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MANAGERS NOTES

The games keep coming thick and fast as we face York City this evening in another game under the lights and against another side who are expected to be up there at season end.

We gave a very good account of ourselves against a strong Boston side in our last home game and even though we went down and lost our clean sheet record I couldn't have asked for more from the lads.

Last Tuesday night saw us get a good result at Kettering on a real bog of a pitch. One chance all game and one goal to get all three points. Kettering hardly had a sniff at goal all night but you always feared they could grab a goal on the break. Our defence was magnificent once again and after 90 minutes you had to be proud of the way they defended.

Four points from two away games is usually a cause for celebration but it could, and should have been six as we totally dominated at Telford and should have come away with all three points particularly as the home

side went down to ten men early in the second half. We had plenty of chances to win it from a range of set pieces with Doyley's throw ins causing all sorts of problems but we just couldn't get on the end of them.

We face another big test on Saturday as Spennymoor come to town. Spenny held Gloucester City on Saturday to stop their 100% start to the season and you know you will have to fight from minute one against any side managed by Jason Ainsley.

Thanks to everyone who is supporting our streams which seem to be going well. It's also great to know that we have people watching our away performances via the streams being put out by the home clubs. It's not the same as being there and none of us can wait until we get fans back in but it's a compromise and something we hope can continue whilst the current situation continues.

Liam

BOARDROOM BRIEF

It is thanks to the tremendous effort that has been put in by the media team that I can make reference to you having these two options at a time when fans are still not allowed to join us for the game tonight. A month ago we had a new camera and very little experience, if any, in streaming live games.

Five home league games on and we have without doubt one of the better offerings that I have seen in the National League North (and I have been watching a lot of games across the league via the home clubs own stream!). Rob, Bethany and James Tedford deserve a massive amount of credit for the time and effort they have put in to ensure that we can continue to get the game to you one way or another, as do James Houghton, Alan Jones and Nicola Cave for their John Motosnesque commentary. It may not be perfect yet as a package, but I believe it is getting there. Each game there are less and less calls to James "Southport fc technical services" Tedford.

I am writing this report after the Kettering away game, and before a further trip to Telford.

Before the last home game against Boston, James and I did an interview with "The New Portchat" on the basis of questions put to us by the fans. I hope that everyone can see that James, Steve, Liam and I have, all summer, tried to be as open and transparent as possible as the goings on at the club both on and off the pitch. It is the very nature of this as a forum that some fans who wish to remain anonymous will be able to put their questions to us. I can only stress that we all happy to answer questions by whatever means, be it through Portchat, via TIY, or if you get in touch with us direct.

But back to the football. I should, I admit, know better by now, but I was surprised to see some of the comments on Portchat after the Boston game. We are five games into the new season after

a difficult and fragmented pre-season, and we have started with 3 wins, a draw and 1 loss. During those 5 games, we have conceded just one goal, which I think Dan would readily hold his hand up to as a rare goalkeeping error. Our defence lead by Charlie Oliver, has looked formidable. The front line of Marcus, George and Niall has worked tirelessly and showed at Blyth how ruthless they can be when they click. We matched Boston, should have had a penalty, and hit the bar. That's football, it happens, and decisions will go our way in another game. Boston will be up there come the end of the season, and we have shown so far that we should be as well.

As regards the squad, and I am sure every director says this, they are across the board a really good bunch, the majority of whom are now entering their second season together. We have of course however lost Jack to Fylde. I can't speak highly enough of Jack, as a footballer and as a person. He gave 100% for Southport on and off the pitch and will always be welcome back to The Pure Stadium in the future. As soon as Jack told Liam and I in the summer that he had engaged an agent after two years without one we feared the worst and to that end we have been looking at alternative options. We are looking at players who will fit in both in respect of their ability and personality and hopefully can strengthen the squad sooner rather than later. Jack's are big boots to fill!

Huge congratulations and thanks to Harry and Leighton their efforts got the publicity and backing that they deserved!

We are now entering a second lockdown. I hope everyone stays fit and healthy, but if anyone is struggling in any way please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Club as we may be able to help. Hopefully when this lockdown comes to an end we will have Christmas in sight, everyone will be anticipating the return of fans and we will be conceding as few goals as we are at present!

Jan



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Southport Football Club would like to thank National Lottery players for their support during these challenging times. We're grateful to benefit from a share of the £10M of funding that has been announced for 66 National League clubs as part of a unique partnership between the National League and The National Lottery which will ensure that this season can continue.

Head of Operations, James Tedford said "This helps support the vital work we do in Southport and the surrounding area. We run sides from U7 through to U16. We put on Sports Camps and have sessions for Little Kickers and Wildcats on a Saturday morning as well as supporting our Walking Football Community project. We play a huge role in the area with hundreds of people coming into contact with the club's programmes. Protecting this, and the work of the other National League clubs, is essential for communities across the country. I can't thank National Lottery players enough for this

lifeline."

The partnership with The National Lottery will benefit all clubs in the fifth and six tiers of English football, so that they can continue to play behind closed doors after the return of fans was paused due to rising infection rates. As a thank you, National Lottery players, who make a difference every time they buy a ticket, will also get a range of benefits – including free tickets once stadia are safe to reopen, grassroots football opportunities and VIP experiences at Wembley Stadium.

Nigel Railton, Chief Executive of National Lottery operator Camelot, said: "The National Lottery and its players have been making a huge difference to communities across the country for the past 26 years, so we're delighted to be working with the National League to protect these all-important clubs and help them continue the vital work they carry out locally. They do a fantastic job and I can't wait to cheer on my local National League side when fans are allowed to return."

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Jon McCarthy

IN PROFILE

Seen as the quiet man of our management duo, those that have heard him on the bench will know that is far from the truth, he can be as loud as the next man particularly getting in the ear of officials!

Jon prefers to let Liam deal with all the media requests so we were delighted when he agreed to tell us a bit more about "Macca" the man.

Jon was born in Middlesbrough in August 1970 (we will explain the Northern Ireland connection later) and started his footballing career with Hartlepool United on non-contract terms in November 1987 under manager John Bird, making his first-team debut at the age of He then had a short spell outside of the professional game after joining Shepshed Charterhouse of the Northern Premier League in March 1989.

Bird persuaded Jon to join tonight's visitors York City on a part-time contract in March 1990. While still studying at university he signed professional forms with York in March 1991. He was named Clubman of the Year for 1991-92, after which he helped the club to promotion after winning the 1993 Football League Third Division play-off Final at the end of 1992-93. York chairman Douglas Craig revealed the club had turned down a £150,000 offer from Bradford City for McCarthy, valuing him at least three times that amount. Following a 1994-95 season described as "superb" he was named Clubman of the Year a second time.

He played for York for five years. He was bought by John Rudge's Port Vale for a £450,000 fee in August 1995 which at the time was York's record transfer fee received and won the club's Player of the Year award in

1996. He played over 100 games within two seasons at Vale Park before he was snapped up by Birmingham City manager Trevor Francis in September 1997, who paid Vale a £1.5 million fee for him.

