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# FROM THE CHAIR

*Welcome to Ruskin for today's matches:* Town U23s versus Winsford Town Reserves in the early kick off, then our first team against Warrington Rylands Development. Warm greetings to all of our visitors, and fingers crossed for a good afternoon.

This has been a week for thinking of those we have lost, starting with Remembrance Sunday and then Armistice Day on Monday. Everyone at Town is grateful for the sacrifice made by those who died in the country's service, and the occasions were marked by a minute of silence at both of our matches last weekend.

On Tuesday I attended the funeral of my late Mother-in-Law's eldest brother, Michael Patrick Murphy, who died peacefully at home in October. He grew up in Liverpool during and just after the war, before moving to Chester and becoming a postman. He was as lovely a gentleman as I have ever met, fine company and always informative about football in decades gone by. I shall miss seeing him in St. Werburgh's Club on visits to Chester, as will his many family members and friends.

Recently Ken Palfrey, a loyal servant to our neighbours Pilkington F.C. and to the local football scene, also passed away. I didn't know Ken well myself, but I do know the respect that others had for him, and his contribution to the game over many years. We wish his family, friends and all at Pilkington the very best.

These things remind us both that there are bigger things in life than football, but that the game is for millions of people around the world a thing of joy, friendship and community. If it didn't exist, we would need to invent it, or something that served its purpose.

Thankfully, football does exist. We are here today to enjoy it

Come on the Town!

*Ste Lingard*



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# A WORD WITH THE MANAGER

**Myself and the club would like to welcome everyone from Warrington Rylands 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.

Starting off today sending our deepest condolences to Ste Palfrey on the sad loss of his dad Ken. As many people know me and Kenny Dixon spent many years playing at Pilks and got to know Ken very well he was a true gentleman and will be missed doing his odd jobs down at Ruskin. God bless Ken. Xxx

From our point of view we had the bad news of Gibbo breaking his leg in our last home match, Marc has been a massive part of our great start to the season and become an integral part of the dressing room. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Turning to football matters now, and we return to Ruskin on the back of a good cup win away at River Juniors, where young Archie Hanson potentially became our youngest ever scorer. It was a pleasing result as we made a few changes and still got the result we wanted.

On to today's game we welcome Warrington Rylands who despite their league position proved probably our toughest opponent this season, and we expect the same today.

We have spoken about the target on the backs now of this squad of players, wearing this amazing kit with this badge and name brings its own pressure no matter what level added to that now our fantastic start to the season everyone will be out trying to take the scalp.

As a management team we are determined to keep the lads on their toes and not let complacency or over confidence creep in.

As always thank you for the continued support I say it all the time but the bond between the supporters and players is a massive boost to each and everyone of us let's continue to work and keep this feel good factor going.

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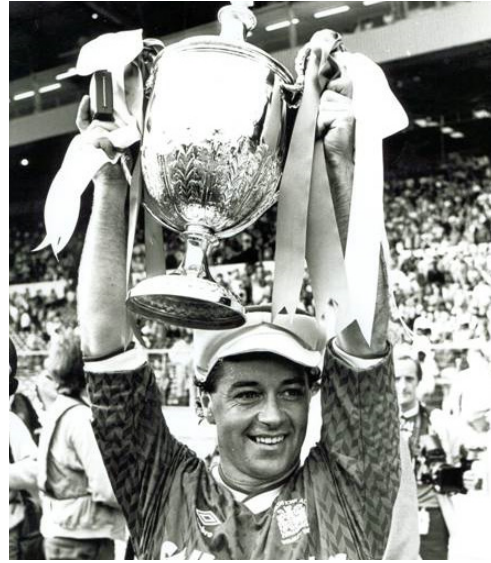
# A BRIEF HISTORY OF TOWN

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 over 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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# OUR OPPONENTS

Warrington Rylands 1906 Football Club was formed as a local works (wire manufacturer) team in 1906 as part of the Rylands Recreation Club whose clubhouse and grounds sat on the eastern side of Warrington at a site off Gorsey Lane. It was opened by the Rylands

Brothers, owners of the famous Wireworks to provide sports and leisure facilities for their employees.

