



LEAGUE TO HONOUR GOLDEN SIX

- Winners of PUMA Golden Boot and Golden Glove Awards announced -

The winners of the inaugural PUMA Golden Boot and PUMA Golden Glove awards have been announced, with the leading scorers and shot-stoppers from all three divisions of The Football League set to receive specially designed golden trophies to mark their respective achievements in all competition this season.

The winner of the Golden Boot for the Championship is Colchester United's prolific striker Jamie Cureton, who bagged 24 goals in a memorable season for the U's.

The Golden Glove goes to Wolverhampton Wanderers' Matt Murray who recorded 17 shut-outs. Murray takes the award ahead of Stoke City's Steve Simonsen, who also kept 17 clean sheets, by virtue of having played 5 fewer matches.

In League 1 Scunthorpe United completed the clean sweep by adding both PUMA awards to their Coca-Cola League 1 title. Hot-shot Billy Sharp, who was also named League 1 Player of the Year at The Football League awards, romped home in the Golden Boot category with 32 goals, six goals ahead of his nearest challenger. United 'keeper Joe Murphy played his part too, with 24 clean sheets earning him the Golden Glove.

In League 2 Milton Keynes Dons' Izale McLeod added a Golden Boot to his League 2 Player of the Year award after coming out top in a three way tie with Wycombe Wanderers' Jermaine Easter and Hartlepool United's Richie Barker. All three strikers scored 24 goals in all competitions, however McLeod took the honours for scoring his goals in 8 fewer matches than his two rivals.

There was a clear winner in the Golden Glove category, though, with Bristol Rovers Steve Phillips registering an impressive 28 clean sheets for the Play-Off bound Pirates, including 5 in Rovers run to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final.

In announcing the PUMA Golden Boot and Golden Glove Awards Lord Mawhinney, Chairman of The Football League, said:

"A good goalkeeper or striker can make a real difference to a team. I am delighted that through these awards we are able to recognise six players that have made that real difference this season."

Richard Callaway, Teamsports Marketing Manager at PUMA UK, added: **"Strikers and goalkeepers can often win a match for their team with a last minute goal or breathtaking save. These new accolades give us an opportunity to reward players of all levels – congratulations to all of the winners."**

Goals and clean sheets in The *Coca-Cola* Football League, Carling Cup, Johnstone's Paint Trophy and FA Cup sponsored by E.ON have all counted towards the PUMA Golden Boot and Golden Glove awards.