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FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the PSD Vehicle Rental Stadium at Ruskin Drive for the third and last of our run of January home fixtures. An especial welcome to our visitors Clay Brow, from Skelmersdale.

Our performance against Congleton Reserves last week was much improved from the week before. The opposition were well organised and it took a moment of magic from Town-legend-in-the-making Liam Diggle to change the game. I have rarely seen a volley struck when the ball is five feet in the air, and almost never one that went on target! It was definitely a goal to remember.

Ryan Cook got the second, laid on by an unselfish pass from Ben Noonan. This capped off a well-rounded performance from Ben, who started the game and hit the crossbar twice in the first half – both from chances he created himself, with hard work and skill. He was excellent.

Some present might not know it, but Ben is captain of our U18s team. He led them away at Nantwich Town less than 24 hours later, on Sunday afternoon. The lads lost 4-3, but having watched it myself I know the result doesn't tell the full story: the quality of the passing football the team played was a joy to watch. Two of the goals came from excellent, flowing moves that any team would have been proud to score - and they could have had several more, so fluent and penetrating was their play. They are a credit to themselves, their parents and to the management team of Carlos Rodrigues and Dave Pallett, supported by Fiona Sharrock.

Many of the players are 16 years old and will have another season together. With nature continuing to take its course and the benefit of the experience they are gaining this season, they should be a formidable team in 2026/27. We all look forward to it.

Meanwhile, we focus on this afternoon: First Team football is the sharp end of the business, where all

junior players want to reach, and all senior players want to remain. Let's give the lads our full support.

Come on The Town!

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A WORD WITH THE MANAGER



Peo & Seddo

Myself and the club would like to welcome everyone from Congleton Town 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.

We would also like to welcome & thank everyone in attendance at today's game. As ever, your support is really appreciated.

Last week was a fantastic response from the lads and an important result – a result that keeps us right in the mix

Playing against 10 men can often make it harder, but the lads showed real maturity & patience and got exactly what they deserved out of the game. A real team performance.

As for today, we expect another tough game against a really good opposition in Clay Brow, who I'm sure have the same ambitions as Town, in hunting for promotion. It's got the makings for a cracking game.

We expect a physical game with some good football being played by both sides, but hopefully the quality of the lads comes through and we can come away with all 3 points which is more than achievable with this group.

#tellinstown #mertz

Martin Seddon



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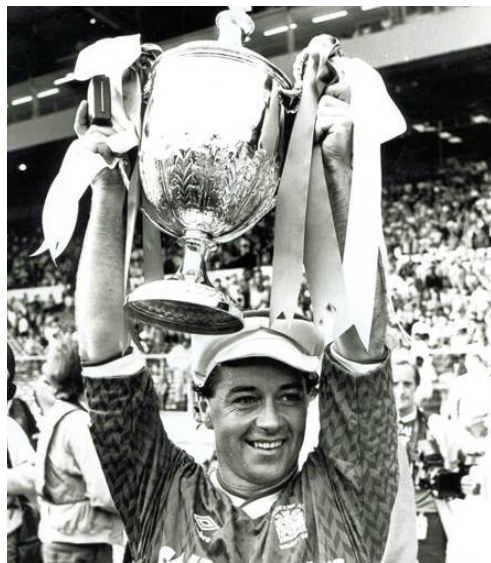
A BRIEF HISTORY OF TOWN

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 club's first in Cheshire League Division 2. The following season Town finished 11 points clear having lost only one league game in the whole campaign, securing their first title for more than 50 years and promotion to Division 1.

The rebuild is ongoing.

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CULTURE VULTURE

IT'S NEAR LIVERPOOL IN THE DIRECTION OF MANCHESTER, MATE!

We welcome our visitors from Skelmersdale to Ruskin Drive for what's expected to be a competitive match between us and our neighbours from down the bypass.

It got me thinking about our towns — their similarities and their differences. St Helens: coal mining for a start. But while mining largely ended in the 1930s in Skem, the black stuff was still being dug out of Tellins well into the 1990s. That alone tells you a lot about how the two places grew and changed.

Skelmersdale would be transformed completely in the 1960s when it became a “New Town”, built to house Liverpool’s overspill population. From a former Lancashire mining village to a detached suburban experiment almost overnight — quite the shift. St Helens’ growth was different: an industrial powerhouse built on coal, glass, chemicals and sweat. But as we all know, that industry has long since gone.

