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THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

IAN FLEMING

I would like to welcome everybody back to Blundell Park for tonight's game against a Sunderland XI.

This fixture was agreed as part of the deal to allow former youth team manager Robbie Stockdale to join the coaching set up at The Stadium of Light. 'Stockers' served The Mariners extremely well – both on and off the pitch – during his four years at the club, before his move back home to the North East.

Almost two years on, to the day, I'm delighted to welcome a Sunderland XI to Blundell Park, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Sunderland for agreeing to allow all proceeds from this game to go directly to funding our youth set up.

We have had another busy summer here at Grimsby Town with plenty of comings and goings already. A big appointment for Paul Hurst this summer was the one of Assistant Manager. We were delighted that Chris Doig, who performed so well for us on the pitch last season, decided to take up a new position of Player Assistant Manager. He will no doubt provide Paul with invaluable support and experience throughout the season.

On the other hand we were disappointed to lose Steve Croudson. As I'm sure you will be well aware, Stevie has been a fantastic servant to the club over a period that stretched the best part of two decades. He signed his YT forms on the 1st of July 1996 and made his competitive debut on the 9th May 1999, before re-joining his boyhood club in 2008 as part of Neil Woods' backroom staff, where he remained until recently.

He was approached by Hull City during the closed season and did everything the right way; in all honesty, it was an opportunity he couldn't turn down. With that in mind, I hope you would join me in wishing Stevie all the very best for the future.

Supporters have, undoubtedly, been enthused

by the quality of Paul's transfer dealings enough to commit to purchasing a season ticket for the forthcoming campaign. From 'Day 1' of sales we have been ahead of the previous season's total and after a huge final week of renewals in the Blundell Park Ticket Office, we surpassed the magical 1,700 mark on Deadline Day. If you would like to guarantee your seat for the 2014/15 season there is still time to claim the discounted rate... but not for long! For more information visit www.gafc.co.uk or call 01472 605050.

In other news, Stuart Watkiss and Alan Lamb have been working tirelessly over the last 12 months to produce players of the required quality to make the step up to first team level. In May Paul Hurst bore the fruits of their labour when Caine Winfarrah, Paul Walker and Ellis Humble were all handed professional deals with the club. We will be hoping that the class of 2014/15 can deliver further youngsters for the first team.

On the subject of our youth, obviously being out of the Football League currently, that arm of the Football Club is still self-funding so if anyone commercially would like to support the club in that area, don't hesitate to make yourself known. Already we have a raft of attractive advertising opportunities for businesses in the match day programme, website and local paper so if you'd like to know more about the Century Club, Goalometer or a brand new initiative we are running this season featuring the youngsters in our academy – call our commercial department on 01472 608007 during office hours. They would be happy to hear from you!

Lastly, I would like to pass on my appreciation to you for attending tonight. It's been no secret that the gate receipts from all of our home friendlies this pre-season have gone to funding our youth set up – so thanks for your support and I hope you have an enjoyable evening watching The Mariners.

