Middlesbrough Football & Athletic Company (1986) Limited
Annual report
for the 11 months ended 30 June 2005

Registered Number 1947851



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Director and advisors

Non Executive director S Gibson

Secretary and registered office A W Bage FCA Riverside Stadium Middlesbrough TS3 6RS

Solicitors Sandersons The Endeavour Partnership

Bankers Barclays Bank plc

Independent auditors
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Director's report for the 11 months ended 30 June 2005

The director presents his report and the audited financial statements of the company for the 11 months ended 30 June 2005.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is the operation of a professional football club and related business operations. There have been no significant changes therein during the period.

Review of business and future developments

The director considers the company's trading results for the 11 months ended 30 June 2005 and the period financial position to be satisfactory.

Dividends

The director does not recommend the payment of a dividend (31 July 2004: £Nil).

Director

The director of the company at 30 June 2005, who has been a director for the whole of the period ending on that date, unless otherwise stated, is listed below:

S Gibson (Chairman)

Director's interests in shares of the company and other group companies

The director of the company at the period end did not have any interest in the shares of the company.

The interests of the director in the shares of the ultimate parent company were:

1 August 2004 and 30 June 2005

The Gibson O'Neill Company Limited - ordinary shares £1

S Gibson

18,750

Other than as shown above no director had any interest in the shares of other group companies at any time during the 11 months ended 30 June 2005.

Charitable donations

Donations made by the company during the period for charitable purposes amounted to £105,645 (31 July 2004: £217,450), including £104,260 (31 July 2004: £213,050) to the Middlesbrough Football Academy (Eston) Limited.

Statement of director's responsibilities

The director is required by UK company law to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

The director confirms that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently and reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2005. The director also confirms that applicable accounting standards have been followed and the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The director is responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and in the absence of a notice proposing that this appointment be terminated, will be deemed to be reappointed for the next financial year.

By order of the Board

A W Bage FCA

Company secretary

27 February 2006

Independent auditors' report to the members of Middlesbrough Football & Athletic Company (1986) Limited

We have audited the financial statements which comprise the profit and loss account, the statement of total recognised gains and losses, the balance sheet, the statement of accounting policies and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The director's responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the statement of director's responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or in to whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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 director's report 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 is not disclosed.

Basis of audit 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.

Opinion

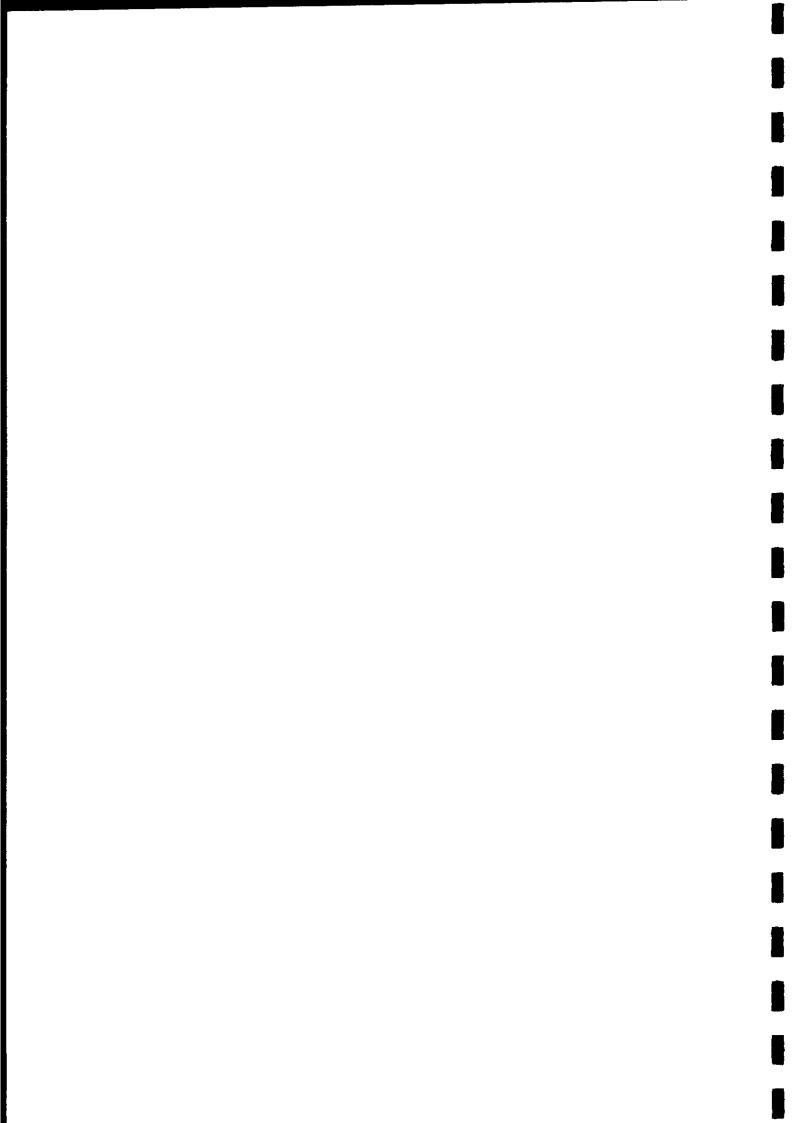
In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 30 June 2005 and of its profit for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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Newcastle upon Tyne 27 February 2006



Profit and loss account for the 11 months ended 30 June 2005

	Note	11 months ended 30 June 2005	Year ended 31 July 2004
		£'000	£,000
Turnover	1	51,988	43,047
Cost of sales		(31,251)	(37,176)
Gross profit		20,737	5,871
Administrative expenses before player amortisation		(3,565)	(3,212)
Player amortisation	2	(7,566)	(20,957)
Administrative expenses		(11,131)	(24,169)
Other operating income	5	127	139
Operating profit/(loss)		9,733	(18,159)
Profit on sale of players' registrations		453	197
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets		88	506
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before interest and tax		10,274	(17,456)
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(4,499)	(4,337)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	7	5,775	(21,793)
Taxation	8	(1,285)	4,831
Profit/(loss) for the financial period	19	4,490	(16,962)

All of the company's operations are continuing.

