# SEASON REVIEW 2016-2017



### SEASON REVIEW 2016-2017 SUPER20 PREMIER

### TAYLOR CLAIMS FIRST TITLE

#### In penultimate gameweek crunch match

Andy Taylor became the 8<sup>th</sup> Manager to win the most prestigious prize in Fantasy Challenge "The Premier League". Taylor in his 4<sup>th</sup> season in the topflight finally got over the line, he was runner-up in his first season and had a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place finish respectively in the following seasons. Taylor has secured top 8 finishes in all of his Premier League seasons.

#### THREE GAMEWEEKS DEFINE A SEASON

After the results in Gamewek 35 Steve Haley moved into pole position of the Premier League taking the lead form Andy Taylor who had lost to Jeff Aldersea. Taylor had been top for the previous two weeks and had been top in 6 of the last 7 weeks. Three points separated the top three, Andy Gurney the 2010 and 2011 champions lying in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. James Dwinfour another former champion was a further 4 points behind surely out of the title race.

Going into Gamweek 36 the top three had all confirmed qualification for the Super20 Cup so all eyes were on the title race. Steve Haley went down to James Dwinfour in 4<sup>th</sup>, Andy Taylor beat Richard Munroe, who was chasing a top eight finish, to go back to the top of the table whilst Andy Gurney in 3<sup>rd</sup> slipped up to Omid Afzalalghom who had moved into 5<sup>th</sup>. Haley's defeat saw him now a point behind with two to play. That victory for James Dwinfour meant he was the 4<sup>th</sup> manager to qualify for next seasons Super20 cup.

Gameweek 37 would provide an amazing fixture as Andy Taylor would take on Steve Haley, first versus second victory for Taylor would secure the title whilst if Haley could take victory he would go into the final gameweek with a 2 point lead, that fixture meant that whilst it was still mathematically possible for Andy Gurney to win the league he would need a miracle and could only win it now on point difference although with plus 200, the slimmest of hope was being held onto.

A fantastic match saw Andy Taylor claim the league title with a gameweek to go by beating Steve Haley 126-116, for Taylor the wait for the title was over as for Haley he had secured his second successive top three finish in his first two season in the top flight. Andy Gurney went down to his brother who trying to ensure another season in the Premier League. That all proved academic as Taylor secured his first Premier League title and second trophy of the season to add to his Super20 Cup victory.

#### IS THIS JUST FANTASY OR FOR PROMOTED MANAGERS NO ESCAPE FROM REALITY

The Fantasy Challenge Premier League is beginning to resemble the real thing as four of last seasons promoted managers were relegated. By Gameweek 37 Paul Richardson, Adam Pemberton, Andrew Burchell and Sandeep Chohan were all confirmed as relegated. With one match of the season to go Glen Hogwood the other promoted manager was lying in the last relegation place 3 points from safety requiring a victory on the last day of the season and hoping that either Jeff Aldersea or Oliver Shanks would lose knowing he had a superior points difference.

Hogwood would save himself on the final day with a 99-71 victory over Rob Gurney, Oliver Shanks confirmed his own safety with a narrow 65-60 victory over already relegated Paul Richardson but Jeff Aldersea who was runner-up in this seasons Super20 Cup would lose 77-58 to last season's champion Ian Gredley and be relegated on points difference the worst possible way to get relegated.

# SEASON REVIEW 2016-2017 OVERALL LEAGUE

### THEMISTOCLEOUS CREATES HISTORY

First manager to win the Overall League Twice in Premier era Second manager to win Overall League more than once

Andreas Themistocleous claimed his second Overall League title, the Overall League does not always get the coverage that it deserves and is potentially the toughest of all the Fantasy Challenge competitions to win so for a manger to do this more than once is a fantastic achievement for Andreas to have done it twice in the last four seasons is quite remarkable. The Overall League is difficult to cover as changes can actually be very dramatic from week to week. The overall league might not be covered as much in the FC World it is certainly a title that is held in high esteem and managers performing well are immediately on the radar of the FC World as one to watch.

