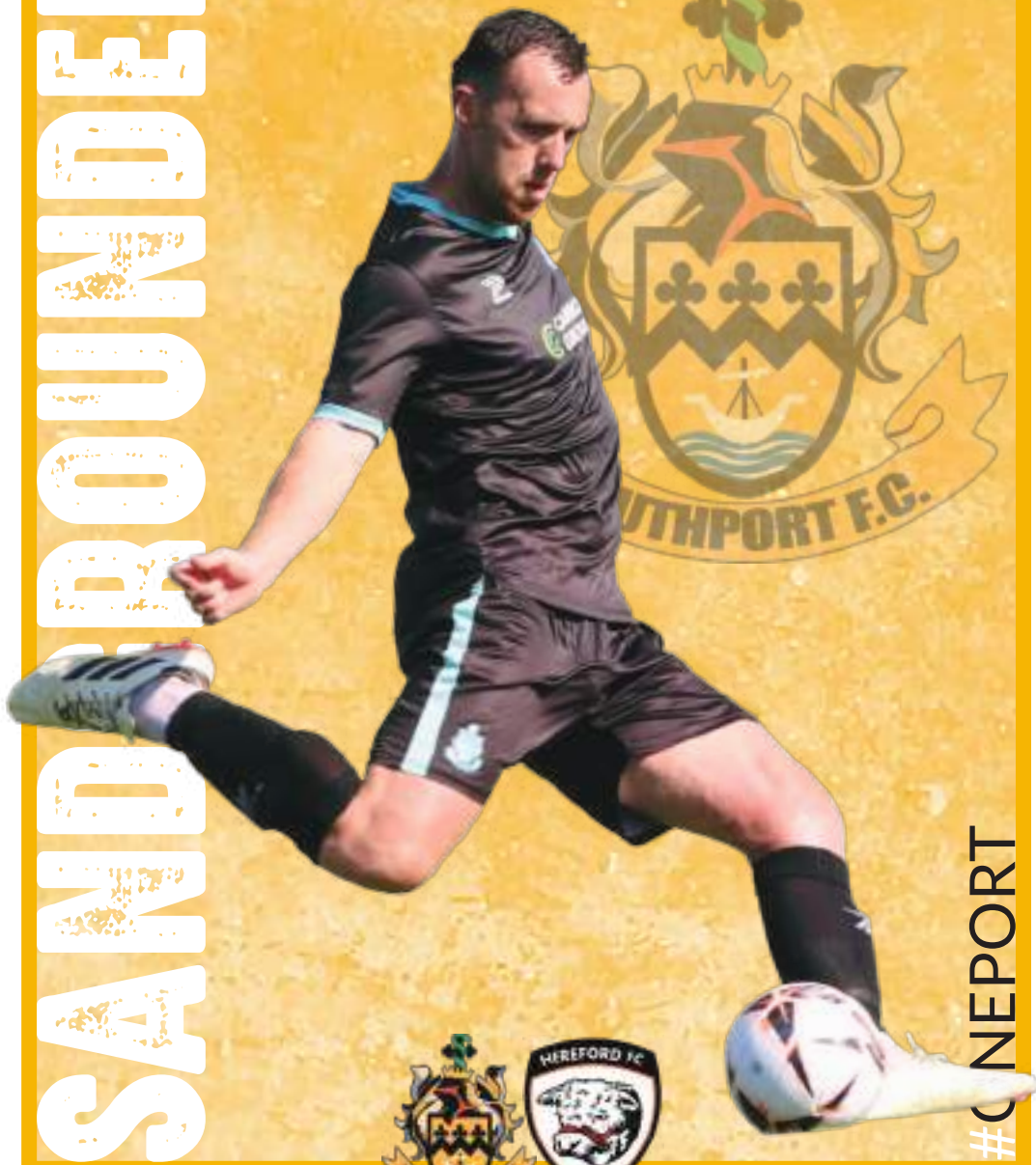


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FROM THE BENCH MANAGER JIM BENTLEY

Let me start by welcoming our visitors from Hereford here to The Big Help Stadium this afternoon, we had two very keenly contested games last season which could be read as an understatement.

What a great opening day we had here last time out, a super crowd in, a fine 3-1 win and I couldn't have asked for more.

We then followed that up with a gritty 2-1 win at Needham Market on a day when they were playing their first ever game at home at this level. We knew it was going to be tough but we battled it out on a very hot afternoon in Suffolk. I know the Needham manager felt they should have got something out of the game and a draw would probably have been the right result but we capitalised on a strange bounce of the ball that caught the 'keeper out and Jamie was on hand to tap the ball home.

I said it after the game, but can I once again thank everyone who made the trip over. As we found out, it was a long journey and the support was excellent and we were so glad to be able to put the smiles on the faces at the end of the match. Thank you all.

We then went the opposite way up the M6 to face Spennymoor on Tuesday and came away on the wrong end of a 2-0 scoreline against a very good Spennymoor side who, particularly on their home turf are really strong. It wasn't our night, we were flat and never got going.

The key is how we bounce back after a setback and we will obviously be looking to do that against Hereford this afternoon.

After today we are back in action on Monday with the short trip (thankfully) to Chorley, be great to see as many of you there as possible and remember this game is kicking off at 1pm.

Jim

BOARDROOM MATTERS



By Chairman Peter Mitchell

**GOOD AFTERNOON SANDGROUNDERS!
WELCOME BACK TO THE BIG HELP STADIUM
FOR TODAY'S MASSIVE FIXTURE AGAINST
HEREFORD FC. I WOULD LIKE TO START BY
WISHING A WARM WELCOME AND A SAFE
JOURNEY TO OUR VISITORS FROM
HEREFORDSHIRE.**

I am writing this prior to our visit to Spennymoor however I would be remiss not to talk about our opening two fixtures against Alfreton Town and Needham Market. To start the season off with two wins on the spin, especially the late comeback victory at Needham Market was fantastic and the lads really showed what they're made of, it's got us all buzzing here at the club. Jim has got the boys playing some proper football and it's a joy to watch.

I've got to say, you lot in the stands have been fantastic too and special credit to those who made the journey down to Suffolk – that is some trek! The atmosphere at the opener against Alfreton was electric - keep it up because it makes a massive difference to the team.

We're always working on improving things behind the scenes. Our community projects continue to go from strength to strength, and we're seeing more local kids getting involved with the club than ever – check out Scott's Community section for more details. We've also invested heavily in the stadium infrastructure during the off season, hopefully as the season progresses you'll see the benefits of this with shorter queues and better hospitality infrastructure.

Finally, I wanted to pay special credit to our friends at Spennymoor Town, Chorley FC and the wider football family who have rallied around our club and our community following the tragic events in late July. Spennymoor Town have confirmed that £2 from every ticket sold for Tuesday night's fixture will be donated to Alder Hey Children's Hospital which is a wonderful gesture that I am sure will be greatly appreciated at Alder Hey. On a similar note I am excited to invite you to join us for a special Community Day at the Big Help Stadium on 31st August as Southport FC takes on Buxton FC! This is your chance to not only enjoy a thrilling game but also make a meaningful impact in our local community. For this unique fixture, we're inviting supporters to pay what they feel, with all proceeds going directly to Southport FC's Community Foundation. Your generosity will fund additional community activities and support projects open to everyone who wishes to participate. Come be part of something bigger than the game itself.

Best wishes and thanks for your support... Come on you the Port!

Peter

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Highly anticipated derby fixtures vs Chester and Marine are now sold out!

We are also very close to capacity for the visits of Radcliffe, Brackley Town, Rushall Olympic, Scunthorpe United and Darlington to The Big Help Stadium. The final league match of the season against Kidderminster Harriers is also close to a sell-out in hospitality.

The hospitality option in the Leasear Lounge has undergone an overhaul for the 2024-25 season whereas the menu has been increased to a three-course pre-match meal for Saturday fixtures and sharing boards for a Tuesday evening fixture.

The First Team Manager addresses the room ahead of kick off with a pre-match team talk, enjoyable competitions are held within the lounge, and you will have access to table service for drinks. Prime padded stadium seating is provided to you on the halfway line and the Man of the Match also attends the lounge at the end of the game for a brief interview before accepting the award from the Match Sponsor. It all makes for a fantastic afternoon!

You can purchase hospitality tickets at shared tables for just £45 per person (£35 for Tuesday evening fixtures).

Season ticket holders will gain further discounts as will those that book full tables.

