

# THE FC WORLD

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## THE SEASON OPENER

*Fantasy Challenge 19<sup>th</sup> Season*



## WHAT GLORY AWAITS YOU

*Super 20 Leagues 15<sup>th</sup> season*

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## Introduction

So firstly, an apology for the email bombardment it seems that each season it is difficult to get everyone signed up in time and know what managers are dropping out. To the point that I have added this sentence on Saturday as a couple of late changes to the line-up.

With the current pandemic situation, it is going to be a strange start to the season and as Fantasy managers we are going to be very busy as there are going to be very few free weeks.

Enough of the bad news it is the opening day of the season and we all have high hopes for our own teams and our Fantasy ambitions, whether fighting for a title, Promotion or cup success at this point we are all confident that this is going to be our Year.

This opening FC World publication, will provide the information regarding the Champions League and Pyramid Cup group stages. Both will show the seedings and the draw for the group stage. Further into the publication there will be information of the formation of this seasons FC Cup and the New Life Cup. The FC Cup will tell where you need to be in the overall league after gameweek 10 to avoid the Qualifying Round.

At the end of this publication the FC Expert will give predictions as to where every manager will finish in their Super20 Division. This will give you an idea where all the analysts within the FC World think you will finish a target or in some cases the expectation for your season.

As mentioned previously a couple of managerial changes to make you aware of in Pyramid Three: -

**Gareth Southgate has been replaced by Nick Balancy**  
**Robin Clement has been replaced by David Dlnh**

A mention for Robin Clement who is a personal friend who has agreed to take part the last couple of seasons just to help make the formation of the leagues to be easier but has then given up his spot to managers asking to join late on in the day. Robin is a casual fan so does not mind dropping out and in truth it helps me as I don't have to help him with his team. The other change is a bit of a shame as England manager Gareth Southgate drops out making way for another manager the current manager of New Life FC Nick Balancy there was no way Nick wasn't going to be allowed to play. I hope you realise it was not the real Gareth Southgate just a team I submitted in his name and would change the lineup each time England played to keep the team as close to the last side that Gareth selected. If you are interested to see how England would fair in fantasy football click on my team and the leagues list select ROTR and you will see Gareth's England team in that league.

Currently the website has all the correct information for the Super20 Leagues. We will send this publication out on Sunday ready for most of you to read on Monday morning in the evening we will update the website with the Champions League and Pyramid Draws. BY Tuesday evening all the results from the first gameweek should be in and the Premier League website should be updated by then, we will have all the results from the first gameweek and the player profiles will be updated as well.

wish you all the best for the season.

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## CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

With 180 managers signed up this season The Champions League will have the full complement of 96 managers taking part with 16 Groups of 6. The top two will qualify for the Knock-Out Stage with the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed manager going into the New Life Cup.

### Draw Information

Rules of the Draw: -

Managers will be placed into Pots based on where they finished in last Season's Super20 Leagues. POT A are the highest seeds going down to POT F for the lowest seeds.

Managers will be drawn out of each Pot the first team drawn out will go into Group A the next team into Group B. All the teams will be drawn out of POT A, after being drawn a number between 1 and 6 will be drawn to determine their Fixture number for the group. The process will then be repeated for each of the remaining POTS.

POT A	POT B	POT C
Andy Taylor	Maris Cars	Dan Jopp
Joseph Shalome	Sam Shew	Andy McLaren
Kojo Amofa	Adrian Taylor	Stuart Shepherd
Joe Higgins	Michael Carleton	Pasquale Egisto
Paul Dwinfour	Steve Shew	Steven McIntosh
Roari Fox	Rilwan Dawodu	George Ferridge
Andy Gurney	Michael Lynn	Pete Cuckson
Ian Gredley	Lee Ferridge	Alistair Shields
Glen Hogwood	Dave Sinclair	Hakan Bedir
Darren Cullen	Sandeep Chohan	Andrew Burchell
Andreas Themistocleous	Ben Alexander	Darrell Jenkins
Omid Afzalalghom	Dan Wyatt	Richard Munroe
Rob Gurney	David Pewtner	Heath Cram
Steve Haley	Jatin Joshi	Alvar Chambers
James Dwinfour	Paul Richardson	Daragh Prendergast
Jonathan Strack	Matt Hansell	Drona Nandoe
POT D	POT E	POT F
Adam Pemberton	Aubrey Davis	Steve Martin
Mark Angliss	Andrew Ogden	Jim Burrows
Bill Hill	Amanteer Singh	Raymond Turp
Tracy Thompson	Dipesh Gamanlal	Martyn Dewick
Jeff Aldersea	David Bardon	Daniel Sherry
Tony Collins	Alfie Harris	Owen Gredley
David Noel	Ellie Turner	Cormac Connaughton
Hans Hayrynen	Miki Mielonen	Dean Santoro
Eoin Mooney	Graham Price	James Bloomer
Dan Couch	Dave Rogers	Gary Dodds
Marc Bolton	Martin Stuart	Adam Gill
James Bastow	Jonathon Kelly	Daniel Hansen
Rio Mclister	Dave Hansell	Kyle Berry
Thomas Lusty	Adrian Comer	Nikki Ogden
Steve Whitely	Lee Pepper	Harrison Bath
Sebastian Logan	Daniel Varrow	Kieran Hogwood

