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Matchday Programme £1



Stephen Milne - Photo by Dawn Marshall

SATURDAY THE 15th NOVEMBER 2014 - 3PM

ASHTON TOWN AFC

v

OLDHAM BORO FC





Sean Robinson in action against Rochdale pic by Dawn Marshall

This afternoon we welcome to Edge Green Street, Oldham Borough Football Club for today's division one clash. Especially I would like to welcome Tony Mills, his management team, committee and the supporters of Oldham Borough. I hope they enjoy our hospitality before a safe journey back home after the game. We go into today's game on the back of a defeat to Rochdale Town that leaves the Town mid table, the weekend also enabled us to give our thanks to "Rollo" who departs to sunnier climates of Australia. On behalf of the club we would like to thank him for his support and we hope he has a safe journey and remembers to follow us on twitter inbetween catching the waves. The gaffer can now focus on our league form in this the first season that league position is carrying extra importance with a top six position carrying more meaning than any other season.

Today's visitors entertained us in the opening week of the season and came away with the points, since The Borough have blown hot and cold, however having already witnessed this season most sides in this division, on their day can bear their teeth and pack a punch. A point I am certain the gaffer and players will have covered.

Leading onto our newly formed reserves under Toms leadership, having struggled in the early period due to spending last season playing football on a Thursday and rebuilding from scratch, Tom is slowly putting together a very young side with many of the Academy players lending support and giving us a young feel to the team. Last Saturday we had a blend of players aged 16 and 18, they are still going through their learning curve and the part of the game they are learning is how to close down a game when winning.

Frankie and his ladies (pictured below) have certainly hit the ground running having been hit for 10 in their opening game, a result you will not see again as the ladies have been hitting the net in abundance and now following their second 12-0 score line last Sunday now await their County Cup tie. A big thanks to the ladies on Sunday when they welcomed our junior "Frankie" into the fold by being team mascot for the day.

Likewise the Academy are slowly putting together the correct unit under Gaz and Chris, along with their support with all the junior sides should see the club go from strength to strength over the next few seasons.

So sit back and enjoy the ride and our local pie and a pint, hopefully you will see the form required by "The Town" to take us through to the club's next chapter.

Please enjoy the game this afternoon, the entertainment provided and may you all go

away with nothing but footballing memories and have a safe journey home and I look forward to your return for more of the same.



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	Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Runcorn Linnets	22	17	5	0	58	18	40	56
2	Glossop North End	18	15	2	1	52	8	44	47
3	1874 Northwich	17	13	3	1	36	10	26	42
4	Ashton Athletic	22	11	7	4	35	22	13	40
5	AFC Liverpool	20	11	3	6	46	29	17	36
6	Nelson	19	11	2	6	42	30	12	35
7	Colne	17	10	2	5	39	19	19	32
8	Congleton Town	20	8	8	4	37	27	10	32
9	Alsager Town	23	9	3	11	41	47	-6	30
10	Bootle	19	9	4	6	33	22	11	29
11	Maine Road	23	8	4	11	35	43	-8	28
12	Squires Gate	17	7	6	4	36	26	10	27
13	Silsden	17	8	3	6	30	29	1	27
14	Winsford United	19	7	4	8	37	36	1	25
15	West Didsbury & Charlton	19	8	0	11	29	41	-12	24
16	Runcorn Town	16	6	2	8	40	36	4	20
17	Abbey Hay	22	6	2	14	28	52	-24	20
18	St Helens Town	20	6	2	12	27	55	-28	20
19	Stockport Sports	20	3	4	13	29	69	-40	13
20	Barnoldswick Town	20	3	3	14	28	48	-20	12
21	AFC Blackpool	22	2	4	16	19	51	-32	10
22	Bacup & Rossendale Borough	21	1	3	17	18	55	-37	6

	First Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Atherton Collieries	12	12	0	0	53	6	47	36
2	Cammell Laird 1907	15	10	4	1	52	19	33	34
3	Daisy Hill	14	10	0	4	33	24	9	30
4	Atherton LR	19	7	6	6	27	34	-7	27
5	Rochdale Town	16	7	4	5	41	33	8	25
6	Hanley Town	14	8	1	5	38	30	8	25
7	Barnton	17	8	1	8	28	34	-6	25
8	AFC Darwen	12	5	5	2	33	20	13	20
9	Halker Old Boys	12	6	1	5	30	22	8	19
10	Irlam	15	5	4	6	25	25	0	19
11	Ashton Town	15	6	1	8	25	31	-6	19
12	Cheadle Town	16	5	2	9	30	37	-7	17
13	Chadderton	13	5	2	6	18	27	-9	17
14	Widnes	15	4	4	7	26	33	-7	16
15	Litherland REMYCA	17	4	4	9	32	41	-9	16
16	Wigan Robin Park	17	5	1	11	26	52	-26	16
17	Northwich Flixton Villa	15	3	5	7	27	29	-2	14
18	Eccleshall	13	4	2	7	16	35	-19	14
19	Oldham Boro	15	2	3	10	14	42	-28	9

