

# FIFTEEN MEN AND A FANTASY

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## The Auction

Saturday the thirteenth of July and a small army of male teenagers are gathered in a garden. These fourteen people, there is one to join them later, are in St. James to spend millions of pounds on world class footballers. It must be a dream, not quite, more of a fantasy.

The auction area is a sight beyond sights. There are tables and chairs arranged carefully on the grass, now occupied by the managers, and music is being blasted out of speakers underneath the auctioneers table. It is this table that Chubby and Peter have now managed to squeeze behind, ready to start the bidding for the goalkeepers.

The auction is at last under way and first blood goes to Chubby with the signing of David Seaman for a much too much price of £4.1m. Other managers do not learn from this and soon Peter has signed David James for £5m and Craig has Peter Schmeichel for £6.4m. At least these signings are for top class 'keepers, Adam went on to sign Ian Walker for a massive £4.9m. But the worst buy of the round must go to Cheesy as he buys Steve Ogrizovic for £3m.

The fullbacks start with a bit of controversy as Peter thinks that we are using real money and spends a massive £4m on Alan Wright. Ian follows suit and signs Graham Le Saux for £3.3m and soon Matt picks up Dan Petrescu for £3.2m. Ross and Chubby both spend £4.2m on Jason McAteer and Dennis Irwin respectively to finish off a heavy round of spending.

A lot of fullbacks were picked up on free transfers, among them Nigel Winterburn

and Henning Berg (Ross), Nigel Worthington and Chris Morris (Cheesy) and finally Gary Kelly (Scott).

Nick starts off the bidding for the centrebacks by virtually turning off the stereo as he hits the hell out of the table. Scott gets the first player as he splashes out £3.2m on an injured Tony Adams and Matt spends £3.4m on Gareth Southgate, this is the record for centrebacks along with Scott's £3.4m signing of Mark Wright.

A lot of centrebacks are picked up for £3m and these are Colin Hendry and Neil Ruddock (Ian), Paul McGrath (Lawrence) and Phil Babb (Adam). £3.1m also seems popular and these are Gary Pallister (Chubby), David May (Regan) and Phillippe Albert (Peter).

The midfielders start with Aaron signing David Platt for £4.0m and then soon Roberto Di Matteo goes to Cheesy for £3.9m. Wiggy signs Andrei Kanchelskis for £5.0m and then Steve McManaman goes to Scott for £4.5m. Ross gets Ryan Giggs (£4.1m) and Nick gets Juninho and Karole Porborsky (£3.5m and £3.3m) before Darren Anderton (and his hernia scar) go to Cheesy (£4.4m) and, yet again, 'Sir' Matthew Le Tissier goes for a relatively cheap £4.2m to....., well you can guess.

The forwards are brought on and straight away the wallets come out. There are many massive money signings, but the biggest money is spent on Gianluca Vialli (£8m, Cheesy) Alastair Shearer (£7.6m, Chubby), Eric Cantona (£7.5m, Craig), Robbie Fowler (£7.4m, Adam) and Stan Collymore (£6.8m, Nick).

There has been one transfer between managers to

report on so far. This was between Lawrence and Aaron as Hot Hot Hot bought Michael Duberry of Chelsea for £2.5m.

## 1996-'97 Bookies Favourites

The teams, their odds and, of course, the key players who will eventually position the teams either side of the thin line that separates success from failure.

1. Butt kickers III
- 15/4 Ferdinand/Dublin
2. COBUTOF
- 17/4 Collymore/Wright
3. Magicmen Go Fourth
- 7/1 Le Tissier/Yeboah
4. Jimmy Hill's Chin
- 8/1 Asprilla/Giggs
5. Bushall FSC
- 9/1 Shearer/Irwin
6. Wigger's Tranny Gods
- 10/1 Kanchelskis/Whelan
7. The Demented Ferrets
- 10/1 Schmeichel/Cantona
8. Pritchards Perfect Players..
- 15/1 McManaman/Ravanelli
9. Apples And Pears II
- 20/1 Armstrong/Beckham
10. Crockford's Crackers II
- 25/1 Yorke/Albert
11. Hot Hot Hot
- 50/1 Sheringham/Bergkamp
12. Orange Squash Purified
- 50/1 Fowler/Babb
13. Slimmer Than Peter
- 100/1 Hughes/Rush
14. Ian
- 150/1 Scholes/Ekoku
15. Spartak Cheese
- 200/1 Vialli/Anderton

## The Fantasy Cup

This is going to be the biggest and best cup competition ever, below is the draw for the first round. More details are available from Ross and Matt.

Group A: Adam, Aaron, Regan, Scott, Michael.

Group B: Matthew, Colin, Stuart, Ross, Nick.

Group C: Andrew, Craig, Ian, Lawrence, Peter.



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## The Super Fantasy Premiership

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Pos.	Team	Wk Pts	Total	£m Team	£m Spend
1	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	23	<b>23</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>
2	Pritchard's Perfect.....	15	15	27.4	0.6
3	Slimmer Than Peter	13	13	22.0	4.0
4	Apples And Pears II	11	11	26.4	1.6
5	<b>COBUTOF</b>	10	<b>10</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>
6	Hot Hot Hot	10	10	25.8	2.2
7	Orange Squash Purified	10	10	28.0	0.0
8	Wigger's Tranny Gods	10	10	27.5	2.5
9	Spartak Cheese	9	9	27.5	0.5
10	Jimmy Hill's Chin	8	8	29.3	0.7
11	Magicmen Go Fourth	7	7	30.0	2.0
12	The Demented Ferrets	5	5	29.4	0.6
13	Alan Hansen's Scar	3	3	29.5	0.5
14	Buttkickers III	1	1	31.0	1.5
15	Crockford's Crackers....	-7	-7	28.0	0.0
	Totals	128	128	416.7	21.8

### ...And on the Saturday the Lord said let there be Fantasy Football

After the drama, excitement and tension of Euro '96, a competition that will surely live in the memories of so many people, from so many places, for so many years to come, the anticlimax of the pre-season was inevitable. During the past few weeks hundreds of people have been kicking their heels and ticking the days off until the Premiership season started again. Now this day has been and gone, and it has brought with it the hopes and dreams of thousands upon thousands of football lovers all over the country. Football has come home again and, with it, so has Fantasy Football.

This season may have already brought the biggest transfer deal ever, Vialli, Ravanelli, Di Matteo, Emerson, ~~Emerson's~~ wonder goal, Batty's similar strike, hot-headed managers and various rubbish kits, but something even more wonderful has been discovered. The team in fourteenth place, with just one point, is Buttkickers III, managed by Lawrence Baynes, in certain aspects the Manchester United of the Super Fantasy Premiership. But enough about him, you can make fun in your own time, a few notes made so far.

Chubby has stormed off in front, making an eight point gap between him and Scott, and he looks as if he has something to prove. This big score was due to the help of seven points each from Lee Bowyer and Dennis Irwin. Obviously we should not look into this too much as there are still hundreds of games to be played, but could Chubby be a surprise winner this season? We shall wait and see.

"Lawrence will probably p\*\*\* me off again and win"

Regan Peggs, the manager of Slimmer Than Peter, looks up with an expression that says it all about him. From just looking at his puzzled but smiling face you can tell he has a next to nothing knowledge of, as Pele described it, 'The beautiful game'.

The question was simple enough, "Who do you think will do well in the Premiership this season?" He replies by saying "Newcastle will probably be crowned as champions. Who do I think will do well in terms of Fantasy points?" His knowledge ends there. This gets me thinking, most people enter a Fantasy league to demonstrate their 'wisdom' where football is concerned. It only takes a minute before I find out part of the reason for Regan taking part in The Super Fantasy Premiership, "I like beating people," he tells me, "Last year it was Hazza, this year it will be Peter. But hopefully with more success."

On his own team Regan thinks that his best player will be David May of Manchester United, "He should get me about nine hundred points." He also thinks that Jason Lee will have a sudden turn in form and become a star and that Blackburn Rovers wont let a goal in all season. Regan, obviously, hopes he will win the league, if not he wants to come in the money. Last season he was disappointed with his final position, he came in the bottom three, but was glad he didn't come last.

This season he wants Chubby and Lawrence to come near the bottom end of the table, but realistically thinks that he may end up there. At this end he predicts Andrew and Aaron will keep each other company, up the respectable end he chuck's in a few names. "Matt is due a good year, he has more experience than anyone else. Chubby has something to prove so he might do well. Lawrence will probably p\*\*\* me off again and win and Ross done well in Euro '96 so he may have an outside chance. Nick is also a good bet, he to has lots of experience."

This is Regan through and through. The Fantasy league for him is a place where he can laugh at others for their failures, when others just expect it from him. He came sixth in Euro '96, but he may have a hard time doing as well in The Super Fantasy Premiership.

...And finally, a few things we noticed from football this week.

It has been revealed that Sir Matthew Le Tissier (God in football boots) has appeared a little bit mystified about all the fuss over the mother of eight babies, apparently he has been carrying ten fully grown men for the past two seasons.

When Eric Hall was asked whether it was true or not that he took twenty percent of all his clients income he replied, "No it's not, they take eighty percent of mine."

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## The Super Fantasy Premiership

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Pos.	Team	Total	£m Team	£m Spend
1	<b>Jimmy Hill's Chin</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>
2	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>
3	<b>Pritchard's Perfect.....</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>
4	<b>Wigger's Tranny Gods</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>
5	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>
6	<b>Hot Hot Hot</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>
7	<b>Orange Squash Purified</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
8	<b>COBUTOF</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>
9	<b>Crockford's Crackers.....</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>
10	<b>Slimmer Than Peter</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>
11	<b>Spartak Cheese</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>
12	<b>The Demented Ferrets</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>
13	<b>Apples And Pears II</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>
14	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>
15	<b>Alan Hansen's Scar</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>416.2</b>	<b>23.3</b>

## Could be lucky year for joint leaders

Question. Who are the two managers of Fantasy Football teams in the Super Fantasy Premiership who get the most stick if their respective teams do not do well in a competition?

Another question. Who are joint top of the Super Fantasy Premiership?

Could this, at long last, be the year for Matt and Ross to do well in Fantasy Football? Although both were reasonably successful for periods last season (Matt more notably than Ross) they did, in both cases, finish up with no silverware at all.

Both had big scores in week two, Matt got thirty one points and Ross thirty, to put them as joint leaders on thirty eight points. At the end of that week they had a six point lead over their nearest rivals, Scott and Wiggy, although, thanks to a goal and an assist from Jordi Cruyff on

Sunday, Scott is now only one point down on them.

Below is the top points scoring 'legal' team. It complies with all Super Fantasy Premiership rules and would be on a total of one hundred and five points.

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	(10)	
Campbell		Ferguson
(9)		(10)

## COBUTOF hungry for success

Cheese and Onion Biscuits United The Original Flavour. No, it's not an advertisement for a new food product, but is instead the name of a Fantasy Football team. The team with the rather long name, from now on to be referred to as the team more commonly known COBUTOF, are managed by Nick Jermy.

A constant top five finisher, and one of the original managers in the hardest league there is, Nick is one of the favourites for honours this year. His past record is also impressive, 3rd in 1994, 5th in 1995-'96 and 4th last season, Nick is hoping that this year will belong to him.

At the auction Nick managed to land a few massive names, he signed Juninho, currently his top scorer with seven points, and Stan Collymore, who Nick assures me will get loads of points when he eventually gets started. Nick has already made plenty of transfers but his biggest so far involves Dominic Matteo, who he bought last week. According to Nick, Matteo will be a star as long as John Scales stays on the Physio's table a little longer.

This season Nick predicts that, as well as himself, others that may do well will be Matt, Lawrence, Scott and Ross. Unfortunately the same names are appearing at this point in the letter each week as we find out who will be down the bottom of the table, Nick agrees with nearly everyone else as he says Cheesey, Ian and, predictably, Andrew. That is about it for the team with the extremely long name, except to put in a free advertisement for their two main sponsors, Nestle and Aero Bars.

## Cup News

Quietly the S.F. Cup has got started and is underway. There are a few results so far, these are printed below, but first here are the fixtures for this week.