There is no difference between the loss on ordinary activities before taxation and the loss for the financial period stated above, and their historical cost equivalents.

Statement of total recognised gains and losses for the 11 months ended 30 June 2005

	Note	11 months ended 30 June 2005	Year ended 31 July 2004
Profit/(loss) for the period	19	£'000 4,490	£'000 (16,962)
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of leasehold properties	19	21,350	
Total recognised gains/(losses) for the period		25,840	(16,962)

Balance sheet as at 30 June 2005

	Note	30 June 2005 £'000	30 June 2005 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	9		11,396		17,754
Tangible assets	10		44,007		23,658
			55,403		41,412
Current assets					
Stocks	12	631		457	
Debtors	13	3,654		15,278	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,265		594	
		5,550		16,329	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(77,125)		(62,312)	
Net current liabilities			(71,575)		(45,983)
Total assets less current liabilities			(16,172)		(4,571)
Creditors: amounts falling due					45.016
after more than one year	15		6,620		45,016
Accruals and deferred income	16		1,754		1,881
Provisions for liabilities and charges	17		1,082		-
			9,456		46,897
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	18		1,056		1,056
Capital contribution	19		26,000		26,000
Revaluation reserve	19		21,350		-
Profit and loss account	19		(74,034)		(78,524)
Equity shareholders' deficit	20		(25,628)		(51,468)
			(16,172)		(4,571)

The financial statements on pages 5 to 23 were approved by the board of directors on 27 February 2006 and were signed on its behalf by:

S Gibson Director

Statement of accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of leasehold properties.

The going concern basis of the company depends upon sufficient funds being made available through its immediate parent undertaking, under the terms of the composite overdraft facility entered into by The Gibson O' Neill Company Limited group. The director is confident that the composite facilities are sufficient to meet that group's cash requirements.

Cash flow statement

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996) the company is exempt from the requirements to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that the ultimate parent undertaking includes the company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated financial statements

The company has not prepared consolidated financial statements as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Middlesbrough Football & Athletic Company Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. As the results of the company are consolidated into the results of Middlesbrough Football & Athletic Company Holdings Limited it is exempt under the terms of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements. These financial statements therefore consist of the results of the company as an individual entity and not as a group.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provisions made for impairment in value.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, which is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition or at valuation.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets less their estimated residual values on a straight line basis, over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used for this purpose are:

	%
Freehold buildings	2 - 7.5
Leasehold land and buildings	2 - 10
Motor vehicles	25
Fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery	2 - 20

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Finance and operating leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term. Leasing agreements which transfer to the company substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership of an asset are treated as if the asset had been purchased outright. The assets are included in fixed assets and the capital element of the leasing commitment is shown as obligations under finance leases. The lease rentals are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The capital element is applied to reduce the outstanding obligations and the interest element is charged against profit so as to give a constant periodic rate of charge on the remaining balance outstanding at each accounting period. Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the lease terms and the useful lives of equivalent owned assets.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the price at which stocks can be sold in the normal course of business after allowing for the costs of realisation. Provision is made where necessary for obsolete, slow moving and defective stocks.

Grants

Grants that relate to specific projects are treated as deferred income which is then credited to the profit and loss account over the related project's useful life. Other grants are credited to the profit and loss account when received.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction except where the rate of exchange is fixed by a relevant matching forward exchange contract. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account in the year in which they arise.

Turnover

Turnover comprises gate receipts, retail, sponsorship, merit income, television and media income and invoiced sales, exclusive of value added tax. Television income is recognised in the period in which the relevant matches are televised and gate receipt income taken to the profit and loss account when the matches are played.

