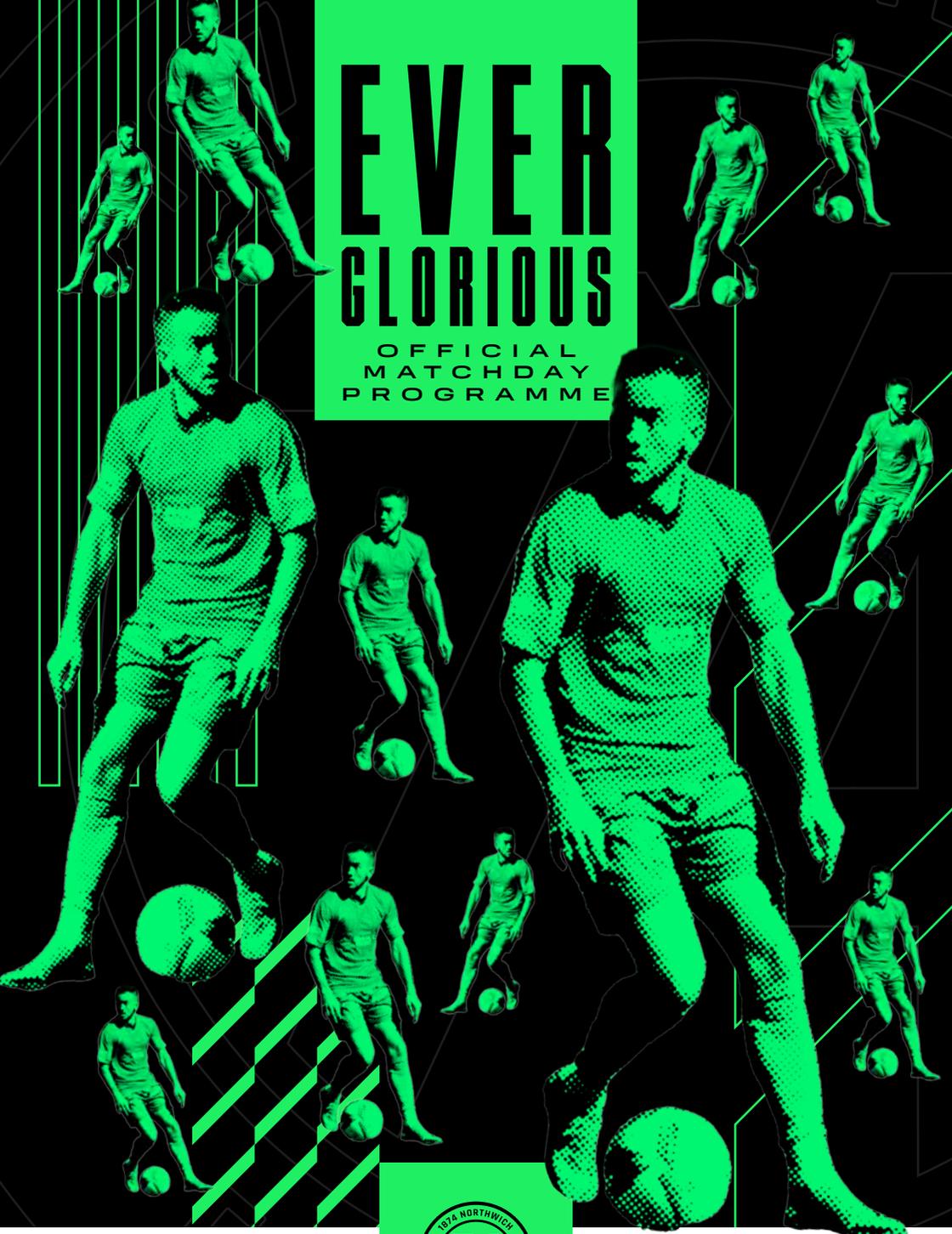


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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

STEVE RICHARDSON



Good afternoon everyone, today we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and management of Skelmersdale United FC to Townfield for this afternoon's fixture.

Gaining promotion to the Northern Premier League via the playoffs at the end of last year, Skem have made a solid start to their NPL journey and we will no doubt face a stern test this afternoon.

With no game last weekend it has given the management and players a chance to take stock and rest a few weary legs after an impressive win against a strong City of Liverpool side last time round.

As we enter October it is extremely pleasing to see 74 sitting high in the league, yet we all know how quickly situations can change.

A quick glance at the table reflects how tight the first few weeks of the season have been. Results so far have shown how open the league currently is, as teams take time to settle the construct of the table will no doubt change on a regular basis.

Whilst we can't expect to win every game it is important that the team continues to pick up points whenever the opportunity arises.

On behalf of the club I want to take this opportunity to welcome a number of new additions to the 74 squad. Ben Woods needs little introduction to you. Having been at the club previously Ben has been playing at a higher level for the last couple of years, most recently playing last season at Stafford Rangers.

Also rejoining the club we welcome back Raecee Ellington who originally made the transition to the first team following impressive displays last season for the u21's and a new face at the club Tom Moore who I'm sure we will see in action soon.

Following today's game we look forward to visiting our near neighbours at Wincham Park in the Mid Cheshire Senior Cup, but that's a story for another day.

This afternoon, please enjoy today's game. Let's get behind the lads and look to build on last weeks result.

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FROM THE DUGOUT

PAUL & WAYNE



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Townfield for our League game against Skelmersdale United.

We've been frustrated with the couple of free Saturdays we've had - not just because we're out of the FA competitions but because it's meant a bit of a stop-start few weeks. I suppose the upshot of this is it's given us time to work on a few things in training and give one or two a bit more time to recover from knocks, illness and injury.

It was pleasing to see us come away from the City of Liverpool game with three points. It was in the balance at half time as I thought we gave up possession in the first half which is unlike us, but the players pulled together and improved with the ball in the second half, seeing us gain the three points. Once again we defended well, limiting them to shots from distance and we put together some good attacking moves, seeing us break through the lines quickly and getting in behind particularly in wide areas.

We'd known for a couple of weeks that Jamie Reed was uncertain of how he wanted his season to pan out. He'd spoken to us before the FA Trophy tie at Clitheroe about being unsure whether he wanted to pursue a coaching role or continue playing. It's difficult to do both and Jamie admitted he struggled with the balance at times and this was evident during pre-season. Once he decided he wanted to play for potentially his final season, we were both honest with him and explained that we were unable to guarantee him playing time at the moment with the way we've been playing.

We both have a great deal of respect for Jamie. He joined us at a time where we needed a forward last season and make an excellent contribution both on and off the pitch and whilst we supported him as he completed his coaching badges, Jamie has been good for us to have around the group and offer help and advice particularly to the younger players. I'm sure when he does take a coaching or managerial role he'll be a great success but for now he sees his immediate

future as a player and we wouldn't want to make promises to him (or anyone else) about playing - something we've never done.

Mark Jones is feeling his knee still and will not be fit for today's game. Joe Woolley picked up a knock in the CoL game and the extra time without a game has done him good. We're pleased to have signed Ollie Heywood on loan from Chester. Ollie's a Northwich lad who's come through the system at Chester and is highly rated there. He's featured in the majority of their games at National League North level this season and joins us for a couple of months in the first instance with the expectation that he will return to Chester at some point.

The Mid-Cheshire Cup tie has been rearranged for next weekend so we won't have too long to wait for our next game. Of course we'd love to get the three points today which would see us maintain our place in the top half of the table. The League continues to be as tough as many predicted with all teams capable of beating each other on their day so it's important we gain as many points as possible early on.

Enjoy the game, get behind the lads like you have done so far this season.

Up the '74

Bows and Goody

SECRETARIAL MUSINGS

VICKI ENGLAND



Welcome to October, I hope you are wrapped up! It doesn't seem that long ago that we were sweltering and now we're rugged up, deciding whether to put the central heating on!! Time for Bovril, I reckon!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone connected with Skelmersdale United, after travelling down the M6 this afternoon. Our opponents gained promotion through the play-offs, after an outstanding season in the Counties, finishing as runners up to Macclesfield.

