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(covering Mon 21st to Sun 27th) Week 9

Robert Houdin helps The Rising Deck to rise to second in the league



Dark Destroyers Dick Dastardley couldnt prevent a defeat at Wanderers



This weeks Manager in the spotlight is Phil Jory



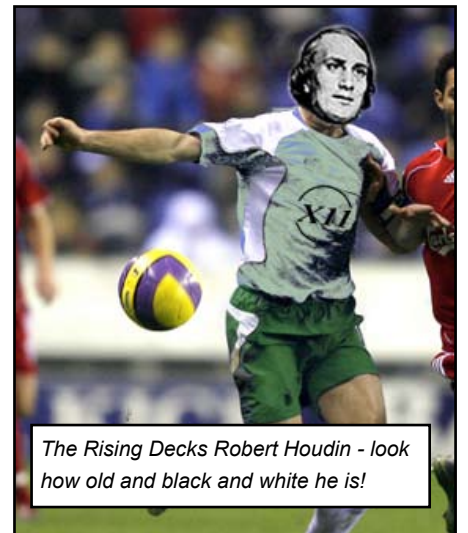
*Week 9 and there is nothing between the top half of the table !*

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| <b>Down By The Trent</b> | <b>1</b> |
| <b>The Rising Deck</b>   | <b>5</b> |

With the league leaders having a rest week it was a chance for the rest of the top half of the table to close the small gap at the top and now a mere 7 points separate the top 8.

In magical form were The Rising Deck. Fresh from his visit to the City Ian Mitchell got his team well prepared and in awesome form as they disposed of Phil Jorys Down By The Trent 5-1 away from home.

Trent, started brighter but Cecil Ravens 3rd minute penalty miss proved costly. Mike Grainger did give the home side the lead after 6 minutes but this was to be the last we saw of Down By The Trent.



*The Rising Decks Robert Houdin - look how old and black and white he is!*

Robert Houdin made it 5 for the season from the spot on 24 minutes to level things up and Horace Goldin made it 2-1 after 36 minutes heading in from a corner. Five minutes later it was the same man from the same set-piece to make it 3-1 and The Deck were beginning to run away with it. Marc Spelman made it 4-1 just before the break to virtually seal up this fixture.

# The Deck Are In Magical Form

## League reports and reaction



Spelman then added his second and Decks 5th with 25 minutes remaining to top off a great performance.

The Deck have now risen to second place and having created an astonishing 15 chances and having two thirds of the play they are serious contenders for the title.

### Rising Like Yeast

The Rising Deck manager Ian Mitchell generously stopped to give a few words to the waiting media before his team set out for their post match meal this evening.

"I'm really proud of my squad putting in such a performance on the back of last weeks halting of Red Machine, I said before this was just as important and the lads responded in incredible fashion. The Trent boys came out of the starting blocks flying and caught us cold which i'm a bit concerned about. I know a couple of our defenders were looking astonishingly at Down by the Trent manager Phil Jory. I know he was fresh from his World Record attempt but to still be sporting Chin Tinsel at Kick Off wasn't on "

"Then Amazing Kreskin, our top scoring forward, got injured and Goldin got his chance. Himself and young Marc Spelman both got on the scoresheet. At this rate I'm going to find it hard to get back in the team myself, but if the team create 15 chances again i'll gladly watch and pull the invisible threads from the sidelines."

"I'm sure Mr. Jory will get things back on track soon, at least he had a smile on his face as he headed for the tunnel (minutes after leaving it on his record attempt !)"

### Another Licking

"Well this is a grim tunnel I am looking down now" commented

Down By The Trent manager Phil Jory after their recentmost thrashing. "Despite my world record attempt, I can't remember being hit full in the face with such a battering".

"It's back to the training ground for us, meanwhile congrats to Merlin for conjuring a great season" he concluded.

### New Look, Great Performance

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| <i>Westcountry Wanderers</i> | 3 |
| <i>The Dark Destroyers</i>   | 2 |

Paul Hewitt became only the second manager to take all three points from the much respected Dark Destroyers this season. The club, sporting a new club badge unveiled this week, (next page) won 3-2 in a cracking game at The Cove.

Old Man Burnz got the home side off to a great start scoring after a mere minute had passed. Simon Cowell equalised on 7 minutes only for Marvin Acreman to restore the lead a minute later in an action packed opening 10 minutes.

