

ABOUT THE GAME

Kenny Dalglish's Soccer Manager is a highly graphical simulation of managing a football team. It features 4 divisions, promotion, relegation, buying, selling, job offers, injuries, suspensions, internationals, loans, detailed statistical records of players, season and career records, league games, cup games and a whole lot more....

AMSTRAD LOADING INSTRUCTIONS

Type RUN "" (RETURN) and start tape

You may only use a joystick.

Press **SELECT** once then the first team name will appear. Move **ICON POINTER** to **NO** and press **SELECT** to move to next name or **YES** and press **SELECT** to choose name

GAME PLAY

The game is quite simple to operate. So if you want to 'get started' now just start clicking. We would, however, recommend reading the instructions ('yawn') to pick up some of the finer points, they may be of some help to get you out of the fourth division!

OPENING SCREEN

This is your 'base' - most screens return you back here. Just click on an **ICON**, and you will be taken to another screen. For example, the icon of the empty boardroom will allow you to seek advice from your fellow members of the board.

THE ICONS

'EMPTY BOARDROOM'

This takes you to a new screen showing your six members of the board. To exit this screen click on an area of the screen, where there is no icon!

The board are:-

Chairman

Having looked after the club for several years he knows what he wants from you and he'll tell you how he rates your performance.

Physio

He tells you who's currently unavailable due to injury, suspensions or being on international duty and when they are likely to return.

Coach

He assesses your current First 11 and gives an honest opinion on their ability. He does this by rating each player on a score between 1 and 99 - the higher the score the better. He'll give you the average rating for defence, midfield and attack. A good average for a team in the fourth division would be around 50, however, a rating of this level in the first division would mean you are a likely candidate for relegation.

Scout

He'll tell you who's available TO BUY and give a profile of the player stating amongst other things position, number of games played in their career and goals scored. You will be only offered 2 players a week. You then have the chance of buying the player or EXITING from the scout.

Bank Manager

Not strictly a member of the board, however he is on hand to LOAN money but only up to your credit limit. The higher the division the more credit the bank is willing to allow you. Remember - interest on the loan is due each week.

Accountant

He'll keep you informed as to the clubs financial position, stating outgoing such as the player's salaries.

You must use all these men to keep yourself informed.

'TEAM' ICON

This displays another screen, where you are able to click on the icons - just like on the **EMPTY BOARDROOM** and find out:-

'First 11'

See your current first team squad. Coupled with position and ability, you can also find out how many games played this season (SP), goals scored this season (SG), games played in their career (CP) and the total number of goals scored (CG). Remember - Ability of around 50 would be quite good for the fourth division - but terrible for the first division.

'Cup'

Details of the next fixture, who the opponents are, whether it's home or away, a league or cup game and what your chances are.

'Number 12 Shirt'

You will first see firstly, your reserves that play in DEFENCE (Goalkeepers, backs, etc.). Secondly, by clicking on NEXT, your MIDFIELDERS appear, and finally, another click on NEXT gives you your ATTACKERS.

If you have less than 11 players in your first team a message will appear and you can click on ANY of the players names to ADD them to your FIRST 11.

An asterix denotes a player is selected as one of your First 11.

By dropping players from the First 11 and then adding reserves you can alter the formation of the team. Success depends on having a good squad and finding the right information. For example a forward line of Left Wingers would not perform well.

'Football Stadium'

This starts the match. You will be asked if you want to set the players positions. If you click on YES a pitch appears with the opposing teams 'likely' composition. Point at the area of the pitch where you want a player to be and click - he will appear. Repeat this process for the other 9 outfield players (the Goalie knows where he's playing!). It is an important part of the strategy to find the right balance for your team - too many defenders or too many left sided players will decrease your chances of success.

The match will then take place and the RESULT will appear. Click once and the other match results will be displayed.

'League Table'

Shows your current league standing. Remember - 3 points for a win, 1 for a draw and none for defeat. At the end of the season the top 3 clubs are promoted and the bottom 3 are relegated.

'Missing Player'

This works much the same as the 'Reserves' screen - however having clicked on a player instead of being added to the First 11 you will be given the opportunity to SELL the player - assuming you accept the offer.

'VIDEO CAMERA'

Back on the opening screen this icon is used to decide what information you see.

Normally on a screen (like First 11) you see:-

Players Name
Players Position His Ability (1 to 99, 99 is best)

By clicking on the television camera, selected detailed information will display:-

Players Name Games played this Season (S)
Goals scored this Season (SG)
Games played throughout career (CP)
Goals scored throughout career (CG)
Age Ability (Ab)

'SAVE GAME'

Your chance to save a game - so that you don't have to start at the bottom of the 4th division all the time! Using a blank tape, press RECORD on your cassette and click on SAVE ICON.

'LOAD GAME'

To load a previously SAVED game - Click on LOAD ICON and press PLAY on your cassette recorder.

AND FINALLY

There are lots more features that you'll have fun finding out about - just click away and see if you can be as successful as Kenny Dalglish.

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