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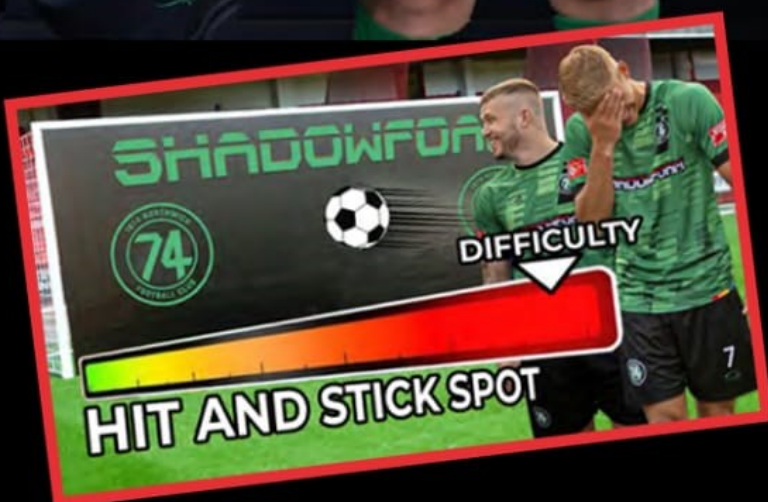
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vs PRESCOT CABLES**

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STEVE RICHARDSON



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Townfield for this afternoons game.

It is my pleasure to welcome the Players, Management, Officials and Supporters of Prescott Cables FC for what I am sure will be an exiting and competitive match, and whilst Prescott are currently flying high in the league you can be assured that 1874 will be aiming to upset the current form tables.

Whilst the festive season has unfortunately not produced the results that we would have hoped for, more than ever today the boys will need your support today as injuries to Jonah and Matty F following the Boxing Day game against Witton Albion continue to rule them out and skipper Matt today serves a one match suspension following two yellows in the same game.

However with the recent additions of Andreas Bianga, Tom Fagan and Joel Jones being available today, plus the recent signings of goalkeepers Mike Shorthouse and Matthew Wonacott who joins from Wigan Athletic on loan until the end of the season, manager Damian has been working tirelessly to bring new players to 1874 and the process of rebuilding a somewhat depleted squad continues.

Prior to today's game we welcome members of Weaverham u11 Wolves Junior Football team, we hope that they enjoy the experience today.

With just under half the season to go and many points to play for, its fair to say that the last few months have been seen significant changes at the club. We look forward to a positive and productive second half of the season with new management, a rejuvenated squad and a positive feel good approach.

Please enjoy todays game, give the lads your full support and as always lets be

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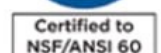
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VICKI ENGLAND



Happy New Year everyone!

I hope 2024 is a happy and healthy one for you.

Welcome to the first home game of the year as we host our friends from Prescot. It doesn't come much tougher than playing second placed Cables, who are having a smashing season, and they visit today on the back of an excellent win on New Year's Day. They are usually backed by a decent following, and I know they will want to keep their promotion campaign on track with a win today.

There's no doubt that we are having a tricky time at the moment. I think that is, perhaps, an understatement! We are seeing a few changes in the squad, some of these are planned as Damian gets to grips with the group. He has started to bring new lads in and has decided to release some of the squad players too. One departure that wasn't planned was Goalkeeper Ellis Allen, who has decided on a fresh start elsewhere. Ellis is a great lad and has come back from such adversity, and we all wish him well. There will be more movement in the coming days/weeks as we try to build a stronger squad for the run in and fight for NPL survival.

Another huge issue that has clearly had a detrimental impact on us, has been the injuries sustained and to key experienced/influential players. In the Nantwich game, we had Matty Fenton, Mark Jones and Chris McCann on the sidelines. We then saw Lewis Bradley, Sam Oliver and Tom Fa-

gan limp out of the game! However on a positive note, we saw great effort from all the lads and this included a confident performance from Jacob Kirwan in goal, a promising debut from Andreas Bianga and lightning impact from Joel Jones, who was promoted from our U21 side. In the ten minutes he was on the pitch, he had some good efforts on goal and certainly gave the defenders something to think about!

We know it's a challenging time, but Damian is keeping a level head about the situation and is working to strengthen the squad. It can be tricky to entice players to come when you are at the wrong end of the table, however we are a good club and we have some great lads here and I think a few key additions can start the push to safety. I don't think people can work any harder than they are to achieve this!

Whilst results haven't gone our way, there is no doubting that the effort has been there. For periods in games, we have looked good and have been 'well in it', however we know basic errors have cost us and we need to solve the issue of scoring goals. Nonetheless, what I have been pleased about is that the lads have been backed so well by our supporters. When supporters stay at the end of the game, and clap the team off despite getting beaten, that tells me a lot. Thank you! Thank you for getting behind them in such good numbers, especially away from home.



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I want to send a big thank you to everyone who contributed to making Boxing Day a highly successful event. Well done to Jane and Mark for the unbelievable marketing campaign, for the folks who delivered the leaflets and to everyone who volunteered on the day. Project 1,000 was successful, and we delivered a record-breaking league crowd for 1874 and a ground record. Good going folks! Proud of Team 74!

After today, we are due to host Northwich Vics on Tuesday evening in the Mid Cheshire Cup. Again, your support would be welcomed, it's only a small competition but quite hotly contested in these parts and it would be good to reach the final.

Last Friday, I attended the Club Christmas do. A big thanks to Rich Stockton for organising it, to Dave and the lovely staff at the Crow's Nest for hosting us and to the band, who were fantastic! It was a really an enjoyable night. I know we

are hoping to arrange more socials, so watch this space. If you get the chance, please come along. Not only does it help to raise money for the club but it's also a fab way of getting together socially and you'll enjoy it.

That's it for now, please get behind Damo and the lads. Everyone out there really cares and is giving every effort, and they deserve a break to be honest! Let's hope for a bit of lady luck too, for a change!

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FROM THE DUGOUT

DAMIAN CROSSLEY



Good afternoon everyone,

May I begin by wishing you all a very happy and prosperous new year!

Today we offer a warm welcome to Steven Daley, the staff, players, officials and supporters of Prescot Cables.

Following a testing festive programme we return today to a level of normality in terms of a steady routine of Saturday league games with a tasty cup game in the middle!

