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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



Good afternoon and welcome to The Hardwick Group Stadium for this Northwest Counties Challenge Cup second round fixture against Oldham Boro.

Off the field it really has been the worst time in my life as my mother was taken seriously ill some five weeks ago and unfortunately I had to neglect my football role and duties to concentrate on my mother. I am still not having the best of times but my mother is fighting well, however I had to come back to the football club as not only do I love the club with a passion, I also needed to get back my football 'fix'.

The league is so competitive this season, one of which has taken me a back a little, however we have a young squad whom on their day can beat anyone. As much as skill and passion wins you games, you also sometimes need lady luck, and as with last season, she seems to be giving us a wide birth for some reason. I have no doubt what so ever though that we will be competing, and today is an opportunity to park our league assault and turn our concentration onto some silverware.



To lift a winners trophy last year was simply an awesome feeling, 42 years at this club without one is a hell of a long time and that moment will last with me forever.

Last Saturday saw another 4 children join our Kick it like Kone Saturday Football Academy. The club successfully 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. 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 and don't forget to get a warm at half and full time in the clubhouse. MH

LEAGUE TABLES

Premier Division		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Runcorn Town	21	15	1	5	47	22	25	46
2	Maine Road	20	12	5	3	43	20	23	41
3	AFC Liverpool	21	12	3	6	50	22	28	39
4	Runcorn Linnets	17	12	2	3	37	23	14	38
5	Bootle	21	11	3	7	51	29	22	36
6	Norton United	16	10	3	3	42	20	22	33
7	Colne	19	10	0	9	32	29	3	30
8	Barnoldswick Town	21	9	3	9	36	40	-4	30
9	St Helens Town	18	7	6	5	30	29	1	27
10	Glossop North End	16	8	2	6	30	17	13	26
11	Congleton Town	17	8	2	7	28	30	-2	26
12	Stockport Sports	21	6	7	8	34	35	-1	25
13	West Didsbury & Chorlton	20	7	4	9	29	33	-4	25
14	Ashton Athletic	18	7	3	8	26	24	2	24
15	AFC Blackpool	20	7	3	10	25	37	-12	24
16	Squires Gate	18	7	2	9	28	34	-6	23
17	Abbey Hey	22	6	5	11	26	48	-22	23
18	Silsden	19	5	4	10	23	34	-11	19
19	Alsager Town	20	5	3	12	27	41	-14	18
20	Bacup & Rossendale Borough	19	4	5	10	17	33	-16	17
21	Winsford United	17	5	2	10	19	36	-17	17
22	Wigan Robin Park	23	4	2	17	26	70	-44	14

First Division		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Nelson	18	12	2	4	61	33	28	38
2	Atherton Collieries	16	11	4	1	48	25	23	37
3	1874 Northwich	18	11	4	3	35	19	16	37
4	Hanley Town	16	11	3	2	39	21	18	36
5	Fomby	15	9	3	3	41	18	23	30
6	Atherton LR	20	8	2	10	39	43	-4	26
7	Cheadle Town *	16	8	4	4	33	25	8	25
8	Irlam	17	6	6	5	25	26	-1	24
9	Ashton Town	18	6	6	6	33	36	-3	24
10	Widnes Vikings	19	6	5	8	35	38	-3	23
11	Rodhale Town	15	5	2	8	29	31	-2	17
12	Chadderton	16	4	5	7	25	39	-14	17
13	Holker Old Boys	12	4	4	4	26	21	5	16
14	AFC Darwen	15	4	4	7	26	30	-4	16
15	Daisy Hill	18	5	1	12	28	51	-23	16
16	Leek CSOB	13	4	3	6	22	23	-1	15
17	Oldham Boro	18	3	5	10	29	47	-18	14
18	Ecdeshall	14	3	1	10	14	30	-16	10
19	Northwich Flixton Villa	18	2	4	12	30	62	-32	10

RESULTS/FIXTURES

Tuesday 19th November 2013

F.A. Carlsberg Vase
Second Round Replay

Spennymoor Town **7-0** Winsford United

Premier Division

Ashton Athletic **1-3** Runcorn Town

Winsford United **P-P** West Didsbury & Chorlton

Lancashire Challenge Trophy
Second Round

AFC Fylde **4-0** Daisy Hill

Chorley **3-2** Atherton Collieries

Lancaster City **1-3** Nelson

Wigan Robin Park **0-2** Bacup & Rossendale Borough

Liverpool Senior Cup
Preliminary Round

Ashton Town **2-0** Formby

Saturday 16th November 2013

F.A. Carlsberg Vase
Second Round

Borrowash Victoria **1-4** Congleton Town

Maine Road **2-3** Billingham Synthonia

Newcastle Benfield **6-2** Cheadle Town

Norton United **0-2** Brighouse Town

Staveley Miners Welfare **2-0** Glossop North End

Whitley Bay **3-0** Runcorn Town

Winsford United **0-0** Spennymoor Town

Saturday 23rd November 2013

First Division Challenge Cup
Second Round

1874 Northwich **v** Widnes Vikings

AFC Darwen **v** Cheadle Town

Formby **v** Atherton LR

Hanley Town **v** Chadderton

Holker Old Boys **v** Rochdale Town

Leek CSOB **v** Northwich Flixton Villa

(To be played at Northwich Flixton Villa FC)

Nelson **v** Irlam

Oldham Boro **v** Ashton Town

(To be played at Ashton Town FC)

Premier Division

Abbey Hey **v** Alsager Town

AFC Blackpool **v** Winsford United

AFC Liverpool **v** Maine Road

Bootle **v** Barnoldswick Town

Colne **v** Congleton Town

Norton United **v** Bacup & Rossendale Borough

Runcorn Linnets **v** Wigan Robin Park

Silsden **v** Glossop North End

Squires Gate **v** Ashton Athletic

St Helens Town **v** Stockport Sports

West Didsbury & Chorlton **v** Runcorn Town

First Division

Eccleshall **v** Atherton Collieries

Reserve Division Cup
Second Round

Barnoldswick Town **v** Padiham

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MATCH REPORT

Sat 9th Nov, 3:00pm.

