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# NOTES

**Good afternoon everyone and thanks for coming to the game this afternoon. I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to Kevin Wilkin and his squad from Brackley who come here in great form so we know we have a difficult game on our hands.**

Since I last wrote my notes for the Scarborough programme we have progressed two rounds in the FA Cup with two very pleasing performances. As we thought they would, Scarborough gave a very good account of themselves and made life difficult for us but quality finishing proved to be the difference and Sammo fully deserved his hat-trick.

Last Saturday saw us go to Farsley who on the back off a great run sit in fourth place and we put in a great performance with a 5-0 win in a game we totally dominated apart from a rocky spell for ten minutes at the start of the second half. We had a good number of supporters at the game and I would like to thank you for your support.

In between the two FA Cup games we had a shocker at Boston when nobody could hold their heads high but we were able to put that one behind us with the 3-0 win over Prescot Cables in the Liverpool Senior Cup.

Thanks to everyone who has commented on my 500 games in

charge at the club over the three spells. I never thought when I joined from Runcorn in 2003 that I would be still in the seat in October 2019 albeit with a few breaks in between. A special thanks to Alan and Rob from the Media Team who have put so much work in with the video and stats.

Rob set me a quiz of 20 questions from my time here with a target of getting 15 right. I managed 18/20 which was quite satisfying but what the quiz did was remind me about the many good things that have happened at the club in the 16 years since I first arrived here.



The FA Cup draw sees us with a home draw against Altrincham who we have already played and beaten here at The Pure Stadium this season but as has been said many many time before past results count for nothing in the FA Cup, it's who

performs on the day. Should be a good one so please come along again and support the club.

Get behind the lads today and let's put our cup form into the league matches as we continue our push to the play offs.

Liam



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WITH IAN KYLE

# BOARDROOM BRIEF

**Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to The Pure Stadium for this afternoon's National League North game against Brackley. A particularly warm welcome is extended to the fans, staff and Directors from Brackley that have made the long journey up north. Hopefully our hospitality, if not the result will make it worthwhile!**

Today we will be making a special presentation to our very own Liam on the magnificent achievement of 500 games in charge of Southport FC. I don't want to say too much about Liam as he will only get big headed and use it against me at a later date (!) and I could trot out all the usual about what a magnificent achievement it is for someone in the current climate to show such loyalty to one team, but for myself, if anyone asked me about Liam, I would tell them simply that through what could have been a potentially difficult time after Phil's leaving, Liam has been there to discuss issues and bounce ideas off every time that I have called upon him. He is extremely professional and level headed and one of the most committed people to this football club that I have come across in what is now my third year. Southport has for some time cried out for stability and the chance to build on what we have to achieve success and progress. Liam gives us just that, and long may it continue.

If Boston away was for me the low point of the season so far then Farsley Celtic away was the high. Boston was one of those games when quite simply every single player had a bad day at the office. I cannot remember one player being able to walk away with his head held up. I have said before that it has been pleasing that we are a genuinely difficult team to beat. We made it easy for Boston to do just that however. The only good thing to come out of it was to see how hurting the players were after that performance. Sandwiched in between the Boston and Farsley games was the Prescot Cables cup game. These cup competitions have their knockers, but they have been good to us over last season (and the start of this) in that it is all about establishing and keeping a winning mentality. They also give some of the players who aren't starting regularly the opportunity to stake a claim to a start. The players

handled the game professionally and got through to the next round. Job done. If everyone was off their game at Boston, Farsley was of course the opposite. We were strong at the back, the midfield three of Morgan, Parry and Benjamin were excellent, and you can't argue with five goals, four of which were very well taken. Again, job done. I am writing this before Monday's draw, but anyone at home would be nice!

As everyone will now be aware, I did an interview last week focusing on our move away from Skelmersdale in respect of training, and the push to get the work on the toilets started. I have seen a number of questions raised on social media as to why the move to training in an evening and why the timing. As I stated in the interview, the move away

from Skelmersdale was due to circumstances very much out of our hands. There were issues with the training ground that we were not happy with and rather than put them right the landlord suggested that our contract there be terminated by mutual consent. Training in an evening gives us the ability now to take stock and see what is available and decide how we want to proceed from here on in. However, we wish to move forward, it will not be a kneejerk decision, but rather we will take our time and assess what is best for the Club now.

Changes like those referred to above will always lead to hypothesising and guesswork on social media and forums. That is essentially what they are for. I would however like to take the opportunity to thank those of you who go to the game, and make the effort and give up the time to actually talk to me and discuss these matters personally and offer your opinion, good or bad, for or against, I am always happy to listen!



Ian

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# FRED MOLYNEUX

## AN UNSUNG HERO by Geoff Wilde

**Centre-halves don't often hit the headlines; they're more frequently referred to as central defenders in current parlance but back in the days when Fred Molyneux wore the Number 5 shirt for the Sandgrounders they were centre-halves who played the key defensive role with a wing-back (right half and left-half) either side of them.**



Half-back lines (numbers 4, 5 and 6) often became famous and many great sides had names that would trip off the tongue. (Stiles, Charlton, Moore or Blanchflower, Norman, Mackay are two such examples). Southport have had a few such groupings over the years: Seagrave, Vincent, Holmes in the early 'thirties, Newcomb, Hill, Scott just before the war and Hunter, Taylor, Charlton (that's Wilf, not Jackie!) in the mid 'fifties.

When Billy Bingham assembled his groundbreaking side of the mid-sixties it was Peat, Molyneux and Clarke who became household names at Haig Avenue; and now only Amby

Clarke remains of that well-loved triumvirate.

Fred Molyneux was one of Bingham's earliest signings. He was picked up from Liverpool at the knocked down price of £1,000 and moved straight in for the second game of 1965-66 after the opening 3-1 reverse at Hartlepool. He established himself immediately and became the key figure of the defence that saw the 'Port through to the last 16 in the F.A.Cup that year. He would have undoubtedly also seen us through to our first ever Football League promotion the following year, had he not broken his ankle at Newport on the run-in. Colin Alty (who else?) stood in for him in the final 12 games.

Ever-present in our opening season in Division Three, Fred succeeded Alex Parker as club captain until, in September 1968, Billy Bingham required his services again at his new club Plymouth Argyle. Fred became a firm favourite down in Devon too.

A second spell at Southport in 1973-74 was not as successful but it lifted his League appearances for us to 155, following a couple of seasons at Tranmere.

