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Talk of the Town



Good evening, and welcome to Ruskin Drive for this our first home contest of the 2018-19 season. May I open by welcoming our friends and visitors from Atherton LR, I

hope they enjoy the short time they will spend with us and have a safe journey home after the game.

It seems like only a few weeks ago that we were here completing out 2017-18 campaign with an exhilarating 3-3 draw with Stockport Town which we followed up with a road trip which saw us battle out a scoreless draw at Chadderton and a 1-1 draw at Alsager Town on the final day of the season which secured us a 20th placed finish and avoiding the relegation zone even though with the league expansion no teams were demoted and we have several more member clubs and a North & South split in the First Divisions of the Hallmark Securities Football League.

We came into the season the back of a full pre-season programme which tested us against various sides including TSV Uhlbach from Stuttgart and with the most impressive performance and result coming against one of the Premier Division title favourites City of Liverpool here at Ruskin Drive putting a nigh on full strength visitors to the sword with a fine all round display and securing a 3-0 victory.

The season started in earnest on Saturday afternoon as we took the relatively short trip to Anfield to take on Liverpool County Premier League Champions and indeed quadruple winners Lower Breck. The hosts had not lost a league game all season last term and the opening stages showed their

confidence as they took the game to Town and had plenty of chances to open the scoring but they found Carl Williams in good form in the visitors goal and the best chance of the first half fell to the visitors when Liam Diggle headed over after a series of corners had caused consternation in the Breck box but as it was the teams went in level at the interval.

The second half saw the hosts come out with intent and it was no surprise when they netted the opening goal of the contest on the hour mark good work down the right saw the ball fizzed into the box and Jamie Morton was on hand at the far post to put his name in the Lower Breck record books as he netted their first goal in the North West Counties League.

Town responded well and the hosts lead was to last just over ten minutes. Town pressure saw a promising attack snuffed out at the cost of a corner which Danny Greene delivered from the left and skipper Liam Dodd who was immense at the other end of the park all afternoon along with centre half partner Andy Webster, rose highest to power a header home. A couple of minutes later and the tables had turned on the hosts when Phil Heron sent a pinpoint cross from the left wing towards Diggle on the far post and the striker who had been involved in the early stages of the move headed home what turned out to be the winner. Town had to endure a bit of an Alamo in the closing stages but were able to hold out and secure an opening day victory.

Whilst Town were securing a win in Merseyside this evening's visitors were going down to a 3-0 loss at home to Carlisle City at Crilly Park. Lee, Nick and the lads will not be taking anything for granted this evening and will be assured of a positive outcome if the application and work rate is at the same levels as on Saturday at Lower Breck.

Let's get behind Town this evening and hopefully cheer them on to our first victory of the season at Ruskin Drive!

Enjoy the game . . . **Jeff Voller**

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Chairman's Welcome



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the Arcoframe Stadium at Ruskin Drive for tonight's match against our near neighbours Atherton Laburnum Rovers. After an

Interesting pre-season, it's good to be back to league football and we're hoping for a good Thursday night attendance to greet the teams.

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It was great to begin the new season in the First Division North on Saturday with a 2-1 win away at Lower Breck. The home side are many people's favourites for promotion this campaign and to come back from a goal down to beat them at their Anfield ground was a tremendous feat and has made a lot of Hallmark League followers sit up and appreciate that Town mean business this season.

Our visitors were well beaten by Carlisle City at home on Saturday and they will be looking to bounce back with a win tonight, so we can take nothing for granted. Obviously, it's very early days and form at this stage of the season can be notoriously unpredictable, especially among the teams new to the league.

If we can win tonight, we'll be looking with interest how Lower Breck fare at Bacup this evening as we too have a trip to West View on Saturday, a ground where we were successful towards the end of last season, so if we can dare to dream, at least for the moment, we could just get off to a flying start if everything goes our way.

Last season is probably best forgotten but whilst a lot could be put down to a lack of confidence, it quickly became evident on Saturday how much the team had missed Liam Dodd in defence. He not only dominated the back line at Lower Breck but weighed in with a great goal. Added to that, Liam Diggle's match winner will have done his confidence the world of good and is just reward for all the effort he has put in during the pre-season campaign.

There were, of course, many other magnificent contributions, including Carl Williams in goal, so I won't single out other individuals at the expense of the rest who all played their part, but the two Liams are evidently going to be valuable members of the squad as we push forward this season towards the ultimate goal.

Glyn Jones,
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Jenko's Notes



Good Evening and welcome to Ruskin Drive for tonight's game v Atherton LR in which is our first home game of the 2018/19 season. I would like to wish Warren and all the staff from LR a warm welcome to the Arcoframe Stadium this evening at the start of a long season.

A quick reflection to last season which really wasn't the best and definitely not one I wanted. We are working hard behind the scenes to ensure it does not happen again. However, it was pleasing to finish the last four games unbeaten just proving that we can compete in this league.

Onto pre-season and I have managed to keep hold of most of last season's squad with the exception of Jake Young who has joined the Royal Navy; I wish him all the best. We started training in the middle of June which might seem early to most of you but was important to me because we needed to keep the lads together after such a good end to the season; the main reason being that last season's pre-season was a shambles.

Pre-season has been hard and we have included plenty of games in our programme with most of them against higher opposition. The performances have been really good and encouraging. I also wanted to play the local teams from St Helens so we could hopefully form closer links. I will put thanks to the teams we have played at the end of my notes.

The first competitive game was against the German side TSV Uhlbach in what was a celebration of the town's twinning with the German city and a lot of organising between both councils and John McKiernan but the biggest thank you must go to Ste Lingard who worked his socks off to get this game on and to me it was an occasion I was very honoured to be involved in.

Saturday we started our league campaign away at new boys Lower Breck and one of the teams that everyone is talking about saying that they are one of the favourites to do well in the league. We came away with a 2-1 victory in what was a really good battling display and with six regular first team players missing it was pleasing to see we have depth in our squad that can compete.

Finally, a big thanks to the following teams for helping us in a pre-season preparations TSV Uhlbach, Barnoldswick Town, Windle Labour, Accrington Stanley, Billinge, Skelmersdale United, City of Liverpool and Pilkington. A big thank you to our supporters and sponsors and here is to a good season.

Enjoy the game ... **Lee Jenkinson**

In Town this Evening

Laburnum Rovers were founded in 1956 by Joe Riley as an under 14s side and after a difficult first season in the local Briarcroft Junior League, they went on to enjoy much success in League and Cup competitions. Joe was persuaded to carry on into Senior football and after a brief spell in the Leigh League the club joined the Bolton Combination.

