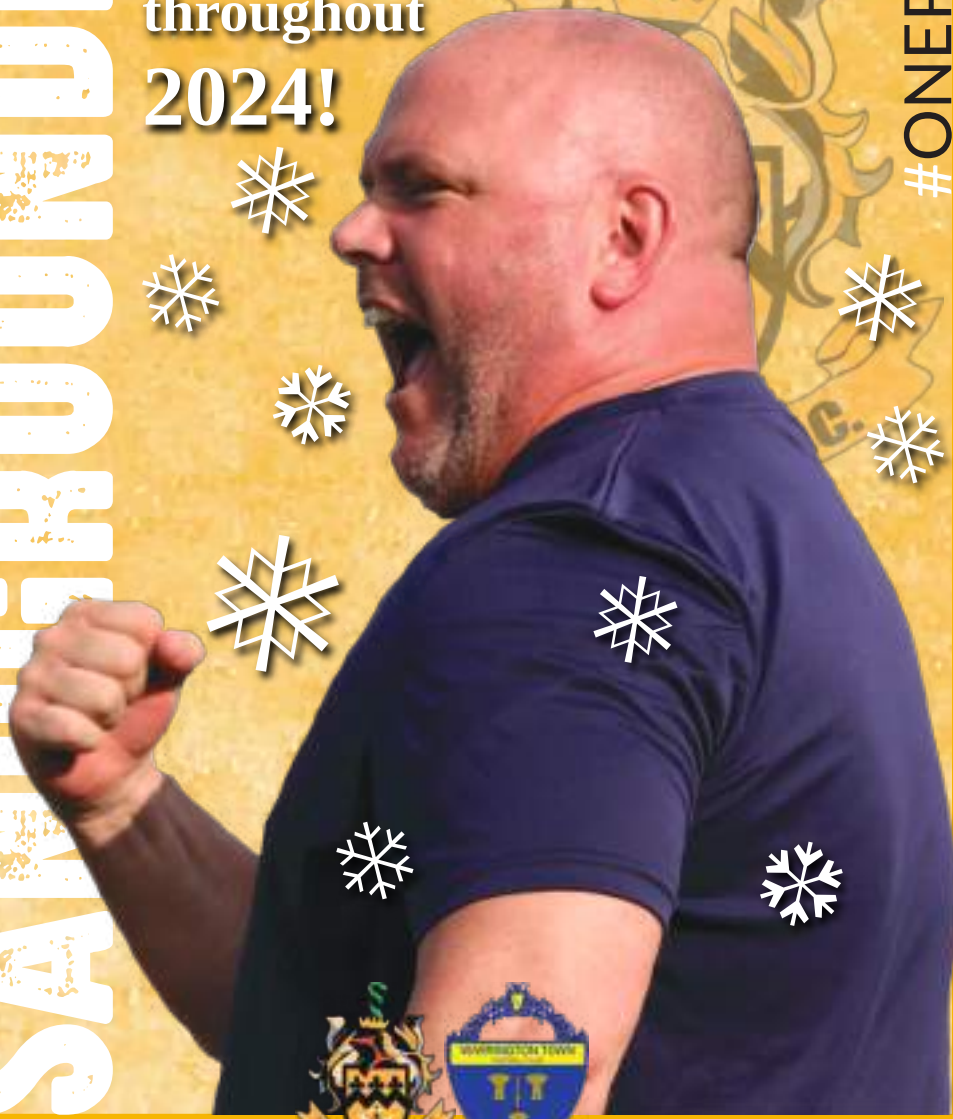


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FROM THE BENCH MANAGER JIM BENTLEY

Our third meeting of the season with Warrington and once again I extend a very warm welcome to everyone associated with the club.

It was arguably our best performance of the season when we played in the FA Trophy coming out 3-0 winners but Boxing Day games tend to be tight competitive games and we know we will have to be at our best this afternoon.

The last three games here haven't provided the entertainment we all like to see with goals few and far between and that is something we have been working on in training. We have looked so solid at the back but we are not finding the back of the net regularly enough. Earlier in the season it was the other way around which is very frustrating.

I am writing these notes just after the goalless draw with Needham Market and it looks like Marcus could be out for a while after picking up a bad injury in that game. It's too early to

say but it doesn't look good. It was innocuous enough but his foot just went in the pitch.

We will have played a game at Kidderminster before today's game but the Christmas print deadlines are tight so no notes about that one.

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas Day, hopefully there will be a bumper crowd in today as is the norm on a Boxing Day and we all know what a difference the positive support can make, even with a low gate against Peterborough in the Trophy game once we got that late goal the atmosphere was fantastic and when the winner went in it raised the roof. More of that today.

We travel to Chester on New Years Day for another localish derby before the long journey to Southend in our FA Trophy 4th Round match. Our next match here is on January 11th when Leamington are our visitors.

Jim

BOARDROOM MATTERS



*With Chief Operating Officer
Andy Burgess*

**GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME
TO TODAY'S NATIONAL LEAGUE
NORTH FIXTURE WITH OUR NEAR
NEIGHBOURS, WARRINGTON
TOWN.**

I hope everyone who joins us today had a great day celebrating yesterday, and that today extends those celebrations for those of a Southport persuasion. I do hope, however, Warrington Town's players, staff and supporters enjoy your visit to The Big Help Stadium, and you all have a safe journey home.

As we welcome you for our final league game of 2024, the past 12-months seem to have been and gone in the blink of an eye. As a leadership group trying to push the Club forward, we have, and continue to, work extremely hard to try and push forward in all areas. Part of that process is reflection, and reflecting on what's happen in the past year is absolutely educating our decision-making moving forward. I'll be the first to hold my hand up and say mistakes have been made, but it's about making sure those mistakes are rectified, and that we don't allow the same mistakes to happen again.

I was incredibly grateful for all 440 individuals who completed the supporters survey last month. The reason this Club operates is to serve its community, and the thoughts of our fans should always be at the forefront of our thoughts and decision-making. Whilst we can't provide everything that was asked of us in the survey - moving the Popular Stand closer to the pitch unfortunately isn't a viable option - there were certainly things included that we have already put into practice.

We're pleased to have supporters' coaches back on and running. The first went to Kidderminster Harriers on Saturday, and another is filling up ready for our FA Trophy 4th round tie at Southend United on January 4th. The success of these two trips falls completely on our supporters for firstly booking onto them, and secondly the behaviour of everyone who is on them. I hope everyone shows a level of maturity and common sense when on the coaches - that will dictate if we continue them moving forward, or not.

We will continue to increase our levels of communication going into 2025 - Jim will be giving our media team all the necessary information to produce a playing squad update before every game. I know the supporters have appreciated this, and it will continue moving forward. Likewise, I have had a few comments regarding my wider club update earlier this month, and again, this is something I will try and continue into the New Year. Again, as supporters, we want you to feel a connection with your Club, and transparency and information can help greatly with that.

