
OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 26-03-2008 16:55

We'll need one of these for next week's results.

New players welcome. (If somebody wants to post the league ID before I get a chance to, go ahead.)

Season 1 League Champions: Cardiff Dragons

Season 2 League Champions: Cardiff Dragons

Season 2 Cup Winners: Csiki Monkeys

Season 3 Cup Winners: AFC Phoebe

Player you most want to kick in the shins: Bob Blomstrand.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Spence Broughton - 26-03-2008 18:21

Quite a prediction for next year's cup, there.

Couldn't believe the result yesterday seeing as I'd forgotten to offer a win bonus. Maybe that's the way forward.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Matej - 26-03-2008 18:30

This is season 3 right? Discoean Phoebe already won it. (No cup in season 1.)

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Inca - 26-03-2008 18:32

Indeed it is season 3. But some people act like the OTF League didn't exist before the Premiership.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Spence Broughton - 26-03-2008 19:34

I hope all the rest of my posts on new OTF are as well-informed as that one.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (new players welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 28-03-2008 12:16

New player info:

Go here: <http://www.xperteleven.com>

Sign up.

Search for this league: 108391

Apply for a team.

Get approved.

Post a press release insulting either: AFC Phoebe, Cardiff Dragons, or the league admin.

New season will start in approx. 6 weeks, but you can get in now.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Matej - 28-03-2008 12:21

Current standings

OTF:

Team GP W D L GF-GA Diff P

Green Star F-Burg 11 8 1 2 21 - 9 12 25

Cardiff Dragons 11 6 2 3 19 - 15 4 20

1927 10 6 1 3 26 - 24 2 19

Underdogs of War 10 5 1 4 23 - 15 8 16

Csiki Monkeys 10 4 1 5 13 - 13 0 13

AFC Phoebe 11 4 1 6 12 - 15 -3 13

Beachcombers Utd 11 3 3 5 18 - 18 0 12

Hornville 11 4 0 7 16 - 27 -11 12

Puolimatkan 11 2 2 7 12 - 24 -12 8

Div 1:

Team GP W D L GF-GA Diff P

Knights who say Ni 12 9 1 2 33 - 15 18 28

Mortlake Dodgers 12 8 2 2 32 - 12 20 26

Preparation Heffron 12 8 1 3 30 - 16 14 25

Steaua Bridge 12 6 2 4 28 - 14 14 20

AFC Jephson Gardens 12 4 2 6 14 - 23 -9 14

Essen Clarets 12 3 3 6 12 - 21 -9 12

Wildridings 12 3 2 7 14 - 23 -9 11

AFC Aitkens Bakery 12 0 1 11 1 - 40 -39 1

Div 2:

Team GP W D L GF-GA Diff P

East Village Idiots 12 12 0 0 37 - 2 35 36

Oxford Nil 12 10 1 1 29 - 5 24 31

Forest Hill Vicars 12 7 1 4 24 - 16 8 22

Ivor the engine x1 12 6 1 5 19 - 17 2 19

Racing Club de Teiá 12 4 2 6 15 - 20 -5 14

U Street Gunners 12 2 4 6 16 - 26 -10 10

Wyhlen United 12 1 2 9 7 - 33 -26 5

Tranz AM FC 12 0 1 11 4 - 32 -28 1

Inactive teams: Wyhlen United, AFC Aitkens Bakery

Teams at risk of inactivation: Tranz AM FC, Racing Club de Teia

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by HORN - 28-03-2008 13:29

I propose TransAm and that Spanish-sounding team are deactivated forthwith, along with anybody else who knows them.

It's my only hope of clinging to my status as one of the league elite.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by dgllh - 28-03-2008 21:09

I cannot stress enough how upset the Idiots are about those two goals Ivor the Engine scored against us.

It has ruined the beauty of our standings - 100%, no goals against would have sent a clear message to the

administration about our questionable relegation last season.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Phoebe Disco - 29-03-2008 00:50

Tonight's friendly result:

Knights Who Say Ni 0 AFC Phoebe Reserves 5

A long hard season awaits the newly promoted Knights, after they were crushed by Cup Winners AFC Phoebe. Considering that the Be's rested nine first team regulars, including Theodore McNally and Silva Salazar, AFC manager Phoebe Disco commented after the game that "Considering we played the kids, and Owen Bentley created our first two goals, and he's only played twice this season, perhaps the Knights should consider changing their name to Derby County."

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by SamLKelly - 29-03-2008 03:56

Partly in order to help HORN and mainly because my life's been a lot busier since I started this game, I (as their manager) second his proposal that 'that Spanish sounding team' are deactivated...

Sorry, I didn't mean to stop playing, I've just been getting home increasingly late at night and totally forgetting about this in amongst all the writing, website stuff and talking to friends I do with my nights...

Still my boys don't appear to have done too badly after their manager went AWOL, all things considered. Could've been worse.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by boris - 29-03-2008 13:24

Oxford Nil have also beaten the Knights in the last two friendlies between the clubs, despite Nil fielding reserve sides in both matches. This obviously gives ON hope for next season in the higher division, but should have the Knights looking to strengthen in the close season, if they can.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Jon - 31-03-2008 12:54

No, don't panic everyone - the games aren't till tomorrow. I just wanted to say 'Pm for Etienne' and figured this was the best place to do it.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Etienne - 31-03-2008 13:47

Hehe, that's a bit sad. Must make more of an effort to post in real football threads! Replied, anyway.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by The Horse - 31-03-2008 14:57

Blimey, check out Hornville's transfer-market wizardry.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by dglh - 31-03-2008 16:31

Yes - HORN - was that a tip from a scout that he was underpriced?

That is a ridiculous steal.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Matej - 31-03-2008 19:15

I was going to mention Horn's signing as well. That had to have been a tip. (or he just got lucky)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Etienne - 01-04-2008 13:52

Games today.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Matej - 01-04-2008 14:37

not for me. Go that-team-that-is-playing-Cardiff!

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by boris - 01-04-2008 15:41

I'm ready...

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Inca - 01-04-2008 17:17

Pardon me, Etienne, but...

GET THE FUCK IN!

2008-04-01 Beachcombers Utd - Cardiff Dragons 3 - 1 (2 - 0)
2008-04-01 CupHolders AFCPhoebe - Underdogs of War 1 - 4 (1 - 4)
2008-04-01 1927 - Hornville 2 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-04-01 Puolimatkan - Csiki Monkeys 3 - 0 (3 - 0)

Div. 1

2008-04-01 Steaua Bridge - Wildridings 5 - 0 (3 - 0)

2008-04-01 AFC Aitkens Bakery - Knights who say Ni 0 - 3 (0 - 1)
2008-04-01 Mortlake Dodgers - Preparation Heffron 6 - 2 (6 - 1)
2008-04-01 AFC Jephson Gardens - Essen Clarets 2 - 1 (2 - 0)

Div. 2

2008-04-01 Ivor the engine x1 - Oxford Nil 0 - 2 (0 - 1)
2008-04-01 Forest Hill Vicars - U Street Gunners 3 - 3 (0 - 0)
2008-04-01 Racing Club de Teiá - East Village Idiots 1 - 5 (1 - 0)
2008-04-01 Tranz AM FC - Wyhlen United 1 - 0 (0 - 0)

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by The Horse - 01-04-2008 17:30

Terribly dull second half at Richmond Park, there.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by dglh - 01-04-2008 17:58

The idiots had a scare at half time there, after missing plenty chances in the first half. We aren't used to letting in goals. Champions! And one game left - a big one mind. Glad to see Cardiff showing us respect to help them get back on form.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by ad hoc - 01-04-2008 18:13

Ah balls

Nice to know though that the game automatically subs out one of your outfield players when your goalie gets sent off.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Matej - 01-04-2008 18:57

Well done beachcombers.

I'm getting a little worried about 1927 being as hot as they are.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Etienne - 01-04-2008 18:59

I'd find it hilarious if 1927 did sneak past you and keep the title in Cardiff for another season.

dglh, you did realise the friendly request was to play your u11 side? No way we'll beat your firsts at the moment.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by dglh - 01-04-2008 19:04

I have a 100% league record to upkeep. No way any of my key players will be playing. Saving them for Oxford Nil so I can set a record in the bottom league.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by boris - 01-04-2008 21:22

We're ready for you (in a quivering in our boots kind of way)

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Bombanero - 01-04-2008 21:45

How the fuck did I win that?

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by dglh - 02-04-2008 03:51

anyone had any weird, pointless events?

At a party Aryeh Huniu hears about the Guinness record for sitting the longest time up in a tree. The person who holds the current record climbed up a tree back in 1968 and is still up there. Despite this the player gets it into his head that he can beat the record and climbs up the nearest apple tree. However after just a few hours he has sobered up and climbs down again.

No form change, no injury - just random nonsense!

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Bogzilla - 02-04-2008 13:06

The Vicars are limping pathetically over the line at the moment.

Still, they're a young team and can only improve etc etc

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Matej - 02-04-2008 14:41

General disclaimer: I actually won a 3-month VIP from a contest in another private league. I did not buy one in a vain attempt to arm myself with additional stats to somehow hold of 1927's surge, though it certainly looks like it.

If desired, for the sake of showing no self-favoritism, I'll purchase a 3-month VIP for the team (in any division) that scores the most goals in the league this year. Comments? Complaints?

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Etienne - 02-04-2008 14:55

I don't think it's necessary, but I'd have no problem with you choosing to do so.

What do you reckon to the VIP extras? Do they enhance the experience?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Matej - 02-04-2008 14:57

to be honest, I haven't really had a chance to look at them much. The only one that looked quite handy was being able to see how much match experience each player had on one page. (Instead of having to look at each one.)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by dglh - 02-04-2008 16:31

It might help me with using my other team. I will keep a beady eye on high-scoring games in the bonus matches in OTF, but at the moment it seems good to me!

Not that I am biased, with 14 goals on the best OTF team (with 4/5 games to go) and 4 on the Dodgers going into the final match.

Though Oxford Nil are a bit good.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Matej - 03-04-2008 12:21

Alright, these are the teams that look likely to have a chance at the "first-ever-VIP-award" in the OTF league.

OTF:
1927 - 28
Underdogs of War - 27

Division 1:
Mortlake Dodgers - 38
Knights who say Ni - 36
Steaua Bridge - 33
Preperation Heffron - 32

Division 2:
East Village Idiots - 42
Oxford Nil - 31

Although the OTF plays 2 extra games, I still think this competition is fair since the two OTF teams don't have a chance in hell of getting close to the Idiots.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Phoebe Disco - 03-04-2008 13:12

How about giving it to the lowest scoring active team, I mean, they'll obviously need it more than the rest.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by boris - 03-04-2008 14:10

I dunno, but I'd be a tad surprised if I beat the Idiots 11-0 in our last match of the season.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Matej - 03-04-2008 14:19

Hmmm, maybe Phoebe, but I think that active team would be somebody I work with (not particularly unbiased).

Should we have a vote? I can set one up on the site.

Edit: I set up a poll on the forum in the league. The current "lowest goal-active manager" is actually Essen Clarets.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Etienne - 08-04-2008 09:38

Games today everyone.

Some crucial games in the top division. If Green Star can win away at AFC Phoebe, with 2nd and 3rd playing each other in the Cardiff derby, then the title could be on its way to the US. But if they lose then it could come back open again, and the Underdogs aren't out of the hunt either.

The relegation battle is incredibly tight too.

Division 1, mostly decided. Steaua need to win and hope Heffron don't, both playing away at already relegated teams, in order to sneak the 3rd promotion spot.

Division 2, all the places are set in stone, but can the Idiots complete their perfect season?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by The Horse - 08-04-2008 11:54

There's the Div 1 title decider, too. (No place in the Dodgers squad for our new £29m-rated youth player, though.)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Matej - 08-04-2008 14:30

I'm very nervous about today's match.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Etienne - 08-04-2008 17:17

And rightly so.

