

Free LP's When You Get Friends To Join League Soccer!

We're looking for new managers in League Soccer – and so we would like you to send in details of any friends you have that might want a free starter pack in your game. All you need to do is send in either on paper with your turn or by email a list of the names and address of these people. We'll send them out a totally free starter pack in the game – and we'll also give you **500 loyalty points** for each person ... please remember to include you name, account number and game number at the top of the sheet so we know who to give the LP's to.

Game 2, Season End April 2007:

Derby Win Premiership

Alan Bruce-Simms' Derby County took the game 2 Premiership, finishing with 51 pts, nine clear of three of Brian O'Dwyer's sides. Chelsea were second with 42 pts, Liverpool third with 38 and Man United fourth on 33. Gerard O'Brien took the top four places in the European League – Barcelona with 64pts, Ajax on 45, Valencia on 44 and Bayern Munich on 36. The FA Cups were won by Chelsea, beating West Brom 1-0, and by Barcelona – who beat Ajax 2-0. Barcelona beat Chelsea 3-1 in the Champions League final.

Game 7, Season End April 2007:

Barca Take Cup Honours

Callum Taylor's Barcelona lifted the Champions League and Euro FA Cup, but only finished second in Serie A. In the CL final they beat Middlesboro 3-0, a Ronaldinho hat-trick, whilst in the FA Cup they beat Roma 1-0, Ronaldinho scoring again. Struan Taylor's Arsenal won the British FA Cup, beating Wolves 1-0. Nathan Quick's Chelsea took the Premiership with 51pts, ahead of Rosso's Man U (44), David White's Celtic (42) and Struan Taylors Arsenal (39). Michael Pryde's Roma won Serie A with 50pts, ten clear of Barca with James Farmer's Bayern third on 39pts and AC Milan finishing fourth on 31 pts.

Join In With Game 33! Game 33 is the newest game of League Soccer. There are still one or two sides available to be managed, so if you'd like to take one of those on then get in touch with us as soon as possible. Teams are allocated at random from those available at the time you apply – but big name teams (the likes of Man United, AC Milan or Real Madrid) are only available to existing managers in the game who have to apply for jobs there telling us just why they would be the best manager for the job. Managers are also limited to just one team each in game 33. It's a fantastic game so far – just four games gone in the season – and certainly has by far the most managers in of all our games – so if you'd like to take part just let us know.

Scouting Players... A Plea!

I've covered how to scout in players many times in these newsletter pages (if you can't remember, details are in the rulebook.. and back issues of the newsletter are also available online – go to www.necomgames.com then click on noticeboards.) However, there's one vital point that many of you are missing. Please don't send in your player details unless you know that the player isn't on the database (ie. You have already scouted him and been told that he isn't). At present 90% of the player details I get sent are for players that are already on the database, which just means it takes much longer to add the new ones.

Game 6, Season End April 2007:

Atletico Storm To Title

Ross Sharp's Atletico Madrid beat nearest rivals Bayern Munich, managed by Paul Mears, twice in the final four weeks of the season to win the league by 12 points – Atletico finishing on 59pts, with Bayern on 47. Jamie Maycroft's Valencia were third on 41 with Inter Milan fourth on 35 points. The Premiership was won by Andrew Watkins' Liverpool – though Andrew only took over in week 21 so most of the glory should go to former boss Ged Carey. The Anfield side finished the season on 41 points, five clear of Arsenal. Paul Hodson's Tottenham finished third on 35 points and Chelsea were fourth. Liverpool beat Everton 1-0 in the Champions League final whilst Austria beat Greece 1-0 in the World Cup final. The FA Cup finals saw a 3-0 Chelsea victory over Liverpool and a 1-0 win for Valencia against Bayern Munich.

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Flack's United Finally Win The Title !

