

**FANTASY CHALLENGE  
NEW LIFE CUP  
FINAL  
2020**



Martyn  
**DEWICK**

VERSUS

Triona  
**REILLY**

*7<sup>th</sup> Final*

GAMEWEEK 38 (26<sup>th</sup> July)

OFFICIAL FC MATCH PREVIEW

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# INTRODUCTION

The newest of all the FC Cup competitions in now into its Seventh final, showing that the Fc World goes from strength to strength.

This season has seen the game expand to 180 managers seeing a full Pyramid Three League and full Champions League and Pyramid Cup competitions. The two cup competitions which feed this great cup competition.

I make mention every year of the fact this competition was the brainchild of Thomas Lusty (Former Premier League manager now in League One) joking one evening that the FC World needed a Europa League competition for the managers that got knocked out of the Champions League. The expansion of the game has helped make the New Life Cup a coveted major trophy and welcome competition to the fc World.

The New Life Cup starts with the managers who finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in their groups in the Champions League and Pyramid Cup. The second Round sees all the Champions League managers take on all the Pyramid Cup managers. After that it is an open draw with no seedings.

This is the fourth consecutive season where the final has a manager from each of the competitions. the Champions League managers have come out on top in the last two years.

From the Champions League is Martin Dewick who has been a manager in the FC World for 4 seasons was actually competing in his first ever Champions League season after previously appearing on the pyramid Cup. His opponent Triona Reilly is taking part in her second season.

Two relatively inexperienced managers will go head to head for the chance of winning a first major trophy.

A small difference to last year's final to last years winner Joe Higgins had been in the game 13 seasons today's finalists have combined total of 6 seasons between them.

So fresh young talent takes on the challenge of trying to win the New Life Cup in what has been a difficult season for everyone.

Both have growing reputations throughout the FC World with promotions being secured in the Super20 League now they both have the chance of winning a major trophy and becoming a piece of the Fc World history.

As you may be aware that this competition was named after the Sunday Football team that Fantasy Challenge had sponsored New Life United. Unfortunately, we had to report that New Life had folded and it was just the name of the club that live don for the cup competition. This season we can bring you news that New Life have reformed and are hoping to take part in their first season back in September. Please check the last page of this preview for an update on New Life United FC.

I hope you enjoy this preview of the New Life Cup Final.

All that is left for me to do is wish both Manages all the best in this final.

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# PLAYER PROFILES

## Martyn DEWICK

Joined Fantasy Challenge

Career Honours

2017

Pyramid Two Promoted 5<sup>th</sup> Place

Pyramid One Promoted 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Pyramid Premier Promoted 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

### STAT ATTACK

(After Gameweek 37)

#### THIS SEASON

AVERAGE GAMEWEEK SCORE	58.54
HIGHEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	96
LOWEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	30
GAMEWEEKS SCORE OVER 49	27
GAMEWEEKS SCORE UNDER 50	10
COMPETITION AVERAGE	58.11

#### CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

2020 Group stage

#### PYRAMID CUP HISTORY

2017 2<sup>nd</sup> round

2018 Group Stage

2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

#### NEW LIFE CUP

2018 1<sup>st</sup> Round

### ROAD TO THE FINAL

#### CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Round Group Stage

##### Group E

Michael Lynn	54	-	50
Tony Collins	78	-	55
Maris Cars	56	-	65
Steve Martin	46	-	57
Adam Pemberton	73	-	52
Michael Lynn	54	-	55
Tony Collins	36	-	39
Maris Cars	31	-	27
Steve Martin	60	-	55
Adam Pemberton	48	-	101

#### FINAL TABLE

POS	TEAM	PLD	WON	DRW	LST	FOR	AGST	+/-	PTS
1	Maris cars	10	7	1	2	567	466	101	22
2	Tony Collins	10	6	0	4	523	491	32	18
3	Martyn Dewick	10	5	0	5	536	556	-20	15
4	Steve Martion	10	4	1	5	511	548	-37	13
5	Michael Lynn	10	4	0	6	445	496	-51	12
6	Adam Pemberton	10	2	2	6	473	498	-25	8

#### NEW LIFE CUP

		1 <sup>st</sup> Leg		2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg		Aggregate				
1 <sup>st</sup> Round	James Meagher	40	-	45	74	-	62	114	-	107
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Miki Mielonen	70	-	45	52	-	38	122	-	83
Quarter-Final	John Beer	75	-	85	96	-	52	171	-	137
Semi-Final	Brett Peake	54	-	35	49	-	41	103	-	76