More success followed, but the ground at Hag Fold prevented further progress so a farmers field was found and despite footpath criss-crossing and duck ponds either side, hard work by everyone at the club turned this unpromising field into a football pitch.

In 1966 the club moved into its new ground and were able to take their place in Division One of the Combination. Jack Crilly succeeded Joe as Chairman and worked tirelessly for the club, supervising the erection of new changing rooms (an improvement on the old air raid shelters they had been using) and a small social club. Jack died suddenly in 1980 and as a tribute to the work he did the ground was renamed from Greendale to Crilly Park.

In the summer of 1980 the club joined the non-league pyramid when their application to join the Cheshire County League was successful. A stipulation of the League was that the towns name had to be in the clubs title, so links with the past were retained with the new name of Atherton Laburnum Rovers.

In 1982 the club became founder members of the North West Counties League, being placed in division two until the league was reorganised in 1987 when ongoing ground improvements saw them placed in division one. 1989 saw floodlights erected and the club enter the FA Cup for the first time, while in 1991 the changing rooms and clubhouse were completely rebuilt.

Towards the end of 1990/91 season Dave Morris took over as team manager and it was the start of the best period in the clubs history. In 1992/93 the club won the League title with 106 points from 42 games and also won the League Championship Trophy. Promotion to the Unibond League was denied them because of grading requirements, but undaunted the club repeated their double the following season as well as reaching the semi-finals of the FA Vase. This time the club was promoted to the Unibond League.

Two good seasons saw steady progress, but then financial troubles struck and the club was relegated for the first time in its history.

Three seasons of struggle back in the North West Counties League culminated with the relegation to Division Two. However, the appointment of Alan Lord as manager saw a remarkable turnaround in form and nine

successive victories helped the club win back promotion to Division One at the first attempt. In November 2002 Tom Foster and Dennis Haslem took over as managers after having to rebuild the team from scratch, they secured Division One football for another season. Dennis moved on in the summer and Ian Street joined the club.

A period of stability and success followed but at the end of 2004/05 season Foster and Street left the club to be replaced by Mike Lester

and Darren Ford. They set about building a new squad but, in February 2006, Lester and Ford resigned sparking a difficult time for the club on the pitch with no less than six managers at the helm over the next two years. The most successful period came in spring 2007 under Roy Sweeney when the club moved away from the relegation zone after doubling its points total from 21 to 42 in the final two months of the season. Sweeney resigned in December 2007, with Malcolm Anderton taking temporary charge for four months until ex-LR player and Leigh RMI manager Stuart Humphreys was brought in to ensure the club retained its top division status and it was fortunate that 21st place was enough.

With changes elsewhere in the pyramid system meaning LR avoided relegation at the



end of 07/08 season, the club brought in Dave Hughes as the new manager with a brief to keep the team in the Premier Division while the club was reorganised behind the scenes. Hughes brought in a very experienced coaching team and set about building a squad which has proved very successful. The season ended with one of the highest league placings for several years, victory in the Goldline Trophy and another Reebok appearance in the Hospital Cup final. This season the side had a promising opening to the campaign recording another FA Cup giant-killing before injuries took a severe toll, with the team battling in the relegation dogfight. Victory once again in the Goldline Trophy Final gave the team enough belief to collect the points they needed to stay in the Premier Division.

Dave Hughes resigned as manager at the beginning of September 2010 and the position was immediately offered to the Head Coach Glenn Moses to ensure stability within the team. Moses led the club to its third Goldline Final in three years and one of our highest league placings for several years but unfortunately further instability followed at the end of that season with the manager and most of the team moving on to pastures new. At short notice former player Phil Priestley took the reins and with barely two weeks to build a squad from scratch before the season began it always appeared an uphill struggle. Despite some battling performances LR succumbed to relegation, and the 2012/13 season in Division One was also a challenge, despite some outstanding performances which saw the team beat all the leading lights including West

Didsbury, Formby and Darwen over the course of the campaign. 2013/14 opened under new management as Michael Clegg was appointed and the season brought real encouragement on the pitch as the side secured a top eight finish with some tremendous performances, although off the pitch the club was plunged into mourning following the sudden death of long-term supporter Eddie Taylor - the Man with the Rattle. At the end of the season Clegg departed for Atherton Collieries and the club appointed another former player Ross McNair, to be assisted by the hugely-experienced former Ashton Athletic and Colls supremo Steve Pilling.

After an encouraging 2014/15 season where LR spent most of the season in the play off places only to fall away at the business end of the season. Ross had to step down due to work commitments at the end of the campaign and the club moved to appoint brothers Adam & Craig Jones from Stoneclough as joint managers but the club struggled and finished the campaign second bottom of the table.

Shaun Lynch took over for the 2016-17 season and along with his coaching team of Jimmy McMullen, John Brannigan and Dave Potter. Lynch was in charge until mid-December when he left with Potter taking charge on an interim basis until LR appointed Warren Jones as their new manager in January 2018 and Rovers finished the season in 18th position comfortably clear of the relegation zone.

Season	League	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Position
2003-04	NWC-1	42	17	7	18	77	76	1	58	12/22
2004-05	NWC-1	42	14	6	22	64	82	-18	48	15/22
2005-06	NWC-1	42	7	8	27	40	115	-75	29	20/22
2006-07	NWC-1	42	11	9	22	65	106	-41	42	16/22
2007-08	NWC-1	38	5	9	24	38	86	-48	24	19/20
2008-09	NWC-P	42	12	15	15	70	77	-7	51	12/22
2009-10	NWC-P	42	10	7	25	53	96	-43	37	20/22
2010-11	NWC-P	42	19	6	17	75	72	3	63	10/22
2011-12	NWC-P	42	5	6	31	36	116	-80	21	22/22
2012-13	NWC-1	34	8	11	15	37	55	-18	35	13/18
2013-14	NWC-1	36	17	3	16	66	66	0	54	8/19
2014-15	NWC-1	36	12	7	17	46	70	-24	43	12/19
2015-16	NWC-1	34	4	6	24	32	103	-71	18	17/18
2016-17	NWC-1	42	8	4	30	44	95	-51	28	20/22
2017-18	NWC-1	42	13	5	24	61	81	-20	44	18/22