I hope you have an enjoyable Boxing Day, and that it makes for a good night!

Thanks for your support.

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Welcome to this afternoons game against Warrington.

Darren Court
Commercial Manager



Our guests in The Sky Lounge are Leasecar with regular and valued sponsor Bryn Jones entertaining his guests to some Boxing Day fayre.

MASCOTS

We are joined by two mascots this afternoon. The Montgomery & Le Roi Mascot is Lola Southward. We would like to offer our thanks and gratitude to our long-standing Vice President Andrei 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.



Isaac Lloyd aged 11 is also on mascot duty this afternoon. Isaac plays for Churchtown Athletic.

SOUTHEND COACH TRAVEL

We are organising coach travel to our FA Trophy game at Southend on Saturday January 4th.

The coach will depart Haig Ave at 7.30pm and the estimated time of arrival back at the ground will be 10.45pm. This allows for driver breaks on the way there and back.

The cost is £45 door to door!

50/50

The 50/50 Winner drawn out by Harry Flowers for the FA Trophy game against

Peterborough Sports was Brian Sutton.



The 50/50 Winner v Needham Market was Matthew Towle



MAN OF THE MATCH

Our Southport Brewery Man Of The Match, against Needham Market, who also receives the Adam Le Roi Trophy was Festus Arthur.



MASCOTS v NEEDHAM MARKET

Nadia Modrzejewska & Ryan Ogden had a great afternoon as mascots at our last home game.



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GREAT PLACES TO PLAY



SOUTHPORT WOMEN

SOUTHPORT 1-1 FORMBY: FRUSTRATION AS DOMINANCE GOES UNREWARDED

Southport FC Women were left frustrated after a 1-1 draw with Formby in a match where their dominance deserved more than a single point.

Formby started strongly and took an early lead, converting their only shot on target of the game—a cross turned in by their striker. Despite the setback, Southport kept their composure and grew into the match, dominating possession and dictating play by the midway point of the first half.

The second half was all Southport as they pinned Formby in their own half. The visitors set up defensively, with 11 players behind the ball, looking to frustrate Southport's attacking play. Eventually, the breakthrough came when Dani Stott unleashed a stunning strike from the corner of the box to level the score.

Debutant Rikuvera Mokaleng made a big impression after coming on in the first half, causing problems for the Formby defense every time she was on the ball. Despite creating several chances to grab a winner—through Aimee Johnstone, Evie Backshall, Alice Bray, and Sophie Spearietti—the decisive goal eluded Southport.

Reflecting on the game, manager Keith Paterson said: *"I thought the girls did really well not to panic after going 1-0 down early on. They stuck to the game plan and kept playing the way we wanted to, even though it was difficult to break down a team that set up so defensively and aimed to frustrate us. I felt we deserved the win today—we were dominant throughout—but just couldn't convert our chances. There are plenty of positives to take into our next game."*

The result moves Southport up to 4th in the table, with the team eager to build on this dominant performance in the matches to come.



New Kits: A Fresh Look for the Second Half of the Season

The start of the season presented some significant challenges for the club when it came to kits. Our well-documented issues with Patrick left us in a difficult position, with the team playing in mismatched kits from previous seasons. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Hamish at the club, we now have a complete set of kits ready for the second half of the season. The aqua away kit has been a big hit with both players and supporters. The team are excited to finally wear a consistent, professional look as we move forward.

We'd like to thank the team, supporters and the league for their patience and understanding during this period and extend our gratitude to Hamish for stepping up to ensure the team is ready to represent the club in style. Here's to a bright future both on and off the pitch!



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WELCOME WARRINGTON TOWN

WELCOME (Again) to our visitors from Warrington who we are already playing for the third time this season. The final instalment takes place on Easter Monday, our final away game of the season.

It's 2-0 to The Sandgrounders so far after a 2-0 win in the Liverpool Senior Cup at Cantilever Park followed up very quickly with a 3-0 home win in the FA Trophy.



Dan Atherton was a busy man in the FA Trophy match.

We have only played each other on five occasions which includes a 7-0 home win for Southport in the Liverpool Senior Cup back in 1996-97. I'm sure the game the Warrington fans will prefer to remember was the first game of last season which resulted in an excellent 4-0 win here at The Big Help Stadium in their National League North debut game.

It was a game that saw Isaac Buckley-Ricketts, Andy White, Connor Woods, Mark Beesley and Tony Thompson presented with their former player certificates.



WARRINGTON THIS SEASON

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IN THE HOT SEAT is Paul Carden

A familiar face in the visitors dugout with our former manager in the Warrington hot seat.

Paul had 299 days as manager at Haig Avenue between January 2015 to November 2015 which took in a total of 41 games winning 8 with 11 draws and 22 defeats.

After a lengthy playing career mainly with Chester and Cambridge United, Paul was appointed Southport manager in January 2015 after previously being a player coach at Luton Town. He successfully kept Southport in the Conference Premier. He left the club in November 2015 and was appointed interim manager of Tranmere Rovers in September 2016 after a spell as assistant manager. Paul took over at Town in October 2016. Having steered Town towards a play-off position on a number of occasions he left to step up a level at AFC Telford United. Initially succeeding the problems there eventually proved too great to turn around and he left to late join Nantwich Town. Paul returned to Warrington in late September 2024.



OUR VISITORS

WARRINGTON TOWN

Josh Amis

Position striker. Josh has spent much of his career with Stockport County in two spells with a season at Northwich Victoria sandwiched in between. He has also played for Altrincham and Preston North End. Josh joined Town in the close season prior to 2018/19 and has gone on to appear in over 60 games

Evan Gumbs

Position defender. Evan, 23 when signing in August 2020 from Tranmere Rovers, is no stranger to Cantilever Park having had three spells on loan at the club, making 34 appearances in the 2017/18 season.

He was released by the EFL League Two club, and the management team were quick to make their move.

Jay Harris

Position Midfield. Jay has a wealth of experience in the Football League and National League having previously played for Wrexham FC. He started out as an Everton trainee before moving on to play for Accrington Stanley. He spent a couple of seasons with Chester before moving down the road to fierce rival Wrexham where he spent five seasons. He then moved a few miles north to Tranmere Rovers. He had a spell at Macclesfield Town and then returned to Wrexham.

Matthew McDonald

Position Midfield. Matthew was just eighteen when he signed for Town in the summer of 2021. His previous season had been with Crewe Alexandra. He started off in the Everton youth set up. Matthew spent time on loan at Bootle FC in 2021/22 but has been a regular since the start of the 2022/23 season when available.

Andrew White

Position Defender. Andrew was one of a number of summer 2022 signings from National League side

Altrincham. He has had a distinguished career in football in both The Football League and The National League. Derby born he started out at Hucknall as a youth player before signing for Mansfield Town. He also had two spells at Crewe Alexandra either side of joining Boston United, Kidderminster Harriers and Burton Albion. He later played for Notts County, Kidderminster again and Southport.

