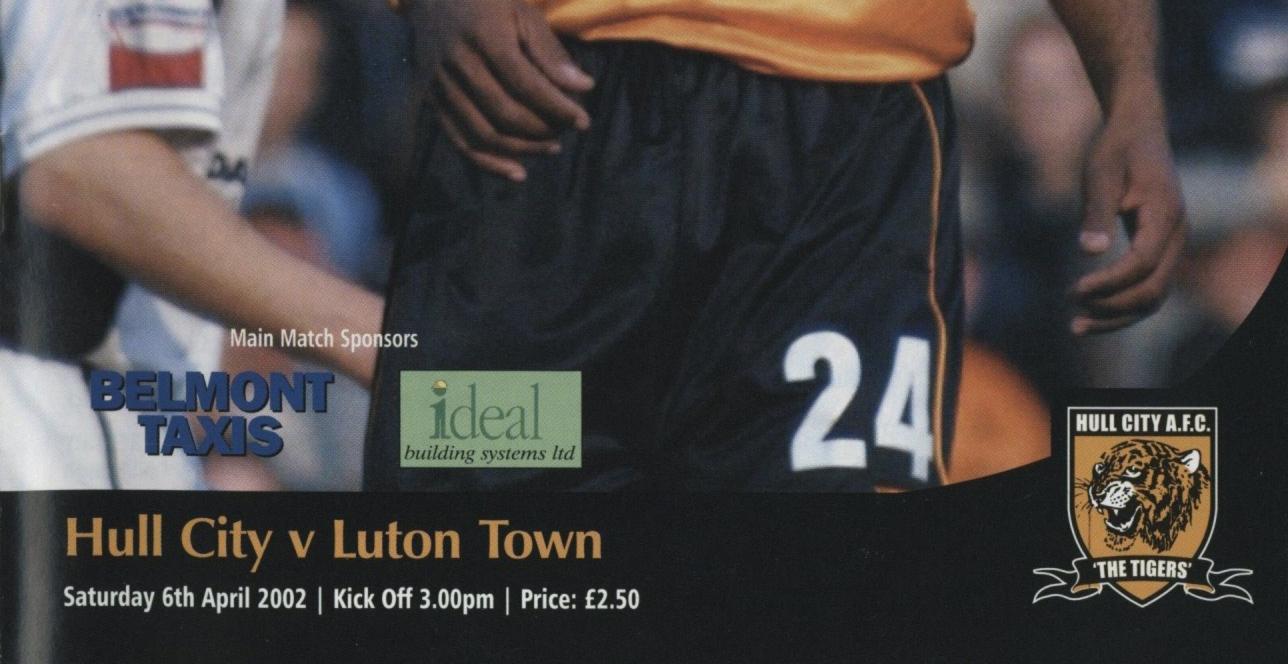




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## One game at a time

**Caretaker Manager Billy Russell** 

The Easter weekend was a disappointing one for us with the two defeats and it looks as though we've all but blown our chances of claiming a play-off place.

Of course, until it becomes mathematically impossible for us to make one of those positions we'll keep plugging away and nobody within the camp will be throwing in the towel.

With Darlington coming here on the back of a bad run of results in the league I honestly believed that we could take all three points off them

and that's what we should have done. We started the game very brightly and took the game to them which was the plan.

Adrian Caceres was put in because we believed he could cause their back four a few problems and for the first 15 minutes we looked the more dangerous side.

At that point I was happy with the way things were going but then we went and conceded a really sloppy goal which came from a comedy of errors on our behalf.

To go a goal down having dominated the opening exchanges was very disappointing but I thought the players responded well and fought their way back into the game. Gary Alexander's equaliser was just

the tonic we needed but within minutes of dragging ourselves level we'd made another schoolboy mistake and conceded a second goal.

That practically killed us coming so quickly after we'd drawn level and it was a shock to me as we looked the likely winners at 1-1.

Across the 90 minutes we had a lot of the ball but from a personal point of view I don't think we did enough with it and was disappointed with the number of chances we created. Credit must go to Darlington's two

centre-halves as they defended extremely

#### **Tiger Travel**

Tigers Chairman Adam Pearson has issued an apology to the supporters who travelled with the official Tiger Travel coach to the match at Cheltenham on Easter Monday and for the inconvenience caused by the late arrival of the relief driver on the return journey. Supporters who travelled with Tiger Travel to this game are asked to contact the Club reception before Wednesday 17th April in order to claim two complimentary tickets for the league game against Lincoln City on Saturday 20th April or alternatively a £10 voucher to be used against future away match travel.

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well but we could have done more.

In the end those two lapses in

That defeat made the game at

Cheltenham more important and the

performance was an improvement but

again we didn't get the result which is

previous two or three away games in

that we had plenty of possession and

We also had our chances and when

vou travel to take on teams who are at

the top end of the division you have to

Unfortunately we didn't and we got

caught out from a set-piece which just

The corner they scored from was a

decent one but we never really picked

the guy up and having defended well

up to that point it was a poor way in

commitment I couldn't have asked for

Anyway, we have four fixtures left

and the aim is to win all of them if we

impossible and getting a good result

against Luton today would be a perfect

can. It's a big ask but it's not

much more but that doesn't win you

In terms of spirit, effort and

played the better football at times.

make sure that you take them.

adds to the disappointment.

which to lose the game.

games.

place to start.

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The script was similar to the

paid the ultimate price.

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concentration cost us dearly and we



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around of the club in such a short space of time. After victory at Luton in November with what turned out to be one of our best away performances of the season, I genuinely thought we would go on and become stronger and challenge for a top three spot ourselves.

However it was not to be and the time has come to look forward to the future once again. Our time will come and everyone connected with this club is even more determined to bring football success to the City of Hull.

I am delighted that Jan Molby has taken charge of the team. He has great presence and a real passion for football in general and Hull in particular. It was this enthusiasm and determination to succeed that meant Jan was an ideal candidate for the job and I am sure we will work closely together in bringing future success.

I wanted to have a manager who craves success for this club as much as myself and the supporters. He understands and knows about the third division but he also has a hunger to return to the top levels of football. He now has a chance to assess the squad, highlight their strengths and weaknesses and recruit key players for the start of next season.

We will invest again this summer in quality signings who will be integral in achieving Third Division success and they will be added to what I believe is already a talented squad, but one which needs to perform to potential next season.

Promotion winning teams are not built over night but I feel the nucleus is there for Jan to add to for next season.

Season ticket sales and personal investment are the keys to the acquisition of new players this summer particularly with the club set to lose £500,000 in revenue due to the potential loss of Television, Internet and Youth Development revenues.

These are hard times for football in general and we will not be spending the £1 million of last summer, but we are still very ambitious and with your continued support through season tickets we will have quality additions in the close season to bolster our present squad.

There have been great strides forward off the pitch, particularly with regard to the new stadium and I'm sure it will be a memorable season next year.

I would like to thank Billy Russell, Rod Arnold and Derek Bell for their valued assistance over the last month. They have all undertaken a difficult role with the utmost professionalism.

The only ingredient missing has been the lack of fortune in front of goal which has resulted in the management teams hard work not really getting the recognition outside of the club that those inside have been only too pleased to give.

Billy Russell's work for the club is of the highest standard and I have every confidence in Billy continuing to develop what is already a burgeoning Centre of Excellence.

Please join me in welcoming Jan Molby to Hull City for what is sure to be an exciting next chapter in our history.