Following what was a fantastic win in our first match of the new season against Alfreton bookings have increased further for the Leasear Lounge.

Book now to avoid disappointment for your selected matches.

Please visit the hospitality option at <https://southportfc.ktckts.com/brand/hospitality>

You can also book your chosen fixture by contacting Darren Court, Commercial Manager on 07897 191040 or email darren.court@southportfc.net

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A few of the group of sixteen had never been to the ground before and were treated to a quick tour of the stadium and a brief run through our history with "Stat Man" Rob.

They have booked in for another game later in the season and can't wait to come along again.

They also got to choose the Southport Brewery Sponsored Man Of The Match which went to Danny Lloyd. Danny also received the Adam Le Roi Trophy.

50/50 Draw Winner

The 50/50 draw was drawn by Matty Thomson and was won by Mr Andrews and he received £221



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CAPTAIN'S INSIGHT: MELANIE GIBSON ON HER FOOTBALL JOURNEY AND SOUTHPORT FC WOMEN'S SEASON AMBITIONS

In this edition, we catch up with Southport FC Women's Captain, Melanie Gibson. From her early start in football to leading the team, Melanie talks about what drives her on the pitch. She shares insights into balancing her role as a nurse with her commitment to the game, reflects on a promising pre-season, and discusses the team's ambitions for promotion. Dive in for an insightful read with one of the key figures in the squad.

What position do you play, and what do you enjoy most about it?

I primarily play centre midfield, where I sometimes take on a more defensive or attacking role. What I enjoy most is supporting the defenders, helping to create play, and assisting the strikers in the attack.

What's your earliest football memory?

I started playing for my school when I was about six or seven. We were playing against another primary school, and the Birkdale United manager's daughter was on their team. After the match, he asked me to come down to training, so I started with them when I was about eight. I played with the same group of girls until I was 16. One of my favourite memories is scoring the final penalty in a tournament to win the cup.

How do you manage to balance football with your responsibilities as a nurse?

It can be quite difficult since I'm a nurse at a hospital. Luckily, I handle the rota, so I'm able to schedule training and match days off as much as possible. It's challenging, but I do my best to make it to every training session and game because I genuinely enjoy and love playing.

What improvements have you seen in the team during pre-season, and how confident are you about our chances for promotion this season?

Last season was tough, but we've brought in a lot of talented players to strengthen the team. I'm really looking forward to the upcoming season, and our goal is definitely to win the league and secure promotion because I believe we're good enough. Pre-season has been great; we've focused on different playing styles and training techniques that we're incorporating into our matches. We've also had good numbers at both training sessions and friendly matches. Overall, it's been a positive pre-season, and I'm confident it will help us play better, create more chances, score more goals, and improve as a team.

What are your personal goals for this season?

My goal for this season is to score more goals and provide more assists than I did last season. I want to keep showing up consistently every week and contribute to the team's success. My focus is on scoring more goals and helping the team secure promotion.

Join us for our final pre-season friendly against AFC Bolton at the JMO in Skelmersdale on Sunday, 25th August at 1 PM. Entry is free.

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WELCOME HEREFORD

We extend our usual very warm welcome to our visitors from Hereford this afternoon and hope the Bank Holiday weekend traffic in Southport hasn't been too problematic on your journey here today.

Previous Games

1997/98	HEREFORD UNITED	Lge	D	0-0	662	
1998/99	HEREFORD UNITED	Lge	D	0-0	872	
1999/00	HEREFORD UNITED	Lge	L	0-1	1287	
2000/01	HEREFORD UNITED	Lge	D	1-1	1367	Grayston
2001/02	HEREFORD UNITED	Lge	D	1-1	970	Elam
2002/03	HEREFORD UNITED	Lge	L	1-2	1103	Pickford
2004/05	HEREFORD UNITED	FAC1	L	1-3	2045	Fearns
2005/06	HEREFORD UNITED	Lge	L	1-2	1057	Robinson(pen)
2012/13	HEREFORD UNITED	Lge	D	2-2	1028	Ledsham, Lynch(pen)
2013/14	HEREFORD UNITED	Lge	L	0-3	876	
2018/19	HEREFORD	Lge	W	1-0	1002	Platt
2019/20	HEREFORD	Lge	W	3-2	604	Mohammed, Morgan, Green
2020/21	HEREFORD	Lge	D	0-0	0	
2021/22	HEREFORD	Lge	W	2-0	851	Archer, Woods
2022/23	HEREFORD	Lge	L	0-1	1015	
2023/24	HEREFORD	Lge	L	1-2	1208	Carver

It is the 17th home encounter between the sides if you include the games played against Hereford United.

Hereford FC were born out of the ashes of Hereford United, a club with a proud history that included the FA Cup giant killers run of 1972 and reaching the third-tier of English football on a number of occasions. Sadly off-the-field issues led to them folding in December 2014.

The new club were placed into the Midland Football League for the 2015/16 season. They were able to play from the historic and characterful Edgar Street, kept The Bulls nickname and were resplendent in

white shirts and black shorts.

Hereford started the season with a 3-0 win against South Shields in front of the day's best attendance of 2888, goals from Montel Gibson, Andy Williams and Yusifu Ceesay sealing all 3 points. Last Saturday they travelled to Chorley and came away with a fine 1-1 draw with new signing Ahkeem Rose grabbing the equalising goal in the 79th minute.

The Bulls were in action again on Tuesday evening when they entertained Peterborough Sports

First day line up: A. Chapman, M. Preston, K. Howkins, L. Hudson, S. Robinson (P. Bitemo 80'), L. D'Ath, T. Campbell, Y. Ceesay (A. Teixeira 87'), A. Babos



Action From The Game At Hereford.

(M. Derricott 90'), M. Gibson (A. Skinner 72'), A. Williams (A. Rooney 90')

The points were shared last season with Southport winning 1-0 at Edgar Street through a Marcus Carver goal in what was Jim Bentley's first game in charge. The return saw Hereford take all three points, Carver on the scoresheet again, against a ten man Southport side after Danny Lloyd was shown a rather controversial red card in the 60th minute. Games between the sides do tend to be a touch lively at home and away.

It was controversy all the way here at The Big Help Stadium when the first Hereford goal was given by an eagle eyed Assistant Referee who said the ball had crossed the line. Chris Renshaw in the Southport goal was adamant it hadn't and the photo and video evidence was also inconclusive. It mattered not, the goal was given.



Hereford are managed by Paul Caddis who took over the reins at Hereford in April 2023, Caddis was appointed as manager signing a two-year contract and officially taking charge from 1 May. After guiding Hereford to their highest ever finish and highest points total in the National League North in his first season, Caddis signed a one-year extension to his contract.



OUR VISITORS HEREFORD

Aaron Chapman

Chapman has made appearances for Accrington Stanley, Bristol Rovers, Peterborough United and, more recently, Boston United during his career. At 6ft 8inches tall, Chapman is a dominant physical presence and has obvious experience at both an EFL and a National League North level.

Aaron Skinner

A mainstay of the Bamber Bridge team that reached the play-offs at Step 3 in 2022/23, he was named as their Player of the Season following a highly-consistent campaign.

Strong and adept in a number of different positions, the level-headed defender cut his football teeth at Bury before moving into the youth ranks at Bolton Wanderers, from where he was soon snapped up by Tottenham Hotspur.

His progress was such that he signed his first professional contract with the London club before becoming a regular in their U23 team.

He joined The Bulls in May 2023.

Lewis Hudson

The Coventry born defender joins the Bulls from Rushall Olympic where he has been a consistent starter in the Pic's back line. Hudson was in the Rushall Olympic side that took on the Bulls last week (Tuesday 23rd January) and impressed in a tight and cagey match.

Lewis spent 2 seasons with Redditch United where he proved his worth and earned his move to the National League North.

Aurio Teixeira

The highly-rated youngster was snapped up on a two-year deal in May 2023 following an impressive season at Alvechurch, where he was a regular in the side that enjoyed an exciting FA Cup adventure.

A defensive midfielder, he came through the ranks at West Bromwich Albion where he was known as a ball-winner who was calm and assured on the ball.

The Bulls beat off plenty of competition to secure his services.

Alex Babos

A hard-working and confident central midfielder who joined the club in May 2023 having been a regular in the Banbury United team.

It was at Derby County where he learned his trade and progressed to secure a professional contract in 2016.

He was loaned out to Spanish outfit, Real Union, as well as FC United of Manchester, whilst also getting regular game-

time for The Rams' U23 team.