Fred was a cheery character who had fond memories of his time with the 'Port and it was great to be able to entertain both Alex Russell and him (both players with experience at Southport and Tranmere) at the F.A.Cup replay at Haig Avenue last season.

Still a fitness fanatic at 75, Fred was out on an early morning cycle run just a couple of weeks ago when he hit a very uneven surface and crashed onto the road not far from his home in Rock Ferry. He was rushed to hospital with multiple injuries (femur, hip and seven ribs broken) but he was out of intensive care and seemingly recovering when, seven days after his accident, he suffered a fatal heart attack.

I am sure that everybody at Haig Avenue who remembers a great club servant will join me in sending heartfelt condolences to his wife Carole and the family at this tragic time.



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A mixed but ultimately positive first month of competitive action for the Ladies as they exited the Lancashire Cup but recorded two consecutive wins in the Liverpool County FA Women's League. The Lancashire Cup saw the Yellows drawn against Haslingden Girls and Ladies, who showed their class and experience by recording a comfortable 7-0 victory, scoring some outstanding goals. Despite this the home side played some encouraging football at times and were unlucky not to notch at least a couple of times. A difficult and testing game but a learning experience for the players against an outstanding side. October sees the Women enter the Liverpool County Cup but also with three home games at Halsall, they have a good chance to build some early momentum in their League campaign. Players aged 16 or over are always welcome to join the squad, Anyone interested in joining the Women's team, please contact Noel Warham on 07939726286

#### October Fixtures

- 6th October - Home to Newton-le-Willows**
- 13th October - County Cup TBC**
- 20th October - Home to Riversdale**
- 27th October - Home to University of Liverpool**



Home games played at Halsall Memorial Ground, L39 8RN, unless otherwise advised. Spectators very welcome!

# COMMUNITY



## NEWS



It was great to be entertain the Beavers from St Cuthbert's Halsall on Monday evening on the latest of our ground tours.

The lads had a great time and I think their leaders enjoyed themselves as well.



Our tours are free to all Community groups and can be arranged by calling Rob Urwin on 077900-41514 or e-mail [rob@southportfc.net](mailto:rob@southportfc.net)

**PACKAGE ONE** A guided tour of the ground- lasts around 30 minutes.

**PACKAGE TWO** A guided tour with presentation about the history of the club and a chance to ask any questions- lasts around 90 minutes but can be tailored.

**PACKAGE THREE** Schools or young people's organisations tour to look around the ground and have a go at a quiz/treasure hunt- This must have adult supervision. We can also arrange a Classroom Away Day for schools.

**PACKAGE FOUR** Sporting Memories- to sit and have a chat (in the 1881 Lounge) about the Football Club.

**PACKAGE FIVE** Package Two plus tea/coffee/biscuits charged at £1 per person.

Tours are not available on a Match Day. All the people carrying out the tours have CRB clearance.

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# COMMERCIAL



**WELCOME BACK TO THE PURE STADIUM FOR  
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We are delighted to announce United Carpets & Beds as the new sponsor of our Official Lounge.



United Carpets and Beds are the United Kingdom's largest franchise-model retailer in the carpets and floor coverings sector, with an ever-growing 57 locations nationwide.

Their Southport store is just a stone's throw from the club's Pure Stadium, with just under half a mile – or a five-minute walk – between the two.

It was this proximity to the club that made it a no-brainer for franchisee Nathan Grant to get involved with his local side: "Being so close by, we see the joy that Southport FC bring to the community. That's something that we at United Carpets and Beds really care about and are glad to see. We are delighted to sponsor the club lounge and wish the Sandgrounders good luck as they bid to climb back into the National League".

Nathan has been a part of the United Carpets Southport community for over a decade now since he first joined in 2009 as a store manager. He furthered his role in 2013, becoming the franchisee for Southport: "I personally love that we are right in the beating heart of Southport. We want to be part of the community – it's important for us to be a friendly, familiar face that families in this town can rely on. We want to be there for you in the same way the community centre five minutes up the road is. And with 10 years working here under my belt, I know Southport well and have the knowledge to provide the deals that this community wants."

Steven Brown, The Clubs Head of Commercial added "the club are delighted that United Carpets and Beds are the new sponsor of the lounge which will be now known as the "Official Lounge". It's great to have the support of such a big brand and we look forward to having a long and successful partnership with them.

Steve is pictured with Nathan from United Carpets.



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# THE LIAM X1



**As part of the celebrations for Liam's 500th game in charge at the club we asked supporters to match the selection of his best eleven.**

We had lots of entries and the best was 7 out of 11 by Sean Armstrong who will be enjoying his hospitality package with a friend here this afternoon.

Carl Baker was the only player selected by every entrant with Earl Davis and Kev Lee being the next most selected.

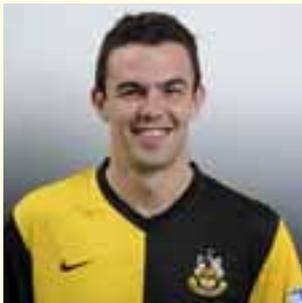
It was Liam's two forwards who caused the most difference with most supporters opting for Steve Daly and Terry Fearn ahead of Neil Robinson and Ciran Kilheaney.

If you haven't seen the video Liam did to reveal his X1 it is well worth a watch on our website.

## Liam's Eleven



**Tony McMillan** 241 games in total. Choice of two but plumped for Tony just ahead of Dicko.



**Kev Lee** 210 games 22 goals and a goal of the season winner for his long range effort against Torquay in the Trophy.



**Chris Lever** 226 games 18 goals. The best penalty taker ever?



**Earl Davis** 237 games 10 goals. His goals were few and far between at first prompting the famous goal sponsorship by Steve Wignall which spurred Earl into goalscorer extraordinary.



**Neil Fitzhenry** possibly the most surprising choice to supporters but rated very highly by Liam



**Carl Baker** 140 games 35 goals. A legend and will be here today which is quite appropriate



**Michael Powell** 199 games 30 goals as steady as they come and a big Liam favourite.



**Ciaran Kilheeny** 80 games 38 goals. A surprise choice to supporters maybe but a cert to Liam.



**Steve Daly** 182 games 97 goals. Just short of the 100 goals in all games and narrowly missed out on becoming the clubs leading scorer of all time.



