

The Margy
interview

Love spreads

Karl Marginson was only too happy to chat to *Under the Boardwalk* about the ups and downs of the inaugural season and where he thinks the club could go from here. Photos by AA

How has it affected your life and your family life, and how have you adapted to it?

I must've adapted quite well because it's been pretty seamless. I've always been involved in football so for me missus it's been no different really. Me eldest kid is at secondary school so he comes and watches with his mates, I don't know if he's getting notoriety or asked about it a lot. Me, I just get on with it - there's a job to be done.

So the other part of it...the recognition that you get is nice, but there's more important things to be honest. I get up at 4 in the morning and go to work and keep me feet on the ground. I know the club's bigger than that, and I appreciate all the things that go on and all the stuff in the background, and I've grown more to appreciate what the club's about as time's gone on.

Did you think it was going to be this big?

Funnily enough yeah I did...just going to the steering group meetings and listening to the things that were being said, I said to Phil (Power) "You've got to come and see this" Obviously, as it gathered momentum I had a feeling that it was gonna be big news.

Has your perception of management altered during the course of the season?

I think I prepared myself for it to be honest. I've always had it in me head that it was bigger than anything else in non-league management, and the phone calls that I get...it's up there with league management the amount of media stuff that goes with it. People call it pressure but I'm having the greatest time of my life. I don't think management is any different at this level, you still give up your time and you still look after your players.

Do you expect the demand of Division One to be harder?

No I wouldn't say so...it surprised me how much the standard of the second division's been raised since we came into the league. Teams in the second division have raised their game, and raised the level of performance when they play against us. I'm a manager, but I'm also a fan, and I don't want to watch a crap game of football, so it's something we've been trying to do as well, and if you get the right players in, that's gonna happen.

Do You Remember Your First Manchester United Game?

I didn't realise till I read Phil's interview (UTB3 folks) that our first games were the

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