



# SENIOR TIGERS

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## NEWSLETTER no. **50** GOLDEN JUBILEE Edition! November, 2024

Welcome to this 50<sup>th</sup> Edition Newsletter!

### Player of the Season (September)

It is Lewie again! For the second month, Lewie Coyle has received the most votes from our members. He came in with a massive 111 votes! The next scores were far behind, Mohamed Belloumi & Ivor Pandur, both with 16 votes. In our new voting system, players are awarded votes similar to those of the motor racing Grand Prix. Lewie, with two firsts, now has 50 points. Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> we have Liam Millar & Ivor Pandur on 30 points. In 4<sup>th</sup> we have Marvin Mehlem (20) and joint 5<sup>th</sup> Mohamed Belloumi & Regan Slater on 18 points.

### KCOM IT DROP-IN SESSIONS

Our monthly **KCOM IT Drop-In Sessions** continue to be a success. Many of our members have found the service extremely helpful and informative. The next session is on **Monday 18th November** in the Learning Zone at the KCOM Offices on Carr Lane, Hull between 10 am and noon.

Click the link below for more details.

[IT Drop-In Sessions Hosted By KCOM - The Senior Tigers Club](#)

KCOM continues to support our members. At our last members' meeting, they had a mobile help desk staffed by two of their Customer Service Representatives. Members took advantage of this facility before the meeting started and even during



the interval. Some of our members even stayed after the meeting to speak to them. As it was successful, we hope to have the **help desk** again at a future meeting.

Shirley Cormack

### Our November meeting:

We are delighted to welcome **Mike White** to our meeting on **November 7th**. Mike is, of course, the Sports Editor for BBC Radio Humberside and will come with plenty of insight to share.



Mike White

Sometimes we hear of members who have forgotten to purchase their **tea/coffee tickets** before the meeting. We must, however, supply the catering team with the exact number of drinks required, it is not possible to order drinks at the refreshment break. If you, for a good reason, arrive late and miss the opportunity please go directly to **Barbara or Rob**, at their table. They may be able to help you, please do not go to the ladies who look after the drinks orders, they will have closed their list and sent it to the catering team.

*Barbara has asked me to tell you that **Richard Mathers** (Tiger Leisure) will bring Christmas ideas from the shop, plenty of possibilities for Christmas presents! Following our meeting, the Club Shop will remain open until 4.30 pm. They will also offer a 10 % discount on 'non-sale' items on the day with your Senior Tiger membership card. Barbara added that the latest edition of **Acklam's Brochures** will be available at the meeting.*

## NOVEMBER MEMORABILIA & HERITAGE ARTICLE

In last month's article, I wrote about the 1965-66 season but did not include information on **the FA Cup Quarter Final** against **Chelsea**. This game was exceptional and is remembered fondly by all who supported City then.

Not since the 6th round tie with **Manchester United** in 1949 did a game capture the excitement and expectation of the East Yorkshire public.



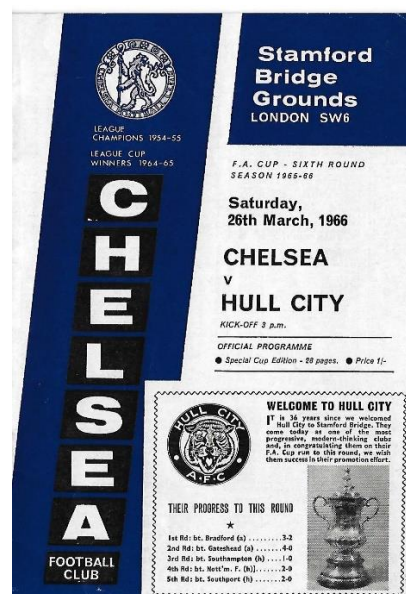
*The crowds at BP for Manchester United's visit in 1949.*

Other cup games had created great interest but nothing like the 1966 tie. These games included the 1954 5th round tie against **Spurs** in which City drew 1-1 at Boothferry Park (BP) in front of 46,839 with Viggo Jenson scoring the Tigers goal. City lost the replay 2-0 in front of 52,936. The 3rd round tie against First Division **Everton** in 1964 when Third Division City drew 1-1 at BP. Billy Wilkinson scored City's goal in front of 36,478 fans. City heroically went down 2-1 at Goodison Park in the replay with John McSeveney scoring City's goal. Lastly, there was the 2nd round 5 game marathon against **Darlington** in the 1960-61 season.

