

SANDGEROUNDER

#ONEPORT



MATCH SPONSOR

The family and
friends of Adam
Le Roi

OFFICIAL
MATCHDAY
PROGRAMME
2024/25

vs MARINE
30.11.24 // 3PM // ISSUE 14 // £3



Lease A Brand New Van

£0 Admin Fees[^]

Only At Vanarama.com



**Make the signing of the season
with Vanarama**



FREE 30-Day Returns*

FREE & Fast UK Delivery*



★ Trustpilot

AUTORAMA UK LTD (a Vanarama, registered in England and Wales (Reg. No. 08127309) registered office: Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead HP1 1DE), is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (Firm Ref. No. 630748). AUTORAMA UK LTD is part of the "Auto Trader Group", which includes Auto Trader (United Kingdom) Ltd. AUTORAMA UK LTD is a credit broker and not a lender. We can introduce you to a limited group of lenders and their finance product. *We do not charge you a fee for introductions we make, but we will likely receive a commission payment from the lender if you decide to enter into an agreement with them. These fees and commissions do not influence the amount a customer pays. *Full Caraply. Max 50 miles over the delivery miles and must be returned within 30 days. *DMs, service and delivery only available to UK Mainland.



**THE BIG HELP STADIUM
HAIG AVENUE,
SOUTHPORT, PR8 6JZ**

Tel: 01704-533422

Website: southportfc.net

X: @southport_fc

In accordance with paragraph 2.13 of rules of The National League, the Club makes the following statement:

Southport Football Club is a Company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales with registered number 01486711.

The following individuals hold a significant interest in Southport Football Club (defined as being more than 10% of the voting rights) in Southport Football Club by way of their shareholding in the club's majority shareholder, Big Help Group Limited:

Peter Mitchell

THE DIRECTORS

Peter Mitchell (Chairman), Joe Goulding, Tammy Burgess, Mike Black, Steven Porter & Liam Watson.

Head Of Operations: Andy Burgess

FOOTBALL STAFF

Manager: Jim Bentley

Assistant Manager: Andy Burgess

Coach: Alan Morgan

Physiotherapist: Dan Gabrielson

Academy Manager: David Morgan

Performance Analyst: Shaun Slater

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Jake King

Kit Manager: Hamish Morton

CLUB STAFF

Club Secretary: Julie Ankers

julie.ankers@southportfc.net

Head Of Commercial: Darren Court

darren.court@southportfc.net

Community Foundation: Scott Blundell

Bar Manager: Jack Schaer-Wilson

Club Shop & Accounts Manager: Christine Classon

Programme Editor & Sales: Rob Urwin

rob@southportfc.net

Matchday Media: Rob Urwin, Joe Cunliffe & Matty Hurst

Club Photographers: Julia Urwin & Lee Durkin

Club Videographer: Gaz Newton

Technical Services: Les Rooney

Groundsman: Greener Grounds Garden and

Sports Turf Maintenance Ltd

Club Chaplain: Paul Taylor

Vice Presidents: Keith Mitchell,

Andrei Le Roi, Steve West & Steve Wignall.

Programme Design: Simon Cooper - Excel Print Ltd

Matchday Announcer: Dune Radio



FROM THE BENCH MANAGER JIM BENTLEY

A game we have all been looking forward to since the fixtures were released and a renewal of league rivalries with Marine after a gap of 20 years I am reliably informed.

Welcome to everyone who has made the short journey from Crosby this afternoon.

Since I last wrote my notes we have had the fine win against Warrington in the FA Trophy a tough Lancashire Cup tie against Nelson that we went through in after a 4-2 penalty shoot out win a defeat at King's Lynn and at Curzon Ashton on Tuesday night.

I thought the game against Warrington showed us at our best, it really was a fine all round display from the back line, the midfield and up top and I couldn't have asked for more.

The game against Nelson gave me a chance to use some of the lads who haven't played as much with Renato and Jack both starting and a very proud moment for me seeing my son Jack playing for Southport and he did ok on the night getting the Chairman's MOTM award!

King's Lynn was a scrappy

old affair that looked destined to be a 0-0 bore draw until the late penalty award which at the time looked harsh and having seen it back looked even harsher but we didn't do enough ourselves on the day to earn the win and that is what I have to concentrate on.

Curzon we simply didn't create enough against a very solid side who are on top form and got what we deserved. We worked hard and at 1-0 down we stayed in it but never really looked like scoring.

We have had a bad run of injuries but every lad that has come in has put in a great shift and I can't ask for more.

It's been great to get Festus signed on loan for a further month and also extend Luke Burgess's contact until the end of the 2025-26 season. Luke has been playing some of his best football these past few months and with him and Danny Lloyd committing to the end of 2025-26 that is great business for the club.

A big crowd expected today so get behind the lads from minute one!

Jim

BOARDROOM MATTERS



By Chairman Peter Mitchell

**GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME
TO THE BIG HELP STADIUM FOR
TODAY'S MASSIVE LEAGUE FIXTURE
AGAINST OUR LOCAL RIVALS,
MARINE AFC.**

As we prepare to face Marine, I had a discussion with our resident statistician Rob regarding the competitive history between Southport FC and Marine AFC.

Our head-to-head record speaks volumes – across 30 league encounters, we've forged a competitive legacy of 9 victories, 12 draws, and 9 defeats, with our respective goal tallies standing testament to the closely contested nature of our matches.

While it's true that two decades have passed since our last league meeting on 6 April 2004, today represents an opportunity. An opportunity to demonstrate the current strength and ambition of Southport Football Club. We respect Marine as opponents, but we are here to win.

On days like today we anticipate bumper crowds and we welcome all to the Big Help Stadium, but I want to pay special tribute to our core supporters who turn up week in, week out regardless of the opposition your passion is our greatest asset. Your unwavering support transforms The Big Help Stadium into a fortress where visiting teams know they face a formidable challenge. It is for that reason I am so delighted to be able to offer Coach Travel to our upcoming away fixture against Kidderminster Harriers on 21st December – that was a resounding request from our recent SFC Survey and one we are delighted to be able to offer – special credit to our COO Andy Burgess for getting this over the line. If you want to see Fan Coache's be a permanent offering please get involved and get yourself a ticket via our website.

On a final note, it is a cliché but on "Derby Day" form, competitive history and legacies go out of the window. Our squad understands that football is about the present moment. The statistics of previous decades are interesting narratives, but they hold no power over today's performance. We are focused, prepared, and determined to secure all three points. Today is about honouring our club's proud traditions while writing our next chapter of success.

Up the Sandgrounders!

Peter

Purchase a Hospitality Ticket and join Southport FC for the 24/25 season!

A hospitality ticket includes:

- A three-course pre-match meal served to your table
- pre-match interview with a member of the playing staff
- Access to table service and cash bar facilities
- Half-time tea and coffee refreshments
- A matchday programme and team sheet
- Reserved prime padded stadium seating
- Join us for the Player of the Match presentation
- Relax with SFC players and officials

Get an individual ticket at a table of 8 for just £45! (inc VAT)

Or £330 (inc VAT) per full table of 8

Contact darren.court@southportfc.net or 07897 191040 to book



COMMERCIAL

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER **DARREN COURT**



Hello and welcome to this highly anticipated Merseyside and Sefton Derby against Marine.

Today is a special day in our club calendar and we hope to see a bumper crowd at The Big Help Stadium, especially on a day that does not clash with Liverpool and Everton fixtures as they are both in action tomorrow. Therefore, I hope as many people as people have come to sample the first helping of the local derby, before Liverpool and Everton serve the second next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the fans for your unwavering support so far this season and also how great it has been to see so many new faces come to The Big Help Stadium.

Our Leasecar UK Hospitality Lounge has almost sold out for the season. Only six fixtures have availability between now and the end of the current campaign. They are Sat 17th December, v Peterborough Sports (in the FA Trophy), Sat 11th January v Leamington, Tuesday 25th February v Curzon Ashton, Sat 8th March v Kings Lynn Town, Sat 22nd March v Scarborough, and Sat 26th April v Kidderminster which is the final home league game of the season. If you have not already experienced the revised upgraded experience this season, then you are in for a treat! Contact me to book in and you will have a fantastic day!

You will have started to see the rise in non-matchday events starting to take place at The Big Help Stadium.

Our monthly quiz night has proved extremely popular. The maiden quiz earlier this month was almost a full room, and the event was won by our Chairman, Peter Mitchell's team. The December quiz will take place on Wednesday evening (4th December) in the Leasecar UK Lounge.

Doors will open at 7pm for an 8pm start. This time around, a player's team will be captained by



Welcome to this afternoon's game against Marine..

Darren Court
Commercial Manager

Danny Lloyd, and our Chairman will once again be in attendance along with a team from our new official quiz partners at Portovino on Sussex Road.