#### League Update

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Plymouth	42	18	1	2	39	11	10	7	4	24	16	92		
Luton	43	15	4	3	50	18	13	2	6	40	30	90		
Cheltenham	41	10	11	1	38	20	10	3	6	25	24	74		
Mansfield	42	14	3	3		23	7	4	11	22	33	70		
Rushden	43	14	5	3	40	18	5	7	9	24	30	69		
Rochdale	42	10	8	2	33	18	8	6	8	23	29	68		
Scunthorpe	43	13	4	4	41	21	5	9	8	30	32	67		
Shrewsbury	43	12	4	5	35		6	6	10		34	64		
Hartlepool	43	11	6	5	46	22	6	5	10	17	25	62		
Kidderminster	43	13	5	3		15	5	3	14	19	30	62		
Hull	42	12	5	4		13	4	6	11	16	29	59		
Southend	43	12	5	5		20	3	6	12	15	32	56		
Macclesfield	43	6	6	9	22		8	5	9	18	27			
Exeter	43	7	8	6	25		7	3	12	22	40	53		
Carlisle	41	11	4	6	31	19	1	10	9	18	32	50		
Darlington	42	10	6	5		20	3	5	13	20	42	50		
Swansea	43	7	7	7	24		6	4	12	26	44	50		
Torquay	43	8	6	8		27	4	7	10	17	30	49		
Leyton Orient	43	10	6	6	36		2	5	14	16	45	47		
York	41	9	4	7		19	4	4	13	27	46	47		
Oxford	43	8	6	7	32		3	7	12	19	32	46		
Bristol Rovers	42	8	6	8	27	27	3	5	12	11	25	44		
Lincoln	43	8	3	11	24		2	10	9	17	33	43		
Halifax	43	5	9	7	22	22	2	3	17	11	54	33		

#### Be the first!

The brand new Tigers home kit will be launched exclusively on the official club website www.hullcityafc.net on Friday 12th April 2002.

The kit will go on sale from Tiger Leisure at Princes Quay and Boothferry Park on Saturday 20th April ahead of the Tigers final home game of the season against Lincoln City when it will be worn by the players for the very first time.

However, supporters who order on-line between Friday 12th April and midnight on Tuesday 16th April can beat the gueues and guarantee mail-out of their replica kit a full 48 hours ahead of the official first day of general sale.

But don't worry if you've not got access to the internet as advance orders will also be taken in person from both Tiger Leisure outlets and on the telephone order hotline from Friday 12th April - (01482) 568183.

Shirts purchased in this way before Thursday 18th April will be dispatched on Friday 19th April, while shirts for personal collection will be available from Tiger Leisure on Saturday 20th April.

(Please note that Tiger Leisure in Princes Quay will close at 12.30pm on Saturday 20th April and re-open on Sunday 21st April at 10.30am. Tiger Leisure at Boothferry Park will be open during normal matchday opening hours).

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Entry forms and donation/sponsorship coupons are currently available from the main reception or by contacting the Commercial Department on 575263.

The price is **£325 per team** and will.include eight places for the evening Dinner Dance at the Willerby Manor (7.15pm - 7.30pm - dress: lounge suit) which will incorporate the presentation of prizes, a raffle followed by a disco.





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#### Luton Town

## **Top Hat-ters?**

Less than a year ago Luton Town suffered relegation, which saw them playing in the bottom division for the first time since being Division Four Champions in 1968.

More often than not relegated sides are soon installed amongst the favourites for promotion but very rarely does a relegated side make an immediate return to the division above.

Often when a side is closing in on promotion they suddenly have an attack of the jitters and start uhexpectedly dropping points. That is not the case with Luton Town.

The Hatters secured automatic promotion last Saturday with a 3-1 win at Swansea City. That victory also broke a club record because it was their tenth successive win, a feat never before achieved in the clubs 117 year history.

After a maximum haul of thirty points and with promotion secured, the Hatters may have been excused taking it a bit easier in their Easter Monday fixture against fellow promotion contenders Mansfield Town at Kenilworth Road.

However, the 5-3 victory saw them chalk up their eleventh successive win, their 90th league goal of the season and also their 28th league victory of the season – another club record. On the two previous occasions that the club had managed 27 league wins in a season, they were promoted as champions.

That feat is also not beyond them this season. The defeat of Mansfield coupled with Plymouth's 1-0 defeat at Hartlepool on the same day saw the gap at the top reduced to only two points although the Pilgrims do still have a game in hand on the Hatters.

Manager Joe Kinnear is aiming for maximum points from their three remaining games (at home to Macclesfield and away at Shrewsbury after today's game) which would see the Hatters finish on 99 points and mean that Plymouth would need a century to take the title. Although the Hatters went out of the Worthington Cup at the first round stage with a 4-0 defeat at Reading, ten wins and three draws in the opening sixteen league games saw them firmly established in the promotion race.

Crucially one of the three defeats came in a 2-1 reverse at Plymouth. A run of five defeats in six games included cup defeats at Dagenham and Redbridge in the LDV Vans Trophy and Southend United in the FA Cup. The three league defeats in that period included 4-1 scorelines at both Mansfield Town and Macclesfield Town and the Tigers 1-0 victory at Kenilworth Road courtesy of Rob Matthews' strike.

An unbeaten run of eight games put them back on track and although three defeats in four games followed. Scunthorpe's 3-2 victory in Bedfordshire on February 16th was the last time that the Hatters failed to take maximum points. During the magnificent run of eleven successive wins they have scored 29 goals and conceded only 6.

Steve Howard leads Luton's scoring charts with 20 league goals, the most the ex Hartlepool and Northampton striker has managed in a season. He has formed a formidable strike partnership with Dean Crowe who has netted 14 times so far this season.

Wingback Matthew Taylor has weighed in with 11 goals and is rated as the brightest prospect at the club. Joe Kinnear has reportedly rejected a bid of £500,000 from West Bromwich Albion for the product of the clubs youth policy.

The 20 year old has attracted the attention of a number of Premiership clubs including Newcastle and Tottenham, and has turned down a new contract at Kenilworth Road. However, due to his age, he will not be available on a Bosman and therefore any transfer fee would have to be settled at a tribunal and

### Player Profiles 2001/2002

In association with the PFA Footballers Factfile

#### **EMMERSON BOYCE - 17**

Emmerson had a good season for Luton in 2000-01 despite playing in a struggling team and was a near everpresent missing just four matches. He won the young supporters' 'Player of the Season' award as a reward for his efforts. A calm and cultured defender who is equally at home either as a full back or central defender, the 22 year-old has made a tremendous contribution to this season's success with over 30 appearances.

#### CHRIS COYNE - 12

23 year-old Chris has formed the vital solid central defensive partnership with Russell Perrett since signing for Town from Dundee £50,000 in September. Born in Brisbane, the big Aussie joined West Ham from Perth SC in January 1996 for £150,000, and had loan spells at Brentford and Southend before moving up to Dundee in March 2000. Chris' only senior appearance for the Hammers was as a sub for Rio Ferdinand in a 1-5 home defeat by Leeds in May 1999.



#### DEAN CROWE - 34

Having gone on the transfer list in the summer, Stockport-born Dean began the 2001-02 campaign on loan at Plymouth. He made only one Pilgrims appearance before moving on to Luton from Stoke. The 22 yearold had been a Potters pro since September 1996. A quick and lively striker with a committed approach, Dean has so far netted 14 times for the Hatters.

#### **CARL EMBERSON - 16**

An experienced goalkeeper, Carl was again second choice to Jimmy Walker at Walsall in the 2000-01 campaign. He was released by the Saddlers in the summer and was soon snapped by Joe Kinnear. The Epsom born keeper has played a big part in Town's promotion success with 13 clean sheets in his 29 Division Three appearances. 28 yearold Carl has also played for Millwall and Colchester.

#### **ADRIAN FORBES - 7**

A significant summer capture, Adrian's July move form Norwich cost Luton £60,000. The 23 year-old had made 121 appearances for the Canaries - his only previous League club. The former England youth international is usually used as a wing man but his pace and direct style can be used to good effect in a central striking role. He has scored five goals for the Hatters so far.

#### **IAN HILLIER - 33**

The 22 year-old from Neath originally joined the Hatters on loan from Tottenham in August, making the permanent move in a £30,000 deal two months later. Midfielder Ian is a Wales Under-21 international but failed to make a senior appearance for Spurs. His only goal so far was the winner at York in September.

