

NORTON LEES JUNIORS FC



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Chairman's Message

On the field we have some major successes to report. The U12's, managed by Chris Beaumont have finished Runners-Up in Div. B. They also narrowly missed out on a place in the Cup Final after losing to Handsworth Boys 2-1 in the Semi-Final. The U13's, managed by Andy Waby have finished 3rd in Div. F and the U15's, managed by Chris Smith have finished 3rd in Div. G.

Pride of place however goes to the U14's, managed by Dave Winters who have had a fine season finishing Runners-Up in Div. A, and winning the League Cup by beating local rivals Greenhill 3-1 in the Final. Congratulations to all four teams on making 2008/09 a most successful season on the pitch for Norton Lees J.F.C. A quite magnificent achievement!

Congratulations must also go to ALL the other Norton Lees players from U9's to U18's who despite not being in the honours this season have certainly done themselves and the Club proud with all their efforts throughout the season. There have been no disciplinary problems on the pitch which is a testament to the players who are evidently playing the game in the right spirit - whether winning or losing. Well done to all of you! Thanks also to Eric Lilley for his tireless efforts with the Development Squad. Thanks also to Rory Lilley with the U9's, Rob Appleyard with the U10's and Paul Rodgers with the U11's. Finally thanks must go to two of our managers who are stepping down after a number of years in charge - Ian Bowler with the U16's and John Duraid and Roger Lee with the U18's - your efforts have been much appreciated by the Club. Thank you lads.
Martin Gilmour, Chairman

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NLJFC Managers Names Nonsenseness

Over here at Norton Lees Towers we like to have a laugh at everything and everyone so we hope you enjoy this effort at poking a bit of fun at ourselves.

Martin Gilmour - Glamour, In Trim!
 Steve Roe - Sever Toe.
 Eric Lilley - I Yell 'Relic!'
 Rory Lilley - 'Lorry!' I Yell.
 Rob Appleyard - A Proper Baldy
 Paul Rodgers - Leprous Drag!
 Chris Sugden - He Sings Crud!
 Chris Beaumont - Bum Noise Chart
 Andy Waby - Way Bandy!
 Dave Winters - Dwarves Nite!
 Christopher Smith - Their Chimp's Short
 Ian Bowler - Alien Brow?
 John Duraïd - JD! Nu Hairdo?

'....I believe hard work gets results and all lads have it in their locker. It breeds improvement and hunger, which in turn breeds confidence and enjoyment....'

Fabbers Capello

If you enjoyed this article go straight over to the opposite page for more nonsenseness

Top Scorers Challenge

When the ball hits the goal it's not Shearer or Cole, it's The Gibbo! (Or maybe not! James Gregory in the U18's still has four games to play so we will see what happens. Watch this space.)

Norton Lees Juniors have had plenty of goals during their matches this season, sometimes going in at the wrong end but thankfully, plenty going in at the correct end of the pitch. There is a healthy crop of fine young forwards and strikers at the club backed up by crafty midfielders and goal hungry defenders who have all chipped in with goals. This season has seen a seesaw battle for supremacy with the early lead being taken by Mark Yates who raced away into the lead closely followed by Mark Fereday, Michael Gibbons and Josh Sugden. In the latter stages of the season as the U15's ran out of matches it has been Mark, Michael and Josh with Michael finally edging clear with a burst of six goals in one match against Todwick Juniors.

A huge well done to all those involved in scoring and setting up goals this season and you lads on this list should thank your team mates for so many assists.

Name	Team	Scored
Joseph Newman Billington	U9	21
James Stevens	U10	11
Josh Sugden	U11	25
Vinny Roberts	U12	14
Michael Gibbons	U13	35
Mark Fereday	U14	29
Mark Yates	U15	29
Luke Wardle	U16	21
James Gregory	U18	26

Football Team Names Anagrams

A light hearted look at some of our local rivals, the 'top' teams and the professionals. I suppose we might get a few complaints from those individuals that take themselves / their clubs far too seriously or need a sense of humour transplant but what the heck! Here goes!



Abbey Lane Juniors FC— Faeces Blob An Injury / Felon injures a cabby / Injure A Scabby Felon! / Bun Ref Jails Acne Boy!

Brunsmeer Athletic FC— Fumblers Cheat Cretin! / Fiercer Mutants Belch / Are Mincers Left Butch?

Charnock Ridgeway JFC— Chic Jerky Dwarf Conga / Can Her Cocky Dwarf Jig? / Rowdy Carjacking Chef / Rich Cockney Dwarf Jag

Greenhill Juniors FC— Forces Injuring Hell! / Conjuring Hell Fires! / Rolling Injures Chef!

Heeley Boys— Hy! Lose! Byee! / Hey Yob Eels! / Hole By Eyes / Oh Yes! By Lees / Ye Ye He Slob!

Handsworth Boys— What Ho! Dry Snobs! / Now Shod By Trash / Thorny Bad Shows / Hand' Boss Worthy?

And we cannot let the professionals get away without some of the same.....

Sheffield United FC— Duff Thief Declines / Feed Difficult Hens / Cuddle Fifteen Fish

Sheffield Wednesday FC— Whiffy Fleas Descended / Ended! Few Fishy Deals

And the same goes to the ref-hounders of Old Trafford.....

Manchester United— The Nice Name's Turd! / Decent Manure This / MU? Ten Cheats In Red!

And what about their power crazed tyrant king.....?

Sir Alex Ferguson— Nurses Goal Fixer / Ensurers Fix Goal / Lax Ref Ignores Us! / Nix Goal— Ref's Ruse! / Groan Refuels Six!

And training our sights firmly back upon ourselves.....

Norton Lees Juniors FC— Jinners Trounce Fools! / Iron Elf Conjures Snot / Joins Fluent Crooners / Fine Conjurors Stolen / Joint Foulness Corner / Cretin Felons Sojourn / Snoots Conjure Nil Ref

Any and all complaints may be directed to Messrs. Glamour! In Trim, Sever Toe or Dwarves Nite!, who will be delighted to deal with your complaints or any matters that you may wish to bring to their attention.

