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FROM THE DUGOUT

Looking at the season so far I feel a little frustrated even though we've not had a bad start, after gaining promotion last year. Whilst currently in second place, I feel a number of clubs will be exchanging places from week to week.

Only Poulton Town are unbeaten and setting the standard at the moment, but as we all know there's a long way to go. "Funny things can happen in football" as the late Brian Clough once said.

I know that at this club we have the players who are quite capable of producing the football that's required to be one of the teams which puts a string of results together and starts to leave the others behind. I am sure our visitors are thinking the same. They certainly seem to be one of the stronger teams we've played so far.

My frustration comes from a number of things: holidays, cricket, players not training, and not been able to field the same side ever week. But this is where I feel it's about who's selected, whether they can prove themselves and can they take the opportunity. On several occasions I've said, do they have they character, the strength, the determination and the attitude to be winners?

Can I progress from third team to second team and seconds to the first team? It's not just about ability, you need all the others elements. As we've seen over a number of seasons – the best team doesn't always win.

We have a great set of lads here and we are working – at times – in the right direction, but there is still room for improvement. The club is doing all it can to

improve. We have just introduced our reserve team to the West Lancashire League in a bid to close the gap in the standard of football and our third team has progressed to a higher division of the Craven League. This can only be good for the players' future progress as well as the club's.

Remember – COMMITMENT!

CHRIS REAPE, First Team Manager





THE VIEW FROM THE TEAROOM

**Welcome to today's visitors
Bootle FC**

Now that the season is in full swing, may I wish all our four teams the best of luck over the coming weeks. Above all lads, enjoy your football!

I would like to add a special word to Steve Tosney and his new junior side. Have a good season, lads. Listen to your manager and learn from his experience and enthusiasm and I'm sure you will be successful.

I hope all our members will support the juniors, who will play

their games on Sunday mornings. If you can turn up occasionally on matchdays, I'm sure the youngsters would be greatly encouraged to see senior members on the touchline.

Even this early in the season, with just a handful of matches played, the signs are looking good. If we can reproduce and maintain the standards set last season, I and everybody else involved with the club will be delighted.

BARRY PEARCE, Chairman



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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The first team picked up another three points from their journey into Cumbria against **Millom**.

Despite an immaculate playing surface that encouraged the players to pass the ball around, both sides were hampered by the elements. With strong winds and driving rain they both put on an excellent display.

With the wind and rain at their backs in the first half Crosshills were the dominant force, hitting the woodwork twice before taking the lead through Adam Whiteoak. Following a goalmouth scramble, he squeezed the ball in off the post.

Crosshills soon added a second goal when Steve Fenton fired home a sizzling left foot shot at the far post. Looking comfortable with a two-goal cushion Hills then went to sleep and allowed the home side to pull a goal back just before half-time.

Having managed to snatch the goal, Millom came out for the second period with renewed confidence and with the elements now in their favour, the next half-hour was played mostly in the visitors' half of the field. Eventually they conceded two goals, forcing manager Reape to send on his substitutes.

Yet again, they came from behind to win. Piling on the pressure, they had two blatant penalty appeals for handball turned down. With ten minutes remaining Whiteoak won a penalty, which he duly converted to level the scores.

There seemed to be only one winner now and with a minute remaining, Whiteoak's run and cross was met by Chris Simpson who blasted the ball home. With this the only game in the division being played, Crosshills moved to second place in the league.

