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Our guest for the October meeting:



Captain Lewie Coyle.

It will be our pleasure to welcome Lewie back to our meeting on Thursday, 3rd October. We will be presenting Lewie with his Player of the Season Award from last season.

Barbara will also be taking your bookings for the pre-Christmas Luncheon which will be taking place on Thursday 5th December

KCOM staff will also be at our October meeting on **October 3rd**. They will have their Mobile Help Desk in the Kingston Suite from 12.30 – 1.30 pm and also during the interval.

Special request.

At the end of the meeting could we ask you to clear away the debris (ie. Mugs, biscuit wrappers etc) from the table? There are bins for the task.

Please remember that Hull Fair opens on Friday 4th October. Those approaching from the west of the city will not be able to enter the Stadium area from Anlaby at the bottom of the flyover. You will need to turn right into St Georges' Road and follow the route that brings you to Old Anlaby Road. This goes under the flyover and allows entry to the stadium. Those coming over the flyover from the city centre may be able to turn left into Walliker Street. Otherwise, they will have to continue to St George's Road.

KCOM IT DROP-IN SESSIONS

Our monthly **IT Drop-In Sessions**, provided by KCOM, continue to be popular. Members have found the sessions both helpful and enjoyable.

The sessions are held on the third Monday of every month and our next session will be on **Monday 21st October** in the Learning Zone at the KCOM Offices, Carr Lane.

Members are free to pop along for any IT help they need or learn something new.

Shirley Cormack



BLACKPOOL LIGHTS plus Football!

This might end up rather popular. Andy Riley, who recently joined the Senior Tigers' Committee, came up with a superb idea. He suggested that we pay 'homage' to our former coach, Steve Bruce, and enjoy the famous Blackpool Lights! Steve has recently been appointed as Manager of Blackpool in League 1 and on Saturday 16th November, there is an International Break for the Premiership & Championship. Steve's Seasiders, however, are due to play Northampton Town that afternoon. We would hope to be able to watch the match and then take in the magnificent lights before heading back to Hull. Surely nobody would be interested, would they?

MEMORABILIA AND HERITAGE ARTICLE

The Never-to-be-Forgotten Season.

Following last month's theme "Which was Hull City's best season?", I have chosen the 1965-66 season to write about. Many more of you will have memories of this season rather than the 1948-49 season.

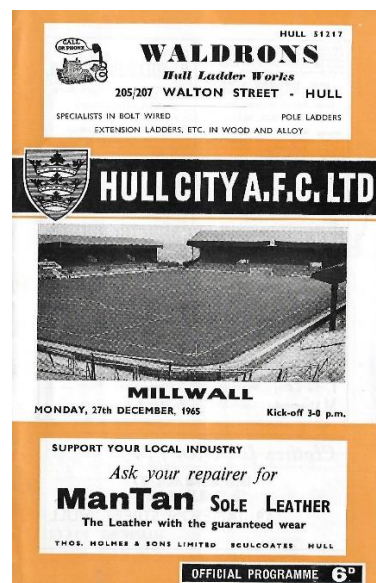
During the late 1950s and early 60's the club's fortunes dipped to the extent that attendances were often only 3 or 4000. There was hope in 1958-59 when promotion to the Second Division was achieved but after one season the club was relegated back to the Third Division. However, in 1963, **Chairman Harold Needler** gifted the club £200,000 worth of shares in his gravel company, Hoveringham Gravels. The value soon rocketed to £500,000 and the club was able to build a new South Stand seating area and a Gymnasium for indoor training. Plus, under **Cliff Britton's** astute leadership, the club purchased **Ken Wagstaff, Ian Butler and Ken Houghton.**