2008-04-08 CupHolders AFCPhoebe - Green Star F-Burg 2 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-04-08 Csiki Monkeys - Hornville 2 - 2 (2 - 2)
2008-04-08 Cardiff Dragons - 1927 0 - 2 (0 - 1)
2008-04-08 Underdogs of War - Beachcombers Utd 2 - 2 (2 - 1)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Etienne - 08-04-2008 17:18

Astonishing win for the Dodgers sees them sneak Division 1, the Knights and Heffron go up too.

2008-04-08 Essen Clarets - Steaua Bridge 0 - 6 (0 - 2)

2008-04-08 AFC Aitkens Bakery - AFC Jephson Gardens 1 - 0 (0 - 0)

2008-04-08 Wildridings - Preparation Heffron 1 - 5 (0 - 2)

2008-04-08 Knights who say Ni - Mortlake Dodgers 0 - 6 (0 - 3)

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Etienne - 08-04-2008 17:19

Oxford push the Invincible Idiots all the way, but can't prevent the win.

Tranz AM FC - Forest Hill Vicars 0 - 5 (0 - 0)

Oxford Nil - East Village Idiots 1 - 2 (1 - 1)

Wyhlen United - Racing Club de Teiá 1 - 1 (1 - 0)

U Street Gunners - Ivor the engine x1 2 - 3 (2 - 1)

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Etienne - 08-04-2008 17:22

Could be real problems for Green Star, as not only did they lose, but they saw captain Lane Arnold go off injured and CB partner Cesar Bochini red-carded too.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Inca - 08-04-2008 17:34

Green Star's biggest problem is they have to play the Beachcombers next week.

I hear sirens approaching because of that point that I absolutely stole from Underdogs: goal in the 94th minute.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by dglh - 08-04-2008 17:53

Geez. Oxford Nil are good - a disallowed goal each in the game though, so I would consider it a fair result.

I will have to work on my gloating press release this evening.

I think Boris should be in the running for manager of the season - considering it is his first, he has shown ad hoc like duck-to-water-ability.

Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Etienne - 08-04-2008 18:12

I think captain insano should take it. While Csiki Monkeys and Puolimatkan have both fought to hold their own since promotion, 1927 have gone on to challenge for the title, and look like finishing 2nd at worst.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Matej - 08-04-2008 19:07

Bugger. DAMN YOU PHOEBE DISCO!

Taking the cup and now probably keeping me from the league title as well.

My team to fall over against Beachcombers next week, as always.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Bombanero - 08-04-2008 19:30

I wish they'd fight a bit fucking harder, etienne

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Spence Broughton - 08-04-2008 19:38

Gah! Not only do I have to put up with infuriating comebacks on my Football Manager game, it happens here too. It was pretty obvious as soon as Lifmark got injured that we were going to concede.

I think someone needs to check the birth certificates of Mortlake's youth team.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by dgih - 08-04-2008 19:41

Mortlake have been slightly suckered with such a late arrival of their defensive talent. He is going to struggle to get an upgrade at the season end due to lack of experience and form, so will likely just stay a 6.

Not that a 6 17-year old is that bad at all. That is what I hoping my midfielder will become.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Matej - 10-04-2008 17:15

Alright, with all but the OTF division complete, we have some decisions to make.

1) Who (if anybody) should get the 3-month VIP gift I offered? Essen Clarets (lowest goals scored of active players) is ahead in the poll, but he's gone missing a bit.

2) At what point do we cut the dead weight? There are at least 3 or 4 teams that are in danger of being made inactive.

3) League format for season 4? If we cut teams we could do 2 divisions at roughly 10 each. If we add teams (welcome) we could stay at 3 at 8 or 9. Thoughts?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by dgih - 10-04-2008 18:17

I don't know.

If all the other teams in my league come up anyway, it kind of belittles the purpose of my season. But that is just my Cardiff Dragons press training, and really we need a proper structure.

We need the OTF league and other leagues to be the same size. The transfer window is all out of sync for us (hence Mortlake's youth arriving with 1 game to go) and it also means we have a reasonable time to keep players form up before the update.

I don't know how you could plan to adjust it all.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Matej - 10-04-2008 18:55

Actually, I think ideally we should drop to smaller leagues. 9 or 10 team leagues make the season last too long. 8 is better, but 6 would be the best.

I really like the cup, but I don't think the cup is keeping people interested in the way the league does. If the leagues were smaller, with no cup, we could run a season in just over a month.

We seem to have enough dedicated to keep it going at two divisions (maybe even a 1:2 pyramid format), but three seems to far a stretch.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Etienne - 10-04-2008 19:13

I think playing twice a week would keep people more interested than once a week and mean that we could keep 9/8 team divisions.

If that means we have to sacrifice the cup then I think it's a price worth paying. Though I like the cup too.

Hopefully we can find some more new people to fill the gaps created by culling the inactive teams.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Bogzilla - 11-04-2008 11:39

Can the cup be a one-leg affair? I think a straight knockout format is always more alluring.

I'm all for 2 games per week and keeping the bigger divisions, personally.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by boris - 11-04-2008 11:42

I like the three divisions format, and the cup, although I'd have no objection if it was made one-legged. However, I think the most important thing is ensuring that teams are active, so if no new managers can be found to take over the inactive sides then obviously they should be culled and we should move to two divisions if necessary.

As long as the record books show my first-time promotion and cup run I'll be happy.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Bogzilla - 11-04-2008 12:47

On a vaguely related note, I've put my name down on the waiting list for a team in the Classic League. For all those with a team in the official leagues, how long did you have to wait?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by Phoebe Disco - 11-04-2008 13:42

Only a few days.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game

Posted by willie1foot - 11-04-2008 14:07

Yeah, about a week or so.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 11-04-2008 14:11

As far as the one-legged cup goes, that's probably our worst option because it would still mean only one league game a week, and we'd only have about 4 cup games total. I think no cup suits our purposes better. (and Phoebe and Monkeys can forever lay claim to the cup trophy.)

I'm changing the header on the thread now, so maybe we'll get a few newbies.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Bogzilla - 11-04-2008 15:25

I see your point about cup format. Surely it's nicer to have two trophies to play for though? I'd rather retain the cup than see it dispensed with altogether, but maybe I'm on my own...

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 14-04-2008 16:00

Games tomorrow. The most important fixtures of the season. You'd think.

As far as the "first ever VIP award", I think I want to give it to the winner of a friendly between the 2nd Division and 3rd division winners (both having scored 44 goals). Everybody okay with that?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dgllh - 14-04-2008 16:04

Nice idea, but... we drew 2-2.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by noj - 14-04-2008 16:05

I'd be interested in having a go on this, although it kind of depends how much work is involved. Do you have to do a lot? (for instance I don't think I'd have the time for the civilisation type game over on World)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 14-04-2008 16:05

play again.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 14-04-2008 16:07

noj: not so much really. Just log-in 1 or two times a week and set your line-up, make transfers, read your mail etc. It can be pretty limited (or you can be borderline obsessive, like I am).

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by noj - 14-04-2008 16:23

Cheers Matej, I'll give it a go.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 14-04-2008 16:38

This'll come as no surprise to anyone but I'm clearly missing a trick.

I scout the opposition. I'm forever wheeler-dealing on the transfer market. My players seem to have better skill ratings than many of my opponents, yet I regularly get a good hiding in matches, and am a perennial relegation battler.

Tell us your secret, Matej.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dglh - 14-04-2008 16:48

To be fair I think both the Idiots and Mortlake played a second string in the game. I know I trialled a new formation for the match.

I guess we should communicate to arrange a first string game or two.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 14-04-2008 17:03

heh... I think at the end of the season we'll be asking 1927.

I probably have 3 things I do more than anybody else:

- 1) Form training (probably too much, but I figure more is better than not enough)
- 2) Try and predict opponents tactics
- 3) closely mark a playmaker or opponent danger man

On the transfer market you want to find deals on young players, obviously. But buying a veteran who is clearly better than anybody else is the league is useful (see Phoebe's player Salazar).

And then make sure your young players get experience. It is worth the risk of dropping points to get those 4 or 5 skill 20-year old games.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by boris - 14-04-2008 17:04

Matej wrote:

(or you can be borderline obsessive, like I am).

To be fair, those borderlines can be quite compelling.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 15-04-2008 14:52

Bump

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 15-04-2008 17:10

Hugely vital win for the Monkeys. No idea what else is important.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 15-04-2008 17:12

But here are the results, read by James Alexander Gordon

Green Star F-Burg - Beachcombers Utd 3 - 1 (1 - 1)

Csiki Monkeys - Cardiff Dragons 3 - 0 (3 - 0)

1927 - Underdogs of War 2 - 0 (1 - 0)

Hornville - Puolimatkan 1 - 1 (0 - 0)

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 15-04-2008 17:13

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 15-04-2008 17:14

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U Street Gunners - Ivor the engine x1 2 - 3 (2 - 1)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dglh - 15-04-2008 17:15

Our leagues have finished now, ad hoc. Those are last weeks results, as we wait for the breakaway big league to finish up.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 15-04-2008 17:16

The writing is on the wall for Hornville. A horrible set of results.

Furthermore we sit out next week's games so must watch either Phoebe or Inca increase their lead over us.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 15-04-2008 17:19

Soz

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dglh - 15-04-2008 17:23

S'alright. Just to save you time next week!

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 15-04-2008 17:25

Dragons terrible form continues, not helped by a season-ending injury to Bob Blomstrand. 1927's win over the Underdogs means the title is a straight race between them and Green Star.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 15-04-2008 17:35

I'll be in hospital next week. Someone else's job

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dgllh - 15-04-2008 17:45

Title decider next week then, as the top two play each other.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 15-04-2008 18:33

Finally break my bogey hex from Beachcombers with a needed win. Teenage goalkeeping sensation Isaac Bradley scored a penalty to tie the game and then laughed in the face of the opposition keeper.

Now on to lose to 1927 next week. Tsk.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by boris - 15-04-2008 20:12

The world's most boring friendly sees Mortlake draw 0-0 at home to Oxford Nil. The game saw just two scoring chances, both to ON.

Not quite sure what that proved.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 15-04-2008 23:37

noj: You don't have to take over Racing Club. You can make your own team from scratch if you want. If you'd rather have a 'fresh' team, I will reject your application and you can re-apply and request a new team.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 16-04-2008 14:36

Etienne wrote:
season-ending injury to Bob Blomstrand.

WHOO HOO!!!

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 16-04-2008 14:47

I can't help but feel particularly happy about that.

Is it wrong of me to feel that way about a series of numbers that represent a fictional player.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 16-04-2008 15:00

For those of us who aspire to be mediocre, that Blomstrand fellow (am I taking this too seriously, I wonder?) has been nothing short of a damned pest.

Mind you, the stats suggest he's been in sharp decline this year. I reckon by the time he's 35 I'll have bought him.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 16-04-2008 22:47

He's been brought down by having to nursemaid a series of tyro defenders after I unwisely panic sold Wesley Martindale who had captained us to two league titles.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by noj - 17-04-2008 12:13

Cheers Matej - yeah, do that, and I'll apply for a fresh team.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Bogzilla - 18-04-2008 17:15

Ow, another spanking for Forest Hill. Curse you Dodgers!

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 21-04-2008 19:35

The game of destiny tomorrow.

noj - Just try and apply again for a new team. I think it should be fine.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 22-04-2008 14:52

I have this unescapable feeling that somehow I'll manage to beat 1927 today, and still lose the league.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 22-04-2008 17:53

anyone? anyone?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dg1h - 22-04-2008 17:56

And in other news, nothing happened.

Underdogs of War - Csiki Monkeys 2 - 1 (1 - 1)
Beachcombers Utd - CupHolders AFCPhoebe 4 - 2 (2 - 0)
Cardiff Dragons - Puolimatkan 0 - 3 (0 - 1)
1927 - Green Star F-Burg 2 - 2 (1 - 1)

Green star recover from an own goal equalizer by 1927 to grab a 76 min dodgy penalty to share the points.

