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# FROM THE CHAIR

*Welcome to the PSD Stadium at Ruskin Drive, for the eighth match of our Cheshire League campaign, against Maine Road reserves. All the best to them for a safe trip back and forth along our mutual bit of the M62.*

All the best to everyone here to watch it, too, as at the time of writing it is distinctly chilly and rather wet. Those of us who went to support our U18s in their first match of the season at Winstanley last Sunday found ourselves beset by strong winds and cold rain. Though it was better than warm rain, I'm told, it was rather a shock to the system for early September. During one delay late in the game caused by the ref pacing out 10 yards for a wall from a free kick from about 45 yards out, with the defending team plainly not intending to set a traditional wall, a plaintive voice quivered "come on ref, we're going to drown here!" Fingers crossed that things prove a little more clement today.

The U18s lost 1-2, but worked hard in difficult conditions and showed good attitude. There were some excellent individual performances and they will gel more as a team now that their season is underway. They play their first home match tomorrow, against Aintree Villa, kicking off at three o'clock. Please do come along to support them if you can.

The U23s return to action today here at Ruskin, after an enforced week off due to the lack of a referee last Saturday. They are currently top of their table and are keen to stay there. They play Haydock Reserves at 12.15, in a follow up to the First Team's "Coal Firm Derby" at Piele Road last week.

That was a hard-fought draw, which kept Town top of the table. Losing two points to a late equaliser against a side down to 10 men didn't feel great at the time, but all credit to Haydock, who worked hard and didn't give up. Thanks also to them for their hospitality in their clubhouse after the game, in the proper spirit of football.

On that note, I was sad to hear that Joe Cunliffe, Chairman of Billinge New Street F.C. passed away a few days ago, after a long illness. I didn't know Joe personally, but do know that he was very highly regarded by all at their Club. He was also manager of their Reserve team, including at the recent game against our U23s at their ground in Billinge. That the Town contingent there had no idea about his illness, as he guided his team to victory from the pitchside is a testimony to his courage and commitment to football. Our condolences to his family, friends and all at Billinge New Street.

*Ste Lingard*



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# A WORD WITH THE MANAGERS

*Myself and the club would like to welcome everyone from Maine Road to Ruskin Drive this afternoon.*

No matter what the score is, we hope you'll join us after the game for refreshments in The Wicket bar.

Following on from last weeks derby game against Haydock we arrive back home for our next challenge.

I personally was disappointed in us last week. I felt we lacked intensity and that's not been us this season, we have very much been a "front foot" and aggressive team.

The usual happened last week with them being reduced to ten men 30 minutes into the game. It definitely galvanised them, but we did create enough chances to win the game. And that sums us up so far this season, creating extremely good chances, but not finishing enough of them and making games a lot more easier for us.

That being said, the performance was what frustrated me. I have been putting a lot more onto this group of players, as the potential within the squad is very exciting and they can go on to achieve some very good things.

A big thank you from me to Ryan Cook and Dale Whitehead, who have both been pushing through the pain barrier. Both of these lads epitomise what we require in players, making themselves available while both being a few weeks away from full fitness.

Anyway, as always, thank you for all your support so far and keep pushing on and cheering loud.

Peo - #Tellinstown #Mertz



Peo (R) & Seddo (L)

*Firstly I would like to thank all, for the welcome I have received here at St Helens.* Peo, the players, the committee and the fans have all been brilliant.

Since joining the club I have been really impressed both on and off the field, but especially on the pitch. The lads have made a fantastic start to the season, remaining unbeaten at this point is a real achievement. League 2 really is an underestimated division, as all teams are capable of beating one another on their day so all credit must go to the lads.

Im really excited and looking forward to the rest of the season and what it may bring., Hopefully we can continue this good run for as long as possible and who knows, potentially secure promotion which is the aim.

