

CUSC TRAVEL NEWS

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Schoolday Memories

It was so long ago now that I can't remember the first game my Dad took me to see at Brunton Park, although I do remember playing around in the front of the Paddock while a match against Chelsea was taking place. The first game I can really remember was the infamous Jim Tolmie disaster against Charlton back in 1986, the long walk back to the railway station and the train journey home to Skipton that evening wasn't much fun to put it mildly.

We were still living in Carlisle in the early 1980s, I'm guessing the Chelsea game was in the 1982-83 season when we won 2-1 as I vaguely remember some Chelsea fans trying to dismantle Brunton Park in protest at the scoreline. When we moved away to Skipton in 1984 that seemed to be the end of our time in the Paddock for some reason, was it season ticket holders only in those days?

So that brought around a whole new lease of life now as we travelled up by train or car for home games. I think we probably came to half of the matches at Brunton Park in a normal season, with the Scratching Shed now our home for viewing. There was some grim fare on show too in some of those games in the late 1980s, that in front of some plummeting attendances as well as football as a whole in this country went through some dark times.

There are some away games that stick out from that era too, the first I remember being a 2-1 win at Rochdale in 1987 where Malcolm Poskett scored both goals and we finished the game with nine men. We were sat in the main stand at Spotland for that game, my Dad never used to like to go in with the away supporters. I remember sitting at a few games on the road in those days wishing we were in with the rest of the Blues where the real atmosphere was.

On the subject of Rochdale, when I was old enough to start going to games on my own and therefore go in the away end I remember two things about that old terrace behind the goal. The first being the outside "toilets" where for people taller than me you were still able to watch the match over the wall. With the second being the man in the pie shed, it was literally a shed, with him almost filling the

whole of the thing, I presume he was the taster as well as the seller, although maybe people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

Going back to atmosphere, one memorable occasion of that type for me came in early 1991 in a 2-1 defeat at Burnley with us sitting in the Bob Lord stand. Quite how going in with the home fans was less dangerous than being with our own supporters was something that I never quite managed to fathom out. The most interesting part of the game being when substitute Paul Fitzpatrick stood on the sideline while warming up and offered a Burnley fan outside who had been giving him some verbals.

Halifax and Burnley were always the most local games for us living in Skipton and one match at the Shay sticks out when only 1,004 fans turned up for a 1-1 draw near the foot of Division Four. From memory there were a grand total of 46 Carlisle fans there that night standing on the sloping tarmac that was somehow called an away end. Rob Edwards being the United goalscorer with a twice taken penalty in what would prove to be his last match for the Blues before he was transferred to Bristol City.

Of the home games who can the forget the 1989-90 capitulation season where we collapsed from top spot in February to eighth place by stumps. The soaking wet Tuesday night match at Brunton Park where Tony Shepherd scored in the second half to defeat Exeter 1-0 in front of nearly 8,500 fans to the Kevin Rose calamity 5-2 defeat at the Maidstone dustbowl. That campaign also seeing the one-goal wonder match when Sunderland-loanee Dan Cullen scored a cracker in a 3-1 Sunday afternoon victory over Stockport.

There weren't many high points at Brunton Park in the few years after that season, and with Eric Gates and Tony Fyfe in the forward line, there weren't many goals either, although playing in a bad side hardly helped the cause of either player. I was reaching the age now where I was about to go away to college after finishing my 'A' Levels so the chances to get to games, and the interest in them from afar with the rotten quality on offer, started to wane a little. And then along came Michael Knighton, but I think we'll save that story for another day.

Why are Exeter City nicknamed The Grecians?

It is believed that the name comes from the inhabitants of the Parish of St Sidwells, as the St Sidwellian Old Boys were the co-founders of the football club in 1904, and people from the parish were known as Greeks or Grecians.

There are numerous schools of thought as to why people living in an area just outside the city walls were known as such though, with the first being Greek forces laying siege to the walls of Troy many, many years ago. While on a similar historical note, The Bible also uses the term "Greek" for anyone "other than us", which could simply imply that because St. Sidwellians lived beyond the city walls they were "outsiders."

Others suggest a group of children in St Sidwells were referred to as the 'Greasy Un's', and an even more tenuous idea is that Grecians is a corruption of Caerwysg, the Welsh word for Exeter. Citizens would have been called Caer Iscuns which became Grecians. No, I don't fancy that one either.

