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FROM THE BENCH MANAGER DAVID MORGAN

**I am delighted to
be given the
opportunity to
lead this great
football club and
I thank everyone
who has made
the decision to
put their trust in
me.**

I must give massive credit to every single player in the squad for the Rushall Olympic game. A game where we rode our luck at times, but with some outstanding individual performances we managed to pick up a much needed 2-0 win and 3 points.

The big positive from the game for me was how the players responded to myself and how we worked extremely hard for each other. We put in a performance that we as a group can all be proud of. In turn, I am sure the fans will appreciate a squad who worked as hard as

these boys did at Rushall Olympic. We must extend our appreciation to every fan who supported us at Rushall.

Looking forward to the game today, we look to continue on from last week. We will to put on a performance that everyone can be proud of again. Hopefully, with it being Non League Day, we will be able to do this in front of a large crowd.

We offer a warm welcome to everyone connected to Scarborough Athletic today and a safe journey home.

I hope to see as many of you as possible when we take on Warrington Rylands in the Liverpool Senior Cup Quarter Final on Tuesday here at The Big Help Stadium, the winners of that game will travel to Walton Hall to play Everton a week on Tuesday. We then go to Scunthorpe a week today for a game with the biggest club in the league in front of what will no doubt be a bumper crowd.

Morgs

BOARDROOM MATTERS



By Chairman Peter Mitchell

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO THE BIG HELP STADIUM TODAY FOR WHAT PROMISES TO BE A SPECIAL OCCASION AS WE HOST SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC ON NON-LEAGUE DAY.

Non-League Day has become a wonderful celebration of grassroots football across the country, and I'm delighted that our fixture against Scarborough coincides with this important event in the football calendar. Today is about showcasing the very best of what non-league football has to offer – the community spirit, the accessibility, and the authentic matchday experience that makes our level of the game so special.

To our regular supporters – thank you, as always, for your unwavering loyalty. To those visiting us for the first time today, perhaps giving non-league football a chance – a very warm welcome to you. We hope today gives you a taste of the unique atmosphere and community spirit that makes Southport FC such a special club. We've worked hard to make today a real family occasion. Our fan zone will be buzzing with live music from talented local performers throughout the day, and we're running happy hour drinks promotions to add to the festivities. Our aim is to create an environment where families can enjoy a full day out that's both affordable and memorable.

On the pitch, we face a strong Scarborough Athletic side in interim boss' David Morgan's first home game in the dug-out, I am sure all Southport fans will give David the warmest of welcomes and join me in wishing him the best of luck for as long as he is in charge. David's first game in the dugout against Rushall Olympic could hardly have gone any better, with his Port side emerging victorious following a Luke Burgess brace either side of half time. For today's game these are exactly the kind of competitive fixtures that showcase the quality and passion of football at this level. Our players know how important these games are as we continue to push forward in our campaign, and I know they'll be giving everything for the badge today. I'd like to extend my appreciation to the travelling Scarborough supporters making the journey to join us today. The mutual respect between non-league clubs and their supporters is something to be cherished.

Finally before signing off, on behalf of all Directors I would also would like to thank Jim Bentley for his service during his time as manager. While we have made the difficult decision to part ways, we recognise Jim's commitment, passion and the professionalism he brought to the role. His extensive experience and hard work with the squad have been appreciated by all at the club. Jim is a class act and this was demonstrated again by his remarkably gracious and dignified open letter to fans which I was proud we were able to share with you all on Friday evening. We sincerely wish Jim the very best in his future endeavours, both in and outside of football.

Now I must say, enjoy the game, soak up the atmosphere, and I hope to see many of you back at the Big Help Stadium again soon.

Up The Port!

Peter

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WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER **DARREN COURT**



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We welcome everyone from Renacres Hospital to the Big help Stadium this afternoon as our Match Sponsor.

We recently announced a new stand sponsorship with Renacres Hospital securing the official sponsorship of the newly named Renacres Paddock at The Big Help Stadium.



**Welcome to
this afternoon's
game against
King's Lynn.**

Darren Court
Commercial Manager



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 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.

50/50 Draw v King's Lynn

Keep an eye on our scoreboard for the winning number announced at half time if you miss the PA announcement.

Tickets are on sale ahead of the game with Malcolm doing a great job pushing the sales all around the ground.

The winner against King's Lynn was Ian Purcell who took home £340, the winning ticket was drawn out by 4 year old Elsie Spencer.



Matthew Classon and Liam Walker took the prize in the game against Leamington.

MAN OF THE MATCH



The Sponsors pick for MOTM in the game against King's Lynn was Nat Knight-Percival. Chris Harding from Birkdale Insurance was on hand to present Nat with his award. The award is sponsored by Southport Brewery and the winner also receives the Adam le Roi Trophy.

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SOUTHPORT FC WOMEN'S UNBEATEN RUN ENDS, BUT PROMOTION FOCUS REMAINS STRONG AHEAD OF PLAY-OFFS

Southport FC Women's impressive eight-game unbeaten streak ended last week with defeats to University of Liverpool and City of Liverpool, closing their cup campaign. While the results were disappointing, the team's spirit remains unshaken as they keep their eyes firmly on the ultimate prize: promotion.

While the results were disappointing, our focus remains firmly on our primary goal – securing promotion. With just one game remaining before the play-offs, every effort is now directed toward ensuring we are in the best possible position to achieve our season's ambition.

We've lost a couple of players to injuries and illness, and we wish them a speedy recovery as we prepare for the challenges ahead.

Despite recent setbacks, there have been plenty of positives to take forward. Our attacking play has shown flashes of real quality, and when we find that extra sharpness in the final third, we know we can be a real threat.

The team spirit remains strong, and the response in training has been excellent, with players showing great determination and hunger to finish the season on a high. We know what we're capable of, and with one last game before the play-offs, the squad is fully focused on making it count.



FEBRUARY PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Consistent performances throughout February, topped off with a well-taken winning goal against Uni of Liverpool, have earned Alice Bray the Southport FC Women Player of the Month award!

Alice's dedication in training has been evident, with her relentless work rate and commitment to improvement shining through in every session. That effort has translated onto the pitch, where her energy, decision-making, and impact in key moments have made a real difference. Her continued development has been a testament to her hard work, and this award is well deserved.

Well done, Alice!

NEXT MATCH

VS WIRRAL PHOENIX (H)

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WELCOME SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC

We extend a very warm welcome to our visitors from Scarborough Athletic this Non League Day Afternoon and hope you have a safe journey home after the match.