Up the Town! - Seddo



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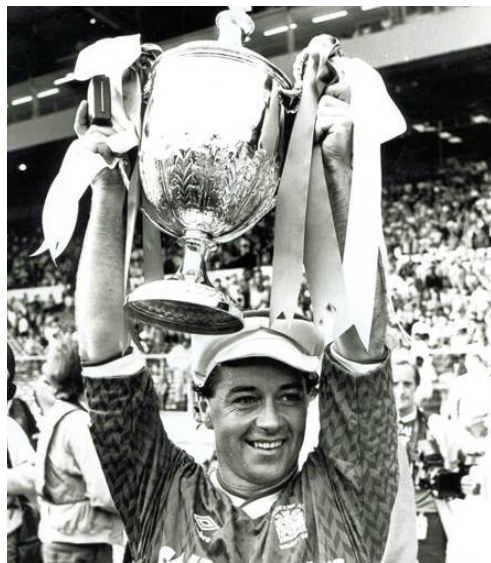
# A BRIEF HISTORY OF TOWN

The original St. Helens Town club was formed in 1901 and played at Park Road, behind the Primrose Vaults public house. Although it was known as the Primrose Ground, the players changed further down Park Road at the Black Horse pub. Playing in the Lancashire League and Lancashire Combination, the team enjoyed some early success, but struggled after the Great War and appears to have folded midway through the 1928/29 season.

The club was re-formed by George Fryer and a group of local businessmen in 1946. They took out a lease of the former cricket ground at Hoghton Road, Sutton, adjacent to the St. Helens Junction railway station and, although it entered in the FA Cup in the 1946/47 season, a team could not be raised in time to fulfil its tie with Prescot Cables.

Friendly games were played, then local team Derbyshire Hill Rovers were taken over in April 1947, those players forming the nucleus of the team which entered the Liverpool County Combination at the start of the 1947/48 season. St. Helens Town soon began to prosper and early results included a sensational 10-4 win over Everton "A" on 6th December 1947. Former German prisoner-of-war Bert Trautmann joined the club in the Summer of 1948, the strapping goalkeeper helping the team to win its first trophy, the George Mahon Cup, which was secured with a 2-1 win over Runcorn at Prescot on 7th May 1949. Crowds averaged over 2000 that season, peaking with a league record attendance of 3012 against Burscough in October 1948.

The following season, 1949/50, Town entered the Lancashire Combination and, despite losing Trautmann to Manchester City in October 1949, they won the Second Division title in some style the



following season, three players, Albert Leadbetter (36), Harry McCann (32) and Terry Garner (31) all netting over 30 goals apiece. An all-time club record attendance of "between 8000 and 9000" witnessed a friendly game against Manchester City, arranged as part of the Trautmann transfer deal, in April 1950 and another 4000 witnessed a second match with City the following season.

Although relegated by a slender margin from the First Division in 1951/52, the club continued to look forward, even contemplating Football League status and, in order to further its ambitions, moved to the former St. Helens Recs. rugby league ground at City Road. Initial crowds were encouraging but, despite success, the club decided to move back to Hoghton Road in October 1953, where they remained until April 2000.

Town produced a number of fine players who joined Football League clubs, including Bill Foulkes (Manchester United), John Quinn (Sheffield Wednesday) and John Connelly who joined Burnley, later transferring to Manchester United and who played in the England 1966 World Cup winning squad. More recently, Dave Bamber scored goals in all four divisions of the league with a host of different clubs, starting and ending

his league career at Blackpool and in more recent times, Karl Ledsham, who had a productive career at conference level with Southport, Lincoln City, Barrow and Stockport County before moving to the USA.

Following a second relegation in 1956, St. Helens Town continued to play in the Lancashire Combination, winning the Championship in 1971/72, by nine points ahead of Accrington Stanley.

However, the formation of the Northern Premier League in 1968 led to a gradual drain of stronger clubs from the Combination and St. Helens joined the Cheshire League in 1975, becoming founder members of the North West Counties League seven years later. They held the proud record of being the only club



to play in the NW Counties' top flight every season until they were relegated in April 2015, conceding an injury-time equaliser to Silsden in the last game of the season, a match they had to win to stay up.

Town enjoyed a golden era in the late 1980s, just missing out on an appearance in the First Round proper of the FA Cup in 1985/86, losing to Morecambe in a Fourth Qualifying Round Replay, but they obtained ample compensation by winning the FA Vase at Wembley in 1987, beating near neighbours Warrington Town 3-2, with two goals from Phil Layhe and one from Brian Rigby.

