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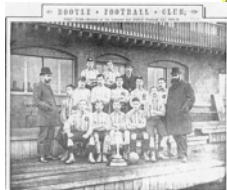
06.04.2013 Kick Off 3pm

Bootle Football Club v Stone Dominoes FC

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History of the Bucks



The original Bootle F.C. were formed in 1880 and played at Hawthorne Road. They were in fact Everton FC's biggest rivals. In 1889-90 Bootle became founder members of the Football Alliance, narrowly missing out on the football league to the blues. That season was the most successful as we finished league runners-up, reached the quarter-finals of the FA Cup, where we lost to Blackburn Rovers (0-7). When the Alliance merged with the Football League in 1892, Bootle became founder members of the new Second Division. However, despite a respectable 8th place final position, the club dropped out after one season (and were replaced by neighbours Liverpool) and seemingly disappeared due to financial problems.

Football returned to Hawthorne Road when a new club, Bootle Athletic, was later formed with the new team initially playing in the Liverpool Leagues. In 1948 when the club were elected to the Lancashire Combination 2, which was won at the first attempt. However, Bootle struggled in the top-flight and after several tough seasons withdrew and folded during the 1953-54 campaign.

In 1953, the current club was formed as Langton and played in the local leagues. After a very successful spell in the Liverpool County Combination (which we won on numerous occasions) the club reverted back to its better known identity of Bootle F.C. in 1973; and a year later joined the Lancashire Combination, which we won in 1976 and 1977. Bootle then joined the Second Division of the Cheshire County League, which was won in our first season, and we were promoted to the First Division. In 1982 the Cheshire County League was one of the leagues that merged to form the North West Counties League, which Bootle duly joined, becoming a member of the First Division. The club spent most of their time in the First Division until 2000 when we unfortunately dropped into the Second Division. However, despite finishing 6th in 2002, the club dropped into the Liverpool County Combination.



In 2006 the club, with a new ground, were elected back into Division 2 of the North West Counties League. In 2009 Bootle won promotion to the NWCL Premier Division and also won the Championship. In 2009/10, our first season back in the NWCL Premier Division Bootle finished a NWCL highest placing of 3rd. In 2010/11 finished 6th place. They equalled the 3rd place again in 2012. With the ground grading and charter standard status established in 2011/12 the club are looking to progress to the next level.

Club Landmarks

Vodkat League First Division Champions
2008-09

Liverpool Challenge Cup
1964-65, 1975-76, 1978-79

Liverpool Amateur Cup
1965-66, 1967-68, 1973-74

Liverpool County FA Youth Cup
1977-78, 1984-85, 1990-91, 1999-00, 2005-06

Lancashire Amateur Cup
1970

Liverpool County Combination Champions
1964-65, 1965-66, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74

Lancashire County Combination Champions
1975-76, 1976-77

Cheshire County League Div Two Champions
1978-79

North West Counties League Div Two Runners-up
1992-93

Tennants Floodlit Trophy Winners
1993-94

Vodkat League Challenge Cup Runners-up
2007-08

Vodkat League Reserve Division Winners
2007-08, 2009-10

Runners-up
2008-09

**Liverpool Senior Cup Winners*
1883, 1888, 1889

**Football Alliance Runners-up*
1889-90

Bootle Football Club's YOUTH



Under 18's - West Cheshire League - Manager Richie Boswarva

Under 17's - Liverpool Premier League - Manager Ste Miller

Under 16's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager Alex Grosart

Under 15's - Belvale Junior League - Manager Carl Dale

Under 14's - Hightown JFL - Manager Lee Williams

Under 12's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager Tony Smith

Under 10's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager Darren Carr

Under 9's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager David Miley

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Bootle 18's Semi Final Report

Boothle produced a fantastic team performance to ease past a strong Gateacre side into the final of the Halton & West Cheshire Cup where, they will meet Vauxhall Motors. Such was Boothle's dominance that Gateacre failed to register a single shot on target. Inspired by playing at the Delta Taxi's stadium, Boothle began the game in the manner in which they continued for the entire 90 minutes. Pressing the game high in the visitors half they harried and closed down their opponents who had no answer to this high tempo approach.