Deferred taxation

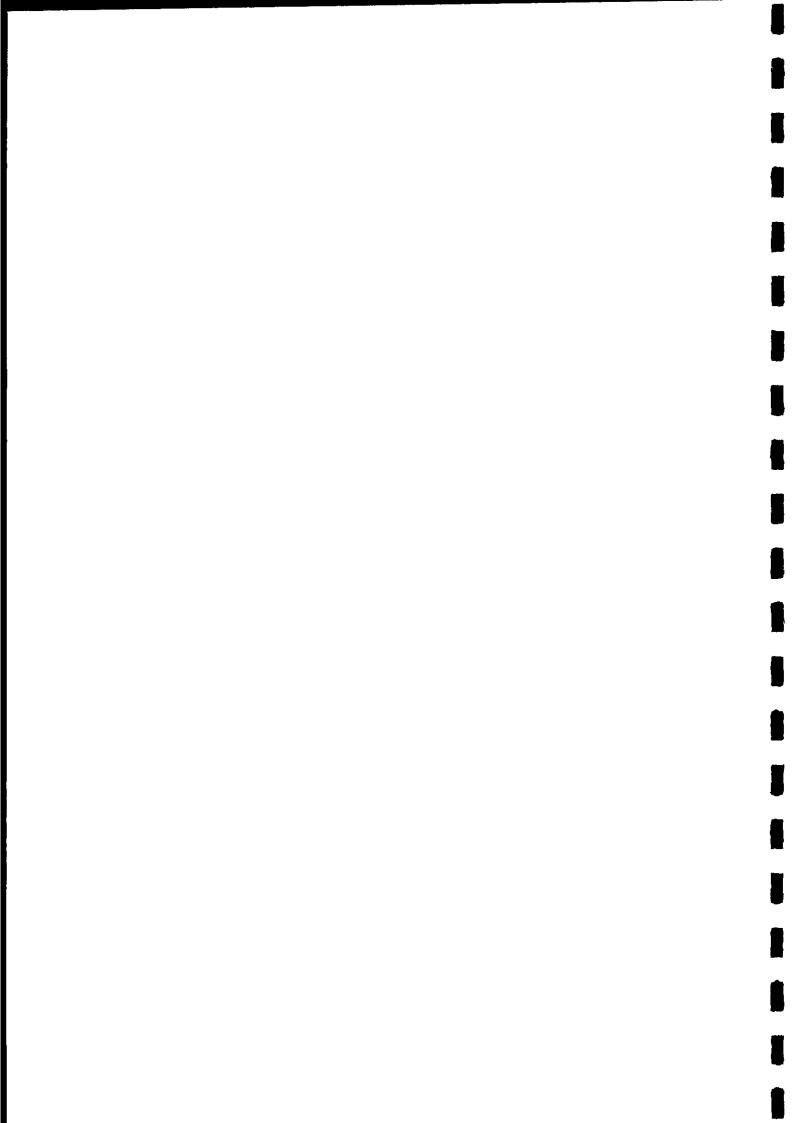
Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet, except for certain exemptions which under Financial Reporting Standard 19 should not be recognised.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred taxation is measured on a non-discounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which timing differences reverse, based on taxation rates and law enacted at the balance sheet date.

Transfer fees

The costs associated with the acquisition of players' registrations are capitalised as intangible fixed assets. These costs are fully amortised over the period of the respective players' contracts. Players' registrations are written down for impairment when the carrying amount exceeds the amount recoverable through use or sale. Provision is also made for the onerous element of players' contracts where a player's registration is impaired.



Signing on fees

Signing on fees payable to players are recognised in the balance sheet as prepayments and amortised over the period of the players' contracts. The net balance of signing on fees relating to players sold during the year is included within cost of players' registrations in administrative expenses.

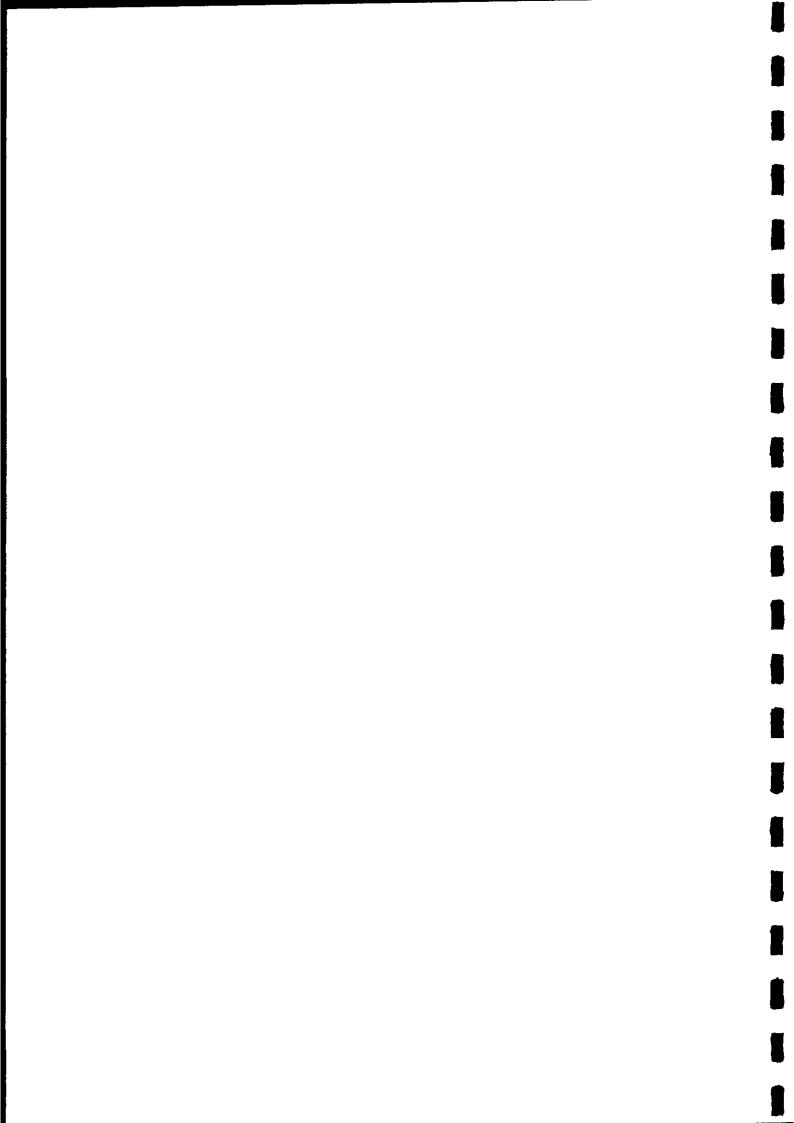
Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income is recognised in the profit and loss account of the period in respect of which it is received. If it does not relate to a specific period it is recognised in the profit and loss account of the period in which it is receivable.

Pension costs

The Group is making contributions in respect of its share of the deficit of the defined benefit section of the Football League Pension and Life Assurance Scheme (the "Scheme"). A provision has been established for the Group's share of the deficit which exists in this section of the scheme.