GAME 25, Season End May 2007:

After seasons of trying, Martin Flack's Manchester United can finally lay claim to being the top team in game 25 – Flack's side ending seasons of dominance by David Broom's Manchester City to lift the Premiership and the Champions League titles. City had won the previous five Premiership titles but David Broom's side just couldn't make it six in a row. – though they were never out of the running. It was somewhat fitting that the two sides met in the Champions League final – the CL dominated by British league sides this season after City had knocked Liverpool out in the semi finals, whilst United had beaten Chelsea. The final was a tight affair, Lionel Messi's early goal settling it in United's favour 1-0. In the Premiership, Daniel Manoli's Newcastle were the early front runners, leading until their visit to the City Of Manchester stadium in week 12. City beat them 2-1 and went top – and at that point it looked like normal service would be resumed, and the blues would go on to take title number six. However, a 1-0 defeat the following week against Liverpool at Anfield, and City were off the top as quickly as they'd arrived there – in week 13 there were three teams tied for first place, United, Newcastle and Charlton, with City just a point behind them. Every game from this point on was sure to be crucial – and with so many teams involved the top sides were often playing each other. Week 14 saw City beat Charlton 1-0, whilst in week 15 Liverpool thumped Newcastle 5-0 to move into the top three themselves. Week 17 was decisive – City lost 1-0 at Everton, Liverpool and Charlton were both held to 0-0 draws but United scraped a 1-0 win against Newcastle. Suddenly Martin Flack's side had a four point lead over Liverpool and City – and the title looked a realistic bet for them. Charlton's hopes ended with a 1-0 defeat at Old Trafford in week 18, at the same time City's hopes of a record sixth title in a row were fading with a 0-0 draw at Celtic. Week 19 saw United beaten though – and suddenly the gap was down to three points again with United travelling to Anfield in week 20. This surely was the game that would decide the title. Liverpool had a superior goal difference – and home advantage – and James Crump's side had the title in their sights. City looked out of it as they lost 3-2 at home to Rangers in the morning kick off, Liverpool could go top if they won. As usual in these cases, the game was far from a classic – but Martin Flack wouldn't mind that, as his Man United side performed a great smash and grab raid, beating Liverpool 1-0 on their own pitch. With two games left, United led Liverpool and Man City by six points, and so the title was decided in week 21 – despite the fact that none of the top three won! United drew 1-1 at Charlton, City were held 0-0 at home by Celtic, and Liverpool drew 2-2 with Chelsea at

Stamford Bridge. The final week of the season saw United travel to neighbours City – and City win the game 1-0. Liverpool incidentally lost 1-0 to Everton in the last game and drop to fourth – Lisa Marie Corr's side climbing into third after a stunning second half of the season. Everton also picked up a nice bit of silverware, winning the FA Cup and ending United's hopes of a treble into the bargain, beating Martin Flack's side 1-0 in the final. For the record, United finished the season on 39pts, with City on 36, Everton on 34 and Liverpool on 33. Liverpool won the League Cup, Leyton Orient the team they beat in the final, 1-0 the scoreline. The battle at the bottom of the table proved equally thrilling, David Broom's Rangers came from nowhere – after winning only one of their opening 15 games – to record 4 wins and 3 draws in their final seven fixtures and stay up. Rangers beat Charlton 1-0 on the final day as Bideford drew 0-0 at home to Sunderland to go down instead.

James Rooney's Barcelona won the Serie A title, but it'll certainly go down as the title that AC Milan threw away. With four games to go, Robert Crump's Milan led by five points, but managed to pick up just one more point in those closing games – a 0-0 draw at Espanol was followed by a 5-3 loss to Inter, then a 1-0 loss at Barcelona and 3-2 home defeat by Ajax – and suddenly Barcelona, who won all their games, were six points clear! Barca finished the season with 57 points, AC Milan on 51, then came David Broom's Ajax on 49 and David Flack's Inter on 43. Both the FA Cup and League Cups saw the same two finalists - Andrew Cummins' Hamburg – feeder team for Chelsea – facing David Broom's Ajax. The Dutch side took the first honours, winning the League Cup 1-0 with a Farfan goal, whilst Hamburg lifted the FA Cup, the score again 1-0 – Ronaldo the scorer. Hamburg now qualify for next seasons Champions League.

England won the World Cup, Robert Crump's team beating The Republic Of Ireland 1-0 in the final, Steven Gerrard scoring the only goal of the game.

