

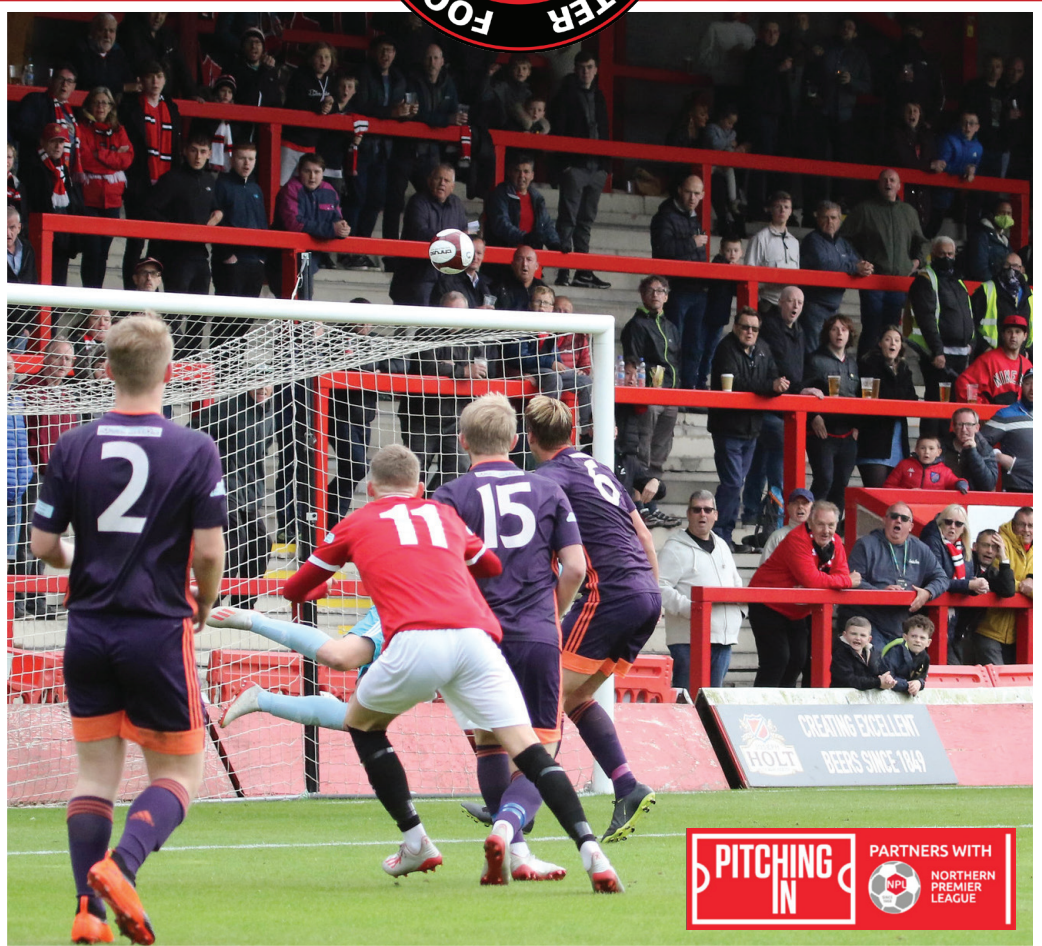
# FCUM REVIEW

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v NANTWICH TOWN  
Broadhurst Park



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OFFICIAL FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



# Neil Reynolds

## FC UNITED'S MANAGER TALKS IN THE BUILD-UP TO TODAY'S MATCH

It's safe to say that almost nothing has felt normal over the last few months, but being back here with the excitement of a new season about to start is something I've been looking forward to ever since that trip to South Shields in March.

I was pretty pleased overall with how pre-season went, although it was certainly complicated with the sheer number of injuries that we picked up. Thankfully the vast majority of those were just knocks, but it doesn't help with team cohesion and lads learning to play with each other.

One of my main reflections on pre-season is how strong the division below is potentially looking this year.

Clitheroe, Marine and City of Liverpool all showed real quality, and I'm expecting to see a very competitive battle towards the top of that division in the coming months.

I certainly think Trafford will be in that discussion too, after we closed out the pre-season fixtures here against them for the Shocul Shield.

One of the main reasons we wanted a fixture against Trafford was to make up for the sides not having the opportunity to play for the Manchester Premier Cup, and both Danny and I said before the game that our sides would be playing as though we were.