At the heart of this were the midfield trio of Smart, Cheetham and Charnock. Winning every tackle and header, using the ball intelligently and supporting lone frontman, Ellis, these three provided a platform for Boothle to take total control. The first twenty minutes were played almost entirely in the Gateacre half and soon chances were created. Ellis was put clean through by Charnock but shot straight at the keeper and the rebound was scrambled clear. The same player thought he had put Boothle in front with a great looping header soon afterwards but the effort was ruled out by a dubious offside decision.

This did not deter Boothle and they continued to create chances. John Cheetham drove through the heart of the Gateacre defence but forced out wide his shot was saved by the excellent Gateacre keeper. However, from the resultant corner Seddon scored the opening goal, forcing the ball over the line after it was headed cleverly back across goal.

Half Time Boothle 1 Gateacre 0

In the Home dressing room at half time the discussion was about continuing to play in the same positive way throughout the second half, while expecting a Gateacre backlash for the first 10 minutes or so. Due to the outstanding efforts of the Boothle side this backlash didn't happen. The game continued as it had in the first half with Boothle forcing their opponents further and further back, not allowing them time on the ball and playing some attractive football themselves.

The second goal came from the penalty spot after Charnock jinked his way into the penalty area only to be crudely taken down as he shaped to shoot. Billy Smart who looked every inch a First Team Player dispatched the kick low into the right hand corner of the net.

A further effort was turned onto the bar and over by the Gateacre keeper as Boothle looked for further goals. At the other end home Keeper Mathew Lea made his first save of the game in stoppage time, turning an in-swinging corner over the bar.

Manager Richie Boswarva described this is a complete team performance, with all of the players carrying out to perfection the game plan.

It is hard to single out individual's when the whole team have played as well as this, but Smart, Charnock and Cheetham were at the heart of the plan to take control of the game in midfield and their performances were superb.

Full Time Boothle 2 Gateacre 0

The team travelled today to the Stobart Stadium in Widnes for the final versus Vauxhall Motors.



Boothle Football Club -
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Football Alliance 1889,
The Football League Div2*
1892 & The Northwest
Counties Football League
1982
Awarded FA Charter
Standard Status in
November 2011

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Mr Carl Dale



*Original Club folded in 1893

Today's Teams



BOOTLE

manager: Neil Prince



STONE

manager: Dave Dale

Dean PORTER
David POTTER
Neil MCQUEEN
Mark KILROY
Michael CARBERRY
Phil GREEN
Sean COULTON
Liam DODD
Paul BYRNE (capt)
Joe FOWLER
James OLSEN
Jamie HAY
Kurtis GILL
Kevin BLACK
Kevin TOWNSON
Neil PRINCE
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Gregory Mathers
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Dwayne Spence
Ryan Ball
Nathan Barber
Adam Clayton
Daniel Cliffe
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Mark Groom
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Ryan Jervis-Gordon
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The manager of Bootle Football Club

Hello and welcome to the Delta Taxis Stadium and a warm welcome to Dave Dale, and all the team, staff and supporters of Stone Dominoes for this Northwest Counties Premier Division clash.

We have had a really good Easter period and despite the chance to go top on Thursday night, we earned a very good draw away to a tough Barnoldswick Town side.

Easter Monday was a big high, getting a deserved win against another in-form Northwest Counties Premier Division side in AFC Liverpool and it was credit to the lads to get that win.

The two games against Glossop also gave the lads a massive lift, especially seeing Kevin Black back in the side and getting the winner in injury time. It was good to see, and it shows the desire of the players to get a result from the first whistle to the last.

I have swapped and changed the side around over this period, due to the sheer amount of games we have had, and still need to play and it just shows how good our squad is, that I can leave out three or four key players from the sixteen, and we can still produce performances and get results.

We have also managed to bring a couple of lads into the squad to help see us over, after losing Sean Coulton to injury, as well as Docker pulling up on Monday; and Liam Dodd and Nathan Martland look like they have been here all season. Again that is credit to the lads for making them welcome, and also credit to Liam and Nathan for getting their head down and adapting the ethos we have here. I hope you all enjoy the game and hopefully another three points.

Up the Bucks!

