



## SENIOR TIGERS

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Last month we welcomed Matt Ingram to our meeting and he enthralled us as he shared his story in football. Growing up in High Wycombe he joined the Wanderers Academy and gradually he developed into the truly fine goalkeeper he is today. So far this season he has given an awesome performance with a string of top class saves. The photo shows him alongside Dave Jackson. Unknown to us then was that Dave was about to tender his resignation. Serving as our Chair for 7 years he has mastered the art of interviewing our many guests and we will sure miss him in that role. You will all have received his letter of resignation and realise that there is nothing behind his decision, just his feeling it was the time to step down. There will be other tributes but, for now, just to assure him of how grateful we are to his leadership.

We look forwards to seeing him over the coming months as a continuing member.

### Refreshments are back!

There was a very clear message at our recent AGM that members were hoping to see refreshments back at our monthly meetings. At the meeting Barbara explained how difficult it would be given that we would now have to pay for them and then serve them without a major pile-up of members. Well, the committee did not put the issue away but looked into how we might deliver without major congestion and confusion.

### This is how it will work:

On arrival members, who would want a drink, are asked to visit the Drinks Table. This will be covered by two volunteers, Teresa Groom & Alice Wright. You can choose from Tea, Decaf Tea, Coffee or Decaf Coffee. Please don't ask for any alternatives. You can pay in cash, £2.50, and you will be given a drinks voucher of your chosen drink plus a pack of biscuits.

At the interval you will be asked to join a queue for either tea or coffee. John & Judy Watt will serve you your chosen drink.

Does it work? It will be reviewed after our meeting. Hopefully it will be a positive outcome and drinks will remain part of our future programme.

### Signing in:

Members received details of our Signing-In procedure which will also start at this month's meeting. This could create some complications but we hope all will understand the reasoning behind it. We see two benefits. First, it will ensure we know how many people are present at any one meeting. This is for that unlikely and unwelcome event when we have a stadium emergency and need to evacuate the building. We need to know how people are present so that we can account for them all afterwards. The second benefit will be that we can spot members who are missing meetings over a period. That allows us to make contact and ensure that there is not a problem that needs some help.

The Signing-in table will be covered by Shirley & Dave Cormack. It will be inside the Dug-Out so that any queues can enter the room first – rather important if we have a wet day. Please follow the directions to the table. Afterwards you can move to the Refreshments

Table, the Raffle Tickets or Barbara's Table If you need to discuss membership or Outings.

### Outings:

The trips remain, as ever, incredibly popular. Those coming up in the next few months are ...

Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whitby (very few spaces left)
Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Shibden Hall, Halifax (full – waiting list only)
Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Drax Power Station + lunch (spaces available)
Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Drax Power Station + lunch (few spaces only left)
Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Meadowhall, Sheffield (spaces available)

Contact Barbara if you are interested **07941 691595**

### FIT MUMS & Friends



Sam Barlow BEM from Fit Mums & Friends will be our special guest for our September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. It will be different but promises to be a very special occasion. Prepare to be amazed.

*"Fit Mums & Friends is an excellent initiative that brings together women to share in the double joys of running and motherhood and support each other while making friends". Paula Radcliffe – Supporter*



<https://fitmums.org.uk/>

### SEPTEMBER MEMORABILIA ARTICLE

The new owners and management team have certainly made their mark during the summer and opening weeks of the new season. There has been a big turn round in playing staff, in fact, I can't remember when we had so many new faces at the start of a season. The striking things are the number, the fees paid and the number of players from overseas. We haven't had such a cosmopolitan playing staff since the Premier League days. As of last Saturday's match, programme, "The Tiger", we had 14 different nationalities on the playing staff and probably by the time you read this article there could be more. This got me thinking about some of the foreign players we have had the pleasure of watching and some of those that didn't shine or couldn't settle in our part of the world.

I recall one of our Thursday guests from the club telling us that players from other countries could be difficult to manage and a lot of care had to be taken with them to help them settle. Problems could occur with language, understanding the British way of life, managing a home/utilities, educating children, family welfare, etc. So, there is a lot more to it than football.