Whilst it won't be officially recognised as the Manchester Premier Cup,

it was great to pick up a piece of silverware nonetheless.

Trafford gave us a hell of a game, looking very dangerous on the break in the first half. We had plenty of chances ourselves too, and it ended up being a very well-taken goal from Morgan Homson-Smith to win the match.

We welcome Nantwich Town to Broadhurst Park this afternoon.

Although it feels like a lifetime ago, it's only a handful of competitive matches since we went to the Weaver Stadium for what was a really important fixture for the play-off picture at the time.

There were plenty of chances for both sides, but an Aaron Morris header was

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enough to settle matters that evening.

A lot was said about the events at the end of the game, but there's certainly no hard feelings between myself and Dave Cooke, and I expect today's match to be competitive and played in a good spirit as both sides look to get off to a winning start.

This was a tough division last season, and I can only see it being even tougher this year.

With the uncertainty facing non-league football at present, you might have expected to see teams re-trench. Yet from what we've seen over the close season, there's certainly been no shortage of clubs ready to splash the cash, judging

from the quality of some of the signings that have been announced.

Our situation is the same as it was last season – the budget remains the same and has to be carefully managed.

The most important thing for me is that we have a club that is sustainable for the future as we continue in these uncertain times.

We fully-deserved the second position last season, and our aim this season is again to simply finish as high as we possibly can. We'll be taking every game as it comes, and if we play as a team then I'm confident of a good finish again.

A piece of silverware would be a nice bonus, along with a good cup run –

starting off against Pontefract Collieries here on Tuesday night.

We certainly won't be taking that for granted, in light of my comments about the strength of that North West division.

I would like to finish by saying a big thank you to everyone who attended the pre-season matches for your efforts at adhering to the club's policies around Covid-19.

It's vital that we're able to keep fans coming to games – even if it isn't as many as we would all like – and that's only possible through the hard work of club staff and volunteers, and your continued efforts.

Bring on United!

*Reno*



Like all of our previous home games since the outbreak of Covid-19, today's match will be available to watch via live stream, with coverage starting at 2.30pm. Please keep an eye on our official website and the club's social media pages for further information and a link to the game

The FC United manager was talking to Paul Hurst in the run-up to this afternoon's game

# Broadhurst News

## SEASON TICKETS

Just a reminder to fans that the sale of Season Tickets and Ten Match Ticket Books have been suspended. With the imposed crowd limitations in place, and restrictions on the number of people who will be able to attend games in the near future, it has been a decision the club has been forced to make – despite our Broadhurst Park home being capable of holding more than the current capacity imposed, which has been based upon the league’s smallest ground as opposed to a preferred individual basis.

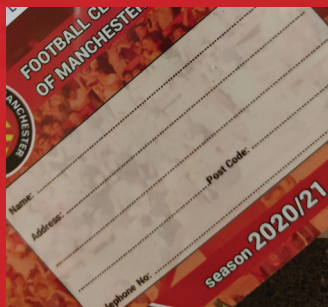
For example, a club in our division with a ground capable of holding just a couple of thousand fans at most, will have the same attendance cap as FCUM, where our ground’s capacity is over the 4,000 mark

As we have now sold 770 Season Tickets, along with 130 TMTBs – which exceeds the currently imposed capacity cap but takes into allowance the number of fans who buy STs but don’t attend all games – we have had to stop ST and TMTB sales for now.

It is not a situation that the club is happy with but have to accept, and hopefully we will be able to accommodate 1,400 paying spectators by October. By then, we



should hopefully also be in a position to provide tickets for members and supporters without a Season Ticket or Ten Match Ticket Book. In the meantime, please purchase a membership if you haven’t yet done so, as priority on any tickets available in future after ST and TMTB numbers are taken into consideration will be offered to members first.



## 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...

## COLLS IN THE FA CUP

FC United have been drawn at home to Pontefract Collieries in the first qualifying round of this year’s FA Cup.



The game will be played at Broadhurst Park this coming Tuesday 22nd September (kicking off at 7.45pm), and it will be the first-ever match between our two clubs after Colls beat Hebburn Town on penalties in the previous round last Saturday.

Due to our current capacity limitation of 600, priority for tickets will be given first to Season Ticket holders and Ten Match Ticket Book holders, before being offered to members and, if any remain, going on general sale.

To keep up to date with news on Tuesday night’s ticket distribution, please keep an eye on the official website and FC United’s social media pages for all latest information.

