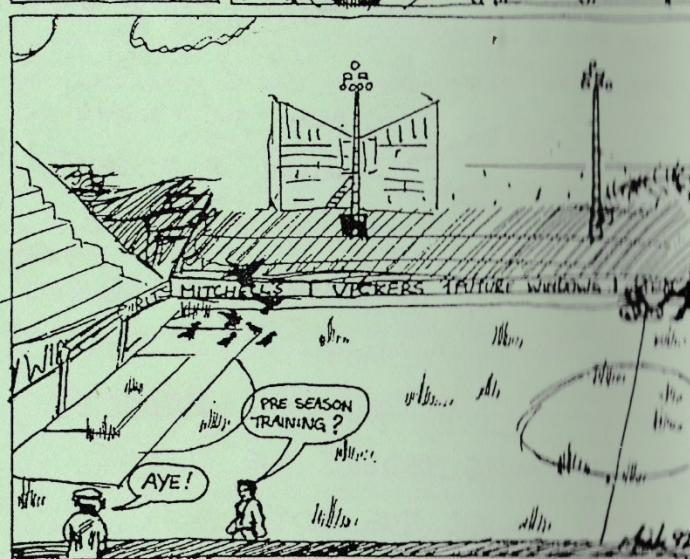


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HE'S FULL OF SHIT!



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This Fanzine is published for Morecambe FC supporters, their friends, their pools coupon collectors, people who see our address in When Saturday Comes or anyone else wanting a bit of fun for less than the price of a couple of bags of crisps.

We don't intend to upset anyone - including religious people who have questioned our title - but hope that fans of other clubs will get a giggle as well. If we all laugh at ourselves as well as others maybe we can all get on a bit better.

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We are happy to keep filling the pages ourselves but more contributions will mean more variety and a better product. Send any contributions, requests, suggestions or letters to:

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Photo's, clippings and cartoon ideas (we will get them drawn up) will be welcomed.

"VENUM FORTUM CRUSTACEANS" ("Come On You Mighty Shrimps")

EDITORIAL DRIVEL

Well, the first issue seems to have been fairly well received. We had to increase our original print run of 100 to about double and didn't really push or promote ourselves to do that, so we know that we can get rid of enough to make the venture worthwhile. Thanks everyone and we hope we can keep you amused.

We had one minor complaint about the title, but feel the people concerned were being over-touchy. Of course we know of the religious connotation, but don't think it is offensive in any way - the same as pop groups like The Christians and Jesus and Mary Chain aren't.

We have had one or two contributions but would like a lot more. We know that people from Humberside, Guildford, Merseyside and other places have ordered copies - it would be nice to hear from you.

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Jamie McGowan's move to Dundee has provoked a deal of consternation locally. He was not on a contract so we got no money for someone who was obviously a promising and talented player.

Contracts are a funny thing for non-league and even lower division Football League sides. Indeed not many sides can afford to put all their players on contracts. It is not just as easy as getting someone to sign a piece of paper.

If a player is on the dole, for example, the club will have to pay him enough to make it worth his while coming off the dole - which he must do if he is earning from football.

Also, once a player is on contract he is paid whether he plays or not, whether he is injured or not. Often clubs regret putting players on contracts as they lose form or get injured and the club has to shell out a lump sum to pay them off.

On balance, and certainly in hindsight, we believe McGowan was worth investing in. Events will, we think, prove it would have been a wise investment. But it is a dodgy decision for a club without bags of cash to have to make.

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Last season if a defender (let's call him "Ollie") outsprinted a forward (let's call him "wobbly buffalo") to steer a ball back to his keeper, he would have got a cheer and a chorus of "You'll never beat the Ollie".

This season it will be a free kick almost certainly in a dangerous position.

Just what the hell are FIFA or UEFA or whoever playing at?

If a keeper plays the ball out to a defender, that defender will no longer take the risk of playing a ball back if an opponent puts him under pressure. So surely keepers are going to play safe and hoof the ball upfield. Is this why clubs have been clamouring to sign Dion Dublin?

All it needed was for referees to be allowed to book outfield players if they thought they were repeatedly passing the ball back to waste time. But then we're dead clever and everyone else is thick!.....So There!

THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

Continuing our look at the greatest sport on earth

No 2. THE PLAYERS

A football player is a completely different sporting animal. Let us consider that animal the horse, and study him carefully.

THE THOROUGHBRED

This chap is pure class, a full time professional on preposterous wages (jealousy, ED.) who regularly appears for his home country in full internationals, or EIRE if his granny went on a day trip to the Guinness brewery. He will be playing top class football either at home or on the continent, he will only train once a week (I've picked up a hamstring) but will have received the magic sponge in time for Saturday.

He lives in a luxury detached tudor mansion in the stockbroker belt, drives a Mercedes (when not banned) and is married to an ex-page three model (38/24/36) with telescopic legs. He has an all year round suntan, and spends his afternoon playing golf off a three handicap or opening supermarkets. Likes Carlsberg.

Style - Adidas, Reebok, Lotto, Hi-Tec, Asics, Mitre, Le Coq & Umbro are throwing freebies at him to "encourage" him to endorse their products, for money of course.

On the pitch he is quick, graceful and elegant (Geoff Thomas? ED.) but spends most ninety minutes rolling around on the floor or arguing with the linesman.

THE STEEPLECHASER

This bloke is a full-time professional, appearing week in week out in a lower division. He trains for two hours every morning, and then plays golf or goes shopping to the supermarket.

He lives in a detached house on a nice estate, and drives a 'H reg Cavalier GLS and is married to an attractive fully qualified beautician. Often called Gary or Kevin he likes a Tennants lager and the odd game of pontoon, and if he gets a win bonus, a flutter on "the nags".

Style - Buys his own boots, £90 a pair, top of the range Adidas like on all the posters.

On the pitch he is busy but unadventurous, shouts "man on", "time" and "our ball ref" a lot.

THE CARTHORSE

This chap plays semi-pro and is either an ex-pro who is old and slow or he failed to make the grade because he was crap at golf. He trains twice a week after completing his milk round or his twelve hour shift down the pit (What pits? Ed.). Is usually paid a small appearance fee plus a win bonus.

He lives in a semi-detached, drives a 'D reg Sierra and is married to a pretty girl with wide hips called Shirley. Likes Fosters lager and a game of snap.

Style - Looks around the sport shop for fifteen minutes then buys a pair of £45 Adidas Euro boots.

On the pitch he is no nonsense, tough tackling, all elbows type, who kicks first, asks questions later.