Over the years Rylands have played in several competitions including the Lancashire Combination, Warrington and District League, Mid Cheshire League, Cheshire League, North West Counties and now compete at the highest level in our history, the Northern Premier

League (Premier). During this time our trophy cabinet has seen success in, the Warrington Guardian Cup (5 times), Liverpool Challenge Cup, Lancashire Amateur Shield, Mid Cheshire

League and Cup, North West Counties Division 1 North, North West Counties Champions of Champion's cup, FA Vase winners 2021 and Northern Premier League (West) in 2022.

The team also played in the Lancashire Combination's war time Auxiliary Section during the 1918/19 season finishing fifth in the table.

Prior to joining the North West Counties League in 2018 Rylands played in the Warrington & District League, Liverpool County Combination, and the Mid-Cheshire League. They were

champions of each of these leagues winning the Warrington League in 1957/58 and 1958/59. 1957/58 was an especially good season for the club as they completed a treble in bringing back the Warrington League title, the Guardian Cup and Liverpool Cup and continued with success in the Liverpool Combination in 1960/61.

Further success followed in the Mid-Cheshire League in 1980/81 and 1983/84. Losing just once when winning the Mid-Cheshire League in 1983/84 Rylands thought they were on their way to Wembley when they entered the last 32 of the FA Vase with wins over Blackpool

Mechanics, Maghull, Atherton LR and Rainworth MW. But it was against the latter that saw an appeal against the length of the pitch, when it was found to be just over a yard short, a replay was ordered which Rainworth won 1-0.

A barren run of years followed which was ended when a newly formed youth team lifted the Warrington & District Youth Cup with an extra-time win over local rivals Warrington Town.

This provided the springboard for senior honours in 1993 with the Reserves winning the Mid Cheshire League Division Two Cup with an extra time win over Knutsford.

Prior to the start of the 1996/97 season the club formed a link with a local junior club - Beechfield - with these youth sides bringing trophies into the club winning the Warrington & District Youth Cup in 1997, and in 1999 both the Warrington & District League and Cup.

These young players rejuvenated the club and in 1999/2000 the first team reached the Mid-Cheshire League Cup Final only to lose out to Knutsford in a penalty shoot-out after being reduced to nine men with twenty minutes of extra-time left. Season 2001/02 would see a

surprise end to the campaign. An undefeated run of nine games saw the first team snatch runners-up spot on goal difference.

The club then once more fell on hard times and in 2008 amalgamated with Crosfields FC playing under the title of Crosfields / Rylands FC. Under the new name both the first and reserve teams reached Mid-Cheshire League Cup Finals, unfortunately losing in both.

Prior to the start of the 2012/13 season, the club resumed the name of Rylands FC. The first team went on to win the Warrington Guardian Cup in 2015, whilst also being Mid-Cheshire League Cup runners up in 2013, 2014 and 2018.

After restoring stability to the first and reserve teams, the club's committee agreed to change direction and grow a junior and youth section. In 2016 successful local junior club Fife Rangers joined bringing seventeen teams and over two hundred players under the

Rylands Football Club banner, including two female teams. A little later the clubs elite development team was formed; Rylands U21's who joined the NW Development league.



In June 2018 Dave McNab was appointed joint first team manager alongside local lad Stuart Wellstead as player manager, at the club and set about transforming the team and ambitions for the club.

First step was to become part of the FA non-league pyramid by gaining entry in to the North West Counties League, which was achieved when the club were invited to apply for a position in the North West Counties Division 1 South for season 2018/19. During the pre-season McNab and Wellstead commenced a major recruitment drive to build

a team that would be competitive at a higher level. The recruitment, combined with excellent preparation and outstanding performances on the pitch, saw the club win the North West Counties Division 1 South Championship and also go on to win the Division One

Champion of Champion's trophy, beating Division 1 North Champions, Longridge Town 3-0.