They were regular promotion candidates for many years, largely due to the scoring exploits of Steve "Pellet" Pennington, who grabbed 216 goals in 351 games, his season's best hauls of 45 in 1993/94 and 46 in 1997/98 just failing to beat the club record of 47 scored by Phil Stainton in 1963/64. Former club captain Andy Gillespie won the NW Counties' golden boot with 34 goals in the 2015/16 season and netted another 24 times the following season.

Town moved from Hoghton Road in 2000 to ground share with St. Helens RFC, as part of the merger into the new Sporting Club St. Helens. Developing the new Saints stadium took years longer than anticipated, and when Knowsley Road closed in 2010 Town became nomads, plaig variously at Ashton Town, Ashton Athletic, Prescot Cables and Atherton Collieries. Town returned to St. Helens Borough in August 2017, playing on a 3G surface at Ruskin Drive, after St. Helens Council redeveloped the facilities.

The 2021-22 season saw Town in the NW CFL First Division North. It was a disastrous campaign, with only four wins and four draws from 36 league games. The club finished bottom of the table, 21 points adrift, and was relegated to the Liverpool County Premier League.

A consortium of Town fans bought the club from St. Helens RFC in Summer 2022. They took the decision to move it to the Cheshire League, believing it offered the most constructive environment in which to rebuild the club. It was a difficult decision, however, as it involved having to start at the bottom of that league system, a further two divisions down. The 2023/24 season was the first in the Cheshire League.

The rebuild is ongoing.

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## TODAY'S OPPONENTS

Maine Road Football Club is a football club, based in Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, England. Founded in 1955 by Manchester City supporters, they are currently members of the North West Counties League Division One North and play at Brantingham Road.

The club was formed in 1955 by supporters of Manchester City under the name City Supporters Rusholme. They played friendly matches before joining the Rusholme Sunday League, remaining members until transferring to the Manchester Amateur Sunday League in 1966. The club also moved its headquarters to the Maine Road Social Club and were renamed Maine Road Football Club. After winning the Manchester County Sunday Cup and the league title in 1971–72, the club switched to Saturday football and joined Division Two of the Manchester League.

Maine Road won the Division Two title at the first attempt, earning promotion to Division One, as well as winning the Manchester County Amateur Cup. They went on to win Division One the following season and were promoted to the Premier Division. In 1975–76 the club won the Manchester Premier Cup, beating Abbey Hey WMC in the final; they retained the trophy the following season with a win over Little Lever. In 1982–83 the club were Premier Division champions. They retained the title for the next three seasons, before finishing as runners-up in 1986–87, after which the club moved up to Division Two of the North West Counties League.

Maine Road's first season in the North West Counties League saw them win the Manchester Premier Cup for a third time, beating Irlam Town 1–0 in the final. Despite finishing as Division Two runners-up in 1988–89, the club were not promoted after failing to meet ground grading regulations. However, the following season saw them win the Division Two title, earning promotion to Division One. They were Manchester Premier Cup finalists in 1998–99. Although the club were relegated at the end of the 2001–02 season, they were Division Two runners-up in 2003–04, and were promoted back to Division One, as well as reaching the final of the Manchester Premier Cup again. The club won the league's Challenge Cup in 2007–08, after which Division One was renamed the Premier Division. The club were Premier Division runners-up in 2013–14. However, they finished third-from-bottom of the Premier Division in 2017–18 season and were relegated to Division One South. At the end of the 2023–24 season the club were transferred to Division One North.



# CULTURE VULTURE

## CHORLTON & THE WHEELIES

*First off, let's give a huge welcome to our friends from Manchester, who have made the trip to the PSD Stadium.*

Maine Road has been a fixture in the North West Counties League since their promotion back in 1987. Today, though, we face their Reserve side as Town undergoes a massive rebuild in the Cheshire League. This is no game to take lightly—there's bound to be some emerging talent coming through the ranks of this competitive Mancunian club.

