



## SENIOR TIGERS

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**Fit Mums & Friends** - a Thank you from Sam Barlow



I just wanted to thank you for looking after me so well when I came to meet you all recently. I really hope everyone enjoyed the talk. I really enjoyed it and meeting you all. I also want to thank you for the really kind donation (£100) which will be so useful to help the work that we do as a charity.

Thank you again for inviting me. Keep up the brilliant work you are doing.

With warm wishes

Sam

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### New PA System

Our decision to respond to some adverse comments from our members regarding the quality of the Senior Tigers microphone system used in the Dugout has resulted in a successful trial of a new multi-microphone system using the all-around speakers in the Dugout at our September members' meeting. This new system has allowed us to make a donation of our old system to the Tigers Trust. Rob Wilson would like to thank all those members that gave positive feedback from the September meeting, as it greatly helped the committee to decide to retain the new system. This new system would not have been possible without the permission and cooperation of Tiger Events who helped to install and test the new system.

The photo below shows Richard Dexter of the Tigers Trust using our old system for their recent NCS graduation ceremony at the Tigers Trust Arena. We have received a wonderful message from Catherine Bishop, CEO of Tigers Trust, thanking the Senior Tigers for the donation.



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Some important news about our Christmas Luncheon. The original date was going to coincide with the Owner's proposed holiday treat to Turkey. This would certainly mean no guests from the club and the potential for some of our Senior Tigers having to choose between the two events! Your committee have therefore discussed this with the stadium and has been able to defer our Luncheon by a week.

**The Senior Tigers' Luncheon  
will now be held on  
Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December  
in the Kingston Suite.  
The cost is £25 pp**

See the menu over the page.  
**Christmas Luncheon – the Menu**

**STARTER**

**Leek & Potato Soup**

*Served with freshly baked Bread from  
Fuller's Bakery East Yorkshire Baker*

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**MAIN**

**Lemon & Thyme Chicken**

*Lemon, Thyme & Garlic Roasted Breast of  
Chicken with Herb Pomme Purée, Carrots &  
Garden Peas & White Wine Reduction*

or

**Thai Green Curry (VV)**

*Aubergine, Red Pepper, Red Onion,  
Lemongrass, Garlic, Ginger & Coconut Curry  
with Jasmine Rice*

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**DESSERT**

**Sticky Toffee Pudding**

*Sticky Toffee Pudding with Sticky Toffee Sauce  
or Ice Cream*

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**TO FOLLOW**

Freshly brewed Tea & Coffee

Bookings should be made with Barbara at our meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please let her know if you would like to be seated with a particular group of friends. Payment please by on-line transfer.

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**OCTOBER MEMORABILIA ARTICLE**

**Overseas Players since 2000**

Following from last month I will give you some further information on the overseas players who were an integral part of Hull City's more glorious years from 2000. Some were great and gave wonderful pleasure to the fans and some were not so good. I will not pass too much judgement as you will have your own memories and thoughts on the players I will name. Please note that the number following each player's name is the Heritage Number allocated by the oncloudseven website and enables you to quickly find the biography of the player on their site.

The first overseas player to make his debut in the new century was Clint Marcelle (788) who made his first appearance on 2 September 2000 against Cheltenham Town at home. He was followed by Julian Johnsson (800), The first and only player from the Faroe Islands to play for City. He was a good player and made 47 appearances and scored 5 goals. Unfortunately, his wife couldn't settle in East Yorkshire and they

returned home. Next to sign was Richard Sneekes (808), a Dutch international who Brian Little signed from Stockport County. In January 2002 Jason Van Blerk (812), an Australian defender was signed but only made 10 appearances. Making only 4 appearances whilst on loan, was Bermuda international Kyle Lighthouse (814). An all-around sportsman he also represented Bermuda at cricket. Next through the doors at Boothferry Park was an Argentinian, Adrian Caceres (815) but he only managed one start and 3 substitute appearances.

Apart from Johnsson most of the others were not a great success, however, in the summer of 2003, the signing of Danny Allsopp (847) was much better. He quickly settled in Hull and in 36 appearances in 2003/4 season scored 15 goals. Forming a great partnership with Ben Burgess and Stuart Elliott and he became a fan's favourite.

Another Australian who settled and did well was Richard Garcia (898). Signed on a free from Colchester, the winger played for 5 years, making 128 appearances and scoring 10 goals, including the first away goal in the Premier League (PL) at Blackburn. He returned to Australia in 2012 and carried on with his footballing career.

The next signing was one of my favourites, **Jay-Jay Okocha** (901). Oncloudseven describes him as an extravagantly skilful Nigerian midfielder. He was well known to manager Phil Brown and unfortunately, injuries curtailed his appearances for City in 2007/8, but he demonstrated his great range of skills in his 19 appearances.