#### **PETER HOLMES - 20**

A product of the FA School of Excellence, Peter joined Luton in the 2000 close season after three years as a professional at Sheffield Wednesday. Although the Bishop Auckland-born midfielder failed to make a senior Owls appearance, he featured regularly in the first half of last season but

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Kinnear says that he expects the club to

missed the second half of the victory at

Swansea last week after suffering what

was originally feared to be a serious eye

injury. It turned out to be only the start

of a migraine, which cleared up in time

Although there were no departures

deadline day, Joe Kinnear added to his

squad by signing Steven Kabba on loan

until the end of the season. The Crystal

Palace striker possesses great pace and has

Although the title is still to be played

from Kenilworth Road on transfer

bagged 14 goals for Palace reserves.

for this season, the Hatters are already

than just looking to consolidate in the

Second Division, Joe Kinnear will be

aiming for a second successive promotion.

progress made by Kinnear believing that

the squad is much stronger now that it

Chairman Mike Watson-Challis has

new stadium are progressing well. Luton

have been at Kenilworth Road since 1905

but space for development is extremely

limited and so the club has purchased 55

acres of land near Junction 10 of the M1

The club are to decide between five

on which to build a new stadium.

designs for the stadium which will

initially have a capacity of 15,000, but

which will be eventually increased to

25,000. The new stadium may also

food outlets, a pub, swimming pool,

not yet been made Luton Borough

leisure and conference facilities.

Road site, which it owns.

include a hotel, several restaurants, fast

Although a planning application has

Council is supportive of the idea and is

also keen to redevelop the Kenilworth

The current form tables may

suggest an away victory for Luton's

first league visit to Boothferry Park

since April 1978, but earlier in the

week Joe Kinnear won the Nationwide

Division Three manager of the month

award for March, which quite often

seems to provide some sort of curse.

also revealed that the club's plans for a

was a year ago because the Board has

provided the necessary finances.

The fans are very happy with the

planning ahead for next season. Rather

for the Mansfield fixture.

be adequately recompensed. Taylor

has struggled to establish himself since, and was placed on the transfer list last summer.

#### **STEVE HOWARD - 19**

Steve played regularly up front for Northampton in the 2000-01 season until he surprisingly moved to neighbours Luton on the Transfer Deadline Day for £50,000. It has proved to be a sound investment as the powerful centre-forward has contributed 20 goals to the Hatters promotion success. Born in Durham, 25 year-old Steve moved from Hartlepool to Northampton for £120,000 in February 1999.

#### **PAUL HUGHES - 27**

Paul is available for selection this afternoon having served a two-match ban over Easter following his second dismissal of the season (against Kidderminster). The 25 year-old joined Luton in August having failed to make a senior appearance in the two previous seasons. The Hammersmith-born midfielder started at Chelsea and made 24 appearances before following Glenn Hoddle to Southampton in March 2000.

#### **MARVIN JOHNSON - 6**

Currently the longest-serving player at Kenilworth Road, Wembley-born Marvin is a survivor of the Hatters last spell in top flight football having made his debut at Wimbledon in March 1888. The 33 year-old had been a rock in the centre of defence in recent seasons and provided essential back-up during this season's success. He has now made over 400 appearances for Luton.

#### **STEVEN KABBA - 44**

21 year-old Steven joined Luton on loan from Crystal Palace on Transfer Deadline Day. Although the Lambethborn striker has made only seven Palace appearances, his moment of glory came with the deciding kick in a penalty shoot-out success against Tranmere in the Fourth Round of last season's Worthington Cup. Although he has yet to score in senior outfield play, Steven did show his potential with a four-goal salvo against Norwich reserves last April.

#### **KEVIN NICHOLLS - 8**

23 year-old Kevin received few opportunities at first-team level for Wigan last term until the appointment of Steve Bruce as manager in April. He was then restored to the side and went on to produce some fine performances as the Latics reached the Play-Offs. The combative midfielder moved to Luton in August for an initial £25,000, rising to £150,000 depending on appearances. Kevin has previously played for Charlton and Brighton.

#### **MARK OVENDALE - 1**

Mark joined Luton in the 2000 close season from Bournemouth for £425,000. The 28 year-old keeper began last season on the subs' bench but quickly won a place in the first team. Mark has subsequently reverted to second choice behind Carl Emberson, making only one appearance since January. He previously played for Wisbech, Northampton and Barry.

#### **RUSSELL PERRETT - 5**

Russell had a desperately disappointing season at Cardiff in 2000-01 when he was hit by a series of injuries that kept him out for virtually the whole campaign. The former Portsmouth defender moved on to Luton in August, and has been a key figure in the promotion campaign. He is 28 year-old centre back who is strong in the air and has considerable ability on the ground.



#### **MATTHEW SPRING - 4**

22 year-old Matthew has again retained a regular first-team place for Luton in 2001-02. He has been a driving force in the centre of the park in what has been a very successful season for the Hatters. A tenacious midfield player with a biting tackle and impressive vision, Matthew has now made over 200 appearances for his only League club since signing pro forms in July 1997.

#### **MATTHEW TAYLOR - 15**

The current PFA Third Division Player of the Month had his efforts during last season's traumatic campaign rewarded with two of the club's 'Player of the Season' awards. After the highly rated 20 year-old left back (who has scored 11 goals this term) rejected the offer of a new contract recently, Matthew was placed on the transfer list last month. He has attracted interest from Spurs, Sunderland and West Brom but Joe Kinnear is said to be looking for a £2million fee.



#### **JEAN-LOUIS VALOIS - 28**

The 28 year-old Frenchman has made a sensational impact since joining Luton in September after being released by Lille in the summer. Jean-Louis had made nine appearances in the French Championnat last season having helped them to their Second Division championship success in 1999-00. He previously played for Gueugnon, Auxerre and Lyon-la-Duchere. A supremely talented left-sided attacking midfielder who has scored six times for Town, Jean-Louis has yet to decide where he will play next season.

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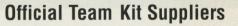
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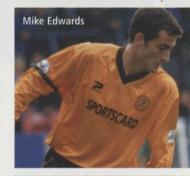


#### A memorable week

The last week has seen a few of City's players reach some notable landmarks within their careers; today offers one Tiger the chance to reach another.

Last Saturday's fixture against Darlington saw Ryan Williams make the 150th League appearance of his career. On Monday, Paul Musselwhite's appearance in goal for the Tigers against Cheltenham was the 500th League outing of his career. In the same game Jason Van Blerk was making his 250th career outing

Today, assuming he takes some part in the game, Mike Edwards will be making the 200th senior appearance of his career. He still has a couple of weeks to go before his 22nd birthday, thus making him one of the youngest players within the club's history to have achieved the double century.



#### The Light service

In November 1952 a small red light was spotted in the vicinity of the Directors' box in the West Stand. One comedian suggested that it meant the kettle was on ready for the Directors' half-time cup of tea. An amusing explanation it may have been, but it was incorrect.

in the Tigers' record book: our first

The red light served a much more important function: confirming that the hospital broadcasting service was operating. In comparison to the modern day broadcasting options available - these days, whether you live in Aldbrough or Australia, Dunswell or Dubai, it make's not the slightest difference; following the Tigers' progress just involves letting your fingers doing the walking, either on the computer keyboard or the radio - it may not have been a major innovation; but in its day it was groundbreaking stuff

November 8th 1952 was the first game ever broadcast for the benefit of those confined to a hospital in Hull; and the Tigers' opponents that day were Luton Town.

The game was watched by over 22,000; I don't know how many were listening in from their sick beds, but I suspect that what they heard would not have assisted their recovery. Goals from Jesse Pye and Bert Mitchell gave the 'Hatters' a 2-0 victory.



#### No maybe, it's Molby

After all the excitement and speculation over who will be the next manger of Hull City we can now, as they say in Liverpool, "Calm down." The speculation is over; the appointment is made, and drawing on Liverpool philosophy is quite apt, for it was within the red half of Merseyside that the latest recipient of the Tiger managerial baton, Jan Molby, made his name in football.

The speculation may have run its course, but I suspect the excitement still has a few miles left in the tank, fuelling the hype and expectation. If that's the case then let's not lose sight of those two words of Merseyside caution; nothing is certain in football.

