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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

STEVE RICHARDSON



Good afternoon everyone, welcome to this afternoon's game at Townfield. Today we welcome the players, management and supporters of our old friends from the Potteries, Hanley Town FC.

Our history with Hanley goes all the way back to our first season in the North West Counties Division One, when Hanley were also new entrants to the league that season. Always a competitive game, our early encounters with Hanley were certainly feisty and hard fought.

We now welcome Hanley Town to Townfield following their promotion to the NPL at the start of this season following a period in the Midland League Premier division.

Today's game follows fast after a good result on Tuesday night away at fellow fan owned club Runcorn Linnets.

Never an easy place to get a result at, full credit must go to the team for battling to a well-deserved 2-2 draw on the night. An important point that keeps 74 well in touch with the pack chasing play off places at this early stage in the season.

If you get the chance take a look at some of the club's social media channels. Our Facebook and Twitter feeds have been long established, but now thanks to our dynamic duo of Xenia and Jade we are now on TikTok. If you're looking for another angle on everything 74, it's well worth a visit.

On the 24th of this month the club will hold its AGM at Northwich Cricket Club on Moss Farm. The AGM is an important event in the calendar and is an opportunity for club owners to have their say as to how the club is run and direction it will take in the next twelve months. Please try and attend if you can, your input is important. The AGM will be followed by a Meet the Managers evening at just after 9pm and while the AGM is only open to members, the Meet the Managers is open to all.

Following the AGM, we make the long journey to Workington on Saturday 26th November.

The club is running a coach to Workington at a cost of £20 per seat. If you would like a seat on the coach, please see Vicky or email Secretary@1874Northwich.com

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FROM THE DUGOUT

PAUL & WAYNE



Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to our visitors Hanley Town.

We've had some battles with them in our North West Counties days and they've made a number of impressive signings this season. With the league table being so tight still a win will see them climb the table and we're aware of the qualities they have in their side.

It's been an eventful few games since our last home game and the promising start to the season has stuttered slightly with a couple of league defeats and a draw at Linnetts last Tuesday. We were worthy of a point on the night and it could easily have been three. As we've witnessed so many times when we are 'off it' and not cohesive we can struggle in games and it was important we were more competitive than the game at Mossley and were braver with the ball.

We made a couple of changes to the side, with Jack Marrow at full back and Isaac Noble starting ahead of him and they both played well as did the rest of the side. The substitutions made a difference, combining for the equaliser and it's rare to see Matt Woolley miss a penalty as he's been prolific from the spot in recent seasons. I'm not sure of his penalty record but many of you will remember a time before Wool was our regular taker when we missed penalty after penalty and his penalties have been very important and won us a fair few games.

I stressed to the players that we need to learn and improve when we have a set back like we did at Mossley and many of the things that weren't right on Sat we put right. The goals on Saturday were avoidable and poor from our part - too passive defensively and allowing the opposition to get ahead of the ball and we didn't win enough battles anywhere on the pitch. The message on Tuesday was to be right defensively, be compact, and ensure we're in the game at half time. And then we played the better football in the second half when we could express ourselves more.

Ben Woods picked up a hamstring injury at Mossley and is likely to be missing for a couple of weeks but we have a fully fit squad other than that.

We're in action at home again next Saturday against an improving Widnes side so we'll need your support today and next week if we've going to continue to challenge towards the top half of the table.

Up the '74

Bows and Goody

SECRETARIAL MUSINGS

VICKI ENGLAND



I would like to offer a warm welcome to everyone from Hanley Town today.

It will be nice to see some old friends, and some of the new folks who have taken over since we last 'locked horns' back in the North West Counties days.

Hanley made great progress last season, on and off the field, and were deservedly promoted to the NPL West. They currently sit mid-table, but as we all keep saying, one win and you can jump so quickly up the table, there is nothing in it!

Hanley have a decent away record, with better results on the road than they perhaps have earned at home (a bit like us last season?!), so we need to be strong today.

Let's see what happens!

Since I last wrote for our Ever Glorious, we've been a little down and then up. Last time out at Townfield, was a bit of a flat affair from our point of view.

Glossop visited and earned their win, which we clearly gave them credit for, however we looked a little 'leggy' and I know everyone was disappointed. This came after the win at Macclesfield and rumours circulated about the "curse of Macc". If you hadn't heard it, then the two teams that beat Macclesfield (Witton & Bootle) before us, went on a tricky run after. Was it going to happen to us?

We visited Stockport Town on Halloween in the Cheshire Cup, on an awful night weather wise (the game on a grass pitch would have never happened!) and former legends Sammy Hind and Sam Hare contributed to their new team's victory and progression into the next round. It was narrow and it might have gone either way, but they are a good team, deserved it and we wished them well. There are some good folks at Stockport, and I have no doubt they will be promoted in the NWCFL premier.

For me, it was so lovely to see Matty Russell and Scott McGowan, who sat the game out through injury, along with the two Sam's. They are all talented players as we know, but such fantastic lads off the field and they made their mark in our history.

In Mossley last Saturday, we met a big, strong team who will be up there at the end of the season. They deserved the three points, although scoring the third at the very end felt disappointing and was against the run of play. But I have no qualms about their win, and it is another learning curve in the development of our squad. The 'Macc curse' struck again!

So finally on Tuesday evening, we headed the short distance over to Runcorn to meet our friends from Linnets. Now, as I was driving there, I not only had the 'Macc curse' in my mind but also our previous record against the yellows, which is not the best to be honest.

Worry ye not!

