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Neil Reynolds

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

I can only apologise for the performance that we saw here on Saturday in the FA Trophy.

I want to stress that I'm taking nothing away from Marske United here. We knew we'd be in for a tough game, and they came to play. The finish from the lad for the third goal was worthy of winning any game, and we wish them all the best for the rest of the competition.

All that said, our performance was completely unacceptable and I'm hugely disappointed to have gone out of the competition in such a manner. There are certain things that we focus on that, when we do them well, are key factors in successful results for us. So many of those were missing.

Our passing, for large parts of the game, was terrible. We were careless when it came to be retaining possession and

we failed to keep our shape when it mattered. We've cost ourselves the opportunity of another good cup run, with the prize money and everything else associated with that.

It is true that we were missing a few key players – most notably Michael Potts. One of the things that most stood out on Saturday was how flat and quiet it was out on the pitch, and that's something that Potts has a huge influence on.

He sometimes gets a bit of good-natured stick from the lads about his manner, but that's a major reason why he was my first signing.

My captain is my manager out there on the field, and he exemplifies what I want in that role.

Missing players like we are obviously has an impact but, on the flip side, it's an opportunity for other players to stake their claim for a shirt

ahead of both tonight's game, and for Doncaster on Saturday. It's very difficult to say anyone definitively did that on Saturday.

I expect to see a reaction tonight as we welcome Warrington Town to Broadhurst Park.

There is obviously a lot of excitement about Saturday's FA Cup tie, but this is a huge game at this stage of the season.

Paul Carden's side have had a storming start to the season, challenging Basford for the lead at the top of the table.

It's been a difficult week for them, with the abandonment of last Tuesday's fixture against Buxton following the bad injury suffered by Scott Brown. I'd just like to wish him all the best for a good recovery.

They bounced back with victory over Lancaster City in

the FA Trophy on Saturday, and will want to get straight back to winning ways in the league tonight.

The last time we met the Yellows was here back in February, the game culminating in a memorable 4-4 draw.

With two attacking sides, you wouldn't bet against plenty of goals again tonight – but then you might have thought the same about last week's match away against South Shields, after eight goals there at the back end of last season!

The government's announcement of another national lockdown has created yet more uncertainty in a season which has already been full of it.

As I write, we've had no indication that this weekend's FA Cup ties won't go ahead as scheduled, and we will continue to prepare as normal.

It's obviously a huge occasion for the club having

been selected to be shown live on the BBC. I have to admit to being a bit surprised and disappointed by the league's decision to not follow the previous precedent and allow clubs a free week ahead of first-round ties.

We're obviously there representing ourselves, but also representing the league. Having a free week in the build-up to a match against professional opposition would be a big plus for both ourselves and South Shields, who face a long away trip tonight.

However, we are where we are, and we'll be out there tonight giving it our best.

We know that, unfortunately, fans will not be allowed in the ground on Saturday, and we await to hear the situation beyond that.

In the meantime, I hope everyone enjoys tonight's match, and that you make your voices heard!

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.



For match highlights, post-match interviews, analysis, and more... visit www.fcum.tv

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

Broadhurst News

WOODS MAKES THE CUT

Calum Woods recently joined FC United to take on a player/academy coach role at our club.

The Merseysider, who is now aged 33, started out with the Liverpool academy as a 10-year-old in 1997 but left the club nine years later.

He moved north of the border to join Dunfermline and made over 100 appearances during his five-year spell in Fife.

In 2011, the full-back signed for Huddersfield before joining Preston North End in 2014.

Five seasons were then spent at Deepdale and in January 2019 he joined Bradford City before leaving the club during the summer of the same year and moving to Tranmere Rovers on a one-year deal which expired during the summer.

He bears an uncanny resemblance to former Manchester United and England 'superstar' defender Phil Jones.



FIRST-ROUND DRAW

FC United have been paired against Doncaster Rovers at Broadhurst Park in the FA Cup first round, with the tie scheduled for next week.

