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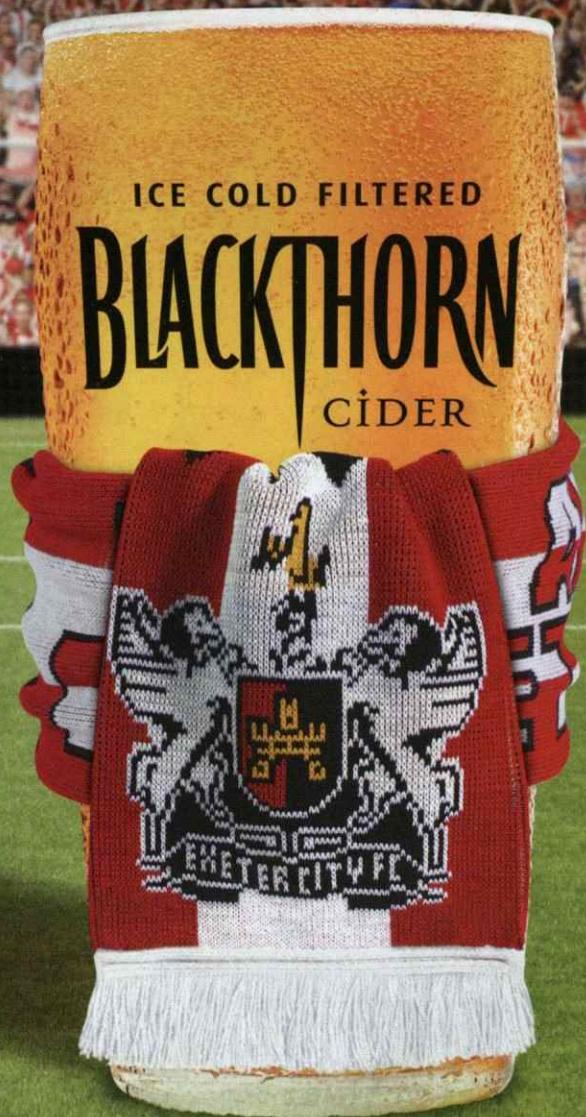
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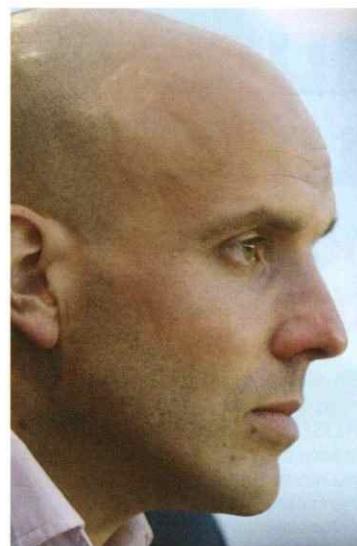


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'The Gaffer': PAUL TISDALE

Good afternoon everyone and welcome back to the Park for our second home League game of the season. I would like to extend a very warm Devon welcome to all the players, officials and supporters of Luton Town and trust that they enjoy their short stay with us.

This is sure to be another difficult encounter, for as you know Luton started the season well adrift at the bottom of the table, but in Mick Harford they possess a manager full of determination and with great ability and I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see the Hatters climb the table to safety.

They have already beaten our near neighbours Plymouth Argyle 2-0 in the League Cup and in the league they have a similar record to us. However this is a game I believe we can win if we all give 100%, and show the same passion and commitment that we have done in our three previous league games, three games that could have yielded nine points.

Our last home fixture saw us lose, very unluckily I thought, against Shrewsbury Town, and the fact that they are on top of the table with a 100% record does not surprise me. They are gunning for the title this season, but we more than matched them all over the pitch and with a bit more luck in front of goal would have won the game.

I think we hit the woodwork three times, but things have a habit of evening themselves out come the end of the season. We came off the pitch feeling pretty frustrated, but I am quite pleased with the way we played.

That game demonstrated to me that we are going to be more than capable of holding our own at this level, however, it's no good holding your own if you cannot take points. A scruffy goal or two will do.

We have to be a team that plays well, but also a team that gets points. It's no good

From The Manager's Office

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playing well and losing. On another day we will play badly, but win. We put 25 crosses into their box, but we didn't work their keeper enough. It's very hard for me to criticise because we did so much right.

Last week saw our Reserve side start their campaign going down 1-0 at Bournemouth at Dean Court. Dean Moxey had a very, very good hour in that game and that got him onto the bench at the weekend.

Ben Watson also returned, getting 65 minutes under his belt and Jack Obersteller and Chris Shepherd also got in some useful match practice. We had a trialist playing, Peter Moore, but we have not offered him a contract.

The reserve team matches are very important because they are an opportunity to maintain match fitness for the whole squad. All the players who have been out injured need more football but each of them progresses every day.

It's valuable in general for the players to keep as close to match fitness as they can, because they need to be ready to step into the first-team if, for whatever reason, the chance is there for them to step up.

Last weekend saw us make the relatively short trip to Bournemouth again, this time for a League fixture, and what a fantastic result! The players are starting to believe in themselves and that win will be a big lift for the whole squad.

We needed the win. We deserved it against Shrewsbury, but we didn't get it. I said to them, win lose or draw we have to keep believing in what we are doing. You have to believe it's going to work and it did.

We weren't perfect. We made a lot of mistakes. We were a little bit deep at the end and under a lot of pressure. I think that Bournemouth started really well. I suspect it was a change in formation for them. They changed the game on the hour mark to a 4-4-2 and caused us one or two problems with long, straight balls. They certainly made our two centre-halves work in the first-half, though in the second half not so much.

They caused us problems in the first-half but we still had chances, a couple came from

good passing movements and one came off a long ball which Adam got in on. We were passing to feet, something we had been working on all week.

It was good to see a midfielder score, Ryan has been threatening to do that for a while. He strikes the ball so well, keeping it low with very little back-lift, which can be difficult for a keeper.

It was also pleasing to see Dean Moxey back in action. He showed a bit of rustiness and he might not be fit enough to start a game, but he adds another dimension to our 16.

Can I also just mention our terrific support again, those of you who made the journey deserve a pat on the back. You were fantastic again. To all our supporters we need 100% of your support 100% of the time, the players really do respond to it.

Enjoy the game
Paul



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View from the Chair

This afternoon we welcome Luton Town, their management team, Directors and of course, their loyal fans who have made the long journey here to Exeter. It has been many years since Luton visited us here, so I hope at it's a good game of football for everyone. We all know that Luton have had a roller coaster of a ride in the past few months, but please be assured of a very warm Exeter City welcome and I hope that you all have a safe journey back to Luton later today.



The Supporters' Trust

Marty Lawrence, the Trust's Communications Officer and New Membership Co-ordinator has reported a steady flow of new memberships which grows weekly. In order for the Trust to continue making monthly donations to the Club we need to KEEP growing.

Thanks once again to all those of you who have signed up - please bear with Marty and his team whilst we deal with the many new applications although at time of writing we are pretty much up-to-date.

Just a reminder that there are Trust membership forms in Reception at Exeter City, in the shop and in the foyer as you enter the bar and in the racks by the lifts so no excuses! You can also join the Trust by logging onto www.ecfst.org.uk and hit the 'Join the Trust' button to see how you can benefit.

The Annual General Meeting Thistle Hotel Saturday 18 October

With the Supporters Trust AGM fast approaching Chris Phillips and his team have been busy in the run-up to the AGM. I now know that there WILL be an election which, of course, means you will all get an opportunity to vote new Trustees onto the Board of Society, the group of Trustees that represents YOU, the Trust members.

Running the Supporters Trust is a tremendous responsibility for all the Trustees and we take it very, very seriously. So in return please can you all take the time to read the instructions for voting when they drop through your letterbox or into your 'inbox' and, of course, don't forget to attend the AGM or send a proxy to vote for you.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DETAILS - Have you

Chairman:
DENISE WATTS



surely act as an even firmer foundation for the team moving forward. A final mention must go to Adam Stansfield who put in another glorious performance. All this, in the same week he, his wife and 2 sons celebrated another new addition to the Stansfield family. Congratulations from us all and a very warm welcome to the world to your new baby son from everyone at Exeter City, CONGRATULATIONS!

moved house recently or changed your mobile telephone number? If so then PLEASE remember to email or write and let us know the changes. If not we cannot keep you informed or send you up-to-date information.

More importantly if we don't have your correct details we can't get in touch with you fast if you are lucky enough to get drawn out of the hat for the Trust's Director for the day prize which means that you and a guest will be my guest in the Directors' box for hospitality and tickets for the match! See below for this week's lucky winner.

Who's In The Director's Box Today?

Firstly welcome to Club sponsors and those potential sponsors visiting us today. As well as the management team and guests of Luton Town we also have the Trust Director for the Day Shaune Cox and his son Darren who he brings as his guest, welcome to you both from the Trust.

As I mentioned above a week before every home match we draw a name out of the hat and they attend, with a partner, for hospitality in the Directors' Box as well as grandstand seats for the match. Of course you need to be a Trust member to win it AND we need to be able to contact you!

Please make sure that you are a Trust member, to benefit, and that you inform us of any change of address or telephone number. Mobile numbers are good for contacting you quickly. Please don't miss out as many of you do!

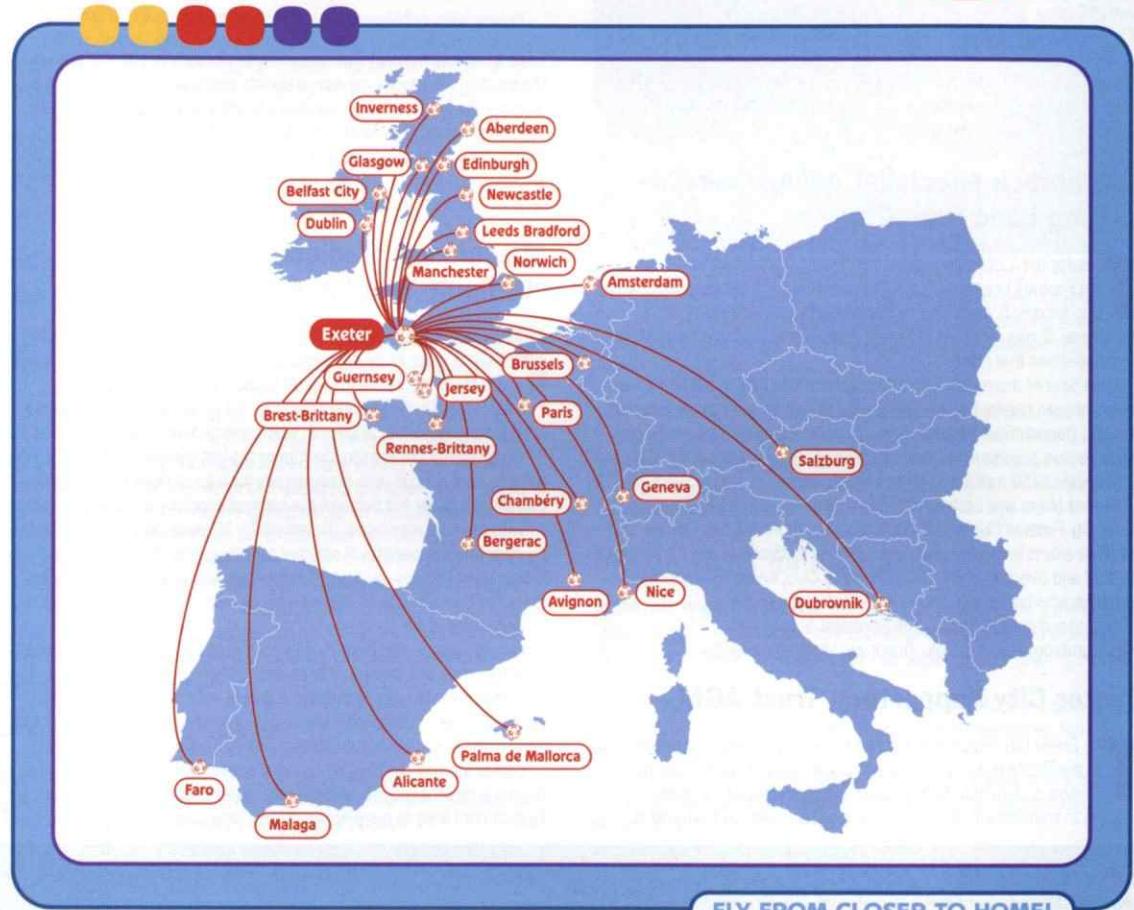
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City versus Shrewsbury Johnstone's Paint Trophy match details

Exeter City's 1st Round Johnstone's Paint Trophy is on Tuesday 2nd September at 7.45pm against Shrewsbury Town. Reduced prices for the game apply and are as follows:

Flybe Stand: Adults £12, Concessions (Students/seniors over 60) £6, under 16s free

Stagecoach Stand (incl away section): Adults £10, Concessions £5, under 16s free

Big Bank and St James Away Terrace: Adults £10, concessions £5, under 16s free

Please note that under 16s looking to use the Flybe Stand will need to use the Stadium Way turnstiles only. A mini version of 'The Grecian' match magazine will be on sale for the tie.

Southbrook specialist college receive helping hand from City

Tuesday the 12th of August marked Exeter City's return to the ranks of the Football League with our first appearance in the League (Carling) Cup for over 5 years. This momentous day was marked by an attendance of over 6,000 at St James' Park, one of the largest crowds in the competition that night.

At half time of this match a charity collection was held in aid of the Lord Mayor's chosen charity, Southbrook Specialist College (part of the Extended Learning Opportunities Project). A band of over 12 volunteers conducted the collection and thanks to their efforts, and the generosity of the City faithful, over £750 was raised for this worthy cause.

The Lord Mayor was ecstatic with this superb figure and everybody at Exeter City Football Club would like to wish Southbrook School all the best in their efforts in helping youngsters with their education and on behalf of the staff and directors of Exeter City Football Club, we would like to thank anybody who has contributed to this most worthy cause. For further details of Southbrook Specialist School visit www.southbrook.devon.sch.uk. Thank you all for your support.

Exeter City Supporters' Trust AGM

The Exeter City Supporters' Trust's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Thistle Hotel, Queen Street, Exeter; close to Exeter Central Station on Saturday 18th October 2008, starting at 11.30am. This is to coincide with the home match against Grimsby Town and is



The City players prior to the game at Bournemouth last Saturday. (Pic: Martin Weiler)

timed to enable as many Trust members as possible to attend the meeting. The meeting will provide an annual update report from the Trust Chair, a review of the Trust's financial position and allow any questions about the Trust's operations to be raised with Trust Board of Society members. The Annual General Meeting will also seek to ratify the result of the Board of Society (BoS) election and it is this important issue that the BoS wishes to raise with all Trust Members.

Mawhinney predicts "Difficult Year" ahead

Football League Chairman Lord Mawhinney has encouraged Football League clubs to be economically prudent in the year ahead, as the effects of the worldwide Credit Crunch take hold.

Speaking to Sky Sports News following the publication of The League's Agents' Fees Report for 2007/08, which revealed that clubs committed £11m to agents last season, the former cabinet minister said, "I think this is going to be a difficult year, economically, for a lot of clubs - not because they are run badly, but because the national economy is not in good shape.

"I have been a member of parliament for 26 years, and I understand the pressures on the budgets of ordinary people up and down the country. People spend money on things that they are interested in, or that excite them, but they also spend that money only after they have dealt with the fundamentals of life.

"People's disposable income, what they've got to spend on other things once they deal with these fundamentals, is likely to decrease this year. I think that probably means that some people will spend less on football. Also, a number of companies whose profits are being squeezed may have less money to spend on sponsorship and supporting their local clubs.

"Clearly football fanatics will continue spending their money on football. There will be other people who will say, 'I'd like to spend my money on football but I have to put petrol in the car, stay warm or put food on the

table. These are higher priorities'. Consequently, I think this may be a very difficult financial year for a number of clubs.

"Football clubs are an essential part of their communities and communities are hurting. The Bank of England was telling us just this week that communities are likely to continue to hurt for some time. Football cannot be totally protected from that economic squeeze.

"My advice to our own clubs is that you should review your budgets, make sure they are as tight as possible and make sure you administer them as tightly as possible."

Red or Dead – unsung 'Hero'

Many City fans will be aware of the massive fundraising efforts made by many Grecians to raise a minimum of £500 through the Red or Dead appeal.

This you may recall started at the time the club needed to raise around half a million pounds to come out administration and pay off old debts. Whilst the Man Utd cup ultimately came to our rescue one city fan has for the past 3 years contributed over £2,000 to his Red or Dead pledge. Yes, Joe Belso a gateman here at St. James Park has been donating his match day earnings to the Red or Dead campaign from the start and it is time to recognise his efforts publicly. Therefore, trustee Tony Badcock, on behalf of the Club and Exeter City FC Supporters' Trust we would like to say Thank You to Joe and to salute his unstinting efforts all this time.

Kids For Free voucher in The Exeter Times

The club's fixtures appeared in an insert in the Exeter Times recently, giving the whole of Exeter an opportunity to plan their Grecian watching this season.

On the leaflet, there was Kids for Free voucher enabling the holder to receive one free under 18 ticket for a league game this season along with a paying adult ticket. As season ticket holders have already paid for their tickets, we confirm that they do indeed qualify for this offer so can receive a free under 18 ticket. So, if you are buying a ticket or a season ticket holder, details need to be completed on the voucher and then exchanged for the ticket no later than 48 hours before the chosen match. Please send or visit the shop and do not present vouchers at turnstiles. They cannot be used there. Please take advantage of this offer and, for season ticket holders, the offer to introduce a friend for free (voucher in the back of the season ticket book). We want as many people coming along to support City and then coming back again and again!

