

# CUSC TRAVEL NEWS

## July 2011



### Same town, different place

Off we go again then, although even without a proper World Cup or a European Championships the gap between one season ending and the new one starting seemed to be even shorter than usual. The Champions League final and the Football League play-offs finals took us all the way to the 30th of May, so even that is only about five and a half weeks ago, never mind the fact that the under-17s World Cup, featuring England, and the Women's World Cup, also featuring England, have also been taking place from the 18th and 26th of June respectively, so, I think that leaves us with a bumper 18 day gap without football.

Even that of course was interspersed with the usual transfer gossip, including the seemingly now traditional will we, won't we sign a striker routine, which seemed to be conducted with even more fervour than usual this year following last season's goalscoring problems. And hey, the Carling Cup draw was made on the 16th of June wasn't it, so that along with the fixtures being released the following day chops another couple of days of the closed season really. So, there you go, did you enjoy your 16 day break without football? Did you come back feeling refreshed after just over a fortnight off?

I hope you did anyway because you're back now so you've got no choice. For those of you who do all the away games you've a couple of new grounds to go to, if not new places. Morecambe's Globe Arena is described on its own website as 'The Venue That's In A Different League', which strictly speaking is correct as far as we're concerned given that the Shrimps, along with the recently re-signed Danny Carlton, are in League Two. The only thing that I care about though, keep reading Dave, is that Morecambe won the Supreme Champion and the Best Football Pie award at the British pie Awards at Melton Mowbray, the award coming for the Globes Chicken, Ham and Leek pie.

The ground itself, funded by the sale of Christie Park to Sainsbury's, looks remarkably similar to Christie Park, with two covered terraced ends

and a very thin terrace on one side, albeit the main stand is much bigger being about the only difference. The worst thing of course for visiting fans, keep reading Dave, in leaving the old ground being the missing of a refuelling session at Atkinson's fish and chip shop next to the away car park. The Regent Leisure Holiday Park, a few minutes walk from the stadium, sorry, Arena, is the best place for food and drink for travelling fans now apparently, the bar there also having Sky Sports on a big screen.

Seamless writing this, seamless I tell thee, that information comes from a Chesterfield fan, which rather neatly takes us into our second new ground this season, the 10,400 all-seater b2net Stadium in Derbyshire. Built at a cost of £13 million the project was funded through 'friends' and the major shareholder Dave Allen, who now owns 80% of the shares in the club, paying £4m to the club for the new shares, while he has also since loaned in £3.5m, at 5% interest. Allen though seemingly not in things for the long haul as he is quoted: "I agreed to put some money in, take Chesterfield to the Championship in five years, then sell and make a profit. But I may stay involved."

As far as the new ground, which is situated just short of two miles north of the town centre, is concerned for visiting fans, the Printability Stand behind one of the goals houses 2,112 spectators. The concourses also apparently built to a high spec with large flat screen televisions, bars and toilets along their length. Aside from food and drink within the ground it sounds like there is the perfect pub just five minutes walk from the away end, the landlord of the CAMRA listed Derby Tup apparently allowing customers to bring in food from the local takeaways as the pub itself does not do food. Yum, yum.

### Travel Committee

Kate Rowley, Ali Ross, Martin Armstrong, Karen Gallagher, Susan & Keith Elliott, Helen Fuller, Becky & Steve Potts & Jo Merry

## A season in brief, 1983-84

Our Division Two campaign under Bob Stokoe couldn't have got off to a much worse start really, as the opening four games produced no goals scored and only one point, that coming from a draw at home to Cambridge United on the opening day of the season. Languishing in the relegation places Carlisle then embarked on a remarkable run of just two defeats in their next 28 league matches, including an unbeaten run of 15 games between mid-October and mid-January. Probably the most memorable of those matches being a 3-1 home win over Newcastle on the 27th of December in front of a bumper Brunton Park crowd of either 14,756 or 15,871 depending on your source.

That fixture signalled the end of a December five game winning run for the Cumbrians at which point they were sitting in fifth place in the table just five points behind third placed Manchester City, who occupied the final promotion place in the days before the play-offs were introduced four seasons later. Despite attendances often struggling to reach 5,000 at Brunton Park in some dark days for football as a whole things were looking even rosier for Carlisle in mid-March as they sat in third with just ten games left to go in the season, United remarkably despite their lack of financial clout competing for a place in Division One alongside Chelsea, Manchester City, Newcastle United and Sheffield Wednesday.