## AWAY MATCH TRAVEL

Unofficial away match travel organiser Pete Wharton is hoping to continue running coaches to away games during this coming season but, unfortunately, will be unable to provide the service for all fixtures..

Explaining the situation before the big kick-off, Pete said: “We will try to run some coaches to away matches but with reduced capacity (30 passengers on a 60 seater), social distancing, wearing of masks and the fact we face reduced admission at some grounds (for example, just 90 tickets to FC for Scarborough), we will face difficulties.

“In the first instance; 1. Seats will only be confirmed on payment of a deposit for each seat booked. 2. Seats can only be booked when the ticket allocation is known. 3. Child prices will continue for Under 16s, but may have to be closer to the adult seat price 4. We will run second

and third coaches if the numbers stack up. “I don’t think Scarborough is a viable option with reduced tickets, but we will reassess the situation when more details are known.

“Morpeth has been booked and we have pretty much filled two coaches.

“If anyone wants to go on reserve list then please ring me on 07733 040 008. “If we get enough people on the reserve list then a third is a slight possibility but unlikely to happen at the moment.

“We publicise coach travel for away games via the usual social media channels – on FC United’s Unofficial Facebook page, Twitter, The Soul is One and Members’ forums and I send messages to those who have joined our contact list.”

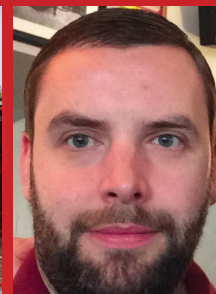
You can join the away match travel contacts list by texting the above number. And, in the meantime, Pete would like to thank you for your continued support.

## FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER BOARD MEMBERS

At the beginning of each new season we feature the images of FC United’s board members, who are pictured below...



ADRIAN SEDDON



SAM MULLOCK



DENNIS SHANNON



## 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

## OWNERS: THE FANS

Board Members: Adrian Seddon, Sam Mullock & Dennis Shannon  
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 Academy Manager: Tom Conroy  
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 Operations Manager: Paul Smith  
 Community Liaison Manager: Vinny Thompson  
 Matchday/Team Secretaries: Viv Ware & Paul Delamere  
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# Broadhurst News



## REDS GIVEN HOME DRAW IN YOUTH CUP

FC United's youth team have been drawn at home to West Didsbury & Chorlton in the first qualifying round of this season's FA Youth Cup, to be played in the main stadium on Friday 25th September (7.30pm). Admission will be via a cash turnstile, priced £5 adults, £3 for concessions (including students) and £1 for Under 18s.

## RED THREADS

At the start of lockdown, FC United founder member and co-owner Jonathan Allsopp produced a book of short stories that had originally featured on his blog nowtmuchtosay, the Fine Lung page and FCUM Review.

The book is called 'The Red Threads' and Jonathan initially hoped to raise £2,000 with all proceeds from its £10 sales going to the club. He thought that was an ambitious target. He was wrong.

So far, the book has sold out of its initial print run of



450 and with demand being so good, another 150 copies were ordered. From that new batch, just 40 remained at the start of the week.

And, phenomenally, thanks to Jonathan's efforts, over £7,000 has been raised through the book's sales for the benefit of our club

during these testing times. A stunning effort.

A few copies were left on the programme stall, situated near the SMRE/ Main Stand turnstiles, and it is hoped that it will soon be possible to purchase the book from FC United's Club Shop.

In the meantime, if you would like to order one of the limited number of remaining copies – and you really don't want to miss out on this fine addition to the FCUM library – then you can send an email to [jonathanallsopp@live.co.uk](mailto:jonathanallsopp@live.co.uk)

It costs just a tanner and all proceeds go to our club.

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# half-time entertainment

All answers can be found at the foot of the Stats Entertainment page

## CROSSWORD CLUES

### Across

- 2) New Zealand-born keeper who played eight games in net for the Reds during 2010-11. Eighth wearer of the number one jersey in our list (4,7)
- 4) FC legend and our most capped keeper with 231 appearances. Plus one goal. The fourth ever stopper for FC. You'll never beat him (3,6)
- 6) Bone-breaking defender who made one appearance in the Number 1 jersey, at Mossley in the Manchester Cup. Number 11 in our list of first keepers, and pictured right (4,5)
- 7) Fifth in our all list of goalkeepers, he made just two appearances in 2007, against Stone Dominoes and Trafford (4,5)
- 8) He scores a goal, he saves a pen. Forward famed for his sub goalie appearance, but also started in net once against Matlock in 2011 and so became FC's ninth keeper in our list (3,6)
- 10) Third of our custodians, he made seven appearances in 2005-06 – the last one being at Great Harwood Town (4,8)



