

THE LEAGUE

SEASON 3 2016/17



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SEASON PREVIEW 2016/17

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<u>Predicted</u> <u>Finish</u>	<u>Team Name (Manager)</u>	<u>Predicted</u> <u>Points</u>	<u>Odds</u>
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10th.	I Smell Success (Hank)	1183	100/1
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Assistant turned Manager for this upcoming season, Hank won't have it easy in his maiden season at the helm. A wonderful maverick on the sidelines but he's got a tough squad to manage. Bringing the likes of Nolito, Success, Batshuayi and Musa to The League for their debut seasons is a tough ask, how will they all integrate and will Hank be able to communicate in all the different languages. Also starting the season with a crocked left back doesn't bode well. But we all know that this will only fuel Manager Hank to do the unthinkable. To do a Leicester.

9th.	Left Back Friend (Jonny Wild)	1231	66/1
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Shocking to see him this low??! Not really. Manager Wild is an eccentric manager who you feel never really knows what he's doing. He surprised a few people last season with a 4th place finish (good on him!) to qualify for the European Cup this season, but this draft hasn't fallen well with predicted scores. A few picks that haven't gone down well with the cold-handed homeless fans (aka the 75 Harcourt Rd John brigade)... but then again who knows what Manager Wild might be able to produce now 'Fingers' is his team mascot. A lot depends on George Friend and how he can lead the troops. Is he Manager Wild's new Deeney?? Well Rooney certainly isn't...

8th.	Bertrand's Back Alright (Colin)	1254	50/1
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Stale. The board isn't happy. The fans aren't happy and there's an air of disappointment in Manager Barker's team selection. Early picks for Hart and Rashford shocked the draft but it's the lack of excitement in unproven players (Gudmundsson the exception) that hasn't gone down well. Where has the Barker from previous season's been? Certainly cutting back on his scouting abroad. But then we all know... 'There's only One Colin Barker' and anything can happen. It's a long season and he may still surprise a few.

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7th. At home with the Susans (Mike) 1270 40/1

Manager Mike certainly won't mind being predicted to come 7th especially as that was the prediction last season and from there he ended with a 3rd place finish. Can he repeat this feat this season?! There's certainly reason to believe so but it's whether he can galvanise the side and get the likes of Mahrez, Susan and Ayew to pull the strings in midfield. We expect him to have another good season ahead but whether he'll be up there at the business end of the season we're not convinced.

6th. The Mido Touch (Gurj) 1283 40/1

The most celebrated manager in The League's history but possibly the toughest season ahead of him. No Yaya like in the first season. No Payet like in the second season. Where is his man for this season? Does he even have one?! A fairly ancient back line together with a rather sluggish team ahead of them doesn't set the tone we've come to expect from a Singh selection. A lot will be expected from this big club but we believe they're in for a long hard season ahead. The fans don't feel overly optimistic about the season ahead and we're backing that right the way through to May 2017. A lot rests on the shoulders of Sanchez and Costa...

5th. Team Sick Note (Will) 1322 18/1

The other newbie Manager who we welcome with open arms into The League, is predicted a top half finish and that would be seen as an excellent first year in The League. However we're hearing rumours that Manager Coulter (aka the Lurker) is expecting to go further with this assembled team of unpredictable misfits. A lot of the season will be spent keeping Sturridge wrapped in cotton wool, remembering Yaya's birthday 5 times during the season, ensuring Hazard doesn't fall into a sulk, making Townsend pass the ball every now and again. etc. etc. It's interesting to see how this team gels, how hands on Coulter will be, and how he adjusts to the gruelling season ahead. A good start is needed to give Manager Coulter a chance to make next season's European Cup and if that was achieved then he'd be amongst the Manager of the Year favourites...

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4th. 50 Shades of Black (James) 1329 16/1

One of the perennial underachievers in The League, Manager Bingham enters the 2106/17 full of optimism. A team built around the front 2 of Kane and Deeney (both whom were excellent last season) suggest this team could go far. A fairly strong draft from Mr Bingham has allowed for a well-balanced side that have looked good in pre-season and seem ready for the challenge ahead. Sensible decisions on back room staff have added to the excitement of the season ahead and we're looking forward to seeing how Hojbjerg adjusts to The League. One thing the fans still want to know though is how the old team badge will be adapted for the new season. The big question... is this the season we see a smile on Manager Bingham's face with a trophy in his hands?!

3rd. Pulis in disguise (Rik) 1378 6/1

Last season's Champions... it would be wrong to rule them out of back-to-back titles especially with this impressive draft. Manager Whitham definitely knows how to work the magic in the transfer market and must be happy with his assembled team with no apparent superstars to disrupt the dressing room. Sigurdsson, Alli and Payet will be a midfield trio of delight but it's the unknown of Wilson and Rondon upfront that might just let this team down come the end of the season. Whether those strikers are still there though is another question – Whitham doesn't suffer fools lightly. Expect big things again from Manager Whitham. Could he be the first double league champion? We're not ruling it out.

