
The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by imp - 09-07-2008 20:51

Off on my hols to Europe tomorrow and have been scanning the web for potential games in my vacationing vicinity. I was planning on SC Borea Dresden (formerly Dresden Nord) against Dynamo Dresden next Wednesday, but it clashes with my brother-in-law's weekly kickabout, and I still prefer to play than watch as long as I've got working legs. And I 'did' the Jaegerpark stadium (a generous depiction) a couple of years back when I saw Dresden Nord Reserves play FSV Zwickau, an afternoon no longer much talked about in Saxony footballing circles.

The following week there's Forfar vs East Fife on the Tuesday, and St. Johnstone against Burnley on the Wednesday. I likely won't get away with both, and the latter looks the more attractive fixture, if there is such a thing pre-season. On the other hand, although I went to Muirton Park 30 years ago and McDiarmid Park is there to be ticked off, it looks a flat-pack, unalluring structure. Station Park in Forfar looks better from an anecdotal point of view - that is, when I come back to DC and am mingling with hot young Capitol Hill interns in their 20s, saying I went to Forfar Athletic versus East Fife is sure to have the pol-chix wondering out loud and at length "how the brides were".

The long term weather forecast for the Highlands is absolutely fucking miserable (11 degrees Celsius, "feels like" 8, on the day we get there), so I'll more than likely end up huddled up in front of a log fire roasting haggis, quaffing malt by the vat, and thinking that anyone who drives to Forfar on a freezing August night would have to be insane.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Kowalski - 09-07-2008 21:24

This may be of no use but The Corinthian Casuals are on a mini-tour of North Wales.

Sat 19/7/08 V Prestatyn Town
Sun 20/7/08 V Llangefni Town

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by rick derris - 09-07-2008 21:27

I am attending cardiff V celtic in the algarve and man utd v espanyol at OT

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by mnb098mnb - 09-07-2008 21:45

Corinthian Casuals have an interesting tournament taking place pre-season...

<http://www.corinthian-casuals.com/images/OpenDay424x600.jpg>

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Merlin the happy pig - 09-07-2008 21:47

Will probably go to Brackley Town vs Oxford United on Saturday. Hopefully it won't be the most exciting thing I do this weekend, but I suspect it will be.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 09-07-2008 22:17

The Heritage Classic looks like a must. Do the Old Etonians and Carthusians still have teams? Or is it a matter of rolling up at the Drones Club and asking if anyone wants a kick-about?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by twohundredpercent - 09-07-2008 22:23

I'm pretty certain that Corinthian-Casuals could have listed themselves as former FA Amateur Cup winners (I think that Casuals won it once, pre-merger).

I'm almost certainly going to hatch a brilliant plan to go this.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 09-07-2008 23:37

They did, in 1936 beating Ilford. But, as we know, they're scrupulously honest and probably consider it bad form to claim an honour that occurred prior to the merger. If you go I humbly request comprehensive reports, including detailed kit descriptions, length of moustachios and whether a piece of string instead of a crossbar was used.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by JtS - 10-07-2008 08:15

Wed 30th Jul, I will make my first trip to Brisbane Road to watch would could only surely be described as a Spurs XI (Spurs are away at Norwich on the Monday then playing in Holland on the Friday & Sunday) play Leyton Orient (probably something to do with our reserves playing at Brisbane Road).

Then on Sun 11th Aug, at WHL, I'll be watching Spurs play Roma.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Hot Orange - 10-07-2008 08:29

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Dean Bowditch begins his last-chance-saloon season with a goal. He'll still be on loan at a Division 3 club near you before the end of September.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 10-07-2008 10:13

I'm hoping that we will get to see at least one game in Slovenija in August, though it is likely to be an official fixture, as their league programme starts early.

Italian pre-season friendlies are almost always dire beyond belief.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Jimmy Bignutz - 10-07-2008 10:32

Anyone know of any German teams coming to Britain, or any other particularly interesting friendlies?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Disco Sea Shanties - 10-07-2008 10:37

I don't think I'll be going to any friendlies as none of the ones Orient have seem tempting. Not even the Spurs one as we played them last year and it would be nice to have some other big club for a change. The rest involve trips to places like Aldershot.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 10-07-2008 10:49

Bignutz, from the list on Bwin.de , which is the most comprehensive one I could find quickly, it seems that all of the English/German matchups are going to be on the continent.

Incidentally, how mad is that people actually bet on pre-season friendlies?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by AMMS - 10-07-2008 12:07

Imp - Rangers are playing SC Pruessen Munster on sunday 13th, Sportfreunde Lotte on Wednesday 16th and Schalke on Sat 19th. I can pretty much guarantee that all of these games will be rotten and you'll watch them in the company of a large group of inebriated Scottish and Northern Irish soldiers however you may well get to see Demarcus Beasley play which should get the interns on Capitol Hill flocking to your side. The bridie story should be used as back-up in case this doesn't work though.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Ibn Pickthall - 10-07-2008 12:10

Brentford v Ipswich tomorrow evening.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Pretend Best Friend - 10-07-2008 12:15

Pre-season games are a waste of time, I can't believe they charge people to get into them.

That said I will probably do Swindon v Cardiff in a couple of weeks, and am wondering if there's any football in Berlin at all over the weekend of 19-20 July?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by boris - 10-07-2008 12:17

I've already been to the big local derby (Oxford City 0 Oxford United 1), and on Saturday I'll see Merlin at Brackley. The following Saturday it's off to Maidenhead. And then we have four at home (Manchester United, Cheltenham, Wycombe,

Portsmouth).

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 10-07-2008 12:19

Sportfreunde Lotte? Pruessen Munster are crap, but at least they once featured in the Kicker Stecktabelle.

Lotte can't be higher than the regionalised fourth division and are highly unlikely to have a ground that holds more than 5,000. Why in heaven's name are Rangers playing them? It isn't exactly a beauty spot, either.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Hofzinsler - 10-07-2008 12:27

I suppose the fact that it's not a beauty spot at least means it can't be ruined too much by visting Rangers fans.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 10-07-2008 12:32

They may well scare the horses, though.

Take a look at the title banner of the town's official website.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by AMMS - 10-07-2008 12:58

You try and help a guy out with his holidays and all you get is grief round here. I imagine we're playing those teams because they'll be on the same level as most of the Premier league and it'll be good practice for us, as for it not being a beauty spot it does beggar the question - have you ever visited Govan? Plus I hope they aren't going for the sightseeing but you never know these days. As for you Hofzinger that remark has meant we've cancelled the orphanage we planned to build and we'll just raise the place now out of badness, and it'll be all your fault.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 10-07-2008 13:03

Actually, you support Rangers and all you get is grief around here . . .

