

**FANTASY CHALLENGE  
NEW LIFE CUP  
FINAL  
2024**



**Steve Shew**  
v  
**Michael Lynn**

*11<sup>th</sup> Final*

GAMEWEEK 38 (19<sup>th</sup> May)

OFFICIAL FC MATCH PREVIEW

# INTRODUCTION

The New Life Cup which was the brainchild of former manager Thomas Lusty in the pub as he joked one evening that FC should organise a competition for the losing managers of the group stage of the Champions League is entering its second decade.

Taking the principles of the real UEFA Champions League competition where third placed teams dropped into the UEFA Europa League competition the idea which was first mooted by Tom Lusty became a real vision in 2014 with the idea of giving all those managers that finished third in their Champions League or Pyramid Cup groups a chance for glory and a chance to sample a knockout tournament over two legs.

The name of the competition might seem to be fairly easy but it was in fact the name of the Sunday League football team which Fantasy Challenge sponsored, New Life United FC it just felt like a dramatic name for the newest competition in the FC World. So the New Life Cup was born, although the trophy is of course a shield of the New Life United FC Logo / badge.

After six consecutive seasons where we saw managers from both of the feeding competitions take part in the final last season saw the first ever all Pyramid Cup final, meaning both managers came from that competition, this was a breakthrough for the Pyramid Cup as the New Life Cup had been dominated by managers from the Champions League well the 2024 season has seen that service renewed as both managers qualified from the Champions League.

There is another break from last season's final which saw two rookie managers fight it out for the coveted prize today's final we will have two absolute stalwarts of the FC World. FC Legend Steve Shew a manager with five, yes five, major trophies to his name, also becoming just the third manager in the history of this competition to make a second final. His opponent Michael Lynn is still searching for his first major trophy but with four promotions to his name and appearing in three previous major trophy finals.

Steve Shew's incredible history in the game has seen his player profile go over two pages a first for any Player Profile in any major final. 'Shewy' as he is known throughout the FC World is a major player in the history of the game plying his trade since season 2005 as mentioned he is a multiple major trophy winner with those five major trophies wins, he currently sits alongside Adam 'Adski' Pemberton and James Dwinfour as the most successful managers in the entire history of the Fantasy Challenge game. If 'Shewy' can claim the New Life Cup for the first time in his career he will become the most successful manager in the history of the game.

Michael Lynn 'Shewy's' opponent in this final, would ordinarily be the manager that would take up most of the focus and would be being spoken about as the favourite and big FC World star. Lynn is still searching for that elusive first major trophy. Lynn has suffered defeats in the 2009 Pyramid Cup final, 2014 Champions League Final and a season later the 2015 FC Cup Final. That first final Lynn came within two points of victory losing out narrowly to work colleague James O'Leary. In recent seasons Lynn has fallen down the Super20 leagues the question is can he get over the line and stop 'Shewy' from making history and gain his first major trophy to go alongside his three promotions and Super20 Conference title.

As mentioned, this competition was named after the Sunday Football team that Fantasy Challenge have sponsored New Life United. Fantasy Challenge founder Paul Richardson is club chairman of New Life United. Once more this season we will give an update on the progress of New Life United FC as the end of this review

Before I sign off, I want to apologise for any spelling and or grammatical mistakes in this preview the timeframes are just getting tighter every season the alternative is no preview. I would also like to express my thanks to Mike Carleton for his hard work and assistance in updating the game this season.

I hope you enjoy this New Life Cup Final Preview Edition. I wish both managers all the best in this final.

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# PLAYER PROFILES

## Steve Shew

### CAREER HONOURS

2005 FC Cup Winner  
 2009 Championship Champion  
 2012 Premier League Champion  
 2012 FC Cup Winner  
 2014 Premier League Champion  
 2015 Super Twenty Cup Winner  
 2021 Championship 4<sup>th</sup> Place Promoted