Let's have a look at some of the players who have joined the Tigers. This month I will concentrate on those from before the turn of the century and next month I will remind you of the many that have played since 2000. The first player born outside the UK was **Jock Gibson** (143), although not a true foreigner as he had British parents and came to Sheffield as a young boy. Jock was born in the USA in 1898 and joined the Tigers in 1922, playing 218 games over 7 years.

In 1938 City signed **George Wienand** (324) who was a South African, born in East London. He was scouted by Huddersfield Town in 1937 and transferred to City for a substantial fee of the time. He only made 15 appearances and scored 3 goals.

The next one is someone some of you may have seen play, **Viggo Jenson** (395) from Skagen in Denmark. He became a very popular player in Hull during his career. Signed in October 1948, making his debut against New Brighton. His last game was against Chester in November 1956. He played in 335 games and scored 54 goals. Plus, he won 15 caps for Denmark, including 4 games in the 1948 London Olympics.

The next overseas player to sign was South African, **Alf Ackerman** (409), who signed in August 1950. Like Viggo he turned out to be a great success. Making 103 appearances and scored 51 goals.



*Viggo Jenson*



*Alf Ackerman*

Despite his success and popularity, Raich Carter allowed Ackerman to leave and move to Norwich City. However, in October 1953 City resigned him and he played his last game in May 1955

In November 1954 another South African by the name of **Ron Tulloch** (443) made his debut for the Tigers against Blackburn Rovers. This was the first of 3 appearances. In 1955 having failed to be taken on for another season or attract another club he returned home.

In 1956 an interesting character in the form of goalkeeper **Mauno Rintanen** (459) came to Hull on business with his company Vailo, a Finnish food producer. An amateur footballer but also a decorated sportsman in basketball and squash. City had a goalkeeping crisis in September 1956 and he helped City out by playing 4 games. In later years he became a successful businessman and Government Counsellor for the Finnish parliament.

Also, in the 1950s 2 further South Africans were signed, including **Norman Nielson** (464). Norman was a centre-half and played 28 times in 1957/58. The second player was **Neil Cubie** (467), a right-half who played 4 games in 1957.

Goalkeeper **Ian Hesford** (644) was born in Ndola in Zambia in 1960 to British parents and came to England in 1970. Ian was part of the deal that took Tony Norman to Sunderland. Probably suffered a bit in having to follow Tony but he made 102 appearances for the Tigers before moving on to Maidstone United in 1991.

The first New Zealander to play for City and the first player of direct Māori descent to play in the Football League was **Herry Ngatta** (655). Herry played for Porirua Viard United in NZ, whose chairman hailed

exchange of young players between the clubs. Horton liked what he saw and Herry stayed in Hull on the Youth Training Scheme and earned a debut in the first team against West Ham United in January 1990. He made 27 appearances before moving on to clubs in Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. He won 28 caps for his country and became an employee of Puma and a well-known football pundit in his home country.

The first Spanish player to represent City was **Antonio Doncel** (728). In 1996, after a decent career in the middle reaches of the Spanish League, he found himself without a club and decided to change his life. He came to Hull to learn English and study Business Management. He played in a pre-season trial for Terry Dolan and won a contract. He made 46 appearances scoring 2 goals between August 1996 and May 1998.

**Patrick Dickinson** (738) travelled to Hull in 1995 from his home in Vancouver Canada to visit relatives. Whilst in Hull he asked for a trial at the club and was taken on as a YTS. He impressed and made his debut in September 1997 against Lincoln City. He made 5 appearances before returning home to Canada

Towards the end of the 1990s, Boothferry Park was brightened up by 2 signings. Warren Joyce lured **Theodore Whitmore** (779) away from Jamaican roots having noticed him in the 1998 World Cup in France. Numerous international call-ups and injuries interrupted his City career but he became a firm favourite with the fans, making 93 appearances and scoring 11 goals. **Ian Goodison** (780) like Whitmore was born in Montego Bay and also came to the attention of world football in the 1998 World Cup. Joyce took a big gamble in signing them both but they brightened up the club and were well-liked by the fans. Ian made 84 appearances and scored 1 goal.