For season 2019/20 McNabb took sole charge of the team and the club changed its name to Warrington Rylands 1906 FC as a mark of its ambition to continue with its goal to reach the highest level it could. The name change ensured the Rylands name would remain synonymous with the club, whilst also recognising the club had played and been a part of Warrington and Rylands since 1906, still playing on the same Ground.

In preparation of playing at the highest level it had ever reached, major infrastructure took place at the Gorsey Lane Ground with the building of seated stands, covered terracing, changing rooms, spectator toilets, boardroom and provision of in ground food and drink.

Warrington Rylands 1906 FC Gorsey Lane Ground was ready to take its place in the North West Counties Premier League for season 2019-/0 with the unveiling of the newly opened Ron Stretford Stand, the clubs former Treasurer, and the Ian Finchett Pavilions, the clubs former Chairman.

The club were denied back to back promotions to the Northern Premier League due to the Covid Pandemic that caused the 2019/20 season to be abandoned with the club sitting second in the North West Counties Premier League. Similarly in season 2020/21 the season was curtailed with the club again second in the league.

Season 2020/21 however, turned out to be one of the most important seasons in the clubs history winning the FA Vase at Wembley 3-2 against Binfield FC with centre-forward Elliott Nevitt scoring a hat trick.

Having broken the clubs previous record of a last 32 place against West Auckland the team, due to the Covid Pandemic, entered in to a weekly round of FA Vase Cup games beating the 2019/20 FA Vase Hebburn Town Winners in the Quarter-Final at Gorsey Lane only one week after the North East team had beaten Consett Town in the delayed 2020 final at Wembley.

In the Semi Final Rylands beat Walsall Wood 2-1 to send them to Wembley for the Final the following Saturday.

The Club went in to overdrive to sell 1,500 tickets in four days which are the biggest gate receipts in Rylands history, as well as breaking other records by becoming the first Warrington football team in the history of the game to win a national tournament.

Season 2020/21 also saw the club enter the FA Cup which saw the team make the Second Qualifying Round at home against York City, live on the BBC and in front of a COVID restricted sell-out crowd of 300, the furthest the club has ever achieved in the FA Cup.

Furthermore the week after the successful Wembley Final the club were promoted to the Northern Premier League (West) as part of the FA National League restructure as one of three highest point per game achievers during the two previous covid affected seasons.

Season 2021/22 was again a successful one for the club with Warrington Rylands winning the NPL West division at the first time of asking on a final nerve wracking game of the season and also saw the club take part in the FA Trophy for the first time in our 115 year history. This year will now see Warrington Rylands 1906 FC competing in the Northern Premier League (Premier) the highest level the club has played.

In September 2022 Dave McNabb left club and was replaced on a caretaker basis by Jody Banim.

# CULTURE VULTURE

## AMAZON AND M&S PORT



Another successful tournament.

**Our charity arm, Town in the Town, was active again last week, hosting another Inclusion Cup at Ruskin.**

We welcomed seven teams to play in a seven-a-side tournament. Among those joining us were the Come Together Hub, Change Grow Live St Helens, Enjoy Football, Bright Start Homes, our friends from the LFC Foundation (who sent their refugee team, and St Helens' own refugee team, Hope United, who entered two teams—one playing as Café Laziz. I'll share more details about the great work done by these other charities at the end.

While the tournament focused on inclusion as well as physical and mental health, football remains a competitive game, and before long, moans and groans about referees' calls and heavy tackles kicked off in the first round. Our referees included St Helens football legend and Fingerpost favourite, Kenny Dixon. Helping him (and sharing his "pain") were the formidable Brad Coy and the LFC Foundation's Liam Gerrard—who was given referee duties on arrival, leaving him no chance to escape!