**Chris Price** 68 games 7 goals. Liam's man in the dressing room and widely acknowledged as the man who kept Liam in a job with his late goal at Marine.



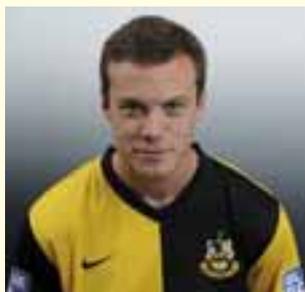
**Neil Robinson** 120 games 47 goals and "the most complete striker" ever to use Liam's words.



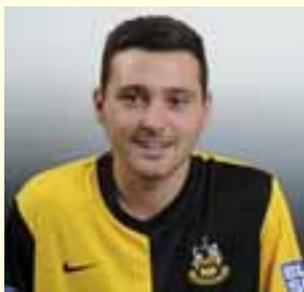
**David Morgan** so far 84 games 12 goals. The one current player in the eleven. There is still time for others to join when we do the 600?

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#### THE SUBS



**Shaun Whalley** 121 games 32 goals. Mad as a hatter but what a player and what a penalty winner!



**Matty McGinn** 139 games 30 goals. Unlucky not to make the eleven. Mr versatile.

**We will be bringing a full breakdown of the Liam 500 in our next home programme with all the facts and figures.**

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FA CUP 3Q ROUND - THE CITADEL - October 5th

**Line Up** 1. Albinson 2. Ogle 3. Parry 4. Winnard  
5. Astles 6. Morgan 7. Doyle 8. Benjamin.  
9. Green 10. Sampson  
11. Baress

**Subs** Woods, Green, Mohammed, Doyle, Correia,  
Morgan

**Scorers** Own Goal 18, Sampson 64, Benjamin 66, Green  
72, Morgan 83.

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# BRACKLEY TOWN

WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS FROM BRACKLEY TO THE PURE STADIUM FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S GAME AND HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY IN SOUTHPORT.

When you talk about bogey sides it's reasonable to suggest that Brackley have taken on that mantle. We are still to score in four attempts and have gained just one point.

## Record v Brackley

17/18	14-Nov	A	L	0-4	343
17/18	21-Apr	H	L	0-1	1004
18/19	29-Sep	A	L	0-2	590
18/19	30-Mar	H	D	0-0	791



We did come close to breaking the duck last season with the now notorious disallowed "offside goal" (outside by a metre) goal at Brackley and a few close attempts in the home game last season.

Brackley come here in great form. Last time out in the league saw them run in eight goals against Bradford and they progressed to FA Cup 4Q with a win against Warrington Town last Saturday.



James Armson picked up the September Player Of The Month award.

On his award James said "It is always nice to have external recognition. The team had a good month and the award is testament to the whole team. I've scored some goals and that is due to others who have put it on a plate for me!"

"The award is a reflection of how well the team has done and of Jimmy's contribution to the team," Kevin Wilkin said. "Jimmy is playing with confidence and is able to come up with important goals for us and that helps keep us close to where we want to be."

## FORM LINE

Brackley	W	L	L	D	W	D	W	L	W	D	W	W
Venue	H	A	A	H	H	A	H	A	A	H	A	H
Opponents	Alf	Lea	Yor	KL	Alt	Her	Glo	Gat	Kid	Tel	CA	BPA
Score	1-0	0-2	0-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	3-0	0-2	3-1	1-1	4-0	8-0
Pos			16	18	13	13	7	8	7	8	7	5
Atts	485	*	*	500	465	*	570	*	*	545	*	490

# IN THE HOT SEAT IS KEVIN WILKIN



HOT SEAT



Former player at Northampton Town and Rushden and Diamonds. Kevin joined Brackley in September 2015 after six and a half years as manager at Nuneaton Town and a season at Wrexham taking them to the FA Trophy final at Wembley. The 2015-16 season ended with a last day win to stay up, the following season Kevin guided his side to a 7th placed finish missing out on a play-off place by a single point before successive 3rd place finishes in 2017-18 and 2018-19 and taking Saints to Wembley in 2018 winning the FA Trophy.

## GREAT MEMORIES

2017-18 was a remarkable season for Brackley and the club's most successful ever with a third placed finish earning a play-off spot and a Wembley appearance against National League Bromley in the FA Trophy final. The defeat of Bradford Park Avenue in the play-off semi-final brought a play-off final at Harrogate Town but that game proved one match too far. The following Sunday Kevin Wilkin and captain Gaz Dean led the side out at Wembley in front of over 7000 Brackley supporters and over 30,000 in brilliant sunshine. The game matched the weather as Dean's added time equalizer led onto a penalty shoot-out which was won 5-4 and sparked wild celebrations. A day and a season never to be forgotten.





## GOALKEEPERS

### DANNY LEWIS

Danny joined Kevin Wilkin's side in the Summer of 2017 bringing huge experience to the goal-keeping jersey. Danny enjoyed two spells at Kidderminster Harriers making 185 appearances including a league debut against Northampton Town. He has also had spells at home-town team Redditch United and Moor Green and more recently played two seasons at Solihull Moors making 49 first team appearances in all. Danny played in every game last season guarding the goal for the league's second meanest defence.

### ALASTAIR WORBY

Last year's Brackley Town Saints keeper and captain Alastair Worby re-joined the first team this summer as back up for Danny Lewis. Ali famously kept Gillingham at bay in our FA Cup win in front of the live TV cameras back in 2013, with a Man of the Match performance when he deputised for Billy Turley in what was a memorable night for the club and a first ever TV appearance. Formerly with St Johnstone in the SPL, Alistair is an important addition to the squad.

## DEFENDER

### GARETH DEAN - CAPTAIN

Central Defender and club captain Gareth ("Gaz") Dean was signed from Solihull Moors in the close season ahead of 2016-17 and was ever present at St James Park in his first season here making 56 appearances and scoring on four occasions.

At Solihull he was a member of the successful title winning side of 2015-16. He signed for Solihull from Nuneaton, the club where he had

spent his previous career, making his debut for the club as an 18 year old in 2008. He made over 340 appearances, earning three promotions in his first four seasons at Liberty Way, as the club climbed swiftly to the Conference Premier. A former Player of the Year, Gareth was captain of Nuneaton and played under Kevin Wilkin in his time as manager.