Connor Woods

Position striker. Connor signed for the club in autumn 2022 on loan from Southport where he has progressed from the youth set up. He made a difference up front for Town with his contribution to the goal scoring. He was recalled by Southport after a couple of months at Town but in March 2023 signed for the club on a permanent basis. Connor scored none goal that season and a dozen in 2023/24

Peter Clarke

Position defender. Southport born Peter has a wealth of experience at the top level of the game and in the Football League. He joined Warrington in late July 2023 for the start of our first ever National League North campaign. He has made more than 900 appearances as a professional, including nine in the Premier League with Everton.

In season 2022/23 he played in League Two with Walsall, as well as having a spell on loan in the National League at Oldham Athletic.

In 2021/22, he was named in the EFL League Two Team of the Season at the age of 40.

Coming through the youth ranks at Everton, Clarke made eight appearances for England Under 21s and had loan spells at Blackpool, Port Vale and Coventry City.

His other former clubs include Huddersfield Town, Tranmere Rovers, Fleetwood Town, Bury and Southend United.



Deacon Smalley

Position Midfield. Deacon joined Town for early in the 2023/24 season having been an academy team player at Preston North End

Sam Gill

Position Midfield. Sam came to the clubs through youth football having been at Wigan Athletic.

George Goudie

Position Goalkeeper. George came through youth football to join Town in 2023/2024. He was previously with Southport.

Olliver Southern

Position defender. Southern, 22 when signing, has featured in the two pre-season wins over Nantwich Town and Rochdale and can cover any position across the back line.

Last season, he played in the National League North for Hereford, making 25 appearances, although he didn't feature in either of the games against the Yellow.

A former Manchester United academy player, Southern won a scholarship at Crewe Alexandra, playing in the year above Yellow's midfielder Matt McDonald.

His senior career has seen him play in the Europa Conference League for Welsh Premier League club Bala Town, where he also won the Welsh League Cup.

Southern, who hails from Leigh, has been with the squad since the start of pre-season training.

Joe Rodwell Grant

Position striker. Joe signed for Town in the close season in 2024. He previously featured for Wigan Athletic. Joe started in the youth set up at Preston North End. He has played on loan at Bamber Bridge, Lancaster City and FC United of Manchester.

Josh Miles

Position Midfield. Josh normally plays on the wing and has joined town on loan from Blackpool FC. He has also spent time at Southport.

Murphy Bennett

Position Defender. Murphy signed for Town aged 19 having played as a trialist throughout pre-season in 2024. He was formerly with Forest Green Rovers and also spent time on loan at Gloucester city. He has also represented Wales at U-18's level. He was at one time with Manchester City as a junior.

Mikey O'Neill

Position striker. Mikey joined Town as a twenty year old, prior to the start of the 2024/25 season after playing full time at Burnley. He started off in the youth set up at Preston North End and also spent time on loan at Grimsby Town before the move to Turf Moor.

Theo Farquharson

Position Midfield. Theo signed for Town in September 2024 having previously played for FC United of Manchester.

Hamish Douglas

Position defender. Hamish signed for Town on loan in October 2024 from Rotherham United.

Noah Halford

Position midfielder. Noah joined Town on loan from Bolton Wanderers in late October 2024

Dana Amaral

Position Midfield. Dana joined Town in autumn 2024 having previously played for Warrington Rylands. He started out with Preston North End and also had a loan spell with Ashton United.

SFC 16-19 Academy

Mid Season Review/Update by Academy Manager David Morgan

With us now reaching the festive period, I think it is important to take stock and keep everyone up to date with how we have been progressing within the academy.

On the pitch, since our last update we haven't had the number of games that we would have hoped due to cancellations and having to rearrange due to schedules changing to accommodate cup games. We were lucky enough to get our ECFA last 16 trophy game played where we managed to claim a 3-2 win and progressed through to the quarter finals. We found ourselves 2-1 down at half time in that game but we managed to make a few tactical tweaks and a few personnel changes to come back and win the game 3-2. A special mention to Lewis Manville who had a huge impact on the game once he was introduced. It was also nice to be able to welcome back Wil Hoey after a short period of time out with injury. We will play in the quarter final of this competition in January.

In our U21 Development League Cup we suffered a 2-1 defeat against a strong Stalybridge Celtic side, who scored the winner in the dying seconds of the game. It was a lesson to our young lads, that each game we must maintain the standards that we have set ourselves over the course of the season as on the occasion we fell below what we expect.

We have been extremely pleased with the players in terms of their application and attitude towards developing. It is also important for us that the same attitude and application is applied to their studies. We understand that our programme is challenging and demands a lot on the education side as well as the football, but

credit to all our players as the feedback regarding education from Christ the King has been excellent.

Regarding recruitment for our 2025 intake, we have received a high number of applicants which is pleasing for us. We will hold our second trial night on 15th and 17th January @ The Big Help Stadium from 4pm-6pm.

We have also recently just started with our U16 Development group which we are extremely pleased with. This will run from The Hub @ Banks on a weekly basis with the aim to offer U16 players who intend to join us in 2025 with the opportunity to train weekly.

For more information on our trial night or The U16 Development group then please contact david.morgan@southportfc.net



We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the festive season.



It's a special time of year, not only for receiving but also for giving, and it's always heartening to see how communities come together to spread joy and kindness during the holidays.

Speaking of spreading joy, we wanted to share an incredible story from one of our own. Matthew (Pictured Above), a valued member of the Southport FC Powerchair Football Team, had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity recently. He was invited to Alder Hey Children's Hospital, where he met some of the Liverpool FC team, including his favourite player, Mo Salah! Not only that, but he also got to meet Liverpool's manager, Arne Slot. Matthew's excitement was infectious, and it was a proud moment for everyone at the Southport FC Community Foundation to see him have such a special day.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we're excited to announce that we're recruiting for our brand-new Multiply Programme. This programme is perfect for those who don't have a Grade C or above in GCSE Maths and are looking for a fun and practical way



to develop their skills. Participants will learn essential maths skills while exploring topics like budgeting and planning healthy meals for the family. As a bonus, everyone who completes the programme will receive a £50 Love to Shop voucher! If you're interested or would like more details, please get in touch with us at contact@southportfc-communityfoundation.org.

As we approach the end of another year, we'd like to thank all our supporters, players, volunteers, and staff who make Southport FC such a special club. The start of a new year is a time for setting goals and looking forward to the opportunities ahead. At the Community Foundation, we're committed to continuing our work in building a stronger, more connected community in 2025. We hope you'll join us in making the year ahead as successful and rewarding as possible for everyone involved with Southport FC.

Enjoy today's match against Warrington FC, and let's cheer on the lads as they give it their all on the pitch. Come on you Yellows!

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 role and responsibilities of the Kit Manager”

Part 1 – Managing and maintaining all team equipment - with Hamish Morton “The man who chased a car and a key member of the backroom staff”

One of our most visible and popular volunteers is our Kit Manager Hamish Morton who normally takes up a seat pitch side by Jim on matchdays.