Ashton Town 0-0 Chadderton

Report & Photos by Billy Bristow

Town were forced to share the spoils of an absorbing contest that was low in quality but high on drama.

It appears to be the normality now that whenever Ashton Town have a game, then the weather gods will treat us with their usual high jinks of terrific downpours and biting gusts. So today was no exception. Many games had already been chalked off, but the Edge Green Street turf, despite taking the brunt of a heavy pre-match soaking and was deemed playable.



John Brownrigg opted to field an unchanged team from the victory at Holker Old Boys, the previous week. So the returning Adam Wilkinson had to make do with a place on the bench alongside debutant Elliot Dainty, who had made the step up from Town's under 18's.



The visitors today were 11th placed Chadderton, playing in their change strip of tangerine, and somewhat struggling of form of late, winning just once in their previous five games.

It was the away team that began the game the brightest. The game was only minutes old when Niall Sultan screwed a really good chance wide, before his team mate Josh Lynch went even closer when he struck a venomous drive that clattered the outside of the upright.

Town began rather sluggishly on the heavy pitch, but they did carve out a real decent opportunity on 10 minutes, when Ste Rothwell advanced from right back and drilled in a low cross that just narrowly eluded the sliding, outstretched foot of Liam Rushton.

Chadderton definitely had the better of the early exchanges, again rueing another wasted chance from Macualey Harewood, but Town by now were slowly picking up their own game. It wasn't until the 33rd minute when either of the goalkeepers were finally forced into making a save. It came

when Brad Smart had a 25-yard attempt that was straight into the hands of Dale Latham.

Then four minutes before the break, came Ashton Town's best chance. Tyson Eyo and Smart combined well to set Liam Rushton free, but Town's leading marksman fluffed his lines and inexplicably dragged his shot wide of the post.

MATCH REPORT

Half Time: Ashton Town 0-0 Chadderton

The players all by now covered in mud and drenched from head to toe, returned for the second half, all determined for the battle to recommence.

When the game did get underway again, it was Town's turn now to begin on the front foot. Tyson Eyo burst into life down the right hand side before casually dispatching a lovely cut back for Rushton to connect with, but sadly Liam's shot despite hitting the target, lacked any real conviction.

On 57 minutes we witnessed Chadderton's solitary attempt on target, when their skipper (and best player for me) Chris Pauley unleashed a rocket from just outside the area, that was well held by 'safe hands' Brabin.

Immediately Brabin released the ball to Brownrigg, to begin a move that would end up with Danny Smith beautifully lobbing Latham in the 'Chaddy' net, only then too see the ball drop agonisingly the wrong side of the post. I had my arms in the air ready to celebrate, but the ended up on my bald head in sheer disbelief that it never went in.

The final quarter of the game belonged again to the visitor's, as to their credit were still committing bodies forward in an attempt to snatch the points.

We had to wait though all the way until the 87th minutes before we even looked like getting a goal. Town conceded a direct free kick just outside their penalty area, that gave Chris Pauley the chance to step up and use his deadly left foot. He obliged and sent his bending kick over the wall and past Brabin before smacking the crossbar, with the rebound falling for Sean Sherwood who had to take the chance instantaneously, but he could only direct the ball high over the bar.

With the referee nearly about to blow for full time, there was just time for a strong penalty shout from the home support, when a right wing cross seemed to strike the arm of a Chadderton defender, but the referee wasn't having any of it and promptly blew for the end of an absorbing match.

Obviously the game failed to produce a goal, despite their being chances aplenty, but the alarming statistic of both sides only hitting the target 5 times in 25 attempts, says it all. Chadderton were decent opposition (I have definitely seen a lot worse this season), but amazingly they could only manage just the one strike on target from fourteen.

The next outing for Town is a trip to East Lancashire to face high flying Nelson on Saturday. Mark Fell's men currently sit just a point behind leaders Hanley Town at the top of the table, but with Town's pretty impressive results on the road this season, it will be a game not to be missed.

Weather: Miserable and wet

Rating: 3/5. For a nil-nil it was fairly entertaining, but both sides couldn't hit a barn door.

Town Star Man: I thought Kevin Brownrigg was outstanding again and Kevin Pollard was also impressive, but Tyson Eyo is improving by the game and he was involved from the first minute until the last.

ASHTON TOWN: Brabin, Rothwell (Dainty 77 mins), Wilkie (c), Keenan, Brownrigg, Pollard, Eyo, Jump, Rushton, Smart (Lorde 84 mins), Smith Not Used: Wilkinson, Rooney

CHADDERTON: Lathom, O'Keefe (Best H/T), Pauley (c), Rogers, Melvin, Glynn, Lynch, Sherwood, Sultan (Hudson 75 mins), Russell, Harewood Not Used: Cooke

Ashton Town Shots: (11) (4 on target), Corners (7), Bookings (1) Kevin Pollard (61 mins)

Chadderton Shots: (14) (1 on target), Corners (4)

UNDER 18'S REPORT

Sun 17th Nov, 1:30pm
Ashton Town 2 - 0 Bolton Wyresdale

by Andrew West

Ashton Town's Youth Team had a home tie in the Open Cup against a useful Bolton Wyresdale team that had already taken a share of the points in a league fixture.

Bolton started the brighter of the two teams but it didn't take long for Ashton to settle and they created the early chances. Within 6 minutes some good build up play down the right released Steve Wiles who found Matty Smith in space only for his shot to go wide. The next chance also fell to Ashton as more good play down the right found Danny who was unlucky not to open the scoring.

The first goal was not long in coming as on 13 minutes a pass from Charlie found the run of Steve who finished well. Ashton were starting to take control and deserved to extend the lead and they did so following a fantastic run from Jack down the left who cut inside and with a quality finish with his right foot made it 2 - 0. With only 20 minutes on the clock and Ashton playing some great football Bolton had it all to do. Ashton controlled possession for the remainder of the half limiting Bolton to very chances and Ashton looking the more likely to get the next goal.