Maine Road holds a special place in my heart, and not just because of their footballing credentials. The "Maine" reason (yeah, I went there) is that I'm a proud member of the Manchester City Official Supporters Club, specifically the Orrell & District branch. Like the original founders of Maine Road, I'm a fully signed up official Bert.

My soft spot for Maine Road FC also comes from my own days living in South Manchester, especially around Chorlton-cum-Hardy, where Maine Road has been based since 1980. In my often-misspent 20s, I spent a lot of time in that part of the world, taking in the odd Maine Road match whenever City was away and I couldn't justify the trip. Nowadays, I'm over the hill—both metaphorically and literally—in Up Holland. But those South Manchester years were golden. Aside from my own godlike presence, that area has a few claims to fame.



The original and by far the best Danger Mouse with sidekick Penfold



The equally bizarrely sounding and dressed Bee Gees

### THE BEE GEES!

That's right, Chorlton was home to the Gibb brothers themselves before they became the kings of falsetto disco! Before their family moved to Australia, they formed their first group, the Rattlesnakes, right there in Chorlton. So, next time you're grooving to "Stayin' Alive," remember where it all started.

### COSGROVE HALL FILMS

If you were a kid in the '80s like me, you probably loved Cosgrove Hall Films. I didn't even realise for ages that the magic was being made so close by! These Chorlton based studios gave us Chorlton and the Wheelies, Jamie and the Magic Torch, Count Duckula, and the legendary Danger Mouse. I was heartbroken when the studios were demolished in 2012. Fun fact: I ended up working with Meryl Edge, a keyframe animator from Cosgrove Hall, when I later worked at the University of Bolton. She worked on classics like Wind in the Willows, The BFG, and, of course, Danger Mouse.

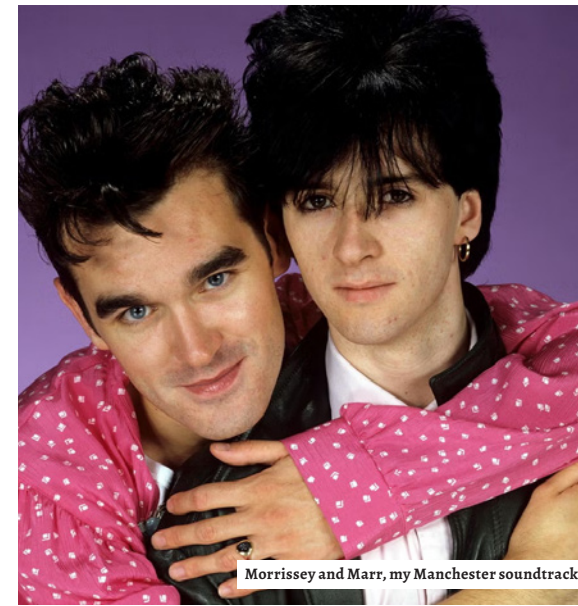
### ALL THINGS MUST PASS

Chorlton will always have a special place in my memories, but like many places, it's changed. Gentrification drove house prices up, and before I knew it, work and family obligations pulled me and my long-suffering partner, Sue, back to WA/WN territory. I still visit, though not as often. And if there's one band that sums up my time in Chorlton, it's got to be The Smiths. Sure, I lived there in the 2000s, not the '80s, but Morrissey's voice (before he turned into a daft old bigot, but we won't go there) provided the perfect soundtrack to escape to as the area changed and became, well, a bit posher.

Anyway, I hope you enjoy today's game. Let's cheer on the Town and, as always, stay cultured, Sin Tellins.

*Mike Bagshaw*

*Culture Vulture*



Morrissey and Marr, my Manchester soundtrack



Me in a rare before camera phones photo, circa 1999

# MEET A MERT!

## CHARLIE SIMPSON

Age: 19

Position: Winger

Who do you support? Manchester United

Best player of all time? Ronaldo

Best ever goal? Ronaldo against Porto in 2009

Best ever kit? Bayern Munich away 2014/15

Favourite other sport? Don't mind watching the golf, but can't play it. (How very peculiar - Ed.)

