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FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the PSD Stadium at Ruskin Drive for our third home match of the season, and in particular to our visitors from Sandbach United.

It is grand to be back home after a succession of away trips, the most recent of which have resulted in consecutive victories at Cheadle Heath Nomads, Egerton and Mersey Valley. In each of those we have benefitted from great travelling support, which definitely makes a difference.

Our support is even stronger at home, of course, so we're looking forward to today and further home games on the 8th and 15th of November, against Styal and Billinge, respectively. This period is an excellent opportunity to build momentum and climb the table, and that is what we are focused on trying to do. Fingers crossed we achieve it.

Whilst the First Team were enjoying a successful afternoon at Mersey Valley last week, the U23s had an eventful time at Halton Farnworth Hornets. With the score at 1-1 just before half time, goalkeeper Ellis Evans made a save at a forward's feet and received an (accidental) kick to the hand in the process. It was quickly plain that he had sustained a serious injury, and with play stopped the referee called half time early.

Ellis was substituted, with one of the outfield players – Sam Obamwonyi – taking his place in goal. The team went on to win 2-1, a great performance that provides further evidence of the progress they are making. Ellis, meanwhile, was taken to hospital, where x-rays revealed multiple breaks to his hand. It would be a serious injury for anyone, but especially for a goalkeeper.

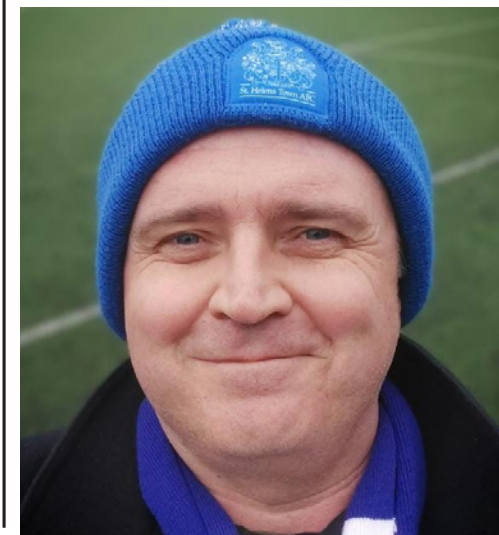
We thank Ellis for his bravery in putting his body on the line for the team, and wish him all the best for a speedy and full recovery. We also thank everyone who helped manage the situation on the day, including Michael Dunn (surgery to a goalkeeping

glove) and Leanne (impromptu 'ambulance' driver), and of course Sam for going in goal – resulting in a personal clean sheet and contributing to an excellent win in difficult circumstances.

It was the latest in a long and venerable line of outfield players having to go in goal. Just a few weeks ago First Team centre half Chris Foster volunteered for duty after Lewis Jenkinson had a bang on the head during the cup match against Ormskirk West End. Foz looked every inch the modern sweeper-keeper in using his feet, and certainly covered his near post like a pro.

You can read more about this exotic phenomenon in the column from the Non-League Paper, elsewhere in this programme. Each example is further proof that football is a team sport. We are all in it together.

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 Sandbach United Reserves 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.

Finally we have a home game!!!! After what seems like an eternity on our travels we land back at Ruskin Drive with a bit of spring in our step! Our new signings have settled in and the emotions of winning the first trophy in 30 years have finally sunk in as well.



Results up to now have been a little below our expectations but we remain in quite a good position albeit with many games in hand. A special mention to our young players who yet again show that age is just a number you'll see both Ben Noonan and Callum Davies in today's squad which along with Jake Sant prove our path way from u18's to 1st team is working perfectly.

Massive well done to Gav and Danny who have taken on the u23's and are slowly but surely making their mark on the club, long may that continue.

I'd like to personally thank each and everyone of the players and committee with their support over the past few months where I've been going through a bit of a tough time with me dad (the loud scouser who normally sits shouting from the stand) he's been extremely unwell and it's not been the best time, but as he always says footy is a great way to escape all your troubles and I've been doing that.

Onto today's game and we expect as always a tough competitive game as are all the matches in this division.

Be loud and proud and support the lads as you always do and we will be giving 110% as always.