Bolton started the second half quickly, looking to get back in the game, but they created very few chances to worry the home team. It was Ashton who created the next clear chance when a Josh run down the right found the energetic Steve Wiles who forced a corner on 54 minutes. Nothing came from the corner but 2 minutes later a great strike from Josh kept the keeper on his toes. Colin made his first changes on 62 minutes bringing on Andy Penman, Ben Rogers and Dom, who was making his debut, for Josh, Steve and Danny. The rest of the game saw Ashton control possession and Bolton limited to scraps and not looking like scoring. Colin made his final change on 85 minutes when he brought Connor on for Jack and the lads comfortably saw out the remainder of the game.

A good performance from a number of players today with Connoll Osborne a rock in defence and Jack Halliwell quality from left back. The midfield controlled the game and Steve Wiles and Danny were energetic and aggressive up front. Dom made his debut and did not look out of place and could look forward to the rest of the season. With a couple of noticeable absentees the strength of the squad was on show and things look good for a successful season ahead.

MATCH REPORT

Sat 2nd Nov, 3:00pm.
Holker Old Boys 0 - 1 Ashton Town

by Billy Bristow

Brave Town battled in the Cumbrian storm, and with the help of Brabin and Jump they took all three points home. Any away game at Holker Old Boys always lives long in the memory and never for footballing reasons. Whenever you step foot into this part of the world, no matter how beautiful it is, you are guaranteed 90 minutes endurance of the world's craziest weather. Rumour has it that the SAS sends their boys to 'Rakesmoor' on survival missions, and I bet their elite would have called it a day if faced with yesterdays conditions!!

Town made the 2-hour journey North without both of their first choice full-backs, after Niall Summerskill proved to be a very, very late withdrawal. Alex Patterson is currently sunning himself 'stateside'. This unwanted problem for John Brownrigg simply added to his woes, meaning that Town were that threadbare he was forced to call up 17-year old Steve Wiles from the youth team. The young lad admitted he had never even played in an open-age game in his life, so it was massive step for him in learning his game, despite being an unused substitute.

Times are that hard at Ashton Town that I was ordered by the gaffer to get my boots on and work one on one with keeper Nathan Brabin in the pre-match warm up. I actually don't possess a pair of boots so having borrowed some funky blue ones I then stepped out in the pouring rain to put Nathan through a meticulous regime. This ultimately meant that my camera never came out of the bag as I was 'promoted' to a seat in the dugout as "temporary assistant manager". Most people would define this as the club massively clutching a straws but the result tells you otherwise...im a footballing genius. Sam Wilkie, now playing at left back, won the toss, so Town began the game playing up the slope and into both the blustery wind and the blinding, low autumn sunshine.

The first chance of the game came about on 12 minutes when Bradley Smart struck a direct free-kick, that was superbly turned around the post by the diving Oliver Bell in the Holker net. Bell was also called into action again soon after holding onto Tyson Eyo's powerful low drive.

It was an encouraging start from the visitor's as Holker surprisingly, considering their recent good form, offered very little. The closest they came in the opening half was a wicked dipping cross from their right back Daniel Pattinson, that caught the wind and worryingly just sailed past Nathan Brabin's far post.

It was already becoming a game that would really test the player's characters so with Town dominating the proceedings it was a little disappointing that they never led at the break, but with the elements supposedly in their favour for the second half then surely in things would get better ??

Half Time: Holker Old Boys 0-0 Ashton Town

The sun had now decided to call it a day, with the enormous black clouds now only to happy to replace them, and you didn't need a crystal ball to figure out what was coming next. Before the rainstorm was occur, Holker had decided to finally turn up, as they battered Town for the first 15 minutes or so of the second half. Only a couple of minutes into play, they were awarded the chance too take the lead, after Stuart Pattinson got around Sam Wilkie on the bye line before taking a tumble in the box. The referee wasted no time in pointing at the spot. The cliché says that "ive seen them given", but it really did appear to be a decision very much on the soft side. Guy Hefferman stepped up, but his kick was brilliantly kept out by the hands of Brabin who had dived low to his right hand side. The danger wasn't over though, as the ball trickled back towards Hefferman, who then under pressure from Brownrigg could only loft his second attempt over the bar. It must be said Brabin looked unbeatable today...I wonder who is personal coach and guru is ??? Ashton felt like justice had prevailed, but the home side were not that forgiving as they carved out several more good opportunities to open the scoring. Jamie Pattinson (they all must be brothers surley ?) was prevented by a great block from Brabin, whilst Hubbard and Southward also went close.

No sooner had Town had rode the storm so to speak, they then had to deal with a real storm. The deluge began, the wind got stronger and howled around the ground, whilst not to be outdone, the terrible twins of both the thunder and lightening variety also decided to get involved. It was without exaggerating a real memorable sight. In truth both sets of players and the match officials deserve credit for just simply going about their business as usual.

Town were now back in control, but the goal was still proving elusive. Smart had fired a 20-yard effort just over the bar, whilst Danny Smith unleashed a volley that the keeper somehow scooped away very unconvincingly.

The solitary goal came 15 minutes from time, when Danny Smith drifted in a tempting cross that just eluded Rushton, but the ball dropped in the centre of the goal for Thomas Jump to poke home from 10-yards out.

It was a goal that the sodden Ashton Town players deserved, but the game was still not done with, as Brabin was again called into action to deny Pattinson again. The final whistle was greeted with massive relief, as for the second year running, John Brownrigg has escaped the conditions here with two hard fought 0-1 victories. The players entered the dressing rooms, numb to the bone and drenched right through. In fact Danny Smith's hands were that frozen he couldn't get his own boots off!!

The lads were quite rightly glowing after this result, which made for a pleasant trip back home, and a good war of words on 'Twitter' on who was the real man of the match !!