Another Nerdy Football Quiz

1. Name three English players who have been transferred for over £7m but have never played for England.
2. What is the largest English city never to have had a league team?
3. Accrington Stanley dropped out of the Football League in the 1961/62 season. Which club replaced them in the competition at the start of the following season?
4. Who did Arsene Wenger follow as manager of Arsenal?
5. Who was the first Englishman to make 100 full international appearances?
6. If you were at Vale Park watching the home side play their nearest League neighbours in a local derby which would be the away team?
7. Which Scottish league club plays at Hampden Park?
8. David Beckham once had a loan spell at which club?
9. Which England manager gave David James his debut?
10. Wayne Rooney became the first England player since who to score in four consecutive games?
11. Which British footballer scored in three consecutive World Cups against teams from three different continents?
12. Excluding United's, name the three teams in England and Scotland that have two letter U's in their name.
13. Can you name four towns / cities in Scotland that have more than one league team?
14. Who was the first league manager to get the sack this season?
15. Who was the first manager ever to be sacked from the Premier League?
16. Only two English League teams do not contain any of the letters from the word GOAL. Name them.
17. Name seven teams that have a type of building in their name.
18. Which is the only English league football ground to have a pub on every corner?
19. Name three teams with three letter O's in their title?

Answers on Page 10.

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IT DOES EXACTLY WHAT IT SAYS ON THE TIN!

U14's Cup Final Battle With Greenhill JFC

U14 Cup Final - Norton Lees Juniors FC v Greenhill Juniors FC.

Sunday 5th April 2009. Venue - Waverley Lane, Middlewood Rovers FC.

A week after competing in the league which resulted in a narrow win for Greenhill the two sides were playing again this time in the League's Cup Final and the winner would claim the first major silverware of the season.

Norton had twelve fit players to choose from plus Scott Frain and William Shaw who despite not being fully fit made themselves available as substitutes, although only to be used in an emergency situation. Oliver Hall was in Holland on a school trip which was a blow as he had been a major factor in the cup run. Tensions were understandably high as kick off approached on a warm spring day and a large crowd gathered to watch the event unfold.

Greenhill started the stronger of the two sides and for the first twenty minutes they had the majority of the play. Two excellent chances were missed by Greenhill and Norton were at this stage hanging on to stay in the game. A kick in the face left Jayden Francis in agony with his nose pouring with blood. A few minutes later William Warhurst of Greenhill received a yellow card for a high tackle on Chris Winters which meant the latter had to leave the pitch for treatment. Scott Frain took his place, his pre-existing niggle meant he was to last only for a few minutes although in this time he made some vital interceptions. Greenhill continued to pile on the pressure and only superb defending with Chris Salt excelling and solid goalkeeping from Joe Wild kept Greenhill at bay. On his return Chris Winters was pushed forward into midfield and Andy Gibbons was thrown into attack as the formation changed from a 3-5-2 to 4-4-2. The 3-5-2 had actually become a 5-3-2 due to the fact that Greenhill were playing with two wingers. This meant the Norton wing backs could not get forward and provide support to the front players. The extra body in midfield at last allowed Norton to gain much needed possession and for the first time the Greenhill defence had questions asked of them. The half time whistle arrived with the game still goalless.

Half Time - Norton Lees JFC 0 - 0 Greenhill JFC

Norton started the second half as they had finished the first and much of the early play took place in and around the Greenhill goalmouth. The Greenhill defence were holding firm though and on their next venture forward Joe Wild had to produce a fantastic diving save low down to his left hand side to keep the scores level. This seemed to inspire Norton and a series of corners and a couple of free kicks in dangerous areas threatened to produce a goal. Both teams were giving their all and it seemed as though one goal would settle it. Towards the end of the half Bradley Bowland had a great opportunity but fired his shot straight at the keeper. Despite dominating the second half Norton could not produce the breakthrough and the game entered extra time.

U14's Cup Final Battle cont'd

End of Normal Time - Norton lees JFC 0 - 0 Greenhill JFC

A further thirty minutes of play was required to try and separate the sides. A penalty shootout was on the horizon if no clear winner was forthcoming in extra time. Norton started strongly and within five minutes Bradley Bowland scored a fabulous goal. Taking the ball near the half way line he ran at the Greenhill defence. Excellent front running from Mark Fereday, Andy Gibbons and Ryan Briddock took away several Greenhill players. As they backed off Bradley unleashed a shot from twenty five yards out, it flew into the keepers top right hand corner. A goal worthy of winning any cup final, cue mayhem on the pitch as the players engulfed the goal scorer. At this stage it appeared that the Greenhill players had just about gone but they are not champions elect for nothing and they would not give up without a fight. A needless free kick was given away in a dangerous position. The ball was swung in right under the cross bar and two Greenhill players raced onto it to bundle it over the line, 1-1.

First Half Extra Time - Norton Lees JFC 1 - 1 Greenhill JFC

The players were exhausted but fifteen more minutes of effort was required. The way players from both sides competed for any loose ball was amazing to watch but as legs tired one mistake could prove costly. A ball was pumped hopefully into the Greenhill half of the pitch. As it bounced up the centre half headed it back to the keeper, unknown to him the keeper was well on his way out of goal to make the claim. The ball flew over the stranded keeper and the ever alert Mark Fereday ran past and calmly rolled the ball into the empty net. Queue more mayhem as the whole team converged on the goal scorer. Only a few minutes remained. Players pushed back into defence in a bid to hold onto the lead. A long clearance out from Norton bounced between two Greenhill defenders and Mark Fereday got in between them and managed to get to the ball first. His pace took him away from the defenders and with only the keeper to beat he slotted the ball into the corner of the net. With only minutes left the game was all but won. Greenhill mounted a last few frantic attacks but the Norton defence held firm. Final whistle and the end of a pulsating match. Norton Lees JFC Under 14's were 2009 Sheffield and District cup winners, a fantastic achievement.

Final Score - Norton Lees JFC 3 - 1 Greenhill JFC

An incredible end to a brilliant game. On a hard bouncy pitch not conducive to fluid passing football and in weather more suited to cricket both sides gave their all. The commitment shown by them and the will to win was a joy to watch. A truly fantastic occasion and it should leave the players of both teams hungry for more. Finally a big thank you for all those that gave support to the team. The turnout was tremendous and we must have had twice as many supporters as our opponents and the backing the team received no doubt played a big part in the success. Thanks again and well done boys.

Dave Winters

Development Squad

Manager: Eric Lilley
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We have recently had a good increase in the numbers of children wanting to come and train and learn to play football over the past couple of months. The players that are coming are very committed to get on with the training and are improving every week. I am very pleased with their performance and their attitudes.

Our aim is to try to improve players in terms of their football skills, perception and speed reactions with many interesting and varied activities. We try to expose players of five to eight years of age to activities that will help develop basic motor skills, such as running, changing direction, stopping, jumping and diving and try to incorporate the use of a football wherever possible and we try to make the training as much fun and as exciting as we can so that players want to keep on coming back. As all parents know, keeping a child's attention can be extremely difficult but we try to do this by using fun games so that the players can respond to sounds or visual prompts. Speed and co-ordination can be easily improved in this group, while strength and endurance activities are just not appropriate at this age.