Let's just say that I am writing this ramble on Wednesday morning, and I am still smiling and proud of our young squad! Linnets are a tough side, always are, and after an indifferent start to the season, they have gone on a great run including progression in the FA Trophy. But the 74 boys took that in their stride.

It was a top effort from our lads, they recovered from going behind twice and fully deserved something from the game. In fact, their second goal came against the run of play I thought and, who knows, if we had scored the penalty during the second half, it could have been even more interesting.

With time ticking down, and another loss to Linnets looming, we witnessed a magical cross from Jamal meeting Jack Irlam's head and a bullet was sent into the net. The best keeper in the world would not have kept that out! Scenes, limbs, fist pumping, raised blood pressure.

And that was just me!!!

A draw was a fair result overall, but I am so thrilled that the lads came through another difficult game against a team that will be pushing for promotion, on the back of a tricky week.

There is such character, belief, and talent in our young squad. I watch them and whatever the opponent, they don't look fazed. I love to see the togetherness and how they encourage each other.

There will be bumps in the road, more highs, and a few lows. They won't win every game and they won't play amazingly well every time they go out there.

We must remember that it's a steady journey for us at this level, it's development, but we have shown that we can measure up to the best in the league and so enjoy the good times and get behind them even more fervently when it's not going as well as we would hope.

We find ourselves back here next Saturday when we entertain Widnes. We will celebrate our tenth anniversary since forming the club. Ten years! Where did that time go?!

We then finish the month with our longest trip of the season, to Workington on the 26th. We do have

a coach booked for this, that will take our squad and some supporters to the game.

So, if you want a day out and wish to be included on the away travel, please let me know.

Finally, today we will remember our fallen as it is Remembrance weekend. Those glorious men and women who have given their lives so that we can enjoy our freedom today. We will remember them with a minute's silence before the game and then the club will be represented at the town's Remembrance service tomorrow.

God bless all those brave people and many millions of others who served with such outstanding courage. Thank you.

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

"Come on you Green Boys!"

SIMMO'S NOTES

ANDREW SIMPSON

Ok, so the wait to beat Runcorn Linnets goes on.

But there is reason for cheer following a midweek draw with the old foes.

For starters, a late leveller feels like a win doesn't it?

More than that, I took heart from watching 1874 Northwich show resilience when things did not go according to plan.

It would have been easy to fold after Ryan Brooke made it 2-1, more so given the missed opportunity from the penalty spot moments earlier.

However, this team is made of stern stuff and even the most ardent Runcorn supporter would be hard pushed to make a case that Jack Irlam's last-gasp skin-saver was undeserved.

In fact, I didn't see any claiming they'd been robbed.

If successive defeats following the victory was concerning, especially given 1874 didn't score in those meetings with Glossop and Mossley, the performance on Tuesday should act as a salve.

I thought Josh Quarless was excellent against Linnets by the way.

The team has had to adjust to a completely different interpretation of the striker's role following Scott McGowan's departure.

Josh doesn't play as many expect him to when they first see him.

While he is perfectly capable in the air, his willingness to drop off the opposition's central defenders and play on the half turn means he can spot the runs from outside in of both wide players.

His weight of pass is often just right, and I'd love to know how many goal involvements he has this season.

Yes, a forward wants to score himself.

But nine different players have contributed to 1874's tally of 18 goals in the Northern Premier League to date, taking some of the burden from one guy's shoulders.

This afternoon's visitors, Hanley Town, have been a curious follow on their debut at this level.

Before Leek Town's success at Witton Albion last weekend, no team had collected more points on the road in the West Division than the side now managed by former professional Ryan Shotton.

Conversely, they've lost all six fixtures on home turf.

The departure last month of previous boss Carl Dickinson was a surprise, even with those growing pains, and the sense is Hanley are still adjusting to his absence on and off the field.

Chris Dagnall's switch to Stalybridge aside, the squad remains intact and is stacked with talent.

There is unlikely to be a better central defensive partnership at this level than Shotton and Joel Stair, for example.

A single clean sheet to date feels paltry as a result, and it's a statistic Hanley must improve if they are to climb the table.

Of course, '74 have shut out the opposition in four of their seven league games at Townfield – and that reverse against Glossop a fortnight ago was the first here this season.

I'm looking forward to this.

Enjoy the game, folks.

Simmo



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FROM THE TERRACES

RICHARD EVANS

In the words of, possibly, the greatest manager of all time, Sir Alex Ferguson; Football, bloody hell!

You've probably already guessed that I'm referring to Tuesday night's game against Runcorn Linnets, which was a rollercoaster of emotions to say the least. After going behind early there was a feeling that it was going to be one of those games, but we grew into it as the half wore on and managed to draw level thanks to Kenzy's equaliser.

The general consensus at half time was that we were well in the contest and the game was there for the taking if we played to our potential. Linnets looked subdued, to say the least, and we felt as though there would be rewards if we took the game to them.

The second 45 started as we hoped before squalls of pressure from 74 eventually led to a penalty. This gave us the perfect opportunity to seize the initiative and hopefully go on to earn a long overdue win against our Cheshire rivals.

Of course things never pan out how you expect them to against Runcorn and after a missed penalty and skyed rebound we came crashing back down to earth.

This was compounded a few minutes later when the home side scored from their first meaningful bit of attacking play after the break as their forward nodded in from a corner. The fact that the game carried on prior to the awarding of the corner, despite Mark Jones being down with a head injury, only served to rub salt into the wounds.

From there on in it seemed as though Linnets would simply run the clock down and we would be left to rue another missed opportunity and talk about what might have been.

These lads are made of sterner stuff this season though and simply didn't want to head home empty handed. With 91 minutes on the clock the ball was worked out wide to Jamal Crawford and somehow he managed to fizz in the perfect cross which was begging to be powered towards goal.

