

'Arry and Jim to reunite? Don't bet against it

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HARRY AND JIM were back in Portsmouth but hopes of a welcome Fratton Park reunion are still up in the air.

Messrs Redknapp and Smith were in the city together this week for the first time since the 4-1 thumping of their Saints team in April.

They were in Southsea to open a new shop, The Betting Room, in Albert Road, and it was just like the good old days.

Laughing and joking away with Blues fans, the



Together again: Harry Redknapp and Jim Smith

poignancy wasn't lost on the pair who walked out of Pompey together 15 months ago.

And Redknapp admitted he

missed his old partner in crime.

He said: 'It's strange, isn't it? To be honest about a year ago I never thought we would be back here again.'

'It was the best couple of years I've ever had.'

'We made some good signings but Jim was definitely my best and I've always said that.'

'We used to have a laugh and enjoyed each others' company.'

'Nowadays it's different but the problem is when you're winning it's fun as well.'

'We were winning and it

was great.'

'Jim's a character. His football knowledge is fantastic, he's seen it all and done it all.'

'I would have him back tomorrow, I love being with Jim, love it.'

Smith, linked with a return to the game with former club Oxford, admitted he misses his Fratton Park days.

Smith added: 'Harry and I are very alike and we really enjoyed working together. I'd love for it to happen again one day.'

'In football, you never know.'