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Prescot Cables v Irlam
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The Emirates FA Cup, Preliminary Round

Ben Barnes speaks!

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FROM THE DUGOUT



Good afternoon to all our magnificent fans for our second home game of the season and a warm welcome to our opponents Irlam FC for today's Emirates FA Cup tie.

Our opening game at Trafford last Saturday was ultimately disappointing. Despite holding the lead for 73 minutes, we were beaten on the opening day for the second successive season. The performance crumbled in the last 10 minutes and we conceded a soft penalty before a late defensive lapse gave Trafford the points.

Tuesday night's game against a hard working Glossop side was far more satisfying as I felt we gave the fans something to shout about with a lot of goal mouth action and thrills. The gate of 344 for a Tuesday night was testament to our loyal fan base which is appreciated in the dressing room and gives us all a lift when you are behind us.

From a player perspective the summer turnover saw more 'outs' than 'ins' with some of our younger players attracting attention from higher levels due to our play off final and the successful retention of the Liverpool Senior Cup. Harry Cane was offered a chance to play at Nantwich which for a lad who lives in Sandbach was on his doorstep and a league higher. Louis Coyne moved to Marine for a similar opportunity. Reece McNally went to Curzon Ashton and on to Buxton whilst Junior Dos Santos and Marcus Burgess have joined West Didsbury in the North West Counties League to be guaranteed regular football. All five of these lads were instrumental in our success last year and we wish them

well for the future. People are sometimes baffled why players move but ambition and money is a driving force for non-league players just like it is in the professional game. One thing I can say is that they won't find a better dressing room than Prescott's and the leaving players would probably agree.

On the other side of the coin Josh Klein-Davies, Lloyd Dean, Danny Flood, James Edgar, Matt Hamilton, Morgan Homson-Smith and Chris Almond have all had chances to move to clubs at higher levels and have opted to stay. Matt is a player who struggled with his health last year but anyone at the game Tuesday would admit he was worth waiting for with a 'Man of the Match' performance.

The squad are keeping Tony Carroll, our Physio busy. Joey Faux is undergoing rehab on his knee and should be returning to the side in December. Baba Conte looks like he is going to be back quicker than anticipated; possibly in 4 weeks. Rob McIntosh is recovering from a viral fatigue infection, Jordan Southworth looks doubtful for a couple of weeks as does Morgan Homson-Smith who has a cracked rib.

The summer signings have settled in well. James Cooper and Robby Mac will provide competition in central defence and Kyle Haslam in goal will keep Barnsey on his toes. With the return of Danny Flood and Aaron Turner from long term injuries and the emerging form of Jordan Southworth and Morgan Homson-Smith, I feel we can look forward to an exciting season and hopefully a successful one.

Brian Richardson



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The current Irlam FC was founded in the late 1960s, but the company which spawned the club has footballing roots stretching back to the 1930s.



IRLAM FC: A HISTORY

Our visitors this afternoon were originally a 'works' team and have made significant progress over the years.

Irlam Football Club began life as Mitchell Shackleton Football Club, founded in October 1969 by a group of employees working for Mitchell Shackleton Limited, a well established engineering company based in Eccles, which manufactured marine and diesel crankshafts.

The founding members of Mitchell Shackleton Football Club were Bob Cowlshaw (Chairman), Bill Russell (Secretary) and Charlie Flynn (Treasurer, who served the Club also served as Secretary with distinction from 1981 until his death in 1994). They were ably supported by a Committee comprising of Alf Johnson (now Club President), Ged Moore (Kit Manager) and Stan Catlin (Team Manager). Although the Cub has been in existence for over 30 years, Mitchell Shackleton FC can trace teams playing under the Company's banner as far back as 1935.





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The club's roots lay in the manufacturing company Mitchell Shackleton



Initially, the Football Club was financially supported through the Company's active Sports and Social Club, however the recession of the late 1970's led to the Company restructuring its business interests, and unfortunately a reduction in the workforce.

These events inevitably led to the dissolution of the Sports and Social Club, and a splintering of the various sporting sections with each individual group becoming self-financing.

The club initially entered the Eccles Amateur League before moving in 1972 to the Manchester Amateur league where their reputation began to grow. Third Division (1973-74) and Second Division (1974-75) Championships were won consecutively, and a reserve section was created as the club's profile grew.

During this period, a re-structuring of the League saw Mitchells

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competing in the Industrial 'B' Division, in which the Club were runners-up in 1979-80.

In season 1983-84, Mitchells finished Industrial 'A' Division runners-up, but ended the season on a high by winning the Gosling Cup.

The First Team were Industrial 'A' Division runners-up once again in season 1985-86, and defeated finalists in the Gosling Cup of 1988-89. The Cup Final appearance signalled the end of the club's 17 year association with the Manchester Amateur League with Mitchells again progressing upwards by joining the Manchester League in 1989.

In their second season in the Manchester League, the club was promoted as runners up, earning a place in the Premier Division for season 1990-91 under the guidance of Paul Traynor and Kenny Davies. In 1993, Mitchells reached the Gilchrist Cup Final, only to lose out to Woodley Sports in the Final.

In 1994 Paul Traynor departed due to work commitments and Kenny Davies assumed control, ably assisted by Billy Hall. This management team took Mitchells to their highest ever league position in the Premier Division, runners-up to Abbey Hey in season 1994-95. The club was rocked prior to the commencement of 1997-98 season when Kenny Davies walked out; taking with him several first team players to a local, at the time rival Club Monton. Dave Rowan and Craig Woodley, who had forged a successful partnership with the reserves, were promoted and asked to rebuild the side. A difficult season was to follow, but after being adrift at the bottom

of the Division for most of the season, a dramatic win against fellow strugglers Wythenshawe Town and mid-table Monton Amateurs saw the Club stave off relegation. After such a close call, Mitchells would never go below sixth position in their subsequent seasons in the division.

Mitchell Shackleton were proud winners of the Albert Booth Sportsmanship Trophy in 1998-99, a testament to the spirit in which the Club plays the game. In June 2000, Club Secretary Ian Street was named Premier Division Secretary of the Year at the AGM of the Manchester League.

A major change at the Club occurred in 2002 when Mitchells were informed that Salteye Park, their existing ground at Barton was to be purchased and subsequently used for what has now to become the new Salford City Reds Rugby League stadium.

The hunt was on for a new ground, and with compensation from their move, plus assistance from the Football Foundation, Silver Street in Irlam, once home to the now defunct Irlam Town, became an obvious choice. The start of the 2001-02 season saw the Club change its title to Irlam MS in anticipation of a proposed move to Silver Street. The new ground was officially opened in 2003 with a visit from Brian McClair's Milk Cup winning Manchester United youth team.