Gaz was included in the England "C" squad to play against Latvia Under-23s in September 2013. He was named in the Conference North team of the year for 2015/16 and 2016/17 and in the National League North team of the year in 2017-18 and 2018-19. Gaz captained the team in the 2018 FA Trophy final at Wembley, scoring Saints' late equaliser and lifting the trophy after the penalty shoot-out victory. Last season he was again ever-present and named Manager's Player of the Year.

### ELLIS MYLES

Right-back Ellis Myles, who featured at SJP in the 2011-12 season, signed again for the Saints after spending the 2015-16 season at Corby Town.

Ellis started his career as a trainee at Leicester City, before spells at Brackley Town and Rugby Town. He later joined Stamford, where he was a consistent performer in the Daniels' side before moving to Steel Park. By the close of last season Ellis had already clocked up over 180 first team appearances for the Saints and scored 7 goals.

### SHEPHERD MUKOMBEDZI

Shep signed early in 2018 and quickly gained the admiration of the Brackley faithful with his calm defending and attacking purpose in wing back positions. He has also scored goals since he signed from Chester City and has proved a great addition to the squad.

### CONNOR FRANKLIN

Connor is another player signed from Solihull Moors ahead of the 2017-18 season. Connor is a talented player providing options on the left for Kevin Wilkin. He had spells at Hinckley United and Alfreton Town before two seasons at Solihull Moors. Connor missed the final months of last season with injury but is back and fully recovered for the new season.

### THIERRY AUDEL

Thierry is a French defender who played 45 games for Welling United in National League South last season.

He has previously played for Auxerre, Pisa and Notts County among others and signed for us ready for the 2019-20 season.

### KELVIN LANGMEAD

Kelvin Langmead joined Brackley Town from Harrogate Town in the Summer of 2019 bringing vast experience to Kevin's squad. Defender Kelvin was previously with Shrewsbury Town and Northampton Town and has played over 300 EFL games.

## MIDFIELDER

### JAMES ARMSON

James was another player who gained promotion with Solihull Moors in 2015-16 before joining Brackley. James had progressed through Nuneaton Town's youth set-up and gained an England "C" cap in 2013 against Latvia. Originally a Coventry City Academy player. In his five year stint with Nuneaton James amassed over 100 games scoring 17 times. He brought valuable experience to Kevin Wilkin's Saints squad and scored an incredible 25 goals from midfield including a famous hat-trick in the FA Cup defeat of League One Gillingham.

He is the personification of

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versatility having played for Nuneaton in every position on the pitch, including goalkeeper. However James favours an attacking midfield role. He is a former 'Boro Player of the Year and immediately became a fans' favourite at SJP.

By the end of the 2018-19 season James had made 150 first team appearances scoring 62 times.

## MATT LOWE

Kevin Wilkin moved quickly to secure Matt as one of his first signings having come in as manager in September 2015. Matt played a big part while on loan from Cambridge United in our successful fight against the drop in 2015/16 and has already appeared 182 times in a Brackley shirt scoring 15 times. The midfielder, who came through Cambridge United's youth ranks, spent the latter part of 2014/15 season on loan with Evo-Stik League Southern Premier Division neighbours Cambridge City and had earlier spent a month with City's neighbours Histon. Prior to joining Saints on loan, Matty also spent time with National League South side Wealdstone. In 2019 he made a first appearance for England "C" in a game against Latvia.

## GLENN WALKER

Glenn re-joined Saints for the 2015-16 season after one season at Hednesford. Glenn is another club legend who made it into the club's "All time XI" when it was voted upon in 2016. Perhaps most famously remembered for his FA Cup goal against Gillingham in 2013, by the kick-off to the 2019-20 season he had made 309 appearances and scored 40 goals in a Brackley Town shirt.

## SHANE BYRNE

Shane Byrne signed for the 2016-17 season from Nuneaton Town where he enjoyed a successful spell.

Shane started his career in Dublin and was part of the youth team that reached the quarter finals of the FA Youth Cup in the 2010-11 season. On the international transfer deadline day in 2011 Shane withdrew from the Republic of Ireland U19 squad in order to move on loan to Bury FC and made his professional debut for Bury against Sheffield United on 3 September 2011. In October of that year he had his loan extended and made his FA Cup debut on November 12 in a 2-0 defeat to Crawley Town. On December 28 he again extended his loan at Bury until the end of January but his time at Bury was curtailed after picking up an ankle injury in a game at Colchester United. Bury confirmed in August 2013 that he had been released from his contract by mutual consent and a few weeks later it was announced that he had returned to Ireland to join Bray Wanderers for an undisclosed fee. Shane joined Corby Town in August 2014 from Bray Wanderers and was a member of the Southern Premier League Championship winning side. In his first season at SJP Shane made an outstanding contribution to Kevin Wilkin's side as they finished 7th in National League North, reaching the 2nd round of the FA Cup and the quarter finals of the FA Trophy. He made 52 appearances and scored four goals, his first a memorable finish against Darlington. Since then Shane has continued to be ever-present in the midfield, missing not one game last season. Shane has represented the Republic of Ireland both at U17 and U19.

## CARL BAKER

He's back again Southport legend, Carl Baker is a former Coventry City captain who has also played for Portsmouth and MK Dons and joined us in late January 2019 from Nuneaton Borough. Carl made an immediate impact with his running,

determination, midfield craft and goals. He found the net no fewer than 5 times in his first 5 games and he tallied 17 appearances and 6 goals by the end of the season.

## LUKE FARLAMB

Luke was another to join in summer 2018 from AFC Rushden & Diamonds where he had been part of the previous season's promotion winning squad. Often featuring from the bench, he made close to 50 appearances in his first full season in National League North.

## FORWARD

### LEE NDLOVU

Lee is a striker formerly with Ilkeston and Grantham Town. Lee joined Brackley in February 2016 and had made 171 appearances by the finish of last season. As the lone striker for much of the 2018-19 campaign, Lee carried a tough physical burden, missing just 2 matches all season, and notched 21 goals.

### DAN HOLMAN

Dan, who celebrated his 29th birthday two weeks ago, has scored over 150 goals in his career which has predominantly been in League Two and The National League. He joins us after a brief stint at Kettering where last season he scored 15 goals in 25 appearances after leaving Aldershot Town mid-season.

### TENDAI DAIRE

Tendai Daire signs from Lutterworth Town - striker Tendai was prolific in front of goal for Lutterworth over the past couple of seasons and adds to Kevin's attacking options.