I'd like to thank you all for your tremendous support over the Christmas period. Although our performances have been more miss than hit, your warmth has been felt in the dressing room. The players and I are determined to repay that

support with the results we all want and a level of consistency in terms of performance that would come along with them.

On New Year's Day we had to lean on our friends at Alsager who graciously allowed us to borrow goalkeeper Jacob, who did a terrific job for us. We appreciate his efforts and thank Alsager for being so good with us.

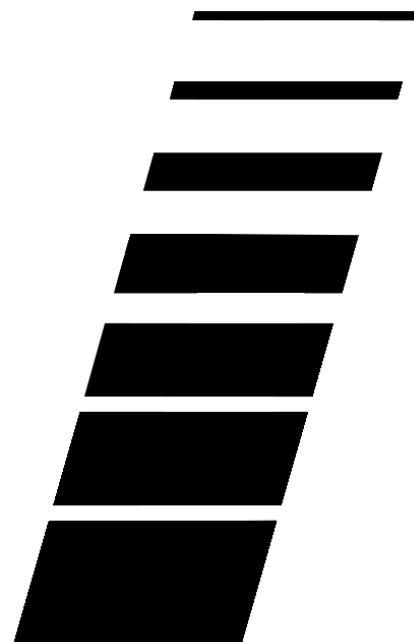
I hope you enjoy the game, it should be a good contest.

Damo

BIG GAME PREVIEW

BY GARRY CLARKE

1874 NORTHWICH vs PRESCOT CABLES NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE - WEST



Prescot ended last season 9th in the NPL West Division, five places and five points above 1874, with a playing record of:

P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
38	13	11	14	50	51	-1	50

After a poor start to the current season which saw Prescot drop as low as 18th in the early weeks of the season, the Cables quickly moved up the table reaching the play-off positions by the end of September, and after New Year's Day occupied 2nd place on the table, 7 points behind leaders Leek Town.

With three wins, a draw and two defeats from their last six games, Prescot sit 3rd on the division's current form table where 1874 with 2 draws and 4 defeats in their last six are bottom.

Having suffered a 2-1 defeat away at Runcorn Linnets on Boxing Day, Prescot beat Bootle 2-0 at home on New Year's Day.

How the two teams stand on the league ladder after heading into this weekend's game:

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	POS
1874	21	4	4	13	16	42	-26	14	20
Prescot	20	11	4	5	36	20	16	37	2

One of 13 players to have hit the target this season for Prescot, with 15 goals to his name, John Murphy is Cables leading goal scorer.

With 4 wins, 3 draws and 3 defeats from their 10 away league games, Prescot have the 6th best away record in the NPL West while 1874 with

2 wins, 2 draws and 6 defeats from their 10 home games have the worst home record.

Prescot's 10 home games have attracted an average crowd of 717 to the IP Truck Parts Stadium this season, the 3rd highest average attendance in the division. The highest attendance was 1,160 for the New Year's Day visit of Bootle, with the lowest 272 for the Liverpool Senior Cup tie against Pilkington.

PRESCOT CABLES FC FACT FILE

Formed 1884 reformed 1906

Ground IP Truck Parts Stadium, Hope Street

Colours Amber & Black

Change Colours Blue & Grey

Nickname The Peskey Bulls

Manager Steven Daley

2022/23 9th NPL West

1874 NORTHWICH V PRESCOT CABLES - PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Garry Clarke takes a look at previous games between 1874 and Prescot Cables.



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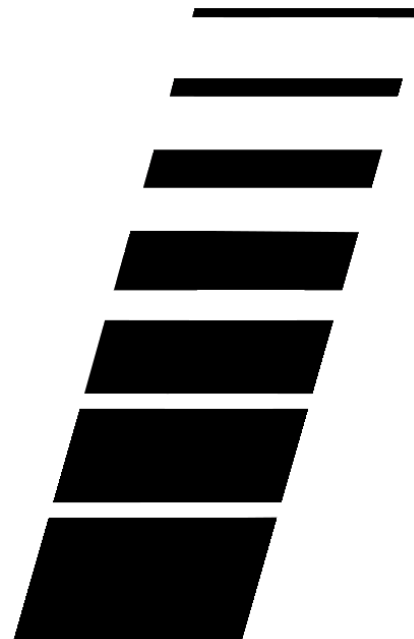
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BIG GAME PREVIEW...

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BY GARRY CLARKE



2014/15

30th August 2014 FA Cup preliminary round
home drew 3-3, attendance 356

1874 – Brandon, Beadle, Thomas

Cables – Stoker, Dodd, Black

2nd September 2014 FA Cup preliminary round
replay away lost 1-2, attendance 291

1874 - Crofts

Cables - Doran 2

2021/22

23rd October 2021 NPL West away won 2-1,
attendance 531

1874 – Irlam, Woods

Cables – O’Neill

29th January 2022 NPL West home lost 0-1, at-
tendance 380

Cables – own goal

2022/23

13th August 2022 NPL West home drew 0-0,
attendance 283

24th January 2023 NPL West away lost 1-2

1874 – J Woolley

Cables – Murphy, Cannon-Noren

2023/24

26th August 2023 NPL West away lost 0-1, at-
tendance 501

Cables - McNally

HEAD TO HEAD

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
Home	3	0	2	1	3	4
Away	4	1	0	3	4	6
Total	7	1	2	4	7	10

A FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS

1874 Northwich signed Mackenzie O'Neill from Prescot Cables in October 2021 shortly after the Northern Ireland under 17 international started for Cables against 1874. He played 49 times for 1874, scoring 12 goals, before joining Bamber Bridge last summer.

LAST SEASON AT TOWNFIELD

13th August 2022 drew 0-0

1874 opened their league season, the second in the NPL West, on a scorching hot day at Townfield. After an uneventful first half the game opened up in the second half with both sides going close to scoring without making the breakthrough.

