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From the Manager

Good afternoon to everyone and thank you for coming to this afternoon's F.A. Cup tie against Notts County. Obviously this is a big game for the club but first of all I'd like to reflect on our recent Conference matches. I have been delighted with the results of recent weeks, which have seen us return to winning ways after a short dip in form, and thankfully a couple of bad results during that time haven't hurt our League position too much.

Our last home match saw us defeat Stevenage Borough and at times we played some of the best football that we have played all season. We knocked the ball about well and kept control of the game for long periods, the 3-2 scoreline in our favour flattered the visitors at the end of the 90 minutes. The win at Hereford was equally pleasing even though it was a very different game. We were up against a very direct side and the match wasn't pretty, but we

defended well and took our chances when they came and secured another vital three points.

Today's action is very different as we look to win through to the Second Round of the F.A. Cup. It's a good day for the club as we should have a tremendous crowd in our Haig Avenue stadium and we come up against a Second Division side. This is a good opportunity for us to see just how far we have come this season and if we play to our true potential we have a chance to cause an upset. Squad wise things are pretty good with Ian Nolan our only real doubt for the game.

Finally I would like to request that you all get behind our lads this afternoon from the moment they come out of the tunnel. YOU can be our twelfth man this afternoon and your support can really lift us and help us to a famous result at the end of ninety minutes.

Phil Wilson



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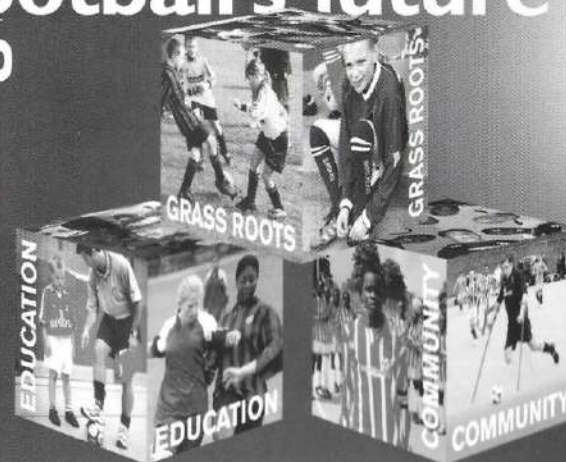
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Chairman's Comment

Good afternoon and welcome to today's F.A. Cup Tie and a particularly warm welcome to our Second Division opponents Notts County, the players, officials and fans. I trust you enjoy your short stay in Southport, but not quite as much as us.

The F.A. Cup has a kind of magic that no other competition in any other sport has and I am sure that we will all put to one side our League aspirations for today and hopefully progress into the next round.

We are pleased to have the BBC Match of The Day camera's here at Haig Avenue, a special welcome goes to Barry Davies who was here back in 1988 when we played Port Vale. I have reminded Barry that we lost 2-0 that day and I really hope he breaks his duck for us today. That game against Port Vale was the catalyst of our financial and playing turn-a-round, so let's hope that today's game has the same effect on our future.

I know we are assured of a good attendance today (please come back for the Yeovil and Chester games) make sure that you get behind the lads and who knows, we could all be glued to the telly later looking for the replay of that winning goal, to be followed by Alan Hansen and Mark Lawrenson eulogising Southport's performance!

Whatever happens, please enjoy the game.



CHAIRMAN



Club Chat

Good afternoon and welcome to Haig Avenue for today's long-awaited F.A. Cup First Round tie against Second Division Notts County. We would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of our visitors. We hope that you enjoy your stay and have a safe journey home afterwards.

Well, I say long awaited but I guess the draw was only a few weeks ago. The build-up over the last couple of weeks has been an exciting and busy one and at last the day of the game has arrived. Everyone here at Haig Avenue has worked hard to put on today's match as well as to maximise the potential income that a tie like today can bring. We are all now hoping that the efforts of the last few weeks will be supported by a large attendance here at Haig Avenue. Ticket sales have been promising over the last week and at the time of writing the figures are good. Let's hope that the public respond today with plenty of supporters coming along on the spur of the moment.

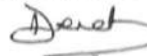
Notts County have not had the greatest of starts to their Second Division campaign - but the mere fact that they are Second Division means that they are a good side and we will have to put in a wonderful performance here today to see our name in the next round of the competition. Saying that they will not relish the thought of playing here today and will see this game as a real banana skin in their way.

How good to see BBC's Match of the Day cameras here this afternoon. It's quite a while since they were last here, let's hope it's very soon when they are here next - like Round Two?! With pundits Mark Lawrenson and Alan Hansen both local residents I'm sure they will be a little biased in their hopes for a giant-killing act today!

We come into this afternoon's match with good form behind us and excellent victories in the Conference against Stevenage and Hereford in the last couple of weeks. County Cup postponements have probably been in our favour in the end and have given us chance to re-charge the batteries in midweek. With only one injury doubt today and no suspension problems we won't be far from full strength and confidence will be high. What we now need is every single Southport follower to get behind the side from the moment the players come down the tunnel until the final whistle and we really can be the talking point of this F.A. Cup, First Round.

But there's not just this one-off occasion to play for here at Haig Avenue this season. We have the exciting prospect of two promotion places into the Football League and we really would love to see many more of you back here again during November for what could be the two make or break fixtures for the club. Next Saturday we take on top club Yeovil Town here at Haig Avenue and the following Saturday we take on second placed Chester City - they don't come much harder or much more exciting. So please, please put those two Saturday afternoon dates in your diary and come and support the Southport lads who are doing so well this season.