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nwct	Winstorf	a	14/08/12	0-2	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Prince	Young	Smart	McCabe	McCabe	
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nwct	Squires G	a	02/01/13	0-4	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Green	Coulton	Prince	Fowler	Gill	O'Connor	Thompson	Young	Thompson			
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1 Maine Road	37	35	75
2 Padiham	35	42	74
3 Bootle	34	30	74
4 Runcorn Town	34	53	71
5 Winsford United	34	34	69
6 Runcorn Linnets	34	19	61
7 Congleton Town	34	30	59
8 Colne	35	34	57
9 Barnoldswick T	35	17	54
10 Glossop NE	36	3	47
11 Alsager Town	37	-9	46
12 Wigan RP	36	-11	46
13 Stockport Sports*	37	2	43
14 Norton United *	32	-15	43
15 AFC Liverpool	30	-1	41
16 AFC Blackpool	32	-7	41
17 Silsden	34	-37	30
18 Bacup Borough	27	-14	29
19 Squires Gate	34	-32	27
20 St Helens Town	35	-38	27
21 Ashton Athletic	33	-32	26
22 Stone Dominoes	35	-103	13

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 midweek unless stated otherwise



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Town Break their Duck After 42 Years

Ashton Town are celebrating after lifting their first piece of silverware in 42 years, with a 2-0 win over Daisy Hill in the Atherton Charity Cup Final on Wednesday night.

Not since season 1970-71 have the residents of Ashton-in-Makerfield had the chance to see a trophy brought back to Edge Green Street, and while local competitions the Guardian Cup and the Jubilee Cup were no doubt notable at the time, many managers have tried and failed since then to end the long barren run.

But in his first season in charge, manager John Brownrigg has broken the duck, and he and his team are now looking forward to their next cup final when they face Abbey Hey in the First Division Trophy Final on 17th April.

Atherton Collieries' Alder House hosted the all-NWCFL Atherton Charity Cup final, and after a goalless first half, the deadlock was broken in the 69th minute when Michael Boyle's free kick was turned into the net by Sam Wilkie. A few minutes later Michael Boyle fired a shot across the keeper to seal victory and also clinch for himself the man of the match award.

Ashton Town Media Officer Billy Bristow said: "John Brownrigg has achieved what many previous Town managers couldn't, he got the club's name rebranded from a 'wooden spoon team' to simply 'winners'.

"It was fantastic for John and his players, but it was an especially heart warming sight to see Jimmy Cahill, Billy Pomfrett, Steve Barrett, Stefan Ochwat and Mark Hayes celebrate.

"These are guys that have donated years of their lives to the cause of Ashton Town Football Club, and although they do a spectacular job by simply keeping the team alive, they have always seen scant reward for their mighty efforts".

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Chadderton Receive Charter Standard Status

Congratulations to Chadderton, who have become the latest club in our League to achieve FA Chartered Standard status.

The club run four teams, and as well as the first team they have two teams that play in the Bridgewater Office Supplies Manchester League, and an Under 19s side playing in the Tameside League.

Club Secretary Dave Shepherd believes that the award will help to attract young players in the area to come and play for the club.

“Myself and Bob Sopel have been working on the FA Charter Standard award for the last six to eight months, to get things put in place”, he



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Our Visitors today....

Seven miles from Stoke-on-Trent as well as Stafford, this old Market Town has become an important point for communications in recent years.

Founded in 1987 at St. Dominic's Catholic Church Scout, Cub and Beaver Group in Stone with a team of 8 year olds by Chairman, Bob Bowers for his youngest son Daniel and his friends from St. Dominic's, Stone and St. Josephs College, Stoke on Trent. The name was chosen by the boys, therefore, Stone St. Dominic's became Stone Dominoes F.C.



STONE DOMINOES

Early Years – Youth Football

Newcastle Lads and Dads built from 1 – 5 teams, originally won most sporting club awards and little else, but gradually dominated 9 – 13 football locally winning League Championships, League Cups, Area Cups and the 1 st Keele Classic by beating Crewe Alex 2-0 (managed by Dario Gradi). By now the professional clubs' scouts were at every match with a stream of Stone Dominoes players joining Centres of Excellence at professional clubs. In 1992 alone, 7 boys joined Stoke City, with others joining Port Vale, Crewe Alex, Everton, Tranmere, Coventry, Aston Villa and Sheffield Wednesday to name but a few. A professional coach joined from Crewe Alex and ex Manchester City, and accelerated development. Tours to the USA took place in 1993 and 1994 with great success.