Unfortunately, just before the draw took place it was announced by the FA that no supporters will be permitted to attend any of the first-round fixtures, meaning FCUM fans will be forced to miss one of our biggest ever games.

PRINTED PROGRAMME

We will be producing a limited run of printed programmes for this weekend's FA Cup game.

They will be available to buy from the programme stall at Broadhurst Park before the following home game.

Meanwhile, after receiving orders at the last few games, the previously unprinted pre-season programmes (plus last season's Whitby mag) will be printed soon and should be on sale at our next home game after Doncaster.

OUR LATEST MEMBER

FC United would like to welcome our youngest member, George James Williamson, who was born on 10th October and was soon signed up to become a co-owner of our football club.

Mum Aimee and grandad Adie are both founding FC members, having followed the club since our formative days, and we're sure it won't be long before George is attending his first match.

We would like to congratulate them, along with George's dad Dan, sister Amelia-Grace, great grandma Cynthia and great uncle Alwyn.



MEMBERSHIPS

To become a co-owner of FC United, memberships are available priced at £15 for adults and just £3 for U16s.

Please visit the official website, call 0161 769 2005 or email office@fc-utd.co.uk to become an owner of this thing of ours...



FC UNITED.....2 MARSKE UNITED.....3

FCUM were knocked out of the FA Trophy on Saturday afternoon, falling at the first hurdle against a side from the division below.

Just a week after the Reds celebrated knocking higher-ranked opposition out of the FA Cup, we were the victims this time around in a match that produced another thrilling finale.

Marske entered the match with an unbeaten record so far this season but found themselves trailing in the 13th minute when Curtis Jones headed home a pinpoint cross from Luke Griffiths on the right.

However, just five minutes later and on their first real venture into FCUM territory, MUFC were level when



Matty Tymon nodded on to an unmarked Adam Boyes, who applied the finishing touch.

It then proved a game of few genuine opportunities until a Griffiths effort in the 66th minute bounced back off the Marske crossbar and the tie appeared to be heading towards a penalty shootout decider.

Yet with around five minutes to go, Boyes popped up with his second to put Marske in front for the first time but, with just two minutes remaining, Michael Fowler levelled the tie to put penalties on the cards once more.

Marske weren't finished yet though and a minute into injury time struck the killer blow to FCUM's FA Trpphy hopes, with a stunningly-struck effort from sub Lewis Maloney sending his side, deservedly, into the first round.

Reno will now be looking for an instant reaction from his side in what is another huge week for the club, starting with tonight's Northern Premier League game against Warrington before our biggest test yet against League Two high-fliers Doncaster in the FA Cup first round on Saturday.



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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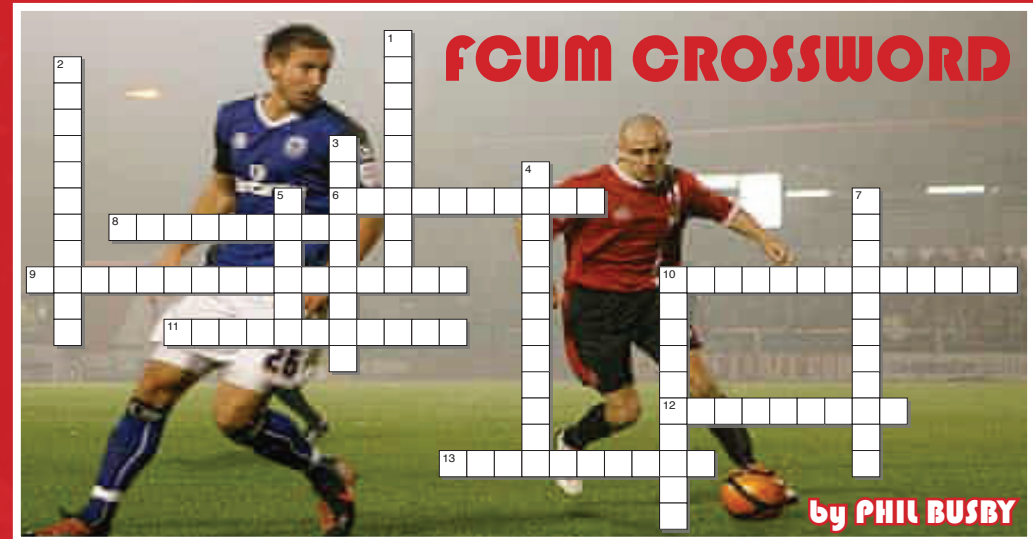
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With the youngsters in the FA Youth Cup last Wednesday, Kamran Hussain's side in the Women's FA Cup on Sunday, and this Saturday's huge FA Cup first-round tie against Doncaster Rovers, today's crossword looks back to that spectacular Bonfire night at Spotland almost a decade ago to this very day...

CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 6) Not his Corrie namesake, but scorer against both Rochdale & Brighton in 2010 (5,5)
- 8) FC's legend and record appearance maker Jerome Wright wore the number 10 shirt against Rochdale. Where did he join FC from? (5,4)
- 9) Wore the Number 3 shirt for the Reds against Rochdale (7,9)
- 10) Ex-Leeds and Bradford PA midfielder who made 28 appearances for FC, and was a 74th-minute substitute in the Rochdale game. (5,8)
- 11) Late sub for FC at Spotland in 2010. A club legend who could be relied on for goals (if he plays!) (5,6)
- 12) You'll never beat him. Keeper for FC at Spotland for our first ever first-round match (3,6)
- 13) Former Macclesfield Town, Alty and Hyde defender who made 26 appearances for FC, including the Rochdale tie. Middle name was Augustus apparently (4,6)

Down

- 1) Skipper for FC United at Rochdale in 2010 (4,6)
- 2) Jimmy Holden was a late sub at Spotland, and also captained which other local club against FC in a 2012 FA Cup tie (7,4)
- 3) He scores a goal, he saves a pen', he wears the number 11 shirt against Rochdale (3,6)
- 4) Scored an absolute screamer on Bonfire Night 2010, making 182 appearances for the Reds before joining Chorley. (4,8)
- 5) FC's match-winning centre-forward against Dale is definitely not from here (5) [Main picture]
- 7) Scott McManus wore the number 6 shirt at Spotland, before leaving FC to play 250 times for which West Yorkshire club? (7,4)
- 10) Lightning fast winger who wore the number 7 shirt at Spotland for FC, recently unveiled as part of the coaching team at the newly-formed Macclesfield (6,4)



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

Latics inflict heavy blow to KO Reds

FC United's teenagers suffered a 6-0 setback against Oldham Athletic in the FA Youth Cup first round at Boundary Park last Wednesday.

The Latics youngsters are managed by ex-Paris Saint Germain midfielder Selim Benachour, with the former Tunisian international seeing his side establish a 3-0 lead by the break.

Nathaniel Egyiri unfortunately put the ball into his own net in the eighth minute to put Oldham in front, before Kane Badby and Vani Da Silva effectively had FC United out of reach by half-time against a team predominantly consisting of second-year scholars.

Three more goals followed for the home side in the second half as Sean Higgins, Drew Baker and Joe Edwards all netted on what proved a humbling night for the young Reds.



FC United marched into the Women's FA Cup first round with a magnificent victory against Chorley at Broadhurst Park on Sunday.

The game against National League opponents was played on our 3G pitch and Kamran Hussain's side proved more than a match for their opponents and appeared like the team more likely to open the first-half scoring.

Captain Kirsty Chambers went close early on, then a free-kick was headed just over the Chorley bar midway through the first period, before a fine half-volley from Jordon Bailey was tipped over by the Magpies keeper not long after.