And then it all went wrong, big time, the Blues failing to win any of their last ten league games, drawing five and losing five, as what up to then had been the best defensive record in the division by a country mile (19 goals conceded in 32 matches) went to pot as Carlisle shipped 22 goals in ten games, five of them sadly coming in a 5-1 thrashing at Newcastle whose goals that day were scored by Kevin Keegan 2, Peter Beardsley 2 and Chris Waddle. The only thing to change line-up wise in those last ten matches for United was the absence of Dave Rushbury in the back line for the final nine games, although maybe only using 20 players, compared to the 2010-11 of 40, for the whole of the league campaign began to catch up with the Cumbrians.

So, it was 7th place in the table in the end for United, our highest ever finishing position in the pyramid since our famous 1974-75 season in the sun. Mally Poskett, top scorer with 17 goals, missing just one league game, as did Jack Ashurst, while Dave McKellar and Don O'Riordan were ever presents in a defence that ended the campaign with the best home record in the division as far as goals

conceded (13) was concerned. Cup-wise, well the less said the better, out at both first hurdles, losing 3-1 at Swindon, following a 1-1 draw at Brunton Park, in an FA Cup third round replay, and going 3-2 down on aggregate after extra-time in the second leg at the Dell against Southampton in the second round of the League Cup.

### 2011-12 Pre-Season Friendlies Diary

#### Saturday 16th July

Carlisle City Away (Sheepmount) - 11.30am - Youths

#### Saturday 16th July

Gateshead - Away - 2pm - Firsts

#### Tuesday 19th July

Annan Reserves - Away - 7.30pm - Youths

#### Tuesday 19th July

Morecambe - Away - 7.45pm - Firsts

#### Saturday 23rd July

Penrith - Away - 2.30pm - Youths

#### Saturday 23rd July

Doncaster Rovers - Home - 3pm - Firsts

#### Tuesday 26th July

Leeds United u-18 - Away - 1pm - Youths

#### Tuesday 26th July

Middlesbrough - Home - 7.30pm - Firsts

#### Wednesday 27th July

Workington Reds - Away - 7.30pm - Reserves

#### Saturday 30th July

Blackburn Rovers u-18 - Away - 11.30am - Youths

#### Saturday 30th July

Bradford City - Away - 3pm - Firsts

#### Tuesday 2nd August

Bolton Wanderers - Away - k/o tbc - Youths

### Sponsorship

Our sponsored players for home and away strips are:

Paul Thirlwell captain

Tom Tiawo

Jon-Paul McGovern



## Away fixtures and departure times 2011-2012

Date	Fixture	Depart	Cost
<b>August</b>			
Tuesday 9	Oldham	1600	£12.00
Saturday 13	Bury	1030	£13.00
Tuesday 16	Rochdale	1600	£13.00
<b>Week commencing 22 Carling Cup Round 2</b>			
Saturday 27	Leyton Orient	0600	£32.00
<b>Week commencing 29 Round 1 of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy</b> (Carlisle will enter at this stage as they received a bye in 2010/11 season)			
<b>September</b>			
Tuesday 13	Tranmere	1530	£17.00
Saturday 17	Chesterfield	0900	£19.00
<b>Week commencing 19 Carling Cup Round 3</b>			
<b>October</b>			
Saturday 1	Walsall	0930	£20.00
<b>Week commencing 3 Round 2 of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy</b>			
Saturday 15	Yeovil Town	0600	£33.00
Saturday 22	Charlton	0600	£32.00 possible weekend / London
<b>Week commencing 24 Carling Cup Round 4</b>			
<b>November</b>			
Saturday 5	Exeter City	0600	£34.00 possible weekend / Torquay
<b>Week commencing 7 Area quarter finals of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy</b>			
Saturday 12 <b>First Round proper of the FA Cup with Budweiser</b>			
Saturday 19	Sheffield Utd	1000	£17.00
<b>Week commencing 28 Carling Cup Quarter Finals</b>			
<b>Week commencing 28 Area Semi-finals of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy</b>			
<b>December</b>			
Saturday 3 <b>Second Round proper of the FA Cup with Budweiser</b>			
Saturday 10	Scunthorpe	0900	£18.00
Monday 26	Preston	1100	£12.00 (this may move to a 12 noon KO so departure time may alter)
Saturday 31	Huddersfield	1000	£13.00
<b>January 2012</b>			
Saturday 7 <b>Third Round proper of the FA Cup with Budweiser</b>			
<b>Week commencing 9 Carling Cup Semi-Final 1st Leg</b>			
Saturday 14	MK Dons	0600	£28.00
<b>Week commencing 16 Area Final leg one of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy</b>			
<b>Week commencing 23 Carling Cup Semi-Final 2nd Leg</b>			
Saturday 28	Hartlepool	1100	£12.00
Saturday 28 <b>Fourth Round proper of the FA Cup with Budweiser</b>			
<b>February</b>			
<b>Week commencing 6 Area Final leg two of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy</b>			
Saturday 11	Stevenage	0600	£30.00
Saturday 18	Brentford	0600	£32.00
Saturday 18 <b>Fifth Round proper of the FA Cup with Budweiser</b>			
<b>February 26 Carling Cup Final</b>			