Unfortunately we did not have enough players to register a team for last season but if the squad continues to grow as it is we will hopefully have enough for an Under 8 team for the upcoming season. The players that we currently have are very talented and each child brings their own individual style and enthusiasm every week. I am very proud to be the manager of this squad because the children are very keen and willing to progress and learn to play football. Their behaviour is also a credit to them and their parents.

At the moment we are training on Wednesday evenings in Graves Park near the changing rooms on Cobnar Road. Training sessions are free and if you would like your child to come and join in or if you know anyone who wants to join in with the training please feel to give me a call.

Eric Lilley (Manager)



Fifty years from now it won't matter what kind of car you drove, what kind of house you lived in, how much money you had in your bank account or what your clothes looked like.

But the world might be a better place because you were important in the life of a child.

Don't know who said this but it is brilliant and very true

U9 Squad

Manager: Rory Lilley

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I would firstly like to say well done to the every member of the squad for a very good performance for this season, especially to both of our goalkeepers Thomas Wordsworth and Charlie Turner.

This season has been very hard for the team as there are a number of very good teams in our division. I think we have been very unlucky with the results, as we have played very good football and had to work for everything we got. We have had many different goal scorers this season. The players have been praised by so many of the opposition managers on their performance both on and off the pitch and they could not believe they we are where we are in the division. We have been complimented on our technical ability as the best team in the division in terms of passing and movement. A good example of this was the match against Millmoor Juniors, the lads receiving a round of cheers from the opposition. Their manager came over and praised the teams because we are the only club to score as many goals past them on both meetings.

We had two excellent Cup matches winning the first game 17-2 against Birks Holt, never allowing our opponents to get into the game at all and we simply played them off the pitch with excellent passing, movement and finishing. It was brilliant to watch the teams play to their maximum that day. The second game against Millhouses Juniors was an undeserved 5-4 defeat, Norton being the better team by far. Unfortunately Lady Luck smiled on Millhouses that day. Two very good performances in both Cup games. Well done boys.

Lastly I would like to thank all the parents for turning up week in week out to support the players and for their brilliant sporting behaviour towards teams, spectators and officials. I would also like to say thank you to the whole of the team for their sportsmanship all season and their efforts on the pitch. Also a big thank you to Paul Newman Billington for doing the raffle each home game and a huge thank you to our sponsor this season PDS Yorkshire LTD.

Well done boys!

Rory Lilley

'Football is a simple game based on the giving and taking of passes, of controlling the ball and making yourself available to receive a pass. It is terribly simple.'

Bill Shankly

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	+/-	Points	Pos
20	3	0	17	78	165	-87	9	10th



U10 Squad

Manager: Rob Appleyard

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Graham Motors

Well done to all the players on their efforts during the 2008/9 season.

This season has been a tough campaign with only five wins and a draw to show for some battling and competitive performances. It can be disheartening to lose the majority of your games but the boys have worked hard and continued to improve as the season progressed.

Most important of all, though, is

that the lads have, once again, enjoyed their football this year. They should all be proud of their efforts. I know I am.

Although it hasn't always been consistent, it has been rewarding to see the boys try to play football as it should be played. All too often at this age and level you come across teams with one or two 'star' players where the philosophy seems to be "just give them the ball and let them run at the opposition". Although we have players who can do that we will continue to promote a strong team ethic and encourage slick passing, use of space and movement off the ball. We also know our weaknesses and will continue to try and improve those. So boys - look forward to training sessions that aim to improve your strength, fitness and concentration as well as developing your football skills!

Goals have been a little hard to come by but, once again, they have come from all over the pitch. Top scorer this year has been James Stevens who has developed into a natural central striker who knows not only where the goal is but, importantly, where his team mates are around him. Anthony Everest could have bagged many more goals than he did but should be proud that he has set up lots of others. Our hard working, attacking midfielders - Harry Groombridge, Joel Hodgkiss, Kieran Tetzlaff-Deas, Liam Tarantini, Raph Plummer-Idundun and Will Pattison have also scored their fair share this year. Goal of the season probably has to go to Kieran 'lofty' Hunt with a 40 yard smash from his own half although an overhead kick from Joel Hodgkiss runs it close.

Jack Levick, Cyrdn Read, Tom Whitaker and James 'Maldini' Edwards have been defensive stalwarts this year although all (with perhaps the exception of Jack) have midfield aspirations and like to push up the pitch whenever they can. I think 'Maldini' must be fed up of me and Jason yelling at him to get back into position J but we can't complain at the hard work that they all put in. All four have been fantastic.

James 'mini' Myers and Kieran 'lofty' Hunt might possibly be the smallest players in our division but they have been giants in terms of the effort and commitment they have shown wherever they have played on the pitch. Both tackle like tigers, run tirelessly, head the ball well, and give no quarter.

Our goalkeepers - Isaac Appleyard and Joe Dineen - have not only been superb between the sticks this year but have also shown themselves to be more than capable as outfield players when they have been given the chance. Joe has demonstrated himself as a hard working, strong tackling defender and Isaac as a midfielder with excellent vision and passing ability. It's great that we have a number of players who are so versatile.

There have been many highlights this year and its difficult to pick out a top 3 but perhaps the most memorable moments for me have been (in no particular order):

- Joel Hodgkiss playing keepy uppy as he dribbled the ball past about four Abbey Lane players Gazza style before hitting a bullet volley that was spectacularly saved by the opposition keeper.
- The cheer from all the supporters when James 'Maldini' Edwards forgot his heading phobia for a moment and headed the ball clear from defence!
- Jason Read's celebration when Cyrdn Read scored his first goal for Norton Lees. Imagine David Pleat's ridiculous jig when Luton escaped relegation in 1983 and you'd not be far off!

The results might not have been going our way all season but I'm delighted with the effort of all the players this year and look forward to a successful season in 2009/10. Well done boys!

A big thank you to Jason Read and Steve Levick for their coaching support, Peter Edwards for acting as team secretary and Nicola Hodgkiss for organising the refreshments stall at our home games. Finally, **thank you** to parents and supporters for turning up every week to cheer on the boys.