Portovino will now provide a £75 voucher to the winners of our monthly quiz as part of their sponsorship of the event.

You can also expect to see Sportsmans Dinners, Comedy Nights, Race Nights, and music entertainment going forward at The Big Help Stadium. Non-matchday revenue is just as important to the club and your support is very much appreciated.

#UpThePort

MAN OF THE MATCH

The Southport Brewery Man Of The Match against Peterborough Sports who also receives the Adam Le Roi Trophy was Jack Doyle chosen by Dave Barron and his group who enjoyed the hospitality on the Sky Lounge



And against Warrington Town in the FA Trophy our MOTM was, not surprisingly, Luke Burgess.



MASCOTS

The mascots for the Marine game are Violet Hartley aged 10 who is pictured meeting her

favourite player ahead of the Brackley game earlier this season.



We also have Amber Gordon who is with us as the Montgomery & Le Roi Mascot. Today we welcome our Match Sponsors who are the friends and family of Adam Le Roi our Ball Sponsor is The Volare Restaurant and our Sky Lounge guests are Bryn Jones of Leasecar UK and his guests.



50/50 DRAW

Winner v Peterborough Sports John McFadyen



The Football Foundation is the Premier League, The FA and the Government's charity.

We award grants and work with partners to deliver outstanding grassroots football facilities across England.

Search Football Foundation to find out more.



GREAT PLACES TO PLAY



SOUTHPORT WOMEN

SOUTHPORT WOMEN LOOK TO BUILD MOMENTUM AT LIVERPOOL FEDS

Southport Women are preparing for their away clash against Liverpool Feds this Sunday, eager to replicate their 4-2 victory from earlier in the season. The previous meeting was a physical encounter, but Southport's superior football carried them to a well-deserved win. The team is now focused on building momentum and showcasing their progress as they push for promotion to the WNFU Premier Division.

Adding to the excitement, Southport are hopeful that their recent signings will be available for the match. These additions bring fresh energy and depth to the squad, bolstering their chances of securing another strong result on the road. In the last encounter, Southport's midfield dominated possession, creating chances that led to an impressive attacking display. Aimee Johnstone netted a superb hat-trick, while Evie Backshall added a well-taken goal to cap off an excellent team performance. The team will aim to replicate this combination of skill and determination as they face Liverpool Feds once more.

We kick off at 2.30pm on Sunday at Jericho Lane Hub.



We're proud to announce that Sophie has been named our October Player of the Month! This month featured a stunning Goal of the Season contender against REMFCA and a brilliant solo effort against Chorley, taking on the entire team before scoring. In the last few games, she stepped in as centre back, leading our defensive line with strength and composure.



SOUTHPORT WOMEN COMPETE IN CHARITY TOURNAMENT IN AID OF ZOE'S PLACE

Southport Women headed to South Liverpool to participate in a 6-a-side charity tournament in support of Zoe's Place, a hospice providing vital care for babies and children. The team had a fantastic evening, scoring some brilliant goals and proudly secured third place, narrowly missing out on the final to a penalty shoot-out.

The tournament raised an impressive £2,400 for Zoe's Place. This effort contributes to the recent success of the hospice's £5 million appeal, led by Liverpool West Derby MP Ian Byrne. The funds will help build a new home for Zoe's Place Liverpool and secure its future operations, ensuring the hospice can continue its essential work for families in need.

"Zoe's Place has touched countless lives with the incredible care it provides to families in need," said Emma Bonner. "Taking part in this tournament was our way of giving back, and we're so happy to see they've hit their target and secured the future of the hospice."

FOLLOW US ON SOCIALS:

Follow our women's team on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for the latest updates, results, and exclusive content.



SOUTHPORT WOMEN FC



SOUTHPORT_WFC



SOUTHPORT_WFC



WELCOME MARINE

Our first ever National North meeting with Marine this afternoon but very definitely not the first ever meeting with the club's having played each other on 64 previous occasions in various competitions during our Non League era. That excludes the numerous friendlies we have played against each other down the years.

The last league meeting of the sides was over 20 years ago when we met in the NPL and the game this afternoon is the 31st league meeting. You have to go back just short of 34 years to find the last time we enjoyed a win against our visitors.

The last season we met in the league was in 2003-04 with both games ending in a draw 1-1 at College Road and 0-0 here at Haig Avenue.

The last time we met in any competition was in the Liverpool Senior Cup in 2022/23 when an amazing gate of 1604 saw Marine gain a resounding 4-1 win. Incidentally, apart from finals, that was the highest ever Liverpool Senior Cup gate Southport have played in front of.

The overall 64 game record reads Southport Won 25 Marine Won 21 Draws 18 Goals For 92 Goals Against 82.

It's great to renew rivalries again in what is geographically the closest distance travelled between two teams in National North.

Marine have found the going tough on the road this season with just one away win a very good one at Buxton and an excellent 0-0 draw at Kidderminster to show for their travels.

Last Saturday they had a very welcome 2-0 win against Needham Market and on Tuesday were unlucky to concede a late equaliser at home to Spennymoor.

FORM LINE

D	L	W	L	D	L	W	L	L	W	D
H	A	H	A	A	H	H	A	H	H	H
07-Sep	21-Sep	05-Oct	19-Oct	22-Oct	26-Oct	05-Nov	09-Nov	12-Nov	23-Nov	26-Nov
Dar	Brac	Rad	Pet	Kid	Sca	Cho	Her	CA	NM	Spe
0-0	0-1	1-0	0-2	0-0	0-1	3-0	0-4	0-2	2-0	2-2
1832	*	1465	*	*	1391	1104	*	1016	1087	913
22	23	22	23	23	23	22	22	22	22	22

IN THE MARINERS HOT SEAT is former Southport player Neil Young

Neil made just 3 league and 1 cup sub appearance for Southport in September 1981.

Neil has an impressive football CV with seven promotions, including three consecutive League Championships at Chester FC and now two with Marine. After his playing career was cut short by injury at the age of 24 he began his managerial roles in local football with Queen's Park and Poulton Victoria, before joining Rhyl as Assistant Manager in 2004, the club winning the Welsh Cup in 2006 and also qualifying for UEFA competitions in three consecutive seasons. He joined Cammell Laird as Joint Manager in 2007, the team being promoted to the Northern Premier League Premier Division as runners up. A two year spell as Manager at Colwyn Bay began in 2008 with success

again coming quickly, the Seagulls making the playoffs in his first season but going one better the following year by clinching promotion to the NPL Premier Division as play-off winners. He became the first manager of the newly formed Chester FC in summer 2010.

The Deva Stadium club went on to record an unprecedented triple promotion, winning the NPL North, NPL Premier and Conference North in consecutive seasons, breaking a host of records on the way. Neil was also given the accolade of Conference North Manager of the Year in 2013 as well as an Honorary Degree from the University of Chester. He has also had spells as Manager at Stockport County and Altrincham and was Head of Scouting at FC Halifax Town with a spell also as caretaker manager until February 2018.

Joined Marine in September 2018 and led the club to the FA Cup 3rd Round in 2021, back in to the NPL Premier Division in 2022 and a Liverpool Senior Cup triumph in 2023, signing a contract to keep him at the club until 2027.

Last season he masterminded a First Round FA Cup appearance, retained the Liverpool Senior Cup for the first time in the club's history and gained promotion to the National League North after winning the play offs at Macclesfield.

RECENT HISTORY

Season 2020/2021 will be best known for the magnificent Emirates FA Cup run which was a record breaker, having won through seven rounds beating Barnoldswick Town, Frickley Athletic, Runcorn Linnets, Nantwich Town, Chester, Colchester United and Havant & Waterlooville on the way before taking on Premier League Tottenham Hotspur at the Marine Travel Arena.

Club Officials worked tirelessly to get the green light with the relevant authorities to stage the tie at home. Meanwhile the Covid-19 pandemic was still rife, and the team only played seven league games with five wins and two losses.

Ahead of the 2021/2022 season, manager Neil Young was offered a three-year contract, in a season that would see the club promoted back to the Northern Premier League Premier Division after beating Workington away in extra time in the play-off semi final and Runcorn Linnets away in the play-off final. Marine's best performances in the FA Cup were reaching the 3rd Round in 1992/93 (losing 1-3 to Crewe Alexandra) and in 2020/21 (losing at home 0-5 to Tottenham Hotspur, with the game being broadcast live on BBC Match of the Day and watched by a record nearly 40 million viewers worldwide). Marine have twice reached the semi-finals of the FA Trophy in 1983/84 and 1991/92 and have been winners of 14 senior county cups. Marine have won the Liverpool Senior Cup eight

times and the Lancashire Challenge Trophy three times. The club is continuing to make improvements to their Marine Travel Arena base and over the last ten years have installed new floodlights, a new boardroom, new offices, hospitality suites, snack kiosk, kit store, first aid room, steward control room and club shop. In Summer 2022 the club installed a FIFA Quality Pro 3G pitch at the ground for community use and ready for a new era back in the Northern Premier League Premier Division, as well as upgrading the floodlights to an LED system. In addition a major refurbishment to the bar and function facilities created a new kitchen and outside seating area, to move the club to a seven day a week operation. The 2022/23 season ended in a 9th place finish in the club's first season back in the NPL Premier Division, with a crippling injury list eventually catching up with the squad after being in contention for the play offs until the final weeks of the campaign.