Under the provisions of FRS17 "Retirement Benefits" the Scheme would be treated as a defined benefit multiemployer scheme. The Scheme's actuary has advised that the participating employers' share of the underlying assets and liabilities cannot be identified as a reasonable and consistent basis and, accordingly, no disclosures are made under the provisions of FRS17.



Notes to the financial statements for the 11 months ended 30 June 2005

1 Turnover

Turnover is generated entirely from the company's principal activity and originates entirely in the United Kingdom.

2 Player amortisation

Administrative expenses include the following amounts:

	11 months ended 30 June 2005 £'000	Year ended 31 July 2004 £'000
Amortisation of transfer fees	6,909	12,857
Amortisation of signing on fees	303	416
Impairment of player values	354	7,684
	7,566	20,957

3 Director's emoluments

	11 months ended	Year ended
	30 June	31 July
	2005	2004
	£'000	£,000
Aggregate emoluments	-	

4 Employee information

The average monthly number of persons (including executive directors) employed by the company during the period was:

	11 months ended 30 June 2005 Number	Year ended 31 July 2004 Number
Playing staff	51	50
Other staff	128	125
	179	175
	11 months ended 30 June 2005 £'000	Year ended 31 July 2004 £'000
Staff costs (for the above persons):		
Wages and salaries	24,849	22,142
Social security costs	2,713	2,491
Other pension costs	118	196
Amounts paid to Employee Benefit Trusts	984	3,551

5 Other operating income

	11 months ended 30 June 2005 £'000	Year ended 31 July 2004 £'000
Release of deferred grant income	127	139

28,664

28,380

6 Interest payable and similar charges

	11 months ended 30 June 2005 £'000	Year ended 31 July 2004 £'000
On bank loans and overdrafts	3,984	3,389
On other loans	320	609
On finance leases	91	99
Other interest	104	240
	4,499	4,337

7 Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation

	11 months ended 30 June 2005 £'000	Year ended 31 July 2004 £'000
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation charge for the year:		
- tangible owned fixed assets	962	984
- tangible fixed assets held under finance leases	131	161
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	6,909	12,857
Impairment of intangible fixed assets	354	7,684
Auditors' remuneration for:		
- audit services	21	19
- other services to the company	27	16
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(88)	(506)
Amortisation of deferred grant	(127)	(139)

8 Taxation

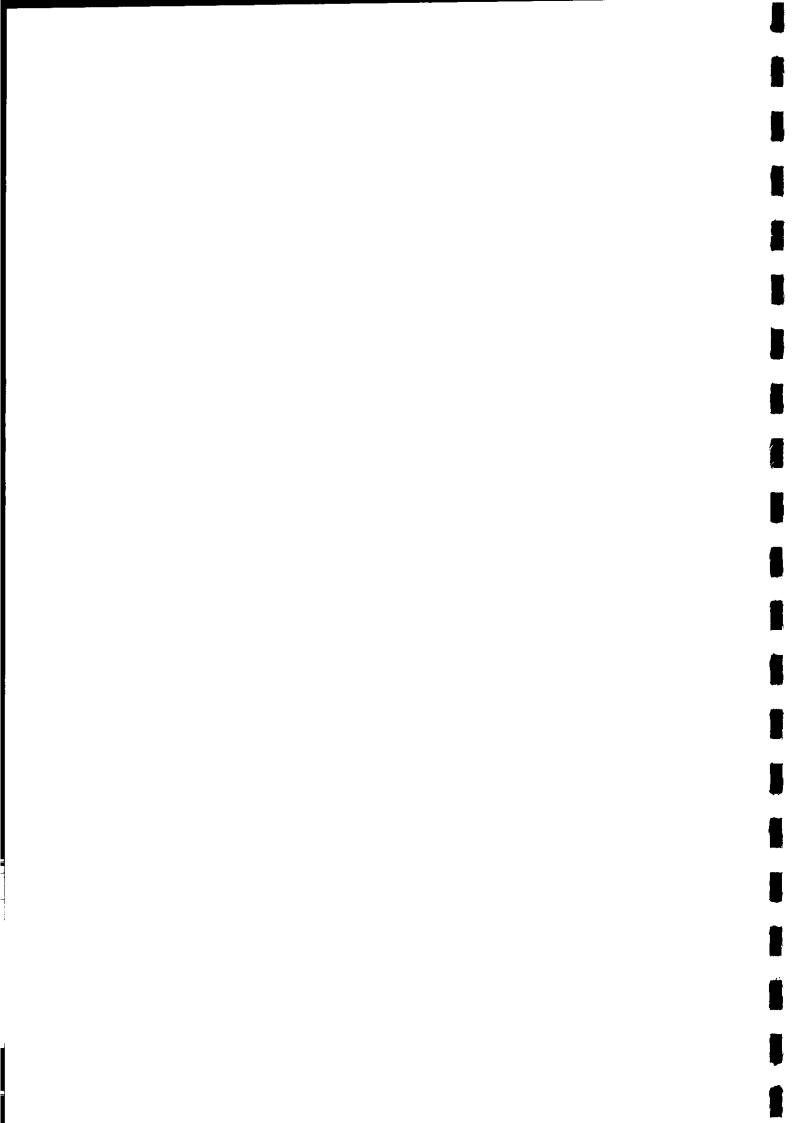
(a) Analysis of charge in the period

	11 months ended 30 June 2005 £'000	Year ended 31 July 2004 £'000
Current tax		
Group relief - current period	-	(4,785)
Group relief - adjustments in respect of prior periods	203	(46)
Total current tax	203	(4,831)
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	1,285	-
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(203)	-
Total deferred tax	1,082	
	1,285	(4,831)

