



BRADFORD CITY v LINCOLN CITY

SUNDAY, 23rd APRIL, 1989 Kick-off 3.00pm



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME
in Aid of the
HILLSBOROUGH/LIVERPOOL
Disaster Appeal Fund



A WELCOME TO VALLEY PARADE

We haven't met in a League match since the Valley Parade fire disaster four years ago. But there will always be a special bond of friendship between ourselves and Lincoln City who readily agreed to come back to Bradford to play a match in aid of the Hillsborough Disaster Appeal.

It's a friendship borne of adversity for we both experienced the worst disaster in English football as 56 people lost their lives when the stand burned down during the last match of the 1984-5 season on May 11th, 1985. None of us who were there on that tragic day will ever forget the harrowing scenes nor the friends who died in the fire.

The day began so happily for us as our captain Peter Jackson received the Third Division Championship trophy and then led the players on a lap of honour before the match, but triumph turned to tragedy when fire broke out just before half time with the appalling loss of life.

We played away from Valley Parade for 18 months before the ground was re-opened with the splendid facilities we now enjoy.

Nothing went right for Lincoln after the fire, for the main stand at their Sincil Bank ground had to be demolished for failing to comply with new fire and safety standards introduced after the Valley Parade disaster.

On the field, the team were relegated the following season and then became the first club to drop out of the league into the Vauxhall Conference at the end of the following season.

Lincoln, strongly backed by their local community, proved to be very resilient and they began a season in non-League football by opening their new St Andrews stand built to replace the old main stand at a cost of almost £1 million.

So determined were Lincoln to get back into the Fourth Division at the first attempt that they continued with full time players as they threw all their resources into winning the GM Vauxhall Conference championship.

They brought back former manager Colin Murphy to help them achieve their objective, but the competitive standard of the Conference was so high with everyone wanting to beat Lincoln that it proved to be no easy task to win the title.

They managed it, however, by beating Wycombe Wanderers at home in the last match of the season watched by a crowd of almost 13,000 amid scenes of great rejoicing.

The current season has proved to be one of consolidation as Lincoln have achieved a midtable position, hopefully as a springboard for a promotion challenge next time.

MESSAGE FROM LINCOLN CITY FC

In the wake of the most tragic of circumstances of last week-end it is difficult to find words appropriate to the situation; perhaps in the short term, action speaks louder than words and Lincoln City FC are pleased and proud to be able to join together with Bradford City AFC in a practical way of helping the bereaved and injured.

Both clubs and their supporters, having experienced the disastrous events of May 11th 1985, must today be wishing that this meeting was under different and more pleasant circumstances.

Let us hope that as in the case of the Bradford fire, the lessons of Hillsborough will be learned and learned well.

Geoff Davey
Managing Director
Lincoln City FC

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COMMENT FROM THE MANAGER — *Terry Yorath*

Everyone of us sympathises with the families of those who died or were injured in the dreadful tragedy at the FA Cup semi-final at Hillsborough.

We arranged today's game against Lincoln City to raise money to help the victims of the disaster.

Bradford City and Lincoln know what it is like to experience tragedy at first hand for we met on the day of the Valley Parade tragedy.

Like me, many of you here today remember all too well the horrific events of that fateful day when 56 of our friends and supporters lost their lives in the fire. It's something we will never forget, but we can only hope that today's match doesn't bring back too many bad memories of what happened here in 1985.

On a happier note, it is nice to see Lincoln back in the League again after being the first club to drop into the GM Vauxhall Conference when they finished bottom of the Fourth Division at the end of the 1986-7 season.

Ironically, they finished bottom after losing their last match of the season at my old club Swansea. So, I have been associated with them on two very sad days in the life of the Lincoln club.

They have had major alterations to bring their Sincil Ground up to safety standards following the Valley Parade disaster. The alterations cost them a lot of money, but they have come through it well and we welcome them here today on their first visit since the fire.

