time restart. Despite having several more clear cut chances they couldn't add to their lead. **Malwinka**, to their credit, stuck to their task but could only manage a single chance on their opponent's goal which was well saved by custodian **Edvard Grieg.**

Neptunes lift the cup for only the second time in their history, the last time being ten years ago when they hammered **SPG Derby** by five goals to nil. I have a sneaking suspicion that **Neptunes** could well be back again same time next season. Congrats to **Dave Hails** on the win & a fine day out for the **Neptunes** faithful.

BREAKING NEWS----DAG TAKES OVER VASEY REINS

Out with the old & in with the new. Just as **Jens Jensen** was shown the door by **Royston Vasey**, who rocks up to the hotseat but none other than the bourbon swilling silent assassin **Daggins Overli**. I must admit I didn't see that one coming, but then again I thought **Kamala Harris** would take **Trump** in the recent US election so my crystal ball may need polishing. 'Brutus?' Now where has he got to?

'It takes a Norwegian to sort out a Danish mess'. That's an old Scandinavian proverb that **Jens** once told me about while we were drinking a fine 12 year old Irish whiskey. Or maybe I just made that up. You can decide.

Talking of **Vasey**, they upset poor old **Scotty** & his **Raith** team this week on their own patch. A victory would have cemented second spot for **Raith** but it wasn't to be as they went down 1-3. To make things worse, **Carlisle & Neptunes** both leapfrogged them leaving them in fourth. Brutus does enjoy a game of leapfrog, but we won't get into that just now. Anyway, an anticlimax alright. Just like **Cranners** trying to stay up late for three nights in a row at a **KA Weekend**.

Down at the bottom of the division the relegation was already done & dusted. **Leicester** go down having conceded one hundred & twenty three goals this season. That's an incredible achievement **Paul** my friend, my hat is doffed in your general direction. **Belvoir Rovers & Woolwich** under the stewardship of new man **Wadders** also take a step down, thankfully on this occasion **Wadds** only fell down a single division & not an entire flight of stairs.

Belvoir are one of the **Churchill** leagues founding teams, currently looked after by yours truly, but they have a cracking team so I expect someone to step up soon to take the reins.

Rumours abound that **Finn Harps** boss **Colly Armstrong** has been offered the job but he keeps his cards close to his chest does that one.

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POINTLESS BAD DAD IN MATCH FIXING SCANDAL

The fans of **Romford Lionesses** left bottom club **Bolton's** ground today glum & despondent as their team threw away promotion despite only needing a point today. **Manager Barrett** was nowhere to be seen post-match & the fans didn't hold back in their criticism. 'Gutless', 'Tactically Clueless' & 'General Poor Parenting Skills' were some of the less severe of the fan's accusations. A 424 formation away from home ran into big trouble as basement **Bolton** packed their midfield to bully the **Romford Rent Boys** into submission with an offside trap that caught them out time & again. Despite this the **Romford Pussies** did in fact take a lucky lead late in the second half against the run of play with **Zico** heading home.

But **Bolton** knew they had played the better football & with the roar of the fans behind them they equalised shortly afterwards when **Zulu Bantu** volleyed home. With two minutes to go the **Romford Shit Squad** finally succumbed as they allowed big centre half **Bucharesti** to waltz through their rearguard to fire home the winner in a 2-1 **Bolton** win. A poor defeat & promotion in tatters, **Barrett** gave a quick handshake to his old chum **John Samson** before disappearing down the tunnel with the **Romford fans**' boos ringing in his ears.

Baker Street took advantage of the **Romford Ladies** collapse & they hammered **Bravehearts** on their own patch by four clear goals. **Baker Street** go up while **Bravehearts** slip down to the third tier. Congrats to **Pete Brooks**, **Ian Read & Lozza Symonds** for their respective promotions. Commiserations go to **Rob Scott & John Samson** whose sides were relegated along with the **Jellybabies** who were rock bottom. Some good news on the horizon though for the **Jellies** as they have acquired the services of none other than **Tim Dodge** for their hot seat. I expect **Tim** to steady the ship next season with what is a very talented squad.