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# RYAN ASTLES

**VAR-Good Or Bad:** Good

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**Who Would You Like To Meet:**

Tiger Woods

**Holiday Destination:** Las Vegas

**Fascinating Fact:**

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## TODAY'S MASCOT



Today's mascot is Jake Bragg who is 6 years old and attends Halsall St Cuthberts School. He supports Southport and Barcelona with his favourite players being Lionel Messi and David Morgan.

**Our new club Chaplain is no stranger to Southport Football Club. His father brought him as a youngster when he remembers Southport winning the Fourth Division to get promotion to Division Three. His Grandfather was also an avid fan.**



After training as a nurse, and working in Preston and London, Paul then trained for ordination in the Church of England. Here, in his first post, he became Chaplain to Lincoln Utd.

On moving back to West Lancs Paul became involved with a small football club in his parish.

At the end of one season whilst playing a friendly between the first and reserve team he managed to break his foot. This meant he had to take services the day after sat on bar stool much to amusement of the congregation.

Paul has three children and is married to Jo. On moving to Southport 15 years ago he returned to Haig Avenue. The youngest became a ball boy, the eldest and Paul became stewards. A role they enjoyed for nine seasons.

Chaplains are involved in many sports, rugby, football, cricket and at international events such as the Olympics and World Cup.

Hopefully as you see Paul around the ground with his badge on feel free to say hello.

The role of chaplain is for people of all faith or no faith. A role similar to his role at Aintree then Whiston as a Hospital Chaplain.

His task at present is finding a clerical shirt in club colours!



# THE MANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE REBRANDING TAKES PLACE FROM WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER TO SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER



Cult hero Vinnie Jones has filmed exclusive content with Vanarama, Prostate Cancer UK and Jeff Brazier to raise profile of the campaign. He will be backing the campaign across social media through interviews with Prostate Cancer UK Ambassador Errol McKellar and Vanarama National League Ambassador Jeff Brazier. There will be various giveaways available during the campaign. Southport Football Club are proud to support @VinnieJones65 and the Manarama campaign to spread awareness that one man dies every 45 minutes due to prostate cancer #GiveAndGo Visit our Just Giving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/team/SouthportFC> For every £500 raised by our club we get one entry into the free draw for a brand new mini bus, courtesy of Vanarama. The competition closes at midnight on 9th November. On November 18th one club will be drawn out of the hat to win a Toyota Proace Minibus on a three year lease for FREE. This will be presented to the winning club on the weekend of the 23rd November.

## SFC HALL OF FAME TICKETS



A limited number of Southport Football Club Hall Of Fame tickets are available to purchase (first come first served) at a cost of £20 per person, including a meal.

The event takes place after our home game with King's Lynn on Saturday November 16th from 6.30pm until 10pm.  
E Mail [formerplayers@southportfootballclub.co.uk](mailto:formerplayers@southportfootballclub.co.uk) to register your interest.

## ALAN PROLE Rest In Peace

**As a club, we have been deeply saddened by the death of Alan Prole, the former Southport Visiter sports editor, who passed away on Sunday, aged 91.**

Alan will always have a very special place at Southport FC, having reported on many of the key moments in the club's history during more than 40 years of covering our games.

Alan was a fantastic person, warm and humorous, who was loved and respected by everyone around the club, particularly those who worked alongside him in the press box.

Having followed his father into journalism, Alan first covered the club's matches while working for the Lancashire Evening Post. He reported on Southport during our Football League days, including the FA Cup tie against Everton in 1968, before continuing to cover the club for the Visiter as reporter and latterly the sports editor.

While working for the Visiter, Alan also charted the loss of the club's League status and the impact it had on the town. He reported for the Visiter until his retirement in 1993, following which he continued to cover games for the Press Association and the Liverpool Daily Post.

In 2005, Alan was seriously injured when reporting on our Boxing Day game against Morecambe, but he returned to his place in the press box and was still a regular at home games until recent years.

Alan was admired for the way he reported, in particular the detail and style of his match reports. He was a unique person and we will miss him greatly.

Our sympathies are with Alan's wife, Sylvia, and all of his family and friends at this sad time.



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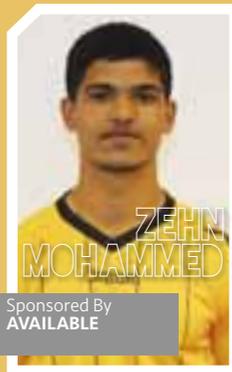
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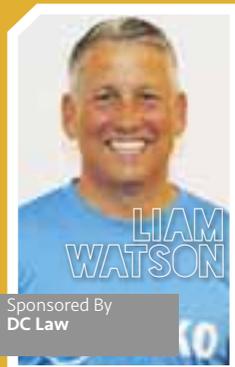
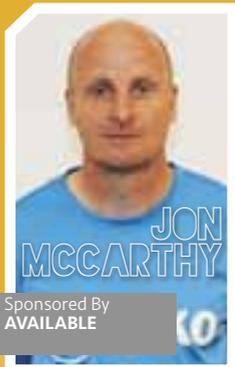
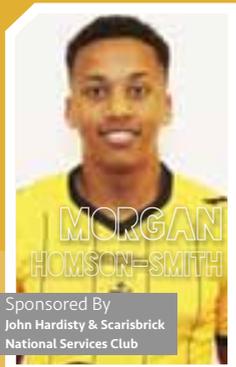
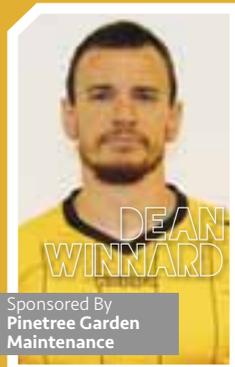
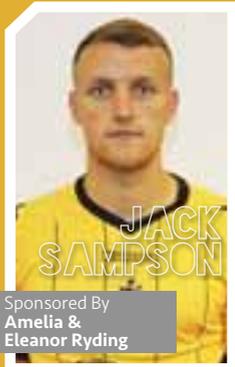
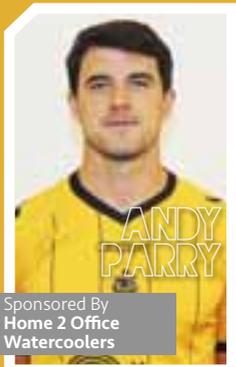
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**For the 2019/20 season we have re-introduced individual player sponsorship for existing squad members as well as new signings.**

This type of support allows businesses and individual fans to pledge their backing of the club through their favourite player.