BOB CRAVEN, First Team Coach



WEST LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION 1

FIXTURES 2004-2005

AUG	Sat 7	MILNTHORPE C	H	6-0
	Sat 14	Bootle	A	2-1
	Tue 17	Tempest U	A	1-1
	Sat 21	BLACKPOOL WR	H	2-4
	Tue 24	BURNLEY BV	H	3-0
	Sat 28	Carnforth R	A	2-3
SEP	Sat 4	GARSTANG	H	5-3
	Sat 11	Millom	A	4-3
	Sat 18	Lytham St Annes	A	0-1
	Sat 25	BOOTLE	H	
OCT	Sat 2	Howden Clough [CC]	A	
	Sat 9	POULTON T	H	
	Sat 16	Crooklands Cas	A	
	Sat 23	TEMPEST UTD	H	
NOV	Sat 6	Tempest Utd [PC]	A	

[PC] = Presidents Cup [CC] = County Cup

All home games are played at Sutton Fields and kick-off at 3-00pm unless stated

DIVISION ONE TABLE

(up to and including 18 September)

	<i>Pl</i>	<i>GD</i>	<i>Pts</i>
POULTON TOWN	8	+12	20
CROSSHILLS	9	+9	16
WHINNEY HILL	8	+9	16
BOOTLE	8	+7	16
CARNFORTH RGRS.	8	+6	16
CROOKLANDS CAS.	8	+8	14
LYTHAM ST ANNES	7	+7	13
BLACKPOOL W.R.	8	+3	13
NORCROSS & WAR.	5	+5	12
FURNESS ROVERS	9	-2	9
GARSTANG	7	-5	6
TEMPEST UTD	7	-7	5
MILLOM	8	-13	5
SPRINGFIELDS	6	-7	3
BURNLEY BELVED.	7	-9	2
MILNTHORPE COR.	7	-23	2

LEADING SCORERS:

Chris SIMPSON	7
Adam WHITEOAK	7
Steve FENTON	3
Matthew LLOYD	2
Olly SCHEPISI	2
Andrew STRICKLAND	2

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ACTION SHOTS



Jimmy McCormack gets the better of a Skipton LMS defender to fire home a shot



Steve Tosney heads for goal during last season's match at Ulverston

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THE HILLS QUIZ PAGE

Try your luck with these 20 sports questions. Answers on page 22

- 1 Who is the coach of the Great Britain rugby league team?
- 2 What nationality is newly-crowned Olympic 10,000 metres champion Kenenisa Bekele?
- 3 British triple-jumper Phillips Idowu finished in what position at the last Commonwealth Games?
- 4 From which club did Liverpool sign midfielder Xabi Alonso?
- 5 Who won this year's USPGA Championship?
- 6 In what year did Welsh club Cardiff City win the FA Cup?
- 7 Which *totesport* League team are known as the Sabres?
- 8 Which team, relegated from the Zurich Premiership this season, are on the brink of extinction?
- 9 What nationality is tennis player Alina Jidkova?
- 10 Who is the reigning British Superbike champion?
- 11 In football, who manages Bank of Scotland Premier League club Hearts?
- 12 In cricket, who coaches Surry?
- 13 Pace bowler Charlie Shreck plays for which county?
- 14 Who is the coach of Britain's Olympic rowers?
- 15 At which racecourse is the Scottish Grand National run?
- 16 In what year did Newcastle United last win England's top league?
- 17 Which rugby union side is going for a hat-trick of English Premiership titles this season?
- 18 For which county does Charlie Dagnall play first-class cricket?
- 19 Formula 1 team Sauber are based in which country?
- 20 What nationality is tennis player Flavia Pennetta?


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STATS & FACTS 2004-

Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Sat 14	Boatle	A	2-1	Greenwood	Latto	Wilkinson S	Strickland	Complin J	McCor
Tue 17	Tempest United	A	1-1	Greenwood	Latto	Wilkinson S	Strickland	Wooler	McCor
Sat 21	BLACKPOOL WR	H	2-4	Greenwood	Latto	Wilkinson S	Strickland	Tosney	McCor
Tue 24	BURNLEY BELV	H	3-0	Greenwood	Lloyd 1	Wilkinson S	Strickland 2	Wooler	McCor
Sat 28	Carnforth Rangers	A	2-3	Greenwood	Lloyd 1	Wilkinson S	Blackwell	Wooler	McCor
SEP Sat 4	GARSTANG	H	5-3	Greenwood	Schepisi	Wilkinson S	Strickland	Wooler	McCor
Sat 11	Millom	A	4-3	Greenwood	Schepisi	Wilkinson S	Strickland	Lloyd	McCor
Sat 18	Lytham St Annes	A	0-1	Greenwood	Strickland	Lloyd	Wilkinson S	McEwen	McCor
Sat 25	BOOTLE	H							
OCT Sat 2	Furness Rovers	A							
Sat 9	POULTON TOWN	H							
Sat 16	Crooklands Casuals	A							
Sat 23	TEMPEST UNITED	H							
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WEST LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION 2 RESERVE FIXTURES 2004-2005