He may be the new kid in town, but Jan's career, prior to his Boothferry Park appointment, has some interesting connections with our stadium's history.

The last crowd in excess of 20,000 at Boothferry Park saw Jan Molby in the visiting Liverpool side for an FA Cup 5th round tie here back in February 1989. The highest scoring League game on home territory involving the Tigers also had a Molby link. As manager of Swansea he would not have enjoyed seeing his side mauled 7-4 in August 1997. In the near future he has the opportunity to be part of similar records at our new stadium. In one respect, some might say that his arrival already creates a new entry overseas manager. But if you take a somewhat literal interpretation of the word overseas you will find that is not the case. Bill McCracken and Terry Neill, both born in Belfast, could lay claim to this particular accolade.

In addition to their birthplace they also share similar status in the record book. McCracken took the Tigers further than any other City boss in the FA Cup (semi-finals 1929/30); Terry Neill is responsible for guiding the Tigers to their highest ever position in the League: fifth place in the old Division Two in season 1970/71.



Jan has already more than matched them in terms of origin. Can he emulate them in terms of performance? There are thousands wishing him "Held og lykke" (Good luck) in the attempt.

## **High Expectations**

Feature writer Trevor Bugg profiles Tigers new manager Jan Molby.

Not only is it a birthdate of 4 July 1963 that made for the appropriate title of the opening chapter of Jan Molby's biography -An Independent Spirit.

Even from the outset of his magnificent career, Jan hasn't been scared to take on a daunting challenge. As a teenager - and against the advice of some of those who had known him since childhood - he left his home town team in modest Kolding in July 1982 to test his fledgling skills amongst the Dutch masters at Ajax.

Playing in the same side as Johan Cruyff, Jan went on to complete a Dutch League and Cup double. After 73 games and 21 goals, Liverpool manager Joe Fagan invested £575,000 in August 1984 as the Reds sought a replacement for the departing Graeme Souness.

As Jan adjusted to the frantic pace of the English game, he really came to the fore in his second Anfield season as he became a near-ever present under Kenny Dalglish. Liverpool completed a remarkable Double with Molby's contribution of 17 goals only bettered by Ian Rush.

One observer noted that the Dane exuded authority as the Reds' creative fulcrum, supplying a nourishing diet of exquisitely weighted through balls. Like Souness, Jan laced his constructive

merits with formidable power, and his dead-ball expertise was indispensable. In all, Jan made 326 Liverpool appearances and scored 64 goals. He won two Championship winners medals, two FA Cup winners medals and a League Cup winners medal to add to his 34 full international. Surely, his personal honours list would have been even more impressive had it not been for the European ban enforced following the

tragic events at Heysel in 1985. Probably much more important is the undoubted affection that he is held in the hearts of the Anfield fans. They delighted in his famous Danish-Scouse accent and the way he – as one of the first foreigners to grace the British football - embraced the Merseyside way of life. The shared grief of Hillsborough enhanced their mutual respect.

With his sumptuous talent, it's arguable that a succession of injuries robbed him of ultimate chance to prove himself as one of Europe's greatest-ever players. After twelve years at Liverpool, loan spells at Barnsley and Norwich City, and a thoroughly deserved testimonial, Jan departed in February 1996 to commence his managerial career at the unlikely location of Swansea City.

Many hoped he could repeat the remarkable Vetch feats of fellow Reds legend John Toshack, but he arrived at a club in turmoil. Despite a notable improvement, Jan couldn't avoid his new charges' relegation to the Third Division. As October 1996 came to a close, the

As October 1996 came to a close, the omens didn't look good either. The Swans were two from bottom and Vetch attendances were hovering around the 2,000 mark. Molby stuck to his principles though and the season was to end before 47,000 at Wembley as the Welshmen dramatically lost to a lastminute twice-taken Northampton freekick in the Play-Off Final.

New owners arrived in the summer of 1997 with Jan's relationship being never better than uneasy. A run of six defeats in eight games (starting with the amazing 7-4 game at Boothferry Park) ended with an unceremonious departure on 8 October.

Jan then spent some nineteen months out of the game, concentrating on media work in the North West of England and in Denmark. His natural charm and thorough knowledge of the game ensured he excelled in both written and spoken forms.

The desire to return to a manager's chair was never far away though and, in May 1999, he signed in for another lessthan-obvious challenge. Although one of non-league football's most established clubs, Kidderminster Harriers had dropped to the lower reaches of the Conference with gates dwindling accordingly.

Jan wasted no time at Aggborough and, although they lost four of their first five games, the Harriers were crowned champions of the Nationwide Conference only twelve months after his appointment. He delivered League football to the Worcestershire club at his first attempt, but 114 years after their formation.

After a season of consolidation, Kidderminster became genuine Play-Off contenders as the current campaign progressed.

But the unprecedented success hasn't been accompanied by popularity at the Aggborough turnstiles. Chairman Lionel Newton blamed his own recent departure on a fall in gates. For Jan, the writing appeared on the wall as far back as 22 January. He launched a heartfelt plea to the Kidderminster public when only 2,295 watched the win over Halifax.

Mr Newton's successor Colin Youngjohns - although understandably disappointed in Jan's subsequent decision to resign - was fulsome in his praise. He said: "We would like to place on record our sincere thanks for the massive contribution Jan has made to the development of the club over the last three years. Jan Molby made the dream of Nationwide League football a reality in this town."

Since he guided the Harriers in to the Football League, Jan has been linked to a number of managerial posts



With his sumptuous talent, it's arguable that a succession of injuries robbed him of the ultimate chance to prove himself as one of Europe's greatest-ever players...

including Wigan Athletic, Tranmere Rovers, Walsall and Barnsley. We are delighted that he has chosen to accept arguably the biggest challenge of his glorious career - realising the high expectations of those who hold the aspirations of Hull City AFC close to their hearts.

Now well versed in the rough and tumble of Division Three, Jan is of the opinion that his coaching beliefs are compatible with his great playing success.

With the considerable talents at Boothferry Park now at his disposal, Jan has the opportunity to prove that it is possible to play-your-way out of the Third Division: "I look at Crewe as an example and they did it. They didn't do it overnight but they slowly built a team and kept maybe six or seven players and kept bringing in new ones till gradually they got it right.

"They played their way into the First Division and they still play good football now and are hanging on. I don't care what anyone says, it can be done."

Jan Molby said he had taken Kidderminster Harriers as far as he could. If the fullness of time proves that he takes Hull City as far as we think we can go, not only would we forgive him if he doesn't quite get to grips with a Hull accent, but hope he appreciates the magnificent statue that such an achievement would surely merit.

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## Hartlepool Utd 0 Hull City 0 Avon Insurance League Div 2 | Wednesday 27th March 2002

the fact that Scott Kerr - missing all

half of the game and came through

afternoon from a City point of view and Rod Arnold commented: "We had a lot of young lads in and they stood up well to Hartlepool who fielded a few of their first team players. "With the wind blowing straight down the pitch conditions were difficult but we handled it well and the

"Hartlepool probably had more of the game in terms of possession but in the end we were worthy of a point."

Line-up: Glennon, Morley, Burton,

Kerr (Crutwell), Mohan, Fenton,

Matthews, Bowsley, Dixon, Peat,

Subs not used: Harvey, Russell,

All in all it was a satisfactory

performance was good.

Rowe (Turnbull).

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unscathed.

season due to a back problem - played

A youthful reserve side put in a decent performance at Hartlepool United and came away with a well-earned point from a 0-0 draw.



With the injury list at the club starting to lengthen, City fielded an inexperienced side that included several of the promising youngsters who have formed the backbone of the successful youth team.

Despite the scoreline it was a high tempo contest played on a lively pitch with both sides having chances to win the game.

The Tigers had arguably the best one inside the first 15 minutes as they were awarded a penalty but it went begging as Rodney Rowe failed to convert from the spot.

Matt Glennon had to be on his guard as he was called upon to make several decent saves, while Nicky Mohan had an impressive 90 minutes at the heart of the City rearguard.