Most importantly yesterday was the togetherness of the whole Ashton Town family. Immediately after the full time whistle, the travelling Town committee, manager John Brownrigg and most importantly the players all made it perfectly clear this victory was dedicated to one very special man, Mark Hayes. Ashton Town have the best Chairman in the whole of the country, and he is held in such high esteem by everybody at the club, that we would like him to know were are all in it together with him....he's not on his own.

Weather: Blowing a gale force wind, The heaviest rain your ever likely too see, thunder, lightening, oh and blinding sunshine...seriously.

Rating: 3/5 The game really came alive in the second half as the players grappled with the atrocious weather.

Town Star Man: A major 'Twitter' war broke out last night after KEVIN BROWNRIGG was given the nod !!! Kevin was superb again, but mention's must go to Nathan Brabin, Paul Keenan also.

Tue 29th Oct, 7:45pm

Ashton Town 1-3 Atherton Collieries

by Billy Bristow

A depleted Town fail to ignite as Atherton Collieries took all three points at a rain swept Hardwick Stadium.

Surprisingly after the previous days stormy weather and an Ashton-in-Makerfield monsoon just before kick off, this fixture was given the go ahead on an evening when lots of other games were postponed. I have to admit that I was secretly hoping that this game might fall foul to the weather as I was fully aware of the injury list Town Manager John Brownrigg was faced with.

Whilst having a few sociable Sunday afternoon beers with the gaffer, he was getting texts from numerous players all 'crying off' with injuries. Some John had to accept and some were told in no uncertain terms that "your playing like it or not!" This meant that Sean Robinson was out with suspected knee ligament damage, obtained from a crude Congleton Town tackle on Saturday, but more seriously the in-form Kevin Brownrigg was also missing due to a "mystery illness". Kevin was named man of the match in Town's two previous outings, but he spent the evening tucked up in bed dosed up to his eye balls with Calpol. Sam Wilkie was therefore told to not just play through the pain barrier, but also out of position in the heart of the defence. Alex Patterson was also recalled at the expense of Ste Rothwell who was another man carrying a knock. Atherton Coll's have been pretty fierce rivals in the previous couple of encounters, with this becoming a fixture that would always guarantee a red card somewhere in the mix! They also arrived in fine form being unbeaten in their previous nine outings, and in knowledge that a victory would lift them into second place in the table.

So when the game did kick off on the very slick surface, the visitor's wasted no time and took control of the game from the first kick almost. In fact it took them just over 11 minutes to register their first goal. Jonah O'Reilly provided a neat ball from the left hand side, which fell too the feet of Jake Patton, who was in acres of space. He then took control and from the centre of goal easily tucked the ball into the net. It wasn't the start Town had wanted, but to their credit they tried to strike back straight away. Thomas Jump fired off a 25-yard effort that remained low to the ground and into the safety of Joe Brobbin's gloves in the Coll's goal. It was clear to all though that it was the visitor's who had made the stronger start, and they were rewarded with another goal on 23 minutes. Rob Swanton was the provider this time whipping in a cross that was converted with ease by Mark Truffas. Like the first goal, the amount of space the winger found himself with was a cause for concern for the Ashton Town bench. From a Town point of view the opening two goals were very much avoidable, and should have been prevented, but with Coll's third goal, there was nothing anybody could do apart from admire the quality of strike. The clock had barely ticked over 30 minutes when Daryl Patton launched the ball forward to Charlie Stoker on the edge on the Town penalty area. There looked to be nothing on as Stoker was surrounded by red & white shirts, but he audaciously volleyed the pass over the head of Brabin for a really well taken third goal. Without sounding too pessimistic, I knew then that the game was over, but Liam Rushton was on hand to give me that little slender hope of a fight back, when just before half time he slotted home his 14th goal of the season.

Bradley Smart shown amazing technique too control Nathan Brabin's kick, before he turned and fed the marauding Rushton. Then as the goalkeeper came out to narrow the angle, Rushton casually placed the ball around him and into the net. It ended a disappointing half for the home side, knowing that it would take a monumental task to turn this game around, as Coll's, without really firing on all cylinders always looked in complete control.

Half Time: Ashton Town 1-3 Atherton Collieries

Town began spritely after the break, but without really ever forcing Joe Brobbin into any kind of testing save. Danny Smith's effort did call the keeper into action, but it was another routine stop. At the other end the Town custodian Nathan Brabin had to be at his best to athletically turn away a goal bound Mark Truffas free-kick. Brad Smart then came as close as Town hot to a second goal, when his header was hacked away off the line, but the game by now had in truth petered out. Atherton kept their shape knowing that the points were theirs, whilst Town improved in possession, but the elusive second goal never really looked like coming.

Coll's substitute Josh Peet very nearly grabbed his side a fourth goal in injury time, but again Brabin was down quickly to parry the shot around the post. It was in all fairness a relatively comfortable victory for Coll's who are one of the five teams that are serious contenders to win the league. Not being one too sit on the fence, my own prediction is Lastly everybody connected with Ashton Town Football Club would like to say how pleased we were to see Atherton Collieries manager Steve Pilling back into the action, after dealing with his own turmoil in his personal life. Obviously Steve has history with his home town club Ashton Town, so therefore he was made very welcome by our committee. I spoke to Steve briefly at half time and he admitted that he has just experienced the "worst weeks of his life", but I know it's very scant consolation in the grand scheme of things, but one bright note for you Steve is that you've got a very fine football team there.

Weather: Very wet after some serious downpours just before kick off.

Rating: 3/5 The game never really had the drama that this fixture usually throws up.

Town Star Man: Liam Rushton ran himself into the ground once more, but my choice is for Thomas Jump. The young lad covered every blade of grass and never shirked a tackle.



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Simon Says.....

