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Company Information	
Company number:	00045611
Chairman:	K J Reames
Directors:	K J Reames (Chairman) H Sills (deceased 5.1.99) J Hicks N Woolsey P Jackson S Tindall (appointed 31.8.99)
Secretary:	H Sills (deceased 5.1.99) J Hicks (appointed 16.2.99)
Registered Office:	Sincil Bank Lincoln
Auditors:	Mazars Neville Russell Chartered Accountants Cartwright House Tottle Road Nottingham NG2 1RT
Bankers:	Barclays Bank plc City Office Park Tritton Road Lincoln

Directors' Report

The directors present their Report, and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 1999.

Statement of directors responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Results

The results of the company for the year ended 30 June 1999 are set out in the attached financial statements.

The directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend.

Principal activities, trading review and future developments

The principal activities of the company continued to be the running of a professional football club and ancillary bar and catering operations.

Directors' Report (continued)

Directors

The directors set out in the table below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 July 1998 to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated. The interests of the directors holding office on 30 June 1999 in the shares of the company, according to the Register of Directors' Interests were as shown below:

	Ordinary shares of Sup each		
	30 June 1999	1 July 1998	
Director's	Beneficial	Beneficial	
Name	interests	interests	
K J Reames	815,821	815,821	
H Sills (deceased 5.1.99)	163,032	163,052	
J Hicks	103,032	103,032	
N Woolsey	50,000	50,000	
P Jackson	50,000	50,000	
S Tindall (appointed 31.8.99)		-	

The director retiring by rotation is P Jackson who being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

S Tindall, being appointed since the last Annual General Meeting, is required to retire and he offers himself for re-election.

Year 2000 costs

The directors have considered the year 2000 problem and the affect it will have upon the company. Whilst it is acknowledged that the directors can not eliminate all the risks associated with this problem, they do not consider the effects to be material.

The directors are implementing the final changes that are required to ensure the effects of this problem are minimised.

The costs of addressing this problem are being recognised in the Profit and Loss Account as they are incurred.

Auditors

Mazars Neville Russell have signified their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint them as auditors will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the board on 11 OCTOBEL 1999 and signed on its behalf by

J Hicks, Secretary

Auditors' Report to the Members of Lincoln City Football Club Company Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 20 which have been prepared following the accounting policies set out on pages 10 and 11.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Going concern

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 20 to the financial statements concerning the preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis. In view of the significance of this uncertainty we consider that it should be drawn to your attention, but our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 1999 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985.

Mazars Neville Russell

Chartered Accountants

and Registered Auditors

Cartwright House Tottle Road Nottingham NG2 1RT

Dated: IH OWNEN 1999

Profit and Loss Account For the year ended 30 June 1999

				1	1999		A:		estated 998
	Notes		£	_	£		£	•	£
Turnover	2				1,543,832				1,187,948
Other operating income	4				631,807				403,427
					2,175,639				1,591,375
Staff costs	6			(1,716,467)			(1,405,443)
					459,172				185,932
Depreciation of fixed assets and amortisation of players			155,135				184,027		
Release of grant		(7,717)			(4,237)		
Other operating charges			530,776			_	491,319		
				(678,194)			(671,109)
Operating loss				(219,022)			(485,177)
Interest payable and similar charges	5			(38,649)			(38,990)
Transfer fees receivable	22				33,750				50,000
Transfer fees payable	22			(9,500)				1,375
Profit on disposal of players					74,558				361,860
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	3			(158,863)			(110,932)
Taxation	8				-				-
Retained loss for the financial year				(158,863)			(110,932)

The company's turnover and expenses all relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

Note of Historical Cost Profits and Losses For the year ended 30 June 1999

		1999 £	A	s Restated 1998 £
Reported loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(158,863)	(110,932)
Difference between the historical cost depreciation charge and the actual depreciation charge for the year calculated on the revalued amounts		32,798		32,909
Historical cost loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(126,065)	(78,023)
Historical cost loss for the year	(126,065)	(78,023)
Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses For the year ended 30 June 1999		1999 £	As	s Restated 1998 £
Loss for the financial year	(158,863)	(110,932)
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year	(158,863)	(110,932)
Prior year adjustment	_	118,335	_	
Total gains and losses recognised since the last annual report	(40,528)	(110,932)