WICKED FOR NORTH WITCH STEVENS

Celebrations all round for **Paul 'Samantha' Stevens** as he worked his magic & bewitched his way to take top spot in the third division championship. Only **Mirus Marvels** could have topped them & they came for a draw today with a sweeper 432 that tried to stifle the **Northwich** frontal assault. To be fair it did exactly that as the **Marvels** rearguard were resolute throughout & took their own chance when it arrived. **Hollyhead** finished well with a shot from the edge of the area, but the party was not spoiled as **Fingers** wiggled his nose & **Dim Sum** duly equalised with some spellbinding play in lobbing the keeper with a moment of magic. 1-1 the final score.

So, **Northwich** go up was champions, **Marvels** in tow in second while **Morten's Moscow** also achieve promotion. Down at the bottom there would be no last day escape for the trio of **Reigate**, **Ironopolis** or **SPG Derby** who were already confirmed as going down weeks ago. They all go down with a whimper, life in the fourth division beckons with a chance to rebuild. **Butler & Sutton**, getting down & dirty with the dead men.

Just the way that it should be.

IT'S BO'S PARTY & HE'LL STILL SMILE IF CRANNERS SPOILS IT

Wellham are champs, we all knew this long before session sixteen as **Big Bad Bo** is a bit of a **Jurgen Klopp** when it comes to effusive self-praise, a big red face & a toothy winning smile. He once again presented himself with a trophy, tiny & teeny while wearing his trademark tomato polka dot mankini.

But along came party pooper **Cranners** with his **Bod Eff Eff Boys** to give the good old two fingered **Effu** to **Gregersen** (**Sutton** too if you like). A two one victory & **Bod** with only their fifth league victory all season & maybe something to look forward to next year for their long-suffering fans? **Cranners** delivers on his promises. Never gives up, he'll never let you down. Also handy for sharing a late night beer & a Rick(Astley)shaw home.

Midland & **Surreal Elvet** also promoted. **Hugo Allen** of **Midland** just pipping **Nob Lewis** to second spot. **Nob** wouldn't be used to coming second anyway, so third will have to do. Weirdo.

Newark just miss out but should get there next season, while **Stockport** & **Beddgelert** should improve under the guidance of the old experienced heads of **Lawton the Lesser** & **Mansell the Minor**.

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Should be a great season next year in the doldrums for the Churchill league cellar dwellers.

THE BOWL FINAL

<4CENTRED> ***ERINSBOROUGH'S LEADING MAN LOZZA***

ELEMENTALS UTD (DIV 4) 0 : 2 BAKER STREET FC (DIV 2)

He may be no **Jason Donovan** or **Craig MacLachlan** but our favourite **KA Neighbour Laurence Symonds** was already in fine voice with the recent success of session sixteen. Lowly **Elementals** were delighted to just get to a final with their fans in fine fettle too but coming up against the **Lozza** juggernaut of **Baker Street** who have just achieved promotion & with two finals to contend with was a very big ask. Such a session in store for our upside down mate living in the land of **Oz**.

An **Elementals** 352 formation with man marking stifled the usual **Baker Street** fine flowing football to some degree. **Baker Street** on the other hand set up with a 343, which allowed their creativity to shine in their neutral formation with an emphasis on getting the ball forward quickly to their front three. A 352 play defensively against a 343 neutral with creativity. Didgeridon't versus Didgeridoo.

Zagitova was the man who popped up with two fine goals in the opening half, one a looping header over the goalie from the edge of the area & then a cracking volley from an out swinging corner did for the **Elementals** today. **Lozza** delighted, promotion in the bag, bowl win (GM - against Seamy too!) & a trophy final to come.

What a world, what a world!

