

# THE PREMIER LEAGUE

## RACE FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> GOES TO THE WIRE

Two defeats for **Sheffield Wednesday** at the hands of champions **Leeds Utd** means they are out of the top three race barring a miracle leaving 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> spot between Huffo's **Liverpool** and Disco's **Leeds City**. Both managers gathered 4 points this week which means we go to the final games. Leeds City host **QPR** (come on Cranners!) whilst Liverpool are at **Glasgow Celtic** (KP Toughie!). We tried to contact Disco for comment in the run up to the final game but after exiting a 2-hour delayed train from Bolton to somewhere obscure he was last seen on top of a mountain on his bike browsing the latest Asos catalogue for men's shirts. Huffo was more forthcoming; over a full English at The Pantry we discussed tactics before he treated me to a Toffee Pudding at The Fox and Hounds with a Wingman to wash it down - for he's a jolly good fella. Good luck boys.

## THE RISE OF SUTTON - FINALLY

Lift off at Kenilworth Road finally for the miserable fans who've had to put up with miserable EFFU Sutton all season. Away to Walsall was the first game; the big one, relegation decider possibly; but a 3 - 1 win secured their 1<sup>st</sup> division status for another season. With a spring in their step, Palace were next; easy pickings; 2 - 0 and winger MATETE injured to boot. Congrats EFFU; for doing the bare minimum and getting away with it! Can't wait for next season.

## BOWL THIEF MATRON CONDEMNED TO WOODEN SPOON

Not long after Cranners and his men turned up at Wembley only to be turned away, he got his own back by ensuring Matron Nobba Lewis and that sneaky prawn Brutus Potato Man ended bottom of the table. Yes, you heard it here; Cranners Bowl Final at the Glasgow weekend stolen away by the GM (input error! Computer say No! etc etc blah blah blah; no refund) and then Matron Lewis, who refused to vacate the dressing room knowing full well they were NOT

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Season 16  
Session 15

### PREMIER LEAGUE. DIVISION 1

| ...TEAM NAME...   | PL | W | D | L | F  | A  | W | D | L | F  | A  | Dif | Pts |
|-------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 LEEDS UTD       | 21 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 3  | 8 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 2  | 34  | 53  |
| 2 LIVERPOOL       | 21 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 7  | 3 | 5 | 2 | 7  | 6  | 9   | 38  |
| 3 LEEDS CITY      | 21 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 4  | 4 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 12 | 15  | 36  |
| 4 SHEFFIELD WED   | 21 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 9  | 2 | 5 | 3 | 8  | 7  | 12  | 33  |
| 5 EVERTON         | 21 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 4  | 4 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 12 | 7   | 33  |
| 6 ASTON VILLA     | 21 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 6  | 4 | 1 | 6 | 9  | 16 | 1   | 33  |
| 7 GLASGOW CELTIC  | 21 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 16 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 9  | -1  | 28  |
| 8 LUTON TOWN      | 21 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 16 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 19 | 15 | -1  | 27  |
| 9 SUNDERLAND      | 21 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 18 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 20 | 25 | -5  | 27  |
| 10 WALSH L        | 21 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4  | 10 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 6  | 10 | -10 | 18  |
| 11 Q.P.R.         | 21 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 3  | 13 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 4  | 16 | -22 | 11  |
| 12 CRYSTAL PALACE | 21 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 27 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 2  | 24 | -39 | 7   |

in the final! Shame on him, such a nice fella we all thought! (yeah right; dodgy WEIRDO!) Anyway, **QPR** got another win this session; 'deservedly' taking **Sunderland** down with a solid 4-4-2 offside and ruining Fingers run in to what was looking an excellent season not so long ago. **Crystal Palace** delivered what their fans expected; two defeats! Get to the Chopper!

### TOP THREE SECURE PROMOTION

Plenty of points for the top three this week who have all secured promotion to the 1<sup>st</sup> division. **Chelsea** got four to wrap up a well-deserved title. The question is can Stocksy now keep them up or will they be a yo-yo team. They won't be challenging for the title but mid-table looks a good possibility. **Wycombe** got a full six points; two wins against **Brighton** which, had they

gone the other way would have given Lozza a late run promotion. It wasn't to be though; the 4 - 2 away win was a little fortunate to say the least, but the 1 - 0 home win just about deserved as the Seagulls ran out of gas.