5 Wedgwood Keele Classics were collected with several Championships and Cups as well. Unfortunately the coach was dismissed by the Club in 1994 for gross misconduct and a review of the club's situation undertaken. Chairman Bob Bowers and his best footballing friend Trevor Morrell, Madeley White Star F.C., merged their two clubs with the intention of focusing on 16-18 year olds

In Reserve

Bootle Fall to Narrow defeat Against Runaway League Leaders

Bootle Reserves again produced a great performance against runaway League Leaders Lancaster City despite losing by the narrowest of margins.

The game was played at a really high tempo with both teams determined to impose their style of play - Bootle looking to play through midfield, using their wide players and Jack Charnock to link play with a lone striker and Lancaster, looking to move the ball quickly from back to front, exploiting any gaps behind the full backs for their incredibly quick wide players. It is fair to say that during the opening 45 minutes neither side gave any quarter and chances were almost non existent at both ends. Potter in the Bootle goal didnt have one shot to deal with in the first half and The away keeper was only called into action once! The best chance of the half fell to Bootle when following a corner, Seddon fired into the side netting when well placed to score.

It may sound like the game was boring but it was far from it. Played at a swift pace throughout this was a game of football that was fascinating to watch, with just one slip from either side likely to be punished.

The second half was very similar to the first with both sides somehow managing to maintain the frantic tempo to the game. The first twenty minutes saw one chance to either side, Potter saving well down to his right from a twenty yard drive and Cheetham going close for Bootle.

The game was ultimately decided in the last 10 minutes - Cheetham went clean through on the Lancaster goal, touched the ball past the keeper and was sent tumbling over by the impact - a certain penalty but not given by the Officials. Two minutes later Lancaster broke free down the Bootle left and the quicksilver winger left the defence for dead - except Billy Smart who clipped his heels as he shaped to shoot. A penalty was the correct decision and duly converted, but it was disappointing to see the impressive Smart red carded.

Rather than lie down and roll over for their impressive opponents though, Bootle reverted to a 3-3-3 formation and took the game to Lancaster. In the final minute they were denied another penalty when Thomson had his shirt sleeve almost pulled off in the area but again the referee waved away the appeal.

A 1-0 defeat but a great performance against a very strong, skilful and well drilled Lancaster side who will undoubtedly go on and win the League at a canter. King was imperious at Centre Half, Simms - making his debut at left back was classy and Pruden and Cheetham were also worthy of mention. However, the team effort and commitment was fantastic and if this can be produced every week, results will surely improve.



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with 2 teams in the County Minor Youth which the club has dominated for the last 7 years, picking up innumerable trophies including 3 prestigious Sentinel Cups and 1 Sentinel Shield as well as Staffordshire County Cups. The club opened its new ground at "Springbank Park" Yarnfield after a significant effort by club members and players to build the current club house and pick a mountain of stones from the 3 pitches. Senior Football 1995. The club entered the 1st team in open age Saturday football in the then 2nd Division of the Refuge Assurance Midland League (now the Springbank League). 1995 to 1998. Promotion from Div II and cup success under home grown players a lot of whom were only 16. 1999. Lifted the Springbank League Cup beating Nantwich Town. 2000. Springbank League Champions by 14 points. 2001. Three months at the top of the North West Counties Div II before settling for a respectable 13th and 50 points. Many lessons learnt. 2002. Missed promotion by only 3 points coming 4th and finishing on 78 points. With an eye to the future Dominoes made the decision to move from their Yarnfield ground to share at Kings Park home of Meir KA in Meir Heath. Over £60,000 was spent on the ground to bring it up to the required standard and the ground was renamed the Springbank Stadium after the club's sponsors. 2002/03. Was the most momentous in the Club's History with Stone Dominoes becoming the first North Staffordshire Club to be awarded the prestigious F.A. Charter Standard Community Club Status which is only given to Clubs with a minimum of 10 teams covering boys and girls, men and women. To achieve the standard a club has to have proven procedures to take care of the health and safety and development of its players, volunteers and spectators. Promotion was achieved in the penultimate game of the season with a narrow 3-2 win over Ashton Town which enabled them to overtake Maine Road who had completed their fixtures. The Division Two Trophy was also won with a 2-1 win over again Ashton Town. 2003/04. Stone Dominoes played at their highest level ever in Division One of the NWCL. They surprised many people by being one of the early front runners and although they dropped away mid season, they still finished in a very strong 10th place. 2004/05. Another good season for the club with a solid mid-table position being held for almost the whole season. Also a great cup run in the FA Vase reaching the 5th round. 2005/06. A traumatic season for the club. Chairman Bob Bowers decided to leave the club and it seemed for a time that the club would fold. However, a new board was formed and the club started the season with the majority of the previous seasons reserve side making the step up. A new Chairman came in Chris Haines and in January 2006 ex Stoke City player Kevin Sheldon was appointed 1st team coach. After being at the bottom of the league for most of the season Dominoes managed to stave off relegation and also