Given extra 24-hours

It has been announced that clubs will get an extra 24 hours to bolster their squads, with the news that the transfer window will now officially close at midnight on Monday 1st September 2008.



Head of Youth Simon Hayward, Steve Perryman Director of Football and Assistant Manager John Yems meet the parents and tomorrow's ECFC Youth stars at SJP to present them with their playing and training kit at the recent Centre of Excellence Presentation Night.

The summer transfer window usually closes at the end of August but with August 31st falling on a Sunday, the Football Association, Premier League and Football League have agreed to extend it for the convenience of clubs.

Similar arrangements will also apply in January 2009, with the 31st falling on a Saturday.

Moore signs for FC Halifax

Former Wigan Athletic defender Peter Moore, who spent some time on trial with Exeter City recently, and featured in the reserve team in their game at AFC Bournemouth, has now signed for new club, FC Halifax Town.

Moore made his debut, just three days after playing for the Grecians, when Halifax visited Lancaster City for a Unibond League Division One North fixture, which the hosts won 2-0.

Moore links up with another former Grecian in the Halifax squad, namely midfielder Justin Walker, who signed for the club in the summer from Ilkeston Town.

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If ever there was a someone who epitomises 'local boy makes good', then it has to be Exeter City midfielder Dean Moxey.

After signing a new two-year contract with the Grecians in June he summed up his feeling for the club by saying: "I have always wanted to play for Exeter in the Football League. I am proud of being part of the team that got the club back into the League and hopefully we can push on next season."

Moxey signed his first professional contract in 2003, the year City lost their league status and dropped into the Conference, so this season has been eagerly looked forward to by the home grown product.

"This club, with the players and the support we have, was too big for the Conference and we proved that last season. There were a couple of clubs who were interested in me but I didn't really hear a lot about it to be honest with you. I was just concentrating on contract talks with Paul (Tisdale).

"My focus was on playing for my hometown club in the Football League. I am not going to sit here and say things won't happen in the future because you can't say that in football. But I am happy here and I want to push on again this season."

The midfielder who missed the pre-season build up after suffering a foot injury whilst away playing for the England 'C' side against Scotland in a Four Nations fixture, scored 12 goals last season in the Blue square Premier.

"My new two years gives me stability," said Moxey. "It is a nice contract to have and next summer I won't be worrying about contracts. Hopefully that will push me on next year. I enjoyed the best season of my career last year and hopefully I can reproduce that form."

Moxey shows plenty of determination and ambition and has no doubts that City have enough within the squad for the club to have another successful season.

"We won't get anywhere if we don't believe we can launch another challenge," he said. "We have the ability and the players. We all want to push on again and hopefully get into League One."

Moxey, who progressed via the club's youth system, made a first team impression in December 2004

when his goal helped City knock Doncaster Rovers out of the FA Cup at St James' Park to earn a money spinning tie at Manchester United in the following round.

The Doncaster game was not his Grecians debut though, for that came when he was introduced as substitute in a 2-1 win at Accrington Stanley in October 2003.

The euphoria of playing against Manchester United soon vanished for Moxey though for he was sidelined with a broken toe six weeks later when injured in City's win in the FA Trophy at Stamford.

Season 2005-06 and 2006-07 saw the midfielder in and out of the first team reckoning as he struggled to win a

regular berth in the side. However, it was all change for Moxey last season as he played a major role in City's promotion winning squad.

He celebrated early with a hat-trick netted against Stafford Rangers last April and a few days later followed that up with another two goals in the amazing 4-4 draw at fellow play-off hopefuls Burton Albion.

"Dean made a real contribution last season," said City boss Paul Tisdale. "His corner taking and set piece delivery caused problems for the opposition and that was something that really benefited us. I can think of the game against Salisbury when Richard Logan got his hat-trick and his contribution that day was great.

"I also think back to the FA Cup game at Ebbsfleet United where he took the two free-kicks that we scored from.

"And the goal at Wembley came from his corner so there are a few noticeable games in which Dean has assisted us, be it a set-piece or his own play.

So he has added a lot to his game and he has had a large part to play."

"It's weird for me because I'm the longest-serving player at the club," added Moxey.

"That's obviously a massive honour for me, but I want to be just

that, a player, not someone watching.

"I've set my ambitions now on just getting fit and getting back into the team because it is a dream for me to play for my hometown club in the league and I want that to happen soon.

"It was a massive thing for me to win at Wembley last season," he added: "it was like putting all the five years of hard work into one match and it was very rewarding at the end of it.

"I feel proud to play for the club, and proud to be the longest serving player and I'm just happy that I will get the chance to play for Exeter. We'll definitely not be sitting still though. You see the likes of Carlisle and Yeovil and how well they've done and it gives you an example of how well we could expect to do.

"You don't want to get out of non-league just to stay in this league (League Two), you want to keep going up and up and that's definitely what we'll be aiming for this year."



Dean Moxey.



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Exeter City Supporters' Trust

What is "The Trust"
By Martin Lawrence
(Trustee)

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Anybody who has read any of my previous programme articles will no doubt have noticed that I like to sell the Trust and its achievements as widely as possible. But sometimes I am all too aware that people's perceptions of the Trust are sometimes different from my own.

When I talk of the Trust, I am not referring to the individual organisation, the Industrial & Provident Society or the Board of Society in general, rather I am talking about the overarching sense of community and civic pride in our football club that is all too evident when people speak about Exeter City FC today.

Since the Trust took over the majority shareholding of Exeter City in 2003, the principle aims of the Trust and its members has been centralised around the betterment of our club and the promotion of a sense of community throughout the football club. This principle ethos has been delivered through the efforts of the board of directors of Exeter City who run the club on the Supporters' Trust's behalf.

The fact that words such as "community club" and "family club" are so synonymous with Exeter City is a testament to the work undertaken by our talented and committed directors who have all bought into the ethos of the Supporters' Trust and who, by and large, are all Trust members themselves.

Because of the apparent symbiosis of purpose of both the club and Trust, it sometimes less evident where one organisation ends and the other begins. To this end, I find it easier to define the Trust as more than just the organisation named "The Exeter City Supporters' Society Ltd" but rather as a set of morals and principles that governs how our club is run.

These morals and principles are well delivered through the actions of the clubs directors and thus to this end, it can be argued that the club directors are as much a part of the Trust as any of the Trustees or general Trust members.

The Trust board has every faith in the abilities of the current club directors to deliver our aims and objectives of the Trust in their administration of the club. One only has to look at the high regard that our club is held in by those in the local community, to see how well the Trust's aims for the community development of our club have been delivered by those running our club at present.

The success of Exeter City Football Club over the last five years has been fantastic for both the fans of our club, and for the City of Exeter and the wider community that the club serves. Much of this success has been made possible thanks to the direction and administration provided to Exeter City Football Club by its directors and staff, who

have done a terrific job in taking our club forward.

Unlike many football clubs around the country, Exeter City FC offers its fans a real opportunity to engage with the club in a number of different guises. Whether it is through direct interaction between the Trust board and club directors or through voluntary involvement with Exeter City Football Club, our club has developed a key working relationship with its fans and has built an environment that is geared to nurture this relationship further.

This sort of relationship is exactly what the Supporters' Trust movement is all about, and in my opinion, is the key to the proliferation of the movement throughout all levels of Football across Great Britain. The successes that we have realised here at Exeter City are much revered in the Footballing world and we owe it, not only to ourselves but Football in this country, to ensure we make a real success of our club.

If you have yet to join the Supporters' Trust then why not pick up an application form in the club reception or St James Centre and join us today. Your support is vital to the continuation of our success both on and off the field at Exeter City FC. You can make a difference!

If you would like to receive an application form and stamped address envelope please email trust@ecfc.co.uk with your name and address and a membership form will be dispatched to you.

Thank you all for...Up the City!

The 'Grecian Trust' Scheme – donate or sell your goods to make money for your trust and club!

The Exeter City Supporters Trust has now launched a new fundraising scheme - The 'Grecian Trust'. Here is a golden opportunity for you to clear out your drawers, cupboards, garage, sheds and attics, of unwanted, forgotten, never used items, and at the same time put them to good use.

Either donate the items to the Grecian Trust Scheme or have them professionally sold for you, through the scheme donating a percentage to the Trust. The Trust will sell your goods through Ebay, and live auctions locally, using professional expertise to get the best price possible.

All items passed to the Grecian Trust for sale will be fully documented and a trail from receipt to sale will be made, so you will be able to follow up on any donations you make. A free valuation service is also available as well as a local collection service should you need it.

Virtually any item will be considered, but if you are unsure, please contact Barry Sansom on 01392 214071 for clarification, or pop into the Club/Trust Reception in the Old Club Shop at the St. James Centre before any home match.

The Grecian Trust Scheme - Making Money for your Trust and Club

Exeter City Football In The Community

Tiny Tots and Soccer City

Exeter City's Football in the Community scheme now organise weekly coaching sessions. The details are as follows:

Tiny Tots

- for boys and girls aged 4 - 7 year olds - starting date: Saturday 9th September - time: 10am - 11am - venue: Southbrook School (off Topsham Road) - price: £12.50 for 5 weeks or £3 per session

Soccer City

- for boys and girls aged 7 - 14 years old - starting date: Monday 11th September - time: 6pm - 7pm - venue: King George V playing fields - price: £12.50 for 5 weeks or £3 per session

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Grecians' Match Report

Woodwork denies the Grecians

League football returned to St James' Park on Saturday 16th August. Fans were in the away end, a smattering of police were in attendance and queues were at the turnstiles. Yes City were back and a superb 4,916 turned up to see it in dismal conditions.

City started the match kicking towards the Blackthorn Big Bank in rainy and windy conditions. However, despite the conditions Exeter kept possession excellently and presented some slick passing moves.

Within the first 5 minutes George Friend had got beyond the full back on a couple of occasions and put in telling crosses. Both were well defended and led to corners for City. From the corners fell half chances to Logan and Marcus Stewart, both of whom failed to hit the target.

City continued to dominate the first half and for all the neat and clever passing there were no clear cut opportunities. In the 20th minute City won a free kick about 25 yards from goal. Up stepped Ryan Harley to fire a shot destined for the top left hand corner and send the Bank into raptures, however, the impressive Daniels in goal for the Shrews pushed it onto the bar and off for a corner. The resultant corner was headed onto the bar



Danny Seaborne hit the visitors' crossbar on two occasions.

again by Danny Seaborne.

From another corner City hit the bar for a third time. A ball to the far post was expertly trapped by Harley, his first shot was saved by the defender closing him down and from about 10 yards at a slight angle

Harley beat the keeper all ends up, only to see the shot crash back off the bar.

It was not all one way traffic in the first half, a poor touch from Seaborne let in Shrewsbury, but Paul Jones was out quick and saved with his feet.

Coming out for the second half it was clear that the Shrews had been given a talking to and they upped their game. The game was more finely balanced, but City continued to pass and move without creating many chances.

Long range efforts from Matt Gill and Friend did not threaten the goal too much. Adam Stansfield found himself in on goal, albeit at an angle, but dragged his shot well wide.

Then in the 70th minute there was the moment that all City fans were fearing. Paul Murray picked up the ball about 30 yards from goal, and advancing forward he was not closed down quick enough. When a couple of yards outside the area he launched a cracking drive inside the far post past Jones.

City then pushed forward looking for the equaliser, with Manny Panther, Craig McAllister and Steve Basham coming on for Rob Edwards, Stansfield and Logan.

Friend launched a fizzing cross across the 6 yard box but no one had gambled on it. Harley had another chance from a free kick. From a very similar position as the one in the first half he beat the wall, only this time the keeper pushed the ball wide for a corner.

From a corner City were denied by the woodwork again with Seaborne hitting the outside of the post with a header.

In the dying moments Shrewsbury played some lovely counter attacking football as City pushed further and further forward and they could have wrapped the game up but for some terrible shooting and some good defending.

The game ended at 0-1, but the

Ryan Harley's free-kick was destined for the top corner of the Shrews net.



Grecians were certainly not outclassed. Shrewsbury have spent big this summer and are one of the favourites to be promoted, and on this performance there was little between the teams.

It is very early days, and in the two opening games the team have created chances, but not got efforts on target. The League has been shown to be more clinical than the Conference and that that is the biggest lesson so far.

The problem for this game was a lack of shots on target. City had 16 shots and only 4 required any effort from the keeper. The dominance is underlined by the 61% possession and the 11 corners, but we did not threaten enough. Goals win games, and this match was a lesson in this.

The signs are very promising though, with Shrews and Darlington being the favourites and City have more than matched them, but not got the points that we have perhaps deserved.

Match Review

Saturday 16th August 2008
Coca-Cola League Two

Half Time: Exeter City 0 Shrewsbury Town 0
Attendance: 4,916
Referee: S. Hooper
Goalkeepers: W. Bull & R. Martin

Yellow Cards: David Hibbert (Shrewsbury)
Steven Hindmarch (Shrewsbury)

Red Cards: Nil

Substitutes:
Paul Murray (70th)

Exeter City:
Paul Jones, Steve Tully, Danny Seaborne, Matt Tabor, George Friend, Ryan Harley, Rob Edwards, Matt Gill, Adam Stansfield, Richard Logan, Marcus Lawton

Substitutes:
Steve Basham (for Stansfield 74th)
Danny Panther (for Edwards 75th)
Craig McAllister (for Logan 75th)
Adam Sercombe - not used
Andy Marriott - not used

Shrewsbury Town:
Mike Daniels, Ben Herd, Mike Jackson, Kelvin Longmead, Marc Tierney, Paul Murray, Ben Davies, Iain Cansdell-Sherriff, Kevin McIntyre, Grant Mitchell, Richard Walker

Substitutes:
Steven Hindmarch (for Walker 68th)
David Hibbert (for Paul Murray 80th)
Darren Moss - not used
Chris Humphrey - not used
Glynis Garner - not used

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After match comment



PAUL TISDALE (Exeter City Manager)

"We came off the pitch feeling pretty frustrated but I am quite pleased with the way we played and on another day we could have easily won."

"It demonstrates that we are going to more than hold our own at this level. But it is no good holding your own, we have got to take points. I would like a scruffy goal or two to get us off and running."

"I said to the players afterwards 'let's not be a team that is unlucky or a team that comes off with no points having played well'. We have to be the team that plays well and wins points."

"Although I am very frustrated I find it very difficult to criticise much. Yes we didn't get the ball in the back of the net, which is disappointing."

"We had 25 crosses into their box and we didn't work their keeper enough. But it is very hard for me to criticise because we did so much so right."

"We have to accept losing as well as winning and make sure that we don't lose our confidence to play good football. I think we have got enough about us to learn from our mistakes."

"Let's maintain that sort of tempo and the belief to play football that we have shown in our first home games and I just hope we don't get knocked out of our rhythm because we have lost a couple of games. It is my job to have a look at it and see where we can improve."

PAUL SIMPSON

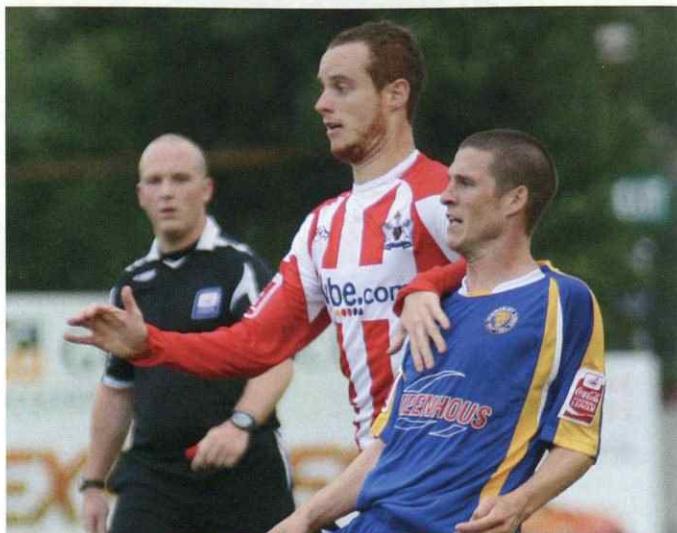
(Shrewsbury Town Manager)

"It's a big result because we have played two League games and won them both and it makes people take a little look at it."

"When you come to a place like Exeter and the scores come up on the television at 5pm, this is the sort of a result people look at."

"I don't think many teams will come here and take all three points over the season, especially with the way they played with their spirit and the passing."

"But we matched them for attitude and work ethic. We didn't play as well as we can but, at this moment in time, I'm not really bothered about that - it's about getting three points."



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For those who follow Exeter City, life is sweet at the moment, following on from promotion back to the Football League and the first win at AFC Bournemouth last weekend.

The club appears to be riding on a crest of a wave, (football has a habit of kicking you back down) with enthusiasm abounding no end as proven with the magnificent turn out of support at Darlington (604), and Bournemouth (1,239) two weeks later.

There seems to be no end either, to the boundless energy and support, as well as much dedication, shown by those who travel the length and breadth of the country.

You couldn't have been further apart than Darlo or Bournemouth, yet even at the former, the longest trip of the season, City fans turned up in huge numbers to welcome the Grecians back to the League.

The scenes at the end of the game at Bournemouth were perfectly captured on the You Tube site, and shows what it means to be an Exeter City fan, especially after a win!