Group 1- Scott V Regan, Adam V Michael

Group 2- Ross V Nick, Matt V Stuart

Group 3- Lawrence V Peter, Andrew V Ian

## Our boys in Europe

Magicmen	Go Fourth	31
Wigger's Tranny Gods	22	
Buttkickers III	8	
Bushall FSC	7	
COBUTOF	7	

TOMI	19
CRAIG	7
SKEEPLITT	2
JOE	19

## Lawrence is first for controversy

So maybe the most obvious prediction for the season is for who would the most controversial manager. As usual it will turn out to be Lawrence who has started his record already by allegedly picking two players but not notifying anyone, this has gone before the board and they would like to remind people that they must pick players before they have played any matches or they will defiantly not be allowed to play.

## Cup Results

Date	Group	Team A	Pts	Team B	Pts	Result
24/08/96	A	Adam	12	Aaron	13	Aaron
24/08/96	A	Regan	6	Scott	17	Scott
24/08/96	B	Matthew	31	Colin	7	Matthew
24/08/96	B	Stuart	22	Ross	30	Ross
24/08/96	C	Andrew	1	Craig	8	Craig
24/08/96	C	Ian	-2	Lawrence	8	Lawrence
31/08/96	A	Michael		Adam		
31/08/96	A	Aaron		Regan		
31/08/96	B	Nick		Matthew		
31/08/96	B	Colin		Stuart		
31/08/96	C	Peter		Andrew		
31/08/96	C	Craig		Ian		

THIS WEEK

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Pos.	Team	Total	£m Team	£m Spend
1	<b>Pritchard's Perfect.....</b>	58	27.4	0.6
2	<b>COBUTOF</b>	50	27.7	2.3
3	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	45	30.0	2.0
	<b>Jimmy Hill's Chin</b>	45	29.3	0.7
5	<b>Wigger's Tranny Gods</b>	44	27.5	2.5
6	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	41	27.1	2.9
7	<b>Orange Squash Purified</b>	32	28.0	0.0
8	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	30	31.0	1.5
9	<b>Crockford's Crackers Take II</b>	26	25.6	2.4
	<b>Demented Ferrets</b>	26	28.4	1.6
	<b>Spartak Cheese</b>	26	22.1	6.0
12	<b>Hot Hot Hot</b>	20	25.8	2.2
13	<b>Apples And Pears II</b>	15	25.5	2.5
14	<b>Slimmer Than Peter</b>	5	25.3	0.7
	<b>Alan Hansen's Scar</b>	5	29.5	0.5
	<b>Totals</b>	468	410.2	28.4

Main points for notice this week. Matt and Ross can't stick being top, Nick comes out of nowhere, Scott opens a promising lead, but most of all if Ian is bottom next week he will receive a transfer request from one of his players. That player will then, obviously, be available to buy. The only transfer between managers this week is that of Darren Anderton who went from Spartak Cheese to Slimmer Than Peter for £4.5m. If you would like to advertise a player let me know, I will start off by announcing that Martin Keown, Steve Stone, Oyvind Leonhardsen and Brian Deane are on the transfer list. Any offers? Not even Andrew? Next week.... Facts and Figures

## Our boys in Europe

The bottom team goes out, our boys (shown in bold) should all be safe, results below.

51	Apache Indians	68	82
41	Ultimate Champions	44	57
40	<b>COBUTOF</b>	53	54
38	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	46	79
34	Tranny Gods	38	43
29	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	44	43
22	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	46	61
19	<b>Shooting Stars</b>	23	78
13	<b>KCPU II</b>	29	40

## "For some reason it is easier to predict the bottom teams"

These are the words of Peter Crockford, manager of Crockford's Crackers Take II, and one of the two managers who share a great rivalry. The other is Regan Peggs, previously reported on in these very pages, between them these two managers show signs of great similarities, but also great differences.

For instance, you may remember Regan being portrayed as someone who knew hardly anything about football. Peter, although he may find it hard to admit it, is very similar to Regan on these grounds, the difference being that he covers it up very well. 'Waffle', you may already know, is the term used to describe someone who uses complete and utter rubbish to cover up when they do not know something, a good example is Jimmy Hill. Well, take away the chin and add a few ounces in weight, you have Peter.

Speaking to him on the phone he sounded calm and relaxed at all times, but rarely, if at all, did he come up with an earth-shattering prediction or some outstanding knowledge, full marks to him though for trying. The trouble is that when he named his star players, Phillippe Albert and Dwight Yorke, you could sense that he did not realise that this was going to be their season. Yorke is recovering from a serious injury and has next to nothing, if nothing at all, as far as points are concerned, and Albert can not, although he scored in midweek, get a regular, let alone a permanent, place in Kevin Keegan's multi-star team.

But when it comes to being sincere Peter is top of the pile. He does sound honest all the time and he did, after predicting that Cheesey, Andrew, Regan and Ian would be near the bottom at the end of the season, sound quite sorry in his comment that, "For some reason it is easier to predict the bottom teams." At the other end of the table he predicted that as bad as it may seem (what does this mean?) Matt, Ross and Lawrence are going to do well. Peter, who should maybe give up betting, put a pound on himself, he also has a bet with Regan to see who finishes the higher. At least he is sure of winning one wager.

*Crockford's Crackers Take II are sponsored by Phillips.  
Next week Pritchard's Perfect Players Probably.*

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1	<b>Jimmy Hill's Chin</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>
2	<b>COBUTOF</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>
3	<b>Pritchard's Perfect Players.</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>
4	<b>Wigger's Tranny Gods</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>
5	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>
6	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>
7	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>
8	<b>Orange Squash Purified</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>
9	<b>Demented Ferrets</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>
10	<b>Crockford's Crackers Take II</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>
	<b>Spartak Cheese</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>6.0</b>
12	<b>Hot Hot Hot</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>
	<b>Apples And Pears II</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>
14	<b>Slimmer Than Peter</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>
15	<b>Alan Hansen's Scar</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>401.4</b>	<b>41.6</b>

### Silenzi for sale!

After being at the wrong end of the table for four weeks in a row, Alan Hansen's Scar, managed by Ian Brown, have had a transfer requested by the Nottingham Forest goal scoring supremo who is none other than Andre Silenzi. He has not played under Ian's management and is looking for a team who will give him first team football. Silenzi, a £0.5m buy at the auction, is in the Nottingham Forest starting eleven after ousting Jason Lee, but is out with a minor injury at the present moment and the word from Frank Clark is that he should be back within the next few days. If anyone is interested they should see Matt or Ian.

Elsewhere Jimmy Hill's Chin have reclaimed first position after a fourteen point week thanks to a goal and assist each from Asonovic and Giggs as well as a clean sheet from Calderwood. Hot on their heels are COBUTOF, who only managed a five point week, and Pritchard's Perfect Players Probably, who got minus four, on fifty five and fifty four respectively, unfortunately the interview with Scott was not put together in time for this issue but will appear here next week. A further two points down Wiggy's Tranny Gods are the last team to have reached the half century mark, although Magicmen Go Fourth, forty eight, and Bushall FSC, forty four, should both reach it this week.

Buttkickers III are creeping up the table thanks to good scoring from their forwards, but their defence could be their undoing, the champions of the past two years are on thirty six points. Three points down are Orange Squash Purified and a further two points adrift are The Demented Ferrets for whom The King (not Elvis, the other one) scored eight points taking his total to sixteen. There is then a large gap until Crockford's Crackers Take II and Spartak Cheese are found together on twenty four points and then another seven points down are Apples and Pears II on seventeen along with Hot Hot Hot on the same score. On seven points are Slimmer Than Peter Definitely and at the foot of the table we have Alan Hansen's Scar on a solitary single point.

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Please remember to pick team before 4.30 on Friday unless a special arrangement is made and also any transfers must be done before 3.30 on Friday if to play the next day.

Team	Most Pts.	Wk.	Least Pts.	Wk.	Most Expensive	£m	Most Pts.	Pts.	Second	Pts.	Third	Pts.	Least Pts.	Pts.	Second	Pts.	Third	Pts.
Jimmy Hill's Chin	30	2	0	3	F. Aspinilia	5.2	J. McAteer	12	T. Johnson	10	D. Kharin	9	H. Bell	-2	M. Rieper	-1	Various	0
COBUTOR	33	4	0	3	S. Collymore	6.8	Juninho	22	K. Poborsky	9	A. Hinchcliffe	8	D. Walker	-3	C. Cooper	-1	Various	0
P.P.P.P.	21	4	-4	5	S. McManaman	4.3	F. Ravanelli	22	M. Wright	10	S. McManaman	9	Various	0				
Wiggen's Tranny Gods	22	2	0	3	A. Kanchelskis	5.0	F. Leboeuf	21	S. Campbell	8	Various	6	R. Ord	-3	C. Whyte	-1	Various	0
Magicmen Go Fourth	31	2	0	3	M. Le Tissier	4.2	D. Petrescu	13	G. Southgate	11	Various	7	C. Short	-5	S. Murrov	-1	Various	0
Bushball FSC	23	1	-4	3	A. Shearer	7.6	A. Shearer	15	F. Nelson	8	Various	7	N. Pearson	-5	G. Pallister	-2	N. Jerkana	-1
Bukkickers III	20	4	0	3	L. Ferdinand	6.2	L. Ferdinand	14	S. Staunton	8	P. Merson	8	N. Martin	-7	G. Neville	-1	Various	0
Orange Squash Purified	12	2	0	3	R. Fowler	7.4	P. Babb	11	I. Walker	8	N. Butt	5	S. Cheifte	-2	Various	0		
The Demolished Ferrets	13	4	0	3	E. Cantona	7.5	E. Cantona	14	U. Ehiogu	11	P. Schmeichel	4	D. Peacock	-3	D. Lytle	-1	Various	0
Crockford's Crackers	19	2	-7	1	D. James	5.0	A. Wright	10	D. James	8	D. Yorke	6	C. Coleman	-8	P. Atherton	-3	Various	0
Spartak Cheese	10	4	-1	5	G. Vialli	8.0	K. Campbell	14	G. Vialli	6	R. Earle	6	S. Ognjenovic	-6	S. Vickers	-3	K. Pressman	-2
Apples and Pears II	11	1	-2	3	C. Armstrong	4.0	C. Armstrong	9	D. Beckham	8	R. Johnson	6	J. Lukic	-5	J. Kenna	-3	Various	0
Hot Hot Hot	13	2	-3	4/5	T. Sheringham	4.6	D. Bergkamp	12	T. Sheringham	3	M. Gayle	3	D. Burrows	-12	M. Duberry	-2	N. Southall	-1
Slunner Than Peter	13	1	-10	4	D. Anderston	4.5	J. Edinburgh	8	I. Rush	4	Various	3	T. Flowers	-10	J. Dicks	-3	Various	0
Alan Hansen's Scar	6	4	-4	5	G. Le Saux	3.3	J. Barnes	9	E. Ekoku	8	Various	0	C. Hendry	-10	M. Crossley	-3	J. Bettsford	-3

# .....Stats and Stuff..... .....Facts and Figures.....

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Pos.	Team	Total	£m Team	£m Spend
1	<b>Bushall</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>3.2</b>
2	<b>COBUTOF</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>
3	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>4.1</b>
4	<b>Pritchard's Perfect Players.</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>
5	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>
6	Jimmy Hill's Chin	59	27.4	2.6
7	Wigger's Tranny Gods	50	27.0	3.0
8	Orange Squash Purified	39	25.5	4.5
	Crockford's Crackers Take II	39	25.6	2.4
10	Demented Ferrets	38	27.1	2.9
	Apples and Pears II	29	22.6	5.4
12	Spartak Cheese	25	22.1	6.0
	Hot Hot Hot	25	25.8	2.2
14	Slimmer Than Peter	20	25.3	0.7
15	Alan Hansen's Scar	15	29.0	1.0
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>397.2</b>	<b>44.9</b>

### Groups from between two Browns

After eight weeks of play the Super Fantasy Premiership has started to take an expected shape. It will come as no surprise for people to see each team in it's respective position as we see Ian propping up the bottom five that also includes Regan, Aaron, Michael and Andrew. In mid-table we find Craig, Peter and Adam grouped together on two solitary totals, there is then a long gap before we come to the 'Magnificent Seven', as they have been nicknamed.

At the wrong end of the leading pack is Wiggy who has, along with Ross in sixth position, stopped sharply in pursuit of the title, between them they have managed only twenty points in the last four weeks. Matt is found in the final money spot, he is just behind Scott and should be thankful for his namesake's brace a week ago. From out of nowhere Lawrence has appeared and it is he, along with Adam, who still has not had a minus week. In second we find Nick, but way out in front Chubby is setting the pace. Below are a few statistics about the brothers at the top and bottom of the league.

