

AMSTERDAM STUN

The image is a collage of various construction scenes in Amsterdam. At the top, several large tower cranes are visible against a cloudy sky, positioned around the skeletal frames of high-rise buildings under construction. The buildings show multiple floors with concrete and steel structures. In the center, a completed building with a brick facade and large glass windows is prominently displayed. It has a sign that reads "Blue TOWER HOTEL". To the right of this building, there's a blue container or temporary structure. Below the central building, a street scene is visible with a red car parked on the side and a green recycling bin. In the foreground, there are more construction elements, including a building wrapped in blue safety netting and another one covered in green safety netting. A small poster or sign is visible on a pole in the lower right, featuring a group of people and some text. The overall scene depicts a city in the midst of significant urban development.

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The Editor's Bit

There's a lot of building work going on in Bos & Lommer at the moment, and it's not just the sites we've got on this month's front cover. I've been busy putting together a website for our new magazine, Live Around Amsterdam. None of the "easy" packages did quite what I wanted, so I've had to learn a lot of new stuff to get it to do what I want. You can read more about it on page 5.

All that slaving over a hot computer has meant that I haven't been getting around town taking as many pictures as I usually do, which might explain why there are only 28 pages this month. Mind you, we didn't get invited to very many parties since the last Stun came out, which is the main reason for the lack of pages.

So, what have we got here for you this month? Actually, quite a lot! Our regular bits, like Dear Dorothy, Being Frank on Football and the gig list are here, plus we've got twice as many jokes for you.

Once again, we are holding our Premiership Predictions League competition, with a prize from British General Stores. You can read about it on page 25 and the entry form is on page 27.

And finally, even though we're starting a new magazine, it doesn't mean an end to The Stun; it just means we have to work harder.

Andy



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If you would like to contribute a story or even a regular column, don't be shy: we're all amateurs doing our best here.

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Lizzy is a new face in the London Bridge.



It took us a while to meet Renneke in Susie's Saloon: She usually works the day shift at weekends:



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Susies Saloon
barmaid Ireen
had a nasty quad-
bike accident in
Thailand, but the
limp should go
soon

Linda said we don't mention the Nes Café enough, so I suggested she appears on Page Three



TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday to our editor/publisher Andy, Terry and Jim (both 60), Maya, Liza, Iris, Pete, Diane, Shannon, Kees, Adrian, Ilona, Mike, Piggy, Murdo, Hans, Kiz, Janet, Laura, Ayla, Khaled, Owen, Kieran, Sandra, Chas, Denise, Smithy, Arthur, Roy, Nick, Ann, Eva, Tommy, Gemma, Jasmin, Lesley, Shelley, Liam, Kevin, David, Chiara, Maurice, Klaas, Tony, Mathilda, Dominic, Ken, Chantal, Ron, Jack, Cathy, Lawrence, Peter, Cameron, Jo, Sean, Sasha, Eithne, Gene, Henk, Rinko, John, Feargal, Lisa, Stanna, Sergio, Leo.

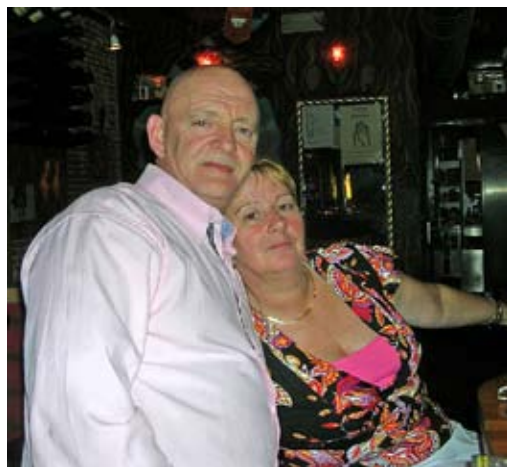
Happy Anniversary Kristie & Peter.

George and Ellen have just become proud grandparents after their daughter Charlene gave birth to a daughter, Cherry, on 7-7-7.



Cathy and Linda are both grannies to be, but their daughters are out of the country at the moment. Cathy's daughter Saara, due in December, is in Spain; Linda's Nicola, due in October, in Croatia.

