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SATURDAY THE 22nd NOVEMBER 2014 - 3PM
ASHTON TOWN AFC
v
WIDNES FC





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This afternoon we welcome to Edge Green Street Widnes Football Club for today's division one clash. Especially I would like to welcome Steve Hill, his management team, committee and the supporters of Widnes. 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 string of losses as the boys and gaffer try to get us back on track to achieve this seasons minimum goal of a top six position. This was achieved last Monday when the boys rolled up their socks and took the challenge to Daisy Hill in The Reusch Cup, a match that warmed everyone on a bitterly cold night with a 3-0 victory, two missed penalties and a zero conceded goal count as an added bonus.

Everyone both in support of Ashton Town and the neutrals said this display was the Ashton Town that showed good form earlier in the season. It was therefore fitting when the quarter final draw was made by our own celebrity 'Billy Bristow' that the 'Town' were drawn at home to Oldham Borough and now gives us the chance to pay back for the two defeats in the league and hopefully cement our place in the semi-finals.

Still continuing on the cup front, our ladies, if you could bottle their spirit and determination and sold it by the bottle we would be millionaires. Last Sunday the ladies went into their cup tie against Mersey Ladies minus two keepers and a host of injuries, won the game with a 3-1 score line, played one of our strikers in goal, who then spent the evening in A&E having been knocked out cold. Thankfully all was ok and business as usual this weekend.

The semi draw will test the ladies to the full having been drawn away to Merseyrail Ladies in January, the only team to currently remain unbeaten in the league with a 9 from 9 record.

To keep the A&E busy our U15's didn't want to be left out having recorded a 5-1 winning scoreline we had to dispatch a player to hospital who unfortunately was diagnosed with a fractured collar bone and will spend a few weeks watching from the touchlines as his mates carry the flag.

Finally on the home front our U18's academy were also in action last Sunday in the Liverpool County U18 cup, this certainly was a tester and bruising game as the boys learn their trade. Unfortunately we could not overcome the ten men and fighting spirit and sadly went out of the competition with a 2-1 result. The squad is massively improved and only a matter of time before they gel every week.

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	23	19	5	0	59	19	41	59
2	Glossop North End	20	17	2	1	63	8	55	53
3	Ashton Athletic	24	12	8	4	37	22	15	44
4	1874 Northwich	18	13	4	1	36	10	26	43
5	AFC Liverpool	21	12	3	6	49	30	19	39
6	Nelson	20	11	3	6	42	30	12	36
7	Colne	19	10	3	6	39	26	13	33
8	Congleton Town	21	8	8	5	37	28	9	32
9	Squires Gate	19	8	7	4	37	26	11	31
10	Alsager Town	24	9	4	11	42	48	-6	31
11	Maine Road	24	9	4	11	38	44	-6	31
12	Winsford United	21	8	5	8	41	39	2	29
13	Bootle	20	8	4	8	33	28	5	28
14	Silsden	18	8	4	6	31	30	1	28
15	West Didsbury & Chorlton	20	8	1	11	29	41	-12	25
16	Runcorn Town	17	6	3	8	40	36	4	21
17	Abbey Hey	23	6	2	15	29	56	-26	20
18	St Helens Town	21	6	2	13	27	56	-29	20
19	Stockport Sports	22	3	5	14	33	75	-42	14
20	Barnoldswick Town	21	3	3	15	28	50	-22	12
21	AFC Blackpool	23	2	5	16	19	51	-33	11
22	Bacup & Rossendale Borough	21	1	3	17	19	55	-37	6