Despite that first-half superiority, the tie remained level at the break and it was Chorley who eventually gained an advantage after the turnaround, going ahead with

their first genuine opportunity. Boss Hussain then introduced a couple of substitutions in a bid to restore parity, and FC United were soon back on level terms when Bailey found the back of the Magpies net, before Chambers had the final say late on to secure a hard-fought and well-deserved 2-1 victory and a place in the first round proper. FCUMW are scheduled to play at Merseyrail Ladies this coming Sunday in the North West Women's Regional Premier League (kick-off 2pm). However, with further Covid-related government announcements this week, the fixture and future games might be affected. So please keep an eye on the FC United women's twitter page and fixture list on the official website for any further details upcoming games.

NOBBY STILES



Saturday's match was preceded by a minute's applause for the former Manchester United European Cup and England World Cup winner Nobby Stiles, who is honoured at the end of each season by having his name associated with FC's academy player of the year award. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to the Stiles family. Rest in peace, Nobby.



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meet the owners

TERRY O'NEIL

How did you get involved with FC and how did you first hear about the club?

I first got involved with FC United as I had seen lots of change at Old Trafford in 42 years. The loss of atmosphere, the rampant commercialism etc. But mostly the Glazers taking the club, and saddling it with debt. The fans built Old Trafford. I was an agent for The Development Association, as was my uncle.

My son Tommy and a few guys from Flint followed FC in the first season. I went firstly at Northwich against Winsford. Going through the turnstile I saw and heard the Red Army in the stand that is now at the St Mary's Road End. It was a magic moment for me, like falling in love!

Sum up in a sentence what FC United means to you:

Our club keeps raising the bar, setting standards for more to follow.

What does the club do best?

I am very proud of our amazing community work. Second to none.

What could the club do better?

The disabled areas at the St Mary's Road End badly need improvement, so the folks



have a clear view of the pitch.

Jeans or socks on first?

Socks.

What was your first memory of attending a football match?

1962/63 at Old Trafford for United against Tottenham. I will never forget coming into Manchester by train – the Lowry landscape amazed me. Plus the magical sight of Old Trafford. And the atmosphere was electric.

Where do you hope FC will be in five years?

Building on solid foundations, and growing our fanbase.

What song gets you on the dance floor?

Everyday is like Sunday, by Morrissey.

Do you do any volunteer work for the club? If so, tell us about how you help out.

I have worked the turnstiles both at Bury and Broadhurst.

Funniest thing you've seen at the match?

It's got to be 'the battle of the hill' at Colwyn Bay.

Best FC moment?

Rochdale away, Bonfire night 2010. Our fans performed almost as well as our team.

Favourite player?

Luke Griffiths.

Favourite past player?

Chaddy. A true leader.

Favourite flag?

Makin' Friends Not Millionaires.

Best and worst terrace songs over the years?

Worst terrace song United used to sing was one about Paul Reaney. I never liked that. Best: Dirty Old Town.

Do you collect anything daft or what you consider to be normal?

Football rattles. I always have one at every game. Preserving our football heritage.

If Reno was coming round for tea, what would you for cook him?

Chilli con carne with rice. And if I'm cooking, he's washing up!

To take part in Meet The Owners, please answer the questions above and email them to 1878unitedmagazine@gmail.com along with a picture

FAN-OWNED CLUBS

BOLDKLUBBEN FREM



SIMON NYBORG tells us about the Danish club soon to become supporter-controlled, with questions supplied by Dutch Red Ruud Van de Graaf.

What's the history of your club and how/why did you become fan-owned?

Boldklubben FREM was founded in 1886 and is one of the oldest and most successful football clubs in Denmark.

The heyday was in the 1930s and 40s and FREM was among the first clubs in Denmark to introduce professional football in the late 1970s. During the last 30 years, the club has gone through two bankruptcies. After the last one in 2010, FREM were relegated to tier five and a group of former players took on the leadership of the club.

The club achieved back-to-back promotions and have been playing in tier three for seven years as a member-run club with a semi-professional team. In 2014, fans from the official and unofficial supporter groups were elected to the board of the club, and there has been fan representation in the leadership since then. The board are now working on establishing a cooperative company to handle the professional activities where the member-controlled club and the fans will own the majority of the shares.

