

# Liverpool Conquer Game 13 !

Season End November 2005

Mark Rowe's Liverpool finally picked up the top prize in game 13 this season, holding off the Manchester City challenge in a thrilling final week. With seven games to go, Liverpool were down in fifth place, but a run of seven wins in a row saw them steal top place. Going into the final game, Mark's team led Robert King's Manchester City by two points. City beat Man. United easily enough, 3-0 winners at home, leaving Liverpool needing three points at Newcastle. This they did... just – scraping through with a 1-0 victory. The FA Cup was consolation for City, as they beat Paul Gibson's Manchester United 1-0 in the final. Barnsley won the league cup, two goals from Buffel seeing Archie King's side to the trophy 2-1 against Man United. United went on to finish third in the Premiership, eight points behind the champions but seven points clear of fourth placed Middlesboro. They did pick up some silverware though – beating Liverpool 2-0 in the Champions League final. Fiorentina were comfortably champions of the European League, Gary McMahon's side finishing up seven points clear of James West's Barcelona. Barsa's consolation was the League Cup – they beat Hamburg 3-1 in the final of that. Indeed, Hamburg also went on to lose the FA Cup final as Fiorentina completed the league and cup double, beating Hamburg 3-2 in the final. It was a nearly season for Paul Gibson's German outfit – they ended up fourth in Serie A, behind Alan Robinson's Real Madrid who were third. The World Cup went to Alan Robinson's Republic Of Ireland who beat .Holland 3-0 in the final.

## Game 62, Season End June 2005 Juve Hang On !

Michael Hardwick's Juventus took the Serie A title, but almost threw it away. Juve were rampant early season, winning 11 out of 11 to build up an 8 point lead. A 4-4 thriller at Toulouse in week 12 was only a minor blip – as their lead was still seven points with three games left. With second placed Inter, managed by Jamie Hardwick, in great form, the pressure suddenly started to tell as Juve dropped points at home to Justin Purdy's Barcelona. With their last match away at Inter Milan, Juve had to take points against Steaua Bucharest in week 21 to lift the title. This they did, and were crowned champions – despite a final day 1-0 defeat at Inter which saw their once massive lead cut to just two points. Inter deservedly lifted the FA Cup, beating Dortmund 1-0 in the final. Martin MacKenzie's Chelsea won the Premiership, ahead of Anton Toloui's Liverpool and Jamie Hardwick's Arsenal. Chelsea also won the FA Cup, beating West Brom 1-0 in the final.

## Game 10, Season End March 2005 Joe Wins The Lot !

Glory for Joe Hughes – his Lazio side won the FA Cup (beating Milan 3-0) and Champions League (beating Man United 2-1), then finished second in Serie A to Joe's AC Milan side. Scott Addy's Barcelona were third and Shaun Spier's Roma fourth. In the British League, Steven Lane's Man U did the domestic double – beating Spurs 4-1 in the cup final. Chris Lane's Arsenal were second, with Newcastle third and Leicester fourth.

## Game 67, Season End November 2005 Cowling All Conquering!

Paul Cowling's Arsenal side made it through the Premiership season unbeaten, with 20 wins and 2 draws outlining their dominance of the game. They actually only finished two points clear of Paul Cowling's Blackburn side – those two miles ahead of the rest. They also won the League Cup, beating Blackburn 1-0 in the final (revenge perhaps for their only defeats of the season – Blackburn beat them in the FA Cup semis and the Champions League semis). Mark Wheat's Man U trailed in third 13 points adrift of the champions. Ian Copeland's newly promoted Sunderland had a good season to finish fourth – they also made it to the FA Cup final where they went down 2-0 to Blackburn. Despite not reclaiming their title, it was a good season for the Ewood Park outfit – they added the Champions League beating Jamie Flynn's Inter 3-0. Paul Cowling's Ajax were pushed close for the Serie A title, finishing just three points clear of Jamie Flynn's Inter and Mark Wheat's Real who were separated only by goal difference. River Plate were miles behind in fourth. Real defended their FA Cup crown, beating Ajax 1-0 in the final again. Inter won the League Cup, beating Betis 1-0 in the final. Norway beat Yugoslavia 2-1 in the World Cup final.