Enjoy this afternoon's game. Let's hope for a game played in excellent spirit, a thriller for the TV cameras and a home win (followed by a nice easy draw!) See you next Saturday.



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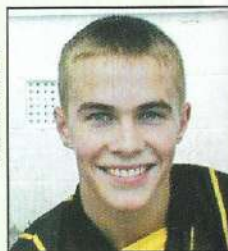
A very different Reserve team from that of late played the return match of the season against Northwich Victoria at the Drill Field on Saturday, 2nd November, the squad including no fewer than seven PASE players aged only 16 or 17. Adam Carden, Liam McGuire and top scorer Ian Johnson all missed the match through suspension, whilst prolific scorer Tony Askew and Paul Lee were absent through illness and recent addition Ian Nolan has now moved through to the First XI, indeed scoring on the same day on his Conference debut against Stevenage. Sixteen year olds John Mainey and Danny Walker were both in the starting line-up against a mature Northwich side. The first half saw few opportunities for either side, and indeed it was not until the 40th minute that Northwich finally scored the only goal of the game. Midway through the second half, Michael Flood and Adam Roscoe brought new blood to the Southport line-up, and with defender Tom Spearritt moving up in to attack, it was Southport who had the better of the final twenty minutes, and they could count themselves unlucky not to have got a deserved point out of the game. Unfortunately, the torrential rain of Friday, 8th November led to the postponement of our game against Accrington last weekend.

Team versus Northwich: Murphy, Phoenix, Cooney, Ravenscroft, Spearritt, Mulvaney, Allen, Spence, Hogan, Mainey, Walker. Subs:- Flood (for Mainey, 64 mins), Roscoe (for Walker, 53 mins)

Liam McGuire

D.O.B 31.1.84 Midfield

Eighteen year old student Liam spent five years as a youngster with Everton F.C. before joining the Liverpool based F.A.C.E academy, where he was discovered by former Reserve Team Manager, Stephen Bleasdale. Liam joined Southport in the September of last year, making his debut in a 7-0 demolition of Leigh R.M.I. Liam was an ever present this season until serving a one match suspension in our last match at Northwich, and has captained the side on five occasions. Has now signed Conference forms.



Appearances:

2001-02	11 full	3 substitute	0 goals
2002-03	10 full	0 substitute	1 goal

League Table (as at 9th November, top five)

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pts
Chorley	11	7	3	1	+8	24
SOUTHPORT	11	7	2	2	+25	23
Marine	10	7	1	2	+9	22
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Northwich	11	6	3	2	+24	21

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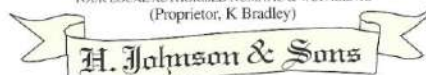
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Notts County's most famous player was the England International Tommy Lawton, whose arrival at Meadow Lane in November 1947 put 10,000 on the gate and the Boxing Day game against Swansea caused the gates to be locked with more than 45,000 in the ground and an estimated 10,000 outside! 'The Lawton Era' were halcyon days at Notts County with other great players such as Jackie Sewell and Tommy Deans gracing the Third Division.

Arguably the most successful period in the Club's history, under arguably the most successful manager, came in the 1970s when Jimmy Sirrel put so much pride back into the Club including promotion to Division One in 1981.

Later, Neil Warnock became only the second manager in recent times to steer Notts to the top flight in 1991. After just one season at that level the club have spent most of the nineties fighting to establish consistency. Season 1997-98 however was quite unique with a

number of national and club records falling as Notts County surged to the Third Division Championship.

During a campaign which saw the club become the first to pass the 4,000 League games landmark, Sam Allardyce's team won a League Championship at the earliest ever date (March 18th) and by the largest number of points (19).

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Notts County Football Club Records:

Attendance

47,310 v York City, F.A. Cup 6th round, 12 March, 1955.

Receipts

£124,539 v Manchester City, F.A. Cup 6th round, 16 February, 1991.

Best league victory

11-1 v Newport Co, Division 3 (S), 15 January, 1949.

Team: Smith, Southwell, Purvis, Gannon, Baxter, Adamson, Houghton (1), Sewell (4), Lawton (4), Pimbley, Johnston (2).

Best Cup victory

15-0 v Rotherham Town, F.A. Cup 1st round, 24 October, 1885.

Team: Sherwin, Snook, H. T. Moore, Dobson (1), Emmett (1), Chapman, Gunn (1), Albert Moore (2), Jackson (3), Daft (2), Cursham (4), (1 og).

Worst defeat

1-9 v Blackburn Rovers, Div 1, 16 November, 1889.

v Aston Villa, Div 1, 29 September, 1888.

v Portsmouth, Div 2, 9 April, 1927.

Most League points (2 for a win)

69, Div 4, 1970-71.

Most League points (3 for a win)

99, Div 3, 1997-98.

Most League goals

107, Div 4, 1959-60.

Highest League scorer in a season

Tom Keetley, 39, Div 3 (South), 1930-31.

Most League goals in total aggregate

Les Bradd, 124, 1967-78.

Most capped player

Kevin Wilson, 15 (42), N. Ireland.