They've had a mixed start to life in the NPL and sit just below us in the League table. Earlier in September, they appointed experienced player Richard Brodie as their new Manager, after a stint at Ashton Athletic as Coach.

We last played Skelmersdale two years ago this month, during the ill-fated season that was cut short to covid.

Two goals from Harry Cain and one from Ryan Mitchell, saw the Greens win 3-1 at Townfield. The most memorable game (well, from our point of view anyway) came in January 2020 when, after being two nothing down at half time, we rallied to win 3-2 to keep our Championship hopes alive.

The winner came in injury time, a fantastic ball over to Callum saw him control it on the volley, take the ball on and find space to hit it in the corner of the net. There were such scenes from our players, management and supporters, it still gives me goosebumps! If today's game is half as good as that day, we should be in for a treat.

Last time out, we secured a two-nil win at Townfield against City of Liverpool. Two cracking goals, a thunder blaster from Joe Woolley and a well taken strike from Kenzy, ensured the points went our way.

Talking of Joe Woolley, I'm sure you are as thrilled as me to see him on such good form and chipping in with important goals. After the horrific 'double' injuries he had and the long recovery needed each time, I couldn't be more pleased to see him playing some of the best football of his life.

You'll have seen by now that we have brought forward our Mid Cheshire Cup game, against Witton, to next Saturday. We were due to visit Linnets however, as they are involved in the FA Trophy, we found ourselves with a free afternoon.

When I looked, it wasn't possible to bring a winter game forward, same for the Albs too, so we both agreed to switch the game, and this was approved by the authorities.

So, I'll hopefully see many of you across town for our first visit of the season to WP. We'll come across some old friends there too, eh?!

Our game against Runcorn Linnets will be rescheduled for some time in November, I'm just working on the date. It would seem apt that we will play the Linnets around mid-November, on the tenth anniversary of our formation, as they were most helpful when we were finding out how to set up and run a football club!

We've signed three more young players this week. Returning for another stint is Raece Ellington, who

was promoted from our U21 team last year. We've also signed forward Tom Moore and local lad Ollie Heywood on loan from Chester.

All three are good prospects and if they want to benefit from a club that likes to develop young talent, they are in the right place.

Last week, we saw Jamie Reed leave us to head over to Wincham Park. Jamie has made a nice impact at 1874, he instantly hit the ground running with strong performances and crucial goals and went on to help on the coaching side.

Jamie was honest with our managers, understandably he wanted to play more, and this was not guaranteed and therefore he decided to take a chance across town. Good luck to him (apart from next Saturday!) as he is a good guy and he bowed out in the right way.

Don't forget that we're still looking for player sponsorship and also to increase the sponsorship in 'Toddy's scheme'.

The great man would have been chasing you to take part and whilst we are not as prolific as him yet at twisting people's arms, we're working on it!

Please see Richard Webb or Guy/me and we would be happy to enrol you. Thanks to those who are already taking part.

That's it for now, enjoy the game and thanks for your support.

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SIMMO'S NOTES

ANDREW SIMPSON

A LONG wait between matches only increases anticipation, doesn't it?

Well, I reckon it's true.

It is more than 10 days since 1874 Northwich proved too strong for City of Liverpool here, and I'd wager most in Townfield this afternoon would like history to repeat.

That victory ticked plenty of boxes. Fans that I talked to wanted to witness a first home win of the season. They did. They were eager for their favourites to protect a lead as well. That happened.

Oh, and Joe Woolley scored another cracker. Don't take it for granted, folks!

I know it's mildly annoying to read, but I'll write it anyway; it's still too early to draw meaningful conclusions. That doesn't mean there aren't encouraging signs.

If you'd have told me last season that Mark Jones was going to sit out for six matches with an injury, I'd have grimaced.

Don't get me wrong, you'd still want a guy of his class and experience on the pitch. But there is credit owed as well to the performances of Matty Fenton and Jack Marrow – who between them might just about scrape together 50 appearances in non-league football – that mean Jonah doesn't have to rush back and can focus on recovering.

It was heartening to read Wayne's newsletter notes on Friday when he shared that the youngsters were still benefiting from the know-how of their older teammate even though he can't be alongside them right now.

I was also struck too by Goody's admission that he and Bow feel reinvigorated by managing a group that has lots of new faces and plenty of potential remains untapped.

After five-and-a-half years in charge, that has to be a good feeling.

There is genuine excitement at not knowing yet what the ceiling might be for so many of these players, and I'm as intrigued as anybody to find out.

However, they do need to continue collecting points.

Skelmersdale United arrive in town while going through a transition of their own following the appointment of Richard Brodie as manager.

Coincidentally, his predecessor Paul McNally was in the Purps' dugout last time out.

Skem have lost their past three matches in the Northern Premier League, including a slender 2-1 reverse at improving Workington last weekend.

Curiously, that means they have conceded the most goals – 17 in eight matches – of teams in the West Division this season.

That said, only Macc, Leek and Hanley have scored more.

It was fascinating to read Brodie's interview with the Non-League Paper earlier this month when he said, as a former player, his existing relationship with most of the squad he has inherited would be a big help at the start of his managerial career.

"We already have a bond and because of that the club will be a special place to be around," he said.

Two of Skem's three wins have been away from home – perhaps an indication of them still adjusting to new surroundings at Burscough – and so they won't be daunted playing here.

Enjoy the game, folks.

Simm



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FROM THE TERRACES

RICHARD EVANS

As football fans you're never really too bothered how the ball finds the back of the net for your team, you're just glad it got there.

However there is always that extra bit of elation when a perfectly timed strike or mazy run ends with a goal that didn't seem likely seconds before. It's that mixture of surprise, joy and relief all rolled into one that does the trick and it's why you always kind of want your player to have a dig from 35 yards.

Following a disappointing defeat at the hands of Colne, 1874 needed to bounce back with a good performance and three points against City of Liverpool and it came via two finishes of aplomb, courtesy of Joe Woolley and Kenzie.

The opener, a tracer bullet of a volley by Joe from 20 yards, flashed past the keeper before he even had time to see it and understandably sent the home fans into raptures.

This was followed by a typical moment of brilliance from our other winger who had the poise and composure to cut back inside a desperate defender before placing a shot into the corner. Suddenly presented with a chance to go through on goal after the visitors had parted like the Red Sea, it was one of those moments where everyone expects a goal and the pressure is well and truly on. You have to take chances like that in tight matches and it set us up perfectly to see the game out from there.

While we maybe could have scored more, it was pleasing to see the lads keep a clean sheet and look relatively untroubled from a defensive point of view all evening. City of Liverpool have since gone on to win too which shows that they had the potential to cause us problems if we hadn't been on our game.

Ultimately there are no easy matches in this league and you have to fight for every single point right to the final whistle.

We have done that in pretty much every encounter so far which is why we have picked up some good results – the challenge now is to ensure we can get over the line more often as we would actually be sitting second right now if we hadn't conceded late equalisers on three separate occasions.



Onto today's opponents and Skelmersdale will be travelling to Cheshire hoping to arrest a poor run of results. They have lost all of their last three league games, and also bowed out of the FA Trophy at the hands of Widnes after drawing 1-1 over 90 minutes.

The quality of their squad would suggest they are capable of much better than that though, and we know from previous experience that they are a dangerous side. From our perspective, a second win on the bounce would really cement our position in the top half of the table and further boost the belief of this young, talented side.

Let's get behind the lads once again and give them the support that their enterprising and high-energy displays deserve.

Up the '74!

BIG GAME PREVIEW

by GARRY CLARKE



1874 NORTHWICH V SKELMERSDALE UNITED NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE - WEST

Today 1874 Northwich welcomes Skelmersdale United to Townfield for a NPL West fixture.

Skelmersdale United opened their 2022/23 league campaign with a 3-2 defeat at home against Trafford before they got their season up and running with a 2-1 win at City of Liverpool. After a 1-0 loss at home to Clitheroe they ended August with wins against Hanley Town and Prescott Cables.

September was not a happy month for Skem as they lost all three league games, at home against Runcorn Linnets, 4-2, Glossop North End, 0-2, and last Saturday at Workington, where having fallen behind in the 29th minute Skem equalized in the 2nd half through Jordan Southworth but then conceded a further goal in the 66th minute to go down 2-1.