## Game 67, Season End June 2005 Same Headline As Above ...

It may have been a season earlier, but it was pretty much the same story. Paul Cowling once again dominated game 67. His Blackburn won the Premiership by five points from his Arsenal side, with Markie Wheat's Man United in third and Southampton fourth. Paul's Ajax won Serie A by 7 pts from Jamie Flynn's Inter. La Coruna were third and Mark Wheat's Real Madrid fourth. Blackburn beat Arsenal 3-1 in the FA Cup final, Ajax beat Man United in the Champions League final – BUT, Markie did pick up a trophy – his Real Madrid side beat Paul's Ajax 1-0 to win the FA Cup. Ian Copeland's Sweden beat Markie's England 3-0 to win the World Cup.

# Necom News

Five extra transfers a week!

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## New Look Return Sheet !

This month we bring you exciting news of a number of changes to the League Soccer return sheet – so read here carefully if you want to know what's going on!

There's a new box on the right hand side of the sheet, entitled 'STAFF ORDERS'. In here, you should write your scouting, physio and trainer commands, and also actions on the stadium – which are now the responsibility of your stadium manager!

The original box for extra actions is there for you to ask for extra printout sheets, change your tactics (style, aggression, free kick takers etc), change your email address or phone number or apply for a feeder team.

Finally, there are now 15 transfer boxes – an increase of five! You can do 15 transfer actions each turn now, so hopefully that gives you lots of extra room to do deals, offer contracts and so on.

## League Soccer Loyalty Points

We're delighted you're managing in League Soccer – and we want you to stay with us and have a great time as manager of your club. To reward your loyalty, we want to give something back to our managers – and that's why we've come up with 'League Soccer Loyalty Points' Every turn you manage in the game will accumulate these points at the rate of 100 per turn.

If you make a larger payment into your Necom account of **£20** or **£50**, rather than the season ticket and bonus ticket we used to offer, you'll get loyalty points. If you make a £20 payment into your account, you'll get 1000 points - shared evenly between all the teams you manage. If you make a £50 payment then you'll get 3000 points, again shared between your clubs.

Loyalty points belong to your individual team, and are not transferrable. If you stop being manager of that particular team, you lose any points you've saved in

## Staff Orders Recap *one or two slight changes and one new one!*

The staff orders are as follows:

### PHYSIO ORDER

PHYSIO	number	Player no
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This will cause the physio to give the player in question extra intensive treatment and hopefully make him recover quicker from his injury.

**Example:**

PHYSIO	15588	6302
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### COACH ORDER

COACH	Number	Player no
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This will cause the coach to give the player in question extra training and hopefully make him improve in whichever rating or skill that coach specialises in.

**Example:**

COACH	19988	5887
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### SCOUTS ORDERS

WATCH	number	Team
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The scout will watch the team you ask him to and report on their best players, tactics etc

**Example:**

WATCH	15599	Anderlecht
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SCOUT	number	Player Name or Number
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The scout will watch the player you ask him to – if he's not in your game already he'll try to bring him to your club on trial. If he is, then he'll report on him.

**Example:**

SCOUT	15599	Kieron Dyer
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FIND	number	Position
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The scout will find and recommend players to you in the position you specify.

**Example:**

FIND	15599	RB
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## Staff Orders Continued

### ASSISTANT MANAGER ORDERS

PROMOTE	number	
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This action promotes one of your coaches to the role of Assistant Manager. He takes charge of the reserves and can offer contracts to happy players.

