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Neil Reynolds

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

It's honestly difficult to find enough superlatives to describe just how good that performance here against Pontefract on Tuesday night was.

It was certainly as good as any we've put together in my two years here.

People might be critical and say it was against lower division opposition, but I fully believe that no team in this division could've lived with us in that first half, and likewise for many teams in the division above.

I have to give huge credit to Pontefract for the way they came out after half-time. It'd be easy for a team to give up in that situation, but they came out strong and hit straight back.

Amongst the positives from the game, I have to say

that I was disappointed with their first goal and the manner in which we conceded it.

That was a case of individuals not being switched on from the kick-off, and whilst we were comfortable in the game this time, it's something we need to stamp out before it costs us.

In my notes on Tuesday, I spoke about the need for us to have players from all over the pitch chipping in with goals this season. Whilst one swallow doesn't make a summer, Tuesday was an example of what I'm talking about.

Charlie Ennis has started off the season in fantastic form, and it was great to see Dan Cockerline and Regan Linney get off the

mark for the season, along with Aaron Morris from the back.

Amongst great individual showings across the pitch, I have to single out what was an absolutely colossal performance from Michael Donohue. He was superb last Saturday, but this was even better.

Michael is a superb footballer, but also a fantastic lad.

He's been very open and honest about the personal challenges he's fought to overcome, and I'm delighted to see him enjoying his football like this.

I know how hard he's been working to get on the scoresheet, and it was great to see him bag one on Tuesday.

Whilst we should have

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been by the seaside today, we welcome Scarborough Athletic and their supporters to Broadhurst Park this afternoon.

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I'd like to go on record and say a massive thank you to everyone, from both clubs, who has worked so hard to enable this fixture switch to happen at short notice.

It's been a busy week here with two first-team matches already, in addition to a women's fixture and last night's FA Youth Cup tie.

A huge amount of credit is due to Graham and

Jimmy, along with everyone in the office, and everyone who plays their part in the matchday operations.

The Seadogs got their league campaign off to a winning start at Atherton last week, before an FA Cup defeat against Ashton in midweek.

I know from Darren Kelly's post-match comments that he was frustrated with the manner of that exit, and they'll be looking to hit straight back today.

Darren is a good friend, and I know how competitive he is. It'll be great to welcome him here. But at 3pm, all that will matter to both of us is getting those three points.

For us, we simply want to carry on where we left off on Tuesday night.

There might be the odd change again, but we'll be looking to set up in a similar way.

It's an attacking formation and when it really clicks, as it did on Tuesday, we'll score plenty. But we always have to be mindful of not getting caught out at the back.

I'm sure we'll be in for a good contest this afternoon.

Finally, considering there were only 600 here on Tuesday night, the noise was incredible – let's have more of the same this afternoon please!

Reno



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

Broadhurst News

TODAY'S SWITCH

Due to a recent spike of Covid-19 cases in North Yorkshire, and with Scarborough Athletic now unable to play home games in front of a crowd, it was decided between our two clubs that today's match would be moved from the Flamingo Land Stadium (below) to Broadhurst Park.

A statement on the official FC United website on Monday explained the situation regarding today's switch, saying: "We are aware that such a late change will cause inconvenience to our supporters, staff and volunteers and can only apologise. It will also mean five fixtures on the pitch in eight days, which we know will have a detrimental effect.

"We were made aware on Friday evening that Scarborough would be unable to fulfill the fixture at home with supporters and have been liaising with their club and the league.



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"On Saturday evening, having considered the limited options, we advised them that we would be prepared to host the match and this has been sanctioned by the league.

"In this most difficult of seasons, not for the first time, we have made a pragmatic decision based on what was the least bad option.

"There is a real risk that the pandemic will force future postponements and it is important that we make every effort to play matches whenever possible if we are to get through the season.

"To give us the best chance of completing this season we must be adaptable and compromises will need to be made which we hope our supporters will understand. It should also be noted that manager Neil Reynolds was consulted throughout this process and is supportive of the move.