Balance Sheet at 30 June 1999

		1999	As Restated 1998
	Notes	£	1998 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	2,398,092	2,380,864
Intangible assets	10	83,336	118,335
		2,481,428	2,499,199
Current assets Stocks	11	38,673	22 542
Debtors	12	97,670	33,543 98,227
Cash at bank and in hand	12	4,393	5,740
		140,736	137,510
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,011,153)	(1,040,961)
Net current liabilities		(870,417)	(903,451)
Total assets less current liabilities		1,611,011	1,595,748
Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(663,343)	(520,787)
		947,668	1,074,961
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	16	826,854	795,284
Revaluation reserve	17	1,413,628	1,446,426
Profit and loss account	17	(1,292,814)	(1,166,749)
Shareholders' funds	18	947,668	1,074,961

Approved by the board on 11 00 to be 1999 and signed on its behalf by

K J Reames, Director

J Hicks, Director

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

Cash Flow Statement For the year ended 30 June 1999

For the year ended 50 June 1999		1999 £	A	s Restated 1998 £
Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities				
Operating loss Movements in transfer market Depreciation and amortisation charges Release of grant Increase in stocks Decrease/(increase) in debtors (Decrease)/increase in creditors	((()	219,022) 24,250 155,135 7,717) 5,130) 557 47,188)	(((485,177) 51,375 184,027 4,237) 9,304) 28,421) 357,516
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(99,115)		65,779
Cash flow statement				
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(99,115)		65,779
Returns on investments and servicing of finance (note 1)	(39,625)	(39,106)
Capital expenditure (note 1)	-	40,015		113,285
	(98,725)		139,958
Financing (note 1)	-	103,327	(111,244)
Increase in cash in the period	=	4,602	-	28,714
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt (note 2)				
Increase in cash in the period		4,602		28,714
Cash (outflow)/inflow from increase in debt and lease financing	(93,613)	-	111,494
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows	(89,011)		140,208
New finance leases		21,856		-
Net debt at 1 July 1998	(664,251)	(804,459)
Net debt at 30 June 1999	(731,406)	(664,251)

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement For the year ended 30 June 1999

ror	the year ended 50 June 1999				1999 £	A	s Restated 1998 £
1.	Gross cash flows						
	Returns on investments and servicing of finance						
	Interest paid			(39,625)	(39,106)
	Net cash outflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance			(39,625)	(39,106)
	Capital expenditure and financial investments						
	Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets and players Receipts from government and other grants Receipts from disposal of tangible fixed assets and player	rs		(204,031) 102,821 141,225	(499,327) 211,850 400,762
	Net cash inflow from capital expenditure and financial investments			:	40,015	:	113,285
	Financing						
	New loans Repayments of loans Capital element of finance lease rental payments Issue of ordinary share capital			(100,906 46,908) 17,759 31,570	(93,815 198,902) 6,407) 250
	Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing				103,327	(111,244)
2.	Analysis of changes in net debt		At 1 July 1998 £	=	Cash flows £	A	t 30 June 1999 £
	Cash in hand and at bank Overdrafts	(5,740 255,780)	(1,347) 5,949	(4,393 249,831)
		(250,040)	_	4,602	(245,438)
	Loans Finance leases	(414,211)	(53,998) 17,759)	(468,209) 17,759)
		(414,211)	(71,757)	(485,968)
	Total	(664,251)	(67,155)	(731,406)

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 1999

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

(a) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

(b) Turnover

Turnover represents gate monies, football league levy and cup pool, advertising and sponsorship deals, excluding value added tax.

(c) Other operating income

Other operating income represents fundraising, donations, bar and catering receipts.