* - Points deducted for breach of rules



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Wednesday 12th November 2014
The Reusch First Division Cup
1st Round North

Oldham Boro 3-2 Rochdale Town

The Reusch First Division Cup
1st Round South

Northwich Flixton
Villa 4-2 Cammell Laird
1907

Lancashire Challenge Trophy
2nd Round

AFC Darwen P-P AFC Blackpool

Bacup &
Rossendale
Borough v Daisy Hill

Tuesday 11th November 2014
The Reusch First Division Cup
1st Round South

Cheadle Town 1-1 Hanley Town (20:00)
(AET, 1-1 after 90 mins, Hanley Town won 3-0 on pens)

Irlam 0-1 Litherland
REMYCA

Premier Division

Ashton Athletic 4-0 Squires Gate

Runcorn Linnets 4-3 Congleton Town

Stockport Sports 0-4 Abbey Hey (20:00)

Derbyshire Senior Cup
2nd Round

Glossop North
End 5-1 Gamesley

Lancashire Challenge Trophy
2nd Round

AFC Fylde 3-3 Holker Old Boys
(Holker Old Boys won 4-3 on pens)

Clihalrow 1-1 Nelson
(Clihalrow won 4-3 on pens)

Raddiffe Borough 1-1 Atherton
Collieries
(Atherton Collieries won 4-3 on pens)

Ramsbottom
United 3-0 West Didsbury &
Chorlton

Mid Cheshire Senior Cup
Quarter Finals

1874 Northwich 4-2 Rudheath Social

Monday 10th November 2014
The Reusch First Division Cup
1st Round South

Widnes 1-2 Barton

Saturday 15th November 2014
Premier Division

1874 Northwich v Nelson

AFC Liverpool v Abbey Hey

Ashton Athletic v Bamoldswick Town

Bacup &
Rossendale
Borough v Runcorn Town

Colne v Glossop North End

Congleton Town v Winsford United

Runcorn Linnets v St Helens Town

Silsden v Alsager Town

Squires Gate v Boothe

Stockport Sports v Maine Road

West Didsbury &
Chorlton v AFC Blackpool

First Division

AFC Darwen v Atherton LR

Ashton Town v Oldham Boro

Atherton Collieries v Rochdale Town

Barton v Irlam

Cammell Laird
1907 v Holker Old Boys

Eccleshall v Widnes

Hanley Town v Northwich Flixton
Villa

Litherland
REMYCA v Daisy Hill

Wigan Robin Park v Chadderton



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Goals Per Game Ratios

The latest goals per game ratios for individual players in games played so far are as follows.

The minimum qualification for inclusion in the table is twelve games, and statistics are up to date as at Saturday 8th November 2014.

	Games	Goals	Ratio
Mark Battersby (Atherton Collieries)	18	25	1.389
Craig Cairns(Cammell Laird 1907)	14	17	1.214
Theo Stair(Hanley Town)	16	19	1.188
Freddie Potter(Cammell Laird 1907)	16	17	1.063
Jack Sowerby (Squires Gate)	21	20	0.952
Danny Boyle (Colne)	22	19	0.864
Matthew Beadle(1874 Northwich)	20	17	0.850
Ryan Cox (AFC Liverpool)	25	21	0.840
Nathan Neequaye(Cheadle Town)	15	12	0.800
Ben Halfacre(Congleton Town - 12 with Stockport Sports)	23	18	0.783
Ryan Steele (AFC Darwen)	13	10	0.769
Kevin Towey (Runcorn Linnets)	23	17	0.739
Kristian Evans (Rochdale Town)	19	14	0.737
Curtis Cummins (Daisy Hill)	15	11	0.733
Sean Robinson (Ashton Town)	17	11	0.647
Andrew Simm (Wigan Robin Park)	14	9	0.643
Yousif Yousif(Northwich Flixton Villa)	14	9	0.643
Paul Shanley (Runcorn Town)	26	16	0.615

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FORM TABLES

	First Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Last Six Games
1	Atherton Collieries	6	6	0	0	28	2	26	WWWWW
2	AFC Darwen	6	5	1	0	22	12	10	WWDWWW
3	Cammell Laird 1907	6	4	2	0	19	8	11	WWWWD
4	Rochdale Town	6	4	0	2	14	9	5	WWLWL
5	Litherland REMYCA	6	3	2	1	16	6	10	WWDLDW
6	Chadderton	6	3	1	2	12	8	4	LWWDLW
7	Holker Old Boys	6	3	1	2	9	10	-1	W'WLLDW
8	Daisy Hill	6	3	0	3	14	21	-7	WLLWWL
9	Bamton	6	3	0	3	8	19	-11	WLWLWL
10	Northwich Flixton Villa	6	2	2	2	14	10	4	LWLWDD
11	Atherton LR	6	2	2	2	7	8	-1	WDWLLD
12	Hanley Town	6	2	1	3	7	7	0	WLLLDW
13	Irlam	6	2	0	4	9	11	-2	LLWLWL
14	Widnes	6	2	0	4	9	14	-5	LLLWWL
15	Oldham Boro	6	2	0	4	5	18	-13	LLLWLW
16	Eccleshall	6	1	0	5	2	17	-15	WLLLLL
17	Wigan Robin Park	6	1	0	5	7	27	-20	LLLLWL
18	Cheadle Town	6	0	1	5	11	17	-6	LLLLLD
19	Ashton Town	6	0	1	5	9	21	-12	LLLLLD



