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WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2004



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WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED

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WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION
for the Year Ended 31 May 2004

DIRECTORS:

D Whelan (Chairman)
P R Williams (Vice Chairman)
Mrs B Spencer (Chief Executive)
J W Winstanley
B T Ashcroft

SECRETARY:

Mrs B Spencer

REGISTERED OFFICE:

JJB Stadium
Loire Drive
Robin Park
Wigan
Lancashire
WN5 0UH

REGISTERED NUMBER:

270043 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS:

Fairhurst
Registered Auditors
Chartered Accountants
Douglas Bank House
Wigan Lane
Wigan
WN1 2TB

BANKERS:

Barclays Bank PLC
Victoria House
6 Market Street
Wigan
Lancashire
WN1 1QS

SOLICITORS:

Platt & Fishwick
The Old Bank
King Street
Wigan
WN1 1DB

WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

for the Year Ended 31 May 2004

Our first season in the First Division (now the Championship) proved to be very exciting and kept us on the edge of our seats right up to the final game when we just missed out on a place in the play offs. I am now writing these notes well into our second season and at present we are sitting in second place. Everyone acknowledges that this is a tremendous achievement by Paul Jewell, the team and his staff. I would also like to thank Brenda Spencer and the administration staff, and all the ground staff, indeed the whole of the Football Club for the seamless transition from a Second Division Football Club to a Championship Club.

Our ambition for the Football Club is to reach the goal of Premiership Football and hope that this target will be reached sooner rather than later. One of the great pleasures of recent times is watching Wigan Athletic at away games when our support matches that of almost every Club in this Division. I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to thank Wigan Athletic's travelling supporters - your support really is appreciated.

Season Tickets increased in the season 2003/2004, but as I am writing these notes in February 2005 - season ticket sales for the current season have broken all previous records. This reflects the increase in the average gate which is continuing to grow and shows the commitment of our supporters.

May I thank all of you who have supported Wigan Athletic through 2003/2004 and ask you to continue as the Club grows in stature, not only in Wigan but throughout the football world.

David Whelan
Chairman

Date: 12 February 2005

WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS for the Year Ended 31 May 2004

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 May 2004.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of a professional association football league club.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

A disappointing end to the 2004 season saw a last minute goal keep the club out of the Play-Offs. However an unbeaten start to the 2004-2005 Season has resulted in the first team being at the top of the Coca Cola Championship. Some major signings were made during the year, including the purchase of Geoff Horsfield for £1 million and Jason Roberts for £1.4 million, following Geoff Horsfield's decision to return to the Midlands in January 2004. The company continues to be dependent on its holding company, Whelco Holdings Ltd, for financial support, including funding the cost of purchasing new players. The directors are pleased with the increased revenues and average attendance figures and hope for further increases in 2004/05.

RESULTS & DIVIDENDS

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements. The company made an operating loss of £4,845,675 for the year (2003 - £5,341,490) with the total loss for the year of £5,270,336 (2003 - £5,803,351) transferred to reserves.

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

DIRECTORS

The directors during the year under review were:

D Whelan
P R Williams
Mrs B Spencer
J W Winstanley
B T Ashcroft

The beneficial interests of the directors holding office on 31 May 2004 in the issued share capital of the company were as follows:

	31.5.04	1.6.03
Ordinary 50p shares		
D Whelan	-	-
P R Williams	-	-
Mrs B Spencer	315	315
J W Winstanley	100	100
B T Ashcroft	50	50

J W Winstanley retires by rotation and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The interests of D Whelan in Whelco Holdings Limited, the ultimate parent company, are disclosed in the accounts of that company.

PARENT COMPANY

The company is a 86% subsidiary of Whelco Holdings Limited, a company under the control and ownership of D. Whelan and his family. The company continues to be dependent on the holding company, Whelco Holdings Ltd, for financial support, including funding the cost of purchasing new players.

The club plays its first team matches at the JJB Stadium, which is owned by Wigan Football Company Limited, a 85% fellow subsidiary of Whelco Holdings Limited.

WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS for the Year Ended 31 May 2004

GOING CONCERN

After making enquiries the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. This includes the offer of continued financial support from the parent company, Whelco Holdings Limited. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

In accordance with FRS-10 the company has capitalised fees payable on the transfer of player registrations, with an amortisation charge based on the length of player contracts (see notes 6).

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;
- 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.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Fairhurst, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Mrs B Spencer - Secretary

Date: 12/2/05

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Wigan Athletic AFC Limited for the year ended 31 May 2004 on pages six to sixteen. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page three the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Report of the Directors is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Report of the Directors and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 the financial statements concerning the reliance on the continued support of the company's holding company and bankers.

