KICKABOUT

THE PREMIER LEAGUE

PREMIER CUP FINAL

DISCO GETS BINGO'D

LEEDS CITY 0 - 1 SHEFFIELD WED

Two Cup finals for Disco Bingo Dave this week and this one against a Sheffield Wednesday side that have seemed to lost their league form recently would have been the one they banked on. Surprisingly though, Sheffield looked strong; stronger in just about every area of the park and Leeds four-man strike force wasn't getting the service they expected. The Wednesday midfield were pulling all the strings, MARIADES was endlessly busy and 0 - 0 at half time was the best that Disco could have hoped for. Team talk, new instructions and go again, maybe sneak a goal. It wasn't to be. Wednesday upped the tempo and shortly after the restart got the only goal. IAN WRIGHT WRIGHT WRIGHT left his defensive post, marauded up the field and arrived perfectly to tap in a ball across the six-yard box from BURNS. Congrats to Wednesday, ending the season on a high note.

SAMSON OUT OF PUFFO AS CITY TAKE 2ND

'Too long spent drinking down The Gardeners Arms' said one season ticket holder as Puffo's **Liverpool** fell apart in the final game with KP sending out a midfield to be proud of. Yes, we all know KP loves a big midfield to go alongside his big head, big voice and big? errr? maybe not that?.but 92 levels in the middle of the park here which took control of the game and gave **Glasgow** a welcome win after a season of rebuilding and struggles. 'He's always in the pub' said the next fan, 'he needs to focus on us and not whether his next pub has Stilton and Brocoli soup on the menu' said the next; there is a trend here. What are Puffo's priorities? Sort it out Saahn!

So as Liverpool lost, Disco Dave's **Leeds City** grabbed 2nd spot after stealing a 4 - 0 win over **QPR**. The scoreline totally flatters them though, QPR were nearly worth a point(!) and the London players and manager are much better looking than the spinach lovers from up there! On yer bike Disco! (NB: Decent season though you turnip despite the ending)

Elsewhere it's the swinging 60's at **Everton** with a biggish upset

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Season 16
Session 16

PREMIER LEAGUE. DIVISION 1

	...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	LEEDS UTD	22	9	1	1	21	**3**	**8**	**1**	**2**	**19**	**4**	33	53
2	LEEDS CITY	22	6	4	1	18	4	4	5	2	17	12	19	39
3	LIVERPOOL	22	7	3	1	15	7	3	5	3	8	9	7	38
4	EVERTON	22	6	3	2	14	5	4	3	4	11	12	8	36
5	ASTON VILLA	22	6	3	2	14	6	4	1	6	9	16	1	34
6	SHEFFIELD WED	22	6	4	1	20	9	2	5	4	9	11	9	33
7	GLASGOW CELTIC	22	3	4	4	15	17	5	3	3	12	9	1	31
8	SUNDERLAND	22	5	3	3	22	19	4	0	7	20	25	-2	30
9	LUTON TOWN	22	3	2	6	11	16	4	5	2	19	15	-1	28
10	WALSALL	22	4	2	5	7	10	1	4	6	6	10	-7	21
11	Q.P.R.	22	1	4	6	3	13	1	1	9	4	20	-26	11
12	CRYSTAL PALACE	22	1	2	8	10	27	0	2	9	2	27	-42	7

as the toffee's beat **Leeds Utd** 2 - 1. Down a goal, early doors, to an MBAPPE penalty, they managed to injure a couple of KP's players before finding a 5-minute spell of form after the hour to bag two goals. SHARIE and DIXIE DEAN sending the fans into rapturous applause as they turned the game around. Leeds peppered the goal sporadically and Everton clung on; they weren't venturing forward anymore. Up to 4th spot; great season for Shaymousse; definite contender for one or two of the season ending awards I fear! We'll not here the last of it I'm sure.

Oh yeah, finally, **Crystal Palace** lost again!

NOTHING MUCH TO REPORT HERE

The season was over last week for every one with promotion settled and just pride at stake and the chance to parade in front of their fans with a final victory. So, who had the best day? Well probably Mr Dempsey and Colly the Irish Geordie, Craigey no fadey plus champs Chelsea and Wycombe.

