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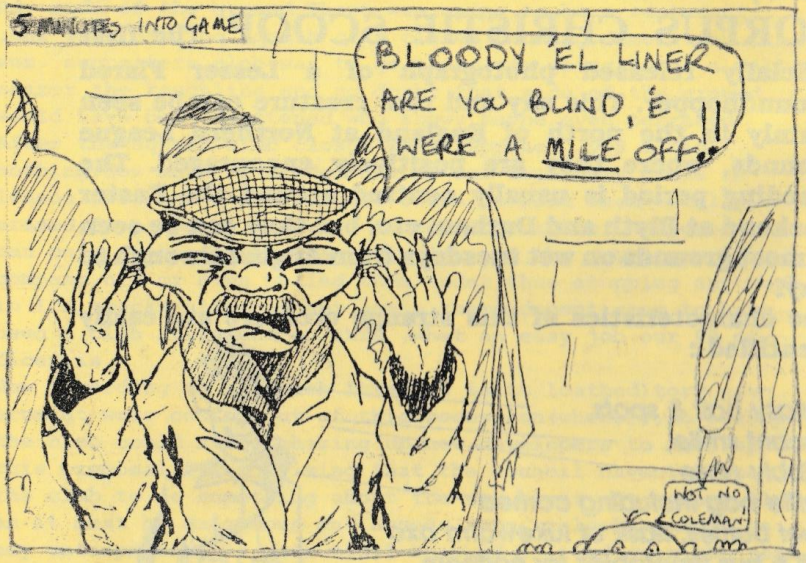

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..and all the usual japes and general tomfoolery from the kooky funsters at Corpus Christie!

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This fanzine is written by Morecambe supporters for Morecambe supporters or anyone else with fifty pence to spend on a hearty chuckle every few pages. We do not intend to offend anyone too much and the views expressed are not blah blah blah blah, hello! is anyone reading this? Look, we have changed this bit every issue but really we have no idea if anybody has noticed. I mean what would happen if we wrote a few nasty words like "crevice" or "ladies front bottom", would anyone notice to complain?

If no-one ever reads this far then we might as well just print this same crap every time. Anyway if you have ever read this thing before you will know what we are about, and if not you'll soon get the drift.
What we we will say though is that, although we get rid of 500 or so of each issue we get very little material submitted (Dave Hughes will write that article one day.....soon). It doesn't matter what you send us, whatever the subject or however scruffy it's written, we will still use it.
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EDITORIAL DRIVEL

BEAR in mind we are writing this before we've thrashed Marine at home and won our first FA cup tie at Denaby (no harm in wishful thinking).
The start of the season has, for us Shrimpies, been something of a mixed bag - bag of shite mixed with diarrhoea to be precise.
Having lost four of our first five games we might think that our chances of any kind of league success were up the proverbial spout straight away.
After all, in the past four seasons the eventual champions have lost four games or less all season.
BUT, every single one of those (yes, even Southport last year if we're being honest) have been something of a one horse race.
This term Droylsden and Bridlington have been the early pace setters and, while we at CC believe both will have good seasons, we can't see them running away with it. Even if they do, their grounds would be nowhere near Conference standard.
All the rest have dropped points in their opening games.
So, looking on the bright side (as we always try to do) we can still get back into the fray if we get our bloody act together.
We can see the lead changing hands frequently over the course of this particular season with half a dozen clubs battling it out till the end.
Dredging through our anorak-owners' files of old footy stats gives us more hope.
We see that in the 1988/89 season after playing 18 games in the Beazer Homes Premier, Merthyr Tydfil were seventh from bottom, having lost seven games.
They ended up champions by four points!
Admittedly that was the only such "clawback" we could find but it only goes to show, doesn't it, kiddies?
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A GROUNDHOPPING expedition to Southport v Halifax the other week was a bit of an eye-opener.
The Scousers (woops, sorry) have got their ground sorted out and good luck to them for that. But really it did show how, with some commitment and not a small amount of dosh, the Crusty Pie could really be something.
Haig Ave looks pretty smart now but they had nothing like the start Morecambe have. Their new terraced end is not a patch on what ours could be if we did a similar job on the Branksome end. Put a roof on the school end as well and it would be one of the best grounds outside the football league.
Also, the atmosphere you get in a covered, properly terraced end make even the part-timers WANT to come again and again.
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FOR those of you who were wondering, the front page pic was taken during an English Schools tournament at Pontin's earlier this year. PIC. BY GARTH HAMER
The players are, left to right from the back: Frank Worthington, Alex Williams, David Johnson and Colin Bell; front are Paul Mariner, Mick Mills and Sniffer Cooper.
Coops asked the ex-England stars to hold the flag up for a photo and Mariner says: "What's it say? Wankers?". Funny man.

BANKIES THAT LIKE TO SAY "YES" ....to a good pre-season tour!

WHATEVER happens this season, one of the highlights for us Shrimps fans will be something that happened well before a ball was kicked in serious competition.

The weekend of the visit of Clydebank FC and their hundred or so fans will become part of Christie Park folklore and, we hope, an annual occurrence.

For Clydebank it was an occasion, too. They usually have to make do with Alloa away and Queen's Park at home, apparently, so Barrow on the Saturday and Morecambe on the Sunday represented quite a trip.

As soon as we heard that the Bankies were due in Morecambe for a pre-season match, the wheels were set in motion.

We at Corpus Christie contacted the editor of the now-defunct Clydebank fanzine, looking for a game of togger for our supporters' team on the morning of the big game.

Arrangements were made and we helped the thing along by sending them details of guest houses, maps of the town etc.

A handful of us also met with some of their lads the night before for eve-of-game drinks at the Bath Hotel.

Arriving at the ground in the morning, we got the nets up and got changed, all the time keeping an eye out for our opponents.

Ten a.m. came and went, as did 10.10 and 10.20.

Some of their fans had started arriving to watch the supporters' game, but no sign of the team.

Then, about three minutes before the appointed kick-off time of 10.30am, up they roll.

Apologies for being a bit late were accepted and no more thought on't matter.

We had a reasonably strong side out - all true Shrimps regulars - including Graham Flynn, regular supporter when he's not playing for Workington.

We held them till about 30 minutes when they got a good goal but, at half time, things were still tight at 1-0.

Second half they scored another two, but were obviously a decent side so we thought we had done all right.

It was only after the game that we discovered the reason they were late was because the entire side had been out drinking at the Empire till just four hours before kick-off and were all absolutely arse-holed.

Anyway we had a great day with them and, after watching a good 1-1 draw between the two proper sides, they left exchanging addresses etc so maybe we'll arrange a return.

By the way (as they say in Glasgae) they said Morecambe were a far better side than Barrow.

COOPS

CLYDEBANK F.C.

PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER

WE HAD a letter from a Mr Kipling of Westgate asking if we could show a picture of that tennis player woman scratching her arse.

Sorry Mr Kipling, we could not get hold of a copy so here's one of Coley instead. (He's got a peachier bum anyway!)

M.J. THORPE

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EXECUTIVE RELIEF

Dear So+So,you've bought loads of our products +now were going to make sure your going to buy loads more,please be our guest at Spurs v Blackburn Rov.Well thats not quite how my invitation was worded but it might well as being,and so it was of I went to have a jolly good nosey!

As I walked down the High Rd.,a little out of place in my suit +tie amongst the club shirted masses(why do Spurs fans love those bloody awful shirts ,you know the multi-coloured ones with Spurs in 12" high letters across it YUK!),the main thing on my mind was wether or not I could pass myself off to the autograph hunters as a new signing.

Failure ,at least I got past the gatemen without problem,now to gain entrance to the suite where were meeting,past yet another commisioner ,2 flights of stairs and at last face to face with the reception commitee.

Chewed up and spat out like a grape pip I'm helped to the bar(not that I usually need any)by my guide ,one of the middle ranking bosses.Whooaaa its a free bar,loaded with holsten what a suprise,thses events must cost a bloody fortune is my buisness really worth this much maybe I ought to go for a bigger discount!