Dick Dastardly thought he provided a way back for Adrian Mitchells side but he saw his effort disallowed after 10 minutes of the second half. To make matters worse, Norman Schwarzkopf put through his own

net to give WestCountry Wanderers a 3-1 buffer. Dastardly, did however, find the net legally 2 minutes from time but it proved to be too little too late.

### Red Machine Back To Winning Ways

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| <i>The Red Machine</i>  | 3 |
| <i>11 Men In Flight</i> | 0 |

Rob Couch's side went straight back to the top of the league this week with a comfortable 3-0 home win against struggling 11 Men In Flight.

Rob Richards, who hasnt been seen for over 2 weeks by his club most surely be getting the dreaded 'vote of confidence' soon or the league may have to step in. Infact, soccer entrepreneur Chris Jago has been spotted chatting to 11 Men In Flight chairman three days ago.

Neil Whyte gave The Red Machine the lead after half an hours play to give the title chasers a 1-0 half-time lead.

Geoffrey Finch made it 2-0 after an hours play and Godofredo Coruja netted from a corner to put The Machine back on top.



*The Dark Destroyers Dick Dastardley tries to shield the ball from WestCountry Wanderers' Marvin Acreman.*

## League reports and reaction



### Back At The Summit!

Red Machine boss Rob Couch, took timeout from his scouting mission in Spain to comment on his teams efforts in his absence.

"I am delighted with the lads performance after a testing week and their bounce-back-ability. To secure three points and regain top spot is all credit to them."

When asked regarding Super Saints manager Craig Mitchell suggestion that winning is all about being a VIP.

"It is not all down to having a wealthy chairman sitting on the board, this team is proof of that. It is all down to hard work from the teams point of view, and a very astute manager."

Rob Couch leaves Espania next Tuesday, and his next stop for talent spotting will be Holland.

### All Is Not Well At The Glory (Hole) Arena

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| <b>Rush Green</b>    | <b>1</b> |
| <b>Sexual Ealing</b> | <b>3</b> |

Rush Greens manager Trevor Isles must be scratching his head at his teams recent turn of form as his side went down 3-1 at home to Sexual Ealing.

Paul Corrigan's side are no pushovers, but found themselves a goal down when Rush Green's Hamilton Howson headed in a corner on 12 minutes. If Rush Green had held onto this lead for half-time it could have been a different story but Dave Grohl equalised 2 minutes before the break.

Jimmy Page gave the visitors the lead from a well rehearsed free-kick after an hours play and with Rush

Green pushing for an equaliser, Sexual Ealing provided the ultimate counter attack, Jo Perry making it 3-1 3 minutes into injury time.

### Wazzy Halts Perrymens Revival

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| <b>FC Wazzy</b>     | <b>2</b> |
| <b>The Perrymen</b> | <b>1</b> |

The Perrymans recent revival was halted in its tracks in week 8 as FC Wazzy came from behind to snatch victory at the death.

Terrence Livett made it 4 in 2 games for the visitors when he netted against the run of play on 23 minutes, a lead Fletchs men held onto until the break.

Godfrey Baxter equalised on the hour to set up real belief at the Back Garden for Paul Warren's side. Having most of the play and chances FC Wazzy deserved to win the match and did so with Baxter grabbing his, and his sides, second, just two minutes from time.

### A Difficult Week

'Training had been going so well' declared McFletch shortly after the first defeat of his tenure.

When prompted as to where it had gone wrong he followed up with.

'Well, I think it started with the photos of the supposedly world's best player wearing silver hot pants and a pink t-shirt. Some of the less experienced players were coming up to me asking whether they too would have to start wearing girl's clothes if they continued their rise up the league table. I tried to reassure them that it was not necessary, that seemed to settle them down but then when I overheard Ned Sykes singing 'I'm a Barbie girl in a Barbie world' in the showers I knew it had all gone too

far. I immediately ordered him to train on his own and sent the rest of the lads on assault course training to toughen them up a bit. This seemed to have the desired affect but I think it may have taken a bit out of them as they never turned up on match day.'

### Fortress Back Garden

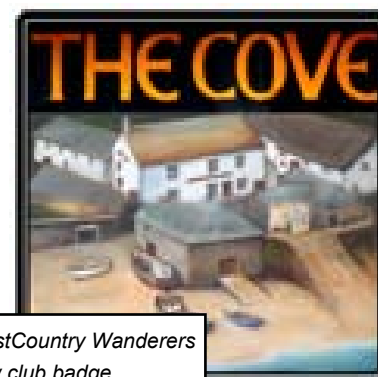
After yet another win, to move the Wazzy boys even further up the table it is becoming clear that 'The Back Garden' is becoming a fortress.