THE TROPHY FINAL

*****THE WIZARD OF OZ*****

BAKER STREET FC (DIV 2) 3 : 0 STOCKPORT DEVS (DIV 4)

Baker Street crowned this session & the season with a second trophy win, with a three nil victory over **Lawton's Stockport Devils**. In truth this was never a three nil game & my sense is that **Manager Lawton**, in true fadey fashion, simply paid too much respect to the opposition on the day. Both teams were reasonably evenly matched, 343 formations for both sides. But whereas **Baker Street** were on the front foot from the off with an attacking intent to their play, **Lawton's** orders were to zonal mark the opposition, which basically curtailed their opponents somewhat but also their own chances in the game. An offside trap would have also paid dividends but **Old Craigy Bhoy** missed this trick too. Sometimes when you get to a final, especially for a fourth division team, you must go for it as these days don't come around all that often.

Baker Street certainly did go for it, they have spent most of the season on the front foot so there was no stopping them today in the hunt for a **Bowl & Trophy** double.

That man **Zagitova** plus the hound that is **Baskerville**, toyed with their prey, scoring three excellent goals today. Such celebrations at the end, **Lozza** could just about manage to parade the trophies by himself, held high & aloft for the delighted fans. For this season in any case, **Lozza Symonds** truly is the wizard of Oz.

GOLDEN BOOT RACE

Carlos Stifez led the way all season, 36 goals in the bag for the **Dakin** Winger, taking the top award. **Maalskaarsson** of **Neptunes** ran him oh so close though, only two off the lead.

Jochim of **Clean Foxes** takes the second division, 25 goals scored, while **Fabiani** of **Northwich** just about takes the third division title with 14 goals.

Big Bad Bo gambled on his top two sharing the leading scorer charts, but has that backfired now on his rejuvenation chances? We must wait & see. **San Martino** takes the title from **Czizeor**, but did **Bo** really need to take such a risk?

MEANEST DEFENCES

Dakin & **W.B.A** share the accolade, having conceded only four league goals between both clubs.

St Andrews take the second division meanest defence, should have had the worst attack too as they couldn't hit a barn door ffs.

Mirus Marvels take the award by some way in the third, while **Midland** take the fourth division best defence award. I just hope all managers remembered to keep their oldest defender or sweeper in their ranks as opposed to sending them off to the non league?

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KICKABOUT RESULTS

EURO QUALIFIERS FOR NEXT SEASON

CHAMPIONS TROPHY (Leave for gm to complete)

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

Dakin Utd & Carlisle City qualify here

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)

Royston Vasey & Malwinka

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

Neptunes Novices & Raith Rovers

MANAGER OF THE MONTH

DIVISION ONE: goes to manager HUMPHRIES of **DAKIN,** league champs, nuff said.

DIVISION TWO: goes to manager LOZZA of **BAKER STREET,** promotion & two cups in the bag.

DIVISION THREE: goes to manager STEVENS of **NORTHWICH**, promotion & a great season to boot.

DIVISION FOUR**:** goes to manager BIG BAD BO of

RESULTS ROUND-UP

TEMPERATURE: Hot

Week Forty-six

DIVISION 1

NFL FRANCHISE Galish 41 bkd - Amba (40) Inj - Amba (1) Pitch: Hard	**1 : 0**	**K.K.S. SPARTANS** bkd - Paddy o'reilly (25) Att 53136 Wind: Calm *Derby Game*	**(H - 0.9)**
RAITH ROVERS Redskin 66(p) Att 44076 Wind: Calm Pitch: Hard	**1 : 3**	**ROYSTON VASEY** Papalazaru 14 Rieekan 19(og) Mcgregor 62	**(A - 0.3)**
CARLISLE CITY Glyndwr 48 Wind: Light	**1 : 0**	**LEICESTER CITY** Att 38427* Pitch: Hard	**(H - 1.9)**
ROYAL WOOLWICH bkd - Geisy (48) Att 50000 Wind: Calm Pitch: Hard	**0 : 0**	**W.B.A.** bkd - Hazard (69)/ Warnock (17)/ Quailey (68) *Derby Game*	**(A - 0.7)**
NMAC UNITED E-si-duzzit 89 Wind: Calm	**1 : 0**	**BELVOIR ROVERS** Att 47508 Pitch: Hard	**(H - 1.3)**
DAKIN UNITED Att 78962 Wind: Calm *Derby Game*	**0 : 0**	**NEPTUNES NOV.** bkd - Van kampen (16) Pitch: Good	**(-)**