Total Pts.	Colin 84	Ian 15
Most Pts. Wk.	26 (wk. 6)	11 (wk. 7)
Least Pts. Wk.	-4 (wk. 3)	-4 (wk. 5)
Highest Pos.	1st	13th
Lowest Pos.	6th	15th
Highest Scorer	Shearer (23)	Ekoku (16)
Lowest Scorer	Pearson (-5)	Hendry (-7)

"....It's just so well organised!"

A compliment from Scott Pritchard, manager of Pritchard's Perfect Players Probably, about the running of the one and only Super Fantasy Premiership. This may seem like a bit of a fake statement but, with Scott, what you see is what you get.

He is one of the most honest managers in the league, if not the most. Scott always speaks his mind, this can not be shown more clearly than when asked to comment on some managers. Scott considered his reply for a few moments before answering, "Peter is nice, but he is a bit on the round side." What Adam said in the background is not fit for these pages.

As I talked to Scott on the phone all I could hear was his older brother making strange comments. It is with Adam that Scott holds one of his two rivalries with, the other is Nick. This is not a bitter rivalry but more a friendly (isn't it sweet?) conflict, Scott described how at the end of last year Nick came up to him and said that he would, "Be able to come into school every Monday and say that he was above me in the Super Fantasy Premiership." We shall have to wait and see if this turns out to be true.

*Pritchard's Perfect Players Probably are sponsored by Pampers Pull-ups, the world's most reliable nappy.*

Next week a view from outside. What the infamous Teddy Pig has to say about the Super Fantasy Premiership. Assuming it passes the censorship. Also a full update on the cups situation and more in the bumper issue of 'Fifteen Men and a Fantasy'. This was going to be the bumper issue but the editor had a bad case of diarrhoea.

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## Fourth Time Lucky?

Out of all the people that I have interviewed for these pages I was surprised to get the most interesting and informative conversation from Chubby Brown, manager of Bushall FSC (Fantasy Soccer Club). Ask anyone in the league who they don't want to become champions of the Super Fantasy Premiership and, excluding Lawrence, the answer will invariably be the manager who is currently pulling away from the rest of the teams.

Chubby is one of the four surviving managers from the original league that was set up all those years ago. I was thinking that in the cases of Matt, Nick and himself the experience has benefited them in today's league, unfortunately the same can not be said for the younger member of the Brown family. It is with Ian that Chubby would probably have held a great rivalry with but, after just eight weeks of play, they are sixty nine points apart and at opposite ends of the table. Instead Chubby has to content himself with the mini-rivalries that he holds with Lawrence and Matt.

In his prediction for the season Chubby has said that he will, although not by walking it from here on, win the Super Fantasy Premiership with Lawrence and Scott just behind. At the other end he names the inevitable trio at the bottom of Ian, Andrew and Michael. What, no Regan?

Chubby is the only manager to average over ten points a week, this is the target for all managers, and if he keeps this up he should sweep to victory with a total of about three hundred and ninety points, leaving the others in his wake. Chubby puts his early success down to the likes of Dennis Irwin and Gary Pallister who have fifteen and six points respectively. "These," he said, "Didn't start the season well, but have suddenly sprung into life." Chubby also has the two Euro '96 heroes of David Seaman, thirteen points, and Alan Shearer, twenty three points.

Last year, you will remember, Chubby chose 'World in Motion' as his song for the tape. This year not much has changed, due to the fact that he supports Liverpool he has decided to have the 'Synthesiser Moods' version of 'Ferry across the Mersey', we wait expectantly.

Chubby also asked me to put in that he has £7m to invest in top quality players, and that he also wants to off-load Bryan Roy. Anybody interested? He also pointed out to me that he is sponsored by AEG although he hasn't got a clue what it stands for, any suggestions would be welcome.

Colin 'Chubby' Brown. A name which reminds you that you should never judge a book by its cover, or at least a fantasy team by its manager.

Bushall FSC - Goalkeepers: David Seaman 13

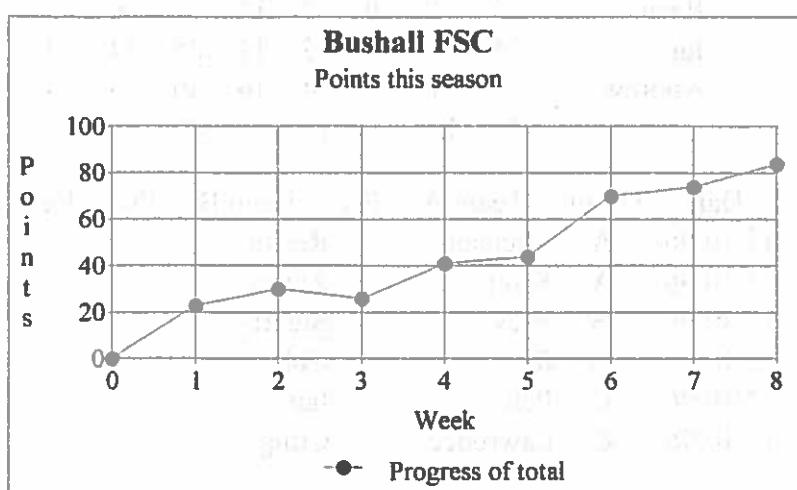
Fullbacks: Fernando Nelson 7; Dennis Irwin 15

Centrebacks: Gary Pallister 6; John Scales -1; Nigel Jerkan -1; Nigel Pearson -5

Midfielders: Georgis Donis 3; Sasa Curcic 2; Lee Bowyer 7;

Forwards: Alan Shearer 23; Scott Booth 6; Mark Hughes 9

Total = 84



ADAM MUST buy Someone  
IAN is STILL IN DEBT.

## The Referee's a.....

Whilst sendings off don't automatically lead to a punishment in terms of penalty points in our league, there is, of course, an adverse affect with resulting suspensions. So, for Fantasy managers, like those in the Premiership, seeing the name of Paul Danson in charge of your players for an afternoon, might have you reaching for the Anadin as much as he reaches for the coloured cards.

Still, Mr Danson has some way to go to match the referee of a special game between Sheffield and Glasgow, back in 1930. The ref, on discovering that his strip was similar in colour to the one that the Sheffield players were wearing, sent himself off. Later, he fined himself two weeks wages and was soon up before a disciplinary committee for comments made about himself.

But the definitive word has to go to the controversial Wimbledon owner Sam Hammam, who in 1995 was recorded as saying, "I have to hand it to Manchester United. They have the best players - and the best referees!"

## The Fantasy Football Cup

The competition is well under way with each team playing between three and five games so far. As of yet nobody is defiantly through to the next round. In case you have forgotten how it works, the top four teams in each group go through to form four groups of three. Then the top two in each of those groups will go forward into the knockout stage. Below are the group tables and the next fixtures in the competition.

Group A	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pdf	Pts
Aaron	4	3	0	1	18	6	12	9
Michael	3	2	1	0	10	5	5	7
Scott	4	2	0	2	23	18	5	6
Regan	4	2	0	2	4	17	-13	6
Adam	5	0	1	4	29	38	-9	1
	20	9	2	9	84	84	0	29
Group B	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pdf	Pts
Matthew	5	3	0	2	57	44	13	9
Ross	4	3	0	1	49	39	10	9
Colin	4	2	0	2	52	61	-9	6
Nick	3	1	0	2	51	47	4	3
Stuart	4	1	0	3	38	56	-18	3
	20	10	0	10	247	247	0	30
Group C	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pdf	Pts
Lawrence	4	4	0	0	36	1	35	12
Craig	4	3	0	1	29	20	9	9
Peter	3	1	0	2	15	21	-6	3
Ian	4	1	0	3	11	25	-14	3
Andrew	5	1	0	4	16	40	-24	3
	20	10	0	10	107	107	0	30

Date	Group	Team A	Pts	Team B	Pts	Result
12/10/96	A	Michael	12	Regan	2	MIC
12/10/96	A	Scott	8	Aaron	1	SCO
12/10/96	B	Nick	2	Stuart	6	STU
12/10/96	B	Ross	10	Colin	9	ROS
12/10/96	C	Peter	-2	Ian	12	PAN
12/10/96	C	Lawrence	12	Craig	5	CAN

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Welcome to the shortest newsletter ever.

Pos.	Team	Total	£m Team	£m Spend
1	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	93	26.8	7.2
2	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	78	33.0	1.1
3	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	77	25.3	8.0
4	<b>Jimmy Hill's Chin</b>	73	27.4	2.6
5	<b>COBUTOF</b>	72	27.7	2.3
6	Pritchard's Perfect Players.....	72	28.4	0.6
7	<b>Wigger's Tranny Gods</b>	56	27.0	3.0
8	<b>Demented Ferrets</b>	43	27.1	2.9
	<b>Orange Squash Purified</b>	42	25.5	4.5
10	<b>Apples and Pears II</b>	40	25.1	2.9
	<b>Spartak Cheese</b>	38	25.6	2.5
12	<b>Crockford's Crackers Take II</b>	37	25.6	2.4
13	<b>Hot Hot Hot</b>	28	25.1	2.9
14	<b>Alan Hansen's Scar</b>	27	29.0	1.0
15	<b>Slimmer Than Peter</b>	22	25.3	0.7
	<b>Totals</b>	798	403.9	44.6

Please, open your wallets and don't be so tight. The following owe money.

Manager	Amount
Aaron	£2.70
Adam	£2.70
Andrew	£2.70
Colin	£2.70
Craig	£0.70
Ian	£2.70
Lawrence	£0.00
Matthew	£0.00
Michael	£0.70
Nick	£0.70
Peter	£0.20
Regan	£1.70
Ross	£0.70
Scott	£2.70
Stuart	£2.70

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Pos.	Team	Total	£m Team	£m Spend
1	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>
2	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>8.0</b>
3	<b>Jimmy Hill's Chin</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>
4	<b>Pritchard's Perfect Players.</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>
5	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>
6	<b>COBUTOF</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>
7	<b>Wigger's Tranny Gods</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>
8	<b>Demented Ferrets</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>
9	<b>Orange Squash Purified</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>
	<b>Crockford's Crackers Take II</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>19.4</b>
11	<b>Apples and Pears II</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>
12	<b>Spartak Cheese</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>
13	<b>Hot Hot Hot</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>
14	<b>Alan Hansen's Scar</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
15	<b>Slimmer Than Peter</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>408.7</b>	<b>55.6</b>

### Chubby Makes it Five in a Row

Yet again we find the infamous Chubby Brown heading the challengers for the title of the King of the Super Fantasy Premiership, he managed fifteen points last Saturday and still has the Sunday's points to be added on from Alan Shearer. But wait a minute, stop the press!!! Turning on tele-text tonight we find out that the England captain could be missing for up to two months through a niggling injury that requires an operation. Fortunately Chubby has strength in depth having just bought Dwight Yorke and Aljosa Asonovic (five and two points respectively on their debuts) as well as Sasa Curcic and Eyal Berkovic who have hit form. The loss of Shearer is obviously a disadvantage, but the chasing pack should not count their chickens.

Matthew Jermy is twelve points down. Matt Le Tissier is the main reason for his latest surge, scoring two goals last week thanks to the pressure being taken off of him by the arrival of Berkovic at Southampton. Three other players, Ruel Fox, Dean Saunders and Emerson, also all scored last week, helping Matt to a score of nineteen points, the biggest total last week. Ross Peggs is in third, mainly thanks to his defensive trio of Nigel Winterburn, Colin Calderwood and Jason McAteer. He bought Hugo Porfirio two weeks ago on a free and he already has two assists. Ross could benefit from the imminent departure of Savo Milosevic from Villa Park and Alan Shearer's injury, he has Tommy Johnson and Faustino Asprilla.

Two points behind Ross we find Scott Pritchard. He is hoping of a return to form from Fabrizio Ravanelli and Steve McManaman. Scott will have to enter the transfer market soon with Tony Cotttee on his way to Malaysia. In fifth Lawrence Baynes is hoping to make it three in a row. His top quality side includes the likes of Patrick Berger, Les Ferdinand and Nick Barmby but Berger and Barmby are in a lull at the moment whilst Ferdinand could miss his striking partner Shearer. Nick is in sixth, second from weeks four to eight he has only managed one point in the last three weeks, although this could change with the likes of Juninho, David Ginola, Ian Wright and Stan Collymore all over due on a good run of form.