The Wales U21 International then went on to serve Alfreton Town and King's Lynn Town.

Jason Cowley

A hard-working and lively front-runner who joined The Bulls for an undisclosed fee from Stourbridge in June 2023.

He was a firm favourite with The Glassboys, where he notched 29 goals in 2022-23 on his way to scooping numerous end of season awards.

Having started his career with Redditch Borough, he then joined Bromsgrove Sporting where his record in front of goal brought plenty of higher level attention and it resulted in him moving into The Football League with Stevenage in 2019.

He then joined Macclesfield Town shortly before their sad demise and then returned to Bromsgrove Sporting prior to his switch to Stourbridge in 2021. He has also had loan spells with the likes of Solihull Moors and Kidderminster Harriers.

Andy Williams

Hereford born and bred, 'Willo' started his career with the Bulls at Edgar Street making his mark on the Hereford side that won the play-off final against Halifax Town in 2006. After his departure from the street, Williams went on to have a fantastic career in the Football league playing for the likes of Bristol Rovers and Yeovil Town before his move to Swindon Town where he met the Bulls' new boss, Paul Caddis.

Williams joins us from League 2 side, Walsall where he made 30 appearances last season in all competitions for the Saddlers.

Mark Derricott

The emerging defender put pen-to-paper on a new deal in the summer of 2023 having made good progress from the Under-18 team.

An intelligent performer with plenty of energy, he is a local lad who was given his initial first-team chance during 2022/23, a campaign which also saw him have a couple of loan spells at Hednesford Town as part of his football education.

Adam Rooney

The experienced front-man joined the club in a player-assistant manager role in June 2023.

He moved from his native Ireland during the summer of 2005 to join the youth ranks at Stoke City, where he made pleasing progress and went on to become the club's youngest-ever hat-trick scorer.

Having had loan spells at Yeovil Town and Chesterfield, he made a permanent switch to Inverness Caledonian Thistle



where he graced the Scottish top-flight before returning south of the border with Birmingham City.

Joining Swindon Town on loan, as Paul Caddis moved in the opposite direction as part of the deal, he then went on to serve Oldham Athletic, Aberdeen, where he became a firm favourite, Salford City, Solihull Moors, Stratford Town and Brackley Town.

Kyle Howkins

The tall, commanding and athletic defender started his career at West Bromwich Albion, where he progressed through the ranks to sign a professional deal in 2017.

He was loaned out to Kidderminster Harriers, Mansfield Town, Cambridge United and then Port Vale in a bid to gain senior experience over the next few seasons.

Upon leaving The Hawthorns, he joined Newport County in the summer of 2019 but injuries were to halt his progress, as well as the pandemic.

He had a loan spell at Solihull Moors as serious injury was to strike and keep him out of action long-term before he joined The Bulls following a successful trial in July 2023.

Cosmos Matwasa

Cosmos started his career with Anstey Nomads before a move to Stamford FC where he helped The Daniels to a 2nd place finish in the 2021/22 season scoring 10 goals along the way.

He then impressed as a trialist at Brackley Town in the summer of 2022 where he was snapped up by the Saints. Matwasa played a key role in helping Brackley to consecutive play-off finals before being released this summer.

Matt Preston

Preston Started his career at Walsall making over 40 appearances in League One. He then moved to Caddis' former side, Swindon Town where he would make his mark on League Two securing over 100 football league appearances. A more recent move to Kidderminster saw the defender helped the Harriers reach the fourth round of the FA Cup and played a vital role in their journey that ended with a defeat to West Ham.

Chay Tilt

Tilt joins us from Birmingham side, Sporting Khalsa who apply their trade in the Northern Premier League Midland Division. He's a creative and clinical winger that is comfortable playing in central positions.

Chay has previously played for West Bromwich Albion, Queen's Park Rangers, Stourbridge, Tamworth, Redditch, Hednesford, Macclesfield Town, Sporting Khalsa.

Montel Gibson

The ex-League 2 forward joined Notts County aged 18, from where he would spend time on loan at Romulus, Hednesford Town and Sutton Coldfield Town. He would return to League 2 in 2020 with a move to Grimsby Town under manager, Ian Holloway.

More recently Montel has played for Telford United, helping them to reach the play-off final against Leamington.

Tate Campbell

The talented youngster started his career with in the Blues academy at the age of 7 where he spent 9 years. Campbell then made the step up signing his first professional deal at Birmingham City where he would be loaned out to then National League side, Bromley.

Yusifu Ceasay

The pacey winger joins the Bulls' having previously had spells at Blackpool and Kidderminster, as well as two successful stints at Alfreton Town.

He will be no stranger to Hereford FC supporters as he scored the second goal for Alfreton in their 2-1 win at Edgar Street in April 2022. Yusifu will offer us a different threat in wide areas with his pace and direct, positive approach.

After an exciting season with the Bulls getting a total of 19 goal contributions, he's extended his stay at Hereford

Sammy Robinson

Robinson started his youth career at Leeds United before a move to Manchester City's academy in 2016. He made a total of 16 appearances in the Professional Development League, scoring one goal and providing two assists.

After coming out the the City academy, Sammy secured a move to League 2 side, Port Vale where he spent 18 months making 23 appearances at the age of 20. In June 2023, Robinson moved to then National League side, Kidderminster Harriers making 22 appearances under manager Russ Penn.

Preston Bitemo

A young and exciting talent, Preston joins the bulls from Hinckley AFC where he helped The Knitters gain promotion last season after winning the league.

Preston has been on trial with the Bulls throughout pre-season even grabbed an assist against Stourbridge.

Lawson D'Ath

The Midfielder joined the Bulls late last season from Banbury United where he helped the Bulls in the remaining 4 games of the season. His experience has shone through and has been vital in controlling games from the middle of the park.

SFC 16-19 Academy

Academy Manager David Morgan

Our players have been back in for pre season training from the beginning of August and it has been great to see them all again, after a deserved rest at the end of a long season.



Our programme this pre season has been fairly intense in terms of the training and the number of games we have arranged but we plan it this way to allow players to get plenty of minutes in their legs.

Our first game of pre season was on Sunday 4th August against OPS FC, who are a men's team and currently play in the Southport and District League. We won the game 6-3 with some fantastic goals coming from Wil Hoey x2, Andrew Cunningham, Will Sullivan, Matty Hawkins and Ollie Wright. There was some exceptional football played that day and the boys were lucky enough to be able to play on the pitch at the Big Help Stadium.

We followed this up in the following mid-week with a game against Steven Gerrard Academy, which was another good test for us. We won the game 4-1 with goals coming from Renato De Oliveira and Dave Osaletin.

Unfortunately, our first defeat of our pre season came against a very good Warrington Rylands side on 11th August and they beat us convincingly 6-0. We found it difficult from the beginning and we found ourselves a goal behind due to a mix up in our defence in the early minutes. From that point on, we struggled, never really recovered and caused all our own problems, but take nothing away from Warrington Rylands who on the day were the far more superior team. Our boys will learn a massive amount from that game and understand that against good opposition, mistakes will get punished.

Our final pre season game before the U21 Development League started was against Southport Hesketh. Final score in this game was a very exciting 2-2 draw. We played extremely well for the first 20 minutes of the game and found ourselves 2-0 up however, we took our foot off the gas, allowed the opposition back into the game and conceded 2 goals.

With us training 3 times a week through pre season, it has afforded us the luxury of plenty of time coaching

on the grass and the ability to integrate all our new players into our squad who have settled extremely well.

Since announcing that we would be involved within The North West U21 Development League, we as staff and players have been eagerly anticipating the first game which was on Sunday 18th August against Preston City. We were dominant for large periods of the game and possibly will see it as a game we should have won comfortably, however, we couldn't put away the chances that we created. We went 1-0 down against the run of play, grew back into the game and drew level but conceded a penalty which Preston City converted late in the first half to leave the score at 2-1 going into half time. In the second half, we created chance after chance, but conceded against the run of play again and found ourselves 3-1 down. We battled and got ourselves a goal to make the last 10 mins interesting, but unfortunately, we couldn't find the equaliser to draw level. Positives from the game however, were there to see. We have seen some massive improvements in individual players and their progression is great to see, but as group we are starting to build relationships with each other on the pitch and this is pleasing.

We now look forward to going into our season in the ECFA College Leagues and also our U21 Development League and the development of our players.