He then helped Birmingham reach the First Division play-offs in 1998-99, but lost out to Watford after a penalty shoot-out. They again reached the play-offs in 1999-2000, but Jon missed the semi-final defeat to Barnsley after breaking his leg. After his recovery he played in the 2001 League Cup Final defeat against Liverpool. Despite breaking his leg three times within five years as a Birmingham player, he made well over 100 appearances for the club

In 1991, Jon won a bronze medal as part of the Great Britain football team at the XVI Summer Universiade, commonly known as the "World Student Games", in Sheffield. He was eligible to represent Northern Ireland on the international stage through parentage, making his debut against Sweden in 1996 while with Port Vale. He earned 18 caps for Northern Ireland from 1996 to 2001. He was also capped twice by the Northern Ireland B team, in 1996 and 1998.



The Northern Ireland team that lined out against Norway at Windsor Park on February 28. (Back row, L to R - Gerry Taggart (captain), Jim Magilton, Mark Taylor, Colin Murdoch, Glenn Ferguson, Neil Lennon. (Front row, L to R) - David Healy, Jeff Whitley, Aaron Hughes, Peter Kennedy, Jon McCarthy. Picture: Colin McMaster, Belfast

Jon went on to play for Sheffield Wednesday, Port Vale (again), Doncaster Rovers, Carlisle United, Hucknall Town and Northwich Victoria.

Jon was voted into the "Ultimate Port Vale XI" by members of the OneValeFan supporter website in May 2019.



Jon has managed at Chester and with three wins from four matches that ensured Chester's survival in the National League at the end of the 2015-16 season he went on to manage there until September 2017

He has been with Southport since Kevin Davies brought him in to add much needed experience in December 2017.

Career Highlight? It's the transition from playing to coaching that I am finding exciting as I see players develop. I look at some of the younger players in our squad at Southport and will them on to go on to better things. I had a great football journey and I see that some of these lads could do the exact same as me.

Playing For Northern Ireland how did that come about- who was the manager?

My Grandma is from Dungannon. I grew up supporting England and I have always been honest about that! My Dad's side of the family all had the Northern Ireland connections.

The Republic of Ireland asked first when I was doing well at Port Vale because of my surname being McCarthy but I wasn't eligible.

Brian Hamilton was the manager then Lawrie McMenemy. We weren't a strong team but I played against some great players, Maldini, Ravenelli, Del Piero, Zola etc it was a great time. We played against some big teams, Italy, Portugal and Germany amongst many.

It was a big achievement but there were times that I would go back to my club at Birmingham and they actually had more resources than Northern Ireland!

Best Manager You Have Played Under?

It is hard, John Rudge at Port Vale was a great manager, he had built a team who had come through the divisions. He didn't coach, his recruitment was excellent. He would go out and watch all the games and knew what budget he was working to. Very similar to how Liam works. He manages, I coach and that's the bit I enjoy.

Worst Moment In Football? It has to be the injuries, every footballer's nightmare and when I realised after my last broken leg it would spell the end of my career it was hard to take. However, I managed to carry on playing at Non League level successfully for Hucknall Town and Northwich Vics.

I started as a Non League footballer and ended up as one but in between times I had a great career playing for Birmingham. I had some tough times at Birmingham and took some criticism but there came a point when I was right at the top of my game and flying and seen as the main man in a very successful Birmingham side. I then break my leg in a game

against Tranmere and came back too soon.

I then played in a play off game for Birmingham at Preston, we went into it 1-0 up. After just 5 minutes I was put clean through and the 'keeper just smashed straight in to me and I knew straight away I had broken my leg. The ref thinks I am wasting time and makes me walk off the pitch!!!!!!

I knew then that was the end, I wouldn't get another chance.

Biggest Influence On Your Career?

John Ward brought me in at York and I had five great years there and John brought in Paul Barnes and he was a good player, his son is now flying at Leicester City. John moved me wide right and whilst Barnesy got a lot of goals I still got 10 and a number of assists for Paul. We had a promotion with York from League Two and they were good times. I put in a lot of work at York doing extra training before and after the real training session. I did well at York and got the move to Port Vale who at the time were going really well in The Championship.

Manager At Chester-Good times?

It was a good experience, I kept them up and it was a great achievement a real good turnaround. We won three out of the last four games as a caretaker manager and I kept them up and they gave me the job. Considering everything that was going on this ranks right up there as one of the best things I ever did. We had a low budget and it was hard work..I was left with three players and had to build a squad. Not easy.

Any Family Involved In Football?

I had a good family, I was well grounded and because I had a degree I was able to make the transition to not playing quite easily.

My lad plays for Sandbach Under 18's, he is statistically minded just finished his A Levels and looking at something he can put his football knowledge to. I have two daughters both in education as well.

What Do You Do In Between Games, How Do You Relax?

Family and education, I mentor students and I have set up coaching modules online for people, very exciting to be involved with something like this. I've been involved in setting up a degree course, a full BSc Honours degree for footballers and coaches through Salford University. It is grant funded by the PFA. Ryan Astles is on the course. It's a three year journey and I think it will really take off.

Would I do It All Again? Yes! If I could pay all the money I could to play one game at the level I was at at my peak when I felt that fit and strong I would do it without a doubt.