Ian Fleming

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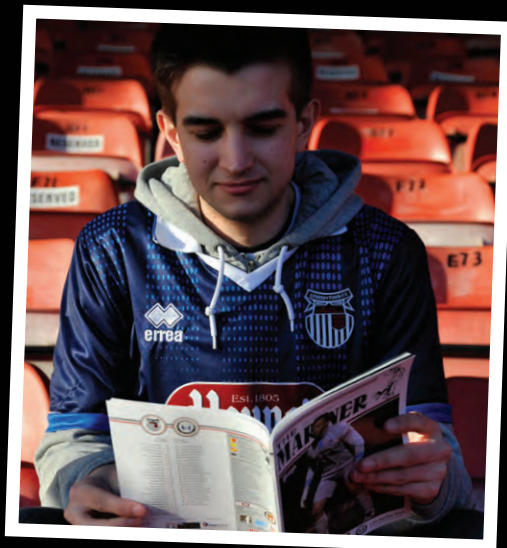
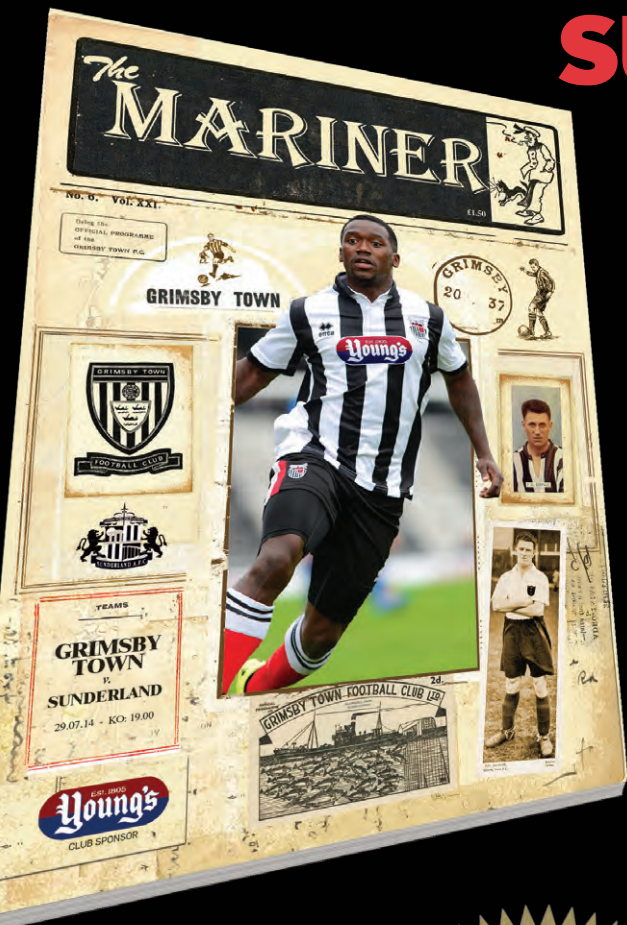
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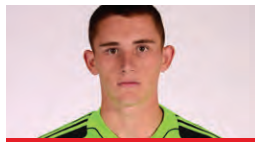
THE BLACK CATS

SUNDERLAND

DID YOU KNOW?

The link between Sunderland AFC and the black cat stems originally from a gun battery in 1805 on the River Wear which was renamed the 'Black Cat' battery after the men manning the station heard a mysterious miaow from a wailing black cat.

A hundred years later in 1905, a black cat was pictured sitting on a football next to Chairman FW Taylor and three years later a black cat featured on a team photograph.



JOEL DIXON
GOALKEEPER

Joel hails from Middlesbrough and has been with the academy since the age of 14. Joel made 18 appearances for the U18s side before featuring for the development squad on two occasions.

In February 2013, Dixon joined Workington Reds on a one-month loan deal; he played eight times for the Reds as they finished 14th in the Conference North.



MAKSYMILIAN STRYJEK
GOALKEEPER

Polish goalkeeper Maksymilian joined the Black Cats during the 2012-13 season from MKS Polonia in his native Poland.

Stryjek has been capped at both U17s and U18s level by his country and will look to force his way into the young Black Cats' starting line-up this season after appearing in just two friendlies last campaign before picking up a shoulder injury.



PETER BURKE
GOALKEEPER

Peter is a goalkeeper who hails from the Republic of Ireland. He joined Sunderland on a two-year scholarship in 2012.

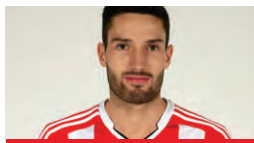
Burke represented his country in the UEFA U17 European Championships, saving a 90th minute penalty to secure a 1-0 victory. Peter played 13 games in his first year with the under-18 side; keeping four clean sheets.



ANDREW CARTWRIGHT
DEFENDER

Andrew joined the academy at U15s level. His father Peter played 65 league games for Newcastle.

Cartwright started a two-year scholarship in summer 2011 and made 16 appearances in 2011-12, scoring once. Last season, Cartwright added 13 under-18 appearances to his tally and also appeared in the development squad's friendly with Consett.



CONNOR OLIVER
DEFENDER

Connor is in his second year as a professional. The right-back has attracted interest after maturing into a key role for the U18s, serving as vice-captain. Things were looking promising before injury ruled him out for the remainder of the 2012/13 season in December.

He returned to action in 2013-14 and joined Hartlepool United on loan in March 2014.

