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STEVE RICHARDSON



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Townfield for what is our penultimate home game this season.

It is my pleasure to welcome the Players, Management, Officials and Supporters of Clitheroe FC to Townfield.

As we approach the final few games of the 2022/23 season, I believe that it is fair to say that there is still much to play for in this most competitive of seasons. Every game and every point gained is still vitally important to so many clubs within the league, and will be until the final whistle of the season blows.

It is testament to the strength of the NPL West Division One this year that so many games have been decided on such fine margins and just one or two results either way have had such a bearing on league placings.

Today's game reflects the importance of results for both sides involved and highlights the competitiveness of the league perfectly, with Clitheroe under pressure to maintain their playoff aspirations, and with 1874 aiming to bounce back from recent results and open up breathing space from the teams below. I am sure that we are in for an entertaining encounter.

Preparations are well underway for the upcoming 1874 Northwich Fun day on the 30th April here at Townfield. More details will be forthcoming shortly, but we are really looking forward to bringing together our Juniors, Walking Football teams and also some of your favourite legends from previous years for what I am sure will be an entertaining afternoon of fun and football.

As always your support for the boys in Green will be vitally important this afternoon, together we can really make a difference.

On behalf of the Board, Management, Players and all our amazing club Volunteers, I thank you for your support.

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All the best,

Steve.



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FROM THE DUGOUT

PAUL & WAYNE



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our latest game against Clitheroe.

They've had a decent run recently and I'm sure they'll be full of confidence as they look to maintain their position in the play-off places.

We've had a few disappointing results recently and there's no shying away from that. It's been interesting to hear and read your varying opinions about why and as ever we'll be in the bar after the game for anyone who would like to come and discuss the current situation and find out some of the reasons for various decisions.

A number of the squad have had game time in the last few games due to a mixture of suspensions and injuries and a bid to turn the tide and pick up some points. We felt Sam played well on Tuesday at Ramsbottom but was tiring a little so made a change. We don't think this is the reason we lost the game. This was more down to switching off at a quickly taken free kick where we turned our backs and failed to defend properly. We created enough chances to get something from the game and should have been ahead in the first half. A case of not taking our chances when they arise and being punished by the opponents.

It's been really pleasing to hear and witness your support for the players recently and they're determined to put things right and get back to winning ways.

Our belief in this group is unwavering and whilst we know areas that need improving it's important that we all stick together on and off the pitch whilst at the same time giving you, the supporters, something to cheer.

Joner returns to the squad for today's game after serving a suspension and his experience is important for the squad. Fenton Green is unlikely to be fit for the remaining games so joins Kenzie in a premature end to his season. Ollie Broe is similar having picked up an injury at Hanley. Tony has been struggling with a hand injury and his work pattern has changed so has struggled to train but is looking to get back involved in the upcoming games.

We both feel it's getting the right mix in the team at the moment. Confidence isn't the issue but it's avoiding the basic errors that cost us like we've seen in the past two games.

After today's game we make the trip to our rivals on Monday before hosting Workington next Saturday.

More than ever we are relying on your support and the test is to all remain strong whether things are going our way or not.

Enjoy the game

Up the '74!

Bows and Goody

SECRETARIAL MUSINGS

VICKI ENGLAND



Good afternoon and welcome back to Townfield for our penultimate home fixture of the season. Today we meet promotion challengers Clitheroe, in what is sure to be a very tough encounter.

Clitheroe sit in fourth position, fighting neck and neck with Linnets and the Albion for the remaining playoff spots. They will be hoping that they can get the points today and then we do them a favour on Easter Monday!

There are some cracking people behind the scenes at Clitheroe, such a warm and welcoming club and very sporting whatever the result. I need to say that I hope they don't take anything away from today's game but I hope they are up there at the end of the season!

Well, from our own point of view, we have had a disappointing couple of weeks. Our last three games have seen three defeats, at home to Mossley and away at Hanley and Ramsbottom. We know it wasn't the best performance against Mossley, however I believe we deserved a draw. We were unlucky with the discipline incidents and a wonder goal won it. We were rocked very early on at Hanley with a goal, we just couldn't recover and Hanley were full value for their win.

Tuesday night was disappointing, because 'on paper' we should have picked up three points. But football is not played on paper, is it? We played much better but were hit by a 'smash and grab' goal in the first half and a quick free kick that caught us off guard in the second.

We were the better team but we struggled to finish off some of our great build up play. After we equalised, I thought it would be a case of how many we would get, but credit to Rammy as they played with nothing to lose and earned themselves a win. What I would say is that I was heartened by the great away following up at Rammy on Tuesday, it shows that our supporters care.

I have listened to supporters and read their views with interest. Of course, it has been a difficult patch, where we would have hoped for more, yet for various reasons it has not come off for the team and us on the terraces. I'm not going to spend the next half a page writing my own opinion but I am going to say this... I am an advocate of people being able to express their view, after all this club belongs to its members and despite what some may think, 1874 is a very open club with avenues for feedback.

However, where I do get a little disillusioned is the manner in which some of these views are expressed and in particular, directed at individuals. People work hard to do their best for the club, everyone involved values what we have at 1874. We have had some amazing times and now we need the support through a tricky patch. But let's keep it level-headed and respectful folks, please.

We're heading to Wincham Park on Monday for the Easter derby. I hope to see a lot of you there, backing our lads. On paper, and given recent form, it might feel like it won't go well. But what did I say about football being played on paper?