"My chief groundsman 'Mo Milorn' has been doing a great job" said team manager Paul Warren, "While I do my homework on the opposition and their tactics, Mo spends his time learning about the players and their personal traits".

This was very evident this week with the visit of the Perrymen. Mo clearly recognised their liking for Pink and Yellow as he had planted pansies and nasturshums in all of the pitchside beds which the opposition found hard to resist.

"At first, we feared this tactic had backfired" said Mo, referring to the half time lead for the visitors. "But as the flowers came into full bloom for the second half the distraction was clear, allowing our boys to put away two great goals"

Warren added "My boys were a cut above the rest in the second half. They are a great bunch!"



## In The Press This Week

21st July

### The Rallying Troops



It's been a continuing downturn for Down By The Trent, but manager Phil Jory is confident that his team have turned the corner. He commented: "Of course, I have to hold my hands up, the failed Guinness book of Records attempt has left a bitter taste in my mouth but the lads have been supportive to me. Our diet has been poor, too many burger kings, so its lean chicken hereon. Furthermore, they have responded to a new training regime and look really fit, healthy and raring to go - in fact morale is so great we're off to Kenfucky Fried Chicken for supper."

22nd July

### Destroyers Hoping For "Cockney Double"



The Dark Destroyers midfielder Norman Shwarzkopff was in confident mood ahead of the visit to the Cove to face Westcountry Wanderers, in their second match in the capital in a week. Speaking from the London Dungeons the powerful marauding midfielder said "We had an excellent result against Sexual Ealing last week - recovering from one-zero down to storm back for a 4-1 win. We surrendered the first half but showed our force once again to conquer the home territory thanks to two more goals from "Iron" Mike Tyson. It is also the first time we have won by more than one goal. We have stayed in this nice little village called London for the last few days and quite like it here. Hopefully we can achieve our next aim which is to claim another victory against Westcountry Wanderers, who seem to have wandered quite a way

(from the West Country!! We expect another tough game but we are confident in our strengths. We have also signed a couple of new players - Johnny Rotten and Sid Vicious - so competition for places is even more fierce than ever.

23rd July

### Don't Look Back In Anger



Three nil defeat at the hands of the Super Saints has seen the shine taken off Rush Greens promising start to the season, and left a lot of their players angry with the referee aswell as the result.

'It was more like a rugby match than a football game out there. The referee was diabolical. We were bing kicked of the park out there, and the referee allowed it to go on', said Eugene Stamford, Rush Greens defender. 'They even had a player sent off, and that shows that they were using bully boy tactic. But only sending someone off in the last minute shows that the ref didn't have a clue.'

Strong words from Stamford has led him to be fined, as well as the club being fined 107 500 econs for failing to control their players.

Rush Green manager Trevor Isles refused to blame his player for such an outburst. 'Eugene is a passionate lad. He has said what we are all thinking. Super Saints don't play football, and they can't play football, and my players had little protection from the ref. But the game is now in the past, and we all have to be focused on the next game. My boys have shown a fantasic attitude in training, and we are all focused on getting three points, and back to winning ways'.

### Back From The Smoke!



The Euphoric Deck Manager Ian Mitchell returned to a ticker tape parade in his beloved Cornwall (North Cornwall that is, not South like St.Awful based Red Machine manager Rob Couch !) Ian had joined fellow managers at a BBQ/League meeting on Sat Night and was full of praise by the hospitality put on by Craig, Hewey and Trev.

"It was a great night, they even invited a 'Walking Millenium Dome' to add to the atmosphere ! I'm a bit concerened at the possible spiking of drinks being consumed by Mr.Hewitt, it made him attempt some quite bizarre rituals such as burning 60 year old brandy and emptying the entire contents of sauce bottles into boxes of crackers. If this is his teams diet then it explains a lot about their current league position"

Sadly ,Pinkus G.String, the Rising Deck's team physio was unable to attend the BBQ as she was called into Soho to earn a few extra econ for the club (6 econ in total )

When asked about what trickery he used to halt the Red Machine in its tracks last week he refused to give anything away saying that the next game was just as important "Its pointless picking up a great 3 points one week if you get carried away by it all and lose the following match, the lads have proved on their day they are a match for anyone but consistency will win this league and its up to us to maintain that."

25th July

### VIPs The Answer



Fresh from his week off SuperSaints manager has an insight into successful performances in the league.

