



The Richard III Society
Adelaide South Australia Branch

Newsletter

February/March 2016

Minutes of the February 6th meeting held NCW South Tce Adelaide.

Present- J Carr (+ Ella), V Walden, A Cooper, M Collings, A & K Feldman, L Cortez, K Jones, D Haynes, S Walladge, J Mann, R Overy, R McEvoy, L Feldman, Will,

Apologies- J Forster, L & C Gill

Minutes of previous meeting (Nov) read & accepted

Correspondence- T Mausolf re trip to MT Hurtle winery in March.

Treasurer's report- \$632.51. S Walladge gave K Jones the hall hire bill for 2016.

General Business

J Carr on 26th July giving talk on R3 to Tea Tree Gully historic society.

National Pens correspondence with R3 engraving-organise take 50 get 50 free offer. Charge \$2 for them.

Mt Hurtle winery March 5th. Opens at 12 noon, so aim for 12.30pm to eat around 12.45/1pm. Picnic meeting with friends and family invited. No raffle or \$5 meeting cost.

M Collings read History Hot 100- obviously influenced by media (TV, Film, newspaper etc) over past 12 months.

L Cortez- website – thanks to those who contributed feedback. Live next week hopefully. Members only-email addresses of members only. Website richardiii_sa.org.au

R Overy= Festival centre offering of the James Stuart trilogy.

V Walden- 83554060 Ros Emms re talk on R3 – Sue to ring.

Meeting closed

Watched DVD on The Princes in the Tower

General consensus biased reporting and anti Richard.



Mt Hurtle winery Pimpala Rd Woodcroft



seating area to rear



inside the winery,



grassy area just across from cellar door

Mike and I have been laughing over Leicester City football team's success especially as they have King Power on the front of their shirt.



The **King Power International Group** is Thailand's leading travel retail group, based in Bangkok. The current chairman and CEO is Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha.

The company is the biggest travel retailer in the country, with its own Duty Free shopping mall in Bangkok's central business district covering over 12,000 square metres and branches at major airports in Thailand.

In August 2010, following agreement on a three-year shirt sponsorship deal with King Power, Milan Mandarić sold the English football club Leicester City F.C. to a Thai-led consortium called Asian Football Investments (AFI), owned by King Power Group's Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha.

Here's some football/ soccer articles that really stretch the imagination –the media is really getting into the Richard III connection!!!!

THE SUN 2 FEB 2016

King Power: How Richard III is inspiring Leicester to Premier League title glory

Spooky stats show dead king has improved Foxes' win rate

THESE are the spooky stats which suggest a dead king of England is inspiring Leicester to title glory.

Archaeologists discovered Richard III's bones buried under a car park in the East Midlands city in September 2012.

Prior to that incredible discovery, the Foxes' all-time win rate in the top flight was a meagre 32 per cent.



By RUSSELL LANNING
18:58, 2 Feb 2016

But since the monarch's remains were reburied just a mile from the King Power Stadium on March 26 last year, Leicester's win rate has almost doubled to a phenomenal **63 PER CENT!**

No other Premier League club can match that.

Over the same period, title rivals Manchester City's win rate is 60 per cent, Arsenal's 55 per cent and Tottenham's only 45 per cent.

University of Leicester boffins used DNA sampling and carbon dating to prove the bones were those of the last English king to be killed in battle.

During the exhaustive examination, Leicester's win rate dropped alarmingly to just 14 per cent.

The university then publicly announced in February 2013 that the skeleton was, indeed, King Richard III.

The hunchback ruler's remains were taken to Leicester Cathedral last March.

And the Foxes — having drawn two and lost six of their previous eight league games — then, incredibly, won seven of their final nine games under Nigel Pearson to avoid relegation.

Leicester have won 20 of their 32 matches since the reburial to go from rock-bottom to top of the Premier League.

Foxes boss Claudio Ranieri, whose men host Liverpool tonight, admits this is his side's big chance for glory.

The Italian said: "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It's like David against Goliath. But we are fighting and we have everyone behind us, willing us on."

Including Richard III it seems — who was killed, aged 32, at the Battle of Bosworth Field on August 22, 1485, effectively ending the Wars of the Roses.

Is Richard III responsible for Leicester City's title form?

By [Barry Cooper](#) | Posted: February 02, 2016 Leicester Mercury

Could [Richard III](#) be secretly behind [Leicester City's](#) remarkable success so far this season?