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MATCH CENTRE 23/24

BY PETE GRIMES



DATE	OPPOSITION	FT	HT	Att				Referee
Aug 5	Ossett United (FAC ExP)	0-2	0-2	392				Everard C
12	KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC	2-6	1-4	252	Irlam			Graham J
15	Stalybridge Celtic	0-0	0-0	627				Hanson M
22	CHASETOWN	1-1	0-0	229				Hussain A
26	Prescot Cables	0-1	0-0	501				Scaife B
28	NANTWICH TOWN	0-1	0-0	325				Sibley F
Sep 2	Newcastle Town	1-0	1-0	157				Moosa B
10	City of Liverpool (FAT 1P)	1-3	0-1	324				Metcalfe T
30	City of Liverpool	2-1	1-0	288	Byrne			Hurn K
Oct 3	MOSSLEY	1-3	1-0	198	Woolley			Hitchell D
7	VAUXHALL MOTORS	2-0	0-0	234	Weir	Fenton		Lamb B
10	Altrincham (CSC) (L 2-4 Pens)	1-1	0-1	381	Weir			Philbin A
14	Hanley Town	2-4	2-2	195	Crawford	Green		Rolfe A
21	WIDNES	1-0	0-0	210	Birchall			Hanson M
28	Leek Town	1-4	0-3	493	Green			Hussain A
Nov 4	Clitheroe	0-4	0-3	789				Harland T
11	BOOTLE	0-4	0-2	356				Bates M
18	Runcorn Linnets	0-1	0-0	707				Moosa B
25	AVRO	1-2	0-0	186	Weir			Kearney G
Dec 9	Hednesford Town	1-1	1-1	512	Nicholson			Lunn J
16	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC	0-0	0-0	319				Harland T
23	Kidsgrove Athletic	0-5	0-2	312				Biggin A
26	WITTON ALBION	-						
Jan 1	Nantwich Town	-						
6	PRESCOT CABLES	-						
6	NORTHWICH VICS (MCSC s/f)	-						
13	Chasetown	-						
20	LEEK TOWN	-						
27	Widnes	-						
Feb 3	Mossley	-						
10	TRAFFORD	-						
17	CITY OF LIVERPOOL	-						
24	Vauxhall Motors	-						
Mar 2	HANLEY TOWN	-						
16	HEDNESFORD TOWN	-						
23	Trafford	-						
30	NEWCASTLE TOWN	-						
Apr 1	Witton Albion	-						
6	Bootle	-						
13	CLITHEROE	-						
20	Avro	-						
27	RUNCORN LINNETS	-						

1874 NORTHWICH 2023/24 PLAYER STATS

AS OF 24/12/23

		2023/24 SEASON					ALL-TIME					
		Starts	Subbed	Sub On	Unused	Goals	Starts	Subbed	Sub On	Unused	Goals	Total Apps
ADEKOYA	Daya	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	4	2	0	4
ADETILOYE	Sam	6	4	6	2	0	11	5	17	7	0	28
AKIOTU	Jason	4	3	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	4
ALLEN	Ellis	21	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	2	0	29
BIRCHALL	Matty	10	0	2	0	1	10	0	2	0	1	12
BRADLEY	Lewis	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
BROE	Ollie	1	1	0	0	0	15	5	8	10	0	23
BYRNE	Eric	2	2	6	7	1	2	2	6	7	1	8
CHIMENES	Max	13	2	0	0	1	13	2	0	0	1	13
COSTA	Jordao	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	1	4	0	1
CRAWFORD	Jamal	12	8	4	0	1	19	14	15	3	1	34
ELLIS	Gabe	3	1	2	2	0	3	1	2	2	0	5
FENTON	Matty	22	1	0	0	1	73	3	0	3	9	73
GREEN	Fenton	14	2	0	0	3	42	8	2	3	6	44
IBETO	Mike	1	1	4	4	0	1	1	4	4	0	5
IRLAM	Jack	8	1	0	0	2	92	28	22	5	13	114
JONES	Mark	20	1	0	0	0	226	15	6	5	9	232
KIRWAN	Jacob	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
LE GRAND-AKPO	Jerry	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
MARROW	Jack	13	3	2	2	0	45	7	7	19	2	52
MCCANN	Chris	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	2
MIALKOWSKI	Kacper	9	1	1	0	0	9	1	1	0	0	10
MOONEY MUNOZ	Gabriel	4	1	4	1	0	4	1	4	1	0	8
MULLARKEY	Benji	9	4	2	6	0	9	4	2	6	0	11
NICHOLSON	Jamie	15	11	6	0	2	15	11	6	0	2	21
NOBLE	Isaac	7	4	7	0	0	15	12	22	17	2	37
OLIVER	Sam	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	3
OLLERENSHAW	Josh	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
SIYAM	Mohammad	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	5	9	0	5
SODHI	Jonny	0	0	1	10	0	0	0	1	10	0	1
WEIR	Lucas	21	1	0	0	4	57	5	12	11	10	69
WILLIAMS	Elliot	1	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	3	0	2
WOOLLEY	Matt	21	5	1	0	1	358	55	31	28	45	389

Online Match Centre

NPL-WEST 2023/24 LEAGUE TABLE

AS OF 24/12/23

		Pld	HOME			AWAY			GF	GA	Pts
			W	D	L	W	D	L			
1	Leek Town	19	8	0	2	4	2	3	47	29	38
2	Prescot Cables	18	6	1	2	4	3	2	33	18	34
3	Runcorn Linnets	19	5	1	3	5	2	3	32	23	33
4	Stalybridge Celtic	20	6	3	2	3	3	3	33	28	33
5	Avro	19	3	5	2	5	3	1	24	18	32
6	Kidsgrove Athletic	19	5	2	3	4	2	3	39	29	31
7	Bootle	18	4	2	3	5	2	2	27	20	31
8	Clitheroe	18	4	1	4	4	2	3	34	26	27
9	Vauxhall Motors	19	4	2	3	4	0	6	24	33	26
10	Widnes	19	5	1	3	2	3	5	21	16	25
11	Chasetown	18	5	2	3	2	2	4	23	25	25
12	City of Liverpool FC	17	4	2	3	3	1	4	30	28	24
13	Mossley	18	4	1	3	3	2	5	26	31	24
14	Hanley Town	19	3	1	5	4	2	4	18	25	24
15	Witton Albion	19	4	1	4	2	3	5	29	43	22
16	Nantwich Town	18	3	3	3	3	0	6	26	26	21
17	Newcastle Town	18	2	1	6	4	2	3	21	25	21
18	Trafford	19	2	4	4	2	3	4	21	27	19
19	1874 NORTHWICH	19	2	2	5	2	2	6	15	38	16
20	Hednesford Town	21	1	5	4	2	1	8	24	39	15