### PROFILE

Martin Dewick in just his 4<sup>th</sup> season in the game has claimed Three successive promotions and his hoping for a last day miracle this season to claim a fourth. He is 3 points of the promotion places hoping he can win and other results go his way. A run to the FC Cup 4<sup>th</sup> Round last season had been his best showing in the Cup competitions. Last season finishing 12<sup>th</sup> in the FC Overall League showing his pedigree. This season he is through to this his first major final and the chance of claiming a major trophy to go alongside those promotions that have already been secured. Dewick has proved in each of his season she is a manger to be feared.

# Triona REILLY

Joined Fantasy Challenge  
Career Honours

2019  
2019 Pyramid Three Promoted 5<sup>th</sup> Place

## STAT ATTACK

(After Gameweek 37)

### THIS SEASON

AVERAGE GAMEWEEK SCORE	57.81
HIGHEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	92
LOWEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	20
GAMEWEEKS SCORE OVER 49	24
GAMEWEEKS SCORE UNDER 50	13
COMPETITION AVERAGE	54.93

### PYRAMID CUP HISTORY

2019 Group Stage

## ROAD TO THE FINAL

### PYRAMID CUP

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Round Group Stage

##### Group J

Clinton Taberer	46	-	32
Ryan Hill	20	-	20
Nurul Hussain	61	-	61
Owen Gredley	61	-	61
Clinton Taberer	48	-	48
Ryan Hill	34	-	34
Nurul Hussain	59	-	59
Owen Gredley	58	-	58

### FINAL TABLE

POS	TEAM	PLD	WON	DRW	LST	FOR	AGST	+/-	PTS
1	Ryan Hill	8	7	0	1	447	347	100	21
2	Owen Gredley	8	6	0	2	422	385	37	18
3	Triona Reilly	8	3	0	5	387	397	-10	9
4	Nurul Hussain	8	2	0	6	358	420	-62	6
5	Clinton Taberer	8	2	0	6	385	450	-65	6

### NEW LIFE CUP

		1 <sup>st</sup> Leg			2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg			Aggregate		
1 <sup>st</sup> Round	James Bloomer	57	-	43	63	-	48	120	-	91
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Dave Rogers	54	-	49	45	-	30	99	-	79
Quarter-Final	David Bardon	92	-	69	67	-	59	159	-	128
Semi-Final	Rob Gurney	61	-	67	53	-	45	114	-	112

## PROFILE

In only her second season Reilly to secure a place in a major final is a great achievement and it cements what was an impressive rookie season. Reilly claimed promotion from Pyramid Three finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place a top 50 spot in the FC Overall League 50<sup>th</sup> place secured being the highlights of that first season. This season a run to the FC Cup Quarter-Final and being placed 48<sup>th</sup> in the FC Overall League showing her promise. In her first season in Pyramid Two with just a game to go there is still a chance of promotion. Lying in 7<sup>th</sup> place two points off promotion a tough final day fixture against relative Aine Reilly who is just a place back but can't make promotion family bragging rights up for grabs. With this final to look forward to Reilly has shown her qualities and is name on many pundit's lips within the FC World. Win or lose this final Reilly is a rising star within the FC World.



# FC EXPERT MATCH ANALYSIS

We asked the Fantasy Challenge Expert to give us his thoughts on the New Life Cup Final. We have managed to give the FC Expert the two team line-ups from Gameweek 37.

**MARTYN DEWICK**

Gameweek 37+



Squad

List

53 Average 67 Points 139 Highest



GKP

1. MID

2. DEF

3. DEF



Martinez (2)



Ward-Prowse (2)



Bardsley (8)



Williams (2)

**TRIONA REILLY**

Gameweek 37+



Squad

List

53 Average 42 Points 139 Highest



GKP

1. MID

2. MID

3. DEF



Pope (6)



Willian (4)



Douglas Luiz (2)



Söyüncü (0)

## STAT ATTACK

67	SCORE	42
8	CAPTAIN	2
32	DEFENCE	16
20	MIDFIELD	14
15	ATTACK	12
1	TRANSFERS	1
3-4-3	FORMATION	4-3-3
NONE	CHIP PLAYED	NONE
BENCH BOOST	CHIPS LEFT	NONE

# THE ANALYSIS

I have managed to secure the two teams from Gameweek 37 it looked like an easy victory for Martyn Dewick 67 – 42 over Triona Reilly. When you then see that Dewick has a bench Boost which can be utilised in the final it does look like we have a clear favourite for this final.

