



Newsletter of the South Shields FC Supporters Association

ONWARD AND UPWARD



A PERSONAL OVERVIEW AND POSTSCRIPT TO THE SEASON.

It has certainly been a season on which to reflect of what might have been, and if only and maybe, it's now all but over and time to look ahead with our survival in the first division hopefully having been assured. It was always acknowledged before the season that it would be a hard campaign, and survival was our aim in our first term in the top division, and especially with finance always going to be tight. Numerous early games were unable to be played because of the waterlogged condition of the Filtrona pitch, by reason of the unprecedented heavy and continued rainfall, which exacerbated the inadequate, and poor drainage properties of the ground.

We also suffered for a period with no 'rub of the green' and a contrary lady luck deserted us on occasions, and we suffered long term injuries to key players. At Christmas we had only 7 points on the board and were all but marooned and adrift at the bottom, but we did improve and things gradually became better, and we slowly climbed out of a relegation position. We have hopefully survived in spite of these setbacks, and it has been a bit of a rollercoaster ride, with ups and downs, and some concerns and elations, but as they say "that's football".

Generally speaking I think that we have tried to play decent football, if on recent occasion at times somewhat jaded, but nevertheless usually as the game should be played, but having said that we are now beyond our "apprenticeship" and the experience of being the "new kids on the block" is over. So it is with hope and optimism that we look forward to August in Division 1 and for better times both on – and off the pitch.....with a strengthened team also for the new campaign, and a cup run on our wish list, and happier times to be enjoyed all round.

This writer would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to the club chairman and committee colleagues, the team management and the players, the backroom staff, the canteen ladies and all others who have provided us the supporters with enjoyment, pleasure and companionship. So at least on balance the club has been hopefully successful in so far as the original objective was concerned. As an association we can certainly congratulate ourselves on all the various successful events, functions and activities in which we have been involved, in our support of the club, which remains the prime reason why the association was reformed in November 2007. So it is the hope that we will continue to grow and prosper as an integral component part of the football club as we prepare for the close season work in preparation for the forthcoming new football season 2009/2010. All members are cordially invited to the next meeting, Wednesday, May 20th, 7.15pm.

THE SUPPORTER'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

During the close season, in tandem with all the club's other ongoing activities, we want very much to continue to increase our current membership total, which currently stands at 184, as more new members mean more money, more growth, more strength, and more ability to help the club. We hope to achieve in so doing a membership of 300 by finding extra recruits amongst our family members, work and social friends, colleagues and acquaintances. So we ask you all to speak with those you know well to come and join us and to actively support the club. Our strength lies in our combined efforts and commitment to work together for the betterment of SSFC, thank you all.

THE CLUB WEEKLY CASH DRAW

To assist the club to hopefully achieve a weekly sales figure of 500 tickets being sold, the supporters association asks all concerned and involved to please try and sell more tickets wherever possible, and to also try and find others who may sell tickets on behalf of the club. Remember – if one never asks, one never gets. As stated in the last issue, all the profits accrued from this venture do directly advantage the financial situation of the club. We need to be all really focused and prepared to go that proverbial extra mile in order to achieve this target, so may we ask you to direct your efforts and circulate family and all friends, neighbours, work colleagues and social acquaintances and all associates? We are all part of the team in this respect, and if we all could go out and sell two books each, the returns would be substantial indeed.

THE FREE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY OFFER

As with the weekly cash draw, the same requests are made, that the more people who commit pen to paper and do join the scheme, the club will be able to see this co-operative effort translated into a substantial cash bonus that would be utilised for player transfers and payments, the weekly wages bill, and for ground improvements etc etc. This really is a grand opportunity to help the club with a much welcomed cash inflow for the 2009 – 2010 season. All efforts will be greatly appreciated, thank you.