NPL-WEST 2023/24 RESULTS GRID

AS OF 24/12/23

	1874 Northwich	Avro	Bootle	Chasetown	City of Liverpool	Clitheroe	Hanley Town	Hednesford Town	Kidsgrove Athletic	Leek Town	Mossley	Nantwich Town	Newcastle Town	Prescot Cables	Runcorn Linnets	Stalybridge Celtic	Trafford	Vauxhall Motors	Widnes	Witton Albion
1874 Northwich		1-2	0-4	1-1					2-6		1-3	0-1				0-0		2-0	1-0	
Avro					0-1		0-0	1-1	1-1		0-0	1-0		2-0	1-2	3-2				1-1
Bootle		1-0						1-3		2-0			2-1	0-0	1-3			1-2	2-1	1-1
Chasetown		0-1	3-2			3-3				2-1			1-1	1-2	0-1	1-0		1-0		3-2
City of Liverpool	1-2			1-0		2-1		2-1		2-2	4-1	2-3				2-3	2-2			
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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.

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- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

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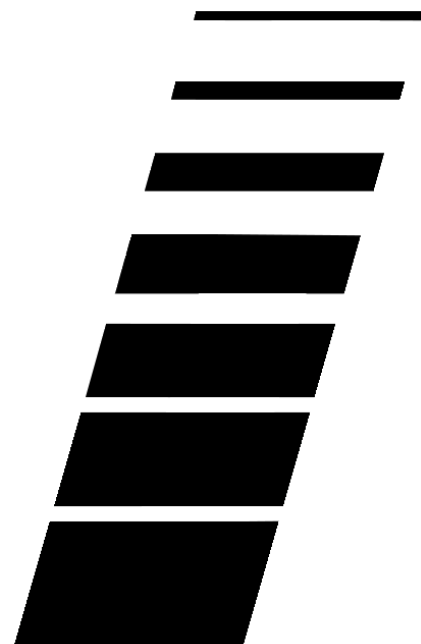
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1874 NORTHWICH: THE STORY SO FAR...



Each and every year has its notable events and occurrences that become part of history and in this respect 1874 is no different from any other.

For instance, not only did this 12-month period see the publication of Hardy's masterpiece 'Far From the Madding Crowd' but it also witnessed the birth of the literary giants GK Chesterton and Somerset Maugham, whilst a certain Winston Churchill also came into the world that year!

At a more prosaic level, the game of Lawn Tennis was patented by the wonderfully named Walter Clopton Wingfield and the nation's post-boxes were re-painted from their original Bronze-Green colour to the familiar red ones we see today. Meanwhile, in the game of football Aston Villa, Bolton Wanderers and Heart of Midlothian were all formed.

So, if you are an opposition fan reading this piece for the first time or simply someone who isn't aware of the history of 1874 Northwich, you may be under the impression that our club was created at the same time as 'The Villains', 'The Trotters' and 'The Jam Tarts'. But actually nothing could be further than the truth!

You see, 1874 was formed as recently as November 2012 when disaffected members of the Northwich Victoria Supporters Trust voted to create a new club. Well, if you wish to fully acquaint yourself with the events that led up to the historic vote, you can do no better than turn to Mark Bevan's book 'Twenty Years of Madness' that was published in 2013. This excellent tome sets out the history of the Vics from 1992 – which is where Ken Edwards's earlier history of the Vics 'A Team For All Seasons' ended - to mid-2013, six months or so after the date that '74 was formed.

Suffice to say that by late 2012, the state of affairs at the club were such, that many Vics fans were utterly heartbroken, sick and tired of the manner in which their club had been 'managed' over the previous decade or more by successive regimes. In short, supporters had been belittled, demeaned and lied to by those who had chosen to take on the task of running the oldest football club in Cheshire.

So the fans decided to take things into their own hands and create a truly democratic, open, inclusive fan's run club in which they had a direct say in. The name they chose for the new club – 1874 Northwich - was a nod to the distinguished history of the club that they had supported, followed and loved.

Following the vote a massive amount of hard work was put in by the fans to ensure that the club could commence playing at the start of the 2013/14 season. This included

- Applying to join the North West Counties Football League
- Appointing our first 'Gaffer,' Ian Street
- 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.

That first season ended with the club being promoted to the Premier Division and the second proved to be equally successful with the club finishing in third place.

The 2015/16 season proved to be a steady campaign in the league with an eventual finishing spot of 4th, 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 an exciting and memorable one, during which the 'Bo-Go' 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 3rd 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 1674 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 10th – 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 Macron 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 2nd 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 9 games left and 8 points ahead of second placed Warrington 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, then it ought to have been those fantastic bunch of players. But as you will know, the Covid 19 outbreak resulted in a sudden cessation to grassroots football and, heartbreakingly, 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 only to be 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 12th out of 20 was a highly satisfying end result. It might have been even more impressive had our home form had been a little more consistent! At one stage in our second season, it seemed as if we'd comfortably better the previous season's showing, but a lacklustre end to the season eventually saw '74 slip to 14th place. The undoubted highlight on the pitch was the deserved 1-0 away win at eventual champions Macclesfield, a game that was witnessed by over 3500 fans.

At the end of the 2022/23 season, The Pitching In Northern Premier League bestowed the Club of the Season award to 1874, for maintaining exceptional standards on and off the pitch. Suffice to say that everyone at the club was hugely proud of this prestigious award and this was more evidence if needed that our club always aims to do things correctly.

So far, our third season has proven to be a difficult, but even so it was a tough decision for all concerned when in early November 2023 the club announced that, after a very open and amicable discussion with members of the Board, long-serving Joint Managers Paul Bowyer and Wayne Goodison decided to step away from their roles at the club.

Their successor is 48 year old Damian Crossley whose CV includes stints as No 2 at Buxton, Colne and Curzon Ashton as well as coaching appointments with Manchester City, Rochdale and Ashton United. Damian therefore becomes just the fourth person to take charge of playing affairs at '74 in the 11 years the club has been playing football.