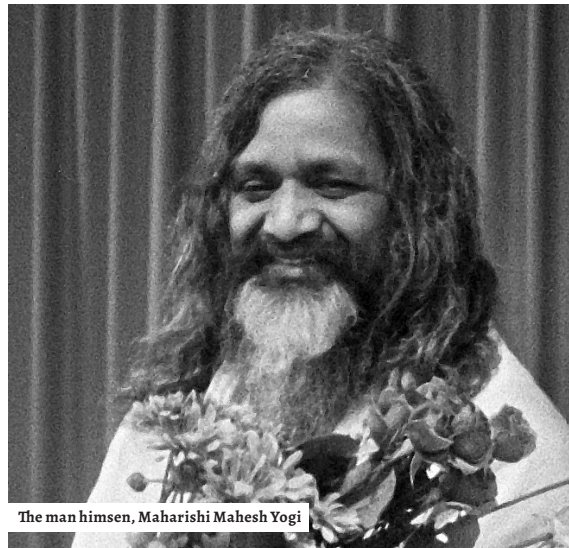
It’s tough for towns like St Helens and Skelmersdale. Nestled between big cities that Hoover up the attention — football glory, music scenes, culture, cool. We learn to be the unfashionable poorer relative, the butt of jokes, the place you only go if you really have to. However... balls to all that. There’s beauty in our confused identities — our own accents, our own football clubs, our own culture that doesn’t need city approval.

Music-wise, both towns fall firmly into the category of “no one really says they’re from here” — despite producing a fair few notable musicians who quietly pretend to be from somewhere else... or at least say the band is.

Electro Hippies — who? I hear you say. Well, they were rock stars to me at the turn of the ’90s. Hardcore punk pioneers with members from St Helens, Skelmersdale and Rainford in their ranks. Don Murphy (Skem) on bass and vocals would go on to replace Jeff Walker (Tellins). Walker,



Maharishi Dome



The man himsen, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi

of course, went on to form extreme metal pioneers Carcass — absolutely massive in Peru, trust me.

Apparently Google tells me ’80s pop sensation Sonia is from Skem. Though oddly, the UK Wikipedia says Liverpool... while the Dutch Wikipedia confidently claims Skelmersdale. I am absolutely outraged — and no, I’m not telling you why I’m using a Dutch VPN.

I still remember my family sat weeping when Sporty Spice told the world she was from Liverpool instead of Rainhill. My father head-butted me into our old Sony Trinitron TV.

Sonia Evans

Artikel Overleg

Uit Wikipedia, de vrije encyclopedie

Sonia Evans (Skelmersdale (West Lancashire), 13 februari 1971), beter bekend als **Sonia**, is een Britse zangeres, die bekend was eind jaren 80 en begin jaren 90.

Biografie

Haar carrière ging van start in 1989, toen ze gelanceerd werd door het producerstrio *Stock, Aitken & Waterman*. Haar eerste single *You'll never stop me from loving you* bereikte meteen de eerste plaats in de *Britse* hitparade. Zij was op dat moment 17 jaar oud en daarmee de jongste zangeres, die dit resultaat tot dan toe bereikte.



Sonia ousted by the Dutch



The Verve, hands up who's from Wigan



The Magnetic North – Prospect of Skelmersdale LP



Dom Murphy singing and shredding the bass as a young Jeff Walker sits centre dreaming of Peru

Okay, I’m descending into daftness now — but you get my point.

I’ll finish this musical–geographical rant with this one. The Verve: not one of them is actually from Wigan. Richard Ashcroft — Up Holland’s the closest. Nick McCabe is from Haydock. Bass player Simon Jones is originally from Liverpool. And drummer Peter Salisbury is from flipping Wiltshire.

While we’re on The Verve, here’s an interesting one: Simon Tong. He joined the band around their biggest album, *Urban Hymns*, and was something of a Britpop gun-for-hire, also playing with indie giants Blur. Born in Farnworth, Bolton, Simon and his family moved to Skelmersdale in the early ’80s because his dad was a committed follower of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and the Transcendental Meditation movement.

At the start of the ’80s, the movement decided to build the biggest meditation dome in Skem. I know — but

why not? Maybe the motorway network made the New Town feel like the centre of the UK. Maybe they thought the Conny was dead boss. With followers like The Beatles, The Beach Boys and The Rolling Stones, perhaps they simply thought: Skem needs this.

