

THE EIGHTEEN 86



The Millers v Wythenshawe Town
Tuesday 6 October 2020 - 7:45pm
North West Counties Football League Division One
South
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County Affiliation: Derbyshire FA

Year Formed: 1903

Record Attendance: 4,500 v Hyde United
18th March 1921

Previous Leagues:

Manchester League

North West Counties League

Northern Premier League

Honours:

NWCFL Premier Division Winners 2011

NWCFL Challenge Cup Winners 2009

NWCFL Challenge Cup Runners Up 2011

NWCFL Premier Division Runners Up 2009, 2010

NWCFL Division Two Champions 2008

NWCFL Division Two Trophy Winners 2007

NWCFL Reserve Division Cup Winners 2008

NWCFL Reserve Division Runners Up 2005, 2007

Manchester League Premier Div Champions 1924, 1926, 1956, 1963, 1965,
1966, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971

Manchester League Premier Div Runners Up 1925, 1928, 1953, 1961, 1962,
1972, 1974

Manchester League First Div Champlons 1968, 1972

Manchester league First Div Runners Up 2001

Gilcryst Cup Winners 1960, 1964, 1965, 1967

Murray Shield Winners 1960, 1965

Open Trophy Winners 1972, 2002

Derbyshire Divisional Cup Winners 1921, 1923, 1924, 1928, 1948, 1981,
2001, 2002, 2013

Derbyshire Junior Cup Winners 1985, 1997

Derbyshire Senior Cup Finalists 1940, 1955, 1967, 1977

Manchester Amateur League and Cup Winners 1940

Manchester Amateur Cup Winners 1940, 1949

Manchester Junior Cup Winners 1952, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1971

North West Youth Alliance Winners 2000, 2002, 2010

North West Youth Alliance Div 1 Cup Winners 2002



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◆ THE MANAGER ◆

We were obviously all disappointed that the season didn't start as planned on Saturday at Eccleshall, the players and staff had been looking forward to starting the competitive games again since we returned to training several months ago. Having said that, it probably won't be the last time that we lose games this season for that reason and we have to be sensible about it. There are other clubs who have been and will be affected even more over the season, Isle of Man for example are going to make a late start to their season due to restrictions and their original opponents last Saturday are here tonight for their first league game. We know that Wythenshawe Town are a good side, we had some tough games against them last season and they have played a competitive game already in 2020/21, but we are confident that we are ready for tonight.

We are confident in the group of players that we have, they are a good bunch of lads and there are a number of good characters around the place. We have managed to build a really good team spirit which is vital and as you all know we have some cracking young players here.

It was quite a challenge to keep some of them as there was plenty interest from clubs higher up the pyramid but we explained to them what we are trying to build here and they were happy to stay give it everything for the coming season. Inevitably we will lose some of these players down the line, but hopefully that will be longer term and we are hoping that the experience we can pass onto them will help them by pass a level or two. Ideally of course we can bring success here and they can move up the levels with us, we are working as hard as possible to achieve that. One thing it does show though is that we must be doing something right when clubs from higher up are looking at our players. Norts and myself had not managed a club before we came here and while there have been some ups and downs it is reassuring now to feel that we are going in the right direction.



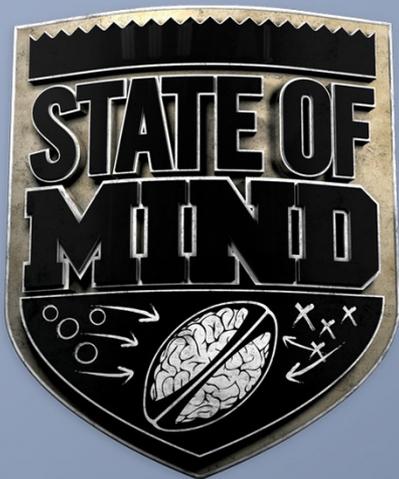
◆ THE MANAGER ◆

No one really knows how this season will go until everyone has got started. We think we have the right blend here and we have the utmost confidence in our players, we just needed to add a bit of experience to last years squad. We are happy with the players that we have and are confident we will do well but until you kick a ball in anger you never really know. You have got to prepare right and do the right things and hopefully it all comes together. It's important that we get off to a good start, we have learned that from last year, when we arrived the club had lost seven from seven and it made it difficult then to bring players in. The lads have worked so hard this summer and we have really challenged them, we've tried to do things right so that get that good start. We definitely lacked fitness last season when we arrived but that won't be the case this time.



Wythenshawe Town will be one of the favourites to win the league, I know a few lads there and they have drive and desire, they will be right up there. We have had a a good pre-season which has been tough for so many reasons, but it means we are more than ready. We won our last four friendlies, all of which were tough games so that was very pleasing and largely we performed well in the matches. People say don't get carried away by pre-season results when you win them, but it's the opposite if you lose them it can be doom and gloom. We grow and bond as a team by doing well and hopefully we continue that tonight.

Enjoy the game



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Those in attendance this evening will notice the new covered area at the front of the clubhouse. This will provide more covered standing area for our supporters on match days and will also ensure that Millers Bar customers are able to sit and stand in comfort outdoors throughout the winter months, particularly during the increasingly popular #FoodieFriday events.