**Nottingham Forest** also got a maximum haul; a 1 - 0 win away at **Darlington** and a crazy 4 - 7 win at **Tottenham**. This game resembled a KA weekend game; ridiculous, calamitous defending and goalkeeping at schoolboy level. Never mind all that though; brilliant fun for the fans! Spurs didn't have a decent keeper but their attack overwhelmed a pretty weak back three from the visitors whilst Mr Read will have CHRIS WOODS to thank for his hattrick. Good luck in the top flight chaps.

### PREMIER LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

| ...TEAM NAME...   | PL | W | D | L | F  | A  | W | D | L | F  | A  | Dif | Pts |
|-------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 CHELSEA         | 21 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 4  | 8 | 3 | 0 | 19 | 0  | 33  | 50  |
| 2 WYCOMBE WANDS   | 21 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 3  | 5 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 14 | 32  | 46  |
| 3 NOTTINGHAM FOR  | 21 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 29 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 15 | 18  | 40  |
| 4 GREENOCK MORTON | 21 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 8  | 8  | 5 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 4  | 13  | 34  |
| 5 DARLINGTON      | 21 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 8  | 1  | 3 | 4 | 3 | 6  | 4  | 9   | 33  |
| 6 BRIGHTON        | 21 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 5  | 3 | 2 | 5 | 9  | 13 | 8   | 32  |
| 7 ABERDEEN        | 21 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 17 | 3   | 31  |
| 8 NEWCASTLE UTD   | 21 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 6  | 3  | 3 | 5 | 3 | 5  | 4  | 4   | 29  |
| 9 TOTTENHAM       | 21 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 17 | 23 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 6  | 24 | -24 | 18  |
| 10 WEST HAM UTD   | 21 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 8  | 10 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 24 | -16 | 15  |
| 11 ARSENAL        | 21 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 5  | 23 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 7  | 26 | -37 | 9   |
| 12 WIGAN ATHLETIC | 21 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 9  | 26 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 1  | 27 | -43 | 7   |

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## PREMIER TROPHY FINAL

STOCKS RISING AGAIN  
ABERDEEN 0 - 2 CHELSEA

A very young Aberdeen side got their first taste of Wembley today as the underdogs against experienced Division Two champions Chelsea and came away with runners up medals. I'm sure their time will come but today it was about Chelsea being controlled and having control throughout. Even though midfield general JORGINHO was called upon to drop back time and again to help the back two, Lawton's side never once troubled KEPA in goal and were always chasing the game too hurriedly after CASADEI had headed Chelsea into an early lead. 10 minutes after the break NKUNKU put away a far post cross and that pretty much ended the game. Congrats to both here.

## CHAMPIONSTROPHY

Semi-final 2<sup>nd</sup> legs  
KP DOES ENOUGH  
LEEDS UTD 1 - 0 PSG

Solid as a rock for KP and his Leeds Utd here as they look to reclaim the title and win it for a record fifth time. No messing here; KP's instructions were to bully the French faggots off the ball whenever needed, cause aggro - bordering on a riot, and not allow them to play their flowing game it worked a treat. KP one step away from more Euro glory.

DOUR BUT DISCO DON'T CARE  
INTER MILAN 0 - 0 LEEDS CITY

Absolutely nothing to report here. Disco Dave came with a game plan to bore the pants of any admission paying fan and it worked down to a tee. Barely a shot, no saves, time wasting galore and manager's

dissent. Everything you want on a Wednesday night in Milan before popping off to the local Italian for a glass or red and a Tricolore!

## EUFA CUP

Semi-final 2<sup>nd</sup> legs

THEY'LL BE NO SINGING IN THE VALLEYS TONITE  
GREENOCK MORTEN 0 - 0 FRANKFURT

A solitary Frankfurt goal in the first leg takes the Germans to the final as Wynne and his men fail to find the net on a night of high drama and emotions. They may be called Greenock Morten but the majority of the home fans are Welsh and they sang all night long like they do in the valleys. It spurred the guys on, they tried and tried but could not find a way past what looked like a 10-man rearguard for the visitors. It wasn't to be; great effort though.