Beachcombers shove Cupholders AFC Phoebe into the relegation spots.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 22-04-2008 18:39

gah... this is getting silly.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dglh - 22-04-2008 19:11

In matches elsewhere, a somewhat stunning result. Mortlake went very offensive away from home in the friendly against the idiots. And paid for it.

East Village Idiots 6 - 1 Mortlake Dodgers

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 22-04-2008 19:34

Does that wrap it up for the VIP award then?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dglh - 22-04-2008 19:40

I think we need to wait and see whether 1927 earn it in the next few games with a title, or whether Mortlake fielded a weakened side (their tactic suggested not, but what do I know?!)

I am more than happy with that result though. My 16 year old gave a 7 performance. Roll on the update!

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Inca - 22-04-2008 20:45

Luther Dawson continues to quietly be one of the best players in the OTF league--leading OTF players in goals and total points.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dglh - 22-04-2008 23:18

In an ironic twist, Puolimatkan's (sp?) win against Cardiff was inspired by their own Blomstrand-like defender free kick chap - Topias Viinikka.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 25-04-2008 08:34

League Table

Pos Team

- 1 Green Star F-Burg
- 2 1927
- 3 Underdogs of War
- 4 Cardiff Dragons
- 5 Beachcombers Utd
- 6 Csiki Monkeys
- 7 CupHolders AFCPhoebe
- 8 Puolimatkan
- 9 Hornville

It looks bad, but this morning I got an email, which is always a bit exciting:

All the players in the club want to continue to play for Hornville next season.

Hmm.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 26-04-2008 15:29

A quick note for next season:

We are slowly dwindling down to 20 teams total. This will be perfect for a two-division 10 team each league. If you have been inactivated and still want to play, let me know here or at the site. I'm going to eliminate the cup for the next season, and go to 2-league games a week. An 18 game season will be finished in 9 weeks.

noj - You are still welcome in (as is anybody new), so don't forget to re-apply.

There is still a VIP award to be bought & given, so it could be either 1927 or Idiots or Dodgers. If you have a preference, vote now either here or on the site.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 29-04-2008 09:02

What's happened to your keeper, Etienne? It just lists him as "absent". International call-up?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 29-04-2008 09:09

Two of my top players have decided to retire at the end of the season. Ungrateful wankers. Neither of them are older than 30 either. WimJonk syndrome

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by noj - 29-04-2008 13:01

Ta matej, new place applied for.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 29-04-2008 13:32

Horn, he decided to go on holiday with his mates rather than play our last game of the season. As the rest of the squad have been on holiday for the last 6 games, I can't say as I blame him.

Looks like we might be heading for relegation unless Matej's league reorganisation saves us.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Inca - 29-04-2008 15:04

I'm losing Luther Dawson after this season, the old fart.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 29-04-2008 17:11

2008-04-29 Hornville - Cardiff Dragons 0 - 1 (0 - 0)
2008-04-29 Puolimatkan - Underdogs of War 5 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-04-29 CupHolders AFCPhoebe - 1927 1 - 3 (0 - 2)
2008-04-29 Green Star F-Burg - Csiki Monkeys 3 - 2 (1 - 0)

Huge results in the top division.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 29-04-2008 17:14

Dragons win means they are safe from relegation and can go off on holiday. Hornville are down, subject to another league reshuffle.

At the top 1927 stay dead level with Green Star, closing the goal difference to 3. But it could have been so much better for them as Green Star trailed 1-2 against Csiki with 5 minutes left.

Puolimatkan produce their second stunning performance in consecutive weeks to thrash the Underdogs and keep their survival hopes alive.

Beachcombers, AFC Phoebe and Csiki all in trouble too.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Inca - 29-04-2008 17:39

No favors done for me really. Not looking forward to having to play 1927 for survival.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 29-04-2008 17:48

If Csiki and Phoebe draw against each other then you're safe in any event. Only one of them can pass you even if there is a result, then you'd need Puolimatkan to beat Green Star. I'd be feeling pretty confident if I were you.

Of course, the mooted league reorganisation could render everything moot.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 29-04-2008 18:06

Hornville are down, subject to another league reshuffle

Bugger.

Pity there aren't random drug tests. I've a feeling Puolimatkan's might've yielded interesting results.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 29-04-2008 18:43

Yikes. Down to the wire.

C'mon Inca, do your countryman a favor and beat 1927. Let's get the trophy out of Cardiff.

By my calculation, the restructure would mean the 7th place finisher would probably stay up. (3 up 2 down, taking the OTF league to 10)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 01-05-2008 15:59

noj & whoever else it was that applied for a team (don't know your user name) you are in, so start looking at your teams. You should be able to take part in the Xpert pools this final round as well.

Unless my calculations are off, we are sit at either 21 or 22 teams. 11 & 11 sound okay?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Bombanero - 01-05-2008 19:31

Crikey. I've been waiting for relegation to be confirmed for ages, so i can blood my 18 year old midfielder, and the buggers just kept on winning. Won't last, surely.

Matej: I have a mate who was interested, a while back, is it too late for him now?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 01-05-2008 19:44

naw, as long as he gets in before the season starts he's welcome. Shoot, if we get a few more we can go back to an 8-8-

8 structure.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 02-05-2008 11:44

8 - 8 - 8? Nah, that's a terrible idea.

Whatever happened to the unspoken rule of the OTF elite looking after their own?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 02-05-2008 11:46

Equal numbers of teams in the divisions sounds good. I think some of the Dodgers have forgotten how to play by now.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by willie1foot - 02-05-2008 11:58

I agree. The big break at the end so the 'Big Clubs' can finish their competition has been a bore for us plebs,

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by boris - 02-05-2008 12:08

I'd prefer a top division of 10 and a bottom division of 12. Make the elite division a harder one.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dglh - 02-05-2008 13:52

You really need similar division sizes. For new players, keeping your players form up is critical, and getting them experience, so they get a good end of season update. Some of the lower leagues have received reasonable youths through the system (that turns off out of the transfer window) and had no chance to give them game time before the season ends. Avoiding that problem is critical, plus the 1m a week is pretty much going on keeping the teams form high at the moment.

So, even leagues please.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 06-05-2008 13:13

The end is nigh. Today's games wrap it up, and new season begins as soon as possible.

Will make a decision as to league structure/size when I set up the new season. 11/11 or similar looks most likely.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Inca - 06-05-2008 14:53

I like the 10/12 idea.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 06-05-2008 17:14

The title stays in Cardiff.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 06-05-2008 17:15

2008-05-06 Csiki Monkeys - CupHolders AFCPhoebe 1 - 2 (1 - 0)
2008-05-06 Underdogs of War - Hornville 0 - 2 (0 - 1)
2008-05-06 Puolimatkan - Green Star F-Burg 2 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-05-06 Beachcombers Utd - 1927 1 - 3 (0 - 3)

1927 35
Green Star F-Burg 32
Underdogs of War 23
Cardiff Dragons 23
Puolimatkan 21
Beachcombers Utd 19
CupHolders AFCPhoebe 19
Csiki Monkeys 17
Hornville 17

Big congratulations to captain insano.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dglh - 06-05-2008 17:24

Matej's lads need to take a good, long, hard look at themselves.

It has to be 1927 as the VIP (he says, ruefully).

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 06-05-2008 18:37

I knew it was going to happen. My team was no where near on form during the vital stretch.

Still though... Dammit.

If consensus is for 1927 to win the VIP thingy, I'll go with that.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 06-05-2008 18:51

Sorry, Matej. After all your hard work running the league, some glory would have been well deserved.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 06-05-2008 19:40

Runners-up medals aren't bad. It's like Chelsea will be this year. (or Man U, I suppose.)

If somebody wants to go ahead and sort out X11 of the year, Player of the Year, U21 Player of the Year, etc, I'd much appreciate it.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Phoebe Disco - 06-05-2008 23:30

X11 of the Year:

G: Isaac Bradley (Green Star F-Burg)

D: Lane Arnold (Green Star F-Burg)

D: Naoki Chikanatsu (Hornville)

D: Lennart Lifmark (Underdogs Of War)

D: Géza Szöllös (Csiki Monkeys)

M: Victor Beckford (1927)

M: Nelson Julinho (Green Star F-Burg)

M: Gene Lani (Underdogs of War)

M: Theodore McNally (CupHolders AFCPhoebe)

F: Henry Collén (Csiki Monkeys)

F: Silva Salazar (CupHolders AFCPhoebe)

Manager: Captaininsano (1927)

Player of the season: Lennart Lifmark (Underdogs Of War)

Division 1 Player of the season: Stelian Lehtiu (Steaua Bridge)

Division 2 Player of the season: Ralph Lake (East Village Idiots)

U21 Player of the season: Isaac Bradley (Green Star F-Burg)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dgll - 06-05-2008 23:46

Top Goalscorer - Denilson Montoya (Preparation Heffron) - 14

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by willie1foot - 06-05-2008 23:49

Right, I'm selling him..... showpony.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Inca - 07-05-2008 00:27

Damn Mark Denton of 1927 pipped the Beachcomber's Luther Dawson for the goalscoring title in the OTF league. Dawson and Denton were tied for first in total points.

GK: Isaac Bradley (Green Star)

D: Lennart Lifmark (Underdogs)

D: Naoki Chikanatsu (Hornville)

D: Géza Szöllös (Csiki)

D: Topias Viinikka (Puolimatkan)

M: Casey Harries (Cardiff)

M: Theodore McNally (CupHolders)

M: Mark Denton (1927)

M: Chet Srokowski (Green Star)

F: Luther Dawson (Beachcombers)

F: Justin Bellamy (1927)

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 07-05-2008 02:19

What were your criteria there Inca? (some diffs from Phoebe...)

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Inca - 07-05-2008 03:49

I looked at X11s, goals scored, and assists. Tried to spread the players out evenly, but weighted to success (I see Phoebe had two players from one team in particular that's in the regulation zone, *cough cough*).

Lifmark was a beast. I had no idea until looking into it now.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 07-05-2008 05:52

To be fair to Phoebe his team does also feature two players from another relegated team. Though why anyone would select that workshy waste of space Henry Collen for a team of the season is beyond me.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 07-05-2008 08:30

The Hornville defender who made it into Xpert Eleven was a mid-season signing. He made the Xpert Eleven in all ten appearances yet couldn't prevent us finishing bottom with the worst goals against in the league.

Thanks, Matej, for running this. It's been a blast. Furthermore I'm not remotely suspicious that the league has finished just in time for your vacation in the Bahamas, and I doubt very much that I'll be making a formal complaint*.

*All that remains is for the OTF cartel to cynically manipulate the league structure to ensure I keep my place.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 07-05-2008 12:33

Hmmm, I'm very intrigued by the differences between the American X11 selection and the UK selection. Clearly the two sides of the pond have some heated words to exchange.

1927 (captainsano) was sent his VIP for storming to the league title yesterday, so it should be processed soon. Executive decision that.

new season may be started tonight (US time) or tomorrow with first games coming next week. Yes, starting when I'm in the Bahamas, probably ensuring my team's form crashes even further.