But when it comes to '74 it's not all about what happens on the 6000 square metres of turf. You see, as a democratically owned and operated community focussed club, from the get-go, we made it a key priority to forge positive links and partnerships with the local voluntary and business sectors

So, over the past decade not only have we forged beneficial partnerships with many well-respected local companies including Britannia Carpets, Oxy-Pro and our newest sponsors Shadow Foam, but we've also developed 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 Samari-

tans, Armed Services veterans, and a myriad of other deserving causes as well as attendance at community events.

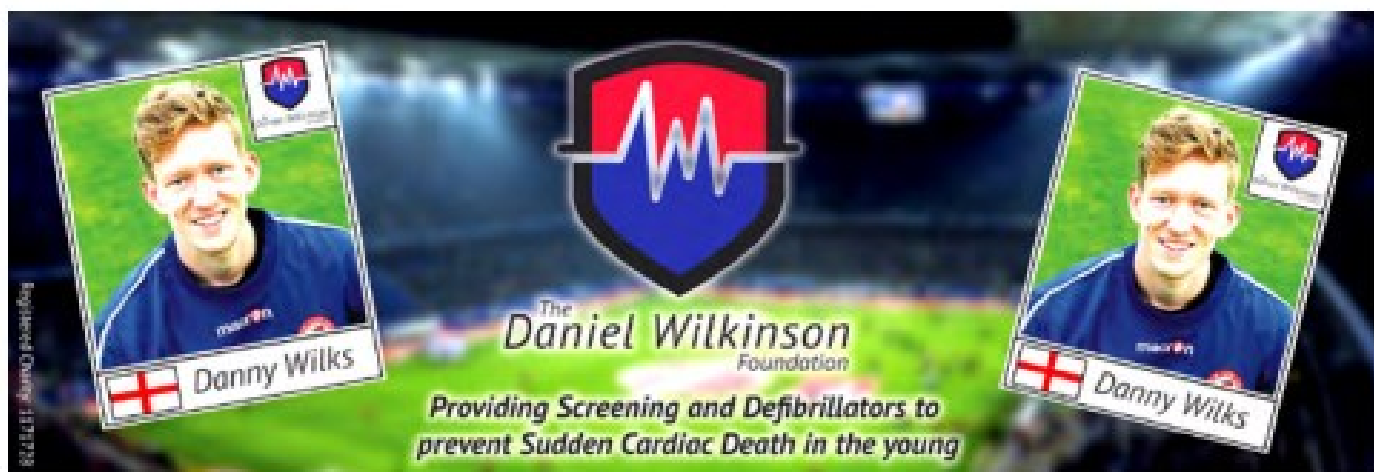
The 2014/15 season also saw the club run an U21 side and since then, several of their number have now progressed to the First-team squad and beyond. More recently, 1874 have fielded sides at junior level and the establishment of these teams has acted as a stepping stone towards the creation of other sides covering all age groups, genders, and abilities.

Mention of which 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' gentlemen of Mid-Cheshire, most of whom had probably thought that their playing days were well behind them! So successful has this initiative been that we're now operating a popular session for women aged over 40, the majority of whom never had the opportunity to play the game.

2019 was also a landmark year off the field as for the first time the club finally played within the boundary of the town of Northwich following the signing of a 2 year agreement to share Barnton's Townfield Lane stadium. A huge amount of work was undertaken to improve the facilities for players, officials, and supporters alike as well as meeting the ground-grading requirements that were necessary for promotion to Step 4. The agreement was extended for a further 5 years last season 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. At times, such a policy makes matters difficult and frustrating, but given the memories and experiences we all shared as fans the club we once followed, it is a path that we will not deviate from.



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).



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1874 NORTHWICH PROFILES

2023/24



Damian Crossley – A UEFA B Licenced coach. Damian was appointed in November 2023 as successor to the long serving duo of Paul Bowyer and Wayne Goodison. Although this will be 48 year old Damian’s first managerial post, he possesses a significant amount of experience as an Assistant Manager having held such posts at Buxton, Curzon and Colne. Additionally he has held coaching positions at Ashton United, Rochdale and Manchester City

Andreas Bianga – Another recent recruit to the '74 cause, this French national started his career as a junior with Burnley. Usually found in midfield, he was snapped up from NPL Premier Division side Ashton United for whom he'd played 8 times this season. He's also had short spells with United's Tameside rivals Curzon Ashton and Droylsden.

Matty Birchall - A product of the Bradford City academy, 23 year old Matty arrived to the club from Midland League side Whitchurch Alport. A versatile player who can play across the front line and in central midfield, he was a prolific scorer for '74's town rivals Northwich Victoria. He has also spent a short spell with Runcorn Linnets.

Lewis Bradley – Damian Crossley's first signing for the club, 22 year old Lewis arrived in early December. An attacking midfielder who made his debut for Rochdale in 2019, his other clubs have included Colne, Bradford Park Avenue and Glossop North End.

Eric Byrne – Aged just 17, Eric made a big impression in his first year in senior football last season whilst playing for Runcorn Town. Merseyside-based and formerly with the Tranmere Rovers youth academy, Eric has demonstrated a great work ethic and maturity during the short time he's been with the club.

Maxwell Chimenes – 21 year-old Max arrived at Townfield from fellow NPL Division 1 West side Newcastle Town in September. A former Port Vale academy graduate, Max had played 17 games for the Staffordshire club – mainly as an attacking midfielder or striker - before heading up the M6 to Cheshire. During his earlier career Max has also spent short spells with Glossop and Midland League side Shifnal Town

Jamal Crawford – A pacy and direct winger, Jamal originally joined '74 midway through last season, but midway through the campaign opted to join Runcorn Linnets. After making 18 appearances, 11 of which were from the bench he made the return trip to Townfield. Now aged 24, Jamal started his career as a junior with Burnley and 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 Widnes.

Jordao Costa - Born and raised in Portugal, 21 year old Jordao signed for 74 in October 23 and made his debut on the left wing in the Cheshire Senior Cup defeat at Altrin-

cham. His former clubs number Ilkeston Town, Macclesfield and Huddersfield Town.

Tom Fagan – One of Damian Crossley's first recruits, 24 year old Tom arrived from '74's fellow NPL West rivals City of Liverpool and made his debut in the 2-1 Boxing Day loss to town rivals Witton Albion. A natural right-back, he started out with Southport in 2018 and since then his career has encompassed stops at Workington, Kendal, and Colne

Matty Fenton – Originally part of Crewe's youth system and a graduate of '74's well-regarded U21 side, 23 year old Matt was pitched into the First XI towards the end of the 21/22 season and acquitted himself extremely well in his ten outings, which included three bullet-headed goals. Assured, calm and strong in possession, Matt went onto establish himself as a regular last season, chalking up 41 games in which he netted a total of 5 goals – an impressive tally for a central defender!

