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1. Introduction

Refer to GM's ramble, section 14, for information.

2. Broadcast messages

Jaap Smolders, Ajax: "play on"

Jørgen B. Vehusheia, DisPELLIarmus FC: "All hail the dark lord Moldymort... again!"

Jaap Smolders, Feyenoord: "New season new chances"

Per Chr. Henden, Health Nuts: "Here we are. Where are we?"

Per Chr. Henden, Ladida FC: "We are going to kick your tushies!"

Jin Kazama, Mishima Zaibatsu: "Bye, Gramps." *kicks out door*

Steve Janecek, Sheffield Thursday: "It's always nice to play a division rival twice in one week - I hope to win the second one... the first would be gravy"

Alex Trenev, Sofia Inseminaters: "Sooo. Relegated, huh? We'll show you, minions! GLHFA :)"

3. Apprentices discovered

Les Gaulois:	Assurancetourix, Cetautomatix, Obelix
Camarilla Divided:	Eliza's Right Hand, Mariah 'Sluuurp' Maywood, Prince Eliza Rodham-Cox
Desassossego Blues:	Barao de Teive, Pero Botelho, Raphael Baldaya
FC Mokum:	Cseh, Hierro, Hleb
Brazil Star Conquerors:	Cafu, Emerson, Gilmar
World Ambassadors:	Gunter Pleuger, Jean-Marc de La Sabliere, John Bolton
Lower Tadfield Apocalypse:	Anathema Device, Master Scaggs, Newton Pulsifer
First Men of Rome:	Trackingbackus, Whoetallthepiesus, Wotagoalus
Car Park Rangers:	Bruce Wayne, Clark Kent, Jonathon Blaze
Mishima Zaibatsu:	Baek Doo San, Steve Fox, Wang Jinrei
Erkrath Gladiators:	Felix Grabowski, Jochen Sproetel, Wilhelm Mauss
Sleep Wanderers:	Daniel, Hippolyta Hall, Rose Walker
Sheffield Thursday:	Tony Graffanino
Saturday Morning FC:	Penelope Pitstop, Snagglepuss, Space Ghost
Twin Peaks Owls:	Annie Blackburn, Madeleine Ferguson, Shelley Johnson
Wizards of Oz:	David Campese, Michael Lynagh, Nick Farr Jones
Kremlin:	Boris N. Yeltsin, Gerd-Liv Valla, Mikail S. Gorbachev
Flaaklypa FK:	Aarvik, Stodle, Temte

Springfield United:	Krusty, Major Quimby, Ned Flanders
Furinkan Matsudai Doshitemo:	Genma Saotome, Nodoka Saotome, Ranma Saotome
PSV:	Kluivert, Kromkamp
The 5 Percent Community:	Svein Inge Haagenruud, Terje Langli, Yngvar Haakonsen
Gangsters United:	Tessio, Tony Soprano, Vito Corleone
G.I.D.:	ABUSE, Heart, uhhm Forgetfulness
The Ages:	Iron Age, Jura, Stone Age
the Professors of Jazz:	Charles Mingus, Scott Joplin, Thelonious Monk
Ajax:	Gabri, Rosales, Stam
Extreme:	Boularouz, Ooijer, Westerveld
Greensleeves United:	Colin Spreadbury, David Farrell, Dennis Farrell
Fortuna Sittard:	The Devil, The Star, The Tower
FC Asskickers:	DeVito, Justin Credible, Masada
Call of Cthulhu:	Call of Cthulhu, From Beyond, Re-Animator
Dummys:	Jan Smit, Kane, Lee Towers
Blue Revolution:	Kazuki, Keho, Keitaro
Alphabet FC:	Qq, Rr, Ss
Monster Time:	Stoopid Monkey2
Dead Dino Storage:	Liquid Scarlet, Nemo, Wolverine
Lillestrom SK:	Dan Anton Johansen, Magnus Myklebust, Martin Husar
Tamriel Athletic:	Bumph gra-Gash, Falanu Hlaalu, Jeanne Frasoric
AZ:	Luierink, de Zeeuw
Fjortoft's Friends:	Hup-Hup-Chef, Jan Sen, Westhi
Harestua IL:	Arne Valland, Erik Pettersvold, Stig Breiby
Thinkers FC:	Bertrand Russell, John Stuart Mill, Heraclitus
Feyenoord:	Charisteas, Lucius, Ono
Slartibartfast FC:	Prostetnik Vogon Jeltz, Questular Rontok, Varntvar the Priest
Dispelliarmus FC:	Basil Bubblelare
Sofia Inseminators:	Fingal Nazi, Robbie Lamer, Rockhard Rockshard
Health Nuts:	Phong, Pi, Pling
Coventry:	Frederick Nuttycombe, George Shell, Thomas Cooper
Pohang Steelers:	Jeong Sun Yong, Kwak Kyung Taek, Luciano Henrique
NotReallyNewBremenCyberdruids:	Maurice P. Schmidt, Michaela Di Vani, Xeng Xiaoping

4. League results

Rosedale Premiership Match day 1

Camarilla Divided - Sleep Wanderers 2 : 0
 Scorers: Jihad 'the way out' bin Rajab (13.), Martin (18.) ***---
 The season ended with a deathmatch between these two teams, a game the Night Terrors came out survivors. However, now they couldn't even field a full team, and thus unsurprisingly lost at the Rosewood Cemetary.

Les Gaulois - Desassossego Blues 8 : 1
 Scorers: Astronomix (1., 23., 30., 68., 85.), Amerix (54.), Zerozerosix (37.)
 ***Pantaleao (1.)
 Penalties: 1 ***-
 Booked: --- ***Coelho Pacheco

Last year's bronzemedalists start out the season strongly - especially Astronomix proved stellar qualities. Although the Blues were a lot closer than the scoreline indicates, the home team was a significantly stronger team in this game.

Erkrath Gladiators - FC Mokum 1 : 0
 Scorers: Tom Kim (64.) ***---
 Booked: Felix Grabowski *****
 FC Mokum picked the right strategy for this game, and were favourites, but apparently the Lunatics' superior experience in the Premiership gave them a useful upper hand at Kampfbahn an der Gink, letting Tom Kim claim both points for them.

Mishima Zaibatsu - Brazil Star Conquerors 4 : 0
 Scorers: Jin Kazama (10., 30., 67.), Jun Kazama (52.) ***---
 Booked: --- ***Carlos Alberto
 The visiting Brazilians didn't even get a shot on goal at the Iron Fist Tournament, and the game turned out to be Show Kazama - although four goals overstated the play quite a bit.

Car Park Rangers - World Ambassadors 1 : 1
 Scorers: Doreen Green (44.) ***Mike Mehaffey (73.)
 Booked: --- ***Joel Elfman
 A rather even match at Wherever Evil-Doers Roam - although the home team managed a tiny play advantage, Mike Mehaffey's equaliser was rather deserved.

First Men of Rome - Lower Tadfield Apocalypse 0 : 0
 Booked: Julius Caesar, Wotagoalus ***---
 Although weakened by suspensions, last year's cup champions held last year's league

champions to a draw. I say held, because they also picked the wrong strategy, and let the away team have a play advantage.

Rosedale Premiership Match day 2
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Sleep Wanderers - First Men of Rome 2 : 1

Scorers: Cluracan (14., 23.) ***Titus Pullo (27.)

Booked: Rose Walker ***Titus Pullo

The Toga Boys having used up the karma in the previous game, managed to be stronger at the Stadium of Night, but were terribly inefficient, and managed only to score one goal, and thus lost.

Lower Tadfield Apocalypse - Car Park Rangers 0 : 0

Penalties: - (1 missed) ***-

Booked: --- ***Adrian Veidt

Despite picking the right strategy and even getting a penalty, the Apocalypse proved unable to score in this game as well. The Powers should be happy to escape with a point, from play and chances.