SCARBOROUGH TEN GAME FORM LINE

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A	H	H	A	H	A	A	A	H	H
01-Feb	04-Feb	08-Feb	15-Feb	22-Feb	25-Feb	01-Mar	08-Mar	11-Mar	15-Mar
SS	Rad	Alf	Scu	Lea	War	Sca	Kld	NM	Her
1-1	2-0	0-2	1-2	3-0	2-0	1-2	0-3	5-0	1-0
*	1065	1258	*	1430	*	*	*	1045	1432
15	14	15	16	16	14	17	17	15	15

It's been an up and down season for our visitors. A good start saw them reach second place after four games but inconsistency since then has seen a slide down the table but two wins in a row 5-0 against Needham Market and then a very good 1-0 win against Hereford last Saturday shows the form may be returning. Highest Gate

2455 v Scunthorpe and the lowest is 942 v Brackley.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It is the 23rd Non League meeting between the sides that is if you include Scarborough and Scarborough Athletic as one team. We did also play each other in an FA Cup tie back in 1938/39, Southport came out on top in that

game winning a replay 5-3 Joe "Hat-Trick" Patrick did get a hat-trick in that game.

We do enjoy a good recent record against our visitors today particularly on the road with 4 wins in a row.

Earlier this season the return game saw a 2-1 win with Luke Burgess and Nat Knight-Percival getting the goals.

PREVIOUS NON LEAGUE MEETINGS AT HAIG AVE

1978/79	A	SCARBOROUGH	Lge	L	0-1	1731	
1978/79	H	SCARBOROUGH	Lge	L	1-2	487	Gerrard
1985/86	A	SCARBOROUGH	FAT2	D	0-0	1048	
1985/86	H	SCARBOROUGH	FAT2R	D	1-1	1084	Mutch
1985/86	H	SCARBOROUGH	FAT2R2R	W	1-0	1612	Owens
1999/00	H	SCARBOROUGH	Lge	D	2-2	1632	og, Arnold
1999/00	H	SCARBOROUGH	NMT2	L	1-2	339	Stuart
1999/00	A	SCARBOROUGH	Lge	L	0-3	1002	

2000/01	H	SCARBOROUGH	Lge	W	3-1	1269	Whittaker, Arnold(pen) Parke
2000/01	A	SCARBOROUGH	Lge	D	1-1	1125	Guyett
2001/02	H	SCARBOROUGH	Lge	W	1-0	701	Lane
2001/02	A	SCARBOROUGH	Lge	L	0-2	1254	
2002/03	A	SCARBOROUGH	Lge	D	2-2	1346	Lloyd-Williams, Thomson
2002/03	H	SCARBOROUGH	Lge	D	1-1	1049	Soley
2005/06	A	SCARBOROUGH	Lge	W	1-0	1280	Leadbetter
2005/06	H	SCARBOROUGH	Lge	L	0-2	1035	
2019/20	H	SCARBOROUGH ATH	FAC2Q	W	5-2	875	Sampson 3, Mohammed, Newell
2022/23	H	SCARBOROUGH ATH	Lge	D	1-1	985	Hmami
2022/23	A	SCARBOROUGH ATH	Lge	W	1-0	1973	Walton
2023/24	H	SCARBOROUGH ATH	Lge	W	3-1	831	Carver, Watson 2
2023/24	A	SCARBOROUGH ATH	Lge	W	1-0	1378	Walton
2024/25	A	SCARBOROUGH ATH	Lge	W	2-1	1502	Burgess, Knight-Percival



IN THE HOT



Pictured in his Manchester United days.

Born 1979 (Scarborough), Jono needs little introduction after a hugely successful playing career. Starting out at local rivals York City, he went to on play for Manchester United, Middlesbrough, West Brom and Nottingham Forest amongst others. First time in club management, appointed May 2021.



OUR VISITORS SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC

RYAN WHITLEY:

Goalkeeper "Whits" is in his 4th spell at the club after three loan periods. Following his release from his hometown club, York City on his birthday in 2023, Ryan joined Scarborough permanently. Whits was the keeper during the play-off winning season of 2021/22 before returning to York for the 2022/23 season. A tall keeper who was coached by Michael Ingham during his Academy days with York.

MATT BANCROFT:

Goalkeeper Matt joined the Seadogs in January 2022 from Billingham Town. Matt remained a regular on the bench in the final part of the 2022/23 season due to the consistent performances of loanee Ryan Whitley. Bancroft has also enjoyed spells at Darlington and Shildon.

MICHAEL DUCKWORTH:

Defender Vastly experienced, Ducky was a Summer 2024 signing from local rivals, York City. The versatile defender, born in Germany, who can also play more advanced on the right, has gained promotion from the National League North with York City in 2021/22. The Grandad of the team. Previous other clubs include Hartlepool, Halifax and Bradford Park Avenue.

BAILEY GOODA:

Defender Bailey is in his second spell with Boro after re-signing from Matlock Town. Bailey originally signed for Boro on loan from Harrogate Town, helping the sea dogs win promotion in 2017/18 before making his move permanent in the summer of 2018. Bailey scooped all the major awards in Boro's promotion winning season of 2021/22. Bailey is the club's vice-captain as of November 2023 and is the longest serving player in

the squad and has exceeded over 200 appearances for the Seadogs.

KIERAN WELEDJI:

Defender Powerful defender Weledji is an acquisition from rivals, Whitby Town. Weledji was desirable for a number of fellow clubs, however Darren Kelly was pleased to secure his services in Summer 2020. Weledji can play further forward and is no stranger up front or in front of goal.

WILL THORNTON:

Defender Will joined the Seadogs in September 2020 having come through the ranks at Guiseley. The young and tall defender holds plenty of promise, having played National League football as a teenager. Will became captain of the side on a permanent basis following the departure of Michael Coulson in November 2023.

ALEX BROWN:

Defender Alex is a summer 2023 signing from Chester. The left sided defender, who can also play in a more advanced role, was a product of the Sheffield United Academy, before making his breakthrough into men's football with Kettering Town, Buxton and Chester. Alex's versatility will prove invaluable this season.

LEWIS MALONEY:

Midfielder Lewis is a Summer 2021 acquisition from Marske United, where he has played since joining them from Middlesbrough. Maloney has shown he likes to control the game with his passing ability and is not a novice when it comes to set-pieces.



LUCA COLVILLE:

Midfielder Technically gifted and strong versatile midfielder, joined the Seadogs in late October 2021 from Greenock Rovers in Scotland. Attracting a lot of interest further up the pyramid and has slotted well into the side since joining, making a difference to the dynamic of the team.

ALEX PURVER:

Midfielder Alex was a summer 2023 signing from Darlington. Purver impressed in the games between the two clubs during 2022/23, that Jono Greening wanted to snap up the midfielder to bolster his midfield and defence for the new 23/24 season. Alex is highly thought of and will become an undoubted Fan's Favorite. Purvs picked up the main accolades following the 2023/24 season.