### Down

- 1) Played against FC a few times, most recently for Buxton last season. Number 7 in our list of FCs first eleven keepers he played eight times between 2008 and 2011 (5,7)
- 3) A loanee from Bury as injury replacement for 4 across, he made eight consecutive appearances in net in 2008. Sixth in our list of first eleven keepers for FC (5,6)
- 5) FC United first goalkeeper, making 32 appearances in our first season once he was set free (6,6)
- 7) Popular keeper who played 101 games for FC United before injury at Fylde in 2013. Tenth in our list of FC's first 11 goalies (5,7)
- 9) Making his debut against Winsford United in our inaugural season, and making a total of four appearances, he was our second ever goalkeeper (4,9)



## QUIZ

*This afternoon's questions focus on teams in green (and white... and yellow), that FC have played over the last 15 years...*

1. We've played Blyth Spartans a number of times over the years. Name their ground.
2. The Humber Bridge is a backdrop to this old opponent's ground, and a place that we visited many times on our travels over the years. Name the club.
3. Nicknamed the Linnets, we played this team seven times during our previous Northern Premier League days, between 2009 and 2012.
4. Opponents in last season's FA Trophy.
5. Finally, the structure of our SMRE terracing comes originally from the site of the oldest football ground, until its demolition, when the terrace was relocated. It then oversaw another stadium's demise before ending up at BP. Can you name the club and for a bonus point what was the original name of the terrace?



# PRE-SEASON 2020

Although we've only managed to fit in one friendly game against higher-league opposition, FC United have had a busy pre-season schedule after fitting in 11 fixtures in preparation for the new campaign.

Early cancellations to games at home against Bolton and away to Runcorn Linnets didn't help early plans, and pre-season started on Saturday 8th August with an away game against Eccleshill United, which FC won 4-1.

Further away games then followed, and all played with no supporters allowed inside the grounds, as the Reds lost 4-0 at Thackley, before a 3-2



defeat at Stockport Town and a 1-0 win against Fulwood Amateurs.

We then met the only higher-ranked club in our first home friendly, where following a Government announcement and for the first time since March, supporters were allowed into an FC United game - with volunteers getting

a late invite to attend an entertaining 2-2 draw against Football League newcomers Barrow.

A 3-0 victory at Longridge came a week later, followed by a 2-2 draw at Reno's former club Clitheroe and a 4-1 loss at Marine.

Our pre-season campaign was then wrapped up with two games at Broadhurst Park, with a limited number of supporters again delighted to be back in attendance, as FC drew 2-2 against City of Liverpool and then overcame Trafford 1-0, with a late goal securing the 'Unofficial Manchester Premier Cup Final', and, with it, the Shocall Shield (pictured).



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# FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER

## NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES 2020-21



<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		<b>DECEMBER</b>		<b>MARCH</b>	
19 Nantwich Town	(H)	5 Basford United	(A)	6 Stafford Rangers	(A)
26 Scarborough Athletic	(A)	12 Gainsborough Trinity	(A)	13 Mickleover	(A)
29 Hyde United	(A)	19 Ashton United	(H)	20 Buxton	(H)
		26 Witton Albion	(H)	23 Basford United	(H)
				27 Atherton Collieries	(A)
<b>OCTOBER</b>		<b>JANUARY</b>		<b>APRIL</b>	
3 Grantham Town	(H)	1 Radcliffe	(A)	3 Hyde United	(H)
10 Morpeth Town	(A)	9 Scarborough Athletic	(H)	5 Ashton United	(A)
17 Stafford Rangers	(H)	16 Matlock Town	(A)	10 Matlock Town	(H)
20 Lancaster City	(H)	23 Bamber Bridge	(H)	17 Nantwich Town	(A)
24 Whitby Town	(A)	30 Warrington Town	(A)	24 Gainsborough Trinity	(H)
27 South Shields	(A)				
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		<b>FEBRUARY</b>		<b>MAY</b>	
3 Warrington Town	(H)	6 South Shields	(H)	1 Witton Albion	(A)
7 Bamber Bridge	(A)	13 Stalybridge Celtic	(A)	3 Radcliffe	(H)
14 Stalybridge Celtic	(H)	20 Lancaster City	(A)	8 Grantham Town	(A)
17 Mickleover	(H)	23 Whitby Town	(H)		
21 Buxton	(A)	27 Morpeth Town	(H)		
28 Atherton Collieries	(H)				



A full list of fixtures, including scheduled FA Cup and Trophy dates, can be found on the official site

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# FCUMW



FC United's women's team are looking forward to a return to FA Cup action after finally completing their pre-season programme last weekend.