## DEFENCE

### MARTYN DEWICK



32 POINTS

### TRIONA REILLY



16 POINTS

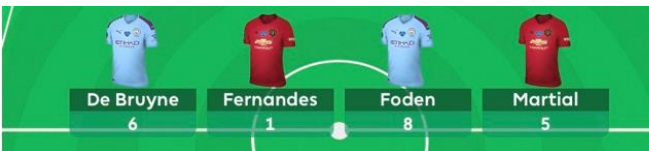
A great performance from the defence. Doherty (Wolves) gaining clean sheets and bonus points to score 12 points. Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool) scored one more point 13 a great return after conceding 3 goals. Pope (Burnley) in goal gained 6 points after claiming a clean sheet. Lundstram (Sheffield United) played just 23 minutes to gain a point. Dewick had left Bardsley (Burnley) on the bench with 8 points. His inclusion could have seen the defence return 40 points.

A 16 point return from a back five when one player Alexander-Arnold scores 13 points is a little worrying. Azpilicueta (Chelsea) conceded 5 goals meaning he failed to score a single point. It got worse with James Justin (Leicester City) an own goal and three goals conceded saw Justin score negative points with a return of minus 1. Two Sheffield United players Goalkeeper Dean Henderson and John Egan both scored 2 points each neither securing a clean sheet.

Dewick seems to have the major hitters in his defence Alexander-Arnold and Doherty both consistent performers. Pope in goal has been doing well as Burnley settled down after lockdown. With Bardsley on his bench I can see that being his back five but then with a Bench Boost all defenders will play Lundstram not playing lately could be the transfer Dewick goes with. Reilly will be wondering if her defence could do any worse. Azpilicueta's Chelsea have a tough home game against Wolves no guarantee of clean sheet there whilst Egan and Henderson visit inform Southampton. That leaves Justin, who surely can't be that unlucky again and Leicester Team Mate Soyuncu who is suspended. Reilly is really going to have to assess her transfers if Gameweek 37 was anything to go by she was beaten in all departments but worst in defence a difference of 16 points looks like it will have to be addressed.

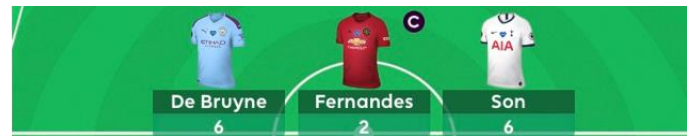
## MIDFIELD

### MARTYN DEWICK



20 POINTS

### TRIONA REILLY



14 POINTS

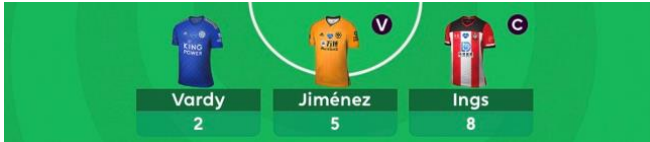
An all Manchester Midfield is an interesting selection in gameweek 37 the United part letting him down. The City players gave a decent return Foden 8 points a goal helping out and De Bruyne 6 points another assist secured contributing 14 points to the 20 point total. The United pairing not fairing so well Martial scored 5 with an assist but Fernandes ending up with one point after a Yellow card.

De Bruyne (Manchester City) and Son (Tottenham) both played their part with an assist to secure 6 points each. Reilly was badly let down by Fernandes (Manchester United) the Portuguese star who has been one of the shining lights in the season had one of his poorest games and worst returns in fantasy terms as he did nothing of note and picked up a Yellow card to finish on just 1 point doubling to 2 as captain.

Another victory for Dewick a 6-point advantage. The extra man making the difference and young Foden contributing. Son doing well for Reilly but you would have to fancy Dewick in Gameweek 38 as Manchester City are at home to Norwich City. A question for Dewick is will Foden play as it will be David Silva last game for City. This is the biggest threat it would seem in midfield. Surely the United players will do better in their final game.