Mike Ibetto - A strong, athletic and quick central defender Michael played over 30 games at Abbey Hey last season and went out on trials at Wycombe Wanderers and Stoke City in the summer before teaming up with '74 in early September. Unfortunately since joining the club a series of injuries have limited his game time.

Joel Jones – A product of '74's highly successful U21 set up, 19 year old Joel made his debut for the club in the 2-0 defeat at Nantwich on New Year's Day. An out-and-out striker, he's also appeared in the colours Joel 9 of Cheshire League side Helsby and Burscough

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. Now with over 200 games for the club under his belt, he is versatile operator who can play equally well in midfield or the centre of defence. Now aged 38, Mark counts Witton, Nantwich and Radcliffe amongst his earlier ports of call.

Jacob Kirwan - Another graduate from '74's U21 system, Jacob made an assured debut between the sticks in the New Year's day loss at Nantwich.

Jack Marrow – After completing his scholarship with Crewe Alexandra, 20 year old Jack joined '74 in the summer of 2021 but made just 2 appearances before injury put paid to his season. A loan spell at Alsager aided him in his recovery, so much so that he went onto play a total of 35 games for '74 last season, scoring twice.

Chris McCann - After having a long and extensive football league career during which he made 450 appearances for Burnley, Wigan Athletic, Coventry City, Oldham Athletic and Burton Albion, 36 year old Chris teamed up with '74 in November after more recent spells with DC United in the USA and Shamrock Rovers in his native Ireland. A very calm and gifted footballer, Chris has made an immediate and positive impact at the club.

Kacper Mialkowski – This left-sided defender joined '74 on dual-registration from Glossop North End. A product of the Rochdale academy, Kacper has also represented Poland at U17 level.

Benji Mullarkey - Warrington-based Benji joined up during the summer having fitted in well through pre-season, appearing in both defence and midfield. The 24-year-old had been on the books of Crewe Alexandra as a junior before a period away from the game. He had recently represented Leeds University whilst studying for a Degree in Economics.

Jamie Nicholson - A forward who can play anywhere along the front line, Jamie was a former youth player with Morecambe. He so impressed 'The Shrimps' Senior Team that he was in the match day squad when the Lancashire club played at Tottenham Hotspur in the FA Cup in January 2022. Last season Jamie played for Ashton Athletic in the NWCFL and prior to that he also had short spells in the NPL West with Clitheroe and his home town club Skelmersdale United.

Isaac Noble – An exciting and pacy left winger of whom much is expected, 22 year old Isaac is one of many young lads who have made the step up from the U21 side to the first team and has so far made 23 appearances for the club, scoring twice.



Sam Oliver – Recommended to the club by a couple of former 1874 players who were playing with him at Stockport Georgians, full-back Sam was a youth player with the academies of Manchester United, Blackburn Rovers and Sheffield Wednesday, before having a short spell in senior football with Droylsden. He has also spent time in the US, representing Arizona Western College.

Jonny Sodhi – Just 18, Jonny – who usually operates in midfield - joined us during the summer from Connah's Quay Nomads Academy side. He showed promise in pre-season games and certainly will be one to keep an eye on.

Lucas Weir – After initially featuring for our U21 side, 23 year old Lucas broke in to '74's first-team in 2018 and quickly became an important part of the side, developing into an all-round midfield player who could also play in defence when the need arose. After taking a break away from the club to play and study in the US in early 2019, Lucas returned in 2020, and after a spell of real consistency he was snapped up by NPL Premier Division side Marine AFC and went on to feature over 30 times for the Crosby based club. It was therefore a major fillip for the club when he opted to re-join the '74 fold last summer!

Matt Woolley – The club captain, Matt is also '74's longest serving player having made his debut as a substitute in the 2014 Boxing Day game at Widnes. A Northwich lad, he was signed from Cheshire League side Knutsford FC having had prior spells at Congleton Town, Alsager, Witton Albion and FC Halifax Town. Unsurprisingly he's now chalked up over 350 games for the club, netting approaching 50 goals in the process.

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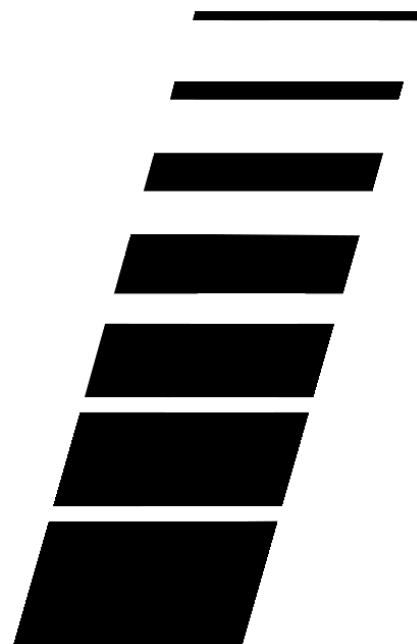
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A HISTORY OF PRESCOT CABLES FOOTBALL CLUB



Prescot Football Club was formed in 1884 and the first organised game of Association Football ever played in Prescot took place against the second team of a local St Helens side, St Thomas. Prescot lost 3-1.

The 1887-88 season saw Prescot reach the Final of the Liverpool Junior Cup, losing 3-1 to Aintree Church. Two seasons later, The Watchmakers claimed the trophy, beating their own Second Team (Prescot Swifts) in the Final. Winning the Junior Cup earned the club the right to compete for the Liverpool Senior Cup and Prescot reached the semi-finals at the first attempt, taking on Everton. The Toffees would claim the Football League championship that season, so their 8-1 win over Prescot at Anfield was no disgrace. Prescot would reach the semi-finals again the following season, losing to Liverpool Caledonians.

Prescot joined the West Lancashire League in 1889; the competition changed its name to the Liverpool & District League after one season. In 1895, Prescot won the Liverpool Senior Shield, beating Liverpool South End at Goodison Park in the Final. At the end of the 1894-95 season, the club joined the Lancashire Alliance and after two relatively successful seasons in this competition, took a further step up in 1897, joining the Lancashire Combination. However, Prescot struggled at the higher standard, finishing second-from-bottom. The club returned to the Lancashire Alliance, citing

poor gate receipts and disproportionately high travelling expenses as the reason for their decision.

