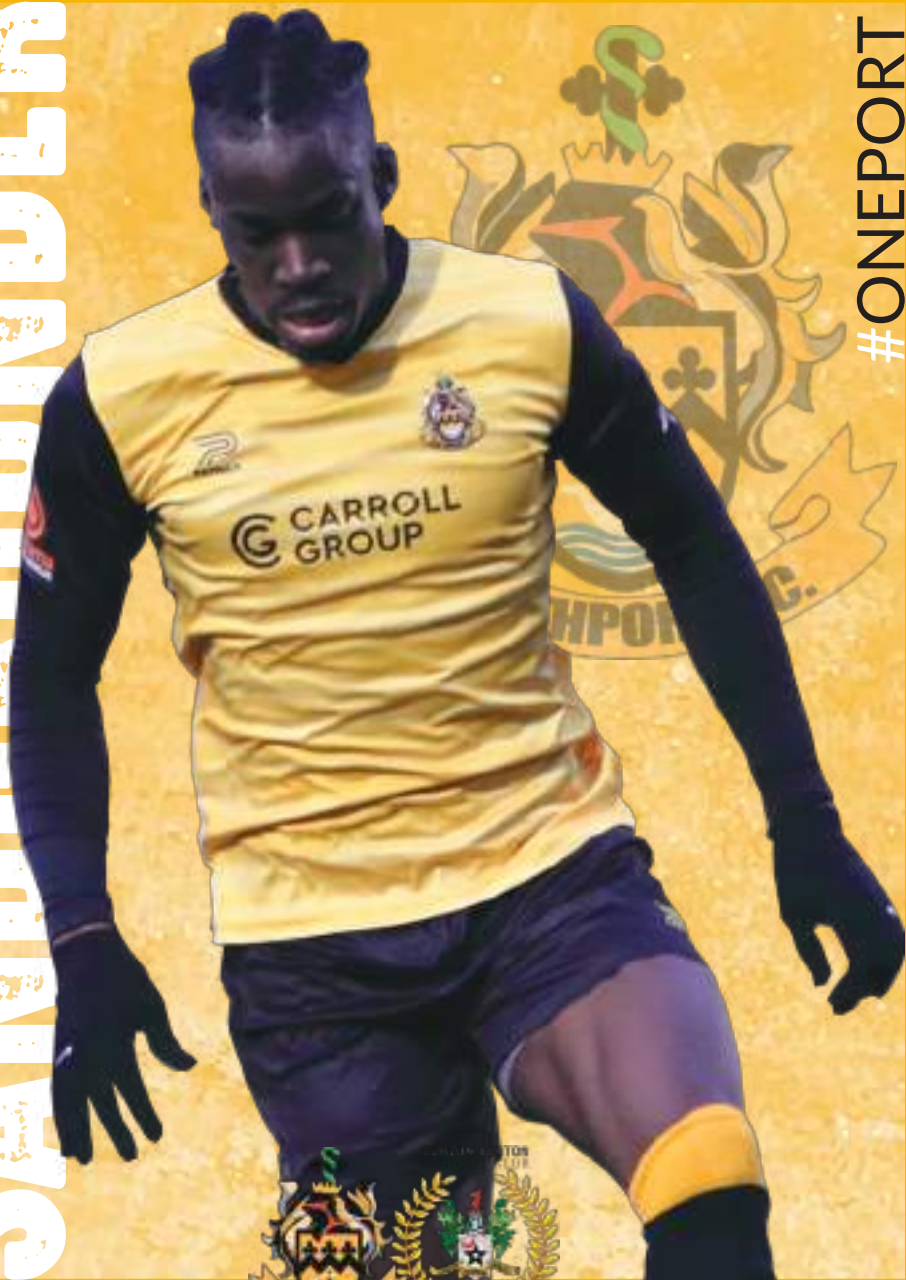


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FROM THE BENCH MANAGER JIM BENTLEY

**A Tuesday night game
under the lights
where would you
rather be! Welcome
back to The Big Help
Stadium and a warm
welcome to our
visitors who have
made the short trip
over from Ashton this
evening.**

We are due a win against our
opponents this season having
gone down to a 1-0 defeat here
on the FA Cup and defeat by
the same score in the reverse
fixture at The Tameside
Stadium back in November.

Since my last notes we have
had a 0-0 here against
Darlington a 2-0 win at Farsley
(Buxton) and on Saturday we
fell to a 1-0 defeat at Brackley.
The Darlo game could have
gone either way with both
sides going close to getting the
win.

This was followed up with a
gritty 2-0 win on a bitterly cold
night in Buxton, It was a game
everyone expected us to win so
in a way we were in a no win
situation. Farsley have had a
torrid time but gave it a right

go and when you see on
Saturday that Chester only just
managed a 1-0 win I look back
on that game as a good win.

We knew we were in for a
battle at Brackley, they are
such a solid side but it was
disappointing to go down to a
set piece goal after we have
done so much better
defensively in the last few
games.

We have had a bit of illness
in the squad this last few weeks
so I am never able to fully settle
on the team until matchday
which doesn't help but one
thing I can say is no matter who
pulls on the Southport shirt
they all dop a good job for the
club.

I can't finish my notes
without thanking everyone
who has travelled to the recent
away games, we had great
support at Buxton and at
Brackley. A Tuesday night trip
to Buxton having been there
only eighteen days earlier is
not ideal but it was great to see
so many of you there.

We are on the road again on
Saturday with another long trip
to Peterborough, hopefully see
as many of you there as
possible.

Jim

BOARDROOM MATTERS



By Chairman Peter Mitchell

**I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY WISHING
A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL AND
A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THE
CURZON ASHTON DIRECTORS AND
ALL OF OUR GUESTS VISITING FROM
GREATER MANCHESTER.**

I'm proud to say that today's match marks another significant step forward for our beloved club, both on and off the pitch.

First and foremost, I'm delighted to share that our newly installed electronic big screen will be making its debut this evening, further enhancing the matchday experience for all in attendance. This substantial investment in our infrastructure demonstrates our ongoing commitment to modernising the Big Help Stadium and creating a more engaging atmosphere for our loyal supporters. We are still formulating ideas for how to maximise this new asset however we hope in time the screen will enable us to display live match statistics, instant replays and important club announcements, bringing us in line with higher-tier facilities.

The board's vision has always been to combine our proud heritage with modern amenities that our supporters deserve. This latest addition follows our recent improvements to the 1881 Lounge, Leasecar Lounge and external catering facilities, and I'm pleased to report that the initial feedback from volunteers and supporters has been overwhelmingly positive.

Regarding match attendance, we witnessed another strong turnout last time out against Darlington and our away following against Farsley also did us proud. This trend reflects the growing momentum behind the club and we are well on course to break our home seasonal attendance record in National North.

Our commercial team reports that hospitality packages continue to sell well and the new electronic screen has already attracted additional advertising revenue from local businesses.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting initiatives in the pipeline, all aimed at further improving your matchday experience. We are currently reviewing proposals for additional facility upgrades, and I look forward to sharing these plans with you in the coming weeks.

As always, I want to express my gratitude to our dedicated supporters, volunteers, and staff who continue to be the backbone of this football club. Your unwavering support makes everything we do possible.

Peter

NEW STAND SPONSORSHIP

with Renacres Hospital

We are delighted to announce a new commercial partnership with Renacres Hospital, part of the Ramsay Health Care Group, securing the official sponsorship of the newly named Renacres Paddock at The Big Help Stadium.

The agreement marks an exciting collaboration between the club and a well-respected name in private medical care. As part of the partnership, Renacres Hospital will also be the official match sponsor for the highly anticipated Non-League Day fixture against Scarborough Athletic on 22nd March 2025, as well as two major derby fixtures throughout the 2025-26 season.

Darren Court, Southport FC Commercial Manager, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership: "We are very pleased to confirm our partnership with Renacres Hospital. It is a commercial partnership that we feel will flourish over time. Their enthusiasm for football at our level, coupled with their desire to see our club prosper, has been fantastic to experience. We are proud to have such a committed sponsor on board."

Renacres Hospital located in Halsall, has been a trusted provider of private medical care for 35 years and have been providing

NHS care since 2007, serving the local community with high-quality healthcare services. Renacres Hospital is committed to improving healthcare access for the region.

With their commitment to Southport FC extending beyond sponsorship, eager to build strong relationships, support local initiatives, and contribute positively to the well-being of the community.