"We are now due to travel to Scarborough on Saturday 9th January 2021."

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 10 lucky fans to pick the pre-match music for the PA system.

Before today's match we'll be featuring tunes selected by Phil Gittins, who appears to be quite fond of Soft Cell!

Phil has chosen to play the entire album 'The Art of Falling Apart', along with two tracks from The Fall - Hit The North and Theme From Sparta FC.

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PONTEFRACT2



FCUM cruised into the FA Cup second qualifying round at Broadhurst Park on Tuesday night, with an emphatic 6-2 victory against Pontefract Collieries.

Many anticipated a tough game against a side from the division below who were pushing for promotion when the season was declared null and void last term.

Yet the tie was over as a contest with little more than quarter of an hour on the clock, with Charlie Ennis firing home in the fourth minute following some fine link-up play from Dan Cockerline and Adam Dodd.

The second came when Regan Linney netted from

close range five minutes later and it wasn't long before Dan Cockerline bagged his first FCUM goal for number three.

Ennis was then the victim of a horrendous challenge that surprisingly brought just a caution for the perpetrator.

However, FC United's number seven picked himself up and, not long after, hit the game's fourth from the penalty spot on the half-hour before Mike Donohue struck our fifth just minutes later.

The one-way traffic eased in the second half as Colls pulled two back within 10 minutes of the turnaround, and Reno made a number of changes.

But full-back Aaron Morris had the final say with just two minutes remaining, netting a wonderful Marco van Basten-like volleyed effort to double his goal tally for the season and complete a comprehensive 6-2 success.



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

- 3) 2012 saw FC back by the North Wales seaside for this pre-season friendly (4)
- 5) Over 4,000 at Bloomfield Road in 2006 to see FC United play this first seaside 'Euro away' (9,9)
- 6) Future Premier League opposition on the South Coast for this FA Cup second-round seaside awayday in 2010 (8,3,4,6)
- 7) FA Cup seaside away in 2007, with goals from future FCer Jamie Milligan sending FC fans back empty-handed on the trams to the Golden Mile (9,4)
- 9) 2015 League game on the Norfolk coast at Crown Meadow (10,4)
- 10) FC were off to Plainmoor in 2015 for this FA Trophy quarter-final in Devon (7,6)
- 11) Off to Merseyside for our second seaside away, spotting Red Squirrels on the way, in 2007 (6)

Down

- 1) A 2013 pre-season was our first of two friendly visits to this fellow fan-owned North Yorkshire club, now playing in the Northern Premier alongside FC (11,8)
- 2) Always a long trudge up to this North Yorkshire seaside away, but decent chippys, and the Gothic Castle make Dracula's second home a good trip (6,4)
- 4) FC's last pre-lockdown game was a seaside visit to Mariners Park on Tyneside (5,7)
- 5) Off to North Yorkshire for a seaside 3-0 away win at Queensgate in 2007 (12,4)
- 8) North Wales opponents for play-off final seaside heartbreak (6,3)



All answers found at the foot of the Stats Entertainment page

GUESS WHO?



NAME THE GROUND

QUIZ

Today's quiz looks at fellow fan-owned clubs FCUM have faced over the years...

1. Our first meeting against a fan-owned club came in our first summer of 2005. Against who, at what ground, and what was the score?
2. At the end of the season we played which club in our first proper Euro away. And again can you name the ground and score?
3. Name the fan-owned Irish team that FC met in the pre-season of 2010, and can you remember which club's ground the game was played at?
4. We've played this European fan-owned club three times in friendlies. Who are they?
5. German opponents for a post-season Euro away seven years ago. Name them.

TROUBLE AHEAD?

The fact today's game against Scarborough has seen a switch of venues less than a week before the game was due to be played, and with a small number of Reds looking forward to a day on the coast, it only highlights just how precarious the destiny of this season really is.

Whilst there's plenty of uncertainty surrounding football, and future fixtures, one thing we can be certain about is that Covid-19 isn't going anywhere any time soon and we face potentially months of more testing and challenging times.

