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Neil Reynolds

FC UNITED'S MANAGER TALKS IN THE BUILD-UP TO TONIGHT'S GAME

It was great to get that first league victory under our belts against Stafford Rangers here on Saturday.

As pleased as I am with the three points, I'm even more pleased at the nature of the performance. We were absolutely dominant for periods of the game, and I'd go as far as to say we were unplayable at times.

After missing the penalty, you sometimes wonder if it's not going to be your day, but with the way we took control of the game, it felt like it was just a matter of time before the goals followed.

We could easily have scored more, but three points is three points at the end of the day.

We made some changes

for Saturday's game, as we will likely do again tonight, but it does feel like we're really clicking as a squad.

I think we're beginning to look more solid at the back, anchored by Dan Lavercombe, who I think is as good a goalkeeper as I've had the privilege to work with.

Regan Linney and Fin Sinclair-Smith both absolutely ran their socks off, and thoroughly deserved the reception that they got from the fans when they came off.

I've spoken before about how the post-Tunde era is going to take a little time to come together, with Dan Cockerline and Michael Fowler learning to play in a new system, so it was fantastic to see them both

bag crucial goals.

It's a big week for the club, with the prospect of a first trip to the first round proper in five years now just one game away. Guiseley certainly isn't the most straightforward hurdle to overcome, but there aren't many 'easy' draws at this stage, and we have to go out there and play our best against whoever we're drawn against.

There's obviously a buzz about the place in anticipation of Saturday's tie, but we're certainly not taking our eye off the task at hand tonight as we welcome Lancaster City to Broadhurst Park.

I think this is arguably our toughest challenge of the league campaign so far. The Dolly Blues have perhaps

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not had a flying start to the season, but they were right up there in the mix at the end of last season, and with the quality of the squad they have, I'd be surprised if they're not up there again this time around.

In my previous role at Bamber Bridge it was always a big game, with a bit of the Preston-Lancaster rivalry, so it was definitely one I always wanted to win!

Last season's match here was certainly a dramatic one. It looked like we were well on the way to victory at 2-0, before Lancaster scored two in the space of two minutes to tie it up. It was only some late drama, courtesy of Chris Doyle's header in the dying seconds,

that gave us the three points.

I think we could do without that sort of drama again this evening – but if that's what it takes to get the three points then we'll certainly take it!

I know I'm at risk of being repetitive here, but I simply have to praise the fans once again for the noise you made here on Saturday.

We're all gutted that we can't have everyone in here that would like to come, but the support is as phenomenal as ever. It means so much to the lads, and after all the uncertainty of the last few months, they simply can't get enough of running out on to that pitch.

Reno

LIVE STREAM

For fans who are reading the e-programme and not in attendance for tonight's match at Broadhurst Park, there will be a live stream available for the game – costing the usual £5.

The stream is available to watch online if you visit <https://tinyurl.com/fcumtv-live>

Those booking will be emailed a password so please check your junk and spam folders if you think you haven't received it.

Thanks to all fans who have tuned in so far and, along with the e-programme, we hope you are enjoying the alternative matchday experience we're providing.

Though it's not possible for many of our previous regulars to attend games at the moment, the support of our 'Armchair Army' is always appreciated.



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The FC United boss was speaking to Paul Hurst in the run-up to this evening's match

Broadhurst News



GROUND REGULATIONS

As mentioned in the previous FCUM Review and on the club's official website recently, we are currently operating under increased Covid-related restrictions with regards to our usual matchday procedures.

It is important for all fans attending Broadhurst Park to make themselves familiar with the new matchday regulations as we strive to continue hosting and playing games for as long as possible.

All help and understanding towards these guidelines are both imperative for the club to stage matches, and also appreciated by the many who are working behind the scenes to help make matchdays run as efficiently as possible during these challenging times.

Please visit the official FC website for a full breakdown of the latest rules and restrictions, and for anybody wanting to book table service for the bar for future home games, you can contact the office on 0161 769 2005.

PRE-SEASON REVIEWS

A final reminder to collectors of FCUM Review that we will be printing a limited number of pre-season programmes and also a copy of the postponed Whitby mag from the end of last season, which appeared online only after our previous campaign was brought to an early end by Covid-19.