This ends the list of teams with any real chance of winning the Super Fantasy Premiership. Wiggy is in seventh with a total of only three points in the last five weeks, he will have to enter the transfer market soon with Dani already at Ajax and Savo Milosevic on his way to Perugia. In eighth (is this spelt right?) we find Craig, his beloved Manchester United duo of Eric Cantona and Peter

Schmeichel are not scoring points at the moment and the rest of the team might as well be forgotten about. A point back we have the only level teams in the league, Adam and Peter. Adam's only real hope of a decent points score is Robbie Fowler whilst Peter basically has fourteen players who haven't managed a twenty points total between them for a single week this season.

Andrew's plan of getting loads of points and then focusing on his A-level's are not working at all, better luck in your exams. Cheesey is at the opposite end of the table to pre-season predictions and his only two half decent players are Gianluca Vialli and his international and club team mate Roberto Di Matteo. Aaron, after a promising start, is positioned in the bottom three, he has a trio of excellent forwards, Dennis Bergkamp, Teddy Sheringham and Duncan Ferguson, but not much else of a team. The bottom two are Ian and Regan, the latter positioned below the former. Ian's Wimbledon duo of Vinnie Jones and Efan Ekoku are the main reasons for his rising off the bottom, whilst Regan's team is worthy of being bottom.

### Matthew Harding: A Fantasy Legend

Sadly you will all know that Matthew Harding, the Chelsea vice-chairman, has died in a helicopter crash. Matthew Harding had a vision, that vision was not only to make Chelsea one of the leading clubs of the future, but also one of the leading Fantasy clubs of the future. It is thanks to him that legends of our their life times are available for us to buy in the Fantasy world. Ruud Gullit and Gianluca Vialli have, do and will entertain fans of the beautiful game as well as score a fair few points in Fantasy terms. Other great players like Roberto Di Matteo, Dennis Wise, Dan Petrescu and Frank Leboeuf are just some of the leading lights that Matthew Harding has been the leader of. To Matthew Harding, as a small child wrote on a piece of paper outside your beloved Stamford Bridge, 'May your spirit live on to be a true blue'.

### The Premiership in the Super Fantasy Premiership

Who are the real football teams that have had the biggest impact on the Super Fantasy Premiership? Look below and see for yourself.

Pos.	Team	Total Pts	Pos.	Team	Total Pts
1	Manchester United	147	11	Southampton	25
2	Arsenal	130	12	West Ham United	21
3	Aston Villa	105	13	Derby County	13
4	Liverpool	103	15	Leicester City	5
5	Newcastle United	80	14	Leeds United	9
6	Tottenham Hotspur	77	16	Sunderland	4
7	Wimbledon	62	17	Coventry City	2
8	Chelsea	61	18	Sheffield Wednesday	0
9	Everton	49	19	Nottingham Forest	-9
10	Middlesbrough	42	20	Blackburn Rovers	-16
		Total	856	Total	54
				Grand Total	910

### Other News

The Super Fantasy Premiership tape for this season is now well under way, Peter finally recorded his interview after various threats were issued by Matt. The tape includes everything from recent indie hits to good old synthesiser sounds as well as all the interviews. Can hardly wait.

Can you all please pay the money you owe to Matt, I am also a guilty party but so is a certain Mr Jermy who thought it wise to leave his name off the list. If you like you can give it straight to Lawrence as he will probably win it anyway.

Next weeks issue includes things that couldn't be fitted into this weeks newsletter, even with over a thousand words and after three and a half hours solid work with my mum and dad telling me school work is more important, what do they know? Full cup updates as well as an interview with founder member, chairman and general Messiah of the Super Fantasy Premiership, Mr Matthew Jermy. How many times will he mention Le Tissier? Answers on a postcard....

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Pos.	Team	Total	£m Team	£m Spend
1	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>
2	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>8.0</b>
3	<b>Jimmy Hill's Chin</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>
4	<b>Pritchard's Perfect Players.</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>
5	<b>COBUTOF</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>
6	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>
7	<b>Spartak Cheese</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>
8	<b>Wigger's Tranny Gods</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>
9	<b>Crockford's Crackers Take II</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>19.4</b>
10	<b>Apples and Pears II</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>
11	<b>Hot Hot Hot</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>
12	<b>The Demented Ferrets</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>
13	<b>Orange Squash Purified</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>
14	<b>Alan Hansen's Scar</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
15	<b>Slimmer Than Peter</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>410.7</b>	<b>53.6</b>

*The amounts for team costs and money to spend may not be right in some cases*

## Regan Facing Transfer Request

The second ever transfer request looks set to happen soon if Regan Peggs, manager of Slimmer Than Peter Defiantly, stays at the foot of the table for the fourth consecutive week. Bookies have stopped taking bets as Regan has only managed a total of minus three in the time that he has been bottom and is now twenty one points behind Ian. Below is a look at his team and a summary of the players that could be the one to file the transfer request.

Player	Pos.	£m	Team	Pts	Notes
T. Flowers	Gk	3.7	Bla	-12	Could soon be on the move to a better club
J. Edinburgh	Fb	1.3	Tot	7	Worth buying if available
J. Dicks	Fb	2.6	Whm	3	Suspensions imminent but a great buy
D. Unsworth	Cb	0.5	Eve	7	With Everton on the up he could be useful
D. May	Cb	3.1	Mun	5	Not a worthy replacement for the great Bruce
J. Joachim	Mid	0.8	Avl	3	Could play with the departure of Savo
S. Ripley	Mid	1.8	Bla	0	Where's your Shearer gone?
R. Wallace	Mid	0.8	Lee	0	Does score but Regan hasn't played him
J. Ebbrell	Mid	0.5	Eve	0	Old war horse who prefers defending
C. Sutton	For	1.5	Bla	0	Could improve with a good striking partner
I. Taylor	Mid	1.6	Avl	0	Looks like Carlton Palmer but isn't quite as bad
I. Rush	For	3.1	Lee	4	Simply a God who is on his worst run since 1994
D. Anderton	Mid	4.5	Tot	0	The biggest waste of money this season?
		25.3		17	

## Quick Question and Answer

Thanks to the man who was playing darts in the Rumburgh Buck on Tuesday for making me laugh.

Question: Why has Craig bought a Portsmouth shirt?

Answer: He's a Manchester United supporter in disguise.

## The Super Fantasy Cup

Since the last update a lot has happened in the cup, there are only two weeks left and these fixtures are shown below, please note that due to international fixtures the Fantasy dates may be put back a week if there are less than four Premiership games in that particular week.

Group A	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pdf	Pts
Michael	6	5	1	0	44	18	26	16
Scott	6	4	0	2	35	7	28	12
Aaron	7	4	0	3	40	38	2	12
Regan	7	2	0	5	1	47	-46	6
Adam	6	0	1	5	32	42	-10	1
	32	15	2	15	152	152	0	47
02/11/96	Adam V Scott - Regan V Michael							
09/11/96	Adam V Aaron - Michael V Scott							
Group B	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pdf	Pts
Ross	6	5	0	1	68	48	20	15
Matthew	6	4	0	2	76	43	33	12
Colin	7	4	0	3	93	82	11	12
Stuart	7	2	0	5	43	81	-38	6
Nick	6	1	0	5	63	89	-26	3
	32	16	0	16	343	343	0	48
02/11/96	Matthew V Ross - Stuart V Nick							
09/11/96	Colin V Matthew - Nick V Ross							
Group C	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pdf	Pts
Lawrence	6	5	0	1	46	13	33	15
Ian	7	4	0	3	34	24	10	12
Craig	7	3	0	4	37	37	0	9
Peter	6	3	0	3	29	43	-14	9
Andrew	6	1	0	5	19	48	-29	3
	32	16	0	16	165	165	0	48
02/11/96	Andrew V Lawrence - Ian V Peter							
09/11/96	Craig V Andrew - Peter V Lawrence							

## The European Front

Since the last update we have seen the exit of Shooting Stars and KCPU II, the current situation is as shown below.

- 82 Apache Indians
- 79 Magicmen Go Fourth
- 73 Bushall FSC
- 61 Buttstickers III
- 57 Ultimate Champions
- 54 COBUTOF
- 43 Tranny Gods

## The Big Votes

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|----|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. | Should Hoddle have left Gazza out of the England squad? | Vote yes or no.                |
| 2. | Who is the biggest donkey?                              | Vote Palmer or Milosevic.      |
| 3. | Who is the best pundit?                                 | Vote Hill, Hansen or Brooking. |
| 4. | Was 'Three Lions' the greatest football song ever?      | Vote yes or no.                |
| 5. | Who knows the least about football?                     | Vote Regan or Andrew.          |

## Matt Speaks of Matt

'Quite simply Matt Le Tissier is a God, he was my star player in the founder year, my star the next year, my star last year and guess who is this year!' What, not Martin Keown! Matthew Jermy talking about his star player is quite a common thing, isn't it with every Fantasy manager? But when others talk about your star player you know that you're onto a winner. 'That is quite purely a magnificent strike,' shouted Andy Gray, 'A fantastic goal', marvelled Alan Hansen, 'His thirtieth from that range since he was fifteen,' announced John Motson.

'He's the man who keeps the team ticking,' replied Matt when I asked what he thought about the man from the South coast, 'I have a strong squad, but players like Fox, Saunders and Emerson are finding themselves on the bench even if they have two games compared to Le Tissier's one. You just know he will do something and get you some points.' True, but Matt was disappointed when Le Tissier only got three points against Man Utd, 'It used to be when they scored six goals Le Tissier scored up to fifteen points, with arrival of Ostenstad and Berkovic this will not happen as frequently. But then again how often do Man Utd let in that many goals?' No comment.

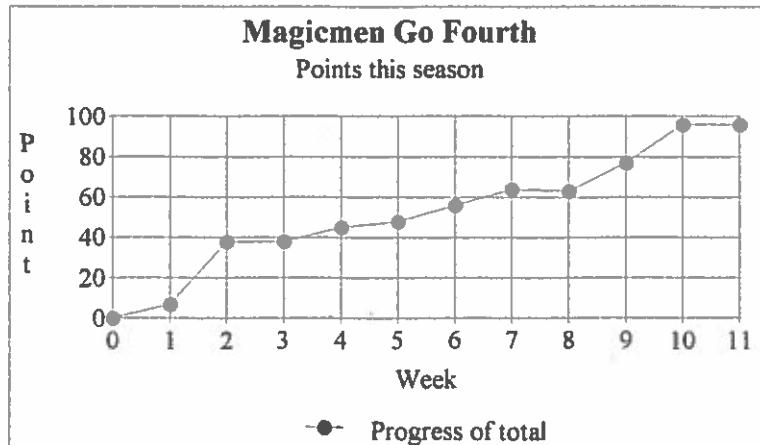
Magicmen Go Fourth is not a one man team by any accounts. There are other big names who Matt picked up for little amounts of money. Mark Hughes, Ruel Fox and Dean Saunders were all picked up in the region of a couple of million, whilst Matt has also got Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, Emile Heskey and Emerson on free transfers. With Tony Yeboah starting training within the next couple of weeks the Magicmen are a pretty formidable force.

He is second in the league but it has not always been glory for Matt. In the first year he did come first but, 'It was a new experience for us all and didn't really matter at the time,' The next season looked as if the same was going to happen, Matt was second almost the whole year through and finished in that position, in-between he came second in the World Cup although a goal in the final would have seen him win. Last year he came a, 'disappointing but respectable' fifth. He said Euro '96 was not worth talking about but I don't see why the reason he came forty second is anything to be ashamed about.

His thoughts on the Super Fantasy Premiership, for all of them to be recorded I would get sore hands from typing but the most disappointing thing he says is that, 'It's a shame that there are only a few with any interest by the first half term, this year the only people who care what happens are Chubby, Ross, Scott, Nick, Lawrence and myself' Matt would most like to beat Lawrence and Chubby, although the rivalry with his brother is a big issue.

But Matt wants, 'Me and you [Ross] to run away with the competition and leave the others behind because at the end of the day it is us two that get the most stick if we flop. It would be perfect if we were on the same points going into the last day and stayed the same right up until the last minute, then Le Tissier would step forward, drill a forty yard free-kick home and I would say thank you very much'.