PADRAICINS PACKED AS BOWL-KING AT IT AGAIN  
CLIFTONVILLE 0 - 0 EVERTON

The locals all piled in; Seamus had offered 1 free pint for every 25 ordered and you could not keep the Guinness guzzling locals out. Poor Joanne was rushed off her feet; called in on her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday to help out behind the bar whilst hubby Seamy was down the road pouring champers down his gullet celebrating a draw against the reigning champions which sent them into another Eufa Cup final. He loves a final does our Shaymousse!

## MANAGER OF THE MONTH

DIVISION ONE: **EFFU Sutton** at **Luton** - safety assured; now sort it out saaahn.

DIVISON TWO: **Read** at **Wycombe** - home and away wins against close rivals to secure promotion.

## THE GOLDEN BOOT RACE

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> season running it's BAMFORD of Leeds Utd who takes the divisional and overall award for his 27 goals so far. A fair way off his record and the previous two seasons but KP won't care a jot. In Division 2 it looks like either LUBALA of Wycombe or DODDS for Aberdeen. One goal in it! SHOOT!

## BEST DEFENCES

Leeds Utd to win this again, though its possible Leeds City could take it if KP's men collapse (hmmm!) Chelsea, Wycombe or Darlington will win this in the 2<sup>nd</sup>; it's too close to call.

## EURO QUALIFIERS FOR NEXT EASON

CHAMPIOSN TROPHY - LEEDS UTD & LIVERPOOL ARE THROUGH, two of four for the other two places, all down to the final session

EUFA TROPHY - LUTON TOWN defo the rest up in the air until the final session

## RESULTS ROUND-UP

TEMPERATURE: Cool

### Week forty-three

#### DIVISION 1

|                                                                                                                       |              |                                                                                      |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>GLASGOW CELTIC</b><br>Att 28824*<br>Pitch: Good                                                                    | <b>0 : 0</b> | <b>LEEDS CITY</b><br>Wind: Storm                                                     | <b>(A - 0.7)</b> |
| <b>LIVERPOOL</b><br>Carvalho 68<br>bkd - Alexander (87)/<br>Jimmy case (70)<br>Pitch: Good                            | <b>1 : 1</b> | <b>ASTON VILLA</b><br>Cash 48<br>Att 39839<br>Wind: Storm<br>*Derby Game*            | <b>(A - 0.3)</b> |
| <b>SHEFFIELD WED</b><br>bkd - Nig worthington (58)<br>off - Pulisic (37)<br>Att 45739*<br>Wind: Storm<br>*Derby Game* | <b>0 : 3</b> | <b>LEEDS UTD</b><br>Bamford 22,76(p)<br>Speed 44<br>Inj - Bamford (3)<br>Pitch: Good | <b>(A - 0.9)</b> |
| <b>CRYSTAL PALACE</b><br>Att 30473<br>Wind: Storm<br>Pitch: Good                                                      | <b>0 : 3</b> | <b>EVERTON</b><br>Santa 14<br>Martin kelly 16(og)<br>Sharie 21                       | <b>(A - 0.5)</b> |
| <b>WALSALL</b><br>Alan browne 64                                                                                      | <b>1 : 3</b> | <b>LUTON TOWN</b><br>Mark mccabe 27                                                  | <b>(A - 0.1)</b> |