His role in the club is a critical one which requires a combination of organisational skills and attention to detail, which means for Hamish it's not just matchday but a full week and more, of dedicated commitment to the club.

So, in this first part of two he runs me through how this all works behind the scenes.

Initially he started helping over 14 years ago as a ground maintenance volunteer, becoming one of the club's kitmen to today's role as Kit Manager.



His role is always evolving and is responsible for the forecasting, ordering and reconciliation of around 6000 items of kit each year, for all our teams plus the Club Shop.

The standard issue of kit to a player will be as follows: - Match kit x 3, training kit which includes 2 T-shirts, 2 shorts, 1/4 zip top, long pants, and a rain jacket. For Matchday players will receive a polo shirt, travel shorts, full-zip, tracksuit pants, coat, back-pack and undershirts. If a player moves on, or returns to their parent Club, Hamish will try to get their training kit returned for reissue, but it depends on the condition it's in!



I asked Hamish how many sets of strips we get through in a season he replied “We don't withdraw a set of shirts at a particular point in the season, but rather replace individual shirts when necessary - Marcus seems to get through more shirts than anyone else! I'll try to sew any ripped seams, as it would be costly to replace every single damaged shirt”



As we now have players names on our shirts this has increased Hamish's workload, creating additional costs and challenges. It can take many hours to heat press a full set of names / numbers on the shirts, for the squad. He explained the NL numbers/letters must be purchased from one of the NL sponsors in individual packs of 20, and it can cost up to £1000 for sufficient numbers/letters to name and number the initial sets of home/change shirts (if we have the black strip, this means purchasing white names / numbers at additional cost). There's no 'template' for applying them, so it's all done by eye, with the aid of a tape-measure.



Knight-Percival's name was certainly challenging, including purchasing a pack of 20 hyphens – and we may never use the other 19!



I was interested in how he manages the supply of balls; with many going out of the ground and how many we get through in a season.

Hamish explained "We receive 35 balls free of charge, with a compulsory purchase of an additional 35, and having chosen to buy another 12, we should have sufficient for the season. Our neighbours are generally co-operative about returning balls, but any that fly into the KGV 'jungle' are unretrievable. I once chased a couple in a Fiat 500 along Haig Ave, who'd grabbed a ball off the road that had cleared the main stand roof – but couldn't match the speed of an accelerating car "The record loss of our balls in one of our warm-ups is six at South Shields, into an industrial unit behind the ground. In part two we will learn what Hamish does for match days, hear about those yellow cards and Highland dancing with Jim!

MATCHACTION

SOUTHPORT v NEEDHAM MARKET

The first ever visit of Needham Market to The Big Help Stadium ended in another 0-0 draw.

It was our 2600th Non League game, 1955 of which have been league games and our 150th 0-0 draw of which 83 have been at home. 178 of the 2600 have ended 0-0.

It was a game of very few chances and in the end we were grateful to Chris Renshaw who made a fantastic save from the last kick of the game that could have seen The Marketmen grab all three points.

No segregation in the ground for the first time for a league game for a long time and very sensible it was with just a handful of Needham fans in the crowd.

David Morgan made his 201st appearance in all competitions

The clean sheet was Chris Renshaw's 17th from 63 games which compares very favourably with our list of keepers.

The attendance of 826 was our lowest Saturday gate of the season 785 v Farsley remains the low) but the overall average still sits at 202 higher than last season and with some of the bigger followings still to come, Chester, Chorley and Kidderminster could be good at the last home game of the season if they are still in the hunt.

We do still have a few lows to come mind you with Curzon Ashton and Spennymoor on a Tuesday night.

I'm firing a few stats out as to be honest there wasn't too much to write about from the game!

Line Up: Renshaw, Minihan, Stafford, Moore, Arthur, Knight-Percival, Quansah, Hilton (Carver 65, Thomson 90+1) Morgan (Angus 65) Proctor (Lloyd 65) Burgess.

Media MOTM: Festus Arthur





MATCHACTION

SOUTHPORT v PETERBOROUGH SPORTS



Jamie Proctor With The Winning Goal

Football can be a very cruel game at times but for once that cruelty worked in our favour.

Having looked like we were unlikely to get anything out of the game and seeing several people already leaving the ground it was a late late show against Peterborough Sports which gained us a passage into the fourth round and a long trip to Southend to look forward to.

Goals in the 90th minute and 90+2 by Jack Stafford with a great finish and Jamie Proctor sealed a very welcome but also unlikely win. Fair play to the boss who like us on commentary actually felt sorry for the visitors. They had driven up in cars on the day with delays that meant they only had three on the bench. They started with the joint boss (Michael Gash) on the pitch who was by far the best player on the night and it was only in the last ten minutes when you could see the tiredness kicking in that we looked like we would get anything from the game. They even brought a sub on when we equalised to be ready for the penalty shoot out and that didn't work well for them either.

But. Sometimes you take the good fortune and make the most of it.

Line Up: Renshaw, Thomson (Minihan 75) Doyle (Stafford 75) Knight-Percival (Morgan 75) Lloyd(Proctor 46) Carver (Arthur 90+2) Quansah, Moore, Hilton, Burgess, Philliskirk

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FORMER PLAYERS

Our game against Needham Market was our 2600th Non League game in all competitions.

It got me looking back to who started our first ever Non League game after failing to be re-elected back in 1978,

The opponents were South Liverpool now the site of Liverpool South Parkway Railway Station and we won 1-0 with Joe Turner scoring the only goal.



The Line Up:

NL Player Number

1 Goalkeeper Graham Cunnely (Pictured)
79 Appearances

2 John Higham Sadly passed away in Australia in 2020, 31 NL appearances plus John also made 96 appearances in the Football League

3 Chris McKeown 2 apps

4 Ron Pickering 62 apps 1 goal

5 John Salter 55 apps 3 goals

6 Dave Wignall 8 apps 1 goal

7 Nigel Halsall local lad 59 apps 5 goals

8 Steve Walsh 24 apps 3 goals

9 Joe Turner 31 apps 9 goals

10 Terry Nolan 52 apps 14 goals plus 1 sub appearance in the Football League.

11 Jeff Swede 4 apps

Sub Dave Billington just had the one sub app in this game and never seen again

I wonder what they are all doing now and whether they actually remember being part of our first ever game in Non League Football? Be great to contact some of them if anyone has any contact details?

