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FROM THE BENCH

INTERIM MANAGER DAVID MORGAN

Good afternoon to everyone attending today in what is our final league game of the 24/25 season, which has absolutely flown in.

We go into this game on the back of a Lancashire Challenge Trophy win, a defeat against Chester on Good Friday and a draw against Warrington on Easter Monday.

We knew these three games would be extremely tough due to the short turnaround, however we managed the squad extremely well and were able to field teams that I felt were fresh and ready to compete.

We were delighted how we navigated our way through the cup win last Wednesday evening as we all know those games can be quite tricky. I am a firm believer that to win is an important habit to achieve and we are enter into the competition each season with the aim to win it. I was pleased for the group of players to get that the result and to claim the cup as ultimately it was a game that we were expected to win and anything less would have been deemed unacceptable.

Unfortunately for us, we lost Tom Moore in that game to injury, and we were without him for the next two games over Easter, however other players stepped up and showed their worth.

I was deeply frustrated after the Chester game as I felt it was an opportunity for us to dent their playoff hopes. We didn't execute the game plan we had hoped and were too direct at times for my liking. We lacked invention and creativity on the day, but having experienced occasions and games like that myself, I can understand how sometimes games that are built up to be extremely important don't reflect in the quality on show. We were disappointed as a group with our lack of chance creation, but the biggest disappointment was that we conceded in the manner that we did. The game felt as though it was fizzling out to a 0-0, but as we have seen on many occasions this season, we switched off and allowed the opposition far too much space in our box.

The Warrington Town game was always going to be the most challenging out of the three in terms of going into it with tired bodies, tired minds, and the expectation on ourselves to win the game, given their league position.

thought we were the better team for large periods of the game without having that killer instinct. I thought we created enough chances to win the game, however due to us not taking these we had to rely on Chris Renshaw to keep the score line at 0-0 and to ensure we got a point.

Today's game has huge significance for me. Since stepping into the role, I've been keen to ensure we produce performances that our club can be proud of and if I am totally honest, I think we must do more to achieve this.

Kidderminster Harriers will be hoping today that they gain all 3 points and become league champions. As a group we must use this as motivation to ensure we are not stood on our home ground watching someone else lift the league title in front of us! As a group we must understand the magnitude of the game, understand the implications it has in terms of the league title and ultimately, it's a game of football in our league campaign that we should be aiming to win regardless of all the added extras that are currently on it.

Over the course of this season, from being a player to now caretaker manager there have been many ups and downs. Having stepped into this role and experiencing both sides of the coin now, I must pass on my thanks to each and every single one of our fans who watch us at home and those who travel away. Whilst this season has not provided many happy times, you have remained in your numbers and your support is extremely important to the players and staff.

As you read this, I hope you are in the stadium today in your numbers, giving us your full backing and singling loud and proud about your football club.

I hope this is matched by the huger and desire shown by our players in an effort to win our final league game of the season in which we know there is a huge amount riding on.

Finally, as is always the case I would like to wish all the travelling fans from Kidderminster Harriers a safe and pleasant journey to and from the stadium today.

I would like to wish you all the very best for the game today and moving forward whatever the result..

Morgs

BOARDROOM MATTERS



By Chairman Peter Mitchell

AS WE PREPARE FOR OUR FINAL

MATCH OF THE SEASON AGAINST KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (AND WHAT A MATCH WE HAVE IN PROSPECT) THIS AFTERNOON, I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON WHAT HAS BEEN A CHALLENGING CAMPAIGN.

First and foremost, I want to express my deepest gratitude to you, our loyal supporters. Your unwavering commitment to Southport through all weathers and circumstances has been truly remarkable.

Whether travelling long distances to away fixtures or filling the terraces here at Haig Avenue, your passion has been the driving force behind everything we do. The songs, the encouragement, and yes, even the occasional constructive criticism have demonstrated your deep connection to this club. It fills me with great pride that despite falling short of our own ambitions this year you have continued to support us in record numbers, nothing will make me happier than for your commitment to be rewarded with on field success.

To our incredible volunteers, you remain the lifeblood of the club. From those on the turnstiles, to those preparing the pitch, running the club shop, organising matchday programmes, matchday and non matchday traditional and social media and of course our wonderful 50/50 sellers – your selfless dedication allows this club to function. Without your countless hours of unpaid service, we simply could not operate, and for that, we owe you an enormous debt of gratitude.

Our backroom and administrative staff deserve special recognition for their tireless work behind the scenes. The countless hours spent planning, organising, and ensuring everything runs smoothly rarely gets the spotlight but is absolutely essential to our operations. As is the work of our Commercial Manager and Chief Operating Officer who work tirelessly to run matchday and non-matchday events which keep our community and supporters engaged and bring in vital revenue to support the club. If you have been to our quiz nights, our darts night, our Sportsman Dinners or any of our other extracurricular events you'll know what a top job our commercial and hospitality team do.

On the football side, I must acknowledge the contributions of our coaching staff throughout this season. Jim Bentley and Alan Morgan worked diligently during their time with us, and while results ultimately necessitated a change, their professionalism and commitment to the club were never in question. Since taking charge, David Morgan has brought fresh ideas and energy that have been evident in our performances.

To our players, thank you for your efforts throughout the campaign. The shirt you wear represents not just a football club but a community, and your dedication on the pitch has been appreciated by all associated with Southport FC. As we look toward the future, we remain committed to strengthening all aspects of the club. Your support makes this possible, and we will continue working to make Southport FC an institution we can all be proud of.

Enjoy today's match and thank you once again for your magnificent support. Peter Mitchell Chairman, Southport FC

Peter

COMMERC

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER DARREN COURT



The challenge is a tough one as we go up against a team that have been chasing promotion throughout the current season.

However, I know that Morgs will have our lads fired up for it!

I would like to thank every single one of you for standing by the club for what has been a difficult league campaign.