The Reds travelled to York City on Sunday and enjoyed a 4-2 victory in what was the team's final friendly game, and just a week after the team's return to competitive action with a comprehensive 13-0 success at home to West Kirby in the FA Cup extra preliminary round.

Now boss Kamran Hussain and his team can't wait to get the competitive season properly under way, in a year when the Reds will ultimately aim to secure a much-deserved promotion that was denied to them in the previous campaign.

FCUMW will welcome Ashton Town for another FA Cup tie tomorrow (Sunday 20th), with the match being played on the main pitch at Broadhurst Park (kick-off 2pm), and pay-on-the-gate admission.

Now Kamran is raring to go, saying: "It's been a long pre-season. However, as a squad we have benefitted massively.

"The challenges and the obstacles that have come our way, we've dealt with in a positive and united effort.

"The entire squad cannot wait for the league to start. Everyone will be watching us; however, we only have a point to prove to ourselves rather than seeking the justification of others.

"We are FC. We will play and dominate the FC way."

## NEW HOME SHIRT

Following on from its recent debut with FCUMW, the first team will be sporting our new shirt for the first time this afternoon.

The shirt is out now and available for supporters to purchase, via the Club Shop page on our official site, or directly from the shop on a home matchday. They are priced at £39 for adults and £25 for juniors.



## TODAY'S TUNES

As part of the club's #NoDrainNoGame crowdfunding campaign to repair the pitch and install new drainage, to ensure we lose as few games to the weather as possible, we offered the chance for ten lucky fans to pick the pre-match music for the PA system.

First up is Andrew Cooper with his choices for today's game against Nantwich. We're a bit disappointed not to see 'Wig Wam Bam' by The Sweet in this otherwise excellent line-up...

- Disco Down by Shed Seven 
- A Hero's Death by Fontaines DC
- Set You Free by N Trance
- Insanity by Oceanic
- Hot Stuff by Donna Summer
- Rhythm Is A Mystery by K Klass 
- The Only Living Boy In New Cross by Carter USM
- Born Of Frustration by James
- Don't Go by Awesome 3
- Sheila Take A Bow by The Smiths
- On A Ragga Tip by SL2
- Mo Money Mo Problems by Notorious BIG
- Peace by Sabrina Johnston
- Bully Boy by Shed Seven
- 40 Miles by Congress 

# FAN-OWNED CLUBS

## OLIMPIA SATU MARE



**VLAD HAIDUC** tells us about the supporter-owned Romanian club, with questions supplied by Dutch Red Ruud Van de Graaf.

**What is the history of your club and how did you become fan-owned?**  
We were born in 1921, almost 100 years ago. The fan-owned administration came much later in 2016.

It began when the club was no longer a priority for the city council and we, as a group of active supporters, decided that this was bigger than we were and we needed to do our part for the community. It was not something that we were hoping



to do; it is something that we had to do. We had to allow our club to celebrate one hundred years of existence, and next year we will be able to do that in the best way possible – with fans and for the fans.

**How is being a member of your club different from being a fan of a publicly traded club?**

The first thing that we have experienced is the level of ownership that we had. For other clubs, yes, you can do your part, but in a fan-owned organization, all hands are on deck. You go through every level of club management, from marketing to selections to revenue generation to making and selling merchandise.

After the ownership part, the next thing I noticed was the impact. It became easy for us to be involved in different actions for the community. If we wanted to donate some aids for the corona pandemic, we did it in less than two days, without any red tape.

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

Fourth division Romanian football. On home games, we have more than 300 people. For away games, I guess it depends. We have

our hardcore group that is doing all the supporting, with around 40 people.

**What activities do you organise apart from football?**

Right now, we have a senior and a junior team. We had projects for young children in mind, but they were all under the football umbrella.