For **West Ham** the fans 'could' ask wtf (why) hasn't the team played like this before now? Well, the real answer is they have, poorly, but got lucky with an untried **Tottenham** keeper letting in everything that came his way whilst HITCHENS was solid for the home side. Result 4 - 0; bring on next season, surely it can't get any worse. Can it?

Colly's **Newcastle** rounded things off with a 2 - 0 derby win against **Greenock Morten** which will give them a nice big step into next season. Now big steps are not a common theme with little Colly, he prefers the 'shuffle along' method

PREMIER LEAGUE. DIVISION 2

	...TEAM NAME...	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	CHELSEA22	8	2	1	**20**	**4**	**8**	**3**	**0**	**19**	**0**	35	53	
2	WYCOMBE WANDS	22	9	1	1	27	3	6	3	2	24	14	34	49
3	NOTTINGHAM FOR	22	6	1	4	29	18	6	3	2	20	15	16	40
4	GREENOCK MORTON	22	4	4	3	8	8	5	3	3	17	6	11	34
5	ABERDEEN	22	6	3	2	22	10	4	1	6	10	17	5	34
6	DARLINGTON	22	5	5	1	8	1	3	4	4	6	6	7	33
7	BRIGHTON	22	6	3	2	17	5	3	2	6	9	15	6	32
8	NEWCASTLE UTD	22	4	6	1	8	3	3	5	3	5	4	6	32
9	WEST HAM UTD	22	3	3	5	12	10	1	3	7	10	24	-12	18
10	TOTTENHAM	22	2	6	3	17	23	1	3	7	6	28	-28	18
11	ARSENAL22	1	1	9	5	23	1	3	7	7	26	-37	10	
12	WIGAN ATHLETIC	22	2	0	9	9	26	0	2	9	1	27	-43	8



instead, particularly when making his way to the bar for the eighth Guinness of the afternoon! 8th place for them, but so many draws, it could have been a lot better with a touch more acumen!!

Craig's **Aberdeen** jumped from 7th to 5th; also with a lovely season ending derby win. 2 - 0 against **Darlington** with the visitor's defensive stance costing them a lot of attacking threat which probably would have swung the result in their favour. The Aberdeen players celebrated out on the pitch at the whistle but found all the beers and the manager had disappeared once they had made it back to the changing room! A leopard never changes his spots!

CHAMPIONS TROPHY

Final

HATRICK MAN JAMES STEALS THE SHOW

Leeds Utd 3 - 1 Leeds City

The young striker JAMES was up front on his own, supported by a super midfield 5, and he gave the United fans a 10 out of 10 performance with three well taken goals. The underdogs had come to give it a go, four up front but the ball just never came to them and with BREMNER and COLEMAN pulling all the strings you felt it was only going to end one way. A bullet header from COLEMAN's whipped in cross opened it up though City did get back on level terms when CALLUM snuck in past the defence to slot home. The 2nd half was all United though and the same pairing put them back in front. When BREMNER was taken down by SILVA just outside the box, JAMES grabbed the ball, took 5 paces back, 2 paces to the side (Jonny Wilkinson eat your heart out); ran forward and bent the ball into the roof of the net. Game set and match. KP bags another trophy.

EUFA CUP

THE SHAYMOUSSE WILL NOT BE DENIED

E.FRANKFURT 0 - 1 EVERTON

'The Bowl is no longer enough for me' shouted Seamus confidently as he retook the trophy he won two years ago when beating Dortmund. 'I love beating ze Germans, now give me some Pie Mash and Eels and life just won't get any better'. A great end to the league campaign, his best ever, got trumped here (he loves a bit of Trump) as The Toffee's 'scrambled' to a victory. Yep, they were slightly 2nd best here, there were some rough tackles, injuries and scrapes but after BRADLEY had pounced on a defensive error early on to slot home, the mentality amongst the team was akin to a Braveheart cry on the fields of Stirling. They held on, scrapped, time wasted a bit and made it to 90 without conceding. It was done, Seamy is once again a Euro winner. Congrats dude.

MANAGER OF THE MONTH

DIVISION ONE: **Seamus** at **Everton** - he is a mousse, the Shaymousse, King Mousse. Easy award to make this one.