But I see your point, and I've been to Govan. I just like to think that Rangers are a "bigger" club than that; it helps me in getting over Fiorentina losing in the semifinal and all that.

BTW, Schalke has been doing some remodelling as well:

<http://bundesliga.theoffside.com/files/2008/07/trailofdestruction.jpg>

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Phoebe - 10-07-2008 13:42

Hot Orange wrote:
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Heh. I'm still mystified how Bowditch got an extra year, while Billy Clarke ended up on the transfer list.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Big Daves Gussett - 10-07-2008 19:56

Swindon drew 2-2 with Steaua this evening. Town were two up at half time, but Steaua equalized with a free kick in the last minute. I know it was only a friendly, but I'm still quite impressed. Fenerbahce await on Saturday. I'd be tempted to go along and call Arragones a racist shit, but it's being played in Austria and I've already said I'll go to a barbecue in Tulse Hill.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Cavalry Trouser Tips - 10-07-2008 20:49

Our centenary match against Arsenal on the 6th of August is on Setanta Sports.

Shame I cancelled my subscription and would never re-subscribe to that bunch of lying, money-grabbing bastards.

Edit: way to break the new OTF, Ursus. I thought images were supposed to appear in a scrolly frame if they were too wide?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by SamLKelly - 10-07-2008 21:46

Hofzinsler wrote:
I suppose the fact that it's not a beauty spot at least means it can't be ruined too much by visting Rangers fans.

So suddenly central Manchester's a beauty spot?!

I doubt I'll make it to any pre-season games, unless there's one happening in Havana whilst I'm there. And that would surprise me (aside from anything else even if it was happening, I'd need to be able to find out about it somehow...).

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Merlin the happy pig - 10-07-2008 22:04

Brackley Town 0-0 Northampton Town, NTFc hit the bar in the first half, it rained a lot. Nothing else to report.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by boris - 10-07-2008 22:40

Let's hope for a more entertaining game on Saturday, Merlin. How did Tom Winters play, by the way?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Pretend Best Friend - 11-07-2008 13:09

Premiership teams' pre-season fixtures here:

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/sport/football/premier_league/article4045805.ece

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 11-07-2008 13:37

GO, they do appear in a scrolly frame in Firefox, but not in IE.

I'll edit it anyway.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Jorge Porbillas - 11-07-2008 13:40

It didn't scroll in Firefox 3.0

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Gangster Octopus - 11-07-2008 13:42

ursus arctos wrote:

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Que?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 11-07-2008 13:43

Hmmm. Those pesky rural Westphalians must have found a way to defeat the code.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by NickSTFC - 11-07-2008 16:56

Does a 1-0 win in a practise match divided into 3 30 min periods against Wrexham count?

Otherwise we have to wait until 19th July away at Stafford.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by jefe - 11-07-2008 20:28

Burnley managed to lose 2-1 to Carolina Railhawks under 23's last night in North Carolina. Someone named Wade Elliott scored for Burnley.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Houdi Elbow - 11-07-2008 20:45

Having visited when Wednesday played there a couple of years ago, the heat and humidity will be way beyond what most of the Burnley players will have experienced, let alone played football in.

Lovely place and friendly people, mind.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by repeater - 12-07-2008 11:29

We won 7-0 at Halstead Town last night. I wasn't there, having rather foolishly believed Halstead's website when it said the fixture was today. Ho hum.

edit - I use my first ho hum in a post for several months, and lo and behold, the very next thread I look at has got one posted two hours beforehand. Still, I feel my predicament is deserving of the ho hum, so it stays.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Ibn Pickthall - 12-07-2008 11:43

Brentford 0 2 Ipswich

A disjointed but competitive first half ended goalless. I hadn't heard of half the Brentford players, nevermind Ipswich's, so I spent the first 45 minutes alternating between poring over the scribbled squad numbers on my programme and watching players trying to escape pre-season treacle. The second half saw an almost entirely different Brentford XI struggle to get to grips with some of Ipswich's wing play and crosses, the first goal coming from a decent right-wing cross solidly headed in by man-mountain Pim Balkestein. Ipswich's second came after their right-winger was clumsily pulled to the ground. The resultant penalty was well-saved by the penalty taker comfortably nodded in the rebound.

Ipswich looked good in the last 25 minutes when it seemed they finally remembered they are 2 divs above the Bees, drove forward and had a number of good chances. Generally encouraging signs for Brentford though, all the fielded new signings turned in good performances, Marcus Bean and Marvin Williams in particular looked very sharp.

No sign of Bowditch, btw.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Hot Orange - 12-07-2008 12:12

Thanks for that review, ibn. The Ipswich camp seem pretty content with their evening's work, and are particularly pleased with Balkestein. Given that he's never played a competitive senior game, it was an interesting signing, and if he turns out to be even half decent, it'll be an excellent bit of business.

Danny Haynes was the right winger who scored number two, by the way.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Ibn Pickthall - 12-07-2008 15:40

I thought Balkestein was Ipswich's motm, though in a game of many substitutions I don't know how much that says. He

showed good positional sense and won a lot of challenges cleanly. We didn't give him much to do in the second half, mind.

Haynes looked lively too, appalling haircut though. The other stand out was Garven (sp?) playing centre mid in the first half, I don't think Ipswich got him on the ball enough.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Phoebe - 13-07-2008 01:19

Good news about Balkestein.

Garvan is a class act, and the only player offered an extension at the club yet to sign, and no indication publicly. Given that it runs out next year, it's very important we get him to sign it.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Kowalski - 13-07-2008 10:38

Wrexham 1 Wolves 1

It was lovely, I was surrounded by teenaged ASBO potentials dressed in clothes worth twice mine. They spent most of the first 30 minutes making threatening gestures towards men aged 30-35 that were 30 yards away.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Jorge Porbillas - 13-07-2008 11:04

I thought we won ...?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Cavalry Trouser Tips - 13-07-2008 11:12

You see Leeds fans, this is why no-one wants you at their ground.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Cavalry Trouser Tips - 13-07-2008 11:13

In reference to this

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Fatter Hipper - 13-07-2008 11:14

Yeah, I thought we lost. They're moaning like mad over on Molinuex Mix, but I couldn't be bothered wading through all the vitriol to actually find out the score.