It would be remiss of me if I didn't congratulate Macclesfield FC on their second championship in succession. They have the infrastructure, support and financial backing to take the NPL Premier by storm too. Let's see how they do. We see them leave the NPL West with our best wishes, but no goals against us and only one point...

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Just a reminder that there's a couple more dates for the diary. On Sunday 30 April, we are planning a special game at Townfield to mark our 10th Anniversary. We are going to be welcoming some of our legends back onto the field, Streeety too as long as he recovers after his recent knee operation. The BBQ will be fired up, the bar open and hopefully the weather will be kind. So, mark it on your calendar and come along!

We are hosting our Presentation Evening on Saturday 6 May. Richard Stockton is selling tickets, we will be renaming some of the awards and you will have your chance to vote for your favourites at today's game, at our home game against Workington and also 'over the airways'.

Have a chat to Richard about the meal and get voting!

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 last week did not quite go to plan.

However, there is plenty of football to be played before starting to review the season and I'll wait until after the final fixture to do so.

I've followed enough non-league stories to know that a plot twist, particularly when you believe all is said and done, happens more often than you might think.

Not only that, there is not a chance this group of players will want the final chapter of the current campaign to end on a low note.

Let's just wait and see.

For today's visitors, this is a huge game.

And, let's have it right, the previous meeting this term back in August feels like a lifetime ago for both teams. The line-ups will look markedly different too.

Clitheroe, after a sequence of four matches without a win that appeared to put a sizeable dent in their promotion play-offs hopes, have responded with successive victories against Runcorn Linnets and then Leek Town.

They have risen to fourth in the Northern Premier League's West Division table as a result, one point better off than Witton Albion and four clear of Mossley.

There is work still to do then.

Manager Dave Dempsey has had exactly the desired impact after agreeing to take the reins from Billy Priestley early in the new year.

A tally of seven wins from 13 games has propelled the Lancashire side up the standings from seventh spot – and eight points adrift of the top five.

It's an impressive turnaround.

That doesn't mean they'll have things their own way this afternoon, of course.

1874 collected 47 points last term, five more than they have now, and psychologically it would be a boost to at least match that figure.

Doing so would almost certainly be rewarded with a top-half finish; again, emotionally a good way to sign off for the summer.

We've seen in previous years just how much of a lift it can be for everybody to head into the summer break on the back of a positive run of form.

Mark Jones is available again after suspension – a punishment he did not deserve after a wretched performance from the referee against Mossley, I might add – and it is to state the obvious just how important his presence is at the heart of '74's defence.

The absence of several players, Ellis Allen and Kenzy O'Neill are obvious examples but Fenton Green has been missed too, has been felt in recent weeks.

So, one last push then.

Easter weekend always throws up unexpected results, something we discuss on the latest edition of the NPL Show podcast.

Players are tired, and the turnaround between games is shorter, which means the outcome of matches is more difficult to predict.

That includes this one, by the way.

Enjoy the game, folks.

Simmo



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NORTHERN
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BIG GAME PREVIEW

by GARRY CLARKE



1874 NORTHWICH V CLITHEROE FC NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE - WEST

1874 Northwich welcome Clitheroe to Townfield on Holy Saturday for a NPL West game.

Clitheroe emerged from last weekend's fixtures firmly in the race for a place in the NPL West promotion play off, which they just missed out on last season finishing in 6th place 3 points adrift of the final playoff position.

After a run of three consecutive defeats Clitheroe's form in their last three games has been much improved, winning twice and drawing once, results which place them 14th in the division's current form table – 1874 are 18th with one win, two draws and three defeats in their last six games (before the Ramsbottom game).

Last Saturday Clitheroe beat Leek Town 1-0, with Danny Wilkins scoring the only goal of the game in the 50th minute in front of a Shawbridge crowd of 1,047.

After last weekend's games Clitheroe were 4th in the NPL West table, 9 places and 13 points above 1874.

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Clitheroe	34	16	7	11	61	44	+17	55
1874	34	11	9	14	39	43	-4	42

Away their Shawbridge home, Clitheroe's league record is:

P	W	D	L
17	6	4	7

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

P	W	D	L
17	6	6	5

Clitheroe's top goal scorer this season is Sefton Gonzales who has netted 19 times so far, followed by Reece Webb-Foster on 15 and Max Crane on 10.

Clitheroe are the 5th best supported team in the NPL West with an average attendance of 631 at Shawbridge, with the highest being 1,756 for a FA Cup game against Bury, while the lowest was 200 for a Lancashire Trophy tie against Daisy Hill.

CLITHEROE FACT FILE

Formed	1877
Ground	Shawbridge
Colours	Blue & White
Change Colours	Red & Black
Nickname	The Blues
Manager	David Dempsey
2021/22	6th NPL West

FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS

The only two players, as far as have been traced, to have played for both 1874 and Clitheroe are Daley Woods and Aaron Kirk – there may be more!

WE'VE MET BEFORE

Garry Clarke takes a look back at the five previous meetings between 1874 Northwich and Clitheroe.