DIVISON TWO: **Dumpster** at **West Ham Utd** - you can only beat what's in front of you. Out of the bottom three to end the season.

THE GOLDEN BOOT RACE

BAMFORD of Leeds Utd takes the divisional and overall award for his 27 goals. In Division 2 LUBALA of Wycombe gets it. Interesting stuff eh!

BEST DEFENCES

No collapse means Leeds Utd win this again. Champs Chelsea win this in the 2nd. More interesting stuff yeah!

EURO QUALIFIERS FOR NEXT SEASON

Champions Trophy - Leeds Utd, Leeds City, Liverpool, Everton

EUFA Trophy - Sheffield Wednesday, Luton Town, Sunderland, Aston Villa

RESULTS ROUND-UP

TEMPERATURE: Hot

Week forty-six

DIVISION 1

ASTON VILLA Att 53855 Pitch: Good	**0 : 0**	**LUTON TOWN** Wind: Brisk	**(H - 0.2)**
GLASGOW CELTIC Mc cowan 16 Lambert 60 Gary mcallister 63 Pitch: Good	**3 : 1**	**LIVERPOOL** Bergkamp 49 Att 28824* Wind: Brisk	**(H - 0.9)**
SUNDERLAND Gary oliver 27,83 Aiden o'brien 33 Niall quinn 90 Att 41160* Wind: Brisk *Derby Game*	**4 : 1**	**SHEFFIELD WED** Burns 34 bkd - Dougie freedman (1) Inj - Cam dawson (9)/ Hirst (1) Pitch: Good	**(A - 1.1)**
WALSALL Jamille matt 10 Rollin menayese 21 Young fabregas 90 off - Senderos (2)	**3 : 0**	**CRYSTAL PALACE** Att 28372 Wind: Brisk Pitch: Hard	**(H - 0.5)**
EVERTON Sharie 64 Dixie dean 65 Att 39187* Wind: Brisk	**2 : 1**	**LEEDS UTD** Kilyan mbappe 27(p) Inj - Aitken (1)/ Kilyan mbappe (1) Pitch: Good	**(A - 1.3)**
LEEDS CITY Albert adomah 9 Tony doriga 16,73 Tommy burnden 42	**4 : 0**	**Q.P.R.** Att 47619 Wind: Brisk Pitch: Hard	**(H - 0.3)**

DIVISION 2

ARSENAL Att 24269 Pitch: Wet	**0 : 0**	**WIGAN ATHLETIC** Wind: Gale	**(A - 0.7)**
NEWCASTLE UTD Dan burs 31,48 bkd - Eric black (10) Pitch: Hard	**2 : 0**	**GREENOCK MORTON** Att 33382 Wind: Brisk *Derby Game*	**(H - 0.5)**
CHELSEA Jack clarke 9 Mason mount 14 off - N'golo kante (67)	**2 : 0**	**BRIGHTON** Att 44816* Wind: Brisk Pitch: Hard	**(H - 0.7)**
WEST HAM UTD Heslop 4 Magennis 44 Zuma 54 Kelvin phillips 62	**4 : 0**	**TOTTENHAM** Att 26695 Wind: Gale Pitch: Hard	**(H - 0.3)**
NOTTINGHAM FOR off - Matt turner (60)/ Cattermole (63) Wind: Brisk	**0 : 2**	**WYCOMBE WANDS** Sam volks 21,80 Att 28000* Pitch: Hard	**(H - 0.1)**
ABERDEEN Willie miller 31 Harry toffolo 89 Att 34117 Pitch: Hard	**2 : 0**	**DARLINGTON** bkd - Cash (39)/ George meek (35) Wind: Brisk *Derby Game*	**(A - 1.1)**

Week forty-seven

THE PREMIER CUP

FINAL

LEEDS CITY Att 61839 Wind: Brisk Pitch: Good	**0 : 1**	**SHEFFIELD WED** Ian wright 53 bkd - Dougie freedman (69)	**(A - 0.5)**