A further bonus for the Tigers was

#### Down to the wire

The Tigers' reserves ensured that the race for the title will go right down to the final game of the season after goals from Steve Burton and Gary Bradshaw gave them a 2-1 win at Rochdale last Wednesday. (Read the full report online).

Macclesfield are still in the driving seat and victory over Hartlepool next week will see them crowned as champions.

However, should they fail to win and City pick up all three points in their game at Halifax then the Tigers would be the league champions.

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## Hull City 2 Rotherham Utd 1 Football League Youth Alliance Merit Div 1 | Saturday 30th March 2002

Another solid display kept the juniors' Merit League title aspirations bubbling as they beat a decent Rotherham side 2-1 at Hull University.

With two wins from their opening two games, the Tigers were on a roll going into the clash and included several first year players as injuries begin to bite hard.

However, none of the younger lads looked out of place against a Rotherham outfit who were one of the better teams that City have come across during the campaign.

Indeed, the opening 15 minutes belonged to the visitors as they pinned the Tigers back in their own half.

But City did start to get a grip on proceedings and it was they who opened the scoring midway through the first half with James Tomlinson scoring from a corner.

The remainder of the half saw the play swinging from one end to the other but the Tigers held onto their lead going into the interval.

Ten minutes into the second half though, Rotherham hit back with an equaliser and all of a sudden the game took on a different complexion.





But undeterred by that blow the Tigers pressed on and started to dominate proceedings with Nathan Peat in particular proving very influential.

Eventually their reward did arrive on 70 minutes with Peter Turnbull grabbing what turned out to be the winning goal.

It was no more than City deserved for a spirited performance and as things stand they're in with as a good a chance as anybody of becoming the Merit League champions.

The Tigers travel to Port Vale on Saturday for their next Merit League Division One fixture and return to home action on Wednesday 17th April when they entertain Scunthorpe United at the University of Hull Sports Ground on Inglemire Lane (kick off 2pm).

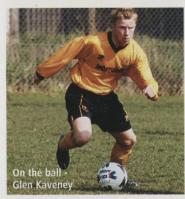
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#### A watching brief

I'm sure the subject of Boothferry Park memories will become a more poignant one over the coming months as the move to the new stadium draws ever nearer.

If you are a regular reader of the programme, you will be aware that my fellow contributor Mike Peterson is putting together a book to commemorate the Park's forty plus years of loyal service.

Over the last few weeks I have been charged with asking all my programme 'victims' for their particular memories.

The fact that Steve Harper didn't make Darlington's starting line up last week gave me the opportunity to catch up with him and add a further memory to the growing list. You'll have to buy the book for the full array of ex-Tiger memories but here's a taster to whet your appetite.

I'll start with 'Harps' who remembers our FA Cup-tie against Chelsea.

"Chelsea had a fantastic side out that day and it was just a pleasure to be on the same pitch as players like Poyet, Wise and Zola.

"This game was possibly one of my best performances for Hull City. Putting in good performances against real top class opposition gives you a great deal of professional pride."

Charlie Palmer recalled two personalities who now host their own radio show but were just as dynamic a double act 25 years ago. "Crystal Palace, with Ian Wright and Mark Bright up front, needed to beat us to get into the Second Division Play-Offs. It was a nice feeling to put one over on them."



## In The Middle with Steve Sands

#### Boothferry Park Memories

There are some fairly obvious connections between the Tigers and the Hatters - Brian Horton, Frankie Bunn, Garry Parker and Ray Daniel to name just four.

But I will start by reminding you of a more convoluted link. A player who made his debut against Luton Town on 20th December 1975 in a 2-1 home defeat against today's visitors.

For our thirty somethings, they will probably have a more vivid memory of our former Scottish midfielder that dates back to 19th February 1977.

The player in question scored against Bolton Wanderers and had his professional career cut short in the process. In the 64th minute he smashed the ball home at the North Stand End only to collide with non other than Sam Allardyce, now Manager of Premiership Bolton Wanderers.

He had brought the score back to 2-1 but was on his way to hospital by the time Peter Daniel equalised for the Tigers in the 88th minute.

As Rolf Harris might say, can you guess who it is yet? Yes, that's right, George Lyall.

When I last spoke to the man in question, I remember him being very philosophical about the incident. "Looking back, it was just one of those things that happen in football. I suffered a double fracture of the left leg. It was clear straightaway that it was a serious injury."



George began his career at Raith Rovers, before taking in Preston North End, Nottingham Forest and the Tigers. "I was only seventeen and still taking my A Levels when the opportunity to go to Preston came up.

"Their chief scout was a Scotsman, so they had quite a few Scottish players, which made me feel at home. I was there nearly nine years, we won the Third Division Championship in 1970/71 and I met my wife there, so it was probably the most enjoyable period of my career.

"Then, after a good season at Preston, out of the blue I was offered a move to Nottingham Forest in May 1972. I played alongside the likes of Duncan McKenzie, John Robertson, Martin O'Neill and John McGovern."

#### **A Question of Fitness**

I'm certainly not going to get into the debate on player fitness or consider who's fit and who's not fit, especially as my over indulgence on the pie front precludes me from seeing my feet any more.

I was interested, however, to discover that one of Joe Kinnear's first jobs at Luton Town, was to appoint a fitness consultant, someone who knew everything that an athlete needs to know about fitness and winning.

That man was none other than champion decalthlete and super hero Daley Thompson, who once said "Competition is my life--winning is my only goal. Everything I do is directed toward that end and I will never permit anything to jeopardise it."

#### In our own hands

They say that honesty is the best policy and skipper Justin Whittle is obviously an advocate of that saying.

Defeats against Darlington and Cheltenham have just about finished off the Tigers' hopes of a play-off place and the City skipper knows that the team's fate is now out of their own hands.

"We let ourselves down in the Darlington game and having lost at Cheltenham as well it's going to be a real struggle to get into one of those play-off spots," he said.

"All we can do now is try and win our last four games and hope that other sides around us slip up somewhere along the way.

"Obviously it's not beyond the realms of possibility but it's disappointing that we're having to rely on other people rather than ourselves.

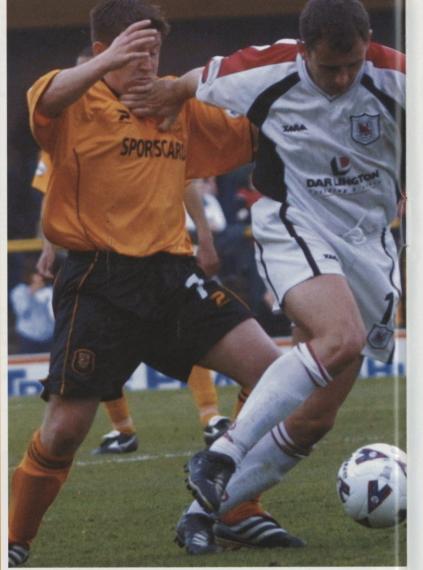
"We shouldn't really be in this position and the most disappointing factor about last weekend was that we were well placed to beat Darlington and blew it by conceding two bad goals.

"Those three points would have made a big difference but there's nothing we can do about it now.

"With four games to go the aim has to be winning them all but that will be a big ask with the run-in that we have.

"Nevertheless we just have to get on with it and try to finish the season is as positive a fashion as possible."





admitted:

"It will be an uphill battle but you

can never throw the towel in until it

becomes mathematically impossible.

with the two results over Easter,

especially losing at home.

and creating chances.

"We're all massively disappointed

"In the opening 20 minutes against

Darlington I thought we were well on

top and were getting balls into the box

"But we then conceded a sloppy

goal. Having said that I honestly felt

that we were comfortable for most of

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## A tall order

#### **Rvan Williams**

Two defeats over the Easter Period have all but ended the Tigers' play-off hopes, although you won't find the players giving up the ghost until their fate is cast in concrete.

Ryan Williams was a disappointed man following on from the reversals against Darlington and Cheltenham and knows that he and his team mates have to come up with four wins and hope that somebody somewhere smiles on them.