Games are being switched, matches postponed, fixtures again being forced to be played behind closed doors, and we're even seeing a number of clubs withdraw from the respective leagues this season, forced into the toughest of decisions as they count the ultimate cost to their teams during this pandemic – with Droylsden being the best-known locally around our level, stating there's no way they can afford to survive operating a football team during the current climate.

We've never known anything like what we're experiencing at the moment and in an article that appeared in Sunday's Non League Paper (featuring a familiar image in Mark Lee's fine crowd shot from a pre-season FCUM Review front page), Northern Premier League chairman Mark Harris expressed his concerns about the coming weeks and months, along with the potential threat of a further lockdown.

"What this shows is that we are really on a knife edge," said former Altrincham and Witton chairman Harris. "Returning to phase one capacities of 15% in some areas is a possibility. What we're trying to do is keep the thing going. Clearly no-one wants to see the capacities reduced to 15%, but the worst thing I think could happen is either authorities forcing clubs to play behind closed doors – which clearly isn't viable – or losing football altogether. So things are poised very much on a knife edge in terms of football showing it can deliver.

"But the biggest problem is we can't control two things. Clubs can't control what fans are



doing before and after games and they can't control what's happening in society."

As part of the newly-imposed measures, fans have been "advised not to attend amateur or semi-professional sporting events as a spectator" and with restrictions in numerous areas being increased in the past week or so, it's left many clubs wondering where they stand going forward.

Harris added: "It's the confusion caused by unclear guidance. Currently clubs are being told they can't play games. Then they are being 'advised', which leaves them with an impossible decision to make. As a league we are certainly encouraging our clubs to push back on that because obviously we want the games to be played.

"Obviously if an authority comes to a decision that says a club cannot play on its ground, we have no powers to overturn that. In a situation like that we will deal with requests to reverse fixtures, or postpone fixtures, in the best way we can.

"We also need to bear in mind the bigger picture that if we build up a large backlog of unplayed games, that we risk that IF the season is curtailed early again – although a decision hasn't been made where it would be Points Per Game or not – it could have a big influence.

We're not looking at that at the moment. The priority is to get as many games as we can and help our clubs through this."

Which means that all we can do for the moment is hope for the best, and wait and see how we'll be further affected during these increasingly worrying times.



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In the last week we have possibly witnessed the demise of yet another long-established North West football club, with Macclesfield Town's seemingly permanent troubles over recent times appearing to have reached a cruel climax.

Whilst bankrolled clubs in the region like Fleetwood Town and Salford City have progressed up the pyramid during recent times, and have now established themselves as Football League sides, we have also seen many of the game's originators either hit the proverbial wall of self-destruction or, if not, then being just another catastrophic event away from seeing a local club go out of existence.

The story of Bury FC has been a warning sign to many; whilst Bolton Wanderers have been close to going over the brink in recent years; and then you have Oldham Athletic and Macclesfield Town who both appear to have lurched from one crisis to another since, well, before FC United was even deemed just a 'daft' idea in a Manchester United fanzine.

These are changing and challenging times and many clubs who have only just managed to somehow survive over recent seasons will inevitably follow the same path as Bury FC – and now possibly Macclesfield Town – during this current pandemic.

The Silkmen, who boast a history going back to 1874, were recently issued with a winding-up order over unpaid debts amounting to around half a million, having being relegated from the Football League last season, and with the National League campaign provisionally pencilled in to kick-off on Saturday 3rd October, the future of Macclesfield Town currently hangs in the balance.

• After news broke of Macc's winding-up order, National League Chief Executive Michael Tattersall was quoted as saying: "The first thing we've got to ascertain is what is the status of Macclesfield Town?"

• "Clearly, the winding-up order has been made. What are the options for the club? Is there any way of that being rescinded under the law? We will have to see what the club's options are and what it chooses to do next.

• "Until you get to that stage and complete that process, Macclesfield Town's status has not been confirmed. I wouldn't want to speculate on what happens next.