St Helens Town's Vice President Jim Barrett was honoured at the weekend by the Football Association for 50 years' service to football. In July, Jim was honoured by the Liverpool County FA for 35 years' service to St Helens Town AFC and during the presentation it was realised that his playing career and association with the game before he 'joined' Town could also be taken into consideration for the 50 year FA award. David Watkin, Liverpool County FA Council Member made the presentation to Jim at half time during Town's home game with Colne last Saturday.

Jim's 'official' association with St Helens Town goes back to 1979-80 when he joined the club's committee, spending much of his first decade as Press Officer and Programme Editor.

Born and bred in Sutton, Jim's dad George used to bring him to Hoghton Road as a toddler in the late forties and early fifties when his first 'Town' heroes were Harry McCann and Jackie McGuirk. Jim's own football pedigree began at school starting close to Hoghton Road at Sutton C of E School before moving up to Robins Lane Secondary Modern in 1958 and all during that time his Saturdays were spent travelling up and down Lancashire on Jack Glover's old coach, supporting the Town. Jim's post school years saw his own playing career develop in the Saturday morning 'church league' of the day, and he represented both New Street Methodists and All Saints until the latter changed its name in 1963 to join the St Helens Combination, as Sutton Parish. Jim remained with them until their demise in 1969. Naturally this affected Jim's following of Town but he watched whenever he could and particularly remembers leaving Hoghton Road on a fleet of buses for Lancashire Junior Cup at Springfield Park to meet Wigan Athletic (then of the Cheshire League). Jim's playing days continued in the 'Comb' when in 1969 he joined the newly formed BICC Burndy, Parr where he stayed for the rest of his career and at Burndy he eventually became Secretary. One particular coincidence at the time was that he found himself on the opposing side to future Town boss Alan Aspinall when the two clubs met at Hoghton Road when Alan's Birchley St Mary's team met Jim's side in the 1975 Rainford Potteries Cup final on Easter Monday – Jim's team won 4-2 in front of the biggest crowd of the decade at Hoghton Road.

In March 1990 saw Jim elected the club Chairman, a position he held until he stepped down seventeen years later – the longest serving custodian in the club's history. The 'title' was always regarded as a huge honour by Jim but he continued with many of his 'duties' at the club. – grounds-man, PA announcer, and bingo caller in club's Hoghton Road social club, as well as resurrecting the club's match programme and spells as treasurer and secretary. Having been part of the club's remarkable FA Vase run and eventual Wembley victory back in 1987 Jim saw Town lose two cup finals in the 1990s – Burscough in the NWCFL Floodlit Trophy and Rossendale United at Bury's Gigg Lane both by a single goal. There's was an increased workload for Jim when Runcorn Highfield shared Hoghton Road meaning it was up early on Sunday morning's to change the posts and re-mark the pitch for Rugby League. St Helens Greyhound Company came to the ground in 1993 and though Jim's dad George who had been a long-serving Committee member saw the work in progress he died prior to the first 'meeting'.

The club said goodbye to Hoghton Road in 2000 and in the same year Jim was delighted to be the standard bearer at Wembley Stadium in a parade of past FA Vase winners prior to the Deal Town v Chippenham Town – the last final at the 'old' Wembley stadium.

The Knowsley Road days proved to be a lot less arduous for Jim with many of the practicalities of staging a match in the hands of others. At 60 years old in 2007, Jim retired from his main committee duties but continues to support the club. He remains a club Director and still helps out on match-days and is the club's Honorary Life Vice President.

Club Chairman John McKiernan said: "I took over from Jim back in 2007 and we still rely on him hugely – his knowledge of the club and its history as well as his vast experience as an administrator have proved vital as the club manages our current 'exile'.

"Often the voice of reason as well as tradition, Jim has given his time freely in an era when arm-chair supporters of football have been in the ascendancy. We have a great deal thank Jim for - a real stalwart of St Helens Town - loyal, faithful, committed, devoted, dependable, constant, hard-working and steadfast".

Jim is pictured above receiving his award from David Watkin.