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- Social media coverage of your sponsorship.
- Presented with a shirt from the player.
- Photograph on-the-pitch with the player.

# FIXTURES & RESULTS 2019/20

Date	Opponents	F-A	Scorers	Att	Pos	GK	2	3	4	5	
<b>AUGUST</b>											
03-Aug-19	Gateshead	A	0-0	879	14	Hanford	Mohammed	Ogle	Winnard	Astles	
06-Aug-19	Curzon Ashton	H	0-0	1120	14	Hanford	Ogle	Doyle	Winnard	Astles	
<b>10-Aug-19</b>	<b>Guiseley</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>Sampson, Correia, Glynn</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Hanford</b>	<b>Mohammed</b>	<b>Ogle</b>	<b>Winnard</b>	<b>Astles</b>
13-Aug-19	Farsley Celtic	A	3-0	Morgan, Green, Correia	389	4	Hanford	Mohammed	Doyle	Winnard	Astles
17-Aug-19	Darlington	A	0-2		1331	7	Hanford	Mohammed	Ogle	Winnard	Astles
<b>24-Aug-19</b>	<b>AFC Telford United</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>0-1</b>		910	10	<b>Hanford</b>	<b>Ogle</b>	<b>Doyle</b>	<b>Winnard</b>	<b>Astles</b>
26-Aug-19	Alfreton Town	A	0-2		507	14	Hanford	Mohammed	Ogle	Parry	Astles
<b>31-Aug-19</b>	<b>Kettering Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>Own Goal</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Hanford</b>	<b>Ogle</b>	<b>Doyle</b>	<b>Mohammed</b>	<b>Astles</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>											
<b>03-Sep-19</b>	<b>Altrincham</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>Correia, Glynn</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Hanford</b>	<b>Ogle</b>	<b>Doyle</b>	<b>Winnard</b>	<b>Astles</b>
07-Sep-19	York City	A	1-1	Morgan	2748	12	Hanford	Mohammed	Doyle	Winnard	Astles
<b>14-Sep-19</b>	<b>Blyth Spartans</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>Mohammed, Morgan (pen)</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Albinson</b>	<b>Ogle</b>	<b>Doyle</b>	<b>Winnard</b>	<b>Astles</b>
<b>21-Sep-19</b>	<b>Scarborough Athletic (FAC2Q)</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>5-2</b>	<b>Sampson 3, Mohammed, Newell</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>Albinson</b>	<b>Mohammed</b>	<b>Ogle</b>	<b>Parry</b>	<b>Astles</b>
28-Sep-19	Boston United	A	0-2		1021	12	Albinson	Mohammed	Ogle	Parry	Astles
<b>OCTOBER</b>											
<b>01-Oct-19</b>	<b>Prescot Cables (LSC1)</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>Mohammed, Green, Parry</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>Hanford</b>	<b>Ogle</b>	<b>Doyle</b>	<b>Mohammed</b>	<b>Astles</b>
05-Oct-19	Farsley Celtic (FAC3Q)	A	5-0	og. Sampson, Benjamin, Green, Morgan	411	**	Albinson	Ogle	Parry	Winnard	Astles
<b>12-Oct-19</b>	<b>Brackley Town</b>	<b>H</b>									
<b>19-Oct-19</b>	<b>Altrincham FAC(4Q)</b>	<b>H</b>									
26-Oct-19	Bradford Park Avenue	A									
<b>29-Oct-19</b>	<b>Burscough (LSC2)</b>	<b>H</b>									
<b>NOVEMBER</b>											
<b>02-Nov-19</b>	<b>Leamington</b>	<b>H</b>									
<b>06-Nov-19</b>	<b>Ashton Ath(LIC2)</b>	<b>H</b>									
09-Nov-19	Spennymoor Town	A									
<b>16-Nov-19</b>	<b>King's Lynn Town</b>	<b>H</b>									
23-Nov-19	FAT 3Q	A									
30-Nov-19	Kidderminster Harriers	A									
<b>DECEMBER</b>											
<b>07-Dec-19</b>	<b>Gloucester City</b>	<b>H</b>									
14-Dec-19	FAT 1	A									
21-Dec-19	Blyth Spartans	A									
<b>26-Dec-19</b>	<b>Chester</b>	<b>H</b>									
28-Dec-19	Altrincham	A									
<b>JANUARY</b>											
01-Jan-20	Chester	A									
<b>04-Jan-20</b>	<b>York City</b>	<b>H</b>									
11-Jan-20	Brackley Town	A									
<b>18-Jan-20</b>	<b>Boston United</b>	<b>H</b>									
25-Jan-20	Gloucester City	A									
<b>FEBRUARY</b>											
<b>01-Feb-20</b>	<b>Bradford Park Avenue</b>	<b>H</b>									
08-Feb-20	Hereford	A									
<b>15-Feb-20</b>	<b>Spennymoor Town</b>	<b>H</b>									
22-Feb-20	Leamington	A									
29-Feb-20	King's Lynn Town	A									
<b>MARCH</b>											
<b>07-Mar-20</b>	<b>Kidderminster Harriers</b>	<b>H</b>									
<b>14-Mar-20</b>	<b>Gateshead</b>	<b>H</b>									
21-Mar-20	Curzon Ashton	A									
<b>28-Mar-20</b>	<b>Farsley Celtic</b>	<b>H</b>									
<b>APRIL</b>											
04-Apr-20	Guiseley	A									
<b>10-Apr-20</b>	<b>Alfreton Town</b>	<b>H</b>									
13-Apr-20	AFC Telford United	A									
<b>18-Apr-20</b>	<b>Darlington</b>	<b>H</b>									
25-Apr-20	Kettering Town	A									
TBA	Hereford	H									

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# SEPTEMBER

## Southport Goal Of The Month:

It came out as a tie between Kieran Glynn at home to Altrincham and David Morgan at York. Both goals will go through to the Goal Of The Season vote in April.

## Southport Media Player Of The Month:

David Morgan.

The current Media Player Of The Year standings (league and first class cup matches) are: Russ Benjamin 4, David Morgan 3, Reagan Ogle 2, Zehn Mohammed 1, Jack Sampson 1, Dan Hanford 1, Kieran Glynn 1 and Ryan Astles 1.