KIERAN GLYNN:

Midfielder Glynn is another player who is in his third spell with the club after initially joining on loan from Salford City in early 2020. After his release from Salford in Summer 2020, Kieran rejoined his loanee club permanently. Kieran spent the next three seasons with the club, playing his part in promotion via the play-offs in 2021/22, before being offered full-time football with AFC Fylde in 2023/24. After a season away, Glynn is back to the delight of everyone.

ALEX WILES:

Midfielder Alex was a December 2022 signing from Matlock Town. Boro paid Matlock an undisclosed fee for Alex's signature after becoming Matlock's top scorer from midfield. A tough battling, determined midfielder who is full of energy.

DARREN DOM TEAR:

Midfielder Versatile midfielder, 'Dom (as known) can play on the wing or in midfield, providing plenty of options. 'Dom joined Boro from Guiseley after a short loan spell from Halifax Town and also came up against Boro in January whilst on loan with Buxton. 'Dom is a keen cricketer in the summer months.

HARRY GREEN:

Winger Harry is a young player who has made the step up after impressing with rivals Whitby Town following his departure from Middlesbrough, where he came through their Academy. A pacey and tricky winger who is set to excite the fans, whilst also able to play up front. Harry is one for the future.

CAMERON WILSON:

Winger Cam is a summer 2024 signing from Scunthorpe United after spending two spells on loan with the Seadogs in 2021/22 and again towards the end of 2023/24. Despite his age, Cam has played National League football and had offers in Summer 2024 to play in the National League, but opted to join Scarborough.

FRANK MULHERN:

Ex Southport Striker Frank is a summer 2023 signing from Farsley Celtic. Jono Greening tried to sign Frank previously, however finally got his man. Frank has an eye for goal, hitting double figures for a struggling Farsley side in 2022/23.

RICHIE BENNETT:

Former Port Player Striker Richie is a Summer 2024 signing from Scunthorpe. His height and work rate in the final third have been missing for the Seadogs over recent seasons and hopefully Richie is the answer after an impressive 2024/25 pre-season.

SOUTHPORT MASCOTS



Mascots v Leamington
Redgate Rovers Greens Under 8's



Mascots v King's Lynn
Southport Athletic Under 9's Black



Freddie Mawdsley was the Montgomery/Le Roi Mascot

This afternoon we welcome **SOUTHPORT TRINITY UNDER 12 BLUES** as our team mascots.

Our Official Non League Day Mascots are:
George Stirrup aged 10, Henry Gardner 10, Zack Wohlers 7, Tobias Branwood 10, Ryan Ogden 10,
Indy Jones 7, Jack Iddon 10, Louie Farrell 9 and Jack Burrill 9.

We also have a Montgomery/Le Roi mascot who is James Firth.

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.

**Welcome to
today's match
from everyone
at Southport FC
Community
Foundation!**



It's **NON LEAGUE DAY** and we hope our community will be out in force to support the lads after the great win at Rushall last Saturday.

We've had another fantastic few weeks in the community, continuing our commitment to making a positive impact across Southport. From school visits and football coaching sessions, to health and wellbeing initiatives, our foundation remains dedicated to supporting local people of all ages.

Our popular Walking Football programme continues to thrive, providing a welcoming environment for participants to stay active and socially connected and we wish all those taking part in the new monthly league at Neston tomorrow every success. They did really well in the first round of games but struggled to find the back of the net. Only three goal conceded on the day but none scored, better luck tomorrow.

Additionally, our youth projects are growing rapidly, helping youngsters gain confidence and develop skills both on and off the pitch.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans, including upcoming community events and new partnerships aimed at further expanding our reach and impact. Keep an eye out for updates—we'd love for you to get involved!

As always, we are grateful for your incredible support and enthusiasm, which helps us achieve our goal of bringing communities together through football and sport.

Enjoy the match, and thank you for your continued support of the Southport FC Community Foundation!

#UpThePort

**Southport FC Community
Foundation**

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 Medic’s”

Split second decision making, under pressure, saving lives.

- With Steve O’ Reilly

Today, throughout the country at every ground, there is a distinct group of individuals who are in plain sight but hopefully will go unseen. Under FA regulations players and officials must have intermediate life support provided by specially qualified Paramedics.

In recent years we’ve seen high profile on pitch incidents of players needing urgent medical attention. Our own Cam Mason required the prompt medical care of the paramedics away at Banbury in Sept 2022, following an horrendous collision with an opponent, and was in great distress. Thankfully Cam was able to make a full

recovery weeks later following the intervention of the local paramedics.

At the Big Help Stadium, we are fortunate to have Steve O’Reilly as our Paramedic Practitioner who has provided his services for several years. His local company Monarch Medical Services took over the responsibility mid this season when the previous medical support company closed their business.

Steve like any paramedic trained to degree level for 3 years before he became qualified. He did an additional 2 years working towards a master’s degree in advanced practice and has



Steve O'Reilly with some of his medical equipment.



Steve with fellow paramedic Marc Ward

now been qualified for 17 years.

Behind the Scenes caught up with Steve to get an insight as to what matchday involves for him.

Prior to the game all the equipment is pre checked to allow the medics to go live on arrival at the ground. It is restocked and sealed after each use. Steve, and any of his team will be in situ at the ground an hour before kick-off.

I asked him what type of medical equipment they carry. His reply was – “A stretcher, spinal board, neck collars. A Lifepak 15 monitor, electrocardiogram and defibrillator (for heart attacks). Full paramedic drugs, oxygen and Entonox (a gas and air mixture used for breathing to control pain and anxiety). Trauma and minor injuries bags and intermediate life support bag to name just a handful”.

Steve explained – “As a paramedic we are used to being ready to respond. They are one of only a small number of clinicians who can deal with any incidents from delivery of a baby through to a cardiac arrest and everything in-between. We also deal with every age range which is something again

only a handful of people can do such as doctors”.

In his time here he explained, “We’ve attended seizures pitch side, several collapses, assaults outside the ground, diabetic incidents, traumas and the odd slip, trip and fall. We’ve dealt with players and spectators alike”. One grateful fan baked his team a cake to say thank you.

After the final whistle Steve and his team will remain at the ground normally for an hour, in the case a player has a cardiac arrest post-game. Once they receive the notice to stand down from the club’s physio they will then start to pack away their equipment.

While Steve is ready to act immediately, with his life saving skills, we hope he has a quiet afternoon. We are reassured that should he be called upon we are in his capable safe hands.

Steve and his team of 8 can often be seen in the community helping the NHS with 999 calls and work at local surgeries. He really loves being involved with the Port.

