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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to The Football League Agents' Fees Report (Jul-Dec 2005).

This is the fourth six-monthly publication of individual clubs' aggregate spending on agents' fees and covers the period between July 1 and December 31, 2005.

When League clubs voted to introduce the publication of agents' fees in September 2003 they broke new ground for transparency in the football industry. It is The League's view that these payments should be a matter of public record and debate, as they lead to significant amounts of money leaving the game.

Previous reports have shown that League clubs committed £7.8m to agents fees during the 2004/05 season and £1.4m during the second half of the 2003/04 season.

Included in these figures are sums committed directly to agents together with any sums committed through clubs having agreed to satisfy a player's liability to his agent. These payments would normally be regarded as 'benefits in kind' and some clubs may have adjusted the player's wages accordingly to offset the payment.

It should be noted that the report includes the total amounts committed to agents during the six-month period in question, however, the payments themselves may be in instalments, some of which will fall outside the reporting period.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overall Football League Figures

July to December 2004 figures in brackets

- Between 1 July, 2005 and 31 December, 2005 Football League clubs engaged in **1,765** (1,498) player transactions (new registrations/player transfers, contract updates, contract cancellations and loans);
- Clubs committed to pay a fee to an agent in **237** (257) of these transactions.
- Therefore, no agent was used in **1,528** (1,241) transactions;
- League clubs committed to spend **£4,427,986** (£5,019,789) on agents' fees during the period of this report;
- Of this total, all **£4,427,986** (£3,831,146) was committed to be paid to agents by the signing club and **£0** (£1,188,643) committed to be paid by the player's previous club for the agent's involvement in severance arrangements.
- **21** clubs (16) did not commit any money to agents.
- **27** clubs committed to pay £5,000 or less to agents.



The Championship

July to December 2004 figures for equivalent division in brackets

- In The Championship there were **657** (471) player transactions, **136** (143) involved the use of agents;
- Clubs committed to spend a total of **£3,741,886** (£4,399,403) on agents' fees during this period;
- Of this total all **£3,741,886** was committed to be paid to agents by the signing club.
- **23** clubs (23) committed to pay for the services of a licensed agent;
- **1** club (1) did not pay for the services of a licensed agent (Crewe Alexandra)



League 1

July to December 2004 figures for equivalent division in brackets

- In League 1 there were **560** (482) player transactions, **64** (61) involved the use of an agent;
- Clubs committed to spend a total of **£549,110** (£353,295) on agents' fees during this period;
- Of this total all **£549,110** was committed to be paid to agents by the signing club.
- **15** clubs (18) committed to pay for the services of a licensed agent;
- **9** clubs (6) did not pay for the services of a licensed agent (Blackpool, Chesterfield, Colchester United, Gillingham, Hartlepool United, Huddersfield Town, Port Vale, Scunthorpe United, Walsall).



League 2

July to December 2004 figures for equivalent division in brackets

- In League 2 there were **548** (545) player transactions, **37** (53) involved the use of an agent;
- Clubs committed to spend a total of **£136,990** (£267,091) on agents' fees during this period;
- Of this total all **£136,990** was committed to be paid to agents by the signing club.
- **13** clubs (15) committed to pay for the services of a licensed agent;
- **11** clubs (9) did not pay for the services of a licensed agent (Barnet, Boston United, Bury, Cheltenham Town, Chester City, Lincoln City, Notts County, Shrewsbury Town, Stockport County, Wrexham, Wycombe Wanderers).

**SUMMARY OF CLUB BY CLUB TRANSACTIONS AND AGENTS' FEES
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2005 TO 31 DECEMBER 2005**

Championship	New Reg/ Tfr	Updated Contract	Cancelled Contract	Loans	Total Transactions	Total Amount Committed to Agents (1 Jul - 31 Dec 05) £	Total Amount Committed to Agents (1 Jul - 31 Dec 04)
Brighton & Hove Albion	12	3	1	10	26	255,000	33,095
Burnley	18	0	0	9	27	163,910	55,000
Cardiff City	21	10	1	2	34	155,000	132,500
Coventry City	11	12	3	10	36	105,250	20,000
Crewe Alexandra	7	3	0	11	21	0	0
Crystal Palace	10	2	2	0	14	100,000	n/a
Derby County	10	2	2	21	35	58,500	204,500
Hull City	6	9	3	10	28	22,000	54,950
Ipswich Town	12	5	0	7	24	110,242	90,000
Leeds United	19	4	5	4	32	576,800	1,553,688
Leicester City	24	2	1	4	31	300,990	405,000
Luton Town	6	8	0	0	14	92,000	6,000
Millwall	8	4	4	17	33	15,000	122,500
Norwich City	10	4	2	11	27	438,000	n/a
Plymouth Argyle	10	2	3	3	18	38,575	54,000
Preston North End	10	6	0	3	19	80,300	217,000
Queens Park Rangers	16	1	1	3	21	131,600	78,340
Reading	16	6	4	6	32	185,000	211,450
Sheffield United	21	13	0	5	39	183,000	135,000
Sheffield Wednesday	19	6	1	6	32	51,500	67,060
Southampton	21	0	7	3	31	275,000	n/a
Stoke City	14	7	1	7	29	59,355	20,000
Watford	18	3	5	7	33	191,530	2,000
Wolverhampton Wanderers	10	6	1	4	21	153,334	360,125
Division Total	329	118	47	163	657	3,741,886	

