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#### A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Good afternoon and welcome to The Hardwick Group Stadium for this Northwest Counties Division One fixture against league newcomers 1874 Northwich.



This game has come quicker than we had first planned having been moved forward from October with us now only having 18 days between our home and away fixtures. Our away game was a close affair with us being separated by a solitary late goal, and I am sure both sides now will be ready for this encounter which I am sure will be another great test for both sides.

1874 have impressed me this season, not only for the way they have attacked our league, but for the amazing support they have, it is natural that new clubs have a great following for a season or two, however you can just tell that this sup-

port is here to not only stay, but to also build on. A big congrats to all involved, and best wishes for the season, bar against us today of course!

Last week was a massive one for Ashton Town, not only did the first team produce a superb performance, but one that also saw the return of keeper Nathan Brabin. Nathan has rejoined following a spell at Formby and it was a delight to see him back with the lads. Welcome back Nathan!

Sunday then went on to see all our 5 juniors teams produce victories, whilst the clubs first ever ladies team made their debut in a 2 2 draw away at Alder. Just more proof of how this club is building and what great footings we have set in stone for the future.

Last week also saw our best attendance for our Arouna Kone Saturday Soccer Camp. The club now run the Ivory Coast and Everton strikers Soccer School, as the club builds on the fantastic link set up between Arouna and myself last year. Arouna's Foundation is based at our club, and with his Soccer School now set up and run by us, the future looks mighty impressive.

The Saturday Camp is for all children aged 4-12 years old and runs 10am till midday every Saturday, with the children getting free passes to the Town game on later that afternoon. The first session is FREE and then just £3 a session making it one of the cheapest coaching sessions around.

Enjoy the game.

Mark

Club Chairman

# LEAGUE TABLES

	Premier Division	Р	w	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Maine Road	12	8	3	1	24	11	13	27
2	AFC Liverpool	9	7	1	1	25	5	20	22
3	Runcorn Linnets	8	7	0	1	18	13	5	21
4	Bootle	9	6	1	2	22	10	12	19
5	Runcorn Town	9	6	0	3	22	15	7	18
6	Norton United	8	4	3	1	24	14	10	15
7	Colne	10	5	0	5	19	18	1	15
8	Abbey Hey	9	4	3	2	16	15	1	15
9	AFC Blackpool	12	4	1	7	14	22	-8	13
10	Ashton Athletic	8	3	2	3	10	9	1	11
11	Stockport Sports	11	2	5	4	14	18	-4	11
12	Silsden	11	3	2	6	15	21	-6	11
13	West Didsbury & Chorlton	10	3	2	5	13	20	-7	11
14	Glossop North End	7	3	1	3	11	5	6	10
15	Congleton Town	7	3	1	3	14	12	2	10
16	Barnoldswick Town	9	3	1	5	15	15	0	10
17	Alsager Town	9	3	1	5	16	20	-4	10
18	Winsford United	8	3	1	4	10	16	-6	10
19	Bacup & Rossendale Borough	9	2	3	4	9	11	-2	9
20	Squires Gate	9	2	2	5	11	19	-8	8
21	St Helens Town	8	2	1	5	10	21	-11	7
22	Wigan Robin Park	12	2	0	10	14	36	-22	6
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1	Nelson	11	7	1	3	34	22	12	22
2	Hanley Town	9	6	3	0	24	8	16	21
3	1874 Northwich	10	6	3	1	19	12	7	21
4	Atherton Collieries	9	6	2	1	27	14	13	20
5	Irlam	9	5	3	1	18	10	8	18
5	Widnes Vikings	10	4	3	3	19	15	4	15
7	Chadderton	9	4	2	3	17	18	-1	14
3	Ashton Town	9	3	4	2	23	18	5	13
9	Atherton LR	10	4	1	5	18	20	-2	13
10	Holker Old Boys	8	3	3	2	19	14	5	12
11	Daisy Hill	9	4	0	5	18	24	-6	12
12	Cheadle Town	8	3	2	3	11	14	-3	11
13	Formby	7	2	3	2	14	13	1	9
14	AFC Darwen	9	2	2	5	14	16	-2	8
15	Oldham Boro	9	2	2	5	18	26	-8	8
16	Eccleshall	9	2	1	6	9	21	-12	7
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# RESULTS/FIXTURES

