

A message from the Club Chaplain

As I was putting these notes together I was reflecting on Southend's 3-0 win against Oxford on Monday evening, and how a young loanee striker hit the headlines as he made his debut for them. Jamar Loza made the first goal, 'earned' a penalty for the second and then created and scored a great third goal.

I then noted that a young centre half named Adel Gafaiti was on the bench for Oldham against Crewe at the weekend, having just arrived there on loan.

Both these lads played against us for Norwich in the Senior Cup, and, looking back to our performance that night, it gives an indication of the progress the Greens have made and gives us another boost as we enter 'the home straight', in what has, so far, been a momentous season.

On a different note, it is widely known that my two teams are Gorleston and Norwich City, but I am also involved with a third team playing today, the University of East Anglia Rovers, who play in the Norfolk Christian League. Today they are in the Wirral playing a semi-final of the National Christian Cup. Their opposition, Meols St John's, play in the Merseyside Christian League, and with that Merseyside connection, it's interesting to note that both Everton and Liverpool can trace their roots to a group of boys in a bible class at St Domingo Methodist Chapel. It is perhaps surprising how many clubs were founded by churches or clergymen in Victorian times, with Aston Villa, Bolton, Spurs, Southampton and Manchester City amongst them.

Find out more about sports chaplaincy at www.sportschaplaincy.org.uk and here's hoping for a great performance, a tremendous game and a positive result for Stewart and the team today.

C'mon the Greens!

Albert Cadmore

Stanway Rovers (League)
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