(b) Factors affecting tax charge for the period

The tax assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The differences are explained below:

	11 months ended 30 June 2005 £'000	Year ended 31 July 2004 £'000
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	5,775	(21,793)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2004: 30%)	1,733	(6,538)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	584	1,229
Capital allowances for period in excess of depreciation	(100)	(166)
Utilised tax losses	(1,595)	-
Other short term timing differences	(622)	690
Adjustments to tax charges in respect of previous periods	203	(46)
Current tax charge for the period	203	(4,831)

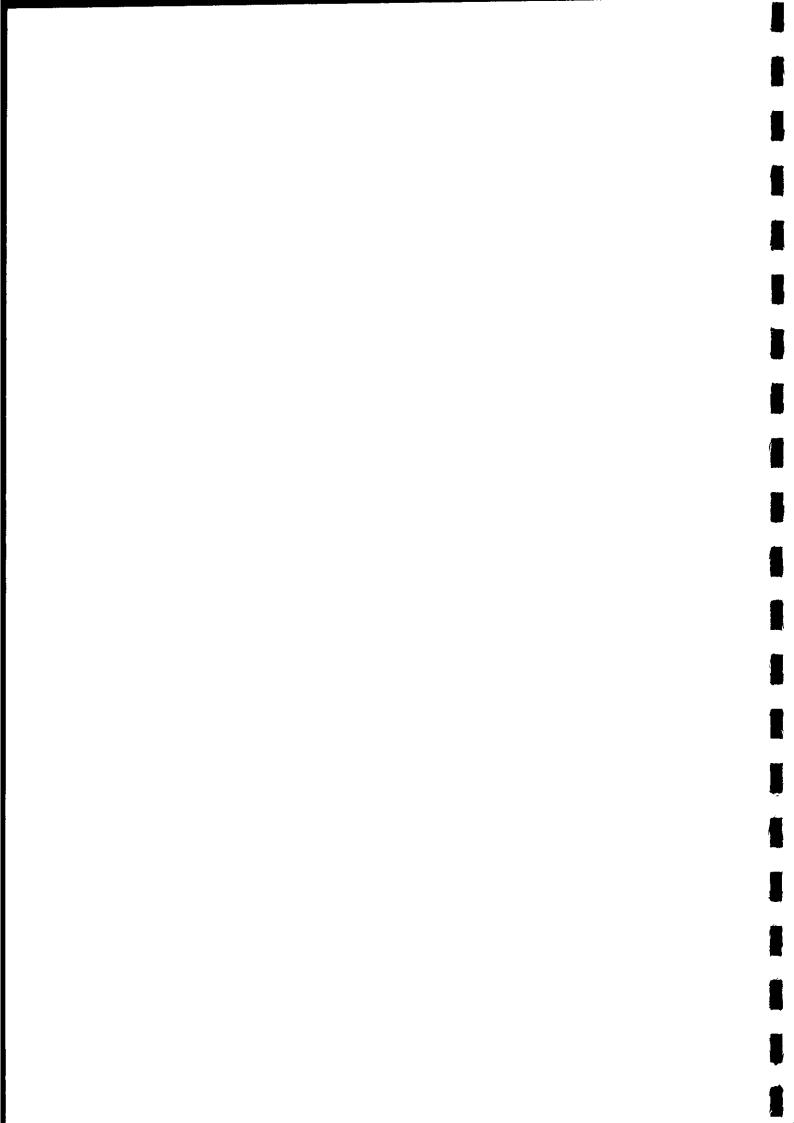


(c) Factors that may affect future tax charges

No provision has been made for deferred tax on unrealised revaluation gains. Such tax would become payable only if the gains were realised by sale of the revalued assets. The amount unprovided in this respect is £3,300,000 (2004: £Nil).

9 Intangible assets

	Transfer fees paid for players' contracts £'000
Cost	
At 1 August 2004	52,012
Additions	926
Disposals	(5,104)
At 30 June 2005	47,834
Amortisation	
At I August 2004	34,258
Charge for the period	6,909
Impairment in player values	354
Disposals	(5,083)
At 30 June 2005	36,438
Net book amount	
At 30 June 2005	11,396
At 1 August 2004	17,754