2nd. Mr Chatty Man (Ben) 1395 4/1

Manager of the Year in 2014/15 but still with no team trophies to show for it. Is he just a selfish man in it for himself? Where's the team ethos? Is he a Manager who just bottles it when it gets to the business end? Does the whole team sleep in the camper van? All questions that have been asked before. Manager B.Wild is second favourite for the season ahead and with the pairing of Lukaku and Ibrahimovic most people aren't surprised. Backed up with a solid defence and creative midfield there is high optimism around the camp. But the question 'Can Ben Wild deliver when it really matters?' will always ring around this club until a trophy is delivered. This season certainly looks a strong probability.

1st. #thefavourite (Jonny Breeze) 1470 2/1
#thefavourite

SEASON 2016/17 – The Starting Teams

NORTHERN DIVISION

I Smell Success (Hank)

Schmeichel
Stones, Van Dijk, Alderweireld, Cresswell
Mane, Success, Eriksen, Nolito
Musa, Batshuayi

Left Back Friend (Jonny Wild)

Mandanda
Bailey, Baines, Shaw, Friend
Mata, Barkley, Feghouli, De Bruyne
Giroud, Rooney

Bertrand's Back Alright (Colin)

Hart
Bellerin, Fuchs, Kolarov, Bertrand
Antonio, Ozil, Gudmundsson, Albrighton
Rashford, Ighalo

The Mido Touch (Guri)

Cech
Zabaleta, Kompany, Coleman, Azpilicueta
Sanchez, Cabaye, Fabregas, Mirallas
Costa, Berahino

Mr Chatty Man (Ben)

Lloris
Ivanovic, Clyne, Otamendi, Reid
Arnautovic, Lamela, Gundogan, Silva
Lukaku, Ibrahimovic

SOUTHERN DIVISION

At home with the Susans (Mike)

Courtois
Funes Mori, Fonte, Koscielny, Dann
Tadic, Ayew, Mahrez, Noble
Benteke, Gray

Team Sick Note (Will)

Forster
Matip, Cahill, Huth, Vertonghen
Hazard, Yaya, Coutinho, Townsend
Sturridge, Defoe

50 Shades of Black (James)

de Gea
Walker, Smalling, Morgan, Cedric
Martial, Ramsey, Hojbjerg, Shaqiri
Kane, Deeney

Pulis in disguise (Rik)

Gomes
Daniels, Dawson, Simpson, Monreal
Lanzini, Payet, Alli, Sigurdsson
Wilson, Rondon

#thefavourite (Jonny Breeze)

Adrian
Rose, Terry, Williams, Van Aanholt
Bolasie, Mkhitarjan, Firmino, Willian
Aguero, Vardy

EUROPEAN CUP

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

AUGUST 27TH 2016

PRICE: THREE POUNDS

KICK OFF: 12:30PM

CAPACITY: 90,000



AT HOME WITH THE SUSANS VS
Manager : Mike Toal

LEFT BACK FRIEND
Manager : Jonny Wild

SEASON 3 - HOW THE TEAMS GOT THERE

AT HOME WITH THE SUSANS



Semi-Final 1st leg (HOME vs. PULIS IN DISGUISE)
Won 18 – 14

Semi-Final 2nd leg (AWAY vs. PULIS IN DISGUISE)
Won 12 – 7

TOTAL – Won 30-21

LEFT BACK FRIEND



Semi-Final 1st leg (HOME vs. THE MIDO TOUCH)
Won 23 – 9

Semi-Final 2nd leg (AWAY vs. THE MIDO TOUCH)
Lost 12 – 25

TOTAL – Won 35-34

NOTES FROM THE MANAGERS

Mike Toal (AT HOME WITH THE SUSANS)

So here we are again. It seems like only yesterday when I was preparing the team for the inaugural European Cup final, worrying about how I was going to get Butland to operate his wheel chair on the hallowed turf. I'm thankful that, all things being well, I won't be having such worries this season.

I am very proud to be in my second successive European Cup final and am desperate to give our fans a cup that they have so long craved. I'm under no illusions of the difficulty of the task that we will face this weekend.

Facing the current league leaders with a manager buoyed by his OBT Cup success will be a tough task, but one that I'm confident that the team will meet head on.

In the words of our motto, let's kick some arse!