Most League appearances

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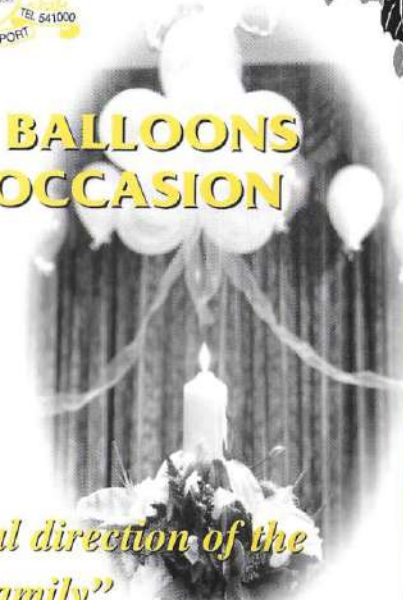


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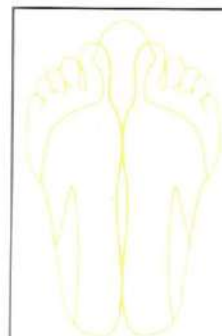


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Today's Visitors Notts County F.C.

GOALKEEPERS

STEVE MILDENHALL – Born Swindon 13.5.78 – Height 6'4". One of the new recruits brought in by manager Jocky Scott last summer, is one of the brightest stars in the Nationwide League. A former Player of the Year at his native Swindon (despite only playing for half the season) Notts moved quickly to secure his signature despite reported interest from Sunderland and Arsenal. Started last season brightly but a dip in form allowed Stuart Garden to take over the number one spot. Will be looking to start the season afresh.

STUART GARDEN – Born Dundee 10.2.72 – Height 5'11". Another keeper brought to the club by Jocky Scott when both Darren Ward and Paul Gibson left the club. Was expected to fill a supporting role at the club to Steve Mildenhall, but when called upon Garden made a string of impressive saves in the run-in to contribute as much as anyone to the club avoiding relegation.

SAUL DEENEY – Young goalkeeper who is in the second year of a four-year contract; testament to the club's hopes for the young Irishman. Although yet to make a first team appearance for the Magpies, Saul is highly regarded at the club.

DEFENDERS

DANNY STONE – A former trainee at Ewood Park, Notts quickly snapped up the young defender on a one-year contract after he was released by Blackburn Rovers and he earned a twelve month extension at the end of the season. Although Danny was expected to spend the first year gaining experience at reserve level, his impressive performances persuaded Gary Brazil to give the full-back his debut against Reading. A very composed young player who looks to have a bright future, and is yet to have a poor game for the first team.

RICHARD LIBURD – Born Nottingham 26.9.73 – Height 5'9". Very much a talisman for the club and one of the crowd favourites, Richard Liburd has cemented his place in the squad as a player able to fill in numerous positions, and has also revealed a talent for scoring crucial goals. Returned to the team in the relegation run-in last season to great effect and will once more begin the season as one of the senior players many will look to.

IAN BARACLOUGH – Born Leicester 4.12.1970 – Height 6'1". Experienced defender who returned to The Aaron Scargill Stadium for the 2001/02 season after a spell with QPR. Able to play in any left-sided role in defence (and also operate in midfield), Ian is a very experienced player. He can supplement the attack with a willingness to get forward, and can chip in with the

odd goal. Finished the season with injury problems and will be looking to start the new campaign fully fit.

RICHARD HOLMES – Born Grantham 7.11.80 – Height 5' 11". After making a big impact in the right-back berth in season 1999/2000, Richard failed to establish himself in the side last season, with Nicky Fenton's arrival at the club pushing him further down the pecking order. Spent a period on loan last season at Hereford, where the club hope Richard will regain some confidence and challenge for a spot in the Magpies' team this season.

NICKY FENTON – Born Preston 23.10.1979 – Height 5' 10". Signed from Manchester City last season for £150,000, Nicky was actually in his second term with Notts after a loan spell the previous season. A very pacey, composed defender who slotted into the side last season with consummate ease and is hugely popular with the fans. His performances belie his young years and is one of the club's main performers, able to operate in the centre or on the right hand side of the defence with great ability. Crucial in last season's team, many will be hoping that his obvious talent is ignored once again by clubs in the top flight.

CRAIG IRELAND – Born Dundee 19.11.1975 – 6'3". Signed by former manager Jocky Scott, Craig is a tough centre-back whose aerial ability enables him to snuff out the opposition's threat in the air. Initially joined the Magpies in the 200/01 season on loan, but it seemed a permanent deal would be scuppered when the two clubs could not agree on a fee. Eventually an agreement was reached, and Ireland started last season with some composed performances. A no-nonsense performer with a lot of strength, and after an injury to Ian Richardson formed a strong alliance with both Mark Warren and Nicky Fenton.

PAUL RILEY – Born Nottingham 29.9.1982 – A product of the club's youth system, Paul recently found himself in the side after injury to Ian Baraclough. The young defender is very composed on the ball and has confidence with the ball at his feet. Highly-rated by Billy Dearden, the youngster is beginning to establish himself in the squad and it will not be long before he is challenging Baraclough and Nicholson for the left-back slot.

KEVIN NICHOLSON – Born Derby 2.10.1980 – Height 5'8". Began his career with Sheffield Wednesday, but found it difficult to force his way into the team and subsequently joined Northampton on loan. Unfortunately, the Cobblers failed to secure Nicholson to a contract and Notts were able to pip them to the player's signature after he impressed against the Magpies in a game at The Aaron Scargill Stadium last season. A player who can deputise anywhere on the

left hand side of the team, Nicholson was not having the best of seasons when injuries to Paul Riley and Ian Baraclough meant a spot in the left-back berth. Enjoyed his best period for the side and has staked a very strong claim to start the season as first choice. His goal in the last game of the season against Huddersfield, ensuring Division Two safety, will certainly have helped his cause.