Finally, we are still recruiting players for the season ahead. If you or anyone is interested in getting involved in our teams then use the information from the graphic below to get in touch.



THE MONTGOMERY & LE ROI

— MASCOT FOR 2024-25 —

Our Montgomery & Le Roi Mascot for the game against Alfreton was 8 year old Joseph Donafee who had a great time at the game.



This afternoon we welcome Churchtown Athletic Under 8s who are team mascots. Enjoy the game boys!



Our Montgomery & Le Roi Mascot this afternoon is David Golebiowski, aged 9

We would like to offer our thanks and gratitude to our long-standing Vice President Andrie Le Roi along with his friend and business associate Ladson Montgomery in accepting our unique mascot sponsorship opportunity for the season ahead.

The Montgomery & Le Roi mascot place is offered as a community focused programme enabling a child from within the Sefton Borough region that may otherwise not be offered the opportunity to be a mascot at our club.

ON THE ROAD

NEEDHAM MARKET (Part 1)

NEEDHAM MARKET 1 SOUTHPORT 2



Attendance 434 | Programme £3

Line Up: Renshaw, Miniham, Doyle, Keane, Moore, Knight-Percival (Quansah 78), Lloyd (Stafford 90+1) Philliskirk (Hilton 59), Spooner, Carver (Proctor 70), Owolabi (Hilton 59)

Media MOTM: Tom Moore

First things first it is a long way and you do question the sanity of having a team like Needham in National North particularly when you bear in mind we are not their longest trip.

We were lucky we went down on the Wednesday and returned on the Sunday and had a fantastic few days down there, to those that travelled there and back in the day whether it was by train or car, you deserve a medal. Having said that road wise it is a straightforward drive just very long.

We met up with a former Southport player on the Friday and Saturday and you will be able to read all about that in an upcoming edition of The Sandgrounder, trust me it is very well worth a read.

Enough of that, what about the game. It was a real mixed bag with a good start that saw Danny Lloyd sting the palms of the keeper after just 2 minutes and it was a good opening but there followed a bad spell which saw the home side score a direct free kick and all the talk at half time was about too much long ball. I am no football tactician but I suggested what was needed and Jim obviously heard me and made the required changes and within 5 minutes we were back on top and level.

With 10 to go the comeback was complete and after a defensive howler Jamie Proctor who was excellent in the 20 minutes he was on the pitch capitalised and put the ball in the net.

The 68 Southport fans (That was my count) went wild and we saw the remaining time out well with great defensive work by Tom and Jordan at the back.

A lovely club to visit, nice ground, very welcoming people on arrival but they have a bit of work to do. The Main Stand is in need of repair, the floor was rotten in parts and in need of a lick of paint but there was talk of a new one on the horizon.

It was their first ever home game at this level. It has been a massive step up in a short period of time and maybe it has all happened a bit quickly. They have an excellent hub with 3G pitches adjoining the ground. I'm always jealous of clubs that have that facility.

Ground Number 260 for me and 167 for Julia.



Danny Lloyd equalises



Jamie celebrating his first goal for the club and what proved to be the winner.



Thanks for your support

MATCHACTION

SOUTHPORT 3 ALFRETON 1

What a fantastic start to the season an opening day win against a team we don't always do the best against.

Line Ups Southport (5-2-3): Renshaw, Minihan, Moore, Keane ©, Knight-Percival (Quansah 69'), Doyle, Spooner, Philliskirk, Lloyd (Hilton 87'), Burgess (Proctor 73'), Carver (Owolabi 87').

Unused Subs: Stafford
Yellow Card Quansah 88 Mins

Alfreton (4-4-1-1): Willis, Clackstone, Hunt, Anson, Newall, Fewster, Cantrill ©, Perritt (Lund 67'), Salam (Whitehouse 64'), Abbey (Waddock 67'), Day (Moyo 56').

Unused subs: Askew

Referee: Matthew Scholes

Star-man: Danny Philliskirk

Attendance: 1235 (75 Away)

Match rating: 4/5

STAT ATTACK WARNING!

The first goal was our 2700th league goal in NL Football.

8 players made their debut Callum Spooner Player Number 877, Nat Knight-Percival 878, Tom Moore 879, Jordan Keane 880, Sam Minihan 881, Jamie Proctor 882 Tunde Owolabi 883 and Sonny Hilton 884

Tom Moore became the 46th player to score on his debut (see the main stat attack page for the full list).

	Southport	Alfreton
Goal Attempts	10	12
On Target	9	3
Off Target	1	9
Corners	4	2
Offsides	4	1
Fouls Committed	11	11

Photos by Julia Urwin and Lee Durkin



A lovely touch from the Alfreton supporters



Goal 2700



Danny Philliskirk at the double and this one was a bit special and an early entry onto the Goal Of The Season list.



Tom Moore on Debut



No Words Needed!

**Dear Supporters,
I hope you're well as
we come together for
another exciting
matchday. I'd like to
share some updates
on our recent
activities and
upcoming plans.**



Powerchair Football Launch

We're excited to announce the launch of our first stand-alone Powerchair Football team. Inspired by my visit to the Bootle Bucks Inclusion Hub, we're partnering with Pressfield High, Meols Cop, and KGV to bring this inclusive sport to Southport.

Walking Club and Coffee Morning

Our Walking Club and Coffee Morning is growing every week! Join us on Wednesdays from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM for a walk and a chat. It's a fantastic way to stay active and connect with others.



Thank You to Our Donors

A big thank you to everyone who has donated recently, especially Place 2 Place for their incredible fundraising efforts. Your generosity is making a real difference.

Introducing the Multiply Programme

Starting September 12th, the **Multiply Programme** will help people build confidence in maths. If you're interested, please contact us at contact@southportfc-communityfoundation.org.

Expanding Community Engagement

In September, we're expanding our community activities. To learn more or get involved, reach out at contact@southportfc-communityfoundation.org or call 07723 993702. Thank you for your continued support. Together, we're making a lasting impact.

Summer HAF Programme Success

Our summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme was a great success, with over 70 applications. The positive feedback from participants encourages us to keep offering these valuable initiatives.



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What you'll get:

- Pre-match and post-match social media posts
- PA announcements and social media promotion
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- Cash bar facility or prepaid drinks package on account.
- Pre-match players' tunnel tour
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- Receive a signed shirt
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Contact: darren.court@southportfc.net

CHRIS RENSHAW

Who would you say has influenced you most in your football journey?

Definitely my Dad, All the years of taking me to training and games six times a week and always trying to help me where he can. A great Dad to have.

Who is the joker in the dressing room?

Definitely Marcus Carver.

What type of car do you drive?

The old reliable Vauxhall Corsa.

Which team do you look forward to playing against this season?

Radcliffe without a doubt, I am good mates with the goalie and one of the centre halves at Radcliffe and we have never played against each other so really looking forward to that one and I don't have too long to wait as they are here early in September.

Who was your football hero as a youngster?

Wayne Rooney, one of the best ever.

What is your job away from football?

I am the assistant goalkeeping coach at Blackburn Rovers.

Any superstitions?

I used to have to eat the same meal before every game.....but then I realised it doesn't make the slightest bit of difference 🍌

Who is the most famous player you've played against?

Jaden Sancho.

What is the one special moment of your footballing career so far?

There is only one possible answer to this question...signing for Southport of course.

What do you think is a good night out?

Pottys! (We are not sure what this means exactly... ..mmmm!)

Which football team do you support?

Manchester United.