Tuesday 17th September 2013 F.A. Challenge Cup							
1st Qualifying Round Replay							
Bootle	0-4	Worksop Town					
Premier Division							
Abbey Hey	2-2	Maine Road					
AFC Blackpool	3-2	Wigan Robin Park					
West Didsbury & Chorlton	2-2	Stockport Sports					
Manchester Premier Cup First Round							
Glossop North End	5-1	Oldham Boro					
Irlam	5-4	Chadderton					
Mid Cheshire Senio	or Cup						
3rd Round							
Congleton Town	4-1	1874 Northwich					
Saturday 14th Sep	tembe	er 2013					
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Worksop Town	1-1	Bootle					
Premier Division							
Alsager Town	1-3	Abbey Hey					
Ashton Athletic	2-1	Stockport Sports					
Barnoldswick Town							
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Rochdale Town

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Atherton LR

Saturday 21st September 2013
F.A. Carlsberg Vase
2nd Qualifying Round

AFC Darwen	v	Kinsley Boys
Alsager Town	V	Chadderton
Alvechurch	V	Eccleshall
Athersley Recreation	v	Northwich Flixton Villa
Atherton LR	V	Shirebrook Town
Cheadle Town	v	Worsborough Bridge Athletic
Consett	V	Nelson
Formby	v	Glossop North End
(To be play	ed at Gl	ossop North End FC)
Holker Old Boys	v	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion
Liversedge	V	Colne
Newcastle Benfield	v	Barnoldswick Town
Norton United	v	Boldmere St Michaels
Oldham Boro	V	Congleton Town
Parkgate	v	Bacup & Rossendale Borough
Rochdale Town	v	Dinnington Town
Rossington Main	v	West Didsbury & Chorlton
Runcorn Linnets	v	Squires Gate
Silsden	v	North Shields
Staveley Miners Welfare	v	Ashton Athletic
Stockport Sports	v	Barton Town Old Boys
Winsford United	V	Pontefract Collieries
Winterton Rangers	v	AFC Blackpool
Premier Division		
Abbey Hey	v	St Helens Town
AFC Liverpool	v	Runcom Town

# Maine Road v Bootle First Division Ashton Town v 1874 Northwich Daisy Hill v Leek CSOB Hanley Town v Widnes Vikings Irlam v Atherton Collieries

### MATCH REPORT

#### Tue 3rd Sep, 7:45pm. 1874 Northwich 1-0 Ashton Town by Billy Bristow

A solitary goal 12 minutes from time, denied Town a deserved point.

It would a fair reflection to say that Ashton Town's start to the season has been a little more sluggish to the expectations that we all held, and after a very uncharacteristic showing at the other club sporting the name of Northwich last Saturday, it added more pressure on the Town team to raise their game for a very awkward and difficult looking trip to league newcomers 1874 Northwich.

Town drew 4 a piece with struggling Cheshire/Mancunian (not sure how to describe them!) side Northwich Flixton Villa last weekend, in a game that despite it sharing 8 goals, was described to me as both "abysmal" and the "Sunday league dross". So because I've been AWOL I can't really argue any points to John Brownrigg's team selection.

The anticipation of playing in front of the biggest crowd your likely to see all season, really encouraged the travelling Town squad, making them determined to put on a show against the certain promotion candidates of 1874. So after a spirited warm up the players headed back into their dressing room whilst I performed my highly skilled task of picking up the cones and retrieving the numerous miss-hit footballs, when I was taken aback by a huge roar of laughter from the home fans. I turned around to see the pathetic sight of Adam Rooney lying 'belly up' on the turf directly in front of the chortling Northwich hardcore. I promised my good friend Mr Rooney that I wouldn't mention this minor embarrassment but sadly, I'm a liar.

The first half began spritely, without any major moments, but with the clock just ticking onto 13 minutes the home side began to enforce their home advantage and force Town to endure spells of intense pressure. The towering Northwich central defender Bowyer planted a header just wide before Jones had two decent chances which both swerved around the wrong side of the post. It was a mightily dominant spell for the hosts, but then on 18 minutes they came even closer to opening the scoring.



Brandon done well to turn Summerskill and from just outside the area he drilled a fierce low shot goal wards, that ultimately left the goal frame shaking as it thundered back off the foot of the post.

Despite being camped inside the Town half, it wasn't until the 32nd minute for 1874 to finally hit the target. McGregor showed quick feet to get his shot off, but young Joey Clements matched it with an equally applaudable save.

There was just over 42 minutes gone before, Ashton Town finally got anyway near to threatening the Northwich goal, but Ste Rothwell's 20-yard attempt sailed wide of the post.

#### Half Time: 1874 Northwich 0-0 Ashton Town

The second half kicked off with me still enjoying my splendid half time hospitality that included a variety of sandwiches, pork pies and a big sponge cake....seriously could my job get any better?? Obviously the frugal committee of Ashton Town deem this to be a sufficient wage for my low reporting skills and poor quality media skills....and they would be right!! But the sight of a money bags sponsor sitting in the away section of the director's box caught my attention. Ryan Waldron the MD of Waldron Enterprises was clearly getting into the spirit of things, so I'll get both John (manager) and Mark (Chairman) to sweet talk him into parting with more of his cash for our match day sponsorships!!