Having finished the 2021/22 season 2nd in the NWCFL Premier Division table, Skelmersdale United gained promotion to the NPL via the play offs. Today they arrive at Townfield in 12th place in the NPL West table, two points and seven places behind 1874 in 5th.

Comparative NPL records:

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1874	8	2	5	1	11	8	+3	11
United	8	3	0	5	13	17	-4	9

Skelmersdale United opened the 2022/23 season with a 2-1 FA Cup extra preliminary round win at home over Padiham, however their progress was halted in the preliminary round by Prescott Cables who knocked them out, winning 3-1.

In the FA Trophy 1st qualifying round they drew 1-1 at Widnes, the home side equalizing in the 90th minute, only to lose 4-2 on penalties.

Top goal scorer so far this season is Elliott Morris with 6 goals, closely followed by Daniel Mitchley on 4.

This will be the 4th time 1874 Northwich have played Skelmersdale United, with the green and blacks having a 100% record in the previous 3 meetings.

SKELMERSDALE UNITED FACT FILE

<i>Formed</i>	1882
<i>Ground</i>	JMO Sports Park
<i>Colours</i>	Blue
<i>Change Colours</i>	Red
<i>Nickname</i>	Skem
<i>Manager</i>	Richard Brodie
<i>2021/22</i>	2nd NWCFL Premier

FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS

The only two players (there may be more) traced who have played for both 1874 Northwich and Skelmersdale United are Harry Cain, currently playing for home town team Sandbach, and Jason Carey.

WE'VE MET BEFORE

Garry Clarke takes a look back at the previous three meetings between 1874 Northwich and Skelmersdale United, all of which 1874 won.

2019/20

28th September 2019 - NWCFL Premier

Home - Won 1-0 Attendance 247

1874 - Parker

25th January 2020 - NWCFL Premier

Away - Won 3-2 Attendance 302

Skem – Carey, Adegbenro

1874 – Gardner 2, M Woolley

2020/21

27th October 2020 - NWCFL Premier

Home - Won 3-1 Attendance 189

1874 – Cain 2, Mitchell

Skem – Adegbenro

HEAD TO HEAD

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD
Home	3	0	2	1	6	9	-3
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NPL NEWS DESK

by GARRY CLARKE

MANAGERIAL CHANGES PART ONE

We were just 12 days into the new season when the NPL saw its first managerial casualty of 2022/23 when Bootle dispensed with the services of their manager Brian Richardson after the Bucks 4-1 FA Cup defeat against Congleton Town. A statement said: "The committee would like to thank Brian and his coaching staff for all of their work and commitment over the last season."

On the same day as Richardson departed it was announced that Steve McNulty would be taking over as Bootle's new manager. McNulty, 38, brings a wealth of experience to the club, during his playing career; he featured for Barrow, Fleetwood Town, Luton Town, Tranmere Rovers and York City, before a stint in the Northern Premier League with Witton Albion. At the back end of 2021, McNulty went to Chester as assistant manager and was also registered as a player.

There must be something in the water at the Berry Street Garage Stadium as after their Bank Holiday Monday defeat at the hands of their landlords, City of Liverpool parted company with manager Michael Ellison and his coaching staff.

A club statement read: "It is with regret that the Board of Directors of COLFC have this evening discussed the current situation and decided that we have no choice but to relieve Michael Ellison and staff of their managerial duties. We go on record as to the hard work Ello and the team have put in, in creating possibly the best squad we've ever had and in difficult previous Covid-affected seasons. However, football is a result based game of course and in a season where four clubs can be relegated from what is an exceptionally tough division, we simply cannot afford to be cut further adrift at the bottom".

City of Liverpool appointed Paul McNally as their new manager following his resignation as manager of Skelmersdale United.

As usual there were a number of clubs across all three NPL Division's who changed managers during the summer; here we take a look at some of those changes.

Gainsborough Trinity appointed a new managerial duo of Neal Bishop and Damon Parkinson during the summer,

following the resignation of head coach Tom Shaw at the end of last season.

40 year old Bishop made more than 40 appearances for the Holy Blues last season, following a stellar career in the professional game that saw spells at Mansfield, Scunthorpe, Notts County, York and Scarborough. Parkinson, 34, was previously assistant to Dave Frecklington at Frickley and also had a spell at Newark Town as joint manager.

Shildon gave the manager's job to Jamie Turnstall with Deano Brown also joining as assistant manager. The pair had previously been in charge at Ebac Northern League Division 1 side Crook Town AFC.

Turnstall replaced Daniel Moore in the Dean Street hot-seat after Moore's contract was not extended. Not out of work for long Moore was unveiled as Hebburn Town's new manager after Kevin Bolam had been relieved of his managerial duties in March.

A four-time Northern League winner as a player, Moore had masterminded a number of cup wins for Shildon as well as achieving promotion alongside Hebburn in 2020/21. Staying in the NPL East, Lincoln United appointed Chris Funnell as their new manager after a successful spell in charge of the team on an interim basis for the final nine games of last season, helping them to avoid relegation.

Previously a player at the club he returned in 2019 and takes on the role as men's first team manager having helped the women's first team to a promotion.



The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

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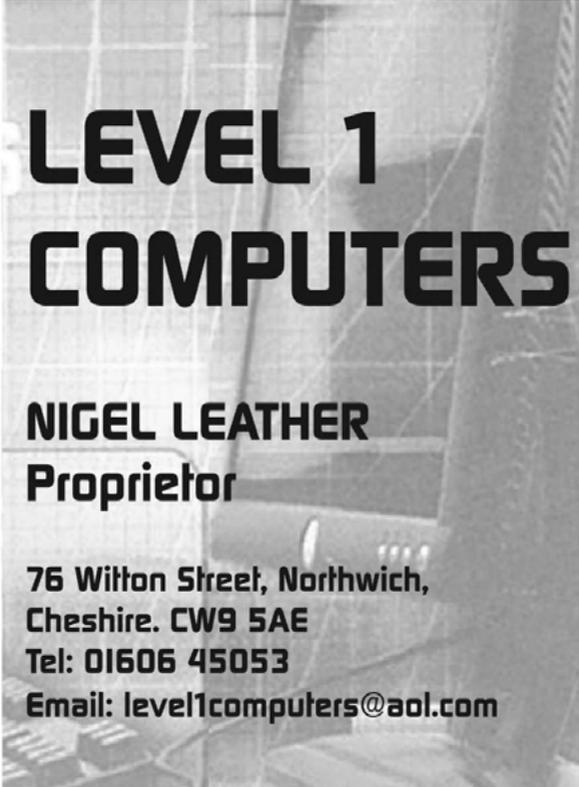
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For more information, or to join in, then please see Richard (he can usually be found behind the microphone), Guy or Vicki.

Thank you.



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1874 NORTHWICH SEASON 2022/23

