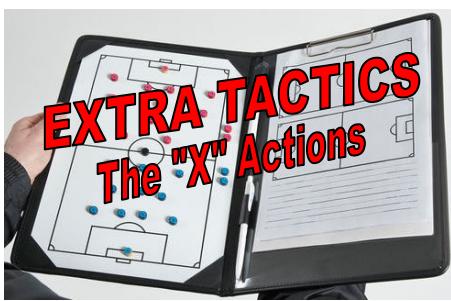


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We're Giving You The X-Factor!

Two important new additions to the system for you this week – we're giving you the opportunity to change your aggression and style in all sorts of different ways. You can have different values for cup matches, you can make changes at different points in the game, even depending on whether you're winning or losing.

It's quite a complicated action to input, so take the time to make sure you're fully familiar with it all. There are two new tactical actions this week... XA to change aggression and XS to change style.

XA (match, mins, status, new value) to change aggression
and

XS (match, mins, status, new value) to change style

Where ...

match can be
0 for all matches
1 for league match
2 for cup match
3 for friendly

mins can be
0 for at start of match
1 – 90 at that number of minutes during the game

status
0 = always
1 = winning
2 = drawing
3 = losing

new value
either new style (eg. 233) or new aggression (eg. 675)

Some examples:

To change aggression for cup games to 777
XA (2, 0, 0, 777)

To change style to 111 if winning after 70 minutes in all games
XS (0, 70, 1, 111)

To change aggression to 999 if losing after 65 minutes in a cup game
XA (2, 65, 3, 999)

To change style to 233 at half time whatever the score in a friendly game
XS (3, 45, 0, 233)

Hopefully all these examples make sense to you – have a good read through and see what you think and what you can do with your team set up!

Ancient History, Part 3

Jan 3rd 1987

THE DAILY SPORT

CUP DRAW – LIVERPOOL VS WEST HAM

The draw for the Cup second round was made today, producing some very interesting fixtures. The highlight of the draw must be the matching of two of the best teams in the competition – Liverpool and West Ham. Liverpool's first round draw was against West Ham, while their first division game is between two of its expected weakest sides – Man City and Chelsea. The draw in full – some teams are yet to play their first round matches ... is as follows:

CUP DRAW – LIVERPOOL VS WEST HAM		CUP WINNING ODDS:	
Sheffield Wed.	vs	Wimbledon	or Q.P.R.
Tottenham	vs	Notts Forest	or Newcastle
Manchester City	vs	Chelsea	
Ipswich	vs	Birmingham	or Aston Villa
or Coventry			
Everton	vs	Southampton	or Luton
Manchester Utd	vs	Leicester	or Norwich
Portsmouth	vs	Watford	or Oldham

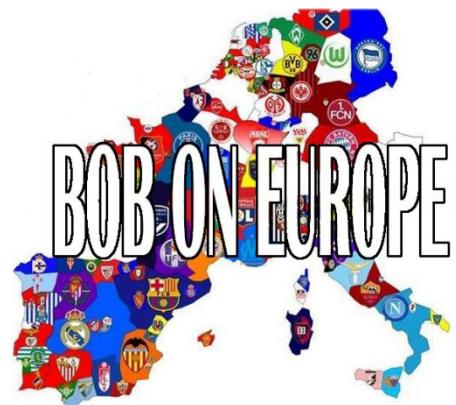
LIVERPOOL FAVOURITES –

The start of League armchair side interesting reading, with Liverpool rated as the favourites. These were made out before today's matches, when Liverpool could only draw, and second favourites Man United dropped to top of their division. Second division favourites won easily to go top, while the possies favourites for the third were pipped by Leicester.

Liverpool	2 – 1	Notts For.	2 – 1	Aston Villa	11 – 4
Man Utd	1 – 0	Q.P.R.	1 – 0	Southampton	10 – 4
West Ham	11 – 2	Watford	8 – 1	Leicester	6 – 1
Everton	6 – 1	Norwich	8 – 1	Ipswich	7 – 1
Arsenal	10 – 1	Oldham	8 – 1	Newcastle	5 – 1
Tottenham	9 – 1	Luton	8 – 1	Man City	5 – 1
Chelsea	9 – 1	Portsmouth	10 – 1	Birmingham	8 – 1
Man City	10 – 1	Leicester	9 – 1	Coventry	8 – 1
		Watford	10 – 1	Wimbledon	8 – 1

The first ever game 1 newsletter!