### HONOURABLE MENTION

2005 FC League 5<sup>th</sup> Place  
 2006 FC League 8<sup>th</sup> Place  
 2007 FC Cup Runner-Up  
 2007 Champions League Quarter-Finalist  
 2009 FC League Runner-Up  
 2009 Champions League Quarter-Finalist  
 2010 Champions League Quarter-Finalist  
 2011 Champions League Runner-Up  
 2012 FC League 7<sup>th</sup> Place  
 2014 FC League 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
 2015 FC League 5<sup>th</sup> Place  
 2015 Premier league Runner-Up  
 2015 Champions League Quarter-Finalist  
 2016 Premier league Runner-Up  
 2016 Super Twenty Cup Semi-Finalist  
 2016 New Life Cup Runner-Up  
 2017 Premier League 6<sup>th</sup> Place STC Qualification  
 2017 Super Twenty Cup Semi-Finalist  
 2018 Super Twenty Cup Runner-Up  
 2019 Premier League 7<sup>th</sup> Place STC Qualification  
 2020 Super Twenty Cup Runner-Up  
 2022 Premier League 5<sup>th</sup> Place STC Qualification

YEAR	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	PYRAMID CUP	NEW LIFE CUP
2005	Second Round		
2006	Group Stage		
2007	Quarter-Finals		
2008	Second Round		
2009	Quarter-Finals		
2010	Quarter-Finals		
2011	Runner-Up		
2012	Group Stage		
2013	Group Stage		
2014	Second Round		
2015	Quarter-Finals		
2016	Group Stage		Runner-Up
2017	Group Stage		Second Round
2018	Group Stage		
2019	Group Stage		Second Round
2020	Group Stage		
2021	Group Stage		
2022	Second Round		
2023	Group Stage		

## STAT ATTACK

(After Gameweek 37 – New Life Cup Average includes group stage scores form Champions League or Pyramid Cup)

AVERAGE GAMEWEEK SCORE	66.05	GAMEWEEKS SCORE OVER 49	30
HIGHEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	107	GAMEWEEKS SCORE UNDER 50	7
LOWEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	15	NEW LIFE CUP AVERAGE	67.22

## ROAD TO THE FINAL

### CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

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

##### Group J

Mark Freear	45	-	37
Dave Sinclair	40	-	53
Andy Taylor	75	-	82
Dan Jopp	56	-	44
Cameron Wong	62	-	84
Mark Freear	50	-	46
Dave Sinclair	57	-	50
Andy Taylor	97	-	81
Dan Jopp	63	-	89
Cameron Wong	34	-	26

### FINAL TABLE

POS	TEAM	PLD	WON	DRW	LST	FOR	AGST	+/-	PTS
1	Dan Jopp	10	8	0	2	581	512	69	24
2	Cameron Wong	10	7	0	3	633	563	70	21
3	Steve Shew	10	6	0	4	579	592	-13	18
4	Andy Taylor	10	4	0	6	574	588	-14	12
5	Mark Freear	10	3	0	7	554	569	-15	9
6	Dave Sinclair	10	2	0	8	505	602	-97	6

### NEW LIFE CUP

		1 <sup>st</sup> Leg			2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg			Aggregate	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	James Travers	78	-	68	71	-	73	149	- 141
3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Joseph Nicolaides	75	-	90	69	-	52	144	- 142
Quarter-Final	Philip Sinclair	84	-	61	68	-	75	152	- 136
Semi-Final	Tim Oldfield	81	-	67	105	-	104	486	- 171

# PLAYER PROFILES

## Michael Lynn

### CAREER HONOURS

2009 Conference Champion  
2010 League Two Runner-Up Promoted  
2011 League One 4<sup>th</sup> Place Promoted  
2013 Championship Runner-Up Promoted

### HONOURABLE MENTION

2009 Pyramid Cup Runner-Up  
2009 FC League 6<sup>th</sup> Place  
2009 FC Cup Semi-Finalist  
2014 Champions League Runner-Up  
2015 FC Cup Runner-Up  
2015 New Life Cup Semi-Finalist  
2017 Premier League 7<sup>th</sup> Place STC Qual  
2018 Premier League 5<sup>th</sup> Place STC Qual  
2019 Super Twenty Cup Semi-Finalist  
2019 Premier League 6<sup>th</sup> Place STC Qual

YEAR	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	PYRAMID CUP	NEW LIFE CUP
2009		Runner-Up	
2010	Second Round		
2011	Third Round		
2012	Second Round		
2013	Group Stage		
2014	Runner-Up		
2015	Group Stage		Semi-Finals
2016	Group Stage		
2017	Group Stage		
2018	Group Stage		
2019	Group Stage		Third Round
2020	Group Stage		
2021	Group Stage		
2022	Group Stage		
2023	Group Stage		Third Round