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## CHAMPIONS LEAGUE DRAW

The Draw has been made and is published below

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
Joseph Shalome	Kojo Amofa	Ian Gredley	Andy Gurney
Maris Cars	Michael Lynn	Sandeep Chohan	Adrian Taylor
Andrew Burchell	Pete Cuckson	Darrell Jenkins	Pasquale Egisto
Sebastian Logan	Marc Bolton	Jeff Aldersea	Rio McIister
Amanteer Singh	Alfie Harris	Daniel Varrow	Lee Pepper
Cormac Connaughton	Nikki Ogden	Gary Dodds	Martyn Dewick

GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
Roari Fox	Andy Taylor	Paul Dwinfour	Glen Hogwood
David Pewtner	Matt Hansell	Dan Wyatt	Paul Richardson
Drona Nandoe	Stuart Shepherd	Heath Cram	Daragh Prendergast
David Noel	Steve Whitely	Adam Pemberton	Hans Hayrynen
Adrian Comer	Miki Mielonen	David Bardon	Dave Rogers
Adam Gill	Steve Martin	Daniel Sherry	Kieran Hogwood

GROUP I	GROUP J	GROUP K	GROUP L
Jonathan Strack	Joe Higgins	Rob Gurney	Omid Afzalalghom
Ben Alexander	Steve Shew	Sam Shew	Jatin Joshi
Alvar Chambers	Andy McLaren	Hakan Bedir	George Ferridge
Thomas Lusty	Tracy Thompson	Mark Angliss	Eoin Mooney
Jonathon Kelly	Graham Price	Aubrey Davis	Ellie Turner
Dean Santoro	Daniel Hansen	Raymond Turp	James Bloomer

GROUP M	GROUP N	GROUP O	GROUP P
Andreas Themistocleous	Darren Cullen	James Dwinfour	Steve Haley
Rilwan Dawodu	Michael Carleton	Dave Sinclair	Lee Ferridge
Dan Jopp	Richard Munroe	Alistair Shields	Steven McIntosh
Tony Collins	Dan Couch	James Bastow	Bill Hill
Martin Stuart	Dipesh Gamanlal	Andrew Ogden	Dave Hansell
Owen Gredley	Kyle Berry	Harrison Bath	Jim Burrows

The Group Stage Starts Gameweek 2 which starts Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

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## PYRAMID CUP

This season Pyramid Cup will have 84 managers entering the competition this season.

The field will be made up of 4 Managers from the Conference and all the managers in the Pyramid Leagues below.

The Group Stage will have 16 Groups. 4 Groups of 6 and 12 Groups of 5. The top two managers qualifying for the knock-out stage with the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed manager going into the New Life Cup.

## Draw Information

Managers have been seeded based on where they finished in last season's Super20 Leagues. New Managers have taken their place according to when they signed up for the game.

Managers will be drawn out of each Pot the first manager drawn out will go into Group A the next team into Group B. All the teams will be drawn out of POT A, after being drawn a number between 1 and 6 (dependant on group) will be drawn to determine their Fixture number for the group. The process will then be repeated for each of the remaining POTS. Groups A – D will be the groups with 6 managers.

See below For the Seeding's which are based on where managers finished in last Season's Super20 Leagues. POT A are the highest seeds going down to POT E for the lowest seeds.