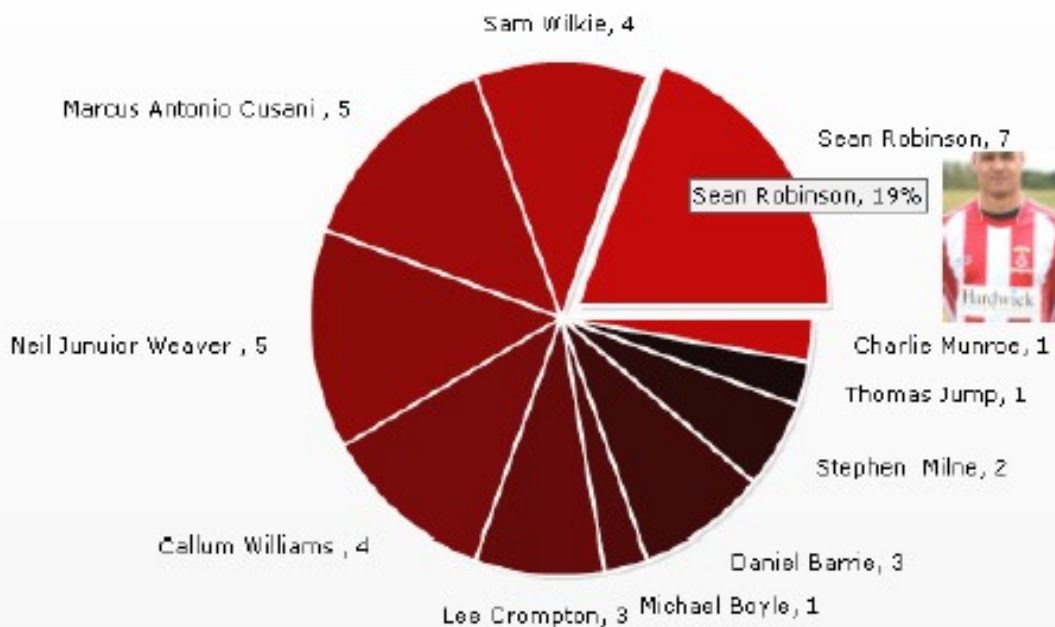
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LEAGUE ROUNDUP

The first snap of winter saw wind and rain sweep over the North West, but only two NWCFL games fell victim to the weather on day when fixtures in both divisions produced plenty of talking points.

In the Premier Division, the top three teams all won to maintain their challenge in the promotion race.

Runcorn Linnets stay top after recovering from the loss of an early goal at Maine Road to eventually triumph 3-1.

Under the managerial stewardship of the inimitable Derek Barber once more, Maine Road took a 15th minute lead through Connor Hughes before Adam Wade levelled for Linnets on the half hour mark. Two second half goals from Kyle Hamid secured the points for the visitors.

Glossop North End stay in second place after a comfortable 4-0 win over Winsford United. Two goals in the opening 24 minutes from Jason Carey sent the Hill-men on their way, and Luke Mack and Kieran Lugsden doubled the score in the second half.

1874 Northwich are third in the table, with goals in each half from Matthew Ward and Matthew Beadle earning a 2-0 win at Silsden in a game that was preceded by a Remembrance Service at the Angel Telecom Stadium.

Ashton Athletic lost ground on the top three after being held to a 1-1 draw at Congleton Town, Sam Bailey equalising for Athletic four minutes after Christopher Middleton had put the Bears ahead.

Nelson narrowed the gap between themselves and AFC Liverpool to one point, with a 2-1 win over the Reds at Victoria Park. After Jack Sinnot had levelled after Peter Wright's early opener for Nelson, George Melling grabbed the winner for the Admirals with seven minutes remaining.

The most eye catching result of the day was at the Pavilions, where Squires Gate inflicted Runcorn Town's heaviest defeat in the NWCFL, winning 7-2, after being 6-0 up inside the hour. Jack Sowerby scored his third hat trick of the season and his second in succession for Gate, with Alex Murphy scoring twice.

Colne also turned in an impressive goalscoring display away from home, winning 5-2 at St Helens Town with Spencer Jordan scoring a hat trick. Danny Boyle, scorer of two hat tricks himself this season, also got on the scoresheet for the visitors.

Down in the relegation zone, Bacup & Rossendale Borough remain bottom of the table after a Michael Blundell saw them fall to a 1-0 defeat at Alsager Town. Abbey Hey earned a very welcome 2-1 at AFC Blackpool, a result that keeps the Seasiders second from bottom, but Barnoldswick Town picked their first win in 12 games with a 5-0 win over Stockport Sports, four of the goals coming in the last 13 minutes.

In Division One, the Atherton Collieries goal machine continues to produce high scoring victories, Kristian Holt and Wes Bancroft both scoring twice in a 6-0 win at Wigan Robin Park to maintain their 100% league record and keep them top of the table.

Cammell Laird's game at Chadderton was postponed but they remain in second place, and Daisy Hill stay in third spot after a 2-1 win at Northwich Flixton Villa.