Back to the game, and immediately after the kick off my Victoria sponge nearly fell onto the floor as Sean Robinson burst through for a one-on-one, but his shot was blocked by the legs of the keeper. The amazing impetus that Ashton had gained wasn't to stop there as Robinson was again to test the keeper, just after the overworked Northwich custodian had turned a shot wide, from his own defender. Ashton had finally woken up and had come out fighting for what was to be a very enjoyable second half.

With just under twenty minutes remaining, Town were left to curse their luck yet again, as the woodwork denied them (so many times this season!!). A sweeping left wing cross from Sam Wilkie was met by the head of Andy Olsen, with the big front mans header bouncing off the crossbar. It may sound like I'm crying into my beer a little here (yes I am boozing as I write this), but lady luck has not only deserted Town at the moment, she has in typical girlie fashion been intent on digging her high heels in so much that that she intends on taking the house, kids and everything she possibly can!! If football philosophy is correct, and these things even themselves

out over a season, then we are going to be in for one hell of a run!!

The heart braking solitary goal came on 78 minutes when Northwich substitute and debutant Thomas Peers. The striker on loan from Chester FC had only been on the field for 10 minutes when he fired his well taken shot into the corner to spark jubilation amongst the home contingent. Town though felt as though there was an infringement on Niall Summerskill in the build up to this goal directly in front of the lineswoman. It was no surprise to the Town bench though that she failed to flag for this.

Town though to their credit fought back, with their new signing Michael Roberts pulling the

strings in midfield. The acquisition of this ex-Liverpool man is looking like a master stroke from the 'Gaffer'. He and Kevin Pollard looked very strong tonight and with Sam Wilkie putting in his shift, Town at times looked the better of the two sides.

Ste Rothwell ventured forward again, resulting with his splendid 30-yard attempt being tipped over by the finger tips of the stretching goalkeeper. Then the following corner gifted our other centre half, Paul Keenan with a good opportunity, but he snatched his shot wide, and so evapo-

Last season I was hit with a misconduct charge from the powers that be at the F.A. for telling the truth about the match officials (they didn't see it like that), but without taking anything away from a very good Northwich side, the stats tell an alarmingly distorted story of the game. Town's five bookings will probably end up with the F.A. boosting their coffers and I can't help but feel a

little aggrieved.
The match official did book one Northwich player, albeit after that many fouls from that individual that I had lost count, but any slight misdemeanour from the visitors not only raised a lineman/woman's flag of course, but also a flash of yellow. Northwich were good value for their win although I felt as though Town deserved a point, and my impressions of this club tonight were nothing but commendable (two blokes in particular (sorry I don't your names) were extremely

decent) but I've had enough with mediocre officials...sorry.
So whilst I save my pennies for another certain FA charge I must make it clear that I can't afford any booze for our forthcoming Vase trip into Yorkshire. Therefore if anybody would like to contribute to my 'ale fund' please feel free.

Weather: Mild with a lovely sunset !!
Rating: 3/5 A good competitive game played in a terrific atmosphere.

rated Ashton's chance of a deserved point.

Star Man: Quite a few contenders following a spirited second half, with debutant Roberts catching the eye, but my choice is Alex Patterson, who defended superbly all night.

1874 NORTHWICH: Conkie, Mitchell, Duckworth, McKay (Marshall 62 mins), Bowyer, Foy (c), McGregor (Peers 68 mins), Jones, Brandon,

Stewart, Wellstead Not Used: Coffin, Leake, Hadzik

ASHTON TOWN: Clements, Patterson, Successful, Keenan, Rothwell, Roberts, Robinson, Pollard, Olsen (Wilkinson 84 mins), Wilkie (c),

Smart Not Used: Boyle, Baker, Lorde, Reid1874 Northwich Shots: (9) (3 on target), Corners: (3), Bookings: (1) Jones Ashton Town Shots: (7) (4 on target), Corners (4), Bookings: (5) Keenan, Roberts, Robinson, Pollard, Wilkie

## NEWS FROM 1874

1874 Northwich's Community Projects Coordinator Tony Rogers has organised a 27 mile blindfolded sponsored charity challenge next month.

On the 19th October Tony, who is a retired British soldier, and other 1874 Northwich fans will be taking part in the event at Marbury Country Park in Northwich. The event will sponsor three challenges, each one demanding a different level of fitness and ability.