Game 205 Season End April 2007:

La Coruna Pip Parma & Barca To Title

The race for Serie A saw a thrilling three way battle this season, as Chris Hopper's La Coruna, Adam's Parma and James MacKenzie's Barcelona were pretty much neck and neck throughout the campaign. Week 20 was probably the decisive turn – Barca drew 0-0 at Munich whilst Parma were held 1-1 at home by Milan. Depor travelled to Nantes and returned with all three points – courtesy of a 3-1 win – and they had a two point lead at the top. With the top three so close that proved to be the clinching week, all three sides winning both their remaining matches so Deportivo were champions. Chris Hopper's side finished the season on 54 points with Parma second on 52 and Barca third on 51. Stuart Lee's AC Milan were some way back in fourth with 43 points but that draw they got with Parma turned out to be the result that decided the championship. The League Cup final turned out to be a battle between the top two sides in the league – and again La Coruna came out on top, beating Parma 1-0 thanks to a late goal from Reyes. Adam's side did lift one piece of silverware though – they won the FA Cup, beating Barcelona 1-0 in the final – James McKenzie's Barca having knocked La Coruna out in the semis. Still, despite that one blip, the season very much belonged to Chris Hopper's side, and they capped it all by beating Premiership champions Arsenal in the final of the Champions League. The final score was 2-1 to Depor, Antonio Reyes again scoring both goals for La Coruna.

Adam's Arsenal won the Premiership by seven points from Darren Potts' Man United, which the Gunners would probably say was their main aim at the start of the season, but they came so close to winning so much more- only to fail at the final hurdle. We've already mentioned their defeat in the final of the Champions League, but Arsenal also lost the two other cup finals as well. Goals from Smertin and Van Nistelrooy saw Man United beat them 2-0 to lift the League Cup, whilst the Gunners also lost in the FA Cup final – Van Bommel's goal for Paul Gibson's Tottenham saw Spurs win that one. Arsenal won the Premiership though, with 58 points, Darren Potts' Man United were second with 51 pts whilst Paul Gibson's Liverpool came third with 41 and Paul McKeown's Rangers were fourth, also on 41 pts.

The World Cup was won by France, Robert Pires scoring both goals as Romania were beaten 2-1 in the final.

Game 213, Season End May 2007: Honours Even Between Hammers And Pool!

Some really thrilling battles this season between Carl Ward's Liverpool and David Smith's West Ham saw the honours pretty even at the end. West Ham won the League Cup, beating Chelsea 1-0 in the final, but Liverpool beat them 1-0 in the FA Cup final and also 1-0 in the Champions League final. The Premiership race was close all season, and the two met on the final day at Upton Park. A win would have been enough for Liverpool to win the treble, but West Ham sneaked it 1-0 and so take the Prem by a single point. West Ham finish on 54pts, Liverpool on 53 with Jordan Whelan's Chelsea third on 41 and Andy Exley's Man United fourth on 39. Carl Ward's Monaco lifted Serie A with 46 points, 8 clear of Gary Ewing's Real Madrid. Dan Pearson's Barcelona were third with 36 pts and Parma fourth with 29. The European FA Cup and League Cups were both won by Monaco, beating Bari 1-0 in the FA Cup final and Nice 1-0 in the League Cup final. Argentina beat Wales 4-2 in the World Cup final.