## STAT ATTACK

(After Gameweek 37 – New Life Cup Average includes group stage scores from Champions League or Pyramid Cup)

AVERAGE GAMEWEEK SCORE	58.08	GAMEWEEKS SCORE OVER 49	23
HIGHEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	109	GAMEWEEKS SCORE UNDER 50	14
LOWEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	13	NEW LIFE CUP AVERAGE	63

## ROAD TO THE FINAL

### CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

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

##### Group D

Aubrey Davis	40	-	43
Martyn Dewick	68	-	57
Steven McIntosh	72	-	63
Adrian Comer	54	-	38
Peter Ward	77	-	81
Aubrey Davis	50	-	36
Martyn Dewick	45	-	53
Steven McIntosh	59	-	82
Adrian Comer	69	-	64
Peter Ward	31	-	39

### FINAL TABLE

POS	TEAM	PLD	WON	DRW	LST	FOR	AGST	+/-	PTS
1	Adrian Comer	10	7	0	3	613	549	64	21
2	Aubrey Davis	10	6	0	4	538	505	33	18
3	Michael Lynn	10	5	0	5	565	556	9	15
4	Peter Ward	10	5	0	5	564	578	-14	15
5	Martyn Dewick	10	4	0	6	567	625	-58	12
6	Steven McIntosh	10	3	0	7	507	541	-34	9

### NEW LIFE CUP

		1 <sup>st</sup> Leg			2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg			Aggregate		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Sean Doyle	31	-	61	88	-	56	119	-	117
3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Andrew Burchell	73	-	71	50	-	42	123	-	113
Quarter-Final	Sandeep Chohan	67	-	63	77	-	73	144	-	136
Semi-Final	Louis Irvine	74	-	78	109	-	100	183	-	178



# 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.

STEVE SHEW

MICHAEL LYNN

Gameweek 37

Squad List

83 Average

**107** Points

174 Highest →

Gameweek 37

Squad List

83 Average

**98** Points

174 Highest →



## STAT ATTACK

107	SCORE	98
30	CAPTAIN	30
29	DEFENCE	29
37	MIDFIELD	27
41	ATTACK	42
1	TRANSFERS	0
3-4-3	FORMATION	3-4-3
NONE	CHIP PLAYED	NONE
BENCH BOOST	CHIPS LEFT	TRIPLE CAPTAIN

# THE ANALYSIS

Well can you believe it I have got an extra day as finally we have a season where Gameweek 37 finished on Wednesday night allowing Fantasy Challenge founder Paul Richardson to give me the two cup finalists teams on a Thursday.

Although I have the extra time, I feel I have hit upon a formula that works, at the time of writing I can confirm that I predicting the 2024 FC Cup final correctly even after being put under extra pressure from Paul asking AI Microsoft CoPilot to also do an analysis and prediction, so once more you will see below me go through the key components as I see them in this final.

Before I even look at the two managers teams in gameweek 37 I am already intrigued and interested in the cup final I am aware of both of these managers history in the game as they have both featured in several finals over the seasons and not sure if many of you know this but I have been informed that they are both Chelsea fans so the New Life Cup Final of 2024 could almost be nicknamed the battle of Stamford Bridge.

Looking at the two sides in gameweek 37 Steve 'Shewy' Shew would have run out a 9-point winner over Michael Lynn. If you look at the stats of the two teams in gameweek 37 you will see that the difference was in Midfield where Shewy's amassed 10 more points than Lynn. Both having Tottenham's Son and Chelsea's Palmer (No surprise there from these two managers!!!) It came down to Shewy having Newcastle's Gordon and Manchester City's Foden both scoring higher than Lynn's Brennan Johnson of Tottenham and Arsenal's Bukayo Saka.

There is no doubt that this is a clash between two titans of the FC World it is going to be interesting to see how the analysis pans out for this final

## CHIPS

**STEVE SHEW**  
**CHIPS**  
BENCH BOOST

**MICHAEL LYNN**  
**CHIPS**  
TRIPLE CAPTAIN

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Unbelievable I have just finished doing my analysis of the Pyramid Cup final in which both managers had exactly the same the same chips available. I apologies for those of you who have read all the previews but this analysis is not going to be much different o the Pyramid Cup Final. With both managers having chips available there is no doubt in my mind that this is going to be where this final is won and lost. As I have mentioned in the Pyramid Cup Final Preview, I see the Bench Boost as being the better option of the two Chips especially as I am sure both will pick Haaland as captain. In Gameweek 37 if Shewy had played that bench boost he would have added 21 points to his total whilst Lynn's Triple Cpatain would only have added 15 widening the winning margin for Shewy by another 6 points. Does a Bench Boost trump a Triple Captain, well the Bench Boost gives a manager an extra Four players to score points, whilst Triple Captain only really represents one extra player. **CONCLUSION:** - Shewy's Bench Boost has the advantage here.