Jonny Wild (LEFT BACK FRIEND)

To all our my Left Back Friends,

As we look forward to enjoying our first European Cup Final together always remember not to walk behind me as I may not lead. Do not walk in front of me, as I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Jonny Wild Manager, LBF FC

FIXTURES FOR EUROPEAN CUP WEEKEND

Saturday 27th August 2016

Tottenham v Liverpool (12:30) Chelsea v Burnley (15:00)
Palace v Bournemouth (15:00) Everton v Stoke (15:00)
Leicester v Swansea (15:00) Saints v Sunderland (15:00)
Watford v Arsenal (15:00) Hull v Man United (17:30)

Sunday 28th August 2016

Baggies v Midd'brough (13:30) Man City v West Ham (16:00)

AT HOME WITH THE SUSANS

Player	Pos.	Team	IN?	Points
Thibaut Courtois	G	Chelsea		
Laurent Koscielny	D	Arsenal		
Scott Dann	D	Crystal Palace		
Jose Fonte	D	Southampton		
Ramiro Funes Mori	D	Everton		
Riyad Mahrez	M	Leicester		
Andre Ayew	M	West Ham		
Dusan Tadic	M	Southampton		
Mark Noble	M	West Ham		
Christian Benteke	F	Liverpool		
Andre Gray	F	Burnley		

LEFT BACK FRIEND

Player	Pos.	Team	IN?	Points
Steve Mandanda	G	Crystal Palace		
Eric Bailly	D	Man Utd		
George Friend	D	Middlesbrough		
Leighton Baines	D	Everton		
Luke Shaw	D	Man Utd		
Kevin De Bruyne	M	Man City		
Ross Barkley	M	Everton		
Juan Mata	M	Man Utd		
Sofiane Feghouli	M	West Ham		
Olivier Giroud	F	Arsenal		
Wayne Rooney	F	Man Utd		

CURRENT LEAGUE TABLE

(as at the end of Gameweek 2)

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Scorer</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Left back Friend (Jonny W)	Rooney	73
2	50 shades of black (James)	Kane	73
3	#thefavourite (Jonny B)	Vardy	69
4	Team sick note (Will)	Hazard	67
5	Mr Chatty Man (Ben)	Zlatan	66
6	I smell Success (Hank)	Musa	62
7	The Mido Touch (Gurj*)	Sanchez	52
8	At home with the Susans (Mike)	Gray	52
9	Pulis in disguise (Rik*)	Rondon	50
10	Bertrands back alright (Col)	Igahlo	39

LOAN POOL FOR THE SEASON

<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>
Jack Butland	Goalkeeper	Thomas Heaton	Goalkeeper
L. Fabianski	Goalkeeper	Bacary Sagna	Defender
Kurt Zouma	Defender	M. Darmian	Defender
D. Delaney	Defender	Michael Keane	Defender
R. Shawcross	Defender	G. Deulofeu	Midfielder
N. Redmond	Midfielder	Leroy Fer	Midfielder
M. Depay	Midfielder	R. Loftus-Cheek	Midfielder
Joshua King	Midfielder	Shane Long	Forward
A. Hernandez	Forward	Andy Carroll	Forward
Danny Ings	Forward	Vincent Janssen	Forward

YELLOWCAT^{DOT} LONDON THE CUP

4 Group games to take place from **weeks 13-16** (each team play 1 game against each other in Northern/Southern div.)

The Northern Table	LBF	ISS	MCM	TMT	BBA
Left Back Friend (Jonny W)	X				
I Smell Success (Hank)		X			
Mr Chatty Man (Ben)			X		
The Mido Touch (Gurj)				X	
Bertrands Back Alright (Col)					X

The Southern Table	50	#	TSN	AHS	PID
50 Shades of Black (James)	X				
#thefavourite (Jonny B)		X			
Team Sick Note (Will)			X		
At Home with the Susans (Mike)				X	
Pulis in Disguise (Rik)					X

Semi Final (week 17)

SF1 _____ (winner north) vs. _____ (runner-up north)

SF2 _____ (winner south) vs. _____ (runner-up south)

Final (week 18)

_____ (winner SF1) vs. _____ (winner SF2)

WINNER _____



THE OBT CUP

- Draw for each round to be made from a hat / cookie jar (dates to be set)
- Added preliminary round this year as the League is 10
- Home Team has 5 point advantage
- Captain (double points) to whoever lower in league table at the time
- Need to win by 10+ points to progress, otherwise replay (2nd game), penalty shootout (3rd game) & penalty shootout sudden death (4th game)

Preliminary 1st Round (date tbc)

_____ () vs _____ () & _____ () vs _____ ()

Quarter-Finals (date tbc)

_____ () vs _____ () & _____ () vs _____ ()

_____ () vs _____ () & _____ () vs _____ ()

Semi-Finals (date tbc)

_____ () vs _____ () & _____ () vs _____ ()

Final (date tbc)

_____ () vs _____ ()

WINNER

THE ALL STAR GAME



VS.