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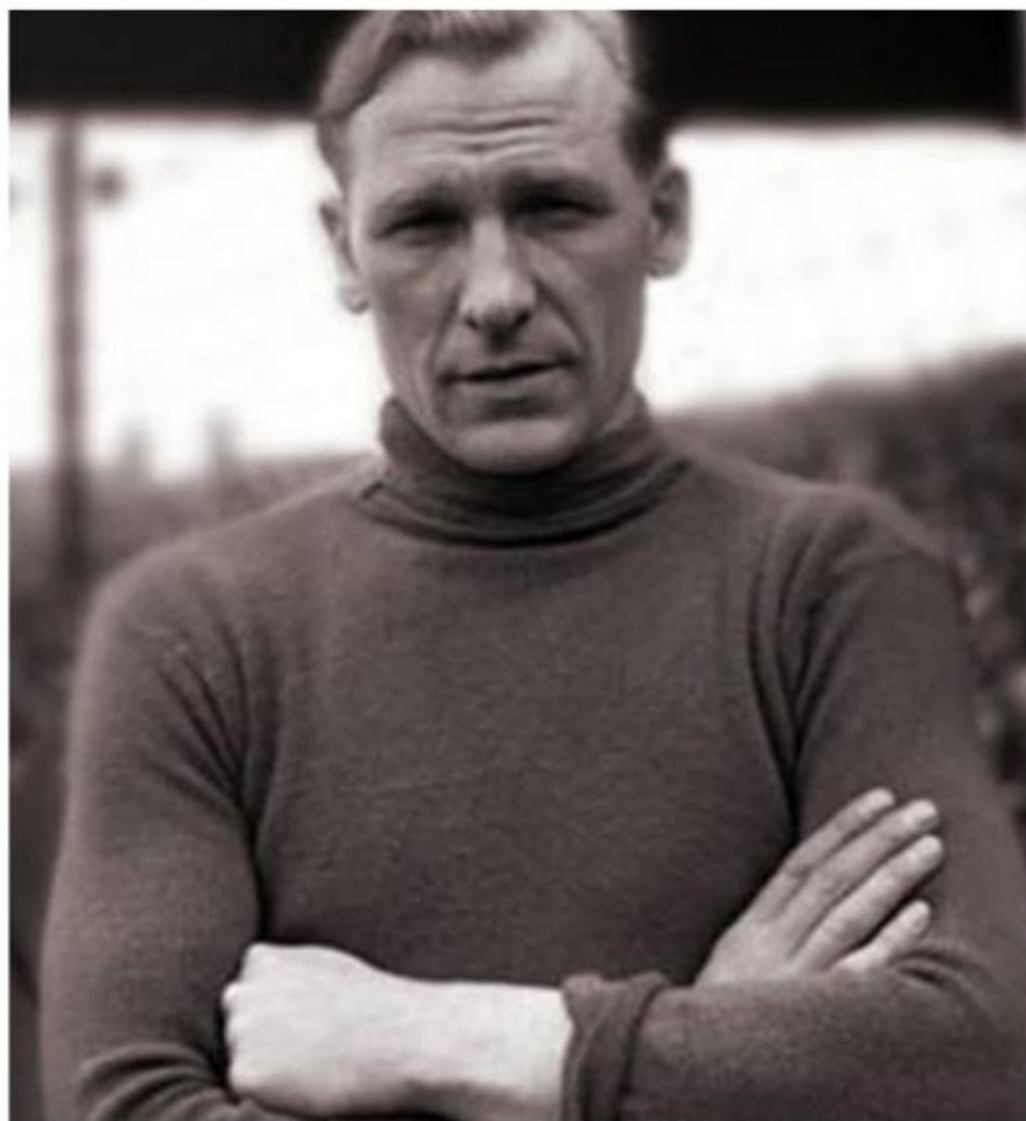
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Hall of Fame Trautmann

St Helens Town Hall of Fame: Bert Trautmann

Bernhard Carl Trautmann was born in Walle, near Bremen, Germany on 22nd October 1923 and upon leaving school, he became an apprentice motor mechanic.

He joined the Luftwaffe in 1941 as a radio operator, eventually becoming a paratrooper, winning 5 medals, including an Iron Cross (First Class) on the Eastern Front, but having transferred to the Western Front, was captured by the British in 1944, seeing out the remainder of the War in prison camps in Northwich and Ashton-in-Makerfield. Whilst at Ashton, he played in football matches, initially as an outfield player, but following an injury, went in goal, where his all-round athletic abilities allowed his career to blossom.



In 1948, having declined an offer of repatriation, he began playing for St. Helens Town and quickly earned a reputation as a goalkeeper of rare talent, attracting interest from several Football League clubs. His brief career with Town began with a home game against South Liverpool in the Liverpool County Combination on 28th August 1948. On his third appearance, it was reported that very sportingly the Skelmersdale supporters gave Trautmann a wonderful reception.

Later in the year, the club secretary, John Friar, proclaimed in his programme notes To put your minds at rest again, I am pleased to inform you that B. Trautmann is Not leaving Sutton. As I have told you before, his whole interests are in the Town Club and he is more than happy with us. But he has been granted leave to visit his parents. He will be going early in the New Year and we shall lose his services for a matter of three matches.

Such was the town's affection for Bert that they sent him on his way with a large food hamper and a considerable sum of cash, which was an overwhelming gesture of kindness not lost on Bert and, indeed, his family at such a difficult time in Germanys history.

On Bert's return, he assisted Town to success in the George Mahon Cup competition, his and the clubs first trophy. Runcorn were beaten in the final at Prescot before a crowd of 9000.

As the 1949/50 season opened, with Town in the Lancashire Combination, Second Division, the pressures on St. Helens to part with their star player became ever stronger and a transfer to Manchester City was agreed, but deferred until Towns elimination from the FA Cup. That occurred on 1st October 1949 when Town lost 0-3 to Bangor City and the transfer was completed the following Thursday. Bert had played 43 games for St. Helens Town, but he returned on three subsequent occasions, twice for friendly matches with Manchester City and once to marry



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Bert's debut for City came in a game with Bolton Wanderers on 15th October. There were mass protests over his signing by the citizens of Manchester, who had suffered so much at the hands of the Germans in the War. However, the affable keeper did not take long to win over the hearts of the City fans and any hostility soon melted away. He went on to make 508 League appearances for the Maine Road club in a 15-year career, culminating in a testimonial game which attracted a crowd of over 47,000.

The game for which Bert is best remembered is the 1956 FA Cup Final against Birmingham City. The Sky Blues won 3-1, but Bert broke his neck when caught by a stray boot and bravely played on for the remaining fifteen minutes. The extent of his injury was only confirmed some days later. Honours continued to flow for Bert, selected twice for The Football League and he was the worthy recipient of the FAs Footballer of the Year Trophy in 1956.