Outdoor heating will be added to this area in the coming weeks.

Millers supporters will be delighted to see Dylan Forth (right) between the sticks for the club this season after the stopper rejected several moves to remain at Church Lane. Forth has proved an incredibly popular player at the club, with many comparing him in style to Liam Higginbotham, who supporters will remember was voted into the Goalkeeper position in the Greatest Ever Millers XI during the 2017/18 season.



Supporters at the Stockport Georgians and Avro pre-season fixtures will have been pleased to see Church Lane Legend Luke Horrocks (left) in the squad. Luke has re-joined the club from Congleton Town and is expected to be challenging for a place in the squad before too long.

Next at Church Lane



Saturday 10 October 2020

The Millers v Winterton Rangers

Kick Off: 3:00pm

The Buildbase FA Vase



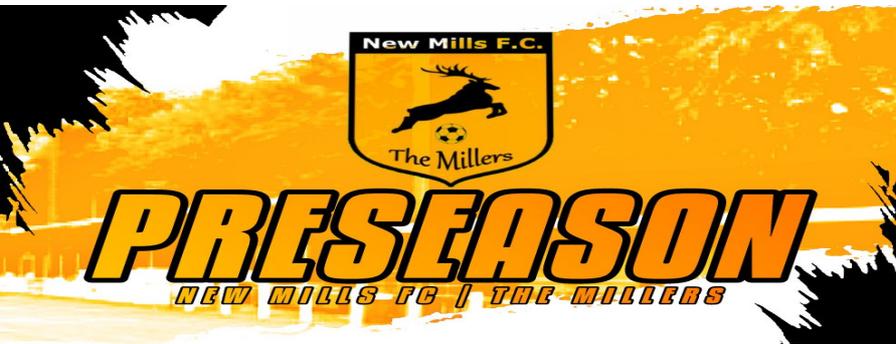
Tuesday 13 October 2020

The Millers v Wythenshawe Amateurs

Kick Off: 7:45pm

North West Counties League
Division One South





The Millers 3-0 Stockport Georgians

Saturday 12 September 2020



STATISTICS

Squad Details

Player Name	Appearances		Goals		Cards		Mom
	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Red	Yellow	
Samuel Amankwaa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dion Battes *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jack Beswick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Connor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elliot Cooke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cavell Donaldson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ben Edgson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mason Fallon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Samuel Owen Fitzgerald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dylan Forth (GK)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Gardiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luke Horrocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corey Kelly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benito Lowe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jordan Milne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Muir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harry Norris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Norton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Oakes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Will Ozono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
William Parry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelton Payne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steven Pickford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jake Pollard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Ramsden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jack Wray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Indicates player is no longer a member of the squad

Indicates player is awaiting International Clearance

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TODAY'S VISITORS



Wythenshawe Town

FORMED
1946

MANAGER
James Kinsey

GROUND
Ericstan Park

TWITTER
@WTFC1946

Club Information

Legal Entity: Unincorporated

Ground: Ericstan Park

Address: Timpson Road, Wythenshawe, Greater Manchester

Postcode: M23 9LL

Telephone:

Website: <http://www.wythenshawetownfc.co.uk>

Twitter: @WTFC1946



Registered Colours: Royal Blue Shirts, Royal Blue Shorts, Royal Blue Socks

Registered Goalkeeper Colours: Lime Green Shirt, Lime Green Shorts, Lime Green Socks

Alternative Colours: Red Shirts, White Shorts, Black Socks

Alternative Goalkeeper Colours: Orange Shirt, Orange Shorts, Orange Socks

Secretary: Bob Astles

Chairman: Chris Eaton

Manager: James Kinsey

Programme Editor: Harry Shepherd

Committee / Directors: Chris Eaton, Peter Birch, Billy Moore

County Affiliation: Manchester FA

Year Formed: 1946

Record Attendance: 584 v Wythenshawe Amateurs (April 2019)

Previous Leagues:

Cheshire League

TODAY'S VISITORS

History

The club was founded in 1946 as the North Withington Amateur Football Club and was the idea of some young men who attended St. Crispin's Church on Hart Road in Fallowfield. The first committee was held in the lounge of a house in Garswood Road, Fallowfield and in attendance was Eric Renard, Brian Honeysett and others. Stan Hahn became involved much later, but then totally immersed himself in the club.

The club first played in the South Manchester & Wythenshawe League (1946 - 1958) and were subsequently transferred to the Lancashire & Cheshire Amateur league (1958 - 1972). It was in 1972 the club applied and were accepted into the Manchester league, when up until 1974 all games of football were played at Hough End Field, Princess Road, Withington.

In June 1974, under the helm of Chairman Billy Moore, the club's headquarters were moved from the Princess Hotel in Withington to the newly acquired ground at Timpson Road, Baguley, M23 9LL where three pre-fabricated houses were purchased and turned into a clubhouse with a bar, kitchen and changing facilities. After numerous discussions, it was decided to name the ground after the residing Chairman (Stan Hahn) and the Club Secretary (Eric Renard) out of respect, honouring them as founding members, hence the name Ericstan Park. And it was at this point, the club decided to design a new badge incorporating a cockerel and a fox; the cockerel related to founding member Stanley Hahn (the German for cockerel is Hähnchen) and the fox to founding member Eric Renard (the French for fox is Renard), to forever recognise the club's founding members.