World Ambassadors - Mishima Zaibatsu 0 : 3

Scorers: --- ***Jun Kazama (58., 89.), Bruce Irvin (17.)

Booked: Gunter Pleuger ***---

Maybe this is the season where Those Who Heed The Call get really lucky? This was a rather even game, but the away team converted 3 of their 4 shots on goal somehow, and also saved all shots against.

Brazil Star Conquerors - Erkrath Gladiators 1 : 1

Scorers: Dede (15.) ***Benjamin Koehnen (3.)

Booked: Leonidas da Silva ***Carsten Bernsee, Wilhelm Mauss

The Brazilians were the stronger in this game, but never quite recovered from the shock of having a goal scored against them already in the third minute, and only managed to equalise, never claiming the lead. A point lost, rather than a point gained, for the home team.

FC Mokum - Les Gaulois 2 : 1

Scorers: Ronaldo (72.), Kaka (56.) ***Abraracourcix (7.)

Booked: Lara ***---

The Mock-ups managed to avoid the black cats on the way home to The Arena, and given they also played a bit stronger than Les Gaulois, they won their first Premiership home game. Welcome and congratulations!

Desassossego Blues - Camarilla Divided 1 : 2

Scorers: Coelho Pacheco (27.) ***the other Martin (78.), Martin (20.)

Booked: Chevalier de Pas ***---

A very strong performance by Generation X, picking the virtually perfect strategy and winning deservedly at Athena Stadium - a pitch not exactly known for being easy on the visitors.

Lexington League Match day 1
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Saturday Morning FC - G.I.D. 2 : 9

Scorers: Hamlof Red-Tooth (22.), Smurfette (6.) ***Death (9., 65., 78.), Right

Brain Half (28., 35., 84.), Reincarnation (12., 52.), Depression (70.)

Booked: --- ***Depression, Freedom, Transformation

The Truth Seekers overrun the 2Ds easily, despite the home team hanging on very early on. They may have won by seven goals, but actually deserved an even bigger win. Straight on to the Premiership?

Sheffield Thursday - Twin Peaks Owls 1 : 0

Scorers: Brady Clark (49.) ***---

Booked: Tony Graffanino ***---

The Owls are apparently intent on a good start to this season in Lexington, and by an experienced lineup made sure that both points stayed at Hillsborough stadium. A yellow card for their only newcomer didn't really put much of a dent to the party spirit.

Gangsters United - Wizards of Oz 11 : 8

Scorers: Clemenza (25., 36., 72.), Keyser Soze (11., 38.), Tony Two-Times (48.,

86.), Scarface (82.), Tom Hagen (68.), Gale Mattias (5.) ***Michael

Hussey (43., 65., 82.), Adam Gilchrist (3., 47., 69.), Dean Jones

(26.), Tubby Taylor (23.)

Penalties: 1 ***-

Booked: --- ***Tubby Taylor

An incredible game, where the Mobsters picked the right strategy, and thus won deservedly, despite the away team being the stronger side on paper.

The 5 Percent Community - Kremlin 1 : 0

Penalties: 1 ***-

Sent off: --- ***Mikhail Strychnin (90.)
Booked: Terje Langli, Thomas Oye ***Genma Saotome, Kyun
This game appeared to become a goalless draw all along, despite the away team being slightly stronger. However, Mikhail Strychnin was sent off for trying to poison the referee in the last minute, and the Greedy Retards converted the resulting penalty for a one goal win.

PSV - Flaaklypa FK 2 : 0
Scorers: Ball (37.), Cocu (21.) ***---
An easy victory for PSV - Flaaklypa FK struggled hard last year in the Premiership, and may need a bit of time to recover a winning form.

Furinkan Matsudai Doshitemo - Springfield United 3 : 0
Scorers: Shampoo (52., 55.), Pansuto Taro (83.) ***---
Booked: --- ***Lisa Simpson
Springfield United worked hard for their survival last year, and couldn't quite stand up to the Nerimaniacs at St. Hebereke Stadium. Maybe they'll do better at home?

Lexington League Match day 2

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G.I.D. - Furinkan Matsudai Doshitemo 4 : 5
Scorers: Death (22., 57.), Right Brain Half (11., 34.) ***Tatewaki Kuno (41., 66.), Pansuto Taro (51.), Happosai (55.), Mousse (57.)
Penalties: - (1 missed) ***-
Sent off: Heart (26.) ***---
Booked: Death ***Boris Badenuff, Happosai, Mousse, Obaasan Cologne, Pansuto Taro, Tatewaki Kuno
A very even match between two teams that fought for the Berkeley title last year - a race the home team here won - and given the Nerimaniacs tried harder, with 10 rough play points to 8, they managed to edge ahead a little and win the game.

Springfield United - PSV 1 : 4
Scorers: --- ***Bouma (74.), Davids (20.), Aisatti (53.)
Penalties: 1 (1 missed) ***1
Sent off: Nightcrawler (17.) ***---
Booked: --- ***Aisatti, Cocu, Davids
A rather even match for the first quarter, but then Nightcrawler was sent off, and PSV took over the game, scoring four goals to the home team's one - and looking good for promotion again!

Flaaklypa FK - The 5 Percent Community 1 : 0
Scorers: Rudolf Blodstrupmoen (37.) ***---
With the right strategy and good help from the home crowd, the Racers managed to put themselves one up in this game against the fourth finisher of Lexington last year.

Kremlin - Gangsters United 2 : 2
Scorers: Boris Karrienko (24.), Juri Nikotin (79.) ***Tom Hagen (54.)
Penalties: - ***1
Booked: Eduard Boremtodev ***---
Kremlin is the stronger team of both their games this weekend, but failed to win either - in this one at least they escaped with a draw and one point.

Wizards of Oz - Sheffield Thursday 1 : 1
Scorers: Michael Bevan (45.) ***---
Penalties: - ***1
Booked: David Campese, Michael Bevan ***Carlos Lee
The Magi dominated this game throughout through a good strategic choice, but were denied the win when the referee decided to give the Owls a penalty to equalise with.

Twin Peaks Owls - Saturday Morning FC 8 : 1
Scorers: Bobby Briggs (13., 29., 62., 88.), Audrey Horne (14., 70.), Donna Hayward (3.), Dale Cooper (41.) ***Bravestarr (21.)
Booked: --- ***Scrooge McDuck, Ulysses 31
Twin Peaks manager Brennhauug find the correct strategy, and win easily against the 2Ds.

Berkeley Conference Match day 1

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The Ages - Alphabet FC 0 : 2
Scorers: --- ***Mm (18.), Pp (89.)
Booked: --- ***Pp
Alphabet FC start off with what they did a lot of last season; winning. They ruled Kirkwood with an iron fist, can Berkeley stand up to them better?

Fluffy Bunny Eaters - the Professors of Jazz 3 : 0
Scorers: Muffy (44., 73.), Fuzzy jr. (83.) ***---

The Tubbies welcome the Blue Notes to Berkeley with a rather straightforward, deserved home win.

Blue Revolution - Ajax 1 : 1
Scorers: Kenichiro (60.) ***Wanda Maximoff (38.)
Booked: --- ***Hierro

Although Ajax managed to get an upper hand in this game, it wasn't enough to maintain their lead throughout, thus the Challengers escaped with a point.

Dummys - Extreme 0 : 2
Penalties: - ***2
Booked: Alexej Goferbrok, Grand-Dummy, Jackie Boy, Lee Towers ***Boularouz, Robben

Against the run of play, Extreme win this prestigious Kraijenbrink derby with more than a little help from the referee.