THE GUIDE TO THE NORTHERN LEAGUE

It has been decided to delay this Supporter's Association publication until the commencement of the next season, in order to advantage and maximise local sales potential at what will be a more appropriate time, rather than have it available at what is the end of the current season. It had been envisaged that this booklet would have been on sale somewhat earlier but regrettably circumstances have dictated otherwise, so as of now the launch is expected to be confirmed in due course for the first home Saturday game in August.

A further booklet by the Supporters Association is planned and expected to follow for Christmas, as is at present hoped, that will be of interest to history buffs, and will document the founding, development and career of South Shields Adelaide FC, which eventually became the South Shields AFC football league club of the 1920's.

It is further hoped to also produce a souvenir photograph book of the club teams down the years from the early 1900's to date, which would no doubt be much welcomed, and be fully worthy of a niche in supporters book collections and memorabilia.

THE PENRITH GAME

Well, the weather was fine, the guest house was fine, the company was fine and the trip over and home was fine, but otherwise with the team depleted by injuries, suspensions, work commitments and some players apparently not available for whatever reason, it was indeed a weakened team that took the field. The result was not in the script, and to be honest once again we were 'not at the races', and a 6 – 0 thrashing somewhat took the shine off the weekend. However, the evening meal at a very nice Italian restaurant was though very much to our liking, but 'Mama Mia', the football, oh dear me. Maybe next time round we may fare better, let us hope so.....

THE ANNUAL PRESENTATION AWARDS AND PARTY NIGHT

This traditional event will take place on Saturday, May 30th at the 'Mariner's Club' 7.30pm to 12.00pm. The event will include the presentation of awards, a buffet, live entertainment featuring 'Mental Channel No. 1', stand-up bingo, a raffle and a disco, so a really good night's fun and entertainment is in prospect, and the opportunity to enjoy a grand time together. The price of admission tickets has been kept to a minimum of £3.00 as a gesture of thanks to all who have supported the club over the season, and are available, on a first come first served basis from Steven Ramsey, on 07973 262742.

SSFC CLUB SHOP MERCHANDISE.

The club has a comprehensive selection of merchandise available for supporters and for others as fashion wear or perhaps as a present for a friend at home or overseas as a link with Shields. As an example two replica team shirts have been recently sent to Dubai, for the sons of a Shieldsman working out there. It has been also decided to dispose by half price sale of the current stock of replica team shirts, and these items are now available at the reduced prices as follows.....

The full list of goods currently available in various sizes in stock are:

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| 1. Replica team shirts (adult sizes) | now £15, were £30. |
| 2. Ditto " " (child sizes) | now £12, were £25. |
| 3. Polo shirts, with club logo | £12 |
| 4. 'V' neck jumpers, with club logo | £14 |
| 5. Woollen hats, in claret and also blue, with club logo | £5 |
| 6. Nylon jackets, with club logo | £20 |
| 7. Fleece lined jackets, with club logo | £39 |
| 8. Car stickers with club logo | £2 |
| 9. Car stickers with SSFC | £1 |
| 10. Key rings , "Mariner's Club" | £2 |
| 11. Pens, black and white | £0.80p |
| 12. Metal pin badge | £5 |

Bob Scott would be pleased to accommodate your purchase requests, and is available on match days at the shop or otherwise on mobile 07920 554377.

CLUB COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The club committee needs more volunteer members to please come forward and to offer their services to assist with the behind the scenes jobs that are so very necessary and important in the running of the club in all its activities, If you would like to consider joining and perhaps have a like-minded friend, please make yourself known to Gary Crutwell, club chairman and / or Phil Reay, club secretary, who would be most pleased to welcome you, on mobile numbers 07947 480054 and 0784 7173235.

