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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the latest Football League Agents' Fees Report.

This is the tenth time that The League has revealed its clubs' spending on agents' fees. The report covers the six-month period between July and December 2008 and is the first of two reports for the 2008/09 season.

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 remains The League's view that these payments should be a matter of public record and debate.

Further changes, in June 2006, prohibited the previously common practice of 'Dual Representation'. Players are now responsible for paying their own agents, who are required to hold a formal agreement to represent their players. Clubs employing agents are also required to have separate arrangements in place.

In total, League clubs have committed £5.7m to agents during the last six months, a decrease on the £7.9m committed during the same period last season. In total, 24 clubs did not commit any money to agents, the highest number recorded during the first half of the season since the publication of agents' fees began.

The figures contained in the report include sums committed by clubs to agents directly, as well as any sums paid to players (in accordance with their contracts) to enable them to satisfy their liabilities to their agents. Such payments are regarded as taxable 'benefits in kind' to the player.

It should also be noted that the report reflects total amounts committed to during the season in question. However, the payments themselves may be by instalments, some of which may fall outside the reporting period.

REPORT SUMMARY



Overall Football League Figures

Figures for July to December 2007 in italics

- Between July 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008 Football League clubs engaged in **1,650** (*1,913*) player transactions (new registrations/player transfers, contract updates, contract cancellations and loans);
- Clubs committed to pay an agent in **141** (*283*) of these transactions;
- League clubs committed to spend **£5,707,695** (*£7,930,379*) during the period of this report;
- **24** (*19*) clubs did not commit any money to agents during the last six months;



Championship

Figures for July to December 2007 in italics

- In the Championship there were **578** (*635*) player transactions, **88** (*151*) involving payment to an agent;
- Clubs committed to spend a total of **£4,809,035** (*£6,684,759*) on agents' fees during this period;
- **24** (*23*) clubs committed to pay for the services of a licensed agent;



League 1

Figures for July to December 2007 in italics

- In League 1 there were **542** (*607*) player transactions, **35** (*99*) involving payment to an agent;
- Clubs committed to spend a total of **£740,160** (*£1,039,484*) on agents' fees during this period;
- **14** (*21*) clubs committed to pay for the services of a licensed agent;
- **10** (*3*) clubs did not pay for the services of a licensed agent - **Cheltenham Town, Crewe Alexandra, Hartlepool United, Hereford United, Millwall, Northampton Town, Peterborough United, Scunthorpe United, Swindon Town and Tranmere Rovers.**



League 2

Figures for July to December 2007 in italics

- In League 2 there were **530** (*671*) player transactions, **18** (*33*) involving payment to an agent;
- Clubs committed to spend a total of **£158,500** (*£206,136*) on agents' fees during this period;
- **10** (*9*) clubs committed to pay for the services of a licensed agent;
- **14** (*15*) clubs did not pay for the services of a licensed agent - **Accrington Stanley, AFC Bournemouth, Barnet, Chester City, Chesterfield, Dagenham & Redbridge, Darlington, Exeter City, Gillingham, Grimsby Town, Macclesfield Town, Port Vale, Rochdale and Wycombe Wanderers.**

SUMMARY OF CLUB BY CLUB TRANSACTIONS AND AGENTS' FEES

FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2008 TO 31 DECEMBER 2008



Championship	New Reg/Tfr	Updated Contract	Cancelled Contract	Loans	Total Transactions	Total Amount Committed to Agents (1 July - 31 Dec 08) £	Total Amount Committed to Agents (1 July - 31 Dec 07) £
Barnsley	7	4	2	5	18	266,200	161,920
Birmingham City	8	4	3	4	19	425,000	N/A
Blackpool	13	3	2	6	24	72,000	0
Bristol City	7	9	1	1	18	70,000	250,300
Burnley	10	2	1	1	14	237,000	214,900
Cardiff City	12	6	1	5	24	152,500	54,000
Charlton Athletic	7	3	4	10	24	231,000	782,305
Coventry City	8	0	0	1	9	250,000	275,000
Crystal Palace	21	6	2	4	33	248,140	35,000
Derby County	24	5	5	4	38	717,000	N/A
Doncaster Rovers	12	16	1	5	34	116,000	50,500
Ipswich Town	10	6	1	2	19	113,200	125,000
Norwich City	14	1	0	6	21	490,000	155,200
Nottingham Forest	10	11	4	10	35	124,000	76,100
Plymouth Argyle	16	5	2	5	28	144,000	83,000
Preston North End	10	4	1	4	19	212,501	230,000
Queens Park Rangers	16	1	4	6	27	40,290	211,000
Reading	12	9	1	6	28	205,386	N/A
Sheffield United	10	1	4	7	22	125,000	400,000
Sheffield Wednesday	3	5	0	6	14	5,000	190,300
Southampton	17	4	3	3	27	252,674	312,950
Swansea City	10	11	1	9	31	85,000	31,665
Watford	11	1	5	7	24	84,994	169,440
Wolves	14	5	3	6	28	142,150	142,600
Division Total	282	122	51	123	578	4,809,035	