Albeit this season has far from gone to plan on the pitch, commercially we have been very strong. We have developed new long-term partnerships with MTC Truck & Van Rental, Renacres Hospital and George Roberts Scaffolding. Volare Restaurant have taken their commercial partnership to new levels going into the new season (further news to come), and our hospitality packages have been sold out since the end of January.

We could not have achieved this without the support of the local business community and our fanbase.

Again, I would like to thank all the local and surrounding businesses that have stuck by us during a difficult season.

I am often asked 'What do I get if I sponsor Southport FC?' ... My answer is simple 'You get to target new markets, increase your brand awareness (locally, nationally, or even internationally), engage your team and clients, and enhance your company's reputation while demonstrating your commitment to your local football club in the community ... all while enjoying the thrills of our golden game!

And as a bonus for the forthcoming season, there will be lots more eyes on us this summer as we rebuild.

We've got digital advertising packages to offer via the new scoreboard, pitch side sponsorships, match day sponsorships whilst experiencing our award-winning hospitality. social media promotion and much more.

We understand that the support of our commercial partners is integral to our journey. So, if you would like to be part in the excitement next season, get in contact and I'll come and visit you with our new commercial brochure when it is launched.

Thank you again to each one of you for your support, and I look forward to speaking with you all over the summer.

Our guest in the Sky Lounge this afternoon is Dave Barron from Barron Financial and our match ball sponsor is The Grasshopper Pub Darren Court

Up The Port!



Today we welcome the visit of **Kidderminster Harriers** in our last match of the season.

Commercial Manager

TEAM MASCOTS

The team mascots this afternoon are from Southport Trinity Under 8 Blue and also The Eight FC. Have a great afternoon with us.

Our Montgomery/Le Roi Mascot is Reagan Bradley. 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.

We also welcome Charlie and Reuben Johnson as mascots this afternoon.

Last Saturday saw Oliver Melling as our individual mascot and our team mascots were from Formby Community Under 9's







CLUB NEWS

50/50 WINNER



Our 50/50 winner against Chester, taking home the fantastic first prize of £610, was Andrew Hudson. You can buy your 50 50 ticket around the ground this afternoon.

GOOD LUCK TO SUPPORTER BEN MURPHY

Having been running for around five years and completing a number of 10k's and 2 half marathons Ben is taking on his biggest challenge yet, The Manchester Marathon tomorrow. He is fundraising for a cause very close to his heart.

In May 2024 Ben's beautiful baby boy Marlo was born extremely prematurely at just 24 weeks. Despite the fact he was a little fighter and the amazing efforts of the neonatal team he just wasn't strong enough for this world. Good Luck Ben from everyone at Southport Football Club. You can donate via Ben's Just Giving page "Ben's Manchester Marathon 2025 fundraiser for Tommy's, the baby charity"

SUPPORTERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Unknown at the time of going to print but who will be added to our illustrious list of winners that date back to the mid sixties. You will find out today.

Thank You For Your Support



We had another good following at Warrington on Easter Monday, thank you to everyone who made the trip and for the great noise, whoever suggested we should pay Noel to travel may have a good point!

HAPPY 40Th Stephen McLoughlin From Mum and Jenson and everyone at Southport FC



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SFC16-1 Academy

Our Academy players are making great progress under David Morgan and four have been out on loan at clubs around the North West in Non-League football gaining valuable experience.



Renato Gomes with Widnes.



Finn Turner with Nelson



Luke Kilcullen with Ashton Town



Will Hoey with Maghull who also picked up a Man Of The Match award and came on as a sub for the first team in the Lancashire Challenge Trophy win against Bacup Borough.

Well done to all the lads, the good news is there are others waiting in the wings!



WELCOME KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

What a game to finish the season here at The Big Help Stadium as we welcome Kidderminster this afternoon who arrive here needing the win to win the NLN title.

When the fixtures came out and we saw we had Kidderminster on the last day a few people commented that it would be good to have a last day say in the title and they have their wish.

It's been a great season albeit full of ups and downs along the way when at one point the pressure was on. Just take a look at the form line from February 22nd when they had slipped to 8th place and what a run they have put in to arrive here today in pole position.

When the pressure was on on Easter Monday and in front of a sell out crowd of 5341 they romped home 5-1 against Hereford.

Earlier this season at Aggborough we went down 2-0 and were well beaten on the day.

No matter what happens this afternoon we wish everyone at Kidderminster well, it's a lovely club to visit and good luck in The National League if you do go up.

CALEB RICHARDS

One former 'Port player in the Kidderminster ranks and that is Caleb Richards who had nine games with us in the 2017-18 season.



KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS FORM LINE

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PREVIOUS MATCHES

We have met before on 44 occasions with our visitors definitely holding the upper hand with 22 wins 10 draws and 12 defeats. In those 44 games there has never been a 0-0 draw

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| 1995/96 | 30 Sep | Lge | 1 | L | 0-2 | 1164 | |
| 1996/97 | 31 Aug | Lge | 1 | W | 1-0 | 1423 | Whittaker |
| 1997/98 | 11 Oct | Lge | 1 | L | 1-2 | 1200 | Deary |
| 1998/99 | 19 Dec | Lge | 1 | D | 1-1 | 976 | Elam |
| 1999/00 | 15 Apr | Lge | 1 | L | 0-1 | 2033 | |
| 2005/06 | 22 Oct | FAC4Q | 1 | W | 1-0 | 1108 | Lane |
| 2005/06 | 28 Jan | Lge | 1 | L | 1-4 | 1076 | Robinson |
| 2006/07 | 30 Dec | Lge | 1 | L | 0-1 | 1016 | |
| 2010/11 | 29 Oct | Lge | 1 | D | 2-2 | 1447 | Simm, Marsh-Evans |
| 2011/12 | 7 Apr | Lge | 1 | L | 1-2 | 1544 | Moogan |
| 2012/13 | 23 Mar | Lge | 1 | L | 1-3 | 946 | Hattersley |
| 2013/14 | 12 Oct | Lge | 1 | L | 1-2 | 1018 | Smith |
| 2014/15 | 9 Sep | Lge | 1 | W | 1-0 | 769 | Connor |
| 2015/16 | 30 Apr | Lge | 1 | L | 3-4 | 1473 | Almond pen, Phenix, Ryan |
| 2017/18 | 9 Sep | Lge | 1 | L | 0-3 | 901 | |
| 2018/19 | 22 Apr | Lge | 1 | D | 2-2 | 956 | Charles 2 |
| 2019/20 | 07-Mar | Lge | 1 | L | 1-2 | 903 | Morgan |
| 2021/22 | 28-Aug | Lge | 1 | D | 1-1 | 903 | Carver (pen) |
| 2022/23 | 22-Apr | Lge | 1 | L | 1-3 | 1080 | Oliver(pen) |