It's a tall order in anybody's book and the former Chesterfield winger the game and how we ended up losing I just don't know.

"We travelled to Cheltenham hoping to put things right and again our performance was quite good with plenty of effort and commitment.

"But we didn't get the result, which is the most important factor, and it was another backward step for us."

With the four games left the aim is to pick up maximum points and ensure that a season which promised so much doesn't go down in history as another when the Tigers finished in mid-table obscurity.

That is the big danger at the moment and Williams knows it.

"For us to finish where we are in the table now would be a real travesty from our point of view," he continued.

"When you think back we started the campaign like a house on fire and up until Christmas everything was going really well for us.

"But since then it's been a nightmare for one reason or another and to finish around 12th, 13th or 4th would be shocking.

"But the only people who can help to avoid that scenario are the players and it's up to us to get our heads down, work hard and try to win those four games.

"I've been asked the question as to what has gone wrong since Christmas but, like the rest of the lads, I can't put my finger on any one reason.

"If we could then there probably wouldn't be a problem in the first place. There's no doubt that the confidence within the side has suffered at times but apart from that I can't really offer any other explanation.

"Yes, there is expectation and has been all season but I wouldn't use that as an excuse.

"When you come to a club of this size that has lots of ambition you expect people to be telling you that you'll win this, that or the other.

"That's only natural and as a professional footballer you have to deal with it. With four games to go we have to go out there and win the lot.

"It won't be easy but that's the nature of the business and you just have to get on with it."

## Football in the Community

#### **Tigers Academy**

A new course began at both our academy venues at North Ferriby Primary School and Boothferry Park this morning.

The cost for a newcomer is £25.00 for the six weekly sessions and £15 for people that have already attended the academy before.

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This season's Trophy looks like being the biggest and best yet and is expected that for the first time over 1000 schools will take part nationally.

The grand final is scheduled to take place on Monday May 6th as part of the pre-match entertainment prior to the women's F.A. AXA Cup Final to be held at Selhurst Park.

Highlands schools will be representing Hull City at the area finals and will obviously be looking to go forward to the regional finals which will be held later this month.

#### **Girls Football**

A disappointing weekend for the girls under 12's who lost 2-1 to Westfield in the semi-final of the Cup competition.

Hopefully they can get their season back on track with a win at home to Leconfield this weekend. The under 14's however didn't have a fixture last week and they are at home this weekend to Preston Aces. Good luck to both teams.

#### **Children's University**

The first module of the Children's University took place last week with a tour of Boothferry Park for both the children and their mentors.

With the first module focusing on advertising and ways the club gained revenue, this proved an eye opener for the children who thoroughly enjoyed the tour. This week the children are due to meet some players foe statistic related learning and guestions and answers.



**Josh Parkinson** 

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#### **TODAY'S MASCOTS**



School. His hobbies

include skiing, football, micro scooting and guad biking and his favourite player is Gary Alexander.

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Mount School. His hobbies include playing football, tennis include football and and going to the cinema and dancing and her favourite his favourite player is leading player is Theodore Whitmore.



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#### Anationwide 🕏 Division 3

Rochdale v Hull City Tues 9th April 2002 • K.O. 7.45pm

#### TICKET DETAILS

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Concessions are persons aged 65 or over, aged 15 or 16 or students in full time education.

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#### TIGER TRAVEL

Depart Hull Ferensway 4.00pm prompt Depart Boothferry Park 4.15pm prompt Fare: £13 Adult Discount: £12 Concession Discount: £11 Bookings taken on 568183

#### Antionwide Division 3

#### Bristol Rovers v Hull City Sat 13th April 2002 • K.O. 3.00pn

#### **TICKET DETAILS**

This game is all ticket for Tigers fans. Terrace only (1,132): Adults £13, Juveniles (U16) and Senior Citizens £5.50 now on sale from the Boothferry Park Ticket Office.

#### **TIGER TRAVEL**

Depart Hull Ferensway 7.45am prompt Depart Boothferry Park 8.00am prompt Fare: £21 Adult Discount: £20 Concession Discount: £19 Bookings taken on 568183

#### Nationwide Division 3

#### Hull City v Lincoln City Sat 20th April 2002 • K.O. 3.00pm

#### TICKET DETAILS

Tickets are currently on sale from the Boothferry Park Ticket Office. Season ticket holders must bring their season ticket books with them.

#### Kick It Out!

It has been brought to the club's attention that racist comments have been made towards players and supporters from certain sections of the ground during the course of the season.

If you receive racist abuse, or see or hear someone making racist comments or gestures, you should report it to a steward, the police or in confidence to Stadium manager John Cooper on 575263.

Under the Football League Ground Regulations the use of foul and abusive language, obscene chanting or racist abuse towards any person is an arrestable offence under the Football (Offences) Act 1991. Anyone found guilty of making such comments will receive a life ban from the Club.

Racist abuse at football matches is against the law - show racism the red card and Kick Racism out of Football.

Hull City AFC is committed to backing the Let's Kick Racism Out of Football campaign started by the Commission for Racial Equality and the Professional Footballer's Association in 1993. It is supported by all the game's governing bodies, supporters' organisations and local authorities and works to challenge racism at all levels of the game.

#### Stamp it out

Supporters are reminded that the throwing of any object, the use of racist words, displays or behaviour - are criminal offences and will result in persons being identified, arrested and banned by the Club for life.

Please help us with these problems by identifying anyone undertaking such actions by either contacting the nearest steward or telephoning Stadium Manager John Cooper in confidence on 575263.

Remember, the next person found guilty of one of the above actions could directly be responsible for the closure of Boothferry Park.

#### **TV Surveillance**

This ground is equipped with Closed Circuit Television grant aided by the Football Trust.

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#### **Best in the World!**

Don't forget to listen out for the Tigers new anthem written and performed by the UK's top Status Quo tribute band Straight as Quo to the arrangement of Rocking all over the World.

The song has proved a winner with supporters all over the world since appearing on the official Club website and discussions are currently taking place with regards to releasing the single on CD.

In the meantime keep your ears open before today's game or check out 'Hull City are the best in the World' on www.hullcityafc.net Verse 1

Now here we are and here we are and here we go

Now the Tigers are back and are going for goal

Here we go-woh Hull City are the best in the world

Verse 2

No giving up or giving in or walking away

We're Hull City and we're here to stay Here we go-woh Hull City are the best in the world

#### Chorus

We're the Tigers the Tigers the Tigers the Tigers the roar of the Tigers Singing along here we go-woh Hull City are the best in the world (Guitar solo)

#### Verse 3

Now go and tell your mama what they're going to do In amber and Black as they usually do Here we go-woh Hull City are the best in the world (Chorus to end)

#### Senior Tigers

A reminder to those members who have booked for the trip to Bramall Lane on Tuesday 9th April, the coach will depart Boothferry Park at 9.15am prompt.

The programme for the day will be announced on the coach and the final meeting before the summer break will take place in the Tigers Club on Thursday 2nd May at 1.45pm when we hope to have a full house to listen to guest speaker -local referee Carl Boyeson.



City Independent fanzine columnist Tiger Dan writes exclusively for the Hull City matchday programme.

After all of our hopes, and

not be going up this year.

expectations for this season, it

certainly looks as though we will

Although many of us had expected

a winning team, I'm sad to say it sim-

ply hasn't happened this time around.

The worst thing is, this squad is

easily one of the best in this division

and we have the best fans in this

haven't we delivered the goods ?

Everybody has their own opinions

on where it all went wrong this year,

but it seems to me that we have had

a tough season mentally, and it's had

Players who looked too good for

selves and mentally we look as weak

However, I don't want to dwell on

this season for to long, as not only is

it a season that I'd rather forget, but

I'd really like to be much more posi-

We have a good squad in place,

this division pre-season, are now,

looking a shadow of their former

as any side I have seen.

tive about our future.

an extremely negative affect on the

players.

division by a long way. So why

and that's a start. With a new stadium and your continued loyal support, this team is definitely going places next season. We mustn't lose faith, we must be 100% behind the new manager and players, and we can certainly make sure that next season is a great one.

