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Football manager squad lacking in professionalism

Everyone always has the idea of having their dream football manager save with a team that is at the bottom of the football ladder, this guide (hopefully) will help you turn your team into a force to be aware of. In addition to changing your professional condition. Semi-professional club management at FM19? Read on! This change of professional status guide will focus on these three components: MoneyPlayersProgression & Commitment This article was inspired by my success with a semi-professional team in the Welsh Premier League, who are known as Connah's Quay Nomads. I took over Connah's Quay Nomads as I was tired of TNS earning absolutely every year in real life. Wanting to create a saving in which I would challenge myself. In saving, I am currently in (July 2025) and have had a great deal of success with this saving. Coming to the conclusion of my development through savings has dropped to three key components. I will write about how I turned this team into a dominant force on and off the pitch at all levels. This guide can be applied to any team, just think logically and apply it to your own savings. The only way your professional status won't change is if it's code coded hard. Money is so important. TRUST ME– Management of semi-professional clubs on FM19 Everyone wants it, but not everyone gets it in Football Manager. This was by far the most important aspect as how I have turned this team into a struggling team in Europe. One of the most important factors to make money is the selection of a team in which it is achievable in a short period of time. For example, picking a team in the Vanamara North League is less likely to increase their revenue and then pick a team in the Welsh Premier League. The reason for this is Europe. This is by far the largest income I could ever ask for. So be sure to pick a team that would be able to get some kind of continental championship that you can compete for. Unless you want long-term savings. The money you get from Europe is one of the easiest ways to turn your amateur or semi-professional team into a professional team. Contracts are another way in which you can have a big say in the money you are spending. I'll talk about the players later on, but for now this focuses on contracts. It's hard not to give your best player the best contract possible. But it will affect how much you earn. That extra £300 a week can really add up if you are a smaller club, put this way 300 multiplied by 52 equals £15,600. If you're a big club this is nothing, if you happen to be a small club this is a lot. All this adds up, to think if five of its they want an extra £300 a week which comes to a total of £78,000. King Kenny?- Semi-professional club management on FM19 Now that's serious money and something you really have to pay close attention to. I never paid attention to finances as much as I did this saving. It has really benefited me for future savings. I always remember this famous quote from Liverpool legend Kenny Dalglish - Kenny is right, if a player doesn't want to play on the wages he wants to pay, look elsewhere. Maybe the next player you find isn't that good, but just think about the wages you're saving and the progression you're making in finance. One of the biggest burdens on a players contract for me is their game fee and replacement rate not use. I always exclude them from contracts. You may think your player is on a basic £1000-a-week contract until you look closely and realise he will receive an extra £300 to play. Plus £200 to be an unused substitute. You should, and I can't stress this enough try to get the best deal that benefits you, the club is your best interest. All this can also depend on your professional condition. The finances you benefit from, by changing professional status - Managing semi-professional clubs on FM19 don't worry about cash flow if you're in any continental championship. Below is a graph of my savings and finances - Finance in 2021. This might seem to peak in areas, which it does. But this does not boil down to poor cash flow that is only based in Europe for the main source of income. In my first season it slowly decreases throughout the season. I was very worried that I would liquidate the club if I didn't have any other revenue. That season I qualified for the European qualifying rounds, I didn't do well. However, I still have a lot of money for it and that money has continued to come in consecutive seasons. This has meant that the better I do in Europe, the more money I will receive. This massively helps the board decide if they want to change their professional status. Ignore Cashflow- Management of semi-professional finance clubs FM19 in 2025. If you look at the picture of the 2021 season it looks like he was making pennies compared to that. This particular season I qualified for the group stage of the Champions League because of how lucky the draws were in the qualifying stages. I didn't do well in the group stages, but I've still received that amount of money – Payment to get to the group stages of the Champions League. I don't think I'll get into the group stages again in the next year, but that £11.32m has completely renewed the real club and I don't mean them in terms of personnel. Money has allowed me to continue developing and growing the club off-field. In terms of facilities and range exploring, this is something that is massively undervalued and often overlooked for smaller clubs. I want to look at my with a little more depth and I've broken finances in years – Conclusion – Managing semi-pro clubs on FM19 I've added a black line in every season as to when I usually