

## 2011 Amsterdam Squad, Pen Profiles

*Beacon Hill's Tour Motto:*

*"And at the rising of the sun, we shall remember them  
.....and order another beer"*

### **Rachel Banham**

Rach is a born leader, first of triplets meant she was always first in the queue and is ready to fight to maintain that position. Now uses those skills to lead Beacon Hill's most skilled and talented group of players. No, not the Ladies team! Doh! But our under 11s Girls team. Easy set of players to work with.... but the Mums!!! Ouch!!! Recently done well at BHR tea Hatch duties (it appears that two years' domestic training's working!)

Favourite footy team: Recently seen the light, ex man U, now wedded to the Hammers

Star sign: Gemini (plus one)

Tour Conversation Piece(TCP): "I scored last minute equaliser in Ladies final match"

Not to be messed with (NTBM) rating, out of 10: Steady 7.8 unless you are the opposition playmaker ...with the ball....in your own half....and facing your own goal...in which case it's a 10, guaranteed.

Tour record: 7 tours, 1 marriage, 46 fashion shows.

### **Reg Banham**

The club President is back on tour after missing a year. He claims his absence last year was nothing to do with being 'sacked' as the tour manager after one game the year before, but in true Avram Grant style he will prematurely throw hi scarf away then take the role of 'Director of Football'. He will always be carrying a plastic bag around with him throughout the trip. Just don't ever look in it as he carries around pieces of all the players he maimed during his footy career. It is a big bag and very precious.

Fav footy team: man U, feel free to take him shopping Saturday evening

Star sign: Scorpio

TCP: "I think I flew over here in the war"

NTBM rating: 1965-89 12.5, now a mellow 9.4.

Tour record: 6 tours, 1 "Godfather", 46 postcards

### **Steve Ewers**

The Chairman's first club trip. Claims to have got a pass for the weekend from Mrs E, but I have heard on good authority (his son) that he actually lied and has told Helen that he's off to Lincolnshire for the weekend to learn how to make lace. So remember this when he is on the phone 'checking in' as we wouldn't want to drop him in it would we. Been BHR Chairman for 56 years now, man and boy, and he finally decided he'd better join us abroad and see what all the fuss is about. Totham is his world. He got very worried on the journey once to a Vets away game at Basildon, mumbled something about dropping off the edge.

Fav footy team: Any BHR team or WHU

Star sign: Taurus (he's full of it)

TCP: "At the AGM....."

NTBM rating: was a stolid 13st 8.1 but now a worrying 8st 4.3

Tour record: complete innocent, oh dear.

### **Kev Lee**

It is likely that we won't see much of Kev on this tour as he's recently been commissioned by BBC4 to put together a documentary on the life and times of Vincent Van Gogh with particular emphasis on Van Gogh's influence on the post-modern themes that underpin the pseudo-existential approach to the current Dutch culture. Kev will therefore be taking this opportunity to explore many of Van Gogh's haunts around Amsterdam. Personally, we're looking forward to the part of the programme that deals with Vincent's early career as a no-nonsense centre-half at Canvey Island FC.

Fav footy team: Canvey Island All Stars XI/Ipswich

Star sign: he just is.

TCP: "get up, push up, hold the line....OFFSIDE!"

NTBM rating: an average 4.6 unless accompanied by his minder, a Mr W.Bin, in which case it becomes a no nonsense 8.8. (see Club Website, Tours section)

Tour record: 3 tours, 56 beer mat flips, one kneecap.

### **Matt Davies**

Can run fast, very fast, in fact, incredibly fast. This is an added advantage when you've got a first touch like his. Matt mixes in his BHR football career with his attempts to get to the London 2012 Olympics with the UK sprint team. Personally we'd recommend the train to Stratford. Recently he's shattered the Chelmsford Athletic Club's 6m sprint record (before his hamstring went Twang!). Also has a number of business links with Bulgaria, could come in handy when planning a future tour, or possibly not!

Fav footy team: West Ham

Star sign: Virgo (see tour record)

TCP: "Ready Steady...GO.....ouch"

NTBM rating: could always get away with a 2.4 but now he can't run is edging up a hard face 6.2

Tour record: Virgin and it could get messy

### **Micky Carabine**

Not only a legend in the club, he now a legend in a small northern town in the Netherlands after an unfortunate incident in 2010, when he misunderstood a local who asked him to hold his bike, ever the gent, instead of just holding onto it he turned himself into a single bike rack. Never sleeps in his own bed on tour so you have been warned but on the plus side his rug of hair will keep you nice and warm! Became the proudest dad ever this season when his son, Matt, played for the 3rds and his first contribution was to clean out the opponents playmaker. Tender family moment indeed.

Fav footy team: Down, down, the Hammers are down.

Star sign: Sagittarius (obviously, he can't be fully human!)

TCP: "Anyone want a beer?"