IN THE HOT SEAT PHIL BROWN

Vastly experienced boss Phil Brown was named Kidderminster Harriers Manager in January 2024. This landmark appointment for the Club saw the arrival to Aggborough of a vastly experienced and decorated Manager in Brown, who has overseen close to 600 in the dugout and managed at the highest level of the game

Across two decades as a player, he made over 650 appearances for the

likes of Hartlepool and Bolton Wanderers before transitioning into management, notably with Hull City. In four years with the Tigers, he helped them achieve a first ever promotion to the Premier

League. Brown has also guided Southend to promotion to League One, and successfully steered Barrow to safety in the EFL in 2022. His managerial career to-date has also included spells with Preston and Swindon Town. A fine run of form at the start of Brown's tenure ensured Harriers were able to take their fight for survival in the National League into the final weeks of the campaign before a summer rebuild in DY10.



OUR VISITORS KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

CALEB RICHARDS

Richards has been something of a Harriers mainstay since his arrival, initially on loan, from Norwich in 2020. He quickly amassed 100 Harriers appearances, during which time the loan switch was made permanent. A consistent figure, he's a reliable presence in the back-line and was a key figure in the Reds' promotion win in 2023. His progress has seen him established as one of the most prominent defenders in non-league football.

REECE DEVINE

Harriers were pleased to confirm the signing of defender Reece Devine following a summer trial at Aggborough. The 22-year-old full-back has fine footballing pedigree having spent time as a youth at Wolves, Man City and Man United. He's picked up senior experience with the likes of St Johnstone and Walsall and, after leaving United in 2022, joined Swindon Town.

He departed the Robins at the end of last season after a frustrating spell with injury but, having got a full preseason under his belt at Aggborough, signed.

REISS MCNALLY

A former Aggborough loanee, Reiss McNally turned his temporary switch from Solihull Moors to something more permanent in 2023. The versatile defender, who is a composed and stylish presence, made 30 starts in the National League in 2023-24, and counts AFC Telford United and Guiseley among his other clubs.

DAVID WORRALL

David Worrall arrived on loan - initially for one month-from League Two side Barrow in February 2025. A vastly experienced winger and midfielder, Worrall has racked up over 620 senior appearances in his career. Also capable of playing at wing-back, the biggest chunk of his career was spent at Port Vale where, between 2017 and 2023, he featured more than 200 times, achieved promotion to League One and was part of that terms League 2 Team of the Season. He can count Bury, Southend and Millwall among his former clubs and, earlier in 2024-25 spent time out on loan in the National League North with Curzon Ashton.

AMARI MORGAN-SMITH

'Morgs' has racked up a double century of appearances for Harriers across three spells, the most of which has come since his return in 2020. Having first featured on loan in DY10 a decade prior, this vastly experienced striker has bagged many memorable moments and goals

in red, not least an iconic goal in the FA Cup win over Reading in 2022. A former Cheltenham, Luton, and York City man, Morgan-Smith netted nine times last season and got off to the perfect start in 2024-25, notching at Darlington having been named team Captain less than 24 hours prior. Went into the second half of the campaign comfortably in double figures.

ASHLEY HEMMINGS

Another player to have woven himself into the fabric of the club is Ashley Hemmings, who has been a regular fixture in the side since 2019. In that time, he has notched 60 goals in over 200 games, dazzling in the National League, North, FA Cup and FA Trophy, with a memorable occasion or few in each under his belt. Prior to his time with Harriers, Hemmings featured for Wolves, Cheltenham, Dagenham and Walsall.

JOE FOULKES

The 21-year-old needs no introduction to fans here in DY10, having spent two of the last three seasons here as a big part of the Reds squad. Across two loan spells from Walsall, he made 67 appearances, scoring on three occasions, and was part of the squad that embarked on the memorable promotion-winning run from National League North just over a year ago. Joe went on to feature on more than 20 occasions for Walsall last term but, having left the Saddlers at the end of last season, has now returned to Worcestershire to stay. He's penned a deal that keeps him with the club until the summer of 2026

JOSH BISHOP

Academy graduate Bishop kept an impressive 21 clean sheets while out on loan at Stourport Swifts as he continues to forge a strong reputation for himself in the game. In his second season as a professional with the Reds after coming through the system, he's highly-regarded in DY10 and joined Worcester City for more key experience on loan in August 2024.

ZAK BROWN

Relentless Zak Brown was an almost ever-present for Harriers in 2023-24, featuring 45 times in National League and Cup action. A former West Bromwich Albion youth player, Zak earned his non-league stripes with Alvechurch before switching to Harriers in 2022 as an energetic presence in midfield.



MAZ KOUHYAR

Phil Brown added further attacking power to the squad with the signing of Maz Kouhyar on a season-long loan deal from York City. Maz has already tasted promotion from the National League North with the Minstermen in 2021-22 and featured for Walsall as a youngster and progressed to the first team there, making over 20 first team appearances. After a spell out with injury, he joined Hereford in 2021 and performed impressively there, notably in the first half of the 2021-22 season when his form was rewarded with the switch to York. To date, the winger, an Afghanistan international, has made over 70 appearances for City, including 25 in last season's National League.