2019/20

10th August 2019 - FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round
 Away - Won 2-1 Attendance 386
 1874 - M Woolley, Parker
 Clitheroe - Cummings

2021/22

14th August 2021 - NPL West
 Away - Drew 2-2 Attendance 441
 1874 - McGowan, Mitchell
 Clitheroe - Gonzales, Lonsdale

18th December 2021 - NPL West
 Home - Drew 2-2 Attendance 307
 1874 - Parker, M Woolley

Clitheroe - Jeane, Turner

2022/23

27th August 2022 - NPL West

Away - Won 3-1 Attendance 516

1874 - J Woolley 2, Quarless

Clitheroe - Crane

13th September 2022 - FA Trophy 1st Round

Away - Lost 1-2 Attendance 272

1874 - Own Goal

Clitheroe - Marrow, Dent

HEAD TO HEAD

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD
Home	1	0	1	0	2	2	0
Away	4	2	1	1	8	6	+2
Total	5	2	2	1	10	8	+2

LAST SEASON V CLITHEROE AT TOWNFIELD

18th December 2021 Drew 2-2 Attendance 307

1874 Northwich came from behind to take the lead in an evenly contested game which saw Clitheroe also come from behind to share the points.

Clitheroe took the lead against the run of play in the 20th minute when Louis Jeanne stabled home from close range. 1874 hit back in the 32nd minute when Jake Parker guided the ball into the net from a Joe Woolley cross.

1874 took the lead in the 45th minute when Matt Woolley converted from the penalty spot after Joe had been fouled.

Alex Turner equalized for Clitheroe in the 78th minute.



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As Club Welfare Officer, I have a responsibility to communicate our safeguarding arrangements and expected standards of behaviour. This is becoming more relevant, as we are seeing more and more of our junior players watching the senior team and also some of our first team squad are under the age of 18. This means that as adults we need to be conscious of the example we are setting.

We rightly pride ourselves on being a family club and all have a part to play in making the matchday experience safe and enjoyable for our younger fans / players.

We would hope that you respect ALL players and officials. No one sets out to make mistakes, but they happen. So please play your part and observe The Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct in everything you do.

The following are extracts from the Club's spectator code of conduct as it applies to young people:

- Remember that young players are doing the best they can
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Lead by example, always respect the match official's decision
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

It is great to see so many youngsters at matches, both on and off the pitch, let's make them feel welcome.

Thanks,
Maggie Coats
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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.

If you haven't joined in before, then please consider this fantastic scheme, set up by the wonderful Toddy Barlow, as it really does help the club. You can sponsor goals, clean sheets, penalty saves.

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.

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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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 B*	Fenton(1)	Marrow	Green	Irlam
NOV 5	Mossley	0-3	0-1	474	Aghayere	Buckley	Woods B*	Marrow	Fenton	Green	Woolley J
8	Runcorn L	2-2	1-1	662	Aghayere	Marrow	Buckley	Fenton	Jones	Green*	Woolley J
12	HANLEY	0-1	0-1	248	Aghayere	Marrow	Buckley	Fenton	Jones*	Green	Woolley J
19	WIDNES	2-0	2-0	281	Aghayere	Marrow(1)	Buckley	Fenton	Jones	Irlam	Crawford*
26	Workington	1-2	1-2	607	Aghayere	Broe	Buckley	Fenton	Marrow	Green	Crawford*
DEC 3	Boole (1pm KO)	0-2	0-1	487	Aghayere	Broe*	Buckley	Fenton	Marrow	Green	Woolley J
26	WITTON	1-4	0-3	836	Aghayere	Buckley	Woods B*	Fenton	Marrow	Green*	Crawford
JAN 2	Leek	1-2	0-1	615	Aghayere	Broe	Buckley	Fenton*	Jones	Hamman*	Crawford*
14	City of Liverpool	2-1	1-1	302	Aghayere	Broe	Buckley	Fenton	Jones	Hamman*	Bower*
24	Prescot	1-2	1-1	565	Aghayere	Marrow*	Buckley	Fenton	Jones	Hamman*	Bower
28	BOOTLE	1-1	0-1	312	Aghayere	Broe	Buckley	Fenton	Jones	Green	Bower*
FEB 4	Skelmersdale	2-0	1-0	161	Aghayere	Marrow	Buckley	Fenton	Jones	Green	Crawford*
7	NEWCASTLE	2-0	2-0	221	Aghayere	Marrow	Buckley	Fenton	Jones	Green(1)*	Bower
10	COLNE	4-1	1-0	255	Aghayere	Buckley	Henderson	Fenton(1)	Marrow	Green*	Crawford*
18	Trafford	0-1	0-0	448	Aghayere	Broe	Buckley	Marrow	Jones	Hamman*	Bower*
21	KIDSGROVE	2-2	1-0	216	Aghayere	Buckley	Fenton(1)	Jones	Marrow	Green	Bower
25	RUNCORN L	0-1	0-1	440	Aghayere	Marrow*	Buckley	Fenton	Jones	Green	Noble*
MAR 4	MACCLESFIELD	0-0	0-0	883	Aghayere	Buckley	Collins	Fenton	Jones	Green	Noble*
18	Glossop	1-0	0-0	307	Callister	Buckley	Collins	Fenton(1)	Jones	Daly	Noble*
25	MOSSLEY	0-1	0-1	296	Callister	Buckley	Collins	Fenton	Jones	Daly	Bower*
APR 1	Hanley	0-4	0-2	163	Callister	Liptrott*	Collins	Fenton	Marrow	Daly*	Bower*
4	Ramsbottom	1-2	0-1	234	Callister	Buckley	Collins	Fenton	Marrow(1)	Adetloye*	Noble*
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(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
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Woolley M*	Quarless	Woolley J	O'Neill	Woods A*	Reed	Davidson	Le Blanc-Akpo*	Kirangazi*	Allen	Williams A	Clith
Woolley M*	Quarless	Irlam	O'Neill	Woods A*	Reed	Woods B*	Le Blanc-Akpo*	Noble		Trevelthan M	Colne
Woolley M	Quarless	Irlam	O'Neill(1)	Woods A	Gardner*	Woods B	Le Blanc-Akpo	Noble		Abson R	COL
Woolley M(1)*	Quarless	Irlam	O'Neill*	Broe	Gardner*	Woods B	Le Blanc-Akpo	Noble*		Carney E	SKEM
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
Woolley M	Quarless	Irlam*	O'Neill(1)	Woods B	Marrow	Crawford	Gardner*	Noble		Wall T	Macc
Woolley M*	Quarless	Irlam*	O'Neill*	Broe	Marrow	Crawford*	Gardner*	Noble*		Corrigan L	GLOS
Woolley M	Quarless(2)	Gardner	O'Neill	Broe*	Green	Le Blanc-Akpo*	Woolley J	Noble*		Eaton G	StockT
Woolley M*	Quarless	Irlam*	O'Neill	Broe*	Jones	Gardner*	Crawford*	Noble		Bell E	Moss
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Woolley M*	Irlam	Woolley J	Bower	Broe	Adetiloye	Gardner*	Collins*	Daly*		Critchlow D	RUNC
Woolley M	Irlam	Woolley J	Gardner	Broe	Adetiloye	Marrow	Baker	Daly*		Noonan O	MACC
Woolley M	Irlam*	Woolley J	Gardner*	Marrow	Adetiloye*	Bower*	Baker	Ellis*		Kearney G	Gloss
Woolley M	Irlam	Woolley J	Gardner*	Marrow	Adetiloye*	Noble*	Baker	Ellis		Mustafa Z	MOSS
Woolley M	Irlam	Woolley J	Gardner	Broe*	Adetiloye*	Noble	Baker	Ellis*		Bates M	Hanl
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Online Match Centre