The 3 new arrivals instantly worked well together and with the other members of the team, in particular, **Chris Chilton, Ray Henderson, John McSeveney and Gerry Summers.** From January 1965 the team improved and so did the attendance as the attractive style of football was a joy to watch. 6 games attracted crowds of over 20,000 and only 3 defeats were suffered from December to April. Unfortunately, 2 of them came over the disastrous Easter weekend with defeats away at Southend United and Mansfield, plus a home draw with Southend United. The Tigers finished 4th but everything was in place for a real go at promotion in the 1965-66 season. **Alan Jarvis** joined from Everton, **Chris Simpkin** became a more established team member and **Ray Henderson** took ownership of the number 7 shirt. It turned out to be a *never-to-be-forgotten season*. A record 69 points were achieved and 109 league goals were scored, with 100 from the five forwards. The wonderful forward line was given the name of "The Magnificent Five", all recorded goals in double figures and scored 113 goals in both league and cup. Wagstaff 31, Chilton 28, Houghton 26, Butler 14 and Henderson 14. Waggy's 31 goals surpassed Bill Bradbury's previous record of 30, achieved in 1959.

The season started with 3 wins and a draw, only 5 defeats up to the turn of the year and another 3 until the end of the season. They scored 6 goals on 3 occasions, against Bristol Rovers, Workington and Exeter City. From 15 January to 20 April, 14 games were played, 13 won and 1 drawn, including a sequence of 10 wins. In this period 41 goals were scored with 11 scored against them. The all-out attacking style often meant the defence was vulnerable and on 3 occasions

they conceded 4 goals (against York City at home, Swansea and Peterborough away). However, it all added up to a very entertaining team to watch and an exciting season that ended with the Third Division Championship.

The supporters flocked to Boothferry Park (BP) with most attendances exceeding 20,000. 3 games attracted over 30,000 (Gillingham 30,122, Oxford 31,992 and Southend 30,371). For the home Christmas holiday game against the closest promotion rivals, Millwall a crowd of 40,231 attended and witnessed the Tigers beating the Lions 1-0.



However, the following day in London, Millwall won 3-0. Can you imagine the reaction from today's managers and clubs if teams had to play on consecutive days and travel over 400 miles?

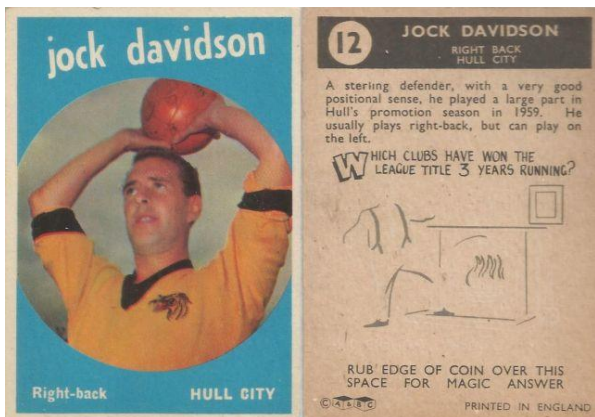
The League Cup was a bit of a non-event with City getting knocked out in the first round by Second Division Derby County. After a 2-2 draw at BP, City put up a great fight in the replay going down 4-3.

The FA Cup was a different story with the Tigers attracting national interest and going out at the quarter-final stage in a replay against Chelsea. The Tigers kicked off the tournament quietly with 2 away wins at Bradford Park Avenue (3-2) and Gateshead (4-0). The 3rd round saw Second Division promotion contenders Southampton visit BP. A crowd of 28,851 witnessed City winning 1-0 with a goal from Ken Houghton. The 4th round also gave the Tigers a home tie against First Division Nottingham Forest. Cup fever was hitting the area and 38,055 saw City win 2-0. The BP crowd was shocked to hear that both Dennis Butler and Chris Simpkin were unfit and would be replaced by Mike Brown and Terry Heath. The fans need not have worried too much as City demonstrated they had quality in reserve and it was Heath who scored both

goals. Fans eagerly awaited the 5th round draw hoping for another top team to test themselves against. The draw resulted in Fourth Division Southport visiting BP. The Lancashire team had high hopes of being giant killers but the Tigers eased through 2-0 with Chilton scoring both goals in front of another massive attendance of 38,871. The Directors were now very happy, as the money being earned from the cup run would come in useful.

The Tigers in the quarter-final was big news in East Yorkshire and a plum draw away at Chelsea was eagerly awaited. Such was the interest and excitement surrounding this game, I will reserve the details for next month.

