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Lots Going On At Necom!

Database To Be Put Online !

Once the holiday period is over, there are some big improvements in the pipeline for League Soccer – one of which should be a massive boost for those with online access as we are finally going to put the main necom database online. All managers will be given the opportunity to search for players on the main database and look at the different squads we have up there. This should help you all no end with your scouting. We don't promise that they'll all be totally up to date to real life of course, but you do have the opportunity to do something about that – you'll be able to send in any changes to us to improve things.

There are also a few other things in the pipeline which should boost your necom experience – more news after the holidays!

Winning The League

Traditionally, the winners of the top division (Premier Division or Serie A) in League Soccer have won a trophy. However, following calls from managers, title winners now have a choice of prize. Choose from either 2500 loyalty points for the title winning team, the usual trophy or go for a mystery football related prize. Let us know on either on your next return sheet if you post them, or by email if you don't, after winning the title which prize you would like and we'll send it out

Summer Holidays!



Well this summer has seen a couple of short necom breaks already, but now coming up over the next two weeks I'm on my summer holidays! That means no turns for many of you for a fortnight. However, this year I am going to attempt to run three games which are now online only – namely games 5, 8 and 69. The next deadline for each of those games (5, 8 and 69) will be **WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST**. There will be a deadline for game 8 only on **SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST** and then games 5, 8 and 69 will all be run on **WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST**.

All other games will take a nice break but will be back to normal once the holidays are over – for 10 day games the next deadline after today is **TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER** (the day after the bank holiday) and all weekly games will next run on **WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER**.

Please enjoy the break – this year I should be able to still reply to your emails whilst away so if you've any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch (be patient waiting for a reply though).

Top Rated Players On The Database

These players currently have the highest ratings on the necom database. If you've any strong views on any players rating just get on the necom noticeboards, ratings section, and let us know what you think.

Cristiano Ronaldo	M/A	(Real Madrid)
Lionel Messi	M/A	(Barcelona)
Kaka	MID	(Real Madrid)
Gianluigi Buffon	GK	(Juventus)
Andrea Pirlo	M/A	(AC Milan)
Xavi	MID	(Barcelona)
Ruud Van Nistelrooy	ATT	(Real Madrid)
Michael Essien	MID	(Chelsea)
David Villa	ATT	(Valencia)
Wayne Rooney	ATT	(Man. United)
Steven Gerrard	MID	(Liverpool)
Thierry Henry	ATT	(Barcelona)
Samuel Eto'o	ATT	(Barcelona)
Rio Ferdinand	DEF	(Man. United)
Francesc Fabregas	MID	(Arsenal)
Andres Iniesta	MID	(Barcelona)
Sergio Ramos	DEF	(Real Madrid)
Franck Ribery	MID	(Bayrn.Munich)
Lucio	DEF	(Inter Milan)
Fernando Torres	ATT	(Liverpool)
Didier Drogba	ATT	(Chelsea)
Ronaldinho	M/A	(AC Milan)
Miroslav Klose	ATT	(Bayrn.Munich)
Iker Casillas	GK	(Real Madrid)
Shay Given	GK	(Man. City)
Francesco Totti	M/A	(Roma)
Robinho	ATT	(Man. City)
Carlos Puyol	DEF	(Barcelona)
Maicson	DEF	(Inter Milan)

Adding Players To Necom Database

If one of your scouts has looked for a player but finds someone different, it's likely that the person you're after is not on the main necom database. At this point you need to send us info to get him added.

You need to provide us with the players full name, real life club, date of birth, position, and some tangible evidence that the player actually exists. If you're sending it in by post, print something off the internet that corroborates your evidence, or cut something out of a magazine. If you're doing it by email then send him a URL to the website that corroborates your facts (but please remember to send the info too – not just a page full of links).

He'll be added to the database at some point, but you'll have to use one of your scouts to bring him into your squad. If he doesn't find him the first turn - try next turn, as he might not have been added yet. Unfortunately we're not able to email you to let you know exactly when the player has been added.

Please don't send info on players until you've tried to scout them – having to wade through pages of players that are already on the database just slows down adding the ones who aren't. And don't tell anyone who you've added, or you'll probably find he'll be somewhere else by the time you get him...

The Online Return Sheet

To use the online sheet, go to www.necomgames.com and log in with your account number, game number, team number and password (if you haven't got a password yet, click on 'here' where it says "*Forgotten your password? Click [here](#) to be sent a reminder!*" and one will be sent out to you. From the options then presented to you, choose 'Online Return Sheet' and your current team selections will appear.

All you then have to do is alter this – change players and positions by selecting the box you wish to alter and typing in new values. Note that you don't need to enter player names – once you hit the SUBMIT button down at the bottom, the computer will put them in for you.

Do the same to change training, extra actions, staff actions and put in your transfers. Again with transfers, there's no need to put the player name in unless you want to – the computer will do that for you and over-write whatever you type in anyway. Regarding amounts – for transfers enter the number of millions (eg. if the deal or bid is for £500,000 you would type 0.5 in the box, if it was for 2 ½ million you would write 2.5) and for wage offers just write the amount you want to offer (1000 for an offer of £1000 per week, 100000 for an offer of £100,000 per week). When you've finished, click on 'SUBMIT' and your changes will be saved. The updated sheet will then be displayed and you should look through it carefully to make sure everything is as it should be – that you've put the correct player numbers in (the computer will put in the correct player name to help you) and all the correct values.

At any time before the next turn deadline you can return to your team changes and make additional changes – so if you agree a late transfer or decide to alter your tactics, it's easy to just go back and update your sheet.