It would be most fitting if we could gain promotion in our first year in our new stadium. Let's be honest here, Boothferry Park has not been a lucky ground recently. In the last twenty years all we have seen at Boothferry Park, has been relegation, and fear for our very survival.

So it's possible, that this season's promotion push has been affected by the recent curse of Boothferry Park. As much as we all cherish our beloved home, even the most loyal of us, must admit that it hasn't seen many happy times of late.

We might not be going up this year, but it could well be fate. Just maybe, our new stadium is destined to be the scene of our most fantastic days out for years, as a full house celebrate our promotion, and our forthcoming charge up the league. Can you imagine what a day that will be? So, let's not be down hearted after this season, let's look to the next August with optimism, and hope. WE ARE GOING PLACES !

Our rise up the league tables will not be possible without the most vital of ingredients, YOU have to play your part. The side need you behind them again next season and by following the team home and away, you can earn your place at the celebrations in our glorious new stadium. It's only a matter of time, do you want to miss it ?

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#### Going West? Or North and South?

Well, Easter didn't resurrect our promotion aspirations after all. The eternal Tiger optimist in me might believe that mathematically it's still possible; but even viewed through my amber and black tinted contact lenses, the sums still add up to another season in Division Three.

And promotion's not the only thing that appears to have gone west either. As a result of the ITV Digital saga, it appears the Tigers' bank account might be looking a little on the slim side in the near future. Our chairman has publicly stated that we are better placed than most to cope with the shortfall. I've not heard similar noises coming from the chairmen of other lower division clubs

The problems between ITV Digital and the Football League cannot be dismissed lightly. The reliance of many clubs on the revenue promised by the deal is fundamental to their continued existence. ITV Digital's current place of residence is in Administration. It is a habitation in serious danger of overcrowding in the coming months as far as football is concerned.

The immediate prospects of a settlement look bleak; yet perhaps out of all the recriminations and accusations currently flying between the two parties, there may come some long-term benefit for the future of the game in this country. At last people with some influence in the Football League are starting to



At the Back with Mike Peterson

consider seriously a proposal that, in

my own opinion, should have

Better late than never.

happened at least 10 years ago.

The proposal to regionalize the

bottom two divisions of the League

has much to commend it. Instead of

Division's Two and Three, we would

have a Division Two (North) and

proposal becomes fact, it would

that existed within the Football

League between 1921 and 1958.

There are occasions when reinventing

the wheel is not as daft as it might

sound. At present the only sounds

coming out of many football clubs

Look at the Tigers' average home

attendance for games against northern

exceeds our overall average by at least

a couple of hundred. Convert that into

money and you're talking thousands of

The increase in revenue that such a

pounds - that's a powerful argument

for making the switch and one that

change would bring would also be

boosted by a corresponding reduction

will apply to just about every club

within Division's Two and Three.

in costs. No more expensive

overnight trips to places such as

clubs this season and you'll see it

are ones of distress.

merely be reverting to a structure

would remain unchanged.

(South). The existing Division One

It is not a new idea; in fact if the

Torquay and Exeter; in fact overnight stays would be almost wiped out completely.

The atmosphere at games would be much better as well. Remember City's games against York and Scunthorpe? They were a lot noisier than the encounters against Torquay and Exeter, weren't they? Luton's fans could probably provide similar examples.

Changing the structure of the League in this way could still accommodate the 'play-offs' as a means of deciding promotion issues. Champions of the Northern and Southern sections would gain automatic promotion. The next four teams in each section would then play to earn the right to be that section's representative in the play-off final. You could be even more radical and increase the number of promotion places from three to four. Perhaps that's too much change in one go?

The debate over more than one club being promoted from the Conference could be resolved as well. Two clubs from that League could be promoted, one to Division Two (North) and the other to Division Two (South). The mechanics of that process could incorporate a 'play-off' style approach if so desired.

Introducing regional football would not be without problems however. One of the biggest would probably concern the geographical location of some clubs in respect of whether they were placed in either the Northern or Southern section. It wouldn't be helped either if promoted and/or relegated teams were not geographically balanced.

The problems are not insurmountable though. The likes of Coventry, Mansfield and Port Vale have all sampled life in both Division's Three (North) and (South) during their history.

If the threat of lower division clubs going bust is to be averted, then the rational solution is for the Football League to go North and South. It makes sense.

#### Old for new

Supporters can receive a £5 discount off the price of a brand new 2002/2003 Tigers home shirt when they hand in their old Hull City shirt at Tiger Leisure (subject to condition).

The Club will in turn distribute these shirts to organisations such as charities, junior football associations and the less fortunate.

#### World Cup Sell Out

All 220 tickets have been sold for the World Cup clash between England and Argentina on the big screen in the Business Club on Friday 7th June.

Doors will be open from 11.30am and food will be served from 11.45am - pay bar in operation.

This follows last year's successful screenings of the World Cup qualifying games against Germany and Greece when almost 500 fans turned out to cheer England on at the two events.

#### Half time draw

Win £500 and the chance to take part in our half time penalty competition 'The Eve of the Tiger' where you could also win a brand new Honda car supplied by deVries Honda, if you're the first prize winner on the Tigers half time draw this afternoon.

The second prize ticket holder will win a Hull City shirt while a signed ball is up for grabs for the third prize. Tickets are on sale from the sellers around the ground before the game priced £1 each.

The winning numbers versus Darlington were: 1st: 65858 | 2nd: 61753 | 3rd: 62569

#### All revved up

Tigers Lottery Agents are gearing themselves up for a fantastic end of season draw to win a brand new Hull City scooter supplied by the Scootique Twist & Go Scooter Centre on Spring Bank.

The draw will take place on the pitch before the Tigers final league game of the season against Lincoln City on Saturday 20th April when the lucky winner will ride away on the unique black and amber coloured Sym Shark 50 valued at £1,800.

## **Off The Pitch**

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With a strictly limited membership, the Hull Super Stadium Premier Club will be launching to 2,800 business throughout Hull and East Yorkshire on 11th April 2002.

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#### **Tigers lift the FA<sup>°</sup>Cup**

Hull City fan Robin Auty and his daughter Sarah were lucky enough to get their hands on the FA Cup recently during a promotional visit to the AXA Insurance branch in Newcastle where Robin is an employee.



#### **Lottery Agents Wanted**

The Club is looking to recruit new Lottery Agents in the following companies and organisations - free tickets and commission paid plus bonuses!

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#### **Balloon Race takes off**

The Great Hull City Balloon Race will take place before the Tigers final home league game of the season against Lincoln City.

The lucky entrant with the balloon that has travelled the furthest from Boothferry Park will have the opportunity to be (or nominate) the team mascot for the Tigers opening game in the new Super Stadium.

Tickets are priced £1 each - look out for the sellers around the ground before today's game against Darlington as well as the home fixture against Luton. Alternatively, call in at Tiger Leisure or the main reception and fill out a ticket.



Graham Danby, David Holmes and Richard **Clarke from the Belmont Taxis Executive** Box presents Richard Sneekes with the Executive Boxes Man of the Match award following the Darlington game.



Vicky Stothard presents Richard Sneekes with the Executive Club Man of the Match award sponsored by Kennedy Watts Partnership after the Darlington match.

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**David Norris and Richard Sneekes** present Andrew Lindsey of Main Match Sponsor Bemrose Booth with a memento of his day at Boothferry Park.



Chris Ashton from Match Ball sponsor Belmont Taxis receives the match ball from David Norton and Richard Sneekes.



**David Norris and Richard Sneekes** present Richard Nicholson from Associate Match Sponsor Scottish Courage with a signed shirt following the Darlington game.