After retirement as a player, Bert became manager of Stockport County, subsequently managing two teams in his native Germany and completing his career in charge of

Burma, Liberia and Pakistan. He was awarded an honorary OBE in 2004 for his services to Anglo-German relations through football his Trautmann Foundation is a charitable trust set up to raise funds to foster that aim and the following year, he was inducted into the National Football Museums Hall of Fame.

The relationship between Bert and St Helens Town was cemented and Bert was delighted, in September 2009, to accept the club's offer of becoming its Honorary President alongside former Town and Manchester United great Bill Foulkes.

Photo Above: *St Helens Town Football Club circa 1948 with Bert front row far right.*

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Away	L	L	W	L	L	L
Collated	L	D	W	L	L	L

Atherton LR - last 6 matches						
All Competitions			Most recent			
Home	L	L	D	L	L	L
Away	W	D	D	L	L	W
Collated	D	L	L	W	L	L

St Helens Town games since...		Atherton LR games since...	
All Competitions		All Competitions	
Clean sheet	2	Clean sheet	5
Goal Scored	0	Goal Scored	2
Loss	4	Loss	0
No score draw	2	No score draw	5
Score draw	1	Score draw	12
Win	0	Win	2

at St Helens Town	Previous Meetings	at Atherton LR
31/01; 0-3	2003-04	29/11; 0-1
05/10; 1-0	2004-05	30/11; 0-3
03/09; 2-2	2005-06	08/10; 2-0
03/04; 1-5	2006-07	24/04; 4-3
15/12; 2-1	2007-08	14/08; 1-3
18/11; 3-6	2008-09	24/02; 0-4
08/09; 2-2	2009-10	16/03; 1-0
05/10; 3-0	2010-11	26/03; 0-1
02/01; 3-0	2011-12	09/08; 0-0
NWC-PD	2012-13	NWC-D1
NWC-PD	2013-14	NWC-D1
NWC-PD	2014-15	NWC-D1
11/08; 4-1	2015-16	27/02; 4-1
01/04; 3-0	2016-17	03/09; 2-4
07/04; 3-0	2017-18	29/08; 0-2
09/08/2018	2018-19	08/12/2018

St Helens Town Scores First	
Games Played	24
St Helens Town Wins	11
Draws	3
Atherton LR Wins	10
St Helens Town Goals	41
Atherton LR Goals	42
Percentage Town Wins	45.83

Previous Meetings								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Win %
Home League	24	15	6	3	55	30	25	62.50
Away League	24	10	4	10	32	37	-5	41.67
Home Cup	3	2	0	1	5	3	2	66.67
Away Cup	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	50.00
Collated	53	28	11	14	95	72	23	52.83
Away	3	1	0	2	3	7	-4	33.33
Collated	4	2	0	2	6	8	-2	50.00



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On this day In history

Up until recent years August (never mind early August) was never part of the football calendar with league competitions traditionally starting as the schools returned for the start of the new academic year. It is therefore unsurprising that Town have only played on five occasions on the 9th August across their seventy plus seasons.

The 1969-70 Lancashire Combination season was the first time Town played 'on this date' when the opening day of the campaign saw Lancaster City the visitors to Houghton Road in Sutton and despite Rylands being on target for Town the Dolly Blues ran out 2-1 winners. Just over a month later (13th September) Rylands was on target again as Town earned some revenge and the league points with a 0-1 win at the Giant Axe.

The North West Counties Football League was in operation by the next time Town would play on the 9th August and once again it was the opening game of what would

become an historic season for the club as no-one ever imagined Wembley victory was only nine months away. The season started brightly for Town as they recorded a 2-0 home win over Netherfield at Houghton Road with goals from Tommy O'Neil and Martin Gledhill. The reverse league fixture came at the start of December when Town cruised to a 0-3 win with goals from Phil Layhe (2) and Jimmy Collins.

Over 20 years later, season 2008-09 saw Town make it three successive wins on this date. Town travelled to Alsager Town on the opening day of the NWCFL Premier Division campaign and a late Phil Mitchell goal secured the points in a 2-3 win; Phil's brother Graeme opened the scoring for Town with Iain Dyson also on target at Wood Street. The 'Bullets' would take the spoils in the reverse fixture at the start of November with a 0-1 victory

Co-incidentally, tonight will be the second time we've played Atherton LR on this date with the first occasion being the second game of the 2011-12 season. A goalless draw was the outcome of the NWCFL Premier Division encounter at Crilly Park while the

opening game of 2012 (2nd January) saw Town run out 3-0 winners with goals from Hand, Dyson and Addison.

The last outing on this date saw Alsager Town once again our opponents! Having opened the 2014-15 season with two wins

against Maine Road (1-2) and AFC Blackpool (3-0) Town came unstuck against Alsager who ran out comfortable 0-4 winners at Brocstedes Park. It didn't get any better for Town in the reverse fixture at our hosts won 4-2 on a bitter cold day in January 2015. Town's goals coming from Chad Whyte and Andy Gillespie. The season would end in bitter disappointment as Town were relegated to step 6.



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The world This week

Kieran Ford takes a trip down memory lane and discovers events that happened this calendar week in the history of St Helens Town, sport in general and world news. The week of 5th-12th August

Last Season:

World – 9th August 2017 Giant inflatable chicken resembling US President Donald Trump placed outside US White House as a political protest.

Sport – 6th August 2017 Arsenal are victorious over Chelsea in the 2017 FA Community Shield after earning a 1-1 draw with a goal near the end of normal time. The match subsequently becomes the first competitive game to be decided via the use of the new "ABBA" penalty format, with consecutive misses by Thibaut Courtois and Álvaro Morata ultimately proving costly for Chelsea, and Arsenal scoring all four of their own penalties.

St Helens Town – 12th August 2017 Town are defeated 2-0 by New Mills in their opening game of the season.

10 Years Ago

World – 8th August 2008 Georgian invasion into South Ossetia. Beginning of five-day war between Georgia and Russia.

Sport – 8th August 2008 29th Olympic Games opens at Beijing, China.

St Helens Town – 9th August 2008 Town kick

off their 2008/09 campaign with a 3-2 win at Alsager Town, with Phil Mitchell scoring an 88th minute winner.

20 Years Ago

World – 11th August 1998 Palestine Liberation Organisation and Palestinian National Authority president, Yasser Arafat, arrives in Cape Town on his first state visit to South Africa at the invitation of President Nelson Mandela.