Pint in hand next on our agenda is an incredibly dull Spurs history film the only joy of this was watching an Arsenal fan whince +whine his way through t.Fifteen mins. later and were in the West stand listnenig to yet another pre-recorded tape about the ground (marginally more interesting),the ground nowadays looks more impressive with its neat rows of seats everywhere ,although those who lost their own little patch of concrete will argue the fact.My own thought is that the "Customers" yes thats what we all are ,are entitled to a choice and that clubs should have being told to provide SAFE terracing instead of all-seats.Suprisingly we are taken into the Spurs dressing room next ,this place is like a palace v.warm and spotlessly clean all the kits neatly laid out which people prod and sample until the next tape informs us not to touch them sorry Eric it was me that messed up yours.The whistle stop tour continues ,next stop the pitch,well at least until the groundsman throws us off.

Dinner time ,yet another beer 4 courses +wine at this rate I'll be lucky to even see the match,some poor misinformed person asks if Gazza will be here ,those of us in the know(i.e. the rest of civilisation)nearly choke on our dins.

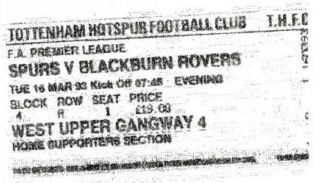
A bell sound ,this is more like the theatre than the footy,and its time to find our seat,not hard mine is on the front row.The match was good watching

watching the mighty Spurs getting a lesson from Rovers,the police looked to be a bit heavey handed removing a couple of Rovers fans and nearly causing an incedent ,a few years ago they would have probably succeeded.

Half time ,back to base for coffee and an in-depth talk on how crap Spurs were .The second half resumed and continued in the same vein Rovers coming out on top ,pissing off most of my hosts shame !!

More beers and munchies to follow ,during which I got chatting to lads from Goole,this was getting to be real fun.One them actually watched them ,it felt like Xmas time,as I reminded him of our 8-2 victory .I am reconised by one of the Goolies (oo er misses)who recieved another chorus of 8-2,8-2,8-2.More beer now this was getting even better,I'm going to reclaim all the money they made from me in alcohol.

Sadly its time to go ,bingo!As we rather drunkedly stagger through the car park we stumble upon Ray Clemence+Mr Anonymous(Doug Livermore actually)wandering sporting glum looks.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Question should we

1 Talk to them nicely

2 Ask for an autograph(its for a mate I think your crap)

3 Get into a conference about wht Spurs were shite

4 Kiss their feet

5 Kick Clemences head for letting in THAT goal in against the Scots.

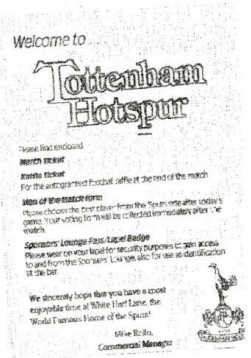
No its none of these ,yes we take the piss,sod respect.

On the whole it was a fun day out,its a sad but true fact that these are much needed sources of income for the clubs as the Shrimps are now discovering.

However the real supporter(i.e. the paying at the turnstile one)should have a more than equal standing, as mentioned before wa are ALL customers and all deserve respect and fair treatment.

This aspect has been shown to be lacking by members of the board ,this MUST change people are not mugs!!!

Oh and those of you who moan about admission prices cop a load of this my ticket was priced at nineteen yes nineteen quid,what a friggin rip off.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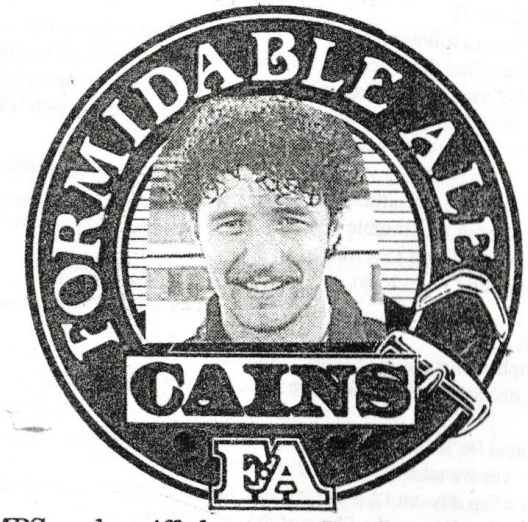

SHRIMPS curly-coiffed creator, Ian Cain, has announced a takeover bid for the Football Association.
The player, who is so wealthy he has found it easy to turn down mega-buck offers from poxy teams like Sheffield United to stay with his beloved Shrimps, announced yesterday: "I'm sick of us keep getting knocked out of the Trophy and Cup. "I'm going to buy the FA and then draw us against Chorley and Lancaster City all the time so we can win everything." He said he was also going to brew a beer so that we could carry on this thin, tenuous and hideously contrived attempt at a joke which relies solely on the fact that Morecambe have a player whose name is the same as the one on a beer mat we found at the Bath Hotel.
GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING - Watching Lancaster City can drive you to Alcohol Abuse, so remember DON'T Dolly Blue and Drive.

YESTERDAYS ANARCHIST?

What is this I see? Number one City of Lancaster fan (yes, it does sound like a train doesn't it) David Henig, who was the driving force and head honcho behind the City fanzine "Mad Axeman" , who is often seen at Crusty Pie watching proper football, is listed in the new City programme as Press Officer and.....wait for it..... Programme Editor!!!!!! From fanzine to programme, poacher turning gamekeeper more like. From biting football satire and insight (almost!) to "....and we welcome players, directors and supporters of....", & "....like to thank our match sponsors who are...". Good move eh!!!!!

SMASHING BOUNDARIES!

On our travels up and down the highways of the north, we at Corpus Christie being the charming & friendly types we are, often get chatting to opposing fans and fanzine authors, and it struck us recently that the re-organisation of County Boundaries act in 1974 has upset a lot of football fans. Upon a visit to Cumbria to see the Shrimps play Barrow (whose fanzine "Give em beans" is well worth a read), a large number of the Barrow faithful insist that the town is in Lancashire. The fanzine address ends with Lancs., and the cricket followers avidly support Lancs. The same applies at Southport, which after 1974 was placed in Sefton on Merseyside, but the locals complain it always was and always will be in Lancs. The Haig Avenue choir sing "Lancashire la la la" at home games to enforce the point.
Warrington Town fans become annoyed if you mention Cheshire, as it too was in Lancashire til '74.
In support of this C.C. will endeavour to label Barrow (Lancs.), Southport (Lancs.), and Warrington (Lancs.) everytime we mention them.... if we remember.
The problem is the same over the pennines. A gentleman we met named Terry who lives in Goole in Humberside, nearly cut our goolies off (no pun!..honest!!) for saying it. "No it isn't" he insisted, when we spilt beer with him in the pub just down the road from the ground before and after our triumphant 8-2 win. He then proceeded to explain how it arrived in Humberside, why it was really in Yorkshire and that all those born locally resented the changeover, and being locally governed from Hull.
Will common sense & the wishes of the local populace see the commission reverse these decisions? I doubt it, there are many reasons that are too political to quote in this fun packed issue.
It set me thinking though.....are there any non-league clubs in Rutland?!!!!

MAN, WAS THIS A TRIP?!

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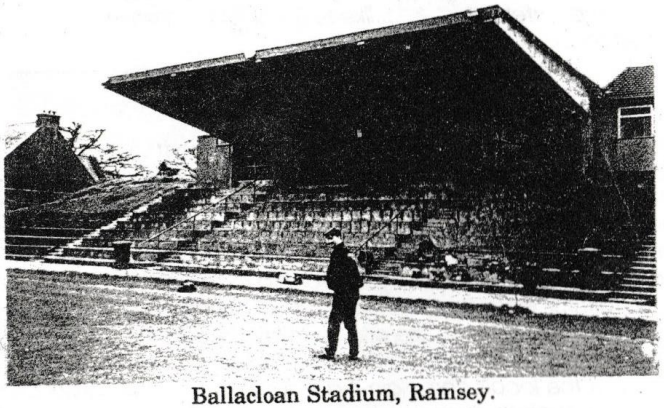


Ballacloan Stadium, Ramsey.