33 players were used in that first ever season. Player Of The Year went to Ron Pickering and there were joint leading scorers, John Gerrard,



MATCH DETAILS

FOR 2024/25

August				Pos	Alt	Line Up							
Sat 10	H	Alleton Town	W	3-1	**	1235	Ranahan	Michan	Doyle	Moore	Knight Perchay	Keane	Ulyett
Sat 17	A	Needham Market	W	2-1	4	434	Ranahan	Michan	Doyle	Moore	Knight Perchay	Keane	Ulyett 1
Tue 20	A	Spearmoor Town	L	0-2	8	1270	Ranahan	Michan	Doyle	Moore	Knight Perchay	Keane	Ulyett
Sat 24	H	Hasleford	L	1-4	13	1322	Ranahan	Michan	Stifford	Moore	Quensah	Keane	Ulyett 1
Mon 26	A	Cherley	L	1-4	18	1760	Ranahan	Thomson	Doyle	Moore	Quensah	Keane	Ulyett
Sat 31	H	Burton	W	3-2	13	1287	Ranahan	Thomson	Doyle	Moore	Knight Perchay	Quensah	Ulyett 1
September													
Tue 3	H	Farsley Celtic	D	1-1	13	785	Ranahan	Thomson	Doyle	Stifford	Knight Perchay	Quensah	Ulyett
Sat 7	H	Raebills	D	2-2	16	1858	Ranahan	Michan	Doyle	Moore	Knight Perchay	Quensah	Ulyett 1
Sat 14	H	Wode United(FAC 20)	W	2-1	**	1063	Ranahan	Michan	Doyle	Moore	Keane	Quensah	Owens
Sat 21	A	Darlington	L	0-3	18	1430	Ranahan	Michan	Doyle	Quensah	Knight Perchay	Keane	Ulyett (N)
Sat 28	H	Curzon Ashton (FAC 30)	L	0-1	**	980	Ranahan	Michan	Stifford	Moore	Quensah	Keane	Ulyett
October													
Sat 5	H	Brackley Town	D	0-0	17	1888	Ranahan	Michan	Stifford	Moore	Knight Perchay	Keane	Ulyett
Sat 12	H	South Shields	W	3-0	10	1102	Ranahan	Thomson	Doyle	Moore	Knight Perchay	Quensah	Ulyett 1
Sat 19	A	Scarborough Athletic	W	2-1	8	1503	Ranahan	Thomson	Doyle	Stifford	Knight Perchay 1	Quensah	Ulyett
Tue 22	A	Leamington	L	0-3	11	107	Ranahan	Michan	Doyle	Arthur	Knight Perchay	Quensah	Ulyett
Sat 26	H	Southsoppe United	W	3-2	8	1600	Ranahan	Michan	Doyle	Arthur	Knight Perchay	Quensah	Ulyett 2
Tue 29	H	Rushall Olympic	W	2-0	6	1068	Ranahan	Michan	Doyle	Arthur	Knight Perchay	Moore	Ulyett 1
November													
Sat 2	A	Oxford City	D	1-1	9	505	Ranahan	Michan	Doyle	Arthur	Knight Perchay	Moore	Ulyett
Sat 9	H	Peterborough Sports	L	1-0	95	1000	Ranahan	Michan	Doyle	Arthur	Knight Perchay	Moore	Ulyett
Tue 12	A	Warrington Town(LSC)	W	0-0	—	362	Ranahan	Thomson	Stifford	Arthur	Quensah	Moore	Williams
Sat 16	H	Warrington FAT 2	W	2-0	—	1186	Ranahan	Michan	Doyle	Moore	Knight Perchay	Quensah	Williams
Tue 19	H	Nelson(LCT)	D	1-1	—	204	McMillan	Bentley	Stifford 1	Arthur	Quensah	Moore	Hilton
Sat 23	A	King's Lynn Town	L	0-1	33	879	Ranahan	Michan	Stifford	Moore	Knight Perchay	Quensah	Williams
Tue 26	A	Curzon Ashton	L	0-1	93	256	Ranahan	Thomson	Doyle	Arthur	Quensah	Moore	Williams
Sat 30	H	Marine	D	0-0	11	2806	Ranahan	Thomson	Doyle	Moore	Knight Perchay	Quensah	Morgan
December													
Tue 10	H	Peterborough Sports(FAT2)	W	2-1	—	642	Ranahan	Thomson	Doyle	Moore	Knight Perchay	Quensah	Ulyett
Sat 14	H	Needham Market	D	0-0	31	800	Ranahan	Michan	Stifford	Moore	Knight Perchay	Quensah	Arthur
Sat 21	A	Kidderminster Harriers											
Thu 26	H	Warrington Town											
January													
Wed 1	A	Cherley											
Sat 4	A	Southend United(FAT4)											
Sat 11	H	Leamington											
Tue 14	H	Warner Bridge(LCTGP)											
Sat 18	A	Hasleford											
Sat 25	H	Cherley											
Tue 28	H	Spearmoor Town											
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Tue 11	A	Farsley Celtic											
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Sat 5	H	Oxford City											
Sat 12	A	South Shields											
Fri 18	H	Cherley											
Mon 21	A	Warrington Town											
Sat 26	H	Kidderminster Harriers											
Sat	A	City Of Liverpool(LSC2)											
Sat	A	Alleton Town											
* Won 4-2 on pens													

* Won 4-3 on pens

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A BOXING DAY BATTERING

BY MIKE CORCORAN

No, not the one when we gave Fleetwood Town a good seeing to. This was one a lot longer ago, when the boot was firmly on the other foot, or more accurately in the context, when the (correct) boots were firmly on the other feet!

Many will remember the horrendous freeze-up of the 1962/63 winter, with seemingly continuous sub-zero temperatures from before Christmas until March. As a result, most football fixtures were postponed, with even First Division teams suffering as presumably any undersoil heating that did exist wasn't able to cope. Southport played only one match between the game I'm describing, and March, and that was on the English Riviera at Torquay United. I was working in Bootle at the time so, not surprisingly, was the only 'Port supporter. Nevertheless, being starved of live football, several of my workmates decided to accompany me to the Boxing Day game at Oldham Athletic which, amazingly, still seemed likely to go ahead. I say "amazingly" because I'm sure I've read that Boundary Park was the highest above sea level of any in the Football League at the time, and therefore appeared unlikely to be a bit warmer than everywhere else. I say "was", not because Boundary Park has since suffered a catastrophic subsidence, but (for those not paying attention), Oldham Athletic are no longer in the Football League.

We met up at Liverpool Exchange station and caught the train (steam-hauled in those days) to Manchester Victoria. One of us had had the sense to make a note of Oldham Athletic's telephone number and rang them from Victoria station to check the game was still on. It was. So, after what seemed like a long walk from one of the numerous Oldham stations (can't remember which one), through frozen streets, we arrived at Boundary Park. Immediately, it became obvious that it wasn't a level playing field (we were soon to find out that it wasn't a level playing field in

another sense either). These days that match would never go ahead, if only because of the danger of serious injury to the players. In an article I wrote for Rob's programme to celebrate (not sure that is the right word) the 50th anniversary of me becoming a 'Port supporter, published in two parts on 8th and 18th January 2011 (do the maths), I briefly referred to this match, describing it as a pilot show for ITV's "Dancing on Ice". I still think that's a fair description. Would the pitch 'take a drill'? – yes, but only if you first took a pneumatic drill to the surface!