Wendy Williams, Business Relations Manager at Renacres Hospital, shared her excitement about the partnership: "Everyone at Renacres Hospital is thrilled to be working with Southport FC. We are passionate about supporting our local community, and this partnership allows us to connect with fans, players, and the wider Southport community. Southport FC is a fantastic club with deep community ties and dedicated supporters. We couldn't be more excited to be part of the Sandgrounders family and the club's journey. We look forward to building lasting relationships and playing our role in helping the club grow"

We look forward to a successful and rewarding partnership with Renacres Hospital. This collaboration reinforces the importance of local business engagement in football and provides vital support to the club's growth

COMMERCIAL

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER **DARREN COURT**



Welcome to this evening's game against Curzon Ashton.

Darren Court
Commercial Manager

50-50 WINNER

Our 50-50 Winner against Darlington was Keith Malone.



MASCOTS

Mascots v Darlington Southport Trinity Under 10's accompanied by Danny Lloyd's son, Hudson.



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SOUTHPORT FC WOMEN EDGE CLOSER TO THIRD PLACE

In our penultimate league fixture, Southport FC Women delivered a dominant performance against a resilient Uni of Liverpool side, securing a vital victory that almost secures third place with just one game remaining. The win also extends our unbeaten streak to six games, highlighting the team's remarkable form as the season draws to a close.

From the first whistle, Southport asserted their dominance, controlling possession and creating numerous scoring opportunities. Freya Wickstead and Erin Collins were a constant threat, coming close to breaking the deadlock on multiple occasions. Despite their efforts, the Uni of Liverpool goalkeeper produced a string of outstanding saves, keeping her team in the match and denying Southport the lead for much of the game.

As the clock ticked down, Southport's persistence finally paid off. A well-worked move began in midfield, showcasing the team's fluid passing and composure. On the edge of the box, Sophie Birnie switching play with a cross to find an unmarked Alice Bray at the far post. Bray showed great composure under pressure, calmly slotting the ball home to give Southport a well-deserved lead and secure the crucial three points.

With just one game remaining, this hard-fought victory places us in a commanding position to secure third place. Confidence is high, and momentum is firmly on our side as we look to finish the season on a high.



For the first time this season, the player of the month vote was shared between two outstanding players, who delivered top performances throughout January!

Mel Gibson – A constant attacking threat in January, Mel found the net against City of Liverpool and Wirral Phoenix.

Teigan Cunningham – Stepping into a central defensive role, Teigan capped off the month with a Player of the Match performance against Wirral Phoenix.

Both players have been instrumental to the team's performances last month, and this joint award is well deserved. Well done, Mel and Teigan!



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WELCOME CURZON ASHTON

The third meeting this season with the previous two going in favour of our visitors.

A 1-0 defeat in the FA Cup and a defeat by the same score in the league at The Tameside Stadium has given our visitors the upper hand in recent games. The gate of 296 in the game at Curzon was our lowest of the season.

As you can see from the list of our previous games there have been plenty of draws in the meetings between the sides but the last four matches have seen defeats for The Sandgrounders.



Action from the FA Cup tie

PREVIOUS NON LEAGUE MEETINGS AT HAIG AVE

2017/18	11 Nov	A	Lge	D	2-2	519	Schumacher(pen) Hallam
2017/18	24 Feb	H	Lge	W	3-1	863	Gilchrist, OG, Osborne
2018/19	6 Oct	A	FAC 3Q	W	2-1	408	Charles, Sampson
2018/19	30 Oct	H	Lge	D	2-2	587	Morgan, Charles
2018/19	19 Apr	A	Lge	W	3-0	380	Charles, Sampson, Wood
2019/20	6 Aug	H	Lge	D	0-0	1120	
2020/21	26-Dec	H	Lge	D	2-2	706	Carver, Woods
2021/22	26-Dec	A	Lge	D	0-0	450	
2021/22	15-Feb	H	Lge	D	0-0	840	
2022/23	19-Nov	H	FAT 2	L	1-3	829	Bainbridge
2022/23	26-Dec	A	Lge	D	1-1	450	Watson
2022/23	02-Jan	H	Lge	W	2-1	1345	Archer 2
2023/24	26-Dec	A	Lge	L	2-3	482	Holmes, Flowers
2023/24	01-Jan	H	Lge	L	0-3	1165	
2024/25	28-Sep	H	FAC 3Q	L	0-1	980	
2024/25	26-Nov	A	Lge	L	0-1	296	

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A	H	A	H	A	A	H	H	A	A	H
21-Dec	26-Dec	01-Jan	18-Jan	25-Jan	28-Jan	01-Feb	08-Feb	11-Feb	15-Feb	22-Feb
Lea	Far	Alf	Brac	Dar	Oxf	RO	KL	Scu	Pet	Bux
1-4	1-3	1-0	0-1	0-0	5-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	
*	397	*	377	*	*	327	382	*	*	
1	2	1	6	6	4	4	7	8	9	

Top of the table at the start of the year but just one win in the last seven games (ahead of the fixture at home to Buxton on Saturday sees them in 9th place but they do have games in hand and if they win them they will be well back in the play off mix. An away draw at Scunthorpe is impressive and despite the slight dip there are not many defeats in there.

IN THE
HOT SEAT
CRAIG MAHON



Craig Mahon is the man in the hot seat at The Tameside Stadium. Craig combines playing with the managers role he has played in the Football League for Accrington Stanley. Craig is the nephew of a former Tranmere Rovers midfielder Alan Mahon.

We also welcome back former player Jordan Richards who seems to like playing against Southport and Isaac Buckley-Ricketts who got the only goal late on in the FA Cup tie earlier this season.



OUR VISITORS

CURZON ASHTON

1 – Bobby Jones - Goalkeeper

Described as a ball-playing goalkeeper, he excels in distribution and commands the box with authority. He joined in the Summer of 2024 after a standout stint at Marine, where his performances helped secure Liverpool Senior Cup silverware and promotion, culminating in a 2-1 victory over Macclesfield in the Pitching In Northern Premier Play-Off Final.

2 – Timi Sobowale - Defender

Timi Sobowale is a versatile defender and wing-back known for his defensive solidity and attacking prowess. A summer 2024 signing from Nantwich Town, he has international experience with the Republic of Ireland and a winning stint with Manchester City's U18s. Sobowale also played in the USA with Real Monarchs and had a spell at Wigan, showcasing his diverse skill set.

4 – Marcus Poscha - Defender

Marcus Poscha is one of the longest serving current players in the squad. He is a defender known for his defensive solidity and aerial prowess, has consistently performed for The Nash since joining in 2020 from Colne. Recognised as one of the top ball-playing defenders in the National League North, he combines strength with skill, making him a key asset in the backline.

5 – Devon Matthews – Centre Back

A towering, confident centre-back known for his ball-playing skills. Starting his career in 2019 at Chadderton, he progressed through Glossop North End and joined Mossley in 2022. Comfortable with the ball at his feet, Matthews combines physical presence with composure, making him a reliable defensive anchor. His growth reflects his adaptability and football intelligence.

6 – Luke Griffiths – Central Midfield

Luke Griffiths is a dynamic, ball-winning midfielder known for his defensive prowess and ball retention. Notable for his solid performances, Griffiths secured a clean sheet against South Shields in April 2024 and scored his first goal against them in August 2024. Previously with FC United of Manchester, his career includes stints with Bolton's youth setup and a 2021 loan to Warrington Town.

7 – Isaac Buckley-Ricketts - Forward

Isaac Buckley-Ricketts, a dynamic forward and midfielder, joined the Nash in the Summer of 2024 from Warrington Town. Celebrated for his decisive goal in the 2022/2023 Northern Premier League Play-Off final and a standout hat-trick against Buxton in the 2023/2024 season, he was named in the National League North Team of the Season. Formerly with Manchester City, FC Twente, Oxford United, Peterborough United, Stretford Paddock, and Southport, he has 23 England youth caps and 3 goals. Isaac is known for his energetic play, skilful dribbling, and commitment to evolving his game.

8- Issac Sinclair – Right Midfield

Isaac re-joined the Nash in the Summer of 2023 after three years at Bamber Bridge. A relentless, hardworking midfielder, he excels both centrally and on the wing. Known for his ability to find space and drive the ball up the pitch, Isaac's work rate and vision make him a crucial asset to the team.

9 – James Spencer - Forward

Jimmy Spencer, the Target Man for Curzon, is a physical presence in attack, adept at exploiting defensive weaknesses and thriving in tight spaces. With 11 goals last season and a strong link-up play, he's set to continue his impressive form as captain. Having joined from Farsley Celtic in February 2023, Spencer also brings valuable Football League experience from Scunthorpe, Plymouth, Huddersfield, and Crawley.