FACTS & STATS

23-0

BIGGEST WIN

v Castletown, 1884

0-8

BIGGEST DEFEAT

v Sheff Wednesday (1911)
v West Ham (1968)
v Watford (1982)

627

MOST APPEARANCES

Jimmy Montgomery
(1960 - 1977)

228

TOP GOALSCORER

Bobby Gurney
(1925-50)



DAVID FERGUSON
DEFENDER

Boyhood Sunderland fan David signed from Darlington in 2012. David made six first-team appearances before the club folded.

David was called up to the first-team squad, and was an unused substitute, for the final game of the 2012-13 season as Paolo Di Canio's side lost 1-0 to Spurs at White Hart Lane. The defender joined Boston United on loan in February 2014.



JASSEM SUKAR
DEFENDER

Jas' is a central defender who brings a physical presence and pace. He has been with Sunderland since the U13s level and began a two-year full-time scholarship in summer 2012.

Jassem made his youth-team debut in 2011-12 as a substitute while still at school and went on to make 19 appearances for the U18s in the 2012-13 campaign.



SCOTT HARRISON
DEFENDER

Scott, from Middlesbrough, joined Sunderland in 2012 after leaving Darlington. The centre-back made ten senior appearances with the club. Harrison was called up to the Black Cats' first-team at the end of the season as an unused substitute. Scott joined Bury on loan in November 2013 before returning to Wearside. He completed another loan move, this time to Hartlepool, in March 2014.



TOM BEADLING
DEFENDER

Tom is an old-school defender who joined the academy at the age of 8 and had a spell in Australia before returning. Beadling made nine appearances for the U18s in 2012-13 as injuries limited his opportunities in the early stages of the campaign. Tom also played in Kevin Ball's development squad in the final game of their campaign – a 2-2 draw against Fulham at Craven Cottage.



TOM McNAMEE
DEFENDER

Tom joined Sunderland at U14s level. He is a big, strong central defender in the second year of his scholarship. Last season, McNamee continued to impress as the U18s side reached the semi-finals of the Barclays U18s Premier League.

He made 15 appearances for the U18s whilst also adding eight appearances for the development squad.



GEORGE HONEYMAN
MIDFIELDER

George is very highly rated and has been with the club since he was ten. He can be deployed anywhere across midfield and made an impressive start to life in the development squad. Honeyman continued to progress in the 2012-13 campaign as he scored six goals in 20 games for the U18s including a fine game as the side narrowly lost out to Fulham in the semi-finals of the U18s Premier League.



LIAM AGNEW
MIDFIELDER

Sunderland fan Liam hails from the city and is a player who has been involved in England camps.

Liam began his scholarship in 2011 and added 24 U18s appearances last season - more than any other player. He also featured for the U21s a handful of times.

Liam linked up with Skrill North side Boston United on loan in January.



MARTIN SMITH
MIDFIELDER

Martin is a central midfielder who first joined the Academy at the U8s level.

He joined the club full-time on a two-year scholarship in summer 2012 and was ever-present in his first full campaign, scoring four goals in 20 games. Smith can also operate in a 'number ten' role and he featured for the development squad on four occasions.



THOMAS ROBSON
MIDFIELDER

Thomas joined on a two-year scholarship in 2012. The midfielder came through Darlington's Centre of Excellence. Thomas became a key player in the U18s side last campaign, featuring 23 times.

He also played one league game for the development squad whilst he scored a hat-trick as a Sunderland XI beat Consett 4-1 in a friendly match in May 2013.



CARL LAWSON
STRIKER

A striker who can also play out wide, Carl joined the Academy at U13s level.

Carl scored on his debut for the U18s during his only appearance at that level in 2010-11. He joined the club full-time in summer 2011 and made 12 appearances in his first full season, scoring three goals. Last season, Lawson scored three goals in six games.



LYNDEN GOOCH
STRIKER

Lynden joined the academy on a two-year scholarship in 2012. The midfielder arrived from California and starred at high-school level in the US, subsequently coming to the attention of Sunderland, who offered the player trials on Wearside. Lynden impressed during his spell at the Academy of Light and was offered a permanent deal to join the club's U18s from the 2012-13 season.