**Jay-Jay Okocha**

We were beginning to see the much better overseas talent and this continued with the signing of Henrik Pederson (902) as he made 22 appearances and contributed 4 goals as the surprising run to the



Championship Play-Offs gathered pace. The Danish international was again well known to Phil Brown from their time at Bolton Wanderers and he certainly contributed to City's successful season.

As we prepared for the first season in the PL numerous overseas signings were made to strengthen the squad. One is George Boateng (907). With his great attitude throughout his 2 seasons, he managed 56 appearances and scored only once. Injuries prevented us from seeing much more of him. Status in the PL meant the club had to sign players of quality rarely seen in Hull for some time. This was emphasised by the signing of **Geovani** (909), a Brazilian international who quickly thrilled the growing number of supporters. Early season goals against Fulham, Arsenal and Spurs propelled us to near the top of the PL.



**Geovani**

Another player to join at this interesting time was French defender Bernard Mendy (912). He could be outstanding or reckless in his 56 appearances with 2 goals. Kamil Zayatte (915) A Guinean defender added composure to the defence in his 2 seasons in the PL. He stayed until 2011 playing in 79 games and contributing 4 goals. The arrival of overseas players from around the world continued with Daniel Cousin (916), a Gabonese striker who had previously played for Rangers and was settled in the UK. The powerful striker made 33 appearances and scored 5 goals. Remembered for the away goal at Fulham that probably ensured we had PL football for a second season, Angolan forward Manucho (919) made 17

appearances and scored only 2 goals but one of which was a very important one.

The second season in the PL saw Frenchman Steven Mouyokolo (923) join from Boulogne. At times elegant in his 23 appearances and 1 goal before relegation and a move to Wolves. Phil Brown continued to sign overseas players in 2009 with Seyi Olofinjana (924) transferring from Stoke City. The Nigerian international played 40 times and scored 1 goal. A player brought in to try and preserve PL status was **Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink** (929). A Dutch forward with probably the longest name to represent the Tigers was signed on a free from Celtic. He found the PL hard but did try but his 33 appearances and 3 goals were not enough.



**Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink**

Several overseas players only contributed very little, often due to injury or form but to complete the full list here are those that you may have forgotten.

Michael Kuipers (851). A Dutch goalkeeper signed from Brighton.

Sergio Leite (874). A Portuguese goalkeeper who played one FLC game in 2005.

Rui Marques (883). Angolan international defender played in one game at the end of 2005/6 season before playing in the 2006 World Cup.

Ricardo Vaz Te (895). Portuguese forward appearing 6 times in 2006/7 season.

Peter Halmosi (911). Hungarian international signed for £2m but rarely impressed in 27 appearances and scoring 1 goal.

Stylianos Giannakopolus (917). A Greek attacker signed in 2008 and made only 3 appearances.

Kamel Ghilas (925). A Spanish attacking player signed a 4-year contract but only made 16 appearances.

Jozy Altidore (926). Was only 19 when he joined the Tigers on loan. The USA international was probably too young to help save the team from relegation in 2010. Made 30 appearances and scored twice.

Ibrahima Sonko (928). This Senegalese defender was brought in to replace the disappointing departure of Michael Turner. Didn't settle and played only 9 games as City were relegated in 2010.

Amr Zaki (931). This Egyptian striker played only 6 times in 2009/10.

In the early 2000's there were so many overseas players. The above takes us up to relegation in 2010. At some point in the future, we will carry on to remind you of those who joined from 2010/11 onwards. Please log into [www.oncloudseven.com](http://www.oncloudseven.com) to read more about the above players and all 1126 players who have represented the Tigers to date.

### **Tony Conway.**

*Senior Tigers Memorabilia and Heritage Coordinator.*

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*Here's a little advert for the Hull Male Voice Choir. Allen is one of 3 of our Senior Tigers who sing with the choir and right now they need recruits. Gentlemen, would you like to step forward and join the Choir?*

## **SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH**



**Boost your feel-good, raise your spirit,  
give singing the opportunity  
and join the Hull Male Voice Choir!**

*If you are interested, please contact Allen  
on **07813 430429***

### **Space for a few smiles**

*Professor:* "What happens when the human body is immersed in warm water?"

*Student:* "The 'phone rings."

*Teacher:* "What is the difference between results and consequences?"

*Bright pupil:* "Results are what you expect, consequences are what you get."

*Young son to father:* "Dad, what is the middle class?"

*Dad:* "The middle class consists of people who are not poor enough to accept charity and not rich enough to donate anything."

### **One Liners**

The man who fell into an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

A bike cannot stand alone; it is two tired.

A will is a dead giveaway.

Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.

If you don't pay your exorcist, you can get repossessed.

A calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted; 'taint yours and 'taint mine.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

### **What Do Bishops Do?**

We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former vicars and bishops were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking, "Does anyone know what the bishop does?" There was silence. Finally, one little boy ventured. "He's the one you can move diagonally."