I'd like to say I'll go easier on referees in the future, but we all know that when it's your own team, it's hard to let things slide. Jokes aside, we've all seen some shocking treatment toward referees, and it's a problem that persists across all levels of the game.

After several injuries, lost tempers, and missing footballs, it was our guests from Liverpool who

ultimately claimed victory, taking home the trophy (that Peo never got from Lane's Trophies of Fingerpost!). I like to think pride in victory is enough, though it was hinted in the car park that next time, a real trophy might be nice.

With the holidays fast approaching (as evidenced by my wife's activity on Amazon and the arrival of port in the kitchen), Town in the Town will be holding another end-of-year reunion at The Lamb on Corporation Street. The Lamb is generously sponsoring the event, covering the costs for our Christmas cards, which will go out to anyone who wants one. Last year's event was a great success, and this year's is open to anyone connected with the club—yes, even you!

The event will take place on Sunday, December 29th, at The Lamb. The Town in the Town team and I will be there from 1 pm, so feel free to join us anytime and soak in the festive spirit.

If you'd like a personally delivered Christmas card, drop us an email at [sthelentownafc@outlook.com](mailto:sthelentownafc@outlook.com).

Anyway, enjoy the match, up The Town, and stay cultured x

**Mike Bagshaw**

**Culture Vulture**

## PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

### Come Together Hub

Based in St Helens, the Come Together Hub aims to provide a safe space for those looking to improve their lives through community activities, outreach programs, and support. "Everyone is welcome—we can't say it enough! You don't have to struggle alone; we're always here to help if you need it."

Contact: [matty@cometogetherhub.com](mailto:matty@cometogetherhub.com)

### Café Laziz

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### Change, Grow, Live (CGL) St Helens

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Enjoy Football



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Bright Start Homes



Come Together Hub



Hope United, Me Brad and Peo

# MEET A MERT!

## JAKE SANT



**Age:** 17 **Position:** Centre Back (sometimes striker hahaha)

**Who do you support?** Liverpool

**Best player of all time?** Messi

**Best goal ever?** Messi vs Bilbao, it's proven to be nearly impossible .

**Best ever kit?** 2005 Liverpool Home Kit

**Favourite other sport?** Basketball

**Pre-match ritual?** 400g of pasta and 150g of chicken with a virtue drink.

**Best thing about Tellins?** Has to be the fans, haven't experienced anything like them before they're boss.

**Pie of choice?** Steak

**Claim to fame\*?** Played in the same tournament as Lamine Yamal

**What are you watching?** Outer Banks it's really good

**What are you listening to?** Can't go wrong with Bob Marley.

**Who's the biggest moaner?** Cookie always collecting the fines.

**Worst dancer?** I would assume Scotty (Williams) but I don't know for sure.

**Who's cleverest?** Max defo finds his way out of situations in footy.

**Worst haircut?** Kenny with about 90 scars on his head. (Bit harsh - Ed.)

**Who would you want with you if you were stuck on a desert island?** Max because he'll get us out and still have a laugh.

**Tightest with money?** Pacey because he would give £2 in for a fine.

\*besides being a Town legend

## BEAT THE YICKER

Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. At which north west ground would you find the Manchester Road stand and the cemetery end?
2. In which country would you find clubs playing in the Trendyol Super League?
3. Which championship club used to play at Boothferry Park?
4. At which non league step are clubs required to use assistant referees?
5. Manchester United signed Joshua Zirkzee from which Serie A club?
6. Parklands v St Michaels DH is a Cheshire League derby in which town?
7. What Nationality is Leicester midfielder Bilal Al Khannouss?
8. Paddy McGuinness supports which league 1 club?
9. Which Spanish club play at The Estadi Son Moix?
10. Robbie Savage owns which North West football club?
11. Who scored the famous winning free kick for Wrexham against Arsenal in the FA cup in 1992?
12. Which are the only club in the Australian 'A' League not from Australia?
13. Phil Parkinson is manager of which league 1 club?
14. Who scored Towns second equaliser in the draw at Stretford Paddock earlier this season?
15. At which iconic stadium would you find The Gallowgate End?
16. Noah FC are from which European country?
17. Who where beaten finalists in the 1970 World cup final?
18. Fc Sez are from which country?
19. What colour was the popular Saturday teatime football results paper?
20. Who scored Wigan Athletics famous winner in the 2013 FA cup final?