Fortunately substitute Jack Irlam was on hand to emphatically meet the ball and he sent an unstoppable header just under the crossbar and into the back of the net.

What followed was bedlam as pints, hats and glasses went up in the air and the players roared over to celebrate a hard earned point at the death.



On another evening we probably would have come away with all three points but there again you can never knock a last minute equaliser, especially in a derby.

We've played Linnets so many times in the past few years and left a ground feeling aggrieved, so it made a nice change to disappear into the night with smiles on green faces. Moments like Tuesday at the death are why we watch football.

The challenge now will be to build upon that performance and start another mini run as autumn ticks towards winter.

It starts today with the arrival of Hanley Town who are getting a reputation as away specialists having picked up all of their points on the road so far. Whether that means they like to play on the counter we will have to see. All I know is we will have to be much better than we were against Glossop a couple of weeks ago.

Get behind the lads and hopefully we can notch another positive result.

Up the '74!

BIG GAME PREVIEW

by GARRY CLARKE



1874 NORTHWICH V HANLEY TOWN NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE - WEST

Today 1874 Northwich welcome old friends and rivals from our NWCFL days, Hanley Town, to Townfield for a NPL West fixture.

Having started the NPL West season off with a 3-1 home win over Ramsbottom United, Hanley Town's form this season has been very inconsistent with 5 games being won, 7 lost, and just 1 draw.

Last Saturday Hanley Town lost 2-1 at home to Trafford, ending a two game winning run against Kidsgrove Athletic and Bootle.

After Tuesday's game Hanley were 14th in the NPL West table, eight places and five points below 1874:

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1874	14	5	6	3	18	16	+2	21
Hanley Town	13	5	1	7	23	25	-2	16

Away from their Potteries Park home, Hanley Town's league record is:

P	W	D	L
7	5	1	1

While 1874's league record at Townfield so far this season is:

P	W	D	L
7	3	3	1

Hanley Town's 10 home games this season have attracted an average crowd of 207 to Potteries Park, the best attendance being 946 for the FA Cup tie against Chester, while just 104 saw their league game against Trafford.

1874 Northwich played Hanley Town eleven times in our NWCFL days and remain unbeaten, having won nine times and drawn twice.

HANLEY TOWN FACT FILE

<i>Formed</i>	1966
<i>Ground</i>	Potteries Park
<i>Colours</i>	Blue
<i>Change Colours</i>	Red
<i>Manager</i>	Ryan Shotton
<i>2021/22</i>	1st Midland League Premier

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Garry Clarke takes a look at previous meetings between 1874 Northwich and Hanley Town.

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2013/14

5th October 2013 - NWCFL Cup 1st Round

Home - Won 3-2 Attendance 283

1874 - Brandon 2, Foy

Hanley - Groom, Thorpe

21st December 2013 - NWCFL 1st Division

Home - Won 4-2 Attendance 372

1874 - Brandon 2, Crane, Bailey

Hanley - Pointon, T Stair

25th March 2014 - NWCFL 1st Division

Away - Won 2-1 Attendance 284

1874 - Abdullah, Wellstead

Hanley - T Stair

2016/17

17th September 2016 - NWCFL Premier

Away - Won 1-0 Attendance 138

1874 - Hind

21st January 2017 - NWCFL Premier

Home - Won 1-0 Attendance 245

1874 - Hind

2017/18

5th December 2017 - NWCFL Premier
 Hhome - Won 2-0 Attendance 184
 1874 - Riley, M Woolley

31st March 2018 - NWCFL Premier
 Away - Drew 1-1 Attendance 224
 1874 - McGowan
 Hanley - Thorpe

2018/19

20th November 2018 - NWCFL Premier
 Away - Drew 2-2 Attendance 182
 1874 - Kennerley, McGowan
 Hanley - Keates, Healey

24th January 2018 - NWCFL Premier
 Home - Won 2-1 Attendance 237
 1874 - Hare, McGowan
 Hanley - Salmon

2019/20

15th October 2019 - NWCFL Premier
 Home - Won 2-1 Attendance 245
 1874 - Hare, Kennerley
 Hanley - Sanders

8th February 2020 - NWCFL Premier
 Away - Won 4-0 Attendance 202
 1874 - McGowan, Parker, Knight, Wellstead

HEAD TO HEAD

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD
Home	6	6	0	0	14	6	+8
Away	5	3	2	0	10	4	+6
Total	11	9	2	0	24	10	+14

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AGM NOTICE

HAVE YOUR SAY - 2022/23

Well it is that time of year again, when we start to plan the 1874 AGM. We have a provisional date of 24th November 2022, and are planning on holding the meeting at Northwich Cricket Club at Moss Farm. I will send you confirmation of the meeting with a detailed agenda and various reports nearer the time.

At this point, we are seeking volunteers who would be interested in joining the 1874 Northwich Board. This year, there are 6 places available. Four of the current Board members will be seeking re-election, but we are keen to have a full complement of Board Members (many hands make light work!) and we have a couple of specific areas, where we would like some additional expertise.

If you wish to be considered for the Board, please get in touch with a board member to ask for a copy of the letter of nomination. The letter outlines the process for nomination, and the areas where we need some help.

You also have the option to put forward any resolutions for consideration by the 1874 members at the AGM. This is also explained in the letter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Nomination forms and any resolutions need to be sent to me by 9th November 2022.

Please consider standing for the Board, it is not as onerous as you might think and is a great opportunity to shape how the Club develops.