(d) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or revalued amount less estimated residual value of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Leasehold stands and buildings

All weather pitch

Fixtures, fittings and equipment

Motor vehicles

- 2% p.a. straight line

- 2% p.a. straight line

- 10% p.a. straight line

- 20% p.a. reducing balance

(e) Government grants

Government grants received are treated as deferred creditors and credited to the profit and loss account over the estimated useful life of the relevant fixed asset.

(f) Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(g) Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided in respect of the tax effect of all timing differences, to the extent that it is probable that a liability will crystallise in the foreseeable future, at the rates of tax expected to apply when the timing differences reverse.

(h) Leases

Finance leases

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts and the related lease obligations are included at the fair value of the leased assets at the inception of the lease. Depreciation on leased assets is calculated to write off this amount on a reducing balance basis over the shorter of the lease term and the useful life of the asset.

Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance charge and a reduction of the outstanding obligation for future amounts payable, so that the charge for each accounting period is a constant percentage of the original capital sum.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 1999

1. Accounting policies (continued)

(h) Leases (continued)

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

(i) Players

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Players will be capitalised in the year of purchase at the transfer price. This amount will be amortised to the profit and loss account over the period of the players contract. This is a change in accounting policy. Previously, transfer fees were not included as assets of the club.

(j) Pension cost

Pensions are paid to some employees personal pension plans. These costs are charged to the profit and loss account as they occur.

2. Segmental information

The turnover, loss before taxation and net assets are attributable to the principle activity of running a professional football club and ancillary bar and catering operations. The company operates in the U.K. and the whole of the turnover is to the U.K. market.

3. Loss on ordinary activities before taxation

	The loss on ordinary activities before taxation		
	is stated after charging:		At Restated
		1999	1998
		£	£
	Staff costs (note 6)	1,716,467	1,405,443
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	91,950	89,656
	Depreciation of assets held under hire purchase contracts	4,853	-
	Amortisation of players	58,332	90,833
	Loss on disposal of assets	-	3,538
	Hire of plant and machinery – operating leases	5,081	4,236
	Auditors' remuneration – audit fee	4,100	4,100
4.	Other operating income		
		1999	1998
		£	£
	Bar and catering receipts	279,417	231,244
	Fundraising and donations	162,320	145,733
	Sundry receipts	8,651	8,847
	Other income	16,307	17,603
	School of excellence	136,998	· -
	All weather pitch	28,114	-
		631,807	403,427

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 1999

For	the year ended 30 June 1999		
5.	Interest payable and similar charges		
		1999	1998
		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	28,133	19,888
	Other loans	9,695	17,865
	Finance charges – hire purchase contracts	821	1,237
		38,649	38,990
6.	Staff costs		
٠.	Court Colon	1999	1998
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	1,578,022	1,291,240
	Social security costs	131,991	108,506
	Pension contributions	6,454	5,697
		1,716,467	1,405,443
	The average number of persons, including directors employed by the company during the year, was as follows:	1999 Number	1998 Number
	Social and catering	22	21
	Players	22	22
	Office and ground staff	13	10
	Team management and coaching	<u> 26</u>	7
		<u>83</u>	60
7.	Directors	1000	4000
		1999 £	1998 £
	Emoluments		
	Management services	-	-

8. Taxation

There is no corporation tax liability in either of the current or comparative years.

Losses carried forward amounted to £2,987,903 (1998 £2,836,100).

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 1999

Tangible fixed assets	Leasehold stands & buildings	All weather pitch	Fixtures fittings & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation					
At 1 July 1998	2,179,920	288,203	385,848	21,460	2,875,431
Additions	73,554	5,590	10,622	24,265	114,031
Disposals					
At 30 June 1999	2,253,474	293,793	396,470	45,725	2,989,462
Depreciation					
At 1 July 1998	252,479	5,763	221,652	14,673	494,567
Charge for the year	45,070	5,876	39,647	6,210	96,803
Eliminated on disposal					
At 30 June 1999	297,549	11,639	261,299	20,883	591,370
Net book values					
At 30 June 1999	1,955,925	282,154	135,171	24,842	2,398,092
At 30 June 1998	1,927,441	282,440	164,196	6,787	2,380,864

Included in the net book values above are the following amounts in respect of assets held under hire purchase contracts:

At 30 June 1999	-	-	-	19,412	19,412
At 30 June 1998	-	-	-	-	-
					

See note 15 for details of revaluation.