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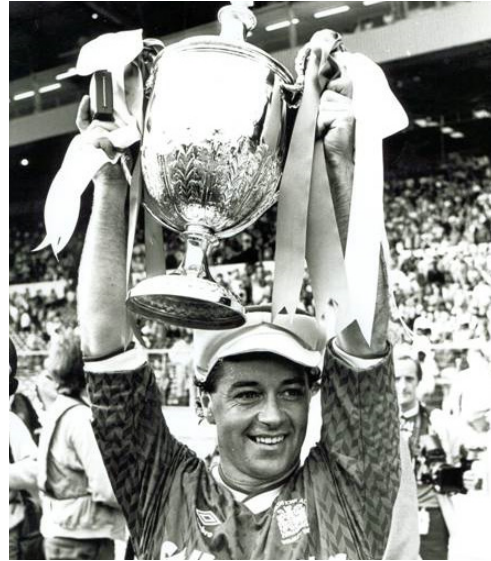
A BRIEF HISTORY OF TOWN

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 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

STOP BANGING ON ABOUT TRAUTMANN!!

I'm not daft — well, maybe a little — but I'm aware that some of our rivals and neighbours probably think we go on about Bert a bit too much. Speaking for myself, I'm far too invested in his story and legacy to care what others think. And in October, his native Germany seemed to agree.

Bert was finally admitted to the German Football Museum (Deutsches Fußballmuseum) Hall of Fame. After posting about the achievement on Town's socials, St Helens Star head sports writer Mike Critchley got in touch to ask for a quote from Mark Trautmann, Bert's son and friend of the club.

Mark, who travelled to Dortmund to accept the honour on his father's behalf, said:

"I was very proud to be asked by the museum to accept his award for his induction into the German Fussball Hall of Fame. The museum recognised not only his football achievements but also his work towards Anglo-German relations, something he was proud to promote."

In light of Bert's achievement, Town supporter and matchday merchandise stallholder Michael O'Connor and his brother Callum made their own trip to Germany to visit the museum — and to take in a home match at SC Preußen Münster, a club once managed by Bert after his playing career ended.

Michael had this to say about their pilgrimage:

"Me and my brother took a spiritual trip to Germany to see our legendary keeper, Bert Trautmann, honoured in the German Football Hall of Fame in Dortmund. The museum was fantastic, and it was amazing to see our very own former keeper Bert celebrated there.

On to the match — we travelled by train from Düsseldorf to Münster, then took the bus to the stadium to meet Münster's Head of Finance, Markus Sass. We presented him with a shirt, scarf, badge, programme, and a copy of the St Helens Star featuring Bert's induction into the Hall of Fame. We then went onto the pitch for a photo with Markus before heading to our seats in the new stand behind the goal, next to the Dresden fans, who were very loud! To our left were the Münster ultras, constantly chanting, bouncing, and waving flags and scarves throughout the match.

The game itself was brilliant — it finished 2–2 with plenty of drama and even a red card. The Münster fans were incredibly friendly, and we were made to feel very welcome. One fan even said, "Thank you so much for coming to support us."

All in all, it was a great day — rounded off perfectly with a currywurst and a beer. I hope to return in the future to see a Münster victory!"

SC Preußen Münster matchday programme



Michael & Callum presenting Münster's Head of Finance, Markus Sass with a Town shirt



Michael in Deutsches Fußballmuseum

HOPE UNITED

Hope United — a team of refugees and asylum seekers run by our community partner Town in the Town — have enjoyed an excellent run of form recently.

They faced Preston Sudanese in a return fixture at St Cuthbert's High School, following an exciting 3-3 draw in their previous meeting up in Fylde. This time, on the smaller 9-a-side pitch, it was another high-scoring affair — but with Hope running out 8-2 victors.

Then, on Tuesday 14th October, the team travelled to the Liverpool FC Academy to take part in an 8-a-side tournament featuring teams representing LFC, Everton, Warrington, and the Wirral. Hope went on to win the tournament, remaining undefeated and conceding just one goal — thanks in no small part to our goalkeeper, who was named Player of the Tournament for his safe hands and outstanding performances.



Hope relaxing between matches

LFC tournament winners



IT'S GAME-ON FOR TOWN IN THE TOWN CIC

It was a chance conversation that led to Town in the Town CIC, the community partner of St. Helens Town AFC, offering free, drop in and play football for girls and boys in Parr.