#### THE OVERALL LEAGUE RUN IN

	<b>GAMEWEK 35</b>			GAMEWEK 36	
Pos	MANAGER	Points	Pos	MANAGER	Points
1	Alfie Harris	2057	1	Andreas Themistocleous	2128
2	Alvar Chambers	2026	2	Alfie Harris	2120
3	Andreas Themistocleous	2026	3	Alvar Chambers	2106
4	David Bardon	2019	4	David Bardon	2081
5	Amanteer Khakh	1986	5	Marc Bolton	2064
6	Scott Smith	1982	6	Steven Mcintosh	2058
7	James Dwinfour	1981	7	Scott Smith	2054
8	Dave Rogers	1981	8	James Dwinfour	2053
9	Adrian Taylor	1978	9	Adrian Taylor	2047
10	Steven Mcintosh	1978	10	Dave Rogers	2044

	<b>GAMEWEK 37</b>			<b>GAMEWEK 38</b>	
Pos	MANAGER	<b>Points</b>	Pos	MANAGER	Points
1	Andreas Themistocleous	2313	1	Andreas Themistocleous	2415
2	Alvar Chambers	2279	2	Alvar Chambers	2371
3	Alfie Harris	2257	3	Steven Mcintosh	2354
4	Steven Mcintosh	2256	4	Alfie Harris	2337
5	Marc Bolton	2244	5	Marc Bolton	2334
6	David Noel	2209	6	David Noel	2306
7	Dave Rogers	2204	7	Cormac Connaughton	2299
8	David Bardon	2202	8	Adrian Comer	2288
9	Cormac Connaughton	2200	9	Dave Rogers	2287
10	James Dwinfour	2196	10	James Dwinfour	2281

As you can see once Andreas hit top in Gameweek 36 he managed to hold off the pack to claim the title.

# SEASON REVIEW 2016-2017 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

### HAYRYNEN CLAIMS SECOND MAJOR TROPHY

**Stopping Tony Collins from making Champions League history** 

Hans Hayrynen claimed his second major trophy beating Tony Collins in the highest scoring Champions League final in history. Hayrynen won 97-90.

Hans stopped his opponent Tony Collins from making Champions League history by being the first manager to retain the trophy.

Collins though had made history by becoming the first manager to make consecutive final denying Dan Varrow of the chance to do that very feat by beating him in the semi-final a repeat of the 2016 final.

### **PYRAMID CUP**

### **NOEL WINS ALL PYRAMID PREMIER FINAL**

Claiming his first major trophy

David Noel claimed the Pyramid Cup picking up his first major trophy in his 3<sup>rd</sup> season in the game. Noel beat James Bloomer 97-53 Bloomer was also in his 3<sup>rd</sup> season.

Noel's 97 in the final was the highest score ever in a Pyramid Cup Final.

Both managers secured promotion from Pyramid Premier.

### **NEW LIFE CUP**

### KIN CHAU SHOCKS STRACK

Kin stops Strack from retaining trophy

Kin Chau caused a bit of an upset in The New Life Cup Final, Kin in his 3<sup>rd</sup> season in the game has not really captured the headlines but he changed all of that with this victory.

Jonathan Strack was trying to create history having made a consecutive final. Strack had won the 2016 New Life Cup and was trying to win his second major trophy.

Kin triumphed over Jonathan Strack 110-74 becoming the first manager to score over 100 in The New Life Cup Final.

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### **FC CUP**

### AFZALALGHOM WINS HISTORIC FINAL

# First Final to go to a replay Highest ever scoring final

Omid Afzalalghom won a historic FC Cup against Daniel Sherry a final that will always be remembered for so many reasons.

It was the first time that the competition had received the full FC World treatment with each round being covered with match reports of selected matches.

The Final ended in an amazing 149 all tie it was the first final where a manager had scored over 100 with both managers achieving this feat which was simply amazing, it was also the first final to go to a replay.

Omid Afzalaghom took the replay 104-82 to claim his 3<sup>rd</sup> Major trophy taking his place amongst the most successful managers in the history of FC.

Whilst Daniel Sherry lost he will always be remembered for his part in this final and like this final has achieved legendary status in his rookie season.