KYLE MORRISON

Kyle Morrison returned to Harriers on a permanent contract in February 2025. The defender needs little introduction to Harriers fans, having become a firm favourite at Aggborough thanks to a superb loan spell from Fylde at the back end of the 2022-23 season. Featuring 18 times for the Reds, he was a commanding presence in the back-line during the epic nine-match winning run that saw the team storm into the play-offs and gain promotion from the National League North. He then made the switch to National League side Solihull Moors that summer and went on to feature more than 30 times as they made it to the play-off final.

CHRISTIAN DIBBLE

The shot-stopper has enjoyed a rollercoaster of a ride since first arriving at Aggborough in January 2023. In the months that followed, he played a key part in securing Harriers' promotion via the play-offs, following that with an incredible run of starting every league fixture of our subsequent National League campaign. While the season didn't end with the desired outcome, Dibble remained a consistent, stoic figure, putting in some commanding performances and making crucial saves aplenty – racking up a total of 15 clean sheets along the way.

BEN BERESFORD

Harriers bolstered their squad with added attacking force with the addition of Ben Beresford on loan from Birmingham City. The 19-year-old arrived at Aggborough off the back of a 17-goal season last term that included first team experience at National League North level with Banbury United and Gloucester City. A graduate of the Blues Academy, the towering forward impressed at that level before earning a professional contract. He'll return

to the North with Harriers this season having penned a loan deal for the entirety of the campaign.

TOPE OBADEYI

34-year-old Tope is a hugely experienced player who boasts Premier League, SPL and EFL football on his CV, in addition to time playing in France. With over 300 career appearances to his name, the versatile Obadeyi has immersed himself in non-league life over the past few seasons, spending time with Gloucester, Banbury and Hereford in National League North. Adept out wide, in midfield and up front, he can count Bolton, Kilmarnock and Oldham among his former clubs, and signed for Harriers after a full pre-season.

DAVID DAVIS

The 33-year-old is a veteran of almost 400 senior career appearances in the Premier League and across the EFL. He is perhaps best known locally for his spells with the two local giants, a stint at Wolves where he made more than 60 starts over the course of six Premier League, Championship and League One seasons. Davis joined Blues in 2014 and made the better part of 200 appearances there as an influential member of the side and a firm favourite with fans, before going on to feature for Shrewsbury Town. He's most recently been with Forest Green Rovers and, after featuring for Harriers during the early part of pre-season, has put pen to paper to become a member of Phil Brown's squad for 2024-25.

RYLEY REYNOLDS

Reynolds arrived at Aggborough loan from League Two Notts County in November 2024. At Meadow Lane he progressed through the Academy ranks before earning his first professional contract with the Magpies back in the summer. The 19-year-old has stayed around the first team there since, featuring in pre-season and making starts in the EFL Trophy, as well as an appearance in the FA Cup.

FINN ROBERTS

Fin Roberts arrived on loan from League Two side Crewe in March 2025. The 18-year-old will remain at Aggborough until the conclusion of the 2024-25 campaign. He's already had experience in the National League North courtesy of a spell with Chester earlier in the term, where he bagged two goals in six appearances. A versatile forward capable of playing in central and wide areas.

MATCHDAY BEHIND THE SCENES

— By Kim Wood ——

The Parents

With Viv and Alf Renshaw

Sitting in the stands are a special group of fans. They are the families of the players who play an important part of the matchday behind the scenes. Recently I had the pleasure to be introduced to Viv and Alf Renshaw the parents of our goalkeeper Chris.



Viv and Alf have attended all our home games this season to support Chris bar 1 game, when they tuned into Rob's online commentary whilst on holiday. They travel an around trip of 68 miles to the Big Help Stadium and will go to away games that are within a 2-hour radius of their home. Before leaving home for the match they will message him their good luck wishes. After the match Chris thanks them for their support and actively seeks their feedback on his performance. Viv mentioned "He's his own worst critic"

Matchday started for them when Chris was a 9-year-old and have ever since dedicated themselves to support and nurture his talent. Viv told me "He has sacrificed many things in his teenage years and beyond as he was so

committed to progressing in football".

Between the ages of 11-18 Chris was at Oldham who gave him a great grounding. At 18 he got a 3-year pro contract at Everton. and we were "All thrilled to bits" explained Viv. Unfortunately, Chris required 3 major operations in his second season. Whilst Everton provided first class medical care, once fit, they wouldn't play him or send him out on loan. Viv and Alf felt really frustrated but credit Chris with a positive attitude and commitment to keep training hard. I'm sure they are trait's he's inherited from his supportive parents. Chris wanted first team experience and having his confidence knocked at Everton became no 1 keeper at Witton Albion. His parents were a worried that he was moving down too many levels but respected his decision.

Covid prevented his career progressing, with the hopes of full-time football fading for him he came up with a back-up plan. Chis took up a part time role at Blackburn Rovers and paid for his coaching badges himself. Viv informed me "He doesn't let the grass grow under his feet and puts in 100 % effort as always" She said that "His commitment to Blackburn paid off as they sponsored him gaining his UEFA goalkeeping A license".

From Witton, Chris moved up a league to join Curzon then signed for us in May 2023. Wherever his career has taken him he has always had the backing and support of his parents who are "Immensely proud of him".

To be briefly in Viv and Alf's company it was lovely to see their dedication and passion to enhancing Chris's career, especially during his injuries and being released by Everton.

Thank you, Viv and Alf, for giving us a glimpse of life behind the scenes of supportive parents, being with Chris every step of his football journey.



EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY DAY



SUNDAY 11TH MAY // 9AM - 4PM @ THE BIG HELP STADIUM

With special guests The LFC Foundation and Bren Riley (Southport Comedy Festival) as compere!

Bouncy castles : Ice cream : Special character guests
Face painting : Grassroots matches
Market stalls from local businesses
Southport FC's catering and bar open ALL DAY

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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.