In 2014 and under new Chairman Kenny Hope, the club transferred to the Cheshire League Division 2 and went on to become history-makers, making national headlines as they won every single league and Cup game, 39 games in total, earning the side the title, 'The Invincibles.' Back to back promotions on their debut in the Cheshire League, and with a working partnership in place with professional football club Fleetwood Town, the club set their sights firmly on bringing semi-professional football to the club for the first time in history.

That ambition came to realisation at the end of the 2017/18 season after two seasons in the Cheshire Premier League when the club secured promotion to Step 6 and the Hallmark Security North West Counties League South Division, heralding a new era at the club.

There were further changes at the beginning of 2019 when Chris Eaton took over as Chairman with a promise to put the club on a sound business footing. Promotion was narrowly missed at the end of the season but with Manager James Kinsey and his coaching team in charge, the club looked forward to the new campaign with optimism.

The optimism proved well-founded as the club showed its confidence in the players and management team was justified with some remarkable highlights and a run in the league that left them in third place and looking forward to a future in the next level.

Their greatest run of success was in the FA Vase where a series of victories against Goole Town, Nostell Miners Welfare, Skelmersdale United, and Northwich Victoria saw them matched against competition favourites big-spending Consett Town. A draw at home saw Wythenshawe visit the North-East for the replay but the FA's experimental rule-change for the competition saw the team short of six players while their opponents had a full squad to choose from. Even so it was a narrow one-nil defeat that saw their visions of Wembley come to an end.

The highlight of the season was a remarkable two-one away victory over high flying National League North stars Curzon Ashton in the Frank Hannah Manchester Senior Cup and their last game before the season was brought to an end by COVID-19 was in the semi-final of the Division One Cup against Sandbach United.



TODAY'S VISITORS

Squad Details

Player Name	Appearances		Goals		Cards		Mom
	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Red	Yellow	
Connor Brotherton *	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matthew Bryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jordan Burton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brad Byrne	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kial Callacher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edward Cooper	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liam Crellin-Myers	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Steven Dryden (GK)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee Gregory	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Callum Jakovlevs (GK)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Jones	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Max Lewens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan Palinkas	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Darius Palma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justin Pickering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fenton Reeves	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Matthew Roberts	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matthew Rowson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dominic Smalley	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jack Timmons	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jerome Wright	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Steven Yarwood	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

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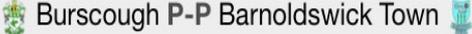
Tuesday 6th October 2020

Premier Division

📅 19:45  1874 Northwich P-P Bootle  Townfield Stadium

Postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions

📅 19:45  Ashton Athletic v Congleton Town  Brocstedes Park

📅 19:45  Burscough P-P Barnoldswick Town  Victoria Park

Postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions

📅 19:45  Runcorn Town P-P Winsford United  Viridor Community Stadium

Postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions

📅 19:45  Squires Gate v Padiham  The Brian Addison Stadium

📅 20:00  Irlam v Whitchurch Alport  The RG3 Digital Stadium

📅 20:00  Skelmersdale United P-P Litherland REMYCA  JMO Sports Park

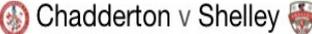
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First Division North

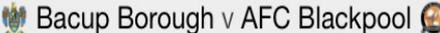
📅 19:45  AFC Liverpool v Pilkington  The Marine Travel Arena

📅 19:45  Bury AFC v Holker Old Boys  Neuven Stadium,

📅 19:45  Chadderton v Shelley  ARK Fleetech Stadium

📅 19:45  Golcar United v Steeton  Skye Direct Stadium

📅 19:45  Prestwich Heys v Ashton Town  Adie Moran Park

📅 20:00  Bacup Borough v AFC Blackpool  Brian Boys West View Stadium



FIXTURES

Tuesday 6th October 2020

First Division South

	19:45	 Abbey Hey v Stone Old Alneyians 	The Abbey Stadium
	19:45	 Abbey Hulton United v Eccleshall 	Drayton Beaumont Park
	19:45	 Cammell Laird 1907 v Barnton 	Kirklands
	19:45	 Ellesmere Rangers v Alsager Town 	Beech Grove Stadium
	19:45	 New Mills v Wythenshawe Town 	Church Lane
	19:45	 Sandbach United v St Martins 	Sandbach Community Football Centre
	19:45	 West Didsbury & Chorlton P-P FC Isle of Man 	The Step Places Stadium

Postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions

	19:45	 Wythenshawe Amateurs v Cheadle Heath Nomads 	Hollyhedge Park
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Wednesday 7th October 2020

Premier Division

	19:45	 Longridge Town v Charnock Richard 	The Mike Riding Ground
	19:45	 Northwich Victoria v Warrington Rylands 1906 	Wincham Park
	20:00	 Avro v Hanley Town 	Vestacare Stadium