picked up the Fair Play Award at the League's Presentation Evening. 2006/07. A disappointing season ending in relegation to North West Counties Division Two but with work progressing on the impressive Springbank Park back at Yarnfield things were looking good for the club. 2007/08. The start of the season was an exciting time for Stone Dominoes as they returned to their true home at Springbank Park in their impressive new stadium which is the envy of many. The 1st night match against locals rivals Eccleshall attracted a healthy crowd of 207, but with results being inconsistent and after a disastrous result in the Staffs FA Vase it was decided to dispense with Head Coach Kevin Sheldon in November, Doms player Jamie Cartwright took over on a temporary basis until the right person was found. At the end of December Dominoes announced the appointment of Shaun Hollinshead as their new manager. Shaun brings a wealth of experience to the club, the former Crewe Alex, Congleton Town player came from Alsager Town where for the last 6 years has been manager of their reserve side until being promoted to the 1st team set up this season. Despite some good performances Doms finished a creditable mid table.



At the end of the season Chairman Chris Haines had to step down due work commitments and long time Doms servant Phil Bath stepped into the roll, also a new secretary came on board Pauline Matthews from Alsager, all the players agreed to sign on again for season 2008/09, a notable signing was that of TV star Ralf Little from the programme "The Royle Family" 2008/09. After a slow start to the season Doms had a good run in the FA Vase to the 4th round proper, and created a club record of 12 successive wins which moved Doms from mid table to finish 3rd in the league only just missing out on promotion by 2 points. 2009/10. The first team won the 1st division of the Vodkat North West Counties League and gained promotion to the Premier Division at step 5 in the NLS. They also won the Staffordshire FA Vase beating Heath Hayes 3 - 0 in the final at Stafford Rangers FC. The reserve team was reformed under the guidance of Scott Woodcock & Keith Murphy who were placed in the 1st division of the Staffordshire County Senior League. In their first season they achieved runners up spot and promotion to the Premier Division. The under 18's secured 2nd place in Premier Division of the Staffordshire County Minor Youth League. 2010/11. Chris Haines took over as chairman once again at the start of the season. The first team, after losing the majority of the squad, finished 19th in the league. 2011/12. Once again Chris Haines stepped down as chairman and again Phil Bath stepped into the roll. Mark Sutton the reserve team secretary became the new club secretary. It was to be Shaun Hollinshead's final season at Stone, before leaving for Kidsgrove Athletic. However, with no funds available, Shaun did however manage to guide the first team to safety in the NWCFL Premier Division and take the team through two very exciting FA Cup preliminary rounds, before narrowly going out to Evostik Southern League side Barwell FC 3-2.



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the Rossoneri dub him 'Il Cannoniere' ('The Gunner') or 'Il Bistone' ('The Bison').

Nordahl's stunning form led to Milan handing him a new two year contract, and prompted them to move for two of Nordahl's most influential international team mates, fellow forward Gunnar Gren, and creative midfielder Nils Liedholm. Together, they were known as 'Gre-No-Li', and would form the spine of a Milan side that would win the Scudetto in the 1950/1 season, while Liedholm and Nordahl would repeat the trick in the 1954/5 season after Gren's departure to Fiorentina.

Despite the enormous influence of Liedholm, who according to legend went two years before misplacing a pass at the San Siro, and to a lesser extent Gren, it was Nordahl's astonishing goalscoring exploits which would grab the headlines for 'Gre-No-Li'.

In 257 appearances for Milan, Nordahl scored 210 goals, and secured the title of Capocannoniere, handed to Serie A's top goalscorer, a record five times in the six and a half seasons he spent at San Siro. By the time Nordahl departed Italian football in 1958, he had scored 225 goals in 291 matches, with a goals-to-games ratio of 0.77, which is unmatched to this day. Nordahl's unprecedented success in Serie A had already set in motion a huge influx of foreign players into Serie A, as clubs searched for the next foreign superstar, and players headed to Italy in search of a lucrative new playing contract, with Italy then competing with Spain in offering the biggest pay packages in football.