We are grateful to you and all your colleagues across the country on matchdays Steve.

MARINE 1 SOUTHPORT 0

The most local of local games in Vanarama National North ended in defeat and it also became the last game of manager Jim Bentley's tenure in the SFC Hot Seat.

Segregation meant we were only allowed 315 tickets which sold out quickly. It also meant the gate was just 1634, the counter "attraction" of Liverpool on the TV in the Champions League must have kept some Marine fans away and rather than having their best gate of the season it comes in at fourth best.

The view from the press box isn't the best behind the goal and I was very grateful for the young eyes of Joe and Matty when doing the commentary as I did struggle seeing what was going on down the far end of the ground. It's great when your team is attacking the end you are at but not ideal.

It was a game a lot of our supporters had been looking forward to for a while and got quite a build up. If I'm honest given our form and the form of Marine I was not particularly looking forward to it on the day.

The game itself wasn't the best and got off to a bad start for the home side when former 'Port player Chris Doyle was injured just five minutes into the game. Chris, as a

defender, had been scoring goals for fun and it had been written in the stars he would score against us but it was not to be. He did receive a great ovation from the travelling fans as he limped past us.



With the in form scorer off the pitch was it to prove a turning point in the game? Well yes it was as his replacement, Josh Wardle was to go on and get the only goal of the game in the 55th minute.





We huffed and puffed and defended well but as has been the case so often the finish wasn't forthcoming. Sonny hit the post late on and a ricochet could have gone anywhere but just landed in the 'keepers arms and Marine took the points.



A bit of frustration spilled over after the game from our fans and within twelve hours that was the end of the boss.



Line Up: Renshaw, Lunt, Knight-Percival(Evans 81), Lloyd, Morgan(Burgess 67), Carver(Proctor 65), Quansah, Moore, Hilton, Minihan, Pike(Philliskirk 87)

Unused Sub: Aaron Pickles

Attendance: 1634

Media MOTM: Keenan Quansah

ON THE ROAD

RUSHALL OLYMPIC

Train there and a lift home (thank you Craig) for this one.

It was an early start to take advantage of the cheapest train ticket. The only problem with these cheap train tickets is you are tied to certain trains so even though I was at Lime Street in time for the earlier train I had to wait for the 10.33 which, you guessed it, was late leaving. This meant the connection at Birmingham New Street was going to miss the scheduled train to Walsall but nothing could be done about that. I do tend to allow plenty of time getting from Ainsdale to Liverpool given the number of "train faults" being reported by Merseyrail and the first alert on my phone on the Saturday morning was from Merseyrail but it was for the Headbolt Lane Line not the Southport line.

Once arriving in Birmingham the train actually came in on the same platform that the Walsall train was going out on which was good as it was a bit tight.

For those that don't know Rushall is around three miles outside of Walsall. I say

that because every time I tell people I am going to Rushall the first question is where is that.

A new line for me from Birmingham to Walsall and it was the stopping train but it did stop at Witton station which is right outside Aston Villa's ground which is one I have never been to and also at Bescot Stadium, Walsall's ground, which is another I haven't been to but seen many times from the M6.

An Uber to the ground which was interesting as I couldn't understand a word the driver was saying. He said something as I got out the car which could have been anything, luckily with Uber, payment is taken so he wasn't asking for any money. Maybe a tip? Anyhow I just made my way into the ground and he didn't come chasing after me.

As someone who is not the best at heights it was the special gantry once again to do the commentary with Matty and Joe. At least this season it wasn't wet!



I picked up the programmes for our subscribers from Julie in Pics Pantry. Julie is the wife of Terry who has the company who print our programme. I had to decline the offer of a cuppa as we were a bit later arriving than planned and I always like to make sure

everything is working as soon as we get there.

It was and we were good to go. Let's just say, it was cold up in that gantry which could have done with a bit of a clean up before we went in it. Whoever had been in there last had left it in a right mess.



You do get a good view but don't be fooled by the sunshine!

It was my second visit to Dales Lane. There have been quite a few improvements at the ground not least in the car park which seems to have been totally transformed. I actually remember entering down a dark country lane but we seemed to come in a totally different way.

Has anyone else noticed how often a team we are playing have won their previous game? After no wins in their previous nine games Rushall pulled off a surprise 1-0 win in midweek against Hereford so were coming into the game with increased confidence. It's the same today, Scarborough have won their previous two games after two defeats in a row.

I managed to grab a word with Morgs and wish him luck ahead of the game and he seemed very calm.

You wonder how things are going to work out when a new manager comes in and particularly one who had until Wednesday been one of the players but watching the warm up everyone seemed in good spirits and plenty of smiling faces.

There were plenty of chances at either

end with both keepers making some good saves before Luke Burgess broke the deadlock in the 40th minute which saw us go in 1-0 up at half time.

More of the same in the second half until the 80th minute when Luke was once again on hand to execute a fine finish and a 2-0 win for the travelling Sandgrounders to enjoy.

Enjoy it they did then and after the game celebrating with the players, very different from the Tuesday night scenes.

Needless to say Morgs was delighted with the result in his first post match as manager, I will have to have more questions ready mind you. I had got used to one question with Jim and 8 minutes later him still talking!!

Media Man Of The Match: We went for the goalscorer Luke Burgess but special mention to Jamie Proctor who worked his socks off and also Chris Renshaw who was excellent in the Southport goal, didn't have too many major saves to make but excellent handling and punching plus a great clearance that set up the second goal.

All the work done and back in the car and home for just after 7 after a great run back with not that much traffic on the road.