	First Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Atherton Collieries	13	13	0	0	59	7	52	39
2	Cammell Laird 1907	16	11	4	1	53	19	34	37
3	Daisy Hill	16	10	1	4	36	27	9	31
4	Atherton LR	20	7	6	7	28	37	-9	27
5	Hanley Town	15	8	1	6	40	34	6	25
6	Rochdale Town	17	7	4	6	42	39	3	25
7	Barnton	17	8	1	8	28	34	-6	25
8	AFC Darwen	13	6	5	2	36	21	15	23
9	Chadderton	14	6	2	6	24	28	-4	20
10	Halker Old Boys	13	6	1	6	30	23	7	19
11	Irlam	15	5	4	6	25	25	0	19
12	Widnes	16	5	4	7	32	33	-1	19
13	Ashton Town	16	6	1	9	27	34	-7	19
14	Northwich Flixton Villa	16	4	5	7	31	31	0	17
15	Cheadle Town	16	5	2	9	30	37	-7	17
16	Litherland REMYCA	18	4	5	9	35	44	-9	17
17	Wigan Robin Park	18	5	1	12	27	58	-31	16
18	Eccleshall	14	4	2	8	16	41	-25	14
19	Oldham Boro	16	3	3	10	17	44	-27	12

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Wednesday 19th November 2014
Lancashire Challenge Trophy
2nd Round

AFC Darwen 1-0 AFC Blackpool

Liverpool Senior Cup
Quarter Finals

AFC Liverpool 4-3 Everton

Tuesday 18th November 2014
The Reusch First Division Cup
1st Round North

Holker Old Boys P-P AFC Darwen

Premier Division

Ashton Athletic 0-0 Runcorn Town

Bootle 0-5 Glossop North End

Squires Gate 0-0 Colne

Winsford United 3-3 Stockport Sports

Manchester Premier Cup
Quarter Finals

Irham 1-1 Hyde FC

(Irham won 6-5 on pens)

Monday 17th November 2014
The Reusch First Division Cup
1st Round North

Atherton Collieries 4-2 Atherton LR

(REF, 2-2 after 90 mins)

Daisy Hill 0-3 Ashton Town

Saturday 15th November 2014
Premier Division

1874 Northwich 0-0 Nelson

AFC Liverpool 3-1 Abbey Hey

Ashton Athletic 2-0 Barnoldswick Town

Beaup & Rossendale
Borough P-P Runcorn Town

Colne 0-0 Glossop North End

Congleton Town 0-1 Winsford United

Runcorn Linnets 1-0 St Helens Town

Silsden 1-1 Alsager Town

Squires Gate 1-0 Bootle

Stockport Sports 1-3 Maine Road

West Didsbury & Chorlton 0-0 AFC Blackpool

Saturday 22nd November 2014
F.A. Carlsberg Vase
2nd Round

AFC Darwen v Chadderton

Alnwick Town v St Helens Town

Atherton Collieries v Seaham Red Star

Congleton Town v Whitlay Bay

Glossop North End v Ryhope CW

Silsden v Runcorn Town

Premier Division

AFC Blackpool v Runcorn Linnets

Barnoldswick Town v Alsager Town

Bootle v Abbey Hey

Colne v AFC Liverpool

Maine Road v Squires Gate

Nelson v West Didsbury & Chorlton

Stockport Sports v Silsden

Winsford United v Beaup & Rossendale
Borough

First Division

Ashton Town v Widnes

Barnston v Rochdale Town

Cheadle Town v Wigan Robin Park

Daisy Hill v Cammell Laird
1907

Holker Old Boys v Litherland
REMYCA

Northwich Flixton
Villa v Eccleshall

Oldham Baro v Atherton LR

Staffordshire F.A. Vase
2nd Round

Uttoxeter Town v Hanley Town

Sunday 23rd November 2014
F.A. Carlsberg Vase
2nd Round

Bishop Auckland v 1874 Northwich (16:00)

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 fourteen games, and statistics are up to date as at Saturday 15th November 2014.

