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Welcome

This is your Christmas Newsletter, so may I begin by wishing you all a very blessed Christmas Festival, full of love, family & joy.



Our **Senior Tiger's pre-Christmas Lunch** is on Thursday, 5th December. A record booking of just over 200 members will ensure we have a memorable afternoon. Good food, great entertainment and a special guest (I don't mean Santa!). The entertainment is provided by Tony Sturdy and his Irish group and they promise to be getting our feet tapping and hands clapping. The special guest is, of course, **Kasey Palmer**, one of our new signings. He will be joining us with Richard Beechell given the opportunity to ask the questions!



Kasey Palmer, Jamaican International

Player of the Month (October)

Lewie Coyle took the most votes for October, 48 in total. That gives him the 25 votes for the month. Second & third were Charlie Hughes & Ivor Pandur (24 & 19 votes respectively) giving them 18 & 15 points. Xavier Simons was 4th with 17 votes and 12 points.

The running totals for the season have Captain Lewie leading with 75 points. He is followed by Ivor Pandur (45), Liam Millar (32), Mohamed Belloumi (28) & Regan Slater (24).

Memorabilia & Heritage article:

RAICH CARTER & City's Hall of Fame:



In September, I wrote that I was surprised **Raich Carter** was not a member of **Hull City's Hall of Fame** despite being an elite member of the National Football Museum. So, it was great to see at the home game against Sunderland that Raich had been inaugurated into the club's Hall of Fame. I remember my Dad telling me he was a great player and captain for City. He thought he was a bit of a bully as he barked instructions to the players and commanded the whole pitch. His managerial skills would probably not go down well in today's football world.

I am currently reading Jimmy Greaves's autobiography and recently read that on making his debut for Chelsea he expected the manager, Ted Drake to give him some instructions, words of advice, a specific role, a game plan, etc but received nothing. This was typical of the time. Jimmy recalled Jack Charlton telling him the story of his debut for Leeds United, then managed by Raich Carter. Jimmy added he thought Raich was a supreme entertainer, stylish artist, and incisive passer of the ball whose canvas was the pitch. He had a casual air on the

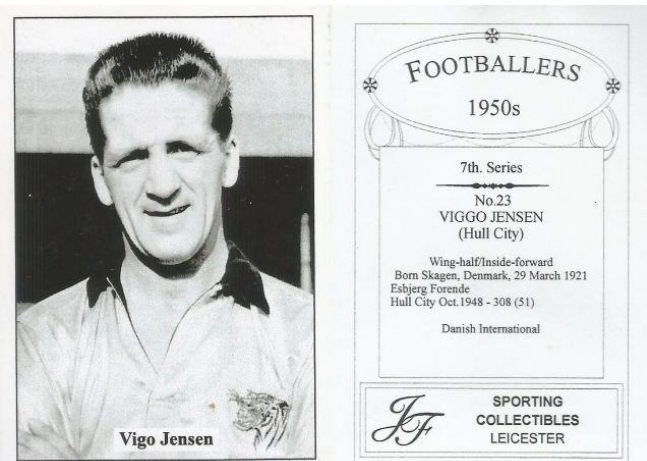
field of play, was content in his ability, and didn't try to cover every blade of grass but made the ball do the work. He also possessed great vision, and could dribble, dodge, twist and turn and send defenders sniffing madly on false trails. Charlton was also hopeful of guidance from his manager. As Kick Off approached Raich said nothing so he asked "What do you want me to do boss?" Carter appeared stunned at being asked for specific instructions and replied, "See how fast their centre forward can limp". How times have changed as most clubs have coaches for many aspects of the game from goalkeepers to set pieces and even corners.

It should also be remembered that Raich discovered **Ken Wagstaff** whilst manager of Mansfield Town and sold him to the Tigers in 1964. So, we know he could also spot a good player when he saw one.

Firstly, I'll remind you of the current members of **Hull City's Hall of Fame: Ian Ashbee, Nick Barmby, Billy Bly, Chris Chilton, Andy Davidson, Andy Dawson, Garreth Roberts, Dean Windass, Peter Skipper, Ken Wagstaff, and Raich Carter.**

With this year's induction complete my thoughts turn to who is worthy of consideration next year. It certainly looks like a difficult job for the selection panel as they only allow one entry per year. I am sure you will have your views but here are mine.

VIGO JENSEN. (395 Heritage Number) 1948-1956, 335 Appearances (Apps), 54 Goals.

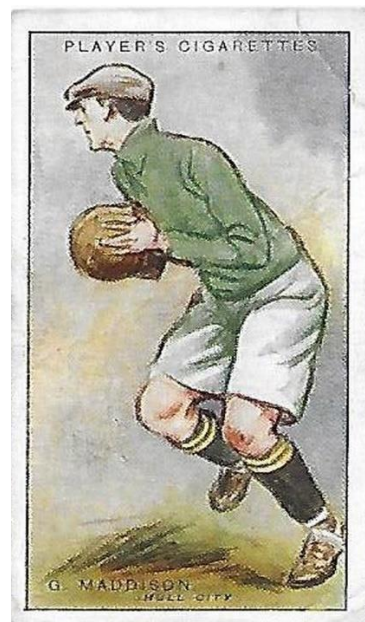


A Danish player who signed for the Tigers when overseas players were very rare. A member of Raich Carter's successful team. Played and was comfortable in 5 different positions. Because of employment restrictions played as an amateur from 1948 to 1950. A Danish international and Olympian. A consistent, reliable performer, well-liked by the supporters.