Sport – 10th August 1998 Manchester United TV begins broadcasting, making Manchester United F.C. the world's second football team to have its own television channel. The first being Middlesbrough (Boro TV) in 1997.

30 Years Ago

World – 8th August 1988 The first child (Princess Beatrice) of TRH The Duke and Duchess of York is born at Portland Hospital in London. She was fifth-in-line to the throne until the birth of Prince George of Cambridge on the 22 July 2013. She is currently seventh-in-line to the throne.

Sport – 8th August 1988 Graham Roberts returns to England in a £470,000 move to Chelsea from Rangers.

50 Years Ago

World – 11th August 1968 British Rail's last steam train service runs on the standard gauge: steam locomotives make the 314-mile return passenger journey from Liverpool to Carlisle before being dispatched to the scrapyard or preservation.

Sport – 7th August 1968 Leeds defeat Ferencváros of Hungary 1-0 in the 1st leg of the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup final.



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At their recent friendly v City of Liverpool, St Helens Town AFC welcomed Alan Walsh from Anfield Boxing Club who was promoting #NoMoreKnives.

This is an initiative started by a professional cage fighter, Paul Bentley, from Liverpool to put a stop to knife crime. MMA fighter Paul, said he had to do something after realising how bad knife crime was in Liverpool. Paul called on Scousers to go on video or through social media and demand that knife crime needs to stop as part of his #nomoreknives campaign.

Since its launch the project have teamed up with a host of new partners and sports clubs all spreading the message that we will not tolerate knives in our communities. The aims of this campaign became even clearer after within a week of him starting the campaign, Sam Cook was tragically stabbed to death on a night out in Liverpool Celebrating his 21st Birthday. Then within a week later Adam Ellison from Prescot was also tragically stabbed to death coming home from a night out.

Originally planned to be promoted through boxing circles, the initiative has exploded and is now being promoted throughout rugby and football circles as well. In the last six weeks the campaign has engaged with over 4,000 young people in Liverpool and over 800 in surrounding towns.

Campaign Objectives

- **Reduce knife crime** by raising awareness
- **Introduce Intervention** - metal detectors and other devices
- **Challenge the culture** - assist Merseyside police within their launch - address why now more than ever we are carrying knives
- **Campaign** for longer sentencing for carrying weapons
- **Reassurance** - these delinquents often feel reassured carrying a knife, however, studies reveal that you are 65% more at risk of being involved in a knife related incident by carrying a knife.
- **Risks and consequences** - Young people are aware of the very serious legal and personal risks and consequences of carrying a knife or any offensive weapon (Young people are often unaware of the legal consequences of carrying a knife and the impact that knife crime can have on individuals, families and communities. Young people often think that carrying a knife offers them protection when in fact it puts them more at risk).
- **Resilience** - Young people are more aware of the influences, fears and pressures that can lead to the decision to carry a knife and how these can be managed or avoided.
- **Responsibility** - Young people are aware of the importance of telling someone if they know that someone else is carrying a knife (this is an important aspect of prevention work and is relevant to all young people).

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Sat 04/08/2018	Lower Breck	HSL1N	15.00	1-2W	Williams	McHugh	Potter	Dodd1	Webster
Thur 09/08/2018	ATHERTON LR	HSL1N	19.45						
Sat 11/08/2018	Bacup Borough	HSL1N	15.00						
Sat 18/08/2018	AFC DARWEN	HSL1N	15.00						
Tue 21/08/2018	AFC Blackpool	HSL1N	19.45						
Sat 25/08/2018	CLEATOR MOOR CELTIC	HSL1N	15.00						
Mon 27/08/2018	Chadderton	HSL1N	15.00						
Sat 01/09/2018	Ashton Town	FAV1Q	15.00						
Sat 08/09/2018	AFC Liverpool	HSL1N	15.00						
Sat 22/09/2018	HOLKER OLD BOYS	HSL1N	15.00						
Sat 29/09/2018	STEETON	HSL1N	15.00						
Thurs 04/10/2018	AFC LIVERPOOL	HSL1N	19.45						
Sat 06/10/2018	Cheadle Heath Nomads	1DC 2R	15.00						
Tue 09/10/2018	Prestwich Heys	HSL1N	19.45						
Sat 13/10/2018	DAISY HILL	HSL1N	15.00						
Sat 20/10/2018	CHEADLE TOWN	MC 1R	15.00						
Sat 27/10/2018	Longridge Town	HSL1N	15.00						
Thur 1/11/2018	PRESTWICH HEYS	HSL1N	19.45						
Sat 03/11/2018	Avro	HSL1N	15.00						
Sat 17/11/2018	CARLISLE CITY	HSL1N	15.00						
Sat 24/11/2018	NELSON	HSL1N	15.00						
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Sat 16/03/2019	LONGRIDGE TOWN	HSL1N	15.00						
Sat 23/03/2019	Daisy Hill	HSL1N	15.00						
Sat 30/03/2019	GARSTANG	HSL1N	15.00						
Sat 13/04/2019	Garstang	HSL1N	15.00						
Sat 20/04/2019	Carlisle City	HSL1N	15.00						
Mon 22/04/2019	ASHTON TOWN	HSL1N	15.00						
Sat 27/04/2019	Nelson	HSL1N	15.00						

Name1

Player name and number of goals scored

Name

Player name and CAUTION

Name

Player name and DISMISSAL FOR 2 CAUTIONS

Name

Player name and DISMISSAL

Name¹⁰

Player name and number of replaced player

6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17
Lomax	Smith	Grimshaw	Diggle ¹	Greene	Weaver	Richards ⁸	Lawrence	Dobney	Heron ³	Moffitt ⁷

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Match Report

Lower Breck 1-2 St Helens Town

Hallmark Security League First Division North
Saturday 4th August 2018

Town's opening fixture of the 2018-19 season saw them paired against new boys Lower Breck in the newly formed First Division North. The Anfield based outfit dominated Liverpool Saturday football last season winning an impressive four trophies including



an unbeaten run in the Liverpool County Premier League top flight with 22 wins from 24 outings.

The home side controlled the opening 45 minutes with front man Henders looking sharp while Luke Stephens and Ricky Agar snuffed out most of Town's route one approach. Clear chances were few and far between but Town's Carl Williams was the busier of the two keepers and the visitors had to be thankful for a full stretch save midway through the first period as he denied Henders the best chance of the half. Breck's Mooney and Donnelly both had good opportunities to score but failed to really test Williams.