Atherton LR moved into to fourth place after a 2-0 win over Widnes at Crilly Park, through goals from Thomas Booth and a late Joshua Melling penalty, and Rochdale Town are fifth thanks to a 3-1 home win over Ashton Town, Kristian Evans, Nathan Eastmond and Andrew Foster scoring after Callum Williams had given Town an early lead.

Holker Old Boys moved level on points with Irlam after defeating their Manchester opponents 2-0 at Rakesmoor Lane, and Litherland REMYCA recorded their biggest win of the season, beating Oldham Boro 7-1 after being 5-0 up at half time. David Flynn and Josh Wright both scored twice.

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Sun 2nd Nov, 01:00

1874 Northwich 2-1 Ashton Town

by Billy Bristow

Town cruelly dumped out of the cup by a late, late goal

It's been fair to say that Ashton Town's form on the road this season has been lacklustre, especially in the league, but surprisingly their short run in the FA Vase has been rather different, with both of their victories coming away from home. So the continuation of away ties, meant that we now faced the rather daunting prospect of travelling to 1874 Northwich, a team high in confidence and whom many suspect may be plying their trade in the Evo-Stik league sooner rather than later.

Although Town arrived at the Barton Stadium as massive underdogs, they were still clinging to the lift in confidence, they earned last week, by narrowly losing out on penalties to West Didsbury & Chorlton, a team of equal stature of Northwich, at least by division. Manager John Brownrigg only opted to make one change, as Michael Boyle was unable to recover from a knee injury, so Lee Crompton started at left back.

The FA Vase is a the flagship competition for teams of our standard, so it came as no surprise that 1874's large contingent of fan's turned out in good numbers again, expecting a what should have been a routine victory for the team in green. Town on the other hand were here to make a name for themselves and so both teams began brightly on a pretty awful and heavy pitch.

The one thing Town couldn't afford was to fall behind early, but that dreaded possibility very nearly occurred when Matthew Beadle timed his run perfectly to shoot at goal, but Paul Keenan was on hand to boot the ball away from the goal line and avert the danger. This all happened with barely a minute on the clock.

Town settled quickly though, and began to cause their host's a few problems of their own. Crompton and Wilkie both had shots blocked before on 14 minutes a clever Wilkie through ball tempted the 1874 keeper Matthew Conkie out of his area, but he was beaten to the ball by the pacey Sean Robinson, who opted to take the chance on first time from 35-yards out, but the ball fell the wrong side of the post.

Ashton were a team showing no fear, as their cavalier attitude forced Ste Milne to bring out a routine save from Conkie, but Northwich are a quality team, and the evident threat they possessed, would bring show on 34 minutes and bring about the opening goal.

Lee Crompton was guilty of giving away a pretty soft free-kick right on the corner of the box. The resulting free kick was swung in and diverted into the net, by the glancing head of Beadle. Up until that stage, there was a small sense of frustration creeping into the home support and you could feel the relief around the stadium, that the deadlock had been broken.

Not surprisingly we only had to wait 3 minutes for the next goal, but this time it deservedly went the way of the team in red and white stripes. Andy McNally seized his recall to first team, by executing a precision 30-yard ball for Sean Robinson to latch onto, and the Town front man, carried the ball into the box before poking the ball low past the keeper and into the far bottom corner.



Photos by Dawn Marshall

Both sides were the offered another opportunity to gain a half time lead, but neither side grasped it. Neil Weaver had a free kick that sailed narrowly over, whilst Ryan Mitchell was presented with a great chance from a corner, but his diving header missed the target.

Half Time: 1874 Northwich 1-1 Ashton Town

Both sides trudged out for the second, ready to deliver a rather entertaining forty five minutes of cup tie football, which would swing from end to end. This was apparent in the opening five minutes, when first Beadle blazed a shot over the bar, and then a minute later, Sam Wilkie dragged his shot wide, following good work by Neil Weaver.

Both sides were committed to the full throughout, but both outfits were losing a little composure inside the final third of the pitch. Jamie Tandy was next to miss the target when well placed, and Neil Weaver, matched his opponent by failing to test the keeper from a good position.

The elusive winning goal just seemed despairingly out of reach for Ashton Town, as they continued to press in search of gaining a place in the second round proper. Sean Robinson came the closest on 74 minutes when he showed great strength by turning a defender, but his shot despite being on target, lacked real power.

Then on 83 minutes, Daley Woods got everybody out of their seat as he raced through on goal, but he was denied by an outstanding and in my opinion goal saving tackle by Lee Crompton. 'Rollo' looked easily second best to win the ball, but he timed his tackle to perfection, much to the relief of the away support.