Technical Services

With Les Rooney



Matchday running repairs and facility upgrades

Les has been volunteering now for 15 years. As a professional electrical engineer and a keen sound engineer, he has combined these skill sets around the ground making numerous improvements.

Many long-term fans will remember the antiquity Tannoy system the club had years back and it was Les who tackled upgrading the system. His initial starting point was to identify all the cabling which took him over 3 days, which he

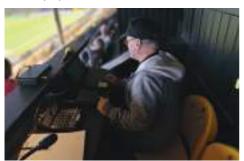
replaced. Thanks to Les wherever you are in the ground you can hear the system now. In fact, its Les's voice you can hear on a matchday making the public announcements, such as the sponsors man of the match, names of the substitutes and even the mascots.

On a matchday he will arrive 3 hours before kick-off. He will routinely set up the Tannoy and scoreboard, to ensure everything is working and have the time to fix any faults that may have surfaced since the last match. He will check with the media team whether there are any special announcements to be made.



One of Les's biggest challenges was during our home FA Cup replay with Tranmere Rovers when we were live on TV. When one of those rare occasions we are under the spotlight, ironically the spotlights failed in not just the main stand but then the Jack Carr stand. I asked Les to explain how he managed that night, his reply was - "I spent an hour with my head in a cabinet and an audience in the power room speaking to the installation engineer on the phone. Lights restored I thought I could enjoy the atmosphere but minutes later all power failed to the home end of the ground. Much running around finding the fault and offers from BT sport to plug into their generators, trips were reset, and power was restored" Thankfully to Les, our big night on centre stage went ahead unfortunately the scoreline wasn't as successfully as his match winning repairs.

Like all volunteers he is proud to be able to work for the club. He sees the Big Help Stadium as our "home" and it should be a nice place to visit for players and fans alike.



Les likes to have a project and to his credit we can see the result of those around the ground on matchdays. He is proud of improving the players entrance by installing the club crest with lighting which is a great view from the Poplar side of the ground. Also, installing 10 LED floodlights to the front of the stand in Haig Avenue, so now you can see that there was a match on that night. The lighting in the fan zone is also down to him.

Another emergency Les had to deal with was when the new floodlights were installed, and the old masts had to be removed. The speakers for the Tannov were also mounted on these masts. He had advised the contractors "you must cut the cables but leave them exposed so I can find them and reconnect to new speakers ". Of course. his words of wisdom were not listened to. So. when Les arrived for the first evening match using the new floodlights, we had not a Tannoy system. As ever, Les the man you need in a crisis stepped up and these were his words - "I found myself in the dark and rain on the ground hunting for these cables. Minutes to spare before kick-off we were up and running. Phew". Another issue averted.

Not only do the club get these upgrades and labour free of charge, but he also uses his business contacts to buy the lighting when it's offered to him in various sales. Saving the club money.

The work Les does Behind the Scenes, we all benefit from either his running matchday repairs or upgrades to facilities. His impact is all around us, making our matchday experience all the richer. Thanks, Les, for all your brilliant work.

A PERSONAL LOOK BACK AT THIS SEASON

By Programme Editor Rob Urwin-the views are my own!

It started with a bang and ended with a whimper and it's not been that good along the way if I am being honest.

An opening day win against Alfreton who considering our recent record against gave us a double got everyone talking about a play off challenge and this was followed up with a win at Needham Market and hopes were high. However, danger signs were evident in that game at Needham when we struggled against a side who were hot favourites for relegation. I had remarked to someone in the streets around Needham before the game that I wasn't confident of a good season and the same person came up to me post match and said "Believe" Rob. I just said let's see how it goes.

Needham Market was my favourite away trip of the season by far, not necessarily for the football but the few days away and the visit to see former player Cliff Woof in Newmarket and a visit to the stables where his horses are housed.

Mixing with the stars in Newmarket, Cliff Woof and jockey and TV presenter Hayley Turner. (Top Right)



My next favourite away trip was a day trip to Scarborough by train. Thankfully they have a plastic pitch because given the rain that came down on the way and on arrival I doubt if the game would have got the go ahead if it had been played on grass. Three wins in a row at Scarborough and all down to me and my pre match routine of a long walk from North to South Bay followed by a fish and chip meal at Winking Willy's and no I am not superstitious at all.

Enough of the travel and back to on field matters.



Scenes after beating Scunthorpe

By mid September we had slipped to 18th place but home wins against South Shields, Scunthorpe, Rushall and a draw at Oxford City saw us up in 5th place by November 2nd. Believe Rob!

The home win against Scunthorpe was my home highlight of the season. The very disgruntled Scunthorpe media couldn't believe they had lost and to be honest neither could I but it was a win to enjoy and I think we all did!

Sadly there have been too many disappointing games and whilst we have rarely been hammered and have stayed in most games we just simply haven't scored enough goals or threatened to score enough.

The 4-1 defeat at Chorley followed up by a 4-1 defeat at home to Hereford really did set the alarm bells ringing.

The end of Jim came after the defeat at Marine, the rights and wrongs of his leaving have been discussed at length, was the timing right should he have stayed to see the season out, everyone had a view but his heartfelt message to our supporters when he left did leave a lump in my throat and I do wish him well for the future.

Tom Moore has been outstanding and is easily going to win our Media Player Of The Year by some margin. This is the award for the player who accumulates the most Media Man Of The Match awards during the season and Tom is currently sitting on 14 way ahead of the next best who is Chris Renshaw on 6. Ironically, my player of the vear will be Chris who whilst he has had a few shaky moments has kept us in games with some superb goalkeeping and 14 league clean sheets in a season when we are destined to finish in our lowest ever NLN position is great going. He is really disappointed not to be getting the award I promised him if he was ever present, the instinctive reaction at Peterborough Sports in handling outside the area put paid to that with a red card, he has been my stand out player. I think I was as disappointed as him that afternoon.