The Stands and Buildings are held on a long lease which expires on 22 June 2117.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 1999

10.	Intangible fixed assets		Players 1999 £	A	Players s Restated 1998 £
	Cost At 1 July 1998 Additions Disposals	(335,500 90,000 155,000)	(245,500 170,000 80,000)
	At 30 June 1999		270,500		335,500
	Amortisation At 1 July 1998 Charge for the year Eliminated on disposal	(217,165 58,332 88,333)	(171,330 90,833 44,998)
	At 30 June 1999		187,164		217,165
	Net Book Values				
	At 30 June 1999	=	83,336		
	At 30 June 1998			_	118,335
11.	Stocks		1998 £		1997 £
	Goods for resale		38,673		33,543
12.	Debtors		1999 £		1998 £
	Due within one year Trade debtors Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income		51,245 20,694 25,731		46,615 19,223 32,389
			97,670		98,227

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 1999

13. Creditors – amounts falling due within one year

difficulty family due within the year	1999	1998
	£	£
Bank loans and overdraft	249,831	255,780
Obligations under hire purchase contracts	5,464	-
Trade creditors	236,360	421,484
Other creditors	890	510
Football Trust loan	16,665	40,000
Interest bearing loans	112,636	50,536
Mansfield Brewery loan	8,880	6,264
Other taxation and social security costs	164,797	47,856
Accruals and deferred income	215,630	218,531
	1,011,153	1,040,961
		

The bank overdraft is secured by a debenture dated 21 April 1992.

The bank overdraft is also secured by personal guarantees given by a director, totalling £260,000.

The hire purchase liabilities are secured on the relevant assets.

The interest bearing loans carry interest at 7% p.a. and are repayable on 12 months notice.

The Football Trust loan is interest free and is repayable at the rate of £3,333 per month.

The Mansfield Brewery loan has an interest charge of 1.75% below the Midland Bank rate and is secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the company.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 1999

14. Creditors – amounts falling due after more t

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Obligations under hire purchase contracts 12,295	_
Football Trust loan - 16	5,661
Interest free loans 215,460 215	5,809
Mansfield Brewery loan 114,569 84	4,941
Accruals and deferred income 203	3,376
663,343 520),787
Included above are the following: 1999	1000
£	1998 £
Amounts repayable by instalments	L
Not wholly repayable within five years:	
Repayable within five years:	. O.C.C
Mansfield Brewery loan 25,056 25 Repayable after five years:	5,056
	,885
111 500	
114,569 84	1,941
Wholly repayable within five years:	
Obligations under hire purchase contracts 12,295	-
Football Trust loan - 16	5,661
12,295 16	5,661
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The Football Trust loan is interest free and is repayable at the rate of £3,333 per month.

The Mansfield Brewery loan has an interest charge of 1.75% below the Midland Bank rate and is secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the company.

The interest free loans are repayable upon twelve months notice.

The hire purchase liability is secured on the relevant assets.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 1999

14. Creditors - Analysis of debt maturity

1999	Bank loans	Other	
	and overdrafts	loans	Total
Amounts payable:	£	£	£
In one year or less or on demand	249,831	138,181	388,012
•	,	•	
Between one and two years Between two and five years	-	224,339 35,520	224,339 35,520
In five years or more		70,169	70,169
	249,831	468,209	718,040
1998			
	Bank loans	Other	
	and overdrafts £	loans £	Total £
Amounts payable:	Ľ	L	
In one year or less or on demand	255,780	96,800	352,580
Between one and two years	-	238,734	238,734
Between two and five years	٠	18,792	18,792
In five years or more		59,885	59,885
	255,780	414,211	669,991
		1999	1998
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchas	e contracts:	£	£
-			
Amounts payable:			
In one year or less		4,097	-
Between one and two years		8,194	-
Between two and five years		5,468	
		17,759	-