In honour of the dome and his adopted town, Simon released an album all about it ten years ago. I’ll confess — I’ve still not listened to it, much like I’ve still not visited the dome. But if you’re interested:

The Magnetic North – Prospect of Skelmersdale and the dome is the Maharishi Dome, WN8 6UQ.

Anyroad... go get enlightened in Skelmersdale if you fancy. But before that, enjoy the match.

C’m on The Town — and stay cultured, folks x

Mike Bagshaw - Culture Vulture

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IF there's one thing we dread at NLP Towers on a Saturday it's attempting to keep abreast with the raft of postponements caused by wet and wintery conditions.

Dummy pages have to be written and drawn, sometimes never used, match pages require a complete overhaul and reporters need contacting with revised instructions for those games that do go ahead. It's an absolute nightmare, believe me!

But we are not the only ones whose days has been put out by such an event.

Managers, players, supporters, matchday volunteers, are all of which are severely inconvenienced - and also out of pocket with both clubs too losing thousands in travel expenses and lost revenue.

And then there's the poor matchday referees - the ones who make those all-important decisions to call a game off for whatever reason, causing anger, frustration and often resentment for all concerned. They simply can not win.

Safety of the players must come first and referees known that something does go wrong, then there are huge consequences. The last thing they want is to call a game off - no-one is doing so deliberately.

This week in The NLP we ran a guest column with Farnborough manager Spencer Day.

His team found themselves at the eye of a storm, quite literally, a fortnight ago when their National League South game with Chelmsford City was postponed very late on.

And their game wasn't the only one to fall, with other local matches at Eastleigh and on the 4G at Bracknell also falling at the 11th hour, along with Bath City v Southend United in the FA Trophy, much to the ire of the away contingent who had travelled almost the entire width of the country, only to be turned away.

A number of theories and unfounded suggestions have been thrown out there in a bid to combat such an eventuality, but according to the Boro boss, there is no resolution.

"We live in the UK and the truth of it is we are bound by the weather," Day told us.

"Our games fell to the most bizarre conditions seen for quite some time.

"I saw our pitch on Friday and I was amazed by the excellent condition it was in.

I'd been communicating with Chelmsford and [manager] Angelo Harrop all week and when I got to the game on Saturday I walked it, as I always do, and didn't see any issue at all. The pitch looked fantastic.

"Then, 40 minutes later, the referee turns up and told us there was an area of the pitch that had frozen over that he wanted to look at. I mean, yes, it was hard, no question, but it was tiny, about a foot in area, and the temperatures weren't dropping.

"In theory, could we have tried something? Maybe, I'm not sure. Could we have chucked boiling water on it? Again, I don't know. But it was obvious at the time at that point that it had to be called off so I'm not blaming him.

After he called the game off, I left the ground at 5 o'clock and I decided I wanted to walk the pitch just to see what it was like, and it completely softened. It had actually got warmer, which is crazy. It's the weather. I wish there was an answer."

With a handful of games postponed last Saturday due to waterlogged pitches, and more bad weather on the way, don't expect this situation to be brushed under the carpet anytime soon.

Health & Safety is top of the priority list of football authorities and in these days of social media, such decisions come under scrutiny like never before, adding copious amounts of pressure to the officials, part-time themselves more often than not.

Has the world has gone risk adverse? Day, for one, believes it has, but he also urges supporters to step back and look at the bigger picture when letting their frustrations be known.

"I'm a big supporter of the leagues, the FA and politicians - I think they have impossible jobs," he added. "They are damned if they do and damned if they don't in whatever decision they make.

"Everyone's trying their best to resolve what it an impossible situation, but sometimes your best isn't always the popular decision.

"All you can do is apologise to everyone but in some respects I don't know what we're apologising for. No-one can control the weather."