Att 37092  
Wind: Storm  
Pitch: Good

#### Q.P.R.

McGinn 18  
Alfie mawson 20  
Wind: Storm

Pearson 41  
Tarkowski 74

**2 : 1 SUNDERLAND** **(H - 0.7)**  
Dennis cirkin 31  
Att 28649  
Pitch: Muddy

#### DIVISION 2

|                                                                                                                    |              |                                                                                                                                 |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>NEWCASTLE UTD</b><br>Att 27252<br>Wind: Storm                                                                   | <b>0 : 1</b> | <b>ABERDEEN</b><br>Billy dodds 7<br>Pitch: Good                                                                                 | <b>(H - 0.7)</b> |
| <b>GREENOCK MORTON</b><br>John mcgovern 73<br>Eddie falloon 82<br>Pitch: Hard                                      | <b>2 : 0</b> | <b>ARSENAL</b><br>Att 28734<br>Wind: Storm                                                                                      | <b>(H - 1.1)</b> |
| <b>BRIGHTON</b><br>Lallana 33<br>Trossard 84<br>bkd - Lallana (37)<br>Att 33733*<br>Wind: Storm                    | <b>2 : 4</b> | <b>WYCOMBE WANDS</b><br>Keith scott 8<br>Jason cousins 19(p)<br>Steve thompson 35<br>Beryly lubala 66<br>Pitch: Good            | <b>(A - 0.1)</b> |
| <b>TOTTENHAM</b><br>Jamie donley 11<br>Tom davis 28<br>John white 77<br>Alex samuel 89<br>Att 23436<br>Wind: Storm | <b>4 : 7</b> | <b>NOTTINGHAM FOR</b><br>Cattermole 11<br>Gibbs-white 24<br>Stan collymore 44<br>Chris woods 45,82,83<br>Silva 75<br>Pitch: Wet | <b>(A - 0.5)</b> |
| <b>WEST HAM UTD</b><br>bkd - Brown (88)/<br>Magennis (78)<br>Pitch: Good                                           | <b>0 : 0</b> | <b>WIGAN ATHLETIC</b><br>Att 26974<br>Wind: Gale                                                                                | <b>(A - 0.1)</b> |
| <b>DARLINGTON</b><br>bkd - Rhys armstrong (30)<br>Wind: Storm                                                      | <b>0 : 0</b> | <b>CHELSEA</b><br>Att 33613*<br>Pitch: Good                                                                                     | <b>(H - 0.3)</b> |

### Week forty-four

#### DIVISION 1

|                                                                                           |              |                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>LEEDS UTD</b><br>Speed 59<br>bkd - Speed (75)<br>Att 62370*<br>Pitch: Good             | <b>1 : 0</b> | <b>SHEFFIELD WED</b> <b>(H - 0.7)</b><br>bkd - Nig worthington (67)/<br>Dougie freedman (79)<br>Wind: Storm<br>*Derby Game* |
| <b>LIVERPOOL</b><br>David batty 80(p)<br>Wind: Storm                                      | <b>1 : 0</b> | <b>WALSALL</b> <b>(H - 0.3)</b><br>Att 31443<br>Pitch: Good                                                                 |
| <b>SUNDERLAND</b><br>Naziriy rusyn 54<br>Att 30468<br>Wind: Storm                         | <b>1 : 2</b> | <b>GLASGOW CELTIC</b> <b>(H - 0.1)</b><br>Furuhashi 1<br>O riley 52<br>Pitch: Wet                                           |
| <b>LUTON TOWN</b><br>Mpanzu 25<br>Leon hubert 28<br>bkd - Leon hubert (67)<br>Pitch: Good | <b>2 : 0</b> | <b>CRYSTAL PALACE</b> <b>(H - 1.9)</b><br>Inj - Matete (2)<br>Att 55330<br>Wind: Storm<br>*Derby Game*                      |
| <b>LEEDS CITY</b><br>Tommy burnden 5<br>Albert adomah 38<br>Tony doriga 89                | <b>3 : 0</b> | <b>ASTON VILLA</b> <b>(A - 0.1)</b><br>Att 55913<br>Wind: Storm<br>Pitch: Muddy                                             |
| <b>Q.P.R.</b><br>Att 29404<br>Wind: Storm                                                 | <b>0 : 1</b> | <b>EVERTON</b> <b>(H - 1)</b><br>Dixie dean 71<br>Pitch: Hard                                                               |

#### DIVISION 2

|                                                                      |              |                                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>WYCOMBE WANDS</b><br>Ryan tafazolli 48<br>Wind: Storm             | <b>1 : 0</b> | <b>BRIGHTON</b> <b>(H - 0.1)</b><br>Att 39511<br>Pitch: Good               |
| <b>GREENOCK MORTON</b><br>Ellis rimmer 20<br>Att 30162<br>Pitch: Wet | <b>1 : 1</b> | <b>WEST HAM UTD</b> <b>(H - 0.7)</b><br>Magennis 44<br>Wind: Storm         |
| <b>CHELSEA</b><br>Nkunku 90<br>Wind: Storm                           | <b>1 : 0</b> | <b>NEWCASTLE UTD</b> <b>(H - 0.3)</b><br>Att 44736<br>Pitch: Wet           |
| <b>WIGAN ATHLETIC</b><br>Sanders 4,63<br>Boothman 32<br>Hunter 61    | <b>4 : 1</b> | <b>TOTTENHAM</b> <b>(A - 0.1)</b><br>Saliba 76<br>Att 23401<br>Wind: Storm |

