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Matthew Le Tissier at Crewe Alexandra

Sandbach United members and local sports fans were treated with a night to remember when football star Matt Le Tissier joined them in support of the Sandbach United Facilities Development Project at Crewe Alexandra F.C..

Matt, who took a break from his busy Sky Sports schedule, entertained over 220 people with stories covering both his professional football career and his subsequent move into television.

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Matt who was supported on the night by top comedian Jimmy Carol is pictured with Andrew Timms (club chairman) and Colin Oakes (president).



Matt Le Tissier played for Southampton and England and is arguably the greatest, most loyal, and popular player in the history of Southampton F.C. Le Tissier was never ordinary, living up to the literal meaning of his surname - The Weaver - as he wove magical spells with the ball during the 1990s. He played youth football with Vale Recreation on the island of Guernsey where he lived and was clearly a class above his team mates; a story has it that he regularly scored from corner kicks. While touring with the Vale Recreation Under-15 side, Matt was spotted by Southampton and he signed as an apprentice in May 1985 before turning professional in October 1986.

In his first season he scored a hat-trick on a snowbound pitch against Leicester and never looked back. In the following year he became the P.F.A. Young Player of the Year.

Matt was often overlooked by England managers. He was selected to play for his country a total of eight times. He was last in the starting squad for the World Cup 1-0 defeat by Italy at Wembley in 1996. Despite scoring hat-trick in an England 'B' international friendly, Matt was not selected for the 1998 World Cup squad.

Matt was renowned as a regular scorer of spectacular unexpected goals, often when Southampton were in trouble. For this ability he became known as "Le God" among the supporters.

Matt now works for Sky Sports on Soccer Saturday.



Matt was joined for the evening by the very funny comedian Jimmy Carol. The Merseyside comic got into showbusiness because of a dare! He was enjoying a drink with his pals in a local club and they encouraged him to enter a talent competition, which he did! Jimmy also presents a radio programme on BBC Radio Sheffield.

MC for the evening will be Jerry Earl.