When one thinks of the West Bank in Israeli/Palastine and the Gaza Strip most peoples thoughts generally turn to constant conflict both internally amongst the political Palastinian parties and with the Israeli military. However, what many don't realise is that football is also a big part of life in the area and whilst the West Bank League has been in existence since 1977 only seven full seasons have been played to completion since then. It is only since the 2008 season that football in the area has been completed to find the champions in the West Bank League and it wasn't until 2010/2011 that the first professional league began and with it many Arab - Israelis wh had previously been playing for lower league clubs in the Israeli leagues most notably from the 2nd and third tier teams opted to play in the new professional league. Clubs such as Hilal Al Quds and Wadi Al-Nes were the strongest teams within the 12 team league. The first winners of the recently formed WBPL was Markaz Shabab Al-Am'ari who beat Hilal Al Quds on goal difference after fining the season level on points. After two clubs folded just before the start of the 2011/2012 season the Palestinian Football Federation promoted four teams from the First Division. In addition player eligibility is controlled by the PFA who do not allow any foreign players to join the team but do allow unlimited number of Arab-Israeli players to be signed.

Currently Shabab Al Khaleel are the leaders of the 2013/2014 season after 9 games of the season.

The winners over the last three seasons are 2010/2011 Markaz Shabab Al-Am'ari
2011/2012 Hilal Al-Quds 2012/2013 Shabab Al-Dhahiriya

The home ground of current West Bank League leaders Shabab Al Khaleel (photo courtesy of Soccerway.com)

Unlike the relatively quiet West Bank League which has managed to complete its regular football season the Gaza Strip League very often fails to get up and running or leagues stop part way through the seasons. In the last 5 years only 2 seasons have been completed and with the current season now in its 7th week of competition the current league leaders are Itihad Khanyounis club.

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LEAGUE ROUNDUP

Seven of our clubs were involved in ties in the FA Carlsberg Vase Second Round, and unfortunately only two will be going into the draw on Monday.

The sole victors were Congleton Town, who recorded a fine 4-1 win at Borrowash Victoria, two goals from Griffith Jones setting them on the road to victory. No less impressive was Winsford United's performance in holding reigning Vase holders Spennymoor Town to a goalless draw at the Barton Stadium, although the Blues face a long and daunting trip up to the North East for the replay on Tuesday night.

Elsewhere, an entertaining game at Brantingham Road saw Maine Road lose to the odd goal in five against Billingham Synthonia, while Norton United also suffered defeat on their home turf with a 2-0 defeat at the hands of Brighthouse Town.

Long trips up to the North East proved to be fruitless for Cheadle Town, who lost 6-2 at Newcastle Benfield, and Runcorn Town lost 3-0 to former winners Whitley Bay. Glosop North End, Vase finalists in 2009, lost 2-0 at fellow Derbyshire side Staveley Miners Welfare.

In the Premier Division, with Runcorn Town and Maine Road in Vase action, AFC Liverpool could have gone top on goal difference with a win at Barnoldswick, but a late Joel Melia winner earned the home side a 2-1 win.

Runcorn Linnets stay in fourth place after a 3-1 win at Bacup & Rossendale Borough, and a Tom Peterson hat trick helped Bootle narrow the gap on the league leaders with a 5-0 win over Abbey Hey at the Delta Taxis Stadium.

Two goals apiece for Richard Gleave and Tre Baldwin-Willis saw West Didsbury & Chorlton notch up an impressive 4-0 win at AFC Blackpool, and a late Max Thomas goal clinched a 3-2 win for Stockport Sports at Alsager Town.

In his first game in charge of Colne, manager Steve Cunningham's return to one of his former clubs Ashton Athletic was not a happy one, as his new charges lost 1-0.

In the First Division, Hanley Town had no game, giving Nelson the chance to move to the top of the table with a 5-1 win over Ashton Town. A point behind are Atherton Collieries, who clinched a 2-1 win at Chadderton thanks to a late penalty from Gareth Peet, and 1874 Northwich, who beat Oldham Boro 1-0.

A fine 4-1 win for Formby at Widnes Vikings keeps them in the promotion chase with games in hand on the leaders, and new Eccleshall manager Shaun Hollinshead got off to a winning start with a 2-1 win over Northwich Flixton Villa at Pershall Park.

Elsewhere, Atherton LR lost 3-1 at home to AFC Darwen and Irlam beat Rochdale Town 3-2.

Remember if you cannot follow the action live, then visit the Official League website www.nwcfl.com for the latest news, results and information. We can also be found on Twitter and Facebook, so 'follow us' and 'like us' to keep up to date on the goings on from around the League

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Ashton Town U18s GO TOP

Ashton Town U18s went top of NWYA DIV 1 with a well deserved 3 -2 win away at Marine on Sunday with only 12 players available due to late cry offs.

One of only 2 teams remaining unbeaten in the league so far this season.

POS	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 ASHTON TOWN A.F.C.	7	5	2	0	10	17
2 AVRO F.C.	7	4	2	1	10	14
3 A.F.C. FYLDE	5	3	1	1	10	10
4 ALTRINCHAM A.F.C. YTH	7	3	1	3	-2	10
5 BOLTON WYRESDALE	7	3	3	1	7	9 *
6 VAUXHALL MOTORS F.C.	4	2	2	0	10	8
7 ST. HELENS TOWN A.F.C.	8	2	1	5	-5	7
8 MARINE YOUTH A.F.C.	6	2	1	3	-6	7
9 GLOSSOP NORTH END	7	1	3	3	-1	6
10 ATHERTON TOWN A.F.C	8	1	2	5	-15	4 *
11 RAMSBOTTOM UNITED	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 LANCASTER CITY F.C.	4	0	0	4	-18	0



Town take delivery of Kick it Like Kone bibs as the hard works continues to pay off.

Town Chairman Mark Hayes commented "I set up the Kick it like Kone on behalf of Arouna back in August, and after a few hard weeks with only a few kids turning up we now have a great bunch, and its building every week.

We consistently get numbers around 20 attending each Saturday morning with the ages completely mixed, we even have a couple of girls attend which is a great bonus too.

When I grew up all I ever heard was Park Lane this and Park Lane that, they were established as the best set up around at the time, and I aspire to hopefully match or take that accolade.