Change reports should be up at 0:00 tonight/today.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by boris - 07-05-2008 12:54

Does that mean the transfer window will be open? I've some urgent rebuilding work to do.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 07-05-2008 13:01

Yeah, transfer window should open at 0:00 tonight as well.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Phoebe Disco - 07-05-2008 13:04

I based my team on Xpert 11 appearances only.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Inca - 07-05-2008 15:28

Here's some more info on my XI:

GK: Isaac Bradley (Green Star) (most X11s of any GK, lowest team goals allowed, scored 5 goals)

D: Lennart Lifmark (Underdogs) (leader in X11s, 4 assists--tied for most by a D)

D: Naoki Chikanatsu (Hornville) (third in X11s, 4 assists)

D: Géza Szöllös (Csiki) (9 X11s)

D: Topias Viinikka (Puolimatkan) (7 goals, top goal-scoring D)

M: Casey Harries (Cardiff) (7 assists (2nd in league). Perhaps would replace with Casey Corbett of 1927, but wanted a Cardiff player in here)

M: Theodore McNally (CupHolders) (6 X11s, 3 goals, 4 assists)

M: Mark Denton (1927) (10 goals, lead league)

M: Chet Srokowski (Green Star) (8 assists, lead league)

F: Luther Dawson (Beachcombers) (9 goals (second in league), co-points leader, 5 X11s)

F: Justin Bellamy (1927) (8 goals--third in league)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 08-05-2008 12:15

Whoops, guess the season update didn't take place yet. Should be soon.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 08-05-2008 12:41

An added blow after finishing last is that my players have been devalued. My keeper (worth an estimated 13 million last week) is valued at 7 million today. Even my irreplaceable central defender has dropped a couple of mill. I hope their skill levels don't suffer the same percentage hit.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 08-05-2008 18:27

Division 1 Team of the year:

GK Lester Graham (Mortlake Dodgers)
D Stefan Lehliu (Steaua Bridge)
D Mårten Holmerin (Knights who say Ni)
D Cristian Barcă (Steaua Bridge)
D Robbie Tullock (Knights who say Ni)
M Jimmy Stevenson (Mortlake Dodgers)
M Nicolau Penas (Knights who say Ni)
M Kevin Torrie (Heffron Hotspur)
M Kemal Terim (Mortlake Dodgers)
F Finlay Steele (Knights who say Ni)
F Denilson Montoya (Heffron Hotspur)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 08-05-2008 18:34

Division 2

GK Paz Moshe (Oxford Nil)
D Ralph Lake (East Village Idiots)
D Joey Hall (East Village Idiots)
D Nathan Weller (East Village Idiots)
D Laurence Rose (Ivor the engine x1)
M Brandon Ready (East Village Idiots)
M Finn Redmond (U Street Gunners)
M Liran Shayaho (Oxford Nil)
M Stanko Preradovic (East Village Idiots)
F Aryeh Huniu (East Village Idiots)
F Ronnie Prutton (Forest Hill Fire)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 09-05-2008 11:20

New Season created. 11/11, 2 league games a week. Re-structure saves everyone in OTF except Hornville.

Heading into the new season:

Strongest teams:

- 1 Hornville Chippy_Minton Division 1
- 2 Green Star F-Burg Attjen OTF
- 3 1927 Captaininsano OTF
- Cardiff Dragons Etienne OTF
- 5 Steaua Bridge Jonjuan Division 1

Youngest teams:

- 1 Wildridings Mnb098mnb Division 1 21
- 2 Forest Hill Fire Bogzilla Division 1 24
- 3 Knights who say Ni Rift OTF 25
- Green Star F-Burg Attjen OTF 25
- 5 Ivor the engine x1 Pishtico Division 1 26

Richest teams:

- 1 Oxford Nil OUSillyThing Division 1
- 2 East Village Idiots Dglh Division 1
- 3 Steaua Bridge Jonjuan Division 1
- 4 Heffron Hotspur Willie1foot OTF
- 5 Essen Clarets DanDruff Division 1

Best coach:

- 1 1927 Captaininsano OTF
- 2 East Village Idiots Dglh Division 1
- 3 Underdogs of War SpenceBroughton OTF
- 4 Oxford Nil OUSillyThing Division 1
- 5 Green Star F-Burg Attjen OTF

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 09-05-2008 11:43

I think this is going be a Derby-esque season for the Monkeys - avoiding relegation by virtue of having the league change, two of my best players quitting for no reason, no money, no hope. All I've got to look forward to is to try and nobble some of Phoebe's players in retaliation for the fact that he puts half my team i hospital every time we meet.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 09-05-2008 12:02

Re-structure saves everyone in OTF except Hornville.

Heading into the new season:

Strongest teams:

- 1 Hornville Chippy_Minton Division 1

Dear me, I'm so inept.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by boris - 09-05-2008 12:19

Oxford Nil may be the richest team according to that table, but if the bids I've put in for players come off, I expect I'll soon be featuring on the Poorest Teams table (is there one?). I've had to sack a couple of players to make room in my squad for new signings, and I feel like such a bastard, but there's no room for sentiment in football.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Bogzilla - 09-05-2008 12:31

I'm expecting (that is, praying) that Forest Hill's investment in youth will pay dividends this season as we avoid instant relegation and consolidate.

It's not about big name stars, but about teamwork etc etc

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 09-05-2008 13:33

How are you calculating things like strongest team and coach, Matej?

Really happy with the season change update, pretty much all my starters improved, and the only player who lost skill points was has-been striker Alwyn Waters who didn't even make the bench last season.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 09-05-2008 14:41

One of the perks of being VIP is that it gives you club stats with all of those things. So all I had to do was cut and paste.

Quite surprised to see Hornville top, but his veterans are fantastic. (He may have the league's top skill player in midfield.)

Great change report for me too. All upwards, and Isaac Bradley is even more of a beast than he was. Only downside was that my strikers remain only so-so.

If anybody knows the manager of Essen Clarets, give him a good kick so that he knows the league is running again. I was nearly going to make him inactive, but figured he was just waiting for the new season.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 09-05-2008 14:43

And this season is 4-up/4-down, so no-one is safe. This season is also going to fly by in about 10 weeks or so.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Jon - 09-05-2008 18:18

I wasn't so happy with my change report. How do these things work anyway?

Like Boris I'll be attempting to buy some over-priced, over-the-hill players before the start of the season to compensate.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 09-05-2008 18:41

Basically, the change report is based on average form for the season and experience. If your player performed above average, and got 100% of his required experience, then he'll get a skill boost. Sometimes they are noticeable (a new 'bar'), sometimes they aren't.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Jon - 09-05-2008 18:55

Thanks matej. So, how does one know what the average form and experience is for your team? Or is it worked out player by player?

(Often I get the feeling that there is much more to this game than I know about. Like all the stats that people are posting. And what the fuck is the xpert 11 team? One of my players just earned 500 000 for it.)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 09-05-2008 19:18

On any of the players individual pages, you'll see their current form, average form, and experience (out of 100%).

On the 'training' page, you can also see the form indicated by two bars: the top for current, the smaller bottom one for average.

Generally, you want to keep the form of your team as high as your funds allow. I tend to overtrain my squad, because I'm paranoid of losing form. (Not that it helped me down the stretch.)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Phoebe Disco - 09-05-2008 19:36

ad hoc wrote:

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In retaliation? My players still remember the first leg of the cup, where the Monkeys had four booked, one sent off and AFC Phoebe has two players injured...

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by noj - 09-05-2008 22:29

I'm a little concerned that my first ever professional fixture is against the 5th best rated team in Matej's list, followed by a match against the top rated team. It's quite literally a baptism of fire.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 12-05-2008 11:12

Don't worry, noj. I roll over so easily they call me Euromillions.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 14-05-2008 17:08

And so it begins...

OTF

2008-05-14 Underdogs of War - AFC Phoebe 2 - 5 (1 - 1)
2008-05-14 Cardiff Dragons - Heffron Hotspur 5 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-05-14 Mortlake Dodgers - Beachcombers Utd 5 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-05-14 Knights who say Ni - Puolimatkan 3 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-05-14 Csiki Monkeys - Green Star F-Burg 3 - 2 (0 - 0)

Division 1

2008-05-14 East Village Idiots - Llantwit Major FC 5 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-05-14 Oxford Nil - U Street Gunners 6 - 0 (1 - 0)
2008-05-14 Wildridings - Essen Clarets 2 - 0 (1 - 0)
2008-05-14 Ivor the engine x1 - Forest Hill Fire 1 - 4 (1 - 2)
2008-05-14 Vladikavkaz Noj - Steaua Bridge 0 - 2 (0 - 1)

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by boris - 14-05-2008 20:48

Woo! Top of the league!

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by willie1foot - 14-05-2008 22:00

This is going to be a long season.....

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Inca - 14-05-2008 22:03

Woof. That's what happens when I don't update my squad and leave my new signing on the bench.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by willie1foot - 14-05-2008 22:54

Yeah, me too. Forked out zillions for a new defender and didn't even have him on the bench! Not that he'd have made much of a difference. 5-0!

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 18-05-2008 18:31

2008-05-18 1927 - Csiki Monkeys 1 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-05-18 Green Star F-Burg - AFC Phoebe 3 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-05-18 Heffron Hotspur - Underdogs of War 2 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-05-18 Puolimatkan - Mortlake Dodgers 1 - 5 (1 - 3)
2008-05-18 Knights who say Ni - Cardiff Dragons 0 - 2 (0 - 1)

2008-05-18 Hornville - Vladikavkaz Noj 4 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-05-18 Steaua Bridge - Llantwit Major FC 6 - 0 (3 - 0)
2008-05-18 U Street Gunners - East Village Idiots 0 - 5 (0 - 1)
2008-05-18 Forest Hill Fire - Wildridings 0 - 1 (0 - 0)
2008-05-18 Ivor the engine x1 - Oxford Nil 2 - 2 (0 - 0)

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 18-05-2008 20:33

91st minute goal. This weekend is just going from bad to worse football wise. Now even non existent made up football has gone to shit.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dgih - 18-05-2008 22:39

Can someone break into the U Street Gunners and just turn them off Bruise? That is the fourth player in my team they have injured. It is so annoying, especially because they suck.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Bombanero - 18-05-2008 22:52

Consistency, that's the key. Watch and learn.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 19-05-2008 10:03

Could've sworn one of my players had a powerful shot (special skill). Do these skills get updated as part of the end-of-season change, I wonder? Or, more probably, I've flogged him.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dgih - 19-05-2008 13:59

HORN - just skill blobs at the end of season. Which meant you sold him, or thought the quicker rocket was a rocket shot.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 19-05-2008 14:40

The Dodgers are very much ON FIRE! Can we keep up this form in the top-of-the-table clash with the Dragons? (No.)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 21-05-2008 16:30

Games in 30 minutes, for anyone who has forgotten to set their tactic to "bruise" against the Idiots or Steaua.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dglh - 21-05-2008 16:43

I wish there was still a cup, Etienne. I would teach you a lesson. That bruise setting is a right pain (and Ivor's Engines have been known to use it as well!).

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 21-05-2008 16:47

No, I do sympathise as both my best midfielders were crocked last week. The two games a week schedule might mean I need to add to my strength in depth.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Inca - 21-05-2008 16:56

I've never found "bruise" to be all that useful. It never really worked for me. Then again, the Beachcombers don't believe in draws--it's all or nothing.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dglh - 21-05-2008 17:27

HOORAY! Another 5-0 to the idiots, and my cool as ice keeper scored a penalty, and had one missed in front of him. Ivor's bruising only hypodermic needle injured a midfielder this week.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Inca - 21-05-2008 17:29

Can anyone post the scores?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dglh - 21-05-2008 17:30

OTF

In OTF, the flaming dodgers hold Cardiff in remain on top. While the Beachcombers are believed to still be trying to talk Luther Dawson out of retirement.

Beachcombers Utd - Puolimatkan 1 - 3 (0 - 1)

AFC Phoebe - 1927 1 - 4 (0 - 2)
Underdogs of War - Knights who say Ni 3 - 0 (0 - 0)
Cardiff Dragons - Mortlake Dodgers 3 - 3 (1 - 1)
Heffron Hotspur - Green Star F-Burg 0 - 1 (0 - 1)

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dgllh - 21-05-2008 17:33

Division 1

Obviously, news of the day is Quincy Freeman's first goal, as a 19 year old goalkeeper. East Village Idiots, Steaua Bridge and Hornville maintain 100% records (Hornville with a game in hand). Oxford Nil missed a hatful of chances and still won 4-1.