	Games	Goals	Ratio
Mark Battersby (Atherton Collieries)	19	26	1.368
Theo Stair (Hanley Town)	18	20	1.111
Craig Cairns (Cammell Laird 1907)	16	17	1.063
Freddie Potter (Cammell Laird 1907)	18	19	1.056
Jack Sowerby (Squires Gate - now Fleetwood Town)	21	20	0.952
Ryan Cox (AFC Liverpool)	26	23	0.885
Curtis Cummins (Daisy Hill)	16	14	0.875
Danny Boyle (Colne)	22	19	0.864
Matthew Beadle (1874 Northwich)	21	17	0.810
Nathan Neequaye (Cheadle Town)	15	12	0.800
Ben Halfacre (Congleton Town - 12 for Stockport Sports)	23	18	0.783
Kristian Evans (Rochdale Town)	21	15	0.714
Ryan Steele (AFC Darwen)	14	10	0.714
Mark Truffas (Atherton Collieries)	20	14	0.700
Kevin Towey (Runcorn Linnets)	26	18	0.692
Sean Robinson (Ashton Town)	18	12	0.667
Andrew Simm (Wigan Robin Park)	14	9	0.643
Paul Shanley (Runcorn Town)	26	16	0.615

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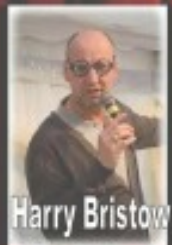
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	First Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Last Six Games
1	Atherton Collieries	6	6	0	0	26	4	22	WWWWW
2	AFC Darwen	6	5	1	0	18	7	11	WWWWD
3	Cammell Laird 1907	6	5	0	1	18	8	10	WLWWW
4	Northwich Flixton Villa	6	4	0	2	18	10	8	WWLWL
5	Chadderton	6	3	1	2	15	8	7	WLWDL
6	Litherland REMYCA	6	2	3	1	15	9	6	DWWDL
7	Widnes	6	3	0	3	15	13	2	WLLLW
8	Irlam	6	3	0	3	9	7	2	WLLWL
9	Rochdale Town	6	3	0	3	11	15	-4	LLWWW
10	Oldham Boro	6	3	0	3	8	18	-10	WWLLL
11	Barnton	6	3	0	3	8	19	-11	WLWLW
12	Atherton LR	6	2	1	3	8	10	-2	LLWDW
13	Holker Old Boys	6	2	1	3	7	10	-3	LWWLD
14	Daisy Hill	6	2	1	3	9	18	-9	LDWLL
15	Hanley Town	6	1	1	4	6	10	-4	LWLLD
16	Ashton Town	6	1	0	5	12	18	-6	WLLLL
17	Eodeshall	6	1	0	5	2	20	-18	LWLLL
18	Wigan Robin Park	6	1	0	5	8	29	-21	LLLLW
19	Cheadle Town	6	0	1	5	11	17	-6	LLLLD

LCFA SENIOR CUP

AFC Liverpool carved out a slice of history with a battling victory over Everton's youngsters in the Liverpool Senior Cup Quarter Final.

The Blues, who ended the game with nine men, were knocked out of the same competition by Bootle last season, and were 3-1 up with just over 15 minutes remaining but a battling comeback from the NWCFL side saw them grab victory with three goals in the space of ten minutes.

After starting the match brightly, with the Reds capitalising on some wayward passing from the visitors, Everton soon settled and began to take control.

On 15 minutes a pinpoint long ball was sent over to Nathan Broadhead who cut in towards goal and slotted it past keeper Thomas Stewart.

AFC Liverpool had chances to get forward but the Everton defence stood resolute. Muktar Mahama earned a free kick on 35 minutes but it was aimed straight at Blues keeper Jindrich Stanek.

Everton once again broke from midfield in the 40th minute and Callum Dyson curled the ball into to corner to double the lead.

A series of corners for AFC Liverpool produced some chances to get the home side into the match, but the score remained 0-2 at the break.

Steve Jones got a deserved goal on 54 mins to make it 1-2 with a superb free kick beyond Stanek, and it went from bad to worse for the Blues as Jack Bainbridge was sent off for a tackle on Ryan Cox.