How is being a member of your club different from being a supporter of a non fan-owned club?

The members of the club and the fans can have influence on the way the club is running. A lot of members and supporters are also volunteering and the club could simply not run the first team without all the people volunteering on matchdays.

Fans have taken several initiatives through the club. The club now offers free entrance to homeless people, fans have collected used football gear for children in Syria and Ukraine and fans have organised Denmark's first crowd-funded friendly match against Hamburg's FC St Pauli.



What level do you play and what support do you have home/away games?

We play in the Danish 2. Division, which is tier 3. In normal times we have around 1.000 fans at home games and 2-300 on away games. We always send one or two busses to away games and to local matches against old rivals we gather more.

What activities do you organise besides football?

The old boys organise 'club nights' with food and guest speakers; we have a restaurant with food and drinks in the club house; we run an after-school café for the youth with social activities and offer help with homework; and club members and fans volunteer at community events.

How have you coped with the Covid crisis so far and how have fans contributed in keeping the club afloat?

Right now, the youth can train and play with some restrictions and we are allowed to play matches with up to 500 people attending, which means we can make some money to keep the club afloat, but we could sell more than twice the amount of tickets we are allowed to now, so we are losing money.

We also have a hard time providing the sponsors with what they paid for in terms of pre-match arrangements, and this will be challenging. Financially we have so far coped very well, and the club recorded the highest profit in many years last season. This is both due to government-funded emergency packages and to huge support from the fans.

The supporters and the club very quickly after the shutdown organised a collection, where the fans could buy 'virtual tickets', donating what they would have been spending on an ordinary match day. A group of former professional players in FREM participated and we got contributions from former players from Norway to Uruguay.

Finally, a group of the current first-team players delivered merchandise to fans on bikes all over Copenhagen.

Overall, the fans and players collected more than £30.000.

Do you have contact with other fan-owned teams and in what sense is that?

The fan members of the club's board are working with Supporters Direct Europe. The fans also organised a conference leading up to the formation of the cooperative company with a keynote speech from FC St. Pauli. On a fan level, FREM supporters have visited AFC Wimbledon, Clapton and Altona 93, and we are in correspondence with CD Union Palencia from Spain. But so far, Covid has postponed the visit.

What are the short and long-term aims of your club?

Our short-term goal is to keep us in the top half of the 2. Division while establishing the cooperative company.

The plan is to organically develop our business and increase the revenue and the profits and be able to hire a couple of professionals to strengthen the set-up of the day-to-day running of the club, which is mostly based on volunteers today.

The long-term aim is to have the management and the entire starting 11 on contract and achieve promotion to tier two.

What do you know about FC United?

We have looked very much at FC United in the process of establishing our cooperative company.

Actually, we are working with the Danish association of cooperative companies, and they do not know anything about football, except for the fact that they have visited their British sister organisation at a conference in Manchester, where FC United was the positive case of a newly-founded and successful co-operative company.



THE FC UNITED TIMELINE



15 YEARS AGO

November 2005 began with great sadness for all connected with FC United of Manchester, with the news that much-loved board member Russell Delaney had passed away after a long illness.



An influential Red, Russ had helped enormously in preventing the proposed Murdoch takeover of Manchester United, and also the battle against the Glazers. He was instrumental in the formation of FC United as one of the first members drafted onto the steering committee, and despite his failing health would travel to Manchester from the south several times a week during the hectic summer months.

He is commemorated at FC United with the Russell Delaney Player of the Season Award named in his honour.

On 5th November, FC United travelled to Stafford to face Eccleshall in a North West Counties League Division Two encounter. Having scored 16 goals in the previous three

games, the Reds were full of confidence as they prepared to face a side they had beaten 7-1 at Gigg Lane back in August.