Best regards

Maggie Coats
Company Secretary
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If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact John Coats by e-mail, treasurer@1874northwich.com; or by telephoning 07721 924860.

WORKINGTON TRANSPORT

COACH TO CUMBRIA

As was mentioned elsewhere in the programme, the club has booked transport to Cumbria for the game against Workington on the 26th November.

The coach will be taking the squad and some supporters, so spaces are limited.

It will be leaving Brio at 10am, the cost is £20 per seat.

Vicki needs to know of interested parties ASAP, so please do get in touch on 07975679624

REMEMBRANCE DAY

LEST WE FORGET

We will be holding a silence for Remembrance Day before today's game.

Please do join us in this small moment of reflection and thanks.



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NPL NEWS DESK

by GARRY CLARKE

MANAGERIAL CHANGES PART FOUR

Managerial changes continue within the Pitching In Northern Premier League set up.

Following the shock resignation of Ian Clark, Shildon revealed their interim management structure with former player, Chris Hughes accepting the position of First Team Manager for the rest of the season, when the position will be reviewed.

Clark stepped down from his managerial role with Shildon to take up his previous coaching position at Marske United just five days after being appointed, replacing the previous manager Jamie Tunstall.

He said: "It would have been simple for me to carry on with the club and hide my feelings, but ultimately I was unhappy at Shildon, and they deserve someone who is completely happy in the position. In life, we only regret the chances we don't take, and I am grateful to have had the chance to realise that at this moment in my life, it isn't the right thing for me."

Shortly after returning to Marske, Clark became caretaker manager following the departure of manager Carl Jarrett who brought to an end a successful eight year reign which started in 2014.

Having previously managed Tadcaster Albion and Gainsborough Trinity, Curtis Woodhouse was revealed as Marske's new manager.

In a statement posted on Twitter, he said: "I'm thrilled to be announced as the new Marske United Manager, a fantastic club with lots of potential. It's not going to be easy or instant but together we can get back on track and get moving forward again."

Martin Sockett and Craig Nicholls have become joint managers of Halesowen Town for the remainder of the season, following the departure of Paul Smith who stepped down saying "To see the growth of the club from the day I arrived to now is mesmerising".

The pair has worked within the club for a while and have taken the opportunity to manage the side with Sockett saying: "I am absolutely delighted to be offered the chance to manage this great club as joint manager with Craig.

We have been around the club for a while as part of Paul's management team and it is now our job to see this through for everyone at the club and our fantastic fans". Nicholls added: "Since I walked through the door with Paul three years ago I have fallen in love with the football club," he said. "Taking on the academy was amazing and now being able to say I'm managing Halesowen Town FC is an incredible feeling".

Hours after being knocked out of the FA Trophy Macclesfield announced that manager Danny Whitaker had been relieved of his first team duties.

A club statement read: "This is a statement that nobody ever wanted to write, yet our current run of form - which has included elimination from the Emirates FA Cup, Isuzu FA Trophy, and two home league defeats from three games - has proved to be unacceptable. The squad we have assembled should unquestionably be performing better than they currently are - particularly at the Leasing.com Stadium, where recent showings have been nowhere near the standard we expect".

We believe that it is the right time to make a change and that this is in the best interests of the Football Club - despite how painful it is. Danny will forever remain a Club Legend and will continue to play a critical part within our Academy structure going forward."

A day later Macclesfield appointed former Warrington Rylands manager Dave McNabb as their new first team manager, assisted by Tim Lees a former coach at Rylands. No doubt these won't be the last managerial changes of the season.

TODDY'S MONEY FOR GOALS

or, ANYTHING ELSE, FOR THAT MATTER!

Once again, we will be operating the scheme that Toddy set up, which brings in very welcome funds for the club. Our thanks go to Richard Webb, who has agreed to administer the scheme for us.

He will be supported by Guy and Vicki, who are not averse to twisting a few arms. All with a smile of course!

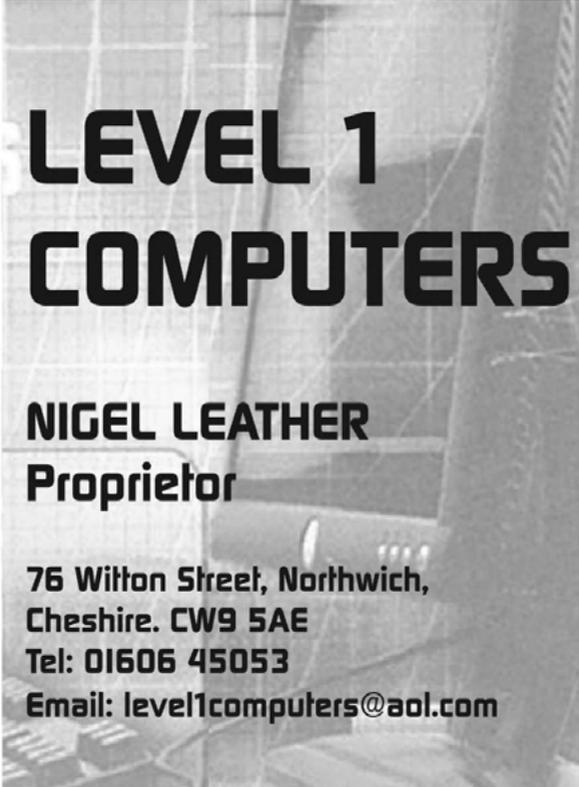
We hope those of you who have supported the scheme in the past, will do so again. Richard will make a note of your sponsorship choice and the amount you wish to pledge. He will also keep the record when you have paid.