Wednesday 7th October 2020

First Division North

	19:45	 AFC Darwen v St Helens Town 	WEC Group Anchor Ground
	20:00	 Garstang v Cleator Moor Celtic 	The Riverside

Wednesday 7th October 2020

First Division South

	19:45	 Cheadle Town v Stockport Town 	Park Road Stadium
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Thursday 8th October 2020

First Division North

	20:00	 Lower Breck v Atherton LR 	Anfield Sports Community Centre
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Results



EMIRATES FA CUP RESULTS

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2020



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Hanley Town



Skelmersdale Utd

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Lancaster City



Stalybridge Celtic

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Longridge Town



Warrington Rylands

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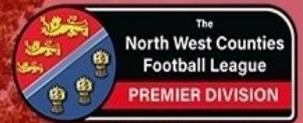
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PREMIER DIVISION RESULTS

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2020



74 1874 Northwich

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Runcorn Town



Congleton Town

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Squires Gate



Barnoldswick Town

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P

Ashton Athletic



Irlam

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Litherland Remyca



Bootle

P

P

Burscough



Padiham

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4

Whitchurch Alport



Charnock Richard

P

P

Northwich Victoria



Winsford United

P

P

Avro



Results

FIRST DIVISION NORTH RESULTS

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2020



LOWER BRECK FOOTBALL CLUB

AFC Darwen	7	3	AFC Blackpool		Cleator Moor	1	2	Golcar United	
Atherton LR	P	P	Nelson		Daisy Hill	P	P	Prestwich Heys	
Bacup Borough	P	P	Garstang		Holker Old Boys	3	4	Pilkington	
Bury AFC	3	2	Steeton		Lower Breck	5	0	Ashton Town	
Chadderton	2	2	St Helens Town						

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH RESULTS

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2020



Abbey Hey	2	3	Ellesmere Rangers		Eccleshall	P	P	New Mills	
Alsager Town	0	3	St Martins		FC Isle of Man	P	P	Wythenshawe Tn	
Cammell Laird	3	0	Abbey Hulton Utd		Maine Road	1	3	Barnton	
CH Nomads	2	4	Sandbach United		Vauxhall Motors	4	1	Stone OA	
Cheadle Town	2	2	Wythenshawe Am		West Didsbury	2	1	Stockport Town	

The Travelling Fan...

Opponents: Abbey Hulton United

Venue: Drayton Beaumont Park

Weather: Cold and Grey

Distance: 30 miles

Journey Time: 1 hour

GROUND

My first visit to Drayton Beaumont Park and a pleasant one it was too. A nice setting for North West Counties League football, a decent clubhouse and very reasonably priced refreshments. A three sided stadium for spectators with hard standing and two covered seated areas including the John Wightman Stand.



The Day Out & Journey

No issues with traffic either way, a really enjoyable drive down there. One of the best away days of the 2019/20 season, obviously influenced by the positive result and the reasonably priced refreshments in the clubhouse.

The Supporters

Both sets of supporters mixed happily in the clubhouse before and after the game. There was a sizeable following from Church Lane too, around half of the crowd being Millers followers. One of the warmest welcomes we have received this season.



The Match

A brilliant performance by The Millers on the day and a comprehensive 6-2 win. The match was wrapped up by half-time with Jake Pollard and Danny McLaughlin both scoring twice, and Benito Lowe adding another to see us five ahead at the interval. The home side rallied in the second half but James Neild scored a great free-kick for the icing on the cake.



Getting Away

A quick drink after the game and an opportunity to congratulate the players and Managers in the clubhouse before setting off back to New Mills. Another nice journey home with no delays.

Home By

Arrived back in New Mills for around 6:20pm, in time to catch the second-half of the United v Wolves match on the television. That game was not as exciting as the one that we had travelled to see!!

Moment of the Day

Has to be Jake Pollard scoring a header!!

Verdict

Journey: 9/10

Stadium: 7/10

Hospitality: 8/10

Programm: 4/10

Overall Experience: 8.5/10

Definitely one of the better away days of 2019/20 and I look forward to visiting Abbey Hulton again in the future.

The Travelling
Fan...

NWCFL TABLE

	Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	 1874 Northwich	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	 Ashton Athletic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	 Avro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	 Barnoldswick Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	 Bootle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	 Burscough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	 Charnock Richard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	 Congleton Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	 Hanley Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	 Irlam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	 Litherland REMYCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	 Longridge Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	 Northwich Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	 Padiham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	 Runcorn Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	 Skelmersdale United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	 Squires Gate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	 Warrington Rylands 1906	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	 Whitchurch Alport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	 Winsford United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



NWCFL TABLE

	First Division North	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	 AFC Blackpool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	 AFC Darwen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	 AFC Liverpool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	 Ashton Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	 Atherton LR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	 Bacup Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	 Bury AFC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	 Chadderton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	 Cleator Moor Celtic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	 Daisy Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	 Garstang	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	 Golcar United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	 Holker Old Boys	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	 Lower Breck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	 Nelson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	 Pilkington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	 Prestwich Heys	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	 Shelley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	 St Helens Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	 Steeton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



NWCFL TABLE

	First Division South	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	 Abbey Hey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	 Abbey Hulton United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	 Alsager Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	 Barnton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	 Cammell Laird 1907	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	 Cheadle Heath Nomads	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	 Cheadle Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	 Eccleshall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FROM

THE ARCHIVES

ON THIS DAY

October 6th

1906 New Mills playing in the Stockport and District League had an emphatic victory by 5-1 against Didsbury with Pierce 2, Swindells 2 and Schofield getting the goals.