10 - Stefan Mols – Central Midfield

Stefan Mols joined the Nash in the Summer of 2023 from Warrington Town, the 2023 Northern Premier League play-off winners. A technically gifted central midfielder, Stefan excels in tight spaces with his calm demeanour and sharp intelligence. His standout season saw him become the Nash's top goal scorer with 18 goals, including a memorable hat-trick against Blyth Spartans in March 2024.

11 – William Hayhurst – Winger

Versatile defender and wing-back known for his defensive solidity and powerful presence on the flank. Dangerous in link-up play and a set-piece specialist, he consistently creates chances. Since joining from Farsley Celtic in July 2022, Hayhurst has been an exceptional



asset, making over 100 appearances and becoming a key figure in the squad.

12 - George Waring - Forward

A versatile player who joined Curzon from Chester in 2022. Standing tall as a centre forward or centre-back, his aerial prowess is matched by impressive technical skills, including dribbling and finishing. Waring's wide-ranging abilities make him a formidable and complete player, posing a constant threat to opponents on both ends of the pitch.

13 - Joshua Ollerenshaw - Goalkeeper

Josh Ollerenshaw, a commanding goalkeeper known for his athleticism, joined in the summer of 2022 from Warrington Town. He is experienced across the Non-League pyramid, impressing with consistent performances. A standout moment came in April 2024 against South Shields, where he made 15 crucial saves, highlighting his shot-stopping prowess and reliability in high-pressure situations.

14 - Charlie Bingley - Midfield

Charlie Bingley, a product of Curzon Ashton Youth Academy, debuted in the Frank Hannah Manchester Premier Cup against Wythenshawe Town in January 2024. As a midfielder, he excels at ball control and orchestrating play, always aiming to ignite attacking movements and maintain possession. His vision and composure make him a key asset in the midfield for the future.

15 - Cameron Tetlow - Midfield

Cameron Tetlow, a versatile Full-back and Winger, emerged from Curzon Ashton's Youth Academy. Known for his natural touch and direct play, Cameron is poised to evolve into a more dynamic player. With continued development, he has the potential to make significant strides and further enhance his impact on the field.

16 - Ben Darby - Midfield

17 - Michael Afuye - Midfield

Michael Afuye, joining in summer 2024 from Rochdale, is a dynamic and versatile player who excels as a winger or full-back. With over 30 goal contributions for Avro (2022-2023) and a successful loan spell at

Guiseley, he brings energy, skill, and creativity to the team. Always eager to take on defenders and support his teammates, he's a valuable asset and looks to learn more and develop more in his overall game.

18 - Oliver Kvaternik - Midfield

Oliver Kvaternik, a towering talent from Curzon Ashton Academy, has showcased impressive maturity in his performances. As a forward, he consistently pressures opposing defences and seeks opportunities to evolve into a complete forward. With his blend of skill and development, Kvaternik is poised to make a significant impact in the coming years.

19- Jordan Richards – Right Back

A versatile defender and wing-back is known for his defensive solidity and offensive prowess. Joining from Farsley Celtic in January 2022, he quickly made an impact with a hat-trick of assists against Banbury United. Richards excels in link-up play and creating chances, having previously played for Hartlepool, Alfreton, Fylde, Southport, and Darlington.

21 - Craig Mahon - Winger

Mahon, a key player for Curzon since 2020, brings technical brilliance and leadership to the midfield. A talented Ireland youth international, he played a pivotal role in guiding the team to their first-ever National League North play-offs. As the team's manager, he aims to build on this historic achievement and drive further success.

22 - Adam Barton – Central Midfield

Barton is a composed central midfielder and full Northern Ireland international. Known for his exceptional game reading and passing range, he excels in building play from the back and making progressive runs into dangerous areas. A former League 2 Champion with Portsmouth, Barton combines tactical intelligence with consistent performance in both defensive and attacking phases.

Kerian is Curzon's goalkeeping coach; he is responsible for the goalkeepers' training and making sure that the goalkeepers are doing everything the way they should to ensure good performances.

Another very key figure at Curzon as Adam puts a lot of faith in him to look after the Goalkeepers at the club.

SFC 16-19 Academy

Each of our Academy lads has filled out a questionnaire to tell us a bit about themselves

Andrew Cunningham



Age: 17

Position: Centre Midfield

Which Team Do You Support:

Everton

Teams You Have Played For:

Mainliners, Northfield

Best Memory Within Football:

Scoring in a cup final to win the game

Why Did You Want To Join SFC Academy :

Great opportunity to play football

What Are You Most Looking Forward To

This Season: *FA Youth Cup*

Thoughts On SFC Academy So Far: *It's*

enjoyable and everyone gets along

What Subjects Are You Studying At CTK:

Criminology & Business

Who Is The Best Player In Training/Games:

Brandon and Wil Hoey

Who Is The Biggest Joker In The Squad:

Jack Curry & Wil Sullivan

Tell Us Something About Yourself That We Don't Know Already? *I was part of a car crash*

when I was only one hour old.

Layton Galley



Age: 17

Position: Centre Back/Centre Mid

Which Team Do You Support: *Liverpool*

Teams You Have Played For: *Southport*

Hesketh

Best Memory Within Football:

Winning the league last season

Why Did You Want To Join SFC Academy :

Play a better standard of football and develop myself as a person and a player

What Are You Most Looking Forward To

This Season: *Youth Cup and opportunities that could happen in the next year*

Thoughts On SFC Academy So Far: *Great*

first year, I feel as I have improved as a player

What Subjects Are You Studying At CTK:

PE, Business and Criminology

Who Is The Best Player In Training/Games:

Renato

Who Is The Biggest Joker In The Squad:

Finn Turner

Tell Us Something About Yourself That We

Don't Know Already? *I'm half decent at golf*

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 Turnstile Operators”

**Working amongst creepy crawlies and missing periods of the game.
- with Sandra “Sandie” Waddie**

There's always something mystical about going through a turnstile. You know that someone is on the other side but only catch a glimpse of them through the grille, as you slide your money, ticket or phone at the bottom of the screen. The turnstile operator validates your entrance by releasing a foot brake with a heavy clunk and you then push hard against the gold-coloured barrier which creates a grinding noise as it revolves and hey presto, you're inside the ground.

I enter through either of the home main stands turnstiles which are operated by Sandie Waddie and Andy Linaker. Sandie has been a volunteer now for 15 years and ran me through how her matchday behind the scenes runs.

She arrives 90 minutes before kick-off, receives her float, checks it, and gets a scanner and balance sheet for the day's turnstile from John Wood or Mick Hopkins in the club office. Who will have arrived an hour earlier to prepare these for the operators to collect, between them they have 70 years volunteering for the club. Sandie is one of between 5 -7 volunteers who operate the turnstiles on a match day depending on the anticipated crowd.

The stewards will help Sandie open the gate, then she will check the lights and record the opening number on the turnstile. I asked Sandie what the conditions were like in the turnstiles to work in. She replied, “They are cold, damp, they can flood and get very dirty with lots of creepy crawlies”. At least both new lighting and roofing

has stopped water leaking in and shorting the electrics.

Sandie keeps the turnstile open until 3:20 pm for late arrivals. After closing the gate, the cashing up takes 10 minutes. She will provide the receipts, scanner, and the updated “closing” number on the gate counter, along with the daily balance sheet, back to John and Mick. She will probably then get to watch the game having missed the first 30 minutes.

John and Mick will then balance up all the turnstiles' receipts with the online sales and season ticket admissions, with Christine from the club shop. They will also include all the corporate attendees to get the overall matchday attendances. Once everything reconciles these guys can then hopefully get to see the second half.

Her record number of fans going through her turnstile in one game is 1200 when she operated one of the away fan gates when Lincoln City were the visitors. She also

remembers to her amusement a number of Woking fans getting stuck in the turnstiles, whether that was down to a equipment malfunction or the size of their fans I failed to find out!

The next time you pass through your preferred turnstile, take a moment to acknowledge the operator face to face through the grille and express your appreciation for their contribution to your matchday experience.

The other committed turnstile operators are: Pam Orme, Mike Dolman, Andy Linaker and Tony Fitzpatrick



**Sandie Waddie
inside the turnstile**

Welcome to Haig Avenue!