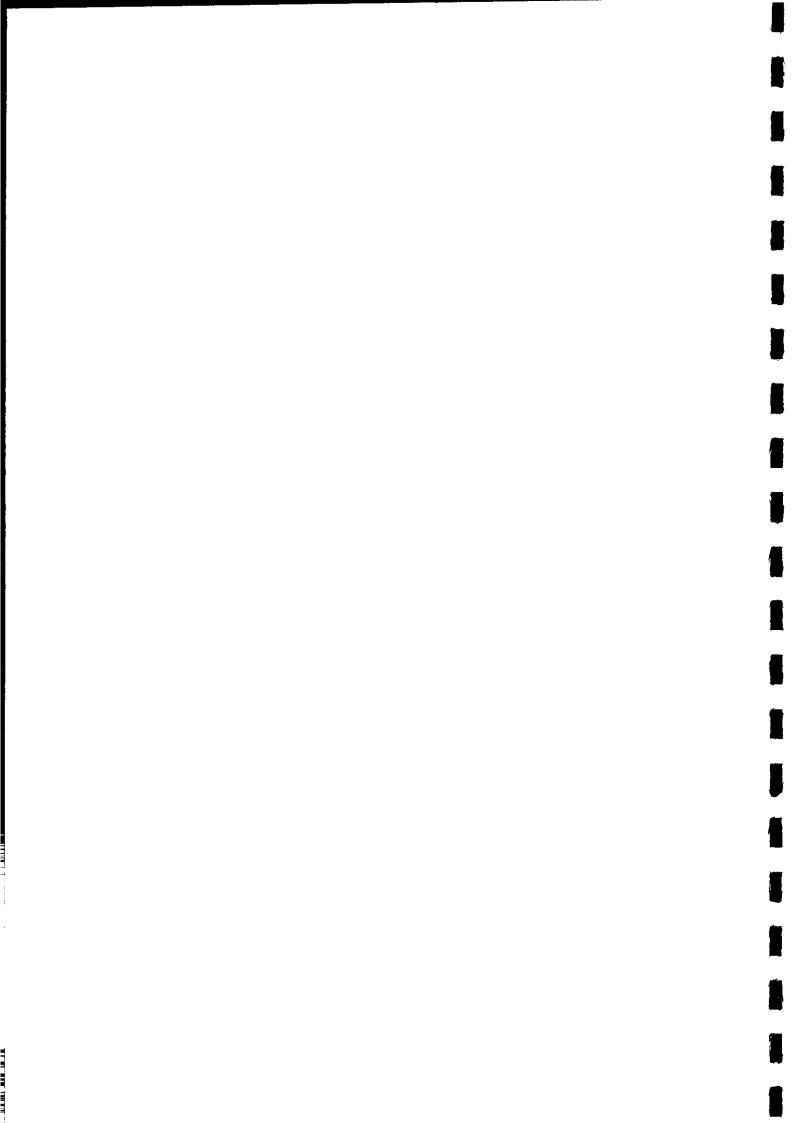
10 Tangible fixed assets

		Motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery	Total
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
8,551	20,735	129	3,041	32,456
35	117	14	185	351
(7,808)	7,982	-	(174)	-
-	13,666	-	-	13,666
(259)	-	(12)		(271)
519	42,500	131	3,052	46,202
840	5,949	113	1,896	8,798
132	702	8	251	1,093
(972)	1,033	-	(61)	-
-	(7,684)	-	-	(7,684)
<u>-</u>	-	(12)		(12)
	-	109	2,086	2,195
519	42,500	22	966	44,007
7,711	14,786	16	1,145	23,658
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Cumulative finance costs capitalised included in the total cost above amounts to £483,000 (31 July 2004: £483,000).

The net book value of tangible fixed assets includes an amount of £1,281,975 (31 July 2004: £1,412,519) in respect of assets held under finance leases.

Leasehold properties were valued at 30 June 2005 by Sanderson Weatherall, Chartered Surveyors, in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation Manual of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in the United Kingdom. The Riverside Stadium and the training headquarters were valued on a depreciated replacement cost basis and other properties were valued on an open market value basis.



If leasehold land and buildings had not been revalued, they would have been included at the following amounts:

	30 June 2005 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000
Cost	28,834	20,735
Aggregate depreciation	(7,684)	(5,949)
Net book amount	21,150	14,786

11 Investments

Interests in subsidiary undertakings

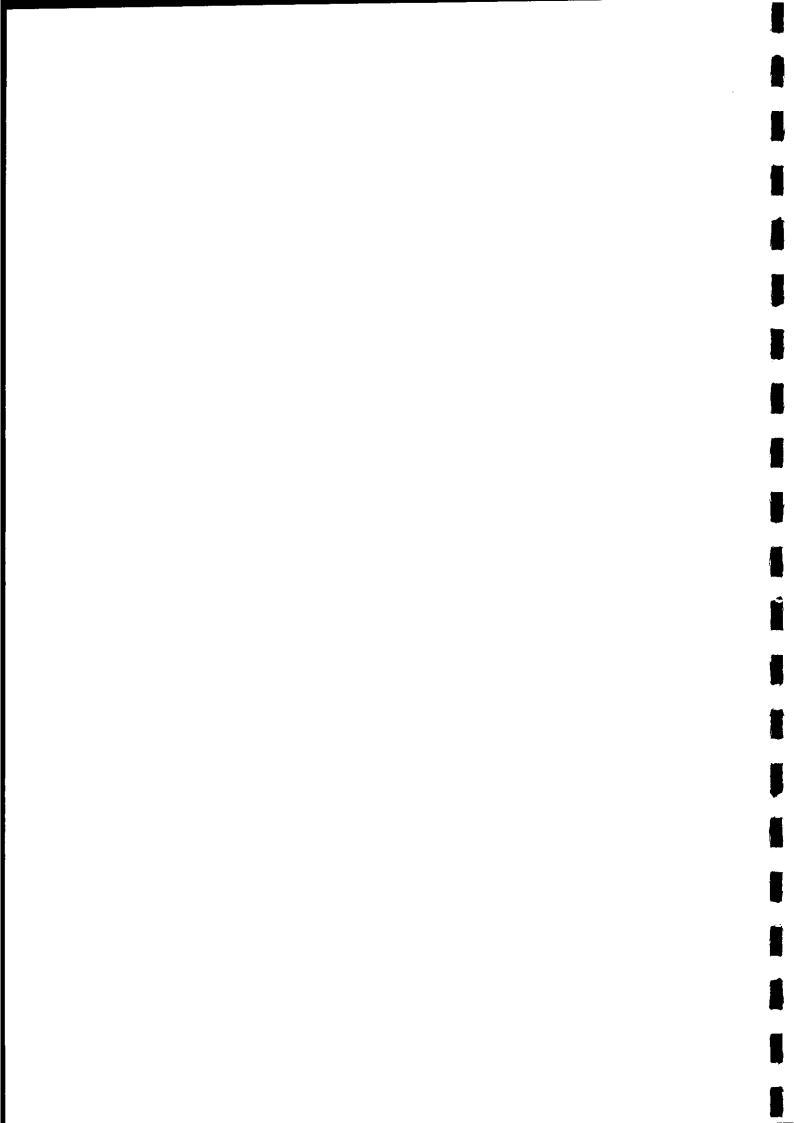
Name	Country of incorporation	Description of shares held	Proportion of nominal value of shares held
MFC Promotions Limited	Isle of Man	Ordinary £1 shares	100%

The cost of the investment is £50.