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Agent				Pos	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Sat 18	W	Bedford Town	W	1-1	**	1230	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 17	A	Southam Market	W	2-1	4	834	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Tue 19	A	Southam Market	A	0-0	8	1076	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 24	W	Bedford	A	1-1	12	1124	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Mon 26	A	Chorley	A	1-1	18	1738	Norwich	Thomson	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 21	W	Bedford	W	2-2	12	1257	Norwich	Thomson	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
September													
Tue 3	W	Bedford City	A	1-1	12	765	Norwich	Thomson	Boyle	Boyle	1	1	1
Sat 7	W	Bedford	W	2-2	18	1458	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 14	W	Weymouth AFC	W	2-1	**	1000	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 21	A	Bedford	A	1-0	18	1438	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 28	W	Weymouth AFC	A	1-0	**	880	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
October													
Sat 5	W	Bedford Town	A	0-0	12	1058	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 12	W	Southam	W	2-0	18	1308	Norwich	Thomson	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 19	A	Southam Market	W	2-1	8	1502	Norwich	Thomson	Boyle	Boyle	1	1	1
Tue 22	A	Southam	A	1-0	18	1507	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Boyle	1	1	1
Sat 26	W	Southam United	W	2-0	8	1458	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Boyle	1	1	1
Tue 29	W	Bedford City	W	2-0	8	1068	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Boyle	1	1	1
November													
Sat 2	A	Bedford City	A	1-1	5	505	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Boyle	1	1	1
Sat 9	W	Bedford Town	A	1-0	18	1330	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Boyle	1	1	1
Tue 12	A	Weymouth AFC	W	2-0	**	352	Norwich	Thomson	Boyle	Boyle	1	1	1
Sat 16	W	Weymouth AFC	W	2-0	**	1208	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Tue 19	A	Bedford City	A	1-1	**	718	Norwich	Boyle	Boyle	Boyle	1	1	1
Sat 23	A	Bedford City	A	1-0	18	879	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Tue 26	A	Weymouth AFC	A	1-0	18	206	Norwich	Thomson	Boyle	Boyle	1	1	1
Sat 30	W	Bedford	A	0-0	18	2404	Norwich	Thomson	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
December													
Tue 10	W	Bedford Town	W	2-1	**	442	Norwich	Thomson	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 14	W	Bedford Town	A	0-0	18	845	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 21	A	Bedford Town	A	1-0	18	2503	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Tue 24	W	Weymouth AFC	W	2-0	18	1478	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
January													
Sat 8	A	Chorley	A	0-0	18	2721	Norwich	Michan	Williams	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 8	A	Southam United	A	1-1	**	3113	Norwich	Michan	Williams	Moore	1	1	1
Tue 14	W	Bedford City	W	2-0	**	217	Norwich	Thomson	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 18	A	Bedford	A	1-1	17	2838	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Mon 20	A	City of Lincoln	A	1-0	**	200	Norwich	Boyle	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 25	W	Chorley	A	0-0	18	1578	Norwich	Thomson	Michan	Moore	1	1	1
Tue 28	W	Weymouth AFC	A	1-0	18	678	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
February													
Sat 3	A	Bedford	A	1-0	18	767	Norwich	Guernsey	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Tue 4	A	Bedford Town	W	2-0	18	382	Norwich	Guernsey	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 8	A	Bedford	A	1-0	18	1000	Norwich	Guernsey	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 15	W	Bedford	A	0-0	17	1238	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Tue 18	A	Bedford City	W	2-0	18	76	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 22	A	Bedford Town	A	1-0	12	758	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Tue 25	W	Bedford	W	1-0	17	681	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
March													
Sat 3	A	Bedford Town	A	1-1	18	295	Norwich	Guernsey	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Tue 6	A	Bedford	A	0-0	18	382	Norwich	Guernsey	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 8	W	Bedford	A	0-0	18	1313	Norwich	Michan	Guernsey	Moore	1	1	1
Tue 11	A	Bedford	A	1-1	17	1634	Norwich	Michan	Guernsey	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 15	A	Bedford	W	2-0	18	822	Norwich	Boyle	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 18	A	Bedford Town	W	1-0	*	352	Norwich	Michan	Thomson	Boyle	1	1	1
Sat 22	W	Bedford Town	A	0-0	18	1000	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Sat 29	A	Bedford Town	A	0-0	18	1000	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
April													
Sat 5	W	Bedford City	A	1-1	12	765	Norwich	Thomson	Boyle	Boyle	1	1	1
Sat 12	A	Bedford	A	1-0	18	1000	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
Wed 16	A	Bedford Town	A	0-0	18	1000	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1
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Sat 26	W	Bedford Town	A	0-0	18	1000	Norwich	Michan	Boyle	Moore	1	1	1

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FAREWELL JIM

After 94 games with the club and 560 days the end for Jim came after the 1-0 defeat to Marine.

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Played 94 Won 37 Drawn 18 Lost 39 with a PPG of 1.37

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JAMIE PROCTOR	H: Qatar Sandgrounders A: SFC Foundation 3rd: Vacant	MARCUS CARVER	H: Ben & Beka Helm A: Pinetree Garden Maintenance 3rd: SFC Juniors	DIOR ANGUS	H: Mike Corcoran A: Vacant 3rd: Vacant		
17		18		19		20	
FINLAY HEATH	H: Vacant A: Vacant 3rd: Vacant	SONNY HILTON	H: Liz Halpin A: Qatar Sandgrounders 3rd: Vacant			LUKE BURGESS	H: M Hunt & Co Limited 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 **Jason Mobbs**.



Steve Dickinson

Great servant whose association with the club spans multiple decades; one of those keepers who you always fancied facing an opposition penalty.



Chris Lever

Always dependable and an integral part of some successful years. Must have shouted up he could take a penalty midway through his career as he strode up the pecking order overnight and was always composed from twelve yards.



David Fitzpatrick

Remembered fondly for his screamer which secured survival against Halifax, he was a rare breed of full back who could attack without compromising his defensive duties. Given his well rounded game and technical ability, it was no surprise he went on to have successful seasons in the EFL.



Earl Davis

Must be one of the more regular submissions... his indomitable spirit and stature meant he endeared himself to all but opposition forwards. Prone to the odd gaffe in his early years he matured into a serious National League footballer whose prime years were cut short by injury.



Gary Brabin

There are probably more deserving entries in terms of appearances but his galvanising effect on the team in 2005/06 was a key part of survival. I also couldn't resist the temptation of an Earl/Brabin partnership because that may have devoured the known universe.



Mark Duffy

Stood out as a raw talent with his pace and trickery, he continued to improve and ended up playing several seasons in the Championship. Had that ability to get fans off their seats and was an old school seven, whose first intentions were always to take his man on then worry about the rest later. Somewhat of a throwback and a fans favourite as a result.



Carl Baker

Another wide player who went on to perform at the highest level of the EFL. One of the most complete footballers to pass through the club, it is no surprise he continued to play at a high level well into his thirties. Converted to a match reading central midfielder when his pace declined showed his football intelligence.



Kevin Lee

Like Earl, another fully committed long serving player whose career was cut short due to a horrendous injury, ironically against the same opposition. Signed as a defender he is best remembered as a no nonsense defensive midfielder who would run through walls for the cause. That and the Terry Butcher bandage.



Liam Blakeman

A player who divided opinion at times, his work rate sometimes accused of not matching his ability. During a period when non-league football was perhaps more attritional and certainly more one-dimensional than today, it was refreshing to watch a player clearly streets above kicking the ball hard and high. One of the best passers of a football who supplemented that with plenty of goals made him a joy to watch when he was at his best.