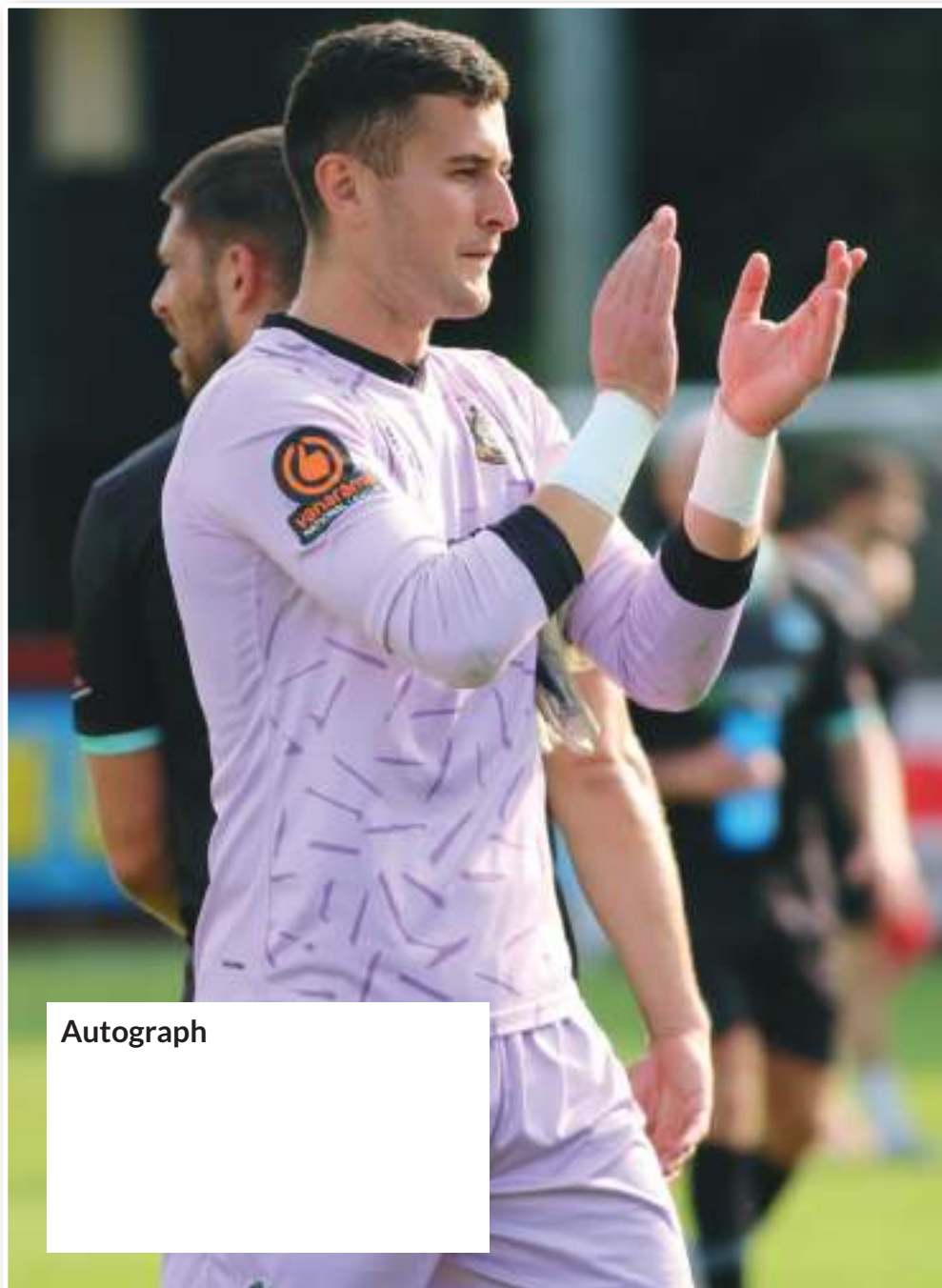
Do you play any other sport?

I play a bit of golf when I can and the fast growing sport of padel tennis.

Tell us something about yourself that we don't already know.

I have a birth mark inside me left eye.





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MATCH DETAILS

FOR 2023/24

Date	V	Opponents	F-A	Scorers	Pos	Att	GK	2	3	4	5
10-Aug-24	H	Alfreton Town	3-1	Philbrick 2, Moore	**	1235	Benshaw	Minham	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percy
17-Aug-24	A	Needham Market	2-1	Ugark, Bruster	8	638	Benshaw	Minham	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percy
20-Aug-24	A	Spennymoor Town	0-0		8	1270	Benshaw	Minham	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percy
24-Aug-24	H	Hereford									
26-Aug-24	A	Chorley 1pm KO									
31-Aug-24	H	Buxton									
3-Sep-24	H	Farsley Celtic									
7-Sep-24	H	Radcliffe									
14-Sep-24		FA Cup 2Q									
21-Sep-24	A	Darlington									
28-Sep-24		FA Cup 3Q									
5-Oct-24	H	Brackley Town									
12-Oct-24	H	Rushall Olympic									
19-Oct-24	A	Scarborough Athletic									
22-Oct-24	A	Leamington									
26-Oct-24	H	Scunthorpe United									
2-Nov-24	A	Oxford City									
5-Nov-24	H	South Shields									
9-Nov-24	H	Peterborough Sports									
16-Nov-24		FA Trophy 2									
23-Nov-24	A	King's Lynn Town									
26-Nov-24	A	Curzon Ashton									
30-Nov-24	H	Marna									
7-Dec-24		FA Trophy 3									
14-Dec-24	H	Needham Market									
21-Dec-24	A	Kidderminster Harriers									
26-Dec-24	H	Warrington Town									
1-Jan-25	A	Chester									
4-Jan-25	A	Alfreton Town									
11-Jan-25	H	Leamington									
18-Jan-25	A	Hereford									
25-Jan-25	H	Chorley									
28-Jan-25	H	Spennymoor Town									
1-Feb-25	A	Buxton									
8-Feb-25	A	Hagcliffe									
11-Feb-25	A	Farsley Celtic									
15-Feb-25	H	Darlington									
22-Feb-25	A	Brackley Town									
29-Feb-25	H	Curzon Ashton									
1-Mar-25	A	Peterborough Sports									
8-Mar-25	H	King's Lynn Town									
11-Mar-25	A	Marna									
15-Mar-25	A	Rushall Olympic									
22-Mar-25	H	Scarborough Athletic									
29-Mar-25	A	Scunthorpe United									
5-Apr-25	H	Oxford City									
12-Apr-25	A	South Shields									
18-Apr-25	H	Chester									
21-Apr-25	A	Warrington Town									
26-Apr-25	H	Kidderminster Harriers									



	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub 1	Sub 2	Sub 3	Sub 4	Sub 5	Ref
al	Keane	Lloyd	Spencer	Carver	Pholiskak	Burgess	Quansah 5	Proctor 11	Swaby 8	Hilton 7	Stafford 8	Mitchell
al	Keane	Lloyd	Spencer	Carver	Pholiskak	Chenoki	Hilton 11	Burgess 10	Proctor 8	Quansah 5	Stafford 7	W Jones
al	Keane	Lloyd	Spencer	Carver	Pholiskak	Burgess	Stafford 3	Proctor 11	Quansah 5	Hilton 8	Owladji 8	T.Williams





“COMMUNITY”

It's a word we have heard spoken a lot, here in Southport, over the past four weeks, ever since the horrors of Monday 29th July.

In a matter of three days the Southport community pulled together not just once, but twice, to show the rest of the country that love, support and togetherness would overcome any evil, any hate and any thuggery at such a heartbreaking time. That togetherness was no more apparent than at all the cordons, and in front of The Atkinson in town, where a band of volunteers dedicated hours to caring for the flowers and soft toys being left by adults and children alike. We say a huge “Thank You” to them all but especially Alex, Sarah and Bella McKeever, Gina Jerram and Stella who we had the pleasure of speaking to when the players visited one of the cordons on Hart Street. Bella also gave away bracelets to people leaving flowers – well done Bella, what a lovely thought.

As football supporters we often hear and speak about the footballing community, especially at the lower league levels, and if we ever needed proof of it then these last few weeks have proved it beyond doubt. The club

has had messages from clubs far and wide and the support from teams, and their supporters, we have played since has been truly heartwarming. Some have visited the cordon to lay flowers, brought wreaths to lay on the pitch before kick-off, donated money to the Alder Hey Charity and brought soft toys for the children affected in the attack. Southport Football Club thank each and every one of you for all your support.

If anyone needs any more proof of what community is, or means, you only need to drive around the town to see the wonderful tributes to the three little girls who lost their lives. There are pink ribbons everywhere, on gateposts, railings, trees, lampposts, and even our Royal Mail vans. You can also find beautiful post box toppers lovingly crocheted in the girls' memory. All these small acts show the outpouring of love from the people of Southport to the families and friends of all those involved on that terrible day but especially those of *Alice, Bebe and Elsie*.