AUG	Sat 7	Wyre Villa	A	1-2
	Mon 10	Stonedough	A	3-0
	Sat 21	Carnforth R	A	5-2
	Sat 28	BURNLEY U	H	0-2
SEP	Sat 4	Milnthorpe C	A	2-2
	Sat 11	BOLTON CO	H	0-2
	Sat 18	LYTHAM S A	H	7-1
	Sat 25	Euxton Villa	A	
OCT	Sat 2	COMMONSIDE [CT]	H	
	Sat 9	Lytham St Annes	A	
	Sat 16	MILL HILL S P	H	
	Sat 23	Springfields	A	
	Sat 30	BAC/EE Preston [HC]	A	
NOV	Sat 6	Whinney Hill	A	

[HC] = Houston Cup [CT] = County Trophy

All home games are played at Sutton Fields and kick-off at 3-00pm unless stated

DIVISION TWO RESERVE TABLE

(up to and including 18 September)

	Pl	GD	Pts
WHINNEY HILL	10	+10	18
EUXTON VILLA	8	+17	17
BURNLEY UTD	8	+10	15
FLEETWOOD HESK.	9	+15	14
BOLTON COUNTY	7	+9	14
WYRE VILLA	8	+6	14
SPRINGFIELDS	7	+2	13
BURNLEY BELVED.	8	+2	13
CARNFORTH RGERS.	6	+7	10
CROSSHILLS	7	+7	10
TODMORDEN B.	9	-9	8
STONECLOUGH	6	-12	7
HASLINGDEN S.M.	6	-12	7
LYTHAM ST ANNES	8	-17	6
MILNTHORPE CAS.	7	-17	5
MILL HILL ST PETERS	10	-21	3

LEADING SCORERS:

N/A

SECOND TEAM REPORT

When the decision was made to enter the second team into the West Lancashire League this season, there was an air of optimism amongst the players as to whether they could compete at this higher level.



Now that the season is into full swing, I like to think that their optimism was well-founded as they have played well so far this season except for a couple of home defeats.

This is despite us having to postpone three home matches due to the waterlogged state of the pitch following last month's heavy rainfall. A first day 1-2 defeat at **Wyre Villa** was followed up by a supreme 3-0 victory at **Stoneclough**.

One feature of moving into this league has been the amount of travelling to away matches, but despite this the lads have played to their best abilities and done everything I have asked of them.

Our 5-2 victory away at **Carnforth** proved this, with last season's Player of the Year Lee Complin hitting a deserved hat-trick. Lee is presently recovering from an appendectomy and should be back to full fitness in a week or so.

Next week sees our renewed involvement in the West Riding FA Challenge Trophy, a competition which we reached the Semi-final stages last season. The lads will be out to do one better this season, so come down and support us if you can.

GARY GREENE, Second Team Manager



THIRD TEAM REPORT

Following the withdrawal of several teams during the close-season, the Thirds were promoted by the Craven League into Division One this season, despite missing out by one place for automatic promotion.

The downside of this good fortune is that we are now playing a lot of clubs' first teams and I feel it might be a bit of a up-and-down season for them this year.

