



£5,000 to be won

DO YOU have what it takes to be a successful manager? Can you be our "Special One"?

Here is your chance to find out, as our fantasy football competition Dream Teams enters its 26th season.

There's big money to be won - since it started we have paid out over £150,000 in prize money!

You have to build a team capable of winning the championship and top prize of £2,500. You have £30million to spend on your team.

There's £1,000 for second place and £500 for third. There is £300 for each manager of the month, £50 for the best result of the week, and £50 a week up for grabs in spot prizes.

This is how you make your choice. You must pick:

One team goalkeeper, one team defence (you cannot have a goalkeeper and defence from the same team), six named goalscorers.

This is how you score:

You lose a goal for each goal conceded by your goalkeeper.

You lose a goal for each goal conceded by your defence. You score a goal for each goal scored by one of your strikers.

The goals conceded and scored by your team in a weekend go to make up your team's result, with three points for a win, one for a draw, and nothing for a defeat.

The league will be played from Friday, February 16, to Monday, May 7. Only fixtures between Friday night and Monday night count. If a team plays twice, only the first game counts. If more than twenty teams are not in competitive action on a weekend, then that weekend's Dream Teams programme is declared void.

If one of your selected teams (goalkeeper or defence) does not play, then you lose one goal. If both don't play, you lose two goals. Please note that these rules have changed from previously advertised and come into immediate effect.

Choose two substitutes. These are only used if two identical teams are entered. One of them will be used at our discretion to give you a unique team. The price of each sub must not be more than the price of your cheapest player - if we have to make a substitution the team must still be within your budget.

Fill in the coupon below, enclose a cheque/postal order for £4 to cover administration costs, made payable to Northeast Press Limited.

No correspondence will be entered into. Deadline for entries is Thursday, February 15. So be quick!

Echo Dream Teams 26

Full name.....

Address.....

postcode

Phone no..... dob

(must be 18 or over to play)

Team name (please use proper words)

Grid for team name

Table with 4 columns: Position, Code, Team or name, Cost. Rows include GK, Defence, Scorer 1-6, Total cost, Sub 1, Sub 2.

Send your entry to: Echo Dream Teams, Sunderland Echo, Echo House, Pennywell, Sunderland, SR4 9ER.

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Goalkeepers (choose one)

Table of Goalkeepers with columns: Code, Goalkeeper, £m, and list of players with their costs.

Defences (choose one)

Table of Defences with columns: Code, Defence, £m, and list of players with their costs.

Goalscorers (choose six)

Table of Goalscorers with columns: Code, Player, £m, and list of players with their costs.

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