At the other end set pieces looked to be Town most dangerous option and Breck keeper Josh Molloy did well from successive corners to deny Diggle in an aerial battle as the first half came to an end.

The opening minutes of the second half saw Lower Breck in the ascendency as they pushed to turn their dominant possession

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into goals. However, it was Town who would have the opening chance of the half as Neil Weaver broke clear from the half way line. He eventually managed to get a shot away but a good block from Agar saw the ball spill for a corner.

The deadlock was broken on the hour mark when good work from the home side's Paul Mooney saw him play in Jamie Morton whose strike from outside the Town box gave Williams no chance. It was a deserved lead for the hosts but Town were not going to roll over and just ten minutes later they were level. Another Town break resulted in a corner which was whipped into the far post where captain Liam Dodd rose highest to head past Molly and restore parity.

The home side looked shell-shocked and worse was to come just four minutes later when a lofted free-kick from substitute Phil Heron curled on to the head of the impressive Liam Diggle as he out-jumped Agar and the ball nestled in the left hand corner of Molloy's net.

It was Town's turn to show their dominance with Dodd and Webster keeping calm in the centre of defence as the home side pushed for an equaliser. And while Breck

had an effort disallowed in the final moments there were no arguments when the assistant raised his flag for an off-side against Henders. Town's increased confidence was evident as manager Lee Jenkinson chose to bring on 17 year old Alex Moffitt for his Town debut and the youngster did not look out of place in the centre of the park.

It was to be Town's day as they took the spoils in front of a healthy crowd of 184 with two well-crafted efforts while the home side will rue a number of good chances and plenty of possession.



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The League has strengthened significantly with 40 teams playing at Step 6 and another 20 at Step 5 (Premier Division). Sadly, the FA have decided the league's very successful play-off system had to be scrapped and therefore only the top club will be promoted while a select number of 'runners-up' nationally will have the chance of making it to Step 5.

With the club looking for an improved season as we aim to avoid the relegation dog-fight sponsorship and numbers through the turnstiles are ever important. If you can help in any way – taking or promoting our sponsorship, distributing match posters, sharing our Facebook posts, tweeting our fixtures and club updates or volunteering on match days

We've had a good start to our sponsorship and commercial activities especially in light of



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League News



Flying starts for new boys

There was plenty of evidence on Saturday to suggest that the new teams that have joined our league will not be around to simply make up the numbers in the coming months.

Among a host of good opening day performances, special mention should go

to Avro for their 5-0 win over Ashton Town, Rylands winning 5-1 at Ellesmere Rangers, and comeback of the day was at the Mike Riding Ground, where Longridge Town were two goals down to AFC Liverpool after 24 minutes but came storming back to fire in five themselves, eventually winning 5-3. To re-use the old saying, it's a marathon not a sprint, but based purely on Saturday's results and performances, the signs are that we are in for intriguing promotion chases in both Division One North and South this season.

Craig's shooting boots still firing

Craig Cairns was one of the leading marksmen in the league last season when playing for Runcorn Town, and his summer time switch to City of Liverpool appears not to have dulled his goalscoring prowess.

The striker hit a hat trick on his competitive

debut for the Purps in their eye-catching 6-3 win at 1874 Northwich, which suggests that defenders around the Premier Division will once again need to be on full alert when Craig's name appears on the opposition team sheet

More of the same from Carl

It would, however, be churlish when talking about the league's top marksmen to ignore last season's leading scorer, Charnock Richard's Carl Grimshaw.

The Charnock talisman is showing no sign of giving up his leading goalscorer crown without a fight, scoring both goals in his side's 2-0 win over Barnoldswick Town, a sign that it is very much business as usual in the Charnock attacking strategy.

Town off to a flying start once again

Runcorn Town set the pace early on at the start of last season, and it looks like once again Chris Herbert's men are going to be quick off the blocks.

An impressive 5-2 win at Padiham, having been five up just after the hour mark, is a decent start by any standards, and with five different players sharing the goals, the signs are that the loss of Craig Cairns to City of Liverpool is being overcome by Town's goalscoring class of 2018-19.

Bosses lead from the front

Two of the league's managers who are still registered as players showed their charges how it should be done by getting on the score sheet on the opening day of the season.

Stuart Wellstead has a well-established reputation in our league for his goalscoring



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form at the likes of Winsford United, Runcorn Linnets and 1874 Northwich, and he certainly made an impressive start to his league career in his role as joint-manager at Rylands, scoring a hat trick in the 5-1 win at Ellesmere Rangers.

Meanwhile, up in West Yorkshire, Silsden manager Danny Forrest introduced himself to the action as a second half substitute in the game at home to Squires Gate with his side trailing 1-0. It proved to be an inspirational move too, with Danny firing home the equaliser to salvage a point in the 86th minute for the Cobbydalers.

Bears announce Radio sponsorship deal

Congleton Town have announced that a sponsorship arrangement has been agreed with local radio station Cheshire's Silk 106.9. During the coming season, all home matches will be promoted on the radio station with additional features keeping fans up to date with developments at the club.

Match reports will be aired, together with interviews with directors and the team management, as the club progresses through the various competitions.

Nigel Moorhouse, a director at Congleton Town, has been working with David Flavell, the station manager at Cheshire's Silk 106.9, to bring this new sponsorship to fruition, and says he is very pleased that an agreement has been reached,

"This increased media coverage will enable a wider Cheshire audience to keep in touch

with the activities at the club, and it is hoped it will encourage football fans who might not have visited the club on match days to pass through the turnstiles and give the team and its regular supporters an added boost.

"I am looking forward to working with Cheshire's Silk 106.9 and the club will be doing all we can to promote the name in the Congleton area. To give the promotion a flying start the club has agreed to re-name the ground 'Cheshire's Silk 106.9 Stadium'.

Chris Hurst CEO of the Dee Radio Group which operates Cheshire Silk 106.9 said: "We are a locally owned radio group with Cheshire at the heart of everything we do. Congleton is a key area for Cheshire's Silk 106.9 and we were delighted at the opportunity to sponsor Congleton Town Football Club.

"To have the stadium re-named the 'Cheshire's Silk 106.9 stadium' gives us a great opportunity to demonstrate our support for the Club and Congleton in general. We look forward to working alongside the team at the football club and covering what we hope is a great season for the Bears".