• "I want to ascertain what exactly the status of Macclesfield Town is. Under the law, there is a possibility that they could apply to rescind the winding-up.

• "I don't think anybody likes to see famous old clubs put out of business or appear to be at that stage. It's a very sad day."

• As football fans, it will be a situation we'll be following closely over the coming weeks and I'm sure everyone at FC United will wish the club all the best in their current, and possibly ultimate, fight for survival.



Macclesfield v FC at Moss Rose in August 2012

FAN-OWNED CLUBS

INDEPENDIENTE DE VALLECAS



PABLO GONZALES CASALLO tells us about the supporter-owned Spanish club, 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?

Independiente de Vallecas is a club that originated around the summer of 2018; engineered by a bunch of friends in a bar in Vallecas (just outside Madrid), the project started to become real and its main purpose since the very beginning was to pay tribute to our neighbourhood, Vallecas.

Therefore, according to the neighbourhood's idiosyncrasy, this club is not only a football club but also a social tool in order to fight against fascism, homophobia, racism, xenophobia, sexism, social exclusion, individualism, speculation and class discrimination.

Following the new trend in Spain with the examples of the English clubs FC United and Clapton CFC, Atlético Club de Socios or Unionistas de Salamanca in Spain, Independiente was to be a fan-owned club willing to change modern football.

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

Being a member of a fan-owned club is something that we aren't really used to here in Vallecas. Independiente fans feel really proud of how members are conducting the club, knowing that it is in safe hands and that every decision will be voted democratically; always taking into consideration the fans' desires.

In a non fan-owned club, supporters have practically no option to participate in their club's decisions though being even shareholders. These clubs are ruled by the main shareholder, who owns almost the entirety of the club. As a consequence, lots of modern clubs tend to focus on increasing their budgets rather than on connecting with their fans.

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

We play in the eighth tier of Spanish football, the very last division of the Madrid Football Federation. The support in the

home and away games is startling for the division we play in. Our rivals are usually shocked when they come to the stadium and see a bunch of people in the stands cheering and chanting. The way that this club has approached potential fans has been remarkable.

What activities do you organise apart from football?

We organise lots of different activities apart from football, such as charity events on match days or other social gatherings. For example, we have organised various food, clothes and toy collections for Christmas. All the products were given to a charity association in Vallecas. There have also been some concerts with some collaborations to promote both the club and some local music groups.

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

The Covid crisis has struck almost every modest club in the whole world, and lots of them have gone through some serious problems regarding finances.

In independiente de Vallecas there has indeed been some impact. However, as we don't depend mainly on tickets sales because attending matches is free, the impact has not been as serious as it has been with other clubs.



Do you have contact with other fan-owned teams and in what sense? In Spain, there are meetings every year where fan-owned clubs gather to discuss and share thoughts regarding their clubs' situations. There is a feeling of union between all these Spanish clubs, as they are always in contact and support each other in every adversity they might face, no matter what division they play in.

What are the short and long-term aims?

The members are really down-to-earth so the aims sportively are not too ambitious yet. The aims from a more social perspective are to progressively gain more interest from the local people and encourage them to get involved in the club. Besides, as I mentioned before, one of the main purposes is contributing to the neighbourhood socially, by helping its population as much as possible.

What do you know about FC United?

FC is one of the pioneers of fan-owned clubs. Their story is not much similar to ours, as the reason to create a new club was because of this tendency to leave fans behind that modern clubs such as Manchester United are following.

It is a clear example for us which we have to mirror, as they have had clear success amongst United fans and have achieved both financial and sportive stability.



THE FC UNITED TIMELINE

15 YEARS AGO

After suffering the first defeat in FC United's history, at home to Norton United, the team had to wait for the chance to bounce back due to a fixture-less following weekend.

They returned to the field on Wednesday 5th October 2005 as they welcomed Oldham Town to Gigg Lane, with the attendance topping 3,000 for the very first time.

Boss Karl Marginson made five changes to his starting line-up, whilst the opponents fielded future Reds Dave Carnell and Lee Neville.