Rob Appleyard, Manager

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	+/-	Points	Pos
22	4	1	17	64	100	-36	17	11th

1. Dean Richards (where is he now?), Carl Cort and Kevin Davies. 2 Wakefield. Population 315,000. 3. Oxford United. 4. Billy Wright. 5. Bruce Rioch. 6. Stoke City. 7. Queens Park. 8. Preston North End. 9. Glenn Hoddle. 10. Gary Lineker. 11. Joe Jordan. First goal was against Zaire in 1974, then against Peru in 1978, then against USSR in 1982. 12. Stenhousemuir, Queen of the South, Bournemouth. 13. Glasgow - Rangers & Celtic, Edinburgh - Hearts & Hibernian, Dundee - Dundee & Dundee Utd., Falkirk - Falkirk & East Stirlingshire. 14. Juande Ramos. 15. Ian Porterfield. 16. Bury and Chester City. 17. NewCASTLE United, Aston VILLA, Crystal PALACE, BARNSELY, KidderMINSTER Harriers, BARNET and MILLwall. 18. Griffin Park, Brentford. 19. Stockport County, Brighton and Hove Albion and Northampton Town.

Another Nerdy Football Quiz Answers

U11 Squad

Manager: Paul Rodgers
Tel: 07825704212



Meet the lads from the U11 Squad

Thomas Russell - a player everyone can rely on - great attitude, great hands, good technically and if the defence is breached you can always count on this lad to make important saves as Thomas is an excellent shot stopper. Thomas's enthusiasm and willingness to learn is second to none and he has the potential to be a top

keeper.

Matt Abbey - probably the fittest player in the team and has stuck to his task all season getting better and better with each game. Another technically capable player who makes good decisions, knowing when to delay, when to show the winger down the line or inside and you do not often see Matt come off second best. He has been much better than he realises and has had a fine season.

Matt Tyas - keeps the back four organized and never stops talking to his team mates and never stops smiling. Keeps on running and running and reads the game superbly and makes good use of this asset with well timed interceptions and clearances, making the job for all those around him a heck of a lot simpler. With Matt about danger is snuffed out in double quick time.

Owen White - Mr. 100% - this lad never, ever gives up. A player that the others look up to, Owen is another that never stops running. Loves to tackle, good in the air, does exactly what the manager says, sticks to his job and makes those bone crunching challenges all over the park. His presence on the pitch adds real bite and a massive dose of backbone to the team. This lad is a majestic player.

Kallium Osborne - a pacy, speedy, very versatile player. Kallium has played in attack, in midfield and in defence and made a big contribution wherever he has played, particularly at left back where his natural speed has benefits. Kallium has the potential to improve significantly and this lad does everything that is asked of him and more and has chipped in some important goals this season.

Kieran Morgan - a lad who just loves to play the game. A big, strong player who has had a good season at left back working exceptionally hard for the team, giving 100% in every match. Kieran has had some fine games his best being against Ecclesfield Red Rose where his defensive performance did more to help us gain our first win of the season than anybody else's performance that day. Kieran will be sorely missed by all next season.

James Pierce - a crafty player with probably the best eye for a pass in the whole team, always supporting his team mates and creating opportunities for the wingers and forwards. Does what the pros do - arrives in the box late or takes up good positions and has scored some vital goals. Intelligent, enthusiastic, infectious, full of spirit and shows

flashes of real class in his range of passing.

Jake Rodgers - Captain Fantastic - superb attitude, technically very good and leads by example, without complaint. Jake uses his head and plays football simply. Started at centre back and moved into his favoured central midfield role. Never lets the team down. A classy player, with the potential to become a superb player.

Lewis Rodgers - a great addition to the team this season and he has scored freely since his arrival. Technically excellent with a good understanding of the game. A creator and scorer of goals Lew has super feet and a huge appetite for the beautiful game. A mid-field dynamo that just wants to play football, football and more football and sets hugely high standards for himself and demands the same of those around him.

Daniel Loughlin - a bit like the Roadrunner - he just runs and runs and runs covering every blade of grass on the park. Rampages up and down the left side of midfield and has a great eye for goal with his assured left foot. Dan is always tackling or supporting and he never knows when he is beaten on the pitch - a real winner that always has words of encouragement for his team mates and he is a good sport to boot.

Abdul Khan - the most enthusiastic player in the team with tons of pace, great feet and mazy skills. Another player that never stops running and he causes defences all sorts of problems with his quick feet. Abdul has served up some big performances and scored a number of vital goals at times when we needed them none more so than away at Darfield when he set the ball rolling for a great away win.

Ben Ainsworth - tigerish in the tackle and full of aggressive running, with a winning attitude that others would do well to copy. Ben has been a big influence on the teams' fortunes this season. It was like having a new player after his return from a pretty nasty injury against Beighton. The best corner taker we have seen for donkeys' years and he has the potential to become one of the best players to pull on the black and white stripes of Norton Lees.

Josh Sugden - a player with lightning pace and a hammer of a left foot that has scored plenty of goals this season from both inside and outside the box. Up two divisions and playing against bigger, better, more physical defenders has been a challenge but he has risen to it and given many teams a torrid time. At his best he can be unstoppable and if he listens to the coaches Josh has the potential to be twice as good as he already is.

Instead of promotion up one division we were thrown in at the deep end, up two divisions into the 'C' and it all seemed just a little bit daunting. Our first season on a three quarter sized pitch, playing eleven a side matches and these players have given us their all. We have had moments of joy, moments of despair and moments of wonder and amazement in all types of weather. The season started poorly with the meagre total of one point out of the first fifteen available and it has ended with us being a team that creates chances and scores goals and we have become a team that is very difficult to beat. We have created plenty of chances in every game apart from the first game against Darfield and over the first three months gradually became a more physically robust team as we adapted to the needs of the league we were in. Nothing wrong with being physical and aggressive as these two aspects of play build the magic ingredient named CONFIDENCE.

Looking back over the season a number of games stand out in the memory, an injury

time loss 5-6 in a ding dong match away at Maltby Juniors, an awesome win in a torrential downpour against Rawmarsh St Joseph's 5-3 with a stand-in goalkeeper, an all action 2-2 draw back at our home pitch against Maltby that was a much better result for them than for us, a great performance but a 2-4 home loss against Beighton Magpies where we pushed them all the way and deserved a point from the game and lastly a huge win 4-0 away at local rivals Heeley Boys. Putting that last match against Heeley into perspective the last time we had played them at mini soccer they had beaten the Norton Lees of yester year 23-0. This shows how far the team has come in the last two seasons with the coaching of Jason Palmer and Matt Robinson.

We consolidated our position in Division C and rightfully earned a reputation as a team that passes the ball well and is dangerous going forward. Some trials and tribulations between parents and coaches in the latter stages of the season did not help, with some clear the air meetings that you could not really describe as 'laugh a minute' but building on existing solid foundations should be the key to genuine future success. Looking forward to next season and with plenty of hard work and confidence hopefully we can go a few places better and achieve another promotion.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	+/-	Points	Pos
22	10	3	9	66	59	+7	33	6th

U12 Squad

Manager: Chris Beaumont

Tel: 07853 315187



Well, what a season, what a long season! Where to start the report I do not know but the season has brought promotion to Division A and a Cup semi-final.