1923 A fine 4-0 win at Eccles in the Manchester League. The goals came via Eaton 2, Yates and Horobin.

1956 Also in the Manchester League and the Millers go nap beating Ashton National 5-0. The team was; Taylor, Holder, McCullough, Herbert, Marsden, Clarke, Simms, Tidsey, Brooke, Jenkins, Radford. Player/manager Alf Jenkins got a brace as did Ralph Simms. The other goal was an effort by Maurice Brooke.

1973 Chlirode Rec. suffered a 4-1 loss here at Church Lane. The team; Ward, Skidmore, Grundy, Doherty, Brown, Rhodes, Royle, Worthington, Joyce, Williams, Hatton sub; McCombe. Scorers were Brown 2, Williams and Rhodes.



2001 A goalless game at local rivals Stockport Georgians. Eaton, Holdgate, Brankin, G Morgan, Ignotus, Land, Slater, Littler, Lees, Dignan and Clarke lined up for New Mills.

2007 A 2-1 win at Eccleshall courtesy of goals from that dynamic duo of Meakin and Kharas ensured that a run of great results continued. The line up was; Goerge, Bromley, Mather, Ryan, Dempsey, D Jackson, Meakin, Hopper, Kharas, Butterworth, Shaw. Messrs Lees, Nevins and Swift made up the substitutes bench.

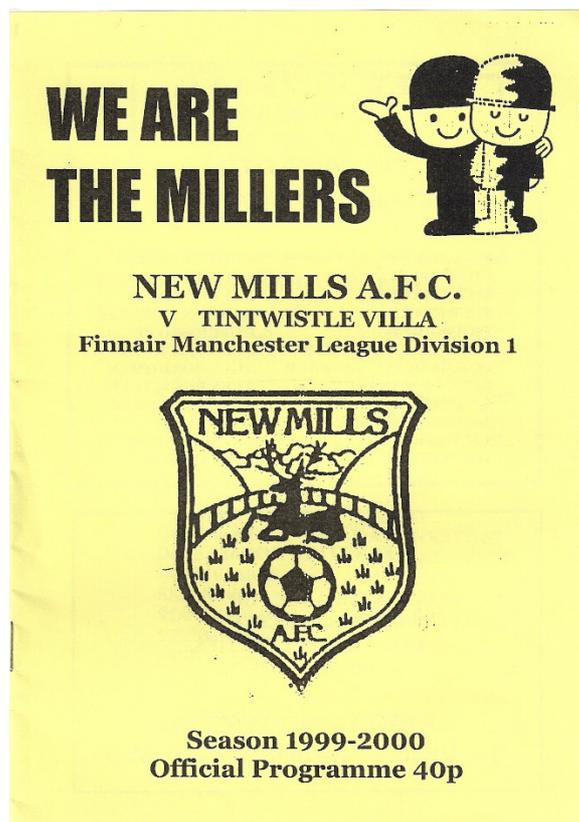
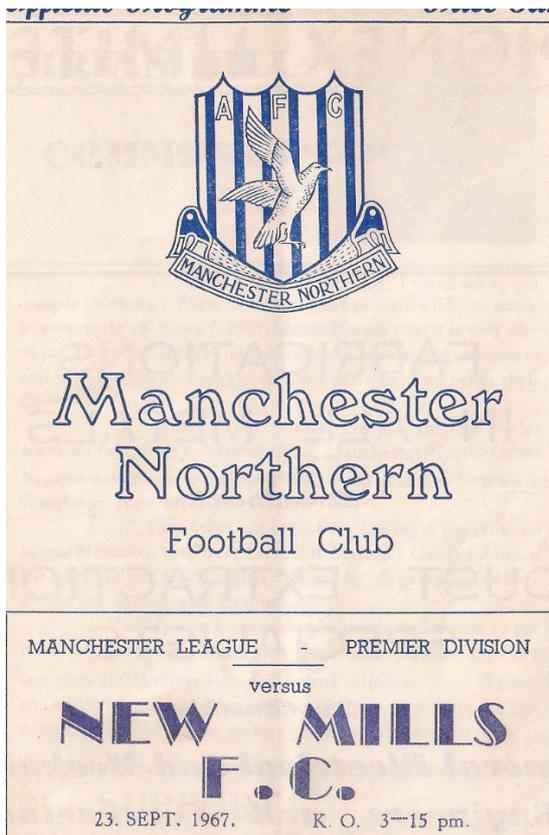
FROM THE ARCHIVES

PROGRAMME PARADE

With a collection of Millers programme numbering some 1500 and against almost 250 different clubs, STATO is going to showcase some of the more interesting ones.