Pitch: Good

**ABERDEEN**

Miovski 16,28  
Van kinkel 31  
Harry toffolo 32  
Billy dodds 62  
bkd - Harry toffolo (32)

**5 : 0 ARSENAL**

Att 32870  
Wind: Storm  
Pitch: Muddy  
\*Derby Game\*

(H - 0.7)

**DARLINGTON**

Att 26851  
Wind: Storm

**0 : 1 NOTTINGHAM FOR**

Gibbs-white 31  
Pitch: Good

(H - 0.3)

## **Week fourty-five**

### **THE PREMIER TROPHY**

#### **FINAL**

**ABERDEEN**

Att 41845  
Wind: Storm  
Pitch: Muddy

**0 : 2 CHELSEA**

Casadei 7  
Nkunku 55

(A - 0.7)

### **THE CHAMPIONS TROPHY**

#### **Semi-final 2nd legs**

**LEEDS UTD**

**1 - 0 PSG**

**INTER MILAN**

**0 - 0 LEEDS CITY**

#### **FINAL**

### **LEEDS UTD v LEEDS CITY**

#### **THE EUFA TROPHY**

**GREENOCK MORTON**

**0 - 0 EINTRACHT FRANKFURT**

**CLIFTONVILLE**

**0 - 0 EVERTON**

#### **FINAL**

### **EINTRACHT FRANKFURT v EVERETON**

#### **FRIENDLY MATCHES**

**EURO TEAM1(NL) 0 : 0 ARSENAL (A - 0.5)**

**EURO TEAM1(NL) 0 : 3 ASTON VILLA (A - 3.1)**

**SHEFFIELD WED 3 : 0 DARLINGTON (H - 0.9)**

**BRIGHTON 8 : 1 LUTON TOWN (H - 1.7)**

**WYCOMBE WANDS 6 : 0 NOTTINGHAM FOR (H - 0.9)**

**Q.P.R. 0 : 1 EURO TEAM1(NL) (A - 2.5)**

bkd - Darfield (30)

**WIGAN ATHLETIC 1 : 0 EURO TEAM1(NL) (H - 0.1)**

**EURO TEAM1(NL) 0 : 0 WEST HAM UTD (H - 0.7)**

#### **WEATHER FORECAST**

Temperature next session: Hot

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is  
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## **THE PREMIER CUP**

### **Semi-final Draw**

**Leeds City v Sheffield Wednesday**

**(To be played on session sixteen**

**with extra tiem and penaltese)**

# BITS N PIECES

## LEADING SCORERS

### DIVISION 1

|   |         |           |    |
|---|---------|-----------|----|
| 1 | BAMFORD | LEEDS UTD | 27 |
|---|---------|-----------|----|

Bam the hot shot going for s third boot

|   |               |            |    |
|---|---------------|------------|----|
| 2 | GARY OLIVER   | SUNDERLAND | 16 |
| 3 | DIXIE DEAN    | EVERTON    | 15 |
| 4 | LUALUA        | LEEDS CITY | 14 |
| 5 | TOMMY BURNDEN | LEEDS CITY | 14 |
| 6 | LEON HUBERT   | LUTON TOWN | 13 |
| 7 | NIALL QUINN   | SUNDERLAND | 12 |
| 8 | SANTA         | EVERTON    | 11 |

### DIVISION 2

|   |                 |                 |    |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----|
| 1 | BERYLY LUBALA   | WYCOMBE WANDS   | 17 |
| 2 | BILLY DODDS     | ABERDEEN        | 16 |
| 3 | NKUNKU          | CHELSEA         | 13 |
| 4 | STAN COLLYMORE  | NOTTINGHAM FOR  | 11 |
| 5 | GORDON STRACHAN | ABERDEEN        | 10 |
| 6 | N'GOLO KANTE    | CHELSEA         | 10 |
| 7 | TROSSARD        | BRIGHTON        | 10 |
| 8 | ELLIS RIMMER    | GREENOCK MORTON | 10 |