It surely couldn't fail to leave a lump in your throat as you are proud to be a Grecian. Even better if you were actually at the game.

After five years of following the team from Farsley to Weymouth and Northwich to Grays, there are even more travellers lending their support to the team back in the Football League.

The numbers on the road were impressive in the Conference (later the Blue Square), but it must have been quite a shock to those at Darlington and Bournemouth, when they saw just how many had made their way from Devon to support Paul Tisdale's team.

Many have stated how far the club have come in recent years, in terms of organisation, the all important team, sponsors, commercial activities and indeed the number of supporters who now follow the Grecians.

Certainly I can only speak from experience as regards the latter, for there were many occasions in the 1960s when only a handful of travellers and sometimes just me, were at away matches in the old Fourth Division.

Now it is no longer a handful travelling, but hundreds, no matter where the City play. And if you go back to the two visits to Wembley, then you are talking about thousands of City fans travelling.



City fans celebrate a 1-0 victory.

On The Road

Saturday 23rd August 2008
AFC Bournemouth 0 Exeter City 1



The 604 City fans at Darlington, in an otherwise empty looking, huge, 27,000 capacity stadium.

The Grecians' second away trip of the season took us to the Fitness First Stadium at Bournemouth, with it being classed as our local derby, the City fans turned out in their droves for this match in what was a warm and sunny day.

City seemed to appear a little nervous to begin with, but took things in their stride as the game progressed. Within the first few minutes, Exeter were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box, which was taken by Ryan Harley, but the chance to take advantage was quickly cast aside.

Bournemouth had a few chances but didn't capitalise on them well at all. Chances fell for Adam Stansfield several times, a knock on from Richard Logan saw an effort go wide and having an effort denied by the keeper also.

Bournemouth then tried their luck with a cheeky lob, but it went wide, much to the relief of the travelling fans.

Harley was again showing his classy skills and tried his luck with a long range shot, only to see his effort go straight into the arms of the Bournemouth keeper. Rob Edwards also had a long range shot go just wide of the post - you did wonder if it was going to be another one of those games!

The second half seemed to look like it was not going to go City's way. Another one of Harley's corners was met by Matt Taylor who just headed the ball wide.

In the 65th minute Paul Tisdale introduced Dean Moxey, taking off Logan. Moxey's presence seemed to take an immediate effect and City continued to put the pressure on, with Danny Seaborne just heading wide from a set piece.

What then happened in the 67th minute was almost a deja vu of what had occurred in the play off semi-final 2nd leg at Torquay. Edwards set up Harley who, with his left foot, struck the ball so sweetly in the back of the net, sending the large travelling contingent ecstatic!

Within seconds Moxey had crossed the ball in, but unfortunately Stansfield couldn't quite get on the end of it.

Bournemouth tried to ply on the pressure, but the City defence and Paul Jones coped very well in the dying minutes. Craig McAllister replaced the exhausted looking Stansfield for the last few minutes of the game and for what seemed like an age the final whistle blew and City celebrated their first win back in the football league.

City again played some good passing football, but at times were defending a little deep, but there is little doubt that we can make our mark on this league.

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Grounds for discussion

The travelling 'army' of Exeter City supporters, who watch the Grecians the length and breadth of the country, will have noticed a big change this season now that they are visiting Football League grounds as opposed to those in the Conference and the Blue Square Premier League for the past five years.

Firstly, of course, the cost of admission, is much more than at non-league level, and at the time of writing this article it ranges - if you want a seat - from £15 at the likes of Bury, Morecambe and Shrewsbury Town to a whopping £25 at Gillingham, which will be a surprise to many!

Not all the grounds have terracing, which will be a huge change for City fans who are used to standing at most places they visit. The prices for that range from £13 at Morecambe right up to £18 at Brentford.

I have never been a great fan of all seated stadia, but I know that many prefer them. Out of the 'older school' of supporter I much prefer to stand and be able to go where I want and when I want, which sadly is not the case at many grounds these days, especially in the Football League and Premiership.

City supporters on the road will, however, be greeted by better facilities at many grounds than they have been used to, although some like Darlington's vast arena will only be a quarter full at most, and therefore no doubt lack too much atmosphere. It will certainly seem light years away from the venue at Farsley Celtic which they went to last season!

However, we must not be disparaging towards non-league grounds that City have played at in recent years. A lot are comparable with League Two venues, and have been passed for use in the Football League should that particular Club win promotion to it. Many have a 'charm' about them that cannot be recreated by some of the new 'flat-pack; buy off-the-shelf, soulless style of stadiums that have sprung up in certain places.

So what if the League Two grounds? Like any division there are tremendous variations, from the aforementioned Darlington ground, plus Valley Parade (or whatever it is called now!) home to Bradford City, in comparison, to the likes of Accrington Stanley and Morecambe's ground.

Every ground has its plus and minus points and I am sure that visiting supporters would say the same about Exeter City's St



From the top: Gigg Lane, Bury; Meadow Lane, Notts County; Recreation Ground, Aldershot Town; Valley Parade, Bradford City.

James' Park, no matter what we may feel or think.

Some Clubs have been at their present grounds for many years, Notts County being a prime example, who moved to their Meadow Lane venue in 1910. On the other hand, there is a brand 'new' ground used by Shrewsbury Town, having vacated their old Gay Meadow location in 2007.

The other big change in the last decade has been the sponsorship of grounds, which

have acquired the name of the respective sponsor. Again, some will say that it is selling the soul of the Club to the highest bidder, but at the same time the cash injection for naming rights cannot be discounted and proves to be an excellent source of income, which simply cannot be overlooked.

Whether the home supporters' refer to every name change that is thrust upon them or not, I doubt it. I believe the vast majority will still refer to their Club's home by its original name. There are even some grounds who have more than one sponsored name - Bradford City's Valley Parade being a prime example, being at one time the Bradford & Bingley Stadium, and now it is known as the Coral Windows Stadium.

One very 'new' ground to visit for Exeter City to visit this season will be Rotherham United's home which is now at the Don Valley Stadium in Sheffield. The Club have moved out of their traditional Millmoor home after being unable to agree a deal with their landlords.

Don Valley was used for the first time in 1991 to host the World Student Games. It is one of the UK's premier athletics venues, has a capacity for 50,000 spectators. It is safe to say that despite the large following of Grecians, the stadium will not be full for the visit of Exeter City! It has also hosted various sporting events and pop concerts, including the visit by a certain Michael Jackson, but we'll quickly move on from that!

It will be a strange venue to watch City play at, with an athletics track between supporters and the actual pitch - very continental - and not something I am sure will be welcomed by many fans as they are too far away from the action on the pitch which they are more accustomed to.

There will doubtless be a lot of new grounds to visit for some City supporters on their League Two travels, whilst for others it will be a return visit made, where they will have memories of previous matches played by the Grecians.

It all amounts to an eagerly awaited season of travelling for the faithful Tisdale army.

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Former Exeter City full-back who was signed from Oxford United in December 1973.

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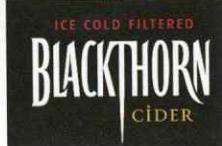
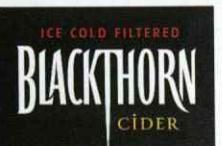
- 1) Name the player who appeared for both Luton Town and Exeter City during his career and later became a TV football pundit?
- 2) Can you name the Grecians leading goalscorer in the promotion winning season of 1976-77?
- 3) What were the christian names of the Rioch brothers who played in the Luton first team?
- 4) Who were Exeter City's first ever match sponsors?
- 5) Luton Town last played in the FA Cup Final in 1959, but who were their opponents?
- 6) Who did Rob Edwards make his Football League debut for?



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Grecian News

East Devon News and Views by Roger Constable

What a return to League football at the Park. A superb gate, lovely football by City and a brilliant atmosphere. Shame about the result, but we must just hang on in there and believe. The breaks, goals and points will materialise. We are under no illusions that life in League 2 will be a bowl of cherries, however I still think we will do well this term.

Various East Devon Grecians members are doing their bit at the Cat and Fiddle training ground. A new innovation is the soup kitchen. I know there is a credit crunch on, but it is not quite as bad as it sounds. A group of volunteers have got together to

should be a really good do. In the last programme, I said that we were hoping to have a player in attendance. Well, we will have three. Ben Watson, Craig McAllister and Jack Obersteller will be coming down. We will press ahead with quiz at 7.30.

Then the winners will choose a training kit sponsorship of their choice with their names appearing in the programme all season. Afterward we will have an informal questions and answer session with the players.

The quiz is not too serious. There will be teams of four at £2.50 per person, £10 per team to raise funds for the sponsorship. It does not matter if you come along in one's, two's, three's or whatever. Just turn up and we will sort you into teams if you do not have one. Come along, enjoy the quiz and meet the players.

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Away the lads with Ian Jubb

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- Result:** 1-0
- Attendance:** 5350
- Number On Coaches:** 110
- Return Mileage:** 171
- Travel Time:** 2hrs 30m
- Left at:** 10.00
- Returned:** 2000
- Entrance Price (Stand):** £2.50
- Programme Price:** £2.50
- Quality:** 9/10
- Weather:** Extremely warm and humid
- Pitch condition:** A good playing surface
- Clubhouse:** Away fans were denied entry to the Bournemouth Clubhouse
- Food overall:** General consensus was that it was adequate but a tad on the expensive side.
- Toilets:** 9/10
- Team Performance:** 8/10
- M-O-M:** Ryan Harley
- Referee:** James Linington (Isle of Wight).
- Welcome received from home supporters:** The home fans were very quiet.
- The travel club's brief thoughts on the game:** The first half was a cagey affair with no real clear cut chances by either team but in the second half City were the better team



Jack Obersteller to visit the East Devon Grecians.

provide soup and light refreshments for the players on training days and youth team fixtures. John, Ken, Jan, Carol, Nikki, Angie. Di. and Myra are doing a sterling job. Some of us think that the ladies are secretly hoping to get a glimpse of the players in the buff and find out who hangs around the longest in the showers.

Our quiz night at the War Memorial Club, Church St, Sidmouth on 8th September

and got their just rewards with a well taken goal by Ryan Harley.

My own opinion was that we looked more threatening when we back to a 442 formation and with the introduction of Dean Moxey we looked more threatening.

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GNET Prediction League

Last game: AFC Bournemouth 0 Exeter City 1 (Harley)

Congratulations to Dave Eldridge and Mike Lee, who both earned the maximum 10 points available with their 1-0 Away victory with Ryan Harley nominated to score.

Graham Davies's six points were enough to keep him at the summit. Martin Cook has slipped and is now one of six participants in joint third place. Robin Stowell replaces Cookie in second place. Tensions must be running high in the (junior) Moxey household, with Ann in 14th place whilst Steve languishes in 59th! Feelings are probably reversed in the Aplin household aslan holds the upper hand in 33rd place compared to Jane, who is level with Steve in 59th place.

Whilst a fair proportion of results expected ECFC to come away from Bournemouth with nothing, it is pleasing to note that optimism is still present as 40% of predictions received correctly anticipated an ECFC Away victory.

Current standings after 4 games are as follows (Leading positions) Graham Davies 25pts; Robin Stowell 24; Dave Eldridge 20; Mike Lee 20; William Hatton 20; Trevor Manley 20; Kingsley Crocker 20; Martin Cook 20; Marius Vik 18; Gareth Hughes 18; Tone Bosheim 18; David Treharne 18; David Evans 17; Ann Moxey 16; Daniel Evans 16; Martin Ellicott 16; Geoffrey Styles 16; Phil Wakely 16; Stephen Drew 16; Dave Dyer 14; Paul Marks 14; Brian Ingersent 14; Charles Neary 14; Andrew Long 14; Adam Fitzgerald 14; Kristoffer Sandnes 14; Giles Beattie 14; Paul Bennett 12; Reuben Bennett 12; Tim Pryor 12; Mark Sillitoe 12; Matt Scratchley 12; Clive Taylor 12; Nick Gibbons 12; Kim Hommen 12; Danny Parker 12.

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The Tale of a Long Distance Traveller



Long Distance Traveller:
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“You’ve been in the Conference too long.”

With Bournemouth our ‘nearest’ game, we decided to drive. Leaving Exeter we formed the white half of a red and white Grecian convoy, following a red car to Dorchester, where we stopped.

Progress after this was slow, accompanied by my traditional anti-caravan speeches and Dad coming over all Maurice Wright, worrying that we’d “never get there”.

Nearing Bournemouth, at some point after the Donkey Derby sign, it all went a little bit wrong. We misplaced the A35 and were unwittingly set for a mystery tour of Bournemouth.

With no sign of Boscombe I pulled over and asked for directions. These were provided by a lovely lady who set us back on track. However after a while, Boscombe had been and gone. I was by this point willing a floodlight to appear.

Then, all of a sudden a sign for Bournemouth Football Club appeared. Finally the ground was in sight. On the last roundabout who should we see but our convoy last seen in Dorchester! He too had stopped and got ‘misplaced’, yet we ended up parked side by side in the carpark.

Inside the ground we were told to sit in our ‘allocated seats’. Whereas at Darlington common sense prevailed and despite ‘allocated seating’ supporters could sit anywhere, thus allowing singers to congregate at the back and those wishing to sit down to do so near the front.

At Bournemouth the ‘ejection squad’ were primed to remove anyone sitting in the wrong seat. The safety officer suggested that our criticism of this approach was a failure on our part to ‘understand’ League rules as we had, and I quote, “been in the Conference too long”. And this wasn’t said as a joke. He meant it.

Thus, for all of us unlucky Grecians allocated seats at the far end near the car park, there was to be no escaping our frankly rubbish seats a good couple of metres to the wrong side of the goal in the full glare of the sun.

Before the match their mascot shook hands with Grecian the Lion, who without an ‘allocated seat’ was forced to watch the game from an advertising board.

Kick-off was met with chants of “Shall we fill a stand for you?” and “You’re not famous anymore”.



TOP: Grecian The Lion had to watch the game at Bournemouth balanced on an advertising board. He didn't have a pizza at the same time though.

BOTTOM: The unusual and delightful floral display at the entrance to AFC Bournemouth's ground (Pic: Martin Weiler).

City weren't their best in the first 20 minutes, but picked up the pace for the remainder of the game. In the 68th minute their exploits were rewarded with a stunning Harley goal, made by a pass from none other than Roberto.

The 1200 strong away 'side' roared, with mad celebrations somewhat curtailed by the restricted space permitted to each of us - talk about packed in!

With the extreme heat I lost track of time and was surprised to hear the person behind say “2 minutes left”. At the final whistle, in scenes reminiscent of my scaling of half the stand to reach pitch side “that night” at the

Kassam, I hurdled 2 rows of seats and quite literally, before I knew it, was pitch side.

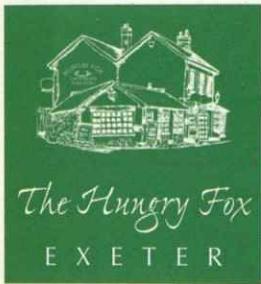
Walking back to the car we got the opinion of some Bournemouth fans - they wished they'd stayed at home to do the gardening!

We quickly escaped the car park but made slow progress thereafter. Later, stopped at traffic lights near the A35 a silver people carrier full of Grecians pulled up alongside.

Cider in hand the front seat passenger asked “We’ve been driving around for ages. How long have you been driving for?” The lights were red for so long that we were able to share details of our lengthy post-match journeys.

We were moving on to the Torquay score as the lights changed, leaving my Dad shouting the score out of the window as the front cider boy spelled out the score with his hands whilst skilfully keeping hold of his cider.

It was a hilarious moment which perfectly rounded off a momentous day in which City finally returned to winning ways in the Football League.



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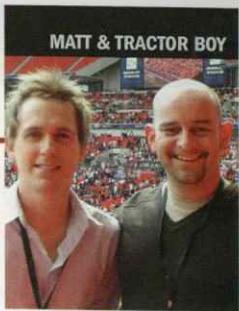
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The thoughts of the Gemini F.M. duo - Matt and Tractor Boy



The thoughts of Ross

Football bliss was encountered last Saturday in the metropolis of Bournemouth folks. Yes my fellow Grecians, it was sunny, a large city following attended and three points were taken with us back along the crammed roads to Devon.

Now onto the gripes (Me? Surely not!) You may think at the height of the holiday season that their would be no vacancies to be had in Bournemouth, maybe that's true from a hoteliers perspective, but I found a few gaping ones in other areas. First vacancy? The brains of the Bournemouth commercial board. For those of you that don't know, there was an almighty ticket fiasco, with Cherries fans not quite ever grasping the real reason why we were upset.

It wasn't the fact we were allocated 1300 or so tickets, it was because of the rubbish timing of the announcement, just after a home game, that this would be an 'all ticket affair' for away fans, and tickets would need to be purchased from St James' Park. Many of whom travel long distances to watch City (The Exiles etc) were completely up the proverbial creek without a paddle.

Still, with much moaning and groaning we soldiered on to the 'Fitness First' Stadium with a fantastic turnout somewhere very near our allocation. Second vacancy? Atmosphere. You may be thinking this is to do with the Cherries fourth stand currently under the guise of a car park. To be honest, with a large collection of stuffed black bags taking the place of seats, they offered slightly more noise than the Bournemouth fans.

Do League Two fans not sing? Maybe it was our own "vocal prowess" that embarrassed them into submission? The main reason was pretty clear to me: No Big Bank. By that I mean a good old fashioned standing terrace.