The Oldham players, obviously forewarned, wore what looked like baseball boots, an early version of trainers, but coming higher up past the ankles, with circular rubber 'pads' on the outside to protect the ankle bones. By contrast, the Southport players seemingly only had their normal football boots. As a result, the Oldham players had little difficulty in keeping their feet, whereas the Southport team couldn't properly accelerate, stop or turn. Hardly a fair contest. Towards the end, with the score at 11-0 (which is how it finished), many home supporters were leaving (surely they didn't think they'd done enough to win the game, and had discounted a Southport fightback?), perhaps because Oldham hadn't added to their score for a while. The Southport team, who hadn't given up, won a corner – probably their first. One of our little group had a very old motor horn – one which originally would have had a rubber bulb on the end – which made a fine noise when blown through. That, plus our cheers, caused several of the players to turn round to see what had caused the commotion. Nothing came of the corner of course. It was a sombre trip back home.

Just to put that match in context, any Oldham supporters in the crowd of 4,595 at Haig Avenue on April 2nd for the return fixture expecting something similar, would have been bitterly disappointed as Southport won 2-1 with Alan Spence scoring both our goals. So it clearly wasn't that Oldham were a whizz-bang team much better than us. Proof that the Boxing Day game was a freak caused by the conditions and more to boot!

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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.

We are nearly full for the season, just four more needed to complete the set.

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

The Top Team this week comes from John Wilson



1. Billy Stewart

First year being a Southport fan we got to Wembley, Billy was a great goalkeeper a hero of mine growing up as I was a goalkeeper as a child.



2. Chris Lane

Brilliant attacking full back scored a memorable goal in the fantastic FA Cup comeback win against Notts County.



3. Dean Howell

A bit like Chris brilliant an attacking full back you could tell he would play in the Football League later in his career.



4. Earl Davis

Just rock solid a fans favourite even popped up with the odd goal.



5. Shaun Teale

We had Shaun the year we did really well in The Conference under Mark Wright I remember Shaun was towards the end of his career second time around but he was an excellent defender and leader.



6. Brian Butler

Just a great midfielder and the captain has to be in that central midfield role.



8. Steve Pickford

A brilliant midfielder, a box to midfielder who has to be in my team and for his brilliant chip against Notts County.



10. Tony Gray

He knew where the net was and I think he was slightly underrated.



7. Carl Baker

A brilliant winger who could score goals and so skilful, an old fashioned winger who just beat the full back so easily.



9 Neil Robinson

I absolutely loved Robbo loved scoring late goals and always remember him running into the Jack Carr if it was a late winner or equaliser.



11. Shaun Whalley

A brilliant winger could win so many free kicks and pens and scored a lot of important goals. My subs Steve Dickinson, Kevin Lee, Mark Duffy, Steve Daly and Mike Marsh.



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BOXING DAY MATCHES

I know I roll this one out every year but always worth a reminder of the games we have played on a Boxing Day. Played 38 Won 10 Drawn 14 Lost 14 GF 50 GA 42

The best? Check out 2009-10.

78/79	H	STAFFORD RANGERS	NPL	L	1-2	690	Wheeldon
80/81	A	NETHERFIELD	NPL	L	1-2	242	Birchall
83/84	H	MORECAMBE	NPL	L	0-2	414	
84/85	H	MARINE	NPL	D	1-1	407	McCormack
85/86	H	SOUTH LIVERPOOL	NPL	L	1-2	469	Quinn
86/87	H	MARINE	NPL	W	3-1	558	Rimmer, Coleman, Grant
87/88	H	MARINE	NPL	D	0-0	461	
88/89	A	MARINE	NPL	D	2-2	605	Neysmith(2)
89/90	A	FLEETWOOD TOWN	NPL	D	1-1	531	Holden
90/91	A	MARINE	NPL	W	3-2	714	McDonald, Holden(pen) Livens
91/92	A	MARINE	NPL	D	1-1	1029	Jarvis
92/93	H	MARINE	NPL	D	0-0	2078	
94/95	H	RUNCORN	CON	W	5-0	1612	Goulding Haw Gamble(2 1p) Blackhurst
97/98	A	MORECAMBE	CON	L	0-2	2150	
98/99	H	BARROW	CON	L	0-4	1426	
00/01	H	MORECAMBE	CON	L	1-2	2117	Arnold
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02/03	A	MORECAMBE	CON	L	0-3	1954	
03/04	A	MARINE	NPL	D	1-1	953	Price
04/05	H	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC	CN	W	2-0	1101	Fearns(2)
05/06	H	MORECAMBE	CON	L	0-3	1807	
06/07	H	MORECAMBE	CON	L	1-2	1804	Baker
07/08	H	BURSCOUGH	CN	W	1-0	1707	Barratt
08/09	A	BURSCOUGH	CN	W	3-2	1133	Daly, Kilheeneey, McGinn
09/10	H	FLEETWOOD TOWN	CN	W	5-0	1840	Davis(2), Kilheeneey, Powell(2)
11/12	A	FLEETWOOD TOWN	CON	D	2-2	3029	Gray(2)
12/13	H	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	CON	W	3-2	1173	Willis, Almond, Whalley
13/14	H	CHESTER	CON	D	0-0	1872	
14/15	H	WREXHAM	CON	L	0-1	1912	
15/16	A	WREXHAM	CON	W	1-0	5508	Blakeman
16/17	A	WREXHAM	CON	L	0-1	4317	
17/18	A	CHORLEY	CN	D	0-0	1517	
18/19	H	CHESTER	CN	W	3-0	1644	Morgan 2, Bauress
19/20	H	CHESTER	CN	L	1-3	1830	Astles
20/21	H	CURZON ASHTON	CN	D	2-2	706*	Carver, Woods
21/22	A	CURZON ASHTON	CN	d	0-0	450	
22/23	A	CURZON ASHTON	CN	D	1-1	450	Wtason
23/24	A	CURZON ASHTON	CN	L	2-3	482	Holmes, Flowers

FROM THE ARCHIVES

By Kim Wood

On the banks of the Thames

Southport only visit to Fulham's Craven Cottage.

In our history we have played Fulham on three occasions, the first of which was 3rd round tie in the F.A Cup on 14 Jan 1928 at home. The Haig Avenue pitch was heavy and areas in the middle waterlogged. Southport took the lead in the 13th minute when the Fulham full back Horler sliced his clearance into his own net. The Liverpool Echo reported "Southport where on their best behaviour and won mainly by a fine hustling forward line of which Tait was a dashing leader". A brace from Tait in the 2nd half ensured us a 3-0 win.

Fulham's home at Craven Cottage is situated on the banks of the River Thames, and the land was used in Tudor Times by Anne Boleyn as a royal hunting lodge. In the 18th century the sixth Baron Craven owned the land and built an "original cottage." Fulham acquired the land in 1894 the "original cottage" was derelict and in 1904 they developed the ground into Craven Cottage. They used the same architect who designed Ibrox Park in Glasgow who added a pavilion (the Cottage), to be used as the players dressing room. Up until the early 1970's fans on the open Riverside Terrace could watch the annual Boat Race pass by.