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE - WEST 2022/23

League Table

as of 07/04/23

	Pld	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1 Macclesfield	34	14	1	2	51	13	12	3	2	33	10	+61	82
2 Leek Town	34	9	3	5	32	22	11	4	2	31	12	+29	67
3 Workington AFC	34	9	4	4	27	14	11	2	4	29	20	+22	66
4 Runcorn Linnets	33	8	4	4	23	15	8	3	6	26	20	+14	55
5 Witton Albion	34	10	2	5	36	23	5	7	5	24	22	+15	54
6 Clitheroe	33	10	3	4	40	23	5	4	7	19	20	+16	52
7 Mossley	34	8	5	4	25	19	6	4	7	24	26	+4	51
8 Kidsgrove Athletic	34	7	4	6	21	20	5	7	5	22	28	-5	47
9 Trafford	34	6	4	7	24	25	7	3	7	26	27	-2	46
10 Prescott Cables	33	7	5	4	19	18	5	4	8	23	27	-3	45
11 Skelmersdale United	34	5	0	12	20	35	10	0	7	31	29	-13	45
12 City of Liverpool	34	8	2	7	23	22	5	2	10	26	31	-4	43
13 1874 NORTHWICH	34	6	6	5	19	15	5	3	9	20	28	-4	42
14 Hanley Town	34	3	7	7	22	24	7	2	8	25	31	-8	39
15 Bootle	34	5	3	9	22	32	5	6	6	20	23	-13	39
16 Newcastle Town	34	4	5	8	15	26	6	4	7	21	34	-24	39
17 Colne	34	6	4	7	23	24	3	6	8	14	23	-10	37
18 Widnes	35	7	4	7	22	25	3	3	11	14	37	-26	37
19 Glossop North End	34	3	6	8	19	27	5	3	9	20	25	-13	33
20 Ramsbottom United	34	4	2	11	21	40	2	4	11	14	31	-36	24