## THE ROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :- JIMMY CASE [1] (LIVERPOOL) / PULISIC [1] (SHEFFIELD WED) / NIG WORTHINGTON [3] (SHEFFIELD WED) /

### Consec. Away Defeats

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Q.P.R.         | 7 games |
| Sunderland     | 6 games |
| Crystal Palace | 4 games |
| Tottenham      | 4 games |

### Since An Away Defeat

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Chelsea       | 12 games |
| Leeds Utd     | 8 games  |
| Leeds City    | 8 games  |
| Wycombe Wands | 6 games  |

## MANAGERIAL RATINGS - ATTENDANCE

### TOP

LEEDS UTD - 0

SHEFFIELD WED - 2

LEEDS CITY - 4

### BOTTOM

ARSENAL - 42

WIGAN ATHLETIC - 44

TOTTENHAM - 46

## MANAGERIAL RATINGS - MPS

### TOP

LEEDS UTD - 0

WEST HAM UTD - 2

GLASGOW CELTIC - 4

### BOTTOM

EVERTON - 30

WALSALL - 30

CRYSTAL PALACE - 30

## MANAGERIAL RATINGS - APPS

### TOP

ASTON VILLA - 0

LEEDS UTD - 0

SHEFFIELD WED - 0

### BOTTOM

GREENOCK MORTON - 42

GLASGOW CELTIC - 42

SUNDERLAND - 46

## MANAGERIAL RATINGS - YOUTH

### TOP

LEEDS UTD - 0

NEWCASTLE UTD - 1

ABERDEEN - 2

### BOTTOM

LEEDS CITY - 21

EVERTON - 22

WALSALL - 23

### Consec. Wins

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Nottingham For | 6 games |
| Everton        | 3 games |

# AUCTION PAGE

## ROLLING AUCTION LEVELS

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

| <u>SESSIONS</u> | <u>MIN LEVEL</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 to 3          | 5                |
| 4 to 5          | 6                |
| 6 to 8          | 7                |
| 9 to 10         | 8                |
| 11+             | 9                |

These are also the same levels which decide whether a player will go straight to N/L when out of contract rather than being put into the auction

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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 player will be banned for life and you will lose him

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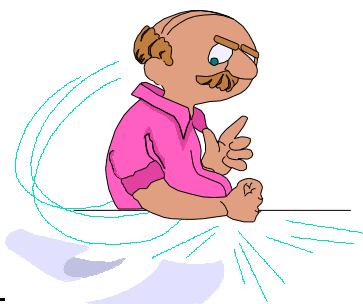
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**The transfer deadline comes into  
operation at the end of session thirteen  
IE NOW**

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## 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.

## **MIUTTERINGS AND MEANDERINGS OF THE KICKABOUT MIND**

Every now and again a manger comes begging, silly me, I've fooked up something in a deal, can you action it. Answer always is NO, tough shit fella, be more careful, and got other things to do. Only way we'll do this is - action the deal, but you can't use the player in the next session. moral, check your turns

## **SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY TO REMEMBER**

It seems that even old stagers of the game still can't work out what order games are to be played in. SO emblazon the following on your minds please

### **ORDER OF MATCHES IS**

LEAGUE GAME ONE

LEAGUE GAME TWO (which is where any re-arranged league 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 temapick maestro will change this**

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

We have finally been dragged kicking and screaming into the 21st Century , pity all dinsoaurs aren't like that and have upped our presence on social media sites. Links to our pages will soon appear on the web-site, but in the meantime we can be foudn on

**FACEBOOK - kickabout online**

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**BULK PAYMENT OF TURN FEES** - remember if you pay £63.25 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 monies!

**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.

### THE KICKABOUT COMMUNITY

**EMAIL CHAT LIST** - yes, you can subscribe to our email discussion group. There is a list for general Kickabout topics, a list for each individual league, one for the vulcano, one for teampick subscribers, even one for the weekend players. Learn more about the game, talk to other players and the Gm. To subscribe to the main list send a blank email to [Kickabout-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Kickabout-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). For others you do the same except put the league, name with Ka- in front of subscribe. However, some league lists have an ending in .co.uk instead of .com, so if one doesn't work then please try eeh other!!