We were very lucky to have one of the last big

new standing terraces built in the league, I'm sure if we were doing it now our home terrace would be seated. It really killed it last weekend, it at best just looked like fans (all sat down) clapping in unison at times. I know some Shrewsbury fans commented on the noise from the Big Bank when they visited and wished they had a similar terrace at their new ground

Maybe League Two fans just don't sing? I know we have that extra feel good factor that will probably last the majority of the season, but once again last Saturday we out sang the home support very easily. Being away for five years in the Conference, it really has galvanised City's support both home and away, but especially on the road where an average of around 400-600 fans make every away trip (and more to other games like Bournemouth) given the distances this season and the "credit crunch" regular away supporters should be commended (especially those making very long journeys)

I think Tis really understands the support for the club now. I chatted to him after the victory parade and he was very taken aback and didn't realise just what it meant to the city. Great to see him and the players once again coming over and clapping the away support after our first victory back in the Football League. It was a great afternoon. Very proud to be a City fan. Everything feels right with our club at the moment and long may it continue. Well done to all who made the trip.

The thoughts of Matt

Ok, so I couldn't make the shortest away trip of the season, owing to a prior engagement; that being a 40th birthday party, and seeing as though the Queen is probably the only woman to have two, I couldn't find and excuse to side step and make my way to Bournemouth. More fool me by the sounds of



things. Our first victory in the League for over 5 years and I missed it! I put off a family reunion last May to make the Wembley trip and had I not, I'm not sure I could have recovered from missing the trip.

Looking at this week's cup action, it's a shame we didn't make it passed Southampton, as Birmingham would have been our next opponents. However, it's also satisfying to see Southampton knocking the Blue Noses out, which obviously means we were beaten by better opposition on the night.

All the reports from that game said we played superbly, so everything still seems really positive. As Ross mentioned above, Tisdale now completely understands how passionate the St James' Park faithful are, and is confident (as are we) that the boys can not only survive in League Two but put in a fair crack and climbing the league ladder some more. As a final side note, I spoke to Al from The Hoosiers this week (remember the guy taking shots at Andy Marriott in the warm up before the Millwall game? That was him) and he is a Grecian through and through. It sounds like he is going to make the trip down for the visit of Accrington.

I could have spoken to him about the club for ages, despite the fact he was on air to chat about his latest tour dates. It's at moments like that, that football becomes all conquering. Here are two professional (Ahem, clears throat) people trying to go about their everyday working lives, but as soon as a connection can be made via football, everything else goes out the window. Love life Football...

Exeter City Supporters' Club Update with Dave Bennett

Good afternoon and welcome back to the Park for our fixture with Luton Town. We hope all you Luton supporters have an enjoyable afternoon here with us today and a safe journey home.

I did my first away trip last Saturday when I made the short journey to Bournemouth. What a fantastic atmosphere there was in the away end, and the three points in the bag made the hour wait to get out of the car park a lot easier to bear.

Even the jobsworth steward, who closed the access gate on us after we had been queuing for an hour, and forced us to return to the car park and join the back of the queue again, failed to dampen our spirits too much.

Please remember that memberships are due again now, and if you want to ensure you remain a priority group member, you need to get

your memberships off to Roger Kendall at 5 Wellpark Close, Redhills, Exeter as soon as you can.

On a personal note, I have recently had our Wembley triumph on the 18th May marked in a way which will never let me forget that magnificent day. I have had it tattooed on my arm. Before our first



Wembley appearance in 2007 I said I would have it done if we won, so obviously it was forgotten, but after this year, my son and daughter surprised me by booking me into the shop, and marched me up there one Saturday afternoon, where I have had the words "Exeter City FC, Wembley Winners, 18th May 2008 permanently engraved, and if Mr Tis can do it for us again this year I will have his name tattooed on my chest.

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Dave

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Norman Shiel's Journey Through Yesteryear



NORMAN SHIEL

The first time I saw a Cup Final on television was as a ten-year-old in 1959. Nottingham Forest won, despite playing the last hour with only ten men against managerless Luton Town.

During the following season, 1959-60, I began watching League football, being taken to St James' Park by my Uncle on a fairly regular basis.

Among many other teams I saw Luton Town, who lost by the odd goal of five. They were of course, then in the First Division; the real First Division, and this was at St James' Park, Newcastle!

At the end of that season Luton were relegated and a season later Newcastle followed them into the Second Division. Luton went down again in 1963 and again in 1965.

So far they have moved up and down the divisions, but never since rejoining the League as founder members of the Third Division, along with Exeter City in 1920, have they fallen through that dreaded trapdoor into non-league football.

This would seem certain to end this season; not because the Luton players are poor, far from it, but because of the grotesque burden they have been forced to carry.

I have never much liked Leeds United; they are just one of those I would rather see lose than win. That said, I found myself feeling genuinely sorry for them for the first time last season, because of the huge millstone placed round their necks by the points deduction.

In the event, they very nearly made a success of their season, despite that, but not quite. It is like asking, or rather forcing, an athlete to run a race with his legs tied together.

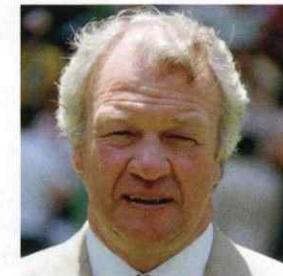
Exeter City themselves, not so very long ago, for a while faced the prospect of a substantial points deduction, but mercifully managed to resist it.

Now, like inflation in Zimbabwe, we have Luton starting a season with more points deducted than some teams manage to get in a whole playing season. It surely cannot be right or just, or indeed in the best interests of the game as a whole.

I am unashamedly biased and just as I think it is totally wrong for local authorities to deny their football clubs the chance to develop their grounds by refusing planning applications, so too do I believe that clubs

should not be hammered or even driven out of existence simply for fighting their corner by what are, after all, legal methods in the face of financial crisis in an increasingly polarised and unfair football world.

If there has been financial mismanagement, then ways must surely be found to hammer the individuals behind it. Taking points away from a club fails to spectacularly do that.



Billy Bingham played in the 1959 F.A. Cup Final and the Luton Town side that visited St James' Park.

I would have far less concern at agents, managers, chairmen or C.E.O.'s being fined, banned or locked up than I do for fans and players having to go into a season where they are on a hiding to nothing.

I am writing this a little before the season starts and maybe, just maybe common sense will prevail and Luton Town will find by the time they get to St James' Park that things are not quite so bad after all.

I hope Exeter City win today as I always hope they will win, but it is impossible not to feel sorry for the poor old Hatters of Luton in such circumstances.

The days of Ron Baynham and Billy Bingham seem a very long time ago indeed and seeing them at the other St James' Park a totally different world!

Just consider how many seasons Exeter City would have been able to carry a penalty such as Luton Town face and not ended up in a certain bottom place in the division?

In the awful season when the Grecians went out of the Football League, Torquay United narrowly missed out on a play-off place, but had they had to carry such a points deficit then, as Luton do now, they would have been bottom by some margin.

It just cannot be right!



City meet the Cup Finalists

The 1959 FA Cup Final was contested by Nottingham Forest and Luton Town at Wembley.

Forest won 2-1, with goals from Roy Dwight and Thomas Wilson just four minutes apart. Dave Pacey scored Luton's consolation goal.

Dwight was carried off the pitch after breaking his leg in a tackle with Brendan McNally after 33 minutes. Forest were reduced to nine fit men with ten minutes remaining when Whare was crippled with cramp, being forced to play wide on the wing where he was little more than a spectator.

At the final whistle the Forest manager Billy Walker entered the field to congratulate his team and was chased by a steward who tried to marshall him back off. The steward mistook walker to be a pitch invader.

The game was televised live on the BBC Grandstand programme who introduced score captions into their broadcast for the first time in an FA cup final.

The following season Luton Town were drawn away at Exeter City in the third round of the FA Cup. The Grecians were severely handicapped due an early injury to winger Gordon dale, but nonetheless put up a tremendous fight before eventually losing 2-1. There was a full house at St James' Park with 20,000 watching the tie.

The Exeter City team that day lined up: John Lobbett, Theo Foley, Les MacDonald, Arnold Mitchell, Ken Oliver, Jim Thompson, Nelson Stiffle, Graham Rees, Jack Wilkinson, Andy Micklewright, Gordon Dale.

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Gerard Butler's Match Preview: Luton Town

GERARD BUTLER



The hefty 30 point deduction faced by the Hatters for their exit from administration, alongside breaches of regulations by previous owners, has created great debate. To their credit, with the club supposedly doomed to relegation, Town fans have voted with their feet and supported the club under new ownership, with over 7000 turning up for the season's opener against Port Vale. With the 2020 consortium completing their takeover recently, and enjoying plenty of goodwill amongst the support, they will hope to rebuild quickly.

It was only 2005/6 when Luton were pressing hard for a play-off place in a stunning return to the Championship, but with several home matches being sell outs, they were unable to take full advantage of their excellent form.

Last season began well at Kenilworth Road, but poor away form meant that the play-offs were just out of reach, even before the ten point deduction in November. By the end of September, they were 16th, but impressive home wins against Northampton Town (4-1), in which Darren Currie, Matthew Spring and Paul Furlong netted, and Nottingham Forest (2-1), brought an improvement to 13th at the end of the following month.

There were however memorable moments in the cups, as Sunderland were beaten 3-0 in the Carling Cup, followed by Charlton in extra time, as they only succumbed to Everton in the fourth round after extra time.

In the FA Cup, there were victories against Brentford (after a replay), and at home to Nottingham Forest, immediately after the points deduction was confirmed, but this was eclipsed by a fantastic 1-1 home FA Cup draw with Liverpool followed by a 5-0 loss in the replay.

Later in January, Kevin Blackwell departed the club, and was replaced by Mick Harford, a popular former player and

assistant manager at the club. Despite these impressive credentials, against the difficult backdrop, he was unable to prevent the freefall to the bottom of the table, whilst saw just two victories, against Oldham and Crewe in March.

In truth, the side never really recovered from the loss of points which plunged them into a bottom four spot which they never escaped, as they ultimately finished 17 points from the survival mark.

On the 4 June, an FA regulatory committee deducted ten points from the club's forthcoming total, whilst former chairman Bill Tomlins and financial director Derek Peter received fines and bans. There were also warnings for several agents for possessing incorrect documentation.

The Bedfordshire club's worst fears were confirmed when they received a further 20 point deduction, leaving many commentators questioning the value and purpose of the aggregate 30 point loss.

Loss of key players from the squad last season contributed to Town's slide from play-off outsiders to the foot of the table, and there were more departures of the end of a traumatic season.

Experienced players such as Don Hutchinson, Paul Peschisolido, Chris

Perry, Darren Currie and Paul Furlong, signed to try and achieve an immediate return to the Championship, were released, with Calvin Andrew and David Bell also departing for undisclosed fees.

Further departures included Steve Robinson, Richard Langley, Alan Goodall, Stephen O'Leary and Richard Jackson.

That meant that, once approval was made for new signings, manager Mick Harford made a flurry of signings on the eve of the season, with paper inserts required to introduce the new faces, who have gelled encouragingly in the early



Ed Asafu-Adjaye.



Lewis Emanuel.



Richard Jackson.

weeks of the campaign.

Brighter news in early August saw the return of inspirational midfielder Kevin Nicholls, who captained the side to promotion from League Two in 2002, the League One title in 2005, and helped to establish Town as a competitive Championship outfit. He rejoined the club from Preston North End, after being linked with a return from Leeds in 2006/7.

There was a host of transfer activity just before the opening game, as Harford captured defenders Claude Gnappka from Peterborough, George Pilkington from Port Vale and Ian Roper from Walsall.

In midfield, Kevin Watson switched from Colchester, alongside Birmingham City's Asa Hall. Alongside this, a large number of loan signings were made as Chris Martin and Michael Spillane switched from Norwich, alongside Rossi Jarvis' permanent move.

Josh Klein-Davies, from Bristol Rovers, and Tristan Plummer, from Bristol City, were later followed by another temporary signing in Leicester keeper Conrad Logan. Keith Keane and Lewis Emanuel extended their deals with the club.

The opening day saw the new arrivals give a dominant display in the first half against a clinical Port Vale, who recorded a 3-1 win despite Sam Parkin's goal.

However, the Hatters provided the perfect response as Jarvis and Plummer set up an excellent 2-0 home win over Plymouth Argyle, and Parkin was on hand to make the first dent in the points deduction with the only goal in the 1-0 win at Gillingham.

Town let the lead slip in their next home game, against Notts County, as despite Martin's goal, it finished 1-1. 20 years after their famous League Cup against Arsenal, dreams of a repeat were halted as the Hatters lost 5-1 at Reading.

Our Visitors to the Park....Luton Town



PLAYING FOR THE HATTERS...

ED ASAFU-ADIJAYE is in his first year as a professional having made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up. The full-back, who spent a short time on-loan at non-league side Walton & Hershham, made the breakthrough into the first team under former boss Mike Newell, when the Club was stretched to the limits through injury and suspension.

GEORGE BEAVAN was spotted by former Youth Team coach Marvin Johnson, who initially gave him a trial at the Club. Good in the air and strong in a tackle, George was promoted into the reserve team and a combination of injuries and player sales saw him given an unexpected first team debut against Bournemouth.

MARLON BERESFORD was signed at the beginning of July 2004 from League One rivals Barnsley. The 34-year-old is a vastly experienced goalkeeper with over 400 appearances under his belt and he returned to Kenilworth Road on a two-year contract after impressing during a successful three-month spell with the Hatters during the 2003-04 season. Marlon has appeared for a handful of clubs during his career but the majority of his time has been spent with Sheffield Wednesday, Burnley and Middlesbrough.

DEAN BRILL won the goalkeeper's jersey when boss Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell took over the managerial reigns at Kenilworth Road and despite the Club being relegated from the Championship, he was named Young Player of the Season. Brill joined his hometown club at the age of nine and has progressed through the Centre of Excellence, representing Luton Schools and Bedfordshire County Schools at a variety of age groups.

RYAN CHARLES has been at Kenilworth Road since the age of nine, had worked his way through the ranks at the Club before scoring 17 goals in his debut season for the Luton Town youth team. Made his first team debut as a second half substitute at Southend in March.

SOL DAVIS joined Swindon as a trainee



Dean Brill.



Don Hutchinson.

in the summer of 1998, and made rapid progress through the youth and reserve teams to become a regular in the Nationwide League. Sol scored his first ever goal in professional football during the clubs win over Wrexham in November 2004. Signed for Luton in 2007.

LEWIS EMANUEL arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2006 after deciding to leave his home town club Bradford City, the place where the defender started his career. Lewis made over 150 appearances for Bradford in six-years at the club, scoring four goals. In his first season at Kenilworth Road he made 40 appearances, scoring twice.

CLAUDE GNAPKA joined on a free transfer in August 2008. Having plied his trade across Europe with Montpellier HSC, Racing de Santander, Deportivo Alaves and FC Vaduz. Claude moved to Swindon Town for a brief spell, before being taken on in July 2007 by Peterborough United and was a regular in the League 2 promotion winning side, starting 25 league games.

ASA HALL began his football career in Wolverhampton Wanderers youth system, before signing his first professional contract with Birmingham City in 2004. While at the Blues he was a regular in the reserve team and was named young

player of the year in the 2004/05 season. He also received caps for England at Under-19 and Under-20 levels and went on to have loan spells with Boston United, Ashford Town and Shrewsbury Town, starting 13 games for the latter.

DON HUTCHISON started his career at Hartlepool United as a trainee, but was quickly spotted by Liverpool in 1990, before moving to Sheffield United and Sunderland. The midfielder signed for West Ham United for a club record transfer fee of £5 million in August 2001. He had previously broken the club's record transfer fee - £1.5 million - when he signed for his spell at the club in August 1994. He joined Millwall in August 2005 after being released at the start of the 2005-06 season by West Ham. He spent barely three months at the New Den, during which time he struggled to hold down a regular place in the starting line-up. He left Millwall in November 2005 and signed for Coventry. During his career, Hutchison played 26 times for Scotland, scoring six goals, including one strike against England in a Euro 2000 play-off game.

RICHARD JACKSON had a distinguished career at Derby County. The full-back was the longest serving player at Pride Park prior to completing a signing a two year deal at Kenilworth Road. Jackson joined Derby in March 1999 from Scarborough after playing only 24 senior games for the Seaside club.

ROSSI JARVIS came through the Norwich City youth system, becoming the youngest player to appear for the reserve team at the tender age of 14. He went on to spend loan periods at Torquay United and Rotherham United and after finding first team opportunities hard to come by Jarvis joined Luton Town in August 2008 on a free

KEITH KEANE made his debut as a 16-year-old in November 2003. He finished the season with fourteen appearances under his belt, all this whilst still in the first year of his scholarship. Another of the youth team who regularly appears for

the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level, he joined the Hatters at the age of nine having been scouted in local football, and has made a rapid progression through the club's centre of excellence and youth teams.

JOSH KLEIN-DAVIES joined the Hatters on loan from Bristol Rovers, a side he signed for in 2007 after being released by local rivals Bristol City's academy. He has been capped for Wales at Under-17 and Under-19 levels and was loaned out for one-month to Yate Town during the 2007/08 season, where he scored five goals in eight appearances.

PAUL McVEIGH started his career at Tottenham Hotspur where he made three appearances, before he enjoyed a successful career with Norwich. He joined Norwich in March 2000 on a free transfer and although he took a few years to really establish himself, in the 2002-03 season he was the club's top scorer with 15 goals. McVeigh began the 2006-07 season on the substitute's bench, though an injury to Darren Huckerby briefly gave him an opportunity to play in the starting line-up although he eventually fell out of favor with boss Norwich manager Peter Grant. During his spells at Tottenham and Norwich, he was capped by Northern Ireland 20 times in total.