The first two games of the season were cancelled and this seemed to be the pattern and at one stage the U12's had six games in hand on the majority of teams. This meant that for the majority of the season we were in the lower half of Division B playing 'catch up' The wise man who said 'Its better to have points on the board instead of games in hand' was completely wrong when it comes to the U12's. They showed not only great DESIRE, PASSION, COMMITMENT, SKILL and HARD WORK all season long but a MENTAL TOUGHNESS to get through the fixture pile up. We actually played ten games from the scheduled last game of the season in February through until now the 19th of April.

I have to say that the way the lads have played and conducted themselves all season has made it a pleasure, not just to be manager of the team but to be able to stand on the touchline and watch them. I have to thank the large contingent of parents who have

supported the squad this season, helping with the nets etc. Also a big thank you to Vault and Darren for helping me out with the lads.

The season itself saw only three defeats in the league, two of these by the odd goal. We also had a mixture of players scoring with FIVE different lads hitting double figures. The defence have been excellent conceding only twenty seven goals in the league all season. This culminated in the U12 team finishing as Runners Up in division B.

In the Cup we beat teams from the Beighton Magpies of the C, Charnock Ridgeway of the B and Stocksbridge Park Steels of the A league to set up a Semi-final against Handsworth Boys, eventual Division A Champions and winners of the Cup. That Semi-final match was, I believe, the turning point of the season and the most enjoyable game I have watched. Strange as it may seem, we lost the match 2-1 but the way the lads played that day showed me how far they have come and I think they realised it themselves as well. Following this game we played the last eight league games of our season going undefeated.

Congratulations and thanks, lads.

Chris Beaumont

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	+/-	Points	Pos
20	12	5	3	65	27	+33	41	2nd

U13 Squad

Manager: Andy Waby
Tel: 07930 586922



The season began with hopes high that we could bounce back and gain promotion after last season's relegation. Seven players had left us during the summer and although we managed to get a good set of lads in to replace them you can never be sure if the squad would gel and start the season on a positive note. We need not have worried though as we went to Whiston Boys and thumped them 10-3, and two weeks later the same opponents visited Herdings Park and were soundly beaten 7-0 with the Norton boys playing some exceptional football throughout the side. The terrific

start continued with an impressive 7-2 win over promotion rivals Birks Holt, again a fantastic goal-hungry display from a confident and organised Norton side. Hackenthorpe Warriors were next up and they so very nearly spoilt our perfect start to the season, this time a narrow 4-3 last minute victory keeping the run going. Two cup games in successive weeks against Dinnington Town, a side two divisions above us would prove a difficult task, and although the score lines suggest differently (1-6 + 3-7) we really did give them a good game and only a cluster of quick and late goals put paid to a Norton cup-run. So as football sayings go "I suppose we will have to concentrate on the league" wasn't a bad consolation given our great start, and successive wins at Grenoside (with 10 men) and

then a resounding 13-0 against Brunsmeer would keep our march going. Out of the blue came our first defeat, a 2-3 reverse at home to Kingstone but a terrific response at Todwick with an 8-1 win saw confidence restored and a commendable 3-3 draw at Birks Holt left us well placed for promotion at the turn of the year. Hackenthorpe were looking for revenge in our first game of 2009 and gave us a hard time before Norton rolled their sleeves up and gave a determined performance and ran out 6-2 winners. A narrow victory at Chapeltown Colts had us thinking that promotion was not far away, but a combination of awful weather and only three games in seven weeks, saw our charge checked, with successive defeats against Millhouses, Grenoside and Chapeltown. The comfortable cushion we had gained had gone and suddenly promotion was not as certain as we had thought it was. Did the boys have the desire and determination to bounce back? YOU BET THEY DID!

A fantastic display at Kingstone when they could have just given up as Kingstone applied wave after wave of pressure saw us go in at the break 1-1 when if not for exceptional performances from all could have seen us dead and buried. We went on to win 4-2 and that set us up nicely for our next game against Todwick. An impressive and seasons best score line saw us comfortably win 17-3. An outstanding performance against league winners Millhouses saw us narrowly edged out in a 7 goal thriller going down 3-4, and with one game to go the boys had achieved their goal – promotion, we finished the season off on a high against Brunsmeer with an 8-0 victory.

Fantastic performance lads, nothing in football is given - you have to take your chances, and you certainly did. A big thank you to all that help throughout the year especially co-coaches Mal and Tan who work selflessly always and deserve as much credit as the lads for what has been a thoroughly enjoyable and successful season.

Thank you all, Andy.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	+/-	Points	Pos
18	12	1	5	107	43	+64	37	3rd

U14 Squad

Manager: Dave Winters
Tel: 07717 001394

What a season! Cup Winners and Division A Runners Up - only the double could have topped it. The highlight of the season has to be the Cup Final win over local rivals Greenhill. A thrilling match which went to extra time, every single player gave a 10 out of 10 performance. The run to the final was also memorable. Every game played away from home against strong opposition. A winning goal in the last few minutes of a tense Semi-final saw goal scorer Mark swamped by every player in the team, a moment to treasure. The cup final goals were celebrated in the same manner which shows the passion the players have for the game and the enjoyment they get from playing it.

In the league the team beat SWYO and Brinsworth for the first time and produced some fantastic football throughout the season. A couple of blips, most notably around Christmas, it could be argued cost us the title. In saying that a few vital goals in the final few minutes of games, Young Owls, Wickersley and Sheffield Rangers come to mind, ensured we didn't finish further down the league. Overall the lads deserved their second place finish and it is a fair reflection on the season.

U14 Squad cont'd



Manager: Dave Winters
Tel: 07717 001394

The season saw the introduction of two new players, **Bradley Bowland** and **Chris Salt**. Both players contributed immensely to the success of the team. **Bradley** has added strength, skill, character and goals to the side. He has played in midfield, attack, defence and goal this season and has been a fantastic addition to the side. No one who was present will forget his brilliant goal in the cup final and overall he has had a superb season. **Chris** likewise has brought

so much to the team. Another who can adapt to any position he has played most notably at centre half and centre midfield. Like the rest of the individuals in the side he has a fantastic appetite for the game. He has added power to the side, reads the game superbly and has brilliant tacking and heading abilities. **Chris** also has an eye for goal and has scored several important goals this season. A smashing lad who is popular and respected amongst his team mates.