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

**STEVE SHEW**  
Haaland (Manchester City) 30 Points  
**COULD HAVE SELECTED**  
Palmer (Chelsea) 14 Points  
Foden (Manchester City) 11 Points

**MICHAEL LYNN**  
Haaland (Manchester City) 30 Points  
**COULD HAVE SELECTED**  
Palmer (Chelsea) 14 Points  
Pedro Porro (Tottenham Hotspur)

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Both managers got their captain pick correct and with City going for the title I can't see either of them gambling on not picking Haaland again especially as the Norwegian superstar has a home fixture against West Ham with the title to be won and West Ham virtually on the beach. Question can Lynn really gamble against Haaland Shewy will be hoping not and will select Haaland to try and negate that Triple Captain score by as much as possible. For Lynn with his current squad surely, the only other option is Chelsea's Palmer which would be a massive gamble. **CONCLUSION:** - No advantage here. Can Lynn really afford to gamble.

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## FINANCE / TRANSFERS / OPTIONS

STEVE SHEW			MICHAEL LYNN		
FINANCE		TRANSFERS	FINANCE		TRANSFERS
SQUAD VALUE	IN THE BANK		SQUAD VALUE	IN THE BANK	
£105.0	£2.0	1	£101.0	£0.9	2

Shewy played a transfer in Gameweek 37 so has one less transfer and has two players who are 75% chance of playing with that Bench Boost can he gamble on them or will he be forced to transfer one of them. Initially seeing Goalkeeper Ederson of Manchester City as only having a 75% chance you think he must do this transfer but his sub goalkeeper is the same as Lynn's Chelsea's Petrovic so on second thought sit is the injured Gordon of Newcastle where I think he will concentrate his single transfer. With the sale of Gordon and a war chest of £2 Million I see Shewy having £8.5 Million I just can't see past Arsenal's Havertz the former Chelsea player who won the Blues the Champions League a few seasons ago will Shewy ask Havertz to bring home the New Life Cup for him. Lynn has two transfers but does not have the transfer budget that Shewy has. However, I think it is in midfield where Lynn will be concentrating his efforts Arsenal's Bukayo Saka showing as a 75% Chance of playing will Lynn wait to hear the latest fitness news on the Arsenal player or Like Shewy potentially swap him out for fellow team mate Havertz or maybe Odegaard. The question is can he do that or will he be tempted to bring in Manchester City's Foden who Shewy has to try and neutralise him although there would not be enough in the Budget for both Havertz and Foden. Is there value somewhere else in the market. **CONCLUSION:** - No advantage here for either manager. Yes, Lynn has that extra transfer but I don't think he has the funds to really make it work whilst Shewy has the finds to make his one transfer count.

## THE DIFFERENTIAL'S

STEVE SHEW DIFFERENTIALS	MICHAEL LYNN DIFFERENTIALS
<b>GOALKEEPERS</b>	<b>GOALKEEPER(S)</b>
Ederson (Manchester City)	Caoimhin Kelleher (Liverpool)
<b>DEFENDERS</b>	<b>DEFENDER(S)</b>
Diogo Dalot (Manchester United)	William Saliba (Arsenal)
Dan Burn (Newcastle United)	Kurt Zouma (West Ham United)
Jarrad Branthwaite (Everton)	Harry Maguire (Manchester United)
<b>MIDFIELDER(S)</b>	<b>MIDFIELDER(S)</b>
Phil Foden (Manchester City)	Bukayo Saka (Arsenal)
Anthony Gordon (Newcastle United)	Brennan Johnson (Tottenham Hotspur)
Bruno Fernandes (Manchester United)	James Ward-Prowse (West Ham United)
<b>FORWARDS</b>	<b>FORWARDS</b>
Alexander Isak (Newcastle United)	Ollie Watkins (Aston Villa)