LOCAL FOOTBALL MEMORABILIA

Interest in football matters of a historical nature may not be everyone's 'cup of tea' as they say, but having said that it is not and never has been a dry, dull and sterile subject, far from it... Is it a case therefore of one man's treasure and another man's rubbish? It need not be. Television programmes have informed and alerted us all of the monetary value of all objects of an antiquarian nature, be they paintings, china ware, postage stamps, postcards or football programmes etc etc. It is important to safeguard one's valued past for posterity, if only for sentimental or nostalgic reasons. The whole point of all this comment is by way of a request to readers who may have or indeed know of and be aware of any source of football memorabilia of any type appertaining to SSFC. In an effort to recover artefacts, as indeed such items most certainly are, for example – photographs, programmes, newspapers and cuttings, badges, souvenir items, whatsoever from yesteryear are all most sincerely requested on short term loan for copying purposes for the proposed club archive, or either gratefully accepted as an offered gift or donation. I would be pleased to hear from any association member or reader with any information about these matters, thank you.

THE MARINER'S VOICE NEWSLETTER

If you would like to contribute material for publication, be they articles, comments, or opinions, on any relevant matters as you so consider, you are most welcome to do so, and such would be appreciated, together with your personal details for contact purposes. Subject only and ever of material deemed appropriate. Further, readers ideas and suggestions for publication material are likewise welcomed. It is the hope that this periodic publication will prove to become both most interesting and informative on topics of current interest and also on matters of historic club importance from bygone years.

Bob Wray, Editor, 6, Windsor Drive, Cleadon, Sunderland, SR6 7SY, 0191 537 2633.

CHRIS MARRON

The recent name of a C.Marron on a team sheet at Filtrona Park has prompted me to add the following. In September 1947, SSAFC's then prolific and iconic centre forward performed the great and all time unprecedented 10 goal scoring individual feat in one FA Cup Preliminary Round Tie v Radcliffe Welfare at the Cleadon Recreation Ground. This was later eventually entered into the Guinness Book of Records, following a protracted campaign for its recognition lead by Club President Dick Butler. This record remains unbeaten to this day... and is likely to remain so. The final score was South Shields 13 - Radcliffe Borough 0.

FROM THE CLUB MANAGEMENT

As we reach the end of what has been a long and traumatic season it is time to reflect on what we have achieved in the last 3 years, whilst we would have liked to have finished higher in the league the main aim of the season was to stay in the first division. I don't want to harp on about the past but we need to remember three years ago we faced extinction and at best relegation from the Northern League we can now, all things being well look forward to another season in the top flight of the Northern League. At the end of the season I would like to thank the supporters for the magnificent support you have given the lads this season, week after week we have outnumbered the home support and certainly made more noise than the home fans.

The work of the supporters association also deserves great praise South Shields are blessed to have a body of support intent on raising the profile of the club and also raising funds. I would also like to thank those supporters who turned up to help with the drainage work before the Seaham Red Star game, which enabled the game to go ahead. As the close season is upon us there is more work to be carried out prior to the start of the 2009-10 season, the League Management Committee have recently inspected the ground and have given us a list of work to be carried out, anyone with a bit of time to spare please contact either Gary or myself all offers of help will be greatly appreciated.

On the field it has been a rollercoaster of a season with, unfortunately, a few more downs than ups but on the bright side, all things being well, we will still be playing in division 1 next season. My personal highlight of the season was the magnificent support at Penrith, despite the result being a nightmare the supporters cheered the lads on for the full 90 minutes, the secretary of Penrith has recently sent me a letter to commend the behaviour and attitude of our travelling support who are a credit to the club.

The club and supporters also received a letter of thanks from Washington Football Club for the help given to them in their time of need. It is now time to look forward; we need as a club to learn from the lessons learned this season and build for the future and hopefully a long stay in the first division. We are fortunate to have an excellent facility to play our football so thanks to John and Vi for their continued support of the club.

At the end of the season I would also like to thank the lads who turn up each week and help with the strips at away games and also help with the raffle and the gate at home games. Also thanks to the committee members who devote countless hours to the club, Dick Bailey, Darren Wright, Gary Crutwell and last but not least Gerry O'Reilly; the work is not always seen but without it the club would not function. We also have superb support from the ladies who provide our hospitality at home games, Janet Honeyman, Marian Honeyman, Janice Porter and Helen Beattie.

As ever I remain optimistic about the future and look forward to next season.