In goal **Joe Wild** has excelled, producing quality saves at important times in games. A great shot stopper with excellent handling ability, he can be proud of his contribution to the side this season.

Jayden Francis has possibly been the sides most improved player. He has added defensive steel to his game to combine with his excellent ball distribution. Like the rest of the team he produced a fantastic performance in the cup final.

Sonny Wilson has been a cornerstone on the left side of the team. Always gives his all, defends well and loves to get forward. Another super season and has been one of five Norton players this season who have represented Sheffield schoolboys.

Andrew Gibbons is one of the leaders of the team. He has learnt how to communicate with his team mates in a positive manner and whenever there is a tough passage of play his character shines through. A tough tacking centre half he has also played up front and in goal when required and like the rest of the side he can be proud of his efforts this season.

Jake Davy is the captain of the side and has had a brilliant season. Jake has yet to miss a penalty and his winner from the spot three minutes from time against Sheffield Rangers ensured runners up spot for the team. A rock in defence, dominant when in midfield and a threat in attack. Voted man of the match by the officials at the cup final and became the first Norton Lees captain to lift up the League cup.

Chris Winters has possibly had his best season for the club. Produced some fantastic performances throughout the season, mainly in defence, the highlight being the cup

quarter final win versus Brinsworth. Usually asked to mark the opposition's most threatening forward, he carries out his duties with the minimum of fuss. Chris also has the ability to excel when pushed further forward. Chris has also put the keeper's gloves on when required.

Adam Burgess has suffered with injuries this season but has given his all when fit. Played in a variety of positions Adam produced his best performance of the season when it mattered most in the cup final.

Scott Frain has been another player who has been unlucky with injuries this season. A tremendous reader of the game, it is a rare sight to see someone beat him to a ball. When fit Scott has excelled at both right back and as sweeper.

Oliver Hall is a dynamic midfield player who always gives 100% and covers every blade of grass on the field. A player with super skills he produced a fantastic wing display in the cup win over Hillsborough Pumas.

Eliot Callis is a superb all round sportsman and his performances at football in centre midfield have been excellent. A fantastic dead ball specialist he keeps driving the team on to the end and never lets his head drop. A very popular and important member of the side.

William Shaw is another who has suffered with injuries this season. When fit always gives his best whether it is in training or on or off the field during a match and his attitude towards the game shines thorough and is often an example to others.

Ryan Briddock has played mainly as a striker where he has scored some crucial goals. Always gives his all for the team and is very popular with his team mates. His never say die attitude saw him gain important penalties versus Young Owls and Sheffield Rangers.

Tom H Yazdi has played only a few games this season. When available and can be a tremendous asset to the side.

Mark Fereday has again had a brilliant season. Leading scorer, Mark had also added awareness and vision to his game this season. Another important addition to his game has been his ability to battle right to the final whistle. Mark has scored many important late goals including two in extra time to ensure the Cup came back to Norton.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to everybody connected with the Under 14's. To all the players who have been a credit to themselves and the club. To Carl and Richard for their assistance with the team again this season and to all parents who have helped out during training and on match days. There are too many to mention but thanks again.

A season to be proud of lads, well done to every single one of you, now for the title.

Dave

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	+/-	Points	Pos
22	14	3	5	72	38	+34	45	2nd

U15 Squad

Manager: Chris Smith

Tel: 07725 818736

After taking charge of the lads Maria and I have enjoyed a brilliant first season with them.

The lads have played magnificently this year to say we have had nine new players out of a squad of fourteen. They have all played well and got on exceptionally well together as a team. We would like to say how proud we are of you all.

Liam Holmes our goalkeeper was poorly for quite a long time during the season and we would like to thank Dan Atkinson, Ben Oldfield and Alex Roche who stepped in between the sticks to help us out. The other lads were very supportive and helped each other through that very difficult time.

The result of all the effort and hard work the lads have put in means that we have achieved PROMOTION to Division F as we finished third in the league. WELL DONE LADS! We would like to mention that Mark Yates and Daniel Smith came in the top ten goal scorers of division G, Mark Yates finishing FIRST as the Divisions leading scorer with twenty nine goals and Daniel Smith coming in at joint SEVENTH with ten goals out of SIXTY scorers. WELL DONE TO YOU BOTH.

A big thanks goes to some of the parents for their help with the nets and tuck shop, a special thank you to Chris Smith who has refereed and as always a huge amount of thanks to Christine Yates for all her guidance and help throughout the season.

Well done to everyone for their efforts this season and good luck for next season.

Chris and Maria.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	+/-	Points	Pos
18	8	5	5	35	20	11	29	3rd

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'I want competition for places, so that the lads improve each other. They can't expect to be in the first eleven every week if they are not working hard enough or performing to the level we know they are capable of. They've got to earn their shirt....., they are not going to be handed it on a plate'

Fabbers Capello

U16 Squad

Manager: Ian Bowler
Tel: 07786 080673



What a terrific season we have had in the under 16's Division E. We started the season with a relatively new side but the new faces made an impact on the first day against Bramley Sunny-side. Even though we went down 4-2 I could see the team ethics and character was in present all the squad of sixteen players. We turned that score around straight away by beating a side that had come from the Millennium league and had not been beaten for the last two years, but we beat them by 4 goals to 3. The most

memorable match of the season came next in the Tesco cup against "A" Division side Maltby Juniors with a fantastic fight back from 2-0 down at half time and losing our keeper because of an injury to finish with a whopping 6-3 victory. The lads were outstanding, every last one of them.

We finished the first half of the season in 3rd position, but when we came back after the long break it seemed to take a toll on the side by drawing and losing the first 2 matches. But then we got our heads together and finished tremendously by only losing one out of our last seven matches, the other six all won convincingly. We ended the season in a very creditable 4th position and only missing out on promotion by a mere two points.

I would like to thank all sixteen lads for performing as a great team should and they are: **Goalkeeper:** Sam Denniff, **Defenders:** Brad Green, Callum Bowler, Jack Carrington, Joe Turner, Lyes Slimani (Stand -in Goalkeeper), Tom Field. **Midfielders:** Frazer Ward (Capt), Rob Troughton, Ash Sellers, Tom Morley, Matt Oates, Simon Treanor. **Attackers:** Axel Dalawar, Luke Wardle, Russ Collinson.

I would also like to thank Tim Turner for being a cracking assistant and the parents that have helped out at home games from putting up the nets to doing the raffles. I want to finish off by saying it has been an absolute pleasure working with these lads over this last season, the laughs and cracks we have had on match days and in training have been brilliant.

'What a great day for football. All we need is some grass and a ball.'