Liam celebrated his birthday earlier this month. We didn't see him on his big day, but here's a picture from a week earlier.



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GUTTER



Vicky is in tears and the heavens were crying with her because she has to sell her baby. Vicky and Ray are moving back to England later this year and it would be a lot of hassle having to change the lights & speedo, get an MOT, new plates, etc., so she's decided that the bike has to go. If you are interested, the details are in the small ad below. She's already started packing and most of her stuff will be going to England with her, but the fish tank and fish won't be making the journey, so they are also for sale.

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COMING SOON

It's been a long time in the planning, but our new magazine, Live Around Amsterdam, is about to launch on the Internet. Although it's going to be mainly targeted at tourists, I'm sure it will also be of interest to Stun readers. The main focus will be on live music, so it will feature the latest gig lists from some of Amsterdam's finest music venues and detailed maps so you can find them easily.

We'll also be mentioning some great places to watch live sport on TV, and so you know what's on, we'll have listings of all major sports available on satellite TV.



All you have to do to find out when the site is launched, is leave your name and e-mail address at www.livearoundamsterdam.com.

We are planning to launch a paper version of Live Around Amsterdam in September, with a much bigger circulation than The Amsterdam Stun. If you would like to advertise your bar in our new magazine, give me a call at one of the numbers on page 2. All advertisers get a free page with their bar's details, with map, on the website as soon as they agree to advertise.

Andy



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CENTRUM

Claudia gave Lotte a lift into work and stayed for a one-off return to working behind the bar in the Stone's Café. They were short staffed.



Pauline in the Old Quarter has been avoiding us, until now.



Micheál, Maura and Laurie came over from Ireland and England for the Burning Spear concert in Paradiso, but we met up for a drink on Warmoesstraat later that evening.



Even though they don't sell beer any more, it's difficult to just walk past the Stone's Cof-feeshop without dropping in, especially when Lisette is working.

Dear Dorothy

Dear Dorothy,

Me and my mate Andy were finkin of doin our bit to save the planet. We were wonderin if you had any advice on these sort of fings? Andy said we could do a sponsored walk but to be honest I havn't got the stamina. Bein a 60 a day puffer, Andy reckons it's easier to pull birds than doing something to save the planet, but I'm not so sure that it's the way forward fer me. Any suggestions?

Dodgy Dave

Dear Dave,

You've written to me before haven't you? Last time it was pulling birds with hypnotism wasn't it? Well I had a think about your predicament. If you do a sponsored smoke-in, while your mate Andy runs around you, he could get sponsored per lap, you per fag. As an afterthought, you could also donate your organs (or the ones that are still working) to an African medical establishment, who could then sell them back to European donor hospitals and generate enough money for a new well in downtown Lagos. Everyone's a winner.

Dorothy

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Dear Dorothy,

Is it legal for transvestites to use the Ladies Toilets? We at the Women's Institute were horrified when at last Wednesday's guest meeting we discovered that a toilet seat had been left in the UP position. How do we root out any impostors? After all, our membership rules do stipulate WOMEN members.

Hilda Chandler. O.B.E.

Dear Hilda,

At the next meeting, just check everyone's shoes for drip marks. This will help you weed out any impostors. You should also keep an eye open for any "suspect ladies" who DO NOT wash their hands after visiting the toilet.

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

I hear that Noddy & Big Ears are big in Europe now. But did you know that those French have renamed him Wee Wee? Are they taking the piss or what?

Jack.

Uithoorn.

Dear Jack,

Yes they are, don't buy any golden delicious apples.

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

What colour bloomers are you wearing today? I'd like to #@%&(**@# \$ and @#@%\$%#@* & How about it?

An anonymous neighbour

Dear Mr van Hap,

As a compromise, I'll let you take my dirty laundry to the Quick wash for me (inc. underwear), and only charge you €20. How about that?

Dorothy.

In The Waterhole

Very friendly staff in the Waterhole: Bar-maid Floor gave Mascha in the cloakroom a big kiss when she was leaving.



Out the back of the bar, everybody loves posing with Trudy. Here she is with the big man from Laberinto & Santanico, Gregorio.



I went to the Waterhole with Lenore and my old friend Alan, who was in town for a couple of days, for Jim Maguire's birthday gig.