With the final few minutes ebbing away and the game destined for extra-time, Town were made to suffer the cruelest of heartaches, by conceding the winning goal, four minutes into time added on. 1874 were awarded a direct free-kick just on the edge of the box, following an ugly collision between Town defender Scott Baker and Town keeper Gage Walsh, but in the middle of this melee was a Northwich player. With all three players lying on the turf the kick was awarded in favour of the home side, although the Town supporters were incensed believing the major contact was between the two Ashton Town players themselves. Anyhow the referee made his decision, and the free kick brought an instinctive save out of Walsh, but the loose ball was rammed home by Woods from a matter of yards.

Town were left feeling a little despondent by this sudden late drama, but in true cup tie spirit, they went straight down the other end and earned a corner. Then to the disbelief of probably all the 241 inside the ground, the referee blew for full time, whilst the ball was bouncing around very dangerously inside the 1874 goalmouth. It was a massively frustrating end for Ashton Town, from what was a positively compelling game.

Town manager John Brownrigg was incredibly upbeat after the game, and so we his players, as they were fully aware that they had just pushed a massively top team all the way, and without question at least deserved another 30 minutes of extra time to compete with them. The positives far outweighed the negatives today for Town, but Brownrigg and his players now must take their uplift in spirits all the way to Mayfield on Saturday when they are back in league action at Rochdale Town



Incidentally 1874 have been drawn away to face the illustrious Bishop Auckland in County Durham. Everybody at Ashton Town wishes them good fortune and hopes they progress even further.

Weather: Bright in spells, Game Rating: 4/5 Unpredictable and surprising at times, but lacked the real quality at the business end. Town Star Man: Many candidates, but Lee Crompton was outstanding, despite being the public enemy to the home support

1874 NORTHWICH: 1.Conkie 2.Connor 3.Thomas 4.Mitchell 5.McGrath 6.Wooley 7.Woods 8.Jones (c) 12.Brandon (62 mins) 9.Beadle 10.Ward 11.Tandy (16.Duckworth (78 mins)

Not used: 14.Wellstead 15.Stewart 20.Fosdyke

ASHTON TOWN: 1.Walsh 2.McDonald 3.Crompton 4.Keenan (c) 5.Baker 6.Wilkie 7.Weaver 8.McNally 9.Robinson 10.Munroe (14.Berrell (69 mins) 11.Milne (12.Barrie (72 mins)

Not Used: 15.Cusani 16.Williams 17.Boyle

1874 Northwich Shots: (11) (7 on target), Corners (7), Bookings (0)

Ashton Town Shots: (13) (5 on target), Corners (5), Bookings (1) Scott Baker

Sat 8th Nov, 15:00 Division One.

Rochdale Town 3-1 Ashton Town

by Billy Bristow

Ashton collapse after the break and taste defeat at Rochdale

It was a disappointing afternoon for Ashton Town, as they crumbled to a poor defeat and left themselves currently sitting without a victory in their last seven games. The bitterest pill to swallow on this miserable, damp afternoon in Rochdale, was the manner in which, Town literally gave up.

If you were to give an honest perception of this game, then to give Ashton Town credit, there was spells in which the visitor's looked in complete control and pressed the Rochdale goal, but they couldn't turn that pressure into goals. Callum Williams, given a rare start, gave his manager something to cheer, when after only 9 minutes he gleefully accepted a short thrown in from Dale McDonald, before turning and unleashing a low 20-yard drive that nestled into the bottom corner.

Ashton, were looking bright, and the very nearly added another, when on 18 minutes Sam Wilkie bent a lovely direct free-kick, towards goal, and despite deflecting off the wall, the keeper produced a spectacular one handed save.

Gage Walsh the Ashton keeper, was also in good form, as he denied an equaliser with a dramatic 23rd minute double save.

Kristian Evans, the Rochdale Town target man, eventually equalized with a well-placed header from a cross from the right.

Half Time: Rochdale Town 1-1 Ashton Town

Ashton began the second half spritely with Ste Milne being the sole persecutor of the Rochdale defence. Firstly he produced a smart low save from the keeper, before a minute later turning provider for Sean Robinson, but the Town striker blazed his shot over the bar from a really good position.

Milne was again unfortunate to score again soon after, when he raced clear and delicately chipped the ball over the sliding keeper, only to see the Rochdale central defender make a miraculous last gasp clearance off the line.

So from Ashton possibly being 4-1 ahead, it was inevitable, Rochdale would take the lead. Nathan Eastmond and Andrew Foster both scored two goals in very quick succession to give the home side some breathing space.

This is when the game turned in favour of the home side and sadly ended the spirit of Ashton Town, who then faded quite alarmingly.



Rochdale should have scored more as they played out the final 30 minutes in complete dominance, and end the game by deservedly taking the maximum points.

Weather: Dull, damp and breezy

Rating: 3/5 A game in which both sides worked hard, but it lacked real quality.

Town Star Man: A day when very few players stood out, but **STEPHEN MILNE** was the exception for Town today.