MIDFIELDERS

PAUL BOLLAND – Born Bradford 23.12.79 – Height 6'0". Spent another season ravaged with injury last time out, but showed once again that few can match his work rate and commitment to the side. Paul's never-say-die attitude has made him popular with Billy Dearden and if he can avoid the injury problems which have dogged him recently, may well start the season alongside Darren Caskey.



DARREN CASKEY – Born Basildon 21.8.1974 – Height 5'8". Arrived at The Aaron Scargill Stadium with a lot of expectation on his shoulders, and it might be fair to say that Darren took a while to settle in before his obvious talent came to the fore. Took on the captaincy late in the season and his ability to dictate a game came to prominence. Fans will be hoping that Caskey can continue where he left off in the last campaign and his passing range will be crucial to the Magpies promotion aspirations.

MARCEL CAS – Born Holland 30.4.1972 – Height 5'11". Arrived in the summer of 2002 from RBC Roosendaal. A right-sided player who can operate in midfield or defence, Marcel's willingness to run at players and his impressive turn of speed certainly gained him a reputation in Division Two. Suffered a dip in form mid-season but crucially returned to his best in the relegation dog-fight, attacking relentlessly down the right-hand side and bagging a forty-yard volley at the Withdean Stadium against Brighton – the supporters choice for Goal of the Season.

MICHAEL BROUGH – Born Nottingham – Height 5'9". Another player who will give his all for the side, Michael was again impressive when called upon last season. Will be challenging Paul Bolland for a place in the middle of the park this time around, with his determination and tough-tackling the equal of Bolland, manager Billy Dearden will have to split hairs to decide between the two.

STRIKERS



MARK STALLARD – Born Derby 24.10.74 – Height 6'0". After a season in which he proved his reputation as one of the finest strikers in Division Two, Stallard spent a frustrating 2001/02 trying to shake off a hernia injury that denied Gary Brazil, and subsequently Billy Dearden, his obvious scoring talent. Played

through the pain barrier to little avail, Stallard went under the surgeon's knife before returning to a rapturous reception in the final game of the season. With a fully fit Stallard and Heffernan and Allsopp, few clubs will be able to match the scoring threat of the Magpies.

TONY HACKWORTH – Born Durham 19.05.1980 – Height 6'2". Arrived at The Aaron Scargill Stadium with a lot of expectation last season, but was the odd man out with Paul Heffernan developing such a good understanding with Danny Allsopp. Performed consistently in the reserves but was never able to dislodge the young striking duo. Will be hoping for better luck this time around.



DANNY ALLSOPP – Born Australia 10.8.1978 – Height 6'1". Despite playing in a side that struggled for most of the season, Danny still managed to notch up over 30 goals. Shouldered a lot of responsibility with the loss of Mark Stallard, and despite a dip in form over Christmas, was still on hand to fire the Magpies to Division Two safety. His talents have understandably drawn attention from the higher divisions, and if Billy Dearden can keep hold of him, promises yet another season of free-scoring.

PAUL HEFFERNAN – Born Dublin 29.12.1981 – Height 5'10". Has been touted for two years as a star of the future, and when Mark Stallard suffered injury, Heffernan grabbed his chance with both hands. Despite his age, Heffernan possesses maturity far beyond his years and is as cool as they come in front of goal. Scored a goal against Bristol City that Paul Gascoigne would have been proud of, and after such a long period waiting for his chance, Heffernan will begin the season very much part of the first team squad.