Supporting Blind Veterans UK

We are proud to shine a spotlight on Blind Veterans UK, a fantastic organisation dedicated to supporting ex-service personnel who have lost their sight. They provide rehabilitation, training, and support to help veterans lead independent lives, no matter when or how they lost their sight.

If you'd like to get involved, Blind Veterans UK is always looking for volunteers to assist with various activities, from social support to fundraising and event coordination. For more information on how you can help, visit www.blindveterans.org.uk or reach out to their volunteer team.

Sending Our Best Wishes to Beryl & Peter

For the past year, Beryl and Peter have been regulars at our Coffee Morning and Walking Club, bringing warmth and laughter to all who attended. Unfortunately, Beryl has recently been diagnosed with cancer and now has to attend regular hospital appointments, meaning they can no longer join us.



We're sure everyone at the Southport FC will join us in

sending Beryl and Peter our very best wishes during this difficult time. We hope to see them again in the future.

Powerchair Football Team Secures Funding

We are delighted to announce that our Powerchair Football Team has received a fantastic £1,890 in funding! This will cover venue hire for a whole year, providing an essential sporting opportunity for people who use wheelchairs. This funding ensures that the team can continue to train and compete, offering a much-needed form of physical activity and social interaction.

If you know someone who would like to get involved, please contact us for more details.

Launching Our Inclusive Football Hub

After February half-term, we are excited to launch an Inclusive Football Hub, designed to provide opportunities for SEND players and those who love football but find it difficult to join a mainstream team. Whether you want to develop your skills, enjoy a casual kick about, or simply be part of a welcoming football community, this hub will be a fantastic way to access the game in a suitable, inclusive environment.

If you'd like to find out more or get involved, please get in touch with us. We'd love to hear from you!

Thank you for your support, and enjoy the game!

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MATCHACTION

SOUTHPORT 0 DARLINGTON 0

Not a bad 0-0 as 0-0's go with plenty of chances for both sides to win it.

For those that like the stats! It was our sixth 0-0 of the season which equals our National North record but left us one short of the overall record of seven that came in National in 2001-02.



We still don't know how this scramble didn't result in a goal!



We thought it was in...it wasn't



Marcus on the pitch for 4 minutes after injury but getting stuck in straight away

JOSEPH AND THE COAT OF MANY COLOURS

By
Mike
Corcoran



PART ONE

I was very pleased to read the articles in the Chorley and Spennymoor programmes, by Kim Wood, about “The Ground Crew Team”, who normally ‘fly under the radar’. As a former member of that team, it has prompted me to tell you something about my experiences, starting at the time when the ‘crew’ consisted of just one person!

I first met Joe Prescott when, in order to raise money for the club, he used to go round

the ground on matchdays selling scratchcard versions of a fruit machine, ie you scratched off the foil covering nine squares on the card, and if it revealed the right sequence of fruit or other symbols, you won a cash prize. The answer was usually a lemon! For reasons I’ve never been able to explain, Joe seemed to take a shine to me, and started to watch the games, home and away, with me.

I still have a picture of him and me (and the team coach driver) taken at The Shay (Halifax Town), by the late Sally Devine – Julia Urwin’s predecessor as Club Photographer.

(SEE BELLOW RIGHT)

It didn’t take long for Joe to tell me his sob story about being the lone volunteer on non-matchdays, trying his best to keep the ground looking tidy etc. I think Joe had been made redundant from his job and was effectively ‘at a loose end’. As a result, he went to the ground virtually every day to do his bit to help the club. It didn’t take long for his ‘brainwashing’ of me to persuade me to come and help him when I could. I had already briefly volunteered when Alex Parker was manager (around 1970), after an appeal in the programme; so I was aware of how valued to the club was ‘free labour’.

I think there’s little doubt that Joe, as well as his undoubted desire to help the club, enjoyed a chat and a cup of tea – even before I started helping him, there was always the Club Secretary and possibly other employees around. In fact, a cup of tea and a chat was usually first on his agenda when he arrived at the club. I used to tell him that he couldn’t have a break until he’d done something to

have a break from, but needless to say, this fell on deaf ears. This 'crew' of two then became three when Alan Mills joined. Later, Brian Anderson = still going strong of course, added another. Sadly, Joe became ill and died – his ashes interred just in front of where I stand for home matches, which means we are still watching together in a sense. Alan eventually retired, which left just Brian and me, until we were joined by Adrian (I regret I've forgotten his surname). Adrian came from West London and was a Brentford supporter. It was a cruel blow when he too became ill and died, and so just missed out seeing his team hauled into the Premier League by 'Thomas the Frank Engine'. So the team was back to two until, wonder of wonders, we had a huge influx of new volunteers as featured in Kim Wood's article.

Now I am no 'proper' painter. I start out with the best of intentions but shortly, in my haste to get things done, the brush gets overloaded with paint which, as a result, not only goes where it is supposed to, but over my clothes, hands and face. I can assure you that white spirit is not the best skin conditioner! Eventually, the late Jack Bolton, who took it upon himself to clean the seats in the stand during the close season, took pity on me, and gifted me a

dust coat (the sort of thing you might imagine the proprietor of a hardware store wearing). This soon became covered in paint of various hues – grey undercoat, black and yellow (Kingcup) gloss, and red lead/oxide. I think it was Ken Hilton, Club Secretary, who remarked that it looked like a Jackson Pollock painting (you'll need to Google him if you don't know what that means). In the end, it became so stiff with dried paint, that I had a job putting it on. Charlie Clapham jokingly suggested he would have to start charging me for the paint I was inadvertently taking home with me. Talking of Charlie, it was always a 'master and servant' relationship I had – I never ventured to call him "Charlie" when talking to him – but as he was often at the club, I felt that he appreciated what I did for the club. Indeed, on one occasion, I was just about to tell Ken Hilton I was going home for the day and saying "I think I'm getting too old for this Ken" (I may have been lying on the ground painting the underside of the lower bar in the fence running in front of the grandstand), when a loud voice from someone out of sight behind the door said "Oh no you are not" – Charlie of course.

To Be Continued...



And here is said photo

ON THE ROAD

FARSLEY

“I always enjoy a trip to Farsley, it’s different and a real old fashioned feel to it.”

It certainly was different this season as we had to go to Buxton instead which having been there 18 days earlier was a bit of a blow but the well documented problems that Farsley have been having have seen them ground sharing this season. A ridiculous arrangement if ever there was one but needs must.

Sadly the infamous Farsley announcer was not there which was a blow, he is a legend

For me it was train there and a lift home with Paul, thank you again.

The train this time took from Ainsdale to Southport to Manchester Oxford Road, walk to Piccadilly and train out to Buxton. Left home at 2.30 and arrived at the ground at 6.10 everything on time.

To say it was cold on arrival is an understatement it was freezing with an air temperature of minus 6 forecast, There was still some snow alongside the pitch but not as much as when we went on February 1st

A strange old atmosphere which felt like a County Cup game with so few people there.

Goals from Dior Angus in the 17th minute and David Morgan on 84 minutes sealed the win. The goal was our 3900th Non League goal in all competitions.

Angus capitalised on a slip from the

Farsley defender and raced through on goal one on one and slipped the ball past the keeper and into the net

Whilst not at our best against a spirited Farsley side, beset with problems, it is the three points that are on the board that count.

Chances were at a premium throughout the game but the lively Arthur Gnahoua was causing the Farsley back line all sorts of problems but the lack of finish was in evidence again.

At 1-0 after 80 minutes the home side were still in it and it was getting a bit nervy but Morgan settled the nerves with a shot from 8 yards after Connor Evans had his shot blocked. The alert official saw that the ball had clearly crossed the line.

We somehow managed to pick up 5 yellow cards in a game that was far from dirty,

Line Up: Renshaw, Doyle, Lunt Philliskirk 82), Lloyd(Evans 46), Morgan(Burgess 90+1) Angus(Carver 74) Quansah, Moore, Minihan, Pickles, Gnahoua(Hilton 56)

Attendance: 75

Media MOTM: Aaron Pickles

Now for the stats you have all been waiting for I am sure.

The gate of 75 was the lowest Non League league gate we have ever played in front of, I do think there was more than 75 in the ground if I am honest but we go by the official attendance and that was it.

Of that 75 we estimated 55 were from Southport which got me thinking about other games when we have outnumbered the home gate, The obvious ones at Emley, Harrogate and Eastwood stand out but in a regular league game? This was of course anything but regular.