**How have you coped with the Covid-19 crisis so far and how have fans contributed in keeping the club afloat?**

Tough questions my friends. It was not nice because we had to postpone all the games. Without the games, a part of the revenue was gone while the companies that were helping had the same problems.

We had three solutions: 1. Go digital; 2. Sell merchandise; 3. Train as little as we can.

1. We started to play FIFA 11vs11 games on PlayStation with other teams. This was to generate revenue because we sold tickets to the games.

2. Sell merchandise. This was for the fans to stay engaged. We did masks, t-shirts, scarves, and sold them at a small price in order to sell them fast so the people in the city could use them in public.

3. Train as little as we could. This was for the players. In small groups or individual exercises for each one of them we made



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

We do not do that. We always said that this club would be where the city wants it to be. Where the city will take it. As long as people will rally behind the club, it will be alive and well. Our key performance indicator is the numbers of friends we make along the way.

**What do you know about FC United?**

I follow you online. I started hearing about you back in 2013. It was something about the stadium that you were building; it was massive news for me back then to hear that something like this is possible. Right now I know your results, I also know you have a women's team, which is awesome.

We wish you all the best in the games to come. Thanks for letting us tell our story to your fans.





# THE FC UNITED TIMELINE

## 15 YEARS AGO

Just nine weeks after the takeover of their beloved football club, an official crowd of 2,552 people turned up on a balmy afternoon on 16th July 2005 to watch FC United Of Manchester in their first friendly away at Leigh RMI.

Manager Karl Marginson's squad had been together for little more than a fortnight, but fought out a 0-0 draw with a team that had been playing at Conference level the season before.

A 1-0 defeat at AFC Wimbledon and a 2-0 loss at Stalybridge Celtic left us still awaiting the club's first goal, but that duly arrived in the final warm-up game at Flixton when Steve Torpey's long-range dipper hit the back of the net to set up a 5-2 win.

On 13th August 2005, Mark Rawlinson led the FC team out for the first competitive game in the North West Counties Football League Division Two at Leek CSOB, although the start of the game did not go entirely to plan.

Kick-off was delayed to cope with the crowd of 2,590, the opening exchanges were played out in a torrential downpour, and to cap it all, FC United fell behind inside 15 minutes.



Not to worry; United's first ever competitive goal from Steve Spencer put them on level terms before they went ahead through Joz Mitten.

Spencer restored the advantage after a Leek equaliser, and further goals from Torpey and Adie Orr wrapped up a 5-2 victory.

FC United's first home match at our adoptive home of Gigg Lane saw David Chadwick make his debut as captain as Padiham were beaten 3-2 thanks to a double from Rory Patterson and another from Orr.

The first night match saw a comprehensive 7-1 victory over Eccleshall, as Rawlinson and Orr both scored twice with Torpey, Rob Nugent and Ryan Gilligan getting the other goals.

The first points were dropped in a feisty encounter away to one of the division's strongest sides,

Winsford United, as Torpey and Orr scored in a 2-2 draw, but the team bounced back with three consecutive big wins.

Goals from Torpey, Patterson and a late brace from substitute Scott Holt earned a 4-0 win away to Ashton Town, before strikes from Patterson, Spencer, Nugent and Joz Mitten contributed to a 4-2 home victory over Blackpool Mechanics.

Patterson, Gilligan and Nugent all scored again in a memorable 3-0 win against Castleton Gabriels, who hosted United at Radcliffe.

Patterson's penalty put the Reds in command at home to Norton United in late September, but two late goals from the visitors signalled FC's first competitive defeat in a match also remembered for some questionable officiating.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Manager Karl Marginson significantly refreshed his squad during the summer of 2010, bringing in quality additions all over the pitch.

Nicky Platt and Steve Torpey (pictured below) both rejoined the club, and attacking options were strengthened by goal machine Mike Norton and veteran Colin Little. The versatile Richard Battersby was also joined by central defensive recruits Martin Parker, Scott McManus and Karl Munroe as well as goalkeeping cover in Zach Hibbert.

The reshaped team got the campaign off to a flyer by winning their first three games, scoring eight goals and conceding just one. Norton started as he meant to go on by scoring both goals in a 2-0 victory in the opening league game at Marine, before Jerome Wright claimed the only goal of a midweek home win over Nantwich Town.

Parker put the Reds ahead



in the second minute at home to Retford United, Carlos Roca doubled the lead and Jake Cottrell's brilliant 40-yard chip gave FC a commanding lead at the break.