DATE

FIXTURE

RESULT

ATTENDANCE

POSITION



Substitutes



Sat	Aug	17	Nuneaton Borough	H	1-0	1,311	5	Welsby	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Gibson	L-Williams	Thomson	Scott	S. Jones	Whitehall(9)', Robertson, Connolly, Bauress, Blakeman	
Tue		20	Scarborough	A	2-2	1,346	6	Welsby	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Gibson	L-Williams	Thomson	Scott	S. Jones	Bauress(11), Whitehall(8), Blakeman, Connolly, Dickinson	
Sat		24	Forest Green Rovers	OG	A	2-0	802	5	Dickinson	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	L-Williams	Thomson	Gibson	S. Jones	Whitehall(8), Scott(3), Bauress(20)', Connolly, Welsby
Mon		26	Kettering Town	H	0-0	1,327	5	Dickinson	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	L-Williams	Thomson	Gibson	S. Jones	Whitehall(8), Scott, Bauress, Connolly, Welsby	
Sat		31	Gravesend and Northfleet	A	3-1	1,054	4	Dickinson	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	Bauress	Thomson	Gibson	S. Jones	Whitehall(16), Scott(3), Soley, Connolly, Welsby	
Tue	Sept	3	Leigh R.M.I.	H	4-2	1,097	2	Dickinson	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	L-Williams	Thomson	Gibson	S. Jones	Scott(3), Whitehall(8), Connolly(2)', Sullivan, Welsby	
Sat		7	Farnborough Town	H	0-0	1,080	4	Dickinson	Lane	Scott	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	L-Williams	Thomson	Gibson	S. Jones	Whitehall(8), Sullivan(20), Howell, Connolly, Welsby	
Sat		14	Telford United	A	0-2	812	4	Dickinson	Lane	Scott	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	Whitehall	Thomson	Gibson	S. Jones	Soley(12), Howell(14), Mulvaney(2), L-Williams, Welsb	
Tue		17	Doncaster Rovers	A	0-0	3,975	4	Dickinson	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	L-Williams	Gibson	Soley	S. Jones	Sullivan(8), Scott, Connolly, Bauress, Welsby	
Sat		21	Burton Albion	H	2-2	1,331	4	Dickinson	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	L-Williams	Gibson	Soley	S. Jones	Sullivan(3), Scott, Connolly, Bauress, Welsby	
Tue		24	Halifax Town	H	2-0	1,008	4	Dickinson	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	L-Williams	Gibson	Soley	S. Jones	Thomson(20), Sullivan(8), Scott, Connolly, Welsby	
Sat		28	Dagenham and Redbridge	A	3-0	1,341	3	Dickinson	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	L-Williams	Thomson	Soley	S. Jones	Gibson(3), Sullivan(8), Scott(9), Bauress, Connolly	
Sat	Oct	5	Yeovil Town	A	0-6	4,727	6	Dickinson	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	Gibson	Thomson	L-Williams	S. Jones	Scott(7), Sullivan(8), Bauress(11), Connolly, Welsby	
Tue		8	Northwich Victoria	H	1-1	984	5	Welsby	Scott	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Gibson	Sullivan	Thomson	L-Williams	S. Jones	Connolly(19), Mulvaney(8), Bauress(11), Whitehall, Dickins	
Sat		12	Woking	H	5-1	1,023	4	Welsby	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	L-Williams	Thomson	Gibson	Connolly	Sullivan(18)', Whitehall(9)', Scott(7), Bauress, Dickin	
Sat		19	Margate	A	0-1	565	4	Welsby	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	L-Williams	Soley	S. Jones	Gibson	Sullivan(2), Whitehall(8), Scott, Connolly, Dickinson	
Tue		22	Leigh RMI (LDV 1)	H	3-4	481	—	Dickinson	Connolly	Nolan	Winstanley	B. Jones	Gibson	Pickford	Whitehall	Thomson	Soley	S. Jones	Howell(10), Lane(4), L-Williams(9) Sullivan, Welsby	
Sat		26	Bridlington Town (F.A. Cup 4thQ)	H	4-1	1,004	—	Welsby	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	L-Williams	Whitehall	Gibson	Nolan	Sullivan(3), Connolly, Thomson, Bauress, Dickinson	
Sat	Nov	2	Stevenage Borough	H	3-2	966	4	Welsby	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	L-Williams	Whitehall	Gibson	Nolan	Thomson(8)', Scott(24), Sullivan, Connolly, Dickinson	
Sat		9	Hereford United	A	2-0	1,646	4	Welsby	Lane	Howell	Winstanley	B. Jones	Clark	Pickford	Gibson	Thomson	Whitehall	Soley	L-Williams(12), Sullivan(9), Connolly, Scott, Dickinson	
Sat		16	Notts County F.A. Cup 1	H																
Sat		23	Yeovil Town	H																
Sat		30	Chester City	H																
Sat	Dec	7	Barnet or F.A. Cup 2	A																
Sat		14	Farnborough Town	A																
Sat		21	Telford United	H																
Thurs		26	Morecambe	A																
Sat		28	Scarborough	H																
Wed	Jan	1	Morecambe	H																
Sat		4	Nuneaton Borough or F.A. Cup 3	A																
Sat		11	F.A. Trophy 3																	
Sat		18	Forest Green Rovers	H																
Sat		25	Kettering Town	A																
Sat	Feb	1	F.A. Trophy 4																	
Sat		8	Gravesend and Northfleet	H																
Sat		15	Leigh R.M.I.	A																
Sat		22	Burton Albion or F.A. Trophy 5	A																
Sat	Mar	1	Doncaster Rovers	H																
Sat		8	Halifax Town	A																
Sat		15	Dagenham & Redbridge or F.A.T. 6	H																
Sat		22	Chester City	A																
Sat		29	Barnet	H																
Sat	Apr	5	Woking or F.A. Trophy S.F. 1	A																
Sat		12	Margate or F.A. Trophy S.F. 2	H																
Sat		19	Northwich Victoria	A																
Mon		21	Hereford United	H																
Sat		26	Stevenage Borough	A																
Sun	May	18	F.A. Trophy Final																	
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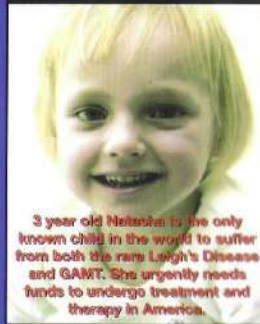


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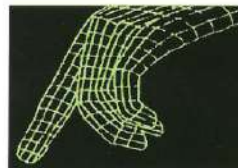
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Injury Time

It's been a while since my last jottings and it really has been a busy time in the physio's room. It seems that no sooner have we got one player fit than another one gets injured.

These notes are being written on the return journey from Hereford where we have recorded a superb, well deserved victory. But from my point of view the return of skipper Steve Soley was a great boost for the team. We have got him some insoles for his boots that help with his gait. This seems to have helped enormously and with the stretching and strengthening programme he has been on we hope he will now stay fit.

Steve Jones has missed the last few games with a very tight hamstring. Again we have worked on strengthening and stretching it and I am hopeful that his services will be at Phil's disposal this afternoon. Ian Nolan picked up a nasty injury against Stevenage Borough when his tibia and fibula rotated slightly at the ankle joint. This caused him pain and swelling around the joint and damage to local muscle fibres. I've now got rid of the swelling and over the last week have been working on the injured muscles and rehabilitation. Even so

it seems unlikely that Ian will be fit enough for selection for this afternoon's F.A. Cup tie.