In 1957, legendary Welsh striker John Charles, a player very much in the Nordahl mould, joined Juventus from Leeds United in a deal which saw Charles become one of the first British players to play his trade overseas, and become the league's top goalscorer in his first season for the Bianconeri. Indeed, following Nordahl's arrival in 1949, the title of Capocannoniere went to a non-Italian native in 14 of the next 16 seasons, albeit in an era of Italian football scarred by the May 1949 Superga air disaster which claimed the lives of many of Italy's finest young talents.

Following Nordahl's pioneering generation, a plethora of great foreign talents have made their name in Serie A. Michel Platini claimed 3 consecutive Capocannoniere and Ballon D'Or titles while wearing the Bianconeri of Juventus, while the likes of Marco van Basten (Milan), Ruud Gullit (Milan), Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Milan, Inter, Juventus) and the great Diego Maradona (Napoli) all enjoyed arguably the best seasons of their career while playing in Italy's top division, and it could be said that they all owe a debt of gratitude to Nordahl's astonishing exploits.

So as his mark of 225 goals is passed by Roma's favourite son, remember a man whose prodigious talents cut a path for international superstars to head to Italy, and in turn helped set the wheels in motion towards football becoming a truly global phenomenon.'

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A Footballing Pioneer

A great article from These Football Times writer Simon Cripp that we think is a fantastic read.

'With this week marking 20 years since Francesco Totti first graced Serie A, much of the global attention the division receives has been directed towards the Roma legend's extraordinary career, and rightly so. 528 appearances and 226 goals, all for the Giallorossi, is a remarkable achievement, and one which is made all the more incredible by the fact that for most of those 528 matches, he was deployed in a trequartista role associated more with creating goals than scoring them.

In scoring his 226th goal against Parma, Totti became the second most prolific goalscorer in the history of Serie A, and in doing so overtook Gunnar Nordahl, a Milan legend whose own achievements are often overlooked in Serie A's unique and often chequered history.

By 1949, Serie A was one of the pioneers for the top divisions of football's modern era, with home grown talent complimented by foreign stars from as far afield as Uruguay and Argentina to the West, and Hungary's magic Magyars to the East. The influence of these players upon the Italian game was profound, without being critical to the development of the professional game in Italy.

While Uruguayan Ettore Puricelli was top scorer in the division in the 1938/9 and 1940/1 seasons, and Hungarian superstar Stefan Nyers scored 133 goals in six years at Internazionale, foreign talents struggled to stand out amongst some of the greatest players Italy will ever produce, from Giuseppe Meazza in the 1930s to Valentino Mazzola (who tragically perished in the Superga air disaster of May 1949) and the great Silvio Piola in the 1940s.

But after scouting the 1948 Olympics in London, Milan made the decision to offer a player from a small, amateur club in Sweden the chance to write a groundbreaking new chapter in the history of Italian football, and turn Serie A into a truly international affair.

The man in question, Gunnar Nordahl, was nothing if not a pioneer. After securing Sweden the Gold medal at the Olympics, finishing as the tournament's top scorer with 7 goals, Nordahl made the decision to take his considerable talents to the professional game. This meant that Nordahl's international career would come to a premature end due to Sweden's policy of only fielding amateur players, but not after 43 goals in 33 games representing his country, a tally which would make him Sweden's second most prolific goalscorer in the history of the national team.

By joining Milan on January 22nd 1949, Nordahl became the first Swedish player to depart his home nation to play in a foreign league. Nordahl came to Milan as a relatively unknown entity. Despite his prolific scoring record, it was not known whether or not Nordahl's form as an amateur would translate to goals in arguably Europe's most competitive division. By the end of the 1948/9 season, no doubts remained about his credentials. Nordahl scored 16 goals in 15 games in a Milan shirt, with his refined touch combined with formidable size and deadly finishing with both feet seeing fans of

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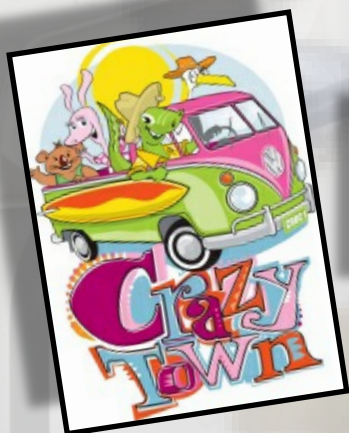
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