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DATE	OPPOSITION	FT	HT	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
AUG 6	Colne (FAC Exp)	1-2	0-1	238	Aghayere	Diop Parra*	Buckley	Fenton	Jones	Green	Woolley J(1)
13	PRESCOT	0-0	0-0	283	Allen	Diop Parra*	Buckley	Fenton	Jones	Green	Woolley J
16	Kidsgrove	3-3	3-0	235	Allen	Broe*	Buckley	Fenton	Jones	Green(1)	Woolley J
27	Clitheroe	3-1	3-0	516	Allen	Broe*	Buckley	Fenton	Jones	Green	Woolley J(2)
29	LEEK	0-0	0-0	318	Aghayere	Broe	Buckley	Fenton	Marrow	Green*	Woolley J*
SEP 3	RAMSBOTTOM	1-1	1-0	240	Allen	Broe	Buckley	Fenton	Marrow	Green	Woolley J(1)
6	Newcastle	2-2	1-0	120	Allen	Broe	Buckley	Fenton	Marrow	Green	Noble (1)*
10	Clitheroe (FAT)	1-2	1-1	272	Aghayere	Broe	Buckley	Fenton	Marrow	Green	Noble*
17	Colne	0-1	0-0	226	Aghayere	Broe*	Buckley	Fenton	Marrow	Green	Woolley J*
14	CITY OF LIVERPOOL	2-0	1-0	296	Aghayere	Broe	Buckley	Fenton	Marrow	Green	Woolley J(1)*
OCT 1	SKELMERSDALE	-									
8	Witton Albion (MCSC)	-									
15	TRAFFORD	-									
22	Macclesfield	-									
29	GLOSSOP	-									
31	Stockport Town (CSC)	-									
NOV 5	Mossley	-									
12	HANLEY	-									
19	WIDNES	-									
26	Workington	-									
DEC 3	Bootle	-									
10	COLNE	-									
17	Prescot	-									
26	WITTON	-									
JAN 2	Leek	-									
7	KIDSGROVE	-									
14	City of Liverpool	-									
21	Ramsbottom	-									
28	BOOTLE	-									
FEB 4	Skelmersdale	-									
7	NEWCASTLE	-									
18	Trafford	-									
25	RUNCORN L	-									
MAR 4	MACCLESFIELD	-									
18	Glossop	-									
25	MOSSLEY	-									
APR 1	Hanley	-									
8	CLITHEROE	-									
10	Witton	-									
15	WORKINGTON	-									
22	Widnes	-									
TBA	Runcorn L	-									

Competition key: all fixtures Northern Premier League West unless otherwise stated
 FAC = FA Cup | FAT = FA Trophy | MAC = Macron League Cup
 CSC = Cheshire Senior Cup | MCSC= Mid-Cheshire Senior Cup

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Woolley M	Reed(1)*	Irlam(1)*	O'Neill	Woods A*	Adetiloye*	Noble	Diop Parra	Marrow*		Bruce D	Kids
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NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE - WEST 2022/23

League table

30/09/22

	Pld	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1 Macclesfield	7	3	0	0	13	0	3	0	1	9	2	+20	18
2 Leek Town	8	1	2	1	7	6	2	2	0	7	1	+7	13
3 Workington	8	2	0	2	4	4	2	1	1	7	4	+3	13
4 Mossley	8	1	1	1	2	3	3	0	2	7	7	-1	13
5 Runcorn Linnets	7	2	2	0	5	2	1	0	2	4	3	+4	11
6 1874 NORTHWICH	8	1	3	0	3	1	1	2	1	8	7	+3	11
7 Prescot Cables	7	2	1	0	4	2	1	1	2	6	7	+1	11
8 Glossop North End	7	1	2	1	4	5	2	0	1	3	1	+1	11
9 Bootle	7	2	0	2	4	7	1	2	0	5	4	-2	11
10 Newcastle Town	6	1	3	0	6	5	1	1	0	3	2	+2	10
11 Hanley Town	7	0	0	3	5	9	3	1	0	9	4	+1	10
12 Kidsgrove Athletic	7	1	1	0	4	3	1	3	1	5	8	-2	10
13 Trafford	7	1	2	1	6	5	1	1	1	4	4	+1	9
14 Clitheroe	5	1	0	1	3	3	2	0	1	2	3	-1	9
15 Skelmersdale United	8	1	0	4	6	12	2	0	1	7	5	-4	9
16 Colne	7	2	0	3	6	8	0	2	0	2	2	-2	8
17 Witton Albion	8	2	0	2	4	5	0	1	3	3	6	-4	7
18 Ramsbottom United	7	1	0	3	4	12	0	2	1	2	4	-10	5
19 City of Liverpool	7	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	4	5	9	-6	3
20 Widnes	6	0	2	1	2	5	0	0	3	2	10	-11	2

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE - WEST 2022/23

Results Grid

30/09/22

	1874	Bootle	City of Liverpool	Clitheroe	Colne	Glossop NE	Hanley Town	Kidsgrove Ath	Leek Town	Macclesfield	Mossley	Newcastle Town	Prescot Cables	Ramsbottom Utd	Runcorn Linnets	Skelmersdale Utd	Trafford	Widnes	Witton Albion	Workington
1874	X	-	2-0	-	-	-	-	-	0-0	-	-	-	0-0	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bootle	-	X	2-1	-	-	-	-	-	0-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-1	0-1
City of Liverpool	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	-	-	-
Clitheroe	1-3	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colne	1-0	-	2-1	-	X	-	1-2	0-2	-	-	2-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glossop NE	-	-	1-0	-	-	X	2-4	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0	-	-	-
Hanley Town	-	-	2-3	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	-	-	2-4	-	-	-	-
Kidsgrove Ath	3-3	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leek Town	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	X	1-3	-	-	4-1	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Macclesfield	-	-	-	3-0	-	-	-	5-0	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5-0	-	-
Mossley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-2	-	X	1-1	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-
Newcastle Town	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	2-1	1-1	-
Prescot Cables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	1-0	-	-	-	2-1	1-1
Ramsbottom Utd	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-3	-	0-5	3-1	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	0-3
Runcorn Linnets	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	0-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	3-1	1-0	-
Skelmersdale Utd	-	-	-	0-1	-	0-2	-	-	-	-	-	3-2	-	-	1-4	X	2-3	-	-	-
Trafford	-	2-3	-	-	1-1	-	-	1-1	-	-	2-0	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-
Widnes	-	1-1	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-3	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
Witton Albion	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	1-0	0-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	3-2
Workington	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	2-1	2-1	-	-	X

THE '74 BIG BIRTHDAY BASH

JAMES WOOD

UPDATE

1874 Northwich are looking to the next stage of planning our celebrations, and are making arrangements for a celebratory meal.

In order to make sure a cost effective venue is booked, we are looking for expressions of interest so as to gauge attendance.

At £30-£35 a head, if you would be interested in such a meal, with presentations and maybe a few speeches or three, then please get in touch with James or a Board Member.

Other ideas as before:

1. 10th Anniversary Celebration Dinner
 - To be held on Sat 12 November (after the Hanley home game) or Sat 19 November (after the Widnes home game)
 - Price:TBC, but we are aiming for circa £30-35 per head
 - Venue TBC but a number are being considered.
 - 3 Course 'Traditional' meal
 - Post meal 'awards' (Player of the Decade, Goal of the Decade etc)
 - Other 'activities'
2. 1874 'Legends' Game – Venue and date TBC but likely to be an Ian Street XI v a Bo-Go XI!
3. Special 10th Anniversary playing kit and / or leisurewear – Might we wish to commission SK Kits to produce a one-off 10th Anniversary 'branded' playing kit for the home game that we designate as our 10th Anniversary event weekend (Hanley on 12th November or Widnes on 19th). Fans could be asked to submit a design for this 'special' shirt, with the favoured one being chosen by them.

Cost will clearly be a consideration, but depending how much it would cost to produce 15 'outfield' + 1 goalkeepers shirts , we could seek fans / members to fund the cost of one each and they would then receive this after the game (fully laundered of

course!). Alternatively, If the 'one-off' kit proves very popular with fans, we could put them on general sale to fans.

Alternatively, do we concentrate on producing a range of branded leisurewear (Polo-shirts, T-shirts, Hoodies, Caps, Hats, sweatshirts etc) and other mementoes Key Fobs etc

4. Increased Prize for November 300 Club draw – To be confirmed
5. 10 Year Anniversary Booklet – Another idea is that we produce a special 10th anniversary booklet in a similar way we do with the Yearbook.

We'd want the production costs to be covered by receipts from sales and ideally we'd like it to make a profit. Initial thoughts are that this would cost £10-15 but it may be less / more depending on sales. In order to determine if a publication such as this might be viable we may seek fans to place pre-orders before we commit to going to print.

If this initiative is taken forward, the one thing that we are really keen to do it to put you, the fans, at its very heart. So what we'll be looking for are your memories - both good and bad – anecdotes, stories (If printable!) and reflections so that we can ensure that it truly reflects the last decade and the history of our great little club!

6. Parade of '74 Legends – If the 'Legends' game doesn't take place, then alternatively we may wish to invite some of our more popular / favourite past players to attend the game on 12/19th November and present them to the crowd before kick-off.