The results so far have confirmed this. An opening day victory at **Hellifield** (who were our rivals for promotion last season) and a close 3-2 overturning of **Rolls-Royce**, were offset by a 0-1 defeat at **Clitheroe**. Most of their team were former members of the Chatburn side that spanked us 7-0 two seasons ago. Despite this, the lads put on a good display but a workmanlike performance was marred two minutes from time, when slack marking at a corner kick allowed their striker to shoot home from about six yards. As the league table would suggest, they are going to be the form team this season.

The following week's 1-7 defeat to **Waddington** emphasised the amount of work we need to do to keep the momentum going and not lose sight of the leading three teams. With last week's 4-0 win over Oxenhope and a visit to bottom of the table Horton to come, hopefully things should turn around.

The only cloud on the horizon has been the amount of players we have lost by their going away to university (why is it we always get the brainy ones!). But with a mixture of youth and another of Steve Holden's comebacks, I am optimistic for the rest of the season.



IAN GUEST, Third Team Manager



DEVONSHIRE CARPETS CRAVEN LEAGUE DIVISION 1 FIXTURES 2004-2005

AUG	Tue 24	Hellifield Sports	A	4-3
SEP	Wed 1	ROLLS-ROYCE	H	3-2
	Sat 4	Clitheroe	A	0-1
	Sat 11	WADDINGTON	H	1-5
	Sat 18	OXENHOPE REC	H	4-0
OCT	Sat 2	Horton	A	
	Sat 9	INTAKE	H	
	Sat 23	Embsay Res [Div 1 LC]	A	
	Sat 30	BARROWFORD U.	H	

All home games are played at South Craven Playing Fields and kick-off at 2:00pm unless stated

CRAVEN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE TABLE (up to and including 18 September)

	Pl	GD	Pts
CLITHEROE	5	+8	10
INTAKE	4	+5	10
WADDINGTON	4	+10	9
EMBSAY RES.	4	+3	9
CROSSHILLS	5	+1	9
OXENHOPE REC RES.	5	0	7
SKIPTON LMS RES.	4	0	6
ROLLS ROYCE	5	-5	6
HELLIFIELD SPORTS	5	-6	6
BARROWFORD UTD.	5	-2	4
COWLING	5	-7	3
HORTON	3	-7	0

LEADING SCORERS:

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

Stevie Wonder is playing a gig in Tokyo...

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"Stevie Wonder, you play a jazz chord. You play a jazz chord!"

So Stevie plays an F# minor on his keyboard and goes off on a jazz riff.

"No, Stevie Wonder," shouts the Japanese man again. "You play a jazz chord!"

So Stevie tries an A and off he goes with his band on another improvised rendition.

When he's finished, the lad says.

"No, Stevie. A jazz chord, a jazz chord!"

By now, Stevie's a little confused. "What do you mean, play a jazz chord?" he says to the fan. "I've just done two for you!"

"But it best song of Stevie Wonder," comes the reply. "It bery famous!"

"OK, then. How does it go?" enquires the blind genius.

The young Japanese man clears his throat and starts to sing:

"A JAZZ CHORD, TO SAY, I RUV YOU!"

Here are some comments overhead at the recent Olympic Games in Athens:

"This is Gregorova from Russia. I saw her snatch this morning during her warm-up. It was amazing!

(WEIGHTLIFTING)

"This is a really lovely horse. I speak from personal experience since I once mounted her mother!" *(DRESSAGE)*

"Sure there have been some injuries and even some deaths in boxing. But none of them really that serious."

(BOXING)

"Ah, isn't that nice! The wife of the IOC President is hugging the cox of the winning crew!" *(ROWING)*

A prisoner escapes from prison...

As he makes his escape, he finds a house and breaks into it. There, he finds a young couple in bed.

He drags the guy out of the bed and ties him up to a chair in the corner.

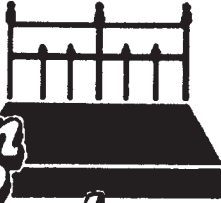
He then proceeds to tie the woman to the bed. He gets on top of her and proceeds to kiss her body and her neck. Suddenly, he gets up off the bed and enters the bathroom.