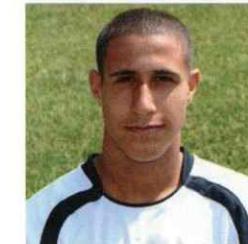
CHRIS MARTIN is currently on a season-long loan from Norwich City in August 2008, Martin is a young striker who has played 30 times for the Canaries, scoring five times. He burst into the first team in 2007, and his performances quickly saw him become a fans' favourite at the club. Strong for his age and technically gifted, his early promise saw him win call-ups for the England Under-19 squad, scoring on his debut against Turkey in March 2007.

DEAN MORGAN moved to Kenilworth Stadium from Reading in July 2005 after seeing his opportunities limited at the Madjeski Stadium. The former Colchester striker scored three league goals in 13 starting appearances for the Royals. Morgan, who once had a trial with the Hatters earlier in his career, came through the ranks at Colchester where he scored six goals in 25 appearances.

KEVIN NICHOLLS enjoyed six successful seasons at Kenilworth Road between 2001 and 2006, captaining the side to the League One title in the 2004-2005



Keith Keane.



Ryan Charles.

season. Nicholls began his career at Charlton Athletic, before moving to Wigan Athletic in 1999, where he made 28 appearances in two years. He moved to Luton in 2001, and in the next six seasons went on to appear 175 times, scoring 30 goals. He moved to Leeds United for £700,000 in July 2006. The following summer he moved to Preston North End for a fee of ?750,000. His time at Preston began encouragingly, however a change in the management team saw his first-team opportunities limited. Kevin was delighted to re-sign for Luton, signing a three-year deal in August 2008 and being named as club captain.

SAM PARKIN choose Kenilworth Road as the place to further his career in August 2006. After signing for League One side Swindon Town in August 2002, Parkin set the Football League world alight, scoring 67 league goals in 120 appearances.. He signed for Ipswich Town in the summer of 2005 for £550,000. Unfortunately, a broken ankle forced him to miss much of his time at Portman Road, although he still managed to score five goals in 17 Championship appearances during his first season. He signed a three-year deal at Kenilworth Road, costing the club £340,000.

GEORGE PILKINGTON is a former Exeter City loanee. He joined Luton on a free transfer in August 2008. Having began his career as an Everton trainee, Pilkington moved to Port Vale in June 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter. Having

started 223 league games for the Valiants, the highly regarded defender was named player of the year twice and club captain.

TRISTAN PLUMMER is currently on loan from Championship side Bristol City. He has been capped for England Under-17s. He is a pacey forward who Bristol City regard as one for the future.

IAN ROPER signed a contract at Luton in August 2008. Roper climbed up the ranks while at Walsall, gaining a reputation of being a tough, no-nonsense defender. He made 325 appearances during his 13 year period at the club, where he won promotion on three occasions, most recently in 2006/07 as a League 2 champion.

MICHAEL SPILLANE joined the club on a season-long loan from Norwich City in August 2008, and is equally at home in defence or midfield, having playing in both positions in recent seasons for the Canaries. The Republic of Ireland U19 international is tipped to have a bright footballing future ahead of him.

DREW TALBOT signed for Luton Town in a £250,000 deal in January 2007 from Sheffield Wednesday. Originally on the books of Barnsley, Talbot drifted out of football after injury but came back with Sheffield Wednesday's academy in the 2003/04 season. During the January 2007 transfer window, Talbot signed a loan-contract with League One promotion-chasers Scunthorpe United before signing at Kenilworth Road.

KEVIN WATSON is experienced central midfielder who joined the Hatters on a free transfer in August 2008 after being released by Colchester United. Watson started his career with Tottenham, making a handful of first team appearances and spending time on loan at Brentford, Bristol City and Barnet. In 1996 he moved to Swindon Town. From the County Ground Watson went on to spend three successful years with Rotherham United, where he made 109 appearances and captained the Millers to two successive promotions. His influence was noted by then Reading manager Alan Pardew who took him to the Madejski Stadium for £150,000, where he won yet another promotion. He then joined Colchester United where he started 132 league games and added a fourth promotion to his list of achievements.

Luton Town... Timeline



Ed Asafu-Adjaye.



Lewis Emanuel.



Richard Jackson.

1885: The club was formed by an amalgamation of Wanderers and Excelsior, a works team, at a meeting held at the Luton Town Hall. Home games were played at Dallow Lane.

1890: The club turned professional.

1897: Luton Town became a limited company and there was a change of ground to Dunstable Road. Joined the Football League Division Two, their first match being a 1-1 draw at Leicester Fosse.

1898: Club record defeat, losing 0-9 against Small Heath.

1900: Unsuccessfully applied for re-election to the Football League.

1905: Another change of ground, this time to Kenilworth Road. First game played there was against Plymouth Argyle.

1920: Became one of the founder members of the Football League Division Three.

1921: The stand burnt down to be replaced by the centre section of the current stand, the structure having been bought from Kempton Racecourse.

1927: Record FA Cup victory, 9-0, against Clapton, in a first round tie, the original match having been abandoned.

1931: Luton Town Supporters' Club is formed.

1933: The freehold of Kenilworth Road was bought by the club.

1936: Record League victory, 12-0 against Bristol Rovers, with Joe Payne scoring ten goals. Division Three South runners-up.

1937: Division Three South champions. Joe Payne netted an astonishing 55 league goals in the season.

1953: Floodlights were installed for the first time at Kenilworth Road and used against Fenerbache in a friendly.

1955: Division Two runners-up.

1959: A record attendance of 30,069 were present at Kenilworth Road for the visit of Blackpool in an FA Cup sixth round tie. Reached the final of the FA Cup, losing to Nottingham Forest.

1960: Relegated to Division Two. Mike O'Hara became the youngest player to appear for Luton in a league match aged 16 years and 32 days when lining up against Stoke City.

1963: Promoted to Division Three.

1964: Bob Morton played the last of his record breaking 495 league matches for the club.

1965: Relegated to Division Four.

1968: Division Four champions.

1970: Division Three runners-up.

1974: Division Two runners-up.

1975: relegated to Division Two.

1979: Considered relocating the club to Milton Keynes, 20 miles away, but the fans were very much opposed to the idea.

1982: Division Two champions.

1985: Artificial pitch installed at Kenilworth Road.

1988: Football League Cup winners. Simod Cup runners-up.

1989: Football League Cup runners-up. Paid a club record fee of £850,000 to Odense for Lars Elstrup. The ground's freehold was sold to Luton Borough Council for £3.25m.

1991: The artificial pitch was ripped up as the surface reverted to grass.

1994: Reached the semi-final of the FA Cup after defeating Premiership teams Newcastle United and West Ham United along the way. Unfortunately, Luton themselves suffered defeat by Chelsea in a lacklustre game at Wembley.

1996: Relegated to Division Two.

2001: Relegated to Division Three.

2002: Division Three runners-up.

2005: League One Champions. Club record fee of £3m received from West Bromwich Albion for the transfer of Curtis Davies.

2007: Relegated to League One. The club is placed into administration due to their financial problems.

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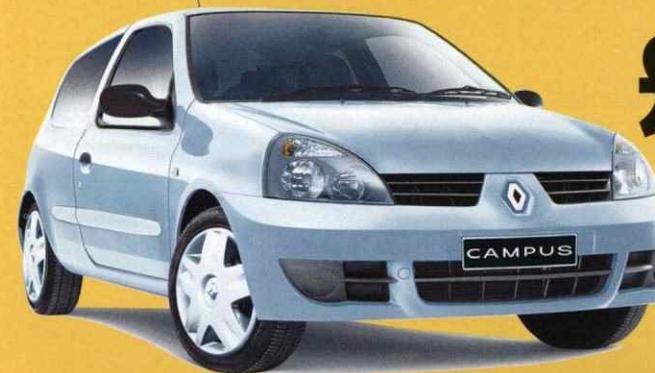
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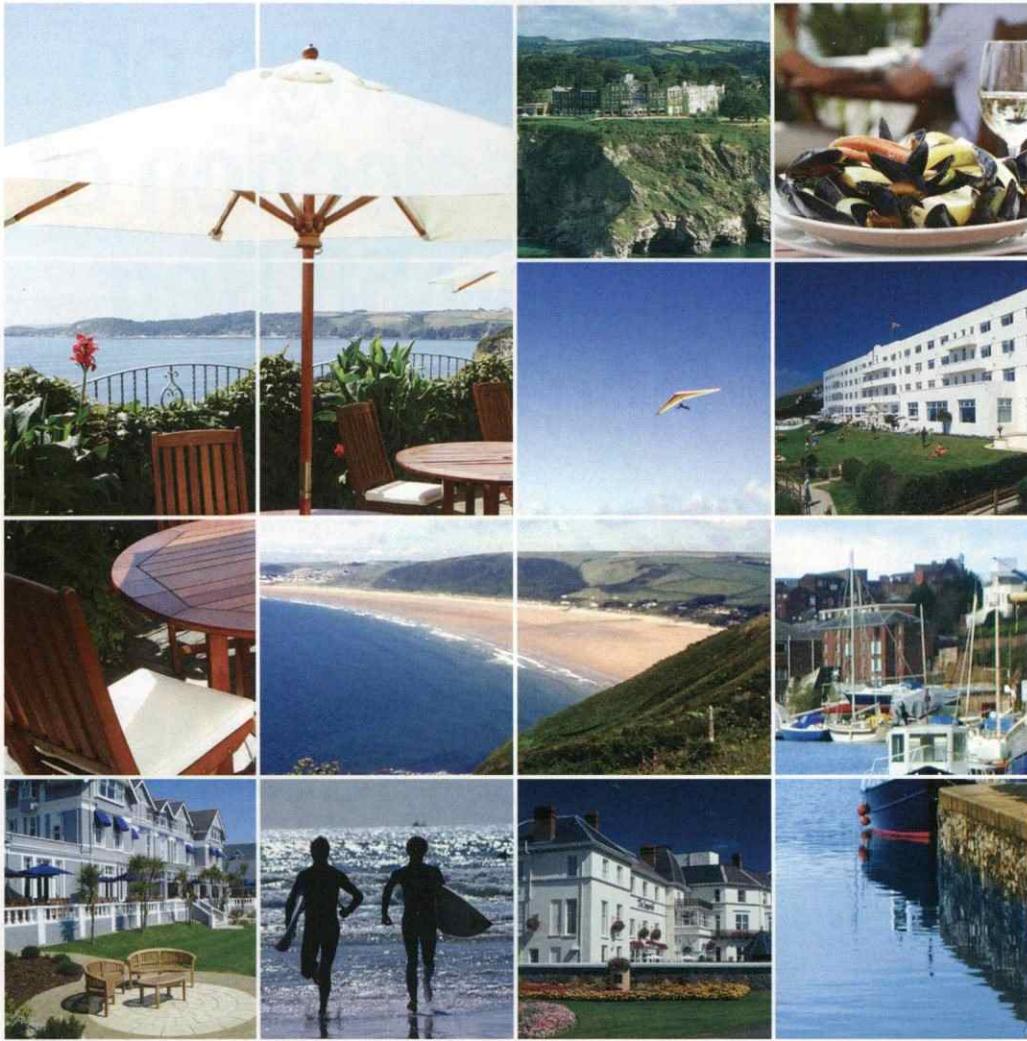
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Grecians Viewpoint with Stuart James (Western Morning News)

It has been a strange few weeks for Adam Stansfield. The Devonian hit-man could have helped cause a shock in the Carling Cup tie with Southampton, had he taken one of the two good chances that came his way, and the Exeter City striker could have been the Grecians' match-winner in their Coca-Cola League Two home clash with Shrewsbury Town last weekend, but again he could not finish off the opportunities that come his way.

It was a similar story on Saturday at Bournemouth as Stansfield missed two good chances for the Grecians, but there was some good news for the likeable and popular former Yeovil and Hereford man, who became a father for the third time after his partner gave birth to another baby boy on Friday morning.

Unfortunately, there were to be no baby celebrations at Dean Court on Saturday, although the one-time Elmore striker certainly deserved that opportunity after his whole-hearted display.

Strikers get judged on goals – rightly or wrongly – but, when it comes to judging Paul Tisdale's team, the norm generally tends to go out of the window, and judging Stansfield on goals

alone would perhaps be unfair.

There are no 20-goal a season strikers in Tisdale teams and that is just the way the manager likes it.

He has publicly stated he would rather see five players hit double figures rather than watch two strikers get 20, as he encourages and challenges all of his outfield players to find the score-sheet.

As a direct consequence of that, the strikers have to be less selfish than the norm and do their bit for the team, hence the reason no front man has hit that

20-goal target during his successful two-year spell in charge of the Grecians.

Stansfield, though, is no natural finisher. If he was, then he would be playing at a level considerably higher than League Two because he brings so much more to the table.

He is quick, he is a good crosser of the ball, he holds it up well and is the type of player that

defenders hate to play against. They never get a moment's rest and when City do not have the ball he is their first defender, chasing down full-backs and harrying centre halves when they have the ball trying to keep the opposition penned inside their own half.

He has his critics.

I had a text at half-time on Saturday from a City fan – listening back home to the radio – that read: "Same old Stansfield, can't finish." Maybe that was the case, but that same person had not witnessed Stano running himself into the ground for his team's cause. And performing very well, running Matt Taylor very close to my own choice as man of the match.

I managed to quickly congratulate Stansfield on a good performance and the birth of his third child after the full-time whistle on Saturday and passed comment about the fact that he doesn't seem capable of producing girls, the latest addition to the family being his third son.

"It takes a man to make a man," he quipped with that now trademark wink of an eye and cheesy grin.

So long as Stansfield maintains that same work ethic for the benefit of the team – a given from any player, surely – then what more can you ask?

If it means City keep on winning and Stansfield keeps winking, then we will all be happy.



Adam in action at Darlington on the opening day of the season.

Meet the City players... Marcus Stewart

What teams have you played for?

Bristol Rovers, Huddersfield Town, Ipswich Town, Sunderland, Bristol City, Preston North End (on loan), Yeovil Town.

What was the biggest and most memorable game you have played in?

The UEFA Cup run with Ipswich Town.

What will you probably do when you retire from playing?

Go into coaching or managing.

Which club would you most like to play for and why?

Bristol City, my home town club, and I am lucky to have achieved that already.

What is your favourite pastime?

Mountain bike riding.

Who is the best player you have played against?

Rio Ferdinand

What is the best goal you have scored?

Against Bolton Wanderers in a play-off first leg for Ipswich Town.

Who is the best player in your position in the world and why?

Wayne Rooney.

Who is your all time favourite sporting hero?

Gary Lineker

(Today's centre page poster in 'The Grecian' features Marcus Stewart)



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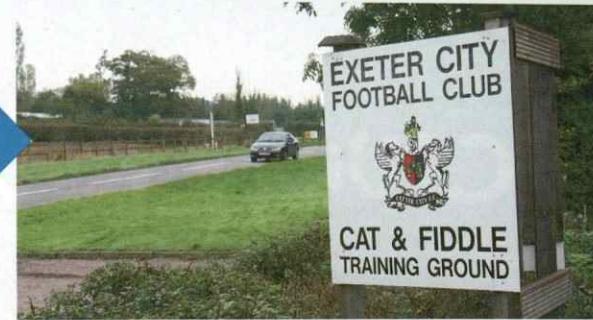


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You only have to go to any gym to see how people have been clearly influenced by the current trend in what used to be called core stability. Now the term has progressed into proximal stability amongst the scientists and university lecturers who have assumed ownership of this challis.

To me it seems that the mass of conflicting research and Chinese whispers going around the fitness scene has misdirected and miss informed people into thinking that one type of exercises fits all.

Many studies have correctly identified that people with low back pain have problems getting the deep muscles of the spine and trunk working quickly or powerfully for long enough. However the current question is what came first, the pain or the slow muscle firing? So if you have LOW BACK PAIN then continue with your Fit ball and get those tiny muscles close to the spine working because there is an intimate link between pain and motor control of your nervous system.

However, the body will only give you what it can control dynamically, that means during a functional task, in STANDING. Why? Well, because that's when the central nervous system needs to protect you and initiates muscle function, power, speed and endurance depending on the perceived task ahead.

Therefore we must see the body as a whole and a complete interactive system and not just the deep muscles of the spine, core or anywhere else for that

matter. Lets get away from seeing muscles as the only focus of force. They are just the monkeys. The brain and its central nervous system is the organ grinder!

The bottom line in my opinion is protection. Our bodies protect us by continually evaluating and responding to an endless stream of information that it gathers from our current or perceived environment, via a complex system of sensors. The result is a balanced delivery of function relative to the task. Even your pelvis has been referred to as being like your bathroom scales! No longer just a fascia, the passive stuff that holds us together is dynamic and lets the brain know more information about its environment than any other area of the body.

Don't be foolish enough to consider just muscles when you work out. When the body moves it employs every system it has. So if you are still interested in core stability, for function, focus on the whole body alignment in standing and let it gradually learn how to keep itself stable as you give it ever increasing challenges that it can overcome.

The body's first and only question during all situations is: "Will I potentially damage structures that I can not repair?"

If the answer is maybe, then your body will turn everything down like turning down the volume control. That's when you go over on an ankle or pull a hamstring muscle. This is because the body wants you to stop what you are or about to do. So it will find a way to stop you whilst avoiding damage to the vital systems. It will settle for a bad ankle but not a fractured spine!