Date	Fixture	Depart	Cost
<b>March</b>			
Saturday 3	Notts County	0900	£20.00
Saturday 17	Bournemouth	0600	£35.00 possible weekend / Bournemouth
Saturday 17 <b>Sixth Round proper of the FA Cup with Budweiser</b>			
Saturday 24	Colchester	0630	£32.00
<b>Sunday 25 Final of the Johnstone's Paints Trophy at Wembley</b>			
<b>April</b>			
Friday 6	Wycombe	0600	£28.00
Saturday 14 <b>Semi - Finals of the FA Cup with Budweiser</b>			
Saturday 21	Sheffield Wednesday	0900	£17.00
<b>May</b>			
Saturday 5	Oldham	1000	£15.00
Saturday 5 <b>Final of the FA Cup with Budweiser</b>			

\*\*\* KO may be 12 noon and therefore the time of departure may alter. Please check all departure times when booking. Direct debit is available at £40 per month over a ten month period. Ask Kate for details.

## Carling Cup

Round One - Oldham away, Tuesday 9th August.

Round Two - week commencing August 22nd - the 35 first round winners plus the following 13 Premier League clubs:-

Aston Villa, Blackburn Rovers, Bolton Wanderers, Everton, Liverpool, Newcastle United, Norwich City, Queens Park Rangers, Sunderland, Swansea, West Bromwich Albion, Wigan Athletic, Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Round Three - week commencing September 19th - the 24 second round winners plus the following 8 clubs participating in the Champions League or Europa League this season:-

Arsenal, Birmingham City, Chelsea, Fulham, Manchester City, Manchester United, Stoke City, Tottenham Hotspur.

Round Four - week commencing 24th October.

Quarter-Finals - week commencing 28th November.

Semi-Final Leg One - week commencing 9th January.

Semi-Final Leg Two - week commencing 23rd January.

Final - Sunday 26th February.

Your eyes will bleed in a minute with a host of stats from last season.

So you can warm up by answering this month's quiz on stats from the 2010-11 campaign:

1. Which two clubs had the most clean sheets in League Two?
2. Which club used the most players in League Two?
3. Which two clubs had the most clean sheets in League One?
4. Which club used the most players in League One?
5. Which club had the most clean sheets in the Championship?
6. Which club used the most players in the Championship?
7. Which club had the most clean sheets in the Scottish Premier League?
8. Which club had the most goal attempts in the Scottish Premier League?
9. Which club had the most clean sheets in the Premier League?
10. Which club had the worst disciplinary record in the Premier League?

## Away player of the season.

Your away player of the season 2010/11 was Peter Murphy and Ali Ross was pleased to present him with his award at the Awards night in May 2011.

## Match ball sponsor

Karen Gallagher, Ali Ross, Becky Potts and presenting the match ball at the Carlisle v Exeter game.

## Newsletter

We try to publish a newsletter every 2 months and publish 'special' editions for special matches. In this edition you will find all the fixtures for away travel plus the cup matches which have yet to be drawn.

PLEASE NOTE departure times may need to be amended so check at the time of booking.

### **2010-11, top ten Carlisle United goal attempts on target**

Francois Zoko - 50  
Craig Curran - 45  
Gary Madine - 40  
Ben Marshall - 40  
James Berrett - 32  
Lubomir Michalik - 22  
Peter Murphy - 22  
Liam Noble - 17  
Tom Taiwo - 13  
Matt Robson - 11

### **2010-11, top ten Carlisle United goal attempts off target**

Craig Curran - 39  
Francois Zoko - 37  
Gary Madine - 31  
James Berrett - 27  
Ben Marshall - 26  
Liam Noble - 24  
Lubomir Michalik - 20  
Matt Robson - 19  
Peter Murphy - 17  
James Chester - 12  
Tom Taiwo - 12

### **2010-11, Carlisle United assists**

James Berrett - 17  
Francois Zoko - 6  
Ben Marshall - 5  
Gary Madine - 5  
Matt Robson - 3  
Frank Simek - 3  
Craig Curran - 2  
Tom Taiwo - 2  
Craig Curran - 2  
Marc Bridge-Wilkinson - 1  
James Chester - 1  
Rory Loy - 1  
Sean McDaid - 1  
Liam Noble - 1

### **2010-11, top ten Carlisle United free-kicks conceded**

Francois Zoko - 92 (yes, really)  
Tom Taiwo - 58  
Lubomir Michalik - 57  
James Berrett - 54  
Craig Curran - 53  
Peter Murphy - 33  
Matt Robson - 33  
Gary Madine - 32  
Frank Simek - 24  
Liam Noble - 22