The Liverpool Senior Cup returned to the MTA for the first time in 15 years, with Pilkington, Everton and Southport all dispatched at home. Runcorn Linnets were the opponents in the Final at Widnes' DCBL Stadium, with Marine claiming the Cup for the eighth time on penalties, after a 0-0 draw in front of 2,561 fans. Gates continue to rise for the Mariners with an average of 1,243 for the season in the League, with Manager Neil Young signing a new contract to keep him at the club until 2027 as the club aim for another successful season in 2023/24.

OUR VISITORS MARINE

Matty Corran (1) – Goalkeeper

Matty joined the Mariners on a one-month loan from Wigan Athletic in October 2024. 19-year-old Matty joined Latics as an U14 after being recruited from Wirral Schoolboys in December 2018. A former Tranmere Rovers academy prospect, he is a physically imposing goalkeeper who excels with his distribution from the back, and ability to collect crosses in pressured situations. He has previously had loan spells with Leek Town and Vauxhall Motors.

Richie Cowderoy (13) – Goalkeeper

Richie is on the coaching staff as goalkeeper coach and is also registered as backup keeper, making three appearances from the bench whilst not conceding a goal last season.

Matty Waters (3) – Defender

Matty is a left back / left midfielder who joined last season on dual registration from National North Buxton FC, having previously played for Chester and Curzon Ashton in the National North, followed by a spell at Connah's Quay Nomads before his move to the Bucks. Made his debut in the Liverpool Senior Cup win over Widnes in January 2024, going on to score a memorable late winner in the 2-1 home win over Workop Town, one of 18 appearances and 3 goals during the 23/24 campaign.

Chris Doyle (5) – Defender

Chris joined from Southport where he was a key member of Liam Watson's National North team in 2022/23. The central defender was originally part of the Youth coaching set up at Marine before joining Everton and then Morecambe U18s, signing a professional contract with the Shrimps in 2012 at the age of 17. A loan spell at Chorley in 2014-15 saw him make 26 appearances as the Victory Park club reached the Conference North Play Off Final. He joined Southport in August 2016 for a two year stint before joining Marine in July 2018, where he made 42 appearances, scoring 6 goals. Summer 2019 saw him move to FC United of Manchester followed by a return to Southport in 2021. Returned to the MTA in May 2023 and signed another deal this summer, making 49 appearances with 3 goals in 2023/24.

Toby Jones – Defender

Toby is a young central defender and is the son of Assistant Manager Gary Jones. Made his first team debut in the FA Trophy tie at Marske United in October 2023 and has a promising career in front of him.

Scott Butler (2) – Defender

Wrexham born Scott represented Swansea City at youth level before signing a deal with his hometown club in October 2022. He can operate in central defence or at full back and joined the Mariners on loan in January 2024 until the end of last season, following a successful loan spell at Nantwich Town in the NPL West. He signed for the Mariners in summer 2024 following his release from Wrexham and made 19 appearances in 2023/24.

James Butler (6) – Defender

James signed from Warrington Rylands in summer 2024 on a one-year contract with an option for a second year. The centre-back joins for an undisclosed fee following a strong year with Rylands in the Northern Premier League. The player joined Rylands from Mickleover Sports

last year after coming through the youth ranks at Stoke City. He is the son of former professional Tony Butler who made over 600 appearances in the Football League.

Tom Atcheson (17) – Defender

Tom is a promising young Northern Irish defender who has represented his country at U19 level. Signed on loan in July from EFL Championship side Blackburn Rovers until January 2025.

Kacper Pasiek (21) – Defender

Polish defender Kacper joined the Mariners on loan from Championship club Preston North End in August, until January 2025. The 18-year-old left-back spent time on loan with Warrington Town last season, playing ten times in the National League North. Kacper has been with Preston since the age of nine, progressing through their youth and scholarship system.

Joe Mattock (22) – Defender

The defender has over 400 EFL appearances under his belt, including more than 280 in the Championship. Joe brings a wealth of experience and nous to the side, and will help our young side with his elite mentality, being able to operate at both left-back and centre-back

James Brown (23) – Defender

The Maltese international has experience playing in League Two, the Scottish Premier League, and also in the Championship, having represented the likes of Millwall, St Johnstone and Lincoln City. The 26-year-old Dover born right-back will provide an elite level of experience and skillset to Neil Young's team.

Charley Doyle – Midfielder (DOB 16/09/1998)

Charley is a midfielder who signed for the club in summer 2022, having spent the previous two seasons at Stalybridge Celtic in the NPL Premier Division. He came through the junior and youth ranks at Blackburn Rovers before joining Stalybridge in September 2020. Manager's Player of the Year for 2022/23, making 45 appearances. He suffered a broken leg last season which kept him sidelined for most of the campaign but is now fit again for the 2024/25 season.

Owen Robinson (10) – Midfielder

Owen is an attacking midfielder who signed in June 2023 following the expiry of his contract with Sunderland, having joined the Wearsiders the previous summer.

He progressed through the Youth ranks at AFC Fylde and had loan spells at Lancaster City and Warrington Rylands. Returned from a loan spell at neighbours Bootle FC in November 2023 and established himself as a key member of Neil Young's squad, making 37 appearances with 5 goals in 2023/24. He has most recently been on loan at neighbours Bootle, before returning to the MTA on a permanent deal in November 2023.

Harvey Gregson (8) – Midfielder

Harvey joined from Atherton Collieries in December 2023 and operates mainly in central midfield. He has previously had spells with AFC Fylde, Redditch United and Bamber Bridge prior to his time with Atherton. Gregson has experience playing at National League North level with Fylde, also appearing in the FA Youth Cup for the Coasters. Last season saw him make 30 appearances with one goal for the Mariners.



Leigh Whelan (4) – Midfielder

The Irishman started his youth career in England with Chesterfield after making the trip across the Irish sea alongside his close friend, Marine forward Kallan Murphy. The pair also represented Guiseley together over the past two seasons. The midfielder made 35 league appearances for the Lions last term.

Regan Griffiths (18) – Midfielder

The central midfielder has experience at both EFL and National League level, having played 23 times in League One and 18 times in League Two, spending time with the likes of Notts County and Boreham Wood after coming through the academy at Crewe Alexandra. Still 24 years old, Regan is a fantastic addition to Neil Young's side for the 2024/25 season following his departure from Kidderminster Harriers.

Kristi Montgomery (16) – Midfielder

Kristi is a Scottish midfielder with Premier League 2 and FA Youth Cup experience under his belt. Signed on loan in July from EFL Championship side Blackburn Rovers until January 2025.

Jez Davies (24) – Midfielder (DOB 10/07/2004)

Jez joined the Mariners on a month-long loan from Salford City in September 2024.

20-year-old Davies started out with our friends over at Tottenham Hotspur, before representing Burnley at youth level and eventually joining Salford in January this year.

Jez mainly operates in central midfield and can also play out wide.

Finlay Sinclair-Smith (20) – Forward

Fin ended the 2022/23 season in 4th place in the Pitching In NPL Premier Division scoring chart, netting 18 League goals (including a brace at the MTA) for Bamber Bridge as they reached the Play Off Final. He began his career at Blackpool and had a spell at Marine in 2018, scoring twice in a memorable FA Cup win at National North side Brackley Town. A spell at Longridge Town preceded a move to FC United of Manchester in December 2019, where he spent two seasons before moving to Bamber Bridge in September 2021.

In 2023 Fin won the Player's Player and Supporters' Player of the Year awards at Irlongate as Brig enjoyed their highest League finish in 27 years, before making the move to the MTA in June 2023.

He also collected the accolade of NPL Premier Division Young Player of the Season, a feat he repeated again last season as he netted 27 times in 49 appearances, also being named in the Premier Division team of the season

Bobby Grant (9) – Forward

Bobby is a player with Football League experience under his belt, having represented the likes of Blackpool, Accrington Stanley, Fleetwood Town and Rochdale. The Crosby based striker has made over 500 senior appearances to date with more than a century of goals. He also had a spell as player-manager of Radcliffe between 2021 and 2023.

Joined the Mariners after a spell at Litherland REMYCA in January 2024, quickly making an impact as he scored 12 goals in 22 games.