A further name change saw Irlam MS become Irlam FC, and the appointment of Warren Dodd from Irlam Rangers Junior Football Club as secretary of the Club saw development increase at the ground.

The Club made the decision in 2006 that they would pursue a place in the North West Counties Football League, and ground improvements at Silver Street helped Irlam FC to reach the highest level of competition in their history, debuting in the North West Counties League for the 2008-09 season. That inaugural season, under the guidance of manager Dave Mann was a tremendous success, with the club finishing in 8th position on 52 points in their first campaign.

Over the following seasons, Irlam's finishing positions fluctuated as the club adjusted to the higher level of competition. Previous managers Dave Mann, Ryan Gilligan and Nick Parker have all poured their effort and commitment into the Club, culminating in the appointment of Steve Nixon, a local manager with an impeccable coaching CV for 2014-15 after taking over midway through the previous season.

Nixon helped to push the club forward and strides were being made off the field too, culminating in the opening of a brand new Clubhouse at Silver Street in 2015. In fact, the 2015-16 season proved to be a watershed moment for Irlam FC. Since joining the North West Counties League in 2008-09 the club's focus had been on youth and development of the ground; all the efforts and sacrifices made came to fruition. Irlam manager Steve Nixon shaped a fantastic group of maturing young players as they put together a magnificent run of results to take second spot and gain automatic promotion to the Premier Division for the first time in their history.

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to be the most successful in the Club's history. An eighth place finish in the Premier Division showed the growing strength of the First Team, whilst a treble-winning U21 development side swept all before them in the Cheshire U21 League. Point deductions for the U18 squad were all that stood between them and a possible title win as they finished 4th, just six points adrift of Nelson FC.

For season 2017-18 a restructuring of positions at the Club saw new faces take control of on the field matters. First Team Manager Steve Nixon and his assistant Chris Boardman moved

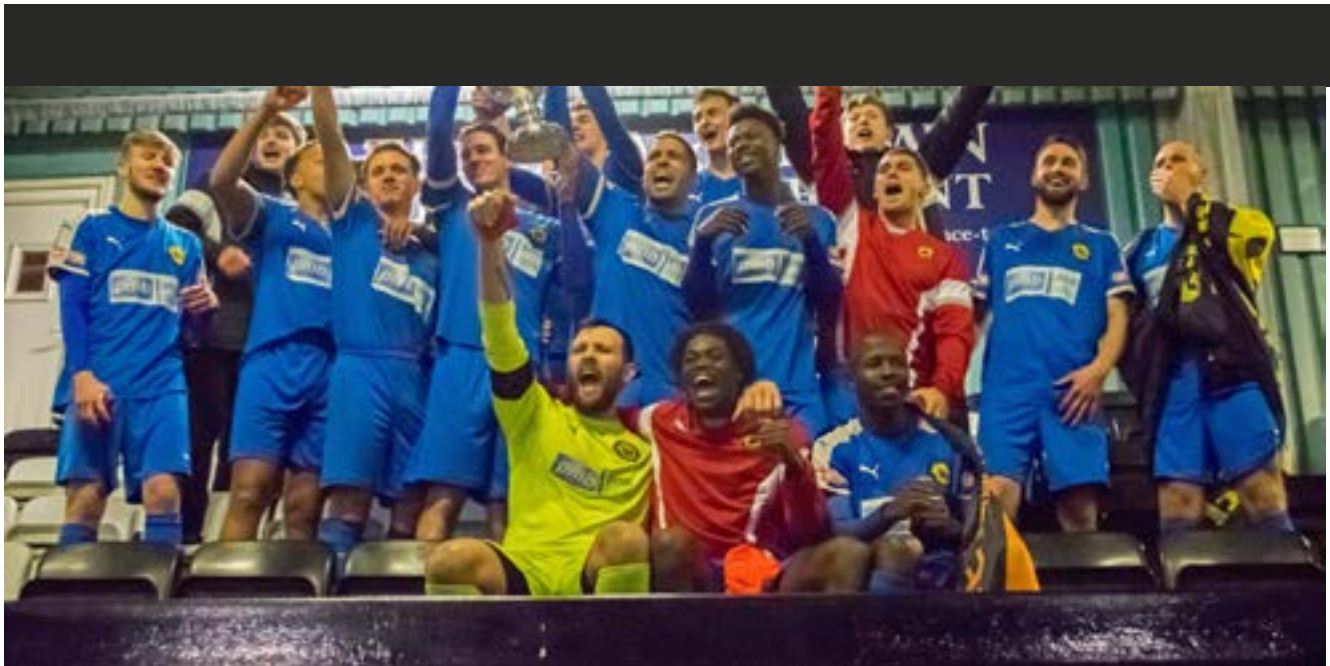
out of the hot seats in order to take over the commercial side of the Club, with Steve Nixon taking over from Ron Parker as Chairman of the Club. New manager Michael Dodd, and assistant Matty Kay, had been part of Steve Nixon's backroom staff.

The new management team assumed control ahead of the "difficult second season" in the Premier Division; a season with added pressure due to their being four relegation places due to the division being reduced to 20 teams from 2018-19 onwards.

An indifferent start to the campaign, hindered by patchy home

form and injuries to key players, saw the team in the bottom half of the table for the first period, but the quality of the squad wasn't in doubt when available, and notable back to back wins against West Didsbury, and a draw and a win against Runcorn Linnets showed the quality of the side. A decent run in the Macron Cup, losing in the Semi Final to Burscough, kept the players focussed as they moved up the division, and an eventual 13th place finish in the table gave Irlam a feeling of having established themselves in the top tier of the North West Counties League.





Last season's Liverpool Senior Cup Final is one of the highlights of Ben's time at the club to date.



Ben's athleticism has helped him to secure the number one jersey

BEN IS FIT AND LOOKING FORWARD

Our first-choice 'keeper is on Paternity Leave this afternoon but has told Gareth Coates that he's ready for anything the season can throw at him.



Goalkeeper Ben Barnes has established himself both as the first choice shot-stopper and a firm favourite of supporters since signing from Marine. It would be fair to say that he feels the same way about the club:

"I've loved my time at Cables so far. I was genuinely surprised on my home debut against Scarborough, at the size of the crowd and atmosphere at the ground, it was immense. From then until the end of the season the support at the club was unbelievable with some massive crowds."

Ben's first few months at Volair Park were filled with highlights, as he pointed out: "Despite the disappointment of not winning the Play-Off Final, I think last season was a success. We were part of some amazing matches and moments. The ones that jump out of my memory are the last minute winner at home to Tadcaster, Bamber Bridge at home to secure our place in the Play-Offs and obviously the Senior Cup Final victory to name a few. Hopefully we have created our own little bit of history that will be remembered at this club."