Onwards and Upwards. Phil Reay, Club Secretary

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT BY MICK VINEY

This has been a long season. We came into this campaign riding a wave of optimism after a season of promotion and success, and as we leave it, we do so in disappointment and gloom.

That's how I read the feelings of some of my fellow supporters, but is it fair? Success is a relative thing. To Manchester United winning the Carling cup, 2nd in the premiership and failing to reach FA cup and Champions league finals may be seen as a disaster, but to Hull City such a season would be unfeasibly successful. Each club has, at different times, its own measure of success. We should all be chasing the dreams, we should all be pushing for better, we should all be DEMANDING more. More from our club, and more from ourselves. Each and every season we should be measuring ourselves and our progress not from a standpoint of how far we have not improved, but rather from how much we HAVE progressed.

This season has seemed such an anticlimax after the heady heights of our promotion season. Some of our performances have been poor (to say the least!). Our league position is poor, and at the time of writing this our 1st division status is not yet secured. But I believe it will be, and amongst the poor there have been some very good performances, which did not always give us the return we were due. It's been a very mixed season. In some eyes an abject failure, and in others eyes a success, if only we kick off next season in the 1st division next season. My own opinion is the latter.

We supporters have also had a mixed season. I am so proud of the vocal support we give our team. Support many teams would give their eye teeth for. I am proud too of the contributions made, of time and finances by the members of OUR association in supporting OUR club on and off the pitch. I'm less proud of some of the divisions and increasingly bitter backbiting that has occurred amongst ourselves at times.

We each have many opinions. We all have a right to express them, and we all have a right to disagree with others opinions. We should all be able to express our opinions amongst ourselves without fear of personal attacks. But we must also think what effect our words may have before we speak. The recent ill feeling between some of our supporters is very disappointing to me. We all want the same things. We all have the same goals. Our differences in how to achieve these things is such a minor thing, yet has become the catalyst for much unnecessary ill feeling amongst people who have much more similarities than differences.

The season's just about done. It's time for all of us to reflect. Let's reflect therefore on only the positives. Let's reflect on the successes we have enjoyed, and also on the lessons learned when things may not have gone as we hoped, and lets call these lessons progress.....and THAT'S SUCCESS.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT – JOHN PRENDERGAST.

At the time of writing with only two more games remaining, the relegation issue and any possible implications for SSFC is not as yet resolved, but my belief is that we will secure our main objective for this season and preserve our first division status.

It has proved to be a challenging season, as we always knew it would. I am delighted to say that the vast majority of our supporters have shared the ups and downs together. Good performances and results have been acknowledged when they have been forthcoming, and disappointment has been expressed where appropriate, so we can say that a rational and balanced view has been very largely forthcoming.

Our position in many ways is comparable with our more illustrious neighbours, Newcastle, Sunderland and Middlesborough, which are all currently fighting their own relegation battles. It is of interest to note that the fans of the north east big three have resisted the temptation to turn on their players or managers. Instead they have turned out in their numbers to support their teams with spirit and passion, in my eyes the mark of true supporters. Yes, there will be inquests, but only when the campaign is complete with the usual end of season assessment.

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to some important forthcoming dates. On Tuesday, 28th April we entertain Bedlington Terriers in our final game of the season. Following the game we will be making our way to the Restaurant in Ocean Street where we will share a drink and a meal and doubt talk about – wait for it, football!!! All supporters, players and team and club management and committee members are welcome.

On Thursday, 30th April, a combined meeting of the Club Committee and the Supporter's Association has been arranged at Filtrona Park, starting at 7pm, wherein a discussion of ideas in relation to forward planning for the coming new season will take place. All supporters are invited to attend as we continue to dedicate time, effort and commitment in moving SSFC forward. Please give this serious consideration and do come and get involved, remember actions always speak volumes louder than mere words. To contribute a couple of hours a week really does mean very much more than all the empty promises in the world, and indeed again also much more than all the hot air and verbal brickbats.....