Magicmen Go Fourth-	Goalkeepers: Coton 1	1
	Fullbacks: Petrescu 5; Irwin -8; P. Neville 2; Wilson 3	2
	Centrebacks: Keown 12; Babb 2; Southgate 9; Short -5; Murray -1	17
	Midfielders: McAllister 3; Fox 7; Le Tissier 21; Heskey 8; Emerson 10	49
	Forwards: Hughes 9; Saunders 10; Solskjaer 8	27
	<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>



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Pos.	Team	Total	£m Team	£m Spend	Oct.	%Pts
1	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>39.2</b>
2	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32.3</b>
	<b>COBUTOF</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11.1</b>
4	<b>Jimmy Hill's Chin</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34.0</b>
5	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27.0</b>
6	Pritchard's Perfect Players.....	82	27.9	1.1	26	31.7
7	Wigger's Tranny Gods	59	21.8	8.2	3	5.1
	Hot Hot Hot	59	23.1	4.9	24	40.7
8	Spartak Cheese	58	25.1	4.5	34	58.6
9	Orange Squash Purified	55	25.5	4.5	3	5.5
	Apples and Pears II	55	25.1	2.9	26	47.3
12	Crockford's Crackers Take II	54	20.6	19.4	18	33.3
13	The Demented Ferrets	46	27.1	2.9	5	10.9
14	Alan Hansen's Scar	40	24.0	6.0	24	60.0
15	Slimmer Than Peter	36	25.3	0.7	-1	-2.8
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1058</b>	<b>404.8</b>	<b>74.7</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>29.6</b>

### Ian Taylor Transfer Listed

After registering his transfer request Ian Taylor of Slimmer Than Peter Defiantly and Aston Villa has been placed on the transfer list. The former Sheffield Wednesday midfielder has no points this season although he has played every week, bought at the auction for £1.6m Regan will accept bids upwards of that figure.

### The European Scene

1.	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	<b>85</b>
2.	Apache Indians	84
3.	Bushall FSC	77
4.	Buttkickers III	67
5.	COBUTOF	65
6.	Ultimate Joe	61
7.	Tranny Gods	50

### The Inter-League Shield 1996-97

Group 1.	Group 2.	Group 3.
Spartak Cheese	17	<b>Bushall FSC</b>
COBUTOF	5	D. Hadingham
A. Hadingham	4	Orange Squash Purified
J. Hadingham	1	Catch Us If You Can!
Wigger's Tranny Gods	0	Shooting Stars
Group 4.	Group 5.	Group 6.
Hot Hot Hot	12	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>
Apples and Pears II	8	P. P. P. P.
W. A. A. Q. G. F. C.	1	Crockford's Crackers II
The Demented Ferrets	-8	Buttkickers III
Pete's Perfectionists	-8	

## The Super Fantasy Cup

With just one day left in this competition there is only one key fixture this weekend. In group one Adam is already knocked out so nothing matters, in group two Nick only has to lose by less than twenty points to Ross and he is through whilst group three is already decided. As each round is drawn at random it does not matter where a team finishes in the leagues.

Group A	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pdf	Pts
Michael	7	5	1	1	43	26	17	16
Scott	7	4	0	3	30	21	9	12
Aaron	7	4	0	3	40	38	2	12
Regan	8	3	0	5	9	46	-37	9
Adam	7	1	1	5	46	37	9	4
	36	17	2	17	168	168	0	53
16/11/96	Adam V Aaron - Michael V Scott							
Group B	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pdf	Pts
Matthew	7	5	0	2	82	48	34	15
Ross	7	5	0	2	73	54	19	15
Colin	7	4	0	3	93	82	11	12
Nick	7	2	0	5	74	96	-22	6
Stuart	8	2	0	6	50	92	-42	6
	36	18	0	18	372	372	0	54
16/11/96	Colin V Matthew - Nick V Ross							
Group C	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pdf	Pts
Lawrence	7	6	0	1	52	18	34	18
Ian	8	4	0	4	30	29	1	12
Peter	7	4	0	3	34	39	-5	12
Craig	7	3	0	4	37	37	0	9
Andrew	7	1	0	6	24	54	-30	3
	36	18	0	18	177	177	0	54
16/11/96	Craig V Andrew - Peter V Lawrence							

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. Were you there when England beat Holland 4-1?      | State yes or no.               |
| 2. Who is the biggest donkey?                         | Vote Palmer or Silenzi.        |
| 3. Who is the best pundit?                            | Vote Hill, Hansen or Brooking. |
| 4. Was 'Three Lions' the greatest football song ever? | Vote yes or no.                |
| 5. Who knows the least about football?                | Vote Regan or Andrew.          |

## Next Week

In 'Fifteen Men and a Fantasy' next week an interview with Manchester United of the Super Fantasy Premiership, Lawrence Baynes and the Butt kickers III. Results of round one of the Super Fantasy Cup, results of the big vote and a special report on the foreigners in the Super Fantasy Premiership and F. A. Carling Premiership.

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1	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>8.4</b>
2	<b>COBUTOF</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>
3	<b>Jimmy Hill's Chin</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>
4	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>
	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>
6	Pritchard's Perfect Players.....	97	27.9	1.1
7	Wigger's Tranny Gods	75	21.8	8.2
8	Apples and Pears II	67	25.1	2.9
9	Spartak Cheese	63	25.1	4.5
10	Hot Hot Hot	61	23.1	4.9
	Orange Squash Purified	61	25.5	4.5
12	Crockford's Crackers Take II	58	20.6	19.4
13	The Demented Ferrets	46	27.1	2.9
14	Slimmer Than Peter	39	25.3	0.7
15	Alan Hansen's Scar	36	24.0	6.0
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1142</b>	<b>404.8</b>	<b>74.7</b>

*Please excuse us if your monies are wrong but the Chairman, Treasurer and regular points scorer of the Super Fantasy Premiership has been rock-climbing.*

### Chasing Pack Close on Chubby as Ian Returns to Bottom

Ian Brown, manager of Alan Hansen's Scar has returned to the foot of the Super Fantasy Premiership after achieving minus four points last week. It has been six weeks since he was last at the bottom of the table, but he is now three points down on Regan. The senior member of the Peggs duo got three points, this was done with the help of an overdue clean-sheet from David May and an assist from an injury free (we hope) Darren Anderton.

At the other end of the table Chubby dropped points for the first time in eleven weeks despite a goal from record signing Dwight Yorke. It was Nick who done the most to narrow Chubby's lead, COBUTOF got twelve points thanks to a clean-sheet from Dominic Matteo, a goal each from Egil Ostenstad and Peter Beardsley and a brace of assists from Andy Hinchcliffe. Ross now lies in third thanks to a seven point week, again managed only by his defensive tactics.

Matt has dropped two places to fourth after a disappointing minus one point and Lawrence lurks in the same position after a nine point week, thanks to a goal from Bertie Belfast (Dion Dublin - long story!) and a goal and an assist from Graham Stuart. Scott makes up the last member of the chasing pack just one point further down. The junior Pritchard got fifteen points after Gary Speed's hat-trick and Steve McManaman's laughable goal.

Stuart seems to have hit form again, two goals and an assist from Andrei Kanchelskis helped the Tranny Gods to a sixteen point week. Andrew has moved up two places to eighth after managing twelve points thanks to Nicky Barmby's goal and hat-trick of assists. This was the former Buttkicker's player's debut for the Apples and Pears after a £10.4m+ exchange deal with Chris Armstrong. Who says Lawrence is a fantasy master tactician? Cheesey is on sixty three and Adam and Aaron are a further two points down. Peter is on fifty eight and Craig makes fifteen on ~~five-eight~~.

### Which Nationality is he then?

This season has seen the imports of many world-class players, this page is dedicated to them.

#### The F.A. Carling Premiership

Team	No.	£m	Ave.	Top 5 Bargain Buys		Club	£m
Arsenal	5	13.30	2.66	1	E. Cantona	MUN	1.20
Aston Villa	5	9.37	1.87	2	P. Ndlovu	COV	0.01
Blackburn Rovers	4	1.85	0.46	3	L. Miklosko	WHM	0.30
Chelsea	10	15.71	1.57	4	D. Yorke	AVL	0.12
Coventry City	5	2.06	0.41	5	R. Rosenthal	TOT	0.25
Derby County	5	3.80	0.76	Top 5 Rip-Offs		Club	£m
Everton	3	7.30	2.43	1	A. Silenzi	NOT	1.80
Leeds United	4	8.20	2.05	2	T. Brolin	LEE	4.50
Leicester City	4	1.84	0.46	3	S. Milosevic	AVL	3.50
Liverpool	2	3.85	1.93	4	G. Helder	ARS	2.30
Manchester United	7	9.35	1.34	5	N. Gudmundsson	BLA	0.75
Middlesbrough	5	17.05	3.41	Top 5 Worth-Its		Club	£m
Newcastle United	5	12.20	2.44	1	A. Kanchelskis	EVE	5.00
Nottingham Forest	4	5.55	1.39	2	D. Petrescu	CHE	2.30
Sheffield Wednesday	5	6.63	1.33	3	F. Leboeuf	CHE	2.50
Southampton	6	4.50	0.75	4	D. Ginola	NEW	2.50
Sunderland	2	0.30	0.15	5	A. Nielsen	TOT	1.65
Tottenham Hotspur	3	1.90	0.63	Who?		Club	Nat.
West Ham United	11	6.38	0.58	?	V. Gislason	ARS	ICE
Wimbledon	2	1.50	0.75	?	Carlita	COV	ANG
Total	97	132.63	1.37	?	S. Lennart	LEI	GER

#### The Super Fantasy Premiership

Team	No.	£m	Ave.	Team	No.	£m	Ave.
Bushall FSC	6	20.1	3.35	Orange Squash Purified	2	3.0	1.50
Magicmen Go Fourth	4	6.1	1.53	Spartak Cheese	3	14.4	4.80
COBUTOF	7	12.9	1.84	Apples and Pears II	2	0.7	0.35
Jimmy Hills Chin	7	14.0	2.00	Crockfords Crackers II	2	5.1	2.55
Buttkickers III	4	6.9	1.73	The Demented Ferrets	6	18.6	3.10
P.P.P.P.	1	4.2	4.20	Alan Hansens Scar	3	2.0	0.67
Tranny Gods	4	11.3	2.83	Slimmer Than Peter	0		
Hot Hot Hot	3	4.5	1.50	Sub Total	18	43.8	2.43
Sub Total	36	80	2.22	Grand Total	54	123.8	2.29

#### Did You Know.....

- That the F.A. Carling Premiership the foreigners come from 30 different countries, these are: 13- Norway; 12- Holland; 7- Australia, France; 6- Italy; 5- Denmark; 4- Croatia, Czech Republic, Sweden; 3- Brazil, Portugal, Romania, Yugoslavia; 2- Belgium, Israel, Russia, Tobago, S. Africa; 1- Angola, Colombia, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Iceland, Nigeria, Poland, Switzerland, U.S.A, Zimbabwe, one other that has disappeared?
- That 50.5% of these were signed in 1996 and that 72.2% have been or are full internationals.
- Fifteen Men and a Fantasy dream foreign XVI: Gk- P. Schmeichel (MUN & DEN); Lb- Stig Inge Bjornebye (LIV & NOR); Rb- D. Petrescu (CHE & ROM); Cb- F. Leboeuf (CHE & FRA), P. Albert (NEW & BEL); Cm- R. Gullit (CHE & HOL); Rm- A. Kanchelskis (EVE & RUS); Lm- D. Ginola (NEW & FRA); Fo- D. Bergkamp (ARS & HOL), E. Cantona (MUN & FRA), T. Yeboah (LEE & GHA); Subs- L. Miklosko (WHM & TCH), S. Bilic (WHM & CRO), P. Vieira (ARS & FRA), Juninho (MID & BRA), D. Yorke (AVL & TRI); Manager- A. Wenger (ARS & FRA)

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1	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>40</b>
2	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>44</b>
3	<b>COBUTOF</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>9</b>
4	<b>Magiemens Go Fourth</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>35</b>
5	<b>Crockford's Crackers II</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>33</b>
6	<b>Pritchard's Perfect Players.</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>13</b>
7	<b>Jimmy Hill's Chin</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>19</b>
8	<b>Apples and Pears II</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>34</b>
9	<b>The Demented Ferrets</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>34</b>
10	<b>Hot Hot Hot</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>12</b>
11	<b>Orange Squash Purified</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6</b>
12	<b>Spartak Cheese</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>9</b>
13	<b>Wigger's Tranny Gods</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Slimmer Than Peter</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>19</b>
15	<b>Alan Hansen's Scar</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>25</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1817</b>	<b>433.3</b>	<b>120.4</b>	<b>332</b>

*Cheesey - please see Matt about your spending money.*

## The Race is on Again

Just when it seemed that Chubby had run away with the Super Fantasy Premiership, and that it was only a question of how many points he would win by, Lawrence has caught up with him and so the race is on again. Lawrence, the most successful manager ever of the Super Fantasy Premiership, has come out of nowhere and, after a disastrous start to the season, is now favourite to win the Championship for the third consecutive year.