Due to an excess of drink, I didn't get any usable pictures of Jim, but I did manage to catch Stan playing behind the bar.

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They had a 60's Beat Session in Maloe Melo, which turned into an Outsiders reunion gig, with three of the original members there: Appie Rammers, Leen Busch and Ronnie Splinter.

On stage, Dick van der Heijden stood in for the late Wally Tax on vocals.



Kevin Chapman, who used to play in the Old Tennis Shoes, was having a drink with Franklin Madjid, formerly of 60's Nederpop band Tee Set.



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Although there's nothing mentioned in our gig-list this month, there's a good chance that there will be live music in Molly Malone's, if you drop in on a Friday or Saturday evening.

Ciaran Wynne delayed his trip to Canada and has been a weekend regular on stage in Molly's, much to the delight of everybody.



Molly Malone's even have their very own singing barman: Kevin. He got up and sang a few songs while Ciaran was taking a break.



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Monday Weekly

- 22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic session, *with Peter Lavell*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The International Latin Jam with Santanico, *open latin jam session.*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Magic Sem's Jam, €1
16th July 2007
21:00, **Old Quarter**, Jazz Session with the Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Willem Hellbreker (quartet) & John Engles - drums*
23rd July 2007
21:00, **Old Quarter**, Jazz Session with the Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Thijs Cuppen - piano (quartet)*
30th July 2007
21:00, **Old Quarter**, Jazz Session with the Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Daniel Gueli - bass (quartet)*

Tuesday Weekly

- 22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Electric Blues Jam, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Rory's Open Mike, €1

Wednesday Weekly

- 22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stan's Guitar Jam, €1
18th July 2007
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Gehakdag, live: Second Combat (Malaysia) + Backsight (France), *punk/hardcore*
25th July 2007
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Live Music Jam, *with Archie*

Thursday Weekly

- 22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
19th July 2007
20:45, **The Waterhole**, Smock,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Electric Blues Jam, *with Rahim*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser's Rock Jam, €1
26th July 2007
20:45, **The Waterhole**, Rory & Friends,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Mahones, *Irish punk rock from Canada* €5
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser's Rock Jam, €1

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Friday Weekly

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,

20th July 2007

20:45, **The Waterhole**, Jeroen Kick,

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Jon Emery Band,
hillbilly rock & roll €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Jack Barker Band, €1

27th July 2007

20:45, **The Waterhole**, Bokko,

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Santanico,

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Nina & The Evil
Bumblebees, *rockabilly (Sweden + NL)* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Pop Up Band, €1

Saturday Weekly

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,

21st July 2007

20:45, **The Waterhole**, Rory & Friends,

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, It's A Happening, *Live:*
The Dorktones + DJ's €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Filterkick, €1

28th July 2007

20:45, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Carolyn Wonderland &
Band, *Austin TX* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Mocambo Blues, €1

Sunday Weekly

16:00, **The Waterhole**, Matinee with Theo de
Mosquito,

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic session, *with*
Archie

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Ladies Night, *with*
Joyce & Baukje €1

29th July 2007

17:00, **Café de Prop**, Sunday Jam in Noord,
with Ron

WHAT'S ON

Filterkick will be on stage in The Waterhole on Saturday 21st July. They've been jamming around town under various pseudonyms for over two years, but they only started playing with an all Filterkick setlist back in March. On MySpace, they describe their influences as "late 70's, early 80's new wave, rap & punk, early 90's grunge".

Thursday 26th July sees the return of Canadian Irish punk band The Mahones to Maloe



Melo. Frontman Finny made sure they booked up earlier this time, so that we can mention it in The Stun and Jur can get it on his posters, website and other media. They're a great party band, so make sure you don't miss them.

Carolyn Wonderland, of Wonderjam fame, is doing a short tour of Italy, but on her way back home to Austin, Texas, she's going to have a short stop-over in Amsterdam and will play in Maloe Melo on Saturday 28th July.

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ROUND

Paddy, Marta, Mike and Conner were in Molly Malone's for a Ciaran Wynne show.



Here's Carla in Café Corso with Robbie from Aberdeen. He's been coming to Amsterdam for years, but to the best of his knowledge, he's never been in The Stun.