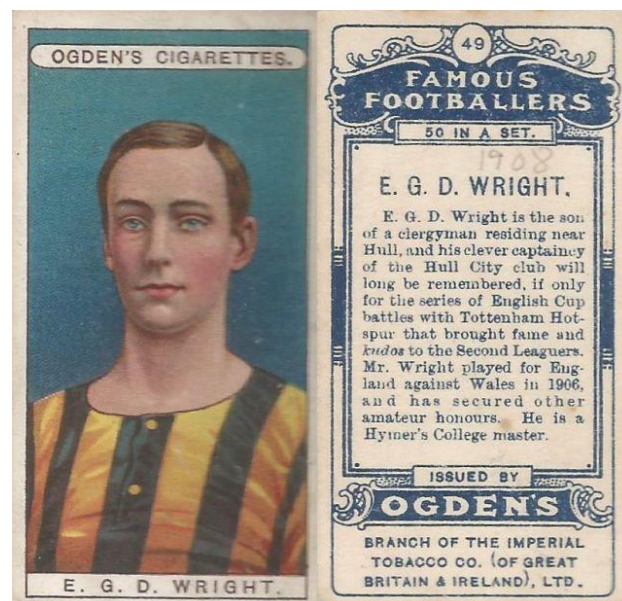
MATT BELL. (105) 1919-1931, 423 Apps, 1 Goal. Was City's established left back for nearly 10 years. Not only

was he well known for his years with the Tigers he was instrumental in pioneering an early form of an off-side trap. It proved so effective it precipitated a change in the off-side rule in 1925. Showing his versatility during an injury crisis he was selected to play in goal in a cup tie against Wolves and kept a clean sheet. Captained the side for nearly 10 years and was part of the 1930 semi-final team.

GEORGE MADDISON. (172) 1924-1938, 456 Apps, (Only surpassed by Davidson, Roberts and Chilton). George was a goalkeeper better known by the name Geordie as he hailed from Gateshead. Made 41 appearances for the Spurs before signing for the Tigers. A goalkeeper of some renown and one time made 123 consecutive appearances. His bravery established him as a principal legend of the pre-WW2 era.



GORDON WRIGHT (31) 1905-1913), 168 Apps. 14 goals.

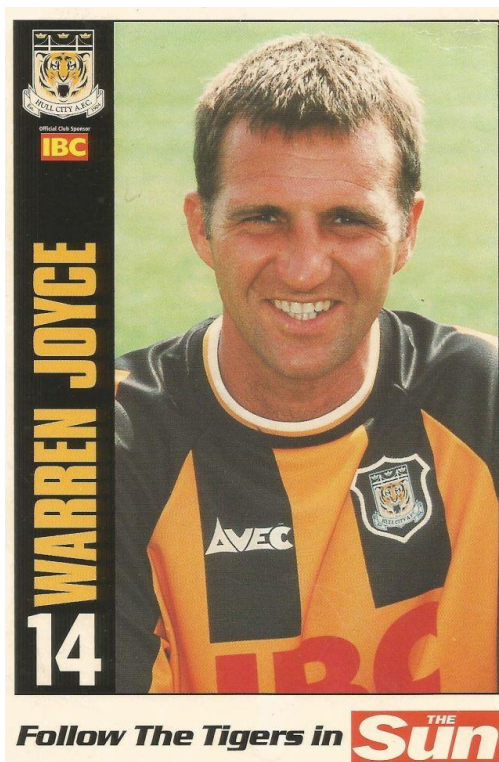


Whilst at Cambridge University he became an accomplished sportsman. Excelling at Cricket (played for Sussex), Rugby, Athletics (Cambridge long jump champion) and Football (gaining a Football Blue). Played for Portsmouth but after his father became a C of E Minister in North Ferriby he joined the Tigers. Also played for Corinthian Casuals with whom he toured South Africa, Europe and the USA between 1905 and 1907. Whilst an amateur at City he became a teacher at Hymers College. He was considered the finest left winger in the English game. On his debut for the Tigers, the attendance was 3000 above the usual. Following playing in a trial match for England he was selected to play against Wales in 1906. He remains to this day the only Hull City player to gain a full England cap.

JIMMY LODGE. (109) A player from 1920 to 1924, 83 Apps 0 Goals. Associated with City for 50 years, served as assistant trainer, physiotherapist, masseur, scout and Reserve team manager. During WW1 he was awarded the Military Medal at the Battle of the Somme and later a bar was added at the battle of Ypres. Plus, he received a Distinguished Conduct Medal.