Today's Visitors Lincoln City

Ian Bowling (Goalkeeper) — Sheffield born, he joined Lincoln last September from Gainsborough Trinity and got his chance in the first team when first choice Mark Wallington was injured.

John Schofield (Midfielder) — Barnsley boy, signed for the Imps at the start of November '88 from local club Gainsborough Trinity for £10,000. Strong midfield player.

Trevor Matthewson (Defender) — Summer '87 signing from Colin Murphy's old team, Stockport. Former captain at Edgeley Park. Born in Sheffield and served his apprenticeship at Wednesday.

Shane Nicholson (Defender) — Signed professional forms for Lincoln last season. Sweet culter left footed player who can play either at full back or in midfield. Born at Collingham.

Clive Evans (Defender) — Birkenhead born utility midfield/defender who served his apprenticeship at Tranmere before being transferred to Wigan for £25,000. Made 36 appearances and scored eight goals in last season's campaign.

Darren Davis (Defender) — Centre back signed from Notts County in August '88 with whom he has had experience in the Fourth and Third Division.

Bob Cumming (Midfield) — '87 signing from Grimsby. Utility left sided player who made over 400 senior appearances for the Mariners, scoring 64 senior goals. Winner of Third Division Championship medal in 1980.

David Clarke (Midfield) — Summer '87 signing from Notts County. Utility midfield/defender with the knack of scoring goals. Born in Nottingham, David gained England youth honours. Five league goals in 36 appearances last term.

Anthony James (Midfield) — Signed from Gainsborough Trinity in August '88 after making a favourable impression against the Imps in the County Cup. Tony can also play at centre back.

Phil Brown (Striker) — Small fast hard working midfielder/striker signed from Stockport during the summer of '87, having previously played for Chesterfield. Winner of Fourth Division Championship medal in 1985.

John McGinley (Striker) — A tall left winger who can also play as a central striker. Played at Sunderland and Charleroi (Belgium) before coming to Sincil Bank three years ago. Capable goal-scorer who left Sincil Bank at the end of August '86 in an exchange deal with Tony Simmons at Rotherham. John returned to the Imps at the end of January 1987. Scored 15 goals in 38 appearances last season.

Willie Gamble (Striker) — 20 year old striker who has come through the club ranks. Born at Cottam, Willie has made 49 senior appearances scoring ten times.

Paul Smith (Striker) — Record fee signing for both Imps and non-league football at £48,000 when he signed for the Imps from Port Vale at the start of September '87. Very fast striker/winger who served his apprenticeship at Sheffield United.

Mark Sertori (Striker) — 21 year old utility player signed on eve of '87 season having played in both midfield and attack for Stockport. A forward to watch in the future.

Gordon Hobson (Striker) — Club record signing for £60,000 in September from Southampton. Now in his second spell with the Imps. Previous League experience with Grimsby Town prior to joining the Saints.

Paul Casey (Midfielder) — Bought from Boston United in March 1988. Plays right back or right midfield. Paul had League experience at Sheffield United before moving to Boston.



TEAMS

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BRADFORD CITY

PAUL TOMLINSON
BRIAN MITCHELL
BRIAN TINNION
LEIGH PALIN
GAVIN OLIVER
DAVE EVANS
DAVID CAMPBELL
PETER JACKSON
MARK LEONARD
JIMMY QUINN
PAUL JEWELL
MARK ELLIS
KARL GODDARD
ANDY THOMAS

LINCOLN CITY

IAN BOWLING
CLIVE EVANS
DARREN DAVIS
JOHN SCHOFIELD
TONY JAMES
TREVOR MATTHEWSON
WILLIE GAMBLE
BOB CUMMING
JOHN MCGINLEY
PAUL SMITH
DAVID CLARKE
GORDON HOBSON
SHANE NICHOLSON
PHIL BROWN
MARK SERTORI
PAUL CASEY

Referee

Mr. TREVOR SIMPSON (Halifax)

Linesmen

Mr. Trevor Moore (Bradford)
(Red Trim)

Mr. Gerald Taylor (Shipley)
(Yellow Trim)