### **SUPER20 CUP**

### TAYLOR CLAIMS FIRST MAJOR TROPHY

### Two seasons after losing the final

As you will have seen earlier in this review Andy Taylor pipped Steve Haley to the Premier League title winning that match in Gameweek 37, Taylor defeated Haley in the first round of the Super20 Cup 66-33.

Taylor overcame Steve Shew in the Semi-Final a former champion and Premier League winner.

Taylor beat Jeff Aldersea 70-48 in the Final, Aldersea would go on to be relegated in the Premier Taylor went on to win the title, was the Super20 Cup victory the platform for that victory.

# SEASON REVIEW 2016-2017 SUPER20 CHAMPIONSHIP

### THEMISTOCLEOUS POWERS TO PREMIER

#### From Pyramid Two to Premier in 7 Seasons

Andreas Themistocleous powered to the Premier League claiming promotion in Gameweek 32 then taking the title in Gameweek 36, Themistocleous also took the Overall League cementing a fantastic season. Themistocleuos Championship title is his third Super20 title claiming the Pyramid Two in 2011 and League One in 2015. This seasons Overall League title is his 3rd major trophy adding to his previous Overall League title and his Champions League victory in 2015.

Adrian Taylor joined Themistocleous in Gameweek 35, Hakan Bedir claimed his promotion in Gameweek 37. Adrian Taylor who won the Overall League in his rookie season has gone through the super20 league to the top flight in 6 seasons going from Pyramid One to the Premier, claiming promotion at his first attempt. Hakan Bedir returns to the Premier League in his second season in the Championship he finished 7th last season. His two previous seasons in the Premier league were not very successful receiving a lucky survival and then being relegated.

#### **LAST DAY DRAMA**

Going into the last day Roari Fox and Dan Wyatt sat in the final promotion places 3 points ahead of Michael Carleton and Raymond Turp who had a chance of promotion.

The fixture list once more did not disappoint with a play-off scenario for Michael Carleton and Dan Wyatt as they went head to head, Wyatt would confirm promotion if he won whilst Michael Carleton knew that victory would see him waiting on Raymond Turps result against already relegated Mark Angliss which it could come down to point difference. Roari Fox had Sam Shew the former premier league champion, Shew was fighting relegation needing a victory to survive.

Michael Carleton beat Dan Wyatt 73-56 with Raymond Turp failing to beat Mark Angliss going down 87-70 which confirmed Michael Carleton's promotion returning to the Premier League at the first attempt. Roari Fox beat Sam Shew 74-69 confirming his promotion and condemning Sam Shew to League One next season.

#### THE RELEGATION BATTLE

Former Champions League winner Andy McLaren suffered the humility of being relegated with 8 Gameweeks to go, McLaren being relegated in his first season up repeating the feat the last time he got promoted to the Championship. Patrick O'Connor was the next manager to be relegated in Gameweek 32. O'Connor he suffered the ignominy of successive relegations the manager who spent four seasons in the top flight one season qualifying for the Super20 Cup will now face league one action next season. Gameweek 36 saw another former Premier league Manager Robin Wilson consigned to League One, Wilson is famous for losing on the final day in 2009 to Adam Pemberton in a Premier League title decider, now after 4 seasons in the Championship he has been relegated. Mark Angliss a former Overall League winner and Champions League winner also like Patrick O'Connor suffered successive relegations confirming his fate after Gameweek 37.

Going into the final day Graham Price sat in the final relegation place with Sam Shew the only manager he could catch 2 points above him. Price beat Kojo Amofa 100-77, Sam Shew as already mentioned lost to promotion chasing Roari Fox, Price survived whilst Sam Shew Premier League champion in 2015 has now suffered the ignominy of successive promotions and will plying his trade two division below in as many season since that magnificent triumph.

## SEASON REVIEW 2016-2017 SUPER20 LEAGUE ONE

### STRACK STRIKES GOLD

#### Title overshadows NewLife Cup Final Loss

Jonathan Strack secured promotion in Gameweek 36 but had to wait for the final day to secure the title. Strack beat Martin Eyre 74-62 to take his second Super20 title in his rookie season the Pyramid One trophy.