With today's match being an Emirates FA Cup tie, it was inevitable that the potential impact that a Cup run

might have come into the conversation, with Ben taking a pragmatic view of the team's chances of success.

"I think the lads realise that this competition is important not only to the club financially but also to the fans; the Pesky Bulls love a good away day! Having a good FA Cup run is something everyone in non-league wants. The dream for every player at this level is to make it to the First Round Proper, go on a run and get a big team. With regards to the squad, it's not something that we would specifically discuss or set as a target. I know it's a cliché but we tend to take things game by game and that was part of our success last season. What I can say is that everyone in this squad and the management team would love a cup run and will be doing everything we can to make it happen."

The competition holds a special place in the heart of many football fans and Ben has both watched and played in FA Cup ties. He shared some of his memories of the competition: "My first ever game in the FA Cup was a really special moment. However, as a tall, skinny 17 year old I can't explain how nervous I was. Unfortunately I've never been part of a team

who have gone on a good FA Cup run but hopefully that can change this year. As a Liverpool supporter I've had some great memories of the competition. I think 2001 has to be my favourite FA Cup moment. I was 14 and my Dad took me to the pub to watch it. In those last few minutes of that game I've never known an atmosphere like it - except for Volair Park, obviously! I also went to the 2012 Semi-Final against Everton at Wembley which was a great atmosphere too. Everton were the better team on the day which made the win that bit sweeter."

As the new season gets underway, the commanding stopper has set himself one fairly simple target for the season: "I think as a player you just want to play to your best every week. We all know if we play to our potential that can only be good for the team. As a squad we set a very high standard last season and naturally we want to take it one step further this season. For me personally, I suffered a few injuries last season, which is not something I have had in my career up to now. Those last couple of months were tough physically. I've now had a chance during the summer to fully recover and with a full pre-season behind me hopefully I can stay injury free for the season."

Talk of the squad led to it being gently pointed out to Ben that he is one of the most experienced players in the squad. "Ha ha, yes I'm getting on now. We've got a squad full of very talented players and even a lot of the young lads have been around for a while. I think the biggest effect the more experienced lads in the squad have is by trying to stay professional in training and on game day. Our training sessions are very competitive and none of the lads give an inch which I think gave us an edge last season. We all hate losing and this includes in training, even the older members of the group."

Finally, Ben sent out a message to Cables everywhere: "Whilst I've got this opportunity I'd like to thank everyone at the club, directors and fans and everyone else for making me feel so welcome. Hopefully we can return the favour by bringing some success this season. I'm not here at the game today as my wife is expecting our third baby yesterday, hopefully by now we will know what we've had. I just want to say 'good luck' to the boys and hopefully the fans can make it another game to remember by getting behind them like we know they do."





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Colwyn Bay	2	2	0	0	5	2	3	6
Mossley	2	2	0	0	5	2	3	6
Colne	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6
Leek Town	2	1	1	0	5	1	4	4
Droylsden	2	1	1	0	5	3	2	4
PRESCOT CABLES	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
Atherton Collieries	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
Market Drayton Town	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
Kendal Town	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
Ramsbottom United	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
Trafford	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
Runcorn Linnets	2	1	0	1	4	5	-1	3
Newcastle Town	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
Chasetown	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0
Widnes	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0
Glossop North End	2	0	0	2	1	5	-4	0
Skelmersdale United	2	0	0	2	0	5	-5	0
Clitheroe	2	0	0	2	1	8	-7	0



Saturday 18th August 2018

Chasetown 1-3 Mossley
 Clitheroe 0-4 Kidsgrove Athletic
 Colwyn Bay 1-0 Kendal Town
 Droylsden 4-2 Runcorn Linnets
 Glossop North End 0-2 Atherton Collieries
 Newcastle Town 1-2 Colne
 Ramsbottom United 2-1 Market Drayton Town
 Skelmersdale United 0-4 Leek Town
TRAFFORD 2-1 PRESCOT CABLES
 Widnes 0-2 Radcliffe

Monday 20th August 2018

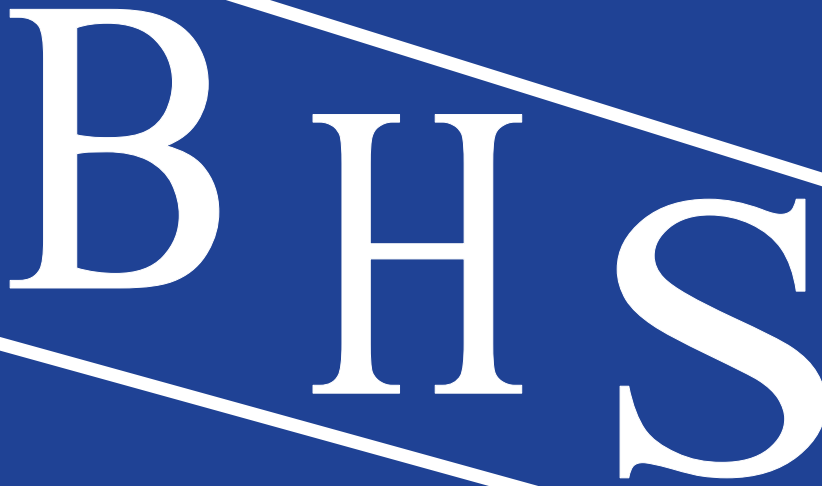
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 Colne 1-0 Ramsbottom United
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 Leek Town 1-1 Droylsden
 Market Drayton Town 2-1 Newcastle Town
 Mossley v Widnes
PRESCOT CABLES 3-1 GLOSSOP NORTH END
 Radcliffe 4-1 Clitheroe
 Runcorn Linnets 2-1 Chasetown

Wednesday 22nd August 2018

Kidsgrove Athletic v Trafford

Monday 27th August 2018

Atherton Collieries v Ramsbottom United
 Chasetown v Kidsgrove Athletic
 Clitheroe v Kendal Town
COLWYN BAY v PRESCOT CABLES
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16/10/18	Mossley		
20/10/18	Runcorn Linnets		
10/11/18	Colne		
24/11/18	Clitheroe		
08/12/18	Droylsden		
22/12/18	Trafford		
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12/01/19	Kendal Town		
26/01/19	Radcliffe		
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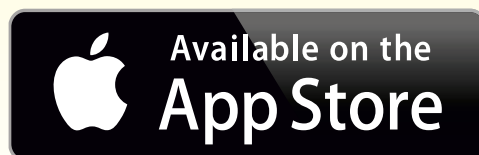
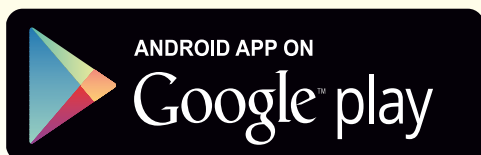
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PRESCOT OFF AND RUNNING

Prescot Cables got their season underway with a 3-1 victory over Glossop North End at Volair Park.