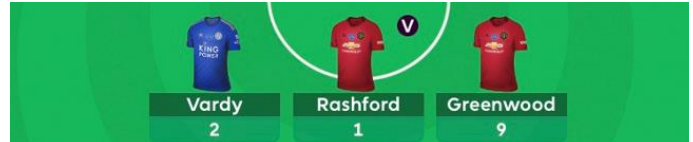
**ATTACK**

**MARTYN DEWICK**



15 POINTS

**TRIONA REILLY**



12 POINTS+

Ings (Southampton) scored proving why he was good selection as captain but a penalty miss meant he only secured 8 points. Jimenez (Wolves) gained an assist to hit 5 points. Vardy (Leicester City) only gained 2 points, becoming the weak link in gameweek 37 for Dewick.

Greenwood (Manchester City) scored and gained bonus points to give a decent return of 9 points. That was the highlight for Reilly. Team mate Rashford (Manchester United) was disappointing b=picking up a booking to end up with a single point. Vardy (Leicester City) only scored 2 points

Both managers have Vardy and then you wonder if having two forwards from the same club is a good idea as Reilly has the two Manchester United forward not often more than one forward gets on the scoresheet. United's recent form has seen this happen but Gameweek 37 did not work out that way and a difficult last day fixture away to Vardy's Leicester which is basically a Champions League qualification play-off game you would expect it to be tight. Dewick will be looking at Ings a home match against Sheffield united I have mentioned in other previews I can see this being a high scoring match with both teams happy with their season. Jimenez has a tough trip to Chelsea with Chelsea needing victory for that Champions League place but their defence has looked poor lately and you would fancy Jimenez to capitalise.

**CAPTAIN –** (Points for the Could have selected have been doubled)

**MARTYN DEWICK**

Ings (Southampton) 8 Points

**COULD HAVE SELECTED**

Doherty (Wolves) 26 Points

Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool) 26 Points

Foden (Manchester City) 16 Points

**TRIONA REILLY**

Fernandes (Manchester United) 2 Points

**COULD HAVE SELECTED**

Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool) 20 Points

Greenwood Manchester United) 18 Points

De Bruyne (West Ham) 12 Points

Son (Tottenham) 12 Points

Both managers got their captain picks wrong. Dewick though will look favourably on Gameweek 37 as he still got 8 form his captain but had 7 other players that would have beaten Ings score with Doherty and Alexander-Arnold who could hit 26 points as captain. A repeat of this for Dewick and better selection would be a game changer in the final. Reilly had a very disappointing selection just a 2-point return, she also could have had Alexander-Arnold and 3 other big hits which would have been a better selection. Reilly is going to have to look at Dewicks and make sure she ahs a different captain for the final and she will need big points to combat that Bench Boost.

**CHIPS**

**MARTYN DEWICK**

BENCH BOOST

**TRIONA REILLY**

NONE

That Bench Boost must be a mJOR concern for Reilly. If Dewick had use dit in gameweek 37 instead of a 25-point winning margin it would have grown to a 39 point winning margin. It has to make Dewick favourite.

**FINANCE / TRANSFERS / OPTIONS**

**MARTYN DEWICK**

**FINANCE**

£102.7

**TRANSFERS**

1

**TRIONA REILLY**

**FINANCE**

£103.3

**TRANSFERS**

1

Dewick might not have as much money but as well as the fee he will get for the player he has £1.3 Million in the bank to add to it. Dewick can go left field or look to negate one Reilly's stars. Reilly does not have that luxury, due that Bench Boost I go against my normal match play advice of trying to negate the opposition does not work here Reilly needs different players and hope that they score big. Reilly needs to go 3 at the back or make a good transfer to transform the defence. Or look to the midfield or change that United duo up top.



This final neither manager has a Chip to play so have taken out the Chip effect for this final as it is not relevant.