A chat with Miranda Clarke, the North West Regional Manager of Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) made the Town in the Town team aware of the Game-On football initiative that was being facilitated in former coalfields communities.

As a charity dedicated to revitalising former coalfield communities in the UK, focusing on improving health, skills, jobs, and community well-being,

CRT was already running successful football sessions, and the Town in the Town CIC team was interested.

With successful football programmes in England and Wales, CRT was interested in exploring opportunities in St. Helens.

With similar aims, Town in the Town CIC (now a Community Interest Company) and CRT worked together to develop a programme of football sessions in Parr, where a need for activities beyond school were needed. This would enable the children, aged 11-16 to let off steam, make friends, enjoy fresh air, fitness and most importantly, play football together.

Starting in May 2025 at Parr Sports and Social Club, the sessions had a very encouraging number of attendees. Coaches Ste and John, well versed in the needs of the community and with a wealth

of experience, saw numbers rise steadily until the need to move to a bigger site was essential.

In October 2025, with practical and financial support from Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Right to Succeed, Local Solutions and The Rainford Trust, the numbers have risen to around 50 children each week.

Gill Ellison from Town in the Town tells us: "We are already looking at the possibility of running another session in 2026, to accommodate all the young people, of course that means more coaching fees, more hours to organise it, and the increased cost of hiring space for them to play. We are working hard to find solutions; the kids love the sessions, and we love being a part of it."

Town in the Town have plans for a Presentation Evening at Easter 2026, and hope to welcome the children to a day out at a St. Helens Town AFC First Team game with some treats thrown in.

Gill adds: "The children turn up each week with smiles and enthusiasm and that makes all the hard work worthwhile. Who knows, we might have future St. Helens Town players amongst them."

The new site for the 'Game-On', free, drop-in and pay football for girls and boys aged 11-16 is St. Cuthbert's High School on Monday evenings from 5pm - 6pm. You can follow the weekly updates on the Facebook page: Town in the Town CIC.



Game-on action



Game-on players

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SEASON STATISTICS

Match	Home Team	Score	Away Team	Score	Home Goals	Away Goals				
01/08	Billinge FC	0-3	25/10	08/11	2-4	29/11	22/11	0-4	1-4	0-6
02/08	Cheadle Heath Nomads	1-3	29/11	1-3	2-5	22/11	0-5	22/11	0-1	25/10
03/08	Clay Brow	6-0	5-1	15/11	6-1	8-3	0-1	0-1		
04/08	Congleton Town Res	15/11	3-5	1-0	4-2	1-1	4-2	1-1	9-0	29/11
05/08	Daten FC	1-0	5-0	2-1	6-3	22/11	1-1	0-2	01/11	15/11
06/08	Egerton FC	4-0	3-2	1-1	22/11	0-2	4-3	25/10	15/11	3-0
07/08	Knutsford FC	01/11	0-7	2-1	0-4	2-1	0-1	2-3	0-4	1-6
08/08	Mersey Valley	9-0	15/11	4-4	08/11	3-0	2-2	25/10	08/11	0-3
09/08	Sandbach United Res	4-1	8-2	2-3	22/11	0-1	2-2	01/11	4-1	29/11
10/08	St Helens Town	01/11	2-3	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-4	01/11	4-1	0-4
11/08	Stretford Paddock	1-1	1-1	0-4	A-A	01/11	22/11	01/11	4-1	0-4
12/08	Styal	4-1	8-2	2-3	22/11	0-1	2-2	08/11	1-3	08/11
13/08	Upton	01/11	2-3	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-4	01/11	4-1	22/11
14/08	Winsford Town	2-1	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-4	01/11	4-1	01/11
15/08	Winstanley Warriors	1-1	1-1	0-4	A-A	01/11	22/11	01/11	4-1	01/11
16/08	Wythenshawe Reserves	0-4	A-A	01/11	22/11	01/11	22/11	01/11	4-1	01/11

