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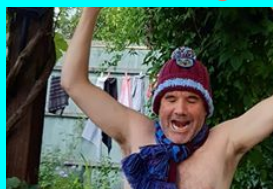
The newsletter of Weymouth FC Supporters Association.

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2018/2019 Southern League Champions 2019/2020
National League South play off winners.

Massive apologies for the photo of me enjoying the aftermath of promotion, but having seen so many on Facebook and Instagram I wanted to share my own experience of one of the best days I have had following this great football club,

The emotion coming out was Rushden at home, numerous away trips up my part of the world where we have failed to perform along with all the stress of financial meltdowns and fears of relegation and the club ceasing to exist.



But there was something bigger here, something that goes beyond the whole issue of promotion or Managers. Having sat through an injury time winner in the semi final and a penalty shoot out win in the final, my eldest daughter had a chat with me.

"Dad I get it now" she said. We all need to bear that in mind next season when it will be tougher. Football is a game, granted, but it means so much more and takes us to so many places emotionally. So if there is a couple of kids in this part of Lincolnshire proud to wear their Terras kits as a result of an emotional playoff series then I will continue to be a super proud Dad.

Let's hope a whole new generation of young Terras have been inspired by this last few weeks.

James



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WFCSA Statement on season 2020/2021

On behalf of all Terras supporters, we continue to work closely with the Board of Directors with regards to match day ticketing arrangements for the forthcoming season. The constraints placed upon the Football Club in admitting supporters when the new season kicks off is going to be a real challenge, and we can assure you the Board of Directors are working tirelessly on your behalf.

We will have to comply with strict guidelines and protocols as set out by the government, which we know will include matches being all ticket affairs, currently with no tickets to be made available on the day. There is a requirement to obtain contact details of all those attending for track and trace purposes.

We do not yet know if we will have to cater for away fans, which will impact capacity for home supporters, which will already be greatly reduced under the restrictions imposed. All those attending will have to adhere to current social distancing regulations, will need to be temperature checked prior to ground entry and all will need to make a personal declaration, details of wording to be confirmed. In addition, one way systems will be in place around the stadium.

We will need to ask for many more match day volunteers to come forward in order for this to all work as smoothly as possible, so please get in touch if you can help us.

As you will no doubt be aware, all these arrangements are being worked out in the knowledge that conditions imposed can change at very short notice. We ask that you remain patient as we work under these unique set of circumstances. An official detailed announcement will be made as soon as practically possible. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Pete Nash

WFCSA Chairman on behalf of WFCSA Board



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No boom and bust with Weymouth's footballing cycle - Matt Pitman

April 2009. Britain was in recession following the global financial crisis. On the footballing front, things were as grim with Weymouth relegated from Non League's top flight (Conference, to us old timers). A double dip.

Fast forward eleven years and those depressing times, at least the footballing ones for the Terras, are a distant memory.

Economic uncertainty may still remain with recession here again, but the boom times are back at the Bob Lucas Stadium.

As Terras fans, we have had more than our fair share of disappointments, underachievements and heartbreaks over the years. This is probably why the moment when we secured back to back promotions felt all the more surreal.

We are Weymouth. Success and glory does not happen to us. But it has and doesn't it feel good?

We return to Non League's top flight a more cohesive club under Ian White's leadership than when we last entered the Conference, and we look forward with a young, dynamic squad of players.

There is no magic money tree this time and, as far as I can tell, no sign of risking another economic bust.

How the players under new management will fare at the higher standard, who knows? One thing is for sure, with few expecting us back in the National League quite so soon, I can't wait to see how far this team can go. Boom times indeed.

Editor's note.

Due to the timing of the newsletter and the departure of our Manager, we are going to dedicate more time to the end of Mark Molesley's reign next month. Thanks.