I have really struggled picking out a goal of the season winner this season, there is

not one goal that has stood out in my memory which is either a sign that my memory isn't as good as it was or we haven't had that many but in the end I have gone for Danny Philliskirk's second goal in the opening day win against Alfreton, neat build up and great finish.





Danny's shot on the way to goal and in the back of the net.

So what happens next? I will just have to keep believing, A good FA Cup or FA Trophy run would be nice and a play off challenge? Not much to ask.

As long as I am here today, my Futbology will be on 1817 matches, there are more but I can't remember some of the friendlies I attended. My actual "proper match" count will stand at 1772 I have missed the two games this season at King's Lynn and Brackley and the consecutive home league game count will be on 508. Enjoy the break and no doubt I will be back doing it all again in August.

LANCASHIRE CHALLENGE



TROPHY WINNERS AGAIN

Some may say it is unimportant but try telling that to the lads who all thoroughly enjoyed picking up a trophy and a winners medal. As Morgs has said we enter a competition we aim to win it and win it we did.

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| 1996/97 | Preston | Accrington Stanley | 3-0 | 1345 | Horner, Whittaker, Gamble |
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| 2000/01 | Chorley | Lancaster City | 1-0 | 779 | own goal |
| 2005/06 | Leyland | Lancaster City | 1-0 | 532 | Blakeman |
| 2007/08 | Leyland | Chorley | 4-1 | 757 | Gray(2), Powell, Duffy |
| 2009/10 | Bolton(Reebok) | Clitheroe | 4-0 | 1207 | Winn, Daly, Simm(2) |
| 2018/19 | Bolton(UoB) | Colne | 3-1 | 721 | Charles 3 |
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| 2024/25 | Leyland | Bacup Borough | 3-0 | 584 | Russ 2 Heath |
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I'm sure we all would prefer it if the finals were held at a decent ground (other County FA's seem to be able to get their finals at decent grounds) like we used to when we played at The Reebok, Deepdale, Burnden Park but it is what it is so why not enjoy it?

It was a fairly comfortable win on the night against a Bacup side who are in North West Counties Division One and a game we should be winning but as we saw and expected they started brightly but just lacked a bit in the final third and we took our chances when it mattered, Will got the two goals and missed a penalty for his hat-trick and Finn got his first ever goal for the club after quite a long wait. That made him the 485th player to score for the club.

Anyone else notice that the ref, Kevan Hurn, was the same ref we had in our previous game at South Shields

Photos to enjoy from Julia

































































































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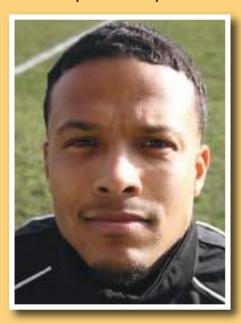
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FORMER PLAYERS

JOE THOMPSON Southport NL Player 694



Joe only played four games for The Sandgrounders on loan back in 2015 but his story has captured the hearts of the football community and it was with great sadness that we reported his passing last Saturday when we held an immaculately observed period of silence to remember him

Joe was diagnosed with cancer for a third time in April last year, five years after he retired from playing. Joe was found to have stage four lymphoma - a type of blood cancer - which had spread to his lungs after twice recovering from the disease during his playing career.

Joe began and finished his career with Rochdale, and had three spells with the club.

His journey and indomitable spirit have been an inspiration for everyone who has been touched by his story.

Joe was first diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma in 2013 and again in 2017.

But, after twice being given the all-clear, he notably went on to score the goal which saw Rochdale avoid relegation from League One in 2018.

He retired from playing in 2019 saying he had "pushed his body to the absolute limit".

He also played for Tranmere Rovers, Carlisle United and Bury.

Following the end of his playing career, Joe worked in the media as a pundit as well as mentoring and as a motivational speaker.

In October 2024, he took part in a 21-mile fundraising walk in order to raise awareness of cancer treatments following his third diagnosis.

Joe Thompson's contribution to football was recognised by The EFL in 2019.

In 2019, Joe received the Sir Tom Finney award at the annual EFL awards ceremony, an honour presented to a player who has had an outstanding career and contributed an exception amount to the Football League and game in general.

The EFL described Thompson as "an inspiration to so many" and added: "The EFL is deeply saddened by the passing of Joe Thompson. Our thoughts are with his family, friends and former clubs at this very difficult time."



MATCH DETAILS FOR 2024/25

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MATCHACTION

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Fine margins but we fall short again and fail to score for the twentieth time this season which tells its own story.

Chester went away with all three points in a game that won't live long in the memory but for them it sealed their place in the play offs in front of over 1000 of their travelling fans. They were getting a bit impatient at one point and sitting alongside them was quite interesting as frustrations grew but they went home happy in the end.

The gate of 2383 was the tenth highest home Non League gate we have had and in keeping with the other top 10 we lost. The gate actually creeps in at number 19 in the all games list. In that list we have won just one, the 4-2 against Notts County in 2002-03.



Looks good when it's full.



The Southport Brewery Man Of The Match chosen by our Match Sponsor, Keith Mitchell was Chris Renshaw who also received the Adam Le Roi Trophy.



Somebody cruelly suggested that the highlight of the afternoon was the ball landing on the guy in blues beer on the perimeter wall which caused much merriment amongst those standing close by as you can see.

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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

Throughout this season we have been asking supporters to name their top team in 4 4 2 order. Not necessarily the best just the players you have enjoyed watching the most.

We finish the series with this eleven from David Rowland.

I have many very happy memories of following Southport as a child. Living in Tarleton in the 50's and 60's we were well placed to follow the fortunes of Preston North End and Southport. My dad Alf Rowland who was a keen 'Port' supporter and he would bring my brother and myself to Deepdale and Haig Avenue for many years. It became easier to get to both on the same weekend as Southport would often play their home games on a Friday night after the club installed floodlights.