MORECAMBE FC Supporters' FC (well, some of them, and a few others) trip to the Isle of Man - the highlights.

DURING the close season we hopped on the ferry from Heysham and sailed over to the island for several purposes.
Firstly to have a game of togger (*) against Ramsey FC. Secondly to celebrate Steve Briggs' impending marriage. Thirdly to spread the name of our proud and mighty club. And finally, Esther, to get completely nissed as pewts and indulge in all the "laddy" things you do on this sort of occasion.
Trip rules were few, were very simple and were ruthlesssly observed. There was to be no mention of the three "F" words which were: Football (*) so we had to say togger; f**k; or fifty pence. The fine being the aforementioned 50p.
Also, whenever anyone shouted "statues!", everyone in the group had to stand completely still until the command "at ease".
By Douglas we had made more than £30 on the fines and there had been some good statues, people blocking stairways with a heavy tray full of drinks etc.
A nominated "Nerd of the day" had to wear the hideous green tank top until another of our group did something extra specially nerdy.

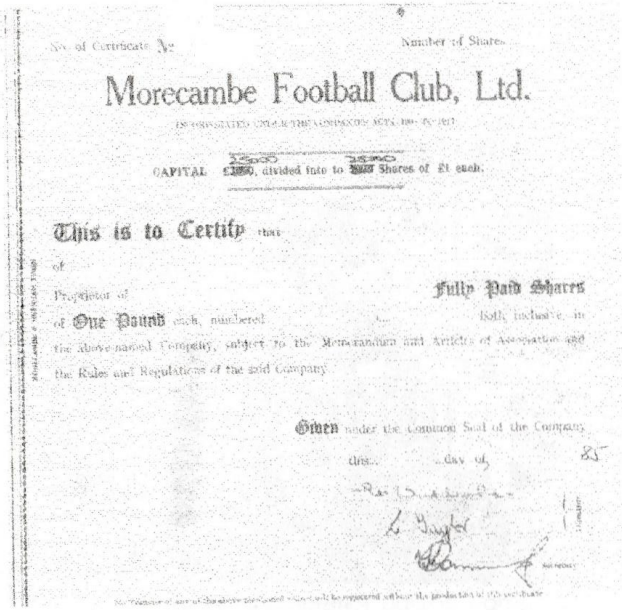
The rest of the highlights are as follows: Losing two of our lot as soon as we landed. The next we saw of them was in the dining hall the next morning. They had struck up a relationship with two females, one of whom turned out to be the fat receptionist at our hotel.
Being well looked after by the Ramsey lads who sorted us out with butties after letting us draw with them, though they were much better than us.
Getting garbed up in '70s gear and going on the town. We sang Abba, Showaddywaddy, Mudd, Stylistics and other faves from the era outside all the pubs and hummed the theme tune to The Sweeney on the way between pubs. On arrival at next pub it was an abrupt stop and a shout, in unison of "Get your trousers on, you're nicked!" before entering.

Belting sideburns!!

Funny how the ones in the most ridiculous outfits (Barney) were the ones who attracted the women. They found our demeanour a refreshing change from the lounge lizards they usually encountered in Manx nightclubs, evidently.
Andy Hollings stripping off and going in the tide to celebrate West Ham getting promoted.
Me performing a heartbreaking rendition of "Feeeeelings" on the karaoke only to be pipped for the £50 prize by a local lad whose mates outnumbered us and shouted louder. (we wuz robbed)
Generally having a riot of a time, no-one falling out and meeting some good types in the Isle of Man, look out for the booking list in the club next year!!

COOPS

This time its your big chance to get rid of Weldrake,O'Brien +co.
All you have to do is fill in the gaps and put something like 30000 shares and you can claim you long lost right to the THRONE OF THE SHRIMPS
You will however then have to wear a suit to ALL games (maybe its not such a good idea after all)



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IN THE NEXT ISSUE BANKNOTES WILL BE OUR PROJECTIN THE FORGERY SECTION

SUPERSTITIOUS MINDS

ONE of the little known superstitions is that of Lancaster City's midfielder, David Woodburn.

"I was once told by an old Romany woman that if I ever completed a game without being booked or sent off, all my hair would fall out, so I never have. Touch wood it's worked so far!" said Dave.

HANG THE DJ, HANG THE DJ

AS MOST readers of this thought-provoking, mind-challenging and hinterleckchual journal are probably aware, there occurs in the Shrimps Bar a wealth of private and public functions, which can all be lumped together under the collective epithet "piss ups".
As an employee of Sir Steven of Middlesbrough (match announcer, disc impresario and psychic on the Frickley vid) I thought it appropriate to answer the question on everyone's lips: What is it like DJing for the Shrimps and their supporters.
In order to suitably describe the process I have laid out (in easy to follow instructions) ten fundamental steps to ensure a successful night.
1 Under no circumstances should you hand the microphone to John "football genius" Coleman. The 15 minute rendition of "American Pie" is ok for the first two or three but the other 12 minutes are mind-numbing.
2 Ensure that you have all of Gary Numan's albums, singles etc for Lammy, (you may have to rip your hair out when you put on "Are Friends Electric?" and he buggers off to the bar.
3 Play plenty of glam rock for Freez, Coops and the sons of the 70s.
4 Remember not to hand the microphone to Mr Coleman. The 15 minute rendition of the song the team sing in the bath when they've won is, again, ok for the first two or three minutes but the other half an hour is brain-addling.
5 Ensure you get Dawn, Vicky, Titch, Caroline and Kelly in a nice neat line so they can all have turns dancing with Robbie.
6 Ensure you get Dawn, Vicky, Titch, Kelly and Caroline in a nice neat line so they can take turns dancing with Dulla.
7 Please don't hand the microphone to Coley for the "chuck a quid at the bottle of whisky" contest. "Don't be shy, your mothers weren't" is funny the first two or three times but do your head in the other 49.
8 Make sure you're Lammy's most bestest mate for when he wins the aforementioned whisky, having invested 73 quid and feels generous (not).
9 Don't forget to announce last orders at 10.45pm. Then again at 11.45pm, again at 12.45am and finally at 5.45 the following Tuesday morning.
10 Remind Lammy, Coops, Duggy, Freez, Les, Corcy and co they have a supporters' match in the morning at 9am and grab the last vol-au-vent. Bang on "You'll Never Walk Alone", listen to everyone shouting "You can turn that bloody Scouse crap off!" and retire.
(PS Under absolutely no circumstances give Coley the microphone to say goodnight! "And now, the end is near...." at that time in the morning is not even ok the first time!).....Happy Scratching, Andy Clarkson.

AWAYDAZE

EMLEY 4TH SEPTEMBER

The first Saturday in Sep.sees our joyful return to Emley,last year I recomended a visit to the pub at the top of the hill (I think its called The White Horse)but it didnt seem to be as nice as the time before ,oh and whilst were on the subject dont grass me up as one of my fellow C.C.ers did at Goole and nearly got me lynched just say you dont know who please!,but still check it out.Emley games are always fun,wouldnt another 7-4 be good.Most of you know the ground (makes this a little pointless really)and those of you dont tough shit youll have to go to find 'cos I'm not going to tell you.When you do ,dont bang on the back of the covered end as it annoys the locals and may fall down,also if you like to crazy when we score go to the front of the stand as there is a nasty gap at the rear of it and you may lose your leg down it just like I did .Maybe this time it wont be freezing/pissing down this would be a welcome change from the blissard of last time.

Positively the last word on Emley is that the police take no nonsense and will chuck out even the most innofensive looking person for the smallest offense.