I wish to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your support over the past season, even with dissenters and pessimists. Hopefully one day in the not too distant future we can find a way of working together and indeed raising a glass together even though one or two of those glasses will always be half empty no matter what our position is. It is my belief that we all share the same dream, which is to see our club become a real force once again, and I urge all to do their level best to assist in the realisation of that dream.

Yours in Sport,

John Prendergast.

YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE IT...

“If we played like this every week, we wouldn't be so inconsistent” – Sir Alex Ferguson.

“I had eleven clubs, twelve if you count Stringfellows”, - 1970's icon and ladies man Frank Worthington.

“Peter Schmeichel says that the present Manchester United team would beat the 1968 European Cup winners, he's got a point, because we're over 60 now”! – Nobby Stiles.

“The good news for Nigeria is that they're two-nil down very early in the game”, Kevin Keegan summarising brilliantly at the 2002 World Cup.

“Poland nil, England nil, though England are now looking better value for their nil”, commentator Barry Davies.

“What makes this game so delightful is that when both teams get the ball they are attacking their opponent's goal”– Jimmy Hill.

“If you're in the penalty area and don't know what to do with the ball, put it in the net and we'll discuss the options later”, - Liverpool 1970's manager Bob Paisley.

“Being an ex England manager, one who failed to qualify for the World Cup, is like being a dead politician” – Graham Taylor.

“I have a number of alternatives, and each one gives me something different”, - Glenn Hoddle.

“My granddad wants his bicycle back”! – A chant by Dutch fans to the Germans, whose troops confiscated Dutch bicycles during World War Two.



This was indeed a great occasion at Simonside Hall, Lev Yashin and Ferenc Puskas hoist the great man who did SSAFC this wonderful privilege and honoured us.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF SOUTH SHIELDS FOOTBALL CLUB

By the editor Bob Wray.

South Shields has produced six different and unrelated clubs bearing the same name over the course of some 125 years or more. Of those in the far past, efforts to document a history are hindered by insufficient and inadequate surviving records. This formative era will therefore remain incomplete until such time as more information is hopefully revealed by research and investigation.

The so-called 'hotbed' of soccer here in the North East apparently had its measure of patrons even in the early 1870's, as is shown by the record of what is debatably the original town team of the name playing an early form of association football. The centenary book of Westoe Rugby Football Club, published in 1975, has a mention of such an organisation playing on a ground which in 1890 became the North Marine Park. Of this club very little is known, other than that its development became Westoe RFC, as the rugby code gained local popularity. What is reasonably sure is that this original club existed for a few years.

It was not until the late 1880's that another South Shields Association Football Club was formed. Records of three seasons of 'friendly' fixtures have survived; as of yet further details from other local possible sources remain to be researched. In 1896 a South Shields United FC blossomed for a solitary season, that being a development of a Congregational Church XI in Ocean Road. It was though in 1897 that 'real' history began with the formation of a side boasting the inclusion of ex-league professional players representing the town in the Northern Alliance League

A notice in a Laygate shop called for a public meeting to be held in the Brunswick Hotel to discuss the formation of a team, lamenting the fact that South Shields was alone in the North East in not having 'a team of dribblers'. South Shields Athletic Association Football Club played at the Athletic Ground on Mowbray Road, adjacent to Bents Cottages. The 'Seasiders' enjoyed moderate success for five year, until disbanded in 1902 through financial problems. Loud and long were the complaints that local football supporters of the game would rather travel to Sunderland and Newcastle to watch league football, a familiar problem down the years. South Shields Rugby Union Football Club soon after suffered the same unfortunate demise, though its Horsley Hill enclosure and several of its senior officials with secretary Jack Tinn, found service with another South Shields AFC sometime later.