Cables were straight into the attack; a low, drilled cross from Chris Almond went straight to Matty Hamilton but the shot went over the bar and out for a goal kick.

After 7 minutes, a free kick for Cables was whipped into the box and straight onto the head of Joe Herbert but his header hit the crossbar.

The breakthrough came in the 21st minute. Michael Monaghan was one-on-one with the Glossop 'keeper and was taken down visiting stopper Russell Saunders. Cables were awarded a penalty while Saunders was booked. Michael Monaghan stepped up to take a superb penalty and put Cables 1-0 up.

Straight from the kick-off, the Pesky Bulls won the ball back and Chris Almond flicked it on with his head to set himself up and smashed a shot into the net to make it 2-0 to Cables.

Matty Hamilton then placed the ball into the net after 37 minutes but the goal was disallowed for offside.

A good chance for Glossop saw them create a one-on-one with Ben Barnes but the Cables stopper came off his line to block the shot and deny Glossop a goal.

On the stroke of half time Jack

Burke of Glossop drilled a low shot into the net and made the score 2-1.

Five minutes into the second half, Glossop's Darren McKnight was cautioned for a foul on Reece Fishwick.

A great cross from Jordan Southworth fizzed across the face of goal with a couple of players trying to get a leg to it but no one succeeded.

Matty Hamilton – making his first start for Prescot – extended his side's advantage with a tidy finish after excellent work by Almond.

In the 65th minute, there was a scuffle in the box and after a couple of shots from Jordan Southworth and Chris Almond, Glossop 'keeper Saunders managed to deny Cables another goal.

Unfortunately Jordan Southworth had to be subbed in the 69th minute after an awkward fall on his ankle. Danny Flood came on to replace him.

A drilled shot from substitute Lloyd Dean in the 85th minute saw Saunders make a good save and keep his team in the match.

In the final minutes a brilliant ball was played across field by James Edgar straight to the feet of Danny Flood who pulled it back to Jordan Wynne but unfortunately Wynne's shot was straight into the 'keeper's arms.



CABLES 3-1 GLOSSOP NORTH END

18th August 2018

Attendance: 344

Prescot Cables:

- 1. Ben Barnes**
- 2. Valter Fernandes**
- 3. Danny Flood**
- 4. James McCulloch (Capt.)**
- 5. Joe Herbert**
- 6. Reece Fishwick**
- 7. Chris Almond (24)**
- 8. Jordan Wynne**
- 9. Matty Hamilton (60)**
- 10. Michael Monaghan (22p)**
- 11. Jordan Southworth**
- 12. James Cooper**
- 14. Lloyd Dean**
(replaced Monaghan, 79)
- 15. Danny Flood**
(replaced Southworth, 69)
- 16. Josh Klein-Davies**
- 17. Aaron Turner**

Match Report: Matt Roberts

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201. Antony Cheers	202. David Ball	203. Tom Large	204. Tay Lawrence-Large	205. Peter Blennarhassett	206. Craig Whittaker	207. Mike Cotgreave	208. Lynn Birch	209. Ian Goodall	210. I Goodall2
211. Ged Fagan	212. David Birch	213. Adam Smith	214. Simon Sweeney	215. Eileen Ellis	216. Alan Breen	217. Huw Williams	218. Gregory Brice	219. John Black	220. Oliver Black
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2018-19 Season			Player	Cables Career		
Apps.	Sub. Apps.	Goals		Apps.	Sub. Apps.	Goals
2	0	0	James McCulloch	315	20	23
2	0	0	Jordan Wynne	63	12	16
2	0	1	Chris Almond	46	5	32
2	0	0	Ben Barnes	29	0	0
2	0	0	Jordan Southworth	23	14	6
1	1	1	Lloyd Dean	103	24	41
1	1	0	Danny Flood	50	18	0
1	1	0	Reece Fishwick	13	9	0
1	0	0	James Edgar	109	33	17
1	0	0	Valter Fernandes	66	1	2
1	0	0	Joe Herbert	30	21	6
1	0	0	Joshua Klein-Davies	25	6	15
1	0	1	Michael Monaghan	6	3	5





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TAKING OWNERSHIP

Lewes FC Chairman, Stuart Fuller shares his club's approach to supporter ownership in his [Non-League-Notes](#).

Just how important is a name? Consider this. We are all part of a movement, a community that aims to bring the ownership of our clubs from the few to the many. We want to create a community asset, put the club at the heart of the community and the community at the heart of our clubs. We want to be community-owned, we want to actively engage with the community and ultimately, have the words Community Football Club at the end of our names.

A name is important. But when it comes to that community and the role they play within our clubs, few consider them to be 'owners'. Many will be referred to as members – in fact SD themselves refer to clubs as members, whereas others may be called constituents, shareholders

or even comrades (I may have made that last one up!). But by definition they are owners. Our supporter-owned model means that the supporters are the owners (and in most instances, owners are supporters). So, should we refer to everyone who is part of the community club then as an owner?

Down at Lewes CFC we very deliberately founded our constitution based on an ownership model where every individual had an equal share as an owner of the club. Owned by the fans, run by the fans, for the fans. In board meetings we have a 'swear' jar for certain words, one of which is 'members'. Whilst we are a football CLUB we are not a CLUB defined by a football team and so we have never felt that member, shareholder, constituent or comrade describes the engagement we want. We want our community to feel that they are part of something special and the word 'owner' sums that up perfectly.

When someone signs up with us they get an owners badge (the word owner is the only consistent part on this year after year), a card that displays their owner number and an ownership certificate, rather than a share certificate. On the cover of every home match programme is a statement that says Lewes CFC is owned by xxxx and 1,300 others) with the xxxx being a randomly selected owner.

There's no proof that calling someone an owner instead of a member has any material effect on the success of a club, its effort to engage with the community or ultimately progress but if clubs want to make their fans feel part of that success and see progress, giving them ownership through one simple word may just make a small difference. The greatest journeys start with the smallest step and this may just be that step.