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Whatever takes your fancy! Unusual sponsorships are especially welcome! We do appreciate that the cost of living is increasing, so we would be grateful for any amount that is pledged.

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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	2-1	2-0	337	Allen	Buckley	Heywood	Fenton	Marrow	Green(1)	Woolley J
8	Witton Albion (MCSC)	2-3	1-1	476	Allen	Broe*	Woods B	Fenton	Jones	Green*	Gardner*
15	TRAFFORD	2-0	1-0	272	Allen	Buckley	Heywood	Fenton	Jones(1)	Green	Woolley J*
22	Macclesfield	1-0	1-0	3597	Aghayere	Buckley	Heywood	Fenton	Jones	Green	Woolley J
29	GLOSSOP	0-2	0-2	310	Aghayere	Buckley	Woods	Fenton	Jones	Green	Woolley J
31	Stockport Town (CSC)	3-4	1-3	84	Aghayere	Buckley	Woods*	Fenton(1)	Marrow	Green	Irlam
NOV 5	Mossley	0-3	0-1	474	Aghayere	Buckley	Woods*	Marrow	Fenton	Green	Woolley J
8	Runcorn L	2-2	1-1	662	Aghayere	Marrow	Buckley	Fenton	Jones	Green*	Woolley J
12	HANLEY	-									
19	WIDNES	-									
26	Workington	-									
DEC 3	Boode	-									
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	-									

1874 Northwich Matchday Programme

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*	Irlam	O'Neill	Limpitshi*	Broe	Noble	Marrow*	Walker	Allen	Bamber Z	Colne
Woolley M*	Reed*	Irlam	O'Neill	Woods A*	Adetiloye*	Noble	Broe*	Marrow		Brown P	Pres
Woolley M	Reed(1)*	Irlam(1)*	O'Neill	Woods A*	Adetiloye*	Noble	Diop Parra	Marrow*		Bruce D	Kids
Woolley M	O'Neill*	Irlam	Quarless(1)*	Woods A*	Adetiloye	Noble	Gardner*	Marrow*		Wood C	Clith
Woolley M	Quarless*	Irlam	O'Neill	Woods A*	Adetiloye*	Noble*	Gardner	Le Blanc-Akpo		Hussein A	LEEK
Woolley M*	Quarless	Gardner*	O'Neill	Woods A*	Reed	Noble*	Le Blanc-Akpo	Aghayere		Kearney G	RAMS
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Woolley M*	Quarless	Woolley J	O'Neill	Woods A*	Reed	Davidson	Le Blanc-Akpo*	Kirangozi*	Allen	Williams A	Clith
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Woolley M	Quarless	Irlam(1)	O'Neill(1)	Woolley J*	Marrow*	Crawford*	Ellington	Noble		Owen J	Witt
Woolley M(1)	Quarless	Irlam	O'Neill*	Broe	Marrow	Crawford*	Gardner*	Noble		Critchlow D	TRAF
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Online Match Centre

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE - WEST 2022/23

League table

10/11/22

	Pld	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1 Macclesfield	13	6	0	2	22	4	4	0	1	11	3	+26	30
2 Leek Town	13	2	2	1	11	7	5	3	0	17	3	+18	26
3 Mossley	14	4	2	1	12	6	3	1	3	9	10	+5	24
4 Workington AFC	14	3	2	2	7	6	4	1	2	13	9	+5	24
5 Runcorn Linnets	13	3	3	0	9	4	3	1	3	9	6	+8	22
6 1874 NORTHWICH	14	3	3	1	7	4	2	3	2	11	12	+2	21
7 Kidsgrove Athletic	14	3	3	1	12	9	2	3	2	9	12	+0	21
8 Trafford	15	3	2	2	11	10	3	1	4	11	13	-1	21
9 Clitheroe	12	2	0	3	11	7	4	2	1	9	4	+9	20
10 Newcastle Town	13	2	3	1	7	7	3	2	2	9	14	-5	20
11 Prescot Cables	14	3	2	1	6	4	2	1	5	10	13	-1	18
12 Glossop North End	14	2	3	4	8	13	3	0	2	5	3	-3	18
13 Skelmersdale United	14	2	0	5	8	15	4	0	3	15	12	-4	18
14 Hanley Town	13	0	0	6	7	15	5	1	1	16	10	-2	16
15 Bootle	14	2	0	5	6	17	2	3	2	9	9	-11	15
16 Witton Albion	13	3	0	3	10	8	1	2	4	8	11	-1	14
17 City of Liverpool	14	3	0	4	11	13	1	1	5	7	12	-7	13
18 Colne	12	2	1	5	8	13	1	2	1	3	4	-6	12
19 Widnes	13	2	3	2	9	10	1	0	5	5	18	-14	12
20 Ramsbottom United	14	2	0	5	11	21	1	2	4	7	15	-18	11