League One was one of the closest promotion races to have ever unfolded only Grahame Hill had secured promotion going into the last day, Grahame who will revert to his better known Fc name Bill form next season.

#### **LAST DAY DRAMA**

Going into the final day of the season 3 promotion places were up for grabs with managers all the way down to 10<sup>th</sup> who mathematically had a chance of promotion.

Maris Cars, Jim Burrows and Rio McLister were all sitting in the driving seat, Cars was 3 points clear of 6<sup>th</sup> but Burrows and McLister were just a single point clear.

Maris turned on the form to beat already promoted Grahame Hill 111-71 to secure promotion and in the process move above Hill in the table to secure runners-up spot. Rio McLister leapfrogged Jim Burrows by beating Stewart Lunn who was in 10<sup>th</sup> winning 65-56. For Jim Burrows it was heartbreak as he went down to Joseph Shalome 83-64, Shalome who was 8<sup>th</sup> would finish the season on the same points as 5<sup>th</sup> but finish in 7<sup>th</sup> above Burrows but miss out on promotion on point difference. Rilwan Dawodu who started the day in 6<sup>th</sup> was the manager to benefit from Burrows defeat as he beat Kev Doyle 86-56 and claim the final promotion place. Darren Cullen who started in 7<sup>th</sup> beat Steve Whitely 78-54 but he would ultimately miss out on promotion on point's difference finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place.

After the final fixtures were played 3 points separated 5<sup>th</sup> place down to 9<sup>th</sup> one of the tightest super20 leagues ever.

#### THE RELEGATION BATTLE

George Ferridge was the first manager to get relegated in Gameweek 35 and confirm a successive relegation taking him down to League Two he has not been this low since 2007. A week later Steve whitely was relegated the former founder member of the Premier League also suffered a successive relegation for whitely sees him hit a new low point in his FC career a first season in League Two. Gameweek 37 saw another manager to suffer the ignominy of successive relegations and was also a founder member of the Premier League Steve Martin.

#### **LAST DAY DRAMA**

On the final day two managers were still to be relegated Matt Hansell and Kev Doyle were sitting in the those places and had the chance to pass two other managers Dee Patel 1 point clear and Stefan Rance 2 points clear. As we have already told you Kev Doyle lost to Rilwan Dawodu who claimed the last promotion place relegating Doyle. Dee Patel won her last fixture 76-60 over Ellie Turner to stay in the division. Matt Hansell won his last fixture beating already relegated George Ferridge 66-63 that victory was not enough even Stefan Rance failed to win going down 84-58 to Peter Cuckson but Matt Hansell narrow victory was not enough seeing him relegated on points difference.

## SEASON REVIEW 2016-2017 SUPER20 LEAGUE TWO

### **ALEXANDER CLAIMS HAT-TRICK OF PROMOTIONS**

#### **Successive Super20 Titles**

Ben Alexander claimed his 3<sup>rd</sup> successive promotion with 5 gameweeks to go. Then in Gameweek 36 he secured a successive Super20 title to add to his Pyramid Premier title. Alexander was also the FC Cup Runner-up in 2014 becoming a big name in the FC World.

Brad Smith secured promotion in Gameweek 36 to return to League One at the first attempt. By the end of Gameweek 37 all the promotion places were decided.

Dan Jopp secured his 5th consecutive promotion his first one was a lucky one but this season securing a 4<sup>th</sup> promotion catching the eye for another season. Thomas Lusty was the next manager to secure promotion, Lusty starting the long road back to the Premier League, he was founder member, the promotion back to League One being secured at the first attempt. Tony Collins claimed the final promotion spot but was in all the headlines for reaching a consecutive Champions League final. Collins might have claimed the final promotion place but all the League One managers will be taking notice of Collins promotion.

#### THE RELEGATION BATTLE

Aubrey Davis was the first manager to be relegated in Gameweek 33, for Davis this is a successive relegation after a 6 season stint in League One Aubrey will be in the Conference next season his lowest league in his 10 seasons in the game.