And then the goalscorers, including every goal from every competitive game at the club last season

### **Overall club total**

Gary Madine 13  
Mark Beck 12  
David Symington 11  
James Berrett 10  
Francois Zoko 10  
Ben Marshall 9  
Craig Curran 8  
Ryan Bowman 7  
Peter Murphy 7  
Ben Mckenna 5  
Own goal/s 5  
James Chester 4  
Rory Loy 4  
Paddy Madden 4  
Lubomir Michalik 4  
Andy Cook 3  
Mike Grella 3  
Liam Noble 3  
Matt Osmond 3  
Matt Robson 3  
Tom Taiwo 3  
Jamie Clarey 2  
Ian Harte 2  
Will James 2  
Dan Jones 2  
Brad Potts 2  
Jason Price 2  
Steven Swinglehurst 2  
Phil Towler 2  
Harry Arter 1  
Colin Bell 1  
Tom Berwick 1  
Liam Cooper 1  
Gavin Hoggarth 1  
Graham Kavanagh 1  
Amari Morgan-Smith 1  
Yannick Salem 1  
Mark Sloan 1  
Paul Thirlwell 1  
Nahki Wells 1

### **First team level**

Gary Madine 13  
James Berrett 10  
Francois Zoko 10  
Craig Curran 8  
Peter Murphy 7  
Ben Marshall 5  
James Chester 4  
Lubomir Michalik 4  
Mike Grella 3  
Liam Noble 3  
Matt Robson 3  
Tom Taiwo 3  
Own goal/s 3  
James Chester 2  
Ian Harte 2  
Harry Arter 1  
Liam Cooper 1

Rory Loy 1  
Jason Price 1  
Matt Robson 1  
Paul Thirlwell 1

### Reserve team level (including Cumberland Cup)

Ryan Bowman 7  
Paddy Madden 4  
Ben Marshall 4  
Andy Cook 3  
Rory Loy 3  
Ben Mckenna 3  
Mark Beck 2  
Graham Kavanagh 1  
Amari Morgan-Smith 1  
Brad Potts 1  
Jason Price 1  
Matt Robson 1  
Yannick Salem 1  
Nahki Wells 1  
Own goal/s 1

### Youth team level

David Symington 11  
Mark Beck 10  
Matt Osmond 3  
Jamie Clarey 2  
Will James 2  
Dan Jones 2  
Ben Mckenna 2  
Steven Swinglehurst 2  
Phil Towler 2  
Colin Bell 1  
Tom Berwick 1  
Gavin Hoggarth 1  
Brad Potts 1  
Mark Sloan 1  
Own goal/s 1

### Goals out on loan

Marc Bridge-Wilkinson 4 - Darlington  
Jason Price 1 - Bradford City  
Jason Price 1 - Walsall

## Quiz Answers

1. Accrington and Wycombe - 17
2. Barnet - 41
3. Brighton and Southampton - 20
4. Oldham - 42 (Carlisle joint second with 40)
5. Queens Park Rangers - 25
6. Preston - 41
7. Celtic - 23
8. Celtic - 533
9. Manchester City - 18
10. Manchester City - 74 yellow cards and 5 red cards

## Don't Quote Me On It

*I left out a couple of my foreigners the other week and they started talking in 'foreign'. I knew they were saying: 'Blah, blah, blah, le bastard manager, fucking useless bastard'.*  
Harry Redknapp, 2004

*I'm disappointed now if opposing fans don't call me a wanker*  
Neil Warnock, 2006

*He has gone behind my back right in front of my face*  
Craig Bellamy on Graeme Souness, 2004

*I am a lovely man as long as everyone does what I say*  
Claudio Ranieri, 2000

*Who's to say I won't be England manager in ten years' time?*  
Carlton Palmer, 2002 (just one year left Carlton)

*Football is nothing compared to life. For me, pressure is bird flu.*  
Jose Mourinho, 2006

*You ask what constitutes a crisis here. Well, if we ran out of white wine in the boardroom.....*  
Patrick Cobbold, Ipswich chairman, 1982

*I think the majority of people in Britain dislike me*  
David Beckham, 1999

*I'm no longer part of Arsenal. To hell with the English people.*  
Nicolas Anelka, 1999

*I'm not everybody's cup of tea*  
Robbie Savage, 2004

## Titterington Coaches

CUSC Away Travel are proud to have been associated with Titterington Coach travel for over 10 years. Your travel committee strongly feel that we receive a good reliable service from the company at very reasonable prices, which allows us to transport as many supporters to away games as is possible.

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