John Couch

SEASON STATISTICS

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Billinge FC	24	16	3	5	74	29	45	51
Cheadle Heath Nomads	5-2							
Clay Brow	6-0	5-1			2-2			
Congleton Town Res	3/01				1-2	0-5		
Daten FC	6-1	2-0	3-5	1-0	3-1			
Egerton FC	1-0	5-0	2-1	1-1	6-3	0-1		
Knutsford FC	4-0	3-2	1-1	2-3	0-2	4-3		
Mersey Valley			8-1	0-7	2-1	0-4	2-1	0-1
Sandbach United Res	9-0				0-0			
St Helens Town	6-1	4-4	24/01	2-0	24/01	2-2		
Stretford Paddock			2-1	3-0	1-2	0-1	2-1	
Styal	4-1	8-2			1-2	2-4		
Upton	8-0	2-3	2-4	0-1	2-2	1-3		
Winsford Town	2-1	3-1	24/01	2-1	2-1			
Winslanley Warriors	1-1		24/01	4-1	4-1	2-4		
Wythenshawe Reserves	2-4	0-4	A-A		1-4	0-7		

CHESHIRE LEAGUE 1

Rank	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Egerton FC	24	16	3	5	74	29	45	51
2	Daten FC	20	15	3	2	68	30	38	48
3	Winsford Town	18	14	2	2	53	26	27	44
4	Knutsford FC	17	12	1	4	40	24	16	37
5	St Helens Town	17	11	3	3	56	26	30	36
6	Stretford Paddock	18	10	3	5	37	29	8	33
7	Clay Brow	15	9	3	3	58	25	33	30
8	Styal FC	18	8	2	8	47	47	0	26
9	Sandbach United Res.	14	6	5	3	38	23	15	23
10	Congleton Town Res.	19	5	3	11	23	36	-13	18
11	Winslanley Warriors	16	5	2	9	34	41	-7	17
12	Mersey Valley	17	5	1	11	38	59	-21	16
13	Upton JFC	19	3	5	11	41	56	-15	14
14	Cheadle Heath Nomads Res.	19	3	3	13	32	67	-35	12
15	Wythenshawe Res.	19	2	0	17	30	80	-50	6
16	Billinge FC	20	1	1	18	15	86	-71	4

TODAY'S FIXTURES SATURDAY 24TH JANUARY

Cheshire League 1

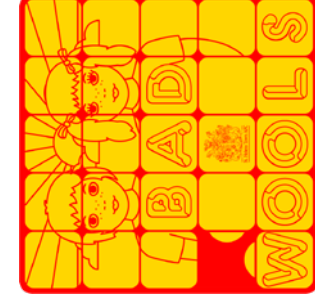
14:00 Congleton Town Res v Stretford Paddock 14:00 Winslanley Warriors v Cheadle Heath Nomads Res.
 14:00 Knutsford FC v Wythenshawe Res 15:00 St Helens Town AFC v Clay Brow FC
 14:00 Mersey Valley v Styal FC

Player	Appearances	Goals	GRG
Liam Diggle	15(0)	11	0.69
Prescott	16(0)	10	0.59
Simpson	16(0)	7	0.41
Noonan	4(18)	6	0.32
Cook	12(8)	6	0.35
Clapham	6(7)	4	0.31