Gameweek 37 saw four other managers relegated. Lee Pepper like Aubrey Davis suffered the ignominy of successive relegations. Pepper had spent 9 seasons in League One will now be in the Conference from next season.

Cedric Ayres a manager to have won a major trophy the FC Cup back in 2008 has also suffered successive relegations and is another manager who will be plying his trade in his lowest super20 league next season.

Kris Noble was also relegated last season he received a lucky survival and will be hoping for the same fate as last season. If he doesn't he will be back in the Conference for the first time since 2014 when he received a lucky promotion.

#### **LAST DAY DRAMA**

Going into the final day Stephen Firminger was lying in the last relegation place 2 points from safety. Dan Varrow was the manager 2 points clear with one game to go.

Stephen Firminger beat already promoted Brad Smith 70-61, thus securing his League Two place as Dan Varrow went down 81-69 to Jatin Joshi.

A fantastic last day survival for Firminger. For Varrow a disappointing end to a season which saw he get to the Champions League Semi-Final for a consecutive season, Varrow knows he needs to find that Champions League form that saw him as runner-up in 2016 and semi-finalist this season.

# SEASON REVIEW 2016-2017 SUPER20 CONFERENCE

### **BARDONS TITLE**

#### **Successive Promotions**

David Bardon and Drona Nandoe became the first managers to be promoted in Gameweek 35. Bardon was top of the league and went on to claim the title two Gameweeks later. This was Bardons 3<sup>rd</sup> successive promotion his previous two promotions were lucky. Bardon has now been promoted in each of his Fc seasons.

Drona's promotion saw him return to League Two at the first attempt. Securing Runners-Up position.

Alvar Chambers joined Bardon and Nandoe promoted in gameweek 36. Chambers who was Pyramid Cup runner-up 2015 then won it in 2016 gaining his second promotion in three seasons adding to his growing reputation.

#### **LAST DAY DRAMA**

Going into the last day of the season there were two promotion places up for grabs. In situ were Hans Hayrynen and Sol Amos. Both were 3 points clear of 6<sup>th</sup> placed Clifford Delaney and 7<sup>th</sup> Pasquale Egisto

Hans Hayrynen beat Tracy Thompson 97-86 to secure his promotion. Sol Amos was in 5<sup>th</sup> but lost 79-62 to Michael Smith leaving the promotion door open. Clifford Delaney took full advantage beating Lee Champion by a single point to claim the final promotion place with an 81-80 victory. Pasquale Egisto in 7<sup>th</sup> hit a fantastic 121 to win 121-92 over already promoted Alvar Chambers but missed out on promotion on point difference, Amos last day defeat saw him drop to 7<sup>th</sup> and miss out on point's difference also.

#### THE RELEGATION BATTLE

Stephen Overy was relegated in Gamweeek 34 his second season in the Conference he goes back down to the Pyramid Premier.

Rob Wills was the next manager relegated in Gameweek 36 it is a successive relegation for Wills and will see him reach his lowest point in his 9 year Fc career by playing in the Pyramid Premier he has never been lower than the Conference.

Gameweek 37 saw Nicky Balancy, The New Life FC manager, relegated. It was Nicky's second season in the Conference after 3 lucky promotions before that he will now go back to the Pyramid Premier.

#### **LAST DAY DRAMA**

Going into the last day of the season there were two relegation place to be decided. Stuart Mannering and Sean Conneely were residing in those places 3 points from safety. Gary Dodds was 15<sup>th</sup> just outside of the relegation zone although 3 points clear his point difference had him a precarious position.

Dodds lost 91-64 to drone Nandoe meaning that victory for Mannering or Connelly could see them survive on the final day. Mannering went down to Stelios Andreou 65-53 confirming his relegation signalling the end of a three season stay in the Conference. Conneely also failed to take advantage losing 66-46 to Randy Ricker ending a four season stay in the Conference.

## SEASON REVIEW 2016-2017 SUPER20 PYRAMID PREMIER

### **CRAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP**

#### **Straight promotion through Pyramid Leagues**

Heath Cram secured promotion in Gameweek 33 but did not secure the title until the final day of the season. For Cram it was a 3<sup>rd</sup> successive promotion the first was a lucky promotion but Cram has now secured promotions in each of his seasons in the FC. Cram has also claimed a major trophy winning the Pyramid Cup in 2015.