Call of Cthulhu - Greensleeves United 0 : 2
Scorers: --- ***James Halstead (11.), Jimmy Clayton (31.)
Penalties: - (1 missed) ***-
Sent off: --- ***Geoffrey Swinfield (48.)

Taking firm control of the game early, Greensleeves got two up at half time. However, with Swinfield sent off early in the second half, Henry's Hideout got a bit worried... however, the Lurking Fear never managed to score.

FC Asskickers - Fortuna Sittard 1 : 4
Scorers: Randy Savage (16.) ***The Empress (30.), The Chariot (75.), The Hermit (2.), Death (38.)

Booked: --- ***The Hanged Man, The Star

!! The home team owned this game, but being called Fortuna Sittard apparently helps your karma immensely, and they pulled off a true robbery of a win. Perhaps poetic justice, though, given a team called Asskickers without any rough play... :)

Berkeley Conference Match day 2

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Alphabet FC - FC Asskickers 3 : 0
Scorers: Oo (1., 30.), Nn (84.) ***---

At least so far, everything seems to be going according to the same old plan for Eskeland's Letters. FC Asskickers had a strategy rather unsuited to meeting them as well, and are now in the relegation race - will they stay there?

Fortuna Sittard - Call of Cthulhu 6 : 0
Scorers: The Chariot (9., 24.), The Hermit (63., 78.), The Hierophant (49.), The Hanged Man (90.) ***---

Booked: --- ***Re-Animator, The Colour out of Space

One'd almost think Paul Riley had a good luck at Trond Botnen's order sheet, but I haven't seen him around my house lately... in either case, the home team picked the mathematically perfect distribution for their points given the away team's strategy, and thus won very easily.

Greensleeves United - Dummys 1 : 0
Scorers: Rupert Hamilton (68.) ***---
Booked: Bobby Sanderos, Simon Jones ***---

Greensleeves United had all the play in this one, and Dummys can consider themselves lucky only to have received one goal. By the looks of things, these teams will be at opposite ends of the table...

Extreme - Blue Revolution 1 : 3
Scorers: Muhren (87.) ***TJ (64.), Katsuhiko (79.), Jack (54.)
Penalties: - (1 missed) ***-
Booked: --- ***Radu

Blue Revolution fought Extreme out of the style, and managed to convert the resulting play advantage to two points.

Ajax - Fluffy Bunny Eaters 1 : 0
Scorers: de Ridder (65.) ***---

The Tubbies pressed early, but couldn't convert, and when Ajax finally got a good counter in the second half, they converted to a goal, pulling off a very lucky win.

the Professors of Jazz - The Ages 0 : 2
Scorers: --- ***Little Ice Age (32.), Paleozoicum (48.)
Booked: --- ***Iron Age, The Dark Ages

It's a bit hard not to feel sorry for the Blue Notes, really. They play at home, but they cannot manage a single shot on goal - the Ages, on the other hand, generated a fair bit of play, and won deservedly.

Kirkwood Showdown Match day 1

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Dead Dino Storage - Slartibartfast FC 1 : 4

Scorers: Opeth (25.) ***Judiciary Pag (42., 54.), Grunthos the Flatulent (72.),
Agrajag (32.)

Slartibartfast FC had identified this as a game they could win, and they were right.
If Dead Dino Storage can't take points at home in Kirkwood, they'll continue falling
down into South Keys...

Monster Time - Lillestrom SK 1 : 1

Scorers: --- ***Espen Soegaard (51.)

Penalties: 1 (1 missed) ***-

Booked: Zomboid ***Martin Husar, Shane Stefanutto

Lillestrom SK fought for this one, but didn't manage to get quite on par with
Monster Time. However, the home team failed to convert their play advantage into a
win - but the home crowd aren't spoiled, and were reasonably satisfied with a point.

Feyenoord - Huddersfield Town 3 : 0

Scorers: Zuiverloon (6., 37.), Lucius (72.) ***---

Feyenoord won South Keys last season, and start this one out well, although against
a Huddersfield Town without a manager present and half the team away on suspensions.

Thinkers FC - March of the Black Queen 1 : 2

Scorers: Occam (76.) ***Alberto Aquilani (65.), Il bimbo d'oro (54.)

For some reason, this was a true key match for the Thinkers, and they did manage to
be the strongest team on field - but March of the Black Queen were a lot more
efficient, and ended up winning the game anyway.

Harestua IL - Tamriel Athletic 2 : 2

Scorers: Nicolai Friis (72.), Harald Tollefsrud (16.) ***Hieronymus Lex (81.)

Penalties: - ***1

Booked: Arne Ivar Olerud, Robert Gundersen ***Bumph gra-Gash, Cicero Verus

An even and well played game at Harestua Stadion, where the home crowd thought their
team would manage to take both points when Nicolai Friis put them one up with less
than 20 minutes to go, however, Hieronymus Lex' late goal saved Tamriel Athletic a
point.

Fjortoft's Friends - AZ 1 : 1

Scorers: Schnix (38.) ***Mathijssen (81.)

Sent off: Jan Sen (7.) ***---

Booked: 5-1 vs Lautern ***Perez

The home advantage made Fjortoft's Friends the stronger side in this matchup, but
with 10 against 11 for 83 minutes, it was perhaps not that surprising that they
couldn't hold the lead all the way.

Kirkwood Showdown Match day 2

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Slartibartfast FC - Fjortoft's Friends 1 : 2

Scorers: Gargavarr (51.) ***Schnix (34., 56.)

Booked: --- ***Schnix

After a strong start to the season, winning away, Slartibartfast FC fell short at
home against Fjortoft's Friends. Schnix was a true energizer bunny with two goals
and a yellow card, and he just couldn't be stopped.

AZ - Harestua IL 3 : 1

Scorers: Mathijssen (9., 84.) ***Robert Gundersen (1.)

Penalties: 1 ***-

Booked: --- ***Erik Pettersvold, Harald Tollefsrud

The difference between the teams amounted to the home advantage, and not even a
first minute goal by Robert Gundersen could make Harestua recover that. Perhaps next
time they'll bring more supporters!

Tamriel Athletic - Thinkers FC 4 : 2

Scorers: J'skar (12., 87.), Vlenarus Kvinchal (75.), Uriel Septim (71.) ***

Immanuel Kant (12., 69.)

Penalties: - ***- (2 missed)

Booked: Jensine ***---

These teams knew each other beforehand from South Keys, and both maneuvered their
teams around a bit to try and get the upper hand. In the end, the teams were rather
evenly matched before the home crowd had their say, and although the scoreline
greatly overstates the difference between them, the best team won.

March of the Black Queen - Feyenoord 0 : 0

Penalties: - (2 missed) ***-

Booked: --- ***Ono

The home team was stronger in this matchup, but when they even wasted two penalties,
they can't expect to win the game...

Huddersfield Town - Monster Time 2 : 0

Scorers: Nathan Clarke (21., 90.) ***---

Booked: --- ***Oozy Lazyeye

Huddersfield get used to Kirkwood with a good bunch of players back from suspensions - it probably helped to have a more experienced lineup than Monster Time too.

Lillestrom SK - Dead Dino Storage 3 : 0
Scorers: Khaled Mouelhi (75., 82.), Espen Soegaard (48.) ***---
Penalties: - (1 missed) ***-
Booked: Martin Husar ***Nemo

A good game by Lillestrom SK, where DDS was limited to a single shot on goal, which they failed to convert. Two points and renewed hope for claiming the promotion they failed to get last season?

South Keys Slugfest Match day 1
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Dispelliarmus FC - NotReallyNewBremenCyberdruids 4 : 1
Scorers: Graham Puddlesune (45., 87.), Barnaby Givingdock (6., 48.) ***
Storyteller's Friend (36.)