The first ever game of League Soccer started on 3rd January 1987. There were four divisions with 8 teams in each. Teams had real life team names, but player names were made up. Liverpool were made favourites for the first division title (there was no Premier League in those days!) but started their season with a 1-1 home draw against West Ham. Chelsea – 3-1 victors against Man United – and Everton – who beat Spurs 2-1 – were the only winners in the top division on opening day. Robert B. Graham's Arsenal would go on to be the eventual champions of the inaugural season – winning 10 and drawing 4 of their 14 games in the first season. Some great names on the top scorers list, with Black smashing in 20 goals for Portsmouth in division 2, Seery getting 15 for Leeds in division 4 whilst the 1st division top scorer was Wales of Arsenal with 12, one more than the mighty Varandinio of Man City who scored 11. Players didn't have first names at that point, or indeed individual ratings, just one overall score. That changed in season 2...



Your weekly real life European footy round-up from Necom Legend Bob 'Kieran' Bob...

La Liga and Bundesliga are Back!

La Liga

The last big Euro league to resume didn't disappoint, with Messi grabbing a brace for Barcelona alongside a goal from the latest wonderkid to emerge from Barcelona, Munir El Hadaddi to beat Elche comfortably, 3-0. One wonders with the recent emergence of similar players in Cuenca and Tello, will Munir also be a flash in the pan? Elsewhere, Real Madrid beat La Liga new boys Cordoba 2-0 with Benzema getting the opener and a fantastic long range effort by none other than Ronaldo to seal the game. With James slotting in well at The Bernabeu and Di Maria leaving for Man Utd for almost the same money, Real Madrid look likely to tie up a deal for Falcao, but how they can justify replacing

Benzema I don't know. Finally, reigning Champions Atletico Madrid drew their first game with a 0-0 away to Vallecano, ironic that outgoing top scorer Diego Costa has scored in each of his first two games for new club Chelsea. Eibar the small Basque team with a capacity of little over 5,000 who gained back to back promotions to get to La Liga won their first ever game in Spain top flight with a 1-0 win against Real Sociedad. Everyone loves a giant killing story, especially Dave Burton and Craig Rathey...

Eredivisie

The Dutch League is already into its 3rd round of league matches but already, a huge result has given PSV the impetus in the title race this season. A 1-3 win in Amsterdam gives them a maximum 9 points from 3 games and leaves one of their main title rivals already in arrears in what will be a massive morale boosting win for the Eindhoven team and the exact opposite for the Amsterdam boys who have just lost their captain and talisman Siem De Jong to Newcastle this summer. Ajax were rumoured to be signing Samuel Eto'o but his wage demands have put paid to that deal and he seems to be on his way to Everton. The big two names to watch out for exiting The Eredivisie will be Memphis Depay and Daley Blind...

Ligue 1

In France, it seems like Monaco have had their wings clipped somewhat and after spending all that money on James Rodriguez and Falcao they have now decided to sell both star players after failing to wrestle the title away from PSG in their first season back in the French top flight. This season is also 3 rounds of matches in and it seems reigning champs PSG are stuttering somewhat after winning one and drawing two of their opening three games. Bordeaux, having just beaten Nice 1-3 are top of the table with 3 wins from 3, Monaco gained their first win of the season with a goal from Falcao to beat Nantes 0-1. Will that be his farewell goal to the Principality? The biggest news to come out of French football this season is the Bastias Brando breaking Thiago Mottas nose with a headbutt in the tunnel after the end of their game last round of matches where PSG beat them 2-0 in an ill-tempered affair. After all Suarez went through for the bite, will there be a big decision for Platini and Co to make regarding Brando? Let's all wait and see whilst watching where Falcao will end up too.

Bundesliga

This week is all about little known German winger Karim Ballarabi, who scored the fastest ever goal in the German top flight, against Borussia Dortmund, in 9 seconds. Breaking the previous record by 2 seconds, he scored from about 10 yards despite Dortmund new boy Matthias Ginter seeming to have fouled him, the winger, from Ghanaian and Moroccan descent then went on to cap the game of his life by setting up Stefan Kiesling to net the winner and cause Dortmund a huge setback in their quest to return to the top of German football. Yet again, it seems Bayern Munich, with Badstuber back to full fitness and despite losing Toni Kroos to Real Madrid, will be winning this league with ease. Wolfsburg played a fantastic match in Munich and Bayern only won 2-1 but they have enough strength in depth to see out the season above the likes of Wolfsburg, Leverkusen and Dortmund. Even though the season is only 1 round of matches old... It's like Chris Quick with a super squad, over before it's even started...