We've already built up an list of names for people wanting to purchase one our pre-season programmes from the games against Barrow, City of Liverpool and Trafford, along with Whitby, and will aim to have some produced in the coming weeks.

One generous supporter has already offered to subsidise much of the production cost, so if you would like any of the pre-season printed editions (or one from the Whitby match that never was), then please email 1878unitedmagazine@gmail.com to reserve and order your copy as soon as possible.

Alternatively, if you are at tonight's game, you can visit the programme stall and ask Tom Stott or Goughy to put your name down for the editions you'd like to buy.

NEXT UP AT BP

Our next first-team home game will be against Guiseley this Saturday in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round.

Please keep an eye on the official website and our social media pages for full match details, tickets etc.

FA YOUTH CUP

Don't forget that FC United's youngsters will take on Litherland Remyca in the FA Youth Cup final qualifying round at Broadhurst Park this coming Thursday (22nd October).

The match will kick-off at 7.30pm and entrance will be pay-at-the-gate, costing £5 for adults, £3 concessions and £1 for U18s.

FCUMW

FC United cruised into the Women's FA Cup third qualifying round with a comfortable 5-2 victory at Norton & Stockton Ancients on Sunday afternoon.

Goals from Corie Mather, Jordon Bailey (2), Maxine Smith and Jade Palmer helped the Reds reproduce a repeat of our men's 5-2 scoreline against the same opponents in the FA Cup a decade earlier.



FC UNITED.....2
STAFFORD.....1

Stafford Rangers arrived at Broadhurst Park on Saturday with a Northern Premier League record of one draw and three defeats but on the back of a fine run in the FA Cup that brought the elimination of National North opposition.

Both teams were eager to make a winning start to their NPL seasons yet despite Stafford taking the lead, only one side looked likely to emerge victorious on an afternoon where FC United dominated much of the play and possession.

The visitors struck first in the 27th minute when a stunning, unstoppable strike on the edge of the six-yard box from Muhammad Sebbeh-Nije almost burst the back of the SMRE with the help of the woodwork.

That, however, proved the only time Stafford truly threatened the FCUM goal as the Reds sought an instant leveller.

Soon after falling behind, Charlie Ennis spurned a glorious opportunity to restore parity from the spot, when he saw a penalty kick hit straight

down the middle saved by the legs of Stafford's stopper.

It wasn't long, though, before FC made it one apiece when the impressive Dan Cockerline rose the highest and beat Stafford's keeper to a speculative dipping ball into the opposition area.

The sides went in level at the break and following the introduction of Michael Fowler and two up front on the hour, Rangers were rocking as they resorted to kicking lumps out of anything wearing red.

Stafford's number one played the role of pantomime villain as the Reds laid siege on his goal and, eventually, a deserved winner arrived after Regan Linney and Adam Dodd bombarded the visiting left-back, with the latter whipping in an inviting cross that Fowler gratefully headed home.

That latest home success means that FC United are now unbeaten in 12 months at Broadhurst Park in the league – with our last setback coming against Basford on Tuesday 15th October 2019.

A wonderful achievement.



Neil Reynolds celebrated two years in charge of FC United on Sunday. Well done, Reno!



FC UNITED MANIFESTO

Democratically agreed by the club members (owners) in 2005:

- The Board will be democratically elected by its members
- Decisions made by the membership will be decided on a one-member, one-vote basis
- The club will develop strong links with the local community and strive to be accessible to all, discriminating against none
- The club will endeavour to make admission prices as affordable as possible, to as wide a constituency as possible
- The club encourage young and local participation, playing and supporting, wherever possible
- The Board will strive to avoid outright commercialism
- The club will remain a non-profit organisation

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CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 2) Former FC United captain, was skipper in the 2012 play-off final against Bradford Park Avenue (4,6)
- 5) Our first and longest-serving (so far) home ground (4,4)
- 7) FC's first FA Cup opponents this season, and the first time we had played this Yorkshire club (10,10)
- 9) Ground where we played our first ever North West Counties League game (9,4)
- 10) West stand at Broadhurst Park (10,4,3)
- 11) Was BPA captain in that 2012 play-off final, later to play in central defence for FC (5,7)