We begin with an old Manchester League programme from 1967. Programmes were very rarely produced in those days and therefore you may not be surprised to know that this one is extremely rare.

Manchester Northern soon dropped out of the league and I would expect that you would have to pay at least £10 to get a copy like this one these days.



Our second programme is from 1999 when the club began to produce a regular match programme. Consisting of just 8 pages it was very well received and led to the club not missing any game being missed for the next 15 years. This programme is often on ebay for just £1.

FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Opposition	H/A	K.O	Score	Goalscorers
Sat 03/10/20	Eccleshall	A	15:00	Postp	
Tue 06/10/20	Wythenshawe Town 	H	19:45		
Sat 10/10/20	Winterton Rangers	H	15:00		
	(The Buildbase FA Vase 2Q)				
Tue 13/10/20	Wythenshawe Amateurs	H	19:45		
Sat 17/10/20	Vauxhall Motors	A	15:00		
Tue 20/10/20	Cheadle Town	H	19:45		
Sat 24/10/20	Maine Road	A	15:00		
Tue 27/10/20	Cheadle Heath Nomads	A	19:45		
Sat 31/10/20	St Martins	H	15:00		
Sat 07/11/20	Stone Old Alleynians	H	15:00		
Sat 14/11/20	Wythenshawe Town	A	15:00		
Sat 21/11/20	Alsager Town	H	15:00		
Sat 28/11/20	FC Isle of Man	A	15:00		
Sat 05/12/20	Ellesmere Rangers	H	15:00		
Sat 12/12/20	Eccleshall	H	15:00		
Sat 19/12/20	Cammell Laird 1907	A	15:00		
Sat 26/12/20	Stockport Town	A	15:00		
Sat 02/01/21	Abbey Hey	H	15:00		
Sat 09/01/21	Sandbach United	A	15:00		
Sat 16/01/21	West Didsbury & Chorlton	H	15:00		
Sat 23/01/21	FC Isle of Man	H	15:00		
Sat 30/01/21	Abbey Hulton United	A	15:00		
Sat 06/02/21	Vauxhall Motors	H	15:00		
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Sat 20/03/21	Barnton	H	15:00		
Sat 27/03/21	West Didsbury & Chorlton	A	15:00		
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Stalybridge Celtic Under 21's 2-2 The Millers Under 21's

Sunday 27 September 2020

Under 21's

After winning their opening League game last week, the Millers young team had a bye week, but continuing their development with little pre-season saw them take on a side from a higher division on Sunday after at the Stockport Sports Village in Woodley.

The game kicked off with all the early running made by Stalybridge as New Mills struggled to keep possession or contain their opposition and it was an early warning sign when Stalybridge had a goal ruled out for offside after only six minutes. So, it came as little surprise that Stalybridge took the lead in the 19th minute. A silly free kick was conceded in a dangerous area and as the ball was swung in from the left, the keeper came out and flapped at the ball, which dropped to a Stalybridge player who gleefully side footed the ball into the open net.

To their credit, the New Mills boys didn't panic and regrouped and slowly started to play some neat football as their confidence grew. On thirty minutes came New Mills best move of the game, the keeper rolled the ball to centre back Cameron Kilbride, who quickly moved it on to wing back Jay Manborde who played a great pass down the channel to Adam Dahou, who quickly turned, went on a mazy run leaving two defenders in his wake before unleashing a shot which had the keeper scrambling to his right as it whistled narrowly passed the post. Just a couple of minutes later Stalybridge reminded New Mills of the threat they carried as the speedy winger cut inside and hit a fierce shot that fizzed narrowly wide. Five minutes later New Mills were awarded a penalty! Following a free kick on the left hoisted in by Dahou, which the keeper made a bit of a mess off and a Jake Wilson went to retrieve the ball and stop it going out of play, he was needlessly bundled over for a clear penalty, which Manborde coolly despatched for his second penalty in two games.

New Mills had their tails up and Stalybridge were starting to look rattled. Two minutes later, a long ball over the top of the Stalybridge defence who were playing a high line, found striker Shaq Egbuje who sprinted into the box and coolly finished in the bottom left hand corner to put New Mills 2-1 ahead. Just before half time there could have been a significant turning point as New Mills substitute Cameron Hinchcliffe broke clear again, only to be crudely hacked down, right on the edge of the area and Stalybridge were rightly down to ten men as the referee had no hesitation in brandishing a red card. Sadly, the resulting free kick came to nothing and that was the last action of the first half as New Mills went into the break 2-1 up.

Unfortunately, despite going down to ten men, Stalybridge rallied in the second half and their extra physicality, pace and strength started to tell. Having said that, New Mills still created a couple of decent chances fashioned between the substitutes Hinchcliffe and the lively Niall Douglas, but the ball just wouldn't break or the composure was a little lacking and the game remained on a tightrope. As Stalybridge, pushed forward, New Mills gave away an increasing number of free kicks in dangerous areas and keeper Jack Beeby made one excellent save, tipping the ball round the post when it looked destined for the back of the net! But in the sixty second minute, another lapse in concentration at the back, led to a ball being slid through and the Stalybridge striker nipped in to round the keeper and tap the ball home to make the score 2-2.