HORWICH 15 SEPTEMBER

One day I'll make it to a soddin game there as I always succeed in missing it (this year including)I once made it only for it to be called off!

Maybe with the demise of BREL they will soon have new stands and tracks to put them on.A victory as last season will be required absolutely no less will do.We can expect to have half the crowd there which is quite sad really ,though our friends at TWO FOR JOY may disagree slightly.This place should be the incentive for getting out of the NPL.

BARROW 21 SEPTEMBER

Please,please another 3-0,please another 'double',likely to be serious contenders this season.

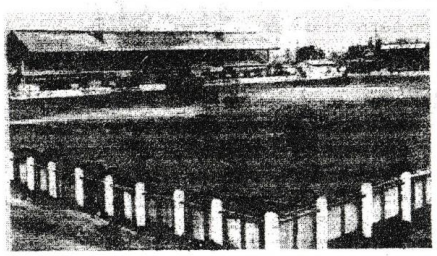
This stage of the season may see a 2000 gate,this really is a conference set up.Local rivalry will mean a good atmosphere and a reasonable amount travelling from Morecambe.Last season was eventful for a few of us ,as our man Kips decided to slide his car 60yds. into a roundabout (it's just on the way out of Barrow ,you have been warned!)trashing his suspension in the process.His raction on crashing"It had to be when that prat (D.Henig of t.m.a.)was in",despite the fact he was twisted round taking the piss out of him at the time,he showed no concern for the car .What a star .

Pissed down last season ,well it could snow ,thunder+rain boulders if it means three points.

Not really a happy hunting ground for us,but get behind the'lads'.Look for their fanzine "Give Em Beans"

CURZON ASHTON 2 OCTOBER

Just around the corner from where the coach parks there is kebab shop,it serves chilli sauce from hell buy some or be a wimp!Me I'll be having one and no doubt a curry aswell Eastern Delight not been to far away you see.Anyway this is a neat little ground with a seated stand along one side and facing it a section of covered standing this wolud appear to be a locals favourite,uncovered at both ends one doubling as a car park for directors cars so its a good chance for any disgruntled player to reep his revenge.Hopefully a few more there than on our last visit(66v Caenarfon).We must win.



CHORLEY 5 OCTOBER

What can be said about this place that hasnt already been said?No longer L.E.P. faves HA!

This clubhouse is said to be the place where the 70s revival began,well actually it never really went away from here ,so you never know you may just bump into the Stylistics or somebody just doing their thang.Dont get clever with the barman or its water for you .If we all turn up with spanners we can nick the new cover behind the goal as would surely look better behind the school end goal at Christie.Large stand similar in looks to ours ,ground has large open feel to it.

Large following here(arent we lazy!)should see us take 3pts a defeat will NOT be acceptable.

FAGSY THAT!

TALKING about Matthew Lambert the other day (as you do) we began thinking back to the first time anyone was aware of his footballing prowess.
That was when he played with local youth side, Westgate Wanderers. In the side at the time was another good young lad called Carl Butler, who went on to play for Lancaster.
Were their names ever listed consecutively on a team sheet, we wonder (Lambert and Butler).
So we then got to thinking about other possible footballing pairs like the combination once on opposite sides in East Anglia - (Tim) Sherwood and (Craig) Forrest, or (Mark) Proctor and (Frank) Gamble, or (Brian) Little and (Dave) Large - honest, I had Dave Large on a football card once for swaps.
Then there's McMenemy and McManaman, Abbot and Cantello, Tait and Lyall; Hyssen, Thijssen, Digweed, Dibble and Vonk.
Or the Spurs line-up of Allen P., Allen C., Crooks, Brook, Crook, Cook, Villa, Miller, Hoddle, Waddle, Tuttle, Butters and Steven Arthur Perryman.
If anyone else has any funny combinations of footballing names either (a) Send them to us at the address at the front or (b) Don't.

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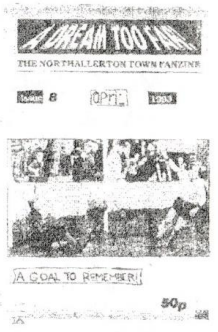

CONSUMER CORNER

Another tasty morcel to nibble at this time in the shape of "A Dream Too Far",the Northallerton Town fanzine.This particular issue (April)has quite a varied range of topics which isnt bad considering they had just relieved themselves of their quite succesful manager ,4th qual FA cup +3rd proper FA trophy(both club records) obviously just aint good enough.They appear to be linking with Farnborough Town and a couple of letters/articles cover this ,this 'linking' is something I like and can only be good for the game,as long as we dont see the return of those bloody dual team ski hats,lets hope something comes of ours with Crawley.The mag. lacks photos etc.,but the reasonable standard of writing compensates for this .They seem to have a Mole !So are able to use what would appear to be club only info to back up arguments.Not only do their fans read +write but it would seem they have players that can work out how to hold a pen the right(or is it write!)way!One such player Forster wrote thanking all for their support,how nice! Get your cash out!

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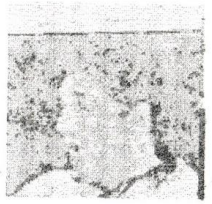


WORST HAIRCUT OF THE YEAR AWARD!

, this Foxy was an early season conte

THIS IS AN ARTICLE THAT CAME INTO OUR POSESION WE DONT KNOW HOW ,THIS IS THE RADICAL SHAKE UP OF THE OLYMPICS THAT HAS BEEN ON THE CARDS FOR A WHILE

MANCHESTER 2000
THE OLYMPIC BID

IN AN ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE IOC ON THEIR CHOICE OF VENUE,THE ORGANISERS OF THE MANCUNIAN BID HAVE ALREADY DRAWN UP A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS THIS IS THE SCHEDULE

1OPENING CEREMONY
KEPT AS BRIEF AS POSS.DUE TO THE LOW BOREDOM THRESHOLD OF THE AVERAGE MANC. THERE WILL NOT BE A PARADE OF ATHLETES ROUND THE ARENA BECAUSE IF THEY LEAVE THEIR ROOMS FOR MORE THAN 2 MINS. IT WIL BE STRIPPED BARE. ALSO THERE WILL NOT BE ANY FLAGS AS ANY LEFT UNATTENDED WILL BE STOLEN THE STADIUM WILL BE OPENED BY A SPECTACULAR RAM-RAID,USING AN XR3i OR THE LIKE
THE OLYMPIC FLAME WILL BE IGNITED BY A PETROL BOMB THROWN BY A LOCAL WEARING THE TRADITIONAL COSTUME OF SHELL SUIT AND BALACLAVA.THIS FLAME WILL BURN IN A LARGE CHIP PAN ON THE ROOF OF THE GROUND
CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT WILL INCLUDE ADRESSES BY CYRIL SMITH ,P.A.BY BERNARD MANNING ,MUSIC BY M.C.TUNES

2THE EVENTS
REARRANGED AS DESCIBED ABOVE BUT TAILORED TO SUIT LOCAL TALENTS
100M SPRINT
ON THE SOUND OF STARTING GUN A POLICE DOG WILL BE RELEASED 10M BEHIND ATHLETE WHO WILL RUN WITH VIDEO AND MICROWAVE UNDER EACH ARM
100M HURDLES
AS ABOVE BUT WITH OBSTACLES I.E. CAR BONNETS ,SHOPPING TROLLEYS
HAMMER
COMPETITORS CAN CHOOSE THEIR FAVE I.E.CLAW LUMP,SLEDGE,WINNER WILL BE THE ONE WHO INFLICTS THE MOST GBH ON A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE WITHIN THEIR ALLOTED TIME
FENCING
ENTRANTS WILL HAVE TO DISPOSE OF AS MUCH GOLD+SILVER IN AS SHORT A TIME AS POSS.IN THE EVENT OF A TIE THE WINNER WILL BE THE ONE WHO MAKES THE MOST PROFIT.
SHOOTING
A STRONG LOCAL TEAM IS EXPECTED TO BE FEILDED IN THIS EVENT
THIS IS A FOUR STAGE EVENT WITH VARYING TARGETS SUCH AS PASSING OPPOSITE TEAMS CARS,SECURITY VANS,AUDIENCE FINALLY EACH OTHER
BOXING
ENTRY TO THIS IS RESTRICTED TO COUPLES ONLY(MALE/FEMALE)
THIS WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY NIGHT.THE MALE WILL BE ASKED TO CONSUME FIFTEEN PINTS AND THE FEMALE NOT TO MAKE ANY TEA.FIGHTING WILL COMMENCE WHEN HE GETS HOME.