Little emerged from the bench for his debut and grabbed a brace, the second of which was a superb flick and long-range volley. The visitors claimed a consolation, but the 5-1 win took FC United to the top of the table.

However, a narrow Bank Holiday Monday defeat at Ashton United was followed by three consecutive heavy losses in the league.

In a home game with Matlock Town played at Stalybridge, the Reds fell behind within three minutes, and had Wright sent off on the half-hour.

Norton equalised in the second half, but in the process visiting keeper Adam Sollitt was injured and play was halted for around half an hour as an ambulance was required.

The visitors were remarkably unaffected by



the delay, regaining the lead shortly after the restart and adding three more in the final ten minutes to inflict an emphatic 5-1 defeat on FC.

The next two league outings saw the Reds fall to 4-1 losses. Chris Ovington gave United an early lead at Bradford, but three late goals from Tom Greaves won the game for the hosts.

Back at Stalybridge, Stocksbridge emerged with the points despite a debut goal from Glyn Hurst, recruited after Little had departed.

In truth, the team's performances did not warrant the scorelines, which were mainly down to individual mistakes and bad luck in front of goal.

This prompted the manager to temporarily alter the shape of the team to tighten things up, and he was rewarded with a hard-fought win at Burscough thanks to a Norton strike and own goal.

The team ended September with the customary home defeat to Buxton, who grabbed two late goals to overhaul Hurst's first-half strike. The month was notable, though, for the start of the club's most famous FA Cup run.

James Holden got the ball rolling with the opening goal, and Norton added a brace as FC beat Radcliffe Borough 3-0, before two opportunistic strikes from Hurst helped the Reds to a 2-1 win over Gainsborough Trinity.



**5 YEARS AGO**

**FC United embarked on their first season in the National League North with much the same squad that had won promotion in the spring of 2015.**

Joe Fox, Matty Kay and Shelton Payne had moved on to pastures new, whilst Lewis Lacy ventured to play in the USA on a scholarship. Joining the club in pre-season were Adam Thurston, Sean Cooke and Cameron Murray, all of whom had experience of playing at a higher level.

The squad was further strengthened the week before the season began with the addition of exciting forward Sam Madeley.

The first game in the new division was a trip to Cheltenham to face Gloucester City, but FC endured a frustrating afternoon by slipping to a narrow 1-0 defeat. The first league game at Broadhurst Park saw the Reds lose 2-1 to Stockport County, but not before Rory Fallon had delighted the home crowd by firing United ahead with the first competitive goal at the ground.

Luke Ashworth's equaliser against Tamworth earned a first point in Moston, but the team then slumped to a 3-0 defeat with a terrible display at Chorley, with Jerome Wright sent off for the second game running.

Despite falling behind to an early goal at home to Brackley, Marginson's side finally earned their first win of the season thanks to goals from Matthew Wolfenden,

• Sam Madeley and Tom Greaves.  
 • That began a good run that produced 13 points from five games, with the only dropped points coming in a 3-3 home draw with Curzon. Despite trailing 3-1 with three minutes to go, a spectacular strike from Madeley was quickly followed by an equaliser from Fallon to snatch a point and prompt Broadhurst Park's first proper 'goon'.

• That was sandwiched by comfortable away wins: 3-0 at Hednesford Town with goals from Craig Lindfield, Nia Bayunu and Cooke; and 4-1 at Lowestoft Town where Madeley and Greaves both claimed doubles.

• The following week, Wolfenden scored the only goal with just five minutes remaining at home to Corby Town to propel the Reds up to eighth in the table.

• Unfortunately the league results then took a drastic downturn, starting with a 4-0 defeat at AFC Fylde as the home side ruthlessly exploited the dismissal of goalkeeper Dave Carnell. Four days later, Bayunu was shown the team's fourth red card of the season and Stalybridge Celtic took the points by converting the resultant penalty.

• The FA Cup provided a welcome distraction on 26th September, with the Reds victorious over old rivals Witton Albion in Moston's first game in the competition. Despite the visitors taking the lead in just the second minute, goals from Madeley, Lindfield and Fallon saw FC progress with a 3-1 win.

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## FC United don't normally begin a season with a home fixture.

In 13 of 15 previous seasons, the Reds have started on the road. Of those away games, five were won, two drawn and six lost.

Victories came at Leek CSOB and St Helens Town in the first two seasons, and the other wins came in a purple patch between 2010 and 2012, at Marine, Stafford Rangers and Grantham Town. The best was the 5-2 win at Harrison Park against Leek in our first ever League outing back in 2005.