NTBM rating: 9.1 when awake, 1,6 when curled up on a 24 hour sleepathon

Tour record: 16 tours, 1 Carlsburg Brewery, 9 haircuts, 29 beds

### **Justine Dallard**

This year's tour organiser, so if you're not happy with anything you know who to complain to. And whilst she's taking the responsibility she can cop it for any of the problems on the last 16 tours, the state of the economy, the drought, rabbits, the Middle East Crisis, those nasty little paper cuts, all goals ever conceded by BHR Ladies and the price of cheese. All because the lady loves Chelsea. BHR Ladies' dead ball expert. Unfortunately the same can't be said for a moving ball! Justine is a fully qualified member of BHR's BayWatch life guard team.

Fav footy team: Abramovich FC

Star sign: Taurus (one goal at £50million!?)

TCP: "hasn't Lampard got dreamy eyes"

NTBM rating: a genuine 2.3 with the occasionally red mist 9.9

Tour record: 3 tours, 1 goal, 5 canal tours

### **Csaba Fodor**

Csaba is more commonly known in BHR circles as Chocco, a nickname based on his birthplace, Bourneville in the Midlands. Many club regulars are still struggling to understand his strong Brummie accent. Joined the club this year from a local cycling club and is still taking a while to adjust to change of clothing. He will be the tour supplier of hair products, so, Ladies ( and Roger), if you've forgotten anything don't hesitate to ask.

Fav footy team: Now Birmingham City are relegated it's Chelsea.

Star sign: Pisces (have you seen his salmon like leaps?)

TCP: "Yellow! That's a yellow!"

NTBM rating: 3.4 but has "contacts" that are easily 9.9

Tour record: virgin

### **Anna South**

Under advice from her therapist she is going back to the place where she encountered some horrific injuries: Amsterdam Central Train Station that has caused her to have nightmares for the last 2 years, we all hope this trip will bring closure to this part of her life. Is also the 'Mum on Tour' so don't take it personally if she offers to help you change your nappy she will just be having withdrawal symptoms.

Fav footy team: The ultimate split personality... West Ham or Chelsea!!

Star sign: Mothercare

TCP: "I wonder how Tom is getting on with the baby" (or vice versa)

NTBM rating: used to be 8 now being a Mum has reduced it to a "naughty step" 3

Tour record: 3 tours, 1 escalator, 1 toe, 1 bumpsydaisy.

### **Rob Hill**

Well, what can you say about Rob that's not already been said? Ok, give us a moment...need to come up with one.....ok...well, he's a consistent performer at...um....well...yes, he's definitely consistent. Yes, that's the one...consistency. Very big with consistency. And reliability, yes, ok, we can add excellent reliability....that's it....two things he's very good at: Consistency and Reliability..... what about dependable, he's good at being dependable...OK!! There are three things he's very good at: ONE:CONSISTENCY, TWO: RELIABILITY AND THREE: DEPENDABLE. OK, THREE THINGS. And the comfy chair, don't forget the comfy chair!!

Fav footy team: The Tractor Boys

Star sign: Hibiscus

TCP: "That seems a good idea but have you thought about.....?"

NTBM rating: As an ex american football player you'd think he'd be up there with the 9s but all he used to do was shout random numbers, hide behind the big boys then throw the ball as far away as possible so its got to be a 3.8 and all that padding ?: makes it 2.6 and helmets?: 1.3 at best.

Tour record: 2 tours, 489 yards, 14 put downs.

### **Emma Page**

The Lionel Messi of Beacon Hill's Ladies team. Will be quite depressed for much of the tour along with the other "Down With The Hammers" crew, if you think you might want to cheer her up, best not (see NTBM rating). Partner Kev plays for BHR 3rds but was mysteriously unavailable for the tour (insert own pants wearing comment here). Will of course make her way to the establishment near the hotel run by the quaint old Mr L.Messi, Belgian Cake Maker extraordinaire.

Fav footy team: Hammer down

Star sign: Leo

TCP: "Let me tell you about one of my superb goals/assists/tackles/clearances/lemon fancies"

NTBM rating: 10 and this time it's serious.

Tour record: 3 tours, 2 player awards, 23 chocolate éclairs.

### **Lynne Galloway**

Really don't know what to say here, as Linda is currently in training for her first boxing match! Linda follows in a fine tradition of cultured left backs that have played for the club, slightly aggressive in the challenge and also totally unhinged. Without warning is likely to turn up with a completely different hairstyle. Probably a scalping from last week's match. Sometimes she might even be wearing these trophies! If she does just smile and nod reassuringly. She also is one of the County's top philatelists.

Fav footy team: Arsenal/Rangers

Star sign: Mohican

TCP: "Are you looking at me?"

NTBM: 10\* plus

Tour record: 3 tours, 2 falls and a submission.

### **Merf Roberts**

Has always hated Swans and this has nothing to do with them all being 'owned' by the Queen but he now also hates Canaries. This condition may be spreading to other birds but the doctors believe Magpies are safe for at least another year. An ever present on Tour, this will be his 17th tour and his 10<sup>th</sup> visit to Amsterdam alone, runs a walking tour of the 'Churches of Amsterdam' on the Monday, advance bookings only (full fried breakfast included).

Fav footy team: Cardiff City

Star sign: Aries (keep the sheep away)

TCP: "Have I told you about my goal in the Coaches vs U16s match?"