All the best!

Ian Andrews, Exeter City FC Physio

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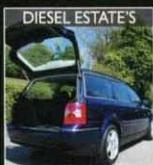
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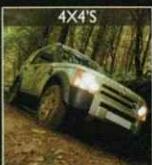
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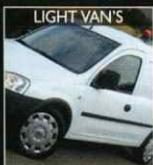
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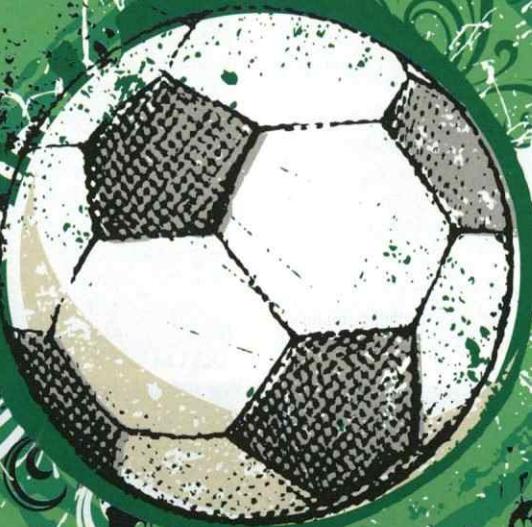
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What were you doing before you joined City (or what is the day job?):
I was a Catering Manager at a school.

Do you look out for any other team's results? (and if so, why?):
The local one's, Torquay United, Plymouth Argyle etc.

Your best-ever City-related moment?:
Winning at Torquay United in last season's Blue Square Premier League Play-Off semi-final to set up a visit to Wembley.

Your favourite City song or chant?:
'Come on Exeter!'

It's an away trip to Darlington: Choose any four people to share your car and tell us why?:

- 1) Gordon Ramsay - for the food.
- 2) Tom Cruise - for his looks.
- 3) David Beckham - for football.
- 4) Sandra or Sally - my best friends.

Your favourite Devon pub?:
The Nobody Inn, Doddiscombeleigh as it is just down the road from where I live.

It's our round - what are you having?:
Red wine, but make it a double.

Ever had a notable encounter with a



Lyn Hedley.

'celebrity'? (if so, who, when and what happened?):

Sir Cliff Richard once stayed at my aunt's hotel and I had a drink with him. I have also met George Michael when I was working for Lindley Catering and he sang a song to us.

The first record you ever bought? (or downloaded, depending on your age!):
It was so long ago I can't remember. I think it may have been by The Animals.

Your favourite book when you were a child?
The tale of Peter Rabbit, by Beatrix Potter.

Your favourite Devon beach?
Teignmouth, but the best are in Cornwall.

And finally what IS on your iPod? (give us selected highlights)
That's easy to answer as I don't have one!!



Lyn once had a drink with Sir Cliff Richard.



Gordon Ramsay could join Lyn for a trip to Darlington.



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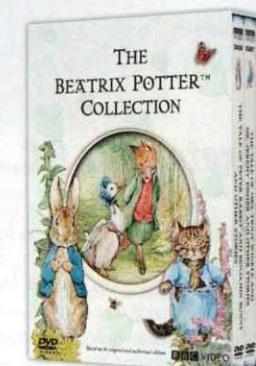


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The Musings of Dr David Treharne



Goodbye Stafford..... Hello Barnet

It was rather perverse that just after winning the play-off final at Wembley a thread appeared on Exeweb posing the questions "What was has been your best Exeter City moment".

That it should have generated such a long set of responses made me realise that the British have a terrible propensity to examine in minute detail the entrails of events past, present and future, with an awful willingness to believe that something locked deeply in the past represented some pinnacle of a moment that has to be set in stone as being 'the best'.

It's not something that is characteristic of other Nations who tend to get on with living rather more realistically in the present or at least the immediate past.

It's difficult to imagine that any British songwriters could have come up with the 1979 anthem "Good Times" made so popular by the wondrous collective set of hairstyles that were Chic.

Indeed during what many people see as the highpoint of British song writing credibility in the late 1960's many of the most famous songs were based on a nostalgic look at the past.

My two examples would have to be "Waterloo Sunset" by the Kinks and Strawberry Fields forever/Penny Lane" by the Beatles.

Even if your memory about those songs is hazy, you only have to listen to some of the songs created by Oasis and Blur during the 1990's to know that nostalgia still tends to rule in British song writing. A longing for some indefinable past has often shaped the British psyche

What was so good about "Good Times" was the fact that it was a celebration about 'now', not that nostalgic rummaging about in the past. The fact that the riff recurred in so many songs speak volumes for its enduring appeal.

Listen to "Wheels of Steel" by Grandmaster Flash, "Another one bites the dust" by Queen and the immense joy that is "Rapture" by Blondie and its there.

That's why I was so disappointed by the contents of the thread that I mentioned earlier. I'm a fairly long-term supporter of Exeter City, but in all the times that I've been watching I've only ever seen two promotions.

That was two promotions in thirty five years. My memories of the previous promotion season is still a bit hazy (and not just for all the usually suggested reasons about my intake of Cider at the time either!), and although the triumph was immense, as I recall were assured of promotion long before those

last few games that turned promotion into winning the League.

That's why I would have chosen, without any hesitation, the events of season 2007-2008 as being the most positive period that I have known since I've been watching City, indeed these are, as Chic would have it, "The good times" for me. I didn't think for a moment that it should be something over which a long period of celebration should ensue, but to quote Winston Churchill on the eve of V.E. day we should "...rejoice we can all take a night off today and another day tomorrow". I duly celebrated, and now I think we have to forget about last season and move on.

Quite what will happen during this season is difficult to forecast, but at least we are going to have an opportunity to find out, and to see whether the football style that was developed last year can be transplanted to a new environment.

If there are to be ponderous debates let them be about what I will miss about the Blue Square Premier, and what I am most looking forward to in Division Two. I think two of each will suffice until later in the season.

Of the Blue Square Premiership I'd have to say that I am glad to have escaped from having to go back to where I began my support for Exeter City, namely a trip to Barrow.

In 1972 it took me two days to get there and two days to get back, and travelling to such grounds in the BSQ were usually (not always) difficult. I'll also be pleased to stand a better chance of being fed and watered at some of the grounds that we'll be returning to. The memory of waiting 35 minutes for an only partially cooked Burger at Stafford will not be missed.

The return to the League will mean a return to some of my favourite grounds. In this category I count places like Barnet, Lincoln



Long trip to Barrow.



Looking forward to a visit.

and Hereford. They're special for all sorts of different reasons, and I'm sure that other Grecian Supporters will have a list of different 'favourites' that they're looking forward to. There are also some 'new' grounds to go to, not only places we haven't been to for a long time

Finally, I'm looking forward to welcoming more 'away' fans. Of course our away facilities tend to be dismal compared with even some of the Clubs that we have played in the last five years, but at least it stands a chance of being populated by more fans than were gathered for the visits of the likes of Leigh R.M.I.

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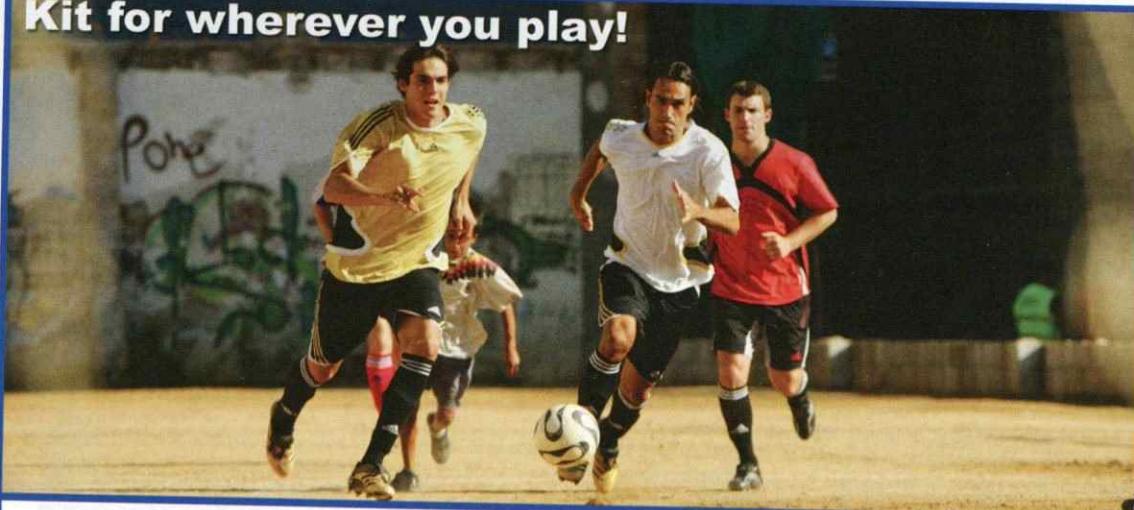
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The Exeter City F.C. Kick It Out Tournament

Players from this summer's highly successful Exeter City FC 'Kick Racism Out of Football' tournament have been invited to watch this afternoon's match with Luton Town. They are special guests of the Club which is keen to build on the fast growing community event. Twenty teams drawn from many parts of the world entered the five a



Mark Overton with Trust representative Martin Lawrence.



Some of the players with club and trust officials.

side competition which particularly encourages teams from local black and minority ethnic communities.

The winners were Exeter International whose team included several Afghans, a Nigerian and a Palestinian. In an exciting final they beat Elite from the local Fire and Rescue Service by 4-3.

International had reached the final after a nail biting semi final win on penalties over Polish team White and Red. Elite also reached the final after a penalty showdown. The plate final saw another goal feast with Cronies beating Tigers 4-3. The Saudi Arabia team won the Fair Play award.

The popular event has been boosted by a new partnership with the University of Exeter and was held on all weather pitches at the Streatham Sports Centre on the main campus. Deputy Vice-Chancellor Mark Overton opened the event and welcomed the players and spectators.

The tournament, which is backed by Exeter City FC and its Supporters' Trust, has been organised by the Exeter City Kick it Out Group working with the Grecians' Football in the Community team. Representatives of the club attending the event included Chairman Denise Watts, Sporting Director Julian Tagg, Operations Director Frances Farley and several Members of the Trust Board of Society.

Feedback from those taking part was very positive with one player writing to the organisers to say:

"Thank you for giving us the opportunity to participate in a really good social and sporting event. I haven't lived in Exeter very long (two years or so) but this is the first time in this part of the southwest I have seen people from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds coming together in such a positive way. I felt the spirit of the tournament was generally really positive and despite our failure to win any games I am confident that our team

enjoyed the day collectively. It was also really well organised and captured just the right spirit of encouraging competitiveness while recognising diversity in all its beautiful forms'.

This year's tournament was the biggest and best yet following generous support from sponsors who in addition to the University of Exeter and the Supporters Trust included Devon County Council, Exeter City Council, Devon and Cornwall Police, Exeter Community Initiatives, St. Sidwell's Centre, St James' Solicitors, Titan Computers and Exeter City Supporters' Club.

"We have had another fabulous tournament," said Fran Jenkin from Exeter City's Kick It Out Group and the Supporters' Trust Board of Society.

"Football is a wonderful way to break down barriers and the event really celebrated diversity in the area and will help build links between the club and all those who took part."

This was the fourth annual Exeter City Kick It Out tournament. Previous winners of the competition came from Poland (2005), Slovakia (2006) and Exeter College (2007).

Exeter City has a long and proud tradition of supporting Kick It Out. Kick It Out is football's anti-racism campaign and works throughout the football, educational and community sectors to challenge racism and work for positive change.

The Grecian's have their own Kick It Out campaign group whose main objectives are eliminating racism from the ground and building links with black and minority ethnic communities in the area.

Fans are strongly encouraged not to tolerate racism in the stadium.



University Deputy Vice Chancellor Mark Overton launching the event.



The winning team Exeter International.

Racist chants, comments or abuse should be reported to a steward or via Kick It Out's free hotline 0800 16 99414.

Specially designated Kick It Out games have been played at Exeter City since 1997 to highlight the campaign. This season's match is the home fixture with Grimsby on 18 October.

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Our thanks to MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM for forwarding the pictures on this page from City reserves opening Pontin's Holiday Combination fixture at Bournemouth, played on Tuesday 19th August.

Grecians of the Future

Head of Youth Football:
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Aug 26	Plymouth Argyle	A	0-3
Sep 9	Forest Green Rovers	H	
Sep 17	Yeovil Town	A	
Sep 30	Salisbury City	A	
Oct 14	Plymouth Argyle	H	
Nov 11	Swansea City	H	
Dec 2	Swindon Town	A	
Dec 16	Bristol City	H	
Jan 9	Cheltenham Town	A	
Jan 20	Salisbury City	H	
Feb 11	Swansea City	A	
Feb 17	Swindon Town	H	
Feb 24	Bristol City	A	
Mar 17	Cheltenham Town	H	
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Aug 16	Cheltenham Town	H
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Nov 1	Swansea City	A
Nov 8	Oxford United	H
Nov 15	Swindon Town	A
Dec 6	Bristol Rovers	A
Dec 13	Torquay United	H
Jan 10	Cheltenham Town	A
Jan 17	Plymouth Argyle	H
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Dean Moxey marked his return from injury by playing for more than an hour in Exeter City reserves' 1-0 defeat to Bournemouth at Dean Court.

Nineteen-year-old trialist right-back Peter Moore — released by Wigan at the end of last season — also featured in City's first game of the Football Combination League Wales and West Division season.

And Grecians boss Paul Tisdale was pleased with the team's performance. "Dean had a very, very good hour," Tisdale said. "That puts him in contention for a place on the bench on Saturday.

"I have said before it is about ensuring a player is fit enough to be able to play from the first minute, so today gave us more of an idea on that.

"But I won't be making any decisions just yet. As I've said, Dean, like others, is in contention for being named in the squad. "Peter Moore was good as well. He did

well at right-back in his first game for us. "We'll take a look at him now for the rest of the week before we make a decision on him.

"It's not just about the game but also about what he does in training, so we won't be rushing into a decision."

Steve Hutchings' strike after half an hour was enough to separate the two sides in a closely fought match.

City enjoyed a number of chances against a young Cherries side and were unfortunate not to grab an equaliser.

But Tisdale was just glad the Grecians were able to field a number of players returning from injury, including Moxey and Ben Watson, while giving others the chance to maintain match fitness.

"Ben Watson played for 65 minutes and did very well," he said. "He still needs more football, as do all the players who

have been out injured, but each and every one of them is making excellent progress."

"The reserve team matches are very important because they are an opportunity to maintain match fitness for the whole squad. It's valuable in general for the players to keep as close to match fitness as they can because they need to be ready to step into the first team if, for whatever reason, the chance is there for them to step up.

"For the players who played today, their job is keep me thinking and if I do want to make a change to the first team or need to make a change because of injury then they are ready to step in."

Exeter City reserves: Jordan, Moore, Bennett, Tasker (Obersteller, 70), Moxey (Shepherd, 70), Cozic, Sercombe, Panther, Basham, McAllister, Watson (T Osman, 70).

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Today's Match Mascots



FRASER BOYLE is 6-years-old today (happy birthday from all of us!) and lives in Exwick, Exeter. He attends St Nicholas Roman Catholic School in Exeter. Fraser is a big City fan, his favourite City player is Dean Moxey and he wants City to get to Wembley again this year!



NATHAM HOWELLS attends Eveswell Primary School and, apart from football, likes tennis, swimming and most sports actually plus, like many kids, playing on his PSP. He also supports Liverpool and adores Gerrard and Torres. His City favourites Ryan Harley, Dean Moxey and George Friend. He's a mascot today because it's a birthday present from Uncle Bob.

Supporters' Trust Draw Winner

We are pleased to announce that Shaune Cox is the lucky winner of the Exeter City Supporters' Trust draw prize for our League 2 match against Luton this afternoon. Shaune was first on the list of twelve for this game and will be bringing his son Darren as his guest.

Also on the list for this prize were Kirsty Smith Yates; Owen Vincent; Senad Hadzidedic; Stephen John Bishop; John Truman; Jack Nicholls; Thomas Speller; George Griffiths; Jacqueline Needs; Peter Prew; Adrian Webber.

The geographical spread was four from Exeter; five from other EX post codes (Exmouth, Seaton, Dawlish, Cullompton, and East Budleigh); one from elsewhere in Devon (Chudleigh) and one each from SW London; and Swindon.

Four of the members didn't have e-mail addresses shown this time and one had no phone number shown.

Don't forget if you are lucky enough to be drawn I have to contact you and if you don't have an e-mail address or an up to date phone number then you run the risk of me not being able to get hold of you in time so why not check and update them (if necessary) yourself by going to www.ecfcst.org.uk/members - you will need to register if you haven't already with your membership number.

Bruce Henderson put over barrel and made to pay Tribute to St Austell

The Grecians Business Development Manager, Bruce Henderson, is well known for having plenty to say for himself. However, this week saw him open mouthed with nothing to say but sorry, as City's St James' Centre management made him wash his mouth out after his unforgivable mistake in the Shrewsbury issue of the match day magazine.

Claiming to be just checking if anyone read the magazine, the shandy swilling southern softie claimed that not only was he a friend of the stars but that his favourite pint was a certain nut brown foam from Branscombe.