As [Claudio Ranieri's Premier League front-runners gear up to face Jürgen Klopp's League Cup finalists, Liverpool, at the King Power Stadium this evening](#), information has emerged suggesting the former king could be in some way responsible for City's form.

When the big dig took place in 2012, the Foxes win ratio in the top flight was just 32 per cent, but since the king had his big reburial ceremony in March last year, that percentage has rocketed to 63.



• Could Richard III be helping City's form?

After the king was laid to rest just a mile from City's home, Nigel Pearson, the then Foxes boss, oversaw a dramatic run to the end of the season, which saw the club comfortably secure safety and in the process turn in title winning form, claiming seven wins from their remaining nine games.

In the same period, only Manchester City, who yesterday announced that Pep Guardiola would take over from Manuel Pellegrini in the summer, came close with 60 per cent, while Arsenal and Spurs followed with 55 and 45 per cent respectively, according to a report in The Sun.



The Foxes have gone on to win 20 of their 32 league matches during the period, roaring to top of the Premier League and will look to cement their place when they face Liverpool tonight.

[Soccer](#) The New York Times By [SAM BORDEN](#) FEB. 2, 2016

Leicester City Tops Liverpool, and Keeps On Dreaming of Title



Jamie Vardy's second goal against Liverpool was his 18th of the season for Leicester City. Credit Darren Staples/Reuters

LEICESTER, England — Three years ago this Thursday, a news conference was held at the University of Leicester to confirm that the remains discovered beneath a city parking lot in 2012 were those of King Richard III, one of the most vilified monarchs in history. The finding, which involved a glorious combination of science and serendipity, brought global attention to this city in England's East Midlands, and when Richard's remains were reburied inside the local Anglican cathedral last year, a steady stream of tourists followed, too.

Hundreds of thousands of visitors have come to the cathedral and the nearby exhibition, which has a glass-floor viewing area of the dig site where the skeleton was unearthed. Books have been written with Leicester featured prominently. Television specials and documentaries have been produced as well. As a guide at the cathedral said, it is as if “suddenly the whole world knows who we are.”

He laughed, then added, “Maybe soon we might be known for something even bigger.”

The guide was, of course, exaggerating — though perhaps not by as much as one might initially imagine.

For the past few months, the fortunes of the local soccer team, Leicester City, have been a novelty, an oddity, a curiosity. Unheralded and relatively underfunded, the Foxes, as they are known, have somehow spent most of this season in first place in the [Premier League](#) ahead of teams like Arsenal and Chelsea and Manchester United and Manchester City.

Leicester City's hot start was supposed to fade in September or October. Or maybe November. Or December. But now that the club is still atop the table, still leading some of the biggest lights in the game through January and on into February, the impossible is beginning to seem more real.

One simple, and tantalizing, question is on the lips — and radios and televisions — of everyone here: Could Leicester City, which was essentially bankrupt as recently as 2002 and playing in the third tier of English soccer as recently as 2009, actually finish first in the world's most famous soccer league?

“I've done open-top bus tours around the city center after we won trophies,” Matt Elliott, a defender who captained the Foxes to the 2000 League Cup title, said in an interview Tuesday before Leicester beat Liverpool here, 2-0. “And if they were to see it through and win the league? I think they might do an open-top bus tour around the whole county. Maybe even farther.”

History can be pegged either for or against Leicester City's chances. For example, the team atop the league at the end of January has gone on to win the title in each of the last 11 seasons (encouraging) while the Foxes have been in existence for 132 years and never won the top crown (less so).

There are, though, a few factors in Leicester City's favor. First, the Foxes have fewer games on their schedule than their closest competitors. While Manchester City (second) and Arsenal (fourth) have to juggle Premier League games with domestic cup and Champions League matchups, Leicester City has been eliminated from the League and F.A. Cups and, with its last-gasp dash to avoid relegation in the Premier League last year, did not qualify for European competition.

There is also the emotional component. Manchester City is in flux after it revealed this week that its manager, Manuel Pellegrini, would be replaced at the end of the season by Pep Guardiola. And Arsenal, which has been a mainstay in the top four positions of the Premier League for nearly two decades, has struggled in recent years to finish the job and win (its last title came in 2004).

Then, naturally, there is the way that Leicester City plays. Manager Claudio Ranieri has somehow coaxed career seasons out of a group that is not altogether different from the one that barely escaped relegation with a 14th-place finish a year ago, led by striker Jamie Vardy — who was playing in the fifth division in 2011.