That didn't stop the Toffees' David Henen, who received the ball from a deflection and rounded his marker and struck low into the opposite corner to make it 3 for the Blues.

It was looking like a lost cause for the Reds, but they clawed a goal back on 73 minutes from a corner. A goalmouth scramble saw the ball break to Cox on the left and he tapped in from close range.

Two minutes later, AFC Liverpool captain Jack Sinnott levelled the match when he pounced on the rebound off Stanek from his own shot.

Broadhead hit the post in reply almost immediately, but the tide turned in the favour of the non league side, when Carl Peers cut into the area from the left and was brought down by Michael Donohoe, who also saw red.

Ryan Cox stepped up for the spot kick to complete the comeback for AFC Liverpool on 83 minutes and sent the Reds faithful into dreamland, as they saw out the landmark victory.

Speaking afterwards, AFC Liverpool manager Paul Moore said he was delighted with the result and performance.

"It was a massive game for us, not only for the lads but for the Club itself. It was a chance for my lads to show what they can do against a side that will have lads in it that go on to play at the very highest level of football and to be fair, we matched them.

"I thought in the first half, Everton pressed us more than we pressed them and although they got the two goals, we held our own and weren't outclassed at all. I knew that if we got one back then we could go on and win the game."

"I know they ended up going down to nine men but we had them on the back foot before it got to that stage anyway. Even at 11 v 11, I thought my players were class and some of the play we did was fantastic.

"You've got Ryan Cox there, scored two and had a great header tipped over the bar by their keeper, and at the end their manager said to me that Ryan was a thorn in their side all night with the control and runs he was making.

"But I could talk all night about each player as everyone of them stepped it up and won what's probably going to be the biggest game we will play for many a year.

"Given the level we are at and the opponents we can face, we're not really going to play a bigger club than Everton and to beat them is a massive achievement for these lads".



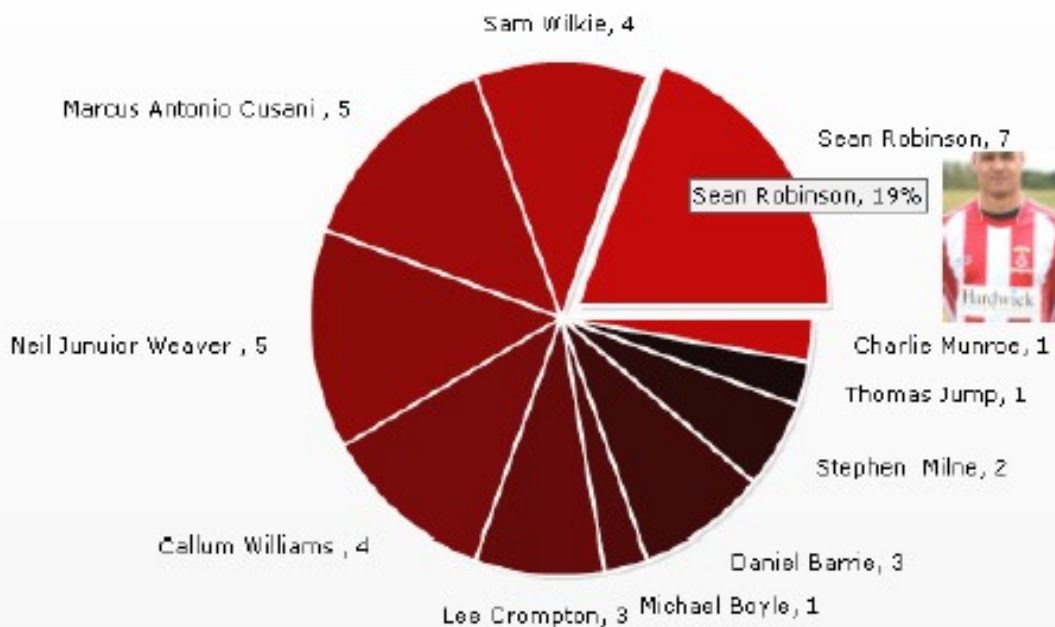
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LEAGUE ROUNDUP

The leading clubs at the top of both divisions all picked up points in the weekend's league fixtures.