THE DONKEY

This guy is the Sunday morning park player who PAYS £2 a week to play. He never trains, except at snooker, darts and dominoes.

He lives in a caravan with his girlfriend who works at the checkout at Kwik Save, and their four kids. He drives an 'X reg Escort with wide wheels and a baby seat. He smokes 60 Embassy a day, and consumes 15 pints of Iceberg lager and a badger madras on the night before a game.

Style - Buys his boots from Woolies, £7.99 a pair, with rubber studs.

On the pitch movement is impossible thanks to the twenty year old grey shirts which are too tight, and his greasy hair and ill fitting boots and shorts prevent passing, shooting, breathing etc.

GETTING SHIRTY

If rumour is to be believed, and that is all we usually have to go on thanks to the Shrimps' usual less than brilliant press releases if at all there are any, then the away kit this season will be yellow and green.

Who is responsible for this move? Do they realise that they have made last season's a waste of £25. Once again rumour has it that the league were behind the change on the grounds of colour clashes because of the stripe under the arm. Are we supposed to believe that referees are unable to tell the difference between a mostly white shirt and one that is probably all red. If they can't, why are they still refereeing.

Going on the fact that the league have enforced the change (don't all write if I'm proved to be wrong, write about something else!) then will they compensate the reds for the change. Don't mention the supporters because they couldn't give a stuff about us, I seriously doubt it.

One possibility is that other clubs complained about it, only time will tell us or maybe even the Shrimp telephone line. It all leaves a little nasty taste in the mouth, and a little less money in our pockets when they are released, but we struggle on.

GETTING SHIRTY 2: THE RANTING

From this season we now have referees wearing new 'up to date' kits. 1st choice of maroon, 2nd yellow, 3rd black. Why?

Why have they messed around with it, did it really need bringing to this? Their hopes are that people will rush off and buy these charming garments for us to wear. The referees' challenge to Armani, Gucci must be quaking in their loafers, so that it will bring money into refereeing. Good luck if they are daft enough to think that I'm off to buy my Jimmy Parker replica to look a complete pillock, don't talk crap, who apart from some Sunday league hopeful is going to pay to look like the person no one likes.

Tradition - what happened to that. If it ain't broke don't try to fix it, that is what I say.

The all black kit was practical in the F.L. because there are no real bad clashes of colour. Now there are several Burnley, Villa etc. One club, Bradford City, play in claret and amber so this will mean the ref probably ending up wearing black anyway.

I am led to believe that the real reason though is to end the 'who's the ***** in the black' ditties.

So it's destruction of more tradition which didn't really have to happen, what would have been wrong with updating the black one or perhaps getting FIFA to change the ruling to allow a small logo on the shirt (Acme Thunderer perhaps). Bring money into the game yes, but at least do it sensibly. Anyway, must go, my penny farthings got a puncture.

GLEN COOPER'S REVIEW OF THE 1992 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

AFTER the match between England and France I went into Ladbrokes. I fancied either England or Denmark to win the Championship, England being my strong tip.

I had worked out that the Co-operative Insurance Society (CIS) would beat Scotland, Holland would draw with Germany. CIS and Germany would get to the semis along with England, who would beat Sweden, and Denmark, who would beat France heavily.

Germany would have so many injuries they would struggle to get into the final and CIS would be no problem.

I had 2 pounds, and had decided that, if England were better odds than 7/1 I would back them. If not, I would back Denmark.

I asked the man to call up England's odds. He did so and informed me: "Ten to one, mate". I said: "Thank you, stout yeoman. Please accept this two pound wager, then."

Before I left the premises, I asked: "Just out of interest, what price are Denmark?"

"Eighty to one!" he replied with a slight giggle. I left the shop.

BOLLOCKS! BOLLOCKS! BOLLOCKS! AND THrice BOLLOCKS!

INTERESTING, VERY INTERESTING!



In the last issue we told you about Gary Ablett's father and his pharmaceutical shop.

Well, we now hear that Peter Schmeichel's brother, Mick, has started work there, as has Mark Proctor's uncle, Vic, a qualified chemist.

That's right, Michael Schmeichel and Doctor Victor Proctor at Ablett's Tablets!

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- WALSH Paul (Luton)
- WOODCOCK Tony (Arsenal)

*I knew Chris Woods was good,
 but I didn't think it was the Second Coming!!*

STOP PRESS: Lancaster have taken delivery of their away supporters' transport for the forthcoming season, but would like to know if anybody has a cover for '64 Squire side-car.

REAL KITS: Seeing as there has been a release of the V. trendy late 60s and early 70s cotton kits C/W long sleeves, e.g. England, Man City, Spurs, Palace etc. why don't they see the light and release a class shirt i.e. The Trophy Winners of 1974 (yes the mighty Shrimps) now that's what we call style.

THE ESSENTIAL CARTOON CHARACTER GUIDE

From issue 1 lots of people have said we want to know more about our hero "FATTY BARNEY".

Well folks, just for you, here it is in the flesh (OOH-ERR)

- 1 Although rather obese, he has actually cut back his pre-match intake to 3 pies, 2 sausage rolls, 2 packets of crisps and a partridge in a pear tree in a bid to eat himself fitter.
- 2 Being a fan of the highly skilful Shrimps he was inspired to play for Supporters F.C. usually bringing cries of "gerroff" and "rubbish" and at Barney lots of other unprintables.
- 3 Following this he now plays for the almighty Cartoon Club Pontin, Sir Rolf would be proud, this ensured that the traitor, oops sorry fine player, played against the S.F.C. and led them to a highly emotional defeat.
- 4 He owns both 91-92 kits, at least one of which is now obsolete, cheers folks.
- 5 For those away games in the parallel time of cartoon land he now travels complete with:
 - a. Stabiliser to stop the coach roly-polying off the motorway.
 - b. An accrow prop to help support those ever-so-well built stands just like the ones at Colchester and Marine.
- 6 There is unfortunately no truth in the rumour that he has just signed a lucrative deal with Toonland Vickers to act as submarine ballast.
- 7 I've run out - bye!

FOOTNOTE: Any similarity between this "character" and a certain M.F.C. supporter is not my fault - it's his !!!!

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Bishop Auckland	41	16	8	17	56
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Its pretty darn good!!!

Oh yes we even got a few orders from Lancaster so there!

Cheers everybody!!!

PLAYERS YOU LOVE TO HATE

No.2 JIMMY COLLINS



Signed by Lawrie Milligan (another potential player you loved to hate) at the beginning of the 89/90 season. He arrived in a blaze of publicity (well, the Visitor mentioned we had signed someone or other) along with a posse of players from near neighbours and deadly enemies Fleetwood Town.