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Action from Town's opening day victory at Lower Breck FC (1-2) in the Hallmark Security League First Division North





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Town's 1-2 Hallmark Security League First Division North win at Lower Breck came courtesy of goals from Dodd and Diggle





Half Time Quiz

- Q1.** Which current Premier League manager compared his players to eggs in an omelette in September 2007?
- Q2.** Who last wore the Liverpool Number 1 shirt before Loris Karius?
- Q3.** Who was the first player to score in nine consecutive Champions League matches doing so for Manchester United in 2003?
- Q4.** How many times was Nemanja Vidic sent off playing for Manchester United against Liverpool?
- Q5.** Which four teams prior to the 2018-19 season have only played one season in the Premier League?
- Q6.** Who is the only Republic of Ireland international to have made more than 450 appearances in the Premier League?
- Q7.** Which four original members of the Football League have yet to win the English top flight Championship?
- Q8.** Who is the only permanent manager in Premier League history not to see his team score a goal during his reign?

- Q9.** How much did Everton pay to sign Cenk Tosun in January 2018 from Besiktas?
- Q10.** Which current Championship team finished as Runners-Up in the inaugural Premier League season of 1992/3?
- Q11.** Who is the only player with a surname starting with "B" to have scored over 100 Premier League goals?
- Q12.** Who played for Everton in the 4-4 FA Cup 4th Round tie against Liverpool in 1991 and also played against the Reds in the 2001 FA Cup Final?
- Q13.** Who is the only player to have ever transferred from Bournemouth to Liverpool?
- Q14.** Which player topped to Premier League assists table in last season?
- Q15.** Which former North West Counties League team made their debut in the National League on Saturday against Leyton Orient?

Answers:

1) Jose Mourinho 2) Brad Jones 3) Rued Van Nistelrooy 4) Four 5) Swindon Town, Barnsley, Blackpool & Cardiff City 6) Shay Given 7) Accrington, Bolton Wanderers, Notts County & Stoke City 8) Frank De Boer 9) £21.5m 10) Aston Villa 11) Marcus Bent 12) Martin Keown 13) Jamie Redknapp 14) Kevin De Bruyne 15) Salford City

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 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

Record Attendances:

3012 at Houghton Road v Burscough (1948)
8000 at Houghton Road v Man City (1950)
1723 at Knowsley Road v FC United of Manchester (2006)
9000 at Prescot Cables v Runcorn (1949)

Programme Awards

NWCFL Programme of the Year
 1993-94, 1995-96, 1997-998, 1998-99, 2000-1

NWCFL Premier Division

2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14

NWCFL First Division

2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18

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 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**

St Helens Town AFC - Player Records 1946-2016

Goals in a Career	Goals in a Season	Career Appearances (Qualification 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)
72 Arthur Tyrer	33 Ronnie Rigby 1952/53	278 Jimmy Woodyer (67 estimated)
68 Phil Stainton	32 Harry McCann 1950/51	276 Iain Dyson
63 Mervyn Bull	31 Terry Garner 1950/51	272 Ray Fairweather (3 estimated)
		265 Larry Redmond (134 estimated)

Brief History Of Town



St. Helens Town AFC

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 Houghton 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 Houghton 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 the last few years, 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. Current club captain Andy Gillespie won the NW Counties' golden boot with 34 goals in the 2015/16 season and netted another 24 times last season.

Last season saw Town in their third season in the Hallmark Securities League First Division, aiming to put behind themselves two seasons of inconsistent performances which have seen them finish some way short of the promotion places, despite some excellent results.

Manager Lee Jenkinson, who served his time under the experienced Alan Gillespie, now has a settled first team squad and with the club having endured seven years of a nomadic existence, ground-sharing at Ashton Town, Ashton Athletic and Prescot Cables, the excellent 3G facilities at Ruskin Drive are now up and running and backed up by a strong development system, featuring Under-18s, Under-21s and Reserves managed by a top-class coaching team, St. Helens Town are looking forward once again to a great future.

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Town welcome Bickerstaffe Boat Company on board. St Helens Town are delighted to welcome Bickerstaffe Boat Company as U18s kit sponsors for the next two seasons.

The sponsorship package will see the Bickerstaffe Boat

Company name and logo appear on the front of a brand new kit in time for the 2018-19 season; while the company's twitter handle @BickerBoats will be on show on the back of the shirts.

In addition, a full page Bickerstaffe Boat

Company advert will appear in the club's award winning match programme along with a presence on sthelenstownafc.com and Town's social media outlets across the next two seasons. The club will also welcome owners Sue and Kevin Kenny to the Arcoframe Stadium as 1st team match sponsors.

The U18s are now well established in the prestigious North West Youth Alliance Football League alongside teams including Tranmere Rovers, Witton Albion, Heswall and Morecambe. The end of last season saw Graeme Arkle's charges lift the North West Youth Alliance President's Cup with a 3-0 victory over Morecambe in the final at

Burscough's Victoria Park and they will now be looking to make an impact on the league. Bickerstaffe Boat Company, based at Simonswood Industrial Estate, Kirkby are a specialist design and build company offering the highest standards in narrowboat production. They are now an accredited RYA Training Centre offering excellent training and support.

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Town News

Market leading car detailing company, Top Car Detailing, are the latest sponsor to renew their partnership prior to the start of the new season.

Top Car Detailing, based at Gerrards Park, College Street, St Helens will once again sponsor the club's home and away Match Reports throughout the 2018-19 season with their logo taking pride of place alongside website reports while a link from each report will take readers to their brand new website. Top Car Detailing will also have a significant presence in the club's award winning match day programme.

Club official John McKiernan said, 'We're delighted to welcome back Barry Polding and Top Car Detailing as our Match Report sponsors. We will give them great coverage both locally and regionally via our programme, website and social media'.

He added, 'Barry operates a local business and his sponsorship support is another opportunity for the club to continue to develop a long term partnership which will hopefully benefit both parties.

Top Car Detailing is nationally recognised as professional Car Detailing Specialists who are based in St Helens, North West England giving our customers the best possible

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St Helens Town are delighted to welcome Aspho Surfacing as kit sponsors for the club's Reserve Team for the next two seasons.

The sponsorship package will see the Aspho Surfacing name and logo appear on the front of a brand new kit in time for the Cheshire League 2018-19 season; while the company's twitter handle @AsphoSurfacing will be on show on the back of the shirts.

In addition, a full page Aspho Surfacing advert will appear in the club's award winning match programme along with a presence on sthelenstownafc.com and Town's social media channels across the next two seasons. The club will also welcome Aspho to the Arcoframe Stadium as 1st team match sponsors.

Dave Dargan, CEO said, 'We are very excited to become a sponsor for St Helens Town Reserves team. Our organisation was established in St. Helens and we're passionate about supporting the town where possible. We're looking forward to attending some of the matches to show our support!'