The final suggestion is from Exeter themselves and says that the name "Grecian" has also been used in the past as a derogatory term for itinerant labourers. It may be possible that poor immigrants of indeterminate nationality settled in the parish, with the area situated on the old main road from London into the city.

Why are Bristol Rovers nicknamed

The Black Arabs, The Pirates and the Gasheads?

Starting with the Black Arabs, this name comes from their predominantly black kit during their early days, plus the fact that at the same time they played on an adjoining pitch to the Arabs rugby team, at Purdown. Onto the Pirates and that simply comes from the maritime connections in the city, while finally Gasheads is down to the location of the gasworks next to their former home of the Eastville Stadium.

Ten To Try

1. Which league football team is closest to the River Mersey?
2. Which British team has won the European Cup more times than its own top league?
3. What was used in the 1973 FA Cup Final and never used again?
4. Who is the ex-Aberdeen star who appeared on Top of the Pops twice on the same night?
5. Which club's only appearance in an FA Cup final was a 2-0 defeat to West Ham in 1975?
6. Which former England manager devised a successful board game called "The Manager"?
7. In 1990, which current League One club reached the League Cup final and the FA Cup semi-final?
8. Frank Clark and David Platt have both managed which club?
9. Which football league club secured only their second ever promotion in 103 years last season?
10. Manchester City boss Roberto Mancini made over 500 appearances for which Italian club?

**** ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE ****

Potential Away Cup Fixture Dates

Johnstone's Paint Trophy

Area Q-Finals - Crewe at home, week commencing 8th November

Area S-Finals - week commencing 29th November

Area Final L1 - week commencing 17th January

Area Final L2 - week commencing 7th February

Final - Sunday 3rd April

Johnstone's Paint Trophy Quarter-Final Draw

North

Carlisle United v Crewe Alexandra

Rotherham United v Huddersfield Town

Bury v Accrington Stanley or Stockport County

Sheffield Wednesday v Hartlepool United

South

Swindon Town v Brentford
Plymouth Argyle v Exeter City
Southend United v Charlton Athletic
Wycombe Wanderers v Bristol Rovers

Johnstone's Paint Trophy Prize Fund

First Round Winners	£5,000
Second Round Winners	£7,000
Area Quarter-Final Winners	£10,000
Area Semi-Final Winners	£17,000
Area Final Winners	£25,500
Overall Winners	£40,000

FA Cup

Fourth Qualifying Round - Saturday 23rd October
First Round Draw Date - last year was the Sunday after the Fourth Qualifying Round
First Round - Saturday 6th November
Second Round - Saturday 27th November
Third Round - Saturday 8th January
Fourth Round - Saturday 29th January
Fifth Round - Saturday 19th February
Sixth Round - Saturday 12th March
Semi-Finals - Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April
Final - Saturday 14 May
FA Cup replays generally take place ten days after the initial tie

FA Cup Prize Fund this season

First Round winners	£18,000
Second Round winners	£27,000
Third Round winners	£67,500
Fourth Round winners	£90,000
Fifth Round winners	£180,000
Sixth Round - winners	£360,000
Semi-Final winners	£900,000
Semi-Final runners-up	£450,000
Final winners	£1,800,000
Final runners-up	£900,000

League Position Competition

Once again we will be running the League Position Competition - it's easy, no skill required, fortunately.

The league positions are listed 1 - 24, you draw out a raffle ticket which gives you the league position you have picked for CUFC at the end of the 2010 - 11 season. Cost £1 per ticket with a cash prize around 7th May 2011.

Bottle Draw

Having commenced in August, we are continuing to hold our Christmas Bottle Draw.

£1 per away game, finishing with the Yeovil game on the 18th December.

Everyone is a winner. It costs you £10 and the winners have the choice of spirits, wine, beer or like, even if you are not a winner you will not go away empty handed.

The lucky winners will be published in our December newsletter.

Player Sponsorship

Again this season we will be sponsoring Paul Thirlwell and Tom Taiwo.

Travel Newsletter

The travel newsletter will be available each month during the season and gives travellers up to date information on all away trips. This can also be found on the Supporters' Club website (www.cuosc.co.uk/) and hopefully this season on the scoreboard/programme at the ground.