Essen Clarets - Forest Hill Fire 0 - 2 (0 - 1)
Llantwit Major FC - Hornville 0 - 3 (0 - 1)
East Village Idiots - Ivor the engine x1 5 - 0 (4 - 0)
Oxford Nil - Wildridings 4 - 1 (0 - 0)
U Street Gunners - Steaua Bridge 1 - 2 (0 - 1)

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 21-05-2008 18:37

Whoohoo... looks like a dodgy 1-nil away win for Green Star.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Bombanero - 21-05-2008 18:56

Inca wrote:

I've never found "bruise" to be all that useful. It never really worked for me. Then again, the Beachcombers don't believe in draws--it's all or nothing.

hehehehehehe

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 24-05-2008 02:10

By the way, AFC Phoebe's splashing of the cash makes them the strongest OTF team on paper. One has to wonder about 1927's total domination in the last game then.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 25-05-2008 21:29

2008-05-25 1927 - Heffron Hotspur 3 - 3 (2 - 0)
2008-05-25 Mortlake Dodgers - Underdogs of War 3 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-05-25 Csiki Monkeys - AFC Phoebe 2 - 1 (0 - 1)
2008-05-25 Beachcombers Utd - Cardiff Dragons 2 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-05-25 Green Star F-Burg - Knights who say Ni 5 - 0 (1 - 0)

2008-05-25 Hornville - U Street Gunners 2 - 1 (1 - 0)
2008-05-25 Wildridings - East Village Idiots 1 - 4 (1 - 3)
2008-05-25 Vladikavkaz Noj - Llantwit Major FC 1 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-05-25 Essen Clarets - Oxford Nil 0 - 4 (0 - 4)
2008-05-25 Steaua Bridge - Ivor the engine x1 3 - 1 (1 - 1)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 28-05-2008 17:54

2008-05-28 Heffron Hotspur - Csiki Monkeys 1 - 4 (0 - 2)
2008-05-28 Knights who say Ni - 1927 2 - 2 (1 - 2)
2008-05-28 Underdogs of War - Beachcombers Utd 0 - 1 (0 - 0)
2008-05-28 Mortlake Dodgers - Green Star F-Burg 2 - 1 (1 - 0)
2008-05-28 Cardiff Dragons - Puolimatkan 3 - 0 (1 - 0)

2008-05-28 U Street Gunners - Vladikavkaz Noj 3 - 0 (1 - 0)
2008-05-28 Ivor the engine x1 - Hornville 1 - 4 (1 - 2)
2008-05-28 East Village Idiots - Essen Clarets 7 - 1 (4 - 1)
2008-05-28 Wildridings - Steaua Bridge 0 - 3 (0 - 2)
2008-05-28 Oxford Nil - Forest Hill Fire 3 - 1 (2 - 0)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dgllh - 28-05-2008 18:09

The Dodgers continue to prove the strength of the lower leagues in mixing it with the OTF elite.

Division 1 is already shaping up into a tight battle at the top. The idiots 7-1 win got them a grand total of zero xpert eleven players.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 28-05-2008 18:14

The Dodgers only have three X11 appearances - two for the keeper - in five games, despite twatting all and sundry so far. There's no stars in this team. Eleven heroes every week. None of your 8+-skilled primadonnas.

It can't last.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 28-05-2008 18:19

2nd place Dragons haven't had more than 1 Xpert eleven player in any weeks team this season.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 28-05-2008 18:48

Bah... I knew I should have tweaked the re-structure to keep Dodgers away from the top.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Inca - 29-05-2008 14:57

Once again I've gone walkabout and forgot about this, and found out I won twice in a row. Now I see what I've been doing wrong before--trying to win.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 29-05-2008 16:47

Wildridings (div 1) have an extraordinarily young side. Sunday's match with Hornville will literally be old men against boys.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Jon - 29-05-2008 16:52

As was yesterday's match when I played them. I think they have a teenage keeper who is about 7 skill.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 29-05-2008 18:00

Yeah, I admire their commitment to youth, but I can't help thinking that buying some 9 skill 35 year old centre-back would make a huge difference to them.

You don't win anything with kids after all.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by mnb098mnb - 29-05-2008 19:04

I have a ten year plan with Wildridings.

It's only really dawned on me this week that it will probably be 2010 before my team is actually ready.

You're right though, you will win nothing with kids, as my results have proven.

Looks like there's a "Big Four" situation in Division One though. Fifth place is six points off fourth already.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 01-06-2008 17:26

2008-06-01 1927 - Mortlake Dodgers 4 - 5 (2 - 3)
2008-06-01 Puolimatkan - Underdogs of War 1 - 0 (1 - 0)
2008-06-01 Knights who say Ni - Csiki Monkeys 1 - 3 (1 - 1)
2008-06-01 Green Star F-Burg - Beachcombers Utd 3 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-06-01 AFC Phoebe - Heffron Hotspur 2 - 1 (0 - 0)

2008-06-01 Hornville - Wildridings 4 - 0 (1 - 0)
2008-06-01 Forest Hill Fire - East Village Idiots 2 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-06-01 Ivor the engine x1 - Vladikavkaz Noj 0 - 1 (0 - 1)

2008-06-01 Steaua Bridge - Essen Clarets 8 - 0 (3 - 0)
2008-06-01 Llantwit Major FC - U Street Gunners 3 - 2 (0 - 0)

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Jon - 01-06-2008 18:57

Ahem, just a slight tweak to your final scores, Matej.

Steaua Bridge 8 (eight) - Essen Clarets 0 (3 - 0)

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 01-06-2008 20:45

The idiots have lost a match. My gods.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dglh - 02-06-2008 01:51

Bollocks. Bollocks, bollocks, bollocks!

At least it was a team we had in the league last season. May this weeks bids be successful, and then the team will be ready to march on to OTF.

An unfortunate injury midfield with a sub - defender - coming in cost us. Plus bad tactics. Ah well, it was overdue.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 02-06-2008 08:38

No doubt Hornville are going to feel the backlash from Essen Clarets. We visit Harbour Road in the next round of matches.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 02-06-2008 14:00

Mortlake stole that 5-4 win by the way. Team of destiny?

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 02-06-2008 14:26

Stole? How dare you. Our young midfield outlasted the geriatric opposition, culminating in two deserved last-minute goals, the second one a trademark bit of dead-ball alchemy from youth academy alumnus Ian Harries.

Mind you, next time, with our best defender injured, we might have to score more than five if we're going to win again.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dgih - 04-06-2008 17:24

OTF

OTF remains tight, with the Dodgers maintaining the only unbeaten run in the league.

Beachcombers Utd - 1927 1 - 3 (0 - 0)
Csiki Monkeys - Mortlake Dodgers 1 - 1 (0 - 1)
Puolimatkan - Green Star F-Burg 1 - 2 (0 - 1)
AFC Phoebe - Knights who say Ni 2 - 2 (0 - 0)
Underdogs of War - Cardiff Dragons 1 - 1 (0 - 0)

Div 1

Steaua v Oxford at the weekend will cost one team either an unbeaten run or 100% record. The idiots collapse continues, despite new signings.

Essen Clarets - Hornville 1 - 4 (0 - 1)
Vladikavkaz Noj - Wildridings 2 - 1 (0 - 0)
Forest Hill Fire - Steaua Bridge 0 - 1 (0 - 1)
Llantwit Major FC - Ivor the engine x1 0 - 2 (0 - 1)
East Village Idiots - Oxford Nil 1 - 2 (0 - 0)

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 04-06-2008 18:05

Ouch! 90th-minute equaliser.

We'd have taken 1-1 at the start, though.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by mnb098mnb - 04-06-2008 23:51

The "big four" in Division One continue to pull away.

I feel at Wildridings we are a million miles away from ever being able to compete with these big boys.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 08-06-2008 17:54

2008-06-08 Hornville - Forest Hill Fire 4 - 0 (1 - 0)
2008-06-08 Ivor the engine x1 - U Street Gunners 1 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-06-08 Wildridings - Llantwit Major FC 2 - 0 (1 - 0)
2008-06-08 Vladikavkaz Noj - Essen Clarets 4 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-06-08 Steaua Bridge - Oxford Nil 3 - 0 (1 - 0)

2008-06-08 1927 - Puolimatkan 5 - 3 (1 - 2)
2008-06-08 Knights who say Ni - Heffron Hotspur 1 - 1 (1 - 0)
2008-06-08 Mortlake Dodgers - AFC Phoebe 4 - 1 (3 - 1)
2008-06-08 Csiki Monkeys - Beachcombers Utd 4 - 0 (1 - 0)
2008-06-08 Green Star F-Burg - Cardiff Dragons 1 - 1 (0 - 1)

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 08-06-2008 17:57

Mortlake running away with it.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 09-06-2008 13:06

Our five-man midfield is literally trampling on the opposition.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by adi hocescu - 09-06-2008 13:11

The Dodgers have two bye rounds in a row coming up soon. That's everybody's chance to scrap around drawing against one another and leaving them still 4 points clear.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 11-06-2008 17:10

2008-06-11 Cardiff Dragons - 1927 3 - 1 (3 - 1)
2008-06-11 Beachcombers Utd - AFC Phoebe 1 - 1 (1 - 0)
2008-06-11 Puolimatkan - Csiki Monkeys 2 - 1 (0 - 1)
2008-06-11 Heffron Hotspur - Mortlake Dodgers 1 - 3 (1 - 1)
2008-06-11 Underdogs of War - Green Star F-Burg 0 - 4 (0 - 0)

2008-06-11 Oxford Nil - Hornville 0 - 3 (0 - 1)
2008-06-11 Essen Clarets - Llantwit Major FC 0 - 2 (0 - 0)
2008-06-11 Forest Hill Fire - Vladikavkaz Noj 0 - 1 (0 - 0)
2008-06-11 U Street Gunners - Wildridings 1 - 0 (1 - 0)
2008-06-11 East Village Idiots - Steaua Bridge 1 - 2 (0 - 2)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 11-06-2008 17:19

Green Star beginning to claim the runners-up position.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 11-06-2008 17:24

Well, fancy the ailing Mortlake Dodgers managing sign a skill level 6 keeper from the youth team.

Does their bad luck know no bounds?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 11-06-2008 17:45

Yes, they are literally cursed.

Really happy with that win over 1927, as I got the tactics spot-on (either that, or it was Bob Blomstrand's return to the Xpert11 that dragged me through single-handed).

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 11-06-2008 18:07

He was only supposed to be a five, too. Tsk.

Not that it makes much difference. He's got little chance of dislodging Lester "The Octopus" Graham from the starting 11.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 15-06-2008 18:16

2008-06-15 1927 - Underdogs of War 3 - 2 (1 - 2)
2008-06-15 Cardiff Dragons - Csiki Monkeys 1 - 1 (0 - 0)
2008-06-15 Mortlake Dodgers - Knights who say Ni 6 - 1 (4 - 1)
2008-06-15 AFC Phoebe - Puolimatkan 0 - 2 (0 - 0)
2008-06-15 Heffron Hotspur - Beachcombers Utd 2 - 2 (1 - 0)

Mortlake are literally running away with the title.

2008-06-15 Hornville - East Village Idiots 0 - 3 (0 - 1)
2008-06-15 Oxford Nil - Vladikavkaz Noj 1 - 1 (1 - 1)
2008-06-15 Wildridings - Ivor the engine x1 0 - 2 (0 - 0)
2008-06-15 Llantwit Major FC - Forest Hill Fire 0 - 3 (0 - 1)
2008-06-15 U Street Gunners - Essen Clarets 6 - 0 (4 - 0)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Inca - 15-06-2008 19:14

My hands-off approach (i.e., forgetting to set my lineup) again sees me do better than I have at all this season when actively trying to win.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dglh - 15-06-2008 20:08

G'wan!! Idiots get it back together to beat Hornville.