Mark's got too much work, Andy hasn't got enough, so they were both drowning their sorrows in Finnegan's Rainbow.



In the Nes Café, Nic was having a drink with Sharon.





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THE BARS

Cousins Kimberley and Kirsty were in the Old Highlander with Anna.



Tony and Mirka were trying to have a quiet drink in the London Bridge.



Here are Mark, Peter and Mathijs ("It's not a gay bar") with, for some unknown reason, Jerry in their arms in Coco's Outback.



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BEHIND



Amy really enjoyed her break in Majorca meeting Gabriel's family. It was her first holiday in 5 years.



Andy looked happy when we dropped into see him in the Newcastle.



Wow! We caught Alex, Lars and Frank together in Susie's Saloon.

Liv was behind the bar with Tom in Molly Malone's.



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BARS



They serve coffee in Tig Barra, according to Enda.



Susie's barman Kees was getting jealous because he's never been in The Stun. We kept missing him, but finally caught up with him on a Monday when we delivered the last Stun.



Ferdi, the best cocktail shaker in town; Tristan, back from Australia and Veronica, the shift manager in Coco's Outback.

Jan had everything sorted in The End.



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In The Dutchman



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Iain and Jaap were doing their Saturday night pub crawl and bumped into Tam.

Allison's niece Sarah Jane was over from Wales for a couple of days and brought her husband and a few friends with her.



Here are Henry and Andrea with Tony, a weekend visitor they met. Andrea doesn't get out much; she said she's not going to Trinidad to eat turtles with Henry's mum, but she will drink rum out of a coconut.



Jon-Mychal wanted a game of pool, lost his girlfriend (she ran off), found the Dutchman next to his hotel, got a warm welcome.



JIM TURNS 60

Dennis, Jim's oldest friend in Amsterdam, tracked down where he was celebrating his 60th birthday, with a bit of help from The Stun. It was in the Flying Dutchman.



Jim had a pre-birthday drink in the Old Highlander with Bob.

Linda would have served him a drink on his birthday, but the Old Highlander is closed on Mondays.

We didn't take many pictures that night, so here are some we made earlier...

We like putting nice people in The Stun: Tineke always gives great service in the Flying Dutchman, Jim shared his joints and Phil got the beers in.



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OUTSIDE

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Spenny was plying for trade with his Wiener Taxi around the Rembrandtplein. If you'd like him, or one of his colleagues, to take you for a ride, call 06-28 247 550.

Willy's friends Dave and Liz were over from Sheffield for Rock & Roll D-Day.



It was getting near to closing time in Tig Barra, so Sharon the Kiwi was bringing in the flowers from the terrace.

GERMAN WEDDING

Photographs by Duncan Mennie



Brendan and Tina got married in Tina's home town of Recklinghausen in Germany on the 26th May and judging by the pictures we received from Duncan, a lot of Amsterdam's Scottish community joined them there. They held the return leg in Pitlochry in June, but we haven't seen those pictures yet.



Here are the bride and groom, with his sisters and niece.



THE JOKE

A man was lying on a blanket at the beach. He had no arms or legs.

Three women were walking past and felt sorry for the poor man. The first woman said "Have you ever had a hug?" The man said "No", so she gave him a hug and walked on. The second woman said, "Have you ever had a kiss".

The man said "No", so she gave him a kiss and walked on. The third woman walked over to him, knelt down and whispered in his ear, "Have you ever been Fuc*ed?"

The fellow looked up in amazement and said "No"

The woman smiled and said, "You will be when the tide comes in."

Skinny little white guy goes into an elevator, looks up and sees this HUGE black guy standing next to him.

The big guy sees the little guy staring at him. He looks down and says: "7 feet tall, 350 pounds, 20-inch private, 3-pound left testicle, 3-pound right testicle, Turner Brown."

The white man faints and falls to the floor. The big guy kneels down and brings him to, shaking him. The big guy says, "What's wrong with you?"

In a weak voice, the little guy says, "What EXACTLY did you say to me?"

The big dude says, "I saw your curious look and figured I'd just give you the answers to the questions everyone always asks me. I'm 7 feet tall, I weigh 350 pounds, I have a 20-inch private, my left testicle weighs 3 pounds, my right testicle weighs 3 pounds, and my name is Turner Brown."