(it was 1-0, just checked on newsnow).

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Kowalski - 13-07-2008 11:46

Jorge Porbillas wrote:
I thought we won ...?

ooooops Wrexham 1 Wolves 0

Deepest Apologies

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Big Daves Gussett - 13-07-2008 13:28

Last night, Swindon drew 1-1 with a decent Fenerbahce team featuring Kezman, Carlos and Colin-Kazim-Richards-From-Leyton. That's two draws against Champions League opposition, which I imagine means we'll lose 3-0 at home to Tranmere Rovers on opening day. It was a novelty to be able to watch Town on Sopcast though.

Here are the goals. It's a shame that we've scored our goal of the season four weeks before it starts.

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x63ylc_fenerbahce-11-swindon-town_sport

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Kowalski - 13-07-2008 15:13

Lovely goal by one of Swindown's players

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by rick derris - 13-07-2008 19:58

a mate of mine (who many onhere know) went to merthyr yesterday to see cardiff play

missed the match and went to 8 merthyr pubs instead

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Jorge Porbillas - 13-07-2008 22:06

From the youtube clips I've seen he was better off not bothering with Penydarren Park anyhow.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by rick derris - 13-07-2008 22:31

these ones?

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=paTE4mml4do>

part of the reason he didn't bother, train up full of 14 year old wannabees

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by imp - 14-07-2008 09:09

I resisted the temptation to take a 45-minute trip to Darmstadt yesterday to see the four-team Hessen Cup, featuring my old local side FSV Frankfurt, Darmstadt, Offenbacher Kickers, and bourgeois-town/bumpkin-village merger team SV Wehen Wiesbaden. I mentioned it, as a joke of course, but one glance from frau imp was enough to convey that skipping out on the in-laws' family reunion weekend for half a day was not an option. And no doubt I'm a better man for missing it and eating several portions of coffee and cake instead.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by boris - 14-07-2008 12:40

Jorge Porbillas wrote:

From the youtube clips I've seen he was better off not bothering with Penydarren Park anyhow. From what I've seen of the pubs in Merthyr, he'd have been better off going to the game.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 14-07-2008 12:50

imp, you were once a Bornheimer Boy? I had no idea.

Offenbach won the thing, btw, beating Wehen in the final after putting FSV out on penalties in the first round. Next time you might want to try to "contribution to a noble cause" ruse, as the purpose of the thing was to raise money for Darmstadt, who are a "club in crisis" financially.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Billy Casper - 14-07-2008 12:55

Glossop North End 2-2 Barnsley

We were obviously hoping for a 0-0 draw after lining up in a 4-4-1-1 formation with three defensive midfielders. Glossop however broke through our steely resolve and went in at half time 2-0 up.

We stayed with the same formation in the second half, but Diego Leon came on and worked some magic.

The pitch was slopy enough to be a mountain stage in the Tour de France.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Bored Of Football - 14-07-2008 13:02

I can't be bothered to go through all those Leeds and Cardiff YouTube clips so can someone summarise. Did anything happen worse than a load of twats throwing plastic bottles and singing nasty things in either of them?

If so, I have hardly been to a football match that has not involved one or the other.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Jorge Porbillas - 14-07-2008 13:04

Bored - it was, by all accounts, CP-clad schoolkids acting the big-city-cunt in Merthyr whilst the older lads laughed at them.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 15-07-2008 01:32

Hitchin beat Luton (featuring several first team players) 4-1 this evening. I'm thrilled, but the circumstances take the edge off any triumphalism.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by robw - 16-07-2008 07:32

Lincoln City 3-1 Aston Villa.

One nil down after 5 minutes to a John Carew goal, we rallied in the second half against a reasonably strong Villa team (by which I mean, I recognise the names).

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by dogbeak - 16-07-2008 08:10

Newcastle Benfield 6 - 2 Newcastle United Res.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by sixmartletsandaseagull - 16-07-2008 08:41

The Albion are carving up West Sussex. 4-0 at Worthing, 4-2 at Bognor. Undisputed champions of Sussex. Wayhay.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Duncan Gardner - 16-07-2008 08:46

the purpose of the thing was to raise money for Darmstadt, who are a "club in crisis" financially

Put me down for €5. I've fond memories of SV Darmstadt 98, not least shouting abuse from the moshpit at Gordon Sumner during 'Invisible sun'.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Pretend Best Friend - 16-07-2008 18:25

Good grief, channel 5 are showing Luzern v Liverpool

Televising pre-season matches has to be a new low doesn't it?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by jamzinho - 16-07-2008 18:46

Coventry have just lost 3-1 to Romanian side FC Brasov in Switzerland. Leon Best equalised in the first half, and Eastwood and triallist Clinton Morrison played 20 minutes each.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ad hoc - 16-07-2008 18:50

FC Brasov will be up there chasing for the UEFA places this season, so it's not a terrible result by any means.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by AMMS - 16-07-2008 21:27

Sportfreunde Lotte 1 - Rangers 3. 2 goals for Boyd and 1 for 16 year old John Fleck, nephew of Robert and current wunderkind of the Scottish game. Probably be playing in Norway in 5 years time.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by gerontophile - 16-07-2008 21:37

or Sunderland

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by jefe - 16-07-2008 21:37

Burnley 2 Minnesota Thunder 0, Chris McCann and Jay Rodriguez scoring.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by gerontophile - 16-07-2008 21:38

It looks awfully likely that Southampton will get a Celtic youth/reserve team on Friday, as they are due to play Fulham on Saturday.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by rick derris - 16-07-2008 22:06

just been told off a friend, torino away at fulham on 9th august

will be going, on away end. got london tri next day (at 6 fucking am) so won't be a piss up

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Pretend Best Friend - 17-07-2008 07:34

Saints at home first game of the season that day Rick, tut tut tut

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by rick derris - 17-07-2008 07:44

yes but london triathlon means i cant possibly go gallivanting off to cardiff

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Bored Of Football - 17-07-2008 11:42

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by indysleaze - 17-07-2008 11:45

Bored Of Football wrote:

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No, I'm afraid there is nothing interesting about it.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Bored Of Football - 17-07-2008 11:49

It could be like Turkey/Switzerland though, freakish weather conditions causing a surprisingly entertaining match.

Hmm, I will let you know

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 17-07-2008 11:53

You can visit Port Sunlight, which is only a mile or two away from Prenton Park and quite interesting if you are into architectural social history.

