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# EDITOR'S NOTES

## Welcome to Issue 157 of the London Saints Newsletter.

I'm struggling to pinpoint the exact moment that I agreed to take over as newsletter editor. Perhaps it was in a moment of euphoria after a rare Saints win or maybe on a long journey back from another dire away defeat. Either way, Chairman Mick was very persuasive, I was very p\*ssed and here I am.

Jokes aside, it's great to be living back in London again and to have rejoined the London Saints and their committee. I'm aware that the age of paper correspondence has somewhat passed but that there are still many members who enjoy (and pay for) a physical paper newsletter. As such, I will try to keep the traditions of past issues of 'Waterloo Sunset' whilst trying to make it interesting for everyone. Any suggestions for future content are most welcome!

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this edition, including regular contributors and those who have answered questions about the season ahead. And a massive thank you again to those who make London Saints such a success, Mick, who does an excellent job as chairman and with the travel and Terry Trevis' brilliant work securing tickets for members.

Jonny Adams



# CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

## SAINTS FANS MUST BE PATIENT AND GIVE HASENHÜTTL TIME TO GET US BACK INTO EUROPE

Welcome to a new season. The summer has provided us with some fantastic sport with England winning the Cricket World Cup over New Zealand, a masterclass of tennis at Wimbledon between two greats in Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer (I also tipped Simona Halep to win the Ladies title), plus a fascinating Tour de France and some very welcome coverage of the Women's World Cup. What a pity the cricket and the tennis were on the same day.

## However, first things first.

The London Saints committee welcomes Jonny Adams as our new Newsletter Editor (after an absence of 8 years) and Jenni Poulter who as an Associate Member will be dragging us even more into the social media world. We are very lucky to have a full committee and a number of Associate Members who keep this club going. When you think of clubs like London Stoke who have dropped out of APFSCIL because of the lack of people, we need to appreciate how fortunate we are.


## THE FOOTBALL SEASON

**A new season dawns. How will Saints do?**

There is no doubt that Ralph Hasenhüttl is the right man to take us forward.

For those who actually read this page you will recall that previously I was extolling the merits of overseas managers and in Ralph Hasenhüttl I feel Saints have tapped in well here. However Saints fans must be patient and remember that Ralph has not been here long. He should be given his full two years to get us back to those great European tours.

Given the recent record of Saints managers we can only hope that he stays for two years, without being plucked by a bigger club!



The current squad looks big and there will be some disappointments, but if Saints can afford the wages of the squad players this gives us many more options to win games when Plan A does not work.

## PRE SEASON

Writing this before the Koln home game, we are unbeaten in the three pre-season friendlies. I say three as the Guangzhou R&F match in Macau was a reserve friendly and the make up of the squad perhaps indicated that Ralph did not want this match, but Gao Jisheng wanted some representation in China. How different to the great tour of China last year. Focusing on the Feyenoord game I am sure that despite scoring three goals (we always score goals at De Kuip) Feyenoord did spilt open the Saints defence a number of times in the first half. I am sure this did not escape Ralph's attention.

## THE NEW SHIRTS

So far opinion seems to be split. Personally I would have liked to have seen stripes that go all the way up to the neck and of course somewhat narrower in the traditional style. Who said the away shirts look like a character from Star Trek?

I hope everybody enjoys the season and if you are looking for an income you could do worse than back Che Adams for the top Saints scorer.

See you on the trains.

**Mick**

# TERRY'S TICKET REPORT



COMMITTEE REPORT  
JULY 2019

## AWAY TICKETS 2019/20

For the new season our standard allocation has been increased by 5 tickets from 25 to 30, which can be supplemented up to 50 tickets.

If we also purchase tickets via members who are season ticket holders and regularly attend away games, so hopefully this should help us meet demand for most games this season.

I recently sent out an email asking for ticket requests for our first 4 away games and had a tremendous response already.

Sales/requests to date as follows:

Aug 24th – Brighton 32 (tickets ordered, on sale July 23rd)

Sept 14th - Sheffield United 34

Sept 28th – Tottenham Hotspur 50 (entire allocation  
already fully taken)

Terry Trevis

# THE GAO, THE BAD and THE UGLY

We asked 2 London Saints members their opinions on the chairman, signings, our new kit and more!

> First up is Steve Cole, a London Saints member for over 10 years:

*How would you sum up our 2018/2019 season in 3 words?*

Rags to riches

*How would you rate Hassenhutt's time at the club so far? Why?*

He had a job last year which was to keep us up and he did it without any new recruits and playing some decent football, so first off a success. I'd say refreshing. For the first time in a good few years, seems like there's a stronger bond and togetherness throughout the club. Hopefully that will only grow after a full pre season.