Jimmy made a great start to his Shrimps career, starting in the middle of the park in a pre-season friendly against newly promoted Port Vale of the 2nd Division. The highlight of the match being the only goal, scored by Vale's new star signing Neil Aspin (from Leeds Utd, £200,000) who unfortunately put through his own goal after just fifteen seconds of his debut.

It was around early September that other fans began to look at me as though I was from the Royal Albert, when I kept insisting "That Collins will do alright, he had a belter against Port Vale, honest".

Although Jimmy looked like a non-league footballer (small and a moustache) he did have one outstanding feature.....his voice. People in nearby houses kept telephoning the police to complain about "The piercing shriek of a tabby having its testicles removed with a pair of industrial bolt cutters". That was our Jimmy.

Paul Lodge is frequently referred to in the programme as the midfield "Maestro", then "underpants too tight" Collins was definitely a knackered "Lada". After his promising opening game, he quickly drifted to "only just better than useless", and many a frustrated fan was heard taking his name in vain.

One of his most annoying traits was to worm his way to a goal-scoring opportunityand pass!!! He hated shooting, and yet for the entire 89/90 season he was in charge of all free kicks just outside the box!!!

Perhaps the greatest skill that Jimmy possessed was never fully appreciated by the "Crusty Pie" faithful, the hospital pass. A once forgotten art was lovingly and beautifully restored. Suicidal one-two's, dodgy back passes and the 50/50 ball turned into a fortnight in intensive care for most of his team mates, all nonchalantly executed with either boot.

Jimmy hung around in the reserves when Griff arrived but to his credit performed solidly when called upon, and then departed to pastures new. Set to delight a whole new audience with his shrill eardrum splitting calling and his outrageous leaden footed passing.

(In a squeaky voice) *Thanks for the memory, Jimmy.*

NEXT ISSUE: A CENTRE FORWARD WHO MADE 'BUFFALO'
LOOK GRACEFUL.

EDDIE ON GAS

“NO I'M NOT, I'M ON
TIPPEX
THINNERS”



HOW TO BE A GITT



OUR RESIDENT moaner, Mr Maurice Gitt, is getting on a bit and may not be able to fulfill his current role for too many more years.

We will need to appoint a replacement and, when the time comes, the successful whinger will need to demonstrate his or her competence for the job.

Evidence of experience in several spectating aspects will be required, so here are a few tips to be working on to stand in good stead.

1 NEVER congratulate player for anything he does well, no matter what the temptation. Always try and find something negative. If a player beats three men and whacks a goal in from 30 yards, try: "About bloody time, he's done bugger all else!" If a 'keeper arches backwards to save a piledriver, it's "Bloody defence should have closed 'im down!" - see, it's easy.

2 IN THIS RESPECT don't be shaken by someone performing brilliantly for the rest of the game. Whatever a particular player has done previously shouldn't stop you latching on to the one bad move he makes. If that's your only comment of the game on that particular player then so be it. For example, if Robbie Armstrong has marked their best striker out of the game, made two goals and played on despite a severe gash to the head, that doesn't stop you bellowing: "Gerrim off!" on the one occasion a forty yard pass is intercepted by an opponent.

3 ALWAYS stand in exactly the same spot for each game, whatever the weather. Preferably close enough to the manager to have a go at him when we are only beating Accrington 4-1 etc. A recognised voice coming regularly from the same direction maintains continuity.

4 NEVER refer to players by Christian or nicknames. It's always "Coleman, yer crap". "Lodge, yer a donkey" etc. A forename signifies familiarity and support for a player - bad image!

5 ALWAYS complain about the price on the turnstile. Don't accept any guff about it being the minimum the club is allowed by the league to charge, that doesn't negate your right to moan. As turnstile operators frequently change you have the opportunity to be a pain to several people in a season.

6 MAKE sure you attend every single home game. Every game you attend is another opportunity to let everyone know that Morecambe are so crap you will never attend another game again!

7 ALWAYS compare current players with players from many years ago or anonymous young reserves. It's no good saying: "Cain's garbage, get McNally on!" because if that materialises you are then stuck with having to support McNally (which obviously you would never do) to retain credibility. If you shout: "Timmins would have bagged that" or "The Reserves could do better" they will never get the chance so you can't be proved wrong. (Be careful here not to use Keith Galley as an example - he may not be finished yet!)

8 DON'T be put off by people reminding you how well we are doing now compared to various periods in the past. However well the team are doing, they should be doing better! None of today's players is as good as any from the '60s and it is your duty to remind people that the club is under an obligation to get rid of the manager after each game. The fact you were saying the same things in 1963 will be remembered by few and pointed out only by fellow grippers!

Remember, we must protect our civil liberties and safeguard the traditions of our national sport - fight for the right to be a complete twat!

HAPPY MOANING!!

"WANTED DEAD OR SOBER"



"Vicious leader of notorious Red Rock gang - Approach with caution, this man is dangerous with a plastic fork!"



AWAY DAZE



29 AUGUST CHORLEY

VICTORY PARK, home of the Magpies is our first league trip this season and no doubt there will be a sizeable travelling support there.

The ground itself is a bit tatty but has a quite impressive main stand, similar to our own but longer. Behind each goal there is covered terracing, but one end is earmarked for development so it may be in a state. The other end has a network of scaffolding helping it stay upright, the fourth side is just an uncovered bank.

Don't bother going into town for a pint, the Clubhouse is O.K, but don't upset the landlord! Keep an eye out for Two For Joy, their fanzine.

FIRST AWAY POINTS FOR THE SHRIMPS.

3 SEPTEMBER COLWYN BAY

EXILES FROM WALES, this will probably mean that there will be more of us than them (we know a song about that don't we children).

Good luck to them for giving the F.A.W two fingers, they deserve a

better deal from them than that. As is common with the Shrimps we rely on rumour to tell us that they will be playing at the Drill Field, home of Northwich Victoria, which is the oldest football ground in continuous use in the world and looks like it!

The ground is a hotchpotch and decidedly bitty looking, it has two small covered ends behind each goal, one being covered, the standing side is quite deep with cover towards the back of the middle half. The 600 seater stand can only be described as a tip with a cantilever roof. There is a good pub a short walk around the corner which is a Witton Albion pub, so if you want to, you can take the piss out of them as well! There is also a pub outside the ground which is O.K, and a clubhouse.