COMMUNITY TEAM IN FOCUS

This week's Community Team In Focus is our Under 8's



Manager

MARTYN FARRELL

School Mason & Partners LLP Liverpool

Favourite Team Liverpool

Favourite Player Virgil Van Dijk

Favourite Southport Player David Morgan



TYLER MURPHY

Age 8

School St Philips

Preferred Position Defender

Favourite Team

Manchester United

Favourite Player Fred

Favourite Southport Player

Dan Hanford



HARRY JONES

Age 7

School Norwood

Preferred Position

Goalkeeper

Favourite Team Everton

Favourite Player

Jordan Pickford/Dominic

Calvert Lewin

Favourite Southport Player

Dan Hanford



ALEXANDER SHAW

Age 7

School St Mary's

Preferred Position Defender

Favourite Team Everton

Favourite Player

Jordan Pickford

Favourite Southport Player

George Newell



OLIVER MADDEN

Age 8

School St Cuthbert's Halsall

Preferred Position Striker

Favourite Team Everton

Favourite Player

James Rodriguez

Favourite Southport Player

Marcus Carver



FRASER GRAY

Age 7

School St Mary's

Preferred Position Striker

Favourite Team Liverpool

Favourite Player Mane

Favourite Southport Player
Dan Hanford



AUGUST RANKIN

Age 7

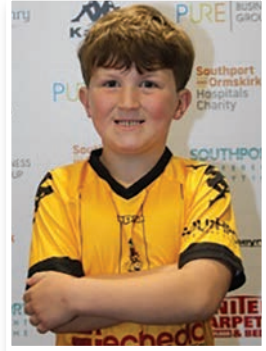
School St Cuthbert's Halsall

Preferred Position Midfield

Favourite Team Liverpool

Favourite Player Mo Salah

Favourite Southport Player
Niall Watson



JAKE BRAGG

Age 7

School St Cuthbert's Halsall

Preferred Position Striker

Favourite Team Liverpool

Favourite Player

Virgil Van Dijk

Favourite Southport Player
Charlie Oliver



ALEX DOYLE

Age 7

School St Mary's

Preferred Position Defender

Favourite Team Everton

Favourite Player

Jordan Pickford

Favourite Southport Player
Jack Doyle



GEORGE WHITE

Age 7

School St Mary's

Preferred Position

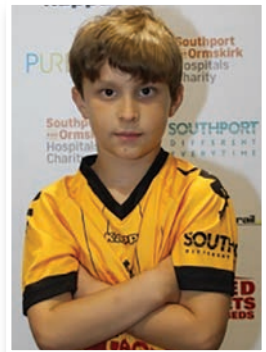
Right Wing

Favourite Team Everton

Favourite Player

Ben Godfrey

Favourite Southport Player
David Morgan



FLYNN MORANA O'TOOLE

Age 7

School St Cuthbert's Halsall

Preferred Position Defender

Favourite Team

Manchester United

Favourite Player

Marcus Rashford

Favourite Southport Player
Charlie Oliver

FAREWELL

Sammo



We bid a farewell to Sammo ahead of the Boston game and it was too late to say thank you and good luck in that programme.

Reports of children in tears when they learned he was leaving were not exaggerated, he was very popular with our younger fanbase always taking the time to speak to the kids when he could.



He always made time to speak to the media but would dread that end of match approach for an interview. He didn't really enjoy them but would never say no.

Even as recently as the Blyth game he was wishing Harry and Leighton all the best from the coach ahead of their bike ride.

Immensely popular with everyone at the club. We recall an event he attended in his Community Ambassador role at the club switching on the Christmas Lights at a Care Home in town. It was best described as an interesting afternoon but he embraced it all in true Sammo style.

Having arrived at Southport in 2017, Sammo scored nine times in his first year with the Port but it was the 27-year-old's second season that proved to be his most productive, bagging 16 goals in 33 games. He added another 11 goals to his tally throughout 2019/20, bringing his total for the club in all games up to 36.

Sammo's contribution during his time at the Pure Stadium has been measured in more than just numbers, his performances at the focal point of the attack helping to bring the best out of those around him.

Off the pitch, too, Jack has been the consummate professional, playing an important part in the club's community work and always available to get involved with various projects. Both on a matchday and during the week, Sammo would regularly take time to get to know and visit supporters, ensuring he will always have a special bond with the Port faithful.

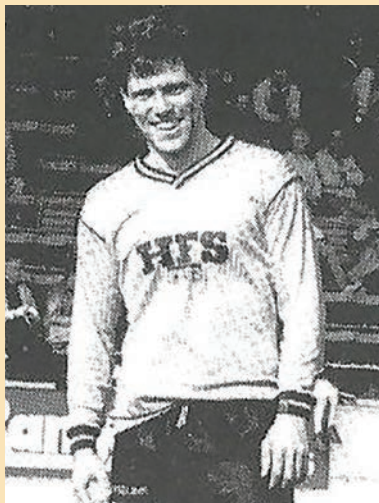
We would like to wish Jack all the best in the future. We thank him for everything he has done during his time with the club and look forward to welcoming him back to the Pure Stadium but not scoring against us.

JOHN BISHOP

Throughout this season we are digging out some of the more unusual or quirky items or events that have occurred down the years at Southport Football Club.

It's not unusual but a lot of people don't believe that John Bishop (yes that John Bishop) ever played for Southport.

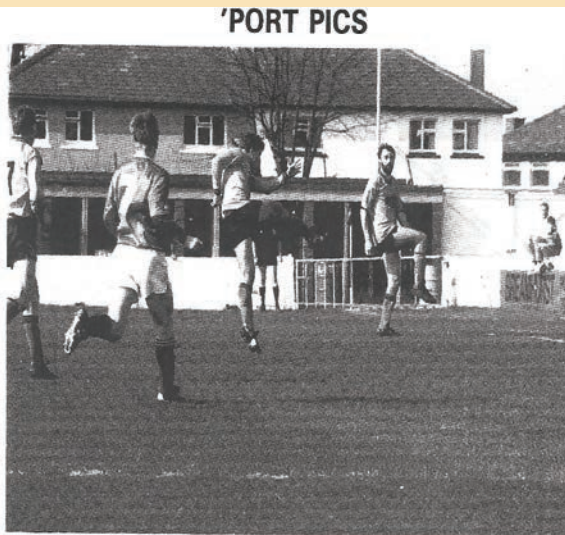
He did and here is the proof. He has player number 287 and made 35 league starts scoring 7 goals.



THEN



NOW



Recent signing from Hyde United, John Bishop, smashes home his first goal for the club in the home game against Caernarfon Town. In the picture below, John seems fairly happy with life after netting twice in the 4-0 win.



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MATCH ACTION

SOUTHPORT 0 BOSTON UNITED 1



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MAINTENANCE
Marcus Carver

Southport: Dan Hanford, Matthew Challoner, Charlie Oliver (89'), Mo Ali, Jack Bainbridge, Dean Winnard (62'), Jack Doyle, Russell Benjamin, David Morgan, Niall Watson, Marcus Carver.

Substitutes: Tony McMillan, Dylan Vassallo (62'), Adam Anson (89'), Connor Woods.

Boston United: Ross Fitzsimons, Matt Tootle, Scott Duxbury, Tom

Platt, Scott Garner, Luke Shiels, Andi Thanoj, Paul Green, Jordan Burrow, Jordan Thewlis (80'), Terry Hawkbridge.

Substitutes: Peter Crook, Tyrell, Connor Dimaio, Jordan Archer, Frazer Preston (80').

Goals: Thewlis (13')

Referee: M. Corlett





Visitors YORK CITY

We welcome our visitors from York City this evening for what will be the 86th meeting between the sides in all competitions stretching as far back as the 1929/30 season. That first game saw a 4-0 win for Southport.

The full league record between the sides is Played 80 Southport Win 24, York Win 34 and 22 Draws Southport scoring 102 times and York 130.