NRNBC struggled last year in Kirkwood, and their welcome to South Keys weren't exactly gentle - Dispelliarmus picked a good strategy for a game like this, and won very deservedly.

West Coast Customs - Sofia Inseminaters 2 : 0
Scorers: Dr. Dre (80.), Biggie Smalls (36.) ***---
Booked: --- ***Robbie Lamer

The Nerds have longer experience than the West Coast Customs freshmen, but when Robbie gets booked for his laming, what success can you expect? With a goal in each half, the home team is off to a good start.

Pohang Steelers - Studs First FC 2 : 0
Scorers: Kim Yeon Woo (19., 84.) ***---

These two teams belong in completely different worlds, as the Steelers proved with two lovely goals from Kim Yeon Woo.

Coventry - FC United 3 : 1
Scorers: Dennis Frain (37.), Colin Calderwood (77.), Robert Hannerman (58.) ***

Penalties: - ***1

Booked: Howard Billings, Paul Staines ***---

Coventry is a hard nut to crack for a freshly generated team, and as expected, they came out ahead. I think a certain Mr. Richardson wishes it'd work like this in real life... :)

Tiller - Sjokoladen BK 1 : 1
Scorers: Odd Defender (76.) ***Cuba (17.)

Two new teams meet - usually a home win, but Sjokoladen BK's strategy was far superior, and they were a lot closer to winning than Tiller. However, Odd Defender managed to save the moustached ones a lucky draw.

Health Nuts - Ladida FC 3 : 0
Scorers: Fole (6., 78.), Foffen (57.) ***---
Sent off: --- ***Sheena (41.)
Booked: Domingo, Foffen ***---

Health Nuts use their experience to win this prestigious Henden derby, like rogue elves storming through the mountains with their blueberry jam hidden away in their spare socks!

South Keys Slugfest Match day 2
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NotReallyNewBremenCyberdruids - Health Nuts 9 : 4
Scorers: Storyteller's Friend (23., 61., 79., 89.), Kiste-Nils (37., 46., 57.),
Michaela Di Vani (3.), Obsolete NPC (15.) ***Dole (8., 66., 82.),
Antonio (35.)

!! After the home team losing badly the first game, and the away team winning it easily, this was perhaps not the expected result - but given the chosen strategies, it was certainly deserved.

Ladida FC - Tiller 5 : 0
Scorers: Sheena (12., 19.), Fiona (52., 86.), Bubbles (42.) ***---

Ladida FC avenges their crushing defeat against the Crimson Runners by beating up on Tiller, winning the game easily.

Sjokoladen BK - Coventry 1 : 3
Scorers: Troi Ka (67.) ***Paul Staines (85.), Dennis Frain (6.), Colin
Calderwood (75.)

Booked: --- ***George Shell

Although certainly not an easy challenge with a new team, Sjokoladen BK weren't that far from taking a point off Coventry, being 1-1 with a quarter to go without that being too undeserved from play and chances. However, the Sky Blues were a little stronger, and converted that to a win in the end.

FC United - Pohang Steelers 0 : 3
 Scorers: --- ***Kwak Hong Suk (28., 49.), Ahn Jun Yop (77.)
 The Steelers march forward, winning with ease against another new team - and judging by the goalscorers of the game, Starcraft playing really does help you play good football.

Studs First FC - West Coast Customs 6 : 0
 Scorers: Roy Keane (45., 48., 64., 82.), Ron Harris (55.), Vinnie Jones (8.)
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Hmm... is this game a hint that a rapper's attitude will drop down several levels when faced with eleven good sets of studs?

Sofia Inseminators - DisPELLIarmus FC 0 : 0
 Booked: Stephen Lubricant ***----
 DisPELLIarmus FC looked very strong in th first game, but although they were noticeably stronger also in the Lab, the Nerds saved themselves with a good strategy and a fair bit of rough play.

5. League tables

Rosedale Premiership

	home	away	diff	goals	points	DP	VP	Cash	Manager
1) Mishima Zaibat.	1 0 0	1 0 0	+ 7	7: 0	4: 0	0 5	1937	Erlend Janbu	
2) Camarilla Div.	1 0 0	1 0 0	+ 3	4: 1	4: 0	0 5	1958	Henriette Nygaard	
3) Erkrath Glad.	1 0 0	0 1 0	+ 1	2: 1	3: 1	16 4.5	1469	Robert Koehnen	
4) Les Gaulois	1 0 0	0 0 1	+ 6	9: 3	2: 2	14 3	-960	Olivier Chaumoitre	
5) FC Mokum	1 0 0	0 0 1	0	2: 2	2: 2	8 4	1188	Daniel Hogetoorn	
6) Carpark Rangers	0 1 0	0 1 0	0	1: 1	2: 2	8 3	2077	Paul Riley	
7) Lower Tadfield	0 1 0	0 1 0	0	0: 0	2: 2	0 4.5	2843	Erlend Janbu	
8) Sleep Wanderers	1 0 0	0 0 1	- 1	2: 3	2: 2	12 4	2041	Paul Riley	
9) FMO Rome	0 1 0	0 0 1	- 1	1: 2	1: 3	16 4	2762	Ian Moes	
10) W. Ambassadors	0 0 1	0 1 0	- 3	1: 4	1: 3	8 2.5	-980	Daniel Ingesson	
11) Brazil Star C.	0 1 0	0 0 1	- 4	1: 5	1: 3	8 3	1090	Klaus Fritz	
12) Desassossego B.	0 0 1	0 0 1	- 8	2: 10	0: 4	12 2	-702	Oyvind H. Henriksen	

Lexington League

	home	away	diff	goals	points	DP	VP	Cash	Manager
1) PSV	1 0 0	1 0 0	+ 5	6: 1	4: 0	24 4	2472	Jaap Smolders	
2) Furinkan Matsu.	1 0 0	1 0 0	+ 4	8: 4	4: 0	24 5	3266	Erlend Janbu	
3) Gangsters Utd	1 0 0	0 1 0	+ 3	13: 10	3: 1	14 4	3655	Sigurd Eskeland	
4) Sheffield Thu.	1 0 0	0 1 0	+ 1	2: 1	3: 1	16 4.5	1117	Steve Janecek	
5) G.I.D.	0 0 1	1 0 0	+ 6	13: 7	2: 2	26 3	-960	Henriette Nygaard	
6) Twin Peaks Owls	1 0 0	0 0 1	+ 6	8: 2	2: 2	4 3	-960	Knut Brennaug	
7) T5PC	1 0 0	0 0 1	0	1: 1	2: 2	16 3.5	1456	Knut Brennaug	
8) Flaaklypa FK	1 0 0	0 0 1	- 1	1: 2	2: 2	0 3	500	Taco Kraijenbrink	
9) Kremlin	0 1 0	0 0 1	- 1	2: 3	1: 3	36 3.5	440	Knut Brennaug	
10) Wizards of Oz	0 1 0	0 0 1	- 3	9: 12	1: 3	16 2.5	819	Ian Moes	
11) Springfield U.	0 0 1	0 0 1	- 6	1: 7	0: 4	22 3	431	Holger Heiser	
12) Saturday Morn.	0 0 1	0 0 1	- 14	3: 17	0: 4	12 3	-139	Ian Moes	