Bill Shankly

Big thanks

Ian Bowler

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	+/-	Points	Pos
20	13	2	5	81	50	+29	41	4th

U18 Squad

Manager: John Duraid

Tel: 07588 690638

After a strong finish last season in 4th position in Division 2, we were promoted to Division 1 for the 2008 - 2009 season. We changed pitches for the new season to a much more level playing surface, or so we thought, but from the very start it was a problem with ankle deep mud in places and puddles in others. I suppose it is the same for both teams but we have never seemed to play well on our home pitch. Due to their age, we lost three very good players from last season that were ineligible to play this time around. For the start of the season we managed to bring in a couple of new but younger players who coped very well. Having not started the season too well, we swapped the side around on occasions. Playing people in unfamiliar positions does not always work but as the season progressed; our results did improve, with everyone playing their best. We have also used three keepers this term, with our original keeper Luke Stringer now playing regularly in midfield. We have four matches still to play in the next two weeks so this does not show our complete season's results; as we stand Won 5. Drawn 5. Lost 10. 20 points. Well done to everyone who has played this season.

Season's High Points.

Beating Aston Juniors 9-1 away, when they were already three points clear at the top of the league.

Getting to the quarter final of the Brian Bradley Cup, but going out to a last minute disputed goal.

Despite us having a difficult season, James Gregory being top scorer, with 26 goals. (Still with four matches to play.)

Season's Low Points.

Watching and waiting for the ambulance to arrive in Graves for a player from Junior Blades FC, having broken his leg, on 12th April 2009. (After being involved with Norton Lees JFC for 12+ years, this is the first major injury involving any of our matches. Our thoughts and best wishes go to the lad involved. We have spoken to his family who tell us he now out of hospital)

Trying to rouse lads on a Sunday morning in time to make kick off and dealing with hangovers from the night before.

Lads not turning up for training.

Playing a number of games with no substitutes and on one or two occasions playing the whole match with only ten men.

In conclusion.

Having moaned about the lads at times, it has been great being involved with these players over the last two seasons and three of them since the under 7's! Their enthusiasm and good humour is payback enough for the work carried out by the manager and others involved with the team. As we will not be involved with Norton Lees JFC after this season may I say on behalf of all involved with this age group, John Duraid, Manager, Roger Lee, assistant manager and match arranger, many thanks to all the committee at Norton Lees for their support over the years and wish the club every success for the future.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
20	5	5	10	20

Sir Matt Busby CBE KCSG

Sir Alexander Matthew "Matt" Busby (1909 - 1994) would have been 100 years old in May so here is an article on the man that even the legendary Bill Shankly described as "the greatest football manager ever".

Busby was most noted for managing Manchester United between 1945 and 1969. He is the longest serving manager in the history of Manchester United. Before going into management, Busby played for two of Manchester United's greatest rivals, Manchester City and Liverpool. During his time at City, Busby played in three FA Cup Finals, winning one of them. After his playing career was interrupted by the Second World War, Busby was offered the job of assistant coach at Liverpool, but they were unwilling to give him the control over the team that he wanted and he took the vacant manager's job at Manchester United instead.

Early Life - Born to Alexander and Nellie Busby in a two-roomed cottage in the coal mining village of Orbiston, Bellshill, North Lanarkshire, Busby's mother was told by the doctor who delivered Matt "A footballer has come into this house today". Busby's father - a coal miner - was killed by a German sniper during the First World War at the Battle of the Somme in 1916, while three of his uncles were also killed in France while serving with the Cameron Highlanders. Busby followed in his father's footsteps and became a full time collier, but his true aspiration was to become a professional footballer. His mother might have quashed those dreams when she applied to emigrate with Matt to the United States, but he was granted a reprieve by the nine-month processing time. In the meantime, Busby worked and played football part-time for Stirlingshire side Denny Hibs. He had only played a few matches for Denny Hibs, but it was not long before he was signed up by a Manchester City side that was a couple of games away from regaining promotion to the First Division.

Club Career - Aged 17, Busby signed for Manchester City on a one-year contract worth £5 per week in February 1928, with the provision for him to leave at the end of the deal if he still wished to emigrate to the United States with his mother. He decided to stay and made his debut for City on 2 November 1929, more than 18 months after first signing for the Blues, when he played at inside left in a 3-1 win at home to Middlesbrough in the First Division. He made 11 more appearances for City that season, all at inside forward, scoring five goals in the process. During the 1930-31 season, City manager Peter Hodge decided that Busby's talents could be better exploited from midfield, with Busby playing on the right. In his new position, Busby built up a reputation as an intelligent player and a finer passer of the ball. In 1930, Manchester United made an enquiry about signing Busby from their cross-town rivals, but they were unable to afford the transfer fee of £150 that City demanded. By the 1931-32 season, Busby was firmly established in the City first team, missing just one match that season. Indeed, Busby such a fixtures that City's captain Jimmy McMullan had to move to striker just to keep his place in the team. In the 1930's Manchester City performed strongly in the FA Cup. They reached the semi-finals in 1932, and the final in 1933 before finally winning the tournament in 1934. However, from the second half of the 1934-35 season, Busby's number 4 jersey was worn by Jack Percival with increasing regularity, and Busby was sold to Liverpool for £8,000 in March 1936, having made more than 200 appearances for Manchester City.

He made his debut for the Reds just two days after his transfer, away to Huddersfield Town. The match ended in a 1-0 Liverpool defeat. Busby opened his goal scoring account a month later - his 47th minute strike helped his team to a 2-2 draw with Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park. Busby soon made the number 4 shirt his own. He rarely missed a game over the following three seasons. This consistency earned Busby the Liverpool captaincy and he led the club with great distinction. Bob Paisley joined Liverpool from Bishop Auckland in 1939, and it was Busby who took him under his wing and showed him the ropes at Anfield. This led to a lifelong friendship between two of the most successful managers in English football history. The Second World War arrived soon after, and with it came an end to Busby's playing days. Like many of the Liverpool playing staff, he signed on for national service in the King's Liverpool Regiment. Busby carried on playing football during the war, making three appearances for Chelsea. He also turned out for Middlesbrough, Reading, Brentford, Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic and Hibernian.

Arrival At Manchester United - During the Second World War, Busby served as a football coach in the Army Physical Training Corps, and the experience resulted in Liverpool offering him the job of assistant to their then-manager George Kay. However, the experience also forged Busby's opinions about how football should be played and governed, and when it became clear that they differed from those of the Liverpool board, their chairman Billy McConnell allowed Busby to pursue alternate employment. At that time United were in desperate need of a manager to take over and a board meeting was called in December 1944 to ascertain who that new manager might be. Knowing that Liverpool had already offered Busby a job, Rocca convinced the United board to "leave it to me" and immediately wrote a letter to Busby, addressed to his army regiment.

