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What's the best ...

... part of being a fictional football club millionaire?

Phil Wallis, my character, gets to live the dream of every football fan who sits in the pub with their mates whingeing over team selection and managerial decisions - he buys the club and does it for real. But I have to admit I'm not a football fan myself - my dad was a reserve-team player for Arsenal in the 1970s but it passed me by for some reason. So if I won the lottery like Phil, I'd buy a yacht and go sailing around the world instead.

... surprise you've had lately?

Well, I knew the show was big before I joined, but I didn't realise just how big. People said, "It's huge, it'll be a big career move for you." But it didn't really sink in until the lads were telling me that they do a charity match in Ireland every year - the next one's in February - and get treated like superstars with police escorts, the lot! That, and the fact it's into its sixth year and the seventh is already confirmed says it all.

... bit about having gorgeous co-stars?

Yeah, everyone talks about that! The girls did photo shoots for some lad mags recently, pouting in their underwear, and they got quite a bit of jibing for that. They showed us some of the Polaroids from the shoot afterwards and we tried to steal them, but the girls had a firm grip. But we did get a fleeting glance before they were locked away in vanity boxes again!

... and who's your best mate on the cast?

Everyone's great really - it's a relaxed, friendly group with plenty of banter. I'm getting on very well with Jane Campbell who plays my wife Jacqui, we do most of our filming together. All the other new guys are great too, like Chucky Venice and Dhaffer L'Abidine who play Curtis Alexander and Marcel Sabatier. Let's say, we've had a few nights out that have been interesting, bordering on wild.

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The show's new kid on the block would rather sail round the world than buy a real-life Harchester United if his lucky balls came up on the lottery