I once had a "conversation" with two locals at a match there in which I could swear one was speaking Icelandic or Old Norse. I didn't have a clue what he was on about, and only responded to the other guy, who had a heavy Scouse accent himself.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by repeater - 18-07-2008 21:59

Rushden have been away training in Portugal this week (and I'm sure they've hated every minute). We drew 3-3 with Portimonense on Wednesday, and beat Bristol City 1-0 tonight.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Merlin the happy pig - 19-07-2008 09:24

Went to Sincil Bank on tuesday for Villa's friendly, worth going for the scenery. Could have done without the M1 being closed on the way up though.
Banbury - Aylesbury today, providing the test match doesn't get to interesting.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by TonTon - 19-07-2008 11:43

So, we've got the Brentford, at home, today, for the prestigious Supporters Direct Trust Cup (a cup which actually does have my name on it).

And where is PG? Off watching the fucking CRICKET!

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Ibn Pickthall - 19-07-2008 17:31

Woohoo! Silverware!

Was the result a fair reflection of the game?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by G.Man as D. Motsamayi - 19-07-2008 20:41

Kaizer Chiefs 1 Man Utd 1

A boring game at Newlands rugby stadium. Gnev started, and looked quite good, but gave away the penalty that gave Chiefs the lead. Eagles equalised with a deflected header after a great ball in from Tevez.

Next week United take on Orlando Pirates in Durban.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by AMMS - 20-07-2008 12:35

Schalke 1 - Rangers 0. Schalke looked quite good and Rangers didn't. Gonna be a long season ahead without Ferguson. Was surprised by Schalkes sponsor, did that go down OK with the locals?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by mafu - 20-07-2008 12:54

who won the cup tonton?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Ibn Pickthall - 20-07-2008 13:32

Brentford, 2-1.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by E10 Rifle - 20-07-2008 16:45

Fulham 3 Celtic 1

Only bothered with this one to have a nice drink by the river with some old Tim friends I hadn't seen for a bit. Deserved win for Fulham, who looked compact and purposeful and scored three fine goals, including a surprisingly sharp volley from Bobby Zamora. Celtic were thoroughly pedestrian and very weak in midfield.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by rick derris - 20-07-2008 17:01

Celtic were thoroughly pedestrian and very weak in midfield.

bodes well for thursday then

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by NHH - 20-07-2008 17:09

The match programme yesterday at AFCW had a report of our first PSF, a seemingly dull as ditchwater 0-0 draw with Croydon Athletic. The second sentence said 'the length of the grass prevented us getting our passing game going'. The season is not even a paragraph old, and we're making excuses.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by jefe - 21-07-2008 01:17

West Ham 3 Columbus 1, Dean Ashton got the first.

Apparently there were enough drunken stupid people on both sides starting fights that the Columbus police sent over their helicopter.

There was also a banner unveiled that said ICF undefeated for 30 years. Except I don't think it got the desired reaction, because the stadium security/Columbus police had no idea what the hell that meant.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Harri Saer - 24-07-2008 23:48

Cardiff City 1 Celtic 0

(Algarve Challenge Cup, played at the Stadio Algarve, Portugal)

9/11 of what is as close to a full-strength side as we can muster at the moment beating a patchy Celtic team (including Hinkel, Balde, O'Dea, Brown, Hartley, Donati, Samaras. McManus, McDonald and JVoH on as subs).

A peculiar final game in a tournament composed of two double-headers also featuring Guimares and Middlesborough which was watched by about 1500 people in a 30,000 capacity stadium and run like a village fete (albeit with heavy security and random breathalyser tests on entry). Cardiff's two victories bringing them their first European silverware I can recall.

Celtic look liked far better players with great individual movement but betray the signs of not playing together regularly and beaten by a side who generally know each other better and a great team goal.

Wierd night, particularly as I am on a family holiday twenty minutes away booked months before the tournament was announced and sloped off for a few hours.

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Bored Of Discipline - 25-07-2008 14:53

Is this the pre-cursor to "a 9/11 of a team" being used as a description next season, Harri?

Anyway, I phone the Tranmere ticket office to ask about tickets for the Bolton thriller next Tuesday and ask if it is likely to be sold out to be told in a dour Birkenhead accent "There is more chance of aliens landing than it being a sell-out"

Great sales technique.

Have Bolton not signed anyone even slightly interesting?

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Harri Saer - 25-07-2008 15:23

Not since 1905, no.

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Tony C - 25-07-2008 15:40

Hamburg v Manchester City live on Channel 5 tommorrow afternoon.

See, there is something to live for.

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by NickSTFC - 26-07-2008 06:38

19 Jul. Stafford 0-3 Shrewsbury

22 Jul. Shrewsbury 2-2 WBA

25 Jul. Shrewsbury 2-0 Blackpool

Optimism in overdrive at the PornStar Stadium.

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Etienne - 26-07-2008 09:22

Good news, Nick. Have the shrews signed anyone interesting other than Holt?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Hot Orange - 26-07-2008 11:09

Just these two.

http://www.footballshirtculture.com/images/stories/fsc6/shrewsbury_town_08_09_prostar_football_kits.jpg

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Etienne - 26-07-2008 11:21

Eew.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Hot Orange - 26-07-2008 12:51

Quite right. Bring back proper blue and amber stripes, I say.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by NickSTFC - 26-07-2008 13:32

Hot Orange wrote:

Quite right. Bring back proper blue and amber stripes, I say.

Amen to that brother.

Etienne. We've got Richard Walker on seasons loan from Brizzel Rovers along with centre-backs Micheal Jackson (Blackpool) and Shane Sherriff (Tranmere). These three, along with Holt, stick out like a dogs proverbials in our squad. Talk about being a 4 man team.

Anyway back on topic. We've got the might of Market Drayton Town on Monday in the semi of the Shropshire Senior Cup. I expect some sort of a Shrewsbury Town XI for this game.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Harri Saer - 26-07-2008 19:41

Bored Of Discipline wrote:

Is this the pre-cursor to "a 9/11 of a team" being used as a description next season, Harri?

I have no idea why a football team would be likened to November the 9th.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Leo Fortunes Vest - 29-07-2008 10:14

Doncaster Rovers came over all Roy of the Rovers during Saturday's friendly with Newcastle. Having made the now token 10 substitutions all was going swimmingly until one of our unnamed trialists had to go off injured with fifteen minutes to go. With no-one left on the bench one of the ballboys (a member of the youth team) was beckoned from behind the goal and sent down the tunnel... he re-emerged five minutes later in full kit and came on at right-back to mark Damian Duff. I'm thinking of taking my boots next week in case the whole team is kidnapped... or suffers food poisoning... or an earthquake strikes.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Bored Of Discipline - 29-07-2008 10:32

Did Doncaster win?