I have to say I am quite shocked to see eight differentials in the two squads however it does make it very interesting. As mentioned, I feel the advantage lies With Shewy's Bench Boost meaning all of his differentials will play his full squad. As mentioned in the transfer section two of Shewy's players have only a 75% chance of playing both are differentials, goalkeeper Ederson we do not think represents a problem worth leaving him as if he is fit and plays it will be a bonus but as Shewy's second choice keeper is the same as Lynn's this is already negated. Looking at his other differentials I see two problems the other injured player Gordon in midfield and Everton's Branthwaite in defence. Everton have secured their premiership place and are away to title chasing Arsenal, I see Arsenal running out easy winners here having a good start with the pressure of thinking City will win. Does Shewy gamble on Gordon's fitness and make a change in defence. As for his other differentials all look like good potential point scorers. When we look at Lynn's differentials, he really only has four and one of those is a potential injury. Saliba in defence looks good and I like the look of Johnson in midfield Tottenham away to Sheffield United on the final day I can Spurs grabbing a few goals to secure a European place. But the Saka is injured and Watkins who has been a revelation upfront this season I wonder about Villa's motivation on the final day when a Champions League place has been secured will they be up for it at Palace. **CONCLUSION:** - Slight advantage to Shewy here. The Bench Boost means all his differentials play if Ederson does play that I think is going to make a big difference the it is just the Branthwaite Gordon conundrum For Lynn he has four good options but that Saka injury and the Villa Conundrum are his major concerns.

## THE CHIP EFFECT

CHIP	EXPLANATION
Bench Boost	All the Players on your Substitute Bench score points for that gameweek
Triple Captain	Instead of the normal double points your Captains Points are tripled
<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>	<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.

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 19<sup>th</sup> May

Arsenal	V	Everton
Brentford	V	Newcastle United
Brighton & Hove Albion	V	Manchester United
Burnley	V	Nottingham Forest
Chelsea	V	Bournemouth
Crystal Palace	V	Aston Villa
Liverpool	V	Wolverhampton Wanderers
Luton	V	Fulham
Manchester City	V	West Ham United
Sheffield United	V	Tottenham Hotspur

## THE VERDICT

I am looking forward to this final as although I see a potential clear winner because of the Chip factor both of these managers are great Matchplay strategists in fact we are going to witness a final between two of the best of match players in the entire history of the FC World.

After looking at all the analysis the final for me comes down to two factors Shewy's Bench Boost and Lynn's extra transfer. Can Lynn really pull off a masterstroke and find a way to combat that Bench Boost.

I can't help but fill this is another final which will be all about the Chip factor, could Lynn shock us all a triple Captain someone other than Haaland and negate that Bench Boost.

**FINAL VERDICT: -**

**Steve 'Shewy' Shew to win and become the most successful FC Manager in the history of the game.**

**I just can't see Lynn coming up with an answer for that Bench boost. However, Michael Lynn is one of the few managers in the game that could potentially find that answer.**

## 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)
2020	Martyn Dewick (CL)	73	-	61	Triona Reilly (PC)
2021	Steven McIntosh (CL)	69	-	50	Kin Chau (PC)
2022	Matt Coe (PC)	71	-	66	Aubrey Davis (CL)
2023	Charlie Ball (PC)	44	-	31	David Curtis (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	
Charlie Ball	1	Jonathan Strack	2
Dan Jopp	1	Kin Chau	2
Hakan Bedir	1	Steve Shew	2
Joe Higgins	1	Andrew Burchell	1
Jonathan Strack	1	Aubrey Davis	1
Kin Chau	1	Charlie Ball	1
Martin Dewick	1	Dan Jopp	1
Matt Coe	1	Dan Smith	1
Steve Haley	1	David Curtis	1
Steven McIntosh	1	Hakan Bedir	1
		Joe Higgins	1
		Martin Dewick	1
		Martin Stuart	1
		Matt Coe	1
		Michael Lynn	1
		Peter Ward	1
		Steve Haley	1
		Steven McIntosh	1
		Triona Reilly	1

## WHAT COMPETITION DID THEY COME FROM?

	WINNERS		RUNNER-UP
Champions League	7	Champions League	4
Pyramid Cup	3	Pyramid Cup	6