Changing tack slightly, I would like to say a big thank you to Tony Sullivan and Gary Bauress, who alongside myself ran the Southport F.C. Soccer School during half-term week in October. The three days were a huge success, mainly down to the effort and enthusiasm of the budding young soccer stars aged 8-15 and of course the coaches. We will hopefully be doing another soccer school at Easter so keep an eye on the press for details in the New Year.

Back to today and I'd like to welcome the Notts County physio and hope that he's happy with our facilities and hospitality, but hopefully not the result.

Until next time, stay well.

Brett Harris



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Chris Carney of Rewardaward, Manchester Road, has sponsored the Southport Visitor Man-of-the-Match Award now for eight seasons. Pictured here is Steve Whitehall receiving his award from Chris for his performance in the Fourth Qualifying Round of the F.A. Cup against Bridlington. At the end of the season the player with the most Rewardaward nominations wins the Player of the Season title. Previous winners are: Derek Goulding, Billy Stewart, Leroy Dove, Paul Fitcher, Tim Ryan, Martin Clark and Barry Jones.

This season - after eighteen Nationwide Conference matches, one F.A. Cup tie and one LDV Vans Trophy - the running tally reads: Steve Pickford (4), Peter Thomson (3), Dean Howell (3), Barry Jones (2), Neil Gibson (2), Steve Whitehall (2), Mark Winstanley (2), Steve Jones (1) and Steve Soley (1).



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Visiter View

Good afternoon and welcome to this wonderful afternoon of expectation and potential glory for both sides. The Southport Visiter along with Mitchell & Wright Printers Ltd., have sponsored today's all colour programme and we hope supporters from both sides enjoy the contents. This is the big time back at Haig Avenue, an F.A. Cup Tie against Football League opposition, an expected bumper gate and to put the icing on the "Cup cake" we have the Match of the Day cameras. For Southport Football Club national exposure on this afternoons scale is something to cherish and exploit. We even have some continuity with the same commentator, Barry Davies, that we had for our previous Match of the Day tie with Port Vale back in 1988. The experience in the Southport side today should mean there is no freezing on the day, many in the Port squad have been involved in F.A. Cup ties as members of the giant club against the minnow and the Southport players all know which dressing room is feeling under pressure.

The ambition within the club is to be able to host such matches as today on a regular basis not just one-off cup-ties and that is where the public of Southport have to play their part if they want regular repeats. The Southport Visiter with sports editor Dave Chalmers at the helm wants to be reporting on the club's progression in the months and seasons ahead. BBC Radio 5 live today has Charles Lambert broadcasting; Charles, back in the 1970s as a Southport Visiter journalist reported on Southport Football Club, he too will recognise the progress the club has made.

The club is in with a major chance of a play off place, last Saturday's excellent away win at Hereford certainly strengthened the cause. But gates need to increase from the season's 1,000 average to be financially competitive with some Conference clubs who attract larger gates. So if you are a newcomer to Haig Avenue and enjoy today, remembering that the Sandgrounders are facing a club two leagues higher than them then pick up the fixtures in the Visiter and come back to taste the Nationwide Conference where Phil Wilson's squad are unbeaten here at Haig Avenue this season. November is probably the biggest

month ever in the club's history - two victories so far over Stevenage and Hereford, today's Cup diversion followed by leaders Yeovil and second placed Chester here at Haig Avenue in the next two weeks.

Just like the last round was for Bridlington this is Southport's Cup Final. Notts County the big boys from the Nationwide Second Division will arrive well girded by warnings of previous giantkillers and will have their own dream of a potential Third Round Premiership draw. That's what is at stake today and both sets of supporters have their part to play in creating a great cup-tie atmosphere.

For Southport the club's priority stated in the Midweek and Friday Southport Visiter by Chairman Charlie Clapham and manager Phil Wilson on several occasions this season is a Nationwide Conference play-off position and through that means or the Conference championship a return to the Nationwide Football League, a status lost in 1978.

But today is all about Cup glory and the ghosts of previous seasons - Wrexham's incredible victory over Arsenal; going back further, Colchester in 1971 humbling Don Revie's mighty Leeds United; Hereford United and Ronnie Radford's incredible strike in the mud at Edgar Street in 1972 and Ricky George's winner against Newcastle United. Those feats are legendary, are we going to join that catalogue of Cup giantkillers whichever club we follow this afternoon? The stage is certainly set for the Conference club today, for Notts County today is a tricky tie that they have to overcome for their ambitions to be realised at the Third Round stage.

Haydn Preece

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Today's mascots include Steve Whitehall's three sons, Natalie Read, Adam Hitchcock, Josh Pope, Abigail Jackson, Liam and Matthew Harris, Emma and Sophie Wood. There will be more mascots, but at the time of going to press we haven't got the names, so apologies to those we have missed.