2018-19 FIXTURES, RESU

Date	Opponents	Comp.	Att	Res.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
18/08/18	Trafford	A	ELW	313	1-2	Barnes	Almond	Flood	McCulloch	Cooper	Turner	Southworth
21/08/18	Glossop North End	H	ELW	344	3-1	Barnes	Fernandes	Edgar	McCulloch	Herbert	Fishwick	Almond
25/08/18	Irlam	H	FACp									
27/08/18	Colwyn Bay	A	ELW									
01/09/18	Chasetown	H	ELW									
11/09/18	Newcastle Town	A	ELW									
15/09/18	Market Drayton Town	H	ELW									
22/09/18	Kendal Town	A	ELW									
29/09/18	Sheffield	A	FATep									
02/10/18	Ramsbottom United	H	ELW									
06/10/18	Leek Town	A	ELW									
08/10/18	Atherton Collieries	A	ELW									
16/10/18	Mossley	H	ELW									
20/10/18	Runcorn Linnets	H	ELW									
03/11/18	Radcliffe	A	ELW									
10/11/18	Colne	H	ELW									
17/11/18	Kidsgrove Athletic	A	ELW									
24/11/18	Clitheroe	H	ELW									
01/12/18	Widnes	A	ELW									
08/12/18	Droylsden	H	ELW									
15/12/18	Glossop North End	A	ELW									
22/12/18	Trafford	H	ELW									
26/12/18	Skelmersdale United	A	ELW									
01/01/19	Colwyn Bay	H	ELW									
05/01/19	Market Drayton Town	A	ELW									
12/01/19	Kendal Town	H	ELW									
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16/03/19	Leek Town	H	ELW									
23/03/19	Ramsbottom United	A	ELW									
30/03/19	Widnes	H	ELW									
06/04/19	Clitheroe	A	ELW									
13/04/19	Newcastle Town	H	ELW									
20/04/19	Chasetown	A	ELW									
22/04/19	Skelmersdale United	H	ELW									
27/04/19	Droylsden	A	ELW									

Goalscorers are shown in **Bold** Type

Players involved in substitutions are shown in *Italics*

Players marked in **bold** are goalscorers; players marked in *italics* indicate substitutions

LTS & TEAM SELECTIONS

8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19
Wynne <i>Wynne</i>	Klein-Davies Hamilton	Dean <i>Monaghan (p)</i>	Homson-Smith <i>Southworth</i>	Fishwick Cooper	Hamilton <i>Dean</i>	Haslam <i>Flood</i>	Herbert Klein-Davies	Monaghan Turner		

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NO PLACE LIKE HOME

For many of us, our local grounds are like a second home; they bring comfort and a familiarity, and if you're lucky a comfy seat with a choice of cold or hot beverage.

Which is a nice thought for me to imagine when I travel on the train to NLP Towers on an uncomfortable chair and without the option of a beverage.

Last weekend on the journey to the office the train was filled with West Ham United fans on their way to the top flight match against Bournemouth. By chance, I got speaking to a chap sat opposite who had an Irons jacket on and he began talking about how he is a season ticket holder at West Ham but also goes to watch Dagenham & Redbridge 'four or five times a season'.

Two teams with a proud tradition and standing in their community, but a case of David and Goliath.

"The bigger they are the harder they fall." Well, not exactly in this case.

Ever since the city of London won the bid to host the 2012 Olympics I have followed the story of what the government and the Greater London Authority planned to do with

the stadium in Stratford long after Mo Farah and Jessica Ennis had graced it.

After the 16 days of sporting excellence were showcased to the world, focus switched to whether Jeremy Hunt, sport minister at the time, and Mayor Boris Johnson could get the right deal for the taxpayer by finding a tenant who would prevent the stadium from turning into a defunct patch of overgrowth and stinging nettles.

Could they do it? Absolutely not.

As of a year ago, £783m of taxpayers' money had been spent on the stadium with an annual bill of £20m invoiced for security and cleaning and a host of other services.

So bad was the deal struck by the ground owners' London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) with West Ham, they appealed against a granted Freedom of Information Act request to have the tenancy contract made public. This after it was known that West Ham would pay £2.5m-a-year in rent over a 99-year lease.

Promotions followed for Hunt and Johnson, West Ham's co-owners

sold Upton Park after 110 years on Green Street, while the Daggers sold top goalscorer Oli Hawkins to Portsmouth for an undisclosed fee after relegation to the National League.

Joined by fellow East Londoners Leyton Orient in dropping to the fifth tier, some fan groups have labelled the tenancy agreement as 'state aid'. The sum of £2.5m a small drop in the Premier League club's well of riches.

I brought this up with the man on the train who said he and a lot of other supporters had failed to analyse what their board was selling them with the move.

I asked him whether it must be painful watching football in a stadium built for athletic purposes when Upton Park offered such a good atmosphere. So why not swap his season ticket in 2019 for one at the Daggers?

"They need to start winning games if they want to get more than 1,500 through the gate," he said.

"Go where you feel at home, you're not a 400m hurdler are you?" I joked.

Adam Ellis



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The FA Cup is the oldest football competition in the world.

THE CUP THAT CHEERS

Gareth Coates examines how *The Emirates FA Cup* can have transformative effects for Non-League clubs.

To underline how special The Emirates FA Cup is, I want to share with you something that Phil Annetts tweeted this week. Phil runs the [FA Cup Factfile](#) and really knows his stuff, to the point where not only did he disclose that this afternoon's game is Cables' 205th match in the competition, it is the first against a club whose name begins with 'I'!

Since the original Prescot FC took on Crewe Alexandra at Slac-

ky Brow in 1891 (losing 7-1) the club has participated in the tournament more than 90 times. The First Round Proper has been reached twice but there have been occasions – such as last season's replay against City of Liverpool – when Cables have been on the wrong end of a 'Cupset'.

By contrast, today is Irlam FC's eighth FA Cup match, spread over six campaigns. Their last minute win at Winsford United a fortnight ago was the club's se-

cond victory in the competition and the first away from home.

That clubs with such varied histories can meet as equals is part of the appeal of the FA Cup. The opportunity to play opposition that you might otherwise never come across is always exciting and the thrill of being in the same tournament as the nation's biggest clubs is real.

Of course, by the time the Premier League clubs come into the competition in January, about 90% of the entrants have already been eliminated. Over 700 clubs participate in The Emirates FA Cup, yet the way the tournament is structured means that of the 600 non-league clubs who start the season dreaming of glory, only 32 will actually reach the First Round Proper. This seems to me to be a very small number, particularly when considering that National League clubs enter at the final stage of qualifying.

It ought to be possible to open the main draw up to a greater

number of non-league sides, particularly if some of the Football League clubs entered slightly earlier than they do at present. Given that the format of the tournament proper has not changed for decades, asking Championship clubs to play in the Second Round would represent a seismic shift and would undoubtedly lead to protests from some of, if not all of the sides affected. I suspect that there is no appetite at Wembley for the political battle that such a change would require.

However, it cannot be said that The FA underestimate the importance of their flagship competition to non-league clubs. While there is little chance of more of our number taking on the 'giants' of the Football League and Premier League, those who do make progress will find themselves receiving a significant financial boost. For example, the prize money on offer for winning today is almost double what it was at this stage last season and the club knocked out in this tie will also pick up £900.