## Highest Attendance:

3082 York City v Kings Lynn

## Lowest Attendance:

204 Curzon Ashton v Brackley Town

## Result Of The Month:

A few to choose from this month but although it wasn't a surprise in one way an 8-0 win is always impressive so it goes to Brackley against Bradford PA.

## Overall:

An interesting month with lots of coupon busting scores coming in. Spennymoor look to have found their feet with a good run. It's certainly not a league to bet on with so many up and down performances.

## Sequences To Date: Overall

**Games without a win:** 11 by Blyth

**Most draws in a row:** 4 by Darlington

**Games unbeaten:** 11 by York City

**Defeats in a row:** 5 by Curzon Ashton

**Wins in a row:** 5 by King's Lynn

## SEPTEMBER SCORES ON THE DOORS

Score	Days
1-0	2
2-0	3
2-1	8
3-0	3
3-1	3
3-2	3
4-3	1
5-0	2
8-0	1
0-0	1
1-1	4
2-2	2
3-3	1
0-2	2
0-3	2
0-4	1
1-2	1
1-3	3
Tot	43
HW	26
AW	9
D	8
GS	144
GPG	3.35

## September Player Of The Month:



Jimmy Armson  
of today's visitors  
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Player	Minutes Played	Lge 19/20 Apps	Lge 19/20 Sub	Cup 19/20 Apps	Cup 19/20 Sub	Lge Goals 19/20	Lge Total Goals	Cup Goals 19/20	Total Goals 19/20	Career Cup Goals	Total Career Goals	Assists
Charlie Albinson	180	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan Astles	1080	12	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	1
Bradley Bauress	875	10	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	2	7	3
Russell Benjamin	831	9	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	2
Dion Charles #	170	2	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	7	25	0
Raul Correia	808	9	3	2	1	3	3	0	3	0	3	2
Jack Doyle	707	7	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kieran Glynn	643	8	1	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	1
Devarn Green	498	5	5	2	0	1	3	2	3	4	7	2
Dan Hanford	900	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morgan Homson-Smith	190	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1
Patrick Lacey	190	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Zehn Mohammed	797	8	3	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	3	0
David Morgan	1044	12	0	2	0	3	10	1	4	2	12	1
George Newell	15	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
Reagan Ogle	871	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Andy Parry	273	3	2	2	1	0	2	1	1	2	4	0
Jack Sampson	929	11	0	2	0	1	23	4	5	7	30	1
Dean Winnard	717	9	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	1
Connor Woods	164	1	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Ten Men		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Own Goals		*	*	*	*	1	1	1	2	*	*	*
# No Longer At The Club												
<b>Total</b>	<b>11882</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>21</b>

# THE STATS

## LEAGUE TABLE 2019/20

102-OCTOBER	HOME						AWAY						GS	GA	GD	PTS	H	Att	A	Att.
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A									
1 York City	12	3	3	0	8	2	5	1	0	15	4	23	6	17	28			1-1	2748	
2 Chester	12	4	2	0	17	7	3	2	1	10	6	27	13	14	25					
3 King's Lynn	12	5	1	0	16	7	2	2	2	8	11	24	18	6	24					
4 Farsley Celtic	12	4	0	2	10	9	3	1	2	11	5	21	14	7	22			3-0	389	
5 Brackley Town	12	4	2	0	15	2	2	1	3	8	7	23	9	14	21					
6 Hereford	12	3	3	0	7	4	3	0	3	7	10	14	14	0	21					
7 Guiseley	12	4	1	1	12	5	2	1	3	12	11	24	16	8	20	3-0	937			
8 Alfreton Town	12	4	1	1	14	5	2	0	4	10	11	24	16	8	19			0-2	507	
9 Boston United	11	4	2	0	12	3	1	2	2	3	7	15	10	5	19			0-2	1021	
10 Gateshead	11	3	2	1	7	4	1	3	1	5	5	12	9	3	17			0-0	879	
11 Gloucester City	12	3	1	2	11	8	2	1	3	10	16	21	24	-3	17					
12 Southport	12	3	2	1	8	3	1	2	3	4	7	12	10	2	16	**	**	**	**	
13 Leamington	12	3	1	2	8	7	1	2	3	8	14	16	21	-5	15					
14 Kidderminster Harriers	12	1	1	4	7	10	3	1	2	11	8	18	18	0	14					
15 Darlington	12	3	1	2	8	5	1	1	4	6	12	14	17	-3	14			0-2	1331	
16 AFC Telford	12	2	1	3	9	12	2	1	3	7	9	16	21	-5	14	0-1	910			
17 Spennymoor	11	3	1	1	12	8	0	3	3	5	9	17	17	0	13					
18 Altrincham	11	3	1	1	13	7	0	2	4	3	12	16	19	-3	12	2-1	904			
19 Curzon Ashton	12	2	1	3	10	10	0	2	4	5	11	15	21	-6	9	0-0	1120			
20 Kettering	12	2	1	3	9	12	0	1	5	5	13	14	25	-11	8	1-1	825			
21 Bradford Park Avenue	12	0	2	4	3	15	1	1	4	3	20	6	35	-29	6					
22 Blyth Spartans	12	1	1	4	6	12	0	1	5	1	14	7	26	-19	5	2-0	887			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>0</b>							

## LEAGUE MATCH STATS

		H		A		CURRENT SEQUENCES		Home		No	W	D	L	
Times of Goals	For	Ag	F	A	F	A	Games Scored In	0	Scoring first	4	3	1	1	
1-9 mins	3	1	1	2	1	1	Wins	0	Conceding first	1			1	
10-19 mins	1	0	1				Defeats	1	Winning at half time	2	2			
20-35 mins	3	2	2	1	1	1	Draws	0	Drawing at half time	4	1	2	1	
36-45 mins	2	1	1	1	1	1	GAMES SINCE		Losing at half time	0				
46-60 mins	1	4	1	1	3		A Win	1	Away		No	W	D	L
61-79 mins	2	2	2	1	1		A Home Win	0	Scoring first	3	1	1	1	
80-90 mins	0	0					An Away Win	4	Conceding first	2			2	
Added Time	0	0					A Defeat	0	Winning at half time	1	1			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	An Away Defeat	0	Drawing at half time	3		2	1	
PENALTIES		H		A		A Home Defeat		3	Losing at half time	2			2	
	For	Ag	F	A	F	A	A Score Draw		2					
Pens Awarded	1	2	1	1	1	1	A No Score Draw	10	Goal Frequency		0	1	2	3
Pens Scored	1	2	1	1	1	1	Conceding A Goal	0	Goals Scored	6	2	2	2	
							Scoring A Goal	1	Goals Conceded	5	4	3		
WHICH END?		F	A			GOAL METHOD		Winning Margin		1	1	2		
Blowick End	4	2			Open Play		10	Losing Margin		1	3			
Scarlsbrick End	4	1			Corner		1	Draws		2	2			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>			Penalty		1			F	A			
					Direct Free Kick			RED CARDS		0	0			
					Indirect Free Kick			YELLOW CARDS		15				
					Headed Goals		2							