DIVISION 2

AFC DJELIBEYBI Imwe 25 Att 27871* Wind: Calm Pitch: Hard	**1 : 7**	**PETERBRO** Forsell 4,20 Lee chong yung 30,52,56,79 Klose 48	**(A - 1.5)**
BOLTON RANGERS Zulu bantu 68 Bucharesti 88 Wind: Calm	**2 : 1**	**ROMFORD LIONS** Zico 60 Att 34748 Pitch: Good	**(A - 0.1)**
BRAVEHEARTS FC Att 34575 Wind: Calm Pitch: Hard	**0 : 4**	**BAKER STREET FC** Jan vermeer 8 Facchetti 9 Rathbone 35 Baskerville 48 Inj - Lestrade (4)/ Rathbone (1)	**(A - 0.1)**
CELTIC WARRIORS Baglan 82 Att 40254 Wind: Calm	**1 : 2**	**DURNOVARIA FC** Mpenza 2 Lucas radebe 87 Pitch: Wet	**(A - 0.5)**
CLEAN FOXES Fridmand 8 Mao tse 60 Transilvan 72 Wuve juve 85(og)	**4 : 0**	**WHOVENTUS** Att 31728 Wind: Calm Pitch: Good	**(H - 0.1)**
ST. ANDREWS bkd - Tomasson (64) Att 55690 Wind: Calm Pitch: Good	**0 : 0**	**MERCURY ROVERS** bkd - Fariq (83)/ Chuck (20) Inj - Ostenstad (1) *Derby Game*	**(H - 0.5)**

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KICKABOUT RESULTS

DIVISION 3

S.P.G. DERBY Lux 14 Att 28007 Wind: Calm	**1 : 2**	**KERNOW PANTHERS** Buchabreast 60 See sun set 69 Pitch: Hard	**(A - 0.5)**
ULTRA MILAN Att 31978 Wind: Calm Pitch: Hard	**0 : 2**	**MALWINKA** Sellany 69(og) Holdsworth 88	**(A - 0.9)**
NORTHWICH Dim sum 79 bkd - Tolstoy (64) Wind: Light	**1 : 1**	**MIRUS MARVELS** Hollyhead 62 Att 28000* Pitch: Hard	**(H - 1)**
REIGATE ALBION Josappen 73(p) Att 28473 Pitch: Hard	**1 : 1**	**LITTLE MOSCOW** Amstel 16 Wind: Calm	**(H - 0.3)**
FINN HARPS bkd - Iss ooo (38) Wind: Calm	**0 : 0**	**ASTON PARK RVRS** Att 39092 Pitch: Hard	**(H - 0.5)**
THE PSYCHEDICS Chivu 40 off - Cheyenne (32) Pitch: Wet	**1 : 0**	**IRONOPOLIS** Att 26435 Wind: Calm	**(H - 0.3)**