Any superstitions? Got to have beans and toast before every game and right foot first on the pitch.

Best thing about Tellins?

Always end up in The Griffin, so got to say there.

What are you watching?

Watching Dexter at the minute, but best of all time has got to be Prison Break.

What are you listening to?

Can't beat Ibiza classics or house music. (So at least someone likes Langer's Bangers - Ed.)

Who's the biggest moaner? Liam Diggle

Worst dancer? Jenko, stiff as a board

Worst tattoo? Charlie Leech

Cleverest? Robes, deffo. But I reckon Max and Gibbo have got a bit about themselves though.

Worst dressed? Scott Williams, definitely.

Worst haircut? Pacey's new haircut has been butchered!

Who would you least like to be stuck in a lift with? Jenko, probably chew my ear off.

Who would you want with you if you were stuck on a desert island? Roby all day, knows what he's doing.

Tightest with money? Charlie Leech takes ages to pay them fines.

Laziest? Jenko.



## BEAT THE YICKER

1. Which club had Sharp as shirt sponsors in the 1980s?
2. Which club's training ground is called Poolfoot Farm based in Thornton Cleveleys?
3. Who won the FA Cup In 1978?
4. Langers Bangers beloved Bolton Wanderers have drawn which Premier League club in the EFL cup?
5. Staeau and Rapid are clubs based in which European capital city?
6. Which English league ground is highest above sea level?
7. Denis Undav plays international football for which nation?
8. Which League 1 club play at the Broadfield Stadium?
9. In which local league would you compete in The Guardian Cup?
10. Which Japanese club did Gary Lineker join after quitting English football?



Answers at the bottom of the page.

## CHARLIE HAD A BUDGIE!

Charlie's lost his budgie somewhere in here. Can you find it?



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# SEASON STATISTICS

	Halton Farnworth Hornets	4-2	5-4						21/09	2-2	2-1	14/09	
	Hartford									1-0	21/09		2-2
	Haydock	14/09			3-3						1-1	4-1	1-0
	Lymm	28/09	1-0					5-2		2-1	14/09	4-2	4-2
	Maine Rd		2-2					14/09			1-4	4-2	0-0
	Mersey Valley			3-3							28/09	3-1	1-2
	Moore United				2-0							4-3	
	Newton Athletic				5-5	2-2		7-2		2-2		0-2	2-1
	Newton-le-Willows		2-1		21/09								21/09
	Sandbach Town		3-2		2-1								4-1
	St Helens Town			2-2	14/09								
	Stretford Paddock							21/09		2-0		2-2	3-0
	Warrington Rylands Dev	2-2	28/09							14/09		2-3	1-4
	Wigan Town		21/09							3-2		28/09	

CHESHIRE LEAGUE 2		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	<b>St Helens Town</b>	7	4	3	0	17	9	8	15
2	Lymm Rovers	5	4	1	0	14	7	7	13
3	Stretford Paddock	6	3	2	1	13	6	7	11
4	Halton Farnworth Hornets	5	3	2	0	15	11	4	11
5	Newton-Le-Willows	9	3	2	4	12	16	-4	11
6	Wigan Town	10	3	2	5	15	20	-5	11
7	Haydock FC	9	2	4	3	20	19	1	10
8	Newton Athletic	7	2	3	2	22	19	3	9
9	Sandbach Town	5	3	0	2	11	10	1	9
10	Hartford FC	6	2	2	2	10	10	0	8
11	Mersey Valley	5	2	1	2	10	10	0	7
12	<b>Maine Road Res.</b>	6	0	4	2	11	14	-3	4
13	Moore United	4	1	1	2	10	16	-6	4
14	Warrington Rylands Dev.	8	0	1	7	13	26	-13	1

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

### SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Cheshire League 2**

14:00 Halton Farnworth Hornets v Wigan Town  
 14:00 Haydock v Hartford  
 14:00 Lymm Rovers v Sandbach Town  
 14:00 Mersey Valley v Moore United  
 14:00 Warrington Rylands Dev. v Newton-Le-Willows  
 15:00 St Helens Town v Maine Road Res.