Fly high three beautiful butterflies



PLAYER SHIRT SP

1 CHRIS RENSHAW	 H: Wendy Spencer A: Andy Gibson Foundation 3rd: Rob & Julia Urwin	2 MATTY THOMSON	 H: Vacant A: Vacant 3rd: Vacant	3 JACK DOYLE	 H: Mike Corcoran A: Rowan Milltenburg 3rd: Vacant	4 CALLUM SPOONER	 H: Rowan Milltenburg A: Vacant 3rd: Vacant
9 JAMIE PROCTOR	 H: Qatar Sandgrounders A: SFC Foundation 3rd: Vacant	10 MARCUS CARVER	 H: Ben & Beka Helm A: Pinetree Garden Maintenance 3rd: SFC Juniors	11 TUNDE OWOLABI	 H: Mike Corcoran A: Vacant 3rd: Vacant	12	
17 FINLAY HEATH	 H: Vacant A: Vacant 3rd: Vacant	18 SONNY HILTON	 H: Liz Halpin A: Qatar Sandgrounders 3rd: Vacant	19		20 LUKE BURGESS	 H: M Hunt & Co Limited A: Vacant 3rd: Vacant
25 DANNY PHILLISKIRK	 H: Pinetree Garden Maintenance A: M Hunt & Co Limited 3rd: Vacant	MANAGER JIM BENTLEY	 H: Qatar Sandgrounders	ASSISTANT ANDY BURGESS	 H: Volare Restaurant	COACH ALAN MORGAN	 H: Vacant

SPONSORSHIP

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HARRY FLOWERS



H: Vacant
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

6

NATHANIEL
KNIGHT-PERCIVAL



H: Vacant
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

7

DANNY LLOYD



H: Anthony Booth
A: Southport FC Foundation
3rd: Vacant

8

DAVID MORGAN



H: Vacant
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

13

TONY McMILLAN



H: Vacant
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

14

KEENAN QUANSAH



H: Mike Corcoran
A: Vacant
3rd: SFC Juniors

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TOM MOORE



H: Vacant
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

16

JORDAN KEANE



H: Volare Restaurant
A: Vacant
3rd: Volare Restaurant

21



22

SAM MINIHAN



H: John Hardisty
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

23

JACK STAFFORD



H: RS Consultancy
A: RS Consultancy
3rd: Volare Restaurant

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WILL RUSS



H: Vacant
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant



You will receive the player worn shirt after the pre-season games have been played the following season. Do bear in mind they are player worn so the condition will vary.

The cost is just **£300** inc VAT for the home shirt or **£180** inc VAT for the change shirt.

Contact Darren Court E: Darren.court@southportfc.net or call **07897-191040**.

If anyone would like their picture taken with their chosen player please get in touch and we will arrange for it to be done at a convenient time.

MY TOP TEAM

One of the new features in our matchday programme this season is **"My Top Team"**

We are asking supporters to submit their favourite ever 11 players in a 4-4-2 formation, with a keeper of course, with a few words about why each player has been chosen.

It doesn't have to be the best players, just the ones you have enjoyed watching the most as a Southport fan.

Hopefully we will receive enough entries to fill 23 programmes.

Please have a go and send in to Rob Urwin via e-mail to rob@southportfc.net

This week we have the Top Team from Dan Hayes

"When I think back to the time I most enjoyed watching Southport, it's not the fleeting moments of triumph or cup giant killings that necessarily come to mind, but rather a specific era. Therefore, when I pick an XI that I most enjoyed watching, it's a particular group of players from the late 90s.

Even though I've seen more successful teams in terms of silverware and arguably better players in many of these positions, this period holds a special place in my heart so I'm not going to go into any detail whatsoever about why any of these players make this

XI. This XI is personal to me, nobody else.

What truly made this period unforgettable for me, were the memories I created with my dad. We spent countless Saturdays together, discussing tactics, and sharing in the highs and lows of being Southport supporters.

We had only started watching regularly in 1993, so each opposition club was new to both of us, and every away ground was a fresh adventure. Each match and each new signing brought a new wave of possibilities. The hopes of that time were infectious, and they made every match day special, regardless of the result on the pitch. It was a time filled with optimism, a feeling that better times were just around the corner.

I didn't know at the time that I would only get 10 years of going to the game with my dad before he would move away to work in Scotland.

When I look back now, I don't think he ever really considered Southport to be his club, but that didn't matter, he was just enjoying spending time with me. And now 25 years later those memories are priceless. These memories serve as a reminder that football is more than just the game on the pitch. It's about the bonds we form and the people we share our passions with – not money and instant success.

That the success we craved together never really materialised, doesn't take anything away from

the memories. It's the shared experiences and the connections that last a lifetime, so thank you to each of the players that wore an Old Gold shirt and kicked a bag of wind up and down a pitch so that I could spend time with my dad.

My favourite XI:



Billy Stewart



Andy Farley



Scott Guyett



Dave Thompson



David Gamble



Phil Bolland



Mike Marsh



Andy Whittaker



Tim Ryan



Brian Butler



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FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS

In response to a request from one of our supporters we are going to run a list over the next few programmes of all the Football League players we know/believe still to be alive. This was prompted by a late notification of the passing of Gordon Davies. We do like keeping our player lists up to date and we obviously don't want to delete any from the list but would appreciate any updates to maintain our Former Players Association Records

Football League Players Alive A-D

Name	App	Subs	Goals	Date Of Birth	Debut Date	Last Lge Game	Age
AINDOW, Roger	52	6	4	Oct: 23, 1946	Oct: 7, 1968	March 27, 1971	77
ALTY, Colin	184	6	22	Oct: 23, 1944	Aug: 25, 1964	April 22, 1970	79
ANDREWS, George	115	2	41	April 23, 1942	March 4, 1967	Nov: 8, 1969	82
ARMSTRONG, John	86	0	0	Sept: 5, 1936	Aug: 19, 1967	Jan: 29, 1971	87
ARNOLD, Steve	16	0	3	Jan: 5, 1951	Jan: 29, 1972	April 25, 1972	73
ASHWORTH, Phil	22	2	9	April 4, 1953	Aug: 20, 1977	Feb: 28, 1978	71
BARNARD, Arthur	42	0	0	June 20, 1932	Sept: 5, 1959	May 2, 1960	92
BARRATT, Les	9	1	0	Aug: 13, 1945	Dec: 17, 1965	April 8, 1966	78
BEANLAND, Tony	143	0	3	Jan: 11, 1944	Sept: 1, 1962	March 12, 1966	80
BEECH, Harry	2	2	0	Jan: 7, 1946	Aug: 19, 1967	Aug: 26, 1967	78
BETTS, Tony	8	0	1	Oct: 31, 1953	Dec: 21, 1974	Feb: 8, 1975	70
BIRCHALL, Paul	16	3	1	Sept: 3, 1957	March 11, 1977	April 25, 1978	66
BLAIN, Jimmy	127	0	40	April 9, 1940	Feb: 13, 1960	Dec: 8, 1962	84
BLAIR, Kenny	17	0	0	Sept: 28, 1952	Aug: 21, 1976	March 4, 1977	71
BLORE, Reg	139	0	55	March 18, 1942	Sept: 17, 1960	Nov: 2, 1963	82
BROOKES, Colin	20	0	2	Jan: 2, 1942	Aug: 24, 1963	Dec: 28, 1963	82
BROOKES, Johnny	14	0	5	Oct: 18, 1943	Sept: 4, 1965	Feb: 19, 1966	80
BROOKFIELD, Tony	14	5	1	April 11, 1959	Oct: 15, 1977	April 25, 1978	65
BROOKS, Steve	65	0	3	June 18, 1955	Feb: 5, 1977	April 22, 1978	69
BROWN, Keith	4	0	0	Oct: 19, 1957	March 8, 1977	May 7, 1977	66
CALLOWAY, Laurie	45	0	7	June 17, 1945	Aug: 15, 1970	April 26, 1971	79
CLARKE, Amby	193	4	4	Sept: 10, 1945	April 9, 1966	April 26, 1971	78
COATES, John	21	0	0	June 3, 1944	Feb: 27, 1965	Jan: 15, 1977	80
COCKS, Alan	24	1	7	May 7, 1951	Sept: 21, 1970	April 26, 1971	73
COLEMAN, Tony	22	1	1	May 2, 1945	Nov: 13, 1973	April 27, 1974	79
COOPER, Gary	13	7	5	Feb: 15, 1955	Aug: 20, 1977	April 29, 1978	69
CUMBES, Jim	19	0	0	May 4, 1944	Jan: 7, 1978	April 17, 1978	80
CURWEN, Eric	89	0	0	Sept: 16, 1947	March 18, 1967	May 6, 1969	76
DEMAINE, David	5	0	0	May 7, 1942	Aug: 27, 1962	Sept: 10, 1962	82
DEWSNIP, George	83	4	11	May 6, 1956	April 8, 1975	May 14, 1977	68
DUNLEAVY, Chris	145	2	9	Dec: 30, 1949	Oct: 11, 1969	Sept: 17, 1973	74

FROM THE ARCHIVES

On Tuesday November 12th 1946, the Lancashire Evening Post ran an article about the England football squad who were training at Southport ahead of their game against Wales in the now defunct Home international Championship. The game was played the following day at Maine Road, then home to Manchester City, in front of a crowd of just under sixty thousand and saw England run out 3-0 winners thanks to goals by Wilf Mannion (2) and Tommy Lawton.