Prescot FC were Lancashire Alliance in Champions in 1899-1900 and then stepped up into the Lancashire League for 1901-02. A ground dispute resulted in Prescot dropping out of the league in 1902-03 and Prescot FC was dormant until 1906 when an athletic and football ground was opened at Hope Street the football club revived under the name Prescot Athletic FC.

Prescot Athletic started in the St Helens & District League and were runners up in 1906-07, after which they joined the Liverpool & District League. The 1910-11 season saw the reformation of the Liverpool County Combination, bringing teams from the Liverpool & District League into a two-division structure. Prescot Athletic were placed into Division One of the new set-up.

Leagues were suspended in 1914 for the Great War and the post-war Prescot club dropped 'Athletic' from its name and joined the Lancashire Combination Liverpool Section. In their first season, 1918-19, Prescot finished runners-up to Tranmere Rovers but did not fare too well the following season and the club returned to the more locally-based Liverpool County Combination for the 1920-21 season and spent a further seven years in that league, winning the George Mahon Cup in 1923-24 and 1926-27.

Such was the standing of Prescot FC at this time that in February 1928 they were invited to replace Fleetwood in the Lancashire Combination, taking over the defunct club's record and fulfilling their remaining fixtures. However, to do so, Prescot were required to sign an entirely new squad of players to play alongside the club's Liverpool County Combination team, which continued to play until the end of the season.

1928 was a major milestone for the club as it was in this year that the local cable manufacturing giant, BICC, donated a magnificent 1,000-seater stand to the club. In what was clearly an early form of commercial sponsorship, the club's name was changed to Prescot Cables prior to the 1928-29 season. At the same time, the club colours became black and amber to commemorate a bit of local industrial history, as the first successful insulated cable drawn at Prescot was covered with black and amber paper.

Having finished fourth in the Lancashire Combination in 1928-29, Prescot Cables applied for election to the Football League. The club received one vote, while York City gained sufficient votes to replace Ashington. Cables applied for election again in 1930, but this time did not secure a single vote in favour. In October 1931, Cables applied to the Football League to take over the fixtures of Wigan Borough, who had been forced to resign, mid-season, due to financial issues. They were rejected by the League Management Committee.

With the Liverpool Senior Cup now restricted to Football League clubs and the Senior Shield discontinued, the club won the Liverpool Challenge Cup in three consecutive seasons; 1927-28, 1928-29 and 1929-30. In the latter campaign Prescot also reached the Final of the Lancashire Combination Cup.

Cables finished as runners up in the Lancashire Combination in three consecutive seasons; 1930-31, 1931-32 and 1932-33, before joining the Cheshire County League in 1933-34. They spent just three seasons in Cheshire before rejoining the Lancashire Combination for 1936-37 and were again Lancashire Combination Cup Finalists in 1938-39.

After the Second World War, Cables shared Hope Street with the 'A' Team of Liverpool FC and recruited a number of players released by the Football League club during this time. This helped Prescot to several cup successes at the end of the 1940s as the club won the Lancashire Combination Cup and Liverpool Challenge Cup, in addition to reaching the Final of the Liverpool Senior Medal.

In the early 1950s Cables yo-yo-ed between the first and second divisions of the Lancashire Combination, but the remainder of the decade represents the club's "Golden Age". Prescot won the Liverpool Senior Non-League Cup in 1951-52, 1952-53, 1958-59 and 1960-61, in addition to reaching the Final in 1956-57. The stand donated to the club in 1928 was destroyed by fire in 1960 and was replaced by the magnificent structure that dominates the ground today.

Cables won the Lancashire Combination Championship in 1956-57, and were runners-up in 1952-53, 1957-58 and 1958-59. They also reached the FA Cup First Round Proper in 1957 and again in 1959.

Prescot Cables changed its name to Prescot Town in 1964 but the club struggled and in 1975, it was voted out of the Lancashire Combination. Prescot Town joined the Mid-Cheshire League and won it in 1976-77. In 1978-79 they returned to the Cheshire County League, in Division Two, after an absence of 42 years. They finished third in that campaign after being deducted two points; the lost points cost the club second place and therefore promotion. The club did claim silverware, lifting the Liverpool Challenge Cup for the first time in three decades.

Prescot were Cheshire County League Division Two champions the following season, with Accrington Stanley as runners-up.

In 1980, the name of Prescot Cables was re-taken (only to be dropped again for five years between 1990 and 1995). In 1982, Cables became a member of the newly formed North West Counties League where they remained for 20 years. Prescot finished in the top 10 in NWCL Division One in all

but one season from 1990 and enjoyed several good runs in the FA Vase.

In 2001-02, the club had its most successful season for over two decades, winning the League Cup and finishing as Division One runners-up, narrowly missing out on promotion to the Northern Premier League Division One.

Prescot went one better in 2002-03 and finished as champions of the North West Counties League Division One to win promotion to the Northern Premier League Division One. Ground improvements were carried out at Hope Street to meet the relevant regulations and ensure that Prescot could take their place in the higher league.

For the season 2004-05, Prescot found themselves playing at the highest level in their history. Due to a suitable finishing position, and a re-organisation of the National League System, Prescot took their place in the Northern Premier League Premier Division. As a result of a club being unable to fulfil their fixtures, and after the controversial intervention of the FA, Cables were elevated to fifth position in the final League Table. This gave Cables the opportunity to gain promotion to what is now called National League North, although defeat at Workington in the play-off semi-final ended that dream - for now!

The 2005-06 season saw a new football committee being formed from the Supporters Club. The assets and liabilities of the old club, Prescot Cables, were transferred over to a new legal entity, Prescot Football Club Limited, which continued trading as Prescot Cables Football Club. The new company would subsequently be reconstituted as a Community Interest Company owned hundreds of supporters who each pay a small annual subscription in return for one share. On the pitch, the club produced another mid-table finish in the following season to avoid becoming involved in another non-league 'shake-up' that saw two regionalised First Divisions being created within the Northern Premier League ahead of the 2007-08 season.