Berkeley Conference

	home	away	diff	goals	points	DP	VP	Cash	Manager
1) Fortuna Sittard	1 0 0	1 0 0	+ 9	10: 1	4: 0	8 5	-880	Paul Riley	
2) Alphabet FC	1 0 0	1 0 0	+ 5	5: 0	4: 0	12 5	3771	Sigurd Eskeland	
3) Greensleeves U	1 0 0	1 0 0	+ 3	3: 0	4: 0	22 5	-87	Peter J. Richardson	
4) Blue Revolution	0 1 0	1 0 0	+ 2	4: 2	3: 1	4 5	1897	Erlend Janbu	
5) Ajax	1 0 0	0 1 0	+ 1	2: 1	3: 1	16 4.5	3719	Jaap Smolders	
6) Fluffy Bunny E.	1 0 0	0 0 1	+ 2	3: 1	2: 2	0 3	1899	Espen Brill	
7) Extreme	0 0 1	1 0 0	0	3: 3	2: 2	8 4.5	3223	Taco Kraijenbrink	
8) The Ages	0 0 1	1 0 0	0	2: 2	2: 2	8 4.5	3091	Jerry Struik	
9) Dummys	0 0 1	0 0 1	- 3	0: 3	0: 4	16 3	2090	Taco Kraijenbrink	
10) Prof. of Jazz	0 0 1	0 0 1	- 5	0: 5	0: 4	0 2	1102	Deepak Mohoni	
11) FC Asskickers	0 0 1	0 0 1	- 6	1: 7	0: 4	0 3.5	1174	Daniel Ingesson	
12) Call of Cthulhu	0 0 1	0 0 1	- 8	0: 8	0: 4	16 3	1014	Trond K. Botnen	

Kirkwood Showdown

	home	away	diff	goals	points	DP	VP	Cash	Manager
1) Lillestrom SK	1 0 0	0 1 0	+ 3	4: 1	3: 1	24 3.5	2225	John Ola Tollefsrud	
2) Feyenoord	1 0 0	0 1 0	+ 3	3: 0	3: 1	12 4	889	Jaap Smolders	
3) Tamriel Athl.	1 0 0	0 1 0	+ 2	6: 4	3: 1	12 4	-334	Paul Riley	
4) AZ	1 0 0	0 1 0	+ 2	4: 2	3: 1	12 4.5	3553	Jaap Smolders	
5) Fjortoft's Fr.	0 1 0	1 0 0	+ 1	3: 2	3: 1	26 3.5	678	Holger Heiser	
6) MOT Black Queen	0 1 0	1 0 0	+ 1	2: 1	3: 1	0 4.5	1163	Jan-Aage A. Brill	
7) Slartibartf. FC	0 0 1	1 0 0	+ 2	5: 3	2: 2	0 3	1380	Deepak Mohoni	
8) Huddersfield T	1 0 0	0 0 1	- 1	2: 3	2: 2	0 4	-117	Charles Steinhardt	
9) Harestua IL	0 1 0	0 0 1	- 2	3: 5	1: 3	16 4	2054	John Ola Tollefsrud	

10) Monster Time	0	1	0	0	0	1	-	2	1:	3	1:	3	12	3	-25	Ray Setzer
11) Thinkers FC	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	3	3:	6	0:	4	0	3.5	2302	Deepak Mohoni
12) Dead Dino Stor.	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	6	1:	7	0:	4	8	2.5	414	Trond K. Botnen

South Keys Slugfest

	home	away	diff	goals	points	DP	VP	Cash	Manager				
1) Pohang Steelers	1	0	0	1	0	0	+ 5	5: 0	4: 0	0	5.5	2465	Ahn Jun Yop
2) Coventry	1	0	0	1	0	0	+ 4	6: 2	4: 0	12	5	-645	Peter J. Richardson
3) DisPELLIarmus	1	0	0	0	1	0	+ 3	4: 1	3: 1	8	4.5	-595	Jorgen B. Vehusheia
4) Studs First FC	1	0	0	0	0	1	+ 4	6: 2	2: 2	12	4	-773	Erlend Janbu
5) NRNBC	1	0	0	0	0	1	+ 2	10: 8	2: 2	0	3	187	Henriette Nygaard
6) Ladida FC	1	0	0	0	0	1	+ 2	5: 3	2: 2	14	3	1196	Per Chr. Henden
7) Health Nuts	1	0	0	0	0	1	- 2	7: 9	2: 2	8	3	1940	Per Chr. Henden
8) West Coast Cu.	1	0	0	0	0	1	- 4	2: 6	2: 2	0	3	2140	Brede Soerlie
9) Sjololaden BK	0	0	1	0	1	0	- 2	2: 4	1: 3	0	2.5	2120	Marie Forselv
10) Sofia Insemina.	0	1	0	0	0	1	- 2	0: 2	1: 3	20	3	-927	Alex Trenev
11) Tiller	0	1	0	0	0	1	- 5	1: 6	1: 3	0	2.5	2120	Odd Harry Bakkli
12) FC United	0	0	1	0	0	1	- 5	1: 6	0: 4	0	2	250	Ronny Hovland

6. Scorer's lists

Rosedale Premiership

5 Astronomix	(Les Gaulois)
3 Jun Kazama	(Mishima Zaibatsu)
3 Jin Kazama	(Mishima Zaibatsu)
2 Martin	(Camarilla Divided)
2 Cluracan	(Sleep Wanderers)
1 Amerix	(Les Gaulois)
1 Zerozerosix	(Les Gaulois)
1 Jihad 'the way out' bin Rajab	(Camarilla Divided)
1 the other Martin	(Camarilla Divided)
1 Coelho Pacheco	(Desassossego Blues)

Lexington League

5 Death	(G.I.D.)
5 Right Brain Half	(G.I.D.)
4 Bobby Briggs	(Twin Peaks Owls)
3 Michael Hussey	(Wizards of Oz)
3 Adam Gilchrist	(Wizards of Oz)
3 Clemenza	(Gangsters United)
2 Audrey Horne	(Twin Peaks Owls)
2 Shampoo	(Furinkan Matsudai Doshitemo)
2 Pansuto Taro	(Furinkan Matsudai Doshitemo)
2 Tatewaki Kuno	(Furinkan Matsudai Doshitemo)

Berkeley Conference

3 The Chariot	(Fortuna Sittard)
3 The Hermit	(Fortuna Sittard)
2 Muffy	(Fluffy Bunny Eaters)
2 Oo	(Alphabet FC)
1 Fuzzy jr.	(Fluffy Bunny Eaters)
1 Little Ice Age	(The Ages)
1 Paleozoicum	(The Ages)
1 Wanda Maximoff	(Ajax)
1 de Ridder	(Ajax)
1 Muhren	(Extreme)

Kirkwood Showdown

3 Mathijssen	(AZ)
3 Schnix	(Fjortoft's Friends)
2 Espen Soegaard	(Lillestrom SK)
2 Khaled Mouelhi	(Lillestrom SK)
2 Nathan Clarke	(Huddersfield Town)
2 J'skar	(Tamriel Athletic)
2 Immanuel Kant	(Thinkers FC)
2 Zuiverloon	(Feyenoord)
2 Judiciary Pag	(Slartibartfast FC)
1 Opeth	(Dead Dino Storage)

South Keys Slugfest

5 Storyteller's Friend	(NotReallyNewBremenCyberdruids)
4 Roy Keane	(Studs First FC)
3 Dole	(Health Nuts)
3 Kiste-Nils	(NotReallyNewBremenCyberdruids)

2 Graham Puddlesune (Dispelliarmus FC)
2 Barnaby Givngdock (Dispelliarmus FC)
2 Fiona (Ladida FC)
2 Sheena (Ladida FC)
2 Fole (Health Nuts)
2 Dennis Frain (Coventry)

7. Suspensions

Kremlin: Kyun (1), Mikail Strychnin (1)
Springfield United: Nightcrawler (1)
Gangsters United: Gale Mattias (1)
G.I.D.: Heart (1)
Greensleeves United: Geoffrey Swinfield (1)
Dead Dino Storage: Landberk (2)
Fjortoft's Friends: Jan Sen (1)
Ladida FC: Sheena (1)