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Liverpool	42	25	10	7	72	42	60
Arsenal	42	23	11	8	57	43	57
Leeds U	42	21	11	10	71	45	53
Ipswich T	42	17	14	11	55	45	48
Wolverhampton	42	18	11	13	66	54	47
West Ham U	42	17	12	13	67	53	46
Derby Co	42	19	8	15	56	54	46
Tottenham H	42	16	13	13	58	48	45
Newcastle U	42	16	13	13	60	51	45
Birmingham C	42	15	12	15	53	54	42
Manchester C	42	15	11	16	57	60	41
Chelsea	42	13	14	15	49	51	40
Southampton	42	11	18	13	47	52	40
Sheffield U	42	15	10	17	51	59	40
Stoke C	42	14	10	18	61	56	38
Leicester C	42	10	17	15	40	48	37
Everton	42	13	11	18	41	49	37
Manchester U	42	12	13	17	44	60	37
Coventry C	42	13	9	20	40	55	35
Norwich C	42	11	10	21	36	63	32
C Palace	42	9	12	21	41	58	30
WBA	42	9	10	23	38	62	28

Division 2 - Today's DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burnley	42	24	14	4	72	35	62
QPR	42	24	13	5	81	37	61
Aston Villa	42	18	14	10	51	47	50
Middlesbrough	42	17	13	12	46	43	47
Bristol C	42	17	12	13	63	61	46
Sunderland	42	17	12	13	59	49	46
Blackpool	42	18	10	14	56	51	46
Oxford U	42	19	7	16	52	43	45
Fulham	42	16	12	14	58	49	44
Sheffield W	42	17	10	15	59	55	44
Millwall	42	16	10	16	55	47	42
Luton T	42	15	11	16	44	53	41
Hull C	42	14	12	16	64	59	40
Nottingham F	42	14	12	16	47	52	40
Leyton Orient	42	12	12	18	49	53	36
Swindon T	42	10	16	16	46	60	36
Portsmouth	42	12	11	19	42	59	35
Carlisle U	42	11	12	19	50	52	34
Preston NE	42	11	12	19	37	64	34
Cardiff C	42	11	11	20	43	58	33
Huddersfield T	42	8	17	17	35	56	33
Brighton	42	8	13	21	48	83	29

Division 3 - Today's DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton W	46	25	11	10	73	39	61
Notts Co	46	23	11	12	67	47	57
Blackburn R	46	20	15	11	57	47	55
Oldham Ath	46	19	16	11	72	54	54
Bristol R	46	20	13	13	77	56	53
Port Vale	46	21	11	14	56	69	53
Bournemouth	46	17	16	13	66	44	50
Plymouth Arg	46	20	10	16	74	66	50
Grimsby T	46	20	8	18	67	61	48
Tranmere R	46	15	16	15	55	52	46
Chelton Ath	46	17	11	18	69	67	45
Wrexham	46	14	17	15	55	54	45
Rochdale	46	14	17	15	48	54	45
Southend U	46	17	10	19	61	54	44
Shrewsbury T	46	15	14	17	46	54	44
Chesterfield	46	17	9	20	57	61	43
Walsall	46	18	7	21	56	66	43
York City	46	13	15	18	42	46	41
Watford	46	12	17	17	43	48	41
Halifax T	46	13	15	18	43	53	41
Rotherham U	46	17	7	22	51	65	41
Brentford	46	15	7	24	51	69	37
Swansea C	46	14	9	23	51	73	37
Scunthorpe U	46	10	10	26	33	72	30

Division 4 - Today's DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southport	46	26	10	10	71	48	62
Hereford U	46	23	12	11	56	38	58
Cambridge U	46	20	17	9	67	57	57
Aldershot	46	22	12	12	60	38	56
Newport Co	46	22	12	12	64	44	56
Manisfield T	46	20	14	12	78	51	54
Reading	46	17	18	11	51	38	52
Exeter C	46	18	14	14	57	51	50
Gillingham	46	19	11	16	63	58	49
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Stockport Co	46	18	12	16	53	53	48
Bury	46	14	18	14	58	51	46
Workington	46	17	12	17	59	61	46
Barnsley	46	14	16	16	58	60	44
Chester	46	14	15	17	61	52	43
Bradford C	46	16	11	19	61	65	43
Doncaster R	46	15	12	19	49	58	42
Torquay U	46	12	17	17	44	47	41
Peterborough U	46	14	13	19	71	76	41
Hartlepool	46	12	17	17	34	49	41
Crewe Alex	46	9	18	19	38	61	36
Colchester U	46	10	11	25	46	76	31
Northampton T	46	10	11	25	46	73	31
Darlington	46	7	15	24	42	85	29

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MAINLY ABOUT THE MEMORIES OF THE MAGPIES

Deano Howell must have been the happiest person in the Vice-Presidents' Bar when the F.A. Cup draw paired the 'Port with Notts County. 'Deano', who has become a firm favourite with the Haig Avenue fans, began his career at Meadow Lane although he was restricted to just one substitute appearance against Scunthorpe United on 22nd January, 2000. Deano is one of ten players to have appeared for both clubs. The first player to do so was centre-half Jack Wren who was transferred to Notts County from Bristol City in 1922 and in his first season was captain of the team that won the Second Division Championship. He was freed after four seasons at Meadow Lane having played in 63 League games. He arrived at Haig Avenue carrying a leg injury in August 1926 and was released after playing in just six matches three months later.

George Wyness was considered one of the most promising centre-halves in the country before he broke his leg in February, 1931. George went on to make 88 appearances for Southport and later had League experience with Chester and Rochdale before joining Notts County in May, 1936. Although appointed captain he played in only 10 games for the Magpies. Jimmy Proudfoot, an inside-forward or wing-half, signed for Notts County from Barnsley in July, 1932. He managed only ten games for both County and Southend United from whom he joined Southport. He spent two seasons at Haig Avenue making 67 League appearances and scoring twice. Charlie Reed was one of the finest inside-forwards Southport ever had and was very strong with a remarkable burst of speed. Charlie went from Southport to Chesterfield. Signed by the Magpies from Mansfield Town in May, 1938 where he developed into a left-half playing 38 games for County and scoring twice, having notched nine goals in 35 games for Southport.