I think we are at the turn, so I will have my Hornville / Steaua run coming up again soon. For those not in other leagues, I should note that if you knock a team off a long unbeaten run, all kinds of craziness happens to their team for a bit.

The team at the top of my official league, who I beat last week (and were looking unbeatable) got hammered by a worse side this week.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 16-06-2008 09:21

Oh bloody hell. Don't say that. I'm away at the leaders next.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 16-06-2008 13:08

Somehow I wasn't surprised to see that I managed to slip even futher behind on my bye week.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoqito - 18-06-2008 17:39

Puolimatkan - Heffron Hotspur 2 - 1 (0 - 1)
Beachcombers Utd- Knights who say Ni 0 - 2 (0 - 0)
Csiki Monkeys - Underdogs of War 3 - 1 (0 - 0)
Green Star F-Burg - 1927 2 - 1 (0 - 1)
AFC Phoebe - Cardiff Dragons 0 - 2 (0 - 0)

Forest Hill Fire - U Street Gunners 3 - 0 (0 - 0)
Essen Clarets - Ivor the engine x1 1 - 3 (1 - 1)
Vladikavkaz Noj - East Village Idiots 2 - 1 (1 - 1)
Steaua Bridge - Hornville 1 - 2 (0 - 0)
Llantwit Major FC - Oxford Nil 1 - 3 (0 - 3)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 18-06-2008 19:19

YES! no points for Mortlake!

Are the fans protesting at AFC Phoebe yet?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 19-06-2008 13:50

Hornville desperately need to rebuild, as we're likely to lose four of our top 5 players to retirement at the end of the season. Consequently I've put a couple of no hoppers on the transfer list to raise funds. One of these, valued at 500K, seems to have captured the imagination of a Russian megalomaniac, judging by the way bidding has taken off.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 22-06-2008 17:14

2008-06-22 1927 - Green Star F-Burg 1 - 2 (0 - 2)
2008-06-22 Underdogs of War - Csiki Monkeys 0 - 4 (0 - 1)
2008-06-22 Knights who say Ni - Beachcombers Utd 1 - 1 (0 - 1)
2008-06-22 Heffron Hotspur - Puolimatkan 2 - 4 (1 - 1)
2008-06-22 Cardiff Dragons - AFC Phoebe 4 - 2 (2 - 0)

2008-06-22 Hornville - Steaua Bridge 0 - 1 (0 - 1)
2008-06-22 East Village Idiots - Vladikavkaz Noj 4 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-06-22 Ivor the engine x1 - Essen Clarets 2 - 1 (2 - 1)
2008-06-22 U Street Gunners - Forest Hill Fire 1 - 0 (1 - 0)
2008-06-22 Oxford Nil - Llantwit Major FC 5 - 0 (3 - 0)

The question now becomes, who can beat Mortlake?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 26-06-2008 08:31

No updated results? Does no-one care anymore?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hojito - 26-06-2008 08:41

I'm still sulking over not beating you, and moving to within a point or so of the lead.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 26-06-2008 10:04

Mortlake have let you all back in by giving the youth goalie his debut - despite high skill and very high form he made a right Scott Carson of it.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ioannis nojorakis - 26-06-2008 12:36

Crap. My season is disintegrating at the hands of the dastardly big 4.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 26-06-2008 13:07

Fear not, Noj. Hornville are imploding. Literally.

I see Wildridings have boosted the average age of their squad to 15 and a half by snapping up two teenage keepers.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 26-06-2008 14:55

I'm surprised nobody got around to posting scores yesterday. It was a pretty high scoring matchday.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by mnb098mnb - 26-06-2008 19:31

HORN wrote:

I see Wildridings have boosted the average age of their squad to 15 and a half by snapping up two teenage keepers.

We had to play the last half hour of our match against Ivor the Engine without a goalkeeper. Still managed to scrape a 0-0 draw though.

Bought a backup keeper for the next match (a 19 year old) and a couple of hours later a 18 year old was offered via the youth side. So I gave the 19 year old a free transfer and signed the 18 year old...

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 29-06-2008 17:16

2008-06-29 Green Star F-Burg - Underdogs of War 3 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-06-29 AFC Phoebe - Beachcombers Utd 3 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-06-29 Mortlake Dodgers - Heffron Hotspur 7 - 3 (3 - 1)
2008-06-29 Csiki Monkeys - Puolimatkan 3 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-06-29 1927 - Cardiff Dragons 4 - 1 (1 - 0)

2008-06-29 Steaua Bridge - East Village Idiots 3 - 3 (0 - 1)
2008-06-29 Llantwit Major FC - Fancy Brigade 1 - 2 (0 - 1)
2008-06-29 Wildridings - U Street Gunners 0 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-06-29 Vladikavkaz Noj - Forest Hill Fire 4 - 1 (2 - 1)
2008-06-29 Hornville - Oxford Nil 1 - 1 (0 - 0)

Also welcome DynamoKev, the new manager at ex-Essen Clarets - pushovers no longer.

And 7-3. Yes, that says 7-3. !

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 02-07-2008 20:00

2008-07-02 Puolimatkan - 1927 2 - 2 (2 - 2)
2008-07-02 Beachcombers Utd - Csiki Monkeys 0 - 1 (0 - 1)
2008-07-02 Heffron Hotspur - Knights who say Ni 4 - 1 (2 - 1)
2008-07-02 AFC Phoebe - Mortlake Dodgers 2 - 3 (2 - 2)
2008-07-02 Cardiff Dragons - Green Star F-Burg 0 - 4 (0 - 0)

2008-07-02 Forest Hill Fire - Hornville 1 - 1 (1 - 0)
2008-07-02 Fancy Brigade - Vladikavkaz Noj 2 - 0 (1 - 0)
2008-07-02 U Street Gunners - Ivor the engine x1 4 - 0 (4 - 0)
2008-07-02 Llantwit Major FC - Wildridings 0 - 4 (0 - 2)
2008-07-02 Oxford Nil - Steaua Bridge 3 - 1 (0 - 1)

I think that is the 2nd time Dakota Barrera has had to come on as a sub and the proceeded to score the opening goal.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 03-07-2008 11:55

Since beating the top side away in mid-June, we've embarked on a mammoth winless streak.

Next up are the rejuvenated Fancy Brigade, for which our godlike centre-back is suspended.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 03-07-2008 13:50

The Dodgers are wobbling, with form on the slide and half the squad a yellow away from suspension. More pressingly, our goalkeeper crisis continues: Lester "The Octopus" Graham's confidence is shot to pieces after he misinterpreted his resting a few weeks ago as a deselection on merit. So this week I tried the youth goalie again only for him to put in a 3-skilled performance.

We beat AFC Phoebe anyway which can only lead me to conclude that they are an incredibly poor side.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 06-07-2008 17:19

2008-07-06 Steaua Bridge - Forest Hill Fire 2 - 0 (1 - 0)
2008-07-06 Oxford Nil - East Village Idiots 1 - 1 (1 - 0)
2008-07-06 Ivor the engine x1 - Llantwit Major FC 3 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-07-06 Hornville - Fancy Brigade 1 - 1 (0 - 0)
2008-07-06 Wildridings - Vladikavkaz Noj 1 - 1 (0 - 1)

2008-07-06 Green Star F-Burg - Puolimatkan 3 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-07-06 Cardiff Dragons - Underdogs of War 1 - 3 (1 - 1)
2008-07-06 Knights who say Ni - AFC Phoebe 3 - 3 (1 - 2)
2008-07-06 1927 - Beachcombers Utd 5 - 0 (4 - 0)
2008-07-06 Mortlake Dodgers - Csiki Monkeys 1 - 2 (1 - 0)

Great. Green Star take the lead with Beachcombers coming up next. Typical. Maybe Inca won't log in this week either.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 06-07-2008 18:41

And we're playing the team that just flattened them 5-0. I can't see us getting more than a point from the next two games.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Jon - 06-07-2008 18:46

Great set of results for all those connected with Steaua Bridge. We won and the rest of the 'big four' lost. Fancy Brigade next.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by boris - 06-07-2008 22:48

A home draw might not have felt too brilliant, but it's a bit of a stretch to claim we lost. As it is, you're now three points ahead of us, you've played a game less, and we don't have a match next round, so it's a good opportunity for you to stretch your lead.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Jon - 07-07-2008 00:21

Sorry Boris. My mistake. What I meant to say was that the rest of the big 4 all drew.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 08-07-2008 08:28

If it isn't bad enough that both my strikers are retiring at the end of the season then it certainly is now my midfield playmaker has decided to join them.

Some thirtysevenyearolds simply have no mettle.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 09-07-2008 17:15

Is there an easy way to format these damned scores for easy reading? They're driving me mad.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 09-07-2008 17:23

Beachcombers Utd 0-2 Green Star F-Burg
Mortlake Dodgers 4-2 1927
Csiki Monkeys 3-0 Knights who say Ni
Underdogs of War 0-4 Puolimatkan
Heffron Hotspur 6-3 AFC Phoebe

Fancy Brigade 2-2 Steaua Bridge
Wildridings 0-1 Hornville
Vladikavkaz Noj 3-0 Ivor the engine x1
East Village Idiots 3-0 Forest Hill Fire
U Street Gunners 5-0 Llantwit Major FC

Wins for Green Star, the Dodgers and the Monkeys; another cracking result for Fancy Brigade.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by willie1foot - 09-07-2008 21:39

Get in there! Out of the relegation zone at last!

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 11-07-2008 14:41

U Street no longer to be taken for granted in division 1.

AFC Phoebe - where has your defense gone?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 13-07-2008 18:00

2008-07-13 Green Star F-Burg - Mortlake Dodgers 4 - 1 (3 - 0)
2008-07-13 Puolimatkan - Cardiff Dragons 4 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-07-13 1927 - Knights who say Ni 3 - 1 (3 - 0)
2008-07-13 Csiki Monkeys - Heffron Hotspur 3 - 2 (0 - 1)
2008-07-13 Beachcombers Utd - Underdogs of War 0 - 2 (0 - 2)

2008-07-13 Steaua Bridge - Wildridings 1 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-07-13 Forest Hill Fire - Oxford Nil 1 - 2 (0 - 0)
2008-07-13 Hornville - Ivor the engine x1 2 - 1 (0 - 1)
2008-07-13 Vladikavkaz Noj - U Street Gunners 1 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-07-13 Fancy Brigade - East Village Idiots 0 - 0 (0 - 0)

Isaac Bradley scores on a freekick to lead Green Star over Mortlake.

Noj needs help in Division 1.

No matter what happens now, we'll have a new champion.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 14-07-2008 12:10

Well played, Matej.

The Dodgers bottled that terribly - all in decent form beforehand, but then they just trundled about playing moderately well.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 14-07-2008 13:53

Green Star just seems to have gotten their bad form out of the way early in the season. As long as we take care of our next few games, we can make the last day game against the Monkeys meaningless.

I never quite estimate correctly how much team form seems to affect the results. I have a team in another league that has outplayed the opponents in 3 straight games, yet lost every one. That team is just cold.

I have no idea why the AI chose Bradley to take that freekick. Considering Barrera has the freekick skill, and scored two others in the game, he would have seemed to be the natural choice.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 16-07-2008 17:21

Underdogs of War - Mortlake Dodgers 0 - 2 (0 - 1)
Cardiff Dragons - Beachcombers Utd 5 - 0 (2 - 0)
Knights who say Ni - Green Star F-Burg 0 - 3 (0 - 1)
Heffron Hotspur - 1927 2 - 0 (0 - 0)
AFC Phoebe - Csiki Monkeys 1 - 4 (0 - 3)

Ivor the engine x1 - Steaua Bridge 1 - 0 (0 - 0)

East Village Idiots - Wildridings 4 - 0 (2 - 0)
U Street Gunners - Hornville 0 - 2 (0 - 0)
Llantwit Major FC - Vladikavkaz Noj 0 - 4 (0 - 3)
Oxford Nil - Fancy Brigade 6 - 0 (3 - 0)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 16-07-2008 17:25

I've just realised: we scored a goal against Green Star! Go Dodgers!