Previous League lows have all come in the NPL

1981/82	15 Mar	A	TAMWORTH	W	3-0	116
1979/80	1 Apr	H	NETHERFIELD	D	0-0	118
1980/81	1 Nov	A	TAMWORTH	L	0-1	126
1983/84	17 Dec	A	OSWESTRY	W	3-2	134
1986/89	14 Mar	H	BANGOR CITY	L	0-2	141
1986/86	4 Mar	A	GOOLE TOWN	W	5-1	142
1980/81	23 Apr	H	NETHERFIELD	D	0-0	144
1980/81	13 Dec	H	GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY	W	4-2	147
1985/86	1 Mar	A	BANGOR CITY	W	3-2	147
1982/83	20 Nov	A	NETHERFIELD	W	2-0	148
1982/83	28 Aug	A	TAMWORTH	W	3-2	150
1982/83	12 Dec	A	WORKSOP TOWN	D	0-0	150
1984/85	4 Sep	A	MORECAMBE	D	1-1	150

The lowest in National North was previously the 251 at Solihull in 2007-08

2007/08	5 Apr	A	SOLIHULL MOORS	L	1-4	251
2008/09	29 Nov	A	SOLIHULL MOORS	W	2-0	253
2022/23	07-Jan	A	PETERBOROUGH SPORTS	L	1-2	281
2008/09	10 Mar	A	HARROGATE TOWN	W	3-0	286
2018/19	22 Dec	A	ASHTON UNITED	W	2-1	286
2024/25	26-Nov	A	CURZON ASHTON	L	0-1	296

Given the circumstances it is a little unfair to make a big thing about it being an all time low but that's what the record books will say.

As for al time any game lows here we go

2018/19	25 Sep	A	HOLKER OLD BOYS	LJC	W	5	2	43
2005/06	13 Dec	A	SQUIRES GATE	LJC	W	3	2	52
1979/80	20 Dec	H	BLACKPOOL MECHANICS	LJC	W	2	1	63
2005/06	22 Nov	A	NELSON	LJC	W	3	0	65
2010/11	8 Mar	H	CAMMELL LAIRD	LvsG	W	3	0	73
1981/82	21 Jan	A	SOUTH LIVERPOOL	LJC	W	2	1	75
1987/88	9 Feb	H	GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY	NPLC	W	2	1	77
1980/81	6 Dec	A	LYTHAM	LJC	D	1	1	80
1983/84	22 Nov	A	SKELMERSDALE UTD	LFT	W	3	0	80
2009/10	3 Nov	H	HOLKER OLD BOYS	LJC	W	3	1	80
2002/03	17 Dec	H	GREAT HARWOOD	LJC	W	4	1	81
1984/86	4 Dec	A	SKELMERSDALE UTD	LFT	W	3	0	84

DAVID MORGAN

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FORMER PLAYERS

News has reached us from Stockport of the death of Barry Hartle who died on 29th January, aged 85. He was Southport's regular outside-left in 1971-72 and in a League career which spanned fourteen years he made more than 300 Football League appearances with six different clubs.



Born in Salford on 8th August 1939 Barry was spotted by a Watford Scout while playing in Manchester junior football. He made his Watford debut in December 1958 against Shrewsbury Town and the following season Barry created many goals for Cliff Holton and Dennis Uphill in the team which gained promotion to the Third Division. I was present at Haig Avenue when he scored an

equalising goal for the Hornets on 13TH March 1960. This was a day he would never forget as he was married in the morning. Whilst playing for Watford he impressed Sheffield United in an FA cup tie and joined the Blades who paid Watford £10,000 for his services in June 1960.

Barry spent six seasons at Bramall Lane making 101 League appearances most of which were in the First Division. He became Carlisle United's then record signing when he joined the Cumbrians in July 1966 and made a further 28 appearances with the Brunton Park Club.. He was sold to Stockport County at a time when Jimmy Meadows was their manager, and he was successfully converted to a full-back. Released by Stockport in 1970 Barry spent a season with Oldham Athletic before being signed by Southport Manager Jimmy Meadows for a second time in July 1971. Meadows initially intended to play him at full-back. However, Barry resumed playing on the left wing where he gave some sparkling performances. Despite never being a prolific scorer he notched a hat trick at Exeter City on 16th October 1971. A clever player with a particularly good left foot Barry played in 37 League games (plus 4 substitute appearances) for Southport.

Barry dropped into non-league football with Macclesfield Town where he was voted player of the Year in 1972/73 and there followed spells with Buxton, Witton Albion, and Hyde United. Barry and his wife Maureen settled in Stockport and their four children. A grandfather and great grandfather he spent four years working as a postman before becoming a self-employed taxi driver.

Obituary By Michael Braham

MATCH DETAILS

FOR 2024/25

Month				Pos	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
August												
Sat 16	H	Arlesey Town	W	3-1	**	1225	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Keane Lloyd
Sat 17	A	Needham Market	W	2-1	4	434	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Keane Lloyd
Tue 20	A	Spennymoor Town	L	0-2	8	5870	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Keane Lloyd
Sat 24	H	Hoveford	L	1-1	13	1323	Reeshaw	Minhan	Stafford	Moore	Quannah	Keane Lloyd
Mon 26	A	Chorley	L	1-4	18	1780	Reeshaw	Thompson	Doyle	Moore	Quannah	Keane Lloyd
Sat 31	H	Sharnon	W	3-2	13	1257	Reeshaw	Thompson	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Quannah Lloyd
September												
Tue 3	H	Farsley Celtic	D	1-1	13	785	Reeshaw	Thompson	Doyle	Stafford	Knight-Percival	Quannah Lloyd
Sat 7	H	Raunds	D	2-2	14	1458	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Quannah Lloyd
Sat 14	H	Hyde United (FAC 20)	W	2-1	**	1062	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore	Keane	Quannah Overdale
Sat 21	A	Durkington	L	0-3	18	1430	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Quannah	Knight-Percival	Keane Lloyd
Sat 28	H	Curzon Ashton (FAC 30)	L	0-1	**	980	Reeshaw	Minhan	Stafford	Moore	Quannah	Keane Lloyd
October												
Sat 5	H	Brackley Town	D	0-0	17	1058	Reeshaw	Minhan	Stafford	Moore	Knight-Percival	Keane Lloyd
Sat 12	H	South Shields	W	2-0	10	1102	Reeshaw	Thompson	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Quannah Lloyd
Sat 19	A	Scarbrough Athletic	W	2-1	8	1503	Reeshaw	Thompson	Doyle	Stafford	Knight-Percival	Quannah Lloyd
Tue 22	A	Leamington	L	0-2	11	527	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Arthur	Knight-Percival	Quannah Lloyd
Sat 26	H	Scunthorpe United	W	2-0	8	1460	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Arthur	Knight-Percival	Quannah Lloyd
Tue 29	H	Rushall Olympic	W	2-0	8	1068	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Arthur	Knight-Percival	Moore Lloyd
November												
Sat 2	A	Oxford City	D	1-1	8	805	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Arthur	Knight-Percival	Moore Lloyd
Sat 9	H	Peterborough Sports	L	1-2	10	1233	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Arthur	Knight-Percival	Moore Lloyd
Tue 12	A	Warrington Town (EC)	W	2-0	**	252	Reeshaw	Thompson	Stafford	Arthur	Quannah	Moore Williams
Sat 16	H	Warrington FAL 20	W	3-0	**	1168	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Quannah Williams
Tue 19	H	Helmsdale (CT)	D	1-1	**	215	McMillan	Ramley	Stafford	Arthur	Quannah	Moore Hillon
Sat 23	A	King's Lynn Town	L	0-1	13	873	Reeshaw	Minhan	Stafford	Moore	Knight-Percival	Quannah Williams
Tue 26	A	Curzon Ashton	L	0-1	13	295	Reeshaw	Thompson	Doyle	Arthur	Quannah	Moore Williams
Sat 30	H	Marine	D	0-0	14	1484	Reeshaw	Thompson	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Quannah Morgan
December												
Tue 3	H	Peterborough Sports (FAL 2)	W	2-1	**	442	Reeshaw	Thompson	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Quannah Lloyd
Sat 14	H	Needham Market	D	0-0	16	825	Reeshaw	Minhan	Stafford	Moore	Knight-Percival	Quannah Arthur
Sat 20	A	Kidderminster Harriers	L	0-2	16	1603	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Quannah Arthur
Tue 24	H	Warrington Town	W	2-0	14	1478	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Quannah Burgess
January												
Wed 1	A	Chesham	D	0-0	15	2711	Reeshaw	Minhan	Williams	Moore	Knight-Percival	Quannah Burgess
Sat 4	A	South Shields (FAL 4)	L	0-1	**	1513	Reeshaw	Minhan	Williams	Moore	Knight-Percival	Quannah Burgess
Tue 15	H	Banster Bridge (LGTOP)	W	3-0	**	237	Reeshaw	Thompson	Stafford	Moore	Keane	Quannah Burgess
Sat 19	A	Hedford	D	1-1	17	2490	Reeshaw	Minhan	Thompson	Moore	Knight-Percival	Hillon Burgess
Mon 22	A	City of Liverpool (FAC)	W	1-0	**	224	McMillan	Heath	Stafford	Moore	Quannah	Hillon Williams
Sat 25	H	Chorley	D	0-0	16	1270	Reeshaw	Thompson	Minhan	Moore	Pickles	Quannah Williams
Tue 29	H	Spennymoor Town	L	1-4	16	578	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore	Pickles	Quannah Williams
February												
Sat 1	A	Rushall	L	1-2	16	767	Reeshaw	Quannah	Doyle	Moore	Pickles	Lunt Lloyd
Tue 4	A	Alton Town	W	2-0	16	382	Reeshaw	Quannah	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Lunt Lloyd
Sat 8	A	Rushall	L	1-4	16	1005	Reeshaw	Quannah	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Morgan Lloyd
Sat 15	H	Barnetford	D	0-2	17	1220	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Quannah Lloyd
Tue 18	A	Farsley Celtic	W	2-0	16	75	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore	Pickles	Quannah Lloyd
Sat 22	A	Brackley Town	L	0-1	17	713	Reeshaw	Minhan	Doyle	Moore	Knight-Percival	Quannah Angus
Tue 25	H	Curzon Ashton										
March												
Sat 1	A	Peterborough Sports										
Tue 4	H	Leamington										
Sat 8	H	King's Lynn Town										
Tue 11	A	Moore										
Sat 15	A	Rushall Olympic										
Tue 18	A	Leamington Town (CTSE)										
Sat 22	H	Scarbrough Athletic										
Tue 25	H	Warrington Rovers (FAC 35-40)										
Sat 29	A	Southport United										
April												
Sat 5	H	Oxford City										
Sat 12	A	South Shields										
Fri 18	H	Chorley										
Mon 21	A	Warrington Town										
Sat 26	H	Kidderminster Harriers										