*There's been a behind-the-scenes reshuffle at St Mary's this summer, with Jisheng Gao taking over as chairman. What do you make of Gao's tenure at the club so far?*

Hard to tell as so much seems shrouded in mystery. Hopefully he just stays out of the spotlight and let's Ralph do his thing.

*And what about our transfer business? Who would you like to see come and go before the season starts?*

Excited about the ins, and we've let a lot of the fringe youngsters go, which is probably for the best. I'd still be happy shipping out a couple of the supposedly more senior players (Hoedt/Cedric/Lemina) to allow for a top quality CB or DM. If Che Adam's can score 38 goals this season in the first 5 mins of games, I'll take that

*What do you make of the new kits?*

*Dislike. Next!*

*Who do you think are our best and worst signings of the last couple of transfer windows?*

The latter part of this question is much easier to answer! Best could even be Redmond after shining under Ralph last year. Worst is a toss up between Hoedt and Carrilo. Carrilo is one of the most ineffective players I've seen on a pitch and Hoedt plays with two left feet! It's a tough one to call!

*What are your predictions for the 2019/20 season?*

I'd love to say top 10 and pushing for Europe, but think we may fall short of this. Will take mid table and another season with Ralph and his squad to really push us on.

*Which Away games are you most looking forward to next season?*

Spurs for the new stadium (hoping for a ticket!) and Norwich as never been before.

*Can we hold on to Ralph if he does well?*

As said above, I think he'd be working miracles this season to get us high enough to be attractive to the big boys. I think it's more likely that we get a couple of (hopefully) decent seasons out of him before we're worrying about this.

*You're stuck on a desert island with 1 London Saints member (not a relative!) and one current Saints player. Who do you choose and why?!*

Jonny. As editor, he's likely to change it to himself anyway ;) Otherwise Eric as he'll find a pub no matter where on earth we end up! Player has to be Hodge Podge! Who else would keep you entertained?!



> Next up, London Saints (relative) youngster, Ben Sherriff:

*How would you sum up our 2018/2019 season in 3 words?*

Close one again.

*How would you rate Hassenhutt's time at the club so far? Why?*

7/10. He's created a positive atmosphere that last been lacking for the last 18 months or so. That said we still lost games that we shouldn't have, notably to Cardiff twice! Looking forward to a full season to judge him on.

*What do you make of Gao's tenure at the club so far?*

Gao's the man that every Saints fan knows little to no amount about, his tenure is epitomised by a tightening of the purse strings, poor investment when there has been and ultimately two very disappointing seasons compared to our success since our promotion in 2012.

*And what about our transfer business?*

Adams looks a fine piece of business, fits the Saints mould of having success in lower leagues and being young with potential to get a lot better. If we could offload Elynoussi, Austin, Boufal, Carrillo, Forster, Hoedt that would be brilliant work but unfortunately the wages they are on compared to the ability they have means we are likely to be lumbered with them. A CB is also needed.

**What do you make of the new kits?**

The home kit is horrendous, the black patch unnecessary and looks terrible. I like the away kit as it reminds me of a similar away kit we had in our first season in L1. The third kit is okay.

## ***Who do you think are our best and worst signings of the last couple of transfer windows?***

Elynoussi I think is the worst player to have played for Saints during my lifetime, including our time in L1/Championship! Gunn probably the best, looks like we can get a good future out of him.

## ***What are your predictions for the 2019/20 season?***

A boring mid-table finish of 13/14th which could be what we need after the last couple of seasons.

## ***Which away games are you most looking forward to next season?***

Sheffield Utd will be a good one and we may even get a win there! Spurs will be nice until we are 3-0 down by HT.

## ***Can we hold on to Ralph if he does well?***

I think Ralph will stick around for a while, he enjoys the level of control he gets at the club and is reportedly the 6th highest paid Premier League manager (earning £6 million a year). Although, ultimately if a bigger club comes in for him I don't expect him to do anything different to Pochettino or Koeman.

## ***You're stuck on a desert island with 1 London Saints member (not a relative!) and one current Saints player. Who do you choose and why?!***

James Trevis, one of only a few Saints fans I know around my age and Oriol Romeu who was good to chat too when presenting him the LSSC Player of the Season award for 2016/17.



# the BITCH

Now we all know that the mighty Saints are in for an all-conquering season laden with glittering prizes under Ralph's leadership.

That's all well and good but it won't be long before you find yourselves hankering for that post match feeling of frustration and desperation that normally surrounds us at 5 o'clock on a Saturday! Well here's the answer – The Bitch!!

