

TOM & GEORGE – THREE YEARS ON...

"We fully acknowledge and appreciate the unique heritage and rich history of Liverpool and intend to respect this heritage in the future" Tom Hicks and George Gillett, 6th February 2007.

So here we are, nearly three years on since Tom and George took over, and whilst much has been promised, very little has been delivered. Let's see how Tom and George have moved us forward...

STADIUM

"The shovel needs to be in the ground in the next 60 days or so, and we would intend to follow that. Tom Hicks, February 2007

Despite this promise though, in a year when we should be commemorating the history of our famous home, we are instead left wondering where our future lies while other clubs are taking home over £50m a year more than us in matchday revenue.

There has been no spade in the ground and the initial start up money for the stadium has long been spent with the only thing in return being some fancy pictures. Nothing has changed.

DEBT

"This is not a takeover like the Glazer deal at Manchester United. There is no debt involved, and we believe that as custodians of this wonderful, storied club we have a duty of care to the tradition and legacies of Liverpool." Tom Hicks, February 2007

£245m in debt and the financial merry go round that we have every year wondering whether this is the year that the loans don't get refinanced. Is this part of what they meant by their duty of care to the club? Every year the club's funds are eaten up by interest repayments. We are told the club is financially sound, but no stadium and lack of transfer funds leave question marks in fans minds.

BACKING THE MANAGER

"If Rafa said he wanted to buy 'Snoogy Doogy', we would back him."

Well he might not have wanted Snoogy Doogy, but there are others who have been wanted, who find themselves at other clubs. Why is this? It is inevitable, when our net spend in the transfer window is considerably less than the owner's expense claims. And just imagine where the money could be spent, if we weren't using £30 million each year on interest repayments on a loan we were promised wouldn't happen.

It's nearly three years since the club came under new ownership, to help it move forward. But nothing has changed.

The same old promises, the same old empty words.

TOM AND GEORGE - NOT WELCOME HERE

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