It is more relevant to the main story to cite the efforts of Jack Inskip and his colleagues in forming a local schoolboys team in Adelaide Street at Laygate to which credit is principally due for the progression to eventual emergence of a football league club. This club was formed as South Shields Adelaide Athletic in 1899, and played on a pitch in Hartington Terrace, off Dean road, adjacent to Wood Terrace, as a member of the Shields and District League. It enjoyed a meteoric rise to regional non-league prominence through the Tyneside Junior and Senior Leagues, the Northern Alliance, leading to membership of the North Eastern League in 1908. A major acquisition in 1904 was the purchase of and move to the vacant Horsley Hill ground.

The inaugural North Eastern League season was opened with Huddersfield Town as the opponents. The local side, now known as South Shields Adelaide, or just the 'Laides' to its supporters, were certainly 'going places' now. It is known that the club colours even then were red and green, apparently indicating port and starboard and believed inspired by the borough's maritime connections. Re-organised as a limited company in 1910, the club now changed its official name to that of South Shields Association Football Club. Growth of and on the park was rapid, the ground being progressively developed, with numerous improvements, not least of which was a new grandstand.

A major 'capture' in 1912 was the famous Arthur Bridgett from Sunderland, as player manager and captain, and ex England international, as well as numerous other quality players, including prolific goal scoring centre forward Irvine Thornley, ex- England, from Manchester City. It is quite true to state that these few years prior to World War One were the most successful and productive ever achieved, with numerous records made and smashed, a haul of trophies, plus two consecutive North Eastern League championship trophies won. This was an outstanding team and a future in the Football League was openly discussed. The club started the issue of match programmes in 1912 and also season tickets.

The outbreak of war in 1914 put matters on hold and clubs fielded 'shadow' teams on account of military service considerations, although competitive football albeit in this form continued. It is of interest to mention that one particular game between friendly rivals South and North Shields in 1916 in the wartime Tyneside Combination, saw South Shields field no less than NINE internationals – and still lose! The last wartime season was spent with another grouping, the Northern Victory League, with South Shields well represented. The objective of Football League membership for the club had been a long held dream, and in 1919 the years of effort behind this drive came to fruition with its election to the second division, or the second league as it was then titled. This was no calculated gamble on the part of the club directorship, even with the close proximity of Sunderland and Newcastle. It was the firm belief that a town with the population of South Shields could and would sustain a football league club.

Initially all seemed promising and manager Jack Tinn and his colleagues had good reason for guarded optimism and quiet satisfaction. In the 1921 season, with Shields top by five clear points at Christmas, promotion was 'in the air' and the distinct possibility of derbies against Sunderland and Newcastle was an exciting prospect. However the impetus was not maintained, form suffered and the club finished the season in a disappointing sixth place. But for an indifferent home record with three defeats and seven draws, a serious promotion challenge would have certainly been possible, as they finished only 10 points behind champions Nottingham Forest.