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE - WEST 2022/23

Results Grid

as of 07/04/23

	1874	Bootle	City of Liverpool	Clitheroe	Colne	Glossop NE	Hanley Town	Kidsgrove Ath	Leek Town	Macclesfield	Mossley	Newcastle Town	Prescott Cables	Ramsbottom Utd	Runcorn Linnets	Skelmersdale Utd	Trafford	Widnes	Witton Albion	Workington
1874	X	1-1	2-0	-	4-1	0-2	0-1	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	2-0	2-0	1-4	-
Bootle	2-0	X	2-1	0-4	1-2	-	1-4	1-1	0-4	1-2	1-1	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-3	2-1	-	2-2	2-1	0-1
City of Liverpool	1-2	1-1	X	2-0	1-0	0-3	1-0	2-1	0-5	0-1	-	1-2	0-1	2-1	-	1-2	3-2	4-0	1-1	3-0
Clitheroe	1-3	4-0	3-2	X	-	3-2	4-3	-	1-0	1-1	2-1	7-1	2-2	2-0	0-1	0-1	1-2	4-2	4-1	1-1
Colne	1-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	X	3-0	1-2	0-2	-	1-1	2-1	1-2	0-2	2-1	1-0	1-2	2-2	-	1-1	2-3
Glossop NE	0-1	0-3	1-0	-	0-1	X	2-4	-	1-1	1-2	2-3	4-1	1-1	2-1	1-1	1-2	0-0	1-1	2-2	0-3
Hanley Town	4-0	2-0	2-3	1-1	2-2	1-0	X	2-2	0-0	-	1-1	1-2	0-1	0-0	2-2	2-4	1-2	0-2	-	1-2
Kidsgrove Ath	3-3	2-1	2-0	2-1	2-1	1-0	1-2	X	0-1	0-3	2-2	0-0	2-0	2-1	0-1	1-2	0-1	-	1-1	-
Leek Town	2-1	3-2	4-1	3-2	1-0	3-1	4-1	1-1	X	1-3	1-1	-	4-1	1-1	0-2	-	1-3	3-0	0-1	0-1
Macclesfield	0-1	1-2	-	3-0	4-2	2-0	4-0	5-0	4-0	X	4-3	3-0	-	4-0	3-2	1-0	3-1	5-0	1-1	4-1
Mossley	3-0	1-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	-	2-1	1-2	0-2	-	X	1-1	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-2	2-2	4-1	1-1	1-3
Newcastle Town	2-2	1-0	1-6	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-2	-	X	3-2	0-2	0-2	0-1	-	2-1	1-1	0-1
Prescott Cables	2-1	-	1-1	0-2	0-0	2-0	-	0-0	1-4	1-2	2-1	0-0	X	3-1	1-0	2-1	1-2	0-1	2-1	1-1
Ramsbottom Utd	2-1	0-1	1-2	2-3	0-0	1-4	1-3	2-3	-	0-5	3-1	-	2-1	X	1-3	3-5	3-2	0-0	0-3	0-3
Runcorn Linnets	2-2	1-1	0-2	1-2	2-0	-	0-0	2-0	0-1	2-1	1-2	3-1	-	-	X	3-0	2-1	3-1	1-0	1-3
Skelmersdale Utd	0-2	-	2-4	0-1	2-1	0-2	-	1-2	2-4	1-4	1-0	1-3	3-2	1-0	1-4	X	2-3	2-0	0-1	1-2
Trafford	1-0	2-3	3-2	2-1	1-1	2-2	0-2	1-1	0-2	0-1	2-0	2-2	1-2	-	-	2-3	X	2-0	2-1	1-2
Widnes	-	1-1	3-0	0-0	1-1	3-2	1-0	1-2	0-2	0-4	2-1	1-3	0-3	3-1	1-1	-	2-1	X	2-3	1-0
Witton Albion	-	2-2	-	1-1	1-0	0-1	5-1	3-2	1-2	1-0	0-2	3-1	1-0	5-1	4-2	5-3	0-1	1-2	X	3-2
Workington	2-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	-	3-0	3-0	3-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	3-0	3-3	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	-	X

1874 NORTHWICH PLAYER STATISTICS

- correct as of 07/04/23

		2022/23 SEASON					ALL-TIME					Total Apps
		Starts	Subbed	Sub On	Unused	Goals	Starts	Subbed	Sub On	Unused	Goals	
ADEILOYE	Sam	1	1	11	5	0	1	1	11	5	0	12
AGHAYERE	Tony	26	0	0	1	0	135	0	0	1	0	135
ALLEN	Ellis	8	0	0	2	0	8	0	0	2	0	8
BAKER	Nathan	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	1	4	0	1
BROE	Ollie	14	4	8	10	0	14	4	8	10	0	22
BOWER	Harry	10	6	3	1	0	10	6	3	1	0	13
BUCKLEY	Liam	36	1	0	0	0	36	1	0	0	0	36
CALLISTER	Shay	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
COLLINS	Ben	5	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	6
CRAWFORD	Jamal	7	6	11	3	0	7	6	11	3	0	18
CUCOS	Matty	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
DALY	Reece	3	1	2	1	0	3	1	2	1	0	5
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
ELLINGTON	Raece	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	2
ELLIS	Nyle	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	0
FENTON	Matty	37	1	0	1	4	37	1	0	1	4	37
GARDNER	Callum	13	10	15	3	0	80	46	63	28	20	143
GREEN	Fenton	28	6	2	2	3	28	6	2	2	3	30
HAMMAN	Jacob	4	4	2	3	0	5	5	3	8	0	8
HENDERSON	Alfie	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
HEYWOOD	Ollie	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
IRLAM	Jack	27	8	4	3	5	80	27	22	5	9	102
KIRONGOZI	Jean-Jacques	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
LIPTROTT	Matthew	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
JONES	Mark	23	1	0	1	1	202	14	6	5	9	208
LE BLANC-AKPO	Jeanny	0	0	6	7	0	0	0	6	7	0	6
LIMPITSHI	Henry	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MARROW	Jack	24	2	4	9	1	24	2	4	9	1	28
NOBLE	Isaac	8	8	10	16	2	8	8	10	16	2	18
O'NEILL	Mackenzie	28	8	0	0	8	28	8	0	0	8	28
PARTINGTON	Luca	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
QUARLESS	Josh	24	4	0	0	3	24	4	0	0	3	24
REED	Jamie	3	3	1	3	1	3	3	1	3	1	4
SIYAM	Muhammad	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WALKER	Harry	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
WOODS	Ashley	0	0	7	2	0	15	6	15	7	7	30
WOODS	Ben	6	4	1	4	0	29	14	18	28	0	47
WOOLLEY	Joe	36	4	1	1	10	99	46	22	15	21	121
WOOLLEY	Matt	35	11	1	1	5	333	50	30	28	44	363

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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 Oxy1-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!