start, so for my case this is August. Also adding a year to each segment, so you can see progression, as well as the maximum amount of money I had at any given time in that time period. The benefits of money really help change professional status. It's about patience, I won't become an overnight billionaire and it wasn't until the 2020/21 season where I really pushed myself to strive for professional status. I finished third in this season, which was a better one than the previous season. But I won in qualifying for Europe, which meant I could try to make money to win in at least one qualifying round. I reached the third qualifying round for the Europa League, but that was more than enough. This meant I received £89k per round and took home an extra £209k which meant only three qualifying rounds of the Europa League the club would earn approximately £476k. This was the beginning of money coming into the club, because of that money I could sign a couple of players for cash and pay a bit more and with better players that meant I could challenge more. That's exactly what I did the following season where I somehow beat Rangers in the fourth qualifying round in Europe and placed myself in a group, obviously the team got beat every game, but I just wanted the money. This meant with this new money, I had a balance of £2.8m - this was the first time the board wanted to go professional and because I had over £1m in the bank it went ahead. First season in which professional status changes - Managing semi-professional clubs at FM19 My first season as a professional club I finally took the TNS title and signed some wonderful talent along the way. The first season as a professional club was fantastic. However, the board improved my youth and training facilities, which meant I was a bit short for cash in some months. That changed when I qualified for Champions League qualification. Unfortunately losing to Shakhtar in the decision round, but it meant he could have a place in the Europa League. Europe has really allowed me to flourish and take advantage of the money you earn from it. In my final season, a round in the Champions League covered the total costs of my wages for an entire year. This is the kind of money I wanted and will continue to get as the club develops, but don't forget to develop the club in different ways. Players to sign when they want to change professional status - Managing semi-pro clubs in FM19 Everyone loves a good nut-gen and these lower-reputation clubs will enjoy another loss Clubs. Players take away the results with proper management and that's the mindset I've had throughout that savings. I've taken a lot of risks and chances on players who might not look fantastic but play with consistent qualification. In particular, I started looking at a mixture of youth and experience, but the experience definitely won the battle at the time. As the club was At that time he could only sign players who had played for Wales before or were Welsh and this was a struggle. But I found some fantastic players along the way. TNS was the only professional club at the time, so every time they let go of players it was the first door offering them contracts. I spent a total of £2.2k in my first year and signed a massive 20 players. That seems like a lot, but the contracts were so small that he wanted to give everyone a chance and offered them a one-year contract or if it was in January a six-month contract and then reassess them at the end of the season. I've always had a big change of players in my early years while managing a club, and that didn't change. That's why it's so important to try to change your professional status. Help with transfers. Players to look for - Managing semi-pro clubs in FM19 I have particularly sought out players who suit my training. Playing a simple 4-4-2 and relied on pacey tre strikers who could beat the last man. I signed about six forwards to fill two roles and looked for players who were quick. Looking specifically for pace and acceleration before I even considered its finish or composed and this worked. The league is not that big and the defenders struggled to keep up, and it was a case of I want to score as many goals as possible before the opposition exploits my weaknesses. Age really didn't matter. I am a semi-professional team looking to change my professional condition and the club's fortunes and I knew the players would only be there for a year and move on or retire. Use a lot of players or have a bigger squad. That was something I did, I always had coverage, if my best striker got injured I knew I had someone on the bench who could get the job done. I have most of the players used in every season so far, and that will never change. Trying to focus on each competition and give it my all. After all, prize money is something that was appetizing and also meant it could boost the reputation of clubs and attract better players. I always look at the bigger picture and how a trophy can affect the club in the long run. Development- Management of semi-professional clubs in FM19 If they are good enough to play them. I always see that people have fantastic new genes and just let them play in the reserves, I had a couple of new genes and I touched them. One is now my best player and captain and it's a big part of why I have so many trophies, take a look at him - 17-year-old and a massive part of the team. 22 years old and captain. I mean if you just compare the two and look at how much you've grown in five years, it's quite remarkable. It has gone from an outcast that had the captain of the clubs. He is also my most paid player, I have a team in the Champions League to whom I pay £1,400 a week. Remember Kenny Dalglish's quote? I