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
26/07 A CFL	Egerton FC	2-2	Jenkinson	Petersen	Buckley-Benbow	Middlemore	Foster	Filson	Simpson	Diggle (C)	Cook1	Morris	Prescott	Long	Luke Diggle	Leech	Noonan	Atem	
02/08 A CFL	Wythenshawe Res.	0-8	Jenkinson	Bateman	Critchlow 1	Middlemore	Foster	Critchlow 1	Prescott	Diggle 2 (C)	Simpson	Filson	Atem1	Noonan	Clapham 1	Long	Noonan	Atem	
06/08 A CFL	Winslanley Warriors	1-4	Jenkinson	Long	Buckley-Benbow 1	Filson	Filson	Filson	Simpson1	Diggle 1 (C)	Cook	Prescott1	Clapham	Hanson	Luke Diggle	Hughes	Noonan	Atem	
12/08 A CFL	Upton JFC	3-3	Jenkinson	Long	Buckley-Benbow	Filson	Foster	Petersen	Clapham 1	Diggle 1 (C)	Cook	Middlemore	Prescott	Atem	Hanson	Noonan1	Morris	Bateman	
30/08 A CFL	Styal FC	5-2	Jenkinson	Long	Petersen	Sant	Foster	Filson	Simpson	Diggle (C)	Cook1	Middlemore	Prescott	Noonan1	Luke Diggle	Whitehead	Morris	Bateman	
06/09 H CFL	Cheadle Heath Nomads Res.	4-4	Jenkinson	Bateman	Petersen	Sant	Luke Diggle	Filson	Simpson	Middlemore	Diggle 1 (C)	Morris	Prescott	Curtis 1	Noonan	Long	Atem	Bateman	
13/09 A CFL	Ormskirk West End	1-6	Jenkinson	Bateman	Long	Sant	Curtis	Middlemore (C)	Petersen1	Morris	Noonan	Prescott3	Simpson1	Luke Diggle	Cook1	Foster	Buckley-Benbow	Critchlow	
20/09 A CFL	Stretford Paddock	3-0	Jenkinson	Bateman	Luke Diggle	Sant	Foster	Filson	Simpson	Whitehead	Diggle (C)	Morris	Noonan	Prescott2	Yawson	Clapham	Cook	Critchlow	
27/09 A CFL	Cheadle Heath Nomads Res.	0-5	Jenkinson	Curtis	Bateman	Sant	Foster	Filson	Simpson	Middlemore (C)	Morris	Morris	Prescott2	Cook	Noonan	Luke Diggle	Foster	Petersen	
04/10 A CFL	Rainhill Town	5-1	Davies	Bateman	Luke Diggle	Foster	Curtis	Petersen	Simpson	Filson	Cook	Middlemore (C)	Clapham	Prescott	Noonan1	Critchlow	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	
11/10 A CFL	Egerton	0-2	Jenkinson	Bateman1	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Critchlow	Filson	Simpson	Middlemore	Cook	Diggle (C)	Clapham	Noonan	Foster	Curtis	Clapham	Petersen	
18/10 A CFL	Mersey Valley	0-4	Jenkinson	Bateman	Bateman	Curtis	Critchlow 1	Filson	Simpson	Middlemore	Cook	Diggle (C)	Prescott1	Noonan	Noonan	Clapham 1	Petersen		
25/10 H CFL	Sandbach Utd Res	2-1	Davies	Bateman	Curtis	Sant	Critchlow	Filson	Simpson	Middlemore	Cook	Diggle (C)	Prescott1	Garrett	Long	Wetton1	Foster	Clapham	
08/11 H CFL	Styal FC	3-1	Jenkinson	Critchlow	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Curtis1	Filson	Simpson	Middlemore	Cook	Diggle (C)	Prescott1	Long	Gibson	Leech1	Noonan	Clapham	
15/11 H CFL	Billinge FC	6-1	Jenkinson	Long	Buckley-Benbow	Critchlow	Curtis	Filson	Wetton 1	Middlemore	Diggle (C)	Gibson2	Clapham	Cook	Noonan1	Sant	Simpson1		
22/11 A CFL	Billinge FC	1-3	Jenkinson	Long	Gibson	Sant 1	Curtis	Filson	Simpson	Middlemore (C)	Cook	Prescott	Noonan1	Diggle	Clapham 1	Petersen			
29/11 H CFL	Winslanley Warriors	6-0	Jenkinson	Curtis	Gibson1	Sant	Critchlow 1	Filson	Simpson1	Diggle (C)	Cook2	Prescott	Clapham 1	Long	Buckley-Benbow	Petersen			
10/01 H CFL	Winsford Town	0-4	Jenkinson	Long	Simpson	Sant	Filson	Petersen	Simpson1	Diggle (C)	Cook	Gibson	Clapham	Garrett	Noonan	Foster	Buckley-Benbow	Bateman	
17/01 H CFL	Congleton Town Res	2-0	Jenkinson	Bateman	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Curtis	Filson	Prescott	Middlemore (C)	Cook	Gibson	Clapham	Garrett	Noonan	Foster	Buckley-Benbow	Bateman	
24/01 H CFL	Clay Brow																		
31/01 A H/WCC	Maine Road Res																		

Player of the Match

Goalscorer #GOALS



Current Squad All Time Appearances	
Liam Diggle	144
Danny Hughes	89
Ryan Cook	87
Luke Diggle	74
Dale Whitehead	64
Alex Petersen	58
Charlie Simpson	55

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TOWN IN ACTION

Town 2 - 0 Congleton Town Res - January 14th

Photos by Mary Castrogiovanni



Town returned to winning ways at PSD Rentals Stadium, Ruskin versus a well drilled Congleton team who pushed the Marksmen all the way.

The first half was tense but Town had the better of the chances and Ben Noonan and Liam Diggle had decent half chances early but on 40 minutes it was the youngster Noonan who really got the crowd animated when he rode a tackle and struck the bar from fully twenty five yards in an effort that would have challenged for goal of the season.

Town went in for the half at 0-0 in the knowledge that were in a really tough encounter. The home side however upped the ante in the second stanza but again were frustrated for large parts.