Explanatory Notes:

- 1 The amounts disclosed include all guaranteed payments due to an agent (either directly or indirectly) arising out of player transactions entered into during the reporting period, even if such payments may include instalments payable outside of the reporting period. It should be noted that in some instances clubs have made payments to agents on behalf of players but may have adjusted the player's wages accordingly to offset the payment.
- 2 The amounts disclosed do not include:
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A.F.C. Bournemouth	14	7	0	7	28	5,000	3,120
Barnsley	10	5	0	1	16	17,500	30,000
Blackpool	8	3	0	13	24	0	0
Bradford City	11	3	0	4	18	29,400	9,000
Brentford	14	5	0	2	21	23,850	8,725
Bristol City	15	2	4	13	34	86,850	53,500
Chesterfield	4	5	3	6	18	0	4,640
Colchester United	3	1	0	2	6	0	0
Doncaster Rovers	16	6	0	7	29	56,000	17,000
Gillingham	14	0	2	9	25	0	22,000
Hartlepool United	14	4	1	5	24	0	0*
Huddersfield Town	8	2	1	2	13	0	0
Milton Keynes Dons	9	14	4	9	36	46,250	22,500
Nottingham Forest	18	4	1	4	27	124,950	161,000
Oldham Athletic	23	0	3	2	28	35,470	1,550
Port Vale	7	4	0	16	27	0	7,500
Rotherham United	11	1	3	4	19	23,500	47,166
Scunthorpe United	8	9	1	7	25	0	0
Southend United	6	3	0	4	13	2,750	35,530
Swansea City	7	13	1	1	22	24,150	37,080
Swindon Town	12	1	2	6	21	5,500	15,250
Tranmere Rovers	11	4	2	5	22	14,940	36,500
Walsall	14	6	2	18	40	0	2,500
Yeovil Town	15	0	1	8	24	53,000	11,500
Division Total	272	102	31	155	560	549,110	

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*In the published figures for 2004/05 it was reported that Hartlepool United had committed £5,000 to agents. This was subsequently reduced to nil due to a refund by an agent as a result of the early termination of a player's contract.

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Barnet	26	0	0	3	29	0	n/a
Boston United	7	3	2	7	19	0	0
Bristol Rovers	11	4	2	6	23	29,000	33,000
Bury	12	7	0	5	24	0	0
Carlisle United	22	0	1	2	25	3,120	n/a
Cheltenham Town	6	1	0	4	11	0	0
Chester City	13	0	2	2	17	0	20,000
Darlington	16	8	3	5	32	7,500	0
Grimsby Town	21	1	0	8	30	13,560	24,020
Leyton Orient	11	4	0	2	17	17,500	5,000
Lincoln City	16	4	0	9	29	0	0
Macclesfield Town	14	4	0	3	21	11,250	3,500
Mansfield Town	19	0	3	6	28	14,200	11,600
Northampton Town	12	4	1	8	25	5,000	11,980
Notts County	13	2	5	6	26	0	13,000
Oxford United	15	1	7	6	29	12,750	32,900
Peterborough United	8	0	3	8	19	3,000	13,500
Rochdale	8	7	0	1	16	4,000	0
Rushden & Diamonds	11	2	1	6	20	6,500	0
Shrewsbury Town	13	3	0	2	18	0	881
Stockport County	13	0	3	8	24	0	0
Torquay United	14	2	3	6	25	9,610	0
Wrexham	10	2	0	4	16	0	0
Wycombe Wanderers	15	6	0	4	25	0	24,800
Division Total	326	65	36	121	548	136,990	
Grand Total	927	285	114	439	1,765	4,427,986	

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