Week forty-eight

THE CHAMPIONS TROPHY

FINAL

LEEDS UTD James 10,49,73 Att 62898 Pitch: Good	**3 : 1**	**LEEDS CITY** Callum 35 Wind: Brisk	**(H - 0.7)**

THE EUFA TROPHY

FINAL

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT(NL) bkd - Foggart (13) off - Bardsley (50) Att 24938 Wind: Brisk	**0 : 1**	**EVERTON** Bradley 16 Inj - Bradley (2)/ Gary lineker (1) Pitch: Hard	**(H - 0.7)**

NEXT SEASON UP WITH THE BIG BOYS SEAMY

FRIENDLY MATCHES

EVERTON	**0 : 0**	**EURO TEAM1(NL)**	**(A - 0.1)**
EURO TEAM1(NL)	**0 : 3**	**ARSENAL**	**(A - 0.7)**
EURO TEAM1(NL)	**0 : 2**	**Q.P.R.**	**(A - 0.5)**
NOTTINGHAM FOR	**0 : 4**	**WYCOMBE WANDS**	**(A - 0.3)**
EURO TEAM1(NL)	**0 : 1**	**WIGAN ATHLETIC**	**(A - 1.1)**

WEATHER FORECAST

Temperature next session: Cool

Predicted wind speed next session: Storm

Your Newsletter-writer is Cranners

PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

1) KEPA GK 20-12 CHELSEA	1) SAM SAUNDERS MF 20-16 S SHEFFIELD WED
1) AITKEN SW 22-13 P/S LEEDS UTD	1) IAN WRIGHT FWS 22-16 S SHEFFIELD WED
1) BARTON DF/A 22-15 P NEWCASTLE UTD	1) TONY DORIGA UT 24-14 S LEEDS CITY
1) BREMNER MF/A 22-16 P/S LEEDS UTD	

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

PREMIER SPECIAL OFFER

If your account has enough in it to pay for the whole season when we age the league then you get two extra free turns

BITS N PIECES

LEADING SCORERS

DIVISION 1

1	**BAMFORD**	**LEEDS UTD**	**27**
2	GARY OLIVER	SUNDERLAND	18
3	DIXIE DEAN	EVERTON	16
4	TOMMY BURNDEN	LEEDS CITY	15
5	LUALUA	LEEDS CITY	14
6	LEON HUBERT	LUTON TOWN	13
7	NIALL QUINN	SUNDERLAND	13
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

BAMFORD THIRD SUCCESSIVE GOLDEN BOOT

THE ROLE OF SHAME

The following players are all suspended next session for the number of games shown besides their name :- DOUGIE FREEDMAN [1] (SHEFFIELD WED) / SENDEROS [1] (WALSALL) / N'GOLO KANTE [1] (CHELSEA) / MATT TURNER [1] (NOTTINGHAM FOR) / CATTERMOLE [1] (NOTTINGHAM FOR) /

Consec. Defeats

Sheffield Wed	3 games
Crystal Palace	3 games
Brighton	3 games
Tottenham	3 games

Since A Defeat

Leeds City	10 games
Chelsea	10 games
Everton	8 games
Glasgow Celtic	6 games
Wycombe Wands	5 games
West Ham Utd	4 games