The small guy says, "Turner Brown? Sweet Jesus, I thought you said, 'Turn Around'."

At a U2 concert in Ireland, Bono asks the audience to be quiet. Then in the silence, he starts to slowly clap his hands.

Holding the audience in total silence, he says into the microphone...

"Every time I clap my hands, a child in Africa dies."

A voice from near the front of the audience pierces the silence...

"Fookin stop doing it then!"

The Glasgow train from Queen Street to Bishopbriggs was very busy. At the next stop a midget got on, an actual, proper wee dwarf midget with a Victoria Wines carry-oot bag. It was quite busy on the train, there was no room for his bag on the seat beside him and he was looking up at the overhead rack.

A Good Samaritan was kind enough to say "Would you like me to put that up for you mate?"

"Yes please" he said, and it was done.

But it wasn't up right and when the train moved, a half bottle of Vodka fell out the bag and smashed on the floor.

The midget stood up, his face red with rage; the inspector came along to see what was going on. The inspector asked if it was his bag,

The midget says "Aye... and ah'm no happy!!

A voice from the back of the carriage shouts out, "Well... which one are you then?"

The teacher gave her fifth grade class an assignment: Get their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it.

The next day the kids came back and one by one began to tell their stories.

"Tony, do you have a story to share?"

"Yes ma'am. My daddy told a story about

PAGES

With Guest Jokers: Rush, Lin & Jane

my Aunt Karen. She was a pilot in Desert Storm and her plane got hit. She had to bail out over enemy territory and all she had was a flask of whiskey, a pistol and a survival knife. She drank the whiskey on the way down so it wouldn't break and then her parachute landed right in the middle of twenty enemy troops. She shot fifteen of them with the gun until she ran out of bullets, killed four more with the knife, till the blade broke, and then she killed the last Iraqi with her bare hands."

"Good Heavens" said the horrified teacher.

"What kind of moral did your Daddy tell you from this horrible story?"

"Stay the fuck away from Aunt Karen when she's drinking."

The Daily Telegraph recently conducted a poll of male readers to see what exactly each enjoyed from a blowjob.

Seven per cent said they most enjoyed the sensations.

Five per cent confessed their chief enjoyment came from the sense of domination.

Eighty-eight per cent said they really enjoyed the peace and quiet.

An American woman of 40 wants to get married, but she is only willing to marry a man if he has never been with a woman.

After several unsuccessful years of searching, she decides to take out a personal ad. She ends up corresponding with a man who has lived his entire life in the Australian outback.

They end up getting married. On their wedding night, she goes into the bathroom to prepare for the festivities. When she returns to the bedroom, she finds her new husband standing in the middle of the room, naked and all the furniture from the room piled in one corner.

"What happened?" she asks.

"I've never been with a woman," he says, "but if it's anything like a kangaroo, I'm gonna need all the room I can get."

A mother and her very young son were flying Southwest Airlines from Kansas City to Chicago. The little boy (who had been looking out the window) turned to his mother and asked, "If big dogs have baby dogs, and big cats have baby cats, why don't big airplanes have baby airplanes?" The mother (who couldn't think of an answer) told her son to ask the flight attendant.

So the boy went down the aisle and asked the flight attendant. She was very busy at the time, but she smiled and said, "Did your mom tell you to ask me?"

The boy said, "Yes she did."

"Well, then, you go and tell your mother that there are no baby airplanes because Southwest always pulls out on time. Have your mom explain that to you."

You are driving in a car at a constant speed. On your left side is a valley and on your right side is a fire engine travelling at the same speed as you.

In front of you is a galloping pig, which is the same size as your car and you cannot overtake it. Behind you is a helicopter flying at ground level. Both the giant pig and the helicopter are also travelling at the same speed as you.

What must you do to safely get out of this highly dangerous situation?

Answer: Get off the children's merry-go-round, you're pissed.

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

The season may be over, but the wheeling and dealing continues unabated. First it was Arsenal's turn to off-load Henry for the princely sum of £17 million. Some fans of course were outraged by it all, but if you consider that for the last two seasons, he has been a pale shadow of himself in most games, has been constantly in and out of the side due to a niggling knee injury that may have made lesser players call it quits and you can see why Arse Wenger remains philosophical about it all. Let's face it, he is now twenty-nine and although a new environment may in fact give him a new lease of life in Barcelona, I doubt whether he can live up to that price tag for too long – if indeed at all.