got caught up for it and never paid again – They still pay less wages than TNS and I have just completed the quadruple (League, MG cup, IRN BRU Cup and Welsh Cup). Tips and tricks - Managing semi-professional clubs on FM19 As time goes on, look at your youth and really take time to see what you can do to make them better. What I did was create a team where there were at least two players in each position on the pitch and left them to it, conceded some were good and others were not, but it gave stability to the club and I worked a lot on that. I think if you are winning games you are usually happy. If you're happy you want to play. If you want to play you're going to learn and that's exactly why I focus on my youth recruitment. Having the most successful youth team that just completed its season by winning the league unbeaten and drawing two of a possible 22. Stay simple. I don't see any sense in trying to replicate how Barça plays with their Tiki-Taka, keep it simple. My system started with a direct passing system that I try to blow up the flanks and then play early crosses for my fast strikers to stick to. I will not discuss in-depth tactics in this article as there are more important factors in changing your professional status. Progression and commitment / Professional status - Management of semi-professional clubs in FM19 A small step backwards to take a big step forward is good. At any club you want to progress through the ranks, and that's no different. Even if a season doesn't do as well as expected you can always skip it again next season. There are too many people who will play the game and then surrender after four years because they have not won the Champions League with a standard squad from Sunday's league. If you are wanting to challenge yourself with a lesser team, make sure you are engaged, many people will surrender at the first hurdle. I haven't and I've had the most fun I've ever had in football manager, I've got a team in the Welsh Premier League who lost a game in all competitions apart from the Champions League and a reserve team that just won the title undefeated. The goal of using a lesser team is to progress, but that doesn't always have to be on the pitch. You can have a bad season, but your finances are good or you have a player who is going to get into the first team that will really change your fortune. There are always positives to take from any situation by being a lesser team, and that's something I've learned throughout this saving. Progression- Semi-professional club management at FM19 I lost one of my best players at Atlanta United and only managed around £10k. But he released a position and the replacement I got didn't look any good, but it ended up being the goalscorer of the leagues in the season we finished third. When you talk about progression, always keep an eye out on some of the other player teams, there are some amazing players who don't look good how they play. I often look at the leagues best average grades and look at players where they can be used as their own. If things don't work out with the player in particular, at least one other team doesn't benefit from their tremendous performances. Spend time on the finer stuff. That's something I can't stress enough about, look at your team, analyze what went right, look at what went wrong and create a solution to prevent the wrong things from going forward again. It's important, there are so many details that people ignore it and then they wonder why they're struggling. If your team is conceding most goals from the balls look at what their defenders might be missing, if it is the pace get them to fall deeper. Or if it's yours out of ball intelligence, look at the players who bring more to the table. We always look to improve the team, there are some gems that you can find in amateur teams that will really help you. Don't think just because they play for an amateur team that's rubbish. Off-field progress and facilities that help change professional status - Managing semi-professional clubs at FM19 Progress off the field is something that needs to be done. I sign personal best. I always try to improve my staff every year and because I play FM Touch it means that every contract is a one-year filming contract so they can be released at the end of their contract. I always try to improve every member of staff – what's the point in making your team better if the coaches aren't. Other things to focus on progress is definitely your training and youth facilities, mine are the best in the league now, but I would focus on becoming professional first as players on professional contracts training more to a semi-professional. Youth facilities are also important, you want your youth teams to improve year after year and give them a platform where they can develop is essential. Finally, scouting, be sure to try to increase your scouting range, you'll seriously find some amazing players from abroad if you do. Obviously, that's all down to money, but since this topic is about progression, you have to actively look at how you can improve the team in more ways than one. The end of changing your professional status – Managing semi-professional clubs on FM19 Ultimately the idea of the game is to have fun, enjoy, take risks and look for hidden gems wherever you can. Hidden gems can really shape your future. I hope this guide helps you. It can even give you inspiration for future savings you may have in mind. I thoroughly enjoyed writing this and struggled to fit in as much as I could think of. These small elements can create a team that really fights for its trophies and progress as every year comes. I hope this guide can change the professional status of your clubs. Been. Been.