You're not the Welsh Doncaster fan, are you by any chance?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Leo Fortunes Vest - 29-07-2008 10:48

Aye 1-0 to the Rovers... the ballboy come full-back changed the game (or so goes the anecdote that will be told to teenage girls across Donny this week), Stuart Elliott scored the winner five minutes from time.

And yes you've pinned the tail on the right donkey... although rumour has it there are as many of three Rovers/Wales fans these days

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Bored Of Discipline - 29-07-2008 11:27

Welcome then, Glen, you have the relatively easy task of guessing which 1927 club member I am.

Firstly, I shared a pitch with you in Brno and I am the only one on here (I think) that was born in Yorkshire

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Leo Fortunes Vest - 29-07-2008 11:31

I've already successfully picked out a Gabb, so I'll go for Marc. Hope all is well... looking forward to August 16th. I don't think the Championship would have been the expected meeting point of our respective clubs

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by noj - 30-07-2008 07:38

Chesterfield 1 Sheffield Wednesday 0

I'd love to give a report on this game, but unfortunately I didn't make it there. Having left work at quarter past five for Chesterfield (a journey on a normal day of around 50 minutes) I arrived at the big A517 roundabout on the outskirts of Chesterfield at about 8.15, so went straight round it and went home again. Apparently the M1 had been shut for eight

hours and so all of its traffic was diverting through the town. I got home at around half nine, having driven for over four hours for precisely nothing.

Looking on the bright side however, I saved a tenner by not watching us lose a meaningless pre-season game. I also had the enjoyment of listening to updates on the game from BBC Radio Sheffield, who obviously had employed someone who'd never watching Wednesday before to comment on the game; "That Jermaine Johnson – he's a big lad isn't he?", "Etienne Esajas – is he Dutch?".

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by rick derris - 30-07-2008 08:32

bored, a superb bit of sleuth work

the location 'Lincoln' was a bit of a giveaway

welcome glen

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Bored Of Discipline - 30-07-2008 22:42

Indeed. Mind you, it did involve me taking in and retaining information about someone else while drunk in a foreign pub

I've already successfully picked out a Gabb, so I'll go for Marc. Hope all is well... looking forward to August 16th.

Correct. I won't be there on the 16th unfortunately as I am in Stratford upon Avon for a romantic weekend with my wife. As it is, it would have been a 4 hour train ride as opposed to the 90 min one from London.

Will try and hook up with you for the home game if not a Welsh one before then

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by rick derris - 30-07-2008 22:44

I can't make the 16th either as its my daughters second birthday

some kind of zoo thing has been mentioned, so not much change from the usual Saturday cardiff city experience

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Bored Of Discipline - 30-07-2008 22:49

I am sure you are on the edge of your seats for the update of last night's freindly between Tranmere and Bolton....

Match cancelled due to waterlogged pitch.

In July.

If they had kept Campo, they could have mopped it up with his hair. I did, however, see the new Bolton kit in all its "glory". Really really fucking horrible.

In retrospect, the 8 hour round journey was probably wasted less by the alternative evening's entertainment of an Italian meal across the road from Prenton Park followed by a visit to the skate park by my son

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Harri Saer - 30-07-2008 22:52

Bored Of Discipline wrote:

Correct. I won't be there on the 16th unfortunately as I am in Stratford upon Avon for a romantic weekend with my wife.

Will you be popping in to the V Festival then?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Bored Of Discipline - 30-07-2008 22:54

Is that in Stratford? Where is it, the old Phoenix site?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Harri Saer - 30-07-2008 23:02

As you were, it's actually is Stafford. I hope the people who book acts on to these things have a better idea of the location than I do.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by E10 Rifle - 30-07-2008 23:50

Leyton Orient 1 Tottenham Hotspur 5

Ouch. A funny one, and a typical 2000s-era pre-season friendly, in which the big club could just step up at will and run riot for 20 minutes and settle everything. We started well, took an early lead through a brilliant goal from Jason Demetriou and - despite Spurs edging the possession - deserved our half-time lead.

Then when our best player, centre-half Tamika Mkandiwire, went off, we lost shape horribly and Spurs ran amok, helped by Giovanni Dos Santos, Aaron Lennon and Darren Bent ruthlessly turning the screw. We look neat but lightweight, as we did last season. Ho hum. Spurs won this same fixture 4-2 last year and certainly look a bit better; Modric did little more than stroll about in a deep midfield role and inconspicuously pull strings but still looks a real class act.

Oh, and it's always nice once again to welcome classy big club fans who fight stewards and themselves during quieter moments of the game.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by NickSTFC - 31-07-2008 06:14

July 28. Shropshire Senior Cup Semi.

Full strength Shrewsbury 3 - 2 Market Drayton Town.

Game played in monsoon conditions, but our newish pitch held up fantastically.

Apart from that we were crap, MDT were superb.

The other semi between AFC Telford and Bridgenorth was abandoned after 1 min of play.

Don't know how we are going to complete the worlds oldest competition now.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by jefe - 01-08-2008 01:42

Chicago Fire 2 - Everton. They play Colorado in Denver this weekend.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Harri Saer - 01-08-2008 08:56

Everton not even getting nil, I see.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by mnb098mnb - 01-08-2008 17:53

<http://www.cardiffcityfc.premiumtv.co.uk/javalimages/ba/fc/0,,10335~3734714,00.jpg>

Considering the name of the cup I can only assume Dutch opposition were chosen deliberately.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Tactical Genius - 02-08-2008 01:48

How did Spurs get on against Celtic?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 02-08-2008 14:33

2-0 to Tottenham. "Complete domination" according to the official site and they may actually be some truth in that, based on the grumbling I've heard from some Celtic types. Bentley came on as a sub in the second half and scored (cross from Bale); Bent got the first.

Dortmund on Sunday, then.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by dogbeak - 02-08-2008 15:00

Newcastle lost to Hertha Berlin in another of these useless tin-pot pre-season tournaments every fucker seems to play nowadays.

I remembered at the last minute that I'd decided a few years ago that pre-season friendlies are absolute bum-fodder, and I'm not going to watch them anymore. Instead I went to watch Manatees and got boozed up with old friends.

Judging by the match report on nufc.com, I made a wise choice.