CYCLING
TIME TRIALS
COMPETITORS WILL HAVE TO BREAK INTO THE UNIVERSITY BIKE STORES AND NICK A BIKE OWNED BY SOME MUMMYS BOY AGAINST THE CLOCK
PURSUIT
AS ABOVE BUT THIS WILL BE WITNESSED BY A MEMBER OF THE VISITING SAS RUGBY TEAM
MODERN PENTATHLON
TO INCLUDE MUGGGING,BREAKING AND ENTERING,FLASHING,JOY RIDING AND ARSON
MARATHON

ROUTE TBA ,ENTRANTS TO BE GIVEN SHARP STICK AND BAG WITH WHICH TO PICK UP AS MUCH LITTER AS POSS.
*4*100M RELAY*
AS USUAL BUT BATON REPLACED WITH BAG STOLEN FROM CROWD AND ROUTE OUT OF STADIUM
WEIGHT LIFTING
IN PAIRS ,EVENT TO BE 1ST RND. OF SMASHING SHOP WINDOW AND ESCAPING WITH WASHING MASHINE OR TV.FROM A DESIGNATED DISPLAY FINAL RND. TO BE DECIDED BY OVERTURNING A POLICE VAN

GYMNASTICS
REPLACED WITH CLOG DANCING.+FISH'N'CHIP EATING
IN MENS EVENT SCALING BARBED WIRE FENCES AND LIFT RIDING ARE PROPOSED.
50KM WALK
CANCELLED BECAUSE POLICE CANNOT GUARANTEE SAFETY OF ANYONE WALKING STREETS OF MANCHESTER.

DECATHALON
WILL BE SUCH AS PIGEON RACING,WHIPPET KEEPING,YARD OF ALE,TRAM SPOTTING,BLACK PUD JUGLING

DRUGS!!!!
ANYONE WHO FAILS DRUG TEST WILL BE GIVEN SOME

CLOSING CEREMONY
1ST AN EXHIBITION OF 'RAVE ' DANCING BY MEMBERS OF THE MANC. CLUB SCENE
2ND A LIVE PA BY ANY BAND CLAIMING TO BE FROM MANCHESTER
OLYMPIC FLAME WILL BE PUT OUT BY A PERSON DROPPING AN OLD TV ON TO IT FROM A NEARBY BLOCK OF FLATS
STADIUM WILL BE BORDED UP AND ANYTHING OF VALUE STOLEN

FOLLOWING THE SUCEESS OF MANC.2000
ITLL BE SCOUSE 2008

FORZA MORECAMBE

THERE have always been comparisons drawn between the truly great sides of the past and present, and Morecambe!
Who would come out on top if we were to play the England World Cup winning team or the Liverpool side of the Seventies? Well, Morecambe obviously because all the players from these teams are too old now. But now that we have started wearing the famous red and black stripes, one obvious comparison springs to mind.
So here it is, the defintive man-by-man comparison of probably the greatest club side in the world, AC Milan, and the greatest side in the Lancaster postal district, Morecambe.
These are the line-ups that finished last season and each man has been marked out of ten by a panel of experts including Ken Bates, Stan Flashman and Peter Swales.

Sebastiano Rossi - *Rossi is being hotly tipped as the next Italian national keeper. Had a great season last year, has made the Milan number one shirt his own. 9/10*

1

Mike Allison - *Once described as "having the potential to become Morecambe's first choice keeper" and last season he fully lived up to that promise. 8/10*

Mauro Tassotti - *Loyal Milan club man who has hung onto his place over the years despite pressure from younger players. Will face stiff competition for his place this season. 7/10*

2

Richard Close - *Young Richard hung onto his place last season despite pressure from older players and, according to my girlfriend, the pressure on his shorts from his Stuart Pearce thighs.7/10*

Paolo Maldini - *Arguably the best left back in the world and an essential element in the Milan side. 9/10*

3

Robbie Armstrong - *Robbie plays on the left and at the back all at the same time, not as easy as you might think! 8/10*

Franco Baresi - *The prince of Italian football, happy as a defender or a sweeper and the pivot of the Milan side. 10/10*

4

Osbert Pylon - *Equally happy as a defender or a substitute, always a treat if Ollie's name is spelt right in away match programmes. 8/10*

Alesandro Costacurta - *First choice central defender who is a member of the Italian squad despite poor season last year. Certainly the most stupid name in the Milan team. 7/10*

5

Gary Dullaghan - *Gary is a defender who oozes class, style and sophistication. When he is always on the ball you always know what he is going to do with it, don't you? 8/10*

Frank Rijkaard - *One of the great Dutch trio which has graced this team over the last four years. A truly brilliant player who has modelled his hair style on our own Ian Cain and spits at international level for Holland. 9/10*

6

Paul Lodge - *The centre, the pivot, the very fulcrum of the Morecambe side. Who else can spin on the ball in the centre circle with quite so much panache? 9/10*

Dimitrio Albertini - *The jewel in Milan's crown has now grown into one of the world's best and much is expected of him this season. 9/10*

7

John McNally - *The rough diamond in Morecambe's flat cap. The only man who can swagger and run all at the same time, and he has been known to take the ball with him. 8/10*

Gigi Lentini - *Cost AC Milan $15 million but is yet to live up to that price tag, poor bumper car driver. 8/10*

8

Andy Yard-dog Grimshaw - *Grimmy doesn't just bite yer legs, he locks his jaws on and doesn't let go until the opponent begs for mercy or Lodgy asks for a square ball. 10/10*

Jean-Pierre Papin - *Scored only 13 goals last season, not enough for our panel or the Milan fans. Must do better to fill Van Basten's boots. 9/10*

9

John Football Genius Coleman - *Scored more than three times Papin's total last season, what more can you say? Put that in your pipe and fumer it monsieur superstar! 23/10*

Marco Van Rental - *One of the greatest strikers the world has ever seen, still the scourge of Italian and international defences. 9/10*

10

Steve Holden - *How can anyone who looks like a tall Rowan Atkinson play football, you might well ask. Well, ever seen Mr bean curl a free kick into the top corner? Adder can, Adder can, Adder ccccan. 9/10*

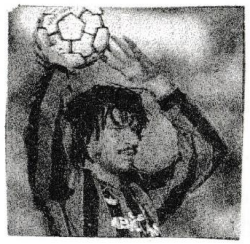
Ruud Gullit - *Once billed as the total footballer, he can head, tackle, beat defenders and score classic goals and has a lovely curly hairstyle to boot. 8/10*

11

Ian Cain - *Morecambe's most expensive footballer, he can head, tackle, beat defenders and score classic goals. Has a lovely curly hairstyle to boot. 10/10*

SCORES ON THE DOORS: AC Milan 94, Morecambe 108.

So there you have it, mighty Morecambe come out on top by quite a margin, don't they? Well it was never going to be a really close thing, maybe this is why AC Milan have never visited Christie Park. So I challenge them here and now, come on you yellow Italian bastards, it was just the same in the war, same old chicken-shit running away from a real challenge. You're not fit to wear the famous red and black.....oh dear I've come over all faint, where's my inhaler, mother? - Colin Dyer.



Gullit, garbage compared to Cain?