The best thing about playing them here is, the Dickheads that gave us the Evils last year probably won't be there, but the worst thing is, we won't be able to take over the pub at the bottom of the road and take the piss out of the landlord, shame.

A DRAW WITH THE EXILES.

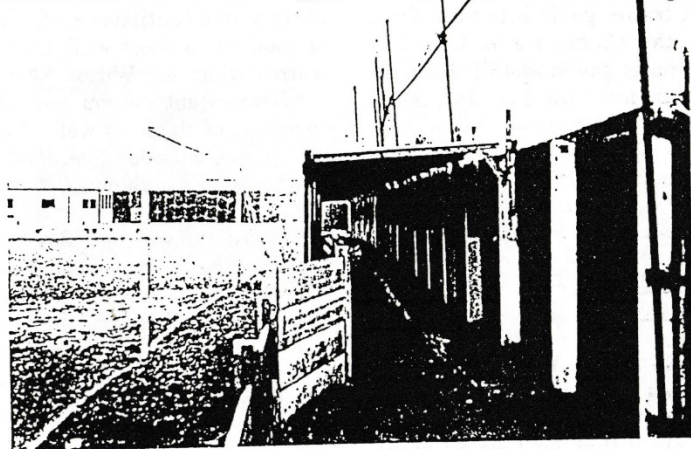
12 SEPTEMBER
MAINE ROAD

No not that one, these play at the Manchester F.A. ground in Chorlton-cum-Hardy. The ground is typical of this level, with a couple of bus shelter stands and not much else, not a lot known about this place, but it is probably another place we will take over.

2ND QUAL BECKONS SURELY.

15 SEPTEMBER
DROYLSDEN

The very name conjures up a vivid image, a sun kissed beach, the Pacific lapping gently on the seashore, palm trees swaying in the warm breeze, a topless Polynesian girl serving 'Margaritas'DROYLSDEN? NO



Behind the bikeshed, not behind the goal at Droylsden.

In truth, its grim, its urban, its got a 1960's concrete shopping centre, and the sixteen stone female Clubhouse Steward throws flat pints of Bass at you and growls for the money.

This ground is very unusual (but not unique) in that you may only spectate from 3 sides. Behind one goal are the back gardens of a row of '30s semis. Most of them have new windows, probably due to wayward shooting and large gaps in the plastic fencing behind the net.

On the remaining 3 sides there is covered terracing, on one side with benches bolted to the floor all the way along. Behind the goal, two steps of terracing and a little tin roof (see pic), and finally, the smallest Main Stand I've ever seen in the Premier League, even

Shepshed's away fans could fill it.

Its a tight little ground, small crowds packed in along the touchlines, and the inevitable Droylsden drizzle, make it an intimidating place to visit. If you are Pretenders to the Throne, and fail here, you haven't got what it takes.

6th OCTOBER
SOUTHPORT

Haig Avenue has a depressing "what used to be" look about it these days. When the 'Port first joined the Premier League in the '70s it looked impressive to my young eyes, but now, devoid of any covered standing area, open on three sides to the seaside elements, the whole place is enveloped in a shabby air of despair.

The magnificent two thousand seater Main Stand is a heady reminder of Football League days, and on most non-league grounds would be the focal point. But the lack of facilities everywhere else only seems to accentuate the structure as something of a seaside white elephant.

On the plus side, pies are good and the programme is always jaunty and has some good statistics, and the Chinese chippy 50 yards from the ground is almost as good as Thorpe's or Harry's.

I FANCY US FOR 0 - 0 DRAW.

17th OCTOBER
HYDE UNITED

The sign outside says "Welcome to Ewan Fields", and that is all you get, a welcome.

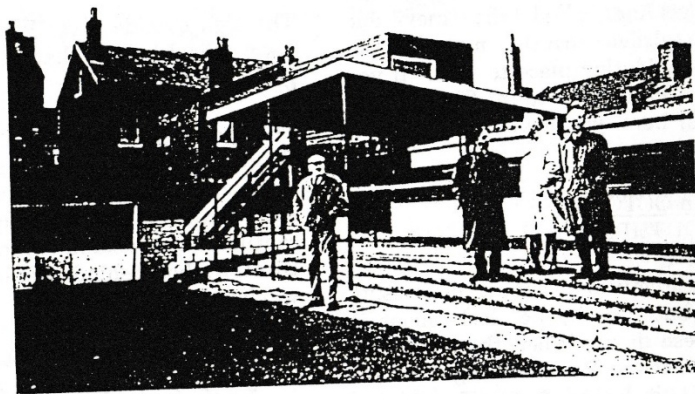
The ground is owned by Tameside Council, who installed the artificial surface, upgraded the floodlights, and built a completely new cantilever grandstand (which has a Directors box behind double-glazed windows).

The natives are friendly enough, pies are good, beer is passable, and the ground?

Covered on three sides, behind one goal, by a tin roof of similar type that used to grace Christie Park, the aforementioned cantilever stand, and a bike shed affair down half of one side.

The remainder is uncovered, a gravel/grass hill behind the other goal and little else.

It is all functional without being friendly, but is worth a visit because they don't throw you off the pitch at half-time if you nip on for a kick-about. It is also interesting to see a different style of game on "plastic".



"Marine gentlemen outside executive box"

20th OCTOBER MARINE

ROSSETT PARK, CROSBY, this must be one of the worst in the league, IT'S CRAP!! Basically three sided due to gardens down one side, the rest leaves a lot to be desired. Opposite to the gardens is a tiny covered terrace about ten feet deep. The main entrance brings you past Crosby's very own Tenko to the terrace which is covered at the back of one half, opposite to this is their bike shed of a Main Stand with a small terrace in front.

Watch out for mouthy locals who enjoy throwing things at your cars and generally getting on your nerves.

Assorted pubs on Main Street, including the Mariner just outside, plus a reasonable chippy on the left outside the ground.

I HATE THIS PLACE, I HOPE WE MURDER THEM.

31st OCTOBER MOSSLEY

Good day out this one, reasonable pub outside, worth starting there and then in to ample sized Clubhouse. Compact ground with stand on left of entrance, covered terrace to right behind goal, covered terrace down side leading to school end. This is a slag heap style end with a ski-jump gradient to it, great for "surgin" your mates

down. From the summit of this you have a nice aerial view of the match. According to "where's the bar" its worth watching out for missiles launched from the school around November 5th, you have been warned.