Down

- 1) Scored the winner at Curzon Ashton in the FA Cup recently (7,5)
- 3) Popular right-back from FC United's first season, making 23 first-team appearances (pictured above) (5,5)
- 4) He's got the power to score (4,3)
- 5) He once scored a hat-trick for FC against Chadderton, now he's playing in League Two after Wembley success (6,7)
- 6) Sadly had to withdraw from our FA Cup tie last week due to Covid, handing FCUM a bye (9,4)
- 8) Part of the new management set-up at Macclesfield. Feet like lightning! (6,4)



Answers can be found at the foot of our Stats Entertainment page



FC United would like to thank our Catalan Branch members for supporting a number of academy players this season.

The following six players have all been sponsored by the Catalan branch supporters' club: Alessio Aboagye, Israel Aghahowa, Osman Agero, Drayke Holland, Charles Adomako and Kelvin Agyei.

All six of these players have just started their second year with the academy and will now be looking towards making their progression to hopefully featuring for the first team.

Alessio Aboagye and Charles Adomako are both right-sided defenders by trade and spent last season battling it out for the starting shirt in the majority of their competitive fixtures in the ECFA league.

Israel Aghahowa enjoyed a terrific first season in the academy challenging second year players for their place in the national league U19s squad on a regular occurrence. Both on and off the pitch, Israel has excelled and striven to push himself and others around him to be the best they can be.

- Osman Agero is an attack-minded midfield/ striker who has got a keen eye for goal and enjoys putting his foot firmly through the ball. When it gets hit, it stays hit. Osman will be looking to kick on this season and push towards the U19s squad on a regular basis.
- Drayke Holland is a 6 foot 4 inch goalkeeper who has trained with the first team on a regular basis and has progressed throughout his time in the academy. He has benefited from listening and playing all but one fixture in the ECFA league which has been a good learning point for him to kick on this season and compete with the fellow goalkeepers in the academy, which includes FC United of Manchester first-team keeper Josh Brooks.
- Kelvin Agyei transferred from another club to start his first year with us and has enjoyed a first season of hard-fought battles in midfield. A combative midfielder that enjoys the off-the-ball stuff as much as the on-the-ball side of things. This season Kelvin will be looking to develop further and challenge other midfielders for a more regular starting place.



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Show racism the red card

Many will say that politics and political views don't belong in football. I say equality and diversity will always belong in football and the game has a crucial role to play in the fight against racism in the game, and society.

To celebrate Black History Month, FCUMW player Cara Fields delivered an inspiring speech via the PA system at Broadhurst Park before her team's recent 4-1 victory in the Women's FA Cup against Wakefield Trinity.

Here we've reproduced those wonderful words in full, for everyone to enjoy and appreciate during these increasingly troubling and worrying times...

So, with everything that's going on at the moment in the world and with this being Black History Month, I think now is the perfect opportunity to speak on matters that personally mean a lot, but also affect each and every one of us, whether we want to admit it or not.

Within football and life, I've been a target of racism but I've also shown internalised racism towards myself and projected that towards others, and it's a personal journey many of us definitely learned the hard way.

Many will say, politics and political views don't belong in football. I say equality and diversity will always belong in football. Racism is not political, it is not a small issue that does not need to be spoken about



and it is definitely not a trend. It needs to be addressed in all areas of our lives, whether that's on the pitch or off it.

In the 2019/20 season, hate crimes were reported at nearly 300 football matches. That's 300 more than there should have been. And that's only the ones reported. 75% of those were racially motivated. Last year, arrests made due to racist chants almost doubled in their number. And reports showed a 42% increase in discrimination within English football last season. An online poll asking footballers if they had been racially abused on social media found that 71% of players said yes.

This highlights a small percentage of the issue, and one that we need to be aware of. We need more diversity and representation and protection as players, as coaches, as managers, as physios, as referees. And we have to ask ourselves why this is needed and how we achieve it.

So today I just want to ask you all one thing. To be willing. To learn about race and other cultures, to educate yourself

and others on racism and be compassionate and empathetic for others' experiences. To listen and understand and try to help others who may face prejudice. And to be part of the change that will make the future more inclusive for everyone.