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HISTORIES AND PROFILES

THE '74

During the coming 12 months, the old adage that will be used most regularly by supporters of 1874 will be “doesn't time fly”. The explanation for this is simple. You see, on 15 November this year, our smashing little club will celebrate its 10th anniversary!

Now, fans of clubs with longer and supposedly more illustrious past histories may scoff at our relatively brief existence and achievements. But despite being relative 'new kids on the block' it has been a decade packed with remarkable stories, amazing feats, successes, and some sadness – oh, and with the odd bit of football thrown in for good measure!

So, when it comes to summing up our history, it really is a case of where do we start and what do we include or leave out?

Some might say - and we would find it difficult to argue against this point - that the principal landmark occurred on that day in November 2012 when disillusioned members of the Northwich Victoria Supporters Trust voted overwhelmingly to create a new club. However, others might make the case for the evening of Wednesday 10 July 2013, for this was when '74 played their first ever game against local side Lostock Gram.

On that warm, balmy evening, just short of 400 fans turned out to see the first game of a club that they had decided to create, was something different, new and, most importantly, something that they had a direct say in. In short, a true fans' run club

Prior to that night a massive amount of hard work had been put in to ensure that the club could kick-off, as planned at the start of the 2013/14 season. This included

- Our successful application to join the North West Counties Football League
- The appointment of our first 'Gaffer', Ian Street
- The signing our first ground sharing agreement with Winsford United

The level of support shown for the new club wasn't a flash in the pan either as during our first season 1874's average home league attendance was 320 – which put the club in the top 100 best supported clubs in non-league football.

As it happened, '74 finished one place outside the two promotion spots, but due to the sudden and unfortunate demise of second-placed Formby, the club were asked whether we would like to accept the vacant spot in the Premier Division – an offer that was readily accepted!

So, season two presented '74 with the opportunity to create even more records – and did we take this chance with both hands! Along the way several new milestones were achieved, including our first ever appearance in the FA Cup and our highest league placing of third in the NWCFL Premier Division.

The 2015/16 season proved to be a steady campaign in the league with an eventual finishing spot of fourth, but it ended in a truly memorable manner when Ian Street's side outclassed local rivals and Step 3 outfit Witton Albion by a 3-0 score-line on their own turf to lift the Mid Cheshire District Cup for the first time. This trophy was retained the following campaign with a 1-0 win over rivals Northwich Vics, but by this time the management of the club had passed into the hands of Paul Bowyer and Wayne Goodison – both of whom had been part of Ian Street's back-room team.

The impact of the new management team was truly remarkable, as the 2017/18 season proved to be by far the most exciting and memorable in the short history of 1874, during which the 'Go-Bo' Green Army.

- Defeated National League North and former FA Trophy winners North Ferriby in the FA Cup
- Finally exited the competition on penalties in a Third Qualifying Round replay
- Reached the Semi-Finals of the FA Vase, only for eventual winners Thatcham Town to deny '74 a trip to Wembley by triumphing 4-2 on aggregate.
- Took hundreds of fans to away ties at Leighton

- and Thatcham
- Recorded a record home attendance of 1.674 in the second leg of the semi-final against the Wiltshire outfit
- Ended the season by playing a mammoth 26 games in just 57 days and 69 games overall

Given the successes of the '17/18 campaign, it would have been astonishing if '74 had been able to equal the achievements of the previous season. After all, even the top clubs in the country struggle to repeat their immediate past triumphs – so why should this not be true for '74?

So, a final position of tenth – the lowest that the club had finished in since being promoted to the Premier Division– did seem to suggest a decline in the clubs' fortunes. But that would be completely wrong, as 1874's final standing was hugely influenced by a difficult start to the season in which the loss of key players from the '17/18 campaign - allied to a cruel run of injuries to many of the clubs' key creative and attacking players - resulted in a somewhat disjointed first few months of the season and early exits in both the FA Cup and Vase.

Another factor that we probably didn't fully appreciate at the time was the impact that the untimely death in December 2017 of our inspirational and dearly loved Chairman Paul Stockton had on the club. It was therefore perhaps a fitting tribute to this wonderful man when, on the afternoon of Saturday 4 May 2019, his name was chanted aloud by the 500 or so '74 fans who had just witnessed their side lift its first major piece of silverware, an 88th minute goal by the Greens gave a deserved 1-0 victory over league champions City of Liverpool FC in the Final of the NWCFL League Cup.

This cup win proved to be a springboard for the club as from the very outset of the 2019/20 season it was clear that '74 would be one of the main contenders for the NWCFL title. Another good FA Cup run – which was halted at the Second Qualifying Round by an admittedly fortunate Whitby Town side – was

the precursor to an astonishing league campaign that included a 15-game unbeaten league run – another club record.

But it wasn't just the results that were impressive, it was the swash-buckling, stylish passing and pressing style of play in which '74 played the game that brought them so many plaudits and admiration from other clubs and commentators from all quarters. But in addition to their verve and panache, the side also possessed a steely, never-say-die, attitude that that gained them several precious points from seemingly difficult positions. This left '74 in the box seat at the head of the league with nine games left and 8 points ahead of second placed Rylands with a game in hand.

So, if there was ever a bunch of players and back-room staff that deserved to end a season celebrating a league title win, then it ought to have been our fabulous, wonderful team who represent our brilliant little club.

But alas, and for entirely understandable reasons, this was not to be. For as we all now know, the Covid 19 outbreak resulted in a sudden cessation to grassroots football and, heartbreakingly, the players, officials and fans alike were denied seeing the league trophy being paraded around Townfield.

Although we didn't know it at the time, '74's elevation to Step 4 was to be eventually delayed by 12 months as due to the re-organisation of the National League Pyramid, '74 became eligible for promotion to the newly created Northern Premier League West! And to celebrate this elevation, on 24 July 2021 the Greens became the first club in the 40+ year history of the competition to retain the NWCFL League Cup by convincingly defeating Runcorn Town 6-3 in the much delayed 2019/20 Final.

Life during our first campaign as a Step 4 club was inevitably challenging at times. As a small fish in a much bigger pool, almost each week we faced by clubs with far greater resources than we have at our disposal.

So, a final finishing spot of twelfth out of twenty was

highly satisfying end result. It might have been even more impressive had our home form had been a little more consistent!

But it's not all about what happens on the 6,000 square metres of turf that might set the club apart from many others. Being a democratically owned and operated community focussed club from the get-go, the partnerships we have forged with the local voluntary and business sectors are yet another example of how 1874 is demonstrating its commitment to be a 'community' club in terms of actions rather than words.

So, over the past decade not only have we forged beneficial partnerships with many well-respected local companies including Britannia Carpets and Oxy-Pro, but we've also forged excellent relationships with our chosen charity partners, which have included the Mid-Cheshire based Neuromuscular Centre, St Luke's Hospice, and the children's hospice 'The Joshua Tree'. In addition, regular collections have also taken place for local food banks, homeless people shelters, The Samaritans, Armed Services veterans, and a myriad of other deserving causes as well as attendance at community events.

The 2014/15 season also saw the club run an U21 side and since then, several of their number have now progressed to the First-team squad. More recently, 1874 have fielded sides at junior level and our plan is build on the establishment of this team as a stepping stone towards the creation of other sides covering all age groups, gender, and abilities.

Mention of all age groups and abilities reminds us that, along with the Cheshire FA, '74 have also played a major role in establishing local 'walking football' sessions each week which have proved to be hugely popular with the 'more mature' folks of Mid-Cheshire, most of whom might had thought that their playing days were well behind them!

2019 was also a landmark year off the field as, for the first time, 1874 finally played within the boundary of the town of Northwich having signed a 2-year agreement to share Barnton's Townfield Lane stadium.

A huge amount of work has been undertaken since this deal was signed to further improve the facilities for players, officials, and supporters alike and by doing so to enhance the match-day experience for all - as well as meeting the ground-grading requirements that were necessary for promotion to Step 4. The original agreement was extended last year and both clubs are

now working to develop a longer-term vision for the ground.

So, overall, 1874 is a club that is most definitely on the up!