The Bitch is a

**unique and addictive footy competition**

offering the prospect of making a few bob and raising some cash for good causes. It's about to enter it's 15th season and continues to grow in popularity...



# the BITCH

Last season saw 120 people playing and whilst Saints fans make up a large part of the membership, it is not restricted in any way.

In fact season 17.18's winner was from the dark side! Natural order has been restored with your newly installed newsletter editor finishing as Top Dog last season!

So how does it work?

Each week a list of 10 games are distributed to all players with predictions returned by Saturday lunchtime. There are 3 scoring sections. Score prediction / yes or no / scorers (an example from last season illustrated). The 10 matches are not all about The Premiership and may include a smattering of EPL, Scottish, overseas and international matches.

Points are awarded for correct outcomes in terms of results with bonus points given for predicting a correct score. Further points are on offer with correctly answered questions and your nominated scorers hitting the onion bag!

There are prizes available on a weekly basis but the big money (and prestige) comes at the end of the season with success in one of the 5 divisions or 'Knockout Bitch', which coincides with FA Cup weekends.

So if you're interested in once again being reduced to tears by football and wish to know more then please contact  
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# DT's Cricket Round-up

Not since 'Petrolgate' which resulted in Lord Lucan missing the flight to Finland, have we had a last minute withdrawal from tour, but this year we had 'Passportgate' which resulted in Gary Speedtwin missing the tour and 'Hungover and Lost Phonegate' which meant that Ben Collis couldn't turn up till Sunday morning.

LSCC tour management received a phone call from Terry Trevis, who was with Gary Speedtwin, at a New Order concert on the Thursday night in Bristol explaining that Speedo was in the doghouse and had to go home because his daughter's passport had expired which wasn't discovered until they turned up at the airport to board their holiday flight to Thailand. Thankfully Gary managed to get an appointment at the passport office on the Sunday and got it sorted although they can't fly out for another week so they've missed two weeks of their 6 week holiday. Surprisingly Gary has been let out of the doghouse to play cricket this coming Sunday. Another issue was that Speedo had the team kit in the back of his car so we are indebted to Terry who made a detour on his drive home to Salisbury to drop the kit off at The George in Frome, one of our two hotels this weekend.

As for pisshead Ben, he lost his phone so emailed the tour organiser to say that he had got pissed on the Friday night and not woken up till 11.30 on Saturday morning which would have made it very tight, nigh impossible, to get down to Somerset by 1.30 and as he is of the generation that is totally reliant on his phone, could not guarantee finding us (without his phone Satnav).

So it was agreed that he came down to tour on the Sunday. So before we had even started our playing base of 13 had been reduced to 11 so fingers were crossed that no further injury withdrawals would crop up as the ex-skipper (now full-time LSCC Admin) had set out an ambitious schedule of golf, quiz and parkrun before we even turned up to the first cricket match.

## The Cricket Part 1 v Witham Friary CC, Somerset (Saturday afternoon)

London Saints 146 – 7 off 35 overs (McIntyre 52no, Jones 29)  
Witham Friary 150 – 5 off 33.1 overs (Jackson 2-25)

***Man of the Match*** – All the bowlers bowled well but Mike McIntyre's 2nd unbeaten 50 of the season clinches it backed up by some excellent fielding – he might have won it for his catch alone.

***Champagne Moment*** – this is normally awarded for a comical or piss-take moment, as is the norm with LSCC, but sometimes you just have to reward moments of brilliance and Mike's catch meant he takes both awards today. It surpasses Lucan's and Wath's tour catches, also on this ground, and rivals One-liners instinctive catch in the first over of our first tour match in Tobago in 2014.

## The Cricket Part 2 v Batcombe CC, Somerset (Sunday afternoon)

Batcombe CC 201-7 off 35 overs (May 2-30, Nanton 2-36, Jackson 2-41)  
London Saints 103 – 9 off 35 overs (Mayhew not out 31, Griffiths 12, May 10)

***Man of the Match*** – arguably Andy Mayhew for his knock getting us up to a respectable score but he's won loads of these so the award goes to Ben for battling back from a crap start to the weekend, and then his dropped catches, to take two great catches, fielding well before being run out by Jon having driven down all the way from London and having to leave early for a prior commitment back in London. Then as he sat there, after being run out so early on, he had to suffer the ignominy of the tour organiser asking him for £10 subs for the privilege. Cheers Ben for making it down

***Champagne Moment*** – the lack of respect shown to skipper Griffiths as the loudest shouts for an lbw against him batting against a 4 foot 4 inches 6 year old came from the LSCC ranks on the boundary – the corresponding boos, when he was given not out, could be heard for miles.

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