Just drivel

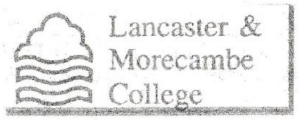
Much trumpeting on the opening day of the season about the new kit being worn. Red and black stripes looks very smart, and as far as we can make out we have never played in any form of red stripes before. Perhaps if we look like AC Milan, (and Cainy does have a look of Donadoni, and Robbie could pass for Baresi only better.....mine is lager thanks lads!!!) maybe we will perform like them on the park?
One disgruntled regular who also supports West Ham was heard to mutter, "we look like bastard Rovers", presumably referring to Blackburn s away shirt, so I think that is one less replica shirt sold!!!!
Why do West Ham hate Rovers anyway?
Is it a local derby?!!

What about the new club badge? Adopting the Borough of Morecambe crest (sadly lost in 1974)" Beauty Surrounds, Health Abounds" is a good idea but we think that an adendum saying "but not on our beaches" would be more appropriate. Overall though it identifies well with the town itself, just one complaint. Why no shrimp on it? Surely a small shrimp could be fitted on it somewhere, just to let people know our nickname. Last season we had a shrimp with no name underneath, now we have a club crest with Morecambe FC underneath but no shrimp. Just a little idea that's all!!!!!!

Finally, new signing Jim Mcluskie looks a quality purchase. Filling John "football genius" Colemans shoes will be difficult, but with his neat touches, battling spirit and intimidating haircut he should soon become a crowd favourite.....as long as he scores!
Only twenty minutes of his debut had passed before a massed debate occurred (oceerrrr missus) as to which song the new striker would have as his. Kips came up with "Jimmy...Jimmy....oh Jimmy Mac...when are you scoring like?.."
Glen chipped in with "Jim...Jim...Super Jim, Super Jim Mcluskie", and I came up with "Les Dewhurst and his medieval haircut" which was deemed irrelevant seeing how it failed to mention Jim Mcluskie. Roger look out!!! Yark!!!..Wibble!!!..Frisnit!!!

LOGO NO-GO

WE DON'T know who designed the new Lancaster and Morecambe College logo or if they were paid for it.
But whoever it was is obviously having a bit of a giggle at the college's expense from his/her seat at the City Ground.
Anyway, how can it be a logo for an establishment representing Morecambe, it hasn't got a Shrimp on it!? Oh!, erm, wait a minute, neither have our shirts now.



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INTERESTING, VERY INTERESTING

ISN'T it interesting, nay forsooth, very interesting to watch the England Rugby Union stars in action?
I am always particularly interested, bearing in mind the police "arrests" of violent football players, to see how forceful in their intervention the coppy types are when Dean Richards is stomping on heads, punching and butting his way through games.
Supt Insp Sgt Constable Richards and that other mild mannered "sportsman" colleague, Det.Supt Constable Dooley, will surely receive similar treatment to footballers should they ever actually go beyond what is "part of the game" when playing, like if they sit between the posts as a peaceful protest against the Sheehy Report, for instance.

INTERESTING, VERY INTERESTING

WELL, here it is, the full team of players whose names remind us of fish.
Paddy Roche, Peter Haddock, Peter Skipper, John Harkes (almost an anagram, of shark), Peter Mackerel, Steve Guppy, Andy Flounders, Steve Codd, Barry Cooder (made that one up), Wotsit Salmon and, of course, Norman the Vietnamese Fighting Shubunkin (Hartlepool).

SUPERSTITIOUS MINDS

REFEREE, Mr Ray Lewis, of Great Bookham, always puts his left boot on his right foot before a big game. He then takes it off, balances it on his chin and whistles the theme tune to "It Ain't Half Hot, Mum". "It just helps me get mentally prepared," says the 53-year-old.

SUPERSTITIOUS MINDS

BBC commentator, David Coleman, will never take his position in the commentary box at a big game without first drinking a full bottle of cooking sherry. "I find it helps me relax and gives me that seventeen-words-slurred-into-one-syllable style which has become my trademark," Monsieur Le Charbonnier told us recently.

Dear Sir,

I had the misfortune to telephone the shrimpline recently Hoping for news of the bank holdiay game against Bishop Auckland. I say misfortune as the call was a complete waste of time, as I was informed we "lost 2-0 to two late goals, that goalkeeper Chris Clarke was man of the match, and that we have taken 3 points from 12". The rest of the 48p a minute call was taken up with some pillock attempting an irish accent telling unfunny, lame and racist stories.

I was under the misguided impression that news, reports and information about fixtures were to be put on this service, not the rantings of a talentless part time comedian.

From now on, I shall telephone a friend for news of the game, as "0891 shrimpline" has obviously transformed into "0891 gag line".

Yours disgruntled
from elsewhere

P.S If the service must continue, perhaps Tarby or Brucey would like to do a spot, now they are funny gentlemen! (Not, Ed.)

GRIFFITHS SAYS: "IT'S TIME I LEFT" (from front page)

Brian Griffiths told our co-editor, Glen Cooper recently that he had to leave.

"He had phoned me up to have a chat about a player he was interested in," says Glen.

"I turned the conversation round to his own position at the club and he revealed, quite candidly, that he was happy at Morecambe. "Then someone came to the door and Griff said: "Well it's time I left, we're off out tonight and this is our taxi" and he hung up"

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DULLAGHAN IN NUDE POSE "SCANDAL" (from front page)

AT an away game last season a page from a girlie magazine blew in front of the dugout where the injured Gary Dullaghan was sitting. The picture clearly showed a woman, completely nude, in a provocative pose. "Ooh," said our Gary, "it's a scandal what they'll show these days!"

CHAIRMAN TO QUIT AT END OF YEAR (from front page)

CHAIRMAN of Heysham Ladies' Embroiderers' Circle, Mrs Emily Dodgson, has said she will retire at the end of the year.

When questioned about the revelation, Mrs Dodgson said: "That's what always happens. The chairman hands over at the end of each year, what's the big fuss?"

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MORECAMBE GROUND MOVE BACK ON (from front page)

SEISMOLOGISTS at Lancaster University have confirmed that the small earth tremor which was felt in Morecambe in July could occur again in late September this year.

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BLACKPOOL MOVE FOR CAIN (from front page)

MORECAMBE star player, Ian Cain, who lives in Blackpool has said he is considering moving house.

"I'd like somewhere with a bit bigger garden", the tousle-haired trickster might have mentioned in passing sometime in the past, perhaps.

HOPPING AROUND THE GROUNDS

NUMBER 23 *"A Trip to Bamber Bridge"*

6.15am - Alarm goes off, I leap out of bed, race to the bathroom, startling the cat on my way.
6.16am - After my wee I squirt some blue minty gel on my brush and proceed to polish my peggies.
6.17am - Apply shaving foam to my face, lathering well to increase moisturising effect.
6.17am and a bit - Remember I haven't started shaving yet and wash it all off again.
6.25am - After getting half-dressed, trot downstairs for my Co-co Pops and cup of tea.
6.38am - Wake mum and ask her where the blummin heck she's put my best tank top.
6.45am - Uncle Ron (what's he doing there?) suggests I look a bit harder for it, decide to heed advice and, ducking shoe which flies past my head, make for the airing cupboard.
7.15am - Having found tank top, put it on, slip on my new anorak, pick up butties prepared night before, check money, get six carrier bags for programmes, check film in camera, train timetable in top zip-pocket of anorak and, it's away we go.
7.20am - Having got to end of road, remember I've no pants or socks on, go back to rectify.
7.35am - Bus arrives, get on, pay driver, head for train station.
7.57am - Train arrives, get on, show conductor ticket, he says "This isn't the library!", show conductor right ticket.
8.17am - Arrive Lancaster, train to Preston will be another 20 minutes, go to buffet to buy scotch egg and Daily Star.
8.36am - Work out what the joke was in Beau Peep, just in time to get on train.
8.37am - Get on train and sit next to man with black beret who keeps putting his feet up on the chair opposite (bet he wouldn't do that at home!) and kid on other side of aisle with bleepy little electronic game (thank god it's only a short trip).