DIVISION 4

NEWARK FOREST Att 23406 Pitch: Good	**0 : 0**	**BEDDGELERT UTD** Wind: Calm	**(A - 0.3)**
ACRE RANGERS Att 32000 Pitch: Good	**0 : 0**	**REEL ELVET** Wind: Calm	**(H - 0.1)**
RIVENDELL Luxluxlux 43 Att 23687 Wind: Calm Pitch: Hard	**1 : 5**	**MIDLAND EXPRESS** Firenze 5 Hopsovich 8 Pinto 10 Park 13,63	**(A - 3.1)**
BOD FF Shaymoussy 37 Borscht 82 Wind: Calm	**2 : 1**	**WELLHAM WAND** Gregsson 30 Att 23180 Pitch: Hard	**(A - 0.7)**
ELEMENTALS UTD Fernandez 50(og) Att 27993 Wind: Calm	**1 : 2**	**STOCKPORT DEVS** Alzapedi 37 Grant 89 Pitch: Hard	**(A - 0.7)**
CLUB FORMOSA Att 31700 Pitch: Hard	**0 : 0**	**AFC YAVIN FOUR** Wind: Light	**(A - 0.1)**

Week Forty-seven

DIVISION 4 RE-ARRANGED MATCH

REEL ELVET Harper 2,17 Sad 87 Agash 88 Van else 88 Wind: Calm	**5 : 4**	**STOCKPORT DEVS** Grant 14 Alzapedi 56 Fernandez 70,82 Att 35868 Pitch: Hard	**(A - 0.9)**

THE CHURCHILL CUP

FINAL

NEPTUNES NOV. Van kampen 55 Att 56771 Pitch: Hard	**1 : 0**	**MALWINKA** bkd - Eloptich (5) Wind: Calm	**(H - 1.1)**

THE CHURCHILL BOWL

FINAL

ELEMENTALS UTD bkd - Cowboy (88) Att 33015 Wind: Calm	**0 : 2**	**BAKER STREET FC** Zagitova 10,19 Inj - Zabriskie (1) Pitch: Good	**(A - 1.3)**

Week Forty-eight

THE CHURCHILL LEAGUE CUP

FINAL

BAKER STREET FC Baskerville 31,90 Zagitova 39 Pitch: Hard	**3 : 0**	**STOCKPORT DEVS** Att 32766 Wind: Calm	**(A - 0.1)**

CHURCHILL FRIENDLIES

AFC DJELIBEYBI	**6 : 4**	**BELVOIR ROVERS**	**(H - 1.7)**
AFC YAVIN FOUR	**3 : 2**	**DURNOVARIA FC**	**(H - 0.5)**
MALWINKA	**6 : 2**	**BEDDGELERT UTD**	**(H - 2.3)**
CLUB FORMOSA	**2 : 7**	**BRAVEHEARTS FC**	**(A - 2.1)**
CARLISLE CITY	**1 : 7**	**ST. ANDREWS**	**(A - 2.9)**
MIRUS MARVELS	**3 : 4**	**ELEMENTALS UTD**	**(A - 3.1)**
IRONOPOLIS	**8 : 2**	**ILFORD(NL)**	**(H - 1.9)**
TRURO CITY(NL)	**4 : 1**	**LEICESTER CITY**	**(H - 1.9)**
LITTLE MOSCOW	**5 : 0**	**TAMWORTH(NL)**	**(H - 1.9)**
NEPTUNES NOV.	**3 : 2**	**WHITBY TOWN(NL)**	**(H - 0.5)**
ROMULUS(NL)	**3 : 4**	**NFL FRANCHISE**	**(A - 1.1)**
NORTHWICH	**0 : 4**	**MET POLICE(NL)**	**(A - 0.7)**
RAITH ROVERS	**1 : 1**	**UXBRIDGE(NL)**	**(H - 0.3)**
REIGATE ALBION	**5 : 3**	**TELFORD UTD(NL)**	**(H - 0.1)**
ENFIELD(NL)	**4 : 2**	**ROYAL WOOLWICH**	**(H - 0.7)**