Hertha Berlin 1 Newcastle 0

Newcastle suffered a second successive 1-0 defeat in their pre-season preparations, as their hopes of a meaningless trophy success nose-dived in Spain.

Hertha Berlin had been in UEFA Cup action just over 24 hours before facing the Magpies, but in front of a sparse crowd the Bundesliga side found little to worry them from Kevin Keegan's toothless team.

With strike trio Viduka, Martins and Owen all absent, it was left to Ameobi and Smith to provide an attacking threat, which they singularly failed to do - save for Shola's miscued shot wide of the goal in the opening seconds.

Debutant Jonas Gutierrez (pictured) returned to his former home of the Son Moix and showed some good touches in the first half, tracking back and working down both flanks.

An early injury to 'keeper Christian Fielder forced Hertha into a substitution, but it was deep into the second half when replacement Jaroslav Drobny saw any action.

At that point substitute Damien Duff made a run down the and eluded a series of challenges, but was unable to add to his pre-season goal tally with an 18 yard effort that was straight at the 'keeper.

Other than that we badly lacked a cutting edge and with midfield creativity at a premium and set pieces ragged, a breakthrough never looked likely.

With the tie apparently set for penalties, Hertha broke forward and substitute Maximuliam Nicu beat sub 'keeper Tim Krul with a simple close range header to win it.

Doubtless the usual noises about a good workout in difficult conditions will appear, but aside from the missing players, our lack of a midfield playmaker was evident.

In the night's other game, Mallorca beat Hanover 4-2.

Team: Harper (Krul 63), Geremi, Taylor, Cacapa, N'Zogbia, Butt, Guthrie, Milner, Gutierrez (Enrique 70), Smith, Ameobi (Duff 59).

Subs n/u: Edgar, Danquah, Tozer, Doninger, Donaldson, Godsmark, Bassong.

Hertha: Fielder (Drobny 12), Bezarra, Von Bergen, Chahed, Cicero, Pantelic, Caetano, Stein, De Lima, Arguez (Nicu 73), Lustenberger (Haartmann 66).

Subs n/u: Lakic, Domovchyski, Bigalke, Fardi.

Referee: Ivan Gonzalez (Spain).

Crowd: tbc including around 700 Mags - a long way short of the 7,000+ that the organisers breezily predicted.

Back to 4-4-2, Alan Fucking Smith and a steadfast refusal to create anything in terms of attacking football. I didn't have to watch this game to get an impression of exactly how this game went, the match report above and the tone of my dad's voice when I was talking to him about it are more than enough.

2008/09 is looking more and more like another relentlessly disheartening year for us. No great disasters, just more and more grinding mediocrity and disillusionment. Lord.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Cavalry Trousers Tips - 02-08-2008 16:24

Why wasn't Barton playing?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Fatter Hipper - 02-08-2008 16:41

Paul Ince must be a really shit manager if he let us score from a corner against his team. And fuck me if we didn't add another three, none of which came from Ebanks-Blake.

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by dogbeak - 02-08-2008 17:44

Cavalry Trouser Tips wrote:
Why wasn't Barton playing?

Stood in the naughty corner with his hands on his head?

Having high level meetings with Willie McKay, planning some cunt's trick?

Considered unfair on the Spanish to set him loose on Mallorca?

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by hobbes - 02-08-2008 18:48

Liverpool have just given Pope's O'Rangers a proper spanking. Even the Rangers website said it could have been much worse than the 4-0 drubbing it was.
About time we scored some goals.

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by NickSTFC - 02-08-2008 19:23

2 Aug.

Shrewsbury 0-1 Stoke.

Stoke were big, ugly, cynical and nasty.

We were pretty (ineffective).

Jon Parkin was carrying the spare tyre for the team coach. That must be his role in the squad.

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by boris - 02-08-2008 20:56

Oxford 2 Cheltenham 1

All the goals scored in the last 6 minutes of the first half, in which both sides played their first teams. United made 10 changes at half time, while Cheltenham changed about 7 players in driblets and drabs throughout the second half. Even our "2nd string" (featuring a few regulars, a few youth teamers, a few triallists, and pariah duo Alex Jeannin and Eddie Hutchinson) looked better than Cheltenham, who hardly threatened our goalies throughout. If I were a Chelt fan then I'd be very concerned. In fact, I wouldn't be much surprised if the Oxford fans' chant "we'll play you again next year" turns out to be accurate (well, I'd be a bit surprised if we went up, but I expect to see Chelt back in the basement in 09/10 on that showing).

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by harbinger of hope - 02-08-2008 23:04

County 2-3 Forest

http://photos.l3.facebook.com/photos-l3-snc1/v265/103/61/602766401/n602766401_1149507_7705.jpg

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This was a bizarre game for every reason imaginable. Firstly the away supporters outnumbered the home. Secondly the result, which flattered County beyond belief.

Forest bossed the game and barely allowed County a shot. Although I will admit, this was helped by Counties completely hopeless crossing and final balls. Forest scored three well constructed goals, and were waltzing to an easy 3-0 victory. Forests first came from a knock-down from Luke Chambers, into the path of Earnshaw, who 12 yards out used his quick feet and struck hard toward goal. Kevin Pilkinton got a hand to the ball but it squeezed past him into the net. Forests' second came from a corner, where Chris Cohen put in an inviting cross for Julian Bennet to head home convincingly. Forests third came from a good through ball by youngster James Reid to Earnshaw, who one-on-one with the keeper slotted the ball home into the corner.

Then at 85 mins Forest's sub-goalkeeper went completely mental. A simple backpass was laid back to the goalie. He had all the time and space in the world, to play the ball anywhere he liked. For some reason he decided to scuff the ball straight to the feet of Forrester, who tapped into an open goal from 10 yards. It was one of those moments that you know will be on a future edition of "Gary Lineker's Football Hillarious Moments DVDs".

Three minutes later, to add insult to injury, a left wing out-swinging cross by Fairclough sailed over the lumbering sub keeper, straight into the far top corner. It was like watching Ronaldinho v Seaman, but from a much more difficult angle.

The score flattered County, who in the second half were being booed by their own fans as well as Forest's.