POT A	POT B	POT C
David Mahoney	Stephen Loss	Adam Galley
Amine Haddad	Daniel Turner	Joe Rudd
Lee Champion	Wendy Parker	Danzel D'Costa
Kin Chau	Joseph Lawrence	Jonas Silva
Nick Preston	Sammy Abbey	Neil Williams
Matt Earley	Ryan Perrett	Callum Hogwood
Sanj Joshi	Tim Oldfield	Ryan Hill
Peter Ward	Olivia Earley	Triona Reilly
Nurul Hussain	Kris Zakrzewski	Mark Freear
Marcus Hogwood	Lee Irons	Aine Reilly
Chad Pereira	Neil Dawson	Rebekah Green
Jean Joden	Arpad Beres	Phil Sinclair
Joseph Greenwood	Anthony Nicolaidis	Rebecca Nicolaidis
Matt Coe	Joseph Nicolaidis	Craig Lewis
Jonathan Chew	Colin Davison	Mike Davies
Don Heisser	Katherine Beer	Gary Eagle

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POT D	POT E	POT F
Darron Meredith	Will Wyatt	Marco Viela
Sam Moffatt	Sean Doyle	Chris Walton
Anthony Lobo	John Bellamy	David Dinh
Stephen Cullen	Calum Reade	Nick Balancy
Lewis Wyatt	Andy Polloway	
Brett Peake	Robin Wilson	
Stephen Nicolaides	Louis Irvine	
Russell Sinclair	Zak Barnard	
Clinton Taberer	Cameron Wong	
Mark Grice	Scott Smith	
John Beer	Halim Miah	
Stephen West	James Reardon	
Daniel Hill	Adrian Foncette	
Mark Davies	Olly Black	
Adam Phillips	Roger Wyatt	
Steve Rogers	James Macleod	

## DRAW

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
Amine Haddad	Lee Champion	Peter Ward	Sanj Joshi
Stephen Loss	Tim Oldfield	Lee Irons	Wendy Parker
Aine Reilly	Ryan Hill	Rebekah Green	Jonas Silva
Steve Rogers	John Beer	Lewis Wyatt	Daniel Hill
John Bellamy	Robin Wilson	James Macleod	Roger Wyatt
Nick Balancy	Chris Walton	David Dinh	Marco Viela

GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
Matt Earley	David Mahoney	Nick Preston	Nurul Hussain
Anthony Nicolaides	Katherine Beer	Arpad Beres	Colin Davison
Craig Lewis	Danzel D'Costa	Rebecca Nicolaides	Mike Davies
Stephen Nicolaides	Adam Phillips	Darron Meredith	Russell Sinclair
Olly Black	Zak Barnard	Andy Polloway	Scott Smith

GROUP I	GROUP J	GROUP K	GROUP L
Don Heisser	Kin Chau	Joseph Greenwood	Jean Joden
Neil Dawson	Sammy Abbey	Daniel Turner	Joseph Nicolaides
Gary Eagle	Joe Rudd	Mark Freear	Callum Hogwood
Mark Davies	Stephen Cullen	Sam Moffatt	Clinton Taberer
James Reardon	Cameron Wong	Will Wyatt	Louis Irvine

GROUP M	GROUP N	GROUP O	GROUP P
Chad Pereira	Marcus Hogwood	Jonathan Chew	Matt Coe
Ryan Perrett	Joseph Lawrence	Kris Zakrzewski	Olivia Earley
Adam Galley	Phil Sinclair	Triona Reilly	Neil Williams
Brett Peake	Mark Grice	Stephen West	Anthony Lobo
Halim Miah	Calum Reade	Sean Doyle	Adrian Foncette

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## **NEW LIFE CUP Information**

2020-2021 sees the eighth season of the '**New Life Cup**'. The competition named after the newly reformed New Life FC who Fantasy Challenge will pick up sponsorship once more from season 2021-2022. It is also aptly named as it will be a contest for managers who finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in their Champions League Group and Pyramid Cup Group. These managers will qualify for this competition.

The New Life Cup will be a knockout competition with a similar format to the Champions League and Pyramid Cup knockout stages, the competition will be over two legs until the final which will take place in Gameweek 38.

There is one thing to be aware that the 1<sup>st</sup> Round will have seedlings, with all Champions League managers kept apart, so each match in the First round will see a former Champions League manager take on a former Pyramid Cup manager.

After this first round Managers will go into a hat and be drawn out for the subsequent rounds.

## **FC CUP Information**

Managers need to be placed between 1<sup>st</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup> at the end of Gameweek 10 to avoid the Qualifying Round.

### **AT THE END OF GAMEWEEK 10**

Managers placed 1<sup>st</sup> – 76<sup>th</sup> in the Overall League go into the FC Cup First Round

Managers placed 77<sup>th</sup> – 180<sup>th</sup> in the Overall League go into the FC Cup Qualifying Round

GAMEWEEK 10 Starts Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 13:30 – Finishes Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November

FC Cup Qualifying Round Gameweek 12 which starts Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 13:30 – Finishes Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December

You can see how you are getting on and if you will avoid the Qualifying Round by looking at the FC Cup Preliminary Round page on the website.