Leading Goalscorers	Appearances	Goals
Marc Gibson	7	5
Charlie Leech	6	4
Liam Diggle	4(0)	2
Charlie Simpson	7	2

		Player of the Match																	Goalscorer #GOALS	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17			
27/07	A CFL2	Stretford Paddock	2-2	Jenkinson	Roby	Luke Diggle	Sant	Buckley-Benbow	Gibson	Beech	Diggle 4(c)	Whitehead	Simpson	Garret	Hughes	Williams	Foster	Hanson		
30/07	A CFL2	Mersey Valley	1-4	Jenkinson	Roby	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Luke Diggle	Beech 1	Simpson	Gibson 2	Diggle (c)	Williams	Leech 1	Hughes	Cook	Watson	Garrett		
06/08	A CFL2	Newton-le-Willows	0-2	Jenkinson	Roby	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Luke Diggle	Beech	Simpson 1	Gibson 1	Williams	Diggle (c)	Leech	Hanson	Pettersen	Watson	Hunt		
10/08	A CFL2	Warrington RD	2-3	Jenkinson	Roby	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Luke Diggle	Williams	Simpson	Beech	Diggle (c)	Gibson 1	Leech 1	Hanson	Hughes	Jones			
24/08	H CFL2	Lymm Rovers	2-2	Jenkinson	Pettersen	Hughes	Sant	Buckley-Benbow	Jones	Simpson 1	Beech (c)	Cook	Gibson	Whitehead 1	Hunt	Williams	Kenamuijio	Hanson		
31/08	H CFL2	Sandbach Town	3-1	Jenkinson	Pettersen	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Foster	Williams	Simpson	Garrett	Cook 1	Gibson 1	Leech 1	Hunt	Hanson	Werton	Jones		
07/09	A CFL2	Haydock	1-1	Jenkinson	Pettersen	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Foster 1	Williams	Simpson	Garrett	Cook	Gibson	Leech	Luke Diggle	Whitehead	Diggle			
14/09	H CFL2	Maine Road Res.																		
21/09	A CFL2	Hartford																		
28/09	A CFL2	Wigan Town																		

# THIS DAY IN HISTORY

P	W	D	L	F	A	GD
16	6	3	7	23	20	3

Year	Competition	Score	Fixture	Town Scorers
1953	L.C. D2	1-3	Chorley Reserves (A)	Own goal
1955	FAC PR REP	1-3	Pwllheli & District (A)	Unknown
1957	L.C. D2	0-1	Padlham (H)	
1963	L.C. D2	6-3	Radcliffe Borough (H)	Unknown
1967	L.C. CUP 1R REP	5-0	Bacup Borough (H)	Unknown
1968	L.C. D1	1-0	Kirkby Town (H)	Unknown
1974	FACUP IQR	0-1	Skelmersdale United (H)	
1976	CHESHIRE C.L.	0-1	Chorley (A)	

Year	Competition	Score	Fixture	Town Scorers
1982	NWCL D1	1-1	Bootle (H)	Unknown
1985	NWCL D1	2-0	Fleetwood Town (H)	Gledhill, Bendon
1991	NWCL D1	0-2	Clitheroe (A)	
1994	NWCL D1	1-0	Bacup Borough (H)	Langton 66
1996	FAC IQR	0-0	Gateshead (H)	
2002	FAC IQR	2-3	Eccleshill United (A)	Poland 30, Molloy 43
2004	NWCL D1	0-0	Skelmersdale United (H)	
2005	FAC IQR REPLAY	3-2	Northallerton Town (A)	Milson 1, Earley 28, Jensen 45

A mixed bag of results on today's date... Hopefully we can get a win today to balance out the win / loss stats.

Stand-out result has to be the 0-0 draw against Gateshead in the FA Cup Qualifier. Town unfortunately got beat 5-1 in the replay, but a great result against a Conference team.

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# TOWN U23s

Over the past couple of weeks, we've added and strengthened our U23s squad with players eligible to play for our U18s on a Sunday.

I believe both players, Daniel and Fran, impressed in their debuts for the 18s last weekend and we're looking forward to introducing them into our squad over the next couple of weeks.