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PREDICTION LEAGUE

UPDATE as at 18 February

A certain Michelle Urwin leads the way in our Prediction League with a fairly big lead followed by her Dad but as I keep telling her there are plenty of games to go and with a few clubs having games in hand things can and no doubt will change as I keep telling her!

The Top 15 Places

Position	Name	Score
1	Michelle Urwin	500
2	Rob Urwin 2	488
3	Gary Hunt	488
4	Adrian Cannell	486
5	Tony Birrell	486
6	Mike Rimmer	484
7	Austin Armstrong	484
8	Steve Evans	484
9	Kev Gregory	482
10	Joe Trees	482
11	David Gostelow	482
12	Mark Raistrick	482
13	Joe Cunliffe	480
14	Colin Hobbs	480
15	David Ollerton	480

Still To Play

22 February 2025
Radcliffe v Marine
22 February 2025
Warrington Town v Chorley
25 February 2025
Southport v Curzon Ashton
08 March 2025
Chorley v Chester
08 March 2025
Radcliffe v Curzon Ashton
11 March 2025
Chester v Warrington Town
11 March 2025
Marine v Southport
11 March 2025
Curzon Ashton v Chorley
15 March 2025
Warrington Town v Radcliffe
15 March 2025
Curzon Ashton v Marine
18 March 2025
Curzon Ashton v Radcliffe
29 March 2025
Chester v Curzon Ashton
05 April 2025
Curzon Ashton v Warrington Town
12 April 2025
Chorley v Marine
18 April 2025
Marine v Warrington Town
18 April 2025
Southport v Chester
21 April 2025
Chester v Marine
21 April 2025
Chorley v Radcliffe
21 April 2025
Warrington Town v Southport

North West League update

as at 18 February after Radcliffe v Chorley

Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Curzon Ashton	5	5	0	0	11	0	11	15
Chester	7	4	2	1	11	8	3	14
Marine	6	3	1	2	8	5	3	10
Radcliffe	7	2	1	4	9	11	-2	7
Southport	8	1	4	3	6	11	-5	7
Warrington	6	1	2	3	4	8	-4	5
Chorley	7	1	2	4	6	12	-6	5

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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



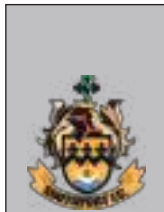
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A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

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SONNY HILTON



H: Liz Halpin
A: Qatar Sandgrounders
3rd: Vacant

19



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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

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HARRY FLOWERS



H: Vacant
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant

6

NATHANIEL
KNIGHT-PERCIVAL



H: Just Wings (Southport)
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

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JACK STAFFORD



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

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H: Vacant
A: Vacant
3rd: Vacant



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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 three more needed to complete the set. PLEASE have a go so we can keep the series going all season send into Rob Urwin via e-mail to rob@southportfc.net

The Top Team this week comes from **Steve Wignall**



Goalkeeper:
Steve Dickinson- Just Mr Reliable



Right Back:
Chris Lane-Always in the right place at the right time and could put a tackle in.



Left Back:
Jack Doyle- As good a left back that I have seen in a Southport shirt.



Centre Half:
Matt Hocking-Great guy and I am still great friends with him.



Centre Half:
Earl Davis -Legend, enough said even though he cost me a pretty penny when I sponsored his goals!



Midfield:

Carl Baker -No words needed, a great winger who was always destined to go higher.



Midfield:

Chris Holland- that goal away at Hyde pictured celebrating it as a number of fans did on the day as he was another one whose goals I sponsored



Striker:

Tony Gray -Never missed



Midfield:

Mark Boyd- Best goal I have seen whilst following Southport. The winner at Burton Albion in 2006-07.



Midfield:

Liam Blakeman- Can't believe he didn't play at a higher level



Striker:

Neil Robinson- Awesome work rate and scorer of some vital goals and it gives Rob a chance to use Julia's favourite photo.



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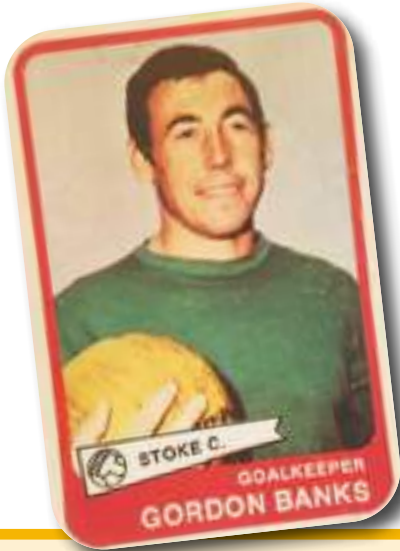
By Kim Wood

Southport 1 Stoke City 2 league cup 2nd round 7 Sept 1971

“When Gordon Banks stood me up”

Understudy and substitute keepers

As a schoolboy I played in goal for Woodvale “B” team and the highlight of my career was a clean sheet in our 2 - 0 win over Farnborough Road in the Greenall Cup Final. Our “A” team keeper was David Mottershead who went onto to play a single game for the Port. My goalkeeping hero's at the time were our own John Armstrong who had presented with my cycling proficiency certificate , Everton's David Lawson who I delivered the Echo to on my paper round, and England's Gordon Banks.



Banksy was a World Cup Winner in 1966 and his most memorable save was from the head of Pele in the 1970 Mexico dropping down to the foot of his right post and from behind him tipped the ball over the bar . So when Southport had drawn Banksy's club side Stoke City at home for the 2nd round tie in the league club myself and many fans looked forward to seeing him come up against our attacking force of Eric Redrobe and Tony Field.

I got to the ground early so that I could get a prime spot behind the Blowick End goal in order to watch the great keeper close up. However I and another 10,222 people were to be disappointed to see that Stoke's deputy John Farmer was in goal. As Gordon Banks had not recovered from the flu, despite that evenings edition of the Echo confirming he was fully fit to play.

Stoke fielded otherwise their first 11 and being in the top half of the old 1st division, Southport knew they had a tough task ahead. Micky Bloor opened the scoring for the visitors on the 10th minute but Chris Dunleavy equalised in the 17th minute . In the 35th minute Stoke were awarded a penalty and Jimmy Greenhoof was stood ready to take the kick when the referee consulted his linesman , only to overrule his decision , to the relief of Port fans.