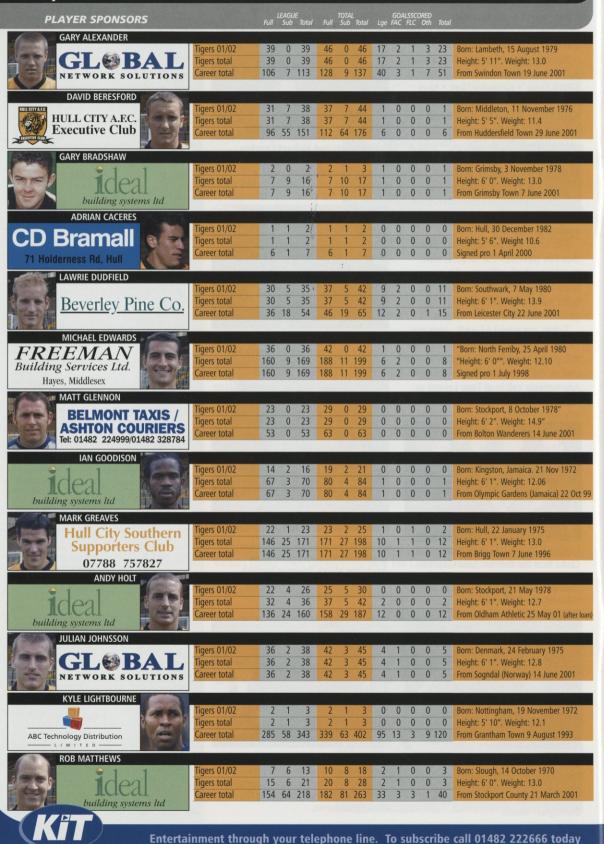


Chris Ashton, Andrew Lindsey and **Richard Nicholson presents Richard** Sneekes with the Sponsors Lounge Man of the Match award following the Darlington game.

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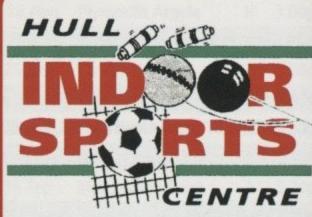
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Sat 11 Aug Exeter City A 3.00pm NL3 W 3-1 1-1 1 4,677																												Whitmore 33, Greaves 57, Dudfield 85
Sat 18 Aug     Plymouth Argyle     H     3.00pm     NL3     D0-0     0-0     4     10,755       Tue 21 Aug     Wrexham     A     7.45pm     WC1     W3-2     1-0     -     1,761																												Whitmore 24, Greaves 64, Alexander 80
Sat 25 Aug     Carlisle United     A     3.00pm     NL3     D0-0     0-0     9     3,695       Mon 27 Aug     Kidderminster Harriers     H     3.00pm     NL3     W2-1     0-0     6     8,835			S										19.535										10000					Alexander 52, 90
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Sat 15 Sep Macclesfield Town A 3.00pm NL3 D0-0 0-0 7 2,740																	S						-					Alexander 28,51, Dudfield 63
Tue 18 Sep     Rochdale     H     7.45pm     NL3     W3-1     1-1     4     10,213       Sat 22 Sep     Swansea City     H     3.00pm     NL3     W2-1     1-0     2     10,440												-					P											Dudfield 34, Johnsson 47
Tue 25 Sep     Mansfield Town     A     7.45pm     NL3     L2-4     0-3     6     5,702				1993																								Alexander 56, Reddy 85
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Tue 23 Oct     Leyton Orient     H     7.45pm     NL3     D1-1     0-0     5     9,843												F																Alexander 75
Sat 27 Oct Darlington A 3.00pm NL3 W1-0 1-0 4 5,163									S																			Alexander 44 (pen)
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Sat 03 Nov     Cheltenham Town     H     3.00pm     NL3     W5-1     3-0     3     9,435       Tues 06 Nov     Hartlepool United     A     7.45pm     NL3     L0-4     0-2     4     3,183																						i –						builds 2 (00), builded 22, pickander 20, minunore 70, berestora of
Sat 10 Nov Lincoln City A 3.00pm NL3 L1-2 0-1 5 4,950								1000																				Alexander 90
Sat 17 Nov Northwich Victoria A 3.00pm FAC1 W5-2 3-0 - 2,285																												Johnsson 14, Matthews 38, Dudfield 43, Alexander 80, Barnard 85 (OG)
Tue 20 Nov     Luton Town     A     7.45pm     NL3     W1-0     0-0     5     7,214       Sat 24 Nov     Bristol Rovers     H     3.00pm     NL3     D0-0     0-0     4     9,680																												Matthews 51
Sat 24 Nov     Bristol Rovers     H     3.00pm     NL3     D0-0     0-0     4     9,680       Sat 01 Dec     Oxford Utd     H     3.00pm     NL3     W3-0     3-0     3     9,552				-																								Matthews 13, Dudfield 19, Alexander 38
Tue 04 Dec Port Vale H 7.45pm LDV3 W2-1 1-1 - 5,326																												Whittle 27, Whitmore 66
Sat 08 Dec Oldham A. H 3.00pm FAC2 L2-3 1-1 - 9,422				1																								Dudfield 15, Alexander 65
Sat 15 Dec     Scunthorpe United     A     3.00pm     NL3     L1-2     0-1     4     6,479       Fri 21 Dec     Southend United     H     7.45pm     NL3     D0-0     0-0     3     8,678		S														the same												Dudfield 65
Sat 29 Dec Kidderminster Harriers A 3.00pm NL3 L0-3 0-1 4 3,962																												
Tue 08 Jan Huddersfield Town H 7.45pm LDV/SF L0-1 0-1 - 7,248																												
Sat 12 Jan Plymouth Argyle A 3.00pm NL3 L0-1 0-1 6 9,134															-	-											-	
Tue 15 Jan     Carlisle United     H     7.45pm     NL3     L0-1     0-1     6     8,526       Sat 19 Jan     Exeter City     H     3.00pm     NL3     W2-0     1-0     5     8,459																												Johnsson 35, Alexander 75
Tue 22 Jan     Southend United     A     7.45pm     NL3     L0-2     0-1     6     3,341																												
Sat 26 Jan Shrewsbury Town H 3.00pm NL3 W3-0 3-0 5 8,534																												Williams 19 (pen), Dudfield 29, Edwards 32
Tue 29 Jan     York City     A     7.45pm     NL3     L1-2     0-2     5     6,496																												Rowe 72 (pen) Johnsson 38
Sat 02 Feb     Halifax Town     A     3.00pm     NL3     W1-0     1-0     4     3,400       Tue 05 Feb     Hartlepool United     H     7.45pm     NL3     D1-1     1-0     5     8,419																												Williams 6
Sat 09 Feb Rushden & Diamonds H 3.00pm NL3 W2-1 1-0 5 8,825																				S								Alexander 12, Van Blerk 70
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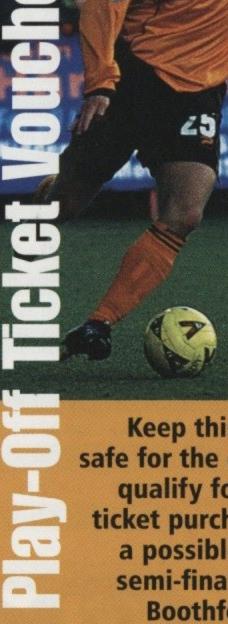




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**Referee: Mr. P. Dowd** Assistant Referees: Mr. L. Mason Mr. N. Miller **Reserve Referee: Mr. A. Kaye** 

1	Paul Musselwhite	Mark Ovendale 1
2	Mike Edwards	Aaron Skelton 2
3	Andy Holt	Matthew Spring (4)
4	Justin Whittle	Russell Perrett 5
5	Mark Greaves	Marvin Johnson 6
6	Matthew Wicks	Adrian Forbes
7	Ryan Williams	Kevin Nicholls (8)
8	Lawrie Dudfield	Carl Griffiths 1
9	Gary Alexander	Chris Coyne 😰
10	Rodney Rowe	Andrew Fotiadis (4)
11	David Beresford	Matthew Taylor (15)
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13	Adrian Caceres	Emmerson Boyce 🕧
14	Matt Glennon	Adam Locke 18
15	Julian Johnsson	Steven Howard (19
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