FULL NON LEAGUE RECORD

Season	Date	Venue	Manager	Comp	Res	Score	Att	Scorers
97/98	15-Nov	H	PF	FAC1	L	0-4	3952	
05/06	16-Aug	H	LW1	Lge	L	1-4	1646	Daly
05/06	24-Jan	A	LW1	Lge	D	0-0	2176	
06/07	23-Sep	A	PC	Lge	D	2-2	2446	Gray, Blakeman
06/07	21-Apr	H	PD	Lge	L	0-1	3206	
10/11	23-Nov	A	LW2	Lge	L	0-2	2104	
10/11	29-Jan	H	LW2	Lge	W	4-0	1308	Lever(pen), Whalley(2), Lee
11/12	11-Oct	H	LW2	Lge	D	1-1	1107	Mukendi
11/12	24-Mar	A	LW2	Lge	W	2-1	3465	Owens, Gray
16/17	25-Oct	H	SB	Lge	W	2-0	856	Allen 2, 1 pen
16/17	21-Mar	A	AP	Lge	L	3-5	2482	Almond 2, McKeown
17/18	26-Aug	H	AL	Lge	D	1-1	1171	Roberts
17/18	27-Mar	A	KD	Lge	L	2-3	2169	Gilchrist, Osborne
18/19	13-Oct	H	LW4	Lge	L	1-2	1149	Charles (pen)
18/19	06-Apr	A	LW4	Lge	L	0-1	2174	
19/20	07-Sep	A	LW4	Lge	D	1-1	2748	Morgan
19/20	04-Jan	H	LW4	Lge	L	0-2	1144	

Southport are due a win. We did come close at Bootham Crescent last season when after a David Morgan goal of the season contender York equalised but late on Devam Green should have brought all three points back to Lancashire when clean through but put the ball wide.



PRESENT DAY

York have been hit by COVID isolations with the games scheduled to be played on October 24th at Hereford and the home fixture against Kettering called off.

They exited the FA Cup at the hands of Chorley who then got the golden bye into the First Round. Having already beaten Chorley in the first game of the season and with Chorley sitting bottom of the table it was a shock exit.

CLASSIC ENCOUNTERS

One for the York fans on a dreadful afternoon for Southport in 1997/98 when as a side still in the Football League they came and hammered us 4-0 in the FA Cup in a game that saw two Southport players sent off and in a very lively encounter on and off the pitch it was an afternoon to forget but one of those you always remember.

The 5-3 defeat in 2016/17 was a rather good game and I recall getting a lot of stick for saying it at the time as we lost but it really was an end to end open game of football.

And, with no excuse for repeating it every time we play the 2-1 win for Southport in 2011/12 was probably one of THE best ever wins for Southport on the road and any excuse for using one of the best pictures ever of Southport fans celebrating a goal.

Form Guide

York City	W	D	d	
Venue	H	A	H	H
Date	06-Oct	10-Oct	17-Oct	07-Nov
Opps	Cho	Far	Brac	Che
Score	3-1	1-1	0-0	
Pos	**	**	6	



IN THE HOT SEAT

Steve Watson



Steve Watson was appointed manager on January 10, 2019 after leaving his role as manager of National League club Gateshead.

Watson, 44, moved into coaching nine years ago after an illustrious playing career with Newcastle United, Aston Villa, Everton, West Bromwich Albion, and Sheffield Wednesday.

He was previously employed as a coach by Huddersfield Town and Birmingham City and assistant-manager at Macclesfield Town and moved into management at Gateshead in October 2017.

Watson ensured Gateshead survived in the National League and reached the semi-finals of the FA Trophy. In his last season, he had steered the north-east club to eighth position in the table prior to his departure.

He guided York to the play-offs last season but suffered heartbreak losing out to bogey side Altrincham in the Semi-Finals at Bootham Crescent.

THE STADIUM LATEST

It looks like its delay after delay and after thinking we had paid our last ever visit to Bootham Crescent, a ground most of us enjoy visiting (apart from the toilets!), we could well be making another trip in March. I am sure the York fans will be hoping they move before then!

This is how the new stadium is planned to look complete with leisure facilities.



The publicity reads “Opening in 2020, this will include an 8,000 all seater stadium to be shared by York City Football Club and York City Knights Rugby League Club and new community leisure facilities, including new swimming facilities, gym, dance studios, outdoor pitches and a sports hall with spectator seating, plus an indoor climbing area and ariel high ropes course”



Micky Cummins (Assistant Manager)

Assistant-manager Micky Cummins also left Gateshead to join Watson at City. Born in Dublin he signed professional with Middlesbrough in 1996 and enjoyed an 18-year playing career. Cummins was reserve and youth team coach at Gateshead before coming on board as assistant-manager when Steve Watson stepped into management in 2017.

v YORK CITY

GOALKEEPERS

Pete Jameson

Jameson joined York City in 2019 from Blyth Spartans and in his debut season with the club kept 16 clean sheets and made the National League North team of the season.

Ryan Whitley

Highly-rated 20-year-old goalkeeper who has progressed through the academy system to Steve Watson's first team. He is currently on loan with Northern Premier League side Scarborough Athletic.

Harry Flatters

18-year-old, formerly of the club's academy spent a few years with Middlesbrough U18s before re-joining the club on a professional contract in September.

DEFENDERS

Scott Barrow

Experienced left back who joined the club from Gateshead in the summer. He spent three years with the Heed, also being managed by Steve Watson.

Matty Brown

SOUTHPORT CONNECTION

Commanding centre half who has played for the likes of Chesterfield, Chester and FC Halifax Town – the latter he spent five years with and won promotion to the National League with in 2017. Matty had six games on loan with Southport in 2013/14 scoring once on his debut v Cambridge. He literally had the shirt ripped off his back on his debut.

Michael Duckworth

Another former youth academy player who captained the U19s side until his release in 2010. Right back Duckworth went on to forge a career with the like of Hartlepool United, Fleetwood Town and FC Halifax Town before rejoining this club this summer.

Charlie Jebson-King

Exciting prospect who emerged from the academy setup, the teenage wing back is a set piece specialist and was known for a high number of assists in his two seasons with the U19s.

Kieran Kennedy

Big centre half who signed upon his release from Port Vale. Kennedy spent time on loan with National League side Wrexham last year and joined City in August 2020.

Josh King

Formerly of Chester-le-Street Town and the Carlisle United Park View Academy, King signed for City in August 2019 and featured 6 times in his first season with the Minstermen impressing enough to earn a new deal for next season.

Sean Newton

SOUTHPORT CONNECTION

Household name in the National League's, Sean Newton joined York City in October 2016, initially on loan, from Wrexham. Although arriving at the club as a left back, Liverpool-born Newton has played in a variety of positions including central midfield and centre half.

Sean made 17 appearances for The Sandgrounders in all competitions in 2007/08 scoring one goal in a 2-2 draw at home to Tamworth.

Sean, Number 3, for Southport celebrating a Mark Houghton goal in 2007.

Harry Spratt

The centre half, who can also play at left-back, signed for City in summer 2019 and impressed on loan with Scarborough Athletic later in the season. He was offered a new deal at the end of the 2019/20 season.

Robbie Tinkler

Tinkler joined City from Aldershot Town in the summer, where he was vice-captain. The versatile defender



was previously managed by Steve Watson at Gateshead.

MIDFIELDERS

Olly Dyson

Wakefield-born attacking midfielder who can also play centre forward, Dyson joined from Huddersfield Town U23s in the summer.

Owen Gamble

Highly-rated in League One Sunderland's academy and was in and around the first team squad upon his release in the summer. Steve Watson signed the 21-year-old after a successful trial shortly after.

Reiss Harrison

Born in Rossington, South Yorkshire, he had previously spent seven years in the youth system at Sheffield United. He featured heavily in the North Riding Senior Cup and the U19s during 2019/20 and signed a new deal at the end of the season.