3 POINTS A MUST

7th NOVEMBER BISHOP AUCKLAND

One of the best days out last season, plenty of good pubs in town and an excellent Clubhouse even if you have to pay. The ground itself is a little strange due to its other life as a cricket ground. On one side there is a small pavillion style stand for board members and a small terrace continuing round behind the goal. Opposite to this is the cricket pitch.

But we have left the best to last, the side opposite the Pavillion has two steep terraces which flank the wooden girder stand. Watch from the cricket field when attacking that end, but for second half go into the main stand for an excellent view and give it some atmosphere. This is a great stand even though it has seen better days.

Locals are a bit mouthy but no real problem.

21st NOVEMBER BUXTON

The genteel air of this majestic victorian spa-town is quickly left behind when you enter "Silverlands".

Situated on a hill above railway sidings, it is pretty much your average Premier League set up, functional and bland.

The Main Stand still possesses its glass end panels (a rarity) and is good protection from the elements.

An open end with a slight hill of gravel/grass and a good view of the countryside is complemented by the covered terrace running almost the full length of one touchline. Behind the other goal is a cosy covered terrace where most of Buxtons old codgers assemble to have a moan.

Pies are O.K, programme is a bit on the thin side, but that doesn't usually matter as we collect three points.

By the way, have I mentioned that it is the highest ground in England to entertain Pro or Semi-pro soccer, well I have now.



AFTER the first issue of Corpus Christie we had a number of letters from our female readers asking about our hunky cartoon Shrimp-type logo creature. The following excerpts were typical of the comments contained therein.

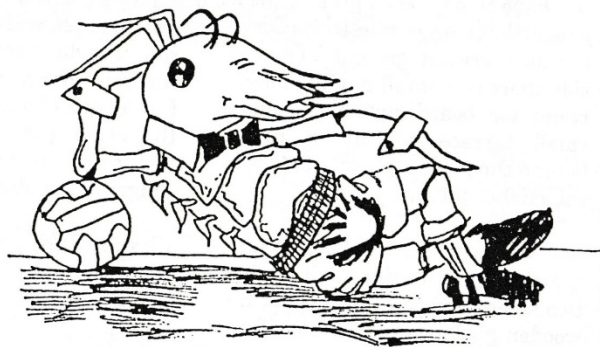
"Dear Corpus Christie - Enjoyed your first issue etc. Liked the jokes and quiz but PLEASE tell me, just who was the hunky cartoon Shrimp-type logo creature? He can boil me till I'm pink any time! - Lyndsey, Heysham."

"Dear Corpus Christie - Not bad first effort but PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE, more of the little Shrimpy thing in the next issue. Is he fit or what?! - Kelly, Morecambe."

"Dear Corpus Christie - Ever since your first issue I've been in torment. I can't get the little Shrimp footballer out of my mind. Who is he and is he married? - Dawn, Heysham."

WELL, GIRLS, HERE HE IS IN ALL HIS GLORY, YOUR PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST IS - TIMMINS THE SHRIMP!!!

ONE FOR THE LADIES !!!!



INTRODUCING "TIMMINS" THE SHRIMP!

TIMMINS SAYS: "Being a cartoon Shrimp-like logo for an amateurishly produced, insignificant non-league football club's fanzine isn't all glamour and jet-setting you know!

Although I was named after one of Morecambe's most famous six-yard goal poachers of all time I still have to work hard.

Posing for Corpus Christie is a full time job. I had to train for six years in "Applied Ball-under-the-arm-tucking"

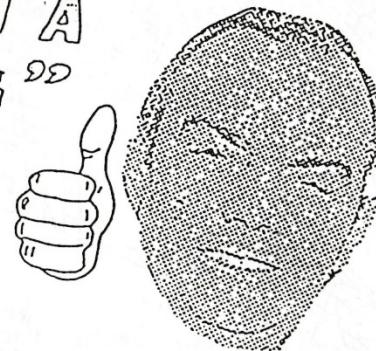
In what little spare time I have, I enjoy being stitched onto Morecambe shirts and being photo-copied onto silly song sheets for big Cup games.

I am 17, live in a little rock pool near Half Moon Bay and DO NOT HAVE A STEADY GIRLFRIEND!!

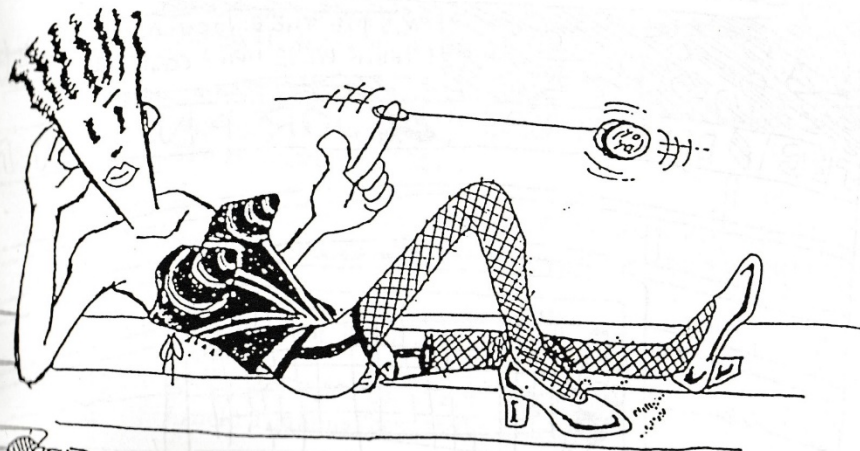
Soon I am starting work on a new project, posing for some lovely new CORPUS CHRISTIE T-shirts and polo shirts."

EDDIE ON RUNNING A CLUB

"I'VE NEVER SEEN A GOLF STICK JOG"



"IT'S COOL TO BE QUEER!"

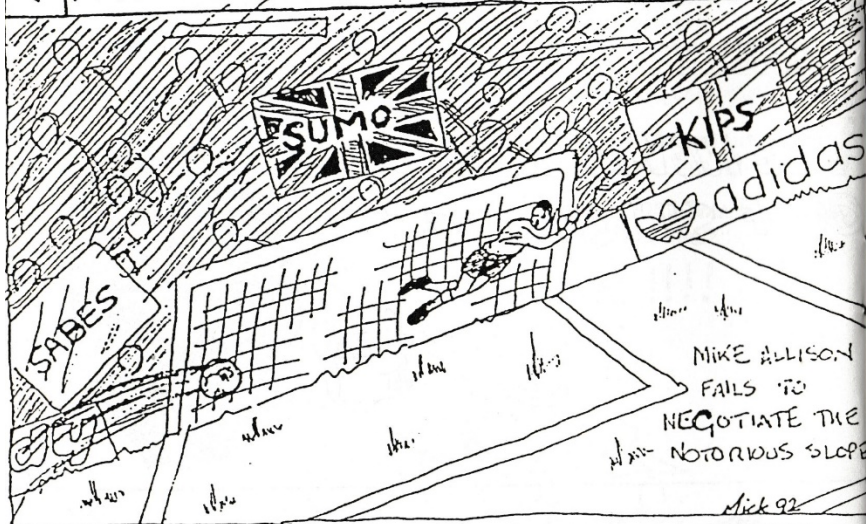


7UP

OR AS MANY AS POSSIBLE

GREAT ENDS OF OUR TIME . ? . ? .