But any progress that we may make will be achieved in a responsible and sustainable manner. Indeed, one of our main principles is that we will not jeopardise the long-term interests of the club by spending money just in order to ensure success on the pitch.

So, you could say that Inclusivity, Openness, Community and Sustainability is our USP.

But allied to this we also want to have success on and off the pitch and – as importantly - lots of fun!

And in our first decade, we think that we've achieved all of these aims beyond our wildest dreams!

PROFILES 22/23

The Management Team – Since April 2017 1874 have been guided by the managerial duo of Paul Bowyer and Wayne Goodison. Telford born Paul – who is a teacher by profession – joined '74 at its inception and played in the clubs' historic first game against Lostock Gralam. Paul's playing career was spent in the National game system and included spells with Congleton Town, Telford United and Alsager Town.

In comparison, Wayne spent the majority of his career in the Football League, firstly with Barnsley as an apprentice and then Crewe and Rochdale, chalking up a total of 209 league games. Since his playing days ended, he's held a number of management posts, including at Buxton, Trafford, Salford City and Chorley. In addition to obtaining a degree in Football Coaching & Management from UCFB, he followed this up by gaining a postgraduate Masters in Football Coaching & Practice.

Sam Adetiloye – Another newcomer to the '74 cause, Sam arrived at Townfield from Widnes after earlier stints Ramsbottom United and Padiham, having spent the earlier part of his career with Salford City.

Tony Aghayere – 'Big T' as he is affectionately known was well known to '74 fans before signing for the club in January 2019 as he'd previously been a key member of the Colne side that won the NWCFL title with Colne. His career has also included stops at Padiham,

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Mossley and Salford. Since joining '74 he's become a firm fans favourite, thanks to his consistent levels of performance during his 100+ games.

Ellis Allen – 20 year old Ellis was a trainee with Oldham Athletic and since leaving Boundary Park in the summer of 2020 has had spells between the sticks at Cypriot club APEA Akrotiri, Holywell Town as well as NWCFL outfit Whitchurch Alport.

Ollie Broe – A teammate of MacKenzie O'Neill at Wigan Athletic, Liverpool born Ollie is a versatile lad who can play on the right side of defence or midfield. Originally part of the Academy set up at Anfield, the 20 year old has also represented City of Liverpool, Litherland REMYCA, Farsley Celtic and Widnes.

Liam Buckley – A defender who plays right or left back and came through the youth ranks at Chester FC, 19 year old Liam spent last season with Welsh Premier Division outfit Cefn Druids.

Jamal Crawford – One of several summer recruits to the '74 cause, 24-year old Jamal started his career as a junior with Burnley. After a short stop playing in Wales for Llandudno, he returned to England and went onto appear for a number of clubs including FC United, Chester, Hyde United, Curzon Ashton, Bamber Bridge, Glossop, Trafford and most latterly Widnes.

Max Davidson – One of several new faces to have joined the '74 squad this summer, 19 year old Max hails from Northern Ireland. Normally found at left-back, he started off his career with the youth set up at Ballymena United before joining fellow Irish outfit Bangor. Subsequently he made the short hop over to Wales where he spent last season with Cefn Druids.

Markell Foulds – A strong and commanding figure at the heart of the '74 defence, this will be 21 year-old Markell's 2nd season with '74 having signed in the dotted line in August 2021. In addition to playing in the colours of Clitheroe and Barnoldswick, Markell has a wealth of youth football behind him including a scholarship with Salford City and for the UCFB Academy.

Matt Fenton – Matt's assurance and calmness on the ball certainly belies his tender years. Originally part of Crewe's youth system, it was as part of '74's highly regarded Under 21 side that he really began to shine. Pitched into the First XI towards the end of last season, 22 year old Matt acquitted himself magnificently in his ten outings which included three bullet-headed goals.

Callum Gardner – Cal was snapped up from local rivals Winsford United in the summer of 2018 after having made a number of impressive performances for 'The Blues' against 'us. Now with 115 appearances and 19 goals to his credit, the 31 year old has also played for the full England FUTSAL side. He cites Mossley, FC United, Abbey Hey and Congleton as amongst his previous clubs.

Fenton Green – A central midfield player who was at Crewe Alexandra's academy, the 19 year old has already taken the eye of many '74 fans during the pre-season build up with his measured, calm performances. During the 21/22 campaign he had stints at Hyde United and Stockport Town.

Ryan Hough – A left full-back, Ryan was signed from NWCFL outfit Alsager Town in March 2022.

Ahmed Ibrahim – A natural right-sided defender, Ahmed was originally part of the youth set up at Tranmere Rovers. After leaving Prenton Park in the summer of 2016, the Somalian born 24-year old first turned out for NWCFL side St Helens Town but has since played in the colours of Macclesfield, Radcliffe, Marine and Glossop.

Jack Irlam – Having missed the truncated 2019/20 season with an ankle injury, 25 year old Jack came back well to feature in 29 league games for '74 in their debut season as a Step 4 club. Signed from Runcorn Town for whom he played over 100 Games, he's also been on the books of Ashton Town, Barnton and City of Liverpool.

Mark Jones – 1874's Mr Reliable, Mark is an unflappable, cultured player who has played a major role in our success over recent years since arriving in the summer of 2016. A versatile operator who can play equally well in midfield or the centre of defence, 36 year old Mark counts Witton, Nantwich and Radcliffe amongst his earlier ports of call. Is fast closing in on 150 appearances for '74.

Jenny Le Blanc-Akpo – Snapped up this summer from Welsh League Champions TNS, this 20-year old Manchester based striker also counts Wigan Athletic, Altrincham and Bury FC among his former ports of call.

Henry Limpitishi Bongwanga – Currently studying for a Degree in Football Business and Finance at the University Campus of Football Business (UCFB), Henry was once on the books of Coventry City and Cheltenham Town. A natural striker who has also

appeared for the 'Towns' of Kettering, Cheadle and Stockport, Henry was selected to play for the British Universities squad last year along with former '74 player Ben Woods.

Jack Marrow – After completing his scholarship with Crewe Alexandra, 19 Year old Jack joined '74 in the summer of 2021 but made just 2 appearances before injury put paid to his season with the club. A loan spell at Alsager aided him in his recovery and he's now back at Townfield keen to make up for lost time.

Issac Noble – An exciting and pacy left winger of whom much is expected, 20-year old Isaac is one of many young lads who have made the step up from the U21 side to the first team.

Mackenzie O'Neill - A former member of the Wigan Athletic academy and a Northern Ireland U17 international, 20 year old Mackenzie signed for the club shortly after impressing when scoring for Prescott Cables against 1874 in October 2021.

Manuel Diop Parra – One of a number of summer additions to the '74 squad, 26 year old Manuel can play in a number of positions across the back. Originally from Spain, he counts Kendal Town, Longridge Town and Manchester League side Old Altrinchamians amongst his former clubs.

Josh Quarless – A graduate of the Liverpool Sunday football scene, 6'7" tall Josh will certainly add a different dimension to the '74 front line. Described by a previous manager as being "big, strong, good in the air with great feet and an eye for goal", he made the short trip from Runcorn Linnets in August having scored 22 goals for Burscough and City of Liverpool last season.

Jamie Reed - Appointed as player-coach in July 2022, Chester-born Jamie started his career with neighbouring Wrexham. Since then his career has been a proverbial 'Cook's Tour' with stops at such diverse clubs as Glentoran, Dandenong Thunder (Australia), Bangor City, Rhyl, Tamworth, Cambridge United, South Melbourne, Chester and, most notably, York City for whom he won F.A. Trophy and Conference National Play-off winners medals. Jamie teamed up 1874 from Prestatyn Town towards the end of 2021, scoring on his debut at Kidsgrove. All told, he's now made 352 appearances netting 151 goals.

Harry Walker – Capable of playing in midfield or defence Harry joined the club in the summer of 2021.

Joe Woolley – The younger brother of the club captain, Joe is actually one of three Woolley brothers who have played for '74, the other being Jack. Snapped up from Market Drayton in 2015, his early career with '74 was blighted by injury, a fact underlined by the fact that he made less than 50 outings in his first 6 years with the club. Happily he's now back firing on all cylinders, as his 6 goals in 38 appearances for '74 last season testifies.