Whilst he is there, the husband whispers to his wife, "Listen, this guy is

obviously a prisoner. Just look at his clothes! He's probably spent a long time in prison without female contact. He might be dangerous and if he gets angry, he will probably kill us! So if he wants sex, don't resist and do what he tells you. Be strong, honey. I love you!"

I'm glad you think that way," responds the wife. "Sure, he's not seen a woman in years. But while he was kissing my neck, he whispered that he found you very attractive. He asked if we had any Vaseline in the bathroom. Be strong, honey. I love you, too!"

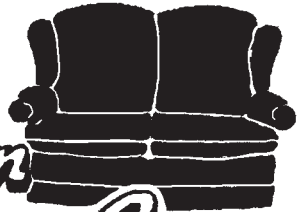
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**FURNESS ROVERS v
CROSSHILLS**

Saturday 2 October 2004

Kick-off 3-00pm

Directions: Leave the M6 at Junction 36 and follow the A590 to Barrow. After passing through Lindal at the 1st roundabout take the 2nd exit. At the 2nd roundabout also take the 2nd exit and the 3rd roundabout the 2nd exit (signposted A590 Barrow). Continue for approximately two miles until you reach the bus depot on your left and fire station on your right. Take the first turn immediately after (Wilkie Road) and the ground is on your immediate right between the Soccer Bar Club and Barrow AFC's ground.

AEGON WEST LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION 2 RESERVE
**LYTHAM ST ANNES v
CROSSHILLS**

Saturday 9 October 2004

Kick-off 3-00pm

Directions: At the end of the M55, continue along dual carriageway to major roundabout. Bearing left at roundabout, follow signs for Lytham St Annes. Turning left at second set of lights along the B5261, pass the Queensway pub on the right, Blossoms Pub on the right and Fylde RUFC on the left. Turn right at next lights just after petrol station. Ground is one mile further on the left next to St Cuthbert's Church and opposite Lowther Gardens Park.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

BOOTLE 1 CROSSHILLS 3

West Lancashire League Division 2

17th March 2001

From a spectator's point of view, it couldn't have been the greatest of games to watch. But Crosshills didn't mind that too much as they went home with all three points.

They certainly had to earn these though, especially in the first half when playing against a strong wind and they were constantly put under pressure.

It was no surprise, therefore, when Bootle took the lead. But Hills responded in the best way possible, equalising minutes later through Wayne Lee who, after an injury-hit season, was now back to his best.

With the scores level at the break, Crosshills knew they had a great chance of contuing their recent unbeaten run

stretching back nine matches.

Bootle, though, hadn't read the script as they tried to

get their noses back in front.

The Hills back four, with young Matthew Lloyd having his first full game, stood up magnificently.

The South Craven side gained the initiative when Alan Robertson floated over a teasing free-kick for Nick Shaw to volley home.

With the outside chance of promotion still to aim for, Hills were not going to let this one slip through their fingers and they made sure near the end when Andy Hardaker made it three.



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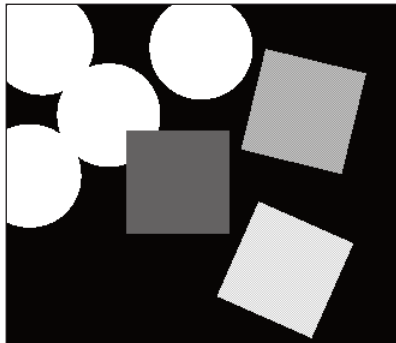
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QUIZ ANSWERS

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Brian Noble | 11 Craig Levein |
| 2 Ethiopian | 12 Steve Rixon |
| 3 Second | 13 Nottinghamshire |
| 4 Real Sociedad | 14 Jürgen Gröbler |
| 5 Vijay Singh | 15 Ayr |
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