One of Southport's most popular and wholehearted players was Trevor Hitchen who joined Notts County, then managed by Major Frank Buckley, as a part-time professional while a Bevin Boy at Flamborough Main Colliery in Barnsley in 1945. Although he didn't play for the Magpies in the Football League he had 247

League games with Southport scoring 34 goals and is still a regular spectator at Haig Avenue. Bill Bellas made 88 appearances for the Sandgrounders between 1949 and 1951. Bill had turned professional with Notts County during the War and also turned out for Nottingham Forest.

Another of Major Buckley's Boys was Peter Harrison who played for Notts County as an amateur for a spell from 1944 before being called up into the forces without breaking into their League team. On his return to civilian life he became re-united with Major Buckley at Leeds United. This fleet-footed winger later played for Bournemouth and Reading before concluding his League career with three seasons at Southport making 401 League appearances in all - 126 with the 'Port. Terry Harkin was signed by Southport from Notts County in August 1967 for £2,000. He made 28 appearances and scored ten goals for them before becoming the first Southport player to be capped Internationally for 37 years when selected to play for Northern Ireland against Turkey and Wales. After scoring 31 goals in 63 games (+ 1 sub) he was transferred to Shrewsbury Town for £10,000.

Keith Pring was also an International being capped by Wales when playing for Rotherham United for whom he played four seasons before going to Notts County in an exchange deal with Dave Watson. At Haig Avenue he played 48 consecutive appearances, largely at outside left, before a broken leg at Brentford ended his career. He had previously made 41 appearances (+ 2 sub) and scored two goals for County. Keith still lives locally and has been employed as North West Sales Manager for Bass for a number of years.

Now here's a coincidence! Southport's last home win in the F.A. Cup against Football League opposition was on 9th December 1967 when they beat Lincoln City 3-1 with Eric Redrobe (2) and George Andrews scoring. On the same day Notts County lost at Runcorn - their last defeat against non-league opposition. Southport went on to beat Runcorn in the next round before losing 1-0 at home to Everton, the eventual Cup winners.

Southport and Notts County met ten times in the Fourth Division with honours even - each side winning four and drawing twice. Surprisingly

Southport were undefeated in the six meetings between the two sides in the mid sixties with the Magpies getting the "double" in 1959-60 and 1970-71. A young Tony Hateley scored twice in County's 4-1 win at Meadow Lane in April 1960 and he also scored both goals on his return to the club in his side's 2-0 win at Haig Avenue in November 1970.

The last time the teams met was in the Football League Cup 30 years ago when Notts County beat Southport 3-2 at Meadow Lane on 6th September 1972. County ran up a three-goal lead inside the first 36 minutes through Dave Needham, Mann and John Cozens. Micky Moore's 40th minute goal led to Southport's fight back. Moore was desperately

unlucky in the 59th minute when he beat three men and his shot struck the bar. Andy Provan made it 3-2 nine minutes from time and the 'Port might have had a last minute penalty but after consulting a linesman the referee gave a free-kick to Southport on the edge of the area after Jim Fryatt had been brought down. The Magpies went on to reach the quarter-finals beating First Division, Southampton and Stoke City before losing 3-1 at Chelsea. They also finished runners-up to Bolton Wanderers in the Third Division. Southport gained their greatest triumph by winning the Fourth Division Championship.

Michael Braham

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PASE News

Southport's PASE scheme is now in its second season and the club are staffed to coach up to fifty 16-19 year old football apprentices. PASE stands for Programme of Academic and Sporting Excellence. The club has educational partnerships with both King George V College and Southport College. Therefore the club can tailor a suitable academic programme for each apprentice. We have two UEFA "B" coaches in Tony Rodwell and Jon Gautrey. We have two squads in the PASE Nationwide Conference League and have had several players represent Liverpool under 18s and Lancashire under 18s. Tony Murphy's reserve squad in the Lancashire League has now become a feeder from the PASE sides with Adam Carden, Dave Phoenix, Daryl Allen, Tony Askew, Hilton Phillips, Michael Cooney, Will Joynson, Adam Roscoe and Nick Horne all making recent reserve team appearances.



Tony Rodwell's squad comprises of: Colin Salmon, James Warburton, Dave Phoenix, Nick Horne, Adam Carden, James Ward, Adam Roscoe, Tony Askew, Daryl Allen, Dave Stafford, Hilton Phillips, Will Joynson, Steve Entwistle, Michael Cooney, Phil Stancombe, Michael Flood and Mark Beddows.



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Recruitment for next September's cohort will begin next month. Southport Football Club contacts our Premiership and Football League neighbours to ascertain if any players aged 16, leaving school next summer and living within a 30 mile radius of Haig Avenue are being released. As part of the pastoral care for those not being kept on the coaches let us know who to contact and invite down for trials. We have fostered excellent working relations with Wigan Athletic, Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Rochdale, Leeds United, Barnsley, Everton, Liverpool, Manchester United and Blackpool so far. Hearts can be broken if a boy is released from a Football League/Premiership club and our PASE schemes enables each player to develop their education while receiving top quality coaching. We also are looking to recruit from our own Southport Juniors section with the top juniors feeding into our PASE scheme-giving us a 6 - 19 soccer pyramid at Southport Football Club.

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