8.GM's Auction

1) Fausto	D sb 7	(Value: 3091)	for 2235	to Desassossego Blues
2) Random	S V 6	(Value: 541)	for 627	to Slartibartfast FC
3) Wang Guangya	F III 11	(Value: 2127)	for 1810	to World Ambassadors
4) Harold Smith	F I 10, [0.5]	(Value: 2845)	for 2527	to Twin Peaks Owls
5) Paul Gascoigne	M sb 7,>11, [0.5]	(Value: 3091)	for 2866	to Studs First FC
6) Soma	G I 5 , >13	(Value: 957)	for 3671	to G.I.D.
7) Calindil	F III 11	(Value: 2127)	for 1786	to Tamriel Athletic
8) Royal Ghoul I	M I 2, [2.0]	(Value: 160)	for 251	to NotReallyNewBremenCyberdruids
9) Devil Jin	M sb 9,>12, [0.5]	(Value: 4591)	for 3855	to Mishima Zaibatsu
10) Jean-Luc Ponty	M V 6	(Value: 318)	for 355	to the Professors of Jazz
11) Panoramix	G III 11	(Value: 3616)	for 3149	to Les Gaulois
12) Lorian Cheater	G I 4	(Value: 640)	for 1500	to Sofia Inseminaters
13) Aziraphale	F ap 5	(Value: 1782)	for 1896	to Lower Tadfield Apocalypse
14) Knave of Cups	M III 3,>11, [0.5]	(Value: 120)	for 844	to Fortuna Sittard
15) Papa Jack Laine	F III 7, [0.5]	(Value: 731)	for 1255	to the Professors of Jazz
16) Royal Ghoul II	M III 2	(Value: 80)	for 275	to NotReallyNewBremenCyberdruids
17) Robben	F VII 13	(Value: 3091)	for 2222	to FC Mokum
18) Pardo	F III 13, [0.5]	(Value: 3232)	for 2058	to Feyenoord
19)	G III 5	(Value: 510)	for 400	to the Non League!
20) Antonio Mora	F sb 4	(Value: 1541)	for 1235	to Desassossego Blues

New offers

1) F I 4, >11 (NL value 320)
2) M ap 2, >13 (NL value 200)
3) F III 11 (NL value 440)
4) G I 9 (NL value 1440)
5) S ap 9 (NL value 1800)
6) F I 6 (NL value 480)
7) G sb 10 (NL value 2400)
8) M I 7 (NL value 560)
9) G II 6 (NL value 720)
10) S IV 6 (NL value 240)
11) M III 10 (NL value 400)
12) DM I 7, >13 , [1.5] (NL value 616)
13) D sb 7 (NL value 840)
14) D ap 4 (NL value 400)
15) F III 12 (NL value 480)
16) D II 6 (NL value 360)
17) F II 5, >11 , [0.5] (NL value 300)
18) M VIII 10 (NL value 0)
19) D III 3 (NL value 120)

9.Transferlist

New offer

1) From Car Park Rangers: (min 2000 kKj)
Eric Twinge G I 10, coachable up to 10, 0 DP (NL value 1600)
2) From Les Gaulois:
Abraracourcix S IX 5, coachable up to 8, 0 DP, Matches as D:2 (NL value 0)
3) From Les Gaulois:
Aplusbegalix MF V 5, coachable up to 8 with 0.5 VP/level, 10 DP, suspended for 1 match,
Matches as D:3 (NL value 0)
4) From Les Gaulois:
Agecanonix G IV 5, coachable up to 8, 0 DP (NL value 200)
5) From Mishima Zaibatsu: (min 2950 kKj)
Lili D ap 9, coachable up to 10, 0 DP (NL value 900)
6) From The 5 Percent Community:
Jorn Jamtfall G III 4, coachable up to 7, 0 DP (NL value 320)
7) From Twin Peaks Owls:

- Lucy Moran G III 5, coachable up to 8, 0 DP (NL value 400)
- 8) From Twin Peaks Owls:
 Josie Packard DF III 4, coachable up to 7, 0 DP (NL value 176)
- 9) From the Professors of Jazz: (min 75 kKj)
 Dave Brubeck D X 1, coachable up to 4, 0 DP (NL value 0)
- 10) From the Professors of Jazz: (min 75 kKj)
 Lionel Hampton F V 1, coachable up to 4, 0 DP (NL value 0)

10. Sales to the non-league

Brazil Star Conquerors: Edinho (176 kKj), Kaka (264 kKj)
 Lillestrom SK: Bjorn Helge Riise (80 kKj), Arild Sundgot (120 kKj)

11. Private trade

Mishima Zaibatsu gives: Heihachi Mishima
 FC United gives in return: 1850 kKj

Mishima Zaibatsu gives: Doctor Boskonovich
 Kremlin gives in return: Eduard Boremtodev and 250 kKj

Sleep Wanderers gives: Sean 'Legend' Fitzpatrick
 Ladida FC gives in return: 944 kKj

Sleep Wanderers gives: Barbie
 Health Nuts gives in return: 221 kKj

12. League matches next issue

Rosedale Premiership

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match day 3                               match day 4
Desassossego B. - Sleep Wanderers      : Sleep Wanderers - Carpark Rangers      :
Camarilla Div. - FC Mokum               : FMO Rome       - Mishima Zaibat.       :
Les Gaulois - Brazil Star C.           : Lower Tadfield - Erkrath Glad.       :
Erkrath Glad. - W. Ambassadors         : W. Ambassadors - Les Gaulois         :
Mishima Zaibat. - Lower Tadfield       : Brazil Star C. - Camarilla Div.       :
Carpark Rangers - FMO Rome              : FC Mokum       - Desassossego B.       :
  
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Lexington League

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match day 3                               match day 4
Twin Peaks Owls - G.I.D.                : G.I.D.         - PSV                   :
Saturday Morn. - Wizards of Oz          : Furinkan Matsu. - T5PC                 :
Sheffield Thu. - Kremlin                 : Springfield U.  - Gangsters Utd        :
Gangsters Utd - Flaaklypa FK            : Flaaklypa FK   - Sheffield Thu.       :
T5PC          - Springfield U.          : Kremlin        - Saturday Morn.       :
PSV           - Furinkan Matsu.         : Wizards of Oz  - Twin Peaks Owls     :
  
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Berkeley Conference

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match day 3                               match day 4
Prof. of Jazz - Alphabet FC             : Alphabet FC    - Call of Cthulhu      :
The Ages     - Ajax                     : FC Asskickers - Dummys              :
Fluffy Bunny E. - Extreme                : Fortuna Sittard - Blue Revolution     :
Blue Revolution - Greensleeves U        : Greensleeves U - Fluffy Bunny E.    :
Dummys       - Fortuna Sittard          : Extreme        - The Ages             :
Call of Cthulhu - FC Asskickers         : Ajax           - Prof. of Jazz       :
  
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Kirkwood Showdown

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match day 3                               match day 4
Lillestrom SK - Slartibartf. FC         : Slartibartf. FC - Harestua IL         :
Dead Dino Stor. - Huddersfield T       : Fjortoft's Fr.  - Thinkers FC         :
Monster Time - MOT Black Queen         : AZ              - Feyenoord           :
Feyenoord    - Tamriel Athl.           : Tamriel Athl.   - Monster Time        :
Thinkers FC  - AZ                       : MOT Black Queen - Dead Dino Stor.     :
Harestua IL - Fjortoft's Fr.           : Huddersfield T - Lillestrom SK       :
  
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South Keys Slugfest

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match day 3                               match day 4
Sofia Insemina. - NRNBC                 : NRNBC          - Tiller               :
Dispelliarmus - Studs First FC          : Health Nuts    - Coventry             :
West Coast Cu. - FC United               : Ladida FC      - Pohang Steelers     :
  
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Pohang Steelers - Sjokoladen BK : Sjokoladen BK - West Coast Cu. :
Coventry - Ladida FC : FC United - Dispelliarmus :
Tiller - Health Nuts : Studs First FC - Sofia Insemina. :

13.Rosedale Knockout first round results

Sheffield Thursday - Twin Peaks Owls 2 : 1
Scorers: Jeff Cirillo (59., 74.) ***Dale Cooper (15.)