Whether you're black, white, brown, gay, straight, non binary, trans, male, female, Muslim, Christian, Indian, English, an FC fan or a Wakefield supporter. Now's not the time to be silent; now's not the time to hide in the shadow. Ignorance can be bliss and now is not the time to drown in it.

So if you hear a racist chant at a football game, or you see it happening at a pub, or in a club or in a shop or even in your own home. Call it out, speak up for others and make your voices heard.

Let's stop looking at the person next to us and seeing our differences; let's look at the person next to us and celebrate all the ways in which we are the same. Let's show racism the red card for good.

If you want to find out more about this issue, go research, go ask your friends or talk to those from other cultures; go look at 'Kick It Out' who do so much to help tackle this problem within the game we all love.

Because while racism still exists in football and in society, it is our moral responsibility as individuals to stand up, to fight against it and never be silent.

Thank you.

FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER WOMEN

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Top row (from left to right): Beth Hayes, Kaylea Cunliffe, Chloe Ainsworth, Lydia Bowen (Physio), Sara Noori, Alisha Marsh.
 Middle: Hugh Ferguson (assistant manager), Jack Dunkerley (technical coach), Laura Hart, Natalie Richardson, Chelsea Patient, Emily Marsh, Alivia Hutchinson, Maxine Smith, Jade Parker, Adam Dunkerley (technical coach), Elsie Baxter (GK coach)
 Front: Corie Mather, Abbie Wright, Caitlin Clancy, Kirsty Chambers (captain), Kamran Hussain (manager), Cara Fields (vice-captain), Jordon Bailey, Kate O'Gara, Rebecca Cork.

TUNDE WATCH



Tunde Owolabi fulfilled his footballing dream a few weeks ago by making his first start as a professional footballer during Hamilton Academicals' 1-1 draw with Dundee United in the Scottish Premier League.

The former FC United hotshot had made his initial debut as a late substitute in the Accies' 1-0 defeat at home to St Mirren in August and had remained an unused sub ever since.

However, with Hamilton struggling for points and goals as they sat bottom of the SPL, he was thrown into the starting line-up against Dundee United on Saturday 26th September.

Unfortunately, it wasn't the dream start Tunde would have desired as he spurned one decent opportunity to find the back of the net and was substituted with just eight minutes remaining, and not long after his side had restored parity in a 1-1 draw.

The 25-year-old then appeared as a 64th-minute sub as Hamilton travelled to Hibernian's Easter Road, where they fell behind to three first-half goals before the

introduction of Tunde and a second-half fightback.

The Accies had brought the game back to 3-2 and as they went in search of an equaliser, Tunde's big moment was denied as a Hibs defender purposely bundled him off the ball as our former hero bore down on his opponents' penalty area.

Brian Rice's team subsequently succumbed to defeat in the Scottish capital and, four days later, the top-flight team travelled to fourth-tier Annan Athletic for a Scottish League Cup group game, with Tunde back in the starting XI.

It was a game where the manager experimented slightly with his starting line-up against a side of semi-pro players who would in my opinion, having watching them twice in the last year, struggle to give FC a game – especially when we had our prolific number nine at Broadhurst Park last year.

Yet the Dumfries club outclassed their higher-ranked opponents and cruised into a deserved 3-0 lead by half-time, before Hamilton reduced the deficit just after the break and Tunde was again subbed with 10 minutes to go.

It was then back to the bench for last Tuesday's 2-1 League Cup success at home to third-tier Ayr United, with the Belgian forward being unused in another underwhelming performance from the SPL

side; whilst Saturday's crazy 5-3 home defeat against St Johnstone also saw Tunde watching from the substitutes' bench for the full 90 minutes.

With Tunde still awaiting his first goal in professional football after netting 35 in 41 appearances for FC United last season, his start in Scottish – and professional – football will seem like a goal drought for a frontman who proved so prolific last season.

The lack of consistent playing time wouldn't have helped his cause during his early days in the pro game, whilst the step up into the full-time ranks will naturally take some time for a previously semi-pro footballer to become accustomed to.

However, despite not hitting the target in his formative



days in the Scottish Premier League, Tunde Owolabi seems to be doing alright up to now, and should surely get his chance to shine before the end of this crazy campaign.