If you consider that to be an over-priced investment, then I would be interested to know what you think about the Darren Bent deal. West Ham had offered £17 million for his services in a straight cash arrangement that was in Charlton Athletic's best interests. That only fell through because Benty did not fancy it at West Ham, even though it would have made him one of the richest Premiership players around, earning £80,000 per week. Eventually Spurs came in and got him for a snip at just £16½ million, to be paid in instalments over the next two years. Bent paid for his principles however, because he will now earn just £45,000 per week, which is almost half of the amount he could have realized if he could only blow a few bubbles in the right direction. Now you could argue that here is a

young man of twenty-three that is not a footballing mercenary. You could argue that, but I wouldn't. I think his advisers had warned him that if the court case that is pending against the Hammers blows up in their face, they could face relegation after all and then he would be back in the same boat. The other factor that is worthy of consideration is that Tottenham

Hotspur are in Europe and here perhaps, is the crux of the matter. If he performs well in Europe with a marginally successful team, then McClaren and the gang will notice him, and an England call up is more likely. Playing with a fashionable club means everything these days and having served his apprenticeship with Ipswich and Charlton, it is about time the lad had some decent footballers to play with. I

still think it a grossly inflated price to pay for a player who has never scored for England and in fact never played a competitive game for them! Sven can be blamed for that of course, but so too can McClaren, who has so far continued to ignore a player who has scored 37 Premiership goals in two seasons in the top flight. I think Darren will come good at Spurs, but it is still a big gamble to pay so much for someone who, so far, has not made his mark on the international stage.

Someone who has however, is Owen Hargreaves. That said, is he really worth 34 million quid? Little old wine drinking me seems to





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think so, but I am not convinced myself. Yes, he is a good player, but can he really be worth that amount of money? Time, once again, will tell, but his performances in an England shirt have been very mixed and if Manchester United stand any chance of retaining the title, they will have to hope that he finds the consistency necessary to stay in the mix. Fergusson seems determined to hang onto the Premiership silver-ware and apart from Hargreaves, has invested huge sums of money to bring Portugal's wonder-kid Nani and Brazilian midfielder Anderson into the frame at Old Trafford. Both have apparently signed five year contracts and that won't come cheap on top of the £30 million United have already paid in transfer fees. Arsenal, on the other hand, are thinking small by comparison, so far. They were not tempted by Bent, which surprised me a little because I felt he could have fitted in there and Arsenal were apparently his home-town club. Instead, Wenger has looked for a much cheaper option in Croatian forward Eduardo Da Silva. Arse-

nal have forked out a miserly £7½ million for his services, which is not the kind of money that, in this day and age, usually gets you very much, but Wenger is a shrewd operator and we will just have to see what develops there.

This is a shorter than normal BFOF, because Thailand beckons and by the time you read this, I will be in the land of smiles, hopefully trying to discover the next George Best. If I find him, the first thing I will do is to give Arse a call. If his budget is as bad as some football experts seem to suggest, then I am sure he would be grateful for a few good tips!

Don't forget to get your forms in for the Premiership Prediction League. Last season, one or two regulars missed out, so to avoid disappointment, get those forms in early! I may even recruit a few Thai people. I mean, if Thaksin Shinawatra can get in on the act, then why not? I mean, he may be an ex- prime minister of dubious disposition, (which prime minister isn't these days?) but at least he likes his football. Manchester City fans should console themselves in the fact that not only does he have a lot of money, he can also kick a football around. Strange to see him wearing what appeared to be a Manchester United kit though!

Frank

Premiership Predictions League 2007/2008

The new season is rapidly approaching, so it's time to launch this season's Premiership Predictions League. All you have to do is fill in the form on page 27 (or on our website) with the positions where you think the teams will finish at the end of the season. You score 3 points for every correct position and 1 point if you're off by one place. Whoever finishes with the most points, wins a selection of goodies from our sponsor, British General Stores. The closing date is Friday 17th August.

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