Shaun Whalley

Such has been the depth in talent from wide areas over the last couple of decades (honourable mentions for Leadbetter, McGinn and Almond), I have had to shoehorn Shaun into a forward position to satisfy Rob's demands of a 4-4-2 (this intransigence is why England's golden generation never won anything). Terrorised full backs, scored all types of goals and master of the dark arts. Nobody won penalties by 'initiating contact' quite as well.



Steve Whitehall

It's probably true that players who were in action during your formative years watching the club always take a special place through nostalgia. Steve was my first favourite who always looked a class above the rest of the pitch, something exhibited in his FA Cup performance against third tier Notts County which produced four assists.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

By Kim Wood

Leeds United 3 Southport 0 3rd Rd F.A.Cup 9 Jan 1965

Port visit Don Revie's table topping Leeds 60 years later the Leeds back 4 still emits fear



Eric Davies

After defeating Annfield Plain 6-1 and Wrexham 3-2 at home in the previous 2 rounds, Southport advanced to the FA Cup 3rd round. We were drawn away against Don Revie's Leeds United at Elland Road. Which was the first time in 15 years that we were to face 1st division opposition and Leeds were also the league leaders.

British Rail put on a 10-coach special train with all 531 seats booked, a further 1,000 Port fans travelled by coach and car, plus a group of 5 cyclists from the Southport cycle club rode the 160-mile return trip.

Injuries to Southport's regular striking partnership of Stan Hepton and Sammy Taylor, meant player manager Willy Cunningham had to call upon Eric Davies a former a Southport Trinity player to lead the line. Eric's only previous appearance was 3 years earlier and had spent the intervening period playing in the reserves in the Lancashire Combination at centre half.

Revie's sides had a reputation of being physical, with a lot of individual flair. Their back 4 line-up of Paul Reaney, Norman Hunter, Terry Cooper, and Jack Charlton highlighted the magnitude of the task we faced. Even 60 years later those names emit fear. For good measure Leeds had the fiery Billy Bremner in midfield, and they fielded 7 players that were or would go on to be full internationals. So, the task for Southport 85 places below Leeds in the football league, being under strength, was enormous. I don't think in our history we've ever had such a big gulf with our opposition.

In the opening period Southport showed a spirit and determination that they were not over awed by the occasion. In fact, the local press credited us with us being better than some of the recent first division opponents to visit Elland Road. Though Leeds had struck the woodwork before Jimmy Greenhoff

opened the scoring the 26th minute. Harris made a wonderful diving save from the Collins to keep 1-0 at the break.

In the 2nd half we grew in confidence and had most of the play, as we went in search of an equaliser. Russell and Spence kept the Leeds defence busy and a trademark tackle by "bite your legs" Hunter, saw Ron Cairns needing to go off for treatment. The game only got away from us as we entered the last 10 minutes and Leeds scored twice within 2 minutes. Whilst the result was never in doubt, Southport had won a lot of plaudits and Leeds knew they had been tested.

For Eric Davies he managed 1 further full appearance to take his total to just 3. At least Charlton knew about him as he had been shadowed all afternoon by Davies as he was used to combat the attacking aerial threat of big Jack.

At the time of our visit to Elland Road, Leeds had a 17-year-old youth player, Bobby Sibbald, who had turned professional that month with them. A name that Port fans within 5 years were to get to know, grow to love and become one of our legends.

Leeds finished the 1964/5 season as runners up in the League and beaten cup finalist to Liverpool losing 2- 1

LINE UPS:

Southport – Harris, Cunningham, Cairns K, Peat, Darvell, Beanland, Dagger , Cairns R , Davies , Russell , Spence.

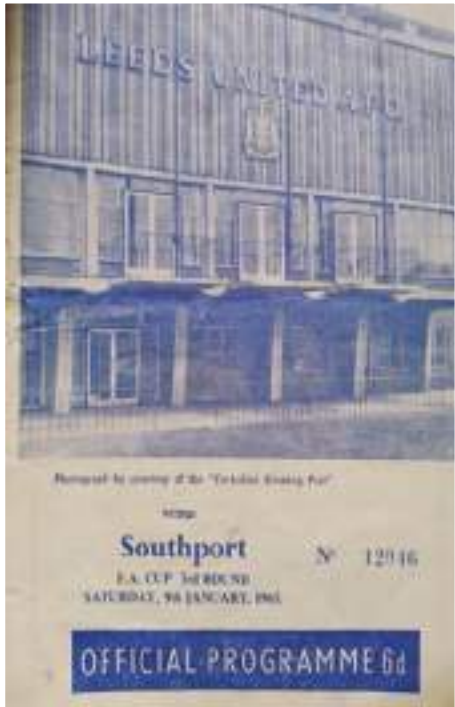
Leeds Utd – Sparke, Reaney, Cooper, Charlton, Hunter, Bremner, Greenhoff, Storrie, Johson, Collins, Johanneson

Att: 31, 297 Gate receipts £9,000 with our share being £2,800 (that would be worth around £69000 today)

Interesting that the 6D programme would work out around £2.50 today.



A young Bobby Sibbald at Leeds (later a 4th division champion for Southport)