Booked: J.J. Hardy, Jeff Cirillo ***Laura Palmer

Twin Peaks Owls gave the newcomers a bit of experience in this game, but were still slightly stronger. However, the Owls wanted it more, and eventually came out victorious.

Feyenoord - Saturday Morning FC 4 : 5

Scorers: de Guzman (14., 62., 89.), Kuyt (35.) ***Ulysses 31 (3., 47., 58.), Alex (74., 78.)

Booked: Zuiverloon, de Guzman ***Marvin the Martian

Saturday Morning didn't put any weight in this match, with a full set of new talents. Feyenoord also picked the suitable strategy, and was actually a little stronger. However, it's goals that count...

Springfield United - Wizards of Oz 9 : 7

Scorers: Homer Simpson (6 goals), Nightcrawler (5., 40.), Bart Simpson (26.) ***Adam Gilchrist (46., 66.), Michael Hussey (36.), Dean Jones (63.), Michael Slater (54.), Glenn McGrath (9.)

Penalties: - ***1

Booked: Gambit, Homer Simpson ***Dean Jones

After having won the cup, it doesn't seem important to manager Moes - which I'm sure Springfield United appreciated :)

Gangsters United - Alphabet FC 2 : 5 a.p. (0 : 0 ot., 0 : 0)

Sent off: Gale Mattias (76.) ***---

Booked: Keyser Soze ***Kk, Nn

An Eskeland derby in the first round of the cup, where the Mobsters were marginally stronger, but the Letters have a good run of results, and didn't stop it here either.

Lillestrom SK - Call of Cthulhu 2 : 3 ot. (2 : 2)

Scorers: Robert Koren (32.), Paal Strand (4.) ***Karakal (35.), The Colour out of Space (108.)

Penalties: - ***1

Booked: Michael Mifsud, Oliver Ocean, Shane Stefanutto ***Abdul Al-Hazred, Book of Eibon

Botnen gets another chance at sinking LSK, and with his team from a division above, he succeeds in overtime after being down 2-0 early on!

Pohang Steelers - Real Johto 1 : 0

Scorers: Kim Yeon Woo (52.) ***---

Pohang Steelers start the season with a triple win weekend - bodes well for the future.

Huddersfield Town - Monkey Business 11 : 3

Scorers: Jonathan Worthington (5., 60., 68.), Danny Schofield (26., 33., 52.), Chris Brandon (19., 80.), David Mirfin (51.), Danny Adams (80.), Nathan Clarke (61.) ***---

Conference League opposition was way too easy for Kirkwood freshmen Huddersfield Town.

Flaaklypa FK - Thinkers FC 2 : 3

Scorers: Helsinki (84.), Lene Loken (63.) ***Karl Marx (28., 84.), Immanuel Kant (37.)

Probably the first real cup bomb of the round? Thinkers FC, newcomers in Kirkwood, knock out last season's Premiership team Flaaklypa FK - and it wasn't undeserved either.

Fjortoft's Friends - AZ 1 : 2

Scorers: 29 Mai 1999 (27.) ***Jaliens (64.)

Penalties: - ***1

Booked: Oka, Zico ***Landzaat, Meerdink

One of many matchups between two teams from the same division in this cup round - Fjortoft's Friends wanted it more, and proved to be the stronger side, but the referee wanted it differently, and AZ go on to the second round against the run of play .

Dummys - World Ambassadors 1 : 0 ot. (0 : 0)

Scorers: Dummy Girl (110.) ***---

Haha! Stabbers manager Daniel Ingesson thought this one would be a walk in the park, and fielded all his new talents. The resulting game was quite even, and in overtime, Dummys scored the winning goal, sending the first Premiership team head first out of the cup!

Camarilla Divided - Desassossego Blues 6 : 0
Scorers: the other Martin (5., 10., 21., 29.), Blue Flying Menace (86.), Nina
the Unknown (46.) ***---

Booked: --- ***Thomas Crosse

The first of three Premiership vs Premiership cup matches didn't seem like one at all - it was a one way affair from start till end, and the scoreline actually understates Generation X's play advantage.

March of the Black Queen - Monster Time 4 : 1

Scorers: Alberto Aquilani (24., 47.), Dino Baggio (10.), Il bimbo d'oro (81.)
***Harsh Language (79.)

Booked: --- ***Hangnail

The Black Knights plays a good game in this Kirkwood matchup, comfortably advancing about surprisingly unmonstrous Monsters.

Tiller - Dispelliarmus FC 0 : 7

Scorers: --- ***David Pubbertere (60., 69.), Angus Brollyridge (13., 65.),
Phyllis Dattinwit (90.), Jack Mepperdock (80.), Barnaby Givingdock
(7.)

Booked: --- ***Basil Bubblelare, Oliver Susslechane

Dispelliarmus FC manager Jorgen Vehusheia has built himself a team far too strong to be bothered by newcomers like Tiller - the fair result would actually have been even bigger.

Extreme - the Professors of Jazz 3 : 0

Scorers: Wenger (16., 78.), Robben (56.) ***---

Extreme was extremely much better than their division colleagues the Blue Notes, and won as expected.

Coventry - West Coast Customs 3 : 0

Scorers: Lee Chaolan (41.), Paul Fleet (14.), Henry Billings (83.) ***---

Penalties: - ***- (2 missed)

Coventry seem solid this year, but they are in debt already, so they need to make do with the players they have. Seemingly that works just fine, though!

First Men of Rome - Grunts United 4 : 0

Scorers: Mark Antony (58., 88.), Tortuous Convolvulus (2., 27.) ***---

Penalties: - ***- (1 missed)

Booked: Squareonthehypothenus ***---

Premiership against Conference league is usually easy... :)

Health Nuts - Blue Revolution 0 : 13

Scorers: --- ***Hiro (3., 39., 66., 85.), Ramon (12., 24., 36., 74.), Kotaro
(20.), Kenichiro (49.), TJ (70.), Katsuhiko (74.), Jack (22.)

Health Nuts rested Antonio and played a full set of new talents, whereas Blue Revolution took no chances and fielded their best lineup. I guess the result was as Crimson Runners manager Henden expected!

Brazil Star Conquerors - Sleep Wanderers 1 : 5

Scorers: --- ***Cluracan (46., 67.), Bast (76.), Nuala (36.)

Penalties: 1 ***1

Booked: --- ***Atlas, The Three

The second of three Premiership matchups in the first round, and the best team wanted it most too, and thus won it very easily.

Furinkan Matsudai Doshitemo - Tamriel Athletic 1 : 0

Scorers: Shampoo (66.) ***---

Perhaps surprisingly close given two levels between the teams, but Tamriel Athletic are up and comers, and may be closer in the division system soon. The home team actually didn't have a full goal of better play, but were stronger.

NotReallyNewBremenCyberdruids - Harestua IL 3 : 7

Scorers: Dominic 'Victim' Hobson (36.), Samuel in the Sewers (86.), Obsolete
NPC (6.) ***Robert Gundersen (10., 65.), Eivind Juul Pedersen (20.,
77.), Nicolai Friis (44.), Erik Nordgaard (71.), Sjur Ohren (5.)