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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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. After initially playing in the youth teams of West Brom and Shrewsbury, the rest of Paul's playing career was spent in the National game system and included spells with TNS, Market Drayton and the Cheshire trio of Nantwich, Congleton 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 in 2016. 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 120+ games.

Sam Adetiloye – Having spent pre-season with '74 Sam has recently returned to Townfield. Having spent the earlier part of his career with Salford City, Sam spent much of last season with Widnes having had earlier stints Ramsbottom United and Padiham.

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.

Nathan Baker – Spotted by the '74 management team playing in university football, Nathan has a strong pedigree having been with Oxford United as a scholar and young professional before moving North to study in Manchester.

Harry Bower – A natural right-side attacking player, 21 year old Harry initially arrived on loan from '74's county and NPL West rivals Macclesfield. A 'Shropshire Lad', he counts Telford, TNS, Barwell and Alvechurch among his previous ports of call.

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 and has impressed many '74 fans this season with a string of fine performances.

Ben Collins – Having trained with '74 for part of last season, Ben went onto sign professional forms for Salford City during the summer. A left-back, Ben has now returned to Townfield on loan for the remainder of the season

Reece Daly – A midfield player who is a first year professional with Chester, 19 year old Reece is highly thought of by the management team and has agreed to spend the rest of the season with '74.

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 131 appearances and 20 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 midfielder player who was at Crewe Alexandra's academy, the 20 year old impressed 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.

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. Recently passed the 200 game mark for '74.

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.

Isaac 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.

Luca Partington – Just 17, Luca made his full debut for '74 in late 2022 when he came on as substitute in the 2-0 defeat at Bootle. An exciting prospect, he's also played for the clubs' U21 side and local club Lostock Gralham.

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. Unfortunately he is now out for the season having fractured his leg in '74's win at Skelmersdale in early 2023.

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 over 350 games for the club netting approaching 50 goals.



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HISTORIES AND PROFILES

TODAY'S VISITORS: CLITHEROE FC

The club starts its 19th season in the Northern Premier League at Level 4 of the non league pyramid, having narrowly missed out last season on its goal of reaching the play offs for the first time. That drive is even stronger this season as the club looks to build on its extensive ground developments, league crowds of over 600 and its accolade as the best Level 4 club nationally for away fans.

The club was formed as Clitheroe Central in 1877 at the Swan Hotel in Castle Street by local businessmen. After playing in local leagues, the club joined the Lancashire Combination in 1903 and dropped Central from their name. Aside from breaks during the First and Second World Wars, the club continued to play in the Combination until the end of the 1981-82 season, when it combined with the Cheshire League to become the North West Counties League.

For the first 100 years of Clitheroe FC's existence, a Lancashire Junior Cup win in 1893, the Lancashire Combination Cup in 1934-5 and the League Championship in 1979-80 all that the club had to show for its efforts. That was soon to change. Although Clitheroe were put into the Third Division of the NWCFL at its inception due to the state of the ground, there followed the most successful period in the club's long history under the stewardship of Eric Whalley, subsequently manager and Chairman of Accrington Stanley FC. He assembled one of the best non-league sides in the North of England and won back to back Championships in the Third, Second and First divisions, as well as securing the Lancashire Cup for the first time in 50 years, thanks to a solitary strike from local lad Eric Geldard. This was all the more impressive when one considers that the Division 1 was effectively Level 3 in the non-league pyramid. Captained by Mick Ashcroft and containing extravagant talents such as John Taylor and Steve Mullen, possibly the best player ever to play for the Blues, Clitheroe regularly attracted bumper gates, with the championship winning season seeing three crowds over 1,000. Cracks started to appear when Whalley took over the manager's seat at Accrington. To compound matters, the new Northern Premier

Division 1 was formed, but a lack of floodlights meant the Blues could not take their rightful place and they found teams effectively leapfrogging them.

It was not until the mid nineties that the Club recovered from this setback and started to fulfil its potential. It became a force in the NWCFL Division 1 again and also made itself known on the national FA Vase stage. Having been pipped to the title in 1994-95 by Bradford PA in controversial circumstances, the following season saw possibly the highlight of the club's history when the Blues reached the Vase Final under the joint managership of Dennis Underwood and Gary Butcher after an epic two legged semi Final win against Mangotsfield United of Bristol. 2,000 people were on Shawbridge for the second leg when a deflected goal saw the Blues home with seven minutes of extra time remaining. The Final pitted the Blues against a powerful Brigg side and a 3-0 reverse in front of 7,500 fans was a fair reflection of the play. In the close season, Clitheroe also received their record transfer fee, £45,000, from Crystal Palace for goalkeeper Carlo Nash.

The Wembley experience turned the Blues into a Vase side and a Quarter Final defeat against Tiverton in 1998/99 and a two leg reverse against Taunton in the 2000/01 semi-final gave the Blues national prominence. The Taunton season saw Clitheroe beat pre-tournament favourites Chippenham in the quarter final on their own patch before a two-legged semi against Taunton Town, which would never be forgotten. With the first leg away and the game only just surviving an absolute deluge, the Blues went in at half time 5-0 down and reduced to 10 men. There was not much good humour amongst the 150 travelling Blues over that cup of Bovril. No further goals followed, but with manager Dave Burgess throwing caution to the wind in the home second leg, the fans dared to dream with 3 goals for the home side in the first 15 minutes (including hitting the post) and the Taunton keeper being stretchered off, but in the end Clitheroe went down 8-4 on aggregate.