The aim of the event is to walk 18 laps of a 1.5 mile circuit, with the objective of raising awareness and funds for 'Blind Veterans UK' and 'Guide Dogs For The Blind'.

Tony explained: "These two charities have been chosen to primarily reflect the connections and relationships between Military and Civilian organisations and how they collaborate to achieve shared goals.

"In particular, it's hoped to highlight the difficulties blind and partially sighted people undertake on a daily basis. The challenge is expected to be physically demanding, mentally challenging and emotionally draining, with over 10 hours of blind walking - plenty of time to reflect on the gift of sight that so many of us take for granted.

"The only difference being that at the end of the event we take our blindfolds off".



Please donate directly to the charities via

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Also, on the 28th September at the Barton Stadium, prior to the 1874 Northwich v Formby game, representatives from both charities will be present, carrying out training requirements and awareness sessions, hopefully with some pre-match fan interaction.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the fund that has been set up for the event can do so by visiting:

http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/1874northwichfcprojects



Not only were the club celebrating a comfortable 4.1 win at the weekend, but also the return of popular goalkeeper Nathan Brabin.

Nathan was one of Town's outstanding players from last season but chose to try his luck at League Champions Formby.

Chairman Mark Hayes commented "I was absolutely gutted when Nathan left us, as were the whole squad. Not only is he a great keeper but also a great character to have around the place.

It is truly fantastic news that he has rejoined us and it was a joy to see him at the weekend. We have struggled for consistency in goal so its a major boost to the squad but to be fair Joe Clements has done really well in the last few games so there's going to be great competition now."

Nathan won a staggering three Goal Keeper of the Month awards last season, and he is pictured below receiving one of the awards from League Representative Alan Farnworth.



### JUNIORS MATCH REPORTS

#### Ashton Town Reds 8 - 2 Highfield Grange

by John Bithell

#### The Reds secure victory in season opener

Due to cup commitments and other issues we had wait until tonight to get our season underway. We almost had to wait a while longer with the heavens opening up in the late afternoon, but the pitch just about passed as playable, but must now receive further attention to make it fit for our next home game.

On a dreary grey night we eventually got underway. The team had a built up eagerness and were keen to impress, as we flew out the blocks looking to put the opposition on the back foot. It worked well, and we went a goal up early on and built a good lead going into halftime. Despite suffering a set back Highfield Grange refused to let their heads drop, determined to get back into the game. They must have took heart in their goalkeeper's inspirational saves. I knew after the break they wouldn't accept the 5-0 score margin.

True to enough they continued to play like a single goal separated the sides and pulled a goal back. Both sides didn't allow the greasy wet pitch to be a factor, as they passed the ball around well on the tricky surface. It was now our goalkeeper's turn to pull out some impressive saves. We scored again, before Highfield scored a great free-kick. We also didn't slow down any ourselves as we added more goals to our tally. The pick of the bunch came with a very quick 1-2 on the edge of the area, resulting in neatly put away volley, as good as you would see at any ground around the country.

#### Ashton Athletic 1 - 5 Ashton Town Reds

by John Bithell

#### Town take the 3 points in the Ashton Derby

The skies were dark grey and the rain poured down by the bucket load, but the weather didn't effect the Red's as we carried on where we left off on Wednesday night.

Once again the lads took no notice of the difficult conditions as they passed the ball around well on the wet surface. From the back we defended well, and set up attack after attack by playing football and not panicking.

Quick foot work and one-two's through the middle allowed neat through balls to be played out the wings allowing crossing and shooting chances. By the half time whistle blew we were two goals up and could of been more.

A two goal lead can easily be cut in half so we continued to press, in an attempt to get a bit of a cushion as the rain continued to get heavier. With 15 minutes left Athletic grabbed the goal that could start their fight back, as long looping free kick sneaked under the bar.

The Reds responded by finding even more energy and invention resulting in winning a free kick. With two players hovering, one with power and the other with placement, it was the latter that calmly curled the ball into the very top corner. It was the same player who caught the ball sweetly on the half volley from even farther out, hitting the top corner again, resulting in the cushion we strived for. There was still time to add a fifth and hit the post as we ended the game strongly. We now look to take the positive momentum into the next game, our club mates Ashton Town Blues. I expect the game to be real tough knowing John and the fact that his team beat last years league leaders Golborne 4-0.

We will however concentrate on our own game and look to build on what we have started.