Scott Smith secured his promotion a Gamweek later 34, Smith in just his second season has now also secured promotion in both of his season adding this promotion to his Pyramid One Title form last season.

IN Gameweek 35 James Bloomer and David Noel secured their promotions.

Bloomer getting out of the Pyramid Premier at his second attempt, he also got through to the Pyramid Cup final losing to his fellow promoted manager David Noel.

Noel, claimed a double of sorts with this promotion and pyramid Cup victory. Noel like Bloomer gained his promotion at his second attempt and can put his Pyramid Cup alongside his Pyramid Two title in 2015.

Dan Couch claimed the final promotion place in Gameweek 36. Couch also getting out of the Pyramid Premier at the second attempt he received a lucky promotion from Pyramid One in 2015.

#### THE RELEGATION BATTLE

After Gameweek 35 no managers had been relegated at the end of Gameweek 36 all five relegation places had been decided.

David Nichol finished bottom of the Pyramid Premier, in his 3<sup>rd</sup> season he had only just avoided relegation last season and will now go back to Pyramid One where he started in 2015.

Daniel Turner finished 19<sup>th</sup> his worst finish in the Pyramid Premier Daniel has been relegated the last two season but received a lucky survival he will be hoping for the same this season. Daniel finished the last two seasons in 17<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Tom Pauc finished 18<sup>th</sup> a similar story to Daniel Turner he has received two lucky survivals in the last three seasons last season though Pauc finished 12<sup>th</sup> so will be upset with his performance this season.

Alex Kam finished 17<sup>th</sup> and will be disappointed that just two seasons after his promotion form Pyramid Two he will be going down to Pyramid One. Last season he had a respectable finish in 10<sup>th</sup>

Joseph Lawrence finished in 16<sup>th</sup> place the last of the relegation places and will be hoping for a second Lucky Survival as he finished in 19<sup>th</sup> last season. He is best placed of the relegated managers if a manager above the Pyramid Premier drops out he will receive that lucky survival.

## SEASON REVIEW 2016-2017 SUPER20 PYRAMID ONE

### **BOLTON's TITLE**

#### Title in Rookie Season

Marc Bolton became the first manager to secure promotion in Pyramid One in Gameweek 31 promotion secured with seven weeks to spare in his rookie season.

Four Gameweeks later Dave Rogers and Alfie Harris secured their promotions also. Rogers securing a successive promotion going form Pyramid Two to the Pyramid Premier in straight seasons. Rogers was also holding up any title celebrations for Marc Bolton being within 6 points of Bolton.

Marc Bolton claimed the title in Gameweek 37 the penultimate gameweek with victory over Dave Rogers who had started the gameweek in 2<sup>nd</sup> place but would drop to third after that result.

Amenteer Khakh would claim the fourth promotion place in gameweek 37.

#### **LAST DAY DRAMA**

Going into the last day of the season there was just the one promotion places up for grabs. Cormac Connaughton was sitting pretty comfortably 3 points clear of 6<sup>th</sup> placed Dean Santoro and with a significantly better point's difference. Cormac had claimed the last promotion place in Pyramid Two the previous season and was hoping to repeat the success. Whilst it was looking good for Cormac he did have to play the newly crowned champion of Pyramid One Marc Bolton, whilst Dean Santoro had to play relegation fighting Martin Stuart. Santoro secured a 21 point victory almost cutting Cormac's point's difference advantage in half. He now needed champion Bolton to beat Cormac. Cormac though pulled off a great last day victory beating the champion 99-90 to secure the final promotion place.

#### THE RELEGATION BATTLE

With two Gameweeks to go no managers were relegated from Pyramid One. In the penultimate gameweek, gamewek 37 two managers had their fate confirmed.

Danzel D'Costa and Stephen Loss would be relegated. Danzel in his rookie season. For Stephen it was his 3<sup>rd</sup> season in the game and 2<sup>nd</sup> season in Pyramid One he will eb upset he will be back in Pyramid Two next season.