In February 1945, still in army uniform, Busby turned up at Cornbrook Cold Storage, one of the United chairman James W. Gibson's businesses at Trafford Park to discuss the contents of Rocca's letter with the chairman. Busby requested that he be directly involved in training, pick the team on match days and even choose the players to be bought and sold without interference from the club directors, who, he believed, did not know the game as well as he did. Such a level of control over the team was unprecedented in the English game, but the United chairman was in no position to argue. Busby was originally offered a three-year contract, but managed to secure himself a five-year deal after explaining that it would take at least that long for his revolution to have a tangible effect.

Busby was able to take over the reins after leaving the Armed Forces in October 1945 and he immediately put his stamp on the side, leading them to the runners-up spot in the league, behind Busby's former employers Liverpool, by the end of the 1946-47 season. Manchester United were runners-up in the league in 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1951, and won the FA Cup in 1948, before winning the league championship in 1952. By this stage, the side, captained by Johnny Carey, was beginning to show its age, and a new set of players had to be found. Busby, who had achieved a great deal of success in spite of his lack of previous managerial experience, was expected to spend large sums of money on high profile players. Instead, he gradually replaced the older players with players as young as 16 and 17. These included right-back Bill Foulkes, centre-halves Mark Jones and Jackie Blanchflower, wingers Albert Scanlon and David Pegg and forward Liam Whelan.

Among them was Duncan Edwards, judged by many to be England's finest player of his era, and capped by England at 18 - setting a record for the youngest-ever full international that remained unbroken for more than 40 years.

The Busby Babes And The Munich Tragedy - During this period, the team picked up the affectionate nickname the Busby Babes, due to the youthfulness of some of the players he fielded. They won the league in both 1956 and 1957, and were runners-up to Aston Villa in the 1957 FA Cup Final. The young side was so successful that centre-forward Tommy Taylor and goalkeeper Harry Gregg were United's only major signings over a spell of four years. Busby and his team began the 1957-58 season full of ambition for an assault on the Football League title, FA Cup and European Cup. On the way home from a European Cup tie against Red Star Belgrade on 6 February 1958, their plane crashed on the runway at Munich Airport. Seven players and three club officials were among the 23 people who were killed at the scene; Duncan Edwards died from his injuries two weeks later, while two other players were injured to such an extent that they never played football again. Busby suffered multiple injuries, but he recovered from his injuries and left hospital after two months. In the meantime, the team was managed by Jimmy Murphy. Busby was present at a new-look United side's FA Cup final defeat against Bolton Wanderers at Wembley three months later, and resumed full managerial duties for the following season.

The Post-Munich Side - After the crash, Busby built a new side around Munich survivors including Harry Gregg, Bobby Charlton and Bill Foulkes. He also brought in players from other clubs - these included David Herd, Albert Quixall (ex Sheffield Wednesday) and Denis Law. By 1964, Busby had discovered an exciting young talent in the shape of Northern Irish forward George Best, rated by many as the finest footballer of the decade. In 1963, Busby had successfully rebuilt United as he guided them to a 3-1 victory over Leicester City in the FA Cup final. They were league champions in 1965 and again in 1967, with only a defeat on the final day of the 1965-66 season stopping them from recording a rare championship hat-trick.

European Glory and Retirement - The biggest success of his career came on 29 May 1968 when the team won the European Cup. He retired as manager a year later but remained at the club as a director for 11 more years, before being made president in 1982. Busby was awarded the CBE in 1958 and was knighted following the European Cup victory in 1968. His testimonial was held at Old Trafford in August 1991, in which a Manchester United side featuring a new generation of star players including Mark Hughes and Steve Bruce took on a Republic of Ireland XI, the result was a 1-1 draw.

Sir Matt died of cancer, aged 84, in January 1994. He is buried in Southern Cemetery, Manchester, alongside his wife Jean.

Legendary managers / players may become a regular feature if we get some good feedback on this article. Candidates for future articles would be Bob Paisley, Brian Clough, Bill Shankly etcetera and maybe even our very own Dave Winters and Fabbers Capello, these two managers being total LEG ENDS in their own right.

'If they are good enough, they are old enough'

Sir Matt Busby's philosophy on players

Football Quotes

"They should have adverts on the bottom of Ashley Young's boots."

Pundit during the Villa-Everton game, where Young went to ground far too easily on numerous occasions.

"Don't make him angry...you wouldn't like him when he's angry!"

Clive Tyldesley warning Manchester United's players about Porto's striker, Hulk.

"Don't try that in the garden or you'll end up on crutches."

ITV commentator on Emmanuel Adebayor's goal away at Villarreal.

"No one has more legs than Park and no one has more lungs than Rooney."

John Salako on Sky Sports. Logical really!

I'm not a betting man but I bet that Southampton won't be coming back from this."

Peter Beagrie during Wolves v Southampton.

"I've never been so certain about anything in my life. I want to be a coach. Or a manager, I'm not sure which though."

Phil Neville

"That Kris Commons, he doesn't look much like a footballer... more like an Albanian weightlifter."

Aidy Boothroyd during Derby-Wolves.

"Some of the lads weren't even born when I started playing. I get called granddad and all sorts and it makes you feel a bit old!"

Life begins at 40 for ancient striker Paul Furlong after netting his 200th career goal.

"Not speaking English is a problem. You've always got his interpreter running around the training ground. Sometimes you pass the ball through the middle and he chases it. And the interpreter is running alongside him and he gets in and the interpreter heads it into the net!"

Harry Redknapp on the problems created by Roman Pavlyuchenko's lack of English.

Great Footy Chants....Or Maybe Not!

"Five pounds, and you can't sell out!"

Forest fans during the game at a two thirds-full Oakwell, despite Barnsley tickets being available for just £5.00.

"Is that Legoland over there?"

Swansea fans taunting Cardiff about their new stadium.

"Duh, duh, duh! City!"

Cardiff fans hit back.

"Duh, duh, duh, duh, duh, duh, duh, duh, duh, duh, duh, duh, duh!"

To the tune of Men of Harlech, Cardiff's chants get even better!

"We love you Johnson because you're fat and round, We love you Johnson - you bounce around the ground!"

Bristol City fans to their manager Gary Johnson.

"Where's your famous atmosphere?"

Chelsea fans to Liverpool during their 3-1 win at Anfield.

"Where's your European Cups?"

Liverpool's well timed response.