Three times the Reds failed to score on the opening day – at Worksop Town, Barwell and Gloucester City between 2013 and 2015. The heaviest defeat came at Edgeley Park against Stockport County, a humbling 5-1 loss in 2018.

The sole goalless draw was at Barwell in 2014.

Only three times have the Reds scored first, and these all resulted in wins, at St Helens Town, Marine and Stafford Rangers.

The victories at Leek in 2005



and Grantham in 2012 saw FCUM concede first.

Of the 27 goals scored, 15 were in the second half. Of 27 conceded, 13 were in the second half.

Quickest goal scored was Matty Wolfenden who netted after 40 seconds at Marston Road against Stafford Rangers in 2011.

Quickest goal conceded was at the seven-minute mark – Ross Hannah for Matlock Town at Gigg Lane in 2008 and Craig Westcarr for Grantham Town at the South Kesteven Sports Ground in 2019.

Steve Spencer (2005), Kyle Wilson (2008) and Michael Norton (2010) all scored twice on their FCUM debut.

FCUM have won five aways on an opening day but have

yet to start a season with a home win.

In August 2008 we trailed to Matlock Town before Kyle Wilson netted twice in the opening 20 minutes. It then took a 88th-minute equaliser from Chris Baguley to salvage a 3-3 draw.

In August 2009, Boston United came to Gigg Lane and a brace from Danny Davidson was enough to secure the points despite Adam Tong claiming a consolation goal in the 80th minute.

Last season a new-look FCUM, with 12 players making debuts during the game, returned to the Northern Premier League at Grantham Town (pictured above) and squandered a 2-1 lead in the closing minutes to lose 3-2.

## HALF-TIME ENTERTAINMENT ANSWERS

GUESS WHO? Matty Hughes.

NAME THE GROUND: Stocksbridge Park Steels.

QUIZ: 1 Croft Park, 2 North Ferriby United, 3 Burscough, 4 Runcorn Linnets, 5 Northwich Victoria, and the Dane Bank.

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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 good 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 have cooked then he can wash up!



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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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# Nantwich Town FC

We welcome Nantwich Town to Broadhurst Park this afternoon as we kick-off the 2020-21 Northern Premier League, with the Dabbers being one of the final teams we played before the previous season was declared null and void six months ago.

We have played the Weaver Stadium club 22 times since initially meeting back in August 2006, when first-half goals from Rory Patterson and Simon Carden helped FC United secure a 2-0 win at Gigg Lane. However, before our last match in February and despite the huge amount of times our teams have met, we hadn't played each other for five years following FCUM's stint in the National League North.

That heated encounter on a cold February night in South Cheshire saw Neil Reynolds' side snatch a crucial 1-0 victory, thanks to a rare Aaron Morris goal. Yet with the 2019-20 season being cancelled early, we were denied a game here at Broadhurst Park against the Dabbers last term – so this

will, in fact, be Nantwich's first visit to our new home. From those 22 encounters with today's opponents, FC have won 12, with Nantwich claiming five victories and five games ending all square – FC scoring 42 goals and the Cheshire side 27. Meanwhile, our 'home' record at Gigg Lane, Ewen Fields and Bower Fold sees a FCUM record of five wins, one draw and three defeats from nine games, with the Reds scoring 16 times compared to the Dabbers 11. Before the past season was declared null and void, whilst FC United occupied second position, Nantwich Town were making their own assault on the play-offs in sixth place.

The Dabbers are managed by Dave Cooke who replaced the Altrincham-bound Phil Parkinson in the summer of 2017. He originally coached at Northwich Victoria during the club's Conference days and then became assistant at Shrewsbury Town as they bounced back into the Football League at the first attempt in 2004.



#NoDrainNoGame



Scroll of Honour

As part of the recent 'No Drain No Game' Crowdfunder, which raised in excess of £32k to renew the Broadhurst pitch during the summer, 66 fans kindly purchased the 'Matchday Programme Roll of Honour'.

Their names will be featured in this section over the coming games. Thank you for your support!

- Lee Duddridge
- Paul Duggan
- Charlie Ennis
- Ben Evans
- Martin Fahy
- Bren Foley
- Dan Ford
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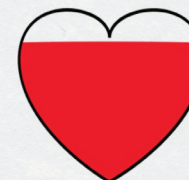


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