GK Petr Cech			GK Thibaut Courtois		
GK Steve Mandanda			GK Adrian Adrian		
GK Hugo Lloris			GK Heurelho Gomes		
GK Joe Hart			GK David de Gea		
GK Kasper Schmeichel			GK Fraser Forster		
DF Pablo Zabaleta			DF Laurent Koscielny		
DF Seamus Coleman			DF Scott Dann		
DF Vincent Kompany			DF Jose Fonte		
DF Cesar Azpilicueta			DF Ramiro Funes Mori		
DF Luke Shaw			DF Danny Rose		
DF Eric Bailly			DF John Terry		
DF George Friend			DF Patrick van Aanholt		
DF Leighton Baines			DF Ashley Williams		
DF Branislav Ivanovic			DF Charlie Daniels		
DF Nathaniel Clyne			DF Craig Dawson		
DF Winston Reid			DF Nacho Monreal		
DF Nicolas Otamendi			DF Danny Simpson		
DF Hector Bellerin			DF Cedric Cedric		
DF Aleksandar Kolarov			DF Chris Smalling		
DF Christian Fuchs			DF Kyle Walker		
DF Ryan Bertrand			DF Wes Morgan		
DF Aaron Cresswell			DF Joel Matip		
DF Toby Alderweireld			DF Jan Vertonghen		
DF John Stones			DF Gary Cahill		
DF Virgil van Dijk			DF Robert Huth		
MD Cesc Fabregas			MD Riyad Mahrez		
MD Alexis Sanchez			MD Andre Ayew		
MD Kevin Mirallas			MD Dusan Tadic		
MD Yohan Cabaye			MD Mark Noble		
MD Juan Mata			MD Henrikh Mkhitaryan		
MD Sofiane Feghouli			MD Willian Willian		
MD Kevin De Bruyne			MD Roberto Firmino		
MD Ross Barkley			MD Yannick Bolasie		
MD Erik Lamela			MD Dimitri Payet		
MD Marko Arnautovic			MD Manuel Lanzini		
MD David Silva			MD Bamidele Alli		
MD Ilkay Gundogan			MD Gylfi Sigurdsson		
MD Marc Albrighton			MD Aaron Ramsey		
MD Michail Antonio			MD Anthony Martial		
MD Johann Berg Gudmundsson			MD Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg		
MD Mesut Ozil			MD Xherdan Shaqiri		
MD Christian Eriksen			MD Eden Hazard		
MD Sadio Mane			MD Gnegneri Yaya Yaya Toure		
MD Isaac Success			MD Andros Townsend		
MD Manuel Nollito			MD Philippe Coutinho		
AT Diego Costa			AT Christian Benteke		
AT Salto Berahino			AT Andre Gray		
AT Olivier Giroud			AT Sergio Aguero		
AT Wayne Rooney			AT Jamie Vardy		
AT Romelu Lukaku			AT Callum Wilson		
AT Zlatan Ibrahimovic			AT Salomon Rondon		
AT Marcus Rashford			AT Harry Kane		
AT Odion Ighalo			AT Troy Deeney		
AT Ahmed Musa			AT Daniel Sturridge		
AT Michy Batshuayi			AT Jermain Defoe		

NORTHERN TOTAL _____

SOUTHERN TOTAL _____

THE 2015/16 TABLE

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Scorer</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	LWC (Rik)	Giroud	1,462
2	Baines on Toast (Gurj)	Rooney	1,314
3	Don't blame it on the Wijis (Mike)	Lukaku	1,282
4	Deeney's Donkeys (Jonny W)	Depay	1,225
5	Barker's Bertrands (Colin)	Hazard	1,199
6	We all fist the Ozil (James)	Costa	1,198
7	AFC Hold the Front Page (Ben)	Benteke	1,197
8	Dirty Rent Boys (Jonny B)	<u>Eriksen</u>	1,102

THE HONOURS BOARD

	<u>League</u>	<u>European Cup</u>	<u>OBT Cup</u>	<u>Yellow Cat Cup</u>
Gurj	1	1	1	
Rik	1			1
Jonny Breeze				1
Jonny Wild			1	

CHAMPIONS IN PREVIOUS SEASONS

2015/16

League Champions	Little White Cocks	Rik
European Cup	Baines on Toast	Gurj
OBT Cup	Deeney's Donkeys	Jonny W
The Yellow Cat Cup	Little White Cocks	Rik

2014/15

League Champions	Wickham Wanderers	Gurj
European Cup	n/a	n/a
OBT Cup	Wickham Wanderers	Gurj
The Yellow Cat Cup	Consistently Stale	Jonny B

Photos from Season 2 Awards



European Cup
Baines on Toast (Gurj)



Yellow Cat Cup
LWC (Rik)



The Allstar Shield
The North



OBT Cup
Deeney's Donkeys (Jonny W)



League Champions
LWC (Rik)



Manager of the Season
Gurj