The article reported that:

"England's team to play Wales in tomorrow's match at Maine Road, Manchester, are filling their lungs with Southport's ozone.

Austerity is by no means the keynote of their preparation for the international as the players are staying at the deluxe Palace Hotel, Birkdale, recently reopened after use during the war as an American Red Cross club and U.S. Army Air Force rest centre.

In pre-war days this hotel was a popular headquarters for football teams preparing for vital league games or Cup ties, especially Cardiff City in their heyday.

The players in charge of team manager Walter

Winterbottom arrived at the hotel yesterday afternoon and in the evening went to a Southport cinema to see "London Town".

Staying at the same hotel tonight will be the Football League Management Committee who are meeting there this afternoon to hear their representatives report on the wages discussions which took place at Preston last week with the Players' Union.

Senior boys from neighbouring Meols Cop-road Modern Secondary School had a big thrill when they "invaded" Haig-avenue ground in charge of a master and saw England's team in action.

They cheered Frank Swift as he dealt with a barrage of

shots from Lawton and other "shooting stars" and needed no bidding to act as retrievers.



The weather was raw, and the players, who included reserve Johnstone of Blackpool, were glad of their warm track suits.

They kept briskly on the move for nearly an hour with North End's Finney and Langton of the Rovers putting in practice at corner kicking with Mr Winterbottom close by.

Watching from the stand were some of Southport's professionals and veteran trainer Billy Semple noted everything with a critical eye".

By Mark Iddon

Apps & Scorers

SN	PN	Player	Lge Apps 24/25	Lge Subs 24/25	Cup Apps 24/25	Cup Subs 24/25	Lge Goals 24/25	Cup Goals 24/25	Total Career Apps	Assists	Media MDTM	Lge Minutes Played	Lge Yellow	Red
20	869	Luke Burgess	2	1	0	0	0	0	27	1		178		
10	835	Marcus Carver	3	0	0	0	0	0	96			242		
3	825	Jack Doyle	3	0	0	0	0	0	179			243		
5	862	Harry Flowers	0	0	0	0	0	0	44			0		
17	859	Fin Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	26			0		
18	884	Sonny Hilton	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1		55		
16	880	Jordan Keane	3	0	0	0	0	0	3			270		
6	876	Nat Knight-Perceval	3	0	0	0	0	0	3			201		
7	803	Danny Lloyd	3	0	0	0	1	0	23	1		267		
13	862	Tony McMillan	0	0	0	0	0	0	302			0		
22	881	Sam Minihan	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1		270		
15	879	Tom Moore	3	0	0	0	1	0	3		1	270		
8	785	David Morgan	0	0	0	0	0	0	178			0		
11	863	Tunde Owolabi	1	2	0	0	0	0	3			67		
25	872	Danny Phaliskirk	3	0	0	0	2	0	28		1	239	2	
9	882	Jamie Proctor	0	3	0	0	1	0	0			63		
14	853	Keenan Quinsah	0	3	0	0	0	0	80			59	1	
1	860	Chris Renshaw	3	0	0	0	0	0	48		1	270		
24	874	Will Russ	0	0	0	0	0	0	18			0		
4	879	Callum Spooner	3	0	0	0	0	0	3			249		
23	885	Jack Stafford	0	2	0	0	0	0	2			31		
2	861	Matt Thomson	0	0	0	0	0	0	35			0		
		Added Time										-4		
		Ten Men										0		
		No Assist								1				
		TOTAL	33	14	0	0	5	0	1117	5	3	2970	3	0

League Table

20-Aug		HOME							AWAY									
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A	GS	GA	GD	PTS	
1	Scunthorpe	5	1	0	0	3	0		2	0	0	4	0	7	0	7	9	
2	Curzon Ashton	5	2	0	0	4	0		1	0	0	2	1	6	1	5	9	
3	Kidderminster	5	2	0	0	4	0		1	0	0	2	1	6	1	5	9	
4	Buxton	5	3	0	0	5	0		0	0	0	0	5	6	2	4	9	
5	Scarborough	5	1	0	0	3	0		1	1	0	3	4	8	4	4	7	
6	Farsley	5	0	0	0	0	0		2	0	1	7	4	7	4	3	6	
7	Spennymoor	5	2	0	0	3	0		0	0	1	1	3	6	3	3	6	
8	Southport	5	1	0	0	3	1		1	0	1	2	4	5	4	1	6	
9	Kings Lynn	5	2	0	0	4	2		0	0	1	0	3	5	5	0	6	
10	Hereford	5	1	1	0	4	1		0	1	0	1	1	5	2	3	9	
11	Alfreton Town	5	1	0	0	4	0		0	1	1	3	5	6	5	1	4	
12	Leamington	5	1	1	0	3	2		0	0	1	1	2	6	5	1	4	
13	Chorley	5	0	1	1	2	3		1	0	0	1	0	3	3	0	4	
14	Warrington	5	1	0	0	1	0		0	0	2	3	5	3	5	-2	3	
15	Chester	5	1	0	0	2	1		0	0	1	0	3	2	4	-2	3	
16	South Shields	5	1	0	1	3	3		0	0	1	0	3	3	6	-3	3	
17	Brackley Town	5	0	0	1	4	3		1	0	1	1	1	1	4	-3	3	
18	Oxford City	5	0	1	0	2	2		0	1	1	1	2	3	4	-1	2	
19	Peterborough Sports	5	0	0	1	3	1		0	1	1	1	2	1	1	-2	1	
20	Darlington	5	0	0	1	1	0		0	1	1	0	4	1	6	-3	1	
21	Radcliffe	5	0	1	0	3	3		0	0	2	0	3	3	8	-5	1	
22	Marine	5	0	1	1	1	4		0	0	1	0	3	1	7	-6	1	
23	Rushall	5	0	0	1	2	3		0	0	2	1	4	3	9	-5	0	
24	Needham Market	5	0	0	2	1	3		0	0	1	0	3	1	6	-5	0	

League Match Stats

SOUTHPORT FC LEAGUE MATCH STATS @ 20 August 2024																
		H		A		CURRENT SEQUENCES		Home		W		D		L		
Times of Goals	For	Ag	F	A	F	A	Games Scored In	Scoring first								
1-9 mins	0	0					Wins	0	Conceding first	0						
10-19 mins	1	0	1				Defeats	1	Winning at half time	1	1					
20-33 mins	0	0					Drawn	0	Drawing at half time	0						
34-45 mins	0	1					GAMES SINCE		Losing at half time	0						
46-60 mins	1	1	1			1	A Win	1	Away		W	D	L			
61-79 mins	2	2	1	1	1	1	A Home Win	0	Scoring first	1						
80-90 mins	1	0				1	An Away Win	1	Conceding first	2	1			1		
Added Time	0	0					A Defeat	0	Winning at half time	1						
TOTAL	5	4	3	1	2	3	An Away Defeat	0	Drawing at half time	1				1		
PENALTIES			H		A		A Home Defeat	2	Losing at half time	1	1					
	For	Ag	F	A	F	A	A Score Draw	8								
Pens Awarded	0	0					A No Score Draw	7	Goal Frequency	8	1	2	3	4	5	
Pens Scored	0	0					Conceding A Goal	0	Goals Scored	1		1	1			
WHICH END?	F	A					Scoring A Goal	1	Goals Conceded	2	1					
Wooch End	1	1					GOAL METHOD		Winning Margin	1	1					
Scallick End	2						Open Play	8	Losing Margin		1					
TOTAL	3	1					Corner	0	Drawn							
							Penalty	0	League	F		A				
							Direct Free Kick	0	RED CARDS	8	0					
							Indirect Free Kick	2	YELLOW CARDS	3						
							Headed Goals	1								



THE NORTH WEST LEAGUE

With seven teams from the North West (or thereabouts) this season we thought it would be a bit of fun to do the North West League again after a long break.