In the second half Field hit the cross bar from a header and Farmer made a brilliant save from a close range header from Redrobe , that Banksy himself would have been delighted to have made. Despite the pressure from the yellows they couldn't find a breakthrough and where to fall behind to a goal in the 69th minute from Stoke's Jimmy



Southport centre-forward Eric Redrobe fires into the side netting as Stoke goalkeeper John Farmer comes out in challenge.

Greenhoff, who popped up at the back post to score a cross that eluded the Southport defence. Who up to that point had kept Stoke at bay with fine saves from Taylor and sterling performance's from the defence partnership of McPhee and Dunleavy. A late attacking substitute saw Lloyd come on for Redrobe and his fresh legs gave Stoke's rearguard a roaring, and he saw an effort beat Farmer only to see the ball come off the crossbar for the second time in the game. The Southport Visitors headline reported "A gallant Southport fight to the end" with the result finishing 2-1 in Stoke's favour.

Stoke went on to win the league cup that season their only ever major trophy. However another goalkeeping story was made in their second replay of the two legged semi final with West Ham Utd. When Gordon Banks fellow Cup Winning medalist Bobby Moore went in goal for West Ham for 20 minutes when Bobby Ferguson went off injured. Moore amazingly saved a penalty ! So those who love sports trivia and a quiz you now know when 2 England World Winners faced each other in goal.

Teams

Southport: Taylor, Turner, Sibbald, McPhee, Dunleavy, Peat, Lee, Hartland, Redrobe(Lloyd), Field, Hartle

Stoke City: Frammer, Marsh , Pejic, Bernard, Smith, Bloor, Mahoney, Greenhoof, Richie, Doobins, Haselgrave. Sub Stevenson

Att: 10,223

Receipts: £2,981



Apps & Scorers

Player	Loe Apps		Loe Subs	Career League Apps	Career Cup Subs	Cup Apps		Career Cup Apps	Career Cup Subs	Total Apps	Total Subs	Total Goals	Loe Goals	Cup Goals	Total Goals	Loe Total Goals	Cup Total Goals	Career Total Goals	Total Career Goals	Assists	Loe Yellow	New
	24/25	24/25				24/25	24/25															
Dor Angus	6	13	0	13	0	4	0	4	0	10	13	25	4	1	5	4	1	5	1	1		
Festus Arthur*	8	1	23	2	2	1	3	1	1	28	3	31	0	0	1	1	1	3	1			
Jack Bentley	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Luke Burgess	23	6	35	16	7	1	16	2	45	18	63	2	3	5	7	2	5	7	5	3		
Marcus Carver	18	6	18	13	4	3	13	9	13	23	123	2	1	33	6	38	6	38	6	3		
Renato De Oliveira	0	4	0	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Jack Doyle	26	2	159	15	3	0	32	1	32	1	191	18	207	0	3	1	4	1	4	1	7	
Cornel Evans	1	8	1	8	1	0	1	0	2	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2			
Harry Fildes†	0	0	36	3	0	0	4	1	4	4	4	44	0	3	0	3	0	3				
Arthur Grahson	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Fin Heath	0	1	8	14	1	3	4	4	4	12	18	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Sonny Hilton	20	6	26	8	4	3	4	3	28	11	35	3	1	3	1	3	1	4	1			
Jordan Kaine	7	1	7	1	1	3	1	3	1	10	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Nathaniel Knight-Percival	26	2	26	2	2	2	3	2	2	29	4	33	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	3		
Daragh Lloyd	37	1	36	9	4	2	9	2	49	6	54	10	2	12	4	16	16	4	16	16		
Owen Lunt	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2		
Tony McMillan	0	0	242	2	2	0	69	0	302	2	304	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Sam Meehan	23	5	23	6	4	6	4	6	27	19	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3		
Tom Moore	28	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	37	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	3	3		
David Morgan	10	18	149	23	6	3	34	0	103	23	215	3	3	33	6	36	6	36	2	3		
Tyler O'Neil†	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Alec Pickles	4	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Darren Phillips	28	3	32	3	8	0	5	1	87	4	61	4	0	5	0	5	0	5				
James Proctor	12	10	12	19	3	0	3	3	15	19	25	2	1	2	1	3	4	3	4	3		
Kearan Quinlan	25	4	34	7	9	0	22	2	118	9	125	0	0	1	2	3	3	3	1	3		
Chris Renshaw	33	0	71	0	7	0	16	0	85	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3		
Will Ruts	0	1	5	12	0	1	2	1	7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Calum Spooner*	8	4	8	4	1	1	1	1	9	5	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Jack Stanford	6	9	6	9	5	3	5	3	11	12	23	0	2	9	2	2	2	2	1	2		
Matt Thomas	6	7	32	14	3	2	7	3	29	17	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1		
Fin Turner	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Josh Williams*	8	1	8	1	5	1	5	1	13	2	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
No Assist	363	128	1186	200	99	37	255	95	3441	262	1790	35	14	95	30	125	49	125				
20/21/25																						
*No Longer At Club																						

League Table

As At 22 February		HOME						AWAY								
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GS	GA	GD	Pts
1	Chester	34	10	5	2	26	8	9	3	5	28	24	54	32	22	65
2	Scunthorpe	33	9	7	1	34	13	8	4	4	21	12	55	25	30	62
3	Brackley Town	33	10	1	5	21	14	9	3	5	27	21	48	35	13	61
4	Hereford	34	9	4	4	28	17	8	4	5	21	17	49	34	15	59
5	Chorley	33	10	5	2	30	16	6	5	5	19	20	49	36	13	58
6	Kings Lynn	34	9	4	4	24	16	7	4	6	16	19	40	35	5	56
7	Curzon Ashton	31	6	3	6	17	11	10	4	2	24	12	41	23	18	55
8	Kidderminster	32	8	3	5	23	11	8	3	5	25	19	48	30	18	54
9	Buxton	34	10	0	7	30	22	7	3	7	24	21	54	43	11	54
10	Derlington	31	8	6	2	22	13	6	5	6	15	16	37	28	9	50
11	Spennymoor	31	6	6	2	27	13	6	5	6	26	24	53	37	16	47
12	Peterborough Sports	33	7	3	7	19	16	5	6	5	20	22	39	38	1	45
13	South Shields	32	9	3	5	30	16	4	1	10	17	29	47	45	2	43
14	Alfreton Town	32	5	3	7	19	22	7	4	6	22	21	41	43	-2	43
15	Leamington	32	10	3	4	32	20	2	3	10	10	20	42	40	2	42
16	Scarborough	33	6	4	7	23	22	4	6	6	24	23	47	46	2	40
17	Southport	33	6	7	3	22	18	4	3	10	13	27	35	45	-10	40
18	Ridcliffe	31	6	2	9	27	34	3	6	5	12	18	39	52	-13	35
19	Oxford City	33	4	6	7	23	29	4	4	8	18	28	41	57	-16	34
20	Marine	34	6	4	8	26	23	4	3	10	10	24	30	47	-17	34
21	Needham Market	33	3	3	10	15	22	5	4	8	19	29	34	51	-17	31
22	Warrington	33	4	4	9	13	22	1	7	8	13	25	26	47	-21	26
23	Rushall	33	4	4	8	19	26	3	1	13	12	45	31	71	-40	26
24	Farsley	34	1	3	11	9	32	6	2	11	20	38	29	70	-41	26

League Match Stats

SOUTHPORT FC LEAGUE MATCH STATS @ 22 February 2025																			
				H		A		CURRENT SEQUENCES		Home				W		D		L	
Times of Goals	For	Ag	F	A	F	A		Games Scored in	0	Scoring first	5	5							
1-9 mins	0	2		1		1		Wins	0	Conceding first	6	1	2	3					
10-19 mins	3	5	3	2	1	3		Defeats	1	Winning at half time	3	3							
20-29 mins	4	7	3	3	3	5		Draws	0	Drawing at half time	10	3	6	1					
30-45 mins	3	4	3	2	1	2		GAMES SINCE		Losing at half time	3			1	2				
46-60 mins	7	9	5	2	2	7		A Win	1	Away			W	D	L				
61-75 mins	12	11	8	5	4	6		A Home Win	3	Scoring first	4	3	1						
80-90 mins	5	4	2	2	3	2		An Away Win	1	Conceding first	12	1	1	30					
Added Time	1	3	1	2		1		A Defeat	0	Winning at half time	3	3							
TOTAL	35	45	22	18	13	27		An Away Defeat	0	Drawing at half time	5		3	2					
PENALTIES			H		A			A Home Defeat	1	Losing at half time	6	1			8				
	For	Ag	F	A	F	A		A Score Draw	6										
Pens Awarded	1	3	1			3		A No Score Draw	2	Goal Frequency	8	1	2	3	4				
Pens Scored	1	2	1			2		Conceding A Goal	0	Goals Scored	13	9	7	4					
WHICH END?	F	A						Scoring A Goal	1	Goals Conceded	11	9	7	2	4				
Brewick End	8	10						GOAL METHOD		Winning Margin		5	4	1					
Scarsbrick End	16	8						Open Play	28	Losing Margin		3	2	6					
TOTAL	23	18						Corner	2	Draws		5	3	1					
								Penalty	1	League		F	A						
								Direct Free Kick	0	RED CARDS		1	1						
								Indirect Free Kick	4	YELLOW CARDS		49							
								Headed Goals	4										