#### **LAST DAY DRAMA**

Going into the last day of the season there were still 3 relegation places to be confirmed with managers as high as 12<sup>th</sup> not mathematically safe. Jack Roberts was in 18<sup>th</sup> 3 points from safety with an appalling points difference in need of a minor miracle, he would face 8<sup>th</sup> placed Dave Hansell. In 17<sup>th</sup> Martin Stuart was point from safety but had a tough final day fixture against Dean Santoro sitting in 6<sup>th</sup> who needed a big point's victory to try and secure promotion. Nikki Ogden occupied the final relegation place as we went into the last gameweek of the season also a point of safety. Nikki would face Abdi Muirdi who although in 12<sup>th</sup> place could be relegated with defeat.

Jack Roberts fought gallantly but went down by just 4 points to Dave Hansell 74-78 to confirm his relegation. Martin Stuart was well beaten by promotion chasing Dean Santoro 84-63 to also be relegated. That left Nikki fighting for survival a good return of 86 points on the final day of the season was not to be enough going down 93-86 to Abdi Muirdi.

## SEASON REVIEW 2016-2017 SUPER20 PYRAMID ONE

### **COMER CHAMPION**

#### Title secured in Rookie Season

Adrian Comer secured promotion in Gameweek 33, at the time Daniel Sherry was in 5<sup>th</sup> and 10 points behind but it would be Sherry who would push Adrian for the title.

Daniel who caught the headlines by making the FC Cup final and taking part in the most historic final ever. Sherry secured his promotion in Gameweek 36 and had cut Adrian's lead down to just 4 points. Both managers own their matches in Gameweek 37 which meant that Comer was crowned Champion and could not be caught on the final day of the season.

Gameweek 37 also saw Paren Arzoomanian and Kyle Berry secure their promotions from Pyramid Two. All managers were in their rookie seasons.

#### **LAST DAY DRAMA**

Going into the last day of the season only one promotion place was up for grabs. Martyn Dewick found himself a single point clear of 6<sup>th</sup> and just 3 points clear of 9<sup>th</sup> placed Jonathan Kelly. Six managers had a chance of gaining promotion.

Jonathan Kelly sat in 9<sup>th</sup> 3 points off 5<sup>th</sup> needing a minor miracle for 5 results to go his way and victory over Don Heisser, 13<sup>th</sup>, would put him on the same points as 5<sup>th</sup> but with a far superior points difference he had a chance of promotion.

In 8<sup>th</sup> was Gareth Grant 2 points adrift of promotion he would face Quoccers Le, 15th in the league knowing that if the managers above him were to lose he could gain promotion.

7<sup>th</sup> placed Tolu Olusoga just a single point adrift and would face 11<sup>th</sup> placed Simon Jarvis. Tolu would need two results to go his way to gain promotion.

James Newgen was sat in 6<sup>th</sup> and would face Chad Pereira, Chad was sitting in 12<sup>th</sup> place.

So with none of the 6 managers playing each all had a chance of promotion. On the final Day Jonathan Kelly blew any chance he had losing 57-98 to Don Heisser. Gareth Grant also saw his hopes of promotion disappear as he went down 72-44 to Quoccers Le. Tolu Olusoga did make the same mistake he beat Simon Jarvis 67-54 having to wait nervously on those other results. James Newgen beat Chad Pereira 86 -57 ending Tolu's chanmce of promotion having a superior point's difference. Matyn Dewick rendered all those results academic with victory over Aaron Peters 70-46 claiming promotion by a single point.

#### THE RELEGATION BATTLE – RE-STRUCTURING

There is no relegation from Pyramid Two so there was no relegation battle for the managers down near the bottom of Pyramid Two. However the managers in Pyramid Two might have had the security blanket of no relegation the threat of potential expansion of the game during the summer months is becoming a potential reality. In the history of the FC a Pyramid Three was introduced back in season 2012-2013 FC always tries to cap the limit of managers to 160 but it is difficult to structure the game and does not like to turn away potential new managers. Currently FC has more new managers than those dropping out but it is still waiting to hear from 59 managers to confirm participation next season.