Apps & Scorers

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Player	Lge Apps 24/25	Lge Subs 24/25	Career Lge Apps	Career Lge Subs	Cup Apps 24/25	Cup Subs 24/25	Career Cup Apps	Career Cup Subs	Total Apps	Total Subs	Lge Goals 24/25	Total Goals 24/25	Career Total Goals	Assists	Lge Yellow	Red
Dan Angus	9	17	9	17	5	9	5	9	14	17	5	31	6	1	1	
Felix Armar	8	1	25	2	2	1	3	1	28	3	0	0	1	2	1	
Jack Beatty	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Luke Burgess	25	11	37	19	8	1	11	2	48	21	6	69	4	5	5	0
Marcus Cairns	23	6	93	13	4	2	13	5	106	22	2	126	6	36	7	4
Renato De Oliveira	0	4	0	4	2	3	2	2	7	9	0	0	0	0	1	
Jack Doyle	29	2	162	15	3	1	32	2	194	17	0	0	3	1	4	7
Connor Evans	1	14	1	14	2	9	2	0	3	14	0	0	0	0	2	
Harry Fowers	0	0	34	3	0	0	4	1	49	4	0	0	3	0	3	
Arthur Gushwa	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Fin Hyslop	0	1	8	14	2	2	5	4	13	18	0	0	0	0	0	1
Scotty Hoyle	26	8	28	8	4	4	4	4	39	12	4	43	1	3	1	4
Jordan Keane	7	1	7	1	3	1	3	1	19	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Nathaniel Knight-Percival	32	2	32	2	3	2	3	2	35	4	0	0	1	0	1	3
Danny Lloyd	30	2	41	7	5	2	9	2	54	9	0	59	11	3	13	5
Dean Lunt	11	9	11	9	0	9	0	0	11	0	1	11	1	0	1	5
Tony McWilliam	1	1	243	3	2	9	10	0	263	3	0	396	0	0	0	0
Sam Mervin	36	6	24	8	5	5	5	5	31	11	0	42	0	0	0	3
Tom Moore	34	0	34	0	9	9	9	0	43	0	0	43	0	3	0	3
David Mullan	12	18	151	24	6	3	34	5	185	33	2	218	5	32	8	28
Tunde Odegbun	1	6	1	6	1	0	1	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aaron Pickles	7	3	7	3	1	0	1	0	8	3	0	11	0	0	0	3
Danny Philcock	33	4	54	4	6	0	6	1	61	5	0	67	4	0	0	5
Daniel Pies	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
James Proctor	12	15	15	3	2	3	3	3	18	15	1	31	2	1	2	1
Keenan Quansah	30	4	95	7	10	9	23	2	122	9	0	131	0	1	2	1
Chris Renshaw	38	0	89	0	8	0	11	0	91	0	0	91	0	0	0	1
Will Ruess	0	1	5	12	0	1	2	1	7	13	0	20	0	0	0	0
Callum Scovell	8	4	8	4	1	1	1	1	9	5	0	14	0	0	0	1
Jack Stanford	6	9	6	9	5	3	5	2	11	12	0	23	0	2	1	2
Mark Thompson	9	7	22	14	4	2	8	2	48	17	0	67	0	0	0	4
Finn Turner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Williams	8	1	8	1	5	1	5	1	13	2	0	15	0	0	0	0
No Assist																
No Longer At Club	429	163	1252	328	119	40	366	62	1518	269	39	1804	136	54	68	2

League Table

	As At March 18th	HOME						AWAY									
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GS	GA	GD	PTS	
1	Scunthorpe	39	11	7	1	37	13	10	5	5	26	14	63	27	36	75	
2	Chester	39	12	6	2	31	10	9	4	6	30	27	61	37	24	73	
3	Brackley Town	38	12	1	6	29	16	10	4	5	31	23	60	39	21	71	
4	Kidderminster	38	11	3	5	29	11	10	4	5	37	20	66	31	35	70	
5	Curzon Ashton	37	8	4	7	23	14	11	4	3	26	14	49	28	21	65	
6	Buxton	39	11	1	7	32	23	9	3	8	33	23	65	46	19	64	
7	Chorley	38	12	5	2	37	18	6	5	8	22	28	59	46	13	64	
8	Hereford	39	10	4	5	30	20	8	5	7	23	21	53	41	12	63	
9	Kings Lynn	38	10	5	5	27	20	8	4	7	18	21	45	41	4	63	
10	Spennymoor	37	8	7	3	31	16	7	6	7	29	26	60	41	19	67	
11	Darlington	38	9	6	3	26	18	6	6	8	20	24	46	42	4	57	
12	Peterborough Sports	39	8	4	8	24	20	7	7	5	25	24	49	44	5	58	
13	South Shields	39	10	3	7	33	24	6	1	12	24	37	57	61	-4	52	
14	Leamington	38	11	4	4	36	23	3	4	12	13	23	49	46	3	60	
15	Scarborough	38	8	4	7	29	22	5	6	8	27	28	56	50	6	49	
16	Southport	39	7	7	5	23	22	6	4	11	18	29	38	51	-12	47	
17	Marine	39	6	5	8	23	25	7	3	10	13	24	36	49	-13	47	
18	Alfreton Town	38	5	6	8	23	28	7	4	8	23	25	46	53	-7	46	
19	Radcliffe	38	7	2	11	33	40	4	8	6	16	22	49	62	-13	43	
20	Oxford City	37	4	7	8	23	36	6	6	8	21	30	44	66	-22	39	
21	Needham Market	39	4	4	11	18	25	5	5	10	20	36	38	61	-23	36	
22	Warrington	38	5	4	11	15	25	1	8	9	16	30	31	55	-24	30	
23	Rushall	39	5	5	10	21	30	3	1	15	13	53	34	63	-49	30	
24	Farsley	38	1	3	14	10	43	6	2	12	20	42	30	85	-55	26	

League Match Stats

SOUTHPORT FC LEAGUE MATCH STATS @ 15 March 2025																	
				H		A		CURRENT SEQUENCES		Home		W		D		L	
Times of Goals	For	Ag	F	A	F	A		Games Scored in	1	Scoring first	6	6					
1-9 mins	0	2		1		1		Wins	1	Conceding first	8	1	2	3			
10-19 mins	3	5	2	2	1	3		Defeats	0	Winning at half time	4	4					
20-35 mins	4	8	2	3	2	5		Draws	0	Drawing at half time	10	3	6	1			
36-45 mins	5	6	3	6	2	2		GAMES SINCE		Losing at half time	5		1	4			
46-60 mins	7	12	5	3	2	9		A Win	0	Away		W	D	L			
61-79 mins	13	11	8	5	5	6		A Home Win	2	Scoring first	5	4	1				
80-90 mins	6	4	2	2	4	2		An Away Win	0	Conceding first	14	1	2	11			
Added Time	1	3	1	2		1		A Defeat	1	Winning at half time	4	4					
TOTAL	35	51	23	22	18	29		An Away Defeat	1	Drawing at half time	7		4	3			
PENALTIES								A Home Defeat	0	Losing at half time	8	1		6			
	Per	Ag	F	A	F	A		A Score Draw	4								
Pens Awarded	1	3	1			3		A No Score Draw	8	Goal Frequency	8	1	3	3	4		
Pens Scored	1	2	1			2		Conceding A Goal	1	Goals Scored	16	11	8	4			
WHICH END?	F	A						Scoring A Goal	0	Goals Conceded	13	11	9	2	4		
Brownie End	9	11						GOAL METHOD		Winning Margin	8	5	1				
Scarbrick End	16	11						Open Play	32	Losing Margin	8	4	6				
TOTAL	25	22						Corner	2	Draws	5	4	1				
								Penalty	1	League	F	A					
								Direct Free Kick	0	RED CARDS	2	2					
								Indirect Free Kick	4	YELLOW CARDS	68						
								Headed Goals	4								



NON LEAGUE ROUND UP

It's possibly the most interesting VNLN season we have had for a while with Scunthorpe, Chester, Brackley and possibly Kidderminster still all within a shout of the title. I am still going for Scunthorpe but as you know many of my predictions are wrong.

Farsley, Rushall and Warrington are not looking in a good place and it looks like Needham Market and Oxford City are battling it out to be the fourth to face the drop.