#1 HORWICH ON A WET MONDAY.



#2 BEHIND THE GOAL AT GOOLE.



BY MIKE SABAN

QUIZ QUESTIONS: THE ONLY REPLY

- 1 Who really did give Steve Holden that black eye?
a A plumber
- 2 Which deodorant does Steve Armer use?
a Omnia Nicosia (latin for none)
- 3 Who was Lancaster City's Dave Woodburn's co-star when he won is second Oscar (the first was Morecambe the week before)?
a Trevor Hockey riding a pantomime dromedary
- 4 Who was his carrot supplier (He's a donkey!!!!)?
a Ivor Allchurch
- 5 What year were Morecambe actually awarded a free kick for a foul?
a In 64 (a Canada goose had landed in the middle of the pitch and the referee sprained his ankle chasing it)
- 6 Which one of Robbie Armstong's kids was quickest conceived?
a Kevin Hector (2mins 40secs)
- 7 Which union are Titch and Kelly (only here to look at the legs!) joint Presidents of?
a The Brotherhood of Man
- 8 Which 3 teams' nets has Eddie Weldrake scored in?
a Rapid Vienna, Blyth Spartans, and Ivy Bensons all girl group
- 9 The difference between a nut, banana and a pineapple?
a Dave Beasant, banana + pineapple are tropical fruit
- 10 Who burnt down Giant Axe's clubhouse
a Arnold Timmins (best strike ever)

ARE YOU CONFIDENT?

Will 'Buffalo' start the charge that leads to the championship for Marine?

Will Kettle's boys be permanently on the boil at Southport?

Will Griffiths Lodge (sounds like a rest home, Ed) finally put the Shrimps in the Conference.

The first few weeks of a new season are always filled with optimism, for all sides in all divisions. We at Corpus Christie think that the Shrimps main rivals will be:

MARINE - Although unable to progress any higher in the pyramid, the signing of Chris Camden from Stalybridge, coupled up front with either Brian Ross or Brendan Grant, should certainly see the Rosset Park outfit in the top 3 again. The customary meanness of their defence will only be offset by the traditional long FA Cup/Trophy run which usually ends in 6 games in 8 days at the end of every season.

SOUTHPORT - They finished strongly last time out, and if they can get a solid start could finish up in a top 3 spot. Ex Sth Liverpool winger Withers is a good signing.

ACCRINGTON STANLEY - These gents could surprise a few people. The Directors are ambitious and the good support enjoyed at the Crown Ground could see them pushing early on. Doubts about strength of squad when injuries occur.

LEEK TOWN - Always a good footballing side, always have very tall midfield players. The free scoring forwards, Sutton in particular, will see the Staffs club comfortably into a top 6 spot.

BARROW - Dont bet against them bouncing straight back up. New manager Graham Heathcote has made some astute signings, and if they can gel as a team early on, support will be massive. Possibly too many new players to win it, but certainly top 6.

NEWCOMERS ---

COLWYN BAY and **WINSFORD UTD** - Both newly promoted, Winsford will surprise a few people, entertaining to watch, a bag full of goals for Bevan Blackwood (ex Lancaster). Colwyn Bay on their own ground, with their good crowds might well have finished in the top 6, but playing at Northwich in front of six men and a dog (a good crowd for a Vics game) may well draw confidence. Tricky striker Williscroft will carry on scoring.

What about us, well Griff says its make or break, we'll have to see, but it won't be easy.

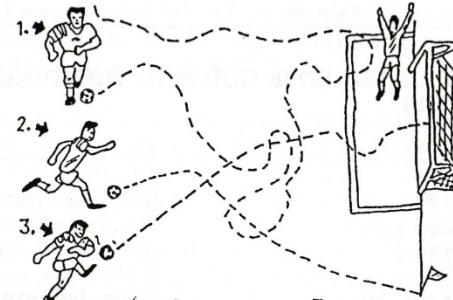
YES, IT'S THE ARNOLD TIMMINS QUIZ PAGE

ANAGRAM
Re-arrange these letters to form the name of a well-known former Morecambe striker of the late '60s - DRAINS LIMMONT

PICTURE QUIZ
Who is this inside left who joined Morecambe from Fourth Division Workington in 1964?



CAN YOU SEE WHO SCORED THE GOAL?



1. STEVE PARRY 2. GRAHAM GILL 3. ARNOLD TIMMINS

Which player was fined £10 and suspended for 14 days in April 1967 following an incident with a player called Farrell from South Liverpool?

FINE TIME

WHO AM I?

My first is in cat but not in dog
My second's in timber but not in log
My third is in gun but not in moose
My fourth's in orange all filled with juice
My fifth's in lovely (twice) but not in smashing
My sixth is in debonair, deft and dashing
Put it together and my first name you've got
My second is Timmins, have you guessed it or what?

(ANSWERS: ANAGRAM - Arnold Timmins; FINE TIME - Arnold Timmins; WHO WILL SCORE? - This is not Arnold Timmins; PICTURE QUIZ - Arnold Timmins)

AN ODE TO THE SCHOOL END ROOF

It was a really tragic day
When the school end roof was taken away
Since then we've stood in the pissing down rain
Or into the stand when it becomes a pain!

The end looks as if there is something missing
Now there's nowt to echo our booing and hissing
The ground to us looks incomplete
To stay dry would be such a treat

There'd still be one untidy part
Terrace the Lancaster Road it'd be smart
Roof and terrace that would be neat
Make Christie Park the place to beat

So roof and terrace is what C.C. say
Please board, go on, make our day.



THE CORPUS CHRISTIE GUIDE TO TRENDINESS PART 1 (INS + OUTS)

INS.....OUTS.....