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First Division North Table

This week's **Fixtures**

Thursday 9th August 2018

First Division North

Bacup Borough v Lower Breck

St Helens Town v Atherton LR

Saturday 11th August 2018

The Emirates F.A Cup

Extra Preliminary Round

AFC Darwen v Barnton

AFC Liverpool v Ashton Athletic

Atherstone Town v Hanley Town

Barnoldswick T v Billingham Synth

Burscough v 1874 Northwich

City of Liverpool v Silsden

Congleton Town v Eccleshill United

Coventry Sphinx v Whitchurch Alport

Ellesmere Rangers v Leicester Road

Hemsworth MW v Runcorn Town

Litherland REM v Charnock Richard

Liversedge v Padiham

Maine Road v Handsworth Parramore

Parkgate v Sandbach United

Penistone Church v Bootle

Prestwich Heys v Abbey Hey

West Dids & Chorlton v Squires Gate

Widnes v Northwich Victoria

Winsford United v Irlam

Saturday 11th August 2018

First Division North

AFC Blackpool v Atherton LR

Avro v Longridge Town

Bacup Borough v St Helens Town

Chadderton v Carlisle City

Cleator Moor Celtic v Nelson

Garstang v Steeton

Holker Old Boys v Ashton Town

Shelley v Lower Breck

Saturday 11th August 2018

First Division South

Alsager Town v Rylands

Cheadle Town v Vauxhall Motors

Eccleshall v Cheadle Heath Nomads

FC Oswestry T v Wythenshawe Town

New Mills v Cammell Laird 1907

Stockport Town v Stone Dominoes

Stone Old Alleynians v St Martins

Wythenshawe Ams v Abbey Hulton

Barnoldswick Town v Padiham

Wednesday 15th August 2018

First Division North

AFC Darwen v Avro

Wed 08/08/18		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Garstang	2	2	0	0	5	0	5	6
2	Carlisle City	2	2	0	0	5	1	4	6
3	Prestwich Heys	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	6
4	Steeton	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6
5	Longridge Town	2	1	1	0	8	6	2	4
6	AFC Blackpool	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
7	Avro	2	1	0	1	5	1	4	3
8	AFC Darwen	2	1	0	1	5	4	1	3
9	Chadderton	2	1	0	1	5	4	1	3
10	St Helens Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
11	Shelley	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
12	Nelson	2	1	0	1	1	2	-1	3
13	Daisy Hill	2	0	1	1	3	5	-2	1
14	Cleator Moor Celtic	2	0	1	1	0	3	-3	1
15	Lower Breck	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
16	Bacup Borough	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
17	Holker Old Boys	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
18	Atherton LR	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
19	AFC Liverpool	2	0	0	2	6	10	-4	0
20	Ashton Town	2	0	0	2	0	7	-7	0



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League Tables

Tables correct as at **Wed 08/08/2018**

First Division South		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Abbey Hulton United	2	2	0	0	4	2	2	6
2	Vauxhall Motors	2	1	1	0	4	1	3	4
3	FC Oswestry Town	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	4
4	Rylands	1	1	0	0	5	1	4	3
5	Stone Dominoes	2	1	0	1	4	2	2	3
6	Sandbach United	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	3
7	St Martins	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	3
8	Eccleshall	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
9	Wythenshawe Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
10	New Mills	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3
11	Barnton	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
12	Cheadle Town	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
13	Cheadle Heath Nomads	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
14	Stone Old Alleynians	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
15	Cammell Laird 1907	2	0	1	1	4	6	-2	1
16	Maine Road	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
17	Alsager Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
18	Stockport Town	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
19	Wythenshawe Amateurs	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
20	Ellesmere Rangers	2	0	0	2	1	8	-7	0

Premier Division		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Runcorn Town	2	2	0	0	7	2	5	6
2	City of Liverpool	2	2	0	0	8	4	4	6
3	Congleton Town	2	2	0	0	4	0	4	6
4	Squires Gate	2	1	1	0	7	2	5	4
5	Charnock Richard	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	4
6	Hanley Town	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
7	Northwich Victoria	2	1	0	1	6	5	1	3
8	Padiham	2	1	0	1	5	6	-1	3
9	Winsford United	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2
10	Silsden	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
11	Bootle	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
12	Whitchurch Alport	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
13	Irlam	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
14	West Didsbury & Chorlton	2	0	1	1	4	6	-2	1
15	Abbey Hey	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
16	Ashton Athletic	2	0	1	1	1	4	-3	1
17	Litherland REMYCA	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
18	1874 Northwich	1	0	0	1	3	6	-3	0
19	Barnoldswick Town	2	0	0	2	1	5	-4	0
20	Burscough	2	0	0	2	2	8	-6	0



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Next
HOME FIXTURE
Sat 18th Aug 2018
Kick Off 3.00pm

versus
AFC Darwen
Hallmark Security
League
Division One North

Next
AWAY FIXTURE
Sat 11th Aug 2018
Kick Off 3.00pm

versus
Bacup Borough
Hallmark Security
League
Division One North

Tonight's
SPONSORS

Match:
St Helens Mind

Match Ball:
**Meadowcroft
Group Limited**

Programme:
Ugly Man Records

Tonight's Team Line-up



St Helens Town

Blue Shirts
Blue Shorts, Blue Socks

Carl **Williams**
Hal **McHugh**
Tom **Potter**
Liam **Dodd**
Andy **Webster**
Danny **Lomax**
Matty **Smith**
Tom **Grimshaw**
Liam **Diggle**
Danny **Greene**
Neil **Weaver**

Sean **Richards**
Scott **Lawrence**
Ryan **Dobney**
Phil **Heron**
Alex **Moffitt**

Manager: Lee **Jenkinson**
Assistant: Nick **Robinson**

Referee: **Mr J Millburn**



Atherton LR

Organge Shirts
Black Shorts, Organge Socks

Ryan **Kirkham**
Jordan **Grant**
Niall **Battersby**
Martyn **Parkinson**
Jamie **Forbes**
Lewis **Coleman**
Dominic **Butler**
Matthew **Marsh**
Henoc **Mukendi**
Nathan **Randell**
Ben **Giverin**

Nathan **Hatton**
Jon **Stephenson**
Daniel **Ashburner**
Christian **Grundy**
James **Sigsworth**

Manager: Warren **Jones**
Assistant: Jason **Tyldesley**

Assistant: **Mr J Bibby**
Assistant: **Mr M Moss**

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