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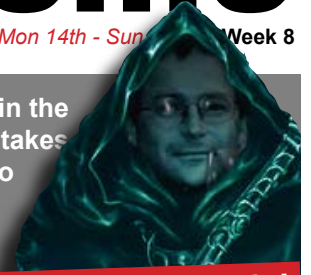
Theo Walcott helps the SuperSaints back to the top of the League Super



Last week it was Ethan Page, this week The Perrymans Levitt bags a hat-trick



Manager in the spotlight takes a look into the Dark side



Week 8 and the Red Machine lose their unbeaten run and The Perryman get their first win!

Saints Back On Top



SuperSaints midfielder Theo Walcott celebrates his first minute opener

"Walcott gave us an early lead in the 1st minute and we just went on from there really. There are teams I would love to demolish in this league but Rush Green arent one of them. Win yes but not demolish. I have a lot of time for Trev (Rush Greens Manager) and he has a great side. His team will be up there come October"

"I think, as I rested some of my best players from the cup, they were able to perform better in the league, also the youngsters that did play in the final defeat obviously learned much as they were outstanding"

Ironically Saints knocked cup winners Red Machine off the top, with their team looking a little tired and over-played. He also played down any title talk. "Are you serious?" he blasted "We're not even half way through this long hard season, there is so much football to be played against some truly great teams, everyone is in with a shout."

SuperSaints 3
Rush Green 0

Following the dissapointment of defeat in the cup final last weekend SuperSaints compensated by storming back to the top of the table.

Saints beat title rivals Rush Green 3-0 at The Eden Arena although the boss admitted 'the score flattered us'.

The Walcott got them off to a super start, heading in from a Mick Channon corner in the 1st minute. Alan Shearer then shot home after 24 minutes play to give the Saints a 2 goal buffer. It was all over by half time as Channon himself made it 3 after 35 minutes.

Although Rush Green came back in the second half they had left themselves with too much to do. The one sour note for Saints was the dismissal of Alf Ramsay with 20 minutes left for brutal play.

Saints Boss 'Embarrassed' By Victory

"Its not often Im lost for words but a 3-0 victory over a quality side flattered us" said Saints Boss Mitchell after his side went back to the top of the table, beating rivals Rush Green 3-0 at the Eden Arena.



League reports and reaction

Red Machines unbeaten run ended

<i>The Rising Deck</i>	1
<i>The Red Machine</i>	0

Ian Mitchell will be known as the manager who halted Rob Couches unbeaten run and who knocked his title rivals off the top spot.

Following their cup win The Red Machine looked a little lethargic in the league as Rising Deck came out all guns blazing to claim all three points.

Robert Houdin scored direct from a freekick with only 8 minutes on the clock to stun the jubilant Red Machine. This put Houdin second in the top scorers chart. Wendell Bowie went off injured for Red Machine after 11 minutes but at 1-0 down at half-time the MACHine surely harboured hopes of a comeback.

The Deck, however had other ideas and had a goal disallowed just 3 minutes into the second half which proved to be un-contraversial as The Deck claimed all three points, halted The Red Machine and climbed to 4th in the table.

The Perrymen Are Off The Mark

<i>The Perrymen</i>	4
<i>Down By The Trent</i>	1

Following on from their impressive away draw at league leaders Red MACHine, Richard Fletchs Perrymen got the clubs first league win by beating Down By The Trent 4-1.

Terrence Livett was the toast of White Hot Lane as he bagged the leagues third hat-trick. Keen to impress the new boss the home side dominated and Livett scored his first after just 19 minutes. Jeff Mayall made it 2 after half an hours play but Derek Sawyer

reduced the deficit to just 2-1 at the break.

It was to be Livetts match however as he bagged his second just 10 minutes into the half. He bagged his hat-trick in style scoring a diving header after 73 minutes to give the club their first victory, send the Lane wild and continue The Perrymans revival.



The Perrymens Terrence Livett celebrates his hat-trick and his sides first win of the season

The Very Merry Perry Men

The Perry Men jump two places up the league after recording there first win of the season. Manager McFletch had these well rehearsed clichés when approached by reporters.

‘The lads have given 110% since my arrival. I really couldn’t ask for anymore. The response has been great.’ The spirit in the dressing room is second to none’

When pushed on what he is done since his arrival McFletch went on to say,

‘Well, I think the change of name obviously gave the team a psychological boost and the new home ground has given the team the chance to start again. I think the most important change was

playing the right amount of players on the pitch. The previous manager tried the unique tactic of playing 9 outfield players and that obviously didn’t pay off. I have gone for the more conventional 10 outfield players and that seems to have paid dividends.’

The Perry Men now look forward to visiting the Back Garden where they will hope to climb a further place up the league with a win against FC Wazzy.

Ealings Feeling Destroyed

<i>Sexual Ealing FC</i>	1
<i>The Dark Destroyers</i>	4

The Dark Destroyers continue to impress with a 4-1 demolition of Sexual Ealing at Glenfield Road.