# In The Press This Week



“Although being a VIP member doesnt make you better a team it does give you access to much more insight and statistics on other teams in the league. There are five VIP members in this league and all five managers are in the top six. Like I said, it doesnt make you a better team, but it might give you access to that vital statistic that could be the difference between 3 points and 1, and that could make a huge difference over the course of a season.” In summing up “I guess the message is become a VIP member!” he said.

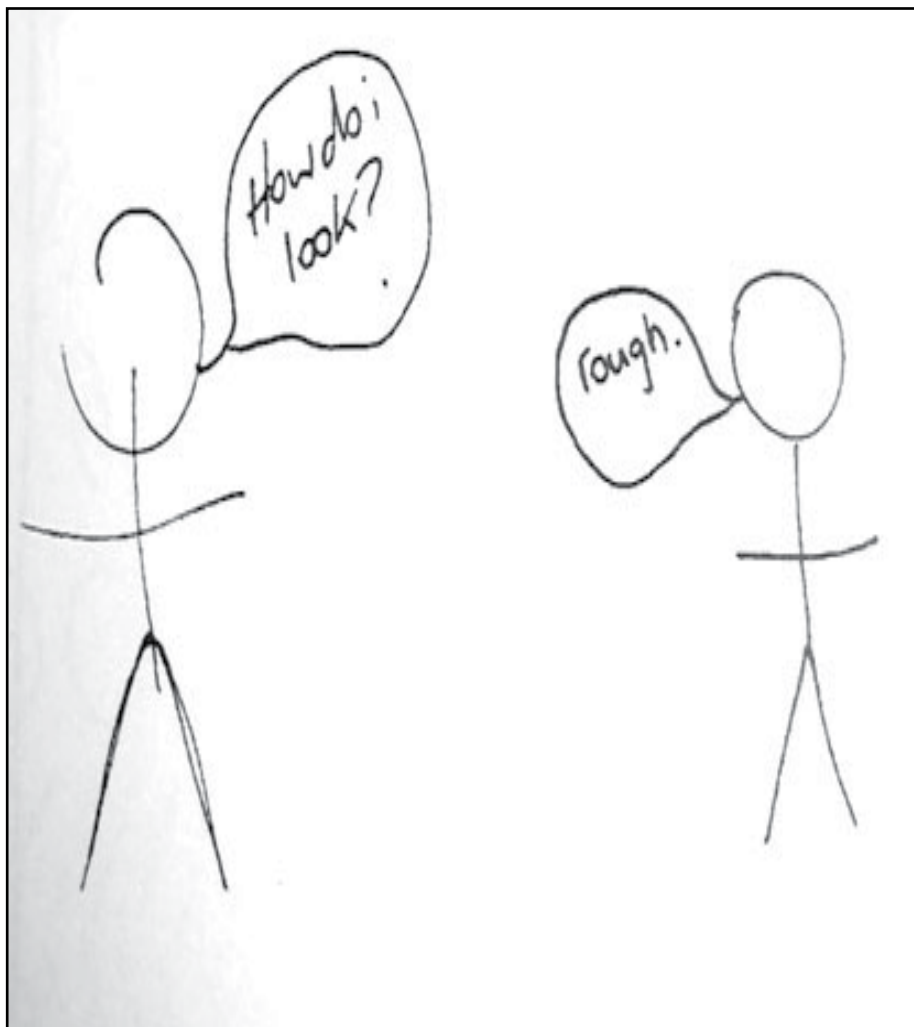
## Soccer Babes and Comedy Corner

### Not A Bad Week Off



SuperSaints lost the top spot over week 8 of the season but the manager remains upbeat.

“We all have to have these weeks off” said Mitchell. “I didnt expect to stay top whilst having a week off, especially with the chasing pack playing lower opposition, but we’re third, 2 points behind the leaders and not even half-way through the season. It could be worse” he concluded.



## League Stats



### Week 9 Results

|                   |               |                     |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Red Machine FC    | 3 - 0 (1 - 0) | 11 Men In Flight    |
| FC Wazzy          | 2 - 1 (0 - 1) | The Perry Men       |
| Rush Green        | 1 - 3 (1 - 1) | Sexual Ealing FC    |
| Down by the Trent | 1 - 5 (1 - 4) | The Rising Deck     |
| W - Wanderers     | 3 - 2 (2 - 1) | The Dark Destroyers |

### Top Scorers

|   |                 |    |                 |   |
|---|-----------------|----|-----------------|---|
| 1 | Sammy Abell     | F  | Rush Green      | 5 |
|   | Robert Houdin   | MF | The Rising Deck | 5 |
| 3 | Terrance Livett | F  | The Perry Men   | 4 |

