

# Necom News

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## Game 1 – Legends To Return ?

Could it possibly be that some of the greatest ever managers to grace the Necom world are set to return to game 1 – as it approaches its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Legends like the auspicious Kirk J. Greenway, former Rangers boss, PSV / Wigan supremo Roger Airey and Chris Burton of Stirling Albion are just some of the names to have expressed an interest in taking over their former sides, whilst the legendary Richard 'Dickie' Coupland is still around and considering the opportunity to retake the reins at Forfar.

Last week saw a number of game 1 teams snapped up – but we've still got plenty available. If you want to take your place in League Soccer history stick a note on your return sheet or send an email to [neil@necomgames.com](mailto:neil@necomgames.com)...

## Increased Signing On Fees

This week sees changes in the amount you will need to pay to a player when you purchase them from the out of contracts list. Players bought from this list will now automatically be placed on long (60 week) contracts, and not be allowed to leave the club for half a season (11 turns).

For players rated 82 or above, there will also be a change in the signing on fee paid when the player is purchased. This money goes straight into the pocket of the player, but for such quality international players, agents are now demanding their cut too. Before today, all players when bought from the out of contracts list received a signing on fee of 10% of the players value (so if the player is worth £15 million, the player would have received £1.5m on signing). Now that level will be increased for players rated 82 to 90 in what we hope is a reasonably easy to understand way.

An 82 will receive a signing on fee of 20% of his value  
An 83 will receive 30%  
An 84 will receive 40%  
An 85 will receive 50%  
An 86 will receive 60%  
An 87 will receive 70%  
An 88 will receive 80%  
An 89 or above will receive 90%

Note that these signing on fees are initial ones for players bought on the out of contracts list only, the signing on fees paid to players when they agree contract extensions with the club remain the same.

## Contract Assistant

The option whereby your assistant helps out by agreeing contracts with happy players when they have less than 20 or so weeks left to run on their contract is now turned OFF by default. To turn this on, use the extra action AS ON. To turn it back off, write AS OFF. The bug that meant signing on fees were not enforced when the assistant agreed the contract has now been fixed.

## Managing Reserve Team

To take control of your reserve and youth teams as well as your first team, use the extra action RT ON. You'll then receive match reports for both your reserve and youth team games, and the league tables for the mini league that they are currently playing in. Both reserve and youth sides play in small leagues of six teams per league, the highest of those divisions is listed in the newsletter each turn. After 10 matches, the winner of each mini league is promoted, and the bottom three sides are relegated.

## Best Wishes To Fabrice Muamba

I'm typing this newsletter up on Sunday morning – hours after the shocking collapse of Bolton player Fabrice Muamba in the FA Cup match. Many of you have already posted your messages of goodwill on the Necom noticeboards – we echo that here and very much hope for the very best for Fabrice.

## Necom 1-0 Facebook... – Blurring the line between fantasy and reality

By Kieran Bob Hundal

Interesting thread I was reading the other day on the boards, about non-Necom friends and family mocking us Necom faithful. Made me think, take stock of the situation and I have to say, I wouldn't have it any other way.

I, more than others, not as much as some have spent £000's over the years on this management game. Ever since I was a kid, it's been part of my life for some length of time or another, all the way until now. Even after leaving for many years, I still found myself applying via the website when I found Necom had an internet based platform.

Now as you all know, sometimes I am on the boards a lot, sometimes (mostly if I'm sulking) I take a breather but with the probboards feature of Necom making the game so much more interactive than it used to be, it's way more addictive than the PBM days, don't you think?

The fact that non-Necomers don't get Necom really doesn't bother me but last night gave me reason to write about this as my wife is ALWAYS saying I Necom too much, always on my Blackberry Necoming, etc etc. She gave me an ultimatum, in a round about way. She said I needed to stop being on my phone texting, Facebooking, Tweeting and Necoming. With about 1.682548 seconds thought I replied "Okay cool, I'll close my Twitter and Facebook down, I don't need them now I'm taking a break from radio"

Waking up this morning I recalled the conversation and realised how Necom Fantasy Football Management had become, for me, my little way of experiencing real life football management and how easily I would choose it over other forms of social interaction like Facebook and Twitter scared me. Lol...

I've never even met any of you face to face, argue and abuse people when I lose out on deals or feel like I'm being bullied, yet I chose you lot over my real life friends on Facebook. The other thing is, I have my real friends' phone numbers and Facebook is just a lazy way of being a friend and also leads to too much of my life being publicised when I don't really want to.

In Necom, I'm doing what I berate Rafa for not doing in real life, Arsene should've done the other night... I'm kinda living my dream.

Question is, do I have a problem? Is there a Necom's Anonymous group that can help? Or, as I suspect may be the case with many of you too, is Necom just so bloody good that we will stick around till it becomes financially impossible to play (like recent loss Stuart Flight in g75) or till Neil hangs up his boots?

Which begs next weeks question for Kierans Korner

"What will happen to Necom when Neil can't do it any more?"