Chubby had a good Christmas period, twenty-six points in the first week, thanks to Alan Shearer grabbing eleven points and Dwight Yorke nine, and fourteen points the following week he managed to just hold on to his lead and go into the New-Year on top. Shearer now has twenty points in three weeks and Stefan Iverson has eight in two since joining Bushall. Chubby had the second best Christmas period and was only beaten by four points by none other than Lawrence. Lawrence managed his score thanks to Les Ferdinand achieving seventeen points in these two weeks, Dion Dublin also averages just only a goal a week for the last eight weeks.

Nick has dropped off the pace with only nine points during the Christmas period, although Stan Collymore has seventeen points in the last three weeks. Matt is in fourth after a thirty-five point Christmas, unfortunately the only disappointment for Matt is that everyone's favourite Channel Islander has just only recovered from an injury and with the arrival of Eyal Berkovic has not been achieving his normal high standards. Peter completes the top five, Darren Huckerby and Gianfranco Zola are the main reasons for his shoot up the league, they have achieved ten points and eleven points in the last two weeks.

Scott only managed thirteen points in the Christmas period, whilst Ross did not do much better with nineteen. But how about this for the deal of the season? A few weeks back Matt offered Ross £2m and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer for Faustino Asprilla, Ross accepted and now Solskjaer has seventeen points compared to Asprilla's two since the deal was made. Not that he wants to rub it in! Andrew had a great Christmas, a collective effort from his team resulted in most of the scoring points and a two week score of thirty-four for the Apples and Pears.

Craig achieved thirty-four points over the Christmas period as well. Peter Schmeichel got eight points, as did Robert Lee, whilst Eric Cantona weighed in with seven points, now fifteen in three weeks. Aaron achieved fourteen points during the two weeks whilst Adam only managed six, with minus two in the first week, the only minus score of the

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1	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>10.8</b>
2	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>
3	<b>COBUTOF</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>
4	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>12.4</b>
5	<b>Jimmy Hill's Chin</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>11.6</b>
6	<b>Pritchard's Perfect Players..</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>24.9</b>
	<b>Crockford's Crackers II</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>
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9	<b>Hot Hot Hot</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>13.4</b>
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14	<b>Alan Hansen's Scar</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>
15	<b>Tranny Gods</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>456.5</b>	<b>168.9</b>

*Points and monies may be wrong - please inform Matt of any doubts*

## Lawrence Stops the Imminent for the Moment

With the transfer of Fabrizio Ravanelli from Pritchard's Perfect Players Probably to Bushall FSC, the Super Fantasy Premiership Champions for 1996-1997 seemed a forgone conclusion. But, for the while, Lawrence is still making a game of it. In the last two weeks Lawrence has managed twenty points compared to Chubby's thirteen, enough to lift him into first place.

Between them, these two managers have been in pole-position for nineteen of the twenty four weeks we have had so far, and this is the way it looks as if it will stay. Nick is now a long way behind and the talk is now on the key players in both of the top two teams who will decide the Champions. The two teams have some of the best attacking players in the league and, with basically the same forms of defence, it will be these who the responsibility rests on.

Lawrence has Paul Merson, Dion Dublin, Les Ferdinand and Chris Armstrong. At the moment Dublin has seven games off for being naughty and Armstrong is one of the many Tottenham long-term injuries. So the Buttkickers will have to rely on Ferdinand and Merson, fortunately both are in terrific form.

As well as Ravanelli, Chubby has Alan Shearer, Dwight Yorke and Aljosa Asanovic. Ravanelli may be seeing red at the moment but is still one of top scorers in the country, Yorke has a great smile and the skills to match, Asanovic takes free-kicks, penalties, throw-ins, corners and may soon start taking goal-kicks for Derby as well and there is not much to say about Shearer that has not already been said. My money goes on Chubby for the Championship, but it will be interesting to see how long Lawrence can keep up with the pace.

## Super Fantasy Premiership Best XI

Following the recent 'Sky Panasonic Soccer Awards', which has to be the worst awards programme ever, the best Super Fantasy Premiership XI had to be found out. Aston Villa and Arsenal account for seven of the team, with Bushall boasting the most players from a Fantasy team. As far as value for

money goes, Andy Hinchcliffe and Ugo Ehiogu give thirty one points each for each million pounds they are worth whilst Ian Wright is next best with over fifteen points for every million pounds. The whole team is assembled at an average cost of £4.3m and each player averages almost thirty six points.

Pos.	Player	SFP Team	Pro. Team	£m	Pts
GK	D. Seaman	Bushall FSC	Arsenal	4.1	23
FB	A. Hinchcliffe	COBUTOF	Everton	1.0	31
FB	A. Wright	Crackers	Aston Villa	4.0	31
CB	U. Ehiogu	Demented Ferrets	Aston Villa	1.0	31
CB	S. Staunton	Buttkickers III	Aston Villa	2.4	27
MID	M. Gayle	Hot Hot Hot	Wimbledon	1.2	30
MID	D. Beckham	Apples and Pears	Man United	2.4	29
MID	P. Merson	Buttkickers III	Arsenal	2.6	27
FOR	A. Shearer	Bushall FSC	Newcastle	7.6	62
FOR	I. Wright	COBUTOF	Arsenal	3.6	56
FOR	D. Yorke	Bushall FSC	Aston Villa	17.0	48
				46.9	395

### The Fantasy F.A. Cup

With the fourth round upon us it is time for an update in this competition. Most teams have played their third round games and most have squeezed through, although the best team didn't. This means that every goal scored means a complete reshuffle in positions. All games up to Friday 24th have been included and, as you will see below, the rest of us are sandwiched between the Pritchard brothers.

Pos.	Team	No. Players	Total Pts.	Average
1	Pritchard's Perfect...	11	49	4.455
2	Matt's Magicmen	15	55	3.667
3	Tranny Gods	14	51	3.643
4	COBUTOF	15	54	3.600
5	Crockford's Crackers	15	49	3.267
6	The Demented Ferrets	15	48	3.200
7	Buttkickers III	13	41	3.154
8	Spartak Cheese	14	42	3.000
	Bushall FSC	15	45	3.000
10	Apples and Pears II	15	44	2.933
11	Jimmy Hill's Chin	15	42	2.800
12	Alan Hansen's Scar	15	36	2.400
13	Hot Hot Hot	14	30	2.143
14	Sliimer Than Peter	12	15	1.250
15	Orange Squash	13	11	0.846
		211	612	2.900

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1	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>10.8</b>
2	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>
3	<b>COBUTOF</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>
4	<b>Magiemen Go Fourth</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>15.4</b>
5	<b>Jimmy Hill's Chin</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>
6	<b>Crockford's Crackers II</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>
7	<b>Pritchard's Perfect Players</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>24.9</b>
8	<b>Apples and Pears II</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>15.5</b>
9	<b>Hot Hot Hot</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>13.4</b>
10	<b>Spartak Cheese</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>29.4</b>
11	<b>The Demented Ferrets</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>11.6</b>
	<b>Orange Squash Purified</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>
13	<b>Slimmer Than Peter</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>11.9</b>
14	<b>Alan Hansen's Scar</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>
	<b>Tranny Gods</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2160</b>	<b>456.3</b>	<b>180.5</b>

## Anderton Transfer makes four in Double Figures

With the transfer of Darren Anderton, from Slimmer Than Peter Defiantly to Jimmy Hill's Chin, there are now four players worth double figure sums. The top five payments of this season are shown below, the biggest ever in Super Fantasy Premiership history was last seasons purchase of Faustino Asprilla by Orange Squash United for £32m.

Player	SF Team	Pro. Team	Nat. Team	Value	Pts
← Wks.					
Fabrizio Ravanelli	Bushall FSC	Middlesbrough	Italy	£23.0m	5
Dwight Yorke	Bushall FSC	Aston Villa	Trinidad	£17.0m	33
Chris Armstrong	Buttkickers III	Tottenham	N/A	£13.9m	0
Darren Anderton	Jimmy Hills Chin	Tottenham	England	£10.0m	0
Gianfranco Zola	Crackers II	Chelsea	Italy	£8.5m	25

Because of the need for change 'Fifteen Men and a Fantasy' apologise for the short newsletter. Next week an interview (at last) with Lawrence, full updates on all competitions and a close look at how England internationals are getting on in the Super Fantasy Premiership.

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Pos.	Team	Total	£m Team	£m Spend
1	Buttkickers III	285	41.3	10.8
2	Bushall FSC	275	57.9	0.0
3	COBUTOF	225	31.4	7.6
4	Magicmen Go Fourth	222	41.0	10.4
5	Jimmy Hill's Chin	204	36.4	1.6
6	Crockford's Crackers II	183	40.5	3.4
7	Pritchard's Perfect Players	182	27.9	24.9
8	Apples and Pears II	157	27.4	15.5
9	Orange Squash Purified	124	27.0	8.0
10	The Demented Ferrets	116	24.5	11.6
11	Hot Hot Hot	113	27.1	13.4
12	Spartak Cheese	111	18.3	29.4
13	Alan Hansen's Scar	91	24.0	12.0
	Slimmer Than Peter	91	19.6	11.9
15	Tranny Gods	82	16.8	23.0
	Totals	2461	461.1	183.5

### Top five probably guaranteed money... But how much?

That is the question, but what is the answer? By the looks of it the top five are uncatchable, although they shouldn't count their chickens, and all are guaranteed a portion of prize money at the end of the season. This issue concentrates on the five teams who are a cut above the rest.

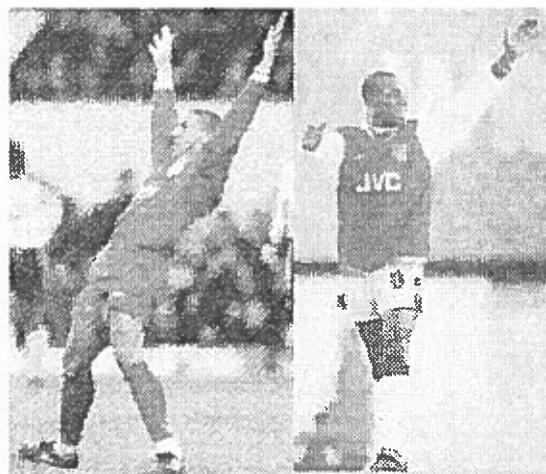
For a while Lawrence has defied all odds and kept ahead of Chubby, this now looks as if it could stay this way to the end of the season. Chubby's star player, Alan Shearer, the £7.6m man, is out until at least a couple of games from the end of the season and will not get much chance to add to his 74 points he has achieved already. To put into perspective how much this could mean to Chubby this is over a quarter of his total score and, in comparison to the bottom team, a team consisting of just Shearer would only be 8 points behind the Tranny Gods. Apart from Shearer, it looks like a waste of £23m spent on Fabrizio Ravanelli who, apart from slagging off the whole of England, has a return of only 5 points in seven weeks. On the other hand Aljosa Asanovic has hit a good run of from with 10 points in the last three weeks.



Chubby with Ravanelli - But the Italian must do better than five points in seven weeks if he is to help Bushall win the Super Fantasy Premiership

Lawrence, ten points clear at the top, also has injury worries with Les Ferdinand but, if what he says is true, the Newcastle front man should be fit within a fortnight. New signing Per Pederson has a good track record and his goals, along with Dion Dublin and Paul Merson, should keep Lawrence at the head of the pack.

Nick has been in third since the turn of the year, but now his elder brother is just three points behind him. COBUTOF look set to be overtaken because Ian Wright is due another suspension, Juninho is off form and Peter Beardsley is out of favour. The only good news is that Stan Collymore is in form and banging in goals regularly.