WEATHER FORECAST

Temperature next session: Warm

Predicted wind speed next session: Calm

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KICKABOUT TABLES

CHURCHILL LEAGUE. DIVISION 1

	...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	DAKIN UNITED	22	8	3	0	36	1	9	2	0	29	1	63	56
2	CARLISLE CITY	22	8	2	1	27	5	6	1	4	20	10	32	45
3	NEPTUNES NOV.	22	5	6	0	23	2	6	5	0	35	1	55	44
4	RAITH ROVERS	22	8	0	3	24	12	6	2	3	28	13	27	44
5	W.B.A.	22	5	5	1	14	1	3	7	1	7	1	19	36
6	ROYSTON VASEY	22	5	4	2	23	4	4	4	3	18	11	26	35
7	NMAC UNITED	22	5	2	4	12	11	3	4	4	8	10	-1	30
8	NFL FRANCHISE	22	5	2	4	12	18	3	1	7	11	23	-18	27
9	K.K.S. SPARTANS	22	2	4	5	10	10	1	4	6	5	15	-10	17
10	ROYAL WOOLWICH	22	2	3	6	7	21	1	1	9	7	26	-33	13
11	BELVOIR ROVERS	22	2	2	7	13	30	1	1	9	5	32	-44	12
12	LEICESTER CITY	22	0	0	11	3	62	1	1	9	4	61	-116	4

CHURCHILL LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

	...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	PETERBRO	22	7	3	1	25	4	6	3	2	32	10	43	45
2	DURNOVARIA FC	22	6	5	0	21	4	6	2	3	18	10	25	43
3	BAKER STREET FC	22	7	2	2	17	6	5	3	3	18	9	20	41
4	ROMFORD LIONS	22	8	1	2	27	13	3	6	2	13	8	19	40
5	CLEAN FOXES	22	4	3	4	30	34	5	1	5	27	36	-13	31
6	ST. ANDREWS	22	3	4	4	10	8	3	7	1	10	4	8	29
7	MERCURY ROVERS	22	4	2	5	12	8	2	6	3	9	12	1	26
8	CELTIC WARRIORS	22	3	5	3	9	9	3	1	7	8	31	-23	24
9	WHOVENTUS	22	5	5	1	13	7	1	0	10	2	20	-12	23
10	BRAVEHEARTS FC	22	3	4	4	9	11	2	3	6	9	19	-12	22
11	BOLTON RANGERS	22	4	2	5	16	24	1	1	9	3	23	-28	18
12	AFC DJELIBEYBI	22	4	1	6	11	23	0	4	7	2	18	-28	17

CHURCHILL LEAGUE. DIVISION 3

	...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	NORTHWICH	22	7	4	0	30	7	5	2	4	13	12	24	42
2	MIRUS MARVELS	22	5	5	1	9	2	5	6	0	9	3	13	41
3	LITTLE MOSCOW	22	5	5	1	20	8	4	6	1	15	9	18	38
4	MALWINKA	22	2	8	1	6	4	5	4	2	11	5	8	33
5	FINN HARPS	22	2	4	5	10	10	7	1	3	29	24	5	32
6	KERNOW PANTHERS	22	5	3	3	18	14	4	2	5	14	19	-1	32
7	THE PSYCHEDICS	22	4	2	5	9	11	3	5	3	9	10	-3	28
8	ASTON PARK RVRS	22	6	2	3	11	7	0	7	4	2	7	-1	27
9	ULTRA MILAN	22	4	4	3	10	6	2	3	6	3	15	-8	25
10	REIGATE ALBION	22	2	5	4	9	11	1	5	5	3	10	-9	19
11	S.P.G. DERBY	22	1	4	6	9	17	3	2	6	4	13	-17	18
12	IRONOPOLIS	22	2	1	8	7	19	1	4	6	4	21	-29	14