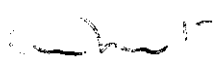
Details of the circumstances relating to the inherent uncertainty are described in note 1. We consider that, in view of the matters referred to above and note 1, there is a significant level of concern to the appropriateness of the going concern basis. However, our opinion is not qualified in this respect and on the basis of our discussions with the directors and other information of which we have become aware during our audit we consider that it is appropriate for the directors to prepare financial statements drawn up on the going concern basis.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED**

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 May 2004 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Fairhurst
Registered Auditors
Chartered Accountants
Douglas Bank House
Wigan Lane
Wigan
WN1 2TB



Date: 12.12.05

WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
for the Year Ended 31 May 2004

		<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
	Notes	£	£
TURNOVER		3,982,988	2,874,626
Cost of sales		<u>372,953</u>	<u>243,608</u>
GROSS PROFIT		3,610,035	2,631,018
Administrative expenses		<u>9,325,427</u>	<u>8,455,354</u>
		(5,715,392)	(5,824,336)
Other operating income		<u>869,717</u>	<u>482,846</u>
OPERATING LOSS	3	(4,845,675)	(5,341,490)
Interest receivable and similar income		<u>-</u>	<u>1,054</u>
		(4,845,675)	(5,340,436)
Interest payable and similar charges	4	<u>424,661</u>	<u>462,915</u>
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(5,270,336)	(5,803,351)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	5	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION		(5,270,336)	(5,803,351)
Deficit brought forward		<u>(22,482,268)</u>	<u>(16,678,917)</u>
DEFICIT CARRIED FORWARD		<u>£(27,752,604)</u>	<u>£(22,482,268)</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current and previous years.

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the losses for the current and previous years.

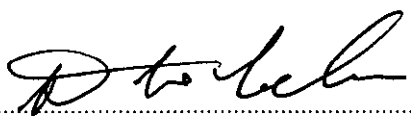
WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

31 May 2004

		<u>2004</u>		<u>2003</u>	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Intangible assets	6		2,957,229		3,008,565
Tangible assets	7		<u>34,162</u>		<u>48,860</u>
			2,991,391		3,057,425
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors	8	829,977		426,605	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>11,435,009</u>		<u>11,727,339</u>	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES:			<u>(10,605,032)</u>		<u>(11,300,734)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:			(7,613,641)		(8,243,309)
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	10		<u>19,041,698</u>		<u>13,141,694</u>
			<u>£(26,655,339)</u>		<u>£(21,385,003)</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:					
Called up share capital	13		131,250		131,250
Share premium	14		944,298		944,298
Capital redemption reserve	15		21,717		21,717
Profit and loss account			<u>(27,752,604)</u>		<u>(22,482,268)</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS:	21		<u>£(26,655,339)</u>		<u>£(21,385,003)</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



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D Whelan - Director

Approved by the Board on 22.2.05

The notes form part of these financial statements

WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 31 May 2004

		<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
	Notes	£	£
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	1	3,029,870	(2,979,616)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2	(424,661)	(461,861)
Capital expenditure	2	<u>(1,808,477)</u>	<u>(1,310,196)</u>
		796,732	(4,751,673)
Financing	2	<u>(58,331)</u>	<u>(99,996)</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the period		<u>£738,401</u>	<u>£(4,851,669)</u>
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Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt	3		
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the period		<u>738,401</u>	<u>(4,851,669)</u>
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows		<u>738,401</u>	<u>(4,851,669)</u>
Movement in net debt in the period		738,401	(4,851,669)
Net debt at 1 June		<u>(10,125,809)</u>	<u>(5,274,140)</u>
Net debt at 31 May		<u>£(9,387,408)</u>	<u>£(10,125,809)</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 31 May 2004**

1. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2004 £	2003 £
Operating loss	(4,845,675)	(5,341,490)
Depreciation charges	1,916,149	2,426,698
Loss on sale of fixed assets	-	143,186
Profit on sale of fixed assets	(41,638)	-
Grant released	(99,995)	(100,000)
Increase in debtors	(403,373)	(32,177)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	<u>6,504,402</u>	<u>(75,833)</u>
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	<u><u>3,029,870</u></u>	<u><u>(2,979,616)</u></u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2004 £	2003 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	-	1,054
Interest paid	<u>(424,661)</u>	<u>(462,915)</u>
Net cash outflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance	<u><u>(424,661)</u></u>	<u><u>(461,861)</u></u>
Capital expenditure		
Purchase of intangible fixed assets	(2,840,500)	(1,293,167)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(8,621)	(17,029)
Sale of intangible fixed assets	1,037,801	-
Sale of tangible fixed assets	<u>2,843</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure	<u><u>(1,808,477)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,310,196)</u></u>
Financing		
Loan repayments in year	<u>(58,331)</u>	<u>(99,996)</u>
Net cash outflow from financing	<u><u>(58,331)</u></u>	<u><u>(99,996)</u></u>