CHESHIRE LEAGUE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Daten FC	14	10	2	2	46	23	32
2	Egerton FC	16	9	3	4	46	23	30
3	Winsford Town	11	9	1	1	32	14	28
4	Stretford Paddock	12	9	1	2	30	15	28
5	Knutsford FC	13	9	1	3	33	21	28
6	Clay Brow	11	8	1	2	49	17	32
7	Styal FC	12	6	2	4	37	33	4
8	St Helens Town	10	5	3	2	34	18	18
9	Sandbach United Res.	10	3	5	2	24	15	9
10	Winstanley Warriors	11	4	1	6	27	27	0
11	Mersey Valley	14	4	1	9	28	52	-24
12	Congleton Town Res.	12	3	2	7	13	22	-9
13	Upton JFC	11	1	3	7	20	33	-13
14	Cheadle Heath Nomads Res.	12	1	1	10	17	47	-30
15	Wythenshawe Res.	11	1	0	10	17	51	-34
16	Billinge FC	12	0	1	11	6	48	-42

TODAY'S FIXTURES SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Cheshire League 1

14:00 Cheadle Heath Nomads Res. v Upton JFC
 14:00 Congleton Town Res v Daten FC
 14:00 Knutsford v Mersey Valley
 14:00 Winsford Town v Winstanley Warriors

14:00 Wythenshawe Res. v Styal FC
 14:30 Billinge FC v Egerton
 15:00 St Helens Town v Sandbach United Res

Leading Goalscorers

Player	Appearances	Goals	GPG
Liam Diggle	10(0)	10	1.00
Prescott	10(0)	9	0.82
Simpson	11(0)	5	0.45
Cook	7(3)	3	0.30
Noonan	21(0)	3	0.25
Clapham	3(4)	2	0.29

Player of the Match

Match	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	Long	Noonan	Atem
02/08	A	CFL	Wythenshawe Res.	0-8	Jenkinson	Bateman	Foster	Critchlow 1	Middlemore	Filson	Prescott	Diggle 1 (C)	Simpson 2	Filson	Leech	Noonan	Noonan	Clapham 1	Hughes	Noonan	Atem	Atem
06/08	A	CFL	Winstanley Warriors	1-4	Jenkinson	Long	Foster	Buckley-Benbow 1	Filson	Petersen	Simpson 1	Diggle 1 (C)	Cook	Prescott 1	Clapham	Hanson	Luke Diggle	Hughes	Noonan	Atem	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	Noonan 1	Morris	Morris	Bateman	
30/08	A	CFL	Styal FC	5-2	Jenkinson	Long	Petersen	Sant	Foster	Filson	Simpson	Diggle (C)	Cook 1	Middlemore	Prescott	Noonan 1	Luke Diggle	Whitehead	Morris	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	Atem	Buckley-Benbow	
13/09	A	CFL	Ormskirk West End	1-6	Jenkinson	Bateman	Long	Sant	Curtis	Middlemore (C)	Petersen 1	Morris	Noonan	Prescott 3	Simpson 1	Luke Diggle	Cook 1	Foster	Buckley-Benbow	Critchlow	Critchlow	
20/09	A	CFL	Stretford Paddock	3-0	Jenkinson	Bateman	Luke Diggle	Sant	Foster	Filson	Simpson	Whitehead	Diggle (C)	Morris	Noonan	Prescott 2	Clapham	Cook	Cook	Cook	Critchlow	Critchlow
27/09	A	CFL	Cheadle Heath Nomads Res.	0-5	Jenkinson	Curtis	Bateman	Sant	Foster	Filson	Simpson	Middlemore	Diggle 2 (C)	Morris	Prescott 2	Cook	Noonan	Luke Diggle	Foster	Foster	Petersen	Petersen
04/10	A	CFL	Rainhill Town	5-1	Davies	Bateman	Luke Diggle	Foster	Curtis	Petersen	Simpson	Filson	Middlemore (C)	Morris	Clapham	Prescott	Noonan	Noonan 1	Critchlow	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Petersen
11/10	A	CFL	Egerton	0-2	Jenkinson	Bateman 1	Buckley-Benbow	Sant	Critchlow	Filson	Simpson	Middlemore	Cook	Diggle (C)	Prescott 1	Noonan	Foster	Curtis	Clapham	Petersen	Petersen	Petersen
18/10	A	CFL	Mersey Valley	0-4	Jenkinson	Bateman	Curtis	Sant	Critchlow 1	Filson	Simpson	Middlemore	Cook	Diggle (C)	Prescott 1	Noonan	Weston 1	Long	Foster	Foster	Clapham	Clapham
25/10	H	CFL	Sandbach United Res																			
08/11	H	CFL	Styal FC																			
15/11	H	CFL	Billinge FC																			
22/11	A	CFL	Billinge FC																			
29/11	H	CFL	Wythenshawe Res.																			