Game 15, Season End March 2007

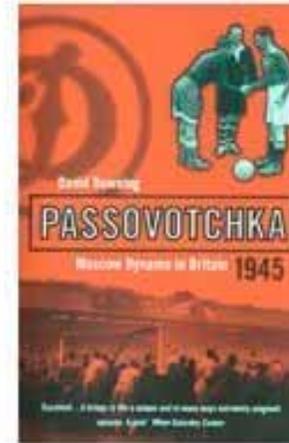
Treble For United

Wayne Campell's Man United won the Premiership, amassing 53 points in the process (well ahead of Liverpool on 36pts, Celtic on 33 and Millwall on 31), the FA Cup (beating QPR 1-0 in the final) and the Champions League (beating Sampdoria 1-0 in the final). The ones they missed out on were the League Cup – Everton beating Sheffield Wednesday 1-0 in that final – and the Super Cup – Sampdoria beating Wolves 1-0 in that final. Gareth Evans' Samp did pretty well themselves then, losing that CL final, but as well as the Super Cup they won the FA Cup, beating Steaua Bucharest 1-0 and the Serie A title with 58 points. Michael Mann's Juventus were narrowly beaten in second place with 55 pts, Steaua Bucharest (35) and Barcelona (28) well back. Hamburg beat Foggia 3-2 in the Euro League Cup final. Austria beat Argentina 3-1 to lift the World Cup.

Game 81, Season End March 2007: Title For Ryan's Munich

Ryan Doyle's Bayern Munich won Serie A easily, recording 59 pts, many more than John Perrott's Roma who were second with 46. Ryan Smith's AC Milan were third with 46 points and Sam Roberts' Barcelona fourth on 41 points. Milan won the FA Cup, beating Roma 1-0 in the final. In the British League, Liverpool were 1-0 winners of the FA Cup, beating West Ham 1-0 in the final. 'Pool cleaned up domestically, 64 points in the Prem for John Perrott's side. Alan Lawrenson's Chelsea were second with 47pts, Philip Lacey's Newcastle third with 35pts and Spurs fourth with 32pts. Liverpool did lose two finals though - Barcelona beat them 2-1 in the Champions League final and Norwich surprised them by beating them 2-1 in the League Cup final – Lee Croft with both Norwich goals. Bayern Munich beat Leverkusen 3-2 to the Euro League Cup. And Brazil beat Russia 1-0 in the World Cup Final.

Win A Fantastic Football Book...



Once again we've got three copies of a superb football book to give away. This week, we're offering the superb 'Passovotchka' – the story of how players from Moscow Dynamo travelled to Britain to play a series of matches against top British teams in November 1945. One of these books could be yours if you can answer the following question correctly:

How many European Trophies (European Cup, Cup Winners Cup & UEFA Cup) have club side from the former Soviet Union won in total?

- A – none
- B – 2
- C – 4

Write the extra action QUIZ followed by your answer A, B or C on your return sheet next week to have a chance to win this excellent book. So if you thought the answer was none, you would write QUIZ (A) in there.

Closing date for entries will Wednesday 27th June, and the three winners will be published in the game 33 newsletter on that date. We'll also publish the winners in next months monthly newsletter. We try to give away prizes like this every single turn in game 33 – so for more chances to win, why not take up the challenge of a team in that game...

A Fiver For A Country!

Those of you who use the necom noticeboards will no doubt know 'Deci' from there - well this one is his idea, so if you take it up, that's where thanks is due...

The cost of running a country along with your club side has now been reduced again – to just **FIVE POUNDS** for a whole season! The charge will be deducted from your account on the first turn you take over the team – and you won't be charged again for them until the following season.

To take on a national team, just write down APPLY (team) in the extra actions box.

It just goes to show that we do take your ideas seriously as we're always looking to improve the League Soccer experience. If you've any suggestions at all then there's a space on the website for you to post them.

Necom Board Rules

The necom boards are incredibly popular – but we ask everyone to stick to some important rules in order that it remains a friendly place for all who visit.

There are
No swearing. This includes implied swearing or sticking asterisks in the middle of words.
No unsavoury, derogatory or anti-social comments. Nothing offensive, racist, sexist, aggressive etc.
No bad mouthing of other members
No promoting or discussing other PBM or online management games

Do not disclose your password or login details to anyone. You are responsible for any messages posted under your account. The excuse 'my brother logged in to my account' will simply not be accepted. To protect your password make sure you always log off.

A warning system is in place which we will use to notify members of any transgressions. Severe or repeated misuse will result in suspension or complete cancellation of a members account.

All threads or comments which the administrators feel are unacceptable will be removed.

Only those who manage teams in League Soccer will be permitted to post on the boards. If you stop playing League Soccer, then we will suspend your account. All applications for accounts to post on here first need to be approved by Mr.Necom (it's a good idea to email when you apply to hurry the process along!)