Since my last programme notes, we have played Moore United Res at home and fought hard to earn a 2-1 victory with a double for young Jake Lynan.

In today's game, we face Haydock Res. Last season, we had three competitive games against today's opposition, losing 3-2, drawing 3-3 and winning 3-0. We know today will be no different, it's a derby, it'll be a battle! Whoever wants it more, will win the game.

Our young lads will be looking to continue the good start to our season, our target is clear and we'll work hard to achieve our goals.

**Matt Birchall - U23s Manager**



## Town U23s Upcoming Fixtures

14/09	12:15	St Helens Town v Haydock Reserves
21/09	14:00	Lymm Rovers v St Helens Town
28/09	14:00	Halton Farnworth Hornets v St Helens Town

## CHESHIRE RESERVE LEAGUE 2

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	<b>St Helens Town U23s</b>	6	4	1	1	16	7	9	13
2	Clay Brow Res.	5	3	1	1	10	10	0	10
3	<b>Haydock Res.</b>	5	3	0	2	12	11	1	9
4	Lymm Rovers Res.	4	2	1	1	16	7	9	7
5	Sandbach United Dev. Squad	3	2	1	0	7	0	7	7
6	Winsford Town Res.	5	2	1	2	22	18	4	7
7	Billinge New Street Res.	4	2	1	1	7	5	2	7
8	Crewe FC Dev. Squad	4	2	0	2	11	11	0	6
9	Winstanley Warriors Res.	5	2	0	3	12	15	-3	6
10	Moore United Dev. Squad	5	1	0	4	7	16	-9	3
11	Halton Farnworth Hornets Res.	6	0	0	6	4	24	-20	0

# TOWN U18s

The under 18s started their campaign last Sunday away to Winstanley Warriors.

The game was like a local derby, most of the lads know each other from playing them as our old team. We started really well, had a good 35 minutes and went 1-0 up. In the last 10 minutes of the first half we slowed down and conceded two goals. We've learned that we can't switch off for a moment in this league. We rectified our mistakes in the 2nd half, but couldn't manage to overturn the result.

Player of the Match was Daniel Yawson. Both Daniel and Francis Reed have been outstanding new signings.

We're still missing two important players in Jacob Rodrigues and Samuel Haseleen, but we're looking to start our league campaign with a win against a strong Aintree Villa.

Kick off is at 3pm, here at the PSD Stadium, so pop on down and show the future Town stars your support.

**Carlos**

## Town U18s Upcoming Fixtures

15/09	15:00	St Helens Town v Aintree Villa
22/09	14:00	Winstanley Warriors v St Helens Town
29/09	15:00	St Helens Town v Macclesfield



# TOWN IN ACTION

Town 3 -1 Sandbach Town - September 2nd

Photos by Mary Castrogiovanni



Alex Pettersen



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Dale Whitehead



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**Vice-Chair:** Neil Hitchen

**Vice-Chair:** Gavin Scott

**Secretary:** Paul Styles

**Treasurer:** Ste Lingard

**Commercial Manager:** Gavin Scott

**Media Manager:** Michael Bagshaw

### Committee

Michael Bagshaw, Steve Ball, Daniel Castrogiovanni, Kenny Dixon, Gill Ellison, Michael Featherstone, Neil Hitchen, Annmarie Houghton, Ste Lingard, David O'Keefe, Gavin Scott, Paul Styles.

