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20 Reasons Why We Don't Want Glazer

- 1. He hasn't got the money.**

Pure and simple he's not rich enough to buy United. Even if he sold up every one of his nefarious business interests he'd still have to search down the back of the sofa for some loose change and maybe ask his Dad for an advance on his pocket money, which is a bit difficult when you're 76.
- 2. He's too old.**

76 year olds want to sit around moaning about the good old days and asking if that's a boy or a girl on Top of the Pops. Sometimes they might get sacked from Newcastle for being unable to remember anyone's name, including their own. They don't want to be running a football club.
- 3. He knows nothing about football**

You could argue that's not unusual among football club owners, but you have to ask why anyone would want to own a football club when they've never seen a game? To make money presumably, but that's a big gamble and he's speculating with our club
- 4. His son knows nothing about football**

He reckons he'll leave the running of the club to his son. There are rumours that the son might have actually seen a game. Our dog has seen a game over the park, but he doesn't know anything about football.
- 5. United will be his son's plaything.**

It's obvious. He's stuck for a Christmas present. We've all had that problem. You've bought the kid a train set and a bike, but you need a bit of a stocking filler. Ahh, yes a football club; the gift that keeps on giving, or is that taking? As in taking away from you and me.
- 6. The son will hate the present**

The favoured son doesn't want a football club to play with. He already knows all about football because he shared a room with a Spurs supporter while in college. The lad's going to get bored and throw his prezzie in the corner and play with the box instead. He learnt to play with his box while sharing with a Chelsea fan the followin term, allegedly.
- 7. He appears to be illiterate**

Despite knowing that the word is clearly spelt F-O-O-T-B-A-L-L, he keeps pronouncing it soccer. If he can't read properly, what's he going to do about the player contracts? They'll end up being worthless and he might accidentally put an extra nought on the end of the cheques to the agents. Oops, that might already be happening.
- 8. It's not American Football**

In the USA, football is a game for men with strange shaped balls. We had enough trouble with Golden Balls, so we certainly don't want any oval ones.
- 9. Wimbledon are already in Milton Keynes.**

When the authorities in the USA refused to build him a new ground, Glazer threatened to move his American sporting franchise to the other side of the country. Well Manchester City Council aren't going to fall for that trick again. They've already built one council house for the ungrateful bitter masses. We wouldn't be able to move to the suggested post Murdoch home of Milton Keynes because Wimbledon have beaten us to it. Even worse, now Wimbledon have proved that football clubs can move wherever the hell they like, there would be nothing to stop Glazer uprooting Manchester United and moving it wherever the hell he liked. I hear they're missing a first class team in Leeds these days.

10. This is how it feels to be City.

City decided it would be a great idea to borrow money right left and centre and we know where they're heading. Glazer would have to borrow money to buy United and the interest alone would be more than our current profits. There's no room for manoeuvre and we've seen the team looking like it's heading for decline. Now is not the time to be expecting miracles with journeymen players and no money to boost the squad. We've already spent next year's budget on the Scouse bastard, so there's nothing in the kitty and we're left pinning our hopes on an 18-year old grannyshagger. He's good, but is he that good?

11. This is how it feels to be Leeds

If City aren't enough of a lesson, then ask a Leeds fan what "mortgaged against future income" means to them. But be quick because there's a real danger of Leeds ceasing to exist and soon there might not be any Leeds fans to ask.

12. Other fans want to see United destroyed

We're not poor little Brighton, Oldham, Chester etc. When we're threatened by bankruptcy or sold down the river by a megalomaniac, no one is going to put their hands in their pockets to save us like we did for Bury. Everyone hates us and we don't care. Well we don't care right now, but in the future we might care a great deal as the whole world laughs at our decline. Ask the Leeds fans about that too.

13. He looks like a gnome

Cheap shot at an ugly man? Maybe, but although he looks like a gnome, I've never seen his fishing rod. If he can't look after a simple thing like that, then how could we trust him with our club?

14. Who wants to be a millionaire?

Currently our money goes into the pockets of lots of shareholders. It's not ideal and men like Maurice Watkins can still make a pretty penny out of us, by fair means or foul, but many of the shareholders are fans like us. Would you rather that all your money goes to make one millionaire richer or do you want to see it invested into the club with a little bit in your annual dividend that you can reinvest in the club too?

15. Prices will rise

How else would he pay off the loans he had to take out to buy the club? The only way a football club makes money is from its fans. It's our money, whether we're paying for match tickets, merchandise, satellite TV fees or even increased coke prices because of sponsorship. I'm talking about coke you drink. I don't think Columbia's finest exporters sponsor United, but you never know where the future might take us.

16. United have burnt their bridges in the States

We'll never crack the market in the USA. Most of the people who really care about United in the USA are reading this fanzine and they're not a huge market, otherwise it would be the Red News editor looking to make a fortune, not Glazer. The majority of the 250million US citizens have barely heard of soccer, let alone care about United. Those who might have been persuaded to care, and therefore spend their money on United related junk, will have been lost when the so called *signature* players didn't turn up for this summer's tour.

17. The disruption of a takeover will affect the team

Players are good at ignoring the chaos surrounding their club. This blinkered attitude is a necessary survival mechanism for them. However, we saw last year what disruption was caused by a bit of horse jizz. Maybe the worry made Rio suffer from amnesia?

18. He sued his own fans

And if that's not reason enough, he sued his own sister. You don't want to get on the wrong side of the trailer-park king. He could make SPS look like pussy cats.

19. He'll get bored when United are crap

If he loved the club, he might stick around. If he loved football he might stick around. If he only loves money, then he'll piss off as soon as we're rubbish and stop making him a profit. But he won't go until he's bled us dry.

20. He's a leprechaun

He's nicknamed leprechaun, for his remarkable physical resemblance to Ireland's mythical little green men. Don't be fooled by the myth. There's no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow – there's not even a fucking rainbow.

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