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 16-07-2008 17:50

Presumably, for every 2 teams who drop out of the league, there's one less OTF1 spot available for the Division One promoted sides.

And that's life below the top tier, folks.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 16-07-2008 18:01

It appears that Green Star actually aren't going to throw this season away. Strange.

I'm not sure what we're going to do for the next season. We'll probably stay even numbers, but if we can, I might go to a combined league of everybody.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 17-07-2008 10:03

Ooh yeah, that'd be cool.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 20-07-2008 18:48

Green Star stumble! They're now two points clear of Csiki and Mortlake with two to play, and their last game is against Csiki . . .

1927 3-3 AFC Phoebe
Mortlake Dodgers 3-1 Cardiff Dragons
Puolimatkan 1-0 Beachcombers Utd
Green Star F-Burg 1-1 Heffron Hotspur
Knights who say Ni 0-3 Underdogs of War

No change in Div 1 with all the top four winning.

Hornville 3-0 Llantwit Major FC
Wildridings 0-3 Oxford Nil
Forest Hill 2-0 Fancy Brigade
Steaua Bridge 1-0 U Street Gunners

Ivor the engine x1 0-2 East Village Idiots

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 20-07-2008 20:25

I'd be really against a unified division, too many teams would have nothing to play for - it's been a bit dull for me since I couldn't possibly win the title or be relegated.

Nice tactical move by the Dodgers, abandoning their 4-5-1 and foiling my plan to bypass them with long balls.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 20-07-2008 21:26

Etienne wrote:

I'd be really against a unified division, too many teams would have nothing to play for - it's been a bit dull for me since I couldn't possibly win the title or be relegated.

Actually, yeah. Good point.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by noj - 21-07-2008 12:11

No change in Div 1 with all the top four winning.

Crap.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 21-07-2008 13:24

It appears that Green Star actually are going to throw this season away. Strange.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by noj - 23-07-2008 17:17

Underdogs of War 1 Heffron Hotspur 1
Cardiff Dragons 5 Knights who say Ni 0
AFC Pheobe 4 Green Star F-Burg 6
Csiki Monkeys 2 1927 1
Mortlake Dodgers 3 Puolimatkan 1

East Village Idiots 1 U Street Gunners 0
Oxford Nil 3 Ivor the Engine 1
Llantwit Major 0 Steaua Bridge 4
Vladikavkaz Noj 1 Hornville 0
Wildridings 0 Forest Hill Fire 2

Ah, bugger. My last chance of promotion disappears with East Village Idiots winning. Still, a fine result to (almost) end the campaign.

Bonkers result at AFC Pheobe as well.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Phoebe - 23-07-2008 17:36

I agree with the idea of one single league.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 23-07-2008 20:36

Green Star have an injury/suspension crisis for the final game . . . oh, the tension. If they draw and the Dodgers put four past rock-bottom Beachcombers, Mortlake can still do it!

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by boris - 23-07-2008 21:56

Interesting climax in Div 1. If Noj can beat Steaua and Oxford Nil win at U Street, we'll be champions, despite never having led the division.

That would be soooo sweet!

And I'd vote for a two-state solution, merely so that my promotion this season would actually mean something, unlike last season's.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dgllh - 24-07-2008 01:27

I thought similar, boris. It would suck to get promoted two seasons in a row and just have everyone else get it for free.

Though if I lose, I am all for a one league thing if I don't get up. The two a week structure is a bit tricky now I have a job (he says, selfishly for the interim).

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 24-07-2008 08:34

I think Phoebe's views may have been influenced by the last game having secured relegation for his boys.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 24-07-2008 08:49

I think if all the teams are still active we should keep things as they are. A 22 team league would take a long time to finish, and for a lot of it there'd be no interest. Plus of course it might be nice if just once the system stayed the same at the end of the season.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Phoebe - 24-07-2008 10:05

Foiled!

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by delicatemoth - 24-07-2008 10:31

Can I join this for next season?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dogbeak - 24-07-2008 10:59

And can I join this for next season?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 24-07-2008 11:02

That'll teach me to rest my retirees in an attempt to boost the form of my younger lads. We never even got a kick against Noj.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 24-07-2008 14:29

Everybody can join, and the system will be decided once all teams are in. A nice 12/12 league would be good for me.

Certain relegation for any team that beats me to the title though.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 27-07-2008 16:23

All comes down to today.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 27-07-2008 16:23

nervous?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 27-07-2008 17:03

And Green Star cling on - by one goal!

Congrats Matt

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 27-07-2008 17:08

Beachcombers 0 Dodgers 3
Phoebe 1 Underdogs 3
Green Star 0 Monkeys 0
Puolimatkan 3 Ni 0
Heffron 3 Dragons 1

Green Star 48 pts GD +37
Dodgers 48 pts GD +36

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 27-07-2008 17:10

And the Class of Division 1a grab three of the top four slots in the league (and the winner of the second division).

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 27-07-2008 17:52

Yes, I was more than a bit nervous. Particularly since Inca hadn't logged in for nearly 3 weeks.

As it was, this was the only way Green Star was going to win the title, by backing their way into it.

New season created as soon as possible, all dead weight teams (those that haven't logged in at all during July) will be cut adrift. We'll try and stay the same format, but will have to see the numbers as we go in.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 27-07-2008 20:06

Well played, Matej. Knew I should have gone for "Very Offensive".

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 27-07-2008 20:59

By the way, did you two watch the two games side by side? I've never done that before but shit it was exciting. Possibly the most exciting instance of pixels depicting imaginary footballers I've ever experienced, in fact.

And yeah, roll on next season ASAP!

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 28-07-2008 14:35

Just a general reminder, if you want to be in this next year, you need to try and log in today or tomorrow so that I know you are active. There are a few teams at risk of being cut, and I don't want to do that to someone who still wants to play.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by delicatemoth - 28-07-2008 16:27

How do I sign up Matej?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 28-07-2008 16:30

Use the info on the very first post on the this thread. That should get you in to the game, and then I'll approve your team in the next day or so.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Jon - 28-07-2008 18:21

Matej, Can you make sure you include all-conquering champions of the first division, Steaua Bridge, for next season. I'm on holiday so have limited internet access. Thanks.

Oh, and another vote for the two league system, for obvious reasons.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Inca - 28-07-2008 18:52

Matej,

I hate to say it, but you've probably figured this out--I've really lost interest in the game. Consider this the demise of the Beachcombers, and me stepping aside to let someone else take our place.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by mnb098mnb - 28-07-2008 19:08

I like the idea of two leagues as well. Shorter seasons and the chance of glory for the so-called "smaller" clubs.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Bogzilla - 29-07-2008 10:23

Definitely. Though, of course, I'd be floundering around in lower-middle table in either format.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 29-07-2008 14:07

Okay, the join information is actually about 5 posts down on the first page.

Two teams still at risk of being cut:

A game of two Hafez
Knights who say Ni

Beachcombers gone into debt and like all failed US clubs are now owned by a bitter and dejected hairdresser who refuses to allow the team name to be used by anyone else.

Will wait until tomorrow PM (US Eastern time) to start new season. If those two teams don't log in by then, and if we get no new teams, we would need to go to a 10-10 league.

I think that would keep Hornville in division 1 though.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dogbeak - 29-07-2008 14:41

Oh heck, I'll try and remember to sort this out tonight.

If not, the boat will sail without me I spose.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ubiquitous internet meme - 29-07-2008 15:56

I'm about to enter my team, a tribute to Jamaican high-flyers Boys' Town F.C. Is there anything I should put in to the field where you have to explain why you want to join?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 29-07-2008 16:30

Well, you know, credit card number, 3 references, a CV...

No, nothing. Anyone can join, everybody accepted.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ubiquitous internet meme - 29-07-2008 16:41

OK, done.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by delicatemoth - 29-07-2008 16:51

Erm, I've gone to the link but I can't find where to register on the site.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by noj - 29-07-2008 17:08

delicatemoth, you need to click on the 'Join' button (top of the menu on the left hand side of the screen).

You'll then have to put in your details and do the email activation thing, then you can search for the otf league (code on page1) and apply to join the league.

I'm all in favour of a two tier system, with the four who were promoted from Div One all going up if at all possible (just seems fairer that way). If this means a slightly bigger Div One than otf then so be it.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 29-07-2008 19:21

If we get enough new teams, it won't be a problem as all the new teams go in at the bottom level. It would be nice to have a 12-12 league, but I'm not holding my breath.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dogbeak - 30-07-2008 15:27

after my absolutely shocking failed promise yesterday, i guarantee i will be trying to sort this when i get in from work (what is an eastern us time? -4?)

until then i will curse the firewall, and try and think up a witty name i'll be sick of within minutes of confirming it.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 30-07-2008 15:29

No worries dogbeak, I'll wait until I get your application before starting the new season today.

At the moment, we're sitting at 22 teams (+ the 2 that will be inactivated I listed above). So we'll at least be 11/11 and with dogbeak, probably 12/11.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dogbeak - 30-07-2008 17:12

done!

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by delicatemoth - 30-07-2008 17:13

I applied to register my team yesterday, I hope you got it.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 30-07-2008 19:22

Should have been approved I think.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by noj - 31-07-2008 12:04

Oooh a new season. Good work matej.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 31-07-2008 13:00

So, how's everyone's change reports been?

Not a good one for the Dragons really, only 5 players have gone up a level and 4 (all but 1 first team regulars) have gone down one.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 31-07-2008 13:02

Awesome. Except for the back-up GK. But with Isaac Bradley still under 25... who cares?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dogbeak - 31-07-2008 17:50

Sponsors chosen, sponsoractivity completed, starting line-up selected, training allocated, shitheads transfer listed, new goalie bid for, press release sent.

In keeping with the tone of the game, Suffragette City's manager has finished his day's work and will be found in a cheap bar in Manchester drinking 80p beers (no joke.)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 31-07-2008 17:53

Lots of increases for the Dodgers but Scottie Jennings drop means we don't have a striker over 6.

Meanwhile, our first game this season is against Hornville. Looking at their squad, they've got four or five players who would walk into my team - what were they doing only coming 4th in Div 1?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Phoebe - 31-07-2008 21:10

AFC Phoebe need a complete fucking overhaul after this change report. In fact, they needed one beforehand.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 02-08-2008 12:21

I've been promoted a season too late, methinks, though I couldn't have been promoted last year as I was too busy being relegated.

Errm.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Jon - 02-08-2008 23:24

I never used to pay attention to the OTF league league. You big boys weren't even on my radar. So - 1927, I've got them in a couple of days. Are they any good?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 03-08-2008 12:02

Dropped back to mid-table after winning the league the previous season. Very high skill players, but getting on a bit.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 04-08-2008 11:45

The Horse wrote:

Meanwhile, our first game this season is against Hornville. Looking at their squad, they've got four or five players who would walk into my team - what were they doing only coming 4th in Div 1?

Put it down to my skills as a master tactician.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 04-08-2008 11:47

Well, you've just signed someone I also bid for, increasing my feeling that we're going to get turned over.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 04-08-2008 12:54

I'm a little bit concerned that my new signing may get into verbal rucks with some opposing teams.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by delicatemoth - 04-08-2008 14:00

Very much doubt I'll be at home in time for tonight's match. What happens - does my team simply play as per my preset tactics (such as they are)?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 04-08-2008 14:03

Yeah. You definitely don't need to be home for the game. It really makes no difference.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 04-08-2008 14:05

You don't even need to set the tactics really, although if you don't do anything for several matches on the trot, things will go south.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by delicatemoth - 04-08-2008 14:05

Good, that's what I'd hoped.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 04-08-2008 17:25

Told you. We were hammered.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 04-08-2008 17:46

Results?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 04-08-2008 17:50

I am too depressed to post them.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 04-08-2008 17:51

I'm crap at this cut and paste lark.