TONY NORMAN. (578) 1980-1988, 442 Apps 0 Goals. A goalkeeper like George Maddison, Norman also achieved 226 consecutive league appearances. He Left City for Sunderland, for whom he made 200 appearances including an FA Cup appearance. Plus, he gained 5 Welsh caps. A keeper of some skill.

WARREN JOYCE. (707) 1995-2000, 170 Apps. 19 Goals.



Warren took the brunt of the supporter's anger as the team struggled in the 4th tier. Infamously celebrated scoring a goal in front of an empty Kempton Stand with fans massed in the South Stand. Turned from villain to hero as he engineered the Great Escape, when as Player Manager City won 10 and drew 8 of the last 21 games in the 1998-99 season. After being 6 points adrift on New Year's Day.

HAROLD NEEDLER. Does it have to be a player? A local master builder who in 1945 was persuaded to take the helm and form a new company to run Hull City AFC. He formed a company with his two brothers, John and Henry, and the Sheriff of Hull Kenneth Percival. Led the building of Boothferry Park, the Raich Carter era and in the mid 60's the building of the South Stand, a Gymnasium and purchasing of players (Wagstaff, Houghton and Butler) by gifting £200K of his company shares in Hoveringham Gravels. This led to a fantastic upturn in fortunes.

Other players I think are worthy of selection are; -

STUART ELLIOTT. (818) 2002-2008, 211 Apps, 68 Goals. Signed by Jan Molby for a record fee of £230,000 from Motherwell.

KEITH EDWARDS. (588) 2 spells with City, 1978-1981 and 1988-1989, 220 Apps, 97 Goals. Like Elliott, Edwards was a natural goal scorer and a real crowd-pleaser. His first spell ended when he was sacrificed for £95K and sold to Sheffield United to help stave off bankruptcy.

BILLY WHITEHURST. (591) 2 spells with City 1980-1985 and 1988-1990, 271 Apps, 69 Goals. Signed by Mike Smith from Non-league Mexborough Town. Intensive coaching by Chris Chilton developed Billy into a fearsome centre forward. Became a real character and motivator to teammates and supporters. In 1985 sold to Newcastle United for a then-record fee of £232K.

JUSTIN WHITTLE. (759) 1998-2004, 219 Apps, 3 Goals. A major contributor to the Great Escape team. A non-sense centre-half for 6 years as City went from near relegation to non-league to the verge of the Championship. Well-liked by the fans and has for many years served as a Club Ambassador.

KEN HOUGHTON. (509) 304 Apps, 91 goals. A major player in Cliff Briton's successful 1960s team. Part of the famous forward line along with Butler, Chilton, Wagstaff and Henderson. Later served the club as a Youth Development Officer, Caretaker Manager and Manager.

Most of the facts in this article have been gleaned from <https://www.oncloudseven.com/>. Here you will find more facts about the above players and all the 1166 players who have played in the first team. The oncloudseven.com website can be accessed directly or via the [Senior Tigers website](#) where you can also see picture cards, photographs and programmes of the matches involving these players.

Happy Christmas from the Memorabilia and Heritage Team.

Tony Conway

Senior Tigers Memorabilia and Heritage Coordinator.

Yes, Christmas is coming!

Something that I promise will warm your heart and really bring Christmas to you ... the **Hull Male Voice Choir** with their annual "Sounds of Christmas" Concert in the Guildhall on Saturday, 7th December.



See how many Senior Tigers you can spot in the choir! The Concert will also be introducing the **H&EY SANDS Choir** and helping them to raise funds for the Still-birth & Neo-Natal Death Charity. At the heart of Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus. For some, however, it can bring the painful memories of the early loss of a child. To book your ticket please ignore the number on the picture – use mine and I will personally donate £1 to **SANDS** on your behalf!

Allen

KCOM IT DROP-IN SESSIONS

The **Senior Tigers IT Drop-in sessions** at KCOM's Learning Zone continue to be well received by our members and new members are always encouraged to drop in. Members find it very useful to have the support of the KCOM Customer Champions as they can also talk to them about their bills, set-up and connectivity at home while learning those invaluable IT skills. Senior Tigers Quote "I would like to thank KCOM for organising the Senior Tigers IT and Biscuit session, the KCOM advisors are the most helpful people I have

ever come across and their knowledge of solving problems is beyond approach. Thank you very much!" **Captain Sam Saleh**. KCOM Quote "The common things I help with are karo emails and setting up email addresses. I often show the Tigers a trick where you can create a home screen app from an internet browser, and this made it easier for them to access their webmail instead of going through all the steps online to log on. It's an amazing feeling to share new tips and tricks with those who attend, making their day-to-day lives with technology easier as it's becoming so ingrained in people's everyday lives." **Milly Davies**, KCOM Customer Champion

PLEASE NOTE that there will not be a KCOM IT Drop-In session in December. The next session at the KCOM Offices Learning Zone in Carr Lane, Hull, will be on **Monday, January 20th, 2025**, from 10 a.m. until noon.

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REMINDER:

Our Senior Tigers **January Meeting** is on

Thursday, 9th January