Earlier in the week, manager Karl Marginson had signed skilful former Manchester United midfielder Josh Howard, and although not in the matchday squad he was seen warming up with his new colleagues before the game.

The testing conditions of a bumpy pitch and strong wind made for a tough afternoon, and the much-improved hosts were delighted to become the first team to prevent United from scoring as the game ended goalless.

10 YEARS AGO

Two days after beating Barrow to reach the FA Cup first round, FC continued their excellent form with a fifth consecutive win in the midweek trip to Ossett Town.

Despite the 3-0 scoreline looking like a comfortable triumph, it took until the 72nd minute for the white-shirted Reds to break the deadlock when Jerome Wright volleyed home a long cross from Kyle Jacobs. Simon Carden doubled the lead with an exquisite lob just a minute later, and Wright grabbed his second with an unstoppable rocket with four minutes remaining.

More good news for boss Marginson was the return of influential skipper Dave

Chadwick, who made his first appearance of the season playing up front as a late substitute.

United were back at Gigg Lane on Saturday 30th October to contest an FA Trophy tie with Colwyn Bay.

Margy had added former Oldham and Wrexham forward Matthew Wolfenden to the ranks during the week, and he went straight into the starting line-up for his debut.

The visitors had two great efforts cleared off the line and also struck the bar inside the first two minutes, but instead it was FC who took an early lead. Good work from Nicky Platt and Wright teed up young winger Chris Ovington to volley home in just the fourth minute. Wright grabbed his third goal of the week with a lovely finish to extend the advantage six minutes before the break.

The Welsh side reduced the arrears midway through the second half, but FC held on to progress to the 3rd qualifying round, although the 2-1 win was marred late on when the previously ever-present Lee Neville suffered a broken foot that would sideline him until the New Year.

5 YEARS AGO

On Tuesday 27th October 2015, FC hosted Glossop North End in the ground's first Manchester Premier Cup tie.

Karl Marginson named a completely different line-up to the one that started the FA Cup victory at Sporting Khalsa the previous weekend, as several fringe players were given much-needed game time.



Veterans Nick Culkin and Mike Norton were handed their first starts of the campaign, and both would play a prominent part. Norton volleyed the Reds ahead in the 35th minute with what would turn out to be his only goal at Broadhurst Park, and the striker was also involved in a nice team move that led to Craig Lindfield doubling the lead in the 62nd minute.

However, the visitors did not lie down and, influenced by

ex-Reds Martin Parker and Astley Mulholland, had levelled the scores at 2-2 by the 79th minute to take the game to a penalty shootout.

FC progressed with a 6-5 victory, winning a spot-kick decider for the first time after three previous unsuccessful attempts. Converting were Chris Lynch, Adam Thurston, Matt Walwyn, Dean Stott, Liam Brownhill and Scott Cheetham. Sean Cooke missed his penalty, while Culkin saved one and Parker hit the post with the last effort. The match proved to be the last outing in a United shirt for Culkin, Cheetham, Cooke, Norton, and skipper on the night Dave Birch.

The other big squad news of the week was FC's then-record scorer Rory Patterson rejoining

the club, over seven years after the last of his 99 goals. In the meantime he had earned international caps for Northern Ireland, been named Ulster Footballer Of The Year, played in the Football League for Plymouth Argyle, scored twice for Derry City as they won the 2012 FAI Cup, and had a spell playing in Australia.

He made his return as a second-half substitute as FC were 3-1 down at Boston United on Halloween, but was unable to help the Reds add to Matt Wolfenden's strike.

The team then fell by the same score at home to AFC Telford United, failing to take advantage of the visitors' late arrival due to traffic problems. Tom Greaves claimed FC's goal.

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After six league fixtures, FCUM have seven points. How does this compare with past seasons?

At the extreme end of the spectrum the Reds won all of their first six in 2006-07 and extended this to 12 games and 36 points before losing 2-1 at Salford City.

Close behind was the 2005-06 campaign where we had 16 points, marred only by the 2-2 draw at Winsford United.