Who is coming down? A few weeks ago it looked like Boston United were certs but they have put a good run together and are in with a chance of avoiding the drop. It is a very Southern based bottom 10, only AFC Fylde and Boston occupy places in that bottom 10. There could be a lot of shuffling around needed at the end of this season.

Coming up, Macclesfield could be crowned champions this afternoon and they will be joined by one of Worksop, Guiseley, Ashton United, Stockton Town or Ilkeston.

In what seems to be our other feeder league, Premier Central, it is incredibly tight with Halesowen 63, AFC Telford 63, Bedford 63, Kettering 61 and Stamford 61 all involved in the top 5. Kettering do have a game in hand on their rivals.

Sad to see Blyth Spartans relegated again after last Saturday's results. It was only five years ago we were going there with them

challenging for a play off place with close on 1500 in the ground. Saturday's 3-1 defeat at home to Warrington Rylands in front of 408 sealed their fate. It is very much a case of be careful what you wish for with Blyth.

Game of the day today is undoubtedly Scunthorpe v Chester when it looks like the regular season VNLN attendance record will be smashed, close on 7000 sold with a week to go.

Today's Games with predictions

Buxton	King's Lynn Town	1
Chorley	Alfreton Town	1
Darlington	Rushall Olympic	1
Hereford	Curzon Ashton	2
Kidderminster Harriers	Needham Market	1
Leamington	South Shields	1
Marine	Peterborough Sports	1
Oxford City	Warrington Town	1
Radcliffe	Brackley Town	X
Scunthorpe United	Chester	1
Southport	Scarborough Athletic	?
Spennymoor Town	Farsley Celtic	1

STAT ATTACK

By the time you read this we could be on to our 35th Permanent Manager since entering the world of Non League Football in 1978.

Complete list by League Games Only

League Record	P	W	D	L	PPG
Liam Watson Combined	514	197	140	177	1.43
Brian Kettle	250	119	75	56	1.73
Liam Watson 2	220	92	62	66	1.54
Liam Watson 4	179	56	51	72	1.22
Bryan Griffiths	121	51	30	40	1.51
Liam Watson 1	114	49	27	38	1.53
Paul Fletcher	101	28	30	43	1.13
John Johnson	94	30	35	29	1.33
Jim Bentley	78	27	18	33	1.27
Phil Wilson	69	22	23	24	1.29
Mark Wright	67	30	18	19	1.61
Micky Taylor	66	19	20	27	1.17
Peter Davenport	57	24	17	16	1.56
Harry McNally	49	20	15	14	1.53
Billy Ayre	42	18	12	12	1.57
Paul Carden	38	8	11	19	0.92
Bob Murphy	35	15	7	13	1.49
Kevin Davies	29	9	6	14	1.14
Mike Walsh	26	7	4	15	0.96
Paul Cook	25	4	8	13	0.80
John Coleman	25	8	8	9	1.28
Allan Brown	22	6	3	13	0.95
Steve Burr	22	7	5	10	1.18
Ronnie Moore	21	8	4	9	1.33
Alan Wright	21	6	3	12	1.00
Alan Hampson	20	4	5	11	0.85
Russ Perkins	20	5	2	13	0.85
Steve Joel	20	7	6	7	1.35
Dino Maamria	19	8	4	7	1.47
Gary Brabin Combined	18	9	5	4	1.78
Jimmy Melia (Caretaker)	17	3	7	7	0.94
Andy Bishop	16	4	4	8	1.00
Andy Preece	15	2	3	10	0.60
Martin Foyle	14	3	2	9	0.79
Gary Brabin 2	13	5	5	3	1.54
Alan Lewer	12	5	2	5	1.42
George Ross	9	1	1	7	0.44
Alex Gibson	9	3	3	3	1.33
Gary Brabin	5	4	0	1	2.40
Andy Burgess/David Morgan(Ct)	3	0	1	2	0.33
Tony Hesketh (Ct)	3	1	1	1	1.33
Charlie Powell (Ct)	1	1	0	0	3.00
Paul Lodge(Ct)	1	0	1	0	1.00
Peter Davenport (Ct)	1	0	0	1	0.00
Maamria/Whitehall (Ct)	1	1	0	0	3.00
Liam Watson 3 (Interim)	1	0	0	1	0.00
Steven Schumacher(Ct)	1	0	0	1	0.00
Total	1972	720	539	713	



THE LAST WORD

with Rob Urwin

“ **A busy Non League Day
today with plenty going on at
the ground which is
good to see.**

It's always sad to see a manager go after getting to know him so well but it's a precarious position at any club. Jim was always on hand to do the post match interviews, win, lose or draw. They were always quite informative. I learned very early on that he didn't like to be interrupted so when he did speak at length I had to be very careful. I think my record was 7 minutes without asking a second question! I wish him well for the future.

Good Luck to Morgs who has stepped into the role on a caretaker basis, a well deserved promotion after his excellent work with the Academy side.

Thank you to everyone who posted the positive feedback on Port Chat about the programme. The praise goes out to everyone who contributes to make our programme one of the best in the league. We aim to keep the content as varied and interesting as possible in every edition. It's hard work but a labour of love...most of the time anyhow.

We do have to be flexible with the content. You will see an extra advert in this one as we have certain compulsory ones we do have to include from the league and the DAZN ad that is on page 25 is one of those.

Kim Wood has come on board this season and has more ideas for the future. His BTS articles have been really interesting and the one on this edition about the on hand paramedics is excellent and having seen the paramedics in action first hand when we assisted Cam Mason at Banbury and then on to Oxford Hospital makes you appreciate what a great job they do.

After today we have the Liverpool Senior Cup tie against Warrington Rylands on Tuesday, the winners will be in action at Walton Hall against Everton on April 1st, followed by a trip to high flying Scunthorpe United next Saturday.

Enjoy the game today.

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those of the club.*

Rob

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MANAGER: David Morgan (Caretaker)

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|----|---------------------------|--|
| 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 | |
| 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 | |

SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC

MANAGER: Jono Greening

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|----|-------------------|--|
| 01 | Ryan Whitley | |
| 02 | Kieran Weledji | |
| 03 | Michael Duckworth | |
| 04 | Lewis Maloney | |
| 05 | Will Thornton © | |
| 06 | Bailey Gooda | |
| 08 | Alex Purver | |
| 09 | Frank Mulhern | |
| 10 | Harry Green | |
| 11 | Luca Colville | |
| 13 | Matt Bancroft | |
| 14 | Alex Wiles | |
| 17 | Darren Dom Tear | |
| 18 | Stephen Walker | |
| 21 | Alex Brown | |
| 22 | Jack Waldron | |
| 23 | Bill Marshall | |
| 24 | Mackenzie Maltby | |
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