Supporters F.C.
Keeping same kits
C.C. (naturally)
Stand roofs
Battersby's coaches
"Real music"
True fans
M.F.C. Premier Division Challenge
Pies 'n' peas
Beach parties a la 92

Good clean football
Changes after 1 season
B.R. citizens charter
Getting wet
Shaw Hadwin's, Shearings
Blippy rave stuff
Bloody moaners
Lancaster Division 1 (HA!) effort
Healthy wholesome food
Rampaging nutters a la 88

This is your first guide of what/who to avoid and the good things/people in your quest to become:-

- 1 A loyal supporter of M.F.C.
- 2 A jolly nice human being

WOMENS PAGE: THE GRIEVING FOOTBALL WIDOW

"Aye and it's an up and under!" - "... the mighty England pack are pushing over the line!" - "What a try - right under the posts. It's left an easy conversion for the fullback." These are some of the commentaries I was formally more used to. Both codes of this game were spoon-fed to me from a very early age.

So the question remains..."*WHAT ON EARTH POSSESSED ME TO FINALLY FALL FOR A SOCCER ADDICT?!!*"

And when I say addict I truly mean it. In those early, heady days did I honestly know what I was embarking on?

The nightly plink plink of our TV teletext service whilst my earnest other half faithfully searches for the plights of some far off teams which I have never even heard of. The gleeful cheering as he shouts out the winning score of his favourite Scottish team; "but you're *English* for crying out loud!" My exclamations go unheeded as he progresses to the afternoons results of the Faroe Islands' Premier Division! The hurt feelings which I have to try and bolster when Bognor Regis Town have just signed his favourite Chelsea (Halleluiha! Bells ringing, chimes chiming etc. at the mention of this now sacred name!) player on a free transfer!

Talking of bells ringing - the name Morecambe conjures up similar emotions in our household. Before it was (just?) the town in which I was born and raised. Now there is a whole set of new categories into which this word fits. There are the mountains of programmes dating back to what seems like the turn of the century, threatening to take over the house (a scene from Quatermass comes to mind at this point!) However I have to admit that having perused through them from time to time, the Morecambe product is by far the most attractive to read or at least has the best pictures!!!

But I digress, and it's not pleasant I assure you - Morecambe is now more synonymous with an enthusiastic bunch of players down the ole Crusty Pie (My God! Did I really say that - I'll have to go for a lie down) than possibly the town itself. I've discovered new ways to chant such as "...THE MOOORECAMBE, THE MOOORECAMBE" and..."EUUUUH MORECAMBE, MORECAMB, MORECAM, MORECA, MORECB" (the latter being especially bellowed out precisely with the timing of a corner along with the tribal beating of one's chest with one's fist and forearm.

You may have noticed familiar patterns in this - I have gradually become more and more used to the obsessive behaviour associated with the lifestyle I have opted for. The trouble is - how long before I too begin to display the signs of being a true

supporter....."You must be blind Ref!" - "Get Gill off!" - "You're rubbish Capstick!" are some phrases which have been introduced into my vocabulary in the last few years. The initiation is taking quite a while but my progress is quite satisfactory, so says my other half.

Off to get ready now, anyway. If it's Tuesday it must be Stalybridge and I wouldn't miss this one for the world, although judging by the impatient tones echoing from the hall, I had better get my skates on so as not to miss my lift!

Euhhhh Moreca, Moreca, Moreca, Moreca

STOP PRESS ...

Our beloved Dolly Blues projected ground share with smelly 'ole Nightingale Farm has been turned down by Lancaster City Council on the grounds that there are enough headless chickens there.

(YEEEEUUUUUCCCCCHHHHHHH)



"Anarchists from Morecambe"

THE CORPUS CHRISTIE ACTING MASTER GAME

Welcome readers and course followers, in this week's lesson we shall use our 'acting' ability to do this simple but effective (no quips thank you at the back) piece of method acting.

Today we are going to do the simple exercise of buying a shirt in the style of your favourite Morecambe player. I have set some examples for you to try and to expand upon.

The scene a local Burton grot shop.

- 1 **IAN CAIN:** You run into shop, in and out of racks at full speed, up and down stairs etc, pick shirt, throw to Coleman at counter, return to racks to distribute more delights. Exit stage right.
- 2 **JIMMY BROWN:** Saunter into shop, grin at various shoppers, kick 'em all over shop, flatten a couple of stands, leave with a bigger grin.
- 3 **STEVE HOLDEN:** Dawdle in, wander around aimlessly for a couple of hours. Just before it closes purchase 1 suit, 6 shirts and matching socks and complementary tie all of correct size.
- 4 **PAUL LODGE:** Run in shouting instructions to bemused staff, shout abuse at a few others, wave arms a bit, get made shop manager.
- 5 **OLLIE PARILLON:** Emerge from all the mayhem, calmly walk to shirt rack in a confident manner. Immediately pick correct size, style and colour etc. stroll to counter, purchase, exit on way out, give shop assistant little kick on ankle just to let her know of your presence.
- 6 **ROBBIE ARMSTRONG:** Look through racks, sprint to next one, swerve past a couple of old dears doing their workshop in the style of OAPs at a car boot sale (bloody thugs they are), find somebody looking at shirt, nick it off them, buy it and shove nosey store detective into street.
- 7 **GRAHAM GILL:** Spend hours looking for shop, fail to find it, go buy some knitting needles instead.

*Thank you for your participation and remember acting is fun,
just ask Eric Gates.*

LOYAL OR MAD?

RONALD WILLIAM CHAPMAN

If any of you have travelled to away games you may have come across the above named chap, but he is perhaps better known to most of you as "Sheffield".

As his nickname implies, he hails from the Yorkshire steel city. He also lives and works there, so why does he appear at most Shrimps away games?

Rumour has it that Ronald William (that is what he was christened so that is what we will call him), has frequented our crumbling seaside town on numerous occasions for his annual holiday.

So what? I visited Turkey for my holiday but I don't support Galatasaray do I?

Well Ronald William has grown attached to the town (and its female inhabitants) so naturally with the choice of two top first division teams on his doorstep, or a non-league side over a hundred miles away, he chose.....The Shrimps!

When questioned over his reasons he simply replies:

"They are the best team in the world". Fine, what about Sheffield Wednesday?

"Rubbish". O.K then, Real Madrid?

"Rubbish, Morecambe are the best".

It would appear that Ronald is either extremely keen or two sandwiches short of a picnic.

You or I usually have to book the coach or organise a car to away games, which can often involve leaving work early etc. But our hero has no supporters coach or car at his disposal, he is forced to use British rail and corporation transport, and in some cases taxis, to reach the match.