Having been instrumental, along with Justin Quick, in bringing St Austell Brewery to the club, the Sampford Peverell bar propper has had plenty to say about the merits of a pint of the brewery's Tribute Ale, especially when served straight from the barrel - until it came to print however, when he made his scurrilous claim to preferring another brew.

Andy Gillard, the club's Operations Manager, said, "It just goes to show how low these Commercial people will stoop, I expect he had just been given a free pint of the other brew and felt he had to claim it as a favourite. Everyone knows the scoundrel loves Tribute and drinks at least a hogshead of it for breakfast every day".

St Austell executives are considering if any further punishment is due and a full bar tribunal is to be held when Danny Crabb, the brewery Area Manager, returns from holiday. Meanwhile Pete Wilkie, who handles the Grecian Account for St Austell, says the washing out will suffice whilst they ponder any further forfeit.

Our picture shows Justin Quick and Chris Fahy supervising Smiler applying the mop and bleach to the Henderson's ample beer holder. "I just hope people stop phoning the club now about my lack of moral fibre" said Bruce, adding, "It's an honour to deal with St Austell Brewery. There is no truth in my previous claim about preferring another brand and which I now withdraw unreservedly". Henderson, from Mid Devon, is aged 127.

Grecian Goal

Grecian Goal is an easy way for an individual, or a group of you, to support your club, and it is very budget friendly. Last season the following 52 supporters

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If you would like to join the Grecian Goal scheme you can pick up a pledge sheet from the club reception or shop or Email your pledge to: greciangol@btopenworld.com.

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The Grecian Goal Roll of Honour 2007-08:

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Trust Guest of the Day

We are pleased to announce that Pete Waygood was the lucky winner of the Exeter City Supporters' Trust prize for a place in the Director's Box for our recent League 2 match against Shrewsbury on Saturday 16th August. Pete was first on the list of fifteen for this game and will be known to lots of people as he is a member of our great programme selling team.

Also on the list for this prize were Jeffrey Stokes; Nigel Tamlin; Lyndon Carter; David Stainer; Paul Satterly; Steve Roach; Verity Knight; Maureen Ridout; David J Hill; Sarah Jane Short; Stuart Walker; Richard Sleeman; and David Saunders.

Seven of the members didn't have e-mail addresses shown this time but all had at least one phone number shown.

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Grecians Business Developments and Promotions

Business Matters with Bruce Henderson

Since we last wrote the programme notes for the Shrewsbury game, the team have produced the win at Bournemouth, a win which all fans knew was just around the corner, given the superb standard of football we have been witnessing from the boys. This will no doubt keep the interest pot bubbling in the club and our challenge is to harness this potential and turn it into the vital cash streams, which are the club's lifeblood.

Off the field we are still plugging away, filling the gaps in income targets, which never seem to go away. The boxes, match and match ball sponsors are 99% full now and we are also well under way in selling spaces in the newly refurbished Tribute Room and a new offer called the Steve Perryman Sponsorship. (Call or mail mark.jenkins@exetercityfc.co.uk for details of both opportunities).

The next step is to fill the spaces available for perimeter advertising boards whilst our colleague Justin Quick is seeking to extend our license to sell alcohol in other parts of the stadium, so we can expand our bar and hospitality offerings, including under the Flybe Stand. He is also looking to obtain a wedding license for the club so we can hold civil ceremonies at the ground. There are also fledgling ideas afoot to improve what the club offer the public under the old stand. In other words, plenty still to achieve.

In addition, we are also out to get all of the outstanding invoices due to us to be paid. Whilst the club has bills to pay, it struggles - like any other business - to satisfy it's creditors when when it's own invoices remain overdue. Mondays' task then is to make those phone calls! Another one of Justin's tasks is to seek ways to make the stadium a more interesting place to be around on match days, in terms of external catering and entertainment and he has been busy for a couple of weeks examining options. From our part, we have got Gaymer Cider to provide some crowd surfing balls, which along with our mates from Gemini Radio, we will use to get the chuckle muscles working at half time.

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The Match with Andy Gillard

It was a good feeling last week at Bournemouth to get a win under our belt and some kind of tangible reward for great footballing performances this season. I have been watching some Premiership sides over the past few weeks and it struck me that I would rather be watching City's slick passing and movement than their misplaced efforts! Before I get too evangelical about it all, though, I know that points count ultimately rather than performance, but I hope the team get the confidence to take last week's victory on against Luton and Accrington over the next week.

Steve Lundy's HOME FARM HOTEL has kindly stepped in to sponsor today's game and we welcome him and his guests to the game. Steve has got behind youth football with Centre of Excellence team sponsorship over the past couple of seasons and it's great to see his involvement and backing for the club continuing. Home Farm Hotel is in Wilmington, just outside Honiton on the A35 and the food is excellent! As a City fan too, you will be assured a warm welcome so please try them out whenever you can.

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It's a busy week so hope to see you for the Johnstone's Paint Trophy game against Shrewsbury (again!) on Tuesday and then for Accrington's visit next Saturday.



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Success and growth continued into the 1990s with the acquisition of six additional Fokker F27s as passenger numbers continued to increase. A new appearance was launched in 1990, including a new livery and new uniforms.

Jersey European Airways gained its first London route in 1991 from Guernsey to London Gatwick and shortly afterwards the route from Jersey to London Gatwick began operation.

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1994 and 1995 saw more BAe 146 jets joining the fleet, bringing the total number of jets to seven. Three new Business lounges were opened at Belfast City, Jersey and Guernsey, as well as the launch of the innovative Ticket to Freedom frequent flyer scheme to reward the loyal business customer.

The franchise partnership with Air France continued to expand in 1997 to include Birmingham International to Paris Charles de Gaulle and Glasgow for which 3 more BAe 146 aircraft were acquired.

The new millennium saw the airline announce a new brand name at the beginning of May; British European. The rebrand reflected the true size and scope of what was now the UK's third-largest scheduled airline.

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The Simon Barrow Column

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"I don't quite know what the questions are yet."

What a glorious moment! Finally being able to celebrate Exeter City's first win in the Football League for five years, following our descent in 2002-3 and re-ascent via Wembley last season. Unfortunately I wasn't able to be in Bournemouth for the nearest the Grecians get to an away 'derby' this term, but I swear I could hear the cheering 87 miles away.

How appropriate, too, that the scorer of the goal that secured this historic victory should be one of our fine younger players, Ryan Harley. The blend of freshness and experience, vitality and solidity, youth and age in the squad promises well for the future.

That said, there are likely to be many ups and downs this season, and it is extremely important that the team and the fans adopt a positive approach to both - taking heart from the good times and seeking to learn from the difficult experiences without allowing them to get us down.

The disappointment at St James' Park against Shrewsbury a fortnight ago is a good example. Here's a side which will be 'there or thereabouts' in April and May. They've already tipped Dagenham off top spot with a win against Aldershot and they epitomise the tough challenges the Grecians will face at home in the coming months.

But we should also recall that Shrewsbury, like ECFC, came down to the Conference and bounced back via a play-off final in 2004. Since then they have proceeded to consolidate their position and have now put themselves in a place where promotion is a realistic possibility. That's the example the Grecians should be following.

What's more, we will have our day again against the Shrews as soon as next week in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, which will also provide an opportunity for some more research and development outside the crucible of League Two.

In seeking both to steady the ship and to edge forward, it is clear that Paul Tisdale's approach is focussing on "one match at a time" as well as forward-thinking. He is not taking anything for granted, and that's absolutely right when you find yourself in a new league. You can watch your upcoming opponents on video, but there's no short cut to direct experience.

Indeed, when he was asked in a recent television interview whether he had the answers for League Two's challenges in 2008-9, Tisdale acutely replied, "I don't quite know what the questions are yet." It was evidence of a man who knows that there's little point

strategising in a purely speculative way. In football you have to be prepared to adapt, change, organise and dig in according to what comes at you.

All of which means that it's difficult at this



The huge City support at AFC Bournemouth last week.

stage to predict exactly where Exeter City will be at Christmas, which is around the time of year when the shape of what has been tells you a good deal more about what is to come.

In all probability, this season will be a rollercoaster ride, not least emotionally. That's what makes the game so absorbing and addictive. But the point is to retain a level of consistency whether fortune seems to be smiling or frowning upon you at any given moment.

Exeter City and their ambitious manager have, I believe, built up the trust and respect among the fans that is vital to sustaining such an approach.

A cynic once wryly completed Rudyard Kipling's famous poetic encouragement, "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs..." by adding "you simply don't understand the situation!"

It's a great one-liner, but it couldn't be further from the truth.

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JOHN LITSTER



Hang on to this programme!

The editor of "Programme Monthly & Football Collectable" magazine explains the joys – and financial rewards – of collecting football programmes.

So you have a pile of programmes, purchased at matches you have attended, or handed down from a friend or family member. One or two have caught your eye, and you would like some more of a similar type. You have heard that they are comparatively cheap to purchase, so how do you go about buying them?

If there is a programme shop or stall at your local ground, you could certainly start there. Two or three decades ago, these were practically universal, as enthusiastic programme collectors helped their fellow supporters share in their hobby by buying and selling old programmes alongside those from contemporary matches not involving their team.

Sadly (from a programme collector's point of view) many of these have now closed down, replaced by the much more profitable club megastore, but a handful still survive, and those attending most major grounds are also served by street traders, who perform a similar service. One of the many joys of attending a non-league ground is that there is invariably a selection of old programmes on sale in the souvenir hut, that level of football largely resistant to the commercial advances of League clubs.

The internet is an obvious starting place to widen one's collection, and the web sites can be split into two, the specialist and the general. The latter means eBay, which has tens of thousands of football programmes on sale or under offer at any time. We will give



Left: Best, Law and Charlton feature in this Manchester United European tie from the 1960s, which can be obtained for about £1.

Right: In contrast to a New Brighton programme from their Football League days in the late 1940s, which would cost a few hundred pounds.

more detailed advice on buying via eBay in a later article in this series, but in the meantime it can certainly be recommended as a source of good, cheap, commonplace programmes.

The competitive bidding aspect of eBay helps inform the novice of the true worth of a programme. Several bids and a high best bid would point to a rarity that is likely to be expensive to purchase. No takers at a high starting bid or buy-it-now price would suggest that the programme has been over priced by the seller.

Programmes may be obtained dating back to the early 1960s for as little as 99p with some careful purchasing on eBay, and there are plenty of "bargain bundles" where the average price of each item is very much lower. The interim advice is simple: read the

description carefully, scrutinise the illustration, using the zoom tool for a larger image, and in the rare event of the programme pm receipt being not quite as advertised, immediately ask for a return and refund, and if the transaction becomes problematic, complain to eBay.

A more reliable source of programmes is a specialist dealer, and they all have websites nowadays, the majority listing all items in stock, or certainly those listed in the latest issue of their (printed) catalogue. "What you see is what you will get" with experienced dealers, who have a reputation to sustain and who are therefore very reliable.

Those of us with a love of printed items (and who regard a computer screen as being associated with work rather than leisure) prefer to browse through a dealer's printed catalogue. In the present climate, dealers are offering plenty of bargains, and most sell bargain bundles to kick-start collections. One word of caution when considering spending a large sum of money on one item; sometimes the price being asked is wishful thinking rather than an accurate indication of the current value, so undertake some pricing comparison, or take advice, before committing yourself to an expensive purchase.

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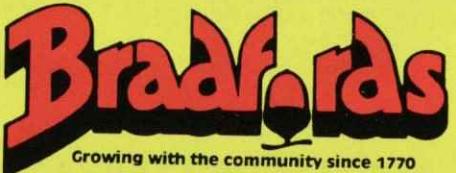
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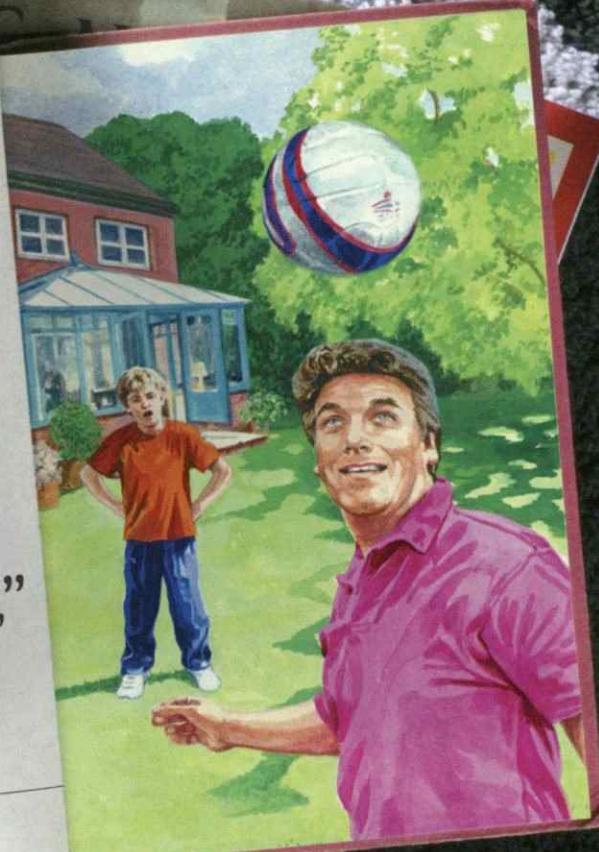


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“What a ***** goal!” screamed Johnny’s dad.

“I don’t like football with Dad,” thought Johnny.

Pass ball dad



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Grecians from the Shay

by Mike Blackstone

The right back looked familiar. Try as I may I couldn't put a name to him, but I just I knew I had seen him somewhere.

As the teams lined up for kick off my curiosity got the better of me and when I heard one of the team management shout out the players christian name - 'Peter' - the old grey matter began to click into gear.

Now I had only seen a photograph of this player a few days before in the Express and Echo - but it couldn't be could it? After all, I was 300 miles away from Exeter.

One of the advantages of watching non-league football is that you are able to strike up a conversation with those stood around the dug outs, so I leaned over the fence and asked one of the FC Halifax Town people who their right-back was.

Not letting on who I thought he was, the reply simply confirmed who the player was.

“That's Peter Moore. Released by Wigan at the end of last season. he played for Exeter on trial midweek you know.”

So there was my answer, it was none other than Peter Moore, who on the previous Tuesday afternoon had lined up for Exeter City reserves in their 1-0 defeat at AFC Bournemouth in the Football Combination.

Now just four days later he was making his debut in the Unibond League Division One North at Lancaster City, and for the newly formed FC Halifax Town.

Had I not seen his photograph in the Express and Echo, it is doubtful whether I would have known who he was, nor about the Exeter City connection.

City manager Paul Tisdale had decided against signing the full-back saying: “We did not offer a contract to Peter Moore. The problem with the trialists we have had is that we have some very good young players coming through and, in that position, we have Scott Bennett, who is 17.

“Anyone coming in that is 19 or 20 really has to be that much better, and I don't want to stop our young players from coming through.”

Moore wasn't the only Grecian connection though, for lining up in midfield for Halifax was Justin Walker, who they had signed from Ilkeston Town in the summer.

Walker had been signed by City in August 2002, following his release by Lincoln City, but he only stayed at the Park for one season, scoring five goals in 39 league outings.

He then moved on to Cambridge United and York City before linking up with Ilkeston. I guess the reason why he was now playing for Halifax, was the fact that his former Ilkeston boss, the much travelled Nigel Jemson, was the Yorkshire team assistant player-manager. One thing I couldn't but help think about,



The Grecians' travelling support at Bournemouth.



Ryan Harley celebrates his goal at Bournemouth last Saturday.

was how Halifax Town had slipped down the footballing ladder due their ongoing financial problems.

It doesn't seem that long ago that Exeter City were meeting them in the Football League, now they have a long climb back if they are to recreate those sort of days, and of course this is, despite its similar name, a completely new club, although they still play at The Shay.

They brought with them a large support for this level of the game - around 350 - and they were very enthusiastic, at the start, however, two goals from Lancaster dampened their spirits and probably made them realise that it isn't going to be easy rekindling past glories.

Had it not been for the intervention of the

Exeter City Supporters' Trust, then we too may have been watching football at a much lower level than the Coca Cola League Two - possibly alongside the likes of Truro City in the Southern League.

Worse still, had it not been for the hard work of the Trust, the supporters and the sponsors, then we may not have had an Exeter City to watch at all perish the thought.

So what of the performances of Moore and Walker? Considering it was his first game for the club, Moore had an excellent 90 minutes, whilst Walker looked no more than average on that particular showing.

It's truly amazing how you come across former Grecians at various venues around the country, but I must admit, I never for a moment thought I would see Peter Moore!

Racist Chanting Not Welcome

Several reports of racist chanting and racial abuse of Bournemouth players have been received by the club after Saturday's match.

Exeter City Football Club would like to make it clear that it totally condemns any behaviour of this sort and disassociates itself completely with these so called City fans. They are not welcome at the club and will not be tolerated.

To this end, Exeter City is working hard to identify those concerned so that appropriate action can be taken. If you can help in any way then please contact the club on 01392 411243 or on email at enquiries@exetercityfc.co.uk.. We want watching Exeter City - at home or away - to be an abuse free experience.

On the march with the Red Army

(Exeter City FC Junior Supporters' Club)

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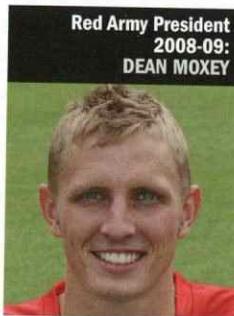
What a great performance against Shrewsbury - a shame we didn't get the result we deserved. Our visit to Bournemouth was brilliant - the sun shone, Deano (Red Army President) was back in action and, most important, we had our first win back in the League! Lets cheer the team on to another 3 points today.