Hamilton only attained top-flight status for what seems like a remarkable six years and have been the often-derided underdog in the SPL ever since. Much of their life in the Scottish Prem has seen the side cast adrift at the foot of the table by Christmas, with the majority of 'experts' writing them off before Hogmanay, with their playing style often criticised by pundits (think Wimbledon in the 80s and early to mid-90s).

Yet the team based 10 miles south east of central Glasgow

have become notorious for repeatedly producing a great escape to retain that Premier status; stringing together an unlikely number of end-of-season and unexpected



victories to turn that table on its head, and leave many of those experts with the proverbial egg on their faces, whilst left scratching their heads and wondering how the hell Hamilton have avoided a seemingly inevitable relegation once again.

So far this season, Hamilton's campaign doesn't seem much different to previous years as they currently sit at the foot of the Scottish Premier League table with seven points from their opening 10 fixtures, having scored only 11 goals

compared to the 21 conceded.

With a relatively young and inexperienced forward line, there is no doubt that at some point – if the Scottish season does continue beyond Christmas – Tunde will be given a chance to shine and finally prove what he is capable of producing.

And who knows, despite a challenging and frustrating start to his time with the Accies, he might ultimately prove their hero as they once again confound all critics.

Here's hoping, and there's no doubt that many at FCUM are keeping a keen eye on our former favourite's development and often wondering "How's Tunde getting on?"

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with FCUM Radio's PAUL HINSON



Dolly Blues custodian and former FCUM legend Sam Ashton (pictured right) might be a major obstacle to three points this evening.

The goalkeeper made 231 appearances – a club record and 74 ahead of Dave Carnell in second place with 157.

He conceded 1.23 goals per game, a ratio bettered only by Carnell (1.18) amongst keepers with more than 50 appearances.

The Boltonian made his debut in a 2-0 win at St Helens Town in August 2006, one of 22 clean sheets in 2006-07. His final tally was 77 shutouts, 33% of games played, and another club record.

That first victory at Knowsley Road was the beginning of a 13-game winning start to the campaign and ultimately the NWCL Division One title.

Ashton also gained a NWCL Challenge Cup winner's medal in in 2006-07 and in the following season won another promotion via the play-off final with victory against Skelmersdale United.

He played for three seasons in the NPL Premier Division, making his farewell in the 2010-11 play-off final defeat against Colwyn Bay.



Our former number one saved seven of 31 penalties he faced (23% compared to the all keepers' average of 20%).

Two in the FA Cup away from home in the closing stages earned his side replays – at Nantwich Town in September 2008 and the memorable save at Brighton & Hove Albion in November 2010.

Two players later to have time at FCUM scored twice against him from the spot in a game – Jamie Milligan for Fleetwood Town and Phil Marsh for Leigh Genesis.

Marsh completed a hat-trick in that game, one of eight players to do that against Sam Ashton, the others being

Anthony Pilkington (Atherton Collieries), Tony Evans (Skelmersdale United), Dave Walker (Nantwich Town), Mark Reed (Cammell Laird),

Ross Hannah (Matlock Town), Mark Hume and Tom Greaves (both Bradford PA).

In match number 227 of 231, Sam was sent off against Northwich Victoria at Gigg Lane, becoming the first Reds keeper to be red-carded.

This was the famous afternoon when Ben Deegan was brought off the bench to save the resulting penalty and then, 13 minutes later, Michael Norton netted the only goal of the game.

Ashton is currently the only FC United goalkeeper to score a goal, his long clearance from inside his area bouncing over Retford United keeper Luke Herriot and going in.

This was in the third minute at Cannon Park in January 2011, a game which the visitors went on to win 4-0 and Sam kept another clean sheet.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Across: 2) KyleJacobs, 5) GiggLane, 7) PontefractCollieries, 9) HarrisonPark, 10) LightbowneRoadEnd, 11) JamesKnowles. Down: 1) CharlieEnnis, 3) KevinElvin, 4) AdieOrr, 5) GeorgeThomson, 6) AlfretonTown, 8) CarlosRoca.

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Lancaster City



Tonight we welcome last season's play-off rivals Lancaster City to Broadhurst Park, with both teams having made similar starts to the campaign so far.