The company is dormant.

12 Stocks

	30 June 2005 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000
Finished goods and goods for resale	631	457

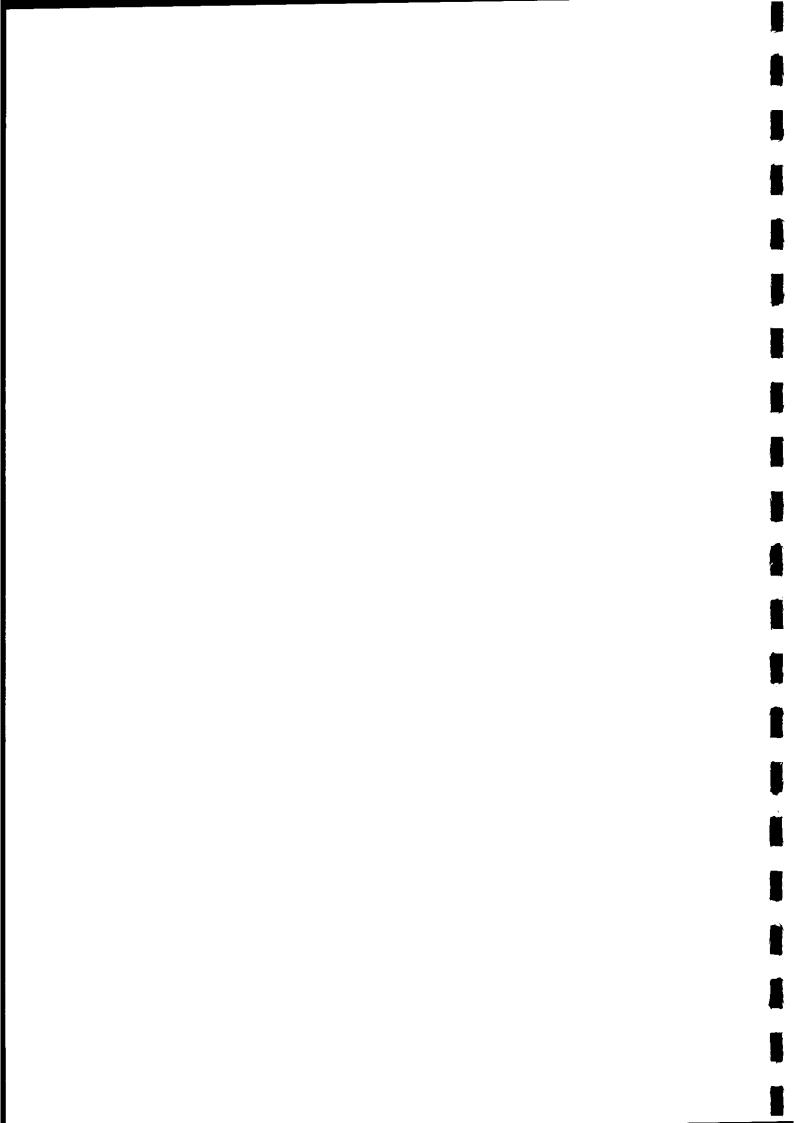


13 Debtors

	30 June 2005 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000
Trade debtors	1,181	1,986
Amounts owed by group undertakings	60	29
Transfer fees receivable	665	705
Other debtors	827	452
Group relief receivable	•	10,786
Prepayments and accrued income	921	1,320
	3,654	15,278

14 Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year

	30 June 2005 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	12,626	4,269
Other loans (see note 15)	609	3,144
Amounts due to immediate parent undertaking	46,505	23,404
Amounts due to group undertakings	275	103
Obligations under finance leases (see note 15)	106	162
Trade creditors	974	2,801
Transfer fees payable	4,115	8,110
Other taxation and social security payable	3,719	4,878
Other creditors	569	589
Deferred income	4,577	10,247
Accruais	3,050	4,605
	77,125	62,312