In the Premier Division, league leaders Runcorn Linnets left it late to secure victory over St Helens Town, with Kyle Hamid striking the only goal of the game with nine minutes remaining.

By contrast, second placed Glossop North End had the points in the bag by half time at Colne, being four goals up and eventually running out 6-0 winners. Tom Bailey and Lee Blackshaw both scored twice for the visitors.

1874 Northwich celebrated the second anniversary of the club's formation at their home game against Nelson, but both sides failed to break the deadlock in a match that ended goalless.

1874 remain in third place but are now level on points with Ashton Athletic, who beat Barnoldswick Town 2-0 at Brocstedes Park thanks to second half goals from Adam Gilchrist and Paul Watson. The result keeps Barlick in the relegation zone.

AFC Liverpool are fifth following a 3-1 win over Abbey Hey. Brandon Zibaka gave the visitors an early lead, but two goals from Ryan Cox and another from Steve Jones ensured victory for the home side.

Winsford United emerged victorious from the Cheshire derby against Congleton Town at Booth Street, an Alex Byrne penalty three minutes after the break securing a 1-0 win.

A single goal also earned a win for Squires Gate at home to Bootle, courtesy of Alex Murphy's goal eight minutes into the second half.

Two first half goals from Josh Harper put Maine Road in the driving seat at Stockport Sports, and although Derryn Offori pulled a goal back for the Saxons on the hour, a late third goal from Nicholas Alexander made sure that Road collected all three points from a 3-1 win.

Alsager Town were seconds away from victory at Silsden, but Ryan Wintle's goal on the stroke of half time was cancelled out by Joe Jalil's 90th minute equaliser.

AFC Blackpool remain in second bottom spot but collected a valuable point from a 0-0 draw at West Didsbury & Chorlton.

In the First Division, it was business as usual for table topping Atherton Collieries, with the 100% league record maintained with a 6-1 win over Rochdale Town. Mark Truffas and Ben Hardcastle both scored doubles for Colls.

Cammell Laird 1907 stay in second place, although their margin of victory was much closer, with an Andrew Morgan goal 16 minutes from time earning a 1-0 win over Holker Old Boys.

Daisy Hill stay in third place after collecting a point in a 3-3 draw at Litherland REMYCA, with Curtis Cummins scoring all three goals for Daisy and REMYCA's Andrew Murphy scoring twice.

Atherton LR stay in fourth place despite going down 3-1 at AFC Darwen. It all looked good for LR when Joel Iganosa gave them a half time lead, but a fine comeback in the second half saw Stephen Lee score twice either side of a Connor Gaul goal to seal a 3-1 win for the home side.

The remaining games in the division all produced away wins, most notably for Widnes at Eccleshall, where Benjamin Tollitt and Paul Carney both scored twice in a 6-0 win.

Chadderton responded well to going behind to an early Darryl Patton goal at Wigan Robin Park, with Daniel Murray and James Curley going on to both score twice in their side's 6-1 victory.

Hanley Town's poor home form continues, going down 4-2 at home to Northwich Flixton Villa for whom Saul Henderson scored twice.

Oldham Boro remain bottom of the table, but narrowed the gap on the teams above with a 3-2 win at Ashton Town, a goal from Sheldon Young six minutes from time clinching Boro's first away win of the season.



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	3 - 2	L
A	Mon 17th, 7:45pm	Daisy Hill	Cup	3 - 0	W
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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Sun 16th Nov, 14:00

County Cup

Mersey Girls 1 v 3 Ashton Town Ladies

by Frankie Meadows

Biggest test of the season, passed.