Credit has to be given to the governing body for taking this step; even clubs who get through a couple of rounds will generate significant income from the Prize Fund. Just as important is the excitement and local interest that can be whipped up by a good run in the world's oldest football competition. While in many cases a boost in attendances is temporary, our own experiences over the last couple of years serve as proof that if a club can create an enjoyable matchday experience and raise their profile in their local area there is real potential for growth.

For me, matches like today are what The Emirates FA Cup are all about. Whether you are a player, volunteer, coach or supporter, being on a journey that might, possibly, culminate with your team walking out at a Premier League club is tremendously exciting. It just means more at this level.





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FA Cup runs can galvanise the support for any club

THE VIEW FROM THE FENCE END

Mike Rice considers the importance of The Emirates FA Cup to non-league clubs

It's a long way to Wembley Stadium, it's a long way to go. It's a long way to Wembley Stadium, to see the greatest team I know".

Is there a bigger cliché in football than 'the magic of the FA Cup'? It's a line you're almost certain to hear during any televised cup match, and anyone playing commentator bingo at home can most likely cross off 'giant-killing', 'no easy games' and 'fairytale' too.

There's just something special about the cup isn't there?

The FA Cup is the oldest national football competition in the world, and was first played before a single one of the current Premier League clubs was even founded. In a world where TV deals and transfer records are often seen as the measure of success, the old trophy has always managed to retain its prestige and appeal.

Every football player and fan across the world knows all about the FA Cup, and whether you start your cup run in August or January, it is an honour to take part in.

Over 700 teams entered last season's FA Cup, and whilst most won't be expecting to make it all the way to the Final in May, what's to stop us dreaming?

Every season there's a so-called 'Cinderella story', and in recent years we've seen non-league teams such as Lincoln City, Sutton United and Havant & Waterlooville shock teams much higher in the football pyramid. Maybe the 2018-19 season could be our turn...

We go into today's match on the back of a comfortable mid-week victory over Glossop North End. A much-changed side had few problems in securing our first points of the season, and this is a great illustration of the impressive depth this squad has.

It is a sign of how far we have come in a short space of time that we can rotate the squad without weakening it, and this will hold us in good stead for the long season ahead of us.

Goals from MJ Monaghan, Chris Almond and Matty Hamilton gave us our first points of the season, with the away side pulling one back shortly before half time.

Tuesday's attendance of 344 was a terrific turnout for a midweek match, and the surge in attendan-

ces shows no sign of holding up. In comparison, 235 people saw our opening home game in 2016 and 290 attended last season's first match. This is even more impressive when you consider both of the previous seasons' matches were played on Saturday afternoons.

The travelling fans were also out in high numbers at Trafford last weekend, including a number of fans attending their first ever Cables match. With a Liam Gallagher concert down the road later that evening, a group of fans came to Shawe View to "see what the fuss was all about". Lloyd Dean's wonder strike just minutes into the season meant it didn't take long from them to understand.

Today we welcome Irlam to Vo-lair Park, who will be coming with a point to prove after a late loss on Tuesday night. Two goals in the last five minutes meant our visitors were beaten 3-2 by Barnoldswick Town, giving the side their first defeat of the season.

Irlam are becoming familiar with Merseyside this season, having already drawn against both Bootle and City of Liverpool at Vestey Road.

Our FA Cup campaigns haven't given us much to shout about in recent years, and last season in particular taught us that we can't

afford to be complacent against lower league sides. Make no mistake - Irlam are going to be up for it today and we need to be at our best to ensure we progress.

Last season's FA Cup result, as much as it hurt at the time, was the catalyst for everything we achieved throughout the rest of the season. The pain we all felt helped us to rebuild, but let's just hope we don't have to go through it again!

This afternoon's match, barring any replays, is followed by a day out to Colwyn Bay on Bank Holiday Monday. A rearranged fixture last season resulted in a heavy loss for the Pesky Bulls, so we'll be looking to bounce back in style in North Wales.

Both ourselves and Colwyn Bay have been tipped to challenge at the top end of the table this season, and whilst it's far too early to be talking about 'six-pointers', a win there could set the tone for another memorable season in amber and black. Three wins in a week has a nice sound to it, doesn't it?

So here's to the magic of the FA Cup - the greatest competition in the world. Let's see how far our run can take us and who knows, just maybe...

Come on you Cables!



RESERVE TEAM

FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp.	Result
11/08/18	West Kirby Reserves	H	WCL2	1-2
18/08/18	Rainhill Town Reserves	H	WCL2	2-5
20/08/18	Maghull Reserves	A	WCL2	2-4
25/08/18	Mallaby	A	WCL2	
29/08/18	Litherland REMYCA Development	A	WCL2	
01/09/18	Wirral SB	A	WCL2	
08/09/18	Mossley Hill Athletic Reserves	H	WCL2	
22/09/18	Page Celtic	H	WCL2	
29/09/18	Cheshire Lines	A	WCL2	

RESERVES CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE

Perhaps inevitably given all that has happened, the Reserve Team are currently finding results hard to come by.

In their latest fixture, away to Maghull Reserves on Monday evening, Cables were beaten 4-2; a result that leaves them at the bottom of the current League Table.

It is to the credit of the players and management that they have continued to fulfil fixtures in the immediate aftermath of Jack Riding's recent passing and it would seem certain that the team will find form soon.

This afternoon, the squad travel to newcomers Mallaby.

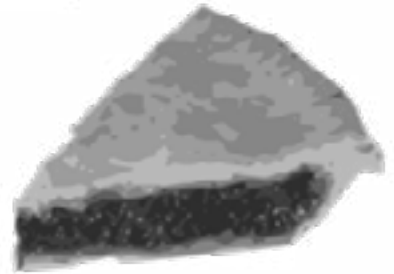
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YOUTH TEAM

FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Comp.	Result
19/08/18	Curzon Ashton	NWYA	3-4
24/08/18	Hyde United	NWYA	
26/08/18	Tranmere Rovers	NWYA	
30/08/18	Southport	NWYA	
02/09/18	AFC Fylde Colts	NWYA OC1	
05/09/18	Abbey Hey	FAYC	
09/09/18	Stockport Georgians	NWYA	
TBC	Hyde United	NTC1	

FA YOUTH CUP TIE CONFIRMED

Cables Youth will start their FA Youth Cup campaign here at Volair Park on Wednesday 5th September.

The Pesky Calves will entertain Abbey Hey in the First Qualifying Round and will be hoping to emulate last season's Under-18 squad, who reached the First Round Proper.

The tie will be played to a conclusion on the night and a programme will be available.