Both sides had half chances as the game entered the last fifteen minutes, with Stalybridge definitely finishing the stronger and only a wonderful last ditch tackle by substitute Danny Woodrow in the last few minutes prevented Stalybridge from snatching what would have been an undeserved win.

The New Mills boys, who are still learning to play together ended the game with a creditable 2-2 draw against a side who are from a higher league, which will have given them great confidence ahead of their next league game at home to Avro on Sunday, who recently beat New Mills in a pre-season friendly, so a score to settle there!

Man of the Match – Jay Manborde



An independent review of the 2019/20 season.

This article, to run through the season, is the opinions of a supporter, not those of the club.

The 2019/20 season essentially began the day the previous season ended, a season that not many would describe as a success, the club narrowly finishing outside the relegation places at the bottom of the North West Counties League Division One South.

The week following seasons end Manager Antony Trucca and his coaching staff of Cross, Seaton and Bradburn attended a meeting with the clubs committee in which they outlined their plans for the following season, as well as producing a list of potential signings for what the club were hoping would be a successful campaign, as a league restruture opened up more potential promotion places for the 2019/20 season.

While the discussions that took place in the meeting remain private, conclusions can be drawn from the outcome as later that day the club released a statement on the official website;

***“Following the end of the season and discussions with the Committee and Management team for the forthcoming season the Committee believe it is the right decision to make changes now for a new Management team to be appointed for the 2019/2020 season.*”**

The North West Counties League is a good standard and demands are high at this level and as a club we hope to fight a promotion challenge at the end of next season

Ray Coverley, Chairman NMAFC said: “The committee would like to thank Trucca, Crossy, Chris and Matt for their commitment, hard work and support they have given to the team and the club. We wish them well in all future ventures.”

New Mills AFC would like to note that at this time we are not looking for applications, we hope the players and fans will bear with us and we hope to be making an announcement in the near future”

While stating that they were not seeking applications for the Manager's job the club committee wasted no time in searching for a replacement for Trucca. Club Chairman Ray Coverley completing due dilligence on a number of potential candidates before approaching former player Scott Dignan about the role. Dignan had enjoyed managerial success at Knutsford in the Cheshire League, guiding them to several trophy successes during his time in charge, before stepping down for personal reasons. While Dignan ruled himself out of the running for the post, he made the recommendaion of a close friend Paul Riley, with whom he had worked at Knutsford.

The Season that Never Was...



Riley's CV made for impressive reading, a playing career that took him from Cheadle Town to Curzon Ashton with spells at Hyde United and Woodley Sports in between. In Management terms he had lifted the Cheshire League Premier Division trophy as manager of Cheadle Heath Nomads and as Joint-Manager at Knutsford.

Having consulted many people who knew Riley within the game, including former New Mills players whose opinion he trusted Chairman Coverley was convinced and Riley was invited to interview, and less than a week after the dismissal of Trucca The Millers announced that they had a new boss on the club website;

“New Mills AFC are proud to announce Paul Riley as their new manager.

Riley, 42 has taken a season out of football but is keen to take up the challenge given by the Committee at NMAFC to compete for league promotion next season.

Paul said: “It's an honor to be offered the manager's role at such a well-established club, who have underachieved on the pitch during the last three or four years in my opinion.

“We all want a team hungry to win things, they'll be fit and play entertaining football, all of the teams I've managed have played good football. I will be chatting to the all the players and see where we are at pre-season training in June.

“My understanding is that the club has good plans off the pitch in the coming seasons and look forward to being part of the development. Running an U21 team next season will be a good asset for this club and an excellent opportunity for players to develop through to the first team

“In addition to the current playing squad we will be looking to strengthen in some areas from our own pool of player's, but everyone will be given a chance, we aim to get a really good side together to entertain the fans.

“I haven't come to make the numbers up, we want to win something. The plans off the pitch are right, youth development and improving the current facilities, the Committee are working really hard for the future of NMAFC, now we all want success on the pitch.”

During his football career Riley started on a YTS at Crewe, then played for Hyde Utd, Abbey Hey, Woodley then was Captain for six seasons at Curzon Ashton. After suffering a bad head injury, he then played for one season at Trafford and during this season they won the NWC Premier League. Moving into Management Riley was in charge at Curzon Ashton Reserves, moving to Denton Town leading the club to promotion into the Cheshire Premier league and then moved to Cheadle Heath Nomads winning the Cheshire Premier League. His last successful Management role was as joint Manager with Scott Dignan, leading Knutsford to win the Cheshire Senior Cup and the Cheshire Premier League.

Riley will bring with him Coach Daz McConnell and player/coach Neru McKenzie.