The in-form Stan Collymore and the suspended Ian Wright

Meanwhile Matt has scored 42 points in the last two weeks and does not look as if he is going to stop with that. The main reasons for this good run are Mark Pembridge, Matt Le Tissier and Tim Flowers, although a huge team effort has seen the Magicians shoot up the table. This burst from Matt has left Ross 18 points behind by himself, although his defence are not conceding goals Ross does not have the forward power to stay in contact with Matt and Nick and for this reason Gary Lineker, the former England captain, second highest all time national goal scorer, top scorer in Mexico 1986, Mr Nice Guy and Super Fantasy Premiership pundit predicts the top five will finish as follows:



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Pos.	Team	Total	£m Team	£m Spend
1	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	342	60.0	0.2
2	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	313	50.3	21.5
3	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	272	44.2	8.4
4	<b>COBUTOF</b>	257	31.4	7.6
5	<b>Crockford's Crackers II</b>	243	35.4	6.6
6	Jimmy Hill's Chin	240	40.4	0.4
7	Pritchard's Perfect Players	221	27.9	24.9
8	Apples and Pears II	173	27.4	15.5
9	Hot Hot Hot	169	29.0	10.9
10	The Demented Ferrets	165	24.5	15.6
11	Spartak Cheese	153	35.3	6.9
12	Orange Squash Purified	128	47.0	23.0
13	Tranny Gods	112	16.8	23.0
14	Slimmer Than Peter	109	19.6	11.9
15	Alan Hansen's Scar	87	26.2	29.0
	Totals	2984	515.4	205.4

**Business as usual for Lawrence as we ask, "Where has the season gone?"**

If there is one bad thing about the Super Fantasy Premiership, apart from the fact that I never win it, then this must be that, all to similar to a Tottenham run of form, it is over before it has virtually started. It seems like only yesterday that fourteen, Cheesey was to arrive a while and an Ogrizovic later, eager young managers were sitting in the garden of Uncle Dixie and the Jermy clan whilst planning out their season's tactics. For some this worked most of the time, for others a dismal failure and for Lawrence? Business as usual.

Who can stop this man? Three times he has entered this beloved league and three times he has run off with not only the title and a hat-full of other honours, but a whole barrel full of our pride. This is the manager who could not pronounce half of his team's names within a mile, did not know who Robbie Fowler was and, worst of all, did not even list the 'Beautiful Game' as his number one sport. Despite all this he came, he considered and, with utmost ease, he conquered.

Some call him a cheat, some call him much worse, but one thing is for sure, he has an eye for a bargain. His first eleven for this season contains Nigel Martin (free) in goal, a back four consisting of Lee Dixon (£1.6m), Gary Neville (£2.6m), Steve Staunton (£2.4m) and Stig Inge Bjorneby (free) and a midfield three of Paul Merson (£2.6m), Graham Stuart (£2.6m) and Jason Wilcox (free). Only further up the field, apart from Dion Dublin (£1.5m), does he start to splash out on Les Ferdinand (£6.2m) and

Robbie Fowler (£33.5m). Correct me if I am wrong but this is just above £50m for a total of 335 points, not bad.

Lawrence's dominance means that the championship, save a minor miracle, is decided for this season and, at this rate, for years to come. This means that the focus for this year moves to the remaining money places and the playoffs.

Firstly, there are five teams battling it out for four money slots, with Chubby almost guaranteed a runners-up spot. Matt is looking at finishing either third or fourth depending upon whether Nick can catch him or not but the battle looks to be for the fourth and fifth slots between the Junior 'Juninho' Jeremy, Big Pete and the one who knows all except Lawrence's secret of winning.

The playoffs are almost decided as well with the current occupiers consisting of Scott, Andrew, Aaron, Craig and Michael. This is not as interesting as many thought because all of these are virtually guaranteed a spot in this slot with nobody else within catching or falling distance. Also, the rumours have started that Craig is leaving his job at the end of this season to move into a partnership with Ian and that Andrew will be heading off to University. These vacancies have already been filled by Paul Cooper and Giles Harrison, are we getting desperate or just looking to see if we can discover another Lawrence? If so then I think the latter rather than the former will take on this role as early predictions are that 'Gonzo' will only be challenging the likes of Regan and Ian at the bottom of the table, but we will wait and see.

So with only enough weeks left that I can count them on one hand it is time to try and gain a few extra points and positions to save your pride. For some this will be easy, for others it will be like trying to get a first choice Spurs team onto the pitch, trying to understand Dennis Wise, pretending that Carlton Palmer is any good or not laughing at Jason Lee's pineapple haircut, downright impossible! I thank you.

### **Cole turns from 'Donkey' to 'Destroyer' to ruin Ross' hopes**

Had you asked me what my opinion of Andy Cole was a few weeks ago then I, without a doubt, would have replied with a shout of donkey, but now I wish to call him something a whole lot stronger. For it is he, the player that I would not fear to mention in the same breath as Jason Lee or Carlton Palmer, that has all but ruined my hopes of victory in the Super Fantasy Premiership Cup.

Against Blackburn, even I have to admit, Cole was class, although the ball did bounce awkwardly in front of Tim Flowers on his goal and he was playing against an injury hindered Colin Hendry. All the same, the player Peter picked up for absolutely nothing scored once and set up two to contribute seven of Peter's eight points. In return I scored absolutely nothing and am looking defeat so straight in the face that you could use my gaze as a ruler.

With the second-leg already underway this week Peter has had his lead clawed back by an incredible one point and, as they say, it ain't over until the fat lady sings. Unfortunately this seems to be my opposing manager and the singing's already begun. *The 3rd / 4th place play off was won by Lawrence as he beat Ian by twelve points with the score 8 ~ -4*

# The Big Weekend: Preview of the Cups

As reported in the latest edition of Fifteen Men and a Fantasy, the best edition so far if one may say so oneself, the Super Fantasy Premiership is not going to have as exciting a finish as we all hoped, bad news you may be thinking. Obviously it is, but never fear because with so many other competitions you will hardly notice the uneventful halt to our beloved league. By Monday you will know the outcome of three important cup ties concerning teams from the one and only fantasy league. Want to know more? Read on.

## The Big Weekend Part One: European Cup Final

Once again the Super Fantasy Premiership has shown all other leagues who is boss when it comes to fantasy football. Two of our teams were just simply too hot to handle for the opposition from the St. James league and so due to this Matthew Jermy and Lawrence Baynes, of Magicmen Go Fourth and Buttkickers III fame, find themselves in the European Cup Final.

This will take place tomorrow due to the lack of games later on in the weekend and we have an exclusive preview. Both teams are in form, last week Matt grabbed fifteen points whilst Lawrence earned himself twenty two, and there is no doubt that it will be a tight duel.

The key player for the Magicmen is Matt Le Tissier as he faces a dodgy Coventry defence and is looking to impress his doubters before Glenn Hoddle names the England squad to face Georgia later this month, a turn of form is predicted and this is good news for Matt. In the same match Darren Huckerby could pick up some points against a calamitous Saint's defence, whilst Coca-Cola Cup heroes Emile Heskey and Steve Clarridge travel to Chelsea, the team who seem to have forgotten that the F.A. Cup is not the only competition they are involved in. Elsewhere Savo Milosevic has scored ion the two previous weeks to this and will be looking for more goals against Tottenham.

On the other hand the key player for the Buttkickers is Robbie Fowler. The biggest match tomorrow is not the biggest game of the weekend but Fowler has a knack of scoring against United and, after his fun and frolics in mid-week, it is certain that he will pop up in a few goal-scoring chances tomorrow morning. Newcastle's goal-scoring spree will only benefit Lawrence with Les Ferdinand up top and Dion Dublin has been outstanding this season, although he has picked up more disciplinary points than fantasy ones but is still good for a goal and an assist each week. Also, Paul Merson makes a return and, without a doubt the best midfielder in the country this season, he will be looking to inflict some damage upon Blackburn.

Peggie's prediction: With Fowler, Ferdinand and Dublin I have to fancy Lawrence, especially with the Magicmen trio of Emerson, Heskey and Clarridge suffering a cup hangover from extra-time in mid-week.

## **The Big Weekend Part Two: Inter-Cup Semi-Final First Leg**

Our only competitor left is strangely Aaron and he faces Mitch Haddingham. Seventeen points last week shows his form and we all will be hoping that he carries this on into this cup meeting. His Arsenal boys are in form, between them David Platt and Dennis Bergkamp scored fifteen points in the last two weeks, whilst Duncan Ferguson scored in mid-week for Everton.

Peggsie's Prediction: On paper Aaron looks too strong for Mitch and so it seems to be another triumph for the Super Fantasy Premiership. Aaron to win by a mile.

## **The Big Weekend Part Three: Super Fantasy Premiership Cup Final Second Leg**

This is already underway and Peter carries an eight point lead into the second leg over Ross. Many people consider Peter to be a one man team but this is no longer true because Andy Cole and Mark Hughes have joined Gianfranco Zola and, although the Chelsea boys are off form at the moment, these are capable of anything at anytime.

Ross, on the other hand, has a temperamental team that are either world-beaters or complete rubbish. He will be hoping that his defence hold firm and his forwards hit the net if he has any chance of winning this competition. Ole Gunner Solskjaer is the key man playing against a Liverpool defence that are playing like they are how old the Norwegian international looks and a 'keeper that is flapping so often he could soon take off, incidentally David James is the Cracker's number one.

Peggsie's Prediction: Although Ross' fixtures look as though they could bring a record number of points it is the norm for Jimmy Hill's Chin to miss an opportunity like this. All will hinge on the big Premiership game of the week with Cole and Solskjaer head to head and yet side by side, sounds interesting. Peter to win.

**COME ON YOU YELLOWS!!!**

## **1997-1998 Super Fantasy Premiership and Super Fantasy Division One**

**Playoffs and why I do not think they are a good idea:** Managers have spent all season trying to gain as high a place and as many points as they can and so it would be unfair for them to be put into a division by a team who have far less points than them, e.g. 7th at the moment have 202 whilst 10th have 146. Also, if a team have had a good season but then have a bad last few weeks due to injuries, suspensions and the choc-a-bloc(?) fixture list this would be unfair.

**What I propose:** The top seven should automatically qualify for the Super Fantasy Premiership and the bottom seven should automatically qualify for the Super Fantasy Division One. The team finishing in eighth should have its total compared to the average of the other fourteen teams and, if above this, should be put in the top division and if below this should be put in the lower division, e.g. Apples and Pears II have 180 and the average of the other fourteen is 190 so they would be put in the lower division.

**How often leagues should be changed:** Due to some months having more weeks than others, the leagues should be changed every 10 weeks. This would allow three changes and four different 'periods' during the season.

**How promotion and relegation would happen:** Two up and two down.

**Prize money:** Give it all to me.

**Auction:** Need to start organising date soon so everyone can be present and nobody ends up buying Ogrizovic for £3m.

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1	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
2	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>21.5</b>
3	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>8.4</b>
4	<b>Crockford's Crackers II</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>
5	<b>COBUTOF</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>
6	<b>Jimmy Hill's Chin</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>
7	<b>Pritchard's Perfect Players</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>24.9</b>
8	<b>Hot Hot Hot</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>10.9</b>
9	<b>Apples and Pears II</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>15.5</b>
10	<b>The Demented Ferrets</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>15.6</b>
11	<b>Spartak Cheese</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>6.9</b>
12	<b>Orange Squash Purified</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>23.0</b>
13	<b>Tranny Gods</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>23.0</b>
14	<b>Slimmer Than Peter</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>11.9</b>
15	<b>Alan Hansen's Scar</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>29.0</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>3107</b>	<b>516.0</b>	<b>205.4</b>

### New teams are announced as attention turns to playoffs

Yes, you heard it here second! The new teams for next season have been announced and fun appears to be the key word from here onwards. Giles Harrison and Paul Cooper are not exactly the best footballers around but this does not matter in terms of fantasy football as, with no disrespect, Lawrence has demonstrated to maximum effect. These two join us as well as the first female managed team, in charge are Charlotte Jermy and Wendy Harvey, for the 1997-1998 Super Fantasy Premiership season.

Early predictions are that Giles is the main threat to the top teams as his knowledge of the game is not as little as it may seem and sources tell me that he has been keeping a close eye on events this term. Frankly, I cannot see Paul making a strong challenge for anything and would not be surprised if Charlotte and Wendy left him in their tracks, especially, although they will deny this, with some help from their friends throughout the campaign.

But enough already. This season is still running and the invention of two divisions next year ensure that the playoffs will keep the excitement at a frenzy until the final whistle of the last game is blown, this will probably be at Upton Park if the result is not to Alex Ferguson's liking going into injury time, well it had to be said.