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE - WEST 2022/23

Results Grid

10/11/22

	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	-	-	0-2	-	-	0-0	-	-	-	0-0	1-1	-	2-1	2-0	-	-	-
Bootle	-	X	2-1	0-4	-	-	1-4	-	0-4	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	-	-	-	2-1	0-1
City of Liverpool	-	-	X	-	-	-	2-1	0-5	0-1	-	1-2	-	-	-	1-2	3-2	4-0	-	-	-
Clitheroe	1-3	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	7-1	-	2-0	0-1	-	1-2	-	-	-	-
Colne	1-0	1-1	2-1	-	X	-	1-2	0-2	-	-	2-3	-	0-2	-	-	1-2	-	-	-	-
Glossop NE	-	-	1-0	-	0-1	X	2-4	-	1-1	1-2	-	-	-	2-1	1-1	-	0-0	-	-	0-3
Hanley Town	-	-	2-3	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	-	-	2-4	1-2	0-2	-	1-2
Kidsgrove Ath	3-3	2-1	-	-	-	1-0	1-2	X	-	2-2	-	2-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	-
Leek Town	-	-	-	-	-	-	4-1	1-1	X	1-3	-	-	4-1	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Macclesfield	0-1	1-2	-	3-0	-	-	-	5-0	-	X	-	3-0	-	-	-	1-0	-	5-0	-	4-1
Mossley	3-0	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	0-2	-	X	1-1	2-1	-	1-0	-	-	4-1	-	-
Newcastle Town	2-2	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	X	-	-	0-2	-	-	2-1	1-1	-
Prescot Cables	-	-	-	0-2	-	2-0	-	-	-	-	-	0-0	X	-	1-0	-	-	-	2-1	1-1
Ramsbottom Utd	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-3	2-3	-	0-5	3-1	-	2-1	X	-	3-5	-	-	-	0-3
Runcorn Linnets	2-2	1-1	-	-	2-0	-	0-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	3-1	1-0	-
Skelmersdale Utd	-	-	-	0-1	-	0-2	-	-	-	-	1-0	1-3	3-2	-	1-4	X	2-3	-	-	-
Trafford	-	2-3	3-2	-	1-1	-	-	1-1	0-2	-	2-0	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	2-1	-
Widnes	-	1-1	-	0-0	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-3	3-1	-	-	2-1	X	2-3	-
Witton Albion	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	1-2	1-0	0-2	-	-	5-1	-	-	-	-	X	3-2
Workington	-	-	0-0	0-1	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	0-1	-	-	-	2-1	2-1	2-1	-	-	X

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1874 is running its usual sweepstake for the upcoming 2022 World Cup and tickets are now on sale at a cost of £2 each.

FORMAT

The same as previous sweepstakes i.e., based on the various combinations of two competing teams on a ticket – there will be one winning ticket (prize £150), which will have the two teams that reach the final, and five further prize tickets (£25 each) for the other combinations of the teams that reach the semi-finals. Thus, if you have a card that contains two of the semi final teams then you win a prize.

In addition, there will also be a prize of £25 for the ticket containing the combination of the worst two performing countries from the group stage (based on points, goal difference and goals scored) – so if your ticket contains two unfancied teams then you may still win a prize! It is possible for more than two teams to qualify as 'the worst' and if so then the prize will be shared between the qualifying combinations.

Prizes must be claimed by producing the winning ticket within 30 days of the final match by contacting the Club by e-mail to trust@1874northwich.com, by telephone on 07975 679624 or by speaking to Guy Jewell or any other Club official.

HOW TO BUY TICKETS

Tickets will be on sale at the ground for the next three home matches (Glossop, Hanley and Widnes) and at the AGM on 24 November.

For those not able to attend the matches then tickets can be obtained by contacting Guy Jewell in person, at trust@1874northwich.com or on 07496 109189 and arrangements will be made to supply tickets and collect money where possible. Payment can also be made directly to the bank account – Sort Code 60-15-29, Account Number 67050263.

This is the first sweepstake held since we lost Toddy, who used to sell many tickets within his family and social circles, which means it will be a huge task to get all the tickets sold this time. So, if you are able to sell a few extra tickets to family and friends then please let us know as per the details above.

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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!

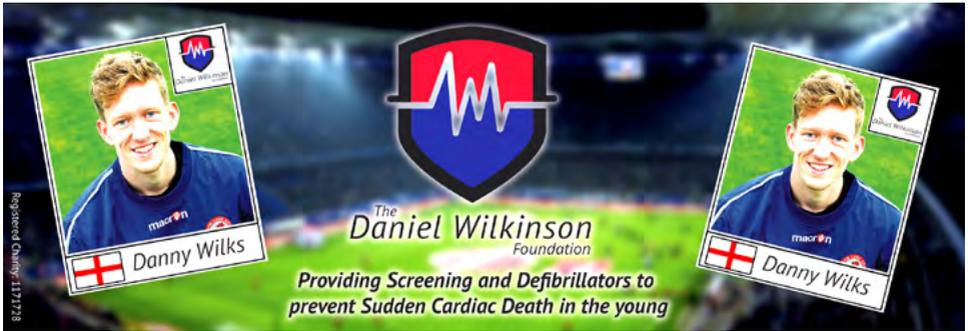
And in our first decade, we think that we've achieved all of these aims beyond our wildest dreams!

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.

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



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.

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

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OUR MISSION

The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.

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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.

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.

Jeanny 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 Prescot 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.

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.



HISTORIES AND PROFILES

TODAY'S VISITORS: HANLEY TOWN

HISTORY

In 1966 a group of friends were playing mainly friendly games on a Sunday based at The Trumpet Public House in Hanley. (The building is now occupied by McDonalds, facing the Wetherspoons pub).

The friends decided to join a Saturday league (Longton League) and changed their name to Hanley Town (Owen Rhead took on the managers role in 1966). That very first season the club won the Longton League and the Longton Charity Cup. The team were playing on a pitch rented from a local engineering firm Copestick & Farrell on Victoria Road just outside Hanley.

In the 1967/68 season the club moved up to the Staffordshire County League (North) and were placed in Division 2, a reserve team was formed and replaced the first team in the Longton League. The season was one of the most successful – the combined teams winning six trophies and were runners-up in two others. Washing and changing facilities were built at the ground making the club one of the first in the area to have touchline facilities.