All the above played for the Tigers in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century but as City climbed the football pyramid many more



overseas players came to Hull. Next month we will look at some of those who made an impact.

All the above information on the players has been gleaned from our partner website [www.oncloudseven.com](http://www.oncloudseven.com), which can be accessed via our Memorabilia Gallery or directly. You will find much more information on all the above and on all 1124 players that have played first-team football for the Tigers. (That number may have increased by the time you read the Newsletter). The number next to each player above is the Heritage Reference given in Oncloudseven.



*Theodore Whitmore*

Those of you that purchase the home match programme "The Tiger" will have noticed that up to 5 pages are being filled with heritage items. Either article on past players or programmes from early days. All information is supplied by our friends at Oncloudseven and TigerBase. Well done to them for promoting the club's heritage just like we are trying to do with our website.

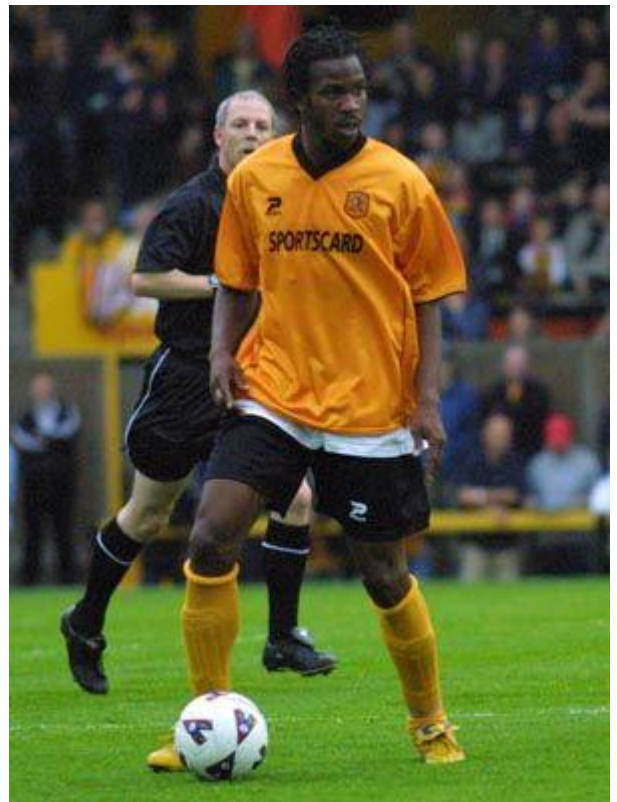
### **Tony Conway**

*Senior Tigers Heritage & Memorabilia Co-ordinator*

**SEPARATE ITEM**

If you are looking for something to do in the winter and months ahead and like what you see on the heritage front, why not come and join us? We are always on the lookout for fans with similar interests to us and you only need a limited knowledge of computers and the scanning of documents. Also, we could do with a photographer.

Contact the Memorabilia Team via the website or any committee member.



*Ian Goodison*

### **When you mix children and religion:**

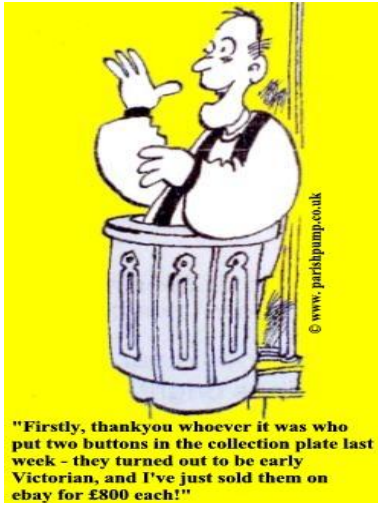
*~ In the first book of the Bible, Guinesses, God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.*

*~ Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.*

*~ Noah's wife was Joan of Ark because Noah built an Ark. The animals came on in pears.*

*~ The Jews are a proud people and throughout history they've had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.*

*~ The Seventh Commandment is: Though shalt not admit adultery. Moses died before he ever reached Canada.*



"Firstly, thankyou whoever it was who put two buttons in the collection plate last week - they turned out to be early Victorian, and I've just sold them on ebay for £800 each!"