Ashton Town AFC v Cheadle Town FC 14/9/13 Photos By Dawn Marshall more photos are available on our website www.ashtontownafc.co.uk

# Simon Says.....

My next installment of looking at Non League or lower level football from around Europe looks at the Czech Football League system. Many football fans will be used to the names such as Slavia Prague, Brno and Sparta Prague from European Competitions however unlike many European countries who don't have a structured league from the lower reaches into the Gambrinus Liga (Premier League), the Czech Republic does. From the Gambrinus Liga clubs drop into 2. Liga which is fully professional and then below this comes the semi professional leagues named Ceska Fotbalova liga (CFL) or Bohemian Football League and the other is named Moravian-Silesian Football League. Below these two leagues is the Divize League whichis the 4th tier of football and this league has a mix of amateur and semi professional clubs. This division is split into 4 Divisions (A-E). Below this is the 5th Division which is totally amateur. In the Czech Republic a number of teams in the Premier League have links with lower League teams which act as feeder clubs. One such link up around 6 years ago was between then Premier League club FK Banik Most and FK Chmel Blsany. This link up enabled many younger FK Most players to get competitive experience with a first team. This link worked well at first with the Blsany team only being in the 2nd Division, however financial problems at FK Chmel Blsany saw this link being cut with the club plummeting into the 5th Division in the space of 4 years due to one relegation after another. What is sad about the decline of FK Chmel Blsany is that only 14 years ago they finished 6th in the Premier League

but due to financial probems, including not getting a licence from the 3rd Division League in 2007 they have struggled ever since. For fans going over to Prague for a holiday or other event, you might like to know that there are many clubs based in Prague that you might like to attend for a good game of Czech Non League, Having worked as a Football Scout for FK Chmel Blsany's partner club in the Premier League, FK Most some 6 years ago I have been amazed by how little some of the players in the top league were receiving. In one instance a player was only receiving the equivalent of £800 per month, yes that's right £800 per month, so it is easy to see why most of the better players in the Czech Republic, certainly those of non-Western European backgrounds don't go to play there. In fact outside of the clubs who are regularly in Europe, many teams who bring in players from outside the Czech Republic will bring in players from further east such as Moldova, Kazakhstan or from African nations lower league teams.

Enjoy the Game. Simon O'Neil

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# FA VASE NEWS

The road to Wembley continues this weekend for non-league clubs across the country, with ties taking place in the 2nd Qualifying Round of the FA Carlsberg Vase.

There are 26 of our clubs involved in 22 different ties on Saturday, and unusually at this stage of

the competition, the draw has produced just four all-NWCFL ties.

The last club from our League to reach the final of the Vase, Glossop North End, will be hoping to take full advantage from their tie against Formby being switched to Surrey Street, with Formby's landlords Burscough being unable to accommodate the game.

Alsager Town host Chadderton, looking to turn the tables for a defeat in 2011-12, when Chad-

derton won 3-1 in a First Qualifying Round game at Andrew Street.

Oldham Boro's reward for beating 1874 Northwich in the last round is another home tie, and visitors Congleton Town will be mindful that they were on the wrong end of a surprise result in the First Round in 2008-09, when they lost 1-0 to the same opposition when they played at the Whitebank Stadium.

Meanwhile Runcorn Linnnets host Squires Gate at the Millbank Linnets Stadium in what will be

the fourth in five successive Saturday games in FA competitions for Linnets.

Eleven of our clubs face games against sides from the Northern Counties East League, and there are some familiar names among the opposition, especially for clubs who are travelling over the Pennines.

Parkgate is the destination for Bacup & Rossendale Borough, Rossington Main are West Didsbury & Chorlton's first hosts in their first ever Vase tie away from home, Staveley Miners Welfare will be tough opponents for Ashton Athletic and AFC Blackpool are Humberside-bound to visit Winterton Rangers. All four venues have been visited in recent years by clubs from our League.

Cheadle Town will no doubt have picked up some tips from Ashton Town about Worsborough Bridge Athletic, who knocked Town out of the last round with a last gasp winner, and Stockport Sports will take heart from the fact that their visitors Barton Town Old Boys lost 4-1 at Bootle in the FA Cup a few weeks ago.

Winsford United are the third successive side from our League that Pontefract Collieries have faced in the Vase, with the Yorkshiremen beating St Helens in the last round but losing to Cheadle Town last season.

Colne are the first side from our League to visit Liversedge in the FA Vase since 2005-06, when they beat Bacup 1-0 at the same stage of the competition, and Rochdale Town will be hoping that lightning will strike twice against Dinnington Town, having knocked them out of the Vase last season with a 1-0 home win in the First Qualifying Round.

Shirebrook Town's trip to Crilly Park to face Atherton LR is the first time the Mansfield club have visited a ground in our league since 1996-97, when they lost 8-1 at Formby's old Brows Lane at

the same stage of the competition.