CHURCHILL LEAGUE. DIVISION 4

	...TEAMNAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	WELLHAMWAND	22	8	2	1	44	7	8	2	1	28	5	60	52
2	MIDLAND EXPRESS	22	8	2	1	26	4	5	4	2	15	5	32	45
3	REEL ELVET	22	8	1	2	30	11	5	3	3	23	10	32	43
4	NEWARK FOREST	22	7	3	1	20	6	4	5	2	9	8	15	41
5	STOCKPORT DEVS	22	6	3	2	23	6	6	1	4	23	21	19	40
6	CLUB FORMOSA	22	5	4	2	12	3	2	5	4	7	11	5	30
7	ACRE RANGERS	22	3	4	4	12	17	5	1	5	8	18	-15	29
8	ELEMENTALS UTD	22	5	2	4	15	10	1	5	5	6	24	-13	25
9	BODFF	22	4	4	3	9	14	1	3	7	4	20	-21	22
10	BEDDGELERT UTD	22	2	5	4	14	13	2	1	8	12	30	-17	18
11	AFC YAVIN FOUR	22	3	2	6	7	13	0	2	9	7	31	-30	13
12	RIVENDELL	22	1	1	9	3	38	0	1	10	0	32	-67	5

KICKABOUT STATS

LEADING SCORERS

DIVISION 1

1	CARLOS STIFEZ	DAKIN UNITED	36
2	MAALSKAARSON	NEPTUNES NOV.	34
3	ROCHAU	CARLISLE CITY	29
4	DETROIT	NEPTUNES NOV.	16
5	VAN KAMPEN	NEPTUNES NOV.	15
6	BJORGSON	RAITH ROVERS	14
7	PAPALAZARU	ROYSTON VASEY	13
8	REDSKIN	RAITH ROVERS	12

DIVISION 2

1	JOACHIM	CLEAN FOXES	25
2	RATHBONE	BAKER STREET FC	17
3	BASKERVILLE	BAKER STREET FC	16
4	LEE CHONG YUNG	PETERBRO	15
5	MPENZA	DURNOVARIA FC	14
6	SPUDEYES	BOLTON RANGERS	12
7	KLOSE	PETERBRO	11
8	MAO TSE	CLEAN FOXES	10

DIVISION 3

1	FABIANI	NORTHWICH	14
2	NIC ASULKA	NORTHWICH	12
3	SOUSA	NORTHWICH	9
4	ANDANARE	THE PSYCHEDICS	8
5	LOB LEWIS	FINN HARPS	8
6	CLINTON	NORTHWICH	8
7	HOLDSWORTH	MALWINKA	8
8	SEE SUN SET	KERNOW PANTHERS	8

DIVISION 4

1	SAN MARTINO	WELLHAM WAND	22
2	CZIZEOR	WELLHAM WAND	21
3	XHLACUNI	STOCKPORT DEVS	18
4	ALZAPEDI	STOCKPORT DEVS	14
5	ZDRAST	BEDDGELERT UTD	12
6	PARK	MIDLAND EXPRESS	11
7	VAN ELSE	REEL ELVET	11
8	POPESCU	NEWARK FOREST	10

THE ROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :- HAZARD [1] (W.B.A.) / CHEYENNE [1] (THE PSYCHEDICS) / COWBOY [1] (ELEMENTALS UTD) /

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - MPS

TOP

ACRE RANGERS - 0

RIVENDELL - 2

ULTRA MILAN - 4

BOTTOM

ROYSTON VASEY - 22

RAITH ROVERS - 22

K.K.S. SPARTANS - 22

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - APPS

TOP

NFL FRANCHISE - 0

K.K.S. SPARTANS - 0

RAITH ROVERS - 0

BOTTOM

MERCURY ROVERS - 82

DAKIN UNITED - 82

NEPTUNES NOV. - 82

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - YOUTH

TOP

WHOVENTUS - 0

DURNOVARIA FC - 1

NEWARK FOREST - 2

BOTTOM

LITTLE MOSCOW - 45

NFL FRANCHISE - 46

ROMFORD LIONS - 47

Since a Home Defeat

Dakin United	***111 games***
Northwich	22 games
Durnovaria Fc	13 games
Neptunes Nov.	11 games
W.B.A.	10 games
Carlisle City	7 games
Nmac United	7 games
Kernow Panthers	7 games

Consec. Away Defeats

Whoventus	7 games
Celtic Warriors	6 games
Leicester City	5 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 Seamus

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!