## THE CHIP EFFECT

CHIP	EXPLANATION
Wildcard	The Wildcard chip can be used twice a season, once in the first half of the season and once in the second half of the season. The Wildcard chip is played when confirming transfers that cost points and can't be cancelled once played.
Bench Boost	All the Players on your Substitute Bench score points for that gameweek
Free Hit	You can make unlimited transfers in the gameweek you play your free hit. When the gameweek finishes your team will revert to how it was setup the previous gameweek. You will lose any saved transfers so will only have 1 free transfer after a free hit has been played.
Triple Captain	Instead of the normal double points your Captains Points are tripled
<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>	<p><b>Can I Play More than One Chip in a Gameweek</b> Only one chip may be active in a Gameweek. For example, it is not possible to make transfers with your Wildcard chip and then use your Bench Boost chip in the same Gameweek</p> <p><b>The following chips can only be played once per season</b> Bench Boost, Free Hit and triple Captain</p> <p><b>What happens to my Triple Captain chip if my captain doesn't play</b> The triple point's bonus will be passed to your vice-captain. If your vice-captain doesn't play either then the bonus is lost, the chip isn't returned.</p>

Both managers will need to take a look at the fixtures below of the final day of the season to try and figure out who will be really trying and whose season is over. The selection of captain could be vital to gaining success in this final.

## THE FIXTURES FOR GAMEWEEK 38

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July

Arsenal	V	Brighton & Hove Albion
Burnley	V	Watford
Chelsea	V	Wolverhampton Wanderers
Crystal Palace	V	Tottenham Hotspur
Everton	V	AFC Bournemouth
Leicester City	V	Manchester United
Manchester City	V	Norwich City
Newcastle United	V	Liverpool
Southampton	V	Sheffield United
West Ham United	V	Aston Villa

## THE VERDICT

This final is going to come down to three vital decisions for these managers. Who do they make captain and how do they use that single transfer? Mertyn Dewick has the option of bringing in another Manchester City defender I think this could really make that Bench Boost work surely, he will then go with one of his three City players as captain. Reilly has that transfer to consider the which is a big decision midfield looks the best bet and wondering if a swap of Willian for Pulisic both Chelsea will work and even make hm captain. Son (Tottenham) and Fernandes (Manchester United) are the other outstanding candidates. Canthey really hit it big enough to cancel out that Bench Boost.

**FINAL VERDICT: - Martyn Dewick to claim that first major trophy. The bench boost to prove to be vital in the outcome of this final**

## IN THE EVENT OF A DRAW

In the event of a draw the match will go into a penalty Shoot-Out. A penalty shoot-out will take place, each team's top five-point scorers will go head to head to produce a result. If the best five scorers' in the two teams cannot produce a result sudden death will take place with the next highest point scorers being next.

## HISTORY

### PREVIOUS FINALS

2014	Steve Haley (CL)	62	-	50	Dan Smith (PC)
2015	Hakan Bedir (CL)	53	-	44	Andrew Burchell (CL)
2016	Jonathan Strack (CL)	42	-	33	Steve Shew (CL)
2017	Kin Chau (PC)	110	-	74	Jonathan Strack (CL)
2018	Dan Jopp (CL)	83	-	72	Peter Ward (PC)
2019	Joe Higgins (CL)	61	-	55	Martin Stuart (PC)

*The CL by a manager's name means he was in that seasons Champions League competition. The PC by a manager's name means he was in that seasons Pyramid Cup competition*

WINNERS		FINALISTS			
Dan Jopp	1	Jonathan Strack	2	Martin Dewick	1
Hakan Bedir	1	Andrew Burchell	1	Martin Stuart	1
Joe Higgins	1	Dan Jopp	1	Peter Ward	1
Jonathan Strack	1	Dan Smith	1	Steve Haley	1
Kin Chau	1	Hakan Bedir	1	Steve Shew	1
Steve Haley	1	Joe Higgins	1	Triona Reilly	1
		Kin Chau	1		

## WHAT COMPETITION DID THEY COME FROM?

WINNERS		RUNNER-UP	
Champions League	5	Champions League	3
Pyramid Cup	1	Pyramid Cup	3

The Champions League is still showing its dominance in this competition having won 5 out of the 6 finals. In fact, the Champions League has had 9 out of the 14 finalists, including this year.

For the fourth season in succession we have managers from The Champions League and Pyramid Cup.

## NEW LIFE UNITED FC

Some special news this season New Life United Fc has been reformed and all being well will be taking part in the WESFA Sunday Alliance League Division Three season 2020-2021.



Club Chairman and Fantasy Challenge founder Paul Richardson had always been disappointed how things had ended with New Life FC and one evening in a conversation with former manager Nicky Balancy, Nicky admitted that he had always felt that there was unfinished business.

From that moment a spark was re united and New Life and fresh energy would be found. Before you knew it old players were being contacted and suddenly the phrase of were getting the band back together was being heard.

So New Life United is back hopefully next season we will have some more positive news on how the first season back went.