However, the **Chelsea** game was a long-awaited reward after a 17-year wait. As I remember, City were not daunted, expectations were very high all around the area. It was not an all-ticket game as Chelsea treated City as just a 3rd Division team from up north, who would be easily brushed aside. I believe 8,000 fans made the trip south. 3,000 travelled by special trains at a fare of 55s 6d return. Local coach companies ran out of coaches and the car hire firms turned away business. Only on occasions when Hull FC and HKR played in the RL Cup Finals did the rush to the capital become bigger.

If the Chelsea administration team hadn't respected City, Chelsea manager **Tommy Docherty** certainly did as he fielded his strongest available team: Bonetti, Kirkup, McCreddie, Hollins, Hinton, Harris, Boyle, Graham, Bridges, Venables, and Tambling. Osgood was missing because of tonsillitis. City were, as expected:

Swan, Davidson, Butler (D), Jarvis, Milner, Simpkin, Henderson, Wagstaff, Chilton, Houghton, and Butler (I). The referee was the legendary Jack Taylor.



City started at a cracking pace to get an early goal. After 30 minutes Chelsea were awarded a freekick, following a foul by Andy Davidson, 30 yards from the goal. A short free kick to Tambling who cracked it home! City responded well and Boyle chested a Houghton header off the line with Bonetti beaten. There were loud appeals for a penalty which Taylor ignored. City continued to play well but on 41 minutes a Graham header made it 2-0. In the second half Chelsea dominated more but the Tigers were still in the game. A Jarvis header scraped the bar, Chilton went close and as the game progressed City turned on the heat. On 79 minutes **Waggy** scored, he met a low cross from Ian Butler and swung on the post in delight as the ball crossed the line and the City fans went wild. Immediately afterwards Bonetti saved a point-blank shot from Jarvis. Then with 2 minutes to go, **Waggy** was once again the hero as he beat Hinton to the ball and dribbled round Bonetti to make it 2-2. **WHAT SHEER DELIGHT THIS WAS!**

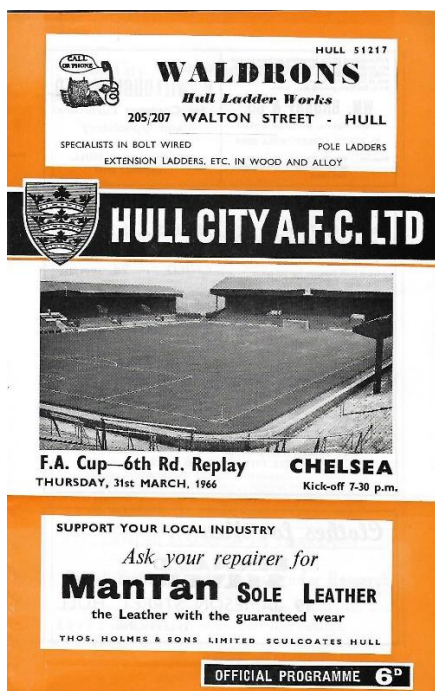
Bernard Joy, the well-respected football journalist wrote in The Evening Standard "All season Hull have had the hallmark of a First Division club and they proved it against one of the Championship challengers this afternoon". Victor Railton wrote in The Evening News, "Seldom have I seen such an outstanding forward line from a Third Division club. Houghton and company showed ability and determination and always had Chelsea at full stretch, especially Bonetti".