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# FROM THE ARCHIVES

THE RECENT DEMISE OF BURY FC WAS VERY SAD AND I HOPE THAT THEY MAY ONE DAY SOON REFORM AND EVENTUALLY MAKE THEIR WAY BACK UP THE PYRAMID. THEY HAD BEEN WINNERS OF THE FA CUP AND PLAYED IN THE OLD FIRST DIVISION AT THE END OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY AND RIGHT UP TO 1912.

Southport's fixtures with Bury Football Club, the Shakers, were infrequent. A total of ten over a period of fifteen years. I believe that I managed to see six of those games.

They were good enough to spend many seasons in the Second Division until a relegation in 1957 meant that they spent the next year playing in the final season of the regionalised Third Division North. They drew 2-2 with us here at Haig Avenue but beat us easily on their pitch by 4-1. By 1961 they were back in Division Two while we remained down in the Fourth. Contests were resumed when they returned to play us for only the second time ever here on Boxing Day 1967 following their relegation again and our promotion. I was amongst the holiday attendance of 10,761 to see an exciting 2-2 draw. A game just right for Christmas watched by the largest gate since Easter 1954. At the conclusion of the season they went up again to Division Two as runners up to Oxford United but lasted just the one season before returning to play us again in the Third Division.

I attended two away games at Gigg Lane. The first one on October 11th 1969. In early October Bury had just moved ahead of us in the league table as a result of a midweek away win at Fulham while we were losing at home to Walsall.

The result of our game that Autumn Saturday has remained in my memory over fifty years mainly because it was a thrilling match of 7 goals. However, I still think that we were denied a goal that would have probably given us a point as the final result was a home win by 4-3. It was one of those was it over the goal line incidents. I was right behind the goal and maintain that we had a shot which crossed the line but was not given as a goal. Admittedly the goal mouth was crowded and the officials were probably unsuspected. Where was VAR when we needed it?

When the return game was played at Haig Avenue in

the following February Club Notes ventured an opinion that we had been unlucky to lose 4-3 in November. That game was Arthur Peat's first in charge as trainer-coach and the team rewarded him with a revenge victory by 4-0.

Our final football league fixture against Bury was played on February 3rd 1973 on their ground Gigg Lane. We were the winners thanks to Andy Provan's fifteenth League goal of our eventual Championship season, and well struck it was too. From my viewpoint on the half way line I had a perfect sight of the ball arrowing its' way towards and into the Shakers goal past Ken Hancock. We had travelled east that afternoon pretty confident that we could take the two points given our recent away form with wins at Barnsley and Darlington, the latter the famous 7-0 encounter when the Mighty Jim score four times. The two points brought back to the seaside took us seven points clear of Mansfield Town and six points ahead of Exeter City the two sides then thought to be our nearest challengers for the title and destined to play us within the following four weeks. As it turned out neither team could sustain their pushes for promotion partly due to our victories against them in those two games.

Now that Bury have left the Football League their programmes may well appreciate in value. We are talking very modest amounts at present but I know of one of their issues that recently sold well at an Auction in July. On January 26th 1963 they were due to play Birmingham City in a semi-final of the Football League Cup. The weather at the time was dreadful and very few games were being played. We did not play between Boxing Day 1962 and February 16th 1963. In anticipation of a likely postponement they issued a single sheet programme. The game was not played until April when a full size programme took its place. The single sheet is very scarce but one came up for the Auction and sold for £520.



# THE LAST WORD



I'M WRITING MY NOTES  
AHEAD OF THE FA CUP DRAW  
ON MONDAY WHICH WILL NO  
DOUBT HAVE SEEN US DRAWN  
AWAY AT STOCKPORT OR  
WREXHAM? ALTERNATIVELY  
AN AWAY DRAW AGAINST  
KING'S LYNN OR BOSTON  
UNITED? THE MAIN THING IS  
WE ARE IN THE HAT AFTER  
ANOTHER FARSLEY  
DEMOLITION JOB, HOW  
FARSLEY MUST DISLIKE  
SOUTHPORT!

As most people are well aware by now I like a stat or two and it's been great building up to Liam's 500 games in charge at the cub which we celebrate this afternoon. I will be bringing more on this in our next home programme with all the facts and figures from the games. I would like to thank Liam for his time in helping us pull together the excellent video where he reveals his 11 players in the Liam X1 and to Alan Jones who has done such a great job with the video which can be seen on our website.

Congratulations Liam. Whisper it quietly but Liam does also like a stat or two and his memory for events that have happened is excellent as was shown when we did his Twenty Questions in which he scored an excellent 18 out of 20.

Talking of stats (You can't keep me down once I get going) it's disappointing to see the Vanarama National League website take such a downturn this season. Attendances being reported are rare or take days to come through and there are often discrepancies between the site and what gets reported in the NLP or other papers who actually do report attendances. As for goalscorers you try

finding them which makes keeping the records up to date very difficult indeed. Surely if they want a decent profile they should at least take the time to have a decent website? That's my rant over.

Our first goal at Farsley last Saturday was our 200th Non League FA Cup goal ruined by it being an own goal but they all count. Liam did try (as per usual) to credit it to one of our players, he doesn't like own goals but this one was as oggy as they get so we have to grin and bear it.

Farsley is always an interesting place to go, not least for the announcer who delivers it in his own inimitable style which is best described as dour best described as dull and his pronunciation of some of the names is something else. It always makes us smile and it's the sort of thing that makes Non League Football so special. He's probably been doing this job for years and good on him!

It's another Non League Day today and a big hello to anyone who is taking in our game for the first time, we hope you enjoy it and come back for more. It can get quite addictive but it means a lot to a lot of people.

Rob

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