Matt Woolley – The club captain, Matty is also '74's longest serving player having made his debut as a substitute in the 2014 Christmas-time tussle with Widnes. A Northwich lad, he was signed from Cheshire League side Knutsford FC. Matt has had spells at Congleton Town and Alsager, Witton Albion and FC Halifax Town and he's now chalked up 327 games for the club netting 40 goals.

Ash Woods - Ash joined the club in October 2020 having had a wealth of experience with the likes of Atherton Collieries, Trafford, Colwyn Bay, Northwich Vics and West Didsbury and Chorlton. A real goal-poacher, Ash will no doubt be looking to increase the potency of the '74 attack in what will be his first full season with '74.

Ben Woods - A returning face, Ben Woods is a left sided defender with a mean set piece who has re-joined the club from NPL Premier side Stalybridge Celtic.



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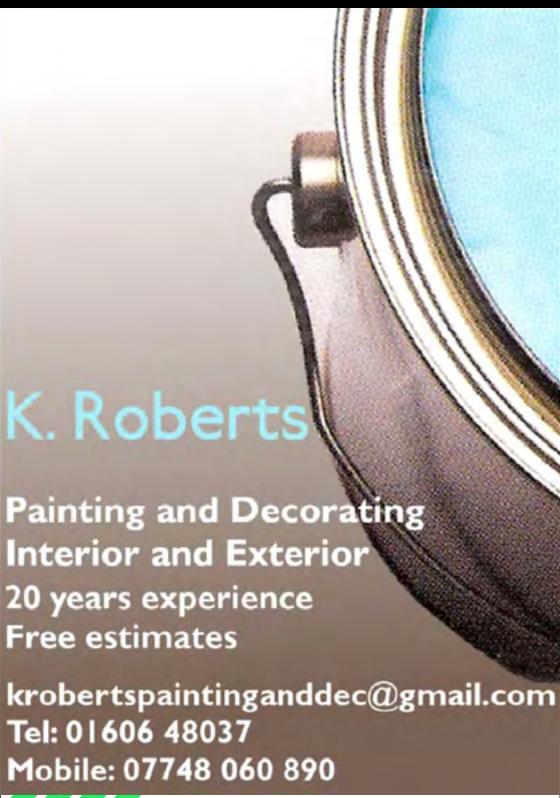
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TODAY'S VISITORS: SKELMERSDALE UNITED

Skelmersdale United Football Club has a very rich pedigree with an extensive list of honours since they were founded in 1882. The Club had its genesis in a team of players brought together by the teachers of the Skelmersdale Wesleyan Day School and it was called Skelmersdale Young Rovers, the name was changed to Skelmersdale Wesleyans, subsequently the minister expressed his disapproval of this, and the team became Skelmersdale United.

The club returned to the Town in December 2019 after spending two years in exile at Prescott Cables, having been evicted from their home of "Stormy Corner" by the landlords.

Having had a highly successful spell in recent seasons having won the Northern Premier League North in 2012-13, also claiming the Lancashire Cup in 2009, The Liverpool Senior Cup in 2015 under the guidance of mercurial manager Tommy Lawson.

Players from the club made it to the Football league, Craig Noone Sean McConville, George Donnelly, and Ben Tollitt. Whilst others moved further up the pyramid.

However success could not be maintained and United with the eviction at Stormy Corner have found themselves back in the North West Counties as Manager Paul McNally looks to re build the club to former glories.

United have had a long and varied past, they competed in the Liverpool County Combination, winning the title on 10 occasions, also claiming the Liverpool County Cup 8 times and the George Mahon Cup on 5 occasions.

They moved to White Moss Park, their spiritual home in 1957 and progression to the Lancashire Combination saw them clinch the Division Two title in their first season.

Steady progress was made in the Combination as United became a force to be reckoned with, Chairman

Bill Gregson's dream to make progress in the Amateur Cup and with the appointment of Manager Bernie Banks in 1966 saw United become one of the most respected non-league sides in the Country reaching their first Wembley final in 1967, drawing 0-0 against Enfield beneath the Twin Towers, United lost the replay at Maine Road 3-0, Bill Gregson was not unperturbed as two Semi-Finals in the following three years saw United come ever so close to a return to Wembley.

The Appointment of Roy Rees in 1970 saw United make that a reality as the United side conquered all before them, including Dagenham in the Final, comprehensively outplaying their opponents, a Ted Dicken hat trick gave United a 4-1 win.

One of the everlasting memories of the successful Amateur Cup days was the tremendous support for the club. The phenomenal increase in crowds will probably never be repeated again, with regular crowds between 1,000 and 1,500 for league games, rising to several thousand for cup games. Indeed the record gate for the club was 7,500 for a Quarter-Final game in March 1967 that resulted in a 1-0 victory over Slough Town.

It was not United's only success in the late 1960s and early 1970s, as United's roll of Honour included Two Cheshire League titles, 2 Lancashire Cup winners. 2 Cheshire League Shield winners, plus 3 appearances in the 1st Round of the FA Cup. There is no doubt that the 1967-1971 period was a golden era for Skelmersdale with many players progressing into the Football League. Steve Heighway, Mickey Burns, Norman Whitehead, Dave Moorcroft and Alan Mansley amongst others to have stepped up to league football.

Although the club joined the Northern Premier League in 1971 it was to be an unhappy time for the club, with financial problems that the club would have hanging round its neck for over two decades and performances on the pitch were less than impressive. The club had to wait till 2000 to claim their first piece of silverware, The North West Counties League Cup. The club left their spiritual home of White Moss Park

in 2002 and eventually moved to the newly named Westgate Interactive Stadium (Stormy Corner). United's fortunes changed becoming a potent force in the North West Counties, eventually gaining promotion to the Northern Premier League in 2006 and enjoying the success that followed.

Despite the last two seasons being badly interrupted by the covid pandemic, Skelmersdale United made headline news as they battled through to the first round of the FA Cup in 2020-21, for the first time since 1971, the club were featured live on BT Sports, going down to Harrogate 4-1.

They followed the Cup success with runners-up spot in the North West Counties League in 2021-22 and gained promotion to the Northern Premier League West with a 5-1 victory at Cinderford Town in the Inter-Step play offs.

CLUB HONOURS

Amateur Cup Winners, 1970-71
Amateur Cup Runners up, 1966-67
Amateur Cup Semi Finalist,
 1968-1969, 1969-70
FA Cup 1st Round Proper,
 1966-67, 1968-69, 1971-72, 2020-21
North West Counties League, Runners-up 2005-06, 2021-22
North West Counties League, Cup Winners,
 1999-2000
North West Counties League Cup runners-up,
 1982-1983, 2004-05
Northern Premier League (North),
 Champions 2012-13
Liverpool Senior Cup Winners, 2014-15
Cheshire League Champions,
 1968-1969, 1969-70
Lancashire Challenge Cup Winners,
 1969-1970, 1970-1971, 2008-09

PROFILES

Ben Barnes

Ben began his United career as a 17 year old in 2004 keeping a clean sheet in a 1-0 win over Squires Gate, went on to have spells at Marine and Prescot Cables, winning the 2017/18 Liverpool Senior Cup with Cables. He began his second spell in July 2019 and has been an ever present since racking up a total of 97 consecutive games since.

Callum Lees

Versatile Defender, started his career at Everton before joining Rylands FC, where he came of the bench in the clubs FA Vase final win in 2021, joined United in October 2021 and was a hit both on and off field.

Alex Griffiths

Former South Liverpool, AFC Liverpool and Vauxhall Motors defender. Joined United at the start of the 2018-19 season after opening with 50 consecutive appearances for the club. He won the JDP Player of the Year in his debut season and jointly in 2019-20. Well on the way to 150 appearances for the club.

Joe Herbert

Solid Centre back Joe began his second spell after returning from Australia, he initially joined United in December 2019, making three appearances before trying his luck down Under. Returned at the start of the '20-21 season and has been a regular ever since. Previously with Prescot Cables and Widnes.