### Xpert 11

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| Johnny Yorke    | - The Perry Men      |
| Dick Dastardly  | - The Dark Destro... |
| Terrence Crooks | - FC Wazzy           |
| Jimmy Page      | - Sexual Ealing FC   |
| Eddie van Halen | - Sexual Ealing FC   |
| Dave Grohl (C)  | - Sexual Ealing FC   |
| S Fischbacher   | - The Rising Deck    |
| Gordon Ramsey   | - The Dark Destro... |
| Harry Houdini   | - The Rising Deck    |
| Marvin Acreman  | - WestcountryWand... |
| Uri Geller      | - The Rising Deck    |
| Manager         | - Wozboz - FC Wazzy  |

### League Table

| Team                 | Pld | W | D | L | Diff | Pts |
|----------------------|-----|---|---|---|------|-----|
| Red Machine FC       | 8   | 5 | 2 | 1 | 11   | 17  |
| The Rising Deck      | 8   | 5 | 1 | 2 | 9    | 16  |
| Super Saints         | 8   | 4 | 3 | 1 | 11   | 15  |
| The Dark Destroyers  | 8   | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4    | 14  |
| Sexual Ealing FC     | 9   | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3    | 14  |
| WestcountryWanderers | 8   | 4 | 1 | 3 | 6    | 13  |
| Rush Green           | 8   | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0    | 11  |
| FC Wazzy             | 8   | 3 | 1 | 4 | -4   | 10  |
| The Perry Men        | 9   | 1 | 2 | 6 | -10  | 5   |
| 11 Men In Flight     | 8   | 1 | 2 | 5 | -14  | 5   |
| Down by the Trent    | 8   | 1 | 2 | 5 | -16  | 5   |

### Week 9 Fixtures

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

## Other News

### This Months Players In

| Buyer                | Player                 | Age | Pos | Skill | Price     |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----------|
| Red Machine FC       | Warren Bonham          | 24  | F   | 6     | 5 700 000 |
| 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 |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-------|---------|--------|
| Super Saints         | Dan Petrescu      | 17  | MF  | 3     | 0       | Sacked |
| Red Machine FC       | Jake Kewell       | 29  | MF  | 4     | 0       | Sacked |
| 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 - Phil Jory - Down By The Trent

Currently they lie at the foot of the table but Down By The Trent manager Phil, Dukebox, Jory is optimistic about the future. His progress in the league has been hampered by moving house with his family and by his own admittance hasn't had as much time with his squad as he would like. Now the move has finished Phil will be hoping to spend more time at the club and will be looking to avoid the wooden spoon in The League Supremes first season. We caught up with him, a few weeks back, at The City Ground.

Name: Phillip Percy "Dukebox" Jory

Age: 35

Football Management Experience:  
DBTT first, unbeaten after 3 games - piece of piss!

Homelife: Sex

How have you found managing your team in XPert11 has it been easier/harder than expected?  
Seems straightforward enough but obviously loads I don't know.

How have you found XPert11 overall?  
Must admit I was chuffed when DBTT won first game and I love the humour of press releases - makes it for me.

Have you told any of your friends/family?  
Don't talk to family and have no friends! - No

Is winning games or being entertaining more important to you?  
Entertaining, although I think we are all competitive deep down

Tell us a bit about your XPert11 Team. Are you satisfied with how you are playing? Your position in the league etc?  
2 draws a win and a loss, nicht slecht (for you German linguists).

What is your secret to great team building?  
Garribaldi biscuits

Would you say you are 'tactically great' at X11 or does your team depend a little on luck?  
Definitely not "great", although I try to vary tactics

Do you see yourself playing XPert11 long into the future? In this group/format yes (for the banter)

Who are you, when you aren't a manager on XPert11?  
A horse racing gambler and wife shagger.

What would you like to see added to the game most?  
half time oranges

What is your short-term/long-term plans in this league?  
to enjoy it and win if possible

Who is the best player in your team and who is one of your 'characters' in the dressing room?  
we don't communicate as I talk to fast for them!

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

If you could have any real-life player playing at the moment, who would compliment your team the most?  
Martin Lloyd -we need someone 11ft 2" tall who is crap in the air.

Which managers do you feel are your closest rivals?  
all of them

Who is your tip for the title?  
Rising Deck - managers a magician.

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



*Phil Jory emerges from his recent Guinness Book of Records attempt of 14 consecutive days of going down on his missus!*