8.57am - Arrive Preston and get off with bleep bleep ringing in my ear.
9.17am - Get bus to Bamber Bridge which goes all round the one way system before getting on right road.
9.33am - Arrive Bamber Bridge ridiculously early so decide to try the crossword in Daily Star.
9.45am - Starts spitting a bit so put on cagoule so anorak won't get wet.
2.32pm - Finish crossword and eat butties, bloater paste and cucumber, yummy! Eat scotch egg and drink Tizer.
2.45pm - Arrive Bamber Bridge ground, to find not many people knocking about, man mowing pitch but no nets up. "What time's kick off?" I inquire. "What kick off?" asks man, rather abruptly. "The kick off for Bamber Bridge versus Blackpool Mechanics in the second preliminary round of the ATS Lancashire Junior Cup, one of the region's longest standing and most prestigious footballing competitions, you moronic manual worker!" I storm. "It's July the 15th and the season doesn't start for another month, you specky twat," the man responds.
6.53pm - Arrive home in time for "Stars in Their Eyes" so not too bad a day really!

See you next issue! Gavin Topper
Sad Groundhopper!

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LETTERS(YES WE ACTALLY GOT SOME)

DEAR CORPUS
I HAVE BEEN A LOYAL SHRIMPS FAN FOR 8 YEARS NOW AND I FEEL THAT THE APPEARANCE OF YOUR FANZINE IS A VERY WELCOME ONE. I PARTICULARY LIKE THE CRAP MAURICE COMES OUT WITH.NOT THAT I LIKE MOANING BASTARDS WHO CONSTANTLY CRITISIZE THEIR TEAM.
I HAVE ATTENDED 80% OF HOME GAMES THIS SEASON (DECORATING AND PREPARING FOR MY WEDDING PREVENTED THE OTHER 20%)AND I USUALLY STAND BEHIND THE BENCHES IN FRONT OF THE MAIN STAND .GOING BACK TO MY REMARKS ABOUT MOANERS ,THERE IS ONE MENTAL GENT WHO REALLY MAKES MY BLOOD BOIL!!!!!YES ,ITS YOU WITH THE SLIGHTLY BALDING BROWN HAIR ,BEARD AND CIGAR.CAST YOUR MINDS BACK TO THE EMELY GAME THE SHRIMPS ARE COASTING AT 6-1 AND PRESSING FOR A 7TH THIS PILLOCK IS DISGUSTED .SHOOTING AND SCREAMING PATHETIC REMARKS LIKE "BLOODY GET STUCK IN MORECAMBE" AND "GET HOLDEN OFF HE'S CRAP"GOD HE MAKES ME GIP.MY MESSAGE TO HIM IS SIMPLE-TRY ENCOURAGING YOUR TEAM INSTEAD OF CRITICIZING AND BARRACKING PLAYERS.IT DOESNT GIVE OUR TEAM MUCH CONFIDENCE TO HEAR YOU DRIVELLING ON .GET ACCROSS THE LUNE TO GIANT AXE IF YOU WANT TO MOAN -THEY DO BUGGER ALL SO YOULL FEEL BETTER THERE. MORECAMBE IS THE TEAM WE ALL SUPPORT SO COME ON LETS HAVE SOME ENCOURAGEMENT !!!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

MARTIN SHAW

C.C.SAYS WE ALSO HAVE A MESSAGE TO MOANERS SHUT UP OR SOD OFF,AH THATS BETTER

DEAR C.C.
OKAY SO I DONT HAVE THE PRIVELEDGE TO BE ABLE TO WATCH THE MIGHTY SHRIMPS HOME AND AWAY LIKE I USED TO ,I MEAN IT TAKES FIFTEEN QUID TO GET TO A HOME GAME AND THATS IF I'M LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET A SATURDAY OFF .BUT OVERALL I STILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE CLUB AND MY MATES,BUT THE BURNING QUESTION ON MY LIPS THAT NOBODY SEEMS TO HAVE THE ANSWER TO IS

WHO VOTED TITCH COUSIN NO.1 FAN(VISITOR 18/8/93)

I RELLY WNAT TO KNOW WHO AND WHY,BEFORE YOU THINK I'M JEALOUS I'M NOT ,I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE QUALIFICATIONS ARE

THE ONLY ANSWERS I CAN THINK OF ARE
1 SHES A MEMBER OF THE SUPPORTERS CLUB
2SHE GOES IN THE SHRIMPS CLUB
3SHES HAS A STRANGE TASTE IN MEN (I.E.GARY DULLAGHAN)

AND THATS IT UNLESS THE VISITOR PHOTOGRAPHER LIKE MANY OTHER PEOPLE IN MORECAMBE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE SHRIMPS AND THOUGHT SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE.WELL IN MY EYES SHES NOT SO TAKE HER OFF THE SHORT LIST NOW!
SURELY THIS MUST BE RONNIE AKA MR SHEFFIELD NOT HER

ALL THE BEST
MIKE SABAN
HARROGATE

ITS THE LANCASTER CITY PAGE(WELL HALF ACTUALLY!)

the 'party'. It's amazing what an effect following a non-League club has, the whole office now looks up HFS Loans League Division One results on Sunday to see if Lancaster have lost!

YOU SEE EVERYBODY HATES THEM EVEN PEOPLE 60 MILES AWAY

ISNT IT HORSFIELD
SURELY NOT THE REF AND LINO AGAINST YOU

the referee gives a direct free-kick, from which Farsley fail to score, afterwards Dave must have told the ref something for which he got sent off.

shots. The best chance falls to Martin Hasfield who shoots just wide. All the decisions of the 'lino' and ref go against us. Mind you the ref is a late substitute himself. As the game progresses Farsley come more

BYE,BYE MORGAN

SUCH A CLEAN FAIR SIDE
LANCASTER CITY
WOODBURN OFF ,NO SUPRISE!!!!!!!

Ten minutes into the second-half and it's now nine against eleven as Dave Woodburn hastily tackles with both feet first. With their two man advantage it should be easy

and Smith again. But we do have a goal disallowed and far more play than you'd expect a side with nine men to have. A 3-0 defeat at the final whistle, we decide we're happy with as it's not the five or six we'd expected!!

WOULD YOU BE HAPPY WITH 3-0

STILL THEY WERE EXPECTING **FIVE OR SIX**

THIS. ARTICLE WAS IN TEAM TALK SEPTEMBER 93 IT FINALLY PROVES WHAT A SAD PERSON YOU HAVE TO BE TO WATCH THEM,ONLY 2 OFF THATS NOT BAD

ROOM 101

Morecambe's hard but fair Gary Dullaghan is this months victim, letting forth with his innermost dislikes and nightmares. His home is Liverpool, he plays centre half and his occupation is a dogsbody!!

Worst team played for and why?
Oswestry! On the pitch it was bad, but off it the board were a damn sight worse.

Worst player played with and why?
Paul Crooks at Rhyl. I hated his broad welsh accent, and he was as thick as pig shit! (He took the pens for the club remember)

Worst manager played under and why?
John Walsh, South Liverpool, clueless!

Worst holiday and why?
Magaluf, Spain, with five other Morecambe lads, it was crap (YEAH).

Worst night out and why?
A night out for four of us and when we got the bill we were £20 short.

Worst T.V programme and why
Prisoner cell block H, acting is far too good!!

Worst film and why?
Snow White and the Seven dwarfs, I took the kids and slept right through it. (Macho answer that)

Most awful decision at a match and why?
Wembley, Liverpool v Arsenal, me being arrested for robbery only to be found innocent after six journeys down to London and back.

Worst fashion decision?
To get a perm, enough said.

Worst ground and why?
Mossley, crap ground and pitch, changing rooms dreadful, I could go on forever.

Anything else you would like to say?
Yes, don't get injured, I have and everybody says "oh, it's Gary whatsisname", and nobody remembers the bad tackle that was three weeks late that nearly ended my career. I've played for Morecambe for four years, injured in action - for what?