That campaign was a more difficult one and during the club's final match, Prescot was 15 minutes from relegation. Two

late goals secured a win at Lincoln United and survival. Due to how closely contested the division had been, Cables eventually finished in 13th place!.

A lacklustre 2008-09 season saw Prescot propping up the Premier Division. Manager Andy Gray departed for Burscough. He was replaced by Joe Gibiliru who managed to bring some much-needed stability to the club as the team finished in mid-table in 2009-10. However, a significant change in personnel meant that Cables initially struggled during the following season. This led to Gibiliru being relieved of his duties around the time of the 'big freeze' in December 2010 and assistant Dave Ridler took over. He managed to secure Cables' Northern Premier League status for another season.

The 2011-12 season was a tale of five managers. Dave Ridler (who left for Australia in January 2012), Karl Bell and Karl Connolly all took charge for at least one match. Following the controversial departure of Shaun Reid to Warrington Town in March 2012, Joe Gibiliru took over for the remaining games. The team and club regrouped after the Reid fiasco to finish the season strongly, defying the odds to remain part of the Northern Premier League.

David Powell was the new man in charge for the 2012-13 season and assembled a virtually brand-new squad, which led to inconsistency during the early months of the campaign. The season was also disrupted by the condition of the playing surface and weather conditions forcing many postponements. When matches finally began in earnest in the New Year, Cables produced one of their most successful periods since the 2002-03 North West Counties League Championship season.

Circumstances arose that led to David Powell leaving the club ahead of the 2014-15 season. His replacement was Neil Prince, who kept the club in the Northern Premier League despite having limited resources at his disposal.

The 2015-16 campaign began disastrously, which led to Neil Prince being relieved of his duties. In came Andy Paxton who, with the same playing staff, managed to haul the team

out of danger and finish the league season in their highest position for some time. Cables also reached the Final of the Liverpool Senior Cup.

Due to work commitments Andy Paxton had to step down from the role of First Team Manager in October 2017. The club moved swiftly to appoint Brian Richardson. Initially, the First Team struggled following the change of Manager, but an excellent second half of the season saw the club ease away from the relegation places and win the Liverpool Senior Cup for the first time, defeating Southport in the Final in front of more than 900 spectators.

Most of the squad remained with Cables for the 2018-19 campaign and was supplemented by some shrewd recruitment by Brian Richardson. Prescot spent virtually the entire campaign in the top six places and eventually finished fifth in the table, earning a place in the promotion play-offs. Trafford were defeated in the semi-final, but a 1-0 defeat at Bamber Bridge in front of more than 1,600 spectators saw Prescot miss out on promotion. However, a 4-0 win at Marine ensured that Cables retained the Liverpool Senior Cup, ensuring that a memorable season ended with a suitable reward.

Richardson led Prescot to their fourth consecutive Liverpool Senior Cup Final, the 2018-19 decider seeing more than 1,200 spectators inside Hope Street for a game between Cables and Southport. There were no goals during the 90 minutes and Prescot's grip on the trophy was finally ended after a penalty shoot-out. Cables also missed out on the promotion play-offs by three points and at the end of the season, Brian Richardson joined FC United of Manchester as their assistant manager, taking several players with him.

The remainder of the club's coaching staff stayed at Hope Street and Steve Pilling and Roy Grundy, who had both worked alongside Andy Paxton and Brian Richardson, were appointed as the new First Team Managers. They endured a frustrating and curtailed season in charge; a lack of goals meant that Prescot were marooned in mid-table, although the season was eventually declared 'null and void' following the spread of COVID-19 around the world. Pilling and Grundy

left the club during the summer of 2020, with young coach Craig Davies appointed as Cables' new manager.

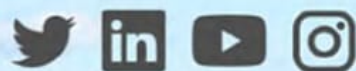
Davies was replaced in October 2021 with Kevin Lynch, who aided Cables in avoiding relegation in the remainder of the 21-22 season.

Lynch departed Cables in February 23, and Steven Daley was appointed as first team manager.

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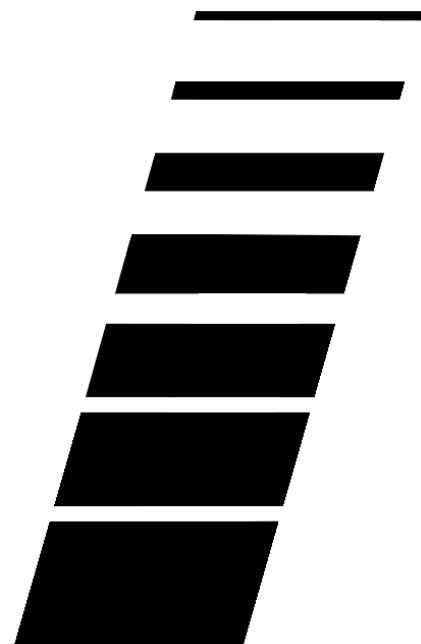
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PRESCOT CABLES PROFILES

2023/24



Mitch Allen – Goalkeeper – Now into his fourth season with the club. Mitch has established himself as a top goalkeeper at this level. Won players player of the year for 2021-2022. Previously of Stoke and Market Drayton

Josh Gregory – Midfielder – The Wigan Pirlo is now into his second spell at the club either side of a season at Witton Albion. It is no coincidence that Josh's return from injury in December of 2021 was also when the teams fortunes started to improve.

James Foley – Midfielder – James joined the club from Witton Albion in the summer of 2022

Jack Goodwin – Midfield/Forward - Joined in February 2022 and had an immediate impact with the winner away at 1874 Northwich. The club awarded Jack a 2 year contract later the same month.

Kyle Sambor – Forward – Joined on deadline day March 2022 from Widnes. Began at Cables in the under 18s, has played at a host of other clubs since then including Atherton Collieries and AFC Liverpool.

John Murphy – Striker – Joined the club from Ramsbottom United in the summer of 2022. Cables top goalscorer in the 22/23 campaign

Luke Pritchard – Midfielder – Luke rejoins the club for the 23/24 campaign after making 17 appearances and departing in November 2022.

Tony Donaldson – Forward – The former Ramsbottom forward impressed late on in the 22/23 season and put pen to paper on a one year deal with the bulls for this season.

James McCarten – Defender – James joins Cables following an impressive 42 appearance season in the number 5 shirt for Bootle.



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