





#### February 2024

# **New Game Launch!**

A bit of mildly exciting news to bring you – the launch of a brand new game, something we've not had for quite a while. This one promises to be a bit different with certain additional rules which may make things more interesting for some and probably less for others.

I've been planning this for years, so I'm delighted to be finally getting moving on it. The big twist with the new game is that there will be no transfers at all arranged between managers, all managers in the game will need to be a user of the necom proboards site, and every deal will be carried out in the same way using the boards. Managers will create a separate thread for any player they wish to sell and the player will be sold to the highest bidder after a set amount of time (probably three or four days). All transfers will be for cash only, and teams will not be permitted to bid more money than they actually have at their club at the time. It'll maybe mean a much slower moving transfer market, but maybe a fairer one. Certainly a different one anyway.

Other aspects of the new game are that managers will be permitted one team each only. All sides will start off with equally with randomly drawn players roughly comprising 1x83, 4x82, 4x81(includes GK), 5x80, 5x79ov. Then, after 6 turns, each team will receive an 84ov player, after 12 weeks, they receive an 83ov player and on week 18, an additional player with a minimum rating of 84. All teams will start off with the same amount of cash.

I'll stick a thread up on the proboards site for any questions – and there's also an opportunity on live day to ask anything you want to know (see the section to the right for more details about that).

## Necom Meet 2024

And the exciting news keeps on coming – there's going to be a Necom Meet this year, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June in Bromsgrove. The first meet since before lockdown, 2019 was the last one apparently. Sadly I won't be there as it clashes with a race I organise, but previous meets have always been great fun (keeping going a tradition that hails back to the early 1990's). Hopefully there will be someone taking photos and we can share those with you in a future newsletter. For more information see the noticeboard site or contact Gerard (Bayern game 64) and he'll add you to his whatsapp group.

### Necom Live Day Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Busy day planned on the noticeboards on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb as we host a few live events. Hopefully some of you can join us on there for at least some of the day...

1pm – Place your bets on the afternoon Premier league games, West Ham vs Arsenal and Aston Villa vs Man United. Prizes for winners!

2pm – Question Time Ask any questions you have by posting them on the boards and I'll try my best to answer them.

3pm – Game 64 live turn.

4:30pm - Game 22 live auction

6pm – Game 19 live turn

### **More To Come**

Thanks to all, apologies that there hasn't been an awful lot going on of late. The half day that I did have for answering emails and stuff has now also been swallowed up thanks to the new funded childcare scheme that kicks in at Easter so somehow it's going to mean a re-organisation of my weekends or some evening somewhere. I'll try and get it sorted and hopefully do another one of these next month.