I started it up with nothing, and each week the subs accumulate to provide something else, firstly I got some medals made which are earned by the little ones every week, I also invested in a lot of posters and leaflets, and then last week we took delivery of the bibs and they look great. Each and every week I just want to bring that community feel to the club, and I have even now laid on hot drinks for free now for any parents who want to stay whilst their children train."

Kick it Like Kone is a Saturday morning football camp for children of both sexes, from just 4 years old to 12. The first session is free, and then its just £3 a session. Each session is taken by FA qualified staff, and even is the weather is bad the session can take place inside the club-house with lots on fun and games.



For any more details please contact Mark via email, markhayes@ashtontownafc.co.uk or www.ashtontownafc.co.uk

MATCH REPORT LIVERPOOL SENIOR CUP Tue 19th Nov 7:45pm Ashton Town 2-0 Formby by Billy Bristow

Town march into the Quarter Finals following victory over ten-man Formby. The Liverpool Senior Cup took centre stage at the Hardwick Stadium last night, with our local rivals Formby providing the opposition on a bitterly cold evening.

The Liverpool Senior Cup is a competition that is now into its 130th year, and with it comes the prestige of being able to call yourselves the best team on Merseyside (behind Liverpool of course, it is derby week so I had to get that in!). Bootle are the current holders but our visitor's in Formby can also brag that they have previously lifted this trophy. Their solitary victory came back in 1978. Nowadays though in modern football, without wanting to sound too pessimistic, the cup clearly isn't regarded as many clubs main priorities, this was noticeable from the team sheets that both sides provided.

Ashton Town manager John Brownrigg, opted to start with too very young full backs who were promoted from the under 18's, and he also elected to give another youngster, in Jordan Lorde the chance to lead the line up top. Kevin Dally & Jimmy Shirley also opted to field a team of starlets, with a few of their 'big guns' relegated to warming the bench.

There was a full moon at kick off and the turf had a subtle layer of frost just forming as the temperature plummeted, but the small crowd in attendance was all set for the usual high tempo game that usually unfolds between these two teams.

In fact we didn't have too wait very long for the opening goal, as it came about with the games first real attack. Town attacked quickly down their left wing, as both Smart and Smith linked up well before feeding Jordan Lorde. Lorde, showed great strength to hold off Formby skipper Marvin Molyneux and tee up Sam Wilkie, who drove the ball home from just outside the area. It was surprisingly the Ashton Town captain's first goal of the season. Formby started the game second best, with Town creating and fluffing several other good chances, but the quality that the 'Squirrels' possess was always eventually going to shine through, and they slowly but surely were starting too make headway in the game.

The visitors in the change colours of all blue very nearly equalised on 23 minutes, when Nathan Brabin had to be brave too dive at the feet of Mark Kirby, but as the ball rolled free, John Edgerton cheekily lobbed the ball back over the stranded keeper, only to see his shot strike the post, with John Prescott firing the rebound high into the cold night sky.

Ten minutes later Formby were again to come close. A cross from the left caused some confusion amongst the Town defence, and after a shot was blocked the ball then fell nicely for Ben Garrity to blast from only 8-yards out. It took a fabulous instinctive one-handed save from Nathan Brabin to deny him. The game was now starting to crackle, as Ashton Town now took the incentive too attack. On 39 minutes they were awarded a dangerous looking free kick in the centre of goal. Bradley Smart stepped up and bent the ball beautifully around the wall, only for Richard Cowderoy to get his fingertips onto the ball and direct it off the crossbar. It was a top drawer save from Formby's debutant keeper.

The pressure though wasn't over as the ball was swung back into the Formby penalty area. Danny Smith rose majestically and planted a super header past the keeper, and with the keeper beaten he had to be helped out by his young full back Joseph Clarke. Unfortunately from a Formby point of view, Clarke had used his hand's to prevent a goal. Without sound patronising, it was hard not too feel sorry for the kid, but for a referee it was a pretty straight forward decision, and the red card was shown. In fairness nobody from Formby offered any complaint.

The penalty kick was given to Brad Smart, but the scorer from our 0-1 win at Formby only a few weeks previously, saw his kick kept out by the diving Cowderoy.

Half Time: Ashton Town 1-0 Formby

Ashton Town knew that even with the man advantage, they would need a second, killer goal to give them breathing space, and it nearly came about 8 minutes into the second half, following a good spell of home pressure.

Jordan Lorde went on another of his industrious runs, before squaring a lovely weighted ball for Danny Smith too strike, but his second goal bound shot of the night was again blocked on the line, only this time legitimately by the sliding Garrity.

So with just over half an hour to play, Formby went for it and made a treble substitution and brought on 3 of their household names. Ironically, Mikey White was only on the field for three minutes when he inadvertently turned Liam Rushton's ball into his own net for Town's second goal.

Formby now had nothing too loose and they defiantly continued to press, with both Kirby and Adegbenro both forcing Nathan Brabin into a couple of fine saves.

Town themselves continued too press for another goal, with Liam Rushton only being denied by the legs of Cowderoy.

The full time whistle soon came and ended a good contest that flowed really well, but even though Town looked the better team, the red card ultimately told. Considering the local derby fever that this fixture usually throws up I cant really recall the top of my head, any bad fouls or moments of controversy.

So its into the Quarter Finals for Ashton, and a plump home tie against the team currently sitting 75 places above us and at the top of the Evo-Stik Premier League, Skelmersdale United.

A date has yet to be set for what should be a cracking game, as John Brownrigg will lead his men into battle against the dub were he made his name and is still to this day admired. "Skem Legend" was one article written not so long about him, but will the United faithful still be singing his name when they arrive at Edge Green Street ???