The fixtures are :

THE NORTH WEST LEAGUE

20 Aug 2024	Chester	Radcliffe
26 Aug 2024	Chorley	Southport
07 Sep 2024	Southport	Radcliffe
05 Oct 2024	Chorley	Warrington Town
05 Oct 2024	Marine	Radcliffe
12 Oct 2024	Marine	Curzon Ashton
12 Oct 2024	Radcliffe	Warrington Town
26 Oct 2024	Curzon Ashton	Chester
02 Nov 2024	Warrington Town	Curzon Ashton
05 Nov 2024	Marine	Chorley
23 Nov 2024	Chester	Chorley
26 Nov 2024	Curzon Ashton	Southport
30 Nov 2024	Chorley	Curzon Ashton
30 Nov 2024	Southport	Marine
30 Nov 2024	Warrington Town	Chester
26 Dec 2024	Marine	Chester
26 Dec 2024	Radcliffe	Chorley
26 Dec 2024	Southport	Warrington Town
01 Jan 2025	Chester	Southport
01 Jan 2025	Warrington Town	Marine
25 Jan 2025	Southport	Chorley
28 Jan 2025	Radcliffe	Chester
01 Feb 2025	Curzon Ashton	Radcliffe
08 Feb 2025	Radcliffe	Southport
22 Feb 2025	Radcliffe	Marine
22 Feb 2025	Warrington Town	Chorley
25 Feb 2025	Southport	Curzon Ashton
08 Mar 2025	Chorley	Chester
08 Mar 2025	Radcliffe	Curzon Ashton
11 Mar 2025	Chester	Warrington Town
11 Mar 2025	Marine	Southport
11 Mar 2025	Curzon Ashton	Chorley
15 Mar 2025	Warrington Town	Radcliffe

15 Mar 2025	Curzon Ashton	Marine
29 Mar 2025	Chester	Curzon Ashton
05 Apr 2025	Curzon Ashton	Warrington Town
12 Apr 2025	Chorley	Marine
18 Apr 2025	Marine	Warrington Town
18 Apr 2025	Southport	Chester
21 Apr 2025	Chester	Marine
21 Apr 2025	Chorley	Radcliffe
21 Apr 2025	Warrington Town	Southport

A NW League table will appear in the programme now and again

Prediction League

We had a record 181 entries into our Prediction League and the final rankings based on those entries is:

	Rank
Scunthorpe	1
Chester	2
Kidderminster	3
Brackley Town	4
Chorley	5
Southport	6
Alfreton Town	7
South Shields	8
Hereford	9
Scarborough	10
Darlington	11
Spennymoor	12
Kings Lynn	13
Curzon Ashton	14
Buxton	15
Radcliffe	16
Oxford City	17
Warrington	18
Marine	19
Peterborough Sports	20
Leamington	21
Farsley	22
Rushall	23
Needham Market	24

STAT ATTACK

SCORING ON DEBUT

As mentioned elsewhere Tom Moore became the 46th player to score on his debut going back to Joe Turner who scored our first ever NL goal back in 1978.

Season	Player	Against	F-A	23	2005/06	Nick Rogan	Grays Athletic	1-4	
1	1978/79	Joe Turner	South Liverpool	1-0	24	2006/07	Sean Paterson	Altrincham	1-2
2	1980/81	Steve Sale	Gateshead	2-0	25	2007/08	Joel Byrom	Gainsboro	3-0
3	1982/83	Dave Brand	Matlock	2-2	26	2008/09	Zac Aley	Farsley Celtic	1-5
4	1982/83	Micky Moore*	Grantham	1-1	27	2011/12	Sam Sheridan	Hayes & Yeading	2-0
5	1982/83	Phil Williams	Netherfield	3-0	28	2012/13	Steven Tames	Alfreton	3-3
6	1983/84	John Brady	Stafford	1-1	29	2012/13	Liam Willis	Stockport	1-1
7	1983/84	Ray Birch	Workington	1-1	30	2012/13	Neill Byrne	Hereford United	2-2
8	1984/85	Graham Heathcote	Bangor	2-1	31	2013/14	Jamie Milligan	Luton Town	1-0
9	1984/85	Graham Mawdsley	Horwich RMI	2-1	32	2013/14	Matt Brown	Cambridge United	1-0
10	1984/85	Kevin McCormack	Horwich RMI	2-1	33	2013/14	Jason Walker	Dartford	3-0
10	1985/86	Tony Quinn	Buxton	2-3	34	2014/15	Amadou Bakayoko	Braintree	2-0
11	1985/86	Ged Parr	Goole	5-1	35	2015/16	Cole Stockton	Halifax	2-2
12	1986/87	John Flanagan	Barrow	2-0	36	2015/16	Jonny Margetts	Guisley	2-0
13	1986/87	Brendan Grant	Marine	3-1	37	2016/17	Delial Brewster	Wrexham	3-2
14	1986/87	Faz Page	Bangor	1-0	38	2017/18	Steven Schumacher	Boston United	4-0
15	1986/87	Jimmy Thornton	Hyde	1-2	39	2017/18	Liam Martin	Boston United	4-0
16	1988/89	Clint Neysmith	Horwich RMI	5-2	40	2017/18	Curtis Jones	Boston United	4-0
17	1992/93	Steve Haw	Matlock	5-1	41	2017/18	Gary Roberts	Boston United	4-0
18	1993/94	Paul Comstive	Dag & Red	3-3	42	2017/18	Ethan Jones	Leamington	1-0
19	1997/98	Ged Kielty	Hednesford Town	4-1	43	2017/18	Chris Merrie	Darlington	2-0
20	2001/01	Chris Lane	Rushden & D	1-3	44	2017/18	Jason Gilchrist	Tamworth	3-3
21	2003/04	Tony Hallam	Altrincham	2-2	45	2018/19	Jordan Archer	Hereford	3-0
22	2004/05	Terry Fearn	Vauxhall Motors	2-1	46	2024/25	Tom Moore	Alfreton	3-1



THE LAST WORD

with Rob Urwin

Our fixture compilers have given us a few miles to consider, Needham Market on Saturday followed by Spennymoor on a Tuesday night, thank you!

A little update from media. We will try and bring commentary on as many games as we can but it won't be possible on every game a because we won't always have the people available and b, the facilities at some grounds just make it impossible. We had been advised that there was no Wi-Fi at Needham and no power in the Press Box making covering the game hard enough. We appreciate that not everyone likes X formally known as Twitter which is the platform we use to do our updates but that is the most popular and the easiest to control at away grounds. Scribble Live which we have used in the past is now defunct. I did have a laugh when someone said that exiles rely on the updates to follow the game. This was from someone living far closer to Needham Market than the 500 mile round trip we had to travel. We all do the best we can. It will be interesting to see how clubs who always do commentary get on at Needham.

We had an issue with the video camera at the last game which we hope is sorted for today but if there is anyone out there who is a camera expert do get in touch. We don't get things wrong on purpose!

Thank you to everyone who contacted me about the first programme, it was good to get the feedback which was nice and positive and always appreciated. I was disappointed to break with the tradition of not having a team photo in the centre pages and as you will see we still haven't got it in this edition nor do we have the player pen pics which is annoying but out of the control of the club.

The Centre Pages are going to be devoted to a player pen portrait and photos this season. The plan was to start them after the team photo had gone in but goodness only knows when that will be so number one is in today. They will vary, we gave the players a questionnaire to complete with varying degrees of success so some will need expanding on a bit.

Thank you as always to everyone who contributes to the programme. Mark Iddon and Kim Wood have sent in articles to use in the coming weeks and we always welcome new ideas and new contributors on board.

Enjoy the game

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- 03 Jack Doyle
- 04 Callum Spooner
- 05 Harry Flowers
- 06 Nathaniel Knight-Percival
- 07 Danny Lloyd
- 08 David Morgan
- 09 Jamie Proctor
- 10 Marcus Carver
- 11 Tunde Owolabi
- 13 Tony McMillan
- 14 Keenan Quansah
- 15 Tom Moore
- 16 Jordan Keane
- 17 Finlay Heath
- 18 Sonny Hilton
- 20 Luke Burgess
- 22 Sam Minihan
- 24 Will Russ
- 25 Danny Philliskirk

- 01 Aaron Chapman (GK)
- 02 Aaron Skinner
- 03 Lewis Hudson
- 04 Tate Campbell
- 05 Matt Preston
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- 07 Montel Gibson
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