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West Cheshire League Division Two

<i>As of 22/08/18</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>GA</i>	<i>GD</i>	<i>Pts</i>
South Liverpool Res.	3	3	0	0	11	3	8	9
West Kirby Res.	4	3	0	1	10	4	6	9
Heswall	4	3	0	1	9	3	6	9
Page Celtic	4	3	0	1	7	4	3	9
Capenhurst Villa	4	2	1	1	8	4	4	7
Litherland REMYCA Dev.	4	2	0	2	5	11	-6	6
Cheshire Lines	3	1	1	1	6	6	0	4
Mossley Hill Athletic Res.	4	1	1	2	4	8	-4	4
Ashville Res.	4	1	1	2	3	10	-7	4
Mallaby	3	1	0	2	8	5	3	3
Rainhill Town Res.	2	1	0	1	6	4	2	3
Maghull Res.	4	1	0	3	7	11	-4	3
Wirral SB	4	1	0	3	6	11	-5	3
CABLES RESERVES	3	0	0	3	5	11	-6	0

North West Youth Alliance Premier Division

<i>As of 22/08/18</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>GA</i>	<i>GD</i>	<i>Pts</i>
Chorley	2	1	1	0	8	7	1	4
Ashton Athletic	1	1	0	0	6	0	6	3
Chester	1	1	0	0	6	2	4	3
AFC Fylde	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
Hyde United	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
Curzon Ashton	1	1	0	0	4	3	1	3
Southport	1	0	1	0	5	5	0	1
CABLES U18	1	0	0	1	3	4	-1	0
Tranmere Rovers	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
Altrincham	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0
Stockport County	2	0	0	2	4	9	-5	0
Stockport Georgians	1	0	0	1	0	6	-6	0

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Puzzle Time!

K-Bull has hidden the names of some well-known Rovers football teams in the word search below. Words might run forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally. See if you can find them all!

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T	R	A	K	E	Z	S	A	G	B	C	A
U	M	R	B	O	T	I	J	E	R	D	F
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Today's Mascot

We would like to welcome **Zak Bolton** to Volair Park for this afternoon's match.

Zak will be leading the Cables team out prior to kick-off and we hope he has a fantastic time with us.



Hi everyone!

Welcome back to Volair Park. I don't think we have ever played Irlam before, so I'd especially like to welcome all of their supporters to Prescott.

It was great to see the Bulls get their first win of the season on Tuesday night. I think the best bit for me was MJ's penalty - I thought he was going to split the net! Also, well done to Matt Hamilton for marking his first start for the First Team with a goal. In fact, the whole team can be really pleased with the game.

Today's match is really special because it is an FA Cup tie. Can you imagine watching Cables at Anfield, Goodison Park or one of the big London clubs? We would have to win a lot of games to do it, but it could happen. Irlam's fans will be dreaming of that sort of adventure too, so I hope that our team can play well today.

See you soon!

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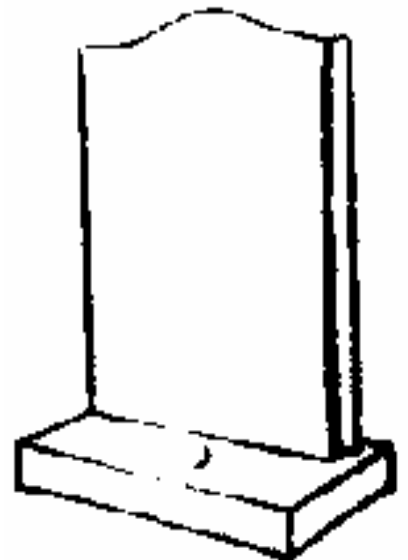
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WHEN YOU LOSE... BUT GO THROUGH

Roy McDonald *looks at an extraordinary Cup run which included three defeats!*

Football clubs will all have suffered the disappointment of defeat in a cup competition at some point. However, for one club, there was the extraordinary incidence of being knocked out of the same cup, three times in the same season!

During season 1909-10, the amateur side Preston Winckley were drawn to play the Sheffield club in the first round of the F.A. Amateur Cup.

The Yorkshire men easily overcame their Lancastrian rivals by 5 goals to 2. However, after the match, Winckley submitted a protest claiming that the pitch at Sheffield's Niagra ground had been only 103 yards long, rather than the minimum of 110 yards required under Cup rules. The FA Management Committee upheld this protest and ordered the tie to be played again at the Preston ground. The replay saw Winckley win by 3 goals to 1, in a game which collected total gate receipts of just nine pence!

In the second round, Winckley were drawn at home to Stockton, who, mindful of the pitiful gate receipts, offered a £55 guarantee to transfer the tie to the North East. The Prestonians accepted and promptly shocked the home team winning 4 - 3 on their own ground.

In the third round of the Cup, Scarborough defeated Preston Winckley by a single goal. How-

ever, after the tie, it was revealed that Scarborough were to be expelled from the competition after another protest by the Preston club, that the Yorkshiremen had included a registered professional player amongst their ranks.

The circumstances surrounded an old playing member of the Scarborough club, L. O. Charlwood, who is said have done much to foster the amateur game in the Yorkshire. Charlwood had suffered a long and serious illness, necessitating a number of operations. The medical expenses were considerable and it was recognised that his playing career was at an end. In recognition of the high regard in which he was held and a desire to acknowledge his services, the Scarborough club sought permission to play a benefit match to raise funds to offset the cost of his medical expenses. The request was made to the North Riding Football Association, and through that body, to the F.A., who, in giving their sanction for the match, demanded that Charlwood should sign a professional form for Scarborough. The benefit match was played, and raised the sum of £27 for the player.

However, after their cup defeat, Winckley claimed that as the Yorkshiremen included a professional in their named squad, they were ineligible for the Amateur competition. Remarkably, the F.A. upheld Preston's protest, disqualified Scarborough and awarded the tie to Preston Winckley. However, given the peculiar circumstances of the case, permission was granted for Scarborough to cancel Charlwood's registration and restore

THE FA AMATEUR CUP

All the original competitors in the F.A. Cup had been amateurs. Within a few years, professionalism had taken off, particularly in the North West of England, and by the mid 1880s very few amateur clubs reached the later stages of the F.A. Cup. Queen's Park were the last amateur finalists in 1884-85. The world's oldest football club, Sheffield F.C. suggested a new national competition for purely amateur clubs, even offering to donate a trophy, but the F.A. declined.

In 1891, however, the F.A. relented and created the F.A. Amateur Cup - which in its first season attracted 81 entries. The main heartlands of amateur football were the North East (with the Northern League) and the South East (led by the Isthmian League and the Athenian League). This remained broadly true until the split between Professionals and Amateurs was abolished in 1974. Only one Amateur Cup winning side came from the North West (Skelmersdale United in 1971), and none at all from the Midlands or the South West.