Explanatory Notes:

- The amounts disclosed include all guaranteed payments due to an agent arising out of player transactions entered into during the reporting period, even if such payments may include instalments payable outside of the reporting period.
- The amounts disclosed do not include:
 - any payments made during the reporting period that relate to transactions completed before 1st July 2008; and
 - any contingent payments based on future events, e.g promotion, retention of divisional status, player appearances, etc.

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Brighton & Hove Albion	17	5	3	19	44	30,000	22,940
Bristol Rovers	13	11	0	20	44	32,000	71,500
Carlisle United	7	3	2	11	23	20,000	30,000
Cheltenham Town	4	3	2	17	26	0	9,000
Colchester United	10	4	0	6	20	20,000	91,300
Crewe Alexandra	6	4	1	7	18	0	0
Hartlepool United	5	3	0	2	10	0	0
Hereford United	8	3	0	6	17	0	0
Huddersfield Town	11	1	4	5	21	32,500	0
Leeds United	21	7	5	10	43	346,500	173,000
Leicester City	15	8	3	5	31	121,700	1,067,084
Leyton Orient	8	4	0	4	16	7,000	9,000
Millwall	7	0	0	7	14	0	66,900
Milton Keynes Dons	7	0	1	1	9	17,500	76,555
Northampton Town	6	3	2	6	17	0	5,000
Oldham Athletic	9	1	1	3	14	4,500	108,000
Peterborough United	7	2	4	4	17	0	0
Scunthorpe United	10	3	0	3	16	0	13,720
Southend United	17	5	0	14	36	38,620	36,910
Stockport County	15	6	0	6	27	30,000	0
Swindon Town	8	2	1	1	12	0	62,000
Tranmere Rovers	10	2	1	5	18	0	13,400
Walsall	20	3	2	1	26	29,340	19,525
Yeovil Town	14	2	1	6	23	10,500	33,945
Division Total	255	85	33	169	542	740,160	

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SUMMARY OF CLUB BY CLUB TRANSACTIONS AND AGENTS' FEES

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League 2	New Reg/Tfr	Updated Contract	Cancelled Contract	Loans	Total Transactions	Total Amount Committed to Agents (1 July - 31 Dec 08) £	Total Amount Committed to Agents (1 July - 31 Dec 07) £
Accrington Stanley	12	2	3	7	24	0	0
AFC Bournemouth	9	8	1	10	28	0	6,000
Aldershot Town	5	1	0	2	8	29,000	N/A
Barnet	12	1	0	9	22	0	0
Bradford City	13	5	1	4	23	15,000	5,000
Brentford	9	3	0	10	22	3,000	0
Bury	10	4	0	3	17	6,000	0
Chester City	8	7	5	0	20	0	0
Chesterfield	10	2	2	2	16	0	0
Dagenham & Redbridge	8	2	2	20	32	0	0
Darlington	12	3	3	10	28	0	30,030
Exeter City	23	2	0	2	27	0	N/A
Gillingham	12	1	4	15	32	0	27,149
Grimsby Town	7	2	2	6	17	0	0
Lincoln City	11	6	1	1	19	10,000	0
Luton Town	13	1	10	7	31	47,500	157,750
Macclesfield Town	16	4	0	4	24	0	14,763
Morecambe	11	3	0	5	19	5,000	8,190
Notts County	8	0	1	4	13	1,000	0
Port Vale	5	2	1	4	12	0	29,200
Rochdale	9	4	1	3	17	0	0
Rotherham United	19	1	2	7	29	32,000	17,450
Shrewsbury Town	8	0	2	7	17	10,000	29,648
Wycombe Wanderers	14	3	2	14	33	0	17,000
Division Total	264	67	43	156	530	158,500	
Grand Total	801	274	127	448	1,650	5,707,695	

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