Current Squad All Time Appearances

Liam Diggle	138
Danny Hughes	89
Ryan Cook	81
Luke Diggle	74
Dale Whitehead	64
Alex Petersen	55
Charlie Simpson	50
Chris Foster	49
Max Buckley-Benbow	48
Lewis Jenkinson	43

MEET A MERT!

TAYLOR PRESCOTT

Age: 24

Position: Left Wing

Who do you support? - Liverpool

Where you from? - Hull

Best player of all time? - Messi

Best Prem goal ever?

- Payet Free kick v Palace

Favourite other sport? Rugby League

Any pre-match ritual or superstitions?

Iced Matcha

Tell us a bit about your football career so far, how are you finding it at town?

I started off at Liverpool from being 5 up until 15, so for 10 years. When I didn't get a scholar, I stopped playing for a bit and went playing rugby. At 17 I joined pilks first team so have been playing men's footy for around 6/7 years now. After leaving pilks I moved to skem who was in Northern Prem West at the time which was a great experience before signing for Ashton town for a couple of seasons. My time at Town has been good so far, all the lads are boss and I think we've got something really good going on.

Best moment in a Town shirt so far?

2-0 win away at Egerton

What are you watching? Wolf of Wall Street

What are you listening to? Psychodrama - Dave

Biggest moaner? Ollie Filson

Best Drinker? Dean Curtis

Worst haircut? Ben Noonan

Who's the tightest? Lew Bateman



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THERE'S something about seeing an outfield player having to go in goal that always stick in the memory.

Be it for an injury or a red card, the sight of a big defender – or even a slight midfielder – reluctantly standing between the posts can liven up even the duller of games.

Perhaps it's the oversized top and gloves, mixed with the emergency stopper's shorts and socks. Maybe it's that every cross into the box seems to be laced with added jeopardy.

In my case, it's happening to be at a game when the volunteer even saves a penalty as Niall Quinn once did for Manchester City!

Whether it's clearing routine low shots with a cultured hoof rather than a comfortable two hands – surely anyone who does it comes out with an appreciation of what it's like to actually be a goalkeeper. As we all know, it's position where any mistake is in the full glare of everyone watching and tends to end up in the net.

It came to mind after a story we carried in last Sunday's NLP about Clevedon Town striker Sam Beresford – he played in goal for two different teams, only three weeks apart!

Beresford was called upon for what proved to be his final game for Bridgwater United when goalkeeper Ben John was forced off injured at half-time in a match against Helston Athletic.

With no keeper on the bench, Beresford, a summer signing from Clevedon, took the gloves and did enough to earn Bridgwater a 3-2 win.

Front man Beresford then left United to re-join Clevedon in September and returned to the day job, adding two goals in ten games to his previous Clevedon tally of 46 in 85.

But the striker was soon back in unfamiliar(ish) territory a week recently when the Western League leaders took on Wellington.

Goalkeeper Jacob Glover was forced to leave the field after only 18 minutes of his Seasiders debut when he injured his shoulder trying to prevent Wellington scoring.

Beresford took the gloves and pulled off a string of fine saves to keep the visitors at bay earning him man of the match honours.

Beresford's heroics went on to help secure the Seasiders a 3-1 win, but managers Nic Steadman and Jamie Smith will be banking on him to score the goals, rather than keep them out!

Matt Badcock

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1. Alan Ball and Emlyn Hughes both played for which North West club?
2. Which league 2 club are known as The Saddlers.
3. Brian Clough managed which club to the 1971-72 league title?
4. Cheshire league newcomers Tytherington are from which Cheshire Town?
5. Who managed the England national team from 1974-1977?
6. FC Vaduz are from which country?
7. Who was leading scorer at the 1978 World Cup?
8. At which stadium would you find the Matthew Harding stand?
9. Who did Town beat at Wembley? Did you know we'd won at Wembley?
10. Our rock star co owner Sir Michael Bagshaw is a season ticket holder at which club?



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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
- 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)
77 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)