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## FC EXPERT Super20 Leagues Predictions 2020-2021

POS	PREMIER	CHAMPIONSHIP	LEAGUE ONE	LEAGUE TWO	CONFERENCE
1 <sup>st</sup>	Darren Cullen	Steve Shew	Hans Hayrynen	Dave Rogers	Martyn Dewick
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joseph Shalome	Steven McIntosh	Heath Cram	Jonathon Kelly	Cormac Connaughton
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sam Shew	Dan Jopp	Marc Bolton	Alfie Harris	Nikki Ogden
4 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Gurney	Ben Alexander	Tracy Thompson	Dipesh Gamanlal	Daniel Hansen
5 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Higgins	David Pewtner	Alvar Chambers	Andrew Ogden	Dean Santoro
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan Strack	Lee Ferridge	David Noel	Dave Hansell	Daniel Sherry
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Gredley	Pasquale Egisto	Dan Couch	Adrian Comer	Owen Gredley
8 <sup>th</sup>	Rob Gurney	Stuart Shepherd	Eoin Mooney	Amanteer Singh	James Bloomer
9 <sup>th</sup>	Maris Cars	Pete Cuckson	Drona Nandoe	Martin Stuart	Kyle Berry
10 <sup>th</sup>	James Dwinfour	Jatin Joshi	Mark Angliss	David Bardon	Kin Chau
11 <sup>th</sup>	Kojo Amofa	Andy McLaren	Adam Pemberton	Sebastian Logan	Amine Haddad
12 <sup>th</sup>	Omid Afzalalghom	Matt Hansell	James Bastow	Steve Whitely	Jim Burrows
13 <sup>th</sup>	Glen Hogwood	Sandeep Chohan	Tony Collins	Miki Mielonen	David Mahoney
14 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Taylor	Alistair Shields	Daragh Prendergast	Rio McLister	Adam Gill
15 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Dwinfour	Dave Sinclair	Darrell Jenkins	Graham Price	Kieran Hogwood
16 <sup>th</sup>	Roari Fox	Rilwan Dawodu	Andrew Burchell	Daniel Varrow	Harrison Bath
17 <sup>th</sup>	Andreas Themistocleous	Dan Wyatt	Jeff Aldersea	Ellie Turner	Lee Champion
18 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Haley	Michael Lynn	Richard Munroe	Lee Pepper	Raymond Turp
19 <sup>th</sup>	Adrian Taylor	Paul Richardson	Hakan Bedir	Aubrey Davis	Steve Martin
20 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Carleton	George Ferridge	Bill Hill	Thomas Lusty	Gary Dodds

POS	PYRAMID PREMIER	PYRAMID ONE	PYRAMID TWO	PYRAMID THREE
1 <sup>st</sup>	Joseph Greenwood	Katherine Beer	Mike Davies	Scott Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Matt Earley	Mark Freear	Gary Eagle	Sean Doyle
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jonathan Chew	Joe Rudd	Craig Lewis	Andy Polloway
4 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Ward	Kris Zakrzewski	John Beer	David Dinh
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Oldfield	Triona reilly	Darron Meredith	Louis Irvine
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sammy Abbey	Joseph Nicolaides	Steve Rogers	Calum Reade
7 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Coe	Jonas Silva	Brett Peake	Cameron Wong
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sanj Joshi	Colin Davison	Lewis Wyatt	Marco Viela
9 <sup>th</sup>	Nurul Hussain	Adam Galley	Sam Moffatt	James MacLeod
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Joden	Neil Williams	Stephen Cullen	James Reardon
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Perrett	Aine Reilly	Rebecca Nicolaides	Zak Bernard
12 <sup>th</sup>	Nick Preston	Rebekah Green	Adam Phillips	Nick Balancy
13 <sup>th</sup>	Chad Pereira	Danzel D'Costa	Anthony Lobo	Adrian Foncette
14 <sup>th</sup>	Don Hessier	Ryan Hill	Stephen West	John Bellamy
15 <sup>th</sup>	Olivia Earley	Lee Irons	Stephen Nicolaides	Will Wyatt
16 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph Lawrence	Neil Dawson	Russell Sinclair	Robin Wilson
17 <sup>th</sup>	Marcus Hogwood	Anthony Nicolaides	Clinton Taberer	Chris Walton
18 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen Loss	Callum Hogwood	Mark Grice	Olly Black
19 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Parker	Phil Sinclair	Daniel Hill	Roger Wyatt
20 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Turner	Arpad Beres	Mark Davies	Halim Miah

On the next page you can see how well the FC Expert did when predicting last season's Super20 Leagues.