1. Gigg Lane - Bury, 2. Turkey, 3. Hull City, 4. Step 2, 5. Bologna, 6. Widnes, 7. Morocco, 8. Bolton Wanderers, 9. Real Mallorca, 10. Macclesfield, 11. Mickey Thomas, 12. Wellinghton Phoenix, 13. Wrexham, 14. Liam Diggle, 15. St James Park - Newcastle, 16. Armenia, 17. Italy, 18. England (Nottingham), 19. Pink, 20. Ben Watson

# SEASON STATISTICS

	Halon Farmworth Hornets	4-2	5-4						1-0	2-1	2-2	23/11		2-1	2-2
	Hartford										1-0		1-2	2-1	2-2
	Haydock	6-1							5-2				1-1	1-1	2-1
	Lymm	6-0	23/11								2-1	1-1	30/11	1-2	4-2
	Maine Rd	2-2							5-2	7-2				1-2	0-0
	Mersey Valley	4-1	2-2	16/11	2-0				5-2	4-1		7-0	1-4	4-2	1-2
	Moore United	3-1	3-3										3-1	3-1	3-1
	Newton-le-Willows	1-1							7-2		2-2			4-3	16/11
	Sandbach Town	1-3	2-1									16/11	0-2	2-1	2-1
	St Helens Town	3-1	3-2	1-2	2-1						30/11	1-4	1-4	3-3	4-1
	Stretford Paddock	30/11											3-1		16/11
	Warrington Rylands Dev	2-2	2-4	4-5					30/11	A-W	5-1		2-3	1-4	3-0
	Wigan Town		5-0	2-0	2-2					3-2	4-1				3-1

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

### SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

**Cheshire League 2**

13:00 Newton Athletic v Wigan Town  
 14:00 Mersey Valley v Lymm Rovers  
 14:00 Newton-Le-Willows v Sandbach Town  
 15:00 St Helens Town v Hartford FC  
 15:00 Stretford Paddock v Maine Road Res.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>1 St Helens Town</b>	11	8	3	0	27	12	15	27
2 Mersey Valley	13	8	2	3	40	22	18	26
3 Wigan Town	15	6	4	5	29	25	4	22
4 Stretford Paddock	11	6	2	3	26	15	11	20
5 Lymm Rovers	10	6	2	2	24	13	11	20
6 Hartford FC	12	5	2	5	22	25	-3	20*
7 Haydock FC	13	4	5	4	33	31	2	17
8 Halton Farmworth Hornets	12	5	4	3	23	28	-5	16*
9 Newton-Le-Willows	13	4	4	5	19	25	-6	16
10 Newton Athletic	12	4	3	5	29	33	-4	15
11 Maine Road Res.	13	2	6	5	27	28	-1	12
12 Sandbach Town	12	3	2	7	19	36	-17	11
13 Moore United	8	2	1	5	16	26	-10	7
<b>14 Warrington Rylands Dev.</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>5</b>

Leading Goalscorers		Appearances		Goals
Marc Gibson	12			6
Ryan Cook	9(2)			5
Charlie Leech	11(0)			4
Charlie Simpson	13(0)			4
Chris Foster	8(3)			3