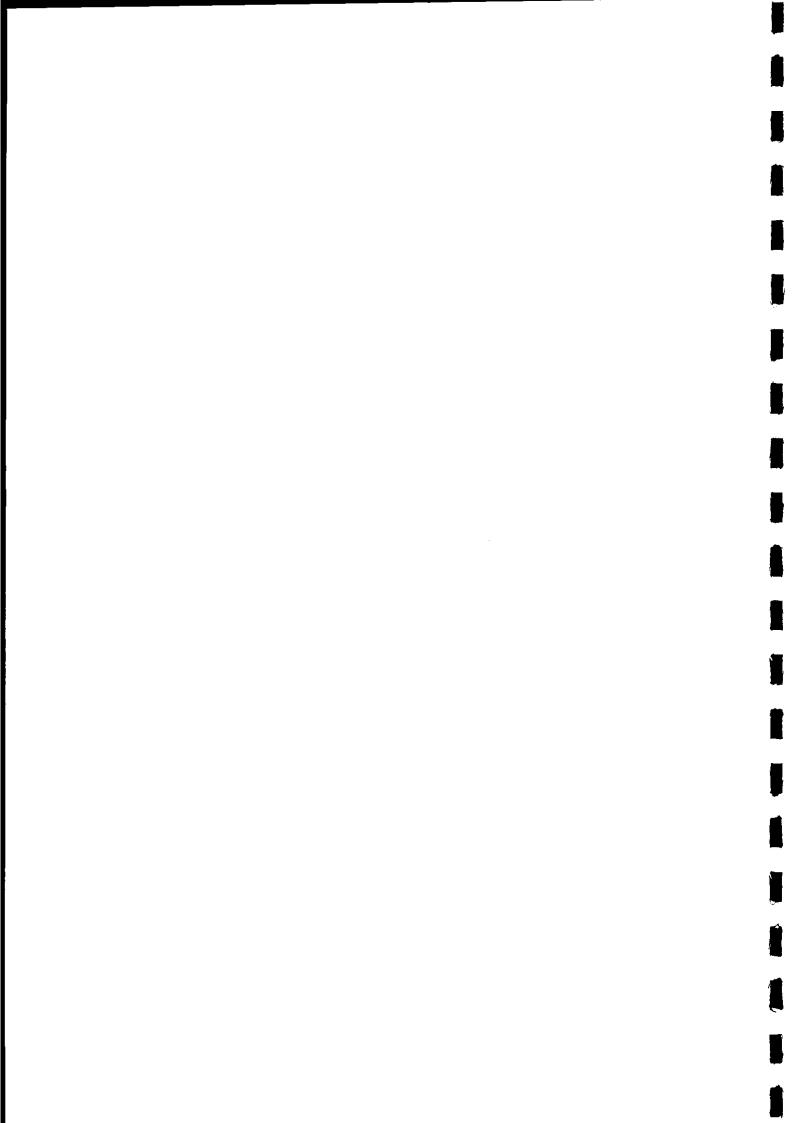
15 Creditors - Amounts falling due after more than one year

	30 June 2005 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000
Bank loans and overdrafts	4,909	17,467
Other loans	739	998
Amounts due to immediate parent undertaking	-	25,000
Obligations under finance leases	343	436
Transfer fees payable	405	980
Other creditors	224	135
	6,620	45,016

- (a) Bank loans and overdrafts include amounts of £17,121,000 which are secured by fixed and floating charges over the assets of the company.
- (b) Other loans include amounts of £406,000 which are secured by fixed charges over the assets of the company and £560,000 which are secured over the playing rights of certain players.

Bank loans and overdrafts and other loans

	30 June 2005 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000
Repayable as follows:		
In one year or less	13,235	7,413
Between one and two years	4,954	2,669
Between two and five years	135	14,973
In more than five years	559	823
	18,883	25,878



Creditors repayable in more than five years

Analysis of bank loans, overdrafts and other loans

·	30 June 2005 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000
Secured building society loans repayable by monthly instalments	327	583
Unsecured brewery loans repayable by barrelage discount	232	240
	559	823

The interest rates applicable to the above loans are between 1% - 2.5% above LIBOR.

Finance leases

The net finance lease obligations to which the company is committed are:

	30 June 2005 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000
In one year or less	106	162
Between one and two years	343	158
Between two and five years		278
	449	598

16 Accruals and deferred income

	£'000
Grants	
At 1 August 2004	1,881
Amortised in year	(127)
At 30 June 2005	1,754

The grants relate to Football Trust grants provided for the development of disabled and community facilities within the stadium.

17 Provisions for liabilities and charges

The amounts provided for deferred taxation are as follows:

	30 June 2005 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000
Accelerated capital allowances	1,289	1,150
Short term timing differences	(207)	(843)
Losses		(307)
	1,082	
At 1 August 2004		-
Charged to the profit and loss account		1,082
At 30 June 2005		1,082
The amounts not recognised for deferred taxation are:		
	30 June 2005 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000
Losses	-	(1,017)
Capital gains/revaluations	3,300	
	3,300	(1,017)
18 Called-up share capital	30 June 2005 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000
Authorised		
2,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	2,000	2,000
Allotted, called-up and fully paid		
1,056,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,056	1,056

19 Reserves

	Capital contribution £'000	Revaluation reserve £'000	Profit and loss account £'000
At 1 August 2004	26,000	-	(78,524)
Profit for the financial period	No.	-	4,490
Revaluation in the period	-	21,350	
At 30 June 2005	26,000	21,350	(74,034)

Contribution received represents a capital contribution by the parent company, Middlesbrough Football & Athletic Company Holdings Limited.

20 Reconciliation of movement in equity shareholders' deficit

	30 June 2005 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000
Opening equity shareholders' deficit	(51,468)	(34,506)
Profit/(loss) for the financial period	4,490	(16,962)
Revaluation in the period	21,350	-
Closing equity shareholders' deficit	(25,628)	(51,468)

21 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption permitted under FRS 8, Related Party Transactions, not to disclose transactions with other group companies.

22 Capital commitments

	30 June 2005 £'000	31 July 2004 £'000
Capital expenditure that has been contracted for but that has not been provided for in the financial statements.	206	176

23 Immediate and ultimate parent undertaking

The immediate parent undertaking is Middlesbrough Football and Athletic Company Holdings Limited.

The ultimate parent undertaking is The Gibson O'Neill Company Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. Copies of The Gibson O'Neill Company Limited's consolidated financial statements may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Brignell Road, Riverside Park Industrial Estate, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, TS2 1PS.

24 Ultimate controlling party

The director regards Mr S Gibson, Chairman of the company as the ultimate controlling party by virtue of his 75% holding in the shares of The Gibson O'Neill Company Limited, the ultimate parent company.