Both teams fielded their best lineups, but Harestua IL was simply a good bit stronger, and won out deservedly and easily.

Ajax - Car Park Rangers 2 : 0

Scorers: de Ridder (7.) ***---

Penalties: 1 ***-

Booked: Bonsly, Galasek, Vermaelen ***Jonathon Blaze

Powers manager Paul Riley underestimates Ajax' capabilities severely, and deservedly loses a game where the Car Park Rangers in all fairness should be able to put up a good fight...

Dead Dino Storage - Greensleeves United 0 : 3

Scorers: --- ***Jimmy Clayton (7., 85.), Kenny Farrant (2.)

Booked: Vision Divine ***James Halstead

A one-way affair where DDS didn't manage to get a single shot on goal, completely tamed by the Greensleeves. Better luck next year.

Erkrath Gladiators - The 5 Percent Community 6 : 4 a.p. (1 : 1 ot., 1 : 1)
Scorers: Holger Frey (42.) ***Even Pellerud (47.)
Booked: Martin Roos ***Even Pellerud, Finansspesialisten
The Lunatics attempted to field two Benjamin Koehne, but since he had only one, he had to use someone else instead. The game was surprisingly even, but in the end, the Premiership team came through on penalties.

Fluffy Bunny Eaters - FC Mokum 0 : 1
Scorers: --- ***Grot (11.)
Booked: --- ***Cseh
The Tubbies were the strongest by far in this matchup, but wasted all their chances and thus forfeit their chance to create a major cup bomb.

Les Gaulois - Lower Tadfield Apocalypse 0 : 4
Scorers: --- ***Seaman White (21.), Prof. Fred Windbright (71.), Anthony J. Crowley (83.), Nanny Ashtoreth (90.)
Sent off: Aplusbegalix (29.) ***---
Booked: Astronomix ***---
Les Gaulois got a goal against and then a player sent off, and it was hard to muster the energy for proper resistance against the Apocalypse. Being the third Premiership matchup in a first round, I do think this is a new record, but I haven't checked.

Kremlin - G.I.D. 5 : 1 a.p. (1 : 1 ot., 1 : 1)
Scorers: Kyun (76.) ***Death (44.)
Sent off: Kyun (41.) ***---
Booked: Genma Saotome ***---
Amazing! Not only do Kremlin get a player sent off in the first half, but the Korean returns to the field and scores the equaliser in the second half - allowing them to win the penalty shootout. What a player!

Slartibartfast FC - FC Asskickers 0 : 6
Scorers: --- ***Randy Savage (15., 34.), Rick Steiner (50.), Sid Vicious (29.)
Penalties: - ***2
The Asskickers fed Trion a point for good luck, and that seemed to help them get an overstated scoreline to a match they would have won anyway.

PSV - Mishima Zaibatsu 0 : 6
Scorers: --- ***Jun Kazama (33., 62.), Hwoarang (16.), Ling Xiaoyu (22.), Dragunov (44.)
Penalties: - ***1
Booked: Aisatti, Davids, Orpheus ***---
PSV struggled to compete in this match against a Zaibatsu that suddenly seems to have gained the favour of the Karma Gods. The scoreline is ridiculous, but at least the best team won.

Fortuna Sittard - FC United 10 : 0
Scorers: The Chariot (3., 14., 43.), The Hermit (25., 31., 78.), The Empress (7., 90.), The Hierophant (34.), Death (20.) ***---
Welcome to the game, FC United - not quite up to Berkeley standard yet, apparently, but give it a bit of time... :)

Sjokoladen BK - Studs First FC 2 : 4
Scorers: Cris Po (28.), Troi Ka (47.) ***Patrick Vieira (54., 77.), Ron Harris (64.), Marco Materazzi (24.)
Booked: --- ***Franck Queudrue, Marco Materazzi, Roy Keane
A rather even match where Studs First got up one early, which Sjokoladen turned around to 2-1. Through a fair amount of nasty challenges, however, SFFC managed to turn it around again.

The Ages - Sofia Inseminaters 1 : 0
Penalties: 1 ***-
Booked: --- ***Almedin Loser, Johnny Handlover, Stephen Lubricant
The Nerds managed to prevent the Ages from getting any goals out of normal play through spirited fighting, but said fighting gave the Ages a penalty which they converted. Nice try, though.

Ladida FC - the Blitzball Team 2 : 3
Scorers: Alyssa (82.), Sheena (42.) ***---
Penalties: - ***- (1 missed)
Booked: Sheena ***---
Despite no longer having a manager, the Blitzball Team lives on - at least for now. Ladida FC will probably beat them, if given the chance, next season :)

14. GM's ramble

55 teams submitted this time. I hope this will go upwards.

A quick update on the new promotion/relegation rules: After discussing the merits and flaws of the new system, I have made one change: There will not be any double promotions from Berkeley Conference to the Premiership. It has been pointed out, among other things, that it's quite

difficult to qualify through Lexington League, and it would be ridiculous if the best way to reach the Premiership is to drop a level and then double promote. Apart from this change, the rules for relegation and promotion will be as stated. You can see the entire system illustrated on the homepage.

A few points that new (and old?) players may want to be aware of... these aren't rule changes, I'm simply restating a few points:

- * If a sweeper plays as D/M/F, he plays 1 point lower than usual.
- * A keeper cannot play out of position.
- * A transfer listed player will be sold to the non-league if a minimum price isn't met - but you can meet it yourself with an "owner's bid" even if you don't have the money.

Mishima Zaibatsu and Camarilla Divded won both games and lead the Premiership, but Erkrath Gladiators are just one point behind. Desassossego Blues trail without points, one point behind First Men of Rome, World Ambassadors and Brazil Star Conquerors. Erkrath Gladiators have started out luckiest, while FC Mokum have been unluckiest.

Lexington League is topped by PSV and Furinkan Matsudai Doshitemo, both with four points. With a win and a draw each, Gangsters United and Sheffield Thursday are closest. At the bottom, we find Kremlin and Wizards of Oz with a point each, and Springfield United and Saturday Morning FC without points so far. Sheffield Thursday have good karma, Kremlin's is bad for now (it's his own fault for sending Gerd-Liv Valla to Moscow).

Three teams have full score in Berkeley Conference, and lead together: Fortuna Sittard, Alphabet FC and Greensleeves United. Four teams trail as they have no points yet: Dummys, Professors of Jazz, FC Asskickers and Call of Cthulhu. Fortuna Sittard are luckiest (who would have imagined...) and FC Asskickers are getting their asses kicked by the karma gods.

Kirkwood Showdown is extremely close so far, with all of six teams on 3 points! Lillestrom SK lead the pack, with Feyenoord, Tamriel Athletic, AZ, Fjortoft's Friends and March of the Black Queen following. Harestua IL and Monster Time have a point each, just barely ahead of Thinkers FC and Dead Dino Storage who both started this season with two losses. March of the Black Queen has been most fortunate, whereas Thinkers FC must think about some way to improve their karma.

South Keys Slugfest feature Pohang Steelers and Coventry in the lead, with Dispelliarmus FC just behind. FC United hold the relegation spot with no points, one point behind Sjololaden BK, Sofia Inseminators and Tiller. Tiller has been luckiest so far, whereas Sjololaden BK can blame their bad luck for not having more points.

Luckiest of all is Erkrath Gladiators, followed by Fortuna Sittard and March of the Black Queen. Thinkers FC is unluckiest of all, followed by FC Asskickers and Kremlin.

The home advantage is still 6 VP. In the next issue, rounds 3 and 4 will be played.

The deadline for issue 3 is Friday, September 15, at 2130 CET.

I will send out the teams shortly.

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