Dave Burgess stood down at the end of the season and central defender Lee Sculpher took over as player manager. In 2002/3, Clitheroe again finished as league runners up and lost to Mossley at Gigg Lane in the League Cup Final. Early cup exits the following season enabled the Blues to concentrate on the league and superb away form saw the Blues capture the 2003/04 league title on the final day of the season at Nantwich where Blues legend Neil Reynolds sparked bedlam when he thumped a 25 yarder into the top corner with six minutes of the season remaining.

High hopes accompanied Clitheroe's first foray into the Unibond League in 2004/05, but the club never fully recovered from manager Lee Sculpher resigning after a handful of games into the new season. He was succeeded by Paul Byrom who then quit in the close season. Tommy Lawson was appointed manager for the 2005/06 season but he was relieved of his duties in early 2006, to be replaced on a temporary basis by Mark Smitheringale. He too left before the 2006/07 season started and his assistant Chris Stammers stepped up to the plate before resigning after a 10-1 thumping away to Conference North Kettering in the FA Trophy in November 2006. The then chairman Carl Garner offered the job to Neil Reynolds and Pete Smith at the turn of 2007, before the latter took on the role in his own right at the end of the 2008/09 season. 2009/10 and 2010/11 saw Clitheroe finishing in eighth and sixth respectively, the highest league placings in the club's history. The end of the 10/11 season also had a unique twist with Carl Garner stepping down as chairman after four years to replace Pete Smith as manager, in the process going unbeaten throughout

April and taking the manager of the month prize. Garner was replaced in the role of chair by his long-standing deputy Anne Barker.

Despite the great end to the previous campaign, the 2011/12 season under Garner's leadership was ultimately disappointing, although it had started so brightly with another manager of the month award. Form quickly tailed off and huge player turnover ensued, before Garner resigned and the managerial Vase duo of Burgess and Sculpher ensured survival on a temporary basis, having taken over with less than 10 games to go. Paul Moore, the ex Leek Town and Warrington Town manager, took over the reins in 2012/13 and led Clitheroe to their record points total in Division 1 in finishing eighth, with the play-off push only ending over the final games of the season. However, the loss of key players in the close season led to a woeful start in 2013/14 and to an early exit from the FA Cup and Trophy, and the committee replaced Moore mid season with ex Blue Simon Garner. Garner steadied the ship and Clitheroe finished the season in 17th position, with Garner setting his stall out in 2014-15 to create a more east Lancashire focussed team. A 13th place finish and an appearance at the Reebok in the Lancashire Trophy against Chorley represented good progress, whilst the 7th place in 2015-16 continued the good work, and the push for the play-offs only faltered in the final weeks. Following Garner's resignation, the club moved quickly to appoint ex Wales international Simon Haworth to the manager's role. He moulded a team from scratch into genuine play off contenders, only faltering in the penultimate game of the season to a 90th minute goal



at rivals Colne. 2017-18 could not quite recapture these heights although both Kurt Willoughby and Alex Newby featured prominently in the league goal-scoring charts. When Howarth announced he was leaving, the club appointed former Warrington Town manager, Stuart Mellish. After an unhappy, short tenure, his assistant, former Ossett Town manager Lee Ashforth was handed the role six games into the season. Unfortunately, Clitheroe endured their worst season at this level and Ashforth's tenure was brought to an end. Former Lancaster manager Phil Brown steadied the ship in the truncated 2019-20 season, with crowds averaging back over 350 and the Blues hovering around the play off places. He left for personal reasons at the end of the season and the club appointed former Blue David Lynch as player manager for the 2020-21 season, who in turn left after a promising truncated season.

Billy Priestley led the club in the 2021-22 season as player manager to its joint highest placing and points total in the NPL, and with new manager David Dempsey, hopes are high for another stirring campaign.

PROFILES

David Dempsey – Manager.

Former Clitheroe player now returning in his new role after several seasons as manager of Widnes FC

Chris Thompson: 31 year old stopper, with over 200 Clitheroe appearances to his name. Firm fans' favourite and a member of the Team of the Decade. George Bristol: young understudy for Chris Thompson. Worked his way through the under 23s and already has a number of first team appearances under his belt

Jack Burrows: 22 year old who progressed through the Blues under 23 side and won Young Player of the Year in 21-22. He is versatile across the back line and has the engine and desire to secure a place for himself this season.

Jacob Hanson: 25 year old right back signed on loan from Macclesfield. Originally a striker, the pacy defender played for Bradford City and FC Halifax Town before joining the Silkmen.

Lee Pugh: 30 year old left back/midfielder, returns for his second spell at the club. Already with 60 Blues appearances under his belt, the pugnacious competitor will be keen to help with Clitheroe's play off push.

Billy Priestley: Centre Back. Started his career at Ramsbottom where he won the league before he followed Messrs Johnson and Morley to Salford, where he stayed for three years. He has since played for Southport and Bradford PA.



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Darren Holden: 29 year old left back recently signed from Consett. Previously he had played for Hartlepool and Guiseley and was part of the Consett FA Vase winning side. With his surging runs and sweet left foot, he is already a huge hit.