Also our assistant gaffer Robbie Holcroft is also another member of the Skelmersdale United hall of fame. Robbie still to this day holds the record number of appearances for the 'Stormy Corner' outfit with around 455 games, with amazingly 398 of them being consecutively !!! Finally with a real quirky twist, Robbie's marathon run in the team sadly ended at Fleetwood Town when he got injured, only to be replaced in net by ...John Brownrigg. John apparently kept a dean sheet too and still tells the story to this day (i've heard it hundreds of times)

Weather: Freezing cold Rating: 3/5 Decent game that was played in a good spirit. Town Star Man: There was numerous contenders for this, but special mentions have to go to Jordan Lorde, who put in a tireless display, and both young full backs. Elliot Dainty was faced with a talented player in Mark Kirby and more than held his own. But Aaron Morris (above) deserves the award as he faced possibly the division's best winger in Emini Adegbenro, and the young lad was his equal all night.

FORM GUIDE

FORM GUIDE - Based on last six matches as at 19/11/13

First Division	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Last Six Games
1 Formby	6	0	0	20	4	16	WWWW/WWW
2 1874 Northwich	5	0	1	18	6	12	WWLWWW
3 Nelson	4	0	2	16	9	7	WW/WLWL
4 Hanley Town	4	0	2	16	10	6	WW/WWLL
5 Rochdale Town	4	0	2	20	16	4	LWW/WWL
6 Atherton Collieries	3	2	1	14	11	3	WLWDWD
7 AFC Darwen	3	1	2	14	13	1	WLWLWD
8 Cheadle Town	3	0	3	11	16	-5	LWLWLW
9 Widnes Vikings	2	2	2	11	11	0	LLWDDW
10 Ashton Town	2	1	3	4	10	-6	LDWLLW
11 Holker Old Boys	2	0	4	9	9	0	LW/LLLW
12 Atherton LR	2	0	4	13	15	-2	LLW/WLL
13 Leek CSOB	2	0	4	11	15	-4	W/LLLWL
14 Eccleshall	2	0	4	6	16	-10	W/LLLW
15 Irlam	1	2	3	5	13	-8	W/LLDD
16 Oldham Boro	1	1	4	7	14	-7	LLDLLW
17 Northwich Flixton Villa	0	2	4	9	16	-7	LLLDDL
18 Chadderton	0	2	4	6	13	-7	LLDLLD
19 Daisy Hill	0	1	5	4	20	-16	LLLDLL



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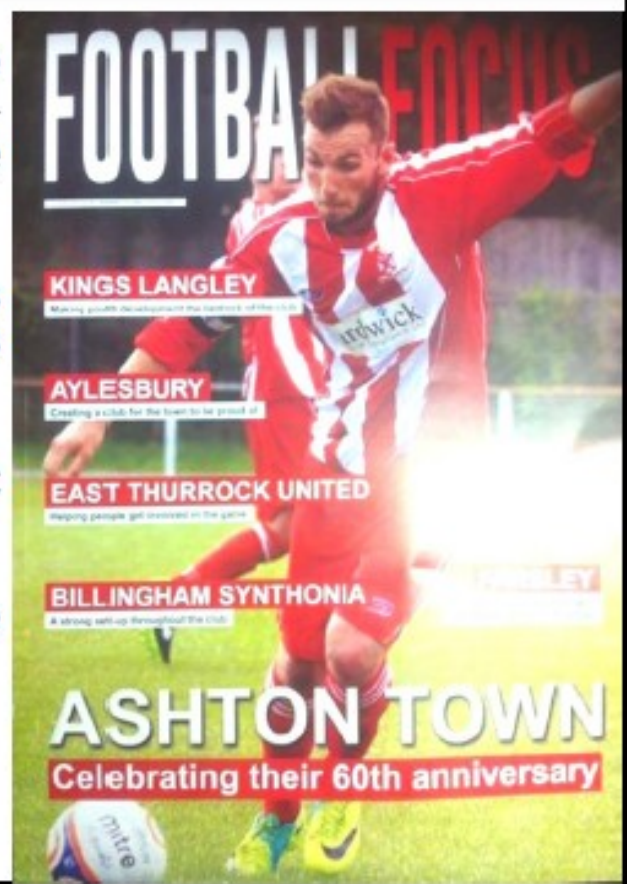
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TOP GOAL SCORERS

		Games	Goals	Ratio
Richie Allen	Nelson	18	17	0.944
Peter Wright	Nelson	15	13	0.827
Theo Stair	Hanley Town	16	13	0.813
Mike Brandon	1874 Northwich	23	18	0.783
Ronnie Morgan	AFC Liverpool	17	13	0.765
Liam Rushton	Ashton Town	19	14	0.737
Tom Bailey	Glossop North End	25	17	0.680
Gareth Peet	Atherton Collieries	21	14	0.667
Steve Jones	AFC Liverpool	17	11	0.647
Matthew Russell	Chadderton	21	13	0.619
Sean Miller	Bootle	25	15	0.600
Jack Sowerby	Squires Gate	15	9	0.600
Lee Cropper	Norton United	17	10	0.588
Jason Hart	Colne	23	13	0.565
Ryan Steele	AFC Darwen	16	9	0.563
Saul Henderson	Maine Road	24	13	0.542
James McShane	Runcorn Town (includes 9 for Stockport Sports)	26	14	0.538
Antony Hickey	Runcorn Linnets	17	9	0.529



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Sun 10th Nov, 2:00pm

South Liverpool Ladies 2-6 Ashton Town Ladies

by Frankie Meadows

Depleted squad show their metal

Because of a number of cry offs the team started with the bare 11. An early Ashton goal settled any nerves there may have been. A scrappy opening 20 minutes was followed by total domination by Ashton, South struggling to get a touch at times as Ashton passed it around for fun. If Ashton had been more clinical in front of goals this game could have been all over by the half time whistle, 2 more were added but should have been more.

Ht 0-3

The second half began the same way and a 4th goal soon came, half way through the half Ashton lost their concentration and allowed Liverpool a goal then against the run of play they forced home a corner to make it 4-2, the next goal would now be vital, Aston composed themselves and a 5th and 6th soon followed and could have bagged a few more.

The goals came from Gemma Latham 3, Steph Foat 2 and a single from Dawn Flynn.