Liam Paton – Forward

Liam joined Neil Young's first team squad in summer 2023, becoming the first Academy player to sign a contract for the First team. Previous Clubs- Skelmersdale United, City of Liverpool. 'Pato' is a very skilful

and direct striker. He is great at beating a man, and at times has been known to take on the whole opposition. He has won a lot of individual awards including player of the year and top goalscorer for the Academy team. Liam spent the 2023/24 season on loan at AFC Liverpool and will be looking to step up to the National League North in 2024/25.

Kallan Murphy (11) – Forward

Irish born Kallan previously played for Chesterfield after making the move to England, winning their under-19 Player of the Season award during his time in their youth ranks.

He notched eight goals for Guiseley last season as they finished 10th in the NPL, joining the Mariners in summer 2024.

Adam Thomas (7) – Forward

Adam joined the Mariners in May 2024 having the experience of winning the National League North with Stockport County in 2018/19, so will provide vital know-how to the team in our first season in the league. Thomas mainly operates on the right wing, scoring three times in 17 National League North appearances for the Seals last term, and netting seven goals in 13 starts in the previous campaign. The wide forward started his youth progress with Everton, before spending time with Stoke City's youth sides, and has also represented Curzon Ashton, Hednesford and Macclesfield earlier in his career.

Brad Holmes (14) – Forward

Brad played his youth football for Bolton Wanderers before moving to the Blackpool in 2020, where he made appearances in the Championship and League One. The striker has since spent time on loan with Chorley, AFC Fylde and Southport so already has 45 National League North games under his belt. Holmes' signing is an important one to strengthen Neil Young's attacking options heading into our first-ever National League North campaign.

Oluwasegun Lawal (12) – Forward

Signed for Marine in September 2024. Ola, who can operate in attacking midfield, as a second striker or on the left, has previously represented Falkirk in Scottish League One as well as Chippenham in the National League South. Ola's signing bolsters Neil Young's squad, especially in the forward areas providing a versatile attacking threat.

Chanka Zimba (19) – Forward

Zimba operates centrally in the forward positions and after coming through the academy at Blackburn Rovers, joined Cardiff City where he gained experience with Northampton and Newport County, so has League Two and National League experience. Chanka's signing strengthens Neil Young's options in the forward areas, providing extra firepower up front and joined in September 2024.

Enock Lusiana (15) – Forward

The 24-year-old is a strong, tall striker who bolsters Neil Young's attacking options even further following the recent signings of Chanka Zimba and Ola Lawal.

Zaragoza born Enock moved to England from Spain in 2019 and played in the non-league pyramid before signing his first professional contract with Accrington Stanley in 2022.

He then represented Atherton Collieries and Halesowen before joining up with the Mariners in September 2024.

SFC 16-19 Academy

BY Academy Manager David Morgan

Since the last time I provided an update, we have made some great strides in both The ECFA Cup competition as well as The North West U21

Cup. In the ECFA Cup we have progressed through into the last 32 where we will face Steven Gerrard Academy. In the U21 cup we face Stalybridge Celtic in the next round.

This progress has been brilliant for us as a club, but we have been extremely pleased with the progress made from players both in terms of performances and also their attitude.

Cup action has meant we have been limited in terms of the league games we have managed to play recently, but last time out we were able to record a 2-1 victory against Huyton FC who provided

us with a very difficult challenge. We also beat Vulcan FC 5-1 with an outstanding goal that set us on our way from Andrew Cunningham. Our only defeat since our last update was at the



hands to an Ashville FC team, who on another day we could easily have been out of sight at half time but unfortunately, we did not take our chances. We went down to 10 men and conceded two goals in the second half to record a disappointing 2-1 defeat. We have made some great progress since the beginning of the season in the league and we are hopeful that this continues as we aim to climb up the league.

We have now had more players go out to men's football and be involved within training and start to understand what is required at that level. This is always something that we aim to provide our academy players with. Players who have gone out and experienced this have both received positive feedback and provided us with positive feedback on the clubs they have gone into. Over the next few months, we hope they excel in sessions with these teams and can start to make an impact and force their way into being involved in their squads for a match day.

Recruitment for next season started as soon as we finished for last season! We are always aiming to provide a unique experience and

opportunities for our players. At our first trial we had 61 players who showed an interest in wanting to join us, which is extremely pleasing for us and it demonstrates that as a club, we are continually improving. We hope these numbers continue to rise and we can continually improve and strive to be better.

Our next trial dates are below and we are still actively recruiting for players, so please spread the word.



SOUTHPORT FOOTBALL CLUB
16-19 ACADEMY
OPEN TRIALS
WOMEN'S 2025-26 INTAKE
THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY | 4PM - 6PM
THE BIG HELP STADIUM | HAIG AVE | PR8 6JZ

- A full-time training programme whilst studying
- High-level coaching by UEFA Qualified coaches
- Use of gym facilities
- Access to match analysis, termly & monthly feedback
- Progression to SFC Women's team

 **SIGN UP HERE** 

MATCHDAY BEHIND THE SCENES

— By Kim Wood —

A look at our unsung heroes and heroines who are the life blood of the club and make matchday happen.

“The man behind the mic ”

Delivering unbiased commentary with the passion of a fan –
Joe Cunliffe Media Commentator



In the last few seasons one of the innovations of the media team has been to provide radio commentary. One of its success's has been that of matchday commentator – Joe Cunliffe.

I asked Joe how it all started, and he replied “I started volunteering for the media team at the very end of the 2022-23 season. It was Rob that contacted me, asking if I would fancy helping after he saw a promotional video I posted online.”

As a listener I’m amazed that he knows which opposition player has scored against us in the

past, so I asked him the question as to the amount of research he does prior to a game “It depends on the opposition, when we play the likes of Chorley/Chester, I tend not to have to do as much research as I’ve got quite a good understanding of non-league football in the region. However, recently against Rushall, I wasn’t as familiar, so did more research”, Joe replied.

Working alongside Rob despite your age differences you’ve developed a great rapport with him, becoming the Saint and Greavsie of



radio. Joe said “We are working well together; we’ve started to learn each other’s role more and the structure of the commentary session is becoming more established. However just when you think you have some dead ball time to talk about off-the-field stuff, five seconds later a team can go up and score, so we are both still definitely learning”

Online criticism has been made as to the bias in the commentaries, so I asked Joe how easy it is to relay what you are seeing without the emotions and passion taking control. His response was “One of the reasons I enjoy doing our audio commentary is because we do not have to hide the passion and emotions as much, compared to if we were commentating for National League TV. Still, I have a job to do so it is important that I get the correct info over to the listeners, so they know what is going in the game. We are both Southport fans at the end of the day, so that passion will always be there”. Which I thought was a great reply especially given the time these guys give up free to the club.

Having arrived at the ground on a Saturday at 1pm he normally finishes after the final whistle. For away trips he travels with the team so trips to the likes of Kings Lynn are a 14-hour day.



However, that doesn’t mean his work has ended. After refereeing on a Sunday morning, (another of Joe’s passions) he will then spend between 2 - 3 hours editing the highlights of the game.

Logging into the commentary you can see where Southport fans have joined in from. Normally its somewhere sunny and warm, so its great to see the diaspora of our fan base. But wherever you are in the world listening, it brings us all together having this great service being broadcast into our homes. Thanks, Joe, for bringing us close to the action with the passion of a fan to another.



MATCHACTION

SOUTHPORT v WARRINGTON TOWN FA TROPHY

On a day that saw 12 National League North clubs exit the FA Trophy we enjoyed a comfortable win against Warrington Town.

Brackley went out at Hashtag United, Scunthorpe exited at home to Warrington Rylands, Chester lost at Gainsborough and Hereford went down at home to Brentwood were amongst the big shocks. I am sure they

will all be saying they want to concentrate on the league!

The gate of 1166 was the best home FA Trophy gate since the 1473 in the Quarter Final against Wrexham back in 2012-13. With less than 100 visiting fans it was a great turn out.



Luke Burgess makes it 1-0



2-0



Sonny completes the scoring



Welcome to today's match between Southport and Marine



Thank You for Your Support!

As always, we want to thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support. Whether you're a fan, a volunteer, or a partner organisation, you are a vital part of our community, and we couldn't achieve what we do without you. Let's continue to work together to make Southport FC and our community stronger than ever!

Our Walking Football Teams continue to thrive so much so that the Monday morning session at Dunes is oversubscribed and we are now taking up three of the pitches at Dunes.

Despite this new players are always welcome. We are looking at adding an additional "Strictly Walking" session on another day.

To recap we have a Strictly Walking session every Monday at Dunes between 10 and 11 which as the title says is played strictly to the WFA rules and is for the over 50's. It is £2 per player per session and pre-registration is required for this session. Colin Day manages the Monday session alongside Steve Thompson. Contact Rob Urwin in the first instance for more details of how to get involved in this. The group have regular friendlies against other Walking Football sides and 2024 saw the Over 60's, 65's and 70's take part in the National Walking Football Cup all winning their initial games before bowing out to sides who have been playing a lot longer than our teams.