This seemed a game we were not meant to win, Regular keeper away meant outfield players were asked to cover, 2 late cry offs meant we had to re shuffle the formation and took us down to 11 players, one carrying an injury and one with stomach pains that at times had her stooped with pain.

Added to all the pre match problems the opposition were from a higher league and are undefeated this season.

Ashton started at a good pace but reverted to a direct style of play which is not their usual style of play but Mersey struggled to cope with this, against the run of play Mersey took the lead however it wasn't long before the equaliser was found when Hayley scored a screamer from distance with a sweeter left foot shot you will ever see, Ashton were in the mood to push as much and as often as they could and soon took the lead when the hard working Dawn Flynn finished after a great move and great cross from Gemma.

HT.. 2-1

Mersey were fired up in the second half but it was Aston who hit again when Nic scored making it 3-1 . This was sweet for Nic not only had she played the first half in goal but it was her first game on a road to recovery after missing the whole of last season with a serious knee injury. It became a back to the wall job with another Ashton player struggling to walk let alone run, but the Ashton defence was outstanding restricting Mersey to long range shots that either went high, wide or saved well from stand in keeper Gemma L .

The game ended on a sad note after a collision meant Gemma in goal and a Mersey player were taken to hospital.

FT ... 3-1

Frankies comment.

Very proud of the attitude, work rate of all the ladies some players struggled. To complete the 90 but with no subs. They did.

It wasn't a pretty performance but in some ways was our best of the season, we didn't play



our normal style of passing football but in a cup who really cares, get the win and move on.. with a bit of luck all players will be back fit and well soon.



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HISTORY OF WIDNES FC

The Dragons AFC was formed in February 2003 with the aim of making football fun, teach new skills and self confidence. Based in Widnes, Cheshire the Dragons AFC, later to be known as Widnes Dragons has a fantastic reputation locally for their contribution towards the development of grassroots football in Halton and provide opportunities to play football for over 200 players from the age of 6 to open age. The club have put in a great amount of effort to run the club according to the best practices laid down by the FA, to that end the club achieved the FA

Charter Standard award in December 2003 and where recognised as the first club to achieve this award in Halton.

Over the years the club continued to expand encouraging players of all abilities to participate. Having success on and off the playing field the club has also participated in successful tours to Spain (twice), Belfast and Devon to name a few. In 2008 the club was awarded the FA Charter Standard Development award for the continuous development of grassroots football. To celebrate this achievement the club staged their annual presentation at Goodison Park the home of Everton Football Club. More presentations followed at prestige venues namely The Stobart Stadium and The Etihad Stadium in Manchester to give the players an increased sense of achievement.

In March 2012 Widnes Dragons started a consultation process with Widnes Vikings RLFC to become part of the Vikings Sports brand, a partnership that will enhance the clubs community status.

On the 10th July 2012 at the clubs AGM the clubs members agreed to become part of the Widnes Vikings Group and agreed on a 12 month transitional period up to the end of the current season (2012-13). Also in the month of July the club where proud to achieve the FA Charter Standard Community Club award. Widnes Dragons have secured a successful partnership with Everton Football Club becoming official school boy recruitment partners.

The next step in the clubs progression was made in season 2013/2014 when Widnes Vikings FC was admitted into the football pyramid and placed within North West Counties Division 1.

The club committee called an EGM in February 2014 for its members to decide on the future of the club. It was a unanimous vote that the club move away from the Vikings brand and to restructure the club to secure its own identity and long term future.

The choice of the name Widnes Football Club was symbolic in representing where the teams and fans come from. Whilst at the same time recognising that a new club needed to be built to establish confidence in the local community and support young local talent that Widnes has in abundance.

Widnes Football Club will be built as a community club to inspire the local football talent.

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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Roger Hunt.
SUNDAY 13th APRIL 1969.

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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