One thing to note about subscribing to the list, we post a regular schedule of where every league is in the processing schedule, when it is sent out, when the latest return-by-date is. This is of great help and if you have email you should really be receiving this.

### 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 pay by card/paypal through our new web-site

[kickaboutonline.co.uk](http://kickaboutonline.co.uk)



## Premier Rules

This article is written for the several newcomers in this league and also as a refresher for the old timers of the league.

### TEAM DIFFERENCES:

- ? 3 times rule: not applicable to the Premier. No team re-arrangement by the GM if one area is more than 3 times that total of another area.
- ? Minimum number of players in an area is reduced from 2 to 1 eg: 5-4-1. However the 5 levels given for the formation is only valid for the same formations as all the other leagues. **THE MAX however is still five in an area**
- ? Youth scheme: there is an enhanced possibility of discovering someone special.
- ? Player naming: naming must be relevant to the team and the position.

### AUCTIONS

- ? Reduced auctions. Only auctions are on sessions 1+2 and 8+9.
- ? The auction criteria is for no MF specialists to be listed. Though the occasional add /A or /D has been known.
- ? Auction player bids must be named relevant to their club and position.
- ? You must state the correct and real nationality of the player else the bid is void.

### EUROPE:

- ? The top4 of the div1 go through to play in the Champions League
- ? Cup finalists go in the UEFA Cup. If one of the teams is already in the Champions league then the best runner up takes the spot.

TIPS: Various long standing players of this league were asked if they were willing to provide a short piece of advice. Most either refused or ignored the request. There was allegedly a meeting of these managers which was so secret that not even News of the World could not sneak their hidden microphones in. The discussions centred around keeping the div1 an exclusive club. However 3 managers who would welcome new blood into the elite division have spoken out and here is their advice:

- ? Bolton Wands Peter Brooks: due to the lack of specialists in this division older players with special attributes are best kept and coached up.
- ? Leeds Utd David Hargraves: Youth Youth Youth.
- ? Luton Town Paul Sutton: ignore Dave Hargraves advice.

.AND FINALLY?????????.In the first season all teams had the choice of creating their new team with either a MF/G, DF/A, FWT, FWS, WG or UT. All teams except 2 chose the MF/G. These MF/G's are now aged 24.

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## **FORTHCOMING KA WEEKENDS**

And Bo has offered to host us all at his place in Odense 14th-17th May

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

Craig, Gareth, Nigel, Seamus, Gerard, Wadders, Nick Wilson, Adrian,  
Pete Jorgie, Danny Brez & Morten have all said they will be there

October 2026 will be in the lovely city of Sheffield.

8th to 11th of october

Pete Condon has promised to make an appearance as, I am told, will  
Danny Smith Gerard, Seamus, Jens, and Wadders promise to be there

**OCTOBER 2026**

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

**FUTURE DATES (ALL TENTATIVE)**

**OCTOBER 2027 - GLASGEE**

**MAY 2028 - GALWAY**

**OCTOBER 2028 - NORWICH**

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**VIRTUAL WEEKEND**

SATURDAY 7th February 2026

Pul Hudson, Adrian, Scott Abraham, Paul Waddingham,  
Gerard, Craig, Tim Roberts & dag

**Come the rest of you**

Plan to hold another virtual in february if there is enough



**PUBMEET**

**LONDON XMAS MEET**

**Suggested for Thursday 4th  
of December**

**All welcome THAT MEANS  
YOU!!**

**day before the GMS's  
birthday come along and  
wish him a well deserved  
birthday greeting**

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# CONTRACTS UPDATE

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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**

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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+

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## NOTE THIS WELL ALSO

In the calculations above where it refers to WAGES, this also refers to wages + any experience the player has. This means that you are NOT ever sure about the calculation. Not that important for a normal player who does not have an \* by his name, but where specialists are involved it can be important. So we suggest that when offering a contract to a player who is a specialist or has an \* by his name, you

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# MANAGERS NEEDED

Bringing back the very popular offer we made at start of season.  
Take on a new team and you get £100 free credit for it.

**You name the league we select the team. Can't beat that can yea!?!?!?**

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## **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!