1967/68 season Honours:

Staffs County League (North) Division 1 Champions;

Longton League Champions;

Longton League Cup Winners (vs Meir CA)

Hanley Cup Winners (vs Burslem Albion)

May Bank Cup Winners (vs Milton United)

Longton Charities Cup Winners;

Staffordshire County League Cup Runners-Up (vs

Cowlshaw Walker)

Leek Cup Runners-Up (vs Milton United)

The success continued for the '68/69 season with the first team becoming Division 1 Champions and the reserves retaining the Longton League title. Also won were: Longton League Cup (vs Fenton BL); the May Bank Cup (vs Wereton QP) and the Hanley Cup (vs Wereton QP). The first team were also runners-up in the Staffordshire Junior Cup (vs Pelsall Villa).

In 1971 the club lost its ground on Victoria Road to developers and so the club moved into a groundshare

agreement with neighbours Eastwood Hanley, who were playing in the West Midlands League at the time.

The reserves were able to continue to rent a ground from Johnsons nearby. Both Hanley teams were now playing in the Staffordshire County League (North), the first team in the Premier Division and the reserves in Division 1.

The '72/73 season saw the first team become Premier Division Champions, with the reserves finishing third in Division 1. The Staffordshire FA Challenge Cup was won beating Roebuck in the Final.

With Eastwood wanting to increase the rent for the 1974/75 season to an unacceptable level the club agreed a groundshare with Leek Town. It was a disappointing season on the field, the first team finishing 5th in the County Premier Division, with the reserves finishing 12th out of 14 teams in Division 1. The club were runners-up in two cup competitions the Sentinel Cup and the Roger Lomas Trophy.

For the 1976/77 season under the managerial reins of Joe Wills, Hanley Town moved into their present ground on Abbey Lane where the club started to develop the facilities. The club also took the plunge into joining the Mid-Cheshire League Second Division which was in its second season.

A 4th place finish in the Mid-Cheshire League Second Division and winning the Second Division cup, beating Knutsford 1-0 in the Final was not a bad first season in the new league.

The 1980/81 season was a disappointment as the club finished in its worst league position. The cup competitions though were a success however – the new Staffordshire FA Vase was introduced by the Staffordshire FA to replace the Intermediate Cup, 16 clubs from North and South of the County were invited to take part. Hanley Town had the honour of being the first winners defeating Chasetown over two legs, the first-leg away at Chasetown ended 0-0, with the return leg at Abbey Lane, in front of 1,000



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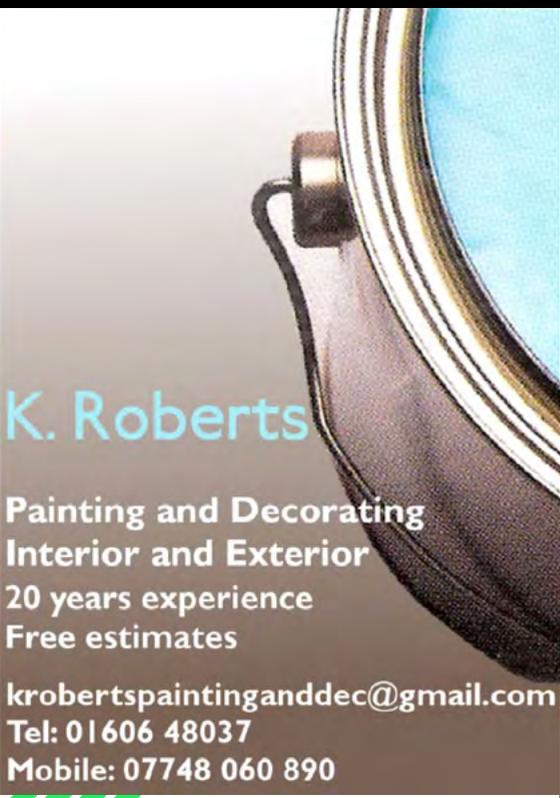
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spectators ending 2-1 to Hanley. The League Cup was also retained after beating Linotype 2-1.

In the 1981/82 season the club finally became Mid-Cheshire League Champions by a six-point margin and only two defeats in the league all season. The clubs attempt to defend the Staffordshire FA Vase was almost successful as we reached the Final again, only to lose over two legs 2-0 to neighbours Eastwood Hanley.

The following three seasons were mediocre, but in the 1986/87 and 1987/88 seasons under the managerial reins of Peter Ward – the seasons provided the club with some success. Two third place finishes in the Mid-Cheshire League; League Cup success beating Kidsgrove Athletic 3-1 after extra-time; winning the Leek Cup; the Newcastle Charities Cup and the club were also inaugural winners of the Congleton Floodlit Cup.

The reserves during this period were Staffordshire Alliance League Premier Division Runners-Up and Premier Division Cup winners. The club started a youth team, the team playing in the Staffordshire County Minor Youth League – they finished Runners-Up in the league, won the Subsidiary Cup and won the Sentinel Shield.

In 1988 the club applied for membership of the North West Counties League, but with new ground grading being introduced at the time, the club failed in its application. With the club's application turned down, the first team left to play at a higher level for Nantwich Town who were in the North West Counties League at the time.

In 1988/89 ex-Stoke City, Port Vale and Crewe Alexandra player Terry Lees was given the task of rebuilding an entire new first team, and over the next few years began to assemble a team that was gradually climbing the table. Terry had to step down in 1993 due to other commitments outside of football. Thereafter, in this period, began a slow decline, to which the club nearly folded in 1995.

Then ex-Port Vale player Neville Chamberlain, first as manager, then as chairman steadied the club. The club returned to the Mid-Cheshire League for a season and then in 1998 joined the Midland League (Staffordshire County Senior League).