INS AND OUTS

IN	OUT
Maurice Gitt	Maurice Gibb
McNally	McDonalds
Jurassic Park	Ryelands Park
Shrimps	Pimps
Fanzines	Fan dabi dozi
Red army	Dad's Army
Bagels	Bagguley
Shrimps Surge	Mexican Wave
Kipps	Chips
Tetley Walker	Jack Walker
Bryan Griffiths	Derek Griffiths
Byro	Beano
Asics	Asics

INTERESTING, VERY INTERESTING

ISN'T it interesting, very interesting to note how much better at any sport you care to mention Morecambe is than Lancaster?
We know about the gulf in class between our respective togger teams, of course, but what about the rest.
We don't take much interest in cricket but are told that anyone who's any good at Lancaster these days is pretty soon found to be banging on Morecambe's door asking for a game, whereas Lancaster have to be satisfied with Morecambe rejects.
Morecambe has the better darts team, evidently, and squash is so much better by the sea.

SUPERSTITIOUS MINDS

MORECAMBE midfielder, Paul Lodge, always rubs a sprig of parsley inside his shinpads before a big game.

£££WHO PAYS WINS£££

Well we at Corpus Christie did pretty well predicting the top six in our division last season (smug smiles all around the office). Well, we got some of the teams correct, just unfortunately in the wrong order.
Congratulations to Southport on deservedly winning the championship and to Winsford for a remarkable first season in the Premier.

So who is it this year?
Winsford will do well to finish as high again, having lost manager Mckenzie to Witton (reputedly on 20K a season) and as I am writing this article he is keen to return to his old club to recruit players, and with Darren Sheridan (brother of Weds' John) being transferred to Barnsley and Osher Williams leaving they might find it difficult.
The newly promoted Bridlington will surely finish in the top six, although I doubt if playing their home games at Doncaster will help them. Their manager, Colin Richardson is vastly experienced and if he keeps the same squad of players a cup would seem a good bet.

Peter Morris's Boston make a return to the Premier for the first time since the late seventies. York Street will be a tremendous day out for us, but inless he can sign a some quality players immediate promotion back will be a tall order, expect upper mid table.
Marine, as usual, will be a threat, Rossett Park is always a difficult place to get a result, but cup runs usually put their league aspirations on hold.
Leek are another side who challenge regularly, last season a depleted squad and poor away form let them down.
Barrow will expect to be up there, now they have Les Rigby alongside Richard Dinnis as manager, although apparently they are constantly pruning the squad to fit the wage bill. The marvellous support deserves a good side and conference football.
What of surprise packages? Chorley have signed numerous experienced players and could well spring a shock here and there, Droylsden have a new manager and chairman, and

numerous new faces so they will be looking to improve on last season. Our tip as dark horses are Gainsborough, last season they had a dreadful start followed by a storming new year, and with a bit of confidence will be a hard side to beat.
Accrington Stanley will be in amongst it, so says "Moaner" Staley their manager, but we saw Stanley four times last term and they failed to impress.
What about us? John Coleman is out with a broken leg, any team would miss a 40 goal a season striker, although moves are afoot to replace him, new kids on the block Parker and Eaves look promising, and with Cain and Mcinally wide in midfield and Ollie back to his best this might be our year. It is 20 years this season since we beat Dartford to win the Trophy, why not celebrate by doing it again. Ask us in May!!!
Finally our lower division friends from over the river at Lancaster. They will want to forget the 4-1 beating at "huge hammer", but to be fair they did beat our reserves in the return. Stuart Diggle will always score goals, and little Isles looks nippy in midfield, but no better than mid table.
The Northern Premier League has always been a league where wages talk, if the board will pay the money, good players will travel,and you can almost guarantee a bit of a cup run and a top six place. The one factor which has linked the recent champions is that they have lost only four league games maximum, a tall order for any side, but usually the rule of thumb that wins you the league. We'll see.

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	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
SOUTHPORT	29	9	4	103	31	96
WINSFORD	27	9	6	91	43	90
SHRIMPS	25	11	6	93	51	86
MARINE	26	8	8	83	47	86
LEEK TN	21	11	10	86	51	74
ACCRINGTN	20	13	9	79	45	73
FRICKLEY	21	6	15	62	52	69
BARROW	18	11	13	71	55	65
HYDE UTD	17	13	12	87	71	64
BISHOP AU	17	11	14	63	52	62
GAINSBORO	17	8	17	63	66	59
COLWYN B	16	6	20	80	79	54
HORWICH	14	10	18	72	79	52
BUXTON	13	10	19	60	78	49
MATLOCK T	13	11	18	56	79	47
EMLEY	13	6	23	62	91	45
WHITLEY B	11	8	23	57	96	41
CHORLEY	10	10	22	52	93	40
FLEETWOOD	10	7	25	50	77	37
DROYLSDEN	10	7	25	47	84	37
MOSSLEY	7	8	27	53	95	29
GOOLE T	6	9	27	47	105	27

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Remember a couple of seasons ago there was a news story that broke through concerning the sale of land on the Lancaster Rd. side of the ground.There was going to be a resturant ,car wash etc.The squash club closed pending demolition ,the aux. supporters club was to go,there was going to be a wall nearer the touchline and no doubt that side of the ground would have been smartened who knows maybe even terraced. After the squash club closed what happened ,yes a big nothing.Now maybe I missed one of our legendary press releases ,but the whole subject seems to have been totally erased from memory almost a taboo subject.What happened one can only suppose that the recession put the development company off or even pulled them under thus stopping any work in its tracks although yet again there doesnt seem to have been a club statement on this ,what an easy job our PR officer is.

Now according to our much loved(or is it loathed)tory government were coming out of this recession(where?),so perhaps the club could start chasing up new developers to take up this preposal.Its suprising that the council havent forced the club to do something about the now burnt out squash club as it must be dangerous and access into it looks simple to any enterprising 12 year old,I know if I lived over the road I'd be happy to see it bulldozed .

Sadly it looks as the squash club ,some would say typically for Morecambe on the whole,is going to sit delapilatedely for the future and no developement to happen especially as the Aux. club has a rather fetching new sign (it would look better over our car park entrance!)Lets hope that this work doesnt end up consigned to the same bin as the Westgate plan,now just sit back close your eyes and think of that!!!

p.s. write in and let us know your views on what should happen to the ground and any work to be done.

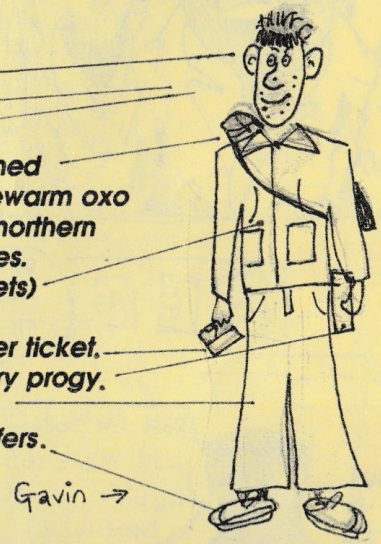
SUPERSTITIOUS MINDS

FORMER Morecambe player and manager, Don Cubbage, would never eat anything with the letter "K" in its name on the Tuesday before a big game, thus ruling out kippers, steak, chicken and, of course, lobster thermidore in an anchovy and leek sauce.

YES, IT'S ANOTHER AMAZING CORPUS CHRISTIE SCOOP.

The first officially released photograph of a Lesser Flared Groundhopper. This shy and rare creature can be seen mainly in the north of England at Northern League grounds, where they are positively encouraged. The breeding period is usually centred around the Easter weekend at Blyth and Durham etc. but they can be seen at most grounds on wet tuesdays from August through to May.

The characteristics of this strange creature are easily identified-:



The Greater Flared cousin is usually more brightly coloured, and his anorak has a hood so it always stands in the rain.

N.B. Groudhoppers never see a full game, as they vanish 10 minutes from time to catch the bus.

Happy spotting!!!!!!!