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WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 31 May 2004**

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1/6/03 £	Cash flow £	At 31/5/04 £
Net cash:			
Cash at bank and in hand	-	-	-
Bank overdraft	<u>(10,125,809)</u>	<u>738,401</u>	<u>(9,387,408)</u>
	<u>(10,125,809)</u>	<u>738,401</u>	<u>(9,387,408)</u>
 Total	 <u>(10,125,809)</u>	 <u>738,401</u>	 <u>(9,387,408)</u>
 Analysed in Balance Sheet			
Bank overdraft	<u>(10,125,809)</u>		<u>(9,387,408)</u>
	<u>(10,125,809)</u>		<u>(9,387,408)</u>

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WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 May 2004

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

The company is dependant on the financial support of its holding company, Whelco Holdings Ltd and bankers. However, along with assurances from the holding company, the bank has indicated their continuing support; subject to ongoing periodic reviews. On this basis, the directors consider it reasonable to rely on the bank facility and loans from the parent company and others and appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The financial statements include the results of the company's activities described in the Directors' Report, all of which are continuing.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents match receipts and sales, net of Value Added Tax and levies paid to the Football League and Football Association, of goods and services in the normal course of business, and arose wholly in the United Kingdom.

Player registrations and signing on fees

Transfer fees and amounts paid to third parties for player registrations are capitalised as intangible fixed assets and are amortised on a straight line basis over the period of the respective players' contracts.

Player registrations are assessed on an annual basis and impairment losses arising are charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which they arise. Any surpluses arising are not accounted for.

Player signing on fees have been expensed to the profit and loss account as wages and salaries over the period to which they relate. The profit/(loss) on the disposal of a player registration is calculated after charging any signing on fees which become payable as a result of the disposal.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 10% on cost
Motor vehicles and tractors	- 20% on cost
Computer, C C T V and office equipment	- 20% on cost

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Repairs and Ground Maintenance

All expenditure is written off as incurred.

Grants

Revenue grants are credited to the Profit and Loss Account in the period in which they are due. Capital grants are treated as deferred income and written off over the life of the assets to which they relate.

2. STAFF COSTS

	2004	2003
	£	£
Wages and salaries	5,526,583	4,476,644
Social security costs	639,116	472,938
	<u>6,165,699</u>	<u>4,949,582</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 May 2004**

2. STAFF COSTS - continued

Included in the above are contract termination payments of £35,000 (2003 - £92,500), to former players and coaching staff.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2004	2003
Playing and Coaching Staff	25	22
Groundsmen	2	2
Administration	7	6
Centre of Excellence Coaching Staff	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>39</u>	<u>34</u>

3. OPERATING LOSS

The operating loss is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2004 £	2003 £
Hire of plant and machinery	-	60
Depreciation - owned assets	21,564	20,562
(Profit)/Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(41,638)	143,186
Player registration fees amortisation	1,894,585	2,406,136
Auditors' remuneration - audit fees	5,500	5,500
- accountancy and taxation	1,440	850
Grant release	(100,000)	(100,000)
Transfer fees receivable	<u>(520,000)</u>	<u>(76,400)</u>
Directors' emoluments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

In addition Mrs B Spencer received remuneration for her services as Chief Executive and Club Secretary. These amounts are included within wages and salaries (see note 2).

4. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	2004 £	2003 £
Bank interest	424,356	462,290
Other interest	<u>305</u>	<u>625</u>
	<u>424,661</u>	<u>462,915</u>