Northwich Flixton Villa travel to Barnsley for a tie against Athersley Recreation, which is the Yorkshire side's first ever game in the FA Vase.

Four of our clubs face Northern League opponents, two at home and two away.

Nelson have decided to travel to the North East on Friday evening for their game against Consett, which will be played at Durham City's ground, and after a trip to Hebburn Town in the FA Cup a few weeks ago, Barnoldswick Town travel to a different venue just a few miles away when they visit Newcastle Benfield.

Ryton & Crawcrook Albion's game at Holker Old Boys is their first game against NWCFL opposition in the FA Vase since 2004-05, and North Shields break new ground when they visit the Angel Telecom Stadium to play Silsden, as it is the first time they have ever played a team from our League away from home in the Vase.

AFC Darwen make a return to the competition after missing out last year, and they host Kinsley Boys of the Central Midlands League, who lost to Rochdale Town at the same stage of the competition last year.

Finally, Norton United and Eccleshall both face opposition from the Midland Football Alliance Division One.

Eccleshall can look forward to a 53 mile away trip to Bromsgrove in Worcestershire to face Alvechurch, which is shorter than the majority of the journeys they make to the North West for away games on League business.

Meanwhile Norton United resume old acquaintances with Boldmere St Michaels, with the clubs having once before at this stage of the competition, back in 2010-11, when the "Mikes" won 3-1 on their own patch.

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1	Hanley Town	6	5	1	0	17	4	13	WWWDWW
2	Irlam	6	4	1	1	16	11	5	WWLWDW
3	1874 Northwich	6	4	1	1	11	7	4	LWWDWW
4	Nelson	6	4	0	2	21	15	6	WWLLWW
5	Holker Old Boys	6	3	2	1	16	10	6	WWLWDD
6	Atherton Collieries	6	3	1	2	13	10	3	WWLLDW
7	Chadderton	6	3	0	3	15	17	-2	LLWLWW
8	Ashton Town	6	2	2	2	14	10	4	WDLDLW
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10	Widnes Vikings	6	2	2	2	8	7	1	DLDWLW
11	Leek CSOB	6	1	3	2	10	11	-1	DLDDLW
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13	AFC Darwen	6	1	2	3	8	11	-3	LDLWDL
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15	Oldham Boro	6	1	2	3	14	22	-8	LLLDDW
16	Northwich Flixton Villa	6	1	1	4	10	19	-9	LLLDWL
17	Eccleshall	6	1	1	4	5	15	-10	LLLWLD
18	Daisy Hill	6	1	0	5	9	21	-12	LLLLWL
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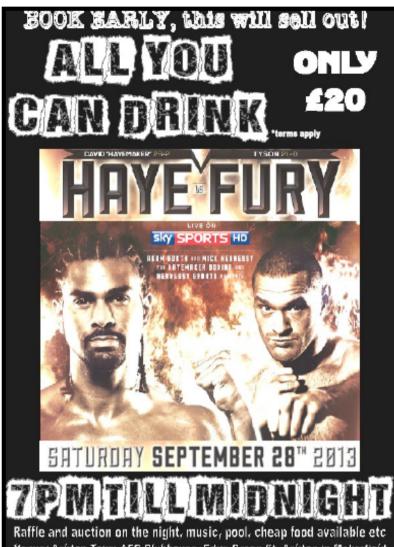
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TOP GOAL SO	CORERS	Games	Goals	Ratio
Liam Rushton	Ashton Town	9	9	1.000
Matthew Russell	Chadderton	9	8	0.889
Anthony Hickey	Runcorn Linnets	10	8	0.800
Jordan Icely	Irlam	9	7	0.778
Theo Stair	Hanley Town	9	7	0.778
Dan Brown	Norton United	12	9	0.750
James McShane	Stockport Sports	12	9	0.750
Gareth Peet	Atherton Collieries	11	8	0.727
Lee Cropper	Norton United	9	6	0.667
Tom Bailey	Glossop North End	11	7	0.636
Michael Brandon	1874 Northwich	11	7	0.636
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Gareth Grant	Runcorn Town	11	7	0.636
Francis Smith	Formby	10	6	0.600
Daniel Boyle	Barnoldswick Town	11	6	0.545
Jason Carey	Runcorn Town	11	6	0.545
Jason Hart	Colne	11	6	0.545
Saul Henderson	Maine Road	11	6	0.545

### Coleman Joins The Reds



Former Accrington Stanley and Rochdale manager John Coleman has joined the AFC Liverpool coaching staff.