Vardy has scored 18 goals this season, including two on Tuesday and 13 in a sublime stretch in which he set a Premier League record by scoring in 11 consecutive games. Behind his production as well as the slick work of Riyad Mahrez, Leicester City has relied on an intense counterattacking style that has led to wins over Everton and Chelsea, among others, as well as draws with Manchester City and Manchester United. Through 24 league games, the Foxes have lost only twice.

“At this point, every game is, arguably, the biggest game in the history of the club,” said Arlo White, who grew up in Leicester and is now the lead commentator on the Premier League for NBC. “If they win it, beating who they’ll have beaten, it will be the greatest story in Premier League history.”

Tuesday was the beginning to a particularly difficult stretch, as road games against Manchester City and Arsenal await on the next two weekends. Some Leicester City fans were a bit bothered that the club did not add a striker before the transfer deadline on Monday, but the atmosphere at the King Power Stadium percolated nonetheless.

Peter Soulsby, the mayor of Leicester (who doesn't miss a home game), noted that the city was “mad about sports” and said tickets were “very, very hard to come by.”

Ian Stringer, who is the announcer for BBC Leicester, said the stadium's vibe was enhanced by the fans' clacking of folded, heavy-stock cards left at each seat. The cards were used at a game last season — which the team won — and out of superstition, the club's owners have purchased them for each game since.

The cards, and the screams, were especially loud on this night. Rested after a break while other clubs played cup matches, Leicester City's players buzzed around the field. Shinji Okazaki blasted a close-range header off the goalkeeper. Mahrez blazed a curling shot that was tipped over. Manager Ranieri stamped his foot on the sideline.

Expectation was building, and on the hour, Leicester City finally broke through. Maghrez lashed a long, arcing ball toward the Liverpool goal, and Vardy ran on to it. With a defender on his hip,

Vardy looked up and swung his foot through the ball from 25 yards out, a crushing, looping volley that whistled into the top corner as the fans erupted.

Vardy would add a second goal 11 minutes later, but this score was the one to remember. It came from nothing: a deep, speculative pass. A bounce. A drive. An unlikely celebration.

It was incongruous, outlandish, much like its provider. It was, yet again, a magical moment in a season becoming ever full of them.

[Planet Futbol](#)

Logical and supernatural: Trying to explain Leicester's title chase

by [Ben Lyttleton](#)

It's perhaps best not to dwell too closely on how Leicester has got in this position. None of it makes much sense.

There was a widespread perception last season that Leicester was playing better than results suggested in the early part of the season, and in that regard Nigel Pearson deserves credit for having kept belief alive when it might easily have collapsed. He certainly laid the foundations.

But the events of the summer look ridiculous when written down: a manager, whose capacity to contain his inner rage was already in doubt after he asked a reporter if he were an ostrich, was sacked after his son racially abused a Thai prostitute during an orgy. He was replaced by a coach whose last job, in charge of Greece, had ended following a defeat to the Faroe Islands. Good luck repeating that recipe for success.

Ranieri, derided as the "Tinkerman" during his time at Chelsea, made only subtle tweaks, moving from a back three to a back four, making the role of Riyad Mahrez far more significant, and bringing in Christian Fuchs and N'Golo Kante. The system is simple—defend deep, use the pace of Jamie Vardy on the break and get Mahrez running at defenses as often as possible—but it works, perhaps because other teams still don't take Leicester entirely seriously. Which top-half opponent this season can seriously say its made significant modifications to its approach before playing Leicester?



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But that still doesn't explain what prompted the upswing in April. What caused a team that had taken 19 points from 29 games to take 75 from its next 34? The arrival of Robert Huth to partner with Wes Morgan at centre back clearly helped (although it should be remembered that while recent performances have been almost superhuman, a year ago he was a reserve at Stoke), but in Leicester many have pointed to the influence of Richard III.

Crowned in 1483 following the mysterious deaths of Edward IV's two young sons, his nephews, Richard reigned for two years before being killed in battle at Bosworth Field, just outside Leicester, as he sought to repel an invasion force led by Henry Tudor, who succeeded him to become Henry VII. His body, having been missing for centuries, was discovered under a parking lot in Leicester and was interred in Leicester Cathedral on March 26 last year, the precise moment of the upswing in Leicester City's form.

There have been rationalizations about a sense of civic pride prompted by the burial creating a general feeling of positivity, but the supernatural theory seems as good as any. How else to explain the remarkable lack of injuries, or the fact that pretty much the entire Leicester team has hit the form of its life simultaneously?

The greatest fairytales, perhaps, simply cannot be explained.