In 2012-13 we garnered 14 points out of 18 with four wins and Witton Albion/Hednesford Town holding us to draws.

In 2013-14 it was 13 points after losing the opening game at Worksop Town.

In 2011-12 the season began with four victories but with losses at Gigg Lane to Chasetown and Chester.

The 10-point mark is more common, occurring in 2007-08, 2009-10 and 2014-15.

The first and last of these seasons ended in promotion. FCUM finished 2009-10 with 47 points, the lowest until our relegation season in 2018-19 (34).

The tally in 2010-11 was nine points, based on winning the first three and losing the next three. The last two games



were defeats against Matlock Town (5-1) and Stocksbridge Park Steels (4-1).

As with now we had seven points in 2008-09 (two wins, one draw) and 2015-16 (again two wins and one draw). In both seasons we were adjusting to a higher division after promotion.

A point a game happened at the start of 2016-17 with a win (Stockport County) and three draws (Chorley, AFC Telford United and Worcester City).

Now we move to less than a point a game which occurred in all of the three seasons. In 2019-20 the Reds began life in the NPL Premier Division with five points from six games.

A win against Morpeth Town was sandwiched between two draws after opening with three defeats.

It was four points in 2017-18 with four defeats in the first five and then victory at home to Boston United.

Our worst start was three points accumulated during the disastrous 2018-19 campaign.

A win at Altrincham provided the only points gained with losses against Stockport County, Ashton United, Boston United, Leamington and Spennymoor Town.

Currently we average a total of 1.17 points per game – which over 42 games converts to 49 points.

Our best season points-per-game ratio was 2006-07 (2.42 = 112 points) with 36 wins and two defeats: both club records.

The 2018-19 campaign of 34 points (0.81) was the worst points-per-game record, with eight wins and 24 defeats.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Across: 6) NickyPlatt, 8) MaineRoad, 9) RichardBattersby, 10) ChrisOvington, 11) SimonCarden, 12) SamAshton, 13) KarlMunroe. Down: 1) KyleJacobs, 2) SalfordCity, 3) BenDeegan, 4) JakeCottrell, 5) Gorton, 7) HalifaxTown, 10) CarlosRoca

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Warrington arrive at Broadhurst Park tonight having enjoyed an impressive start to the 2020-21 Northern Premier League campaign, only just losing their place at the top a week ago.

The season kicked-off with a fine 2-0 success at Basford United before a blip arrived in the FA Cup as Town crashed at the first hurdle following a 0-0 draw at home to South Shields – which saw the visitors eventually prevail 6-5 on penalties.

They then bounced back with a convincing 3-0 victory at home to Gainsborough Trinity and followed that up with two more wins at the Cantilever (pictured above), beating Atherton Collieries 2-0 and Whitby Town by a solitary goal.

A first league defeat of the season was inflicted the following week as Warrington crashed 3-2 at Mickleover, but a winning return was made seven days later with a 2-1 home victory against Radcliffe.

Nantwich Town visited the Cantilever a few days later in a Cheshire derby that ended two goals apiece, and three points were then lost as the Wire crashed to a 2-1 defeat at Lancaster City as their lead at the top was further cut.

It meant that promotion rivals Basford United drew level on points in the race for pole position going into last Tuesday's Northern Premier League game at home to Buxton.

That match was brought to a sad and abrupt end just before half-time when Warrington's veteran midfielder Scott Brown suffered a badly broken leg and the referee indicated the fixture wouldn't resume.

- Town were trailing at the time as Buxton had
- made it 1-0 just minutes before the 35-year-old
- – who is on loan for the season from Harrogate
- Town – suffered his terrible injury.
- Everybody at FC United would like to wish
- Scott a speedy recovery.
- The game's postponement meant that
- Warrington Town were overtaken at the top of
- the table, as Basford celebrated a comfortable
- 4-1 win at home to Scarborough Athletic,
- leaving Warrington in second place
- going into tonight's match – on the
- same points as third-placed
- Mickleover and three behind the
- table-toppers with a game in hand.
- Saturday then provided Town with an
- opportunity for almost instant revenge
- against Lancaster in the FA Trophy third
- qualifying round at the Cantilever.