ASHTON TOWN: 1. Walsh 2. McDonald 3. Crompton 4. Keenan (c) 5. Baker 6. Wilkie 7. Williams (15 Jones (69 mins) 8. McNally (12. Killgallon (80 mins) 9. Robinson 10. Weaver (14. McCausland (82 mins) 11. Milne

Results so far this season

August 2014

A	Sat 2nd, 3:00pm	Barnton	League	1 - 0	L
H	Tue 5th, 7:45pm	Holker Old Boys	League	4 - 2	W
H	Sat 9th, 3:00pm	Rochdale Town	League	3 - 0	W
A	Tue 12th, 7:45pm	Oldham Boro	League	3 - 1	L
H	Sat 16th, 3:00pm	Cheadle Town	League	1 - 0	W
A	Mon 18th, 7:45pm	Atherton Collieries	League	3 - 0	L
A	Sat 23rd, 3:00pm	Hanley Town	League	6 - 0	L
H	Tue 26th, 7:30pm	Atherton Town	Cup	1 - 1	D
H	Sat 30th, 3:00pm	Irlam	League	3 - 1	W

September 2014

A	Sun 7th, 3:00pm	Appleby Frodingham	Cup	2 - 4	W
H	Tue 9th, 7:45pm	Atherton LR	League	5 - 0	W
H	Sat 13th, 3:00pm	Northwich Flixton V...	League	3 - 2	W
H	Thu 18th, 7:30pm	Digmoor FC	Cup	3 - 0	W
H	Sat 20th, 3:00pm	Chadderton	Cup	6 - 2	W
A	Sat 27th, 3:00pm	Litherland Remyca	League	2 - 1	L

October 2014

A	Sat 4th, 3:00pm	Hallam	Cup	1 - 3	W
H	Tue 7th, 7:45pm	Chadderton	Cup	3 - 1	W
H	Sat 11th, 3:00pm	AFC Darwen	League	1 - 2	L
A	Mon 13th, 7:45pm	Widnes	League	2 - 2	D
A	Sat 18th, 3:00pm	Cammell Laird 1907	League	4 - 0	L
H	Mon 20th, 3:00pm	Oldham Boro	League	P - P	P
H	Tue 21st, 7:45pm	AFC Liverpool	Cup	2 - 7	L
H	Sat 25th, 3:00pm	West Didsbury & Chorl...	Cup	3 - 3	L
A	Tue 28th, 7:45pm	Holker Old Boys	League	P - P	P

November 2014

A	Sun 2nd, 1:00am	1874 Northwich	Cup	2 - 1	L
A	Sat 8th, 3:00pm	Rochdale Town	League	3 - 1	L
H	Sat 15th, 3:00pm	Oldham Boro	League		
A	Mon 17th, 7:45pm	Daisy Hill	Cup		
H	Sat 29th, 3:00pm	Barnton	League		

The FA has announced plans to commemorate the centenary of one of the most iconic moments of the First World War - the 1914 Christmas Truce – as part of a week of remembrance activity in December 2014.

'Football Remembers Week' will take place from 5-14 December. A joint collaboration between The FA, the Premier League, the Football League and the British Council, the aim is to engage football fans and players at every level about what took place on Christmas Day one hundred years ago on the battlefields in Belgium.

On 25 December 1914, soldiers from both sides put down their weapons and crossed into 'no man's land' to share in an impromptu ceasefire. First-hand accounts from the time include references to football being played and photographs taken.

Every club in the country – from the Premier League to the grassroots - is being asked to create a unique photographic record of football a century on from the Christmas Truce.

The same activity will happen at every match – a mixed squad photo featuring both teams in the spirit of the togetherness shown by troops from both sides in December 1914.

Teams will combine for a mixed squad photo before kick-off. This picture can be uploaded to social media using #footballremembers and will be automatically uploaded to a special website – www.footballremembers.com. The site will act as a moment of record of football in 2014, a century on from the First World War, and will be preserved for future generations.

HRH The Duke of Cambridge, President of The FA, said: "It promises to be a powerful way to engage and educate young people about such an important moment in our history.

"We all grew up with the story of soldiers from both sides putting down their arms on Christmas Day, and it remains wholly relevant today as a message of hope over adversity, even in the bleakest of times".

The FA has proposed a procedure for clubs to follow during the 'Football Remembers Week', which is as follows.

For ALL matches taking place from 5-14 December, all players involved will pose together in a mixed group photograph as a mark of respect to those on both sides that took part in the 1914 Christmas Truce. Each home team should nominate someone to take the photo.

Fans, teams and schools will be asked to upload their pre-match pictures via social media over the course of Football Remembers Week. Any match of any size can be uploaded, from school to Sunday league fixtures, five-a-side matches to kickabouts in the back garden.

Those posting photos to social media should use #footballremembers to ensure it is uploaded to the special [footballremembers.com](http://www.footballremembers.com) website. Any other information is welcome.