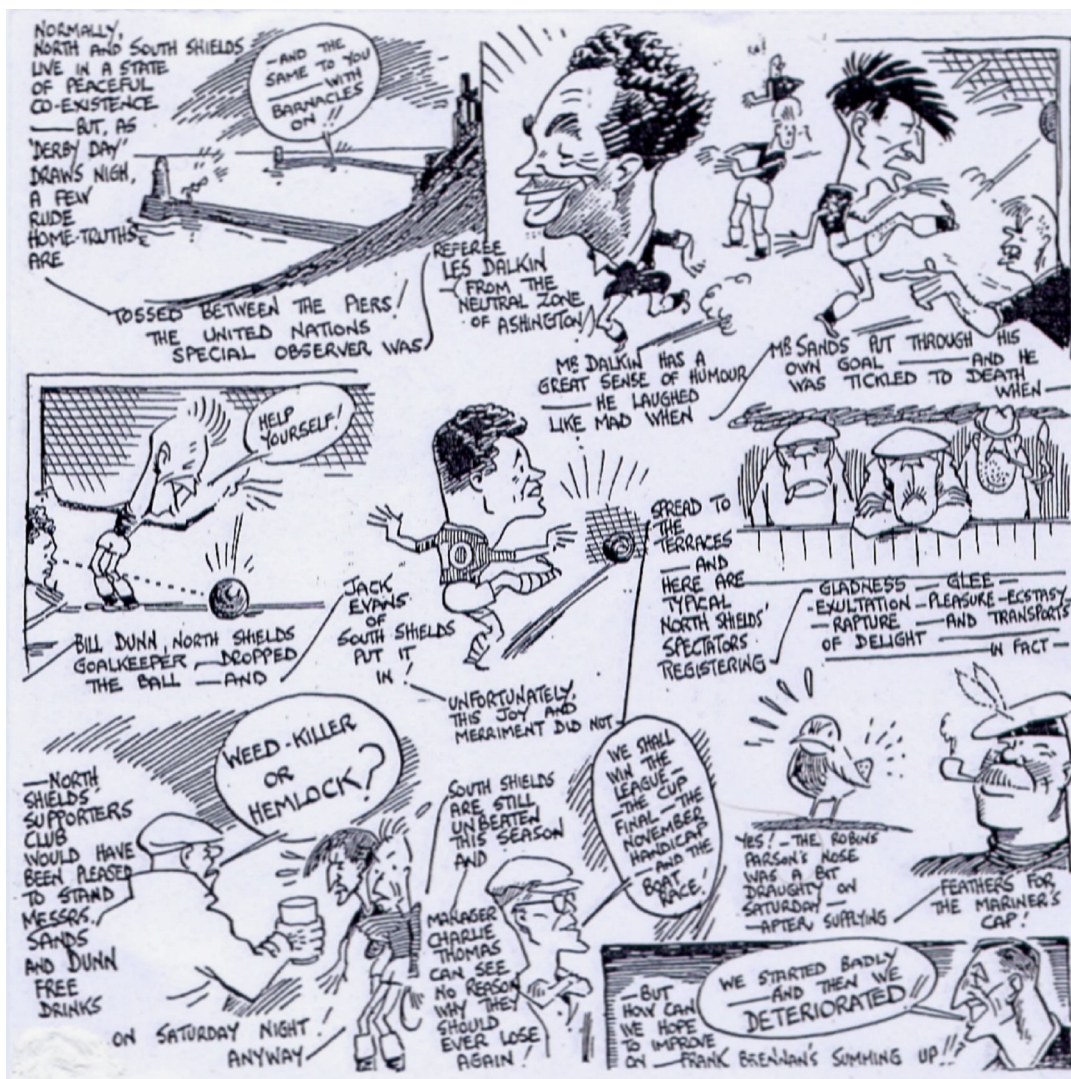
In 1922 the club was obliged to sell Warney Cresswell to Sunderland, in order to balance the books, for the then league record transfer fee of £5,500, the only player ever to gain a full international cap with Shields. In the 1922-1923 season, the club sold Alf Maitland to Middlesbrough in order to cover a loss. Lack of public support was by this time having a telling effect on the finances. The situation never improved, and gradually selling the best players caused the team's performance to further deteriorate. Manager Jack Tinn left for Portsmouth in 1927, where he spent 20 years, and the club was relegated to the Third Division Northern Section. Times were by now hard indeed, with gates insufficient, and the writing was on the wall. Inevitably without money to bail the club out of impending bankruptcy, the only possible viable

alternative from closure was to move, and this regrettable but seemingly unavoidable point was reached in 1930. The club left the town and moved to Gateshead, where it was welcomed.

It has been debated in both local press and public place at great length down the years since, if indeed the original decision to enter the Football League was the right one, but the old adage 'nothing ventured, nothing gained' certainly seems to ring true. At the end of the day, local apathy surely has a great deal to answer before the bar of history. With the loss of senior football in the town, local followers were obliged to content themselves with what was available – the South Tyne Alliance and the Shields and District League at the 'Dragon' and Stanley Street pitches for the next few years.

Agitation for the formation of a new club was eventually sponsored through the medium of the Shields 'Gazette', and in 1936 a public meeting held in the Ocean Road Congregational Church Hall resolved the local football vacuum. A new club was founded and made a successful application for entry into the North Eastern League.