Throughout most of the 60's Fulham had been in the old 1st division however with 2 consecutive seasons being relegated we met them in the 3rd division during the season 1969/70.

Our visit to the "Cottage" on the 27 August 1969 has been our only ever visit to the famous ground. In the Fulham line up that day was the legendary Johnny Haynes who had captained England 22 times and had the distinction of being the first ever £100 per week player. Haynes had an inspirational performance that day creating 2 goals. In front of 9,134 fans Fulham won 3-2, with the Southport goal scorers Andrews and Alty. The return fixture at Haig Avenue saw Fulham achieve the double with a 2-0, with a crowd of 3,641.

The 1969/70 season ended with Fulham being promoted whilst relegation was our fate.

Craven Cottage has been redeveloped several times down the years since our visit, having always preserved the Cottage as changing rooms. Yet, their current new built of the Riverside stand has one of the most unique features a football ground can offer - a roof top open air swimming pool!! That's something to consider for the Big Help Stadium!



Matchday programme



The players entrance to the Cottage

By Mark Iddon

The Liverpool Senior Cup 1932/33



For anyone interested in football memorabilia, online auction houses can unearth some real gems. For example, this Liverpool Senior Cup medal (below) appeared recently on www.the-saleroom.com. It was described as:

A Liverpool County F.A. Senior Cup Runners-Up medal, 1932-33, in 9ct Gold, featuring Liverbird crest.

On the front (left) the inscription was Liverpool County Football Association, whilst on the back (right) the inscription read Senior Cup Runners Up 1932/33.

Beaten finalists in 1932/33 were Southport Central so this medal (Pictured above) would have been handed to a Southport player on the day of the game. Sadly there is no name on the medal so we are unable to say which player would have received it.

Southport went into that 1932-33 final looking to make it a hat-trick of wins in the competition. Their first success came in 1930/31 when they beat Tranmere Rovers 3-1 after extra time at Prenton Park, a victory made even more memorable by the fact that it was the first time in 34 years the trophy had been won by anyone other than Liverpool or Everton. The last team to win the cup before the Liverpool / Everton domination had been Rock Ferry in 1897!

Twelve months after the victory over Tranmere, Southport reached the final again and retained the trophy by defeating Liverpool 2-1 at Haig Avenue in front of 3,310 spectators, Tommy Bell, signed from Chesterfield the previous season, getting both goals.



There was to be no hat-trick of victories however as in 1932/33 Southport suffered a heavy Cup-Final defeat, beaten 6-1 by fellow Division 3 North side New Brighton at Goodison Park in front of around 2,500 supporters. In Southport's defence, it was a weakened team that took to the field for the Final as the following day they were away to York in a Division Three North fixture where they showed no signs of a Cup-Final hangover by winning 1-0 thanks to a goal from Appleby in the 87th minute.

The Liverpool Senior Cup medal shown above sold for £210.00 in November this year (2024).

Apps & Scorers

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League Table

As At 14 December		H					A									
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GS	GA	GD	PTS
1	Curzon Ashton	20	5	2	3	14	5	8	1	1	15	6	29	11	18	42
2	Scunthorpe	21	4	5	1	20	7	6	2	3	15	8	35	15	20	37
3	Kidderminster	20	6	3	1	17	4	5	1	4	14	12	31	16	15	37
4	Kings Lynn	21	7	2	3	16	8	4	2	3	10	10	26	18	7	37
5	Buxton	21	7	0	4	21	11	4	2	4	13	13	34	24	10	35
6	Chorley	21	6	2	3	17	11	4	3	4	13	14	30	25	5	35
7	Alfreton Town	20	4	3	2	12	9	5	4	2	13	10	25	19	6	34
8	Hereford	20	5	3	2	18	7	4	3	3	12	12	30	19	11	33
9	Brackley Town	19	5	1	4	11	10	5	2	2	12	6	23	16	7	33
10	Chester	20	7	2	2	17	6	2	2	4	8	15	25	21	4	32
11	South Shields	22	6	2	3	24	13	4	0	7	13	22	37	35	2	32
12	Spennymoor	21	4	5	2	16	11	3	4	3	15	13	31	24	7	30
13	Darlington	21	5	5	1	14	8	2	4	4	11	13	25	21	4	30
14	Scarborough	20	4	2	3	10	8	3	5	3	14	15	24	23	1	28
15	Peterborough Sports	21	4	2	4	11	10	3	4	4	14	18	25	28	-3	27
16	Southport	21	5	5	2	19	14	2	1	6	6	17	25	31	-6	27
17	Leamington	20	6	2	2	17	10	1	3	7	6	12	23	22	1	23
18	Oxford City	21	2	4	4	17	19	3	3	5	14	19	31	38	-7	22
19	Warrington	22	3	3	6	10	15	1	6	3	10	14	20	29	-9	21
20	Farsley	21	1	0	5	4	9	5	2	8	17	29	21	38	-17	20
21	Marine	21	3	4	5	10	12	1	2	6	2	14	12	26	-14	18
22	Radcliffe	20	2	2	7	15	27	2	4	3	8	12	23	39	-16	18
23	Needham Market	21	1	2	7	7	15	3	3	6	7	19	14	34	-20	17
24	Rushall	21	2	3	6	13	17	1	0	9	5	27	18	44	-26	12

League Match Stats

SOUTHPORT FC LEAGUE MATCH STATS @ 14 December 2024															
		H		A		CURRENT REQUIREMENTS		Home		W		D		L	
Times of Goals	For	Ag	F	A	F	A	Games Scored in	0	Scoring first	4	4				
1-5 mins	0	1		1			Wins	0	Conceding first	5	1	2	2		
00-15 mins	2	3	2	2		1	Defeats	0	Winning at half time	3	3				
20-35 mins	3	5	3	3	1	3	Draws	2	Drawing at half time	7	3	4	1		
36-45 mins	1	3	2	1	1	2	GAMES SINCE		Losing at half time	2		1	1		
46-60 mins	5	6	4	2	1	4	A Win	6	Away		W	D	L		
61-75 mins	6	7	6	3	2	4	A Home Win	3	Scoring first	1	1				
80-90 mins	3	3	2	1	1	2	An Away Win	4	Conceding first	3	1	1	6		
Added Time	1	3	1	2		1	A Defeat	2	Winning at half time	1	1				
TOTAL	25	32	19	14	6	17	An Away Defeat	0	Drawing at half time	3		1	2		
PENALTIES		H		A		A Home Defeat		2		Losing at half time		5		1	
	For	Ag	F	A	F	A	A Score Draw	4							
Pens Awarded	0	2				2	A No Score Draw	0	Goal frequency	0	1	2	3	4	
Pens Scored	0	2				2	Conceding A Goal	2	Goals Scored	8	5	4	4		
WHICH END?	F	A					Scoring A Goal	4	Goals Conceded	5	7	5	2	2	
Blowick End	8	7					GOAL METHOD		Winning Margin		5	2	1		
Scarsbrick End	11	7					Open Play	20	Losing Margin		3	1	3		
TOTAL	19	14					Corner	2	Draws		3	2	1		
							Penalty	0	League		F	A			
							Direct Free Kick	0	RED CARDS		1	1			
							Indirect Free Kick	3	YELLOW CARDS		35				
							Headed Goals	3							

ALL ROADS (AND TRAINS) LEAD TO SOUTHEND

It sounds like plenty of people are planning on making the long trip to Southend for our FA Trophy Fourth Round tie on January 4th and we are assured of some great support.