Managers view.

I came away from the game happy we had a make shift defence that looked solid, a mid-field that not only controlled play they dominated at times, and a front 2 who hit goals and shown great awareness.

As I've said previously the season will be full of ups and downs, so I wont get too carried away but the ladies are

Beginning to show some good form, and continue to lay down the foundations to what should be a very strong competitive side.

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 OLDHAM BORO FC

Chairman Mark Kilgannon, together with a newly formed committee, launched Oldham Boro in 2009 following the demise of Oldham Town. Though having no ground of their own, the group of volunteers were determined that the Oldham area should still have a non-league team bearing its name. Following many hours of hard work in a short period of time, plus much valued assistance from their NWCFL colleagues, the new club were accepted into Division One of the North West Counties Football League for the 2009/10 season. With the help of Oldham Council, Boro managed to secure a 3 year lease to play at The Whitebank Stadium in Limeside - owned by Oldham Roughyeds Rugby League Club. The Committee of October 2009-
Chairman: Mark Kilgannon Vice Chairman: Ged McGranahan President: Jack McKay Vice President: William O'Neill Treasurer: Steve Needham Secretary: Tony Shepherd Manager: Tony Mills

2009/2010

In their first season, Boro were accepted into the FA Cup and started in the Extra Preliminary Round with an away fixture at Nostell Welfare Miners of the North East Counties League. Unfortunately, they were unable to progress further following a 2-1 defeat to the Yorkshiremen from Wakefield but fared better in the FA's other competition at this level, The Vase.

Drawn away to AFC Blackpool, Oldham completed an excellent 4-2 win over the seashiders and moved into the First Round Proper. Hosting NWCFL Premier Winsford United at The Whitebank, Boro were unlucky to lose out to a 3rd minute penalty against superior opposition. In the League's Challenge Cup, Boro made the long drive into Cumbria to face Holker Old Boys but the journey back felt much longer following a 5-1 drubbing at the Rakesmoor Stadium. A valiant effort in the Manchester Premier Cup at Unibond League side Trafford ended with a 4-1 defeat leaving Oldham to concentrate on the First Division. As expected, Boro struggled following their late entry into the league, finishing 16th out of 17 teams with 7 wins and 8 draws during the campaign.

2010/2011

Boro started their second season of existence with a trip to Ashton Town, coming away with a narrow 1-0 defeat. The second Saturday came and went without a fixture for Oldham's as their 17th place finish in the league the previous season precluded them from entering the FA Cup competition. Fortunately September brought the FA Vase First Qualifying Round in which Boro received a bye through to the draw for the 2nd round of qualifiers. Their name followed Abbey Hey's out of the hat and the resulting game at the Abbey Stadium ended in a 0-0 stalemate. The replay also took place at the same venue, due to the unavailability of the Whitebank Stadium, but despite Boro giving up home advantage they eventually won through 3-2 after extra time. Entering the first round proper, another away fixture at St Helens Town of the NWCFL Premier saw Oldham go 2 down early into the second half. A converted penalty wasn't enough to spearhead a comeback and Boro exited with St Helens going on to play Winterton Rangers in the 2nd Round.

The Challenge Cup run started and ended in October at the New Sirs with Daisy Hill's Daniel Gregory scoring an unanswered hat-trick. Westhoughton also proved to be an unhappy hunting ground in the First Division Trophy with a 1-0 loss at Atherton Collieries. In the league, Oldham ended one place lower than the previous season (17th) but still second from bottom due to 18 teams starting the campaign.

2011/2012

A decent start to the new league season saw Boro take 4 wins (3 away from home) and a draw in the first 2 months. This was followed by a run of four defeats in November that left them in 11th place in Division One. March brought the appointment of Peter Freakes as co-manager though Boro continued to struggle as a run of 5 losses and 4 draws put paid to Boro's chances of a top 5 finish and ultimately their FA Cup qualification for the 2012/13 campaign.

Despite a mini revival in early April (when Freakes brought in fresh players before the signing deadline) and an excellent 5-0 away win at Nelson, Boro finished April with 3 defeats and dropped to a 14th place finishing position. Though the 14th place was their highest since the 2009 formation, the season had promised more but ultimately petered out disappointingly.

2012/2013

Season 2012/13, which was to become Oldham Boro's most successful since forming in 2009, started with several major changes. The biggest came pre-season when the Oldham Boro committee, after experiencing several turbulent years at Whitebank, decided to move the operation away from the rugby club owned stadium and onto pastures new. With several avenues explored and a number of ground-share requests sent to suitable stadiums in the local area, hours of soul searching ended with the announcement that Boro would be accepting an excellent offer from the club's good friends at Atherton Collieries. Although reluctant to partially sever ties with the Oldham area, the move to Alder Street was the best option on the table both financially and the good of the club's future.

Just a month into the season and, with the team struggling through August and then into September, it was apparent that the co-manager role was not working and as a consequence, Peter Freakes left the club. Once again, Tony Mills stepped up and initially took over sole responsibility of the team. The change in results showed almost immediately with a win at eventual champions Fomby a highlight of the month if not the season.

Despite a minor blip in early October, that saw Boro exit both the FA Vase and the Manchester Cup within a fortnight, 4 wins took Oldham into the top half of the Division One table. The best of these victories came at Broadway against rivals Chadder-ton when, in dreadful conditions, Boro put 8 goals past their opponents. The usual postponements during January and February left Boro with a glut of fixtures to accommodate (not easy when part of a ground-share). The run of games took their toll on the players but Mills' fair sized squad handled the problems, ending the season a magnificent 8th.

In addition, the club's under 11 side had a barnstorming season, lifting the league title whilst the Under 16s had a fair first season under the Boro banner.

With work and health commitment taking their toll, club stalwarts Steve Needham and Billy O'Neill chose to step down from their respective roles of Treasurer and Secretary. In honour of their sterling service and dedication, the club chose to bestow Life President status on both Steve and Billy.

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