Player manager Paul ‘Doz’ Corrigan got the hosts off to the perfect start when heading in after half an hours play. This sent the home side in at the break 1-0 up.

The Destroyers returned for the second half fuming and it took Mike Tyson just 1 minute to draw level. The match was won in an awesome 7 minute second half spell. The Devil scored after 62 minutes to give The Destroyers the lead.

Tyson then added his second 5 minutes later and Dick Dastardly completed the rout 2 minutes later to lift Adrian Mitchells side to 3rd in the table.

WW’s JJ’s OK

<i>11 Men In Flight</i>	1
<i>Westcountry Wanderers</i>	3

Eighteen year old youth striker proved he can mix it with the big boys as he inspired his team mates to a 3-1 victory at Heavitree Park.

In The Press This Week



The young striker made his debut for the visitors but it was Tony Stanley who got Wanderers off to the perfect start netting after 9 minutes.

JJ (full name Jean Joel Mbappe Leppe) then headed in his sides second after 34 minutes of his debut.

Kelvin Pendlebury gave 11 Men In Flight belief after just 10 minutes of the second half but it wasn't enough for Rob Richards men as Kelsey Ballis made it 3-1 after 65 minutes to send Paul Hewitt away with all 3 points.

14th July

Its All Been Going "Down"



In an absurd attempt to explain Down by the Trent's downturn in form and plummet down the league, manager Fill Jory could only offer this contrived reason. "Thing is", he said "It's been a lifelong ambition to get in the Guinness Book of Records, particularly to beat the record on page 69 of 14 consecutive days going down on the missus."

I thought I'd done it, 29 June I commenced eyeballing the bear trappers hat and today I returned from the com(e)a only to be told by 'er indoors that she had in fact got hold of my 'Norriss McSquiner'm and made a splash. Before I could light my cigarette, I was naturally fast asleep and there I laid until now."

19th July

Top League Managers Meet

On the weekend of the 19th July 2008, top League Supreme managers (and Westcountry Wanderers manager Paul Hewitt) met up to discuss the season



From Left to Right: Rush Greens Trevor Isles, Westcountry Wanderers Paul Hewitt, Rising Decks Ian Mitchell and SuperSaints Craig Mitchell.

gone and the season ahead in an emergency barbecue hosted by Mr Hewitt. Rush Greens Trevor Isles, Rising Decks Ian Mitchell (sporting his 'Xpert 11' club t-shirt and SuperSaints Craig Mitchell all met for an evening of fun and entertainment. Unfortunately now comes the clean up. It will take days to go through the trail of destruction as one of Westcountry Wanderes crazed fans turned up to eat all in sight. 'The Group' (as nicknamed

by his friends) was seen to be first in the barbe(Queue) often and also managed to ruin the managers floor by 'tapdancing' with spikes.

This caused unwanted tremors, tsunamis and earthquakes in parts of The Phillipenes and Malaysia. This has caused concern for all bosses as his presence at The Cove could see the attendance dropping from their normal 20,000 plus to just ONE.



From Left to Right: The left arm of 'The Group', the right arm of 'The Group'

League Stats



Week 8 Results

The Rising Deck	1 - 0 (1 - 0)	Red Machine FC
The Perry Men	4 - 1 (2 - 1)	Down by the Trent
Super Saints	3 - 0 (3 - 0)	Rush Green
Sexual Ealing FC	1 - 4 (1 - 0)	The Dark Destroyers
11 Men In Flight	1 - 3 (0 - 2)	W-Wanderers

Xpert 11

Dick Dastardly	- The Dark Destroyers
Mike Tyson	- The Dark Destroyers
Mick Channon	- Super Saints
N Schwarzkopff	- The Dark Destroyers
Anders Svensson	- Super Saints
Theo Walcott (C)	- Super Saints
Gareth Bale	- Super Saints
Solomon Bean	- Rush Green
Harry Houdini	- The Rising Deck
Mark Wright	- Super Saints
Uri Geller	- The Rising Deck
Manager	- CMitch - Super Saints

Week 9 Fixtures

Rush Green	- Sexual Ealing FC
Down by the Trent	- The Rising Deck
WestcountryWanderers	- The Dark Destroyers
FC Wazzy	- The Perry Men
Red Machine FC	- 11 Men In Flight

Top Scorers

1	Sammy Abell	F	Rush Green	5
2	Robert Houdin	MF	The Rising Deck	4
3	Theo Walcott	MF	Super Saints	3
	Anders Svensson	MF	Super Saints	3
	Justin Bolam	F	Red Machine FC	3
	Matt LeTissier	MF	Super Saints	3
	Kyle Ferril	F	11 Men In Flight	3
	Ethan Page	F	FC Wazzy	3
	Godfrey Rawlinson	F	Red Machine FC	3
	Terrance Livett	F	The Perry Men	3
	Hal Feeney	MF	WestcountryWanderers	3
	Amazing Kreskin	F	The Rising Deck	3
	Paul Corrigan	F	Sexual Ealing FC	3

