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Welcome, we are a Championship Club with ambitions, and that sounds a lot better than a month or so ago.

We can now announce the Winner
of the Senior Tiger's **Player of the Season**

GEORGE HONEYMAN



The final votes for your top five were as follows:

1 st	George Honeyman	332	34.91%
2 nd	Greg Docherty	116	12.20%

3 rd	Jacob Greaves	101	10.62%
4 th	Josh Magennis	80	8.41%
5 th	Keane Lewis-Potter	78	8.20%

We will discuss with the club when the Trophy can be presented. Meanwhile our congratulations to George for capturing the trophy with tremendous consistency throughout the season. He was our top player of all but 2 months during the season. The only months when he fell short were in October, when he finished second to KLP, and December when he was third behind Josh Emmanuel & Jacob Greaves. I think we must also applaud **Jacob Greaves** in what was his breakthrough season. Not only did he nail down his place in the first team he also captured our hearts. It took a strong finish from **Greg Docherty** in the final two games to just pip him to that second spot.

Memorabilia corner..

Hull City - Champions!

Well, we did it in one, promotion back to the Championship was achieved in one attempt. Well done to the manager, coaching staff, players and all involved. Not only promotion but the League One title as well. I don't know about you but it was a strange experience watching on the match streaming. I didn't feel like jumping around, singing, chanting, clapping or even cheering in my lounge. It didn't feel like it should have, had I been in the stadium with all inhibitions put to one side and joining in with 20,000+ other like-minded fans.

It is only the **fourth time in our history** that a title had been won. The others were in 1932/33, 1948/49 and 1965/66. The Memorabilia website doesn't have any programmes from the 1932/33 season, in fact, at present, we only have 1 poster. 1948/49 is much different, we have all but 6 programmes, some very good Match Information, 7 Tiger Mags and a couple of Hull Daily Mail features. For the 1965/66 season, we have something from every match programme, all the relevant Match Information and 8 newspaper articles. We also won the Sunday Mirror Giant Killer Cup and you can view Andy Davidson's travel clock, received instead of a medal, in the Trophies and Medals Section.

Other information can be found by reading sections on these fantastic seasons in some recommended books. *"Hull City A Complete Record 1904 – 1989"* by Chris Elton, *"A Century of City 1904 – 2004"* by Mike Peterson and *"The Definitive Hull City AFC"* also by Mike Peterson.

The **1932/33 team** was managed by **Haydn Green** who was in his second season with the Tigers, having previously been assistant manager at Lincoln and manager of Ebbw Vale in the Southern League. His most inspired signing at the start of the season was Bill McNaughton, aged 26 from Gateshead for £1,000. Bill scored 41 goals in 41 matches to help the Tigers win the **League Division Three (N) Championship**.

The **1948/49 season** in **Division 3 (North)** is well remembered by all City fans because the team was led by Player Manager **Raich Carter**, a true legend. It was not an easy promotion as only one team from the league went up and Rotherham United pushed them all the way. United finished 3 points behind City but won one more game. The season is also remembered for the large crowds, both at home and away. Some crowds exceeded 40,000 and on Christmas Day, 1948 against the close rivals Rotherham the attendance was given as 49,655 but 54,652 tickets were sold!



Lastly, more in the memory of Senior Tigers members is the **1965/66 season**, again in **Division 3**, when **Cliff Britton** managed the Tigers. The team is best remembered for the goal-scoring achievements of Ken Wagstaff (27) and Chris Chilton (25). However, it should also be remembered that 3 other players also scored double-figure totals, Ken Houghton (22), Ian Butler (13) and Ray Henderson (13). Plus, we reached the FA Cup 6th Round replay against Chelsea. A truly tremendous and momentous season.



If you have any memorabilia from the above seasons or any season, please let us know. Enjoy the summer and let's hope we can all witness in person the 2021/22 season without any restrictions.

Tony Conway

(Senior Tigers Memorabilia Coordinator)

Chris Chilton – a real legend:



It is with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Chris Chilton last month. He was part of that Champion team in 1965/66 and the club's all-time record scorer with over 200 goals to his name. Not only did he play for the Tigers, Chris was a Tiger. He was born in nearby Sproatley and was still living in the area. Following his remarkable career he joined the club's Coaching

Team and when I was appointed Club Chaplain in 1979, Chris was one of Ken Houghton's team of coaches. He was a tremendous inspiration to players at the club, they looked up to him and learned so much – not least that raw diamond Billy Whitehurst! His funeral, planned for Friday, 18th June, will reflect on his incredible football achievements and a strong Christian faith. God will bless him, all is Peace.