Coleman is, of course, no stranger to non-league football, having been a prolific striker in a long playing career which took in spells at Kirkby Town, Burscough, Marine, Southport, Runcorn, Macclesfield Town, Morecambe, Lancaster City and Ashton United.

On moving into management, a 12 year spell at Accrington Stanley saw him lead the club to three promotions and establish them in the Football

League, reaching the League Two play offs in 2011. Speaking on the AFC Liverpool website, manager Paul Moore explained how he persuaded his friend to

come down and help out the Reds.

"John came down to the St Helens Town game,' said Paul. "After chatting, I asked John if he would come down in his spare time and help out with coaching the squad.

"It will be a benefit to everyone. Not only will the players be able to take advantage of the opportunity, but also me and the coaching staff will be able to learn from John's experience, while he keeps his hand in football as he looks for a new job".



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Division One was the place for goals on Saturday, with the nine games producing an impressive 52 goals - an average of around 5.8 goals per

The most eye catching score was at Victoria Park, where Nelson beat Oldham Boro 8-4, in a game where the Blues were 4-2 down after 34 minutes, before running in six goals without reply between the 42nd and 72nd minutes.

This is the first time any club has ever recorded an 8-4 home win in the NWCFL, although the score has been achieved twice before with the away team emerging victorious.

On the 6th March 2004, Maine Road won 8-4 at Castleton Gabriels in a Division Two game, and more recently on the 5th April 2011 Colne won by the same score at St Helens Town in the Premier Division.

It's the fourth time in League history that Nelson have scored eight goals in a game, the three previous occasions were:

- 8 1 v Middlewich Athletic 9th September 1995 Division Two
- 8 2 v Squires Gate 28th October 1995 Division Two
- 8 1 v Daisy Hill 5th October 2002 League Challenge Cup

However, their all time highest score was on 1st September 2001 when they beat Daisy Hill 9-1 at Victoria Park in a Division Two game, and on that occasion they bettered Saturday's second half performance, scoring seven goals in the second half, six of them in the last 20 minutes.

Seven second half goals was also achieved by Hanley Town on Saturday, who triumphed 7-1 at Daisy Hill, despite being 1-0 down until the 53rd minute.

As well as being Hanley's highest score since joining the League in the summer, it's also the first time we have had a 7 - 1 away win in the NWCFL since 6th October 2009, when Abbey Hey lost by that margin to New Mills in a Premier Division game at the Abbey Stadium.

Daisy Hill have lost 7-1 at home twice previously in the NWCFL, the last time being against Stand Athletic on 4th September 2001 - just three days after the afore mentioned 9-1 defeat at Nelson.

It should be pointed out that Hanley Town's win Isn't the highest away win in the league so far this season, as AFC Liverpool won 8-0 at Wigan Robin Park on the 20th August.

#### HISTORY OF ASHTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Ashton Town Football Club was originally formed in 1953 as Makerfield Mill FC. Founder. Derek 'Mick' Mycock worked at the Mill and obtained permission from the owners to use their field and to form a mill-workers team. The team was soon attracting local lads and after a short spell in the Wigan Sunday School League, they played in the St. Helens Combination League with many trophies to show. In 1958 they joined the Warrington & District League and went on to champion Division 1 five times in six seasons. In 1962 the club was forced to move from its Windsor Road home due to land development and it was at this time the club name was changed to Ashton Town AFC. Home games were played on a public park pitch at Whithill Street Recreation Ground in Bryn until 1964, at which point the club purchased a piece of land and found a new home at Edge Green Street previous home of Stubshaw Cross Rovers. In 1969 the clubhouse was completed and was opened by Liverpool & England legend, Roger Hunt and in 1975 the changing rooms were built. During this period the club joined the Lancashire Combination in 1971 and then in 1978 joined the Cheshire County League. The formation of the North West Counties League in 1982 saw Ashton Town join as Founder members. The club has remained in this league since, with the exception of season 1985/6 in the Manchester League whilst essential ground improvements were carried out.





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#### HISTORY OF 1874 NORTHWICH