## FC EXPERT PREDICTIONS

### 2019-2020 RESULTS

Last season the FC Expert predicted where every manager was going to finish in their Super20 League. The FC Expert has come up with a formula to predict where every manager finishes so once every manager was confirmed he enters in his formulas see below how he faired last season.

Here we see just how well that formulas worked last season. Then over the following pages you will see ev So, to Last seasons Predictions – The Headlines

- Correctly Predicted the Conference Champion – Dave Rogers
- Correctly Predicted 17 exact Positions out of 180 (Previous Season 14 out of 173)
- Correctly Predicted 3 Super 20 Cup Qualifications (Previous Season predicted 3)
- Correctly Predicted 20 Promotions (Previous Season predicted 17)
- Correctly Predicted 21 Relegations (Previous Season predicted 14)
  - Relegations include predicting bottom 5 of Pyramid Three

#### Now see a breakdown by league of the Rights and Wrongs



#### RIGHT

##### PREMIER

Joe Higgins, Joseph Shalome & Andy Gurney would Qualify for Super20 Cup. - Dave Sinclair, Michael Lynn & Rilwan Dawodu would be relegated

##### CHAMPIONSHIP

Sam Shew and Jonathan Strack would be promoted. - Oliver Shanks would be relegated.

##### LEAGUE ONE

Steven McIntosh & Pete Cuckson would be promoted. - Rio McLister & Thomas Lusty would be relegated.

##### LEAGUE TWO

Hans Hayrynen, Marc Bolton & Amanteer Singh would be promoted. - Lee Pepper, Steve Martin & Daniel Varrow to be relegated.

##### CONFERENCE

Dave Rogers would be Champion. - Jonathon Kelly & Adrian Comer would be promoted. - Lee Champion & Randy Ricker would be relegated. Rob Wills would finish bottom of the table

#### WRONG

##### PREMIER

Steve Shew to be runner-Up but was relegated. Lee Ferridge to qualify for Super20 Cup but was relegated. - Paul Dwinfour to be relegated but qualified for the Super20 Cup

##### CHAMPIONSHIP

Adrian Taylor would be relegated but was promoted. - Michael Carleton would be relegated but was promoted.

##### LEAGUE ONE

George Ferridge would be relegated in fact finish bottom but was promoted

##### LEAGUE TWO

##### CONFERENCE

#### PYRAMID PREMIER

Nikki Ogden & Kyle Berry would be promoted. - Joseph Lawrence, Daniel Turner, Stephen Loss & Wendy Parker would be relegated

#### PYRAMID ONE

Karman Bansi, Joseph Greenwood & Jonathan Chew would be promoted.

#### PYRAMID TWO

Katherine Beer & Joe Rudd would be promoted. - Anthony Law, Harry Scott & Richard Payn would be relegated

#### PYRAMID THREE

Mike Davies, Gary Eagle & Darron Meredith would be promoted. - Daniel Hill & Luke Hanna would finish in the bottom five

#### PYRAMID PREMIER

#### PYRAMID ONE

#### PYRAMID TWO

Harry Atachparian would be promoted but was relegated. - Joseph Nicolaides would be relegated but was actually Champion.

#### PYRAMID THREE

AS YOU CAN SEE SOME MERIT IN THE PREDICTIONS OR LIKE SOME LAST SEASON CAN YOU PROVE THE FC EXPERT WRONG

## TRANSPARENCY

Over the years many of you have asked if I take money out of the game, some have even expressed that they think that I should. Well I do although if worked out on an hourly rate it is not a great sum. Over the course of the season I spend roughly 2 hours a week doing the update. However, this can increase to 6 plus hours when doing a FC Cup FC World updates. At the start of the season I often take a day off to set up the website, this year I took the Friday off. When the cup finals come around, I also take time off to do all the previews. I am never sure if these extra parts of the game are appreciated fully or not, I do receive good feedback from several of you which is always appreciated.

Here is a breakdown of Fantasy Challenge's accounts ensuring transparency between me and you the managers that take part: -

	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Entance Fees	£5,400		£5,400
Paypal Deductions		£13.6	£5,386.31p
Web Fees (12 Months)		£143.88	£5,242.43p
Prize Money		£4,120	£1,122.43p

Thanks to you all for your contribution the £1,122.43p profit will go towards the kit for New Life FC for season 2021-2022 it was too late to contribute this season. The kit will of course of Fantasy Challenge name on it.