Last Sunday we had a friendly at Neston and went down 5-1 with a fringe squad. It was a really tight game with the score held at 1-0 after the first 25 minute period (3 x 25 minutes were played) the second period was when Neston got on top and that ended 3-0 and the third was destined to be 1-0 win until the last kick of the game saw Neston grab a goal.

We also have a session on a Wednesday (11-12 at Dunes and also £2) run by Rob Urwin which is classed as Veterans (Over 50's) Football which plays to the same rules as Walking Football except we do allow a bit more movement. Despite the title we do have a few under 50's who have had injuries and want to carry on playing or other players who enjoy the Community aspect of the group. This is a turn up and play session with teams organised on the day.

The numbers attending have ranged from 10 to 26.

As Rob says "I never intended playing when I started up the group at the club but they were always short of a 'keeper so having played a bit in goal at school 50+ years ago and never having played since I gave it a go and really enjoy it. It's a great group and I have ended up playing in goal for the Over 60's and 65's in friendlies and tournaments which very definitely wasn't on the agenda when I started out. It is good for fitness and meeting new people and everyone is made to feel very welcome"

Contact Rob either by phone 077900-41514 or mail rob@southportfc.net for more details on how to join.

Southport FC Community Foundation: Celebrating James Connell's Remarkable Achievement

We are thrilled to shine a spotlight on James Connell, an incredible member of our walking group who has shown immense determination and resilience. James, who is completely blind, has an ambitious goal: to walk 60 miles by the end of November in support of Prostate Cancer.

Not only has James smashed his initial target, but he has already completed an astounding 124 miles—and he isn't stopping there! With his new goal of 200 miles within reach, James is inspiring everyone with his dedication to such a vital cause.

We wholeheartedly congratulate James on his amazing efforts and encourage anyone who wishes to support his journey to visit his fundraising page at justgiving.com/fundraising/james1729773565109.

Well done, James—your Southport FC family is proud of you!

CLUB NEWS

Back on home ground and now celebrating his 30th Birthday is Adam Laithwaite



After being in Australia for the last 8 years and never forgetting his support for his local football team "The yellows/Sandgrounders, Adam is at today's game/ Let it be a winning score for him lads. Have a great day best wishes from family and friends and everyone at Southport Football Club.

John Bradshaw

A Message from John's family

Hello everyone at today's game. Terry, Nick and family are saddened to announce the passing of our Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad, local Football legend, John Bradshaw.



Locally John's playing career was mostly with Formby Dons then as a manager, he also went on to manage numerous local teams and assisted Southport Reserves alongside Barry Hedley at one point. The smell of linament and kits on the washing line kindly washed by Mum Eileen. John retired early from the ambulance service and his knowledge of First Aid was soon recognised by other legends of the game Roly Howard and Roger Patience at Marine were as physio and advisor he was affectionately named John Chop due to his way of explaining things to people. After many years with Marine Roly, Rodger and John called time out at Marine.

John came back to Southport as an advisor to Charlie Clapham and supported Barry and Liam.

One of our best memories of Southport FC was as kids going to the top of the main stand and sliding down the wall to see who could get to the bottom first.

Enjoy today's game, let's hope it's a 5-5 draw with a last minute equaliser for your team, enjoy it...John will be watching from above

Bonus Points For Attending
in Christmas Jumpers!



Southport FC QUIZ NIGHT

WIN £75 PORTOVINO SOUTHPORT VOUCHER
WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER - QUIZ STARTS 8PM

HOSTED IN THE LEASECAR UK LOUNGE
EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
DOORS OPEN FROM 7PM

BAR OFFERS WILL APPLY

THE OFFICIAL QUIZ PARTNER OF SOUTHPORT FC



FOR INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDING COMEDY NIGHTS, RACE NIGHTS, MUSIC
ENTERTAINMENT, BINGO, SPORTSMANS DINNERS AND MORE
EMAIL [DARREN.COURT@SOUTHPORTFC.NET](mailto:darren.court@southportfc.net)

SONNY HILTON

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

My Dad has helped me a lot along the way

Who is the joker in the dressing room?

He's racking up the votes is our Marcus!

What type of car do you drive?

BMW

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

Marine!

Who was your football hero as a youngster?

Messi

What is your job away from football?

I am a delivery driver

Any superstitions?

I have a good few and they swap and change

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

Saka

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

Representing my country at different levels

What do you think is a good night out?

Play Station & Pizza

Which football team do you support?

Liverpool

Do you play any other sport?

I used to do Taekwando and I am a black belt

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

I like going on adventure walks, mountain climbing etc.



Autograph



CALL US ON
0344 745 1818

**MAKING YOUR
CAR LEASING
JOURNEY SIMPLE
AND EASY**

- **FREE UK MAINLAND DELVIERY**
- **BRAND NEW CARS**
- **ALL MAKES AND MODELS**

LeaseCar.uk



- **LOW INITIAL RENTAL AVAILABLE**
- **LEASING CARS FOR 25 YEARS**
- **LOW COST MOTORING**

WWW.LEASECAR.UK



4.9 out of 5 on Trustpilot

FORMER PLAYERS



Chris Price was on hand to draw out the 50/50 Winner in the match against Warrington



Quite appropriate that we remember Chris in our Former Player feature this afternoon as his late goal at Marine back in 2003-04 could possibly go down as a goal that changed the history of the club.

With new manager Liam Watson under a bit of pressure after a slightly indifferent start to his managerial career Chris popped up with a rare goal, he scored 5 in the league in 51 starts plus 2 in cup games, that possibly saved Liam his job. That can never be substantiated but Liam has often mentioned it when you talk to him.

Head of Media at Marine, Dave McMillan also reminded me Paul Culshaw had been given Marine man of the match over the PA in that game, which seemed to distract him as he gave it straight to your player who crossed and the rest is history!

Sometimes underrated as a player by the fans he was never underrated by his manager who has regularly mentioned how vital he was in the dressing room with the players.

He joined from Runcorn at the same time as Steve Daly following Liam from Runcorn after he was appointed to the manager role. He enjoyed two spells at the club having left during the 2005-06 season to join Salybridge before returning in 2008-09.

Pricey also has the “honour” of holding Non League Player Number 500. If that can actually be classed as an honour.