Paddy McLaughlin

Midfielder Paddy McLaughlin became Steve Watson's first signing as City manager when returning to the club in January 2019 on loan from Hartlepool United. In his second spell with York after winning promotion to the Football League with the club in 2011.

Archie Whitfield

Archie is a defensively minded central midfielder who joined York's Under 16's side, following spells with Leeds United and Thirk Falcons. He signed his first professional contract this summer after captaining the U19s team.

Alex Wollerton

Midfielder who joined the club from Championship side Barnsley this summer after impressing on trial in the pre-season games.

Michael Woods

York-born midfielder previously of Leeds United and Chelsea, the latter

he spent five years with the Blues, being the fourth-youngest player to ever play for Chelsea at 16 years and 275 days old. He joined his hometown club from Dover Athletic in the summer.

Akil Wright

Box to box midfielder who has an eye for goal with his head. Formerly of Wrexham, Fleetwood Town and Barrow. He joined City in September 2020.

FORWARDS

Harry Bunn

Former Manchester City youngster and Huddersfield Town mainstay in the Championship between 2013 and 2017. Last season he played in the Scottish Premiership with Kilmarnock before becoming City's marquee signing in the summer.

Jake Cassidy

Tall imposing forward who has plied his trade in the higher divisions, most recently Stevenage in League Two, before dropping down to join Steve Watson's side in the summer.

Rob Guilfoyle

Another former City academy player who left in U16s to sign a scholarship with Hull City. He scored 50 goals in two seasons with the Tigers' U18s and 23s sides before rejoining his hometown club this summer.

Reon Potts

Target man who joined City after a successful trial in the summer. Potts can also play on the wing and boasts Sheffield United and Scunthorpe as his previous clubs.

Jack Redshaw

Former Blackpool, Morecambe and Salford City striker who joined City in the summer. He has previous experience in the National League North, propelling Salford to promotion in 2018 with his goal scoring prowess.

FIXTURES & RESULTS

ate	Opponents	F-A	Scorers	Pos	GK	2	3	4	5	6	7
OCTOBER											
03-Oct-20	H Morpeth Town (FAC20)	2-1	Watson, Newell	**	McMillan	Challoner	Vassallo	Anson	Oliver	Ali	Bainbridge
06-Oct-20	H Hereford	0-0		13	Hanford	Oliver	Doyle	Benjamin	Morgan	Morgan	Bainbridge
13-Oct-20	H South Shields(FAC30)	1-1	OG(Lost 4-2 on pens)	**	McMillan	Oliver	Doyle	Benjamin	Bainbridge	Morgan	Woods
17-Oct-20	H Chorley	1-0	Vassallo	9	Hanford	Oliver	Vassallo	Benjamin	Anson	Morgan	Winnard
24-Oct-20	A Blyth Spartans	3-0	Newell, Vassallo, Carver	2	Hanford	Oliver	Vassallo	Benjamin	Anson	Morgan	Woods
31-Oct-20	H Boston United	0-1		6	Hanford	Oliver	Doyle	Benjamin	Bainbridge	Morgan	Winnard

NOVEMBER

03-Nov-20	A Kettering Town	1-0	Morgan	4	Hanford	Challoner	Vassallo	Benjamin	Anson	Morgan	Bainbridge
07-Nov-20	A AFC Telford United	1-1	Carver	3	Hanford	Challoner	Doyle	Benjamin	Anson	Morgan	Woods

10-Nov-20 H York City

14-Nov-20 H Spennymoor Town

16-Nov-20 A Bradford PA

21-Nov-20 A Gateshead

28-Nov-20 H Alfreton Town

DECEMBER

01-Dec-20 H Farsley Celtic

05-Dec-20 FA Trophy

12-Dec-20 A Guiseley

19-Dec-20 FA Trophy

26-Dec-20 H Curzon Ashton

28-Dec-20 A AFC Fylde

JANUARY

02-Jan-21 A Curzon Ashton

09-Jan-21 H Darlington

16-Jan-21 A Chester

23-Jan-21 H Leamington

30-Jan-21 A Gloucester City

FEBRUARY

06-Feb-21 H Kidderminster Harriers

09-Feb-21 A Brackley Town

13-Feb-21 H Kettering Town

20-Feb-21 A Hereford

27-Feb-21 H Blyth Spartans

MARCH

06-Mar-21 A Chorley

13-Mar-21 A York City

20-Mar-21 H AFC Telford United

23-Mar-21 H Bradford PA

27-Mar-21 A Spennymoor Town

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The CLUB NEWS

MAIN NEWS

Well Done Lads



Wow! What a fantastic final total Harry & Leighton raised in £2585 from their 50 lap bike marathon around the ground in the pouring rain.


Pictured with Ian, Liam and James the club and the family are discussing what the best use of the money raised will be and we will update everyone in due course.

STREAM DREAM

We have gone from stream nightmare to stream scream to scream dream after the streams against Chorley and Boston went without a hitch at our end. We have issued some hints and tips to hopefully further improve the stream for supporters.

Bethany had a new gadget for the camera for the Boston game which improved her camera work.

Rather professional looking now don't you think.



OLDEST BALL BOY IN THE LEAGUE?

Our matchday ball crew are currently the guys that are down most days of the week volunteering at the club. Responsible for getting the balls sanitised and out of people's gardens when the wayward shots go out of the ground they are doing a fine job lead by 85 year old Brian Anderson who could well be the oldest ball boy in the league?



Southport Football Club Remembers

The Fallen Sandgrounders



(Thank you to Dan Hayes Port Online)

World War 1

Benjamin Rickerby

Rank, Service No, Regiment: Rifleman, 25/1111, 3rd Bn. 3rd New Zealand Rifle Brigade

Last Known Address: Masterton, Wellington, New Zealand

Died: 15/09/1916

Burial Place: Caterpillar Valley (New Zealand) Memorial, Somme, France

Biography: Benjamin is one of 1,200 officers and men of the New Zealand Division who died in the Battle of the Somme in 1916.

SFC Playing Stats: 8 Appearances, 1903-1905

William Rigby

Rank, Service No, Regiment: Lance Sergeant, 52059, 1/8th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers,

Formerly 34852 Liverpool Regiment

Last Known Address: 18 Devonshire Road, Southport

Died: 27/10/1918

Burial Place: Duke Street Cemetery, Southport

Biography: William died at a military hospital from wounds received. He was buried with full military honours.

SFC Playing Stats: 58 Appearances 1913-1915 plus war-time appearances

William Sinclair

Rank, Service No, Regiment: Sapper, 97477, 154th Field Company, Royal Engineers

Last Known Address: 58 Heysham Road, High Park, Southport

Died: 01/07/1916

Burial Place: Bienvillers Military Cemetery, France

Biography: William was killed in action on the first

day of the Battle of the Somme. In civilian life he was a joiner.

SFC Playing Stats: war-time appearances

John Henry (Jack) Wareing

Rank, Service No, Regiment: Gunner,118247,281st Brigade, Royal Field Artillery

Last Known Address: 133 Heysham Road, Southport

Died: 28/03/1918

Burial Place: Anzin-St Aubin British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

Biography: John was killed in action dying instantaneously, while serving his gun.