- The Champions League is still showing its dominance in this competition having won 7 out of the 10 finals.
- For a second season in a row, we have two managers from the same competition competing in this final the difference is that this season they are both from the Champions League
- This is the Third all Champions League Final there has only been one all Pyramid Cup Final



# NEW LIFE UNITED FC SEASON REVIEW



Recent years has seen turbulent times for New Life United FC in fact the club folded but like a phoenix from the flames it rose from the ashes the reformation though was not the smoothest and at times it looked once more that the club would no longer survive. Trying to establish itself back in WESFA's (Woolwich and Eltham Sunday Alliance) lowest division. At the end of season 2021-22 WESFA restructured their league pyramid and took the decision to not renew New Life United. At that moment the future was uncertain but with the board doubtful that this club could continue Manager Nick Balancy (FC Manager in Pyramid Two) once more showed the drive and determination to keep the club alive. Insisting that he had a team to turn things around. The club affiliated with the Metropolitan Sunday Football League. Joining the bottom division. Last season 2022-2023 things did not start well with the team losing 7 of their opening 10 fixtures to sit bottom of the table. An amazing second half of the season saw the club finish 7<sup>th</sup> out of 11. With season 2023-2024 approaching spirits were high within the club but once more there would be turmoil as another breakaway team was formed. This left a depleted squad and once more New Life United FC almost starting from scratch. The season started with six straight defeats leaving New Life United bottom of the table. Again, the manager and the team turned it around after that sixth defeat the team went on a 5-match unbeaten run, winning 4, unfortunately a win and draw would be removed due to a team dropping out of the league. New Life United have completed their season but the table got very complicated as two teams dropped out the adjusted table actually saw New Life drop down as they lost 4 points where other teams didn't lose points as they had lost to the teams dropping out. Orpington had in fact won 2 games Whilst Three Little Birds had won 3 and drawn 2. Several clubs benefiting from them dropping out whilst New Life lost 4 points.

## NEW LIFE UNITED SEASON STATS

### LEAGUE TABLE

@ 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

After New Life United's final league fixture

POS	TEAM	PLD	WON	DRW	LST	FOR	AGST	+/-	PTS
1	Catford FC Sunday	16	11	3	2	49	25	24	36
2	South London Doves	16	9	1	6	49	38	11	28
3	Haywards FC	15	8	2	5	43	38	5	26
4	F. C. Rondo	16	8	1	7	38	31	7	25
5	Bromley Road	16	8	1	7	42	39	3	25
6	<b>New Life United</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>
7	Kidbrooke Kings	16	7	1	8	39	50	-11	22
8	Southside Trojans	16	6	2	6	26	35	-9	21
9	The People FC Reserves	15	0	1	14	15	52	-37	1
10	Orpington Athletic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Three Little Birds	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

### LEAGUE RESULTS

Southside Trojans	1	-	2	The People's Reserves	10	-	0
Kidbrooke Kings	1	-	3	The People's Reserves	W	-	
Catford FC Sunday	2	-	3	Kidbrooke Kings	5	-	6
F. C. Rondo	1	-	5	South London Doves	4	-	3
Haywards FC	2	-	4	Bromley Road	3	-	0
Bromley Road	1	-	4	Catford FC Sunday	2	-	2
F. C. Rondo	3	-	1	South London Doves	3	-	4
Haywards FC	5	-	0	Southside Trojans	W	-	

***New Life United played two matches against Orpington drawing 2-2 away and beating them 5-1 at home, these results were struck from the league record due to Orpington dropping out of the league***

**Chairman Paul Richardson's conclusion:** - "In what has been another difficult season I can't praise manager Nicky Balancy enough and the entire squad of players. The loyalty, effort and determination shown after those first six fixtures is something that I will never forget. Amazingly although we have finished 6<sup>th</sup> one place higher than last season, I genuinely think this season is up there with the best when we have bene promoted and won trophies. I feel for this team as they were robbed of points due to teams dropping out which has seen us slide down the division, I honestly believe we would have broken the 30-point margin we had 4 points taken from us and I am confident the team would have done the double of Three Little Birds. It is interesting to note though that Orpington had won 2 matches and Three Little Birds had won 3 matches. I honestly believe New Life United would have finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place at least. Hopefully manager Nicky can keep this squad of players together and we can make a real push for promotion next season. The main thing is for the first time in a long time the future is looking good for New Life."