The murky London weather now seemed a bright and beautiful place to be as my good friend Rob and a couple more mates made our way to central London for a drink before catching our train back to Hull. One



of my lasting memories of the day was in a bar near Leicester Square. Rob ordered a pint of bitter for me and a pint of mild for himself (his favourite drink at the time being Hull Brewery Mild) only to receive a curt reply from the snooty barman "We don't serve mild here, Sir." Rob responded with "Let us get back to Hull quick". Saturday 26 March 1966 will live long in the memory of the 8,000 fans who witnessed this epic match.

### The replay.



The replay was arranged for the following Thursday which was also a General Election Day but that didn't stop 45,328 fans from filling BP to the rafters or should I say to the touchline as many youngsters were allowed to sit on the track surrounding the pitch. City was unchanged and expectations were high again as we feared no one. I worked in York and had to take the afternoon off to get a good position. I remember arriving at the ground at about 2.30 to find thousands already filling the main car park. The gates opened at about 5.30 and the atmosphere was electric.

The actual game was a bit of an anti-climax. Osgood returned for Chelsea and he made a difference. Tambling scored 2 and Graham 1 as the visitors ran out 3-1 winners. However, the goal of the game was scored by Chris Simpkin with a 30-yard shot which was the only highlight of the game. The first semi-final since 1930 was not to be but City earned tremendous respect from the cup run and went on to win the Third Division title and the Daily Mirror Giant Killers Cup, What a great season!

### **Tony Conway.**

*Senior Tigers Memorabilia and Heritage Coordinator.*

### More Club news:

Our **Senior Tigers Club** continues to grow! Following our October meeting, when 8 new members joined us. We now have a membership of 287 City fans (\* that is, Fans of a 'certain age'!)

I've been asked to say that if you have an issue/query/complaint when attending any event at the MKM stadium that the Senior Tigers Club is hosting, can you please bring it to the committee in person or send an email by clicking [here](#)? Please do not approach the stadium staff, come to us and we will resolve the issue. This will be much appreciated.

Finally, we are preparing a special **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Souvenir** for the Senior Tigers Club. This will be issued next Spring. We would appreciate some short and clear comments from our membership. Slips will be available at the November meeting so you can say what Senior Tigers means to you. Please ask for one and let us know what you think. One sentence is all we require. We could, however, do with a little more experience that could be useful in preparing the Souvenir. Editorial or Publishing experience would be fantastic. We are delighted that two have already been offered.

On **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November**, a coach will be heading for **BLACKPOOL!** All Senior Tigers, of course. We give thanks to Andy Riley who is coordinating this trip. We hope to see our much-loved former Manager, Steve Bruce, who is now manager at Blackpool. They are due to host Northampton Town – but, as it is an International Break there is a possibility that the game could be postponed, should they have three call-ups. We are waiting to see on that. We would still hope to have the opportunity to see their stadium which has recently been expanded. **We would love to meet up with Brucie too. All Senior Tigers were heartbroken with the news that Steve's young Grandson, Maddison, had passed away. He and his family have our love.**



Football or not, we will enjoy seeing the legendary Blackpool Lights from our Acklam's Coach. We are certainly looking forward to the trip.





*The wonderful Showmen's Guild National Memorial*

**November** means poppies and you may have noticed the new design, the first in 30 years, with a plastic-free 'green' poppy. Just a few days ago, we had the second Senior Tigers visit to The National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. During the visit we travelled on a superb Land-train tour of the vast site, seeing all the main memorials. Here are just a few pictures to remind us. David Cormack took the first two, then four *which I* took.



*The Impressive Polar Bear Memorial*



*Steps leading up to the Main memorial.*



*The Memorial to the Woman's Land Army and the Women's Timber Corps.*



*From the main Memorial: the open door through which the sun breaks on the Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh month*



*Soldiers carrying a wounded colleague back to safety.*