#### Example:

PROMOTE	15599	
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CONTRACTS	ON	
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This tells your assistant boss that he has your permission to give contracts to any players who are happy and have less than 15 weeks remaining on their current deals. You can also tell him to stop this using the action

CONTRACTS	OFF	
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### STAFF TRAINING

TRAIN	number	
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This action can be used on Coaches, Physios, Scouts and Assistant Managers. Do it and they will spend the week studying to try to increase their rating.

#### Example:

TRAIN	15599	
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### STADIUM MANAGERS ORDERS

BUILD	stand	No. of seats
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This action is used to increase the size of one of the stands in your stadium. The 'stand' above is a number – 1, 2, 3 or 4 depending which stand you want to increase. Number of seats is simply the number of extra seats you wish to build.

#### Example:

BUILD	4	10,000
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RENAME	stand	Stand Name
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This action changes the name of one of your stands. The 'stand' again is 1, 2, 3 or 4 depending which stand you want to rename.

#### Example:

RENAME	2	Baker Street Stand
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RENAME	0	Stadium Name
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This changes the name of the stadium

#### Example:

RENAME	0	Isabella Park
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## Changing Positions and Staff Members Jobs

Previously, we had the CP extra action, the 'RETRAIN' action, and the transfer action of offering a staff job to a player. From this week, I've hopefully simplified that by creating a new more powerful transfer 'RETRAIN' action.

Remember, this needs to be written in the 'TRANSFERS' section of the return sheet, not in either the Extra Actions or the Staff Orders boxes.

The action to change a players position, or change a staff members position, or offer a player the chance to join your backroom staff is simply **RETRAIN**. It can now also be used to change the specialist skill that your coaches use.

To use the action, in the first box write the name of the player, in the second write the number of the player. In the third box, write the action – RETRAIN – and then in box four write the code for the new job, position or speciality. Take that from the list below:

G or GK – Change to goalkeeper  
D or DEF – Change to a defender  
M or MID – Change to a midfielder  
A or ATT – Change to an attacker  
P or PHYSIO – Change to a physio  
S or SCOUT – Change to a scout  
C11 – Change to coach specialising in youngsters  
C12 – Change to coach specialising in fitness  
C13 – Change to general training coach  
C14 – Change to set pieces coach  
C15 – Change to morale boosting coach  
C16 – Change to positional play coach  
C17 – Change to running coach  
C18 – Change to agility coach  
C19 – Change to ball control coach  
C20 – Change to Passing coach  
C21 – Change to Heading coach  
C22 – Change to Shooting coach  
C23 – Change to Intelligence coach  
C24 – Change to team building coach  
C25 – Change to match practice coach  
C26 – Change to discipline coach  
C27 – Change to training keepers coach  
C28 – Change to defensive training coach  
C29 – Change to training midfielders coach  
C30 – Change to training forwards coach

Please remember that you can only change to one of the options listed above. You cannot change a player to one of the special D/M or M/A positions, nor can you change a player to a specific position, such as RB or CF.

Also note that you **MUST** write down the code above – we cannot type in your action if you write the words – it must be the code on the return sheet!

Players and staff whose positions are altered will suffer a drop in rating. You should be able to train them back to their previous rating given time however.

## Game 41, Season End August 2005 Magpies Boss Quits At The Top!

After a fantastic season in which he came as close as most to doing the League Soccer grand slam, Newcastle United boss Craig Peters decided to call it a day and resigned as manager. Newcastle won the Premiership, finishing 12 points clear of rival Neil Overton's Arsenal. Lyn Harris' Man United were third and Toby Overton's Chelsea fourth. Newcastle won the FA Cup, beating Tottenham 2-1 in the final, and the Champions League final – beating Arsenal 3-1 in that one. They didn't win the League Cup – the Gunners taking that one in a thrilling 4-3 cup final. The Super Cup went to Wayne Silcock's Rangers, who beat Chelsea 2-1 in the final. Paul Sketcher's Piacenza were champions of the European league, holding off Terry Wilton's Barcelona by a point. Sketch, is – incidentally – the longest serving manager in any game of League Soccer – so congratulations to him. Piacenza completed the double when they beat Barsa 3-2 in the FA Cup final. Shane Langridge's AC Milan won the League Cup and finished third in Serie A, with Steve Irwin's Inter coming fourth. Neil Overton's Holland beat Sketch's Italy 3-2 in the World Cup final.