SFC Playing Stats: 21 Appearances, 1903-1906

Reginald Leaf Turnell

Rank, Service No, Regiment: Second Lieutenant, 13th Bn. attd 20th Bn.

Middlesex Regiment

Last Known Address:126 Upper Aughton Road, Birkdale

Died: 23/11/1917

Burial Place: Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, France & on a brass plaque from St. Andrew's Church, now in Christ Church, Lord Street, Southport

Biography: Richard was killed while leading his platoon into attack. Lieutenant Turnell joined the army at the outbreak of war. He underwent training with the Royal Flying Corps and received his commission in July 1916. He flew expeditions until October 1916 after which an accident prevented him remaining with the Corps. He was then transferred to the Middlesex regiment.

SFC Playing Stats: 9 Appearances 1912/13

Edward John Lightfoot

Rank, Service No, Regiment: Sergeant,168781,1st Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

Last Known Address: 1 Sefton Street, Litherland
Died: 20/07/1918

Burial Place: Esquelbecq Military Cemetery, Nord, France

Biography: Edward was the youngest son of Edward Lightfoot and Elizabeth Lightfoot (nee Williams). Edward enlisted in Seaforth, Lancashire. He was killed in action.

SFC Playing Stats: 75 Appearances, 1909-1911

Richard Rainford

Rank, Service No, Regiment: 410863Canadian Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment)

Died: 09/04/1917

Burial Place: Villers Station Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

Biography: Born on 17th Feb 1886 in Southport,

Richard played for Southport Central in 1906-07. He also played for Chester and in around 1913 went to live in Toronto from where he enlisted on May 8th 1915. He served with the Canadian army in France and received a Canadian war decoration posthumously in removing a wounded officer under heavy fire to a place of safety. Before emigrating to Canada Rainford was employed by Messrs Buck and Hodson as a brick setter.

SFC Playing Stats: 4 appearances, 1 Goal 1906-07

World War 2

Leslie Cant

Rank, Service No, Regiment, Unit: Lance Corporal, 4466387, Durham Light Infantry, 16th Battalion.

Died: 19th June 1943

Burial place: Bone War Cemetery Annaba, Algeria.

Biography: Though working in a steelworks in the early part of the war, he volunteered for service in the Durham Light Infantry. He was the sole survivor when six men were blown up in a dugout in the North African desert. Though he lost limbs, he clung on to life for nine weeks only to die on the operating table in a military hospital.

SFC Playing Stats: 11 Appearances, 1934/1935

Henry 'Harry' Salmon

Rank, Service No, Regiment, Unit: Sarjeant, 5120865, 1/7th Bn., Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Died: 30/07/1944, Caen France

Burial Place: Fonteney-le-Pesnel War Cemetery

Biography: Initially working on ammunitions, he was called up in 1940 and joined the Warwickshire Regiment; he took part in the D-Day landings but was killed when a mine exploded.

SFC Playing Stats: 25 Appearances, 1937/38

Jimmy 'Tim' Briscoe

Rank, Service No, Regiment, Unit: Guardsman, 2661711, 2nd Bn., Coldstream Guards

Died: 10/06/1944 Mentefiascone, Viterbo, Italy

Burial Place: Bolsena War Cemetery

Biography: He was killed in action on the Italian front aged only 30, helping a comrade who had been shot by a sniper.

SFC Playing Stats: 2 Appearances, 1937/38





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WATCHING SOUTHPORT AWAY...

PART 2 BY *Noel Warham*



Our recent away trip to the North East brought back a number of memories - although Blyth is regrettably still on my to-do list. Unfortunately, it's always fallen on a weekend which I've not been able to travel. I have however done Spennymoor once - a bit of an arduous journey involving a bus or taxi from Durham and a certain amount of karaoke.

I also missed the early goal we scored through Ross Hannah as I turned to speak to Andy and Jake at the most inopportune moment. I've made it to Darlington a couple of times and despite the fact that it's a bit of a hike to the ground, it's rapidly become one of my favourite away days. Even though it's a rugby ground, the people there are friendly and the bar is good. I'm also a fan of the town centre which has a lot of different places to go - in particular if you head a little

way out of the main town centre, there is a street with some excellent little bars which offer a good pint and a warm welcome.

When most 'Port fans think of the North East though, one team comes to mind and that's Gateshead, and for me it is no different. My most recent visit - and the only time I've actually made it to the International Stadium - was unfortunately the game midway through the 2017/18 season which saw

a poor performance on the pitch and significant unrest in the stands. It's nice to see how things have largely come together to become more harmonious since then. My two previous visits are more memorable for different reasons. My previous day trip to Newcastle didn't actually result in a game at all; we had just changed trains at Carlisle when a text message came through from Haydn Preece to advise us it was almost certain the game would be called off (which he was understandably seething about having been assured previously all was well). The rubber stamp of doom arrived just before we pulled into the 'Toon, and so our hardy group and other tourists were left with the arduous task of finding our own entertainment on a rainy afternoon in Newcastle. It was a tough job, for sure.



However, my most memorable visit to the North East was definitely my first – a weekend trip to Newcastle with a large group of tourists in 2013: Dave, Ian, Ian, Karl, James, Andy and I were staying in Newcastle over the Easter weekend but due to the state of their usual pitch, Gateshead were enjoying a nomadic existence at that point with our game taking place in Hartlepool. We arrived on the day at Hartlepool station to be greeted by the 'Rat Race Ale House', a former waiting room to the station which had been transformed into a den of iniquity. Promising punitive measures if you requested lager, Guinness or Sky Sports, we enjoyed a pleasant sojourn there before heading up to the ground. The game itself was going exceptionally well until a minute before the end of regulation, with goals from Chris Almond and Shaun Whalley seeing us in a comfortable position. One of our number stormed out around the seventy minute mark saying he wasn't watching negative tactics and was heading back to the pub. In hindsight, he displayed a prescience which would make Nostradamus blush: Aaron Chalmers was sent off on 89 minutes and two goals in injury time (including one which everyone agrees never went in!) saw us surrender two precious points and be consoled by a smug comrade back in the Rat Race. Sadly, a venue which I believe no longer exists.

The best element of this entire trip though was the journey back to Newcastle. As can only be expected,

we ended up on the same train as many of the Gateshead fans. I think it's fair to say that from appearances, they seemed more than a little intimidating. However, tentative conversations saw us bond over a mutual appreciation of non-league football and the journey back saw a sing-song, the level of which has probably only ever been repeated once(!), with The Human League being particularly popular. It was interrupted only when the train stopped at Sunderland. One of our new Geordie compatriots shouted to a group of football fans on the platform about the inadequacies of the Black Cats, to receive clarification that they were not Sunderland fans, but of Manchester United. The next few moments were a fury of violence and mayhem which I have never seen before as both groups of fans indulged in a rapid brawl. However, the guard's whistle provoked a pavlovian reaction which stunned the tourist onlookers, as the Gateshead fans filed meekly back onto the train before starting off another chorus of 'I was working as a waitress in a cocktail bar...'