At most Saturday games he has arrived in Chorley or wherever before anybody from Morecambe has got up, never mind set off. He usually passes the time shopping (expert window shopper is Ronald William), and then dining in a local alcoholic hostelry (Do you mean a Pub? Ed.) on his staple meal of gammon & chips, before arriving at the ground at his leisure.

"Taxi from the ground, back to the station, quarter past six train to Manchester Victoria, bus across to Piccadilly, twenty to eight train to Sheffield, catch bus, home by five to ten", is run of the mill stuff for Ronald. You often get the feeling he has eaten a British Rail/National Express timetable, as all trips are planned with military precision.

The away trip to Horwich presented problems of a different kind when it was postponed at 6.45pm because of a waterlogged pitch (IN APRIL!!!), but Ronald shrugged his shoulders, jumped back in his taxi.....and turned up at the re-arranged game two weeks later all smiles.

Gainsborough and Worksop are like a home game to him but the occasional weekend in north Lancs has meant that he has been seen at the "Pie" quite frequently, and if all goes to plan a happy retirement by the seaside will mean there will be one more name on the coach every other Saturday.

So which is he, LOYAL OR MAD?

CORPUS CHRISTIE CLASSIFIED SECTION

WANTED - One brown Subbuteo net (any condition). Will exchange for 1,218 pieces of tasteless pink chewy from 1970's football card packs. Genuine replies only please. - Richard Splash, 24 Convenience Walk, Southport.

I AM researching a thesis on the history of football songs and would like the help of your readers. Does anyone know the rest of the song which begins: "WoOOAAGGGHHH, Stevie Holden, Stevie Holden....." - Dave Tittley, Gretna.

(We think the bit you are looking for is "Na na nanana naaah", Dave - Eds.)

AS A GROUNDHOPPER I was delighted that Morecambe played Bishop Auckland on a Thursday last season, as it gave me the opportunity to watch a match between two teams in whom I had no interest whatsoever, on a strange night for non-league football. The day after I was able to fit in three games - namely Newcastle Blue Star v Blyth (11 am), Billingham Town v Hebburn (3 pm) and Murton v Tow Law Town (7.30 pm). I wonder if there are any other sad bastards out there who would like to correspond with me about insignificant games at strange times in obscure twilight zones up and down the country...oh and trains! - Ron Spitley, King's Lynn. *(We doubt it, Ron - Eds.)*

I HAVE A COPY of a 1957 Manchester United v Arsenal Programme. It's mine and I'm bloody well keeping it. - Paul Aranoid, Ward 7, Parklea Secure Hospital, Chepstow.

CAN ANYONE HELP ME? I am a Lancaster City fan andwell, can anyone help me or not? - Dave, PO Box 666, Lancaster.

I AM a 19-year-old Swedish girl now living on my own in a luxury villa in the Maldives. I have huge breasts and a cordon bleu cookery qualification. I am looking for a male pen-pal. He can be any age, shape or sexual preference but **MUST** be a Morecambe FC fan. In exchange for the flimsiest, most infantile tales of travelling to Leek, Gainsborough etc I will "entertain" him at my home (I will pay air fares) for months on end. Please help me - Helga Bonk, Plantation Villa, The Maldives. *(Well, Helga, we think you're farting against thunder with that request - but there's no harm in asking, eh? - Eds)*

DOES ANYONE want to swap my 1978/9 season Scunthorpe United away shirt for a four-bedroomed detached family residence in somewhere like Hest Bank? (will consider Trough of Bowland) - Eric Wishful, Westgate, Morecambe.

FOR SALE - One plot of land on side of hill. Would make excellent dry-ski slope/toboggan run, large rock garden etc. - Contact: The Secretary, Horwich RMI FC, Horwich.

I AM WANTING to hear from anyone who can give me details of a game played in the 1991/2 season at Causeway Lane between Matlock Town and Morecambe. I was at the game myself but for some reason can't remember a thing. - Paul Garvey, Morecambe.

ARE YOU male, about five foot ten, around thirty years old and were you wearing a blue Umbro overcoat at the Frickley v Morecambe game last season. If so I think I spilt some Bovril on your back in the second half. Sorry! - Tim (address withheld on request).

CORPUS CHRISTIE

SPECIAL READER OFFER

WIN A TRIP TO EURO-DISNEY!!!

WE ARE OFFERING a fantastic 14-day family holiday to the world's newest major theme park.

Visit the Magic Castle, ride the roller coasters and be accosted by French students dressed in Goofy costumes!

The holiday will be all expenses paid for a family of four any time of the year you wish. An offer you can't miss in this simple, easy to enter competition!!

HERE'S WHAT YOU DO:

Simply become really good at football, get selected for Morecambe's first team, score vital goals in next year's FA Cup competition to help the Shrimps progress right through to the final at Wembley.

Then score a hat-trick in the final against Liverpool or Manchester United to help us win and send the Morecambe fans delirious.

Lastly, simply send your winners medal (as evidence) to Corpus Christie and your name will be put in the draw with any other successful entrants.

What could be simpler?

As a tie breaker, complete this sentence in not more than 12 words:

I THINK THAT CHARLIE LEA SHOULD BE KNIGHTED BECAUSE.....

MIKE WILLIAMSON - AN APOLOGY

IN ISSUE one we incorrectly stated that some of the photos we used had been supplied by Mike Williams.

This should, of course, have been Mike WilliamsON. Mike was gracious in accepting our verbal apologies, saying: "Oh, it doesn't matter, what's a couple of letters between friends?"

But we feel he was being too lenient with us and a verbal apology was not sufficient.

After the harassing season Mike has had watching the Shrimps it was unforgivable of us to make such a mistake, adding to his embarrassment which was initiated by a stropky copper at Emley.

We would like to say here and now, publicly, "Mike, we are so sorry. So very very sorry." The person responsible has been subjected to hours of agonising torture (three games at the Giant Axe) and his personal possessions confiscated for Mike's own use.

Two letters might not sound a lot, but failure to recognise the importance of "on" may have been the cause of the Chernobyl disaster. We will be forever filled with remorse for our appalling error.

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COMING SOON - CORPUS CHRISTIE SUMMER COLLECTION !!

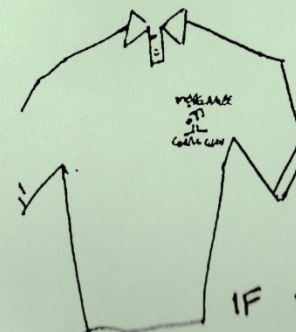
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