Serie A Preview

Juventus have been a class above the rest of Serie A in the past three seasons but now they must contemplate going for a fourth successive title without coach Antonio Conte and with a host of clubs believing they can wrestle the crown from

them. Italian fans will also hope for a stronger challenge by their clubs in Europe this term as the decline in their ability to compete with the English Premier League elite and leading Spanish sides has had an adverse impact. Inter Milan's win in the 2009 Champions League is the last time they had a representative in that final and one has to go back to Parma's victory in 1999 for the last Italian appearance in the UEFA Cup now the Europa League.

Conte gave as one of the reasons for his leaving the Juventus job as being angry that the board were not prepared to aid his push for a successful Champions League campaign with money for players. They did, however, spend 20 million euros on Real Madrid striker Alvaro Morata and Conte's replacement, former AC Milan boss Massimiliano Allegri has said one of his objectives is to target success in European football's leading club competition. Allegri who won the title with Milan in his first season in 2010/11, admits he will need time to win over the fans but said his recipe for success was that adopted by Diego Simeone at Spanish champions Atletico Madrid.

Elsewhere

Nani had a nightmare start to life back in Lisbon, missing a penalty and getting almost everything wrong in his return debut after his loan move from Old Trafford. Despite a heroes welcome upon his return to Sporting, he will have to turn things around quickly on the pitch if he is to prove that it doesn't always have to be a mistake taking a step backwards in your career to a former employer.



Champions League and Europa League

The fact Celtic are still in the Champions League is open to all sorts of conspiracy theories but they are there and a home win against Maribor this week will see them into the Group Stages of Europe's top club competition for yet another season. Arsenal are going for 17 seasons in a row of Champions League Group football if they can beat Besiktas at home but Slaven Bilic and his men won't be easy to beat, especially without talismanic Aaron Ramsey.

Spurs will be going all out to win the Europa League this season as will anyone dropping out of the Champions League at the Group Stage, with the winners this year getting a place in next year's Champions League.

Transfer News

With Di Maria moving to Man Utd and Rojo going too, expect a few mediocre moves in the lead up to the Transfer Deadline but the only big deals remaining to be done look likely to be Vidal, Falcao and Cavani...

We look forward to reporting where they will end up next week.

Weekly Poll

2 questions for you this week -

- In your opinion, will Balotelli be a hit at Liverpool or is he going to be a distraction and a liability?
- In your opinion, is Angel Di Maria worth the fee Man Utd paid for him or does it smack of desperation?

Weekly Trivia

Which superstar player has never scored against Petr Cech despite playing him several times in the last few years?

G64's Chelsea Invitational cup 5

So last Friday saw the conclusion of the group stage of this season's Chelsea invitational cup, and here are the results.

In Group 1 Chris Quick's Tottenham who had already qualified suffered defeat in both their group games against Antwerp managed by Bazz Wetton. Despite the loss Chris Quick's men still secured top spot in the group, while Antwerp took 3rd place. In the other game Richard Ladd's PSG secured 2nd place and qualification, as they drew at home and scored a massive win away to Glen Pine's Fc Basle who finish bottom of the group.

In Group 2 Marc Lewry's Man United went head to head with 2nd place Lazio, managed by Richard Coupland to decide top spot in the group. Lazio took all 6 points, as they leapfrog United, and take top spot. Despite the result Man United will go through in 2nd place. In the other game in the group, Jamie 'Kidrock' Maycroft's Dnipro defeated hosts Chelsea home and away to take all 6 points in what would be nothing more than a battle for 3rd as Lazio and United secured the top spots.

In Group 3 Pat Lyons' holders Ajax secured top spot, as they picked up a draw at home and a win away to Mark Wheat's Juventus who go out of the tournament in 4th place. Marc Lewry's Fiorentina won at home and drew away to Psv to leapfrog both Juventus and Psv to take 2nd place and a quarter final spot.

Finally in Group 4 Gerard O'Brien's Bayern Munich topped the table after wins home and away to James Bartaby's Bayer Leverkusen who finish 4th. Rich Coupland's Wolves also picked up home and away wins to Glen Pine's Bournemouth. Wolves overtake Bournemouth to take 2nd place and the last quarter final spot.

It was an exciting round of group games. In next week's report we will have the quarter-final draw and preview.

Ice Bucket Challenges!

It's been fun watching lots of Necom managers get buckets of ice cold water poured over their heads on facebook in the past week or so – why not post links to your videos on the necom noticeboards so everyone else can see them too!



Here is extremely long serving manager Richard Coupland, now in game 64, fulfilling his bucket challenge.

Remember the most important factor in all this is donations to the MDNA or whatever other charity you might choose – and whatever critics might say about the thoughtless chucking water around, this has to be a very good thing. The number of people who have engaged with charities over in particular this, but also recently Cancer Research UK's "No Make Up Selfie" another example... all in all a very good thing.