When we returned to Newcastle, we were invited very firmly to join our new friends for a fine light ale, an invitation we dared not turn down! A pleasant and cordial time was had by all, and for me this is what underlined the joy of following a non-league team away from home is all about. It's as much about the people you meet, the places you see and the experiences you have as about the game you watch. However, without the football club which we love, none of these amazing times and incredible friendships would be possible. I can certainly say my life would be immeasurably poorer for its absence. That's why this club of ours is so important, and why the efforts which so many have made in these difficult times have been so heartening. Football Clubs like ours make a difference to so many people on so many levels and it's only when and if they're not there that we'll realise just how aptly they represent the heart of the community. So as it stands, the away day extravaganzas are not over, they're just paused, and I'm sure the first tour we go on post-Covid will be a particularly vibrant and special occasion. In the meantime, there are plenty of memories to remember, and many stories to tell...



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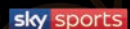
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STAT ATTACK

When George Newell scored the first goal at Blyth it was our 3600th Non League goal in all competitions and it got me looking back at our other milestone goals so here goes....



GOAL MILESTONES ALL GAMES

Goal	Game	Gap	Date	Player	H/A	Comp	Opponents	Score
1	1		19 August 1978	Joe Turner	A	Lge	South Liverpool	1-0
50	34		10 February 1979	Graham Barrow	H	Lge	Buxton	2-1
100	88	87	04 March 1980	John Moogan	A	Lge	Netherfield	1-1
200	175	87	24 October 1981	Gary Cooper	A	FAT	Nantwich	1-2
300	248	73	19 January 1983	Joe Strong	A	Lge	Morecambe	2-2
400	327	79	07 April 1984	Ben Seddon	H	Lge	South Liverpool	1-0
500	389	62	08 April 1985	Andy Mutch	A	Lge	Witton Albion	2-2
600	442	53	15 February 1986	Ronnie Naden	H	Lge	Bangor City	3-1
700	503	61	27 December 1986	Kevin McCormack	A	Lge	Caernarfon	1-1
800	578	75	05 March 1988	Paul Allen	H	Lge	South Liverpool	1-1
900	641	63	04 February 1989	Bobby Thomson	H	Lge	Goole Town	1-1
1000	720	79	25 September 1990	Ossie Smith	H	Lge	Bangor City	3-2
1100	771	51	18 April 1991	Steve Whitehall	H	PILC	Witton Albion	4-1
1200	831	60	07 April 1992	Tony Jarvis	H	Lge	Frickley Athletic	3-2
1300	876	45	16 January 1993	Steve Haw	A	Lge	Frickley Athletic	5-2
1400	922	46	16 October 1993	Steve Haw	A	Lge	Telford United	3-1
1500	988	66	25 November 1994	Jimmy Blackhurst	H	Lge	Merthyr Tydfil	3-1
1600	1044	56	06 January 1996	Andy Whittaker	H	Lge	Kettering	6-1
1700	1103	59	22 December 1996	Martin Clark	A	SC	Stalybridge Celtic	1-2
1800	1163	60	13 January 1998	David Gamble	H	LJC	Marine	4-0
1900	1233	70	13 February 1999	Lee Elam	A	Lge	Northwich	2-1
2000	1312	79	06 May 2000	Mark Stuart	A	Lge	Stevenage Borough	1-1
2100	1377	65	04 September 2001	Kevin Leadbeater	A	Lge	Leigh RMI	2-1
2200	1449	72	17 December 2002	Neil Gibson	H	LJC	Great Harwood	4-1
2300	1519	70	06 March 2004	Neil Robinson	A	Lge	Spennymoor	2-0
2400	1570	51	05 February 2005	Terry Fearnis	A	Lge	Worcester City	3-1
2500	1652	82	03 October 2006	Dino Maamria	A	Lge	Oxford United	2-2
2600	1715	63	04 December 2007	Karl Noon	A	SS	Barrow	2-3
2700	1773	58	13 December 2008	Steve Daly	A	FAT	Altrincham	4-1
2800	1828	55	03 November 2009	Chris Simm	H	LJC	Holker Old Boys	3-1
2900	1883	55	13 November 2010	Paul Barratt	H	Lge	Bath	2-3
3000	1953	70	28 January 2012	Sam Sheridan	A	Lge	Hayes & Yeading	2-0
3100	2013	60	16 March 2013	Chris Almond	A	Lge	Ebbsfleet	1-4
3200	2094	81	28 October 2014	Richard Brodie	H	FAC	Tamworth	1-1
3300	2188	94	16 August 2016	Ashley Grimes	A	Lge	Macclesfield	1-3
3400	2269	81	01 January 2018	Jack Sampson	H	Lge	Chorley	3-0
3500	2329	60	12 February 2019	Jason Gilchrist	H	LSC	Tranmere Rovers	1-0
3600	2395	66	24 October 2020	George Newell	A	Lge	Blyth Spartans	3-0

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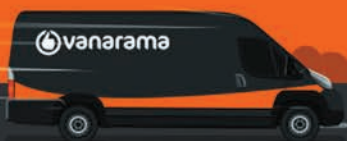
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APPEARANCES & SCORERS 2020/21

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
Mo Ali	440	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Adam Anson	365	4	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	
Jack Bainbridge	277	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Russell Benjamin	540	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	
Marcus Carver	508	6	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	2	2
Matty Challoner	540	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jack Doyle	294	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Dan Hanford	540	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tony McMillan	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
David Morgan	540	6	0	2	0	1	19	0	1	3	22	1
George Newell	159	2	1	1	1	1	5	1	2	3	8	
Charlie Oliver	540	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jack Sampson*	189	2	1	1	0	0	25	0	0	11	36	
Dylan Vassallo	394	4	2	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	2	
Niall Watson	292	3	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Dean Winnard	153	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	
Marcus Wood	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Connor Woods	174	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	
Own Goals								1	1			
* No Longer At Club												
Added Time	-5											
Total	5940	66	12	22	5	6	60	3	9	25	85	6

