Play the game, Know the game
...Shape the game

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The cult of Champ Man: the culture and pleasures of Championship Manager/Football Manager gamers

Garry Crawford
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Abstract

This paper considers the popularity and social significance of the gaming series Championship Manager/Football Manager. Sport-related games continue to be one of the most popular forms of digital gaming, and the series has proved to be one of the most successful of all time. Drawing on 32 interviews with game players and developers of this series, this paper argues that this series has proved particularly popular due to its ‘intertextual’ links to the sport of football, which allows this game to be drawn on as a resource in conversations and social networks. In particular, this paper argues that aspects of gaming, such as performativity and control, extend and cross-cut with wider social formations. Hence, the author argues that it is crucial that considerations of digital games seek to locate these within wider social and cultural patterns.
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FM database is recognized in real life football players market

FM database is recognized in real life football quantification

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Football Manager craze has matured into a full-grown national obsession

As the computer game that discovered Lionel Messi prepares to launch a 21st edition, its popularity has never been greater.
Why clubs are using Football Manager as a real-life scouting tool

Sports data company Prozone is using stats from the computer game Football Manager to help real clubs recruit players.

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Beautiful and mathematical: Football as a numbers game

By Jonathan Sullivan
Science writer

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Pierre-Benoît Joly

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Contemporary societies are far more intensely future-oriented than those of the past (Giddens, 1998). Climate change is a paramount example of close entanglement of the future in the present. It illustrates how representations of adverse irreversible futures shape current behaviours when we are collectively convinced that this is the only way to avoid the unacceptable. In this case, the future is so strong that it...
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Mutual shaping in players quantification

Mutual shaping in football metrics

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SkySports TV show discussing the mercato based on FM attributes
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Nationalities and homesickness

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