5. TAXATION

Analysis of the tax charge

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the year ended 31 May 2004 nor for the year ended 31 May 2003.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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6. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Player registration fees
	£
COST:	
At 1 June 2003	7,296,625
Additions	2,840,500
Disposals	<u>(1,869,550)</u>
At 31 May 2004	<u>8,267,575</u>
AMORTISATION:	
At 1 June 2003	4,288,060
Charge for year	1,894,585
Eliminated on disposals	<u>(872,299)</u>
At 31 May 2004	<u>5,310,346</u>
NET BOOK VALUE:	
At 31 May 2004	<u>2,957,229</u>
At 31 May 2003	<u>3,008,565</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Motor vehicles and tractors	Computer, C C T V and office equipment	Totals
	£	£	£	£
COST:				
At 1 June 2003	4,429	133,336	31,678	169,443
Additions	-	8,200	421	8,621
Disposals	<u>(443)</u>	<u>(6,700)</u>	-	<u>(7,143)</u>
At 31 May 2004	<u>3,986</u>	<u>134,836</u>	<u>32,099</u>	<u>170,921</u>
DEPRECIATION:				
At 1 June 2003	409	103,963	16,211	120,583
Charge for year	756	14,794	6,014	21,564
Eliminated on disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,388)</u>	-	<u>(5,388)</u>
At 31 May 2004	<u>1,165</u>	<u>113,369</u>	<u>22,225</u>	<u>136,759</u>
NET BOOK VALUE:				
At 31 May 2004	<u>2,821</u>	<u>21,467</u>	<u>9,874</u>	<u>34,162</u>
At 31 May 2003	<u>4,020</u>	<u>29,373</u>	<u>15,467</u>	<u>48,860</u>

WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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8. DEBTORS

	2004 £	2003 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	337,605	131,785
Other debtors	9,024	6,332
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>483,348</u>	<u>276,488</u>
	<u>829,977</u>	<u>414,605</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>12,000</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>829,977</u>	<u>426,605</u>

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2004 £	2003 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 12)	9,387,408	10,125,809
Trade creditors	845,082	541,421
Football Trust Loan	-	58,331
Other loans	201,000	201,000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	329,976	338,213
Social security & other taxes	304,463	73,279
Deferred income	25,317	3,851
Deferred grants	100,000	100,000
Accrued expenses	<u>241,763</u>	<u>285,435</u>
	<u>11,435,009</u>	<u>11,727,339</u>

**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING
DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	2004 £	2003 £
Loan from parent company	18,641,694	12,641,694
Deferred grants	<u>400,004</u>	<u>500,000</u>
	<u>19,041,698</u>	<u>13,141,694</u>

11. LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS

The Football Trust Loan is unsecured, interest free and has now been paid in full.

The loan from the parent company and other loans are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed repayment date.

WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 May 2004

12. SECURED DEBTS

The Bank has a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the company. Banking facilities are reviewed periodically and are repayable on demand, subject to such reviews. Whelco Holdings Limited has provided an unlimited guarantee to the bank on behalf of the company.

13. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised, allotted, issued and fully paid:

Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2004 £	2003 £
262,500	Ordinary	50p	<u>131,250</u>	<u>131,250</u>

14. SHARE PREMIUM

	2004 £	2003 £
Brought forward	<u>944,298</u>	<u>944,298</u>

15. CAPITAL REDEMPTION RESERVE

	2004 £	2003 £
Brought forward	<u>21,717</u>	<u>21,717</u>

16. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company is Whelco Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, and under the control of Mr D Whelan.

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are contractual obligations to pay players and coaching staff dependent on future performance criteria which have not been provided for in these accounts. Performance related payments are written off in the period to which they relate.

18. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The company had the following annual contractual obligations, relating to players contracts, which are due to expire:

	2004 £	2003 £
-Within 1 year	2,916,037	1,448,133
-After more than 1 year	<u>2,085,000</u>	<u>1,585,000</u>
	<u>5,001,037</u>	<u>3,033,133</u>

The Club has a 25 year renewable licence to use the JJB Stadium, owned by Wigan Football Company Ltd, at rates determined by match revenues.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 May 2004

19. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

Mr D Whelan, a director of the company, has a significant financial interest in Whelco Holdings Limited, which owns a majority shareholding in the company and has also provided loan monies and goods and services during the year.

Mr D Whelan, a director of the company, has significant financial interests in JJB Sports plc, which has supplied goods to the company during the year as follows:

Sales	Purchases	Sales Ledger at 31/5/04	Purchase Ledger at 31/5/04
£	£	£	£
<u>235,284</u>	<u>7,521</u>	<u>6,371</u>	<u>392</u>

All the above transactions were conducted on an arms length basis at normal commercial rates.

20. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The first team have started the 2004/05 with a record unbeaten run and currently are second in the Coca Cola Championship. The Club have signed three new players in the summer but continue to look to strengthen their squad in a bid to get into the Premiership.

21. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2004 £	2003 £
Loss for the financial year	<u>(5,270,336)</u>	<u>(5,803,351)</u>
Net reduction of shareholders' funds	(5,270,336)	(5,803,351)
Opening shareholders' funds	<u>(21,385,003)</u>	<u>(15,581,652)</u>
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>(26,655,339)</u>	<u>(21,385,003)</u>
Equity interests	<u>(26,655,339)</u>	<u>(21,385,003)</u>