Carlisle United Supporters'

Race Night

at

Denton Holme Conservative Club,
Nelson Street, Carlisle

on Friday 19 November 2010 at 7.00pm

Entertainment by:-

Stevie Las Vegas

Pie and Pea Supper

*Donations from the evening will be made to
Eden Valley Hospice*

Tickets £5.00

Don't Quote Me On It

The reason the transfer market exists is to provide a means of shifting dodgy money around a bent game. - *Michael Parkinson*

Dennis Bergkamp told me the Dutch always thought of the English as strong but stupid - *Tony Adams*

I admire the English mentality because they are so strong, so hard-working. But we have talent. *Sven-Goran Eriksson in 1991*

In Spain, all 22 players make the sign of the cross as they enter the pitch. If it worked, it would always be a draw. - *Johan Cruyff*

We are all footballers and as such we should be able to perform competently in all positions. *Alfredo Di Stefano*

Lots of footballers don't have a high IQ to start with, so it would be difficult to gauge the effects of heading the ball too much.- *John Colquhoun*

There's a word you don't hear around footballers' dressing rooms any more - mortgage. - *Niall Quinn*

A successful football career used to be about winning things. Now it's about how much money you end up with. - *Graeme Souness*

The average English footballer couldn't tell the difference between an attractive woman and a corner flag. - *Walter Zenga*

I can see the carrot at the end of the tunnel. *Stuart Pearce*

I'd hang myself but the club can't afford the rope. *Iain Munro, former Hamilton Accies manager*

Our guys are getting murdered twice a week. *Andy Roxburgh*

Rotherham reminds me of Bermuda. It's small so you bump into the same people two or three times a day. - *Shaun Goater*

Peter Swales likes publicity. He wears a card round his neck saying 'in case of heart attack call a press conference. - *Tommy Docherty*

Ian Evatt has gone down easier than my daughter. - *Dave Bassett*

Weekend Trips

This season there have been two weekend trips arranged, the Bristol trip at the end of October is now sold out but limited spaces are still available for the Brighton trip at the start of March, the details for that long weekend away being as follows:

BRIGHTON 4th - 6th March 2011

4* Sea front hotel, the Barcelo Old Ship Hotel, Kingsway promenade. Accommodation consists of Double, Twin and a limited number of singles (there may be a single supplement) on a DINNER, BED and BREAKFAST basis.

Friday 4th March 2011 - depart Carlisle 0700hrs and travel to Brighton. There will be a stop for lunch on route.

Saturday 5th March - return travel to the Brighton v Carlisle United game.

Sunday 6th March - morning at leisure departing Brighton at approximately 1300hrs.

Partners who do not wish to attend the match will be more than welcome on the trip should they wish to spend time shopping.

Total cost £190 per person

£160 for those paying direct debit for their season's travel

Payment required in full by 21st January 2011

Results 2010-2011

Date	Fixture	Result	Goal Scorer
14 August	Plymouth	1 - 1	Harte 68
Friday 27 August	Colchester	1 - 1	Thirlwell 90
11 September	Sheffield Wednesday	1 - 0	Curran 36
25 September	Bournemouth	0 - 2	
Tuesday 28 September	Hartlepool	4 - 0	Michalik 8 Madine 26, 36, 71

Away fixtures and departure times 2010-2011, Saturdays unless stated

Date	Fixture	Depart	Cost
16 October	Exeter	6.00am	£34.00
30 October	Bristol Rovers	6.30am	£28.00
20 November	Walsall	9.30am	£19.00
4 December	Leyton Orient	6.00am	£32.00
18 December	Yeovil	6.00am	£33.00
Sunday 26 December	Oldham	11.00am	£15.00
Monday 3 January	Tranmere	10.00am	£17.00
8 January	Charlton	6.00am	£32.00
22 January	Notts County	7.00am	£20.00
Tuesday 1 February	Huddersfield	4.00pm	£15.00
12 February	Southampton	6.00am	£35.00
19 February	Swindon	8.00am	£29.00
5 March	Brighton	6.00am	£35.00
12 March	Peterborough	8.00am	£25.00
Friday 25 March	Brentford	11.00am	£32.00
9 April	MK Dons	7.00am	£28.00
23 April	Rochdale	10.00am	£12.00
30 April	Dagenham & R	6.00am	£30.00

Times of departure may be subject to change - please check at time of booking.

Information: Paying by direct debit can save you money - look at this season a saving of £122 (£480 for the whole season compared to £602 if paying by a match by match basis) worth thinking about for next season.

Telephone number for booking travel - 07563 700987.

Ten To Try Answers

1 - Stockport County
6 - Terry Venables

2 - Nottingham Forest
7 - Oldham Athletic

3 - An orange ball
8 - Nottingham Forest

4 - Steve Archibald
9 - Rochdale

5 - Fulham
10 - Sampdoria