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Football Remembers kicked off in May 2014 when the four partners launched a Football Remembers education pack that was sent to more than 30,000 schools across the UK. It includes resources to help children learn about the Truce – including eye-witness accounts, photos, drawings and letters from soldiers some of which have never been published before.

A key element of the Football Remembers education pack was a competition for schools and football academies to design a permanent Christmas Truce memorial for the National Memorial Arboretum. The competition was judged by HRH The Duke of Cambridge – President of The FA – and Arsenal and England forward Theo Walcott.

The winning design was drawn by 10 year-old Spencer Turner from Farne Primary in Newcastle, and he will attend a special service later in the year to mark the unveiling at the Arboretum, near St. George's Park.

To raise the profile of Football Remembers among Parliamentarians, Dan Jarvis, Labour MP for Barnsley Central and a former Major in the British Army, is hosting a reception at the House of Commons.

International fixtures

England footballers will also be supporting the Football Remembers project during their international get-together in November ahead of the men's fixtures with Slovenia and Scotland and the women's historic Wembley match against Germany on 23 November.

The FA and the Army FA are also working on a commemorative match involving the German Army.

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OLDHAM BORO FC STATS

Chairman: Mark Kilgannon, Manager: Tony Mills, Year Formed: 1964

Record Attendance: 1.767 v FCUM 2006, Ground: Seel Park (Mossley FC)

Colours: Orange shirts, Black shorts, Website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/oldhamborofc,

Twitter: - @OldhamBoroFC,

North West Counties League Record: Played (1128), Won (365), Drew (239), Lost (524),

2013/14 average attendance: (38)

Biggest Scorelines: Ashton Town 4-1 Oldham Boro Nwcfli Division 1 (24/8/13)

Oldham Boro 3-1 Ashton Town Nwcfli Division 1 (12/8/14)

Here is a summary of our last three meetings:

Tuesday 12th August 2014

North West Counties League Division 1

OLDHAM BORO 3 –1 ASHTON TOWN

Bancroft (7) Robinson (23)

Scanlon (65)

Landregan (75)

Attendance:35, Weather:Torrential Rain, Game Rating:3/5, Town Star Man: Scott Baker

A game that produced plenty of chances, with both keepers making impressive saves. Oldham just had the edge, and took the points with a deserved victory.

Monday 14th April 2014

North West Counties League Division 1

OLDHAM BORO 3 –4 ASHTON TOWN

Adams (38) McDonough (36), (80)

Knowles (62) Baker (76)

Jackson (79) Goughwaite (89)

Attendance:25, Weather:Mild, Game Rating:5/5, Town Star Man:Scott Baker

A total classic encounter, littered with spectacular goals. Elliot McDonough scored a sublime brace, and Scott Baker chipped in with a sweet free kick. The game was end to end, but Town won it with a last minute 'Goofy' winner.

Saturday 23rd November 2013

North West Counties First Division Trophy Round 1

ASHTON TOWN 3- 0 OLDHAM BORO

Smart (50), (75)

Jump (67)

Attendance:39, Weather:Chilly, Game Rating:2/5, Town Star Man:Bradley Smart

A pretty comfortable cup win for Ashton Town, thanks to three 2nd half goals. Brad Smart scored an eye catching free-kick to open the scoring.

AT HOME

Played	6
Ashton Town victory	5
Draws	0
Oldham Boro victory	1

AT OLDHAM BORO

Played	6
Ashton Town victory	2
Draws	1
Oldham Boro victory	3

TOTAL

Played	12
Ashton Town victory	7
Draws	1
Oldham Boro victory	4



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HISTORY OF OLDHAM BORO



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.

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. **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 Formby 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 Chadderton 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.

HISTORY OF ASHTON TOWN

Ashton Town Association Football Club originally joined the Div 2 of the Lancashire Combination in 1903 and were promoted Div 1 in 1st season. However, relegated back to Div 2 after finishing 16 in first season of Div 1. Towards the end of 1910/11 season club withdrew from league and fixtures taken over by Tyldesley



Albion. The Club was reformed in 1953 as Makerfield Mill FC and after a short spell in the Wigan Sunday School League, they played in the St Helens Combination League for three years before joining the Warrington and District Amateur League in 1958.

In 1962 the Club was forced to move from its original ground at Windsor Road because of land development and it was at this point 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 at Edge Green Street, previously the home of Stubshaw Cross Rovers. This became the Club's new home, and development of the ground began. In 1969 the Clubhouse



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was completed, and was opened by Liverpool and England star Roger Hunt, and in 1975 the present dressing room facilities were built. During this period the Club joined the Lancashire Combination in 1971, and then in 1978, they left to join the Cheshire County League for four years.

The formation of the North West Counties Football League 1982 saw Ashton Town join as founder members, and the Club has remained in the league since then with the exception of season 1985-86, when they played in the Manchester League while essential ground maintenance work was carried out.



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