NTBM rating: 2.9 but knows lots of Bluebird 10s

Tour record: 17 tours, 4 campaign medals, 1 new liver.

### **Amy Tuscher**

It's always useful to have a professional when we tour Amsterdam. Amy's experiences working the bars of Colchester is vital. Especially should we run short of beer mats. More importantly, should it kick off push Amy to the front, sorted. Remains completely delusional about life (exemplified by her lifelong commitment to her favourite footy team). Gets confused easily. As a keeper will head away crosses and play the offside game leaving team-mates to do the handling on the line.

Fav footy team: Spurs

Star sign: Collocini

TCP: "Have you seen my latest injury?"

NTBM: used to be a high 9 but recent breakages reduced that to a soft 4.2

Tour record: 3 tours, 2 plaster casts, 1 egg nog.

### **Martin Keys**

You're first sighting of Keysey on this tour will be as he gets off the passenger ferry from Felixstowe and walks up the long gangway onto the Stenna Line boat to join you and the rest of the party. At first sight you'll think he looks so small, so far away, so innocent, so harmless. As he gets closer you'll start to realise that he is actually very small, in fact, he's a tiny little thing. Just don't make the mistake of thinking he's harmless, he's certainly not innocent (although most of the recent charges have been dropped). Likes to do everything in twos, including two left feet (although one is sublime to be fair). If he offers you a chance to look at photos of his kids, resist, unless you have a spare 16 months.

Favourite footy team: Newoxcastleford United

Star sign: Gemini (times two)

TCP: "I'm down here"

NTBM rating: A definite no mess 8.6

Tour record: 6 tours, 4 best shirt awards, 2 karaoke king titles

### **Stuart Harwood**

A man of many parts, some are even connected in the right places. His 16 tours so far have just been a cover for his collection of the necessary body parts as each season sees bits drop off. We think its knees he's after this year, or it could be ankles, or ears. I'm sure we'll find out. Claims to do lots of jobs at BHR but I've never noticed, I mean, Vice-Chairman? What sort of a job title is that? In his off duty hours he enjoys Extreme Machines: can often be seen up at the Hill roaring off road on his 25cc ride on lawnmower. Stu will bring a whole new meaning to white lining in Amsterdam.

Fav footy team: another depressive hammerrette

Star sign: Aquarius

TCP: "Meet at ...o'clock, outside the .....for the taxi/train/bus/plane"

NTBM rating: generally 5.1 except with referees, could become a crazed 9.2

Tour record: 17 tours, 1 Inter Bratislava Ultras, 468 pizzas.

### **Chris Allen**

The Daily \*\*\*\*\* reported that C\*\*\*s has taken out a super duper injunction to stop us reporting on the infamous \*\*\*\*\*ing incident. We understand it involved a French \*\*\*\*\* with a feather \*\*\*\*\* whilst M\*\*t was \*\*\*\*\*ing up the \*\*\*\*\* in the \*\*\*room. Other evidence points to earlier in the year C\*\*\*s mis\*ing a hea\*\*r on the n\*ear p\*st to gift Sp\*ngf\*\*ld a g\*\*l. U\*l\*cky Chr\*s, we all thought!

Fav footy team: T\*\*\*\*\* H\*\*\*\*\*

Star sign: Ariel (his Mum washes a mean kit)

TCP: "can I show you my latest tweet?"

NTBM rating: 5 declining to 4.9 rising to 5.1 occasionally

Tour record: v\*\*\*\*\*n

### **David Park**

Parky's back for more, but will complete another all nighter?!! BHR Tour debut in Antwerp 96 then re-appeared Prague 01 before last year Amsterdam 10. Will he survive two on the bounce? The club's Hi Tec WebMaster so if you're having any problems at the ATM he'll be there to help. Made his debut at 16 for the Club and so is well placed to be the Under 16's minder as they play up (in both senses). This season has seen a huge improvement in consistency of Parky's performance on the pitch with key factors including better choice of hair style and sticking with it and proper coloured boots. Speaks perfect Dutch.

Fav footy team: Hot Spurs (c 1987)

Star sign: Libra if he can make his mind up.

TCP: "I'll put that on the web"

NTBM rating: As the 3rds only hard man it gets him a big 4.2

Tour record: 4 tours, 2 Eastern Blocs, one Viennese whirl

### **Roger Digby**

Roger would like to be known as "Lionel" for the tour as he has recently undergone a metamorphosis into the 80's Motown Soul Singer Lionel Richie (check out Youtube). Apparently he woke up one morning feeling Back to Front, that he Can't slow down. He claimed that Lionel Richie spoke to him with the words "We are the World and Say You, Say Me" and Rog could only admit that he was Stuck on you and it is My Destiny, My Love.

Fav footy team: used to be Leeds Utd, now the Detroit Commodores

Star Sign: Leo

TCP: "Hello, is it me you're looking for?"

NTBM rating: used to be a "once, twice, three times a lady" 1.6 now it's an "all night long" 9.7

Tour record: 8 tours All Around The World, 4 Motowns and 1 Dancing on the Ceiling