The Dolly Blues kicked-off this season with a 1-1 draw at Stalybridge Celtic and followed that up with a goalless stalemate at home to North West Counties side Runcorn Town in the FA Cup, before eventually prevailing on penalties.

A 2-1 defeat then followed at home to another side hoping to up there again this season in Basford United and, just a few days later, Morpeth Town denied Mark Fell's side their first win of the season by levelling in the 95th minute of a 2-2 draw.

Lancaster were then dumped out of the FA Cup at the third qualifying-round stage a week ago, after succumbing 2-1 away to North West Counties side Skelmersdale United but bounced back in style with a convincing 4-2 victory at Grantham Town on Saturday.

Thomas Kilfin, Sam Bailey and Charlie Bailey all netted inside the opening 20 minutes, and despite being reduced to 10 men and seeing the hosts pull one back before the half-hour, The Dolly Blues wrapped things up when David Norris netted the fourth with 25 minutes left.

Last time around, and before the season was finished early, Lancaster were sitting fifth in the Northern Premier League table with ambitions of securing a place in the end-of-season play-offs.

David Norris – who counts Portsmouth, Leeds and Ipswich amongst his many former clubs – was the Dolly Blues' top league scorer last season, netting 13 in the Northern Prem and placing him eighth in the top scorers' list and

15 goals behind FCUM's Tunde Owolabi. Lancaster City, meanwhile, are managed by Mark Fell who was appointed in October 2018. Previously manager of Ramsbottom United, Fell quit his role there to take on the position at the Giant Axe after previous manager Phil Brown resigned.

As a player he represented Accrington Stanley, Preston North End and Nelson, whilst the current Lancaster boss is assisted by the former Burnley, Halifax Town, Chester City, Preston, Wigan Athletic and Rochdale forward Graham Lancashire, and ex-Lancaster player Ron Henry.

Prior to today's match, we have played Lancaster nine times, with nothing between the teams as United have won three, City three, and three games have finished all-square, with the Reds netting 15 times and the Dolly Blues 13.

After two successive promotions in the North West Counties League, FCUM kicked-off life in the Northern Premier League Division One North with a game at the Giant Axe on Saturday 18th August 2007.

Lancaster ran out 2-1 winners that day, with



Jerome Wright hitting FC's consolation within seconds of J Love putting the hosts two up in the 92nd minute, with our first 'home' game at Gigg Lane ending in a 2-2 draw in late March as the Reds went in search of a third successive title triumph.

Then with the league consisting of just 18 teams and sides having to meet three times during the 2007-08 season, we again played host to Lancaster just a fortnight later with the Reds running out 5-2 winners – Rob Nugent and Rory Patterson each scoring a brace following Stuart Rudd's early equaliser.

With FC securing promotion that season via the play-offs after finishing as runners-up to Bradford Park Avenue, it wasn't until last season when we finally met once again for a league encounter.

However, in 2009 and following a 3-3 FA Trophy draw at the Giant Axe, it took a Tom Greaves goal in extra-time to see FCUM through in the replay at Gigg Lane.

Two years later and in early October 2011, City avenged that earlier Trophy exit by producing a shock 1-0 win at Gigg Lane in the FA Cup and then repeated that scoreline in the same competition in 2014 as Ben Akkrigg



struck the decisive goal with just five minutes remaining of the tie played at Bower Fold.

Back to league matters and in September last year our sides played out a scoreless draw at the Giant Axe in a feisty midweek encounter before FC celebrated a thrilling 3-2 victory in our first game against today's opponents at Broadhurst Park less than three months later.

Two goals from Charlie Ennis in the opening seven minutes seemed to have FC comfortably in control. Yet Rob Wilson reduced the deficit with just six minutes of normal time remaining and then, soon after, ex-Red Nialle Rodney levelled in an unlikely comeback. However, in the sixth minute of injury time, Chris Doyle popped up to clinch a glorious three points.

Ex-Red Roca part of Macc revival

Following Macclesfield Town's sad recent demise, a phoenix has risen from the ashes with former FC United player Carlos Roca forming part of the consortium that will run the club.