Curtis would flash the ball across the face of the goal and the visitor's keeper saved brilliantly from Taylor Prescott who was having a growing influence over the game. As the game entered the final ten minutes it started to look as though Town might draw a blank for the second consecutive game but in the 83rd minute Chris Cottingham on his second debut for Town had a major impact on the game.

His anticipation to be first to a loose ball gave him enough time to deliver a shoulder height cross towards the penalty spot where Town's 'captain marvel' Liam Diggle produced an acrobatic volley that sent the Town faithful into raptures as it hit the back of the net.

The relief around the ground was palpable and the lead was doubled on 87 minutes when youngster Noonan unselfishly squared to Ryan Cook for him to make it a 2-0 win to Town to keep alive Town's promotion hopes.



TOWN IN ACTION

Town U23s 6 - 0 Warrington Rylands Development Reserves - January 14th

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Makol Atem



Reda Kodi aka "Pogs"



Jacob Rodrigues



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Player of The Match Pacey Garrett

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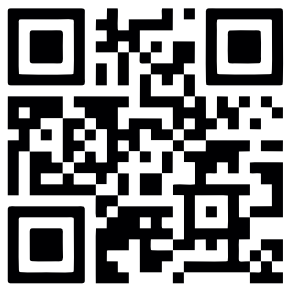
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BEAT THE EDITOR

Answers at the bottom of the page.

The yicker is AWOL this week, and I know nowt about footy, so you'll have to make do with whatever this is. My sincerest apologies.

1. Which Welsh football manager was always sacked at the start of Championship Manager 97/98?
2. Which Newcastle player was on the cover of Fifa 97?
3. What was the title of Del Amitri's depressing World Cup song for Scotland in 98?
4. What was the name of the official mascot for Italia '90 (the greatest World Cup of all)?
5. Who scored past "Safe Hands" David Seaman "from the halfway line" to deny Arsenal winning the Cup Winner's Cup in 95?
6. Who scored past "Safe Hands" David Seaman from almost as far again from a free kick in the 2002 World Cup?
7. Who did Zinedine Zidane headbutt in the 2006 World Cup Final ruining whatever slim chance they had of beating the mighty Italy?
8. Which ex-Liverpool lunatic was banned three times for three separate incidents of biting opponents?
9. Prince Rupert's Tower is featured on which team's badge?
10. What's the worst thing about football nowadays?



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10. People shouting 'so good' twice after 'Good times never seemed so good' in Sweet Caroline.
9. Everton.
8. Luis Suarez.
7. Ronaldo.
6. Neymar.
5. Claudio.
4. Diego.
3. Don't Come Home Too Soon (they did).
2. David Ginola.
1. Bobby Gould.

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- 1949 George Mahon Trophy Winners
- 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 Lincs 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
- 2024-25 Cheshire Division 2 Champions

Record Attendances:

- 9000 at Prescott Cables v Runcorn (1949)
- 8000 at Hoghton Road v Man City (1950)
- 3012 at Hoghton 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)
216 Steve Pennington	47 Phil Stainton 1963/64	448 Alan Wellens (inc. 207 estimated)
118 Terry Garner	46 Steve Pennington 1997/98	359 John Critchley (16 estimated)
108 Gary Laird	45 Jackie Kendrick 1973/74	352 Steve Pennington
105 Lee Cooper	45 Steve Pennington 1993/94	346 Gary Lowe (1 estimated)
101 Glenn Walker	40 Bob Potter 1952/53	345 Glenn Walker
94 Iain Dyson	38 Terry Fearn 2000/01	327 Jackie Atherton (122 estimated)
84 Andy Gillespie	36 Albert Leadbetter 1950/51	300 Jackie Cooke (1 estimated)
83 Harry McCann	35 Arthur Tyrer 1957/58	287 Gary Laird
81 Ray Fairweather	34 Lee Cooper 2001/02	280 Kevin Grice (147 estimated)
78 Liam Diggle	34 Andy Gillespie 2015/16	278 Jimmy Woodyer (67 estimated)
72 Arthur Tyrer	33 Ronnie Rigby 1952/53	276 Iain Dyson
68 Phil Stainton	32 Harry McCann 1950/51	272 Ray Fairweather (3 estimated)
63 Mervyn Bull	31 Terry Garner 1950/51	265 Larry Redmond (134 estimated)