Under the managerial reins of Darren Stair and Dave Price, the Midland League Cup Final was reached in 2003/04, unfortunately losing to Norton/Adderley Green in the final. The club had had to wait till the turn of the millennium to reach a major cup final (15 years).

Success was finally achieved the following season when Darren and Dave guided a young Hanley Town side to a treble of titles: Midland (SCSL) Champions; League Cup Winners (vs Hanford 2-1); Staffordshire FA Vase (vs Audley 1-0) and the reserves won the Leek Cup (vs Audley 4-2).

The following season the club retained the league title, losing just once in the league, however losing to Ball Haye Green in the Leek Cup Final.

Between 2006 and 2011 Steve Norris (FA Trophy winner) and then Dave Wooliscroft took on the managerial reins – consistently keeping the team in the top five of the league and onto a number of cup semi-finals.

For the 2011/12 Darren Stair's brother, Colin Stair took over as first team manager after a successful few seasons as reserve and youth team manager – he was assisted by Dave Price and Glen Parkes.

That season the team won the Staffordshire County Senior League Premier Division title and the reserve team managed by Mark Giblin and Steve Harrison won the Division 1 title.

The 2012/13 was a season of joy and sorrow – Colin Stair and Dave Price guided the first team to a memorable quadruple of titles. That season the first team became Staffordshire County Senior League Premier Division Champions; League Cup Winners (vs Wolstanton Utd 2-1); Staffordshire FA Vase Winners

(vs Wolstanton Utd 3-1) and Leek Cup Winners (vs Audley 4-3 on pens, 2-2 after extra-time).

With four league games remaining in the season, first team manager Colin Stair suddenly passed away, the lads brilliantly saw the season through to win the fourth title for 'Codger'.

It was Colin's ambition to get the club and manage at a higher level starting with the North West Counties Football League, which the club achieved by being accepted into the First Division of the North West Counties League for the 2013/14 season. The first season at a higher level resulted in a fourth place, with Hanley also reaching the final of the NWCL First Division Trophy, unfortunately losing on penalties to Formby.

The 2014/15 season saw the first team reach the NWCL Division 1 play-off final against AFC Darwen after beating Holker Old Boys at Abbey Lane 3-1 in the Semi-Final. Unfortunately, Hanley went on to lose the final at Darwen's Anchor Road ground in front of over 900 spectators.

The 2015/16 season saw the first team banish the disappointment of missing out on promotion the season before by becoming the North West Counties League First Division champions under the new management team of Dean Owen and Wayne Johnson in their first season in charge.

Hanley's first year in the NWCL Premier Division (2016/17) saw them finish in a respectable 10th place. In the 2017/18 season, Hanley finished in 8th place in the NWCL Premier Division.

The 2018/19 season was a turbulent one for the club, both on and off the field, with Hanley needing (and getting) a win on the last game of the season in order to secure safety in the NWCL Premier Division.

Hanley ended the season having had three different managers throughout the season, with former player Mick Morton being the latest recruit in January 2019.

Mick successfully kept the club up, turning the clubs form right around towards the end of the season.

The 2019/20 season was cut short and later voided due to the Coronavirus pandemic. With eight games still to play, Hanley were sitting bottom of the table, and in the sole relegation spot, but were only one point behind the team above and with a game in hand on them – everything still to play for. Sadly, 2020/21 also went the same way with few games played.

In 2021/2022 the club made it as far as the FA Third Qualifying Round bowing out to National League North Brackley Town after a replay 1-0. The icing on the cake though was winning the Midland League Premier Division earning promotion to the NPL West Division for the 2022/23 campaign.



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By Matt Badcock

There are goals and there are Goals. Those shots, screamers, headers, volleys, even tap-ins and the somehow-bundled-over-the-lines that will be forever remembered.

Sometimes it's by an individual fanbase, where a goal and its scorer are immortalised in club history and legend.

Just think back to the weekend just gone in the FA Cup. Alvechurch's Danny Waldron scoring twice as they beat Cheltenham Town in the first round, or Gold Omatayo's towering header as King's Lynn Town dumped out Doncaster Rovers.

Or how about Joe Hanks' audacious backheel that saw Chippenham Town past League One Lincoln City.

On the other end of a result were South Shields, their fine efforts against Forest Green Rovers finally ended in the last seconds by Connor Whickham's incredible lob from the halfway line.

In their own way, those goals will also be immortalised in FA Cup history – just like Sean Raggett's header for Lincoln City when the Imps knocked out Burnley on their way to the quarter-finals, Scott Rendell scoring for Luton against Norwich City, Matt Hanlon's Sutton strike or Tim Buzaglo's Woking hat-trick heroics over West Brom.

It's what makes the competition at these early stages special. Players catapulted into the spotlight for producing something on the big stage, often in the biggest game of their lives.

Of course, different goals will have more meaning to some than others. That's the nature of football.

But the majority of us will also have those favourite goals scored for clubs we have no such attachment to – or moments that are instantly recognisable.

Even those of us who were still to land on this planet, Ronnie Radford's goal for Hereford United against Newcastle United is surely one of, if not the, most iconic goal in the FA Cup.

It transcends Hereford's history. It was poignant his sad death came in the week that the Bulls played Portsmouth on live TV to get the first round proper underway.

The fans unveiled a banner featuring the commentary words that accompanied the goal, former team-mates spoke of their memories and manager Josh Gowling was one of many others to pay tributes to not only a club great, but a player who made his mark on the beautiful game.

Newcastle United, forever associated with the Hereford humbling, tweeted out their own message of condolence. After all, it wasn't just a goal.

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