A local businessman, Robert Smethurst, has bought the assets to Macclesfield Town, looking to rename the club Macclesfield FC whilst applying for admittance into next season's North West Counties, with former Manchester United youth player and Welsh international Robbie Savage joining the

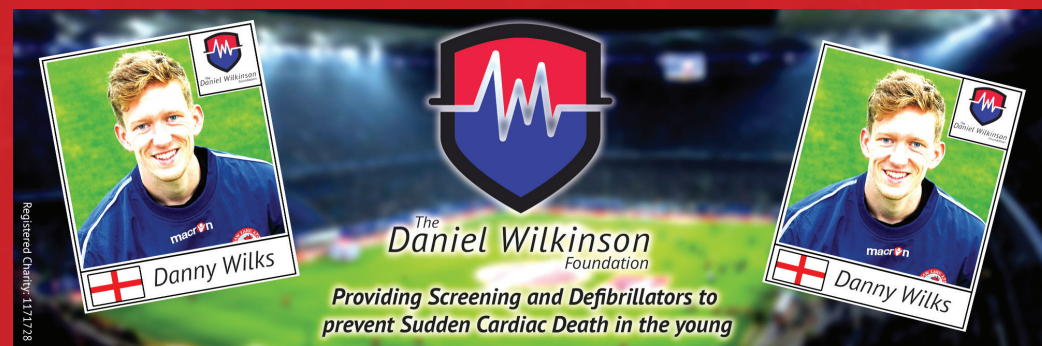


board and ex-Red Roca being named a director of football.

Smethurst is also the owner of Stockport Town (previously Woodley Sports), with both Savage and Roca serving roles behind the scenes at the club who also operate in the North West Counties.

Now aged 36, Roca joined FC United in 2008 having previously played for Oldham Athletic, Northwich Victoria, Stalybridge and Altrincham. With 'feet like lightning', he went on to make 204 appearances for the Reds and netted 43 times before leaving at the end of the 2012-13 campaign.

After FC he played briefly for Chorley and Rhyl, and in recent years the former winger has been a coach at the Manchester City Development Centre and has also launched his own football academy.



The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN THE YOUNG (SCD)

- SCD is the leading cause of death in young athletes during sport and the majority of deaths occur with NO SYMPTOMS or family history.
- ARVC can be found in one in every 1,000 to 5,000 young adults - IF IT IS LOOKED FOR.
- Warning signs may include light-headedness, fainting, palpitations, swollen legs, breathlessness.
- Every week in the UK, 12 apparently fit and healthy young people (aged 35 and under) die from previously undiagnosed heart conditions.
- In Italy, where screening is mandatory for all young people engaged in organised sport, they have reduced the incidence of young sudden cardiac death by 89%.

OUR MISSION

The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.

Tragedies can be prevented through cardiac screening. It is vital that young people are identified and treated.

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of deaths occur
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But **SCREENING**
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Raising Awareness Saves Young Lives



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Every week in the UK at least 12 young people die of undiagnosed heart conditions. Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) aims to reduce the frequency of young sudden cardiac death (YSCD). CRY supports young people diagnosed with potentially life-threatening cardiac conditions and offers bereavement support to families affected by YSCD. CRY promotes and develops heart screening programmes and funds medical research. CRY publishes and distributes medical information written by leading cardiologists for the general public. CRY funds fast track referral, screening and cardiac pathology services at leading UK hospitals.

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TONIGHT'S SQUADS

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION

Tuesday 20th October
2020



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JOSH BROOKS ●
LENNY FIELDHOUSE ●
TOM STEAD ●
KAIN DEAN ●
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REGAN LINNEY ●
DANIEL COCKERLINE ●
PAUL ENNIS ●
MICHAEL FOWLER ●
SANDRO DA COSTA ●

Tonight's referee:
Kieran Johnson

Assistants:
Kieran Chell
Nigel Freelove

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**NEXT HOME
MATCH:**
versus
Guisey
Saturday
24th October
(3pm)

● SAM ASHTON
● MAX POVEY
● PAUL DUGDALE
● LEWIS FENSOME
● JACOB GREGORY
● LUKE HIGHAM
● BENJAMIN HUDSON
● GLENN STEEL
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