Part two continues in the next issue.



No. 30 Share Certificate. 10 Shares.

The South Shields Association Football Club, LIMITED.

Incorporated under "The Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908."


CAPITAL - - - £1,000,
Divided into 2,000 Shares of 10/- each.

This is to Certify that Alfred Palmer Stainton Esq.
of 63 King Street South Shields is the Registered
Proprietor of ten fully-paid Shares of 10/- each,
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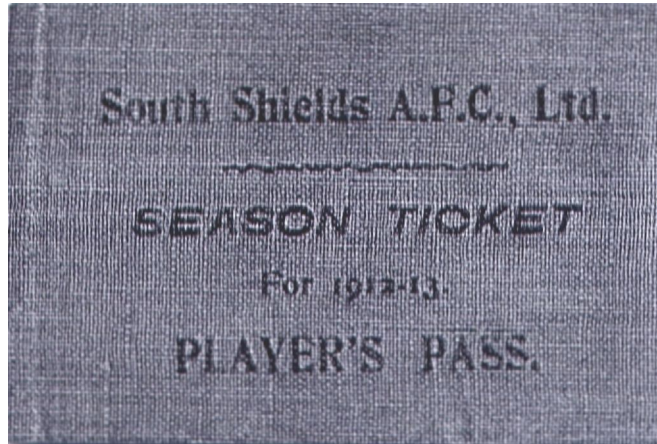
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NORTH EASTERN LEAGUE							
1913 - 1914							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 South Shields	38	32	5	1	133	29	69
2 Middlesbrough Reserves	38	23	8	7	99	37	54
3 Newcastle United Reserves	38	24	5	9	91	40	53
4 Darlington	38	20	10	8	72	43	50
5 Sunderland Reserves	38	20	8	10	83	55	48
6 Blyth Spartans	38	19	7	12	71	51	45
7 Hartlepoons United	38	17	10	11	63	37	44
8 Shildon	38	18	3	17	54	60	39
9 Gateshead Town	38	17	5	16	58	76	39
10 Hebburn Argyle	38	14	11	13	55	50	39
11 Jarrow	38	12	10	16	55	63	34
12 North Shields Athletic	38	11	10	17	57	81	32
13 Carlisle United	38	11	10	17	48	84	32
14 Spennymoor United	38	10	11	17	60	63	31
15 Newcastle City	38	7	16	15	34	57	30
16 Sunderland Rovers	38	10	10	18	46	67	30
17 West Stanley	38	13	3	22	54	87	29
18 Houghton Rovers	38	11	2	25	38	81	24
19 Seaham Harbour	38	7	8	23	30	73	22
20 Wallsend	38	5	6	27	44	115	16

South Shields F.C.



Supporters Association

Application for Membership 2009 – 10 Season

This supporters association is an independent organisation of supporters which aim to:

- Act as a collective voice, representing the views of supporters in discussions with the club and others.
- Act as a body to help promote and to support South Shields Football Club on and off the pitch.
- Provide members with benefits.
- Provide a travel club to assist supporters attend away fixtures.
- Arrange social, fund raising, and other events.
- Keep members informed of developments through regular newsletters and other means.

Member Details

Name

Address

Postcode Tel No:.....

E-mail Address Mobile No:.....

(N.B. E-mail address for ease of contact purposes only, for games, team info, meetings, minutes etc. NOT to be passed to any third parties).

Subscriptions for 2009 – 10 season.

£5.00 Adults.

£2.00 Juniors.

Please return this form to: John Prendergast
 Membership Secretary
 40 Westhope Road
 South Shields
 NE34 6JT
 Tel: 0191 4546850 (Monday to Friday)
 Tel: 0191 4200338 (Evenings & Weekends)

Please make cheques or postal orders payable to: **South Shields F.C. Supporters Association.**

If you are able to interest your family members, social friends, neighbours, work colleagues and acquaintances etc. for Association, recruitment and membership, it would be much welcomed and sincerely appreciated.