League Table

Team	Pld	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
Super Saints	8	4	3	1	11	15
Red Machine FC	7	4	2	1	8	14
The Dark Destroyers	7	4	2	1	5	14
The Rising Deck	7	4	1	2	5	13
Rush Green	7	3	2	2	2	11
Sexual Ealing FC	8	3	2	3	1	11
WestcountryWanderers	7	3	1	3	5	10
FC Wazzy	7	2	1	4	-5	7
The Perry Men	8	1	2	5	-9	5
11 Men In Flight	7	1	2	4	-11	5
Down by the Trent	7	1	2	4	-12	5

Other News

This Months Players In

Buyer	Player	Age	Pos	Skill	Price
WestcountryWanderers	Jean Joel Mbappé Leppé	18	F	4	Junior
The Dark Destroyers	Johnny Rotten	16	MF	4	Junior
The Perry Men	Duane Portway	17	F	3	Junior
Super Saints	Allen Hendricks	19	MF	4	Junior
Rush Green	Rex Doherty	33	MF	8	3 500 000
The Dark Destroyers	Sid Vicious	24	F	6	968 500
The Dark Destroyers	Anne Robinson	27	MF	6	1 500 000
Red Machine FC	Håkon Soltveit	29	GK	4	300 000

This Months Players Out

Seller	Player	Age	Pos	Skill	Price	Reason
The Dark Destroyers	Biffa Bacon	30	D	4	0	Sacked
Rush Green	Glyn Morell	30	MF	6	756 000	Sold
WestcountryWanderers	Chuck Stonebridge	25	D	4	0	Sacked
Rush Green	Edmond Milbourne	28	F	5	350 028	Sold

Manager In The Spotlight - Adrian Mitchell - Dark Destroyers

One of the most feared sides in the League, initially for their brutality and less than hospitable staff, but now feared for their sheer footballing ability The Dark Destroyers lie 3rd in the table and are serious contenders for the league title. We initially interviewed Adrian Chieftan Mitchell many weeks back but the tape and notes were scorched on leaving the Theatre of Doom. We have managed to recover the interview, but bear in mind its a few weeks out of date.

Name: Adrian "The Chieftan" Mitchell

Age: 40

Football Management Experience:

Football Manager (by K.Toms early 1980's) got Argyle into (old) first division before all this premiership/coca-cola championship crap and won F.A.Cup! Later managed Argyle again at "Argyle Club Manager 2005" Level but struggled in League 2 and quit because pressure at the bottom was too great. Been on gardening/topiary leave since.

Homelife:

Busy with family - enjoying days at the beach and Crealy (I've tamed "The Beast"!), running a Pool league and busy avoiding EURO 2008

How have you found managing your team in XPert11 has it been easier/harder than expected?

I've found managing in this league a bit of a challenge as you need to spend more time on it to generate funds to try and buy better players (e.g. press releases, sponsor activities etc.)

How have you found XPert11 overall?

Very professionally run and quite interesting

Have you told any of your friends/family?

Only my son Matthew, but I am trying to shield him from some of the unsavoury stuff

Is winning games or being entertaining more important to you?

Winning is much more important to our supporters so it is to me

Tell us a bit about your XPert11 Team. Are you satisfied with how you are playing? Your position in the league etc?

I am quite happy with my team but I am always looking to strengthen as I still have one or two players who are a bit of a soft touch and I want us to become feared. I am very happy with the start we have made.

What is your secret to great team building?

Buying players who are willing to literally die for the cause and then making them stronger - both mentally and physically.

Would you say you are 'tactically great' at X11 or does your team depend a little on luck?

I don't think that I am tactically great at management. Luck has a lot to do with it. Both of our wins have been by the odd goal and we could have lost our opening game.



Do you see yourself playing XPert11 long into the future?

Possibly - it depends. If there was a World Cup on, or if England had qualified for EURO 2008 I probably wouldn't have the time as I would prefer watching

Who are you, when you aren't a manager on XPert11?

I am a family man, I run the Wadebridge Pool League and in my spare time I work as a manager in a supermarket

What would you like to see added to the game most?

More foreign wealthy businessmen willing to give unlimited funds

What is your short-term/long-term plans in this league?

To finish as high as possible

Who is the best player in your team and who is one of your 'characters' in the dressing room?

Dick Dastardly is our best player at the moment but Biffa Bacon is a real character in the dressing room

Who in your team should we watch out for in the future?

Tony Andrews is a useful up-and-coming youngster who may be given his chance soon. He is a little short (only 3 feet 2 inches) due to the fact that he has no legs, but he more than makes up for it with grit and determination. He used to be a goalie but because anyone who could kick the ball four feet into the air would annoy him by simply chipping him all the time he now goes in goal NO MORE!!

If you could have any real-life player playing at the moment, who would compliment your team the most?

Ben Thatcher

Which managers do you feel are your closest rivals?

Any manager who is above me in the league would be my greatest rival

Who is your tip for the title?

At the moment I would have to say Rush Green are my tip for the title. They are top on merit and have comfortably beaten two teams that we have struggled against.