Competing for the honour of top status fantasies are Scott, Aaron, Andrew and Michael. From now on in these four teams start from absolutely nothing and try to score as many points as possible. Sound easy? Ian has had a whole season and look at

him. Playoffs have always been controversial events and you have to feel sorry for Scott as he had a forty seven point lead on the others before it was wiped out.

With the change in climate, tiredness and end of season 'must win games' all mounting up the bottom of the year is traditionally a bad time for defences and so the points will undoubtedly be scored by attacking players. Scott has a lack of these and will rely on the extremes of hardness as his main source of points, these are Steve McManaman who is yellow and John Hartson who just sees yellow. A promising start from Hartson at West Ham has fizzled out, but with the Hammers needing more goals than they let in every game this will be a large boost for Scott as Harry's Heroes are not the best defenders around. On the other hand McManaman does not have a great goal-scoring record and with the disappointment of being dropped from the England team, rightly so in my opinion, this does not appear to be a great source of points for Scott.

It is much the same for Andrew. Half of the Apples and Pears squad are sitting on their respective club's benches during games and, obviously, this is not good. Dean Holdsworth, Keith Gillespie, Kevin Campbell and Nick Barmby have sat out so much in the past month that the only muscles they have been using are those in their rear ends. Even David Beckham, brilliant against Georgia, cannot single-handedly rescue Andrew from second rate football next year.

Michael never quite fulfilled his potential and with Steffen Iversen out injured, Gianluca Vialli on the sidelines and the Wimbledon pair of Robbie Earle and Efan Ekoku (thankfully) certain not to be appearing in Europe next season Spartak Cheese have more striking problems than a box of damp matches.

Three teams so far all without a hope in hell, welcome Aaron Fenn. Hitting form at the right time means that he should leave the other in his tail dust as the likes of David Platt, Dennis Bergkamp, Marcus Gayle, Teddy Sheringham and Duncan Ferguson strut their stuff. Aaron will find the next few weeks as easy as scoring past Ellingham, not from next season though!

Peggsie's Prediction: Aaron by a mile with Scott accompanying him into the top league as what we shall call the best of the worst.

Incase you have been on another planet for the past week or so a little joke for you-

What's the difference between Moby, the beached whale, and Gazza?

One's a smelly lump of blubbering fat found in Scotland and the other's a whale!

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7	Pritchard's Perfect Players	231	27.9	24.9
8	Hot Hot Hot	185	29.6	10.9
9	Apples and Pears II	179	27.4	15.5
10	The Demented Ferrets	168	24.5	15.6
12	Orange Squash Purified	156	47.0	23.0
11	Spartak Cheese	153	35.3	6.9
13	Tranny Gods	120	16.8	23.0
14	Slimmer Than Peter	113	19.6	11.9
15	Alan Hansen's Scar	93	26.2	29.0
	Totals	3138	516.0	205.4

### Stakes are high as season enters last week

Two issues ago it was reported on these very pages that the season would fizzle out without great excitement rather than end with a bang. Keeping up with the season's fashion of getting everything completely wrong it turns out that at least eight teams are battling it out over the final few days for valuable prizes.

The playoff table, shown below, is as expected with Aaron and Scott in the top two spots and therefore on the verge of Premiership Fantasies next year. Andrew has a chance of catching them whilst Michael, one of the favourites for prize money at the start of the season, is stuck at the bottom and into negative points which also made him drop down in the main competition.

Pos.	Team	Total
1	Hot Hot Hot	5
2	Pritchard's Perfect Players Probably	4
3	Apples and Pears II	2
4	Spartak Cheese	-3

Aaron's lead is due to his two defenders Steve Watson and Gunner Halle who kept clean sheets only for David Burrows to let in two, one an own goal by himself, and give the others a chance. It should be said that by the end of Tuesday night Aaron also had another clean sheet from Watson and one from Ludo Miklosko as well.

Meanwhile Scott was grateful towards John Hartson after he scored two and set up another resulting in eight points and some relief after his defence had let in four. Andrew and Michael's points were also contributed by defenders although the former was slightly more pleased than the latter with his defensive donations.

Up the top of the table four teams are competing for money. The gap between Peter and Matt is now only seven points after the Crackers scored thirty-four points in the last fortnight. Andy Cole weighing in with seven, Benito Carbone contributing ten, Chrissy Waddle scoring nine and Paul Kitson gaining seventeen. Those of you who are any good at maths will realise that Peter's defence is his Achilles heel but with attackers like he has this is not shown up too often. Meanwhile Matt is struggling and could see his top three finish disappearing quicker than Coventry's chances of survival.

The next two places are occupied by Ross and Nick who, unlike Matt and Peter, are not both guaranteed a finish in the money. Ross' catching up has less to do with him than Nick as the Cheesey Biscuit Wotsits have leaked goals in recent times and with only Egil Ostenstadt, thirteen points in the last three weeks, on form his chances are not good. Then again, neither are those of the Chin, an injury hit last week in which Ross may be without Mikkel Beck, Darren Anderton and Ryan Giggs means there is added pressure on the slender shoulders of Ole Gunner Solskjaer. This could be more about the defences than the attacks of both teams.

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Pos.	Team	Total	£m Team	£m Spend
1	<b>Buttkickers III</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
2	<b>Bushall FSC</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>21.5</b>
3	<b>Magicmen Go Fourth</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>8.4</b>
4	<b>Crockford's Crackers II</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>
5	<b>COBUTOF</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>
6	Jimmy Hill's Chin	261	40.4	0.4
7	Pritchard's Perfect Players	233	27.9	24.9
8	Hot Hot Hot	202	29.6	10.9
9	The Demented Ferrets	195	24.5	15.6
10	Apples and Pears II	190	27.4	15.5
12	Orange Squash Purified	168	47.0	23.0
11	Spartak Cheese	161	35.3	6.9
13	Tranny Gods	124	16.8	23.0
14	Slimmer Than Peter	121	19.6	11.9
15	Alan Hansen's Scar	107	26.2	29.0
	Totals	3312	516.0	205.4

Due to exams, end of season fatigue and the forthcoming edition of this wonderful information source that will be included in your auction brochure for next season, this is an extremely short newsletter.

- Lawrence makes it official as he claims his third title in three years.
- Matt just holds off Peter to clinch third place.
- Nick does the same with Ross for fifth position.
- Ian makes it over one hundred points.
- Double joy for Aaron as he will experience Premiership and European football next year.

## Final Playoff Positions

Pos.	Team	Total
1	<b>Hot Hot Hot</b>	<b>22</b>
2	<b>Apples and Pears II</b>	<b>15</b>
3	Pritchard's Perfect Players Probably	6
4	Spartak Cheese	5

## -----FANTASY F.A. CUP UPDATE-----

### Ravanelli keeps Scott at head of the table

After two of the most dramatic and entertaining semi-finals for as long as many of us can remember Scott Pritchard is at the top of the pile in the Fantasy F.A. Cup. Fabrizio Ravanelli is Scott's only member of his squad left in the competition and is keeping Scott's chances of some glory at maximum level single-handedly. Ravanelli, who now plays elsewhere in the Super Fantasy Premiership, is the competition's leading points scorer with twenty nine points so far.

Scott is one of five teams with a serious chance of winning the competition. His two main rivals are Matt and Peter who have more players in than the leader does. They are both within catching distance, Matt needs to score around eight more points to catch up whilst Peter only needs around six. A list of the favourites follows as well as the current table.

Pos.	Team	Total Pts.	No. Players	Average
1	Pritchard's Perfect...	84	11	7.636
2	Spartak Cheese	102	14	7.286
3	Crockford's Crackers	109	15	7.267
4	Tranny Gods	100	14	7.143
5	Matt's Magicmen	107	15	7.133
6	Hot Hot Hot	85	14	6.071
8	COBUTOF	91	15	6.067
7	Bushall FSC	87	15	5.800
9	Alan Hansen's Scar	83	15	5.533
10	The Demented Ferrets	77	15	5.133
11	Apples and Pears II	76	15	5.067
12	Buttkickers III	55	13	4.231
13	Jimmy Hill's Chin	57	15	3.800
14	Orange Squash	36	13	2.769
15	Sliimer Than Peter	30	12	2.500
		1179	211	5.588

<u>The Favourites</u>	Pts	Players still in	Odds
Scott	7.636	Fabrizio Ravanelli	8/1
Michael	7.286	Gianluca Vialli	25/1
Peter	7.267	Roberto Di Matteo, Gianfranco Zola	6/1
Stuart	7.143	Franck Leboeuf	50/1
Matthew	7.133	Dan Petrescu, Mark Hughes, Emerson	4/1 F

*Sorry! No bets.*

### Almost forgot:

- Regan props up the rest of us, no gloating on my behalf at all!
- Full marks go to Matt for this season's tape and if you didn't cry during the commentary for Euro '96 then you aint a real football fan.

## The Super Fantasy Cup

Without an update for a while, due to circumstances beyond my control, a lot has happened since you last had a look at the action. You may remember that three teams left us after the first round, Andrew, Adam and Stuart all said goodbye, and four more teams went home with their tails between their legs after the second round.

In Group A Colin and Aaron went through after Michael and his Italian crew couldn't cope with the romance of the English cup. Group B, the toughest group, saw Ross and Lawrence progress after Scott showed some very bad form and disappointed his followers. In Group C Craig and Peter qualified for the next round after Matt, many people's favourite, could not keep up with pace. In the final lot, Group D, all the teams finished on six points but Nick and Ian went through after Regan's goal difference let him down.

In the Quarter-Finals Colin and Ross competed in a nail-biting tie. After the first leg Ross was leading by one point but Colin pulled it back level after the second leg. This meant it was down to the first goal scored on the following Saturday, Robert Molenaar came up trumps for Ross as he grabbed a the only goal for either team. Ironically, Fabrizio Ravanelli had scored a hat-trick in mid-week for Colin but this did not count. In the other games Lawrence, Ian and Peter all went through.

In the early weeks of March the Semi-Finals took place. Ross beat Ian comfortably by 41 points, whilst Peter scraped through against Lawrence by 29 points to 26. This meant that the 3rd / 4th Place Play-Off was to be contested by Ian and Lawrence, strangely at opposite ends of the Super Fantasy Premiership. Lawrence leads 4 points to 0 from the first leg with the second to be contested during the week ending 05/04.

In the Final Ross will play Peter, his rival four fifth spot in the Super Fantasy Premiership. The two legs of this will be played during the weeks ending 12/04 and 19/04. Good luck!



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Pos.	Team	Total Pts.	No. Players	Average
1	Pritchard's Perfect...	91	11	8.273
2	Matt's Magicmen	120	15	8.000
3	Crockford's Crackers	118	15	7.867
4	Tranny Gods	108	14	7.714
5	Spartak Cheese	102	14	7.286
6	COBUTOF	99	15	6.600
7	Hot Hot Hot	89	14	6.357
8	Bushall FSC	93	15	6.200
9	Alan Hansen's Scar	89	15	5.933
10	The Demented Ferrets	84	15	5.600
11	Apples and Pears II	78	15	5.200
12	Jimmy Hill's Chin	67	15	4.467
13	Buttkickers III	55	13	4.231
14	Orange Squash	36	13	2.769
15	Slimmer Than Peter	30	12	2.500
		1259	211	5.967

### Scott's eleven men do him proud

Pritchard's Perfect Players Probably romped home by over one quarter of a point to claim victory in the Super Fantasy Cup on Saturday. Although no points were scored by the eventual victor it was still an unmanageable task for the rest of the field to catch him. Fabrizio Ravanelli, his only player in the final, limped off after twenty minutes for what, we hope, will be his last game on English turf. The hamstring injury that forced Ravanelli to sit out most of the match did not stop him becoming the top scorer in the competition. Scott's team is below as well as the best team of the tournament.

#### PRITCHARD'S PERFECT PLAYERS PROBABLY

A. Clarke	
(6)	
T. Adams	M. Wright
D. Austin (4)	(2)
(-2)	S. Pearce
S. Mcmanaman	I. Woan
(2)	G. Speed
M. Robins	F. Ravanelli
(4)	A. Booth
	(36)
	(17)

Total = 91 points

#### SUPER FANTASY CUP ALL-STARS

F. Grodas	
(27)	
F. Leboeuf	S. Clarke
D. Petrescu (33)	(32) K. Cunningham
(23)	(19)
R. Di Matteo	Juninho
(24)	(24)
F. Ravanelli	M. Hughes
(36)	(33)
	(28)

Total = 302 points