## Game 56, Season End August 2005 Double For Carney's Everton

Everton did the League and Cup double in game 56, the Premiership won by 8pts from Mark Potter's Tottenham. David Carney's Chelsea were third and Jason Goode's Arsenal fourth. The Toffee's won the FA Cup, beating Spurs 1-0 in the final, but lost the League Cup final 2-1 to the White Hart Lane side. Another of David's sides – Carlisle – had an impressive season too, winning every single game in the first division to earn promotion to the top flight. Matthew Ryan's AC Milan won the Super Cup, beating Chelsea 2-1 in the final, and the Champions League – beating Spurs 2-1 in the final of that – so they could well lay claim to being game 56's top side. They won the Serie A title – though only on goal difference as both they and Mark Potter's Paris St. Germain finished level on 58 points. Billy Black's Bayern Munich were third with Juventus fourth. Paris won the FA Cup, beating Roma 1-0 in the final, and also the League Cup – toppling AC Milan 1-0 in the final of that.

## Game 2, Season End September 2005 Three Trophies For Rangers!

Steven Lawson's Rangers won the Premiership - 14 points clear of Domic Mason's Liverpool, Jason Goode's Arsenal and Daniel Hughes' Wolves - then the FA Cup – beating Arsenal 2-0 in the final – and the Champions League – where they beat AC Milan 1-0 in the final. Steven's Real Madrid side picked up the Serie A title, ahead of Mark Starvis' AC Milan, Ryan Kee's Inter and Borussia Dortmund. Wales beat England 1-0 in the World Cup final.

## Game 82, Season End August 2005 Watford Hammered !

The big story this season was lowly Watford making it all the way to the FA Cup final in game 82. Sadly though, there the dream died – as Joe Atkinson's Arsenal walloped them 5-1, goals from Ronaldo (3), Jenas and Terry. Still, in the same week, the Gunners themselves were trounced, as they lost the Champions League final 4-0 to Andrew Williams' Premiership winners Man U. Woodgate, Sneijder(2) and Der Vaart on the scoresheet for the Old Trafford side. Premiership wise, United won it, 11 clear of Matthew Jones' Rangers, with Arsenal third and Adam 'Crash' Ticehurst's Yeovil in fourth. Actually, Yeovil were formerly Jason Pearce's side, and the fantastic side Jason had built up over the years were on for another title until he sensationally quit in week 12 – unhappy about his players huge signing on fees. Bayern Munich were Serie A champs with a mere 40 points. A very low total, but enough to hold off Danny Spruces' Milan who could only manage 36. Joe Cairns Real Madrid made 33 as did La Coruna. Mallorca beat La Coruna 2-1 in the Euro FA Cup final. Scotland beat the Asian Continent 4-1 in the World Cup final.

## Game 3, Season End Sept. 2005 6-0 To Piacenza !

Justin Purdy's Piacenza took the European FA Cup with a stunning 6-0 final victory over Borussia Dortmund. Milan won Serie A by a point from Gerard Kelly's Barcelona with Bayern Munich third and Scott Close's La Coruna fourth. Ryan Smethurst's Liverpool won the Prem by 12 points from Justin's Newcastle and Arsenal sides, with Bolton fourth. Spurs beat Liverpool 2-1 in the FA Cup final, and Newcastle beat them 1-0 in the Champions League final. England beat Scotland 6-3 in a thriller of a World Cup final.

## Post Early For Christmas !

It's still a month off – but as we get nearer to Christmas, everyone in the country starts posting out their cards, and the mail slows down dramatically. Allow an extra two or three days to post your return sheets back to us – and remember you can always fax or email them in (if emailing please type them out, don't send as attachments...)