Forest: Paul Smith(Dale Roberts, 45min HT), Julian Bennett,(Joe Heath 77min) Luke Chambers(C)(Brendan Moloney, 60min), Wes Morgan, James Perch(Kelvin Wilson, 60min), Robert Earnshaw(Ian Breckin, 77min),, Matt Thornhill, Garath McCleary(James Reid 60min), Arron Davies, Chris Cohen(Guy Moussi 77min), Adam Newbold(Emile Sinclair60min)
Scorers: Earnshaw 27min, 74min, Bennett 34min

Notts County:Kevin Pilkington, Jason Beardsnoley, Paul Mayo, Adam Nowland(John Curtis,69min) Mike Edwards, Adam Tann, Matt Hamshaw(Jay Smith 87min), Richard Butcher(Neil Mackenzie79min), Jamie Forrester, Spencer Weir-Daley,(Ben Fairclough, 62min) Myles Weston.

Subs: Tim Sandercombe,

Scorer: Forrester 85min, Fairclough 88min,

Referee: Mr R Booth:

Attendance: 7,665

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by rick derris - 02-08-2008 23:17

just got in from OT

espanyol probably better team second half

utd should have been 4-0 up at the break

1-0 utd

strange experience going to OT for the first time for a utd match (been for england wales)

all those different accents and languages is quite bizarre. seeing the norwegian reds, the icelandic reds, the chelmsford reds and the maltese reds in a pub by OT before the game sing 'fivvvvvve eric cantonas' was odd

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Bored Of Discipline - 02-08-2008 23:59

harbinger of hope, I am sorry but I have to insist that you list it as County 2 - Forest 3

How do you feel about the Earnshaw signing?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by rick derris - 03-08-2008 00:12

why were forest not on the usual away end?

always one of the best stands when i went with cardiff on the 2/3 times

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by harbinger of hope - 03-08-2008 00:33

I think they gave us the big stand purely because of the sheer numbers. We definately outnumbered the County fans spread across the other three stands.

I wasn't entirely sure about Rob when I first heard of his signing. He hasn't done a lot in recent times.

Having said that, he did look sharp against County, and took his two goals well. I was also amazed at Andrew Cole's pace. I thought he was too old to be sprinting past defenders. I was wrong.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by rick derris - 03-08-2008 00:41

<http://www.manutd.com/mutv.htm>

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by harbinger of hope - 03-08-2008 00:43

Quick. Pass me the tissues

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Melbourne Arab - 03-08-2008 01:12

Maybe we won't miss Noel Hunt after all. Another goal for Francisco Sandaza as Dundee United win 1-0 at Plymouth.

Paul Sturrock had a pre-match drink with the United supporters and then, in his post match address to the away support, said "make sure you go back to Dundee and beat those Scumdee bastards."

It's obviously escaped Luggy's notice that we're not in the same division.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Harri Saer - 03-08-2008 12:43

harbinger of hope wrote:

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Having said that, he did look sharp against County, and took his two goals well. I was also amazed at Andrew Cole's pace. I thought he was too old to be sprinting past defenders. I was wrong.

Earnie scored 20 goals the season before last while at Norwich. He may not have thrived in the Premiership (though I think he's better than his spells with largely terrible sides and managers indicates) but he's an excellent D2 goalscorer.

I said at the time that Cole was MotM when we played at Burnley last season, not so much for his pace (though that was good, he seems very fit and was a huge contrast to the slightly younger Hasselbaink) but because he had a far better footballing brain than anyone on the pitch with the possible exception of Ramsey.

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by rick derris - 03-08-2008 12:46

chelsea have just beaten ac milan 5-0

anelka got four

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by BrunoMaggiore - 03-08-2008 12:54

Really? That's a rather bad result. Anelka? 4?

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by BrunoMaggiore - 03-08-2008 12:56

Hm, it seems Kalac was responsible for at least two of them. Still.

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by BrunoMaggiore - 03-08-2008 13:00

Can anyone point me to today's starting lineups?

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Harri Saer - 03-08-2008 13:16

Watching Juve v HSV from Ashburton Grove on TV, the latter's red & maroon kit looks no better in action.

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Broken Clock - 03-08-2008 18:57

Sunderland 0 Ajax 1.

I've developed an inkling to go see Torino at Craven Cottage next weekend.

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ad hoc - 04-08-2008 07:58

Barcelona beat Chivas (the Guadalajara arm) 5-2 in Chicago . Eto'o scored twice further complicating that saga. If you think the Ronaldo thing is going on a bit, it's got nothing on Eto'o. Every day sees new permutations and statements and suppositions. "Pep and Samuel make up"; "Eto'o off to Valencia in exchange for Silva"; "Eto'o for Benzema"; "Eto'o to Roma"; it's never ending. Yesterday there was a long article arguing that if Ronaldo goes to Madrid, then Man Utd will buy Eto'o, which will free Barcelona to buy Berbatov.

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Tactical Genius - 04-08-2008 11:40

Hold on Ursus.

Are you saying joke team Spurs beat the mighty Celtic with a goal scored by the joke striker Bent?

Well, well, well.

I can now understand what Hesselink has been quiet the last 48 hours.

With the thrashing of Glasgow rangers, we can finally put to bed the debate about how well the old firm will do in the prem.

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by AMMS - 04-08-2008 12:37

Judging from what I've seen so far this pre-season the debate is about how well we'll do in the Scottish Premier far less the English one.

Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 04-08-2008 12:52

The difference between the Eto'o telenovella and the CRonaldo one is geographical reach.

The former is pretty much limited to the Barcelona and Catalan media, the latter has really broken out internationally, sort of like Ugly Betty.

And Bruno, here are the teams from the Chelsea-Milan match in Moscow. Kalac was horrific, but the fact that an ultra-defensive formation let in five is causing quite a bit of comment here. Ancelotti was furious.

MILAN-CHELSEA 0-5 (0-3)

MARCATORI: Lampard al 3', Anelka all'8' e 19' p.t. Anelka al 5' e al 13' s.t.

MILAN (4-5-1): Kalac; Bonera (1' st Paloschi), Maldini (1' st Digao), Simic (1' st Kaladze), Favalli (19' st Antonini); Zambrotta, Gattuso, Flamini, Jankulovski, Pirlo; Ambrosini (1' st Seedorf).

CHELSEA (4-4-2): Chech (26' st Cudicini); Ivanovic (16' st Ferreira), Alex, Therry (16' st Carvalho), A. Cole; Ballack (1' st Deco), Mikel, Lampard, Malouda; R. Philips (28' st Sinclair), Anelka (21' st Shevchenko).

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Harri Saer - 04-08-2008 13:07

ursus arctos wrote:

MILAN (4-5-1): Kalac; Bonera (1' st Paloschi), Maldini (1' st Digao), Simic (1' st Kaladze), Favalli (19' st Antonini); Zambrotta, Gattuso, Flamini, Jankulovski, Pirlo; Ambrosini (1' st Seedorf).