It will of course be the first ever Non League meeting of the sides with Southend becoming the 234th team we will have played in Non League matches.

We have of course played each other before with personal memories of a couple of long Friday night trips on the train and stop overs in London after the games.

Having also worked in Southend quite a bit it's familiar territory for me.

After a gap of 46 years we meet again.

Quite a famous fixture included in the list with the game on May 6th the game that sealed promotion to Football League Division 3 after a 1-0 win in front of a gate of 8999 and no I wasn't there but there will be a few people here today who will have been.



Previous Encounters

1925/26	9 Jan	1926	A	FAC3	L	2-5	10847	Oxley, Sapsford
1966/67	10 Dec	1966	A	Lge	W	1-0	7466	Fryatt
1966/67	6 May	1967	H	Lge	W	1-0	8999	Andrews
1970/71	15 Aug	1970	A	Lge	D	1-1	8881	Field
1970/71	16 Oct	1970	H	Lge	W	3-0	3332	Cocks, Field, Marsh
1971/72	1 Oct	1971	A	Lge	L	1-2	10515	Field
1971/72	3 Apr	1972	H	Lge	L	0-1	3320	
1973/74	17 Sep	1973	A	Lge	W	1-0	4783	O'Neil
1973/74	1 Oct	1973	H	Lge	D	0-0	2421	
1976/77	27 Nov	1976	H	Lge	D	0-0	1298	
1976/77	29 Apr	1977	A	Lge	L	2-3	3443	Jones(2)
1977/78	7 Oct	1977	H	Lge	D	0-0	2177	
1977/78	4 Mar	1978	A	Lge	L	2-4	6884	Hilton(2)

THE NORTH WEST LEAGUE

Time for an update in our little North West League which show the games played between the Big Seven North West Clubs.

The Table to 20 December

Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Curzon Ashton	5	5	0	0	11	0	11	15
Marine	4	2	1	1	4	2	2	7
Chester	4	2	1	1	5	6	-1	7
Warrington	4	1	2	1	4	4	0	5
Chorley	5	1	1	3	6	10	-4	4
Southport	4	0	2	2	3	7	-4	2
Radcliffe	4	0	1	3	3	7	-4	1

Games Played

20 August 2024	Chester	Radcliffe	2-0	2081
26 August 2024	Chorley	Southport	4-1	1760
07 September 2024	Southport	Radcliffe	2-2	1458
05 October 2024	Chorley	Warrington Town	1-1	1450
05 October 2024	Marine	Radcliffe	1-0	1465
12 October 2024	Radcliffe	Warrington Town	1-2	1018
26 October 2024	Curzon Ashton	Chester	4-0	1063
05 November 2024	Marine	Chorley	3-0	1104
12 November 2024	Marine	Curzon Ashton	0-2	1016
23 November 2024	Chester	Chorley	2-1	2075
26 November 2024	Curzon Ashton	Southport	1-0	296
30 November 2024	Chorley	Curzon Ashton	0-3	1499
30 November 2024	Southport	Marine	0-0	2464
30 November 2024	Warrington Town	Chester	1-1	2296
10 December 2024	Warrington Town	Curzon Ashton	0-1	631

Games to Play

26 December 2024	Marine	Chester
26 December 2024	Radcliffe	Chorley
26 December 2024	Southport	Warrington Town
01 January 2025	Chester	Southport
01 January 2025	Warrington Town	Marine
07 January 2025	Curzon Ashton	Radcliffe
25 January 2025	Southport	Chorley
28 January 2025	Radcliffe	Chester
08 February 2025	Radcliffe	Southport
22 February 2025	Radcliffe	Marine
22 February 2025	Warrington Town	Chorley
25 February 2025	Southport	Curzon Ashton
08 March 2025	Chorley	Chester
08 March 2025	Radcliffe	Curzon Ashton
11 March 2025	Chester	Warrington Town
11 March 2025	Marine	Southport
11 March 2025	Curzon Ashton	Chorley
15 March 2025	Warrington Town	Radcliffe
15 March 2025	Curzon Ashton	Marine
29 March 2025	Chester	Curzon Ashton
05 April 2025	Curzon Ashton	Warrington Town
12 April 2025	Chorley	Marine
18 April 2025	Marine	Warrington Town
18 April 2025	Southport	Chester
21 April 2025	Chester	Marine
21 April 2025	Chorley	Radcliffe
21 April 2025	Warrington Town	Southport



THE LAST WORD

with Rob Urwin



**The last “Last Word”
of 2024 as another year
comes to a close, where does
the time go!**

I don't know how many times I say it but there have been the usual highs and lows in the year.

My personal highs? I really enjoyed our short break down to Needham Market not just for the football but the whole visit to see Cliff Woof and the Newmarket gallops and visit to the stud was superb. Then getting a win at the end of it topped it off. The wins against Chester away and the home win against Scunthorpe were very enjoyable.

The Lows? The year started badly with a 3-0 home win against Curzon Ashton and bowing out of the FA Cup at the 3Q stage to the same team was disappointing.

That's what football is all about taking the rough with the smooth. Even Man City can't win every game as we are seeing.

One of the undoubted successes this year has been our audio commentary which has gathered quite a following and both Joe and Matty, when Joe is otherwise engaged, have done a great job with that and both of them have been great to work alongside. The feedback has been good and appreciated.

This programme was printed ahead of our game at Kidderminster to help Simon and our printers who as always have been very accommodating throughout the year.

We enter a very busy period with a NYD game at Chester quickly followed by a trip to Southend United in the FA Trophy. We then have Leamington here on the 11th and then we have the Lancs Cup game against Bamber Bridge here on January 14th the rearranged game at Alfreton and Liverpool Senior Cup tie at City of Liverpool (Widnes) have at the time of going to print still to be sorted out.

Just a little reminder to always make sure you get your printed copy of our programme do order in advance either for C&C or post out. I do put that out every game on our website and it's great to see a few new names ordering but there are still a few complaints that we sell out too quickly. I am very conscious of costs and waste so I don't over order and love a sell out.

Have a great new year, support the lads at Chester and Southend before we return here on the 11th.

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those of the club.*

Rob

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