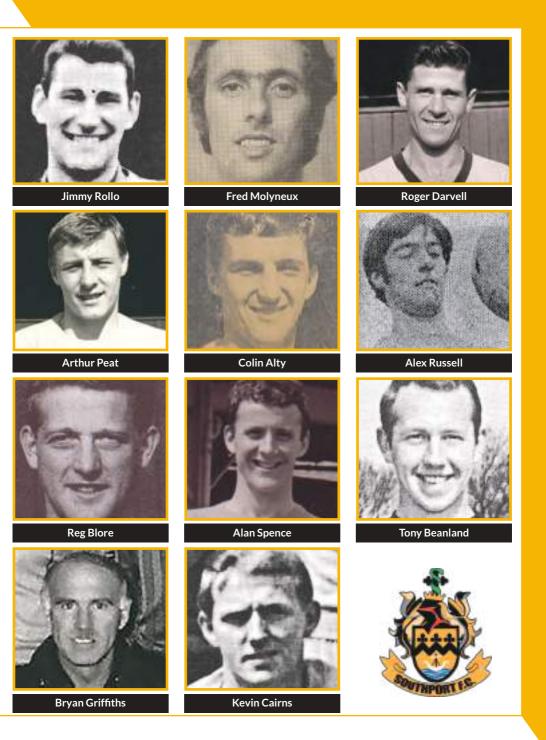
My mate Bob Clark asked me to me to select my favourite Southport team in a 4-4-2 formation. I had so many boyhood heroes from the 1960's that the task is almost impossible to complete. There were many stand-out players of skill along with so many lads who through their tenacity became fan favourites. I started watching Southport in the days when Len Newcomb was the manager.

There were so many good Southport players in

those days; Eric Redrobe, Eric Harrison, George Andrews, Tony Field, Johnny Fielding, Jimmy Blain, Malcolm Russell, Tommy O'Neil, David Hughes, Jack Hannaway, Ambrose Clarke etc, etc, etc. I could go on and on. Of the players I have chosen Reggie Blore and Alan Spence were exceptional strikers in their day. Midfielder Colin Alty was a skilful and tenacious player. The Tony Beanland was 'Mr dependable' and Arthur Peat was legendary. He was a midfielder of high quality and served the Port for many years. Alex Russell was another dependable player who got many a goal from mid-field.

Lads who did not make my line-up such as Eric Redrobe who was not only a great goal scorer but was a great character will always be part of my Southport memories. Others like Jimmy Blain, George Andrews were also great goal scorers with defenders such as Amby Clarke Billy Rutherford who served the club with great esteem. I could have made up two or three teams up from those 'heady days' in the Football League.









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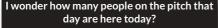




RCHIVES

April 30th 2005 Twenty Years Ago A few more pictures from the NLN Title winning day at Harrogate. Who remembers Teletext?











Daly 3 Fearns 1 but who got the other one? Not many people remember Sam McNutt



A familiar face in the crowd with his daughter.

ON THE ROAD

SOUTH SHIELDS

South Shields in April? It's bound to be cold and wet so let's book a few days away?

We did and went up on the Wednesday. I was one of those hoping the Bacup game wouldn't be brought forward as it could have caused a few marital difficulties with me having to choose between a Lancashire Challenge Trophy or travelling to the North East.

It was, as expected cold when we arrived at our base in South Shields on the Wednesday, a fantastic cosy apartment with a brilliant sea view.

What a turnaround on the Thursday and Friday as the temperatures soared and the coats were not needed until at the match on the Saturday.

I had hoped to visit a couple of football grounds at Newbiggin and Seaham but that never materialised. The closest we got was driving past Sunderland's very impressive looking training ground on the way to Seaham.

Matchday and a chance to go into South Shields which considering it was early was really busy. The obligatory game of crazy golf before heading off for the real purpose of the visit, a fish and chip dinner at the world famous Colmans fish and chip restaurant. Good Friday saw people queuing for over an hour to get their fix.

I suppose I should say the real purpose was the match...maybe.

The usual friendly welcome from the staff at South Shields, it is one of the nicer grounds to visit. Programmes ready for our subscribers and in place in the press area for 2pm with the commentary gear all set up and working. Time to chill and chill it was as the strong wind was quite bitter despite the locals telling us it was like a good summers day to them.

As for the match, we should have come away with all three points after creating a

number of good chances but as has been the case so often this season, no finish and another 0-0 with the point we needed to ensure we had NLN football in 2025-26

The crowd was announced as 1605 which seemed very high, I was guessing just on 1000 but there was, as has been the case in every game, a great following from Southport. It's a fair old drive and the train tickets weren't cheap for this one.

Back home Sunday morning nice and early to start work on the Chester programme.





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| 61-79 mins | 14. | 13 | . 9 | 7 | 5 | 6 | A Home Win | 5 | Scoring first | 5 | 4 | 1 | | Ī |
| 80-90 mins | 6 | 4 | 1 | -2 | 60 | 2 | An Away Win | 1 | Conceding first | 15 | 1 | 2 | 12 | Ĭ |
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| caristeick End | 16 | 13 | | | | | Open Play | 34 | Looing Margin | | 7 | 5 | 6 | I |
| TOTAL | 25 | 36 | | | | | Corner | 2 | Draws | 8 | 4 | 2 | | I |
| | 100 | | | | | | Penalty | 1 | League | | A | | | I |
| | | | | | | | Direct Free Kick | .0 | RED CARDS | 3 | 1 | | | I |
| | | | | | | 1.0 | Indirect Free Kick | 4 | YELLOW CARDS | 72 | | | | ĺ |
| | | | | | | | Headed Goals | 4 | | | | | | Г |



SO IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THE FINAL DAY AND WE CAN PLAY A BIG PART!

Kidderminster come here knowing a win will see them win the title anything other than a win and unless shock result of the season sees Farsley beat Brackley at St James Park then it's play offs for Kiddy. Scunthorpe are still in the mix but it looks like the play offs for them once again and boy do they need to go up so heaps of pressure on them in those play offs.