		Player of the Match																	Goalscorer #GOALS	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
27/07	A CF12	Stretford Paddock	2-2	Jenkinson	Roby	Luke Diggle	Sant	Buckley-Benbow	Gibson	Beech	Whitehead	Whitehead	Garrett	Hughes	Hughes	Williams	Foster	Hanson		
30/07	A CF12	Mersey Valley	1-4	Jenkinson	Roby	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Luke Diggle	Beech	Simpson	Gibson	Leech	Simpson	Leech	Hughes	Cook	Watson	Garrett		
06/08	A CF12	Newton-le-Willows	0-2	Jenkinson	Roby	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Luke Diggle	Williams	Simpson	Diggle (c)	Leech	Hanson	Hughes	Pettersen	Watson	Hunt			
10/08	A CF12	Warrington RD	2-3	Jenkinson	Roby	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Luke Diggle	Williams	Simpson	Diggle (c)	Beech	Hanson	Hughes	Hughes	Jones				
24/08	H CF12	Lymm Rovers	2-2	Jenkinson	Pettersen	Hughes	Sant	Buckley-Benbow	Jones	Simpson	Beech	Beech (c)	Hanson	Whitehead	Williams	Garrett	Kenamuijio	Hanson		
31/08	H CF12	Sandbach Town	3-1	Jenkinson	Pettersen	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Foster	Williams	Simpson	Garrett	Cook	Hunt	Whitehead	Hanson	Wetton	Jones			
07/09	A CF12	Haydock	1-1	Jenkinson	Pettersen	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Foster	Williams	Simpson	Garrett	Cook	Leech	Luke Diggle	Whitehead	Wetton	Diggle	Hanson		
14/09	H CF12	Maine Road Res.	1-0	Jenkinson	Pettersen	Buckley-Benbow	Foster	Sant	Williams	Wetton	Whitehead	Cook	Leech	Luke Diggle	Whitehead	Wetton	Diggle	Hanson		
21/09	A CF12	Hartford	1-2	Jenkinson	Pettersen	Buckley-Benbow	Foster	Sant	Williams	Wetton	Whitehead	Cook	Leech	Luke Diggle	Whitehead	Wetton	Diggle	Hanson		
05/10	A CF12	Sandbach Town	1-4	Jenkinson	Pettersen	Buckley-Benbow	Foster	Buckley-Benbow	Williams	Simpson	Diggle (c)	Cook	Hanson	Hughes	Whitehead	Wetton	Diggle	Hanson		
12/10	H CF12	Fovelfield Rangers	4-1	Jenkinson	Roby (C)	Hunt	Sant	Foster	Hanson	Wetton	Garrett	Leech	Leech	Leech	Williams	Buckley-Benbow	Simpson	Diggle		
19/10	A WFLC	Knutsford FC	1-1*	Jenkinson	Pettersen	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Foster	Williams	Simpson	Diggle (C)	Cook	Hanson	Hughes	Whitehead	Wetton	Diggle	Hanson		
02/11	H CF12	Hartford	3-1	Jenkinson	Roby	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Luke Diggle	Garrett	Simpson	Diggle (C)	Cook	Hanson	Hughes	Whitehead	Wetton	Diggle	Hanson		
09/11	A CF12	River Juniors znds	2-3	Jenkinson	Pettersen	Hunt	Foster	Buckley-Benbow	Roby (C)	Clapham	Hanson	Leech	Leech	Leech	Williams	Buckley-Benbow	Simpson	Diggle		
16/11	H CF12	Warrington RD																		
30/11	A CF12	Lymm Rovers																		

# THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Year	Competition	Fixture	Score	Town Scorers
1957	L.C. D2	Prescot Gables Reserves	6-0	Tyrer 4, Prescott, Fairweather
1968	L.C. D1	Prestrich Heys	1-1	
1974	LANGS FA CUP	Lancaster City	0-5	
1985	NWCL C 3R	Burscough	1-2	Layhe
1991	NWCL D1	Maine Road	3-3	M. Shaw, Smith, Iley
1993	LSC 1R	Knowsley United	3-1	Pennington 2, M. Lowe
1994	LSC 1R	Knowsley United	4-2	Hockenhuilb, Knowles