Paul's CV makes excellent reading and we now ask all our fans to get behind Paul and his team”

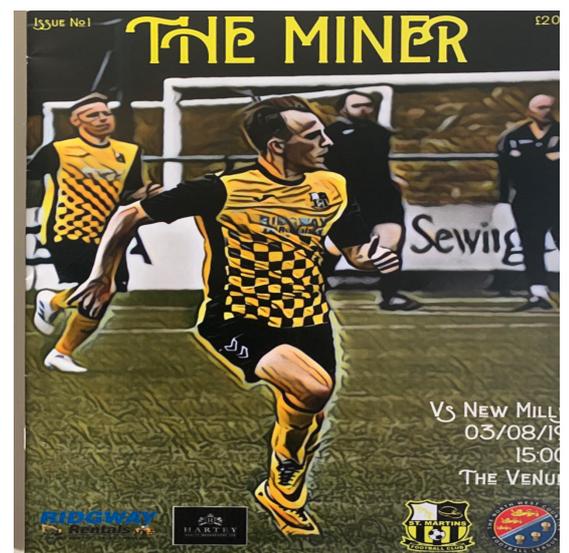


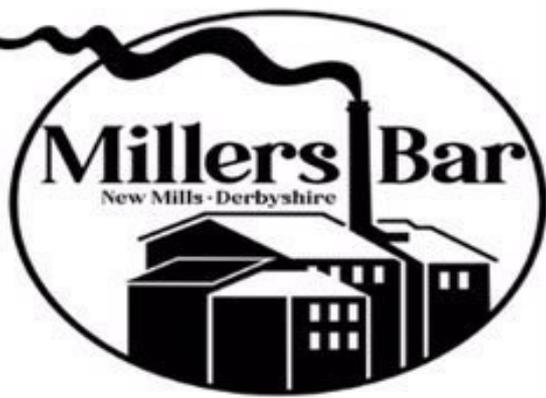
Riley's time in charge at Church Lane did not start well, his statement that he would be 'chatting to all the players' was not followed through and supporters were concerned by events as they saw the majority of the previous seasons squad announced as signings for other clubs on social media. The likes of Joe Rothwell the young midfield player who had spent several seasons at the club were popular among supporters and it did not sit well with many as the previous seasons squad began training elsewhere. It could not be said that the players did not make the efforts to remain at Church Lane themselves, several contacted the club frequently via social media in an attempt to establish the possibilities for the coming season.

Prior and personal commitments meant that Riley was unable to oversee pre-season training as it commenced in mid-late June, former Hanley Town striker Dwayne Spence joined the coaching staff and it was he that was leading the early sessions. With Adam Cooper and Georgi Whyment the only players from the previous season attending pre-season training it was clear that Millers supporters would be watching a much changed side in the coming campaign, although fans favourite Dennis Sherriff was added to the squad in late July.

An unimpressive run of results in pre-season fixtures, including a three goal humbling at Church Lane by Manchester League side AFC Springhead saw questions being asked about the Millers new boss. While supporters were buoyed by the return of former favourite Carlos Meakin whom Riley employed in a centre forward position throughout pre-season, results and performances were poor, and rumours spread regarding the poor relationship between Riley and Coach Dwayne Spence. Having been announced as part of the Coaching staff back in May, neither Nehru McKenzie or Darren McConnell were seen at Church Lane following the Springhead defeat, and it was quickly becoming clear that the coming season may be a tough one.

An opening day visit to St Martins was complicated by the Whaley Bridge dam situation, road closures in and around New Mills meaning that there were very few visiting supporters in attendance for Riley's first game in charge, while a number of players were ruled out of contention for the same reason. Striker Taylor Maguire had been one of the few high points of the pre-season fixtures and he gave his side the lead with a penalty on 13 minutes before the home side bounced back to score three times meaning that it was an opening day defeat for the third successive season.





Church Lane, New Mills, High Peak

Presents #FoodieFriday

18 September - Nyama Choma



25 September - Waan Yen Thai

2 October - Nasi Lemak



9 October - Big D's Barbecue

Food Served 17:00-21:00

Co-Hosted by High Peak Food Hub

Bar Open Until 22:00 serving beers, wines and spirits



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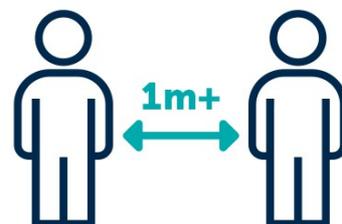
**STAY HOME IF YOU
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**WASH HANDS
REGULARLY**



**KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE**



Today's Teams



New Mills FC (from);

Sam Amankwaa
Michael Connor
Elliot Cooke
Ben Edgson
Mason Fallon
Sam Fitzgerald
Dylan Forth
Adam Gardiner
Luke Horrocks
Benito Lowe
Jordan Milne
Adam Muir
Harry Norris
Mike Norton
Kyle Oakes
Shelton Payne
Jake Pollard
Josh Ramsden
Jack Wray

Shirts: Amber
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black



Referee: Mark Bates
Assistant: Adam Yau
Assistant: Daniel O'Brien



Wythenshawe Town (from);

Matthew Bryan
Jordan Burton
Brad Byrne
Liam Crellin-Myers
Lee Gregory
Callum Jakovlevs
Jan Palinkas
Justin Pickering
Fenton Reeves
Matthew Roberts
Dominic Smalley
Jack Timmons
Jerome Wright
Steven Yarwood

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