Kenny Strickland

A legend at Skem, Kenny began at youth level with both Manchester United and Chelsea, joined United in 2010 and racked up 311 appearances and was a regular in the side that won the NPL(North) title in 2013-14. He re-joined the club in July from Marine for whom he excelled across four seasons and was part of the Marine side that tasted FA Cup glory in 2020-21. Expected to make it into the top three of overall appearances for the club this season.



Tom Croughan

The former Tranmere Youth attacking midfielder made his first team debut in the Conference National away at Maidstone in 2016, has had spells with Widnes and Rylands before joining the Blues in 2019, made 81 starts for the club scoring 15 goals including the first at the JMO against Burscough.

Elliott Morris

Voted North West Counties "Player of the Year" last season signed initially for United on Dual registration in July 2021 from the Rylands side that won the 2021 FA Vase. The wide midfielder is blessed with blistering pace. A delight to Skem fans when he signed permanently in November.

Baba Conteh

Combative midfielder Baba joined the club in July 2021 after leaving Prescot Cables, he was a key player in Cables' second Liverpool Senior Cup title and despite suffering a number of injuries appeared over 50 times, scoring five goals. An instant hit with the United faithful scored for United in their Play-off Decider at Cinderford.

Mike Grogan

Vastly experienced centre back the former Manchester United trainee, first joined United in 2006 before a move to Warrington. Was part of the AFC Telford side that won the Conference North in 2013-14, finishing second top scorer with 15 goals. Has had experience at Widnes and Marine amongst others. Re-joined the club for his third spell at the start of the 2021-22 season

Danny Mitchley

A hometown hero after scoring the club's first goal in the FA Cup First Round against Harrogate Town, Danny is in his third spell at United after starting in the youth setup before moves to Blackpool in 2008 where he made his Football League debut. He joined Mansfield Town in 2010, scoring on his league debut against Forrest Green. Joined United initially in 2014-15 he went on to make 58 appearances scoring 32 goals before a move to Marine, re-joined Skem at the start of the covid hit 2020-21 season and has now passed 100 games and 59 goals.

Sam Sheen

The tough tackling midfielder joined in November '21 from Burscough, started his career with the youth set up at Tranmere Rovers, previously with Widnes and Bootle, was part of the Rylands FA Vase winning side of 2021. Was a key ingredient in United's NWCFL promotion campaign last season.

Callum Preston

A product of the Bolton Wanderers Academy, Callum joined the club in Feb 2020 from IFK Holmsund (Sweden), a club where the infamous Vinnie Jones had a short spell. Callum has previously spent time at Atherton LR and Garswood. Scored his only United goal in a 3-0 win at Runcorn Town

Emini Adegbenro

A firm fans favourite, the well-travelled striker joined from Congleton Town in October 2019 after spells with AFC Liverpool, Formby, where he won the NWCFL First Division title, Bootle and Runcorn Town. The veteran striker was a huge factor in United's FA Cup run in 2020 scoring 6 goals on the way to the First Round.



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Joe Nicholson

All action central midfielder a product of the Skem Youth Academy Joe made his debut back in November 2013, before spells with Prescot Cables and Ashton Athletic, Returning to the club in November 2021. Playing alongside his younger siblings Josh & Jamie.

Andrew Coughlan

Vastly experienced goalkeeper who joined United from Colwyn Bay on the eve of the 2022-23 season, started his career at Tranmere Rovers as a 15-year-old made two first team appearances in 2012 before moving on to Wrexham where he made 62 appearances in the Conference for the Welsh side, short stays followed at Southport & Barrow before returning to play for a number of clubs in the Welsh Football league.

Josh Nicholson

Brother of Joe, A youth Academy product at Skem Utd made his first team debut at Workington in the NPL League Cup in 2014. Joined Ashton Athletic and spent six years at the club racking up over 200 appearances. Memorably scored a hat-trick against United last season. His father Paul also made a number of appearances for the club in the 2008

Karl Clair

A central midfielder. The Anfield born midfielder was viewed as one of the Reds' brightest prospects before he was hampered by a serious knee injury. He played in the 2009 FA Youth Cup Final, joined Marine and has spent time at Vauxhall Motors and REMYCA before joining United in the summer.

Jordan Southworth

The midfielder arrived at United in July 2022 from Longridge Town, Jordan spent time with both FC Halifax Town and Farsley Celtic as youth player before moving to Irlam in 2015, with whom he won promotion from the NWCFL Division One, has previously enjoyed spells at Chorley, Widnes & Prescot Cables.

Darren Brannigan

The highly rated 21 year old striker impressed in a trial match last season, joins from Marine where he scored 24 goals for the teams Under 23s in the West Cheshire League

Jamie Nicholson

– Skem lad Jamie joins on loan from Morecambe, his family have strong ties to United where his older brothers Josh and Joe have both featured along with his Dad, Paul who made five appearance in 2006-07. For Morecambe Jamie struck the winner in the FA Youth Cup First Round whilst also claiming the 'Man of the Match' award. The youngster was part of the first team squad in FA Cup First Round win over Newport County at the Mazuma Stadium. Picked up the clubs April goal of the Month with a stunning effort against Blackpool Under 18s

Jack Hunt

A former United youth teamer, who has had spells with Runcorn Town before moving to Welsh side Prestatyn Town. Jack returns to the club having had a successful season with Burscough

James Dineley

The 18 year old keeper joins from the Tranmere Rovers youth academy, made his United debut in the 6-0 win over Charnock Richard.

Tom Beckett

Energetic winger who has an eye for goal joins from Stockport Town,

Abdul Djalo

The mercurial midfielder was an integral part of the club's success at the start of 2021-22 season that attracted the attention of Macclesfield who he joined in the November. Began his career at Manchester United, where he progressed through the youth ranks before making the move to Crewe Alexandra. After completing his youth development at Gresty Road, Abdul then spent two years at FC Barnton before signing a dual registration with Skelmersdale United and Warrington Rylands.

Sean Wilson

Wilson signed a first professional deal with Liverpool in February 2021 and has been with the Reds since the age of seven, Sean, 19, joined up with Sunderland on trial in April and has been featuring in reserve team games for the Black Cats. Released by Liverpool at the end of the 2021-22 season.

1874 NORTHWICH PLAYER STATISTICS

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		2022/23 SEASON					ALL-TIME					
		Starts	Subbed	Sub On	Unused	Goals	Starts	Subbed	Sub On	Unused	Goals	Total Apps
ADEILOYE	Sam	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	3
AGHAYERE	Tony	5	0	0	1	0	111	0	0	1	0	111
ALLEN	Ellis	5	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	2	0	5
BROE	Ollie	8	3	1	1	0	8	3	1	1	0	9
BUCKLEY	Liam	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
DAVIDSON	Max	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
DIOP PARRA	Manuel	2	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	2
FENTON	Matty	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	9
GARDNER	Callum	2	2	2	1	0	69	38	50	26	20	119
GREEN	Fenton	10	1	0	0	1	10	1	0	0	1	10
IRLAM	Jack	7	1	0	0	1	58	20	17	2	5	75
KIRONGOZI	Jean-Jacques	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
JONES	Mark	4	0	0	0	0	180	13	6	4	8	186
LE BLANC-AKPO	Jeanny	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	3
LIMPITSHI	Henry	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MARROW	Jack	6	0	3	1	0	13	1	3	8	0	16
NOBLE	Isaac	2	2	2	6	1	2	2	2	7	1	4
O'NEILL	Mackenzie	10	1	0	0	2	23	10	8	0	6	31
QUARLESS	Josh	7	3	0	0	1	7	3	0	0	1	7
REED	Jamie	3	3	1	3	1	3	3	1	3	1	4
WALKER	Harry	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	6	0	1
WOODS	Ashley	0	0	7	2	0	15	6	15	7	7	30
WOODS	Ben	0	0	1	1	0	23	10	18	25	0	41
WOOLLEY	Joe	10	2	0	0	5	71	44	20	14	16	91
WOOLLEY	Matt	9	4	0	1	0	305	43	29	27	39	334

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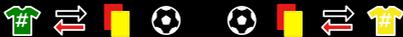
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