Bishop Auckland won the Cup a record 10 times, including the only hat-trick of wins in the mid 1950s.

During the heyday of the competition, with the final held at Wembley Stadium, the Amateur Cup Final regularly attracted attendances of 100,000 but by its demise in 1974, the attendance had dropped to a third of that figure.

Bishop's Stortford won their only Amateur Cup in 1974, with the Cup then being discontinued. Most of the leading clubs moved to the F.A. Trophy which had been established in 1969 for leading semi-professional clubs, while others became part of a brand new competition, the F.A. Vase, for clubs of a lower level.

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their amateur status.

This decision caused a huge outburst of sympathy for the Scarborough Club, and some derision directed towards Winckley. As Charlwood had given up the game, and that there was not the slightest prospect that he would ever again be able to play, it was considered harsh treatment that the club should be disqualified because they committed a technical error in not removing his name from their registered list.

Although it was clear that a rule had been infringed, Scarborough had not sought to derive any advantage and had gained their victory over Preston with a purely amateur side. Some observers

accused Preston Winckley of behaving in an unsportsmanlike manner in protesting, suggesting that they should be awarded a special medal for the whining attitude they adopt when beaten.

Naturally, Scarborough appealed the decision, but in a letter to the club, Mr F.J. Wall of the F.A. said, *"The Committee which dealt with this matter had, for the purpose, the full power of the Council. You have failed to observe Rule 4 of the Amateur Cup rules and you, in consequence, disqualified yourselves"*.

The Northern Nomads, who had been beaten by Scarborough in the second round of the Cup claimed that the only logical result of the F.A. Commission's de-

cision was that, if Scarborough were deemed not to be eligible to play in the Amateur Cup, then all the clubs beaten by them that season (New Brighton Tower and the Nomads) should be reinstated in the competition, and have a chance of playing for the right to meet South Bank in the fourth round, as it was obvious that all the ties played by Scarborough had become void.

However, the F.A. Commission ruling stood.

There was, probably, much quiet rejoicing when Winckley were defeated (legitimately) for the third time in the Competition by South Bank in the fourth round.



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SUPPORTERS' CLUB

Prescot Cables owes its very existence and success to the passion, loyalty and commitment of its supporters. From the day that the club was created there has necessarily been a reliance upon supporters and volunteers to maintain the club, develop the club and facilities, to raise funds and to organise events and functions. The involvement of supporters has been key to the continuity of the club through some very challenging times in its history.

During a period when the Club lost possession of the ground and was forced to play elsewhere it was the loyalty of Supporters and Volunteers that provided the will and determination to maintain the team and eventually reclaim the ground as the home of PCFC. In 2005 when the ground was sold by the Club owner it nearly ceased to exist until such time that the Supporters' Club was able to form a Management Committee from within its ranks. Thankfully a number of Supporters have been willing to put their head above the parapet and step forward to ensure that their club continued. At that most crucial time the Supporters' Club provided a nucleus of individuals who could organise and form what is now the Community Interest Company of Prescot Cables FC.

For a number of years the Supporters' Club has run in parallel and separately with the CIC. Whilst a number of individuals have through necessity sat on both the Supporters' Club and the CIC, the fact that the Supporters' Club has been a separate entity has provided both an independent eye across the PCFC Company and a fans' eye perspec-

tive on things. Whilst the management team focussed upon providing a sound financial structure for the Club and Team, the Supporters' Club were able to devise additional fund-raising and income streams and provide an army of volunteers to assist with maintenance.

Two schemes managed by the Supporters' Club that have continued to raise essential funds for the Team have included the Cables Monthly Lottery Draw and the 125 Club. The Lottery has seen rollover prizes of up to £1,600. It costs a pound to buy a ticket and the funds raised ensure that we can provide free coach travel to away games for the team and subsidised travel for our Supporters who can travel to any away game for just a tenner. The 125 Club provides a guaranteed monthly prize for one of its members for £5 a month which is paid by Standing Order or cash.

With the success of the club over the last few seasons we have enjoyed a fantastic increase in attendances. However, it is recognised that relatively new Supporters may not be aware of the workings of the club, the Supporters' Club, how they can get involved, volunteering and how they can have a voice at the club. The fact that we have nearly 300 Shareholders demonstrates the depth of support for the Club and the will to make it a success. But if we want Cables to achieve its potential the Club needs to engage our Shareholders and Supporters and to get everyone involved in helping Cables play at the highest possible level. A regular Fans Forum has been devised to maximise the benefit of communication between the Supporters and the Club.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE SUPPORTERS' CLUB.

For information about the Monthly Lottery, please speak to Harry Molyneux, Norman Parr or call GeoffC on 07903 217231.

For information about the 125 Club contact Norman Parr or ask any committee member for info.

For information about the Fans Forum please see Peter Roberts or check the Club Notice Board for info

For information about coach travel and to purchase tickets, check the Club Notice Board or contact GeoffC on 07903 217231.

A NOTE OF THANKS FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

This club wouldn't exist without the volunteers who give so much time and energy to help keep the ground in order, or cook the food served on matchdays, or carry out any number of tasks to ensure that keep things ticking over and make matches enjoyable for supporters.

One of those tasks is operating the turnstiles. Brian Richardson (no, not that one!) was one of three people taking on that role for the play-off semi-final against Trafford. Brian wrote to the club during the summer to observe that having three turnstiles in operation was "a unique occasion", particularly given that all three turnstiles were worked by people who had previously been Main Stand Supervisors at Liverpool FC.

Brian himself was one of them, having spent 50 years working at Anfield. He was joined by John Caddock, who had spent 40 years at Liverpool and Joe Halfpenny, who has been with the Reds for approximately 25 years and is still employed by the Premier League club.

Brian observed that, as far as he was aware, this was the first time that the club had been able to call on such a combined depth of experience on a matchday.

We'd like to thank Brian, John and Joe for their efforts and extend that sentiment to everyone who uses their skills to benefit Prescott Cables. There are far too many to mention in this space but without the people who carry out essential maintenance around the ground, or look after

the pitch, or sell half-time draw tickets, the Saturday afternoon experience would be infinitely worse... if it happened at all.

We are so grateful to all our volunteers for all they do. Every club at our level depends on an unpaid workforce which uses its skills to benefit others. There is no such thing as "too many volunteers" so if you feel you have some spare time or can assist with something the club isn't currently doing well (or at all), then please speak to any of the Board.

And even if you don't feel able to put yourself forward in that way, your support of the team is still very much appreciated. By coming to the match and getting behind the team, you make a huge difference. Please enjoy the match!



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