### Management Staff

**1st Team Manager:** Paul 'Peo' Piert

**Assistant Manager:** Martin Seddon

**1st Team Coach:** Danny Hughes

**U23s Manager:** Matt Birchall

**U23s Assistant Manager:** Joe Bone

**U18s Manager:** Carlos Rodrigues

**U18s Assistant Manager:** Dave Pallett

**U18s Secretary:** Fiona Sharrock

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- 1951** Lancashire Comb Division 2 Champions
- 1972** Lancashire Combination Champions
- 1973** Bass Charrington Cup Winners
- 1974** Watson Trophy Winners
- 1978** St Helens Hospital Cup Winners
- 1979** St Helens Combination Div 1 Runners Up
- 1979** St Helens Hospital Cup Runners Up
- 1980** St Helens Combination Div 1 Champions
- 1985** NWCFL Reserve Division 2 Runners Up
- 1986** NWCFL Reserve Division 1 Runners Up
- 1987** FA Vase Winners (Wembley)
- 1994** League Challenge Cup Finalists
- 1994** NWCFL Reserve Division Runners Up
- 1995** NWCFL Reserve Division Champions
- 1996** NWCFL Reserve Division Runners Up
- 1998** Floodlit Trophy Finalists
- 1999** REALCO Fair Play Award Winners
- 2009** Bert Trautmann Trophy Winners
- 2014-15** South Lancs League U17s Cup Finalists
- 2014-15** Cheshire FA U21 League Champions
- 2015-16** Cheshire FA U21 Premier Cup Finalists
- 2016-17** Cheshire FA U21 League Cup Finalists
- 2016-17** Cheshire FA U21 Premier Div Runners Up
- 2017-18** NWYA U18s President's Cup Winners
- 2020-21** NWYA U18s President's Cup Winners

### Record Attendances:

- 9000** at Prescot Cables v Runcorn (1949)
- 8000** at Houghton Road v Man City (1950)
- 3012** at Houghton Road v Burscough (1948)
- 2096** at Langtree Park v Wigan Town (2023)
- 1723** at Knowsley Road v FC United of Man (2006)

### Programme Awards:

- NWCFL Programme of the Year  
1993-94, 1995-96, 1997-98, 1998-99,  
1999-00, 2000-01
- NWCFL Premier Division  
2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15
- NWCFL First Division / First Division North  
2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20
- Wirral Programme Club National Survey  
NWCFL Programme of the Year  
1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99
- Programme Monthly  
NWCFL Programme of the Year 2007-08
- Soccer Club Swap Shop  
National Programme Awards  
2010-11 28th, 2011-12 8th,  
2012-13 7th, 2013-14 8th,  
2014-15 5th, 2015-16 8th,  
2016-17 2nd, 2017-18 5th,  
2018-19 6th, 2019-20 5th
- M60 Programmes  
NWCFL Division One North  
Programme of the Year 2019-20

### St Helens Town AFC - Player Records 1946-2021

Goals in a Career	Goals in a Season	Career Appearances (250+ games)
<b>216</b> Steve Pennington	<b>47</b> Phil Stainton 1963/64	<b>448</b> Alan Wellens (inc. 207 estimated)
<b>118</b> Terry Garner	<b>46</b> Steve Pennington 1997/98	<b>359</b> John Critchley (16 estimated)
<b>108</b> Gary Laird	<b>45</b> Jackie Kendrick 1973/74	<b>352</b> Steve Pennington
<b>105</b> Lee Cooper	<b>45</b> Steve Pennington 1993/94	<b>346</b> Gary Lowe (1 estimated)
<b>101</b> Glenn Walker	<b>40</b> Bob Potter 1952/53	<b>345</b> Glenn Walker
<b>94</b> Iain Dyson	<b>38</b> Terry Fearn 2000/01	<b>327</b> Jackie Atherton (122 estimated)
<b>84</b> Andy Gillespie	<b>36</b> Albert Leadbetter 1950/51	<b>300</b> Jackie Cooke (1 estimated)
<b>83</b> Harry McCann	<b>35</b> Arthur Tyrer 1957/58	<b>287</b> Gary Laird
<b>81</b> Ray Fairweather	<b>34</b> Lee Cooper 2001/02	<b>280</b> Kevin Grice (147 estimated)
<b>72</b> Arthur Tyrer	<b>34</b> Andy Gillespie 2015/16	<b>278</b> Jimmy Woodyer (67 estimated)
<b>68</b> Phil Stainton	<b>33</b> Ronnie Rigby 1952/53	<b>276</b> Iain Dyson
<b>63</b> Mervyn Bull	<b>32</b> Harry McCann 1950/51	<b>272</b> Ray Fairweather (3 estimated)
	<b>31</b> Terry Garner 1950/51	<b>265</b> Larry Redmond (134 estimated)