- Jordan Buckley had given Warrington a
- first-half lead but a last-gasp equaliser for
- the Dolly Blues sent the match to a penalty
- shootout, which the hosts eventually won 4-3
- with goalkeeper Charlie Albinson proving to be
- Town's spot-kick hero.
- Manager Paul Carden has been in charge of
- Warrington since October 2016, having taken
- over from the popular Shaun Reid who helped
- lay the foundations on which the current boss
- has built in recent years.
- The 41-year-old former midfielder has
- enjoyed a long career in the game, representing
- Blackpool, Rochdale, Chester, Doncaster,
- Peterborough, Burscough, Burton, Accrington,
- Cambridge, Wrexham and Luton, where he
- hung up his boots in 2011 and embarked on a
- coaching career with the club.



His first proper managerial role arrived at Southport in 2015 after two earlier spells as caretaker boss of Cambridge United over half a decade earlier, and the Merseysider also served Tranmere Rovers in a similar position not long before being named as Warrington boss four years ago.

Meanwhile, Town include a few ex-Reds in their ranks, with Adam Carden making 91 appearances for FCUM between 2007 and 2009 (scoring four times), whilst Jordan Buckley moved to Broadhurst Park in the summer of 2019 but, after 18 appearances and three goals, he moved to today's visitors in January.

Craig Carney was another who joined us in the summer of 2019 – having previously played for Marine – and the midfielder appeared 11 times for FC United (five of those coming from the bench) before leaving just a couple of months into the previous campaign.

Finally, tonight's match will be just the fourth competitive meeting between our two sides – having only played each other for the first time in the FA Cup at Broadhurst Park just over a year ago.

Despite Regan Linney giving FC United a 26th-minute lead from the spot, Wire hit back instantly to level through Mark Duggan before skipper Mark Roberts netted the game's winner with 20 minutes remaining.

Then just three days later it was to the Cantilever ground where the Reds gained instant revenge against a high-flying Warrington, with current Town frontman Jordan Buckley netting his first FCUM goal just after the hour

to secure a hard-fought 1-0 success. The last meeting in late February then proved to be our last home match before the season was brought to a sudden and abrupt end. And what a thriller it was. Morgan Homson-Smith had FC ahead early on and Tunde Owolabi doubled the lead five minutes before the break.

However, two quickfire goals from ex-Red Buckley brought Town level and Jack Mackreth had the visitors in front less than 10 minutes after the turnaround. Michael Potts then restored parity from the spot with a third of the match remaining but, with 20 to go, the visitors went in front once again when Roberts netted.

Yet the entertainment wasn't over yet and as FCUM laid siege to the Wire goal late on, Curtis Jones struck six minutes into injury time to secure a point in an enthralling 4-4 draw.

When the season was brought to a sudden end by Covid a few weeks later, and the campaign declared null and void, Warrington Town were sitting third in the Northern Premier table and just two points behind FC United with (like ourselves) serious ambitions for promotion.



The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation
Providing Screening and Defibrillators to prevent Sudden Cardiac Death in the young

Danny Wilks

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!

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- 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.

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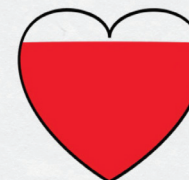
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12 fit and healthy young people

die of undiagnosed cardiac conditions.

80%

of deaths occur *with no symptoms*



But **SCREENING** has been shown to lead to an

89%

REDUCTION in sudden cardiac death

Raising Awareness Saves Young Lives



Cardiac Risk in the Young

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PREMIER DIVISION

Tuesday 3rd November
2020



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Today's referee:
Christopher Porter

Assistants:
Zeyad Ahmed
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versus
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Saturday
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(5.30pm)

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