City was worthy of promotion come the end of April, and in my view, we had a special team that season. They were lucky not to have too many injuries or players losing form. They were able to field a settled team of Swan, Davidson, D Butler, Jarvis, Milner, Simpkin, Henderson, Wagstaff, Chilton, Houghton and I Butler. Plus making important contributions were Mike Brown, Terry Heath, Gerry Summers, Mike Williams and Len Sharpe.



The Reserves also had a successful season winning the North Regional League title for the second year in succession. Names you may remember from the team are:- Paddy Greenwood, Don Beardsley, Paul Feasey, Mike Williams, Norman Corner, Les Collinson, Jack Lill, Terry Heath, Ron Rafferty, Len Sharpe, Ron Young and Billy Wilkinson. A mixture of young players starting their careers and older ones from previous seasons but all part of the successful club. Attendances often exceeded 3,000 and the total number of spectators for the season was 41,326. The highest scorers were Rafferty 21, Wilkinson 15, Young 15 and Heath 10. The playing record was P 32, W 23, D 4, L 5, Scored 89 with 30 Against.

The Juniors were also successful with some young players you may recall starting on their professional careers. Geoff Barker, Don Beardsley, Ray Pettit,

Malcolm Lord and Ian Davidson. The goals came from Norman Lees 16, Lord 16, Lill 15 and Davidson 11.

A successful club needs the right chemistry throughout the organisation and the Tigers certainly achieved that. Everything was put together by Chairman and owner Harold Needler supported by his brothers and fellow directors. Keeping the players fit was masseur and club legend Jimmy Lodge. The coach and trainers were Gus McLean, John Simpson F Smith and John McSeveney. The immaculate playing surface was due to the work of Stan Coombes and his team. In the office were Secretary John Adamson and Assistant Pat Copeland. The team were well turned out because of the laundresses, Molly Kirman and Janet Mainprize. However, the key to all the success was manager **Cliff Britton**, a gentleman manager who knew a good player when he saw one and great credit must go to him for such a good team. Possibly the team would have gained promotion to the First Division the following season, if it had not been for injuries to key players and a reluctance to change the team and bring in new defenders. It was left to **Phil Brown** to take us to the top league, some 42 years later. Gosh, we were patient!!!!!!

Tony Conway

Senior Tigers memorabilia and heritage Coordinator.



The Tigers from the 'Never to be Forgotten Season: 1965-66

WANTED

The **Memorabilia Team** want to include many newspapers and magazines on the website and use an external source to do the scanning. In the early 2000's City produced 52 editions of the "City" magazine and 5 editions of the "1904" magazine. The cost of scanning is very high if we want to keep the magazine, but a lot cheaper if we are prepared to have the magazines taken apart and destroyed. So, we are looking for a full set of the magazines from anyone who is prepared to donate them and doesn't want them back. If you can help please contact Tony on 07949745622 or any member of the Committee or Memorabilia Team.

HULL CIVIC SOCIETY is interested in all things historic and concerned with the heritage of the area. They are celebrating their 60th Anniversary at the **Carnegie Heritage Centre** with an Exhibition of pictures, films, railways, trolleybuses, sports and much more about Hull. The Exhibition is on Saturday and Sunday 19th and 20th October and as the Centre is in West Park it could be visited before City's game against Sunderland on Sunday 20th.



Some of the new 120th Anniversary range. The first batch was sold out very quickly but the club have been quick to assure supporters that they have reordered the supplies. Those new supplies will be coming soon.

It has to be said that City looked very smart playing in the new black shirts for the 120th Anniversary Match v. Cardiff City. Great result too!!

NOTIFICATION FROM THE COMMITTEE.

At our AGM, a concern about the Senior Tigers Club logo was brought up, asking why we use different versions of our logo. This was discussed at our recent committee meeting. In the future, we will look to standardise all communications, removing the logo when deemed not necessary.



What a wonderful photo of 'Waggy', **Ken Wagstaff**, taken when he was invited by the club for the launch of their special 120th Anniversary range of clothing. Many thanks to his daughter, Francesca, for sharing the photo, taken at The Guildhall in one of their historic chairs.