MIKAEL MANDRON
STRIKER

Mikael signed for Sunderland in 2011. The 6'3" striker made a real impact in 2012-13 with 12 goals in 13 U18s games, earning a step up to the development squad. Mandron made the first team bench as an unused substitute against Manchester United. He made his debut the following month before adding to his first-team appearances with a late run-out as a substitute against Tottenham Hotspur.



2014/15 FIXTURES

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AUGUST

- Sat 9 Bristol Rovers (A)
Tue 12 Nuneaton Town (H)
Sat 16 Dover Athletic (H)
Sat 23 Gateshead (A)
Mon 25 Alfreton Town (H)
Sat 30 Aldershot Town (A)

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 6 Welling United (H)**
Tue 9 Lincoln City (A)
Sat 13 Torquay United (H)
Tue 16 FC Halifax Town (A)
Sat 20 Kidderminster Harriers (A)
Sat 27 Chester (H)
Tue 30 Southport (H)

OCTOBER

- Sat 4 Dartford (A)
Tue 7 Altrincham (H)
Sat 11 Wrexham (A)
Sat 18 Torquay United (A)
Sat 25 *FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round*

NOVEMBER

- Sat 1 Dartford (H)**
Tue 4 Braintree Town (A)
Sat 8 *FA Cup First Round Proper*
Tue 11 FC Halifax Town (H)
Sat 15 Altrincham (A)
Sat 22 Kidderminster Harriers (H)
Tue 25 Woking (H)
Sat 29 AFC Telford United (A)

DECEMBER

- Sat 6 Eastleigh (A)
Sat 13 *FA Trophy First Round*
Fri 19 Forest Green Rovers (H)
Fri 26 Macclesfield Town (A)
Sun 28 Lincoln City (H)

JANUARY 2015

- Thu 1 Macclesfield Town (H)**
Sun 4 Dover Athletic (A)
Sat 10 *FA Trophy Second Round*
Sat 17 Barnet (H)
Sat 24 Nuneaton Town (A)
Sat 31 AFC Telford United (H)

FEBRUARY

- Sat 7 Forest Green Rovers (A)
Sat 14 Bristol Rovers (H)
Sat 21 Barnet (A)
Sat 28 Braintree Town (H)

MARCH

- Sat 7 Woking (A)
Sat 14 Chester (A)
Sat 21 Eastleigh (H)
Sat 28 Welling United (A)

APRIL

- Sat 4 Gateshead (H)**
Mon 6 Alfreton Town (A)
Sat 11 Wrexham (H)
Sat 18 Southport (A)
Sat 25 Aldershot Town (H)

0 GRIMSBY TOWN

4 DONCASTER ROVERS

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Blundell Park
Tuesday 22nd July 2014
Kick off: 7.00pm



TOWN STARTING XI:

McKeown, Magnay (*Bignot 67*), Nsiala, Pearson, Thomas, Mackreth (*Neilson 59*), Clay, McLaughlin (*Brown 59*), Arnold, John-Lewis (*Ironside 59*), Pittman (*Hannah 59*).

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0 GRIMSBY TOWN



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Rhead

Blundell Park
Friday 25th July 2014
Kick off: 7.00pm



TOWN STARTING XI:

McKeown, Bignot, Magnay, Doig, Thomas,
Mackreth (Arnold 69), Clay (Disley 46),
McLaughlin (Neilson 71), Pittman (John-Lewis 46),
Ironsides (Hannah 46)

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Jack **MACKRETH**

Patrick **McLAUGHLIN**

Scott **NEILSON**

Caine **WINFARRAH**

Nathan **ARNOLD**

Ross **HANNAH**

Lenell **JOHN-LEWIS**

Jon-Paul **PITTMAN**



SUNDERLAND

Joel **DIXON**

Maksymilian **STRYJEK**

Peter **BURKE**

Andrew **CARTWRIGHT**

Connor **OLIVER**

David **FERGUSON**

Jassem **SUKAR**

Scott **HARRISON**

Tom **BEADLING**

Tom **McNAMEE**

George **HONEYMAN**

Liam **AGNEW**

Martin **SMITH**

Thomas **ROBSON**

Carl **LAWSON**

Lynden **GOOCH**

Mikael **MANDRON**

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