Cameron Lancaster: Young centre back who moved up from the u23s last season and became a fixture in defence at the end of the season. Composed operator and settling in well at this level.

Jamie Edwards: 25 year old attacking wide man who started on Blackpool's books. Signed from Darwin after a lengthy pursuit and will be keen to show his quality at the higher level.

Richie Baker: 34 year old midfielder signed from Ramsbottom United. Has more than 100 games on his CV with Bury in the league, as well as higher level non league experience with FC United, AFC Fylde and Stockport County.

Ross Dent: Midfielder. A Clitheroe lad. Still only 28, he already has over 200 Clitheroe appearances to his name and is another member of the Team of the Decade. Having spent two seasons with former manager Simon Haworth at Stalybridge, Ross cemented his reputation as one of the hardest working and most fearless midfielders around.

Danny Wilkins: Signed at the end of 2019-20 season from Droylsden and returned to the club for a second spell. Can play anywhere across the front line and midfield and offers a rare mix of talent.

Charlie Russell: Tenacious 27 year old midfielder has recently returned to the club. With already over 100 appearances to his name, he is looking to complete what he started at his local club.

Callum Harris: 26 year old attacking midfielder with a fine pedigree, having been on the books of Rovers, City and Wolves, and played in Belgium and Spain. Can operate across the front 4 and will chip in with goals.

Sidi Sanogo Fofana: 24 year old combative midfielder recently signed from Runcorn Linnets, having previously been an integral part of Macclesfield's NWC league winning side

Marc Pugh: 35 year old attacking midfielder, who made over 300 appearances for Bournemouth, helping them to win promotion to the Championship and Premier League

Sefton Gonzales: Much travelled striker who has spent much of his career at the higher level. Was a member of the Team of League when last at Clitheroe and on his day is virtually unplayable. A virtual goal a game ratio as he netted 16 times in the second half of the season.

Reece Webb-Foster: 24 year old started out at Bradford City, before being released in 2018. Played for a number of clubs including Colne and Lancaster City, before being signed for an undisclosed fee from Matlock Town in the close season.

Abimbola Obasoto: 21 year old, mercurial winger recently signed on loan from Macclesfield. Prior to that he was on Morecambe's books before winning Bury's player of the season award last season.

John McGrath: Pacy winger recently signed from City of Liverpool. Having scored against the Blues last month, he has the pedigree to cause defence problems.

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By Jon Couch

MANAGERS have this saying which is often spilled during the second half of the season that baffles and amuses us journalists in equal measure.

Some say it more regularly than others, some more genuinely than others, but the fact of the matter is – and whisper it quietly - that we actually don't believe a word they say.

Asked how they assess their team's current form or overall league position, it's quite commonplace to receive a response along the lines of: "I don't look even at the league table until around Easter".

So, I ask myself a) does a manager really not compare his team's fortunes to that of their rivals until three quarters of the season have passed; and, if so, at what point do they finally cast their eye over the standings?

Are we scoring enough goals? Are we conceding too many? Are our rivals outperforming us? One glance at a league table can answer all.

Nine times out of ten, a winning manager will not need to scroll down on their digital subscription to The NLP on a Sunday morning or rush out to the local newsagents, they know themselves whether their team have been good enough to compete in the higher reaches of the division.

One only hopes, however, that Notts County boss Luke Williams is not one of those managers who vow not to regularly check his side's progress.

Losing just two their 41 matches this season, scoring 103 goals along the way, Williams and his Magpies would be celebrating an emotional return to the Football League any other season, but in the most exciting two-horse title race in the National League for years, they don't even find themselves on top of the pile.

That honour is bestowed on Wrexham, who lead by three points with a game in hand going into the Easter weekend. Monday's game between the two at the Racecourse Ground promises to be an absolute classic, dare I suggest, the biggest game in Non-League history?

The fact that neither Williams or Parkinson aren't the first managers to be celebrating a promotion or title-winning campaign up and down the country shows just how many top performances we have enjoyed so far this term.

By our reckoning, Worksop Town were the first English champions of 2022-23 after sauntering to the Northern Premier League East division having lost just once all season.

They were followed on top of the winners' rostrum by North Ferriby, who continued their rise back to the top tiers by clinching the Northern Counties East Premier division, similarly Macclesfield FC, who made it back-to-back promotions from Step 5 to Step 3 by cruising to the Northern Premier League West title.

And then there's Berkhamsted, who are also celebrating title success after a storming campaign in Southern League Division Once Central.

One thing's for sure, the Easter bunny will be delivering more title success this weekend with the likes of Ebbsfleet United and South Shields among a number of clubs chasing confirmation this Bank Holiday.

One thing's for sure, you can be certain that Fleet boss Dennis Kutrieb and Mariners chief Kevin Phillips will have lived through every permutation and will know exactly what their teams have to do to ensure success.



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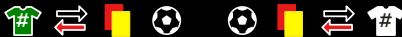
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* Sidi SANOGO FOFANA				
* Chris THOMPSON				
* Reece WEBB-FOSTER				
* Danny WILKINS				

*Asterisks indicate present in last/predicted matchday squad

Live Information

MATCH OFFICIALS

REF: Adam DAVIES
AST 1: Lewis GERRARD
AST 2: Tom HARRISON

NEXT FIXTURE

@ WITTON ALBION
10/04/23 - 3.00PM
NPL - WEST