1874 Northwich - The story so far....

It is probably something of a misnomer to describe the next few paragraphs as a history of our football club. After all, by its very definition, the word 'history' suggests that 1874 Northwich have a proud and glorious past that stretches over many years and its long-standing supporters can look back warmly over many past campaigns - good and bad with some pride and nostalgia. But actually, nothing can be further from the truth! You see, 1874 Northwich has been in existence for just a few months. Indeed, the official date of the formation of the club can be traced back as far back to Thursday 15th November 2012! That night the members of the then Northwich Victoria Supporters Trust responded to an impassioned rallying call by member Tony Rogers and voted overwhelmingly to form a new fans-run, democratic operated and transparent club. For those who elected to follow this path, this decision was not easy. Indeed, for most it was heart-breaking. Because many who voted to set up 1874 had followed 'The Vics' loyally for many years, worked selflessly for the club and had shared in all its highs and lows. But in the end, after numerous off the field sagas and controversies — which culminated in the loss of the hugely impressive Victoria Stadium — the majority of fans decided that they could no longer identify themselves with the club that they had once loved and that something radical had to be done. There was an overwhelming desire amongst the membership to bring the game of football back as the central focus of the club, to re-build links with the people and businesses of Northwich and to put control of this new club into the hands of those people who ultimately have its best interests at heart – the fans. And so, the members of the Supporters Trust came together and took the step of calling into existence England's newest new football club — their new football club. The name of the new club was decided upon by the fans and is a conscious reference to the long and proud heritage of the Vics - which the followers of 1874 clearly wished to acknowledge. In a similar way, the club crest and colours are both a nod to the past but they are also sufficiently different to set 1874 apart from the oldest of the Northwich clubs. Indeed, since establishing 1874, its 200 plus members have very much concentrated on creating and reinforcing the individual identity of their new the club. The Trust is no longer a protest group — it is the club itself. And for a club with such a short history, we've managed to pack an awful lot into the last few months! Firstly there was the seemingly simple task of registering the club with the FA and applying for membership of the North West Counties League - which was the level at which the members wanted the new club to compete. Next on the agenda was finding somewhere that the new club could play and, in tandem with this, trying to identify a manager who could assemble a playing squad that would be capable of competing at this level. And all this was being done by a group of people who had no knowledge of running a football club! The first of these tasks was achieved in March 2013 when 1874 struck a deal with near neighbours Winsford to share their Barton Stadium home for an initial two-year period. Since then, both parties have worked closely together to carry out a major 'refresh' of the 75-year old ground — a great example of two community focussed clubs working together for the benefit of one another. The second task also had a successful conclusion when former Warrington, Winsford and Ashton Athletic boss Ian Street agreed to become 1874's first manager. Since arriving on the scene, Ian has impressed everyone with his knowledge of the game at this level and we are confident that he can bring us the success we wish to achieve. On top of this, as part of our application to join the NWCFL a delegation from the Club Board were interviewed by the FA at St George's Park. In preparation for this a detailed Business Plan was submitted and this must have impressed the game's governing body as on the \*\* of May the news came through that 1874's application to join the First Division had been accepted! Since then the focus has very much been on getting the club in a position to start its first season. Having said that, the membership haven't forgotten to enjoy ourselves as over the last few months a number of well attended social events have been organised, the highlight of which was the first 1874 Beer Festival which attracted over 300 people and raised over £3000 for the new club! A 200 club has also been established and the money generated from this initiative will help reduce the clubs reliance on gate receipts as its principal source of income. As the summer progressed, the 'good news' stories about 1874 kept on coming. Firstly came the announcement that the club had agreed two-season deal with well respected local company Britannia Carpets to become the club's main sponsors – a move that clearly demonstrates 1874's desire to create a new and positive relationship with the business community in the Mid-Cheshire area. Next up was the news that the well respected voluntary organisation 'Ciarans Cause' were to become the clubs nominated charity for the next couple of years. The aim of this initiative is to raise funds to supply defibrillators to local schools and junior football clubs and, by doing so, help prevent the needless heartbreak that many families have had to suffer as a result of the tragic and needless deaths of their children from sudden heart failure. Finally, all the hard work and effort that everyone had put in was to come to a head on the evening of Wednesday 10 July 2013 when 1874 played their first ever game against local side Lostock Gralam. But for many fans and club officials still doubted if we had done the right thing and if the fledgling outfit would be able to attract sufficient support needed to make the new club a viable proposition. They needn't have worried. For, on that warm and balmy July evening, just short of 400 fans - the majority of who proudly sported the kit and colours of the new club - turned out to see the start of something different, something new and, most importantly, something that they had a direct say in! The first game ended in a 3-1 win for 1874 and better was to come three days later when in the club picked up its first trophy in only its second game by beating fellow fans-run club AFC Rushden and Diamonds 3-0 to lift the Supporters Direct Shield — a success that was highlighted on the front page of 'The Non-League Paper'! Not bad for an eight-month old club! However, we fully realise that it won't always be as easy as this. Indeed, over the last few months we've seen enough NWCFL football to know that each game will be competitive and hard. But after the trauma that the followers of 1874 have had to suffer over the past decade, all we are looking forward to is watching our team, making new – and hopefully long-standing – friends, talking football and enjoying ourselves.

Frankly, we can't wait. Bring it on!



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