As for the play offs anyone down to 10th can still make it in theory. Chester are guaranteed a home game and will play whoever finishes 7th, currently Hereford who are home to Scunthorpe. If the table finishes as is now then Kings Lynn would play Chorley. Then in the semi's Brackley would meet the winners of the Kings Lynn game and Scunthorpe will play Chester. Then again if we beat Kiddy today!!!!!!!!!!

Definitely joining NLN next season will be Macclesfield and AFC Fylde, the rest coming in will be anyone's guess, looks like a bit of a reshuffle will be needed again.

What an end to the season they are having in NLS with anyone of six clubs in contention for the title going in to the final day.
Realistically it probably comes down to just a couple but my goodness what an end. Truro who are top take on St Albans who need a

win to be in with a chance of staying in the division.

What an end to the season all round Congratulations to Bury (I do have a little soft spot still having lived there for 12 years) who secured their promotion from NWC into the NPL (probably West) A crowd of 8719 in tier 5 were there to see them beat Burscough 4-0 and secure their promotion. Two more seasons and we could have the Southport v Bury game on the fixture list.

FINAL DAY FIXTURES

| v Farsley Celtic |
|--------------------------|
| v Warrington Town |
| v Leamington |
| v Needham Market |
| v Scunthorpe United |
| v Chester |
| v South Shields |
| v Scarborough Athletic |
| v Alfreton Town |
| v Chorley |
| v Kidderminster Harriers |
| v Oxford City |
| |

STAT ATTACK

The final North West table based on all the games played between Curzon Ashton, Chester, Marine, Chorley, Southport, Radcliffe and Warrington.

| Table | P | w | D | L | F | Α | GD | Pts |
|---------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Curzon Ashton | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 5 | 14 | 26 |
| Chester | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 7 | 8 | 26 |
| Marine | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 14 | 4 | 21 |
| Chorley | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 14 |
| Southport | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 15 | -4 | 11 |
| Radcliffe | 12 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 24 | -13 | 10 |
| Warrington | 12 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 15 | -9 | 7 |

A few records (with one game to go)

Before today's game our average home attendance stands as 1245, the highest we have ever had in National North and that will increase after today's game.

The total aggregate home attendance of 27284 is a best ever in NLN and only just going to be short of the best ever in Non League of 29879. If Kiddy have travelled in really big numbers could that go, 2595 needed for that one to happen though.

Only Chorley have had a bigger season on season increase in attendances than us.

The 21 Fail To Scores are a new NLN low equalling the all time record. On the other hand the 15 clean sheets we have had so far is up there with the best.

The Goals Per Game of 0.91 is a NLN low but well ahead of the all time low GPG set in the dreadful second Non League season of 1979/80 of 0.71. Of course, if we score a bagful of goals

today this one may be eradicated from the record books!

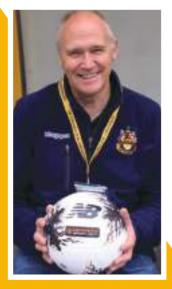
31 players used in league games is around the average from recent times. The low stands at 21 with a high of 50, yes really, 50 in 2016-17

The "official" away gate at Farsley (Buxton) of 75 was an all time low. I say official as that is what counts but I am dubious about the number as Farsley have had a few 75's this season.

Finally, if you are still awake after all this, 8 0-0 draws is the most we have ever had in a Non League season.

For those keeping an eye on our Prediction League the Top 5 going in to today's final round of matches are:

| 1 | Gary Hunt | 504 | |
|---|----------------|-----|--|
| 2 | Rob Urwin 2 | 500 | |
| 3 | Michelle Urwin | 492 | |
| 4 | Colin Hobbs | 492 | |
| 5 | Mike Rimmer | 490 | |





I make no apology for saying the usual end of season thank you's to people who without their help we wouldn't have any matchday media output. I do worry when I do this however that I am bound to forget someone.

In no particular order but I will start with the missus, Julia who whilst she hasn't been travelling to as many away games this season has still been sat on the touchline at every home game getting us all the fantastic pictures that appear in our programme and on our "Best In The League" Photo Gallery on Flickr.

Joe Cunliffe has done the commentary alongside me at most games and is also responsible for most of the matchday coverage and work during the week on the socials. Thanks Joe.

Matty Hurst has helped out on matchdays throughout the season doing the socials and getting some great feedback for his commentaries, ok most of it is from his Mum and Nan but nobody need know that.

Gaz has filmed every game at home for us, thank you Gaz, it's not easy. Thank you to the very patient Terry (you know what I mean) who is responsible for sorting our programme out.

To Simon at Excel who as ever has produced the finished product for us and although I say it myself having seen every other programme this season I think we have one of the best in the league. We have been with Excel for a long time now and it never ceases to amaze me how quickly it gets printed. The Chester programme was sent on Sunday proofed Monday morning and I had them delivered Tuesday afternoon. Brilliant service, Thanks Si.

I better not forget Les "Mr Technical" Rooney, how could we forget Les who is on hand every matchday for anything technical that may go wrong and it does and even though he doesn't like doing it he has been great on the PA this season standing in most games.

To all the occasional matchday helpers who have helped with matchday socials thank you, your help has been greatly appreciated.

Keep an eye out for matchday media opportunities in the coming season. We have had some new interest and may be able to introduce a few new ideas if we have the people available.

Finally thanks to everyone who has bought the programme and to the season ticket holders who get the free PDF version for your comments.

Who knows what next season will bring!

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And it is the last

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- 05 Harry Flowers06 Nathaniel Knight-Percival
- 07 Danny Lloyd
- 08 David Morgan
- 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 Oliviera Gomes
- 22 Sam Minihan 23 Jack Stafford
- 25 Danny Philliskirk
- 26 Jai Curran-Nicholls
- 27 Jack Bentley
- 29 Aaron Pickles
- 32 Dan Pike

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

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