NON LEAGUE ROUND UP



2024-25 VANARAMA NATIONAL NORTH STATS @ 15 February										SCORING		
Team	High	Low	Average	23/24	Diff	Clean Sheets	Goal To Score	4 For	4 Age	D-0	Draws	Points
Alfreton Town	734 v Hereford	318 v Marnie	485	568	-84	11	8	1	2	4		
Brackley Town	1150 v Southport	525 v Warrington	741	793	-52	11	7	3	1	3		
Buxton	1012 v Chester	425 v South Shields	704	730	-26	7	8	3	1	0		
Chesham	527 v Southport	1553 v Oxford	2242	2194	48	14	9	4	1	3		
Clayton	1810 v Southport	606 v Oxford	1299	1090	209	7	6	3	0	3		
Carlton Athletic	1063 v Chester	206 v Nantwich Market	493	400	93	16	9	2	0	6		
Darlington	2419 v Scarborough	1009 v Hereford	1468	1473	-5	14	9	2	0	6		
Farsley Celtic	444 v Buxton	75 v Warrington	150	662	-512	6	13	0	6	2		
Hereford	4823 v Huddersfield	1949 v Oxford	2005	2005	0	14	10	2	0	4		
Kapteinstraat Harriers	3402 v Rushall	1520 v South Shields	2380	2556	-176	15	6	3	1	1		
Kings Lynn Town	1380 v Peterborough	787 v Farsley	890	842	48	11	10	1	0	5		
Leamington	1140 v Hereford	305 v Warrington	624	546	78	6	8	2	1	2		
Melrose	2149 v Chester	813 v Spennymoor	1285	1224	61	9	16	0	2	4		
Nantwich Market	825 v Southport	367 v Warrington	499	356	134	5	13	2	1	1		
Derby City	1085 v Spennymoor	261 v Peterborough	585	843	-258	8	6	1	5	1		
Peterborough Sports	699 v Kings Lynn	187 v Spennymoor	308	405	-97	4	11	0	0	1		
Radcliffe	1569 v Chester	613 v Leamington	1004	1253	-249	5	7	1	3	1		
Rushall Olympic	716 v Southport	302 v Brackley	445	522	-77	4	10	0	4	1		
Southport Athletic	2435 v Southport	542 v Brackley	1395	1683	-288	7	7	1	2	2		
South Shields	4007 v Kibblesworth	3043 v Brackley	2614	4036	-1422	10	6	1	0	3		
South Shields	2609 v Darlington	1485 v Hereford	2521	2221	300	6	12	4	1	0		
Spennymoor Town	2464 v Marnie	478 v Spennymoor	1252	1079	173	10	12	0	4	0		
Warrington Town	1024 v South Shields	1064 v Leamington & Rushall	1302	1254	48	8	5	3	1	2		
	2256 v Chester	521 v Curzon	1020	1183	-163	6	13	0	0	3		
OVERALL										230	228	31

STAT ATTACK

When Jack Doyle pulled on his shirt ahead of the game against Darlington he was making his 157th League start for the club which pushed him up into joint 40th place in our FL/NL start list.

He has also jumped up into 13th place in the Non League starters list.

His league debut came on 6th August 2019 in a 0-0 home draw with Curzon Ashton and at the time he was vying for the left back spot with Reagan Ogle.

Also holds a prestigious goal of the season award for his free kick effort against King's Lynn last season!



Doyley getting ready for one of his trademark long throws.

THE TOP 20 BASED ON LEAGUE STARTS

	Name	Lge Games	Lge Subs	Lge Goals	Cup Games	Cup Subs	Cup Goals	Total Starts	Total Subs	Total Apps	Total Goals
1	Steve Dickinson	284	1	0	69	0	0	353	1	354	0
2	David Gamble	263	44	65	120	18	32	383	62	445	97
3	Martin Clark	243	8	9	77	7	4	320	15	335	13
4	Tony McMillan	242	2	0	60	0	0	302	2	304	0
5	Paul Evans	190	0	0	108	0	0	298	0	298	0
6	Earl Davis	188	16	10	51	4	0	239	22	261	10
7	Rob Sturgeon	181	3	15	89	8	9	270	11	281	24
8	Chris Lever	177	17	17	49	6	1	226	23	249	18
9	Kevin Lee	176	7	16	34	2	4	210	9	219	22
10	Paul Lodge	168	1	6	65	0	1	233	1	234	9
11	Dave Fuller	167	5	3	74	1	1	241	6	247	4
12	Brian Teale	162	10	9	67	3	4	229	13	242	13
13	Jack Doyle	157	15	3	32	1	1	189	16	205	4
14	Chris Lane	155	5	7	31	4	5	186	9	195	12
15	Leroy Dove	152	7	11	59	3	6	211	10	221	17
15	Michael Powell	152	51	22	46	9	8	200	60	260	30
17	David Morgan	148	23	21	34	9	5	182	32	214	26
18	Steve Pickford	144	1	12	30	3	5	174	4	178	17
19	Alan Moogan	143	4	5	30	1	0	173	5	178	5
20	Alan McDonald	138	20	12	64	5	11	202	25	227	23



THE LAST WORD

with Rob Urwin

It was suggested I need certifying but not quite at that stage yet. To be honest it did get a bit touch and go as to whether I would make it as we had a call on the Wednesday before the game to say my Dad who is 102 (and a half) was not in a good way and might not last the day out. He did and at the time of writing he is still going! I think I would have still been at the game either way mind you!!

A bit disappointed that it wasn't a win but after losing 4-1 the previous week at Radcliffe at least we didn't lose it and we kept up the remarkable record we have against Darlo at home who haven't won here for 54 years. In all the Non League games here at Haig Ave they have only ever scored once. Quite a record. The least said about our record up there the better although at least we have had a couple of NL wins there.

They say goals are what make football but I felt much better after a 0-0 than a 4-1 defeat that is for certain.

It was another programme sell out which I like to see. I understand the frustration when we run out but I have said plenty of times both in here and on our website in every match preview to order in advance to guarantee a copy. We don't print massive numbers taking cost and wastage into account so advance ordering is always advised. We do get some back from Corporate after the game sometimes and these are put back on sale on our website post match. Sales are taken down at 7pm on the night before the game to give me chance to sort all the orders out ahead of being at the ground on a Saturday.

Peterborough Sports away on Saturday before we are back here a week tonight for the rearranged game against Leamington. The original programme will be used for this game (albeit out of sequence) with a wrap around cover updating the stats.

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Firstly thank you to everyone who congratulated (or commiserated) with me on my 500th consecutive home league game watched. Nice to see that people do read the programme and some lovely messages.

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

Rob

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TEAM LINE-UPS



SOUTHPORT

MANAGER: Jim Bentley

CURZON ASHTON

MANAGER: Craig Mahon

MAIN CLUB SPONSORS



01 Chris Renshaw
02 Matty Thomson
03 Jack Doyle
04 Owen Lunt
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
24 Will Russ
25 Danny Philliskirk
27 Jack Bentley
28 Connor Evans
29 Aaron Pickles
30 Arthur Gnahoua

01 Bobby Jones
02 Timi Sobowale
03 Luis Lacey
04 Marcus Poscha
06 Luke Griffiths
07 Isaac Buckley Ricketts
08 Isaac Sinclair
09 Jimmy Spencer
10 Stefan Mols
11 William Hayhurst
12 Alex Curran
13 Josh Ollerenshaw
16 Ben Darby
17 Michael Afuye
18 Oliver Kvaternik
19 Jordan Richards
21 Craig Mahon
22 Adam Barton
34 Connor Falls

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