MATCH DETAILS

FOR 2024/25

August				Pts	Av											Line Up	
Sat 10	H	Alfreton Town	W	3-1	--	1235	Renshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore	1	Knight-Perinell	Keane			Lloyd	1
Sat 17	A	Needham Market	W	2-1	4	434	Renshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore		Knight-Perinell	Keane			Lloyd	1
Tue 20	A	Spennymoor Town	L	0-2	8	1270	Renshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore		Knight-Perinell	Keane			Lloyd	1
Sat 24	H	Hereford	L	1-4	13	1322	Renshaw	Minhan	Stafford	Moore		Quinnah	Keane			Lloyd	1
Mon 26	A	Chorley	L	1-4	18	1760	Renshaw	Thompson	Doyle	Moore		Quinnah	Keane			Lloyd	1
Sat 31	H	Buxton	W	2-2	13	1257	Renshaw	Thompson	Doyle	Moore		Knight-Perinell	Quinnah			Lloyd	1
September																	
Tue 3	H	Farsley Celtic	D	1-1	13	785	Renshaw	Thompson	Doyle	Stafford		Knight-Perinell	Quinnah			Lloyd	1
Sat 7	H	Raunds	D	2-2	14	1458	Renshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore		Knight-Perinell	Quinnah			Lloyd	1
Sat 14	H	Hyde United(FAC 3Q)	W	2-1	--	1062	Renshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore		Keane	Quinnah			Lloyd	1
Sat 21	A	Darlington	L	0-3	18	1430	Renshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Quinnah		Knight-Perinell	Keane			Lloyd	1
Sat 28	H	Curzon Ashton (FAC 3Q)	L	0-1	--	980	Renshaw	Minhan	Stafford	Moore		Quinnah	Keane			Lloyd	1
October																	
Sat 5	H	Brackley Town	D	0-0	17	1058	Renshaw	Minhan	Stafford	Moore		Knight-Perinell	Moore			Lloyd	1
Sat 12	H	South Shields	W	3-0	10	1502	Renshaw	Thompson	Doyle	Moore	1	Knight-Perinell	Quinnah			Lloyd	1
Sat 19	A	Scarborough Athletic	W	2-1	8	1502	Renshaw	Thompson	Doyle	Stafford		Knight-Perinell	1	Quinnah		Lloyd	1
Tue 22	A	Leamington	L	0-3	15	387	Renshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Arthur		Knight-Perinell	Quinnah			Lloyd	1
Sat 26	H	Scanthorpe United	W	3-2	8	1460	Renshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Arthur		Knight-Perinell	Quinnah			Lloyd	1
Tue 29	H	Rushall Olympic	W	2-0	6	1068	Renshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Arthur		Knight-Perinell	Moore			Lloyd	1
November																	
Sat 2	A	Oxford City	D	1-1	3	305	Renshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Arthur		Knight-Perinell	Moore			Lloyd	1
Sat 9	H	Peterborough Sports	L	1-2	15	1233	Renshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Arthur		Knight-Perinell	Moore			Lloyd	1
Tue 12	A	Warrington Town(L SC)	W	2-0	--	352	Renshaw	Thompson	Stafford	Arthur		Quinnah	Moore			Williams	1
Sat 16	H	Warrington (FAT 2)	W	2-0	--	3186	Renshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore		Knight-Perinell	Quinnah			Williams	1
Tue 19	H	Nelson(LCT)	D	1-1	--	216	McMillan	Spiller	Stafford	1	Arthur		Quinnah	Moore		Hilton	1
Sat 23	A	King's Lynn Town	L	0-1	13	870	Renshaw	Minhan	Stafford	Moore		Knight-Perinell	Quinnah			Williams	1
Tue 26	A	Curzon Ashton	L	0-1	15	236	Renshaw	Thompson	Doyle	Arthur		Quinnah	Moore			Williams	1
Sat 30	H	Moss															
December																	
Sat 7	H	Peterborough Sports(FAT3)															
Sat 14	H	Needham Market															
Sat 21	A	Kidderminster Harriers															
Thur 26	H	Warrington Town															
January																	
Wed 3	A	Chester															
Sat 4	A	Alfreton Town															
Sat 11	H	Leamington															
Sat 18	A	Hereford															
Sat 25	H	Chorley															
Tue 28	H	Spennymoor Town															
February																	
Sat 1	A	Buxton															
Sat 8	A	Radcliffe															
Tue 11	A	Farsley Celtic															
Sat 15	H	Darlington															
Sat 22	A	Brackley Town															
Tue 26	H	Curzon Ashton															
March																	
Sat 1	A	Peterborough Sports															
Sat 8	H	King's Lynn Town															
Tue 11	A	Moss															
Sat 15	A	Rushall Olympic															
Sat 22	H	Scarborough Athletic															
Sat 29	A	Scanthorpe United															
April																	
Sat 5	H	Oxford City															
Sat 12	A	South Shields															
Fri 18	H	Chester															
Mon 21	A	Warrington Town															
Sat 26	H	Kidderminster Harriers															

* Won 4-2 on pens

2024/25 #ONEPORT 27

MATCHACTION

SOUTHPORT v NELSON Lancashire Challenge Trophy

On a bitterly cold night we went through on penalties 4-2 after a 1-1 draw with Tony Mc saving two pens in what was his 303rd appearance for the club.

A goal of the season contender from Jack Stafford brought the scores level in the 41st minute and it stayed that way at the end of the 90 minutes.

Line Up: Tony McMillan, Jack Bentley (Minihan 75), Keenan Quansah, Tom Moore, Festus Arthur, Jack Stafford, David Morgan (Williams 46), Sonny Hilton, Renato De Oliveira Gomes (Carver 75), Jamie Proctor (Heath 62), Dior Angus
Subs: Chris Renshaw, Luke Burgess

It was our 18th penalty shoot out and we enjoy a fairly decent record winning 14 of them.

The penalty scorers were Dior Angus who had missed a pen in normal time but coolly slotted the first one home, Marcus Carver, Sonny Hilton and Josh Williams.

At the time of typing we don't know our Quarter Final opponents but it will be one from Atherton Colls v Lancaster, Longridge, Thornton Cleveleys v Radcliffe, Bamber Bridge, Bacup Borough, Atherton LR v Ashton Athletic or Padiham v Colne.

First starts given to Renato De Oliveira Gomes and Jack Bentley who ended up with the Man Of The Match award from our Chairman.



Jack Stafford pictured was our 482nd scorer in all competitions.



Former 'Port Player Billy Priestley was in the Nelson starting X1 and captain

FA TROPHY MATCH-DAY HOSPITALITY

Southport v Peterborough Sports 07.12.24

FA Trophy Second Round

Arrive 1PM, Kick-Off 3PM



Celebrate the festive season - host your Christmas party with us!

A hospitality ticket includes:

- Serving platters served to your table
- Pre-match interview with a member of the playing staff
- Access to table service and cash bar facilities
- Half-time tea and coffee refreshments
- A matchday programme and team sheet
- Reserved prime padded stadium seating
- Join us for the Player of the Match presentation
- Relax with SFC players and officials

Get an individual ticket at a table of 8
for just **£351 (inc VAT)**

Or **£260 (inc VAT)** per full table of 8

Contact darren.court@southportfc.net or
07897 191040 to book



SANDGROUNDERS BUSINESS CLUB

 Every second Thursday of the month



 Southport FC, The Big Help Stadium

Contact:

darren.court@southportfc.net
chris@birkdaleinsurancegroup.co.uk

PLAYER SHIRT SP

1
CHRIS RENSHAW



H: Wendy Spencer Support Business Services
A: Andy Gibson Foundation
3rd: Rob & Julia Urwin

2
MATTY THOMSON



H: Vacant
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

3
JACK DOYLE



H: Mike Corcoran
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

4



9
JAMIE PROCTOR



H: Qatar Sandgrounders
A: SFC Foundation
3rd: Vacant

10
MARCUS CARVER



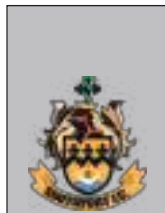
H: Ben & Bekka Helm
A: Pinetree Garden Maintenance
3rd: SFC Juniors

11
DIORANGUS



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



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

5

HARRY FLOWERS



H: Vacant
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

6

NATHANIEL
KNIGHT-PERCIVAL



H: Vacant
A: Vacant
3rd: Elliot Winfield

7

DANNY LLOYD



H: Anthony Booth
A: Graham Booth
3rd: Vacant

8

DAVID MORGAN



H: Vacant
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

13

TONY McMILLAN



H: Vacant
A: Isla Winfield Qatar
3rd: Grace Winfield

14

KEENAN QUANSAH



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

15

TOM MOORE



H: Rowan Miltenburg
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

16

JORDAN KEANE



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

20

RENATO DE OLIVEIRA



H: Vacant
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

22

SAM MINIHAN



H: John Hardisty
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

23

JACK STAFFORD



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

24

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 24 programmes.

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

The Top Team this week comes from Steve Jackson

This is actually very hard to do and I've actually kept to non league days, (well not quite) as they are the most recent memories but which has meant excluding the

likes of Eric Redrobe, Jim Fryatt, Andy Provan, Frank Lee, George Dewsnip.

Steve Dickinson



We've been blessed with several good goalkeepers; many staying with us for long periods. 284 games says it all.

Martin Clark



A consistent performer, joining us in 94/5.

Dave Fuller

First saw him play against us for Bangor City and was impressed. A mainstay at the back of the 1993 promotion side



Callum Howe



Perhaps a surprise choice, didn't play many games; coming in I think on loan, but a class, resolute centre back.

Earl Davies



An absolute legend and a rock at the back. No other words necessary.

Steve Pickford



Committed, never gave up and chipped in with some goals too.

Shaun Whalley



His quality just shone through

Paul Comstive

A local lad, strong and one who'd enjoyed a Football



League career. Not many got past him. Taken far too soon.

Steve Daly



Scored for fun! 97 goals in 180 games, not bad!

Steve Haw



Another who banged in the goals and did so for Marine

too. A tremendous predator especially in the 1992/93 championship side.

David Gamble



A wand of a left foot. Scored many a good goal; but a memory for me was a terrific pass in the rain at Ramsbottom in the FA Cup in 1998, straight into the path of Brain Ross who shot home. And if allowed...A Handful Of Subs

Carl Baker

Very hard to leave out; a terrific player

Andy Gouck

No nonsense midfielder, and the opposition knew he was there.

Gary Cooper

Scored the 1st non league hat trick at Marine in Nov 1981, and "that goal" v Hull City in the League Cup at Haig Avenue.



Official benchwear provider



here for **all** of your
teamwear needs



Enquiries

sales@newbalanceteam.co.uk

Web

www.newbalanceteam.co.uk



UCFB

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS OF FOOTBALL BUSINESS

Kick off *your* career in the sports industry

Turn your passion for football into a career with the **University Campus of Football Business** where you can study a wide range of courses with access to **iconic stadiums** and **global summits**.