SOUTHPORTSTATS

LEAGUE TABLE 2020/21

07-November	HOME						AWAY						GS	GA	GD	PTS	H	A
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A							
1 Gloucester City	5	3	0	0	11	3	1	1	0	4	3	15	6	9	13			
2 AFC Fylde	5	3	0	0	6	2	1	1	0	2	1	8	3	5	13			
3 Southport	6	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	5	1	6	2	4	11			
4 Boston United	4	1	1	0	4	3	2	0	0	5	0	9	3	6	10	0-1		
5 Kidderminster Harriers	5	1	1	1	4	3	2	0	0	5	1	9	4	5	10			
6 Chester	5	2	0	0	5	3	1	0	2	4	5	9	8	1	9			
7 AFC Telford	6	2	1	1	5	2	0	1	1	3	4	8	6	2	8		1-1	
8 Spennymoor	4	2	1	0	6	4	0	1	0	1	1	7	5	2	8			
9 Bradford Park Avenue	5	1	1	1	3	2	1	0	1	3	3	6	5	1	7			
10 Alfreton Town	5	0	2	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	4	5	-1	6			
11 York City	3	1	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	4	2	2	5			
12 Farsley Celtic	6	1	2	0	3	2	0	0	3	2	6	5	8	-3	5			
13 Curzon Ashton	6	1	1	2	3	8	0	1	1	3	4	6	12	-6	5			
14 Guiseley	3	1	0	1	4	1	0	1	0	1	1	5	2	3	4			
15 Hereford	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	-1	4	0-0		
16 Blyth Spartans	6	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	3	4	12	5	16	-11	4		3-0	
17 Darlington	3	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	3	1	4	4	0	3			
18 Kettering	4	1	0	1	3	2	0	0	2	3	6	6	8	-2	3		1-0	
19 Gateshead	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	3	2	4	-2	3			
20 Brackley Town	3	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	3	2	5	-3	2			
21 Leamington	4	0	0	1	0	4	0	2	1	4	5	4	9	-5	2			
22 Chorley	5	0	0	2	1	4	0	1	2	1	4	2	8	-6	1	1-0		
TOTAL	100	21	14	15	68	59	15	14	21	59	68	127						

LEAGUE MATCH STATS

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

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ON THIS DAY



It was all proceeding rather well. At the start of November 1972 the notes in the programme for our home fixture with Chester on November 3rd made this statement. "It is the aim of any club with eyes on promotion to take 50 points from the first half of the season and that target is in sight as far as Southport is concerned".

We required a further 5 points from 6 matches. We were capable of taking those points from our next three home games as we were undefeated at Haig Avenue. After Chester we would face Workington and Crewe Alex here and play aways at Colchester United, Stockport County and Northampton Town. Of those sides only Chester and Workington were then in the top half of Division 4 with Alex and Colchester in the relegation places. The Chester game supplied two of the points but the score was close at 3-2. Andy Provan our leading scorer on 12 goals at that point with two netted against Chester was sent off in the second half. Would a suspension be damaging to our promotion hopes was in supporter's thoughts at that time. It was not.

Our opponents on Friday night November 10th were Colchester at their old Layer Road Stadium. Back in September Bobby Sibbald's penalty kick had been enough to defeat Colchester when they visited us. The U's had been stubborn opponents then but eventually went down to their 5th successive away defeat. The Essex club had decided upon a change of Manager at the end of October seeing that they were stuck at the

foot of the League table with no wins in 12 attempts and the job of improving matters was handed to the late Jim Smith - Bald Eagle - as he became known in a long and largely successful career in Football Management. In his later autobiography Smith says that he told the directors that he thought their team were "***** awful" when watching a game with them and they respected his honesty. He kept his playing registration for that season only, turning out seven times including a first appearance from the bench in our game. He lasted at Colchester until joining Blackburn Rovers in 1975.

League leaders Mansfield Town a result that had helped us in second place. We had been warned that Colchester might be about to revive under new Management. Their leading scorer that season was their number 11 Mick Mahon with 12 including one against us in a 3-1 victory. A diminutive winger who signed from York City on a free transfer he left the club in December 1973 for non league club Wimbledon. The result at Layer Road was not what we had expected and the next weekend saw us exit the FA Cup at Port Vale when I remember seeing our keeper Peter Gregson roughed up by the home team early on in the game resulting in his sustaining broken ribs which kept him out of the team until the following February.

The six games referred to above eventually netted us 8 points from four victories and going int the Christmas period we were well on course for promotion and our eventual Championship.

As for Colchester United they certainly improved but a run of poor form from February through to the season's end saw them finish in twenty-second place. In 1974 though a complete change of fortune saw them promoted.

COLCHESTER UNITED	SOUTHPORT
John MURRALL	Peter GREGSON
John McLAUGHLIN	Alex BROWN
Brian HALL	Derek RYDER
Phil THOMAS	John McPHEE
Bobby ROBE	Chris DUNLEAVEY
Stewart MORGAN	Bobby SIBBALD
Phil BLOSS	Norman LLOYD
Dave SIMMONS	Mike MOORE
Linley SMITH	Jimmy FRYATE
Steve FOLEY	Andy PROVAN
Mick MAHON	Francis LEE
Jim SMITH	David TURNER
Colchester Whites	Colchester Gold & Blue

Lineups
 Mgr. J. T. KENNEDY (Colchester), Mr. D. A. SIMS (Southport)
 Referee: Mr. R. C. CHALLIS (Tendring)



Taking charge for his first game a fortnight previously Smith inspired them to draw with the



The LAST WORD

Our programme sales have been good so far this season but we could still do with a few more to convince me it is worth continuing with a printed version. Tell your friends how good it is!

We are boosted this evening by the usual big order from our friends at York who still enjoy the printed version-thank you all!

The horrible weather of late stopping garden activity coupled with COVID restrictions have made for a fair amount of time spent indoors and a real chance to go through a lot of SFC archive items I have in my possession. Trouble is when you start reading it all you can't stop and it takes far longer than you expect but it's always a good read and plenty of programme material going forward as I look to bring something a bit different in every programme.

"Programme Gremlins" are my "Programme Nightmares" particularly the ones you don't expect as happened in the last edition when on some of the pages words that had a ti in them suddenly appeared with a K or other strange letters appeared in words. Now it wasn't like that when I sent it off so somewhere in the print process they appeared. Note to self...check every page in future!

Our last home game against Boston United was disappointing from the result angle as we lost our unbeaten record and conceded our first goal of the season. I think the big difference we noticed was after conceding we didn't capitulate and in extremely windy conditions we gave a very good account of ourselves and could have grabbed a draw. Needless to say the doom merchants were out in force on Port Chat after the game, some

things never change. It was a frustrating afternoon with Boston doing a very professional job on us but the lads never gave up against a side I would expect to see in the Play Offs.

The stream went well against Boston. We monitor the output from the ground and there wasn't one break in the transmission at our end. It appears a few people suffered internet issues with buffering but we can't do too much about that. It isn't helpful when some of our own supporters go out with comments like "the stream is a joke" we need the streams to be supported. Whilst we admit there was an issue with the Hereford game for some people and yes it was only some people despite the bad press some of the Hereford fans are intent on giving us we have worked so hard to get it up and running and are generally delighted with the results. There are things we can and will improve. As you can see elsewhere in the programme the addition of a monitor to the camera will help Bethany with her camera work and the commentators now have headsets very kindly supplied by Michael Reece which we hope will cut out some of the background noise although we found out against Boston it doesn't cut it all out!!!!!!

Rob

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- 10 George Newell
- 11 Marcus Carver
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- 16 Dylan Vassallo
- 17 Niall Watson
- 18 Jack Bainbridge



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- 17 Owen Gamble
- 18 Ryan Whitley
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- 20 Jack Redshaw

MATCH OFFICIALS

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ASSISTANT REFEREE Luis Griffiths

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Saturday November 14th
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