That's Jonathan Wilson's 4-6-0 theory in practise really, isn't it?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by loose cannon - 04-08-2008 13:17

Anelka apparently had one of those games where everything he touched went into the net. Sort of like that MU- Roma game of whenever it was. Never happens when it counts though.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Jimmy Bignutz - 04-08-2008 13:25

Presumably the numbers by the substitutions are minutes left, rather than minutes passed. Otherwise it sounds like a bloodbath.

That Milan line-up is hilarious.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by rick derris - 04-08-2008 13:35

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Hot Orange - 04-08-2008 13:44

Presumably the numbers by the substitutions are minutes left, rather than minutes passed.

They refer to minutes passed within the half, so "1' s.t." is a sub in the first minute of the second half (secondo tempo?), ie at half-time. "p.t." is the first half ("primo tempo"). See also the goal times.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 04-08-2008 13:46

I hadn't thought of it, but it is a 4-6-0 (or a 5-5-0, depending on where Favalli played).

And they are minutes past, with "st" meaning "second half". So, for instance, Paloschi, Digao (Kaka's little brother), Kaladze and Seedorf all came on at the beginning of the second half.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Etienne - 04-08-2008 13:47

st is second half, JB. So all the 1 st's meand they came off at half-time.

Frankly I think this is one area where Italian football is patently inferior. Sub (68) is far clearer and easier to follow than Sub (23 st) - and doesn't make it seem like the replacement weighs the same as Paul Robinson.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Etienne - 04-08-2008 13:47

All clear now?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Jimmy Bignutz - 04-08-2008 13:51

Alright.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 04-08-2008 13:52

I hate the notation too. The Gazzetta is particularly fixated on it.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by BrunoMaggiore - 04-08-2008 14:01

So that's an unusual formation Milan used. Any chance it had something to do with the general disarray?

I.e. it was certainly 'ultra-defensive' but did it confuse the players.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 04-08-2008 14:05

I didn't watch the match, but from the reports I've seen this morning they couldn't really figure out what to do without any forwards.

And then Kalac kept dropping the ball at people's feet.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by BrunoMaggiore - 04-08-2008 14:34

So I guess the question is was it weakness through the midfield, on the wings, or in the central defense, or all of the above.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Hofzinser - 04-08-2008 14:39

A truly horrendous challenge by Gio van Bronckhorst on Scott Brown in yesterday's Feyenoord-Celtic match. He was lucky not to get a serious injury, which, given van Bronckhorst's ex-employers, would have given the conspiracy theorists something to chew on.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by loose cannon - 04-08-2008 14:40

Flamini off to a flying start then

(heh heh :)

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Harri Saer - 04-08-2008 15:08

As I mentioned on another thread , I can't decide if Diaby's tackle on Sneijder yesterday was just very dumb and clumsy or malicious.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 04-08-2008 15:22

Marca doesn't have any doubts:

http://marca.recoletos.es/elementosPortada/fotos/img_portada.jpg

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by jefe - 04-08-2008 19:11

Colorado Rapids 1-2 Everton. Arteta and Osman for Everton, Conor Casey for the Rapids.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by boris - 05-08-2008 10:34

Oxford lost 2-1 at home to a full-strength Portsmouth last night. Disappointing really - if our top striker hadn't limped off after 8 minutes I reckon we could have got a draw, especially when our second-half team comprised youth players, reserves, trialists, and transfer-listed players, and we still matched Pompey throughout.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Kowalski - 06-08-2008 00:28

I love pre-season

<http://i79.photobucket.com/albums/j143/CHEDUDNO/Misc/DSCF1891.jpg>
Endless Sunshine

<http://i79.photobucket.com/albums/j143/CHEDUDNO/Misc/DSCF2024.jpg>
Motivated Players

http://i79.photobucket.com/albums/j143/CHEDUDNO/Misc/2008_0805new40435.jpg
The crowds, the crowds

<http://i79.photobucket.com/albums/j143/CHEDUDNO/Misc/DSCF2067.jpg>
The friendly banter between opposition fans

http://i79.photobucket.com/albums/j143/CHEDUDNO/Misc/2008_0805new40130.jpg
Midget Goalkeepers

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Pretend Best Friend - 06-08-2008 07:37

Was that an under 14s game? That keeper can't be any more than five foot two!

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ian.64 - 06-08-2008 07:47

Put Jeanette Krankie in charge of transfer negotiations and that's exactly what you get.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Kowalski - 06-08-2008 09:39

Pretend Best Friend wrote:

Was that an under 14s game? That keeper can't be any more than five foot two!

It was a proper adults game

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by BrunoMaggiore - 06-08-2008 16:59

So who will win, Manchester United or Juventus?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by sixmartletsandaseagull - 06-08-2008 17:08

BrunoMaggiore wrote:

So who will win, Manchester United or Juventus?

It's live on Rai uno tonight which should be good. Not sure how much it matters in terms of the result, as long as one of them doesn't get thrashed.

Ranieri, in La Gazzetta dello Sport today, was saying that he is likely to start with the ones that have had the least minutes in the friendlies to date. Mostly, those who played in the euros. He also said he wants it to be a real game and that he doesn't want to make tonnes of substitutions. It's Juve 's last game before the CL preliminary I think.

No idea what Man Utd are doing

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by ursus arctos - 06-08-2008 17:28

Is this now the thread for discussing the virus Rooney picked up in Nigeria?

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by Cavalry Trousers Tips - 06-08-2008 20:08

Well, we've thrown away a 1-0 lead against Arsenal juniors to gift them the 'Herbert Chapman Trophy' 2-1.

I managed to watch the whole of this match on 3 different streams (2 Sopcast and 1 TVants) as the one I was watching kept going offline.

The team we had in the first half is closer to the team that will start on Saturday and it highlighted how much better the likes of Jim Goodwin and Gary Roberts are than the bloody shower who were turning out last season. Players like Worthington and Kamara, who were automatic shoe-ins for a place last season (we had no squad depth) are now going to have to work very hard to get back in the first team.

Bring on Stockport on Saturday.

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Re:The Pre-Season Friendly Thread

Posted by axel - 07-08-2008 06:42

harbringer, thanks for the photos and Notts County match report. Are you coming up to the Bradford game on Saturday?

CTT, see you on Tuesday in the cup!

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