Over 90%* of UCFB graduates find **full-time employment within 6 months** of graduating with **two thirds** of those working in football and sport

* UCFB Internal Graduate Census undertaken 6-9 months after course completion (45% response rate)



Premier League



EFL

UCFB alumni have worked in each of the **20 Premier League clubs** and **over 50 of the 72 EFL clubs**



“

The course has been exceptional for learning so many skills within the industry. The lecturers and module leaders have all really guided me on my journey, and I wouldn't be where I am now without the help that UCFB has given me.

Rio Rosenberg

BA (Hons) Football Business and Media student and Women's Content Creator at Chelsea FC



Scan here for more information and how to apply or visit **UCFB.ac.uk**

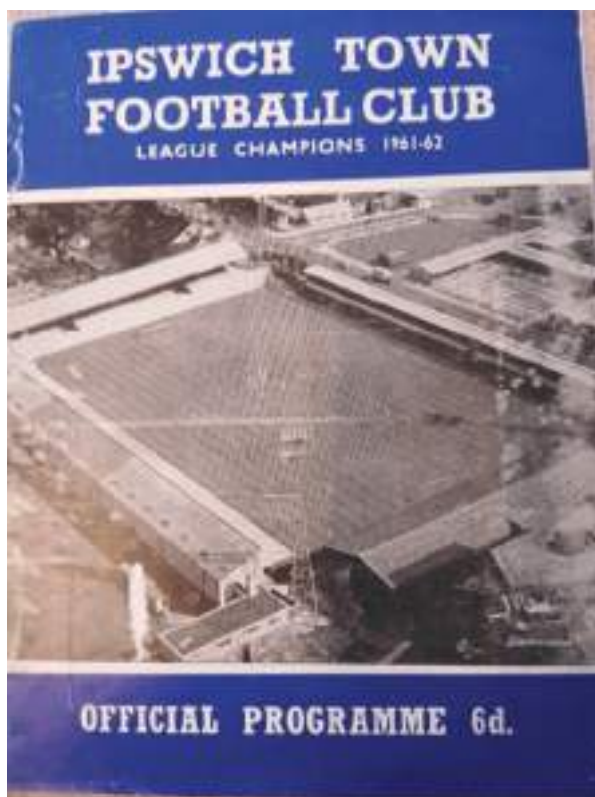


FROM THE ARCHIVES

By Kim Wood

“Tractor boys , ploughed”

Bingham boys snatch last minute victory at Ipswich Town



Back page headlines in the national newspapers the morning after the cup victory

Cup fever arrived in Southport as Billy Bingham's boys faced Ipswich Town in the F A Cup 3rd tie on 22nd January 1966. Ipswich had been the old 1st Division Champions only 4 years previously.

In anticipation of a big crowd (9,689) the Corporation laid on additional buses from Ainsdale, Crossen and as many buses from the station at Chapel Street as they could get drivers. Even local Saturday District

league football fixtures were cancelled as teams could not field 11 players, given the big attraction at Haig Avenue. A new record gate receipt of £2,2445 was established and the crowd were entertained to a thrilling match.

Whilst the result ended in a 0-0 draw Southport were not in awe of the Tractor Boys from Suffolk. It was only for a wonderful save in the 88th minute from Ipswich keeper denying Alan Spence the winner.

The Visiter reported that “Southport had been denied what had been an undisputed deserved victory. But after this performance they should not been written off at Portman Road for the replay”

Within minutes of the replay kicking off The Visiter office was inundated with telephone calls for news of the match. Anxious fans could not any live information which was impossible then, unlike today with up to minute updates from out great media team.

Southport had set up with a strong defence of Fred Molyneux, Alex Parker and Terry MacDonald to contain the Ipswich attack. It was on the counter attack in the 26th minute Alan Spence broke the dead lock. Taking a 1-0 lead into half team the home side equalised within a minute of the restart. The strong rearguard defence were then pounded by the Ipswich attack and was breached in the 69th minute, with the home side taking a 2- 1 advantage.

Southport however were far from beaten and started to dominate the game for the first time. Again, the Ipswich keeper Hancock made numerous saves to maintain their lead. Yet in the 82nd minute Southport



Matchday programme from the replay

equalised, which the Visiter described “a goal in a million as Russell who had beaten 2 men and flicked the ball inside to Spence, who hit the ball first time and rocketed the ball into the net from 20 yards”. With extra time approaching, 20 seconds from the end Colin Alty snatched the winner to record a 3-2 victory.

The attendance for the replay was 15,446 and 3 coaches had left from Southport, as well as many private cars. At least 50 jubilant Sandgrounders joined the victorious team at their hotel to celebrate well into the night.

At 10:56 pm the Visiter Office took its last call from a lady in Glasgow asking, “How’s Southport gone on?” the operator was intrigued why she was interested in the game for someone from so far away, to be informed she was an ex resident and “simply could not wait for morning papers to learn of the result”

38 #ONEPORT 2024/25

38 #ONEPORT 2024/25

League Table

26-Nov		HOME						AWAY									
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GS	GA	GD	PTS	
1	Chorley	19	6	2	1	17	6	4	3	3	13	13	30	21	9	36	
2	Scunthorpe	19	4	4	1	20	7	5	2	3	13	7	33	14	19	33	
3	Curzon Ashton	17	4	2	3	11	5	6	1	1	11	6	22	11	11	33	
4	Kings Lynn	19	6	1	3	15	9	4	2	3	10	10	25	19	6	30	
5	Kidderminster	18	5	3	1	16	4	4	1	4	10	12	26	18	10	31	
6	Buxton	19	7	0	4	21	11	3	1	4	10	11	31	22	9	31	
7	Chester	18	7	2	2	17	6	2	2	3	6	12	23	18	5	31	
8	Brackley Town	17	4	1	4	9	9	5	2	1	11	4	20	13	7	30	
9	Alfreton Town	17	3	3	2	11	9	5	2	2	13	10	24	19	5	29	
10	South Shields	19	5	1	3	15	11	4	0	6	13	19	28	30	-2	28	
11	Hareford	17	3	3	2	14	7	4	3	2	11	10	25	17	8	27	
12	Spennymoor	19	3	4	2	13	9	3	4	3	15	13	28	22	6	26	
13	Southport	19	5	3	3	19	14	2	1	6	7	17	25	31	-6	26	
14	Leamington	18	5	2	2	17	10	1	3	5	5	9	22	19	3	23	
15	Darlington	18	4	4	1	11	6	1	4	4	7	12	18	18	0	23	
16	Peterborough Sports	19	3	2	4	8	9	3	3	4	12	16	20	25	-5	23	
17	Scarborough	16	3	2	3	8	7	2	4	2	11	12	19	19	0	21	
18	Weymouth	19	3	2	5	9	13	1	6	2	9	11	18	24	-6	20	
19	Farsley	19	1	0	4	3	7	5	2	7	16	25	19	32	-13	20	
20	Blackburn	18	2	2	5	14	12	2	4	3	8	12	22	31	-9	18	
21	Oxford City	19	1	4	4	13	18	3	2	5	13	18	26	36	-10	18	
22	Marine	18	3	4	4	9	10	1	1	6	2	13	11	23	-12	17	
23	Newham Market	19	1	1	7	6	14	3	2	6	7	19	13	33	-20	15	
24	Flintshire	18	2	3	5	12	15	1	0	7	5	17	17	32	-15	12	

League Match Stats

SOUTHPORT FC LEAGUE MATCH STATS @ 26 November 2024															
		H		A		CURRENT SEQUENCES		Home		W		D		L	
Times of Goals	For	Ag	F	A	F	A	Games Scored in	0	Scoring first	4	4				
1-9 mins	0	1		1			Wins	0	Conceding first	5	1	2	2		
10-19 mins	2	3	2	2		1	Defeats	3	Winning at half time	3	3				
20-29 mins	1	5	2	2	1	3	Draws	0	Drawing at half time	5	2	2	1		
30-39 mins	1	3	2	3	1	3	GAMES SINCE		Losing at half time	2		1	1		
40-49 mins	5	6	4	2	1	4	A Win	4	Away			W	D	L	
50-59 mins	8	7	6	3	2	4	A Home Win	1	Scoring first	1	1				
60-69 mins	1	3	2	3	1	2	An Away Win	4	Conceding first	8	1	1	4		
Added Time	1	3	1	2		1	A Defeat	0	Winning at half time	1	1				
TOTAL	25	31	19	14	4	17	An Away Defeat	0	Drawing at half time	1		1	2		
PENALTIES		H		A		A Home Defeat <td>0</td> <td>Losing at half time</td> <td>5</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td>4</td> <td></td> <td></td>		0	Losing at half time	5	1		4		
	For	Ag	F	A	F	A	A Score Draw	3							
Penalties Awarded	0	2				2	A No Score Draw	9	Goal Frequency	0	1	2	3	4	
Penalties Scored	0	2				2	Conceding A Goal	0	Goals Scored	6	5	4	4		
WHICH END?	F	A					Scoring A Goal	2	Goals Conceded	3	7	5	2	2	
Stomach End	8	7					GOAL METHOD		Winning Margin	5	2	1			
Scambrick End	11	7					Open Play	20	Losing Margin	3	1	1			
TOTAL	19	14					Corner	2	Draws	1	2	1			
							Penalty	0	League	F	A				
							Direct Free Kick	0	RED CARDS	1	1				
							Indirect Free Kick	3	YELLOW CARDS	31					
							Headed Goals	3							

NON LEAGUE ROUND UP

November 24th

After a rather indifferent run, Scunthorpe returned to the top of the table after a 2-0 win at previously unbeaten at home Leamington in front of Leamington's best gate so far 912.