Our first event of the season was our exclusive Train with the Team at the Cat and Fiddle Training ground. We watched the team training and then they signed autographs and posed for photos. There were hotdogs, cakes and a tuck shop and then members trained with the players.

Then our new President Dean Moxey was announced and he picked a 'Lucky Charm' mascot and the winning tickets in the affle. Thank you to everyone involved, but especially to all the players.

Our next event will be in the October half-term - look out for details coming soon on the Red Army website www.ecfc.co.uk/redarmy and in the programme.

If any Red Army members would like to write a report for the website (on a trip to an away match, a Red Army event, a workparty



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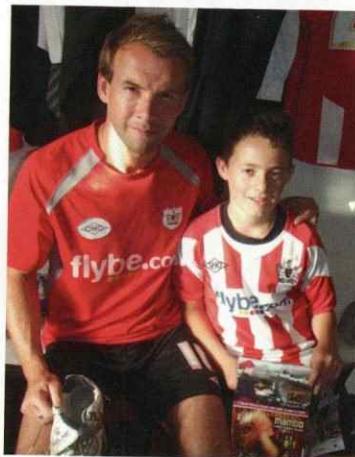


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Up the City!
The Red Army Committee



Sam Netherway with Grecian the Lion.



Sam Netherway with Marcus Stewart in the changing rooms.

they have helped with or anything else City related) please email them to: redarmy@ecfc.co.uk or post to Helen Moore

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- Red Army news in the match day programme
- Entrance in a draw to be a Lucky Charm at a home game
- Christmas party with players attending
- Christmas card and gift from the Team
- A signed photo from your favourite player
- A birthday card
- Organised social events during the year (bingo, BBQ etc)
- 10% discount on Jubilee Tours away travel
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- 10% discount on Football In The Community courses
- Discounted price for a mascot package

- Membership of the Red Army costs £12 (£10 for renewing members) with a £12 discount for family members at the same address. Membership runs from June to May. Membership application forms are available from the club shop or can be downloaded from the Red Army website: ecfc.co.uk/redarmy

To Join please visit our Red Army web site
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At St James' Park, Sunday 7th September 2008 - Kick-off 2pm.



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"To have two European Cup winners (Irwin and May) in the United squad adds a little extra to an already exciting team. They will compete with a very good City line-up and, alongside the other entertainment we have planned around the ground for that afternoon, it promises to make it a family day to remember."

Already confirmed for the match are Exeter City old boys **Kevin Miller, John Hodge, Barry McConnell, Alan Banks, Ray Pratt, Martyn Rogers, Scott Hiley, Peter Hatch, Shaun Taylor, Steve Flack, Dick Forbes, Mike Jordan, Jimmy Giles and Chris Vinnicombe.**

For United: Fraser Digby, Arthur Albiston, Mike Duxbury, Clayton Blackmore, David May, Denis Irwin, Lee Martin, Peter Davenport and Sammy McIlroy, who was manager of Morecambe when they beat Exeter in the 2007 Blue Square Premier play-off final at Wembley, have confirmed.

The big match will be followed by a CELEBRITY SPORTING DINNER at the Thistle Hotel, Exeter, which will be attended by all the players, with the evening to include a three-course meal, entertainment, questions and answers with the Manchester United side, and an auction of United sporting memorabilia.

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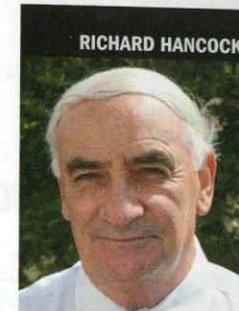
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Let's Kick Racism Out Of Football

Exeter City Football Club will not tolerate racism in any form. Any spectator who is caught using abusive language, racial abuse or racial chanting, will be arrested. Any instances of this nature should be brought to the attention of the match stewards and/or police. For more information of the Kick It Out Campaign: Kick It Out, P.O. Box 29544, London EC2A 4WR or tel: 020 7684 4884. Exeter City Kick It Out can be contacted at: kickitout@exetercityfc.co.uk

EXeC 100 Club Update



RICHARD HANCOCK

Today we welcome the players and supporters of Luton Town for what should be, to put it mildly, a most interesting game. The causes of Luton's current plight have been well documented and opinion, as always, has been divided on the fairness of it all. But what is done and, no doubt, we shall be facing a team today fired up by what they see as the injustice of it all.

Of course we have been there and got the tee shirt in the past as far as perceived injustice goes. So I suppose we should have some sympathy. Perhaps after today, depending on the result.

Personally I have always had a bit of a soft spot for Luton Town as they were one of the first teams I ever saw play at the Park. Unlike many people who seem to know exactly who they saw for their first game, who scored and how much the pies were, I haven't a clue who my first game involved. Perhaps it's because it was so long ago!

I do remember though the third round FA Cup tie against Luton. It was in the 1959-60 season and the previous year they had been the losing finalists in the cup - there was only the one in those days - against Nottingham Forest.

It is a game that seems to have passed the historians by. I have several books about the history of Exeter City, but this particular game never seems to get a mention. Strange really as it attracted a crowd of 20,000 and I vividly remember the excitement of the occasion. City lost 2-1 with our scorer being an own goal by Ray Daniel. Let's hope we don't get a repeat of that scoreline today.

In my humble opinion the Carling cup tie against Southampton was a cracker. How nice it is to see the team playing passing football and keeping it on the deck. Of course the long ball will always have its moments in any game, although it always amuses me that at our St James' Park it's called hoofball and derided, whereas up at Newcastle it's a 60-yard pinpoint pass! Such is life.

I for one was not surprised at the size of the crowd, as I always thought it would be a popular game, and when you realise we had a bigger crowd on the night than the likes of Crystal Palace, Ipswich, Bristol City, Preston and Watford to mention just a few, then I think that is testament to just how well the City can be supported in the good times.

It is a fact of life that some people come to watch the opposition and others only really select certain games but there is nothing wrong with that and everyone should be made welcome whatever their reason. It is after all, hard cash in the bank at the end of the day.

The Exec bar was heaving, with the tills jingling merrily and Smiler living up to his name and rubbing his hands with glee. It is all a long way from the early days when we could never get into double figures with our membership.

The change to the Old Grandstand and the more relaxed atmosphere that we now generate is mainly responsible for the upsurge in membership and, of course, our always welcoming attitude towards our matchday guests who we now find swelling our ranks.

Luton's recent results, show us that, yet again we are in for a difficult afternoon today, so let's keep up our positive attitude and get right behind the team. UP THE CITY.



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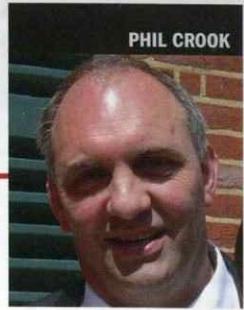
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Phil Crook describes... Life in the 1970s



PHIL CROOK

I left you last time in January 1975 having seen Spurs beaten at home by the then Second Division strugglers Nottingham Forest. As I said, Cloughie had just taken over and he was to have a dramatic effect on their fortunes in the following years.

My life was about to take a different direction as well, because after living for 5 months in a rough B&B "Hotel" (I use the term very loosely) near Notting Hill Gate, I decided I needed something a little better.

Don't get me wrong, I shall always be very grateful to the people that I met there, because they certainly shaped my view on a lot of things in life.

As the young kid up from the sticks, some of them definitely saw me as a bit of a hopeless case, who if they didn't take under their wing and protect, would end up dead in the gutter.

An advert in the internal staff magazine at the BBC caught my eye for a flat in Ealing Broadway, a leafy and quiet suburb of west London. It was for a very low rent because it was basically a house sitting job for 6-9 months while someone was away.

In those days people would leave property empty, because a place that had been empty for 48 hours wouldn't necessarily attract vandals and villains like it would today. The well worn phrase of today, "if something looks too good to be true then it probably is" was not on my radar then, else I might have felt uneasy. But then again I was just coming up to 19 and you don't see trouble at that age, just challenges.

So I took it, a two bedroom flat set in beautifully manicured gardens on a small estate with 6 blocks of flats, each of two flats in each block. What I hadn't been told of course was that the guy underneath me was a total nutcase with a long list of violent assaults to his name and several others pending.

He was in effect squatting in the flat because he had been the caretaker for the estate, a job that came with the flat, but he'd been fired because he'd attacked two of the residents. Although I was a little apprehensive when one of the residents told me this, my youthful confidence soon overcame my concerns.

All was fine for the first 4 weeks and I'd seen the guy a couple of times to nod hello to, a thick set chap in his mid forties I

would guess. Then one night I came back late from a drinking session after work and I must have made a fair bit of noise and disturbed him.

The next thing I know he is banging on the ceiling and shouting that he is "going to have you tomorrow." Like a dope, instead of shutting up, I had to shout back, "why wait 'til tomorrow, come up here now if you fancy your chances." He did!

He started smashing on the door trying to get in while I'm stood the other side, shaking like a leaf and praying the door doesn't give way. Luckily the door held out and eventually he gave up with shouts of "I'm still going to get you tomorrow."

The next morning when he heard the door shut as I left for work he came out and started chasing me towards the station but as an overweight middle aged man (something that I know only too well myself now I'm afraid) he stood little chance of catching me and he gave up after a couple of hundred yards.

"I was among just 15,812, a very low crowd in a season of poor attendance's for Tottenham."

My 'phone call to the local Police Station was taken very seriously, when I was told that they would get the local constable responsible for the area to go and see him but it wouldn't be for three days as he was on holiday.

When I had the temerity to suggest that this wasn't in any way good enough and it should be dealt with today I was told that because no actual assault had taken place it wasn't a priority. If however he did actually assault me I should ring again, well not if I was lying in a pool of blood I wouldn't be!

A group of lads from work were all for coming over from south London and "sorting it", but I decided it would be better to stay with a friend for a couple of days and let the dust settle.

As a consequence of the trouble I only got to two more games in January, the first being a trip to White Hart Lane to watch Spurs against Sheffield United. I was among just 15,812, a very low crowd in a season of poor attendance's for Tottenham, brought about in my opinion by a mixture of increasing crowd trouble and shocking

performances on the pitch.

Another reason was probably to do with rising inflation and people striking for higher pay to combat the fall in their living standards. Fast forward 33 years and not much has changed socially has it?

Since beating Luton away 1-0 on the 9th November (yes, today's opponents were then in the top tier of English football, although they were eventually going to get relegated by just one point) Sheffield had slipped from 6th to 14th thanks to run of 8 games that saw just one win and four draws.

They were about to get their season firmly back on track however with the first of 9 wins, which when coupled with 6 draws and just 2 defeats in their last 17 games saw them end the season in 6th. Goals from Tony Currie, Keith Eddy and Alan Woodward with just a consolation goal from John Duncan saw United cruise to a 3-1 win.

The Spurs fans were now starting to realise that all they had left for the season was a battle against relegation, a battle that was starting to look like they were unlikely to win.

My final game that month was a trip to Chelsea to see them play Birmingham City in the fourth round of the FA Cup. Reading the letters page from the match programme a 13 year old, PSpendbeg from Stratford E15, had noted that when Chelsea won the League Cup in 1965 and the FA Cup in 1970 they had beaten Birmingham 3-0 in the early rounds each time.

He was sure that they would win again and once again go on to win the Cup. He was wrong, they lost 1-0 thanks to a Kenny Burns goal in the first half and they were soon to be involved in a titanic relegation struggle with Spurs. I hope PSpendbeg is still on the planet and I wonder if he felt as bad when Chelsea lost in last season's Champions League final to Manchester United as I'm sure he did following the defeat to Birmingham.

Meanwhile City ended the month with a 4-1 thumping of Stockport County in front of 4,538 at the Park and rose one place to 6th. 1975 continues next time.

Match Stats 2008-09

AUGUST	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	AWAY
Aug 09	Darlington	1-1	3,559	604
Aug 12	Southampton (CC1)	1-3	6,471	796
Aug 16	Shrewsbury Town	0-1	4,916	327
Aug 23	AFC Bournemouth	1-0	5,350	1,239
Aug 30	Luton Town			
SEPTEMBER				
Sep 02	Shrewsbury Town (JPT1)			
Sep 06	Accrington Stanley			
Sep 13	Bradford City			
Sep 20	Notts County			
Sep 27	Macclesfield Town			
OCTOBER				
Oct 04	Gillingham			
Oct 11	Bury			
Oct 18	Grimsby Town			
Oct 21	Port Vale			
Oct 25	Barnet			
Oct 28	Chesterfield			
NOVEMBER				
Nov 01	Chester City			
Nov 08	F.A. Cup Rnd 1			
Nov 15	Aldershot Town			
Nov 22	Morecambe			
Nov 25	Rotherham Utd			
Nov 29	F.A. Cup Rnd 2			
DECEMBER				
Dec 06	Lincoln City			
Dec 13	Dagenham & Redbridge			
Dec 20	Rochdale			
Dec 26	Wycombe Wanderers			
Dec 28	Brentford			
JANUARY				
Jan 03	Macclesfield Town			
Jan 10	Notts County			
Jan 17	Bury			
Jan 24	Gillingham			
Jan 28	Chesterfield			
Jan 31	Barnet			
FEBRUARY				
Feb 03	Port Vale			
Feb 07	Grimsby Town			
Feb 14	Aldershot Town			
Feb 21	Chester City			
Feb 28	Darlington			
MARCH				
Mar 03	Shrewsbury Town			
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Mar 14	Bradford City			
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APRIL				
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GOALKEEPER	DEFENDERS	MIDFIELDERS	FORWARDS
Jones	Tully, Seaborne1, Taylor, Friend, Gill, Edwards, Harley, Stansfield	Stewart, Logan, Panther, McAllister, Basham, Sercombe, Marriott	Stewart, Logan, Panther, McAllister, Basham, Sercombe, Marriott

Player Appearances & Goals 2008-09



PLAYER	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	App	Gl	App	Gl	App	Gl
Steve Basham	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (2)	0
Scott Bennett	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bertie Cozic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rob Edwards	3	0	1	0	4	0
George Friend	3	0	1	0	4	0
Matt Gill	3	0	1	0	4	0
Ryan Harley	3	1	1	0	4	1
Paul Jones	3	0	1	0	4	0
Nick Jordan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richard Logan	3	0	0 (1)	0	3 (1)	0
Craig McAllister	0 (2)	0	1	0	1 (2)	0
Andy Marriott	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neil Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dean Moxey	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (2)	0
Jack Obersteller	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manny Panther	0 (1)	0	0	0	0 (1)	0
Neil Saunders	0	0	0	0	0	0
Danny Seaborne	3	1	1	0	4	1
Liam Sercombe	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Shephard	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Stansfield	3	0	1	0	4	0
Marcus Stewart	3	0	1	0	4	0
Matt Taylor	3	0	1	0	4	0
Steve Tully	3	0	1	0	4	0
Ben Watson	0	0	0	0	0	0

Coca-Cola Division 2 2008-09



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shrewsbury T	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
Bradford C	3	3	0	0	6	1	9
Bury	3	3	0	0	6	2	9
Dagenham & R	3	2	1	0	10	2	7
Wycombe W	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Brentford	3	2	0	1	5	1	6
Accrington St	3	2	0	1	4	1	6
Chesterfield	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Port Vale	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Gillingham	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Rochdale	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Aldershot T	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
EXETER CITY	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Darlington	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Notts County	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Morecambe	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Grimsby T	3	0	1	2	0	5	1
Lincoln C	3	0	0	3	1	5	0
Barnet	3	0	0	3	2	7	0
Macclesfield T	3	0	0	3	0	8	0
Chester C	3	0	0	3	1	11	0
Rotherham U	3	3	0	0	7	2	-8
AFC Bournemouth	3	0	2	1	2	3	-15
Luton T	3	1	1	1	3	4	-26

Red Square at St James' Park

Exeter City are delighted to announce the opening of the Red Square at St James' Park for the games against Luton Town and Accrington Stanley respectively.

It is not a competitor of Blue Square or any Russian connection, but an attempt by the club to allow more fans to enjoy pre and post match refreshments and an area for socialising with fellow Grecians.

Carlsberg, Blackthorn, Gaymers and Tribute will be on sale and Flippy Chippy mobile Fish and Chip van is available to satisfy hungry appetites along with the an additional Red and Fed kiosk selling Pies and Pasties similar to those currently enjoyed inside the ground. A covered area will be available to be used come rain or shine.

It is hoped that this will become a full time fixture at the club in the area immediately outside the shop and the club is looking at ways in which to make this a winner for all fans and improve the match day experience.

The Centre Spot bar will open as usual and the outside area will open from 12-3 pre match and from final whistle until 6pm post match. It is anticipated that this area will become part of fans match day routine and should you have any ideas to help this happen including food, drink or entertainment then please email the club at enquiries@exetercityfc.co.uk.

Why not turn up early enjoy a pint outside followed by a Dominos Pizza inside the ground and then watch the match?



The Squads



EXETER CITY

Club Colours: Red, White and Black

LUTON TOWN

Club Colours: White and Black

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Forthcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 2nd September 2008
SHREWSBURY TOWN
 Johnstone's Paint Trophy Rnd. 1
 Kick Off 7.45pm

Saturday 6th September
ACCRINGTON STANLEY
 Coca-Cola League Two
 Kick Off 3.00pm

The Officials

Referee:
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Assistant Referees:
 Mr B. Malone and
 Mr. R. Vaughan

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