Green Star F-Burg - Underdogs of War 1 - 0 (1 - 0)
Hornville - Mortlake Dodgers 4 - 1 (2 - 0)
Steaua Bridge - 1927 3 - 1 (1 - 1)
Heffron Hotspur - Cardiff Dragons 0 - 1 (0 - 1)
Puolimatkan - Hapoel Oxford 1 - 0 (0 - 0)

Csiki Monkeys - East Village Idiots 0 - 1 (0 - 1)

and

Purple Nasties - Boys Town F.C. 2 - 1 (0 - 0)
Ivor the engine x1 - Kate Bush Select XI 0 - 2 (0 - 0)
Suffragette City - Vladikavkaz Noj 1 - 4 (0 - 1)
Fancy Brigade - Wildridings 2 - 0 (1 - 0)
Titos Leg - U Street Gunners 0 - 1 (0 - 1)

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 04-08-2008 17:57

We absolutely mugged Heffron, scoring on our only chance, while they had plenty. Performance bonus to my keeper.

Good week for the promoted teams, 3 of whom won.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by ad hoc - 04-08-2008 18:06

Is there a hidden setting on this that means you have wildly differennt results every other season. My first season the Monkeys were fantastic, second rubbish, third excellent, fourth...well it hasn't started well.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 04-08-2008 18:14

I think a lot of it is down to form. If you get on a good or bad run then its difficult to get out of.

But also, I wonder whether there is a bonus given to newer teams or newly promoted teams, just as there is for lower division teams in cup games.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 04-08-2008 18:17

Yes, the Dodgers were unstoppable at the start of last season, because almost everyone had form of 16+, and once you start winning those figures stay high.

Next we've got East Village Idiots, who have won their last five and not conceded a goal in seven. Triffic.

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 04-08-2008 18:24

Hornville playing up to their potential for a change?

Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 04-08-2008 19:49

Yeah, our 6-6 attack couldn't score in open play against their 6-7-8-9-11 defence and 9 goalkeeper. Funny that.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 06-08-2008 08:52

Nice bit of business by the Dodgers there, swapping reserve keepers for a net gain of 12 million .

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 07-08-2008 17:04

2008-08-07 Green Star F-Burg - Hornville 2 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-08-07 Hapoel Oxford - Csiki Monkeys 0 - 1 (0 - 1)
2008-08-07 Steaua Bridge - Puolimatkan 2 - 1 (1 - 0)
2008-08-07 Underdogs of War - Cardiff Dragons 1 - 2 (1 - 0)
2008-08-07 1927 - Heffron Hotspur 2 - 2 (1 - 2)
2008-08-07 Mortlake Dodgers - East Village Idiots 1 - 1 (1 - 1)

2008-08-07 AFC Phoebe - Suffragette City 4 - 1 (3 - 1)
2008-08-07 Vladikavkaz Noj - Kate Bush Select XI 2 - 1 (0 - 1)
2008-08-07 Boys Town F.C. - Ivor the engine x1 2 - 0 (2 - 0)
2008-08-07 U Street Gunners - Fancy Brigade 1 - 1 (0 - 0)
2008-08-07 Titos Leg - Purple Nasties 0 - 1 (0 - 0)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 07-08-2008 18:32

I'm scared of Steaua Bridge.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dogbeak - 07-08-2008 18:40

ruddy heck.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 08-08-2008 12:02

My boys got a right rogering there. I was pleasantly surprised to get away with 0-2.

Does anyone else watch the games through, or am I the only saddo?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by delicatemoth - 08-08-2008 14:37

I'd watch them if I was in when they're on. Does it do text commentary like Champo?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 08-08-2008 15:38

You don't have to be in in order to watch them, delicatmoth. However, you do need a better computer than I have.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 09-08-2008 11:45

But yes, Delicate Moth. It does minute-by-minute text summaries of the game. You can speed it up, slow it down.

Caution if You're At Work: It does crowd noises too.

And Dogbeak, don't be disheartened. Those 2 games were always likely to be tough.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dogbeak - 10-08-2008 14:34

after afc phoebe managed to injure my one decent midfielder, i've plumped for a new strategy: combining a slightly fruity 4-3-3 with the express strategy of kicking the shit out of everybody and generally being a right bunch of bastards.

also, sacking loads of shite and spending my dwindling cash money on vaguely useful looking old men.

form training: is it much use? it's very expensive! any tips on how much to use it?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 10-08-2008 14:38

form training: definitely worth it. If you fail to maintain your players form - first you start losing, then they don't improve at the end of the season.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 10-08-2008 15:52

But I'd caution you against telling people what your formation is, but it can be a big advantage for opposition managers to know in advance.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dogbeak - 10-08-2008 16:32

aah. okay, then.. i'm not playing 4-3-3, and certainly won't be if a couple of bids i've made go through.

how do i stop being so damned poor, aside from sponsoractivities? is all this information on the internet somewhere in an easily digestible capsule form? i've sort of jumped in with both feet here despite not having a clue.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 10-08-2008 18:30

Sponsor money is the main one. You also get 20,000 econ a week if you write a press release each week. Sometimes some random event gives you money. Lots of useful info can be found on the forum link.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Jon - 10-08-2008 21:33

My main advice to you, dogbeak, would be just to stick at it and don't get too disheartened. As long as you log in a couple of times a week and make a couple of changes you're bound to start picking up a few results.

Oh, and I think it's 200,000 a week you can get from writing press releases, not 20,000, so it's well worth the effort and it pays for some of the aforementioned form training.

You can also make money from betting on the xpert pools but I've never done that so I'll leave it to someone else to explain.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 11-08-2008 13:09

1 Million for Sponsor Activities
200k for Press Release
200k up to 4 Million for participating in xpert pools (must bet 100k)
Random events ~ +/- 30-100k

The press release is the really unused one in our league. But it adds up significantly.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 11-08-2008 14:54

The other day one side predicted only 2 out of the 6 Xpert Pools matches correctly yet still won 200K (100K + their stake) because they were the only team to take part.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dogbeak - 11-08-2008 15:21

So I get 200 thousand economic units, just for writing a press release?

I mean, does it have to be any good, or could I just write 'Suffragette City manager says HONK PARP TOOT'?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 11-08-2008 15:28

It doesn't have to be great, just 200 letters (I think), and decent enough for the league admin (ahem) not to delete it on sight.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dogbeak - 11-08-2008 15:31

Fair enough, looks like I'll be getting down to building my brand image.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 11-08-2008 15:32

and you only get 200k (as I meant to type originally) once a week, no matter how many press releases you write that week.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 11-08-2008 17:15

so, what happened today?

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 11-08-2008 17:16

You won the Xpert Pools.

I forgot to tick the "Substitute Slightly Injured" box. My slightly injured striker hit an 87th minute equaliser.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 11-08-2008 17:18

OTF:

Hornville - Underdogs of War 1 - 1 (0 - 1)
Csiki Monkeys - Steaua Bridge 1 - 3 (1 - 1)
Puolimatkan - Heffron Hotspur 1 - 0 (0 - 0)
East Village Idiots - Green Star F-Burg 1 - 3 (0 - 1)
Cardiff Dragons - 1927 1 - 1 (1 - 1)
Hapoel Oxford - Mortlake Dodgers 1 - 3 (1 - 2)

Division 1

Kate Bush Select XI - AFC Phoebe 1 - 1 (1 - 1)
Purple Nasties - Fancy Brigade 3 - 4 (1 - 3)
Ivor the engine x1 - Titos Leg 0 - 1 (0 - 1)
Wildridings - U Street Gunners 1 - 2 (0 - 1)
Boys Town F.C. - Vladikavkaz Noj 2 - 1 (1 - 0)

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 11-08-2008 19:06

That leaves just Green Star and the Bridge as unbeaten and untied right?

Oh dear.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 14-08-2008 16:12

Mortlake Dodgers' frenetic transfer activity hasn't impressed the Xpert Pool punters.

Current predictions:

OTF Green Star F-Burg - Hapoel Oxford 5 0 0

OTF Mortlake Dodgers - Steaua Bridge 2 0 3

OTF 1927 - Underdogs of War 3 2 0

OTF Cardiff Dragons - Puolimatkan 4 1 0

Division 1 AFC Phoebe - Boys Town F.C. 2 3 0

Division 1 Wildridings - Purple Nasties 1 0 4

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 14-08-2008 16:57

Call the cops! I've bet on my own team!

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by dogbeak - 14-08-2008 18:38

Call the cops, I've won a fucking game!

Playing a (temporary) 5-2-3 and all.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 14-08-2008 18:46

Mortlake beats Steaua and Green Star hammers Oxford. Oxford takes glee in kicking the snot out of two of Green Star's best players so that they can't train for the vital Steaua Bridge game coming up.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by boris - 14-08-2008 21:42

"Take glee..." Objection, yerronner. We don't play rough, and we don't tick the "cheat" checkbox.

Although after today's result I may well rethink that strategy.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Bogzilla - 15-08-2008 15:00

Clearly, investing in youth is the wrong strategy in every way. Or rather, investing in blatantly mediocre youth is the wrong strategy in every way.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 20-08-2008 13:04

I'm a sucker for a recommended player, me, but of the three we've had pushed at us this season two were priced in excess of 13 million and the other cost of all of 47K. Come on, pimps. Do better.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 21-08-2008 19:54

My recommended players have all been very shit lately. "Do you want this 30-year-old, barely 4-skill player with the bad attitude and glass chin?"

Been really enjoying the press releases lately. Comedy gold.

boris: I have no idea what you're talking about. My team is nothing but upstanding gentlemen.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 25-08-2008 21:41

In your face, Matej! I may have had to offer my team a bribe equating to roughly a season's worth of spending in order to get it though...

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 26-08-2008 13:46

Yeah, and obviously bribe the ref and one of my defenders (who scored the own goal) as well.

Bah. Still, five point lead.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 29-08-2008 13:15

League is very interesting and active at the moment. Division 1 is pretty competitive, and there really aren't any deadwood teams.

As long as a certain team doesn't run away with the league title, should be a good season.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 01-09-2008 17:24

Last round

2008-09-01 Purple Nasties - AFC Phoebe 1 - 3 (1 - 2)
2008-09-01 Wildridings - Kate Bush Select XI 3 - 2 (0 - 1)
2008-09-01 U Street Gunners - Suffragette City 1 - 0 (0 - 0)
2008-09-01 Boys Town F.C. - Fancy Brigade 0 - 1 (0 - 0)
2008-09-01 Ivor the engine x1 - Vladikavkaz Noj 2 - 2 (2 - 1)

Fancy Brigade take a commanding lead at the top.

2008-09-01 Cardiff Dragons - East Village Idiots 2 - 2 (0 - 2)
2008-09-01 1927 - Hornville 1 - 0 (1 - 0)
2008-09-01 Puolimatkan - Green Star F-Burg 1 - 1 (0 - 0)
2008-09-01 Hapoel Oxford - Heffron Hotspur 2 - 3 (1 - 1)
2008-09-01 Csiki Monkeys - Mortlake Dodgers 2 - 2 (1 - 1)
2008-09-01 Underdogs of War - Steaua Bridge 3 - 0 (1 - 0)

Green Star completely outplayed by Poulimatkan, but extend their lead.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by The Horse - 01-09-2008 17:45

Great stuff from Puolimatkan - despite losing the tactical guessing game, and despite Bradley playing even better than normal.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Etienne - 04-09-2008 17:24

Congratulations to Hapoel for ending Dragons unbeaten run. Bastards.

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by Matej - 04-09-2008 17:30

I'm getting a little paranoid about Green Star's offensive prowess so far. I hope it lasts but...

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Re:OTF League Manager Game (New Players Welcome!)

Posted by HORN - 04-09-2008 18:41

I'm a little paranoid about my goal-scoring prowess too. 12 in ten games. Half have come from one guy (suspended for the next game).

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