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - SPs

TOP

SUNDERLAND - 0

NEWCASTLE UTD - 0

ABERDEEN - 0

BOTTOM

Q.P.R. - 16

CRYSTAL PALACE - 16

LIVERPOOL - 16

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - PHYSIO POINTS

TOP

WALSALL - 0

WIGAN ATHLETIC - 1

CRYSTAL PALACE - 2

BOTTOM

GLASGOW CELTIC - 5

LEEDS UTD - 5

ASTON VILLA - 5

MANAGERIAL RATINGS - CAPTAIN BONUS

TOP

GLASGOW CELTIC - 0

WALSALL - 0

LEEDS CITY - 2

BOTTOM

LIVERPOOL - 18

ARSENAL - 22

WIGAN ATHLETIC - 23

MANAGERIAL RATINGS

DIVISION 1

Paul Sutton - Luton Town - 1

Seamus Mccrudde - Everton - 2

Kevin Presland - Leeds Utd - 3

DIVISION 2

Craig Lawton - Aberdeen - 4

Ian Read - Wycombe Wands - 5

Phil Stocks - Chelsea - 7

AUCTION PAGE

ROLLING AUCTION LEVELS

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

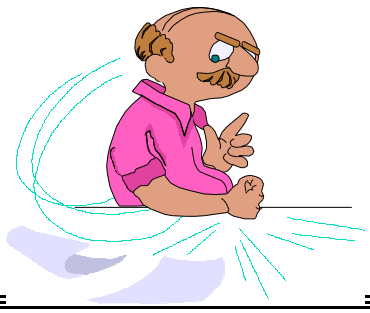
SESSIONS	MIN LEVEL
1 to 3	5
4 to 5	6
6 to 8	7
9 to 10	8
11+	9

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 player will be banned for life and you will lose him

The transfer deadline comes into opperation at the end of session thirteen

IE NOW



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'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 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

and Twitter

Online Kickabout

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

NEW WEB-SITE

is now up and running,

www.Kickaboutonline. co.uk to see the goodies

including a RegualrDespatch Schedule on the forum

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.

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

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, Wadders, Cranners & Craig promise to be there

MAY 2027

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

By universal accliation it was decided at the xmas pubmeet that we will return to Norwich for the special one, it is easy to get to, every knows and enjoys it there

To encourage the weaker bretheren amonsgt you to turn up for this the normal weekend fee will be halved, ie £20 and during the weekend there will be a draw for a lifetimes membership for one of your teams

FUTURE DATES (ALL TENTATIVE)

OCTOBER 2027 - GALWAY

MAY 2028 - GLASGEE

CONTRACTS UPDATE

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+

NOTE THIS WELL ALSO

IIn the calculations above where it refers to WAGES, this also refers to wages + any experience the player as. 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 speicialist or has an * by his name, you

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!

MY TEAMS

This is a new section where managers get to write something about their teams. A team you love, a tram you have had success with, a team that frustrates you, anything, even a team you had in the past. We don't want a novel just a few lines or so about that team. Have asked the newsletter-writers to start the ball rolling, but open to all of you?

The Rise and Fall and Fall of Cinema FC (Montgomery)

I started playing this game in 1995 when I met a guy called Graham Steadman in a new job. His brown envelope got me curious and as we both loved football, I was hooked. I'd read the Montgomery newsletter from back to front on the train to Brighton, I knew who managed every club and knew all the players in the Internationals! My team was Cinema FC, and as I gradually learned the game, they got better, went fully P/S and within a couple of seasons I won the EUFA Cup with them (edging out Tommo at Thomoslavia in the Ramsey). They didn't win the league but we went close. Then, we spiralled downwards to Division Three. They really are my worst non-star team, about 3 or 4 stars only since about 1998 - crazy. I've tried to turn them around but season after season, we've not got any better. We had a crowd walkout one year which damaged the finances further and without cash the squad is looking more desperate than Colly after finding out last orders had already been called 20 minutes ago. They are my first team so will never be dropped but I'm still looking for something magical to happen for us to start making the long road back to Div One seem possible.

GM - One of the iconic KA chants comes from Cranners, `I ain't got no stars'!!

My Most Frustrating Team (by Dave Hails)

I have many teams across the leagues. Some of them I am really happy with, some are really frustrating, and some I just don't understand what is going on! Some are challenging for honours, others are in various stages of rebuild. But the team I am currently most frustrated with is AFC Europa in the Raleigh league. Tipped to do well this season, they are currently bottom of division 3 with no wins in the league yet. The start of the season was OK, dominating matches, but struggling to get shots on target. Then the injuries kicked in! 7 injuries so far, in 6 session. 7 injuries, and none of them training injuries. They were all incurred in matches - so all involved lost levels and players unavailable. Time and again, I have been unable to field my best team, because of injuries. Aargh! Oh well, I think I have them all back fit again now - at least I will do once I've dealt with the potentially career threatening injury to my SBY! Now all I have to do is train them to actually get shots on target. It's a bit like watching Brighton play! Lots of possession, but no end product.

GM - another Brighton supporter, nuff said, keep on trucking Mr Hails

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If your account has enough in it to pay for the whole season when we age the league then you get two extra free turns