Year	Competition	Fixture	Score	Town Scorers
1996	NWCL D1	Boole	2-2	N. Shaw, Street
1999	NWCL D1	Maine Road	1-1	Griffiths
2010	LSC 2R	Skimmedale United	3-2	Fargher 2, Faulkner
2016	LSC 1R	Litherland Remycs	2-4	Andy Gillespie, Donohue
2017	NWCL D1	Holker Old Boys	1-3	Lomax (P)
2019	NWCL D1N	AFC Darwen	3-2	Barton 2, Weaver

P	W	D	L	F	A	GD
13	5	5	4	30	28	2

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# TOWN U23s



## Town U23s Upcoming Fixtures

16/11 12:15 St Helens Town v Winsford Town Res.  
23/11 14:00 Sandbach Utd Dev v St Helens Town

CHESHIRE RESERVE LEAGUE 2		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Lymm Rovers Res.	12	8	3	1	37	15	22	27
2	Billinge New Street Res.	11	6	3	2	21	12	9	21
3	<b>St Helens Town U23s</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>
4	Sandbach United Dev. Squad	10	5	1	4	25	9	16	16
5	Haydock Res.	11	5	1	5	23	29	-6	16
6	<b>Winsford Town Res.</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>
7	Clay Brow Res.	8	4	3	1	16	14	2	15
8	Crewe FC Dev. Squad	9	4	2	3	19	20	-1	14
9	Winstanley Warriors Res.	9	4	0	5	25	24	1	12
10	Moore United Dev. Squad	12	2	1	9	12	36	-24	7
11	Halton Farnworth Hornets Res.	12	0	0	12	6	47	-41	0

# TOWN U18s

*This is our first season at this high level.* The league is very strong, full of talented players and well drilled teams. The lads and I are still getting used to the league, but one thing I can promise is passion for the game.

I like to play attractive football and focus on getting the players ready for the next step. Discipline, commitment and a large squad is needed. However this brings challenges when we have 24 players and I have to make really tough decisions leaving some out.

**Carlos** - manager



When first joining the club I think as a team the boys couldn't think of a better atmosphere, everyone at the club was very welcoming and had high expectations for us.

It's been a tough start to the season but with some strong performances picking points up against Macclesfield and Congleton has really helped the lads confidence.

I believe now more than ever we can put some good performances in and push to finish as high as possible and hopefully have a good cup run as well.

Hopefully this cup run can be achieved with our weekend tie against Nantwich at home, having played this team before gives a great insight to their tactics and hopefully we can come away with the win.

*Up the town!*

**Fynn Sweeney** - Captain

I'm happy to be at St. Helens Town.

The managers are supportive, understanding and helpful. They always help us when we need guidance, I appreciate how they encourage us to grow and learn together as a team.

**Daniel Yawson** - Forward

## Town U18s Upcoming Fixtures

17/11 15:00 St Helens Town v Nantwich Town FC  
24/11 14:30 Atherton Collieries AFC v St Helens Town  
15/12 15:00 St Helens Town v Congleton Town FC

NORTH WEST YOUTH ALLIANCE DIV 1		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Aintree Villa FC	7	6	1	0	19
2	Atherton Collieries AFC	7	4	2	1	14
3	Winstanley Warriors FC	5	3	2	0	11
4	Macclesfield FC	5	3	1	1	10
5	Ramsbottom United FC	4	3	0	1	9
6	Chorley FC	5	3	0	2	9
7	<b>St Helens Town AFC</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
8	Nantwich Town FC	6	2	1	3	7
9	Congleton Town FC	8	2	0	6	6
10	Maine Road FC	8	1	1	6	4
11	Stalybridge Celtic FC	6	0	0	6	0

# TOWN IN ACTION

Ramsbottom United FC 5 - 2 St Helens Town U18s - November 10th

Photos by Mary Castrogiovanni



Jacob Rodrigues



Tom Smith



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Joel Hill claiming the ball



Daniel Yawson



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**Chair:** Ste Lingard

**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)