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 1999

15. Capital commitments and revaluation

The completed St Andrews Stand and Stacey West Stands were revalued by the directors in the year 1990/91 and the completed South Park Stand was revalued by the directors in 1992/93. In 1993/94 the Stacey West Stand was revalued by a further £300,000 and other ground improvements by £91,022. In 1994/95 the Sincil Bank stand was completed and revalued by £719,821. In all cases the revaluations are at a value less than actual construction costs incurred. The difference between cost less grants, and the revaluation, has been transferred to a Revaluation Reserve.

All depreciation relating to the revaluation written off these assets has been transferred to Profit and Loss Account from Revaluation Reserve as shown in Note 17. Had revaluation not taken place, original costs less grants would have been Stands and Buildings £635,976 and Motor Vehicles £36,720. The net book values would have been Stands and Buildings £544,086 and Motor Vehicles £23,048.

No provision is made for any potential taxation liability that might arise if the assets were realised at the revalued amount.

16. Share capital

	Au	thorised	Allotted, issued and fully paid	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	£	£	£	£
Ordinary shares of 50p each	900,000	900,000	826,854	795,284

During the year 63,140 ordinary shares of 50p each were issued at par for cash consideration.

17. Reserves

	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account	Total £
At 1 July 1998	1,446,426	(1,285,084)	161,342
Retained loss for the year Transfer of amount equivalent to additional	-	(158,863)	(158,863)
depreciation on revalued assets	(32,798)	32,798	-
Prior year adjustment	· -	118,335	118,335
· -			
At 30 June 1999	1,413,628	(1,292,814)	120,814

The revaluation reserve is not available for distribution.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 1999

18. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

		As Restated
	1999	1998
	£	£
Opening shareholders' funds	1,074,961	1,111,473
Retained loss for the year as previously stated	(158,863)	(155,097)
New share capital subscribed	31,570	250
Prior year adjustment	-	118,335
Closing shareholders' funds	947,668	1,074,961
		

19. Financial commitments

At 30 June 1999 the company was committed to making the following payments under non-cancellable operating leases, in the year to 30 June 2000:

	1999	1998
	£	£
Other operating leases which expire		
Within one year	324	_
within two to five years	4,757	4,236
	5,081	4,236
		=

20. Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis not withstanding a significant excess of creditors falling due within one year over current assets.

The company relies on goodwill and support from various sources to fund its activities, including the local business community, its bankers, the directors and the shareholders.

In particular, the company relies on an overdraft from the bank and loans made by the directors to support its day to day cash requirements. Without this support the company would have difficulty meeting its obligations.

The going concern basis has been applied on the basis that the company will continue to receive support of its bankers and other loan creditors.

21. Related party transactions

Mr K J Reames, director, is the person who controls the company. In total, Mr Reames has lent the company £173,334 in the form of interest free loans. He has also provided personal guarantees totalling £260,000 with the bank as security for the company's indebtedness.

Mr N Woolsey, director, is also a director of Cathedral Developments Limited. During the year Lincoln City Football Club purchased £44,816 worth of goods and services from this company.

Mr J Hicks, director, has lent the company £20,000 in the form of an interest free loan.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 1999

22. Prior year adjustment

This year's accounts contain a prior year adjustment because of a change in accounting policy. With the introduction of Financial Reporting Standard 10, players are now to be capitalised on the balance sheet, and amortised to the profit and loss account over a period equal to the number of years of their contract. Players are to be capitalised at the basic transfer price. Any additional costs of the purchase, such as appearance fees, are written off to the profit and loss account as before. Similarly, costs relating to the sale of players, such as sell on fees, are also written off to the profit and loss account. This change has had the effect of increasing the loss for the year by £35,000.

Comparative amounts in these accounts have been restated. This has had the effect of reducing the loss for the year from £155,097 to £110,932. It has also increased the balance sheet assets by £74,170 (note 18). The total effect of this change in accounting policy is £118,335 (note 17).