Whilst Leamington were having their best gate, Buxton 501 v Oxford, Peterborough Spors 187 v Spennymoor (with a coachload of Spenny fans their) Rushall 327 v Warrington and South Shields 1703 (what we would give for that) v Farsley) all had their lowest of the season.

The only 0's left in the table now are Buxton or Farsley haven't drawn at home and South Shields and Rushall haven't drawn away.

It is so tight at the top with just 3 points separating first from the final play off place in seventh and only five points from first to tenth, Compare that to National South were 8 separate first to seventh and 12 first to tenth.

It's there to be won and any team putting a good run together can soon find themselves in the play off mix.

A few games called off plus an abandonment when the rain got the better of Curzon v Radcliffe. Despite the plastic pitch at Scarborough that was postponed

whereas the plastic at Buxton saved their game with snow piled high at the side of the pitch. I wonder if that had anything to do with the council owning the Scarborough pitch whereas the fans worked hard to clear the pitch at Buxton? Just saying!

Apart from Johnny Margetts who got the King's Lynn goal against us, Adam Anson was on the scoresheet for Alfreton on their midweek win at Oxford and Connor Woods got the Warrington equaliser at Rushall, For anyone who forgets, Johnny played 3 games for us in 2016 and scored 2 goals, against Guiseley and Woking in Conference National.

The Macclesfield surge to the NPL title continues unchecked. They are unbeaten and have a 13 point lead after 17 games after a 6-0 win against Blyth Spartans who still seem to be having problems despite the latest takeover. It looks already like a battle for the play off spots with Guiseley, Worksop, Stockton and Hebburn occupying the play off spots at present.

In the other "feeder league" as it seems to have become Kettering have a four point lead over Halesowen with Telford, Redditch and Stourbridge all in close pursuit.

Lots of time to go yet!

NATIONAL NORTH STATS SPECIAL

Marine become the 69th different team we have played in Conference North to give it it's generic title.

We have played 147 different clubs in Non League League games and in all competitions that rises to 233 a figure that will rise to 234 when we play City Of Liverpool in the Liverpool Senior Cup.

That's a stat that could be challenged due to a number of clubs reforming so for example Telford, Hereford etc could be seen as different clubs to when we first played them which complicates the issue a bit!

Who have we played the most in all NL games?

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
BARROW	49	20	10	19	74	76
BUXTON	40	19	8	13	63	51
CHORLEY	40	17	9	14	69	65
GAINSBOROUGH	46	24	12	10	78	57
GATESHEAD	61	21	17	23	90	88
KIDDERMINSTER	43	12	10	21	49	80
MACCLESFIELD	40	11	12	17	55	70
MARINE	64	25	18	21	92	82
MORECAMBE	66	19	22	25	79	88
SOUTH LIVERPOOL	45	10	17	18	56	75

In Football League and Non League league games we have played 193 different teams, the newbies this season being Needham Market and Oxford City. Radcliffe come into the discussion above, we have played Radcliffe Borough previously so are Radcliffe classed as a new club? Yes but they play at the same ground I sometimes wish I never start a page!

I could of course bring in the games we played before joining the Football League in 1921 but that really does complicate things, maybe one day.

My records show that since our first league game against Rossendale on 14 September 1889 we have gone on to play 5015 league games as at (9 November) and even that is open to discussion due to void games etc. Yes, I really do regret starting this page now! I know you are all asking how many different teams have we played in total ever in all competitions, that one will have to wait I'm afraid, maybe one day.

Just remember this page if anyone is suffering from insomnia.



THE LAST WORD

with Rob Urwin

So, after 104 consecutive games watched the run came to an end last Saturday at King's Lynn.

A combination of difficult travel an unfavourable weather forecast and in all honesty the thought of a very long day out finally made me decide to end the run. Also knowing I will probably miss a couple more later in the season made it a bit easier to decide not to go as the 100% season attendance record would be broken later in the season.

I did get the chance to listen in to Joe on commentary who did a great job going solo. Bear in mind he had to do X, fill in team sheet details as well as the commentary all on his own and at a place where they don't let you in their press box and you have to sit alongside it with no power unless you have a LONG extension lead, An excellent effort on a long day out for everyone that travelled.

Not sure why there was a lot of secrecy about the King's Lynn attendance, it wasn't announced, not in the NLP even though the NLP did put a message out on X asking them for it. King's Lynn do have a very good unofficial website run by the Supporters Trust Blue & Gold and they are a great point of call for all the club's attendances but even they didn't have it on.

There are a few clubs whose attendances are hard to find, Peterborough Sports and Rushall being the worst offenders. Every club is supposed to X out their gates during the game and report them to the league but a few seem to have a problem with it. I have, for now, decided to take the Farsley gates out of my club stats for this season as they don't seem to be recorded anywhere and they were distorting the overall average. The only one that was reported was the 115 for their game against Leamington that remains the lowest recorded this season.

Next Saturday sees us in FA Trophy action against Peterborough Sports and I will be producing another reduced programme that we will be selling for £1.50 again. These can be ordered online via our website for post out or click and collect from the club shop. We try to sell out every game to save money and avoid the wastage which is why at some games very few remain on sale on the day so do order in advance to guarantee a copy.

Enjoy the game today in front of what we hope will be our best gate of the season so far.

“**Enjoy the game today
in front of what we hope
will be our best gate of
the season so far.**”

*The views on this
page in each edition
are those of our
programme editor
and not necessarily
those of the club.*

Rob

Lease A Brand New Van

£0 Admin Fees[^]

Only At Vanarama.com



**Make the signing of the season
with Vanarama**



FREE 30-Day Returns*

FREE & Fast UK Delivery*

AUTORAMA UK LTD is Vanarama, registered in England and Wales (Reg. No. 05137709) registered office: Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead HP1 2JL, is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (Firm Ref No. 630748). AUTORAMA UK LTD is part of the "Auto Trader Group", which includes Auto Trader Limited. AUTORAMA UK LTD is a credit broker and not a lender. We can introduce you to a limited group of lenders and their finance products. *We do not charge you a fee for introductions we make, but we will likely receive a commission payment from the lender if you decide to enter into an agreement with them. These fees and commissions do not influence the amount a customer pays. *T&Cs apply. Max 50 miles over the delivery miles and must be returned within 30 days. *Offer, service and delivery only available to UK Mainland.

TEAM LINE-UPS



SOUTHPORT

MANAGER: Jim Bentley



MARINE

MANAGER: Neil Young

MAIN CLUB SPONSORS



01 Chris Renshaw
02 Matty Thomson
03 Jack Doyle
04 Josh Williams
05 Harry Flowers
06 Nathaniel Knight-Percival
07 Danny Lloyd
08 David Morgan
09 Jamie Proctor
10 Marcus Carver
11 Dior Angus
13 Tony McMillan
14 Keenan Quansah
15 Tom Moore
16 Jordan Keane
17 Finlay Heath
18 Sonny Hilton
20 Luke Burgess
21 Renato De Oliveira Gomes
22 Sam Minihan
23 Jack Stafford
25 Danny Philliskirk
26 Festus Arthur
27 Jack Bentley

01 Matty Corran
02 Scott Butler
03 Matty Waters
04 Leigh Whelan
05 Chris Doyle
06 James Butler
07 Adam Thomas
08 Harvey Gregson
09 Bobby Grant
10 Owen Robinson
11 Kallan Murphy
13 Richard Cowderoy
14 Brad Holmes
15 Enock Lusiana
16 Kristi Montgomery
17 Tom Atcheson
18 Regan Griffiths
19 Chanka Zimba
20 Fin Sinclair-Smith
21 Kacper Pasiek
22 Joe Mattock
23 James Brown
25 Charley Doyle

GET TICKETS IN ADVANCE AT [SOUTHPORTFC.NET](https://southportfc.net)

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE JACK HALL // ASSISTANT REFEREE ALEXANDER BEELEY // ASSISTANT REFEREE DANIEL SIMS
FOURTH OFFICIAL THOMAS HARLAND

NEXT AT THE BIG HELP STADIUM

SATURDAY 07/12/2024 // PETERBOROUGH SPORTS (FAT3) // KICK-OFF 3PM