The visitors had the better of the first half, with 17-year-old Neville going close on three occasions. The Reds improved after the break, and the noise that greeted the opening goal in the 54th minute was the loudest yet heard from the MRE.

Adie Orr played in Kevin Elvin down the right, and the full-back's cross was met by Simon Carden who produced a smart dipping volley to beat Carnell. Orr had a goal disallowed shortly afterwards as the Reds claimed a hard-fought 1-0 victory to get back to winning ways.

An even bigger crowd of 3,808 flocked to Gigg Lane three days later for the visit of Daisy Hill. The visitors did well to restrict FC in the opening stages, before the Reds struck

four goals within the space of 10 minutes to build a comfortable half-time lead.

Player-coach Darren Lyons opened the floodgates by despatching a free-kick in the 27th minute before Joz Mitten's powerful header doubled the lead five minutes later. Carden's close-range finish extended the lead within 60 seconds and Rory Patterson made it four by converting a rebound after Mitten's good effort was saved by the goalkeeper. Orr's second-half double – his second an outstanding curling shot into the top corner from outside the box – completed the scoring for a 6-0 win.

10 YEARS AGO

After suffering a late midweek home defeat to Buxton, FC United's hangover continued into October 2010 with a 2-0 loss at Mickleover Sports in a game only remembered for such a disappointing performance.

Marginson refreshed his side in midweek as the Reds hosted Ossett Town at Bower Fold in Stalybridge, with recalls for goalkeeper Sam Ashton, midfielder Jake Cottrell and wingers Carlos Roca and Jerome Wright.

Just after Mike Norton gave

FC the lead in the 13th minute, one of the floodlight pylons went out.

With the visitors playing in very dark shirts, the referee decided to continue the game with himself and his assistants all wearing hi-vis vests!

United's advantage was doubled within five minutes of the restart when Norton broke free to tee up Wright to hammer home. Roca volleyed the third from Cottrell's superb cross shortly after half-time but the visitors pulled one back just after the hour mark.

Roca then rounded off an excellent team performance in the last minute after good work from substitute Ben Deegan to seal a 4-1 win.

United were back in FA Cup action at the weekend with a visit to Teesside to face Northern League side Norton & Stockton Ancients.

Ironically it was our own Norton, Michael, who grabbed most of the headlines from a memorable trip. The goal machine opened the scoring in the fifth minute after a fine run from Roca, who was making his 100th appearance for FC.

The Reds failed to capitalise in the first half, and the hosts took advantage by equalising just before the break, then going ahead in the 58th minute.

A shellshocked United piled on the pressure, and veteran striker Glynn Hurst levelled just six minutes later. FC regained the lead in the 74th minute



when Hurst played in strike partner Norton, who delicately lobbed the keeper to spark a mini pitch invasion.

The Reds made sure of their progress with two more goals in the final four minutes as Deegan's header and Norton's hat-trick completed a 5-2 victory.

5 YEARS AGO

FC entertained Worcester City on 2nd October 2015 in Broadhurst Park's first Friday night game, switched due to the ground agreement preventing games on certain Saturdays.

A bumper crowd of 3,619 were to be left disappointed, however, by a 2-0 defeat in

which the visitors clinically beat stand-in keeper Lewis King late in each half to return home with the points.

After winning Broadhurst's first FA Cup match against Witton Albion, the Reds were awarded another home tie and welcomed old foes Buxton on Sunday.

FC had the better chances in the opening period, but fell behind to a sucker punch on the stroke of half-time. The returning Dave Carnell was particularly frustrated, having produced a good save just moments earlier.

United applied more pressure in the second half and finally drew level with eleven minutes to go when Tom Greaves pounced on a loose ball.

Despite the visitors finishing with nine men due to a red

card and an injury, they held on to force a replay.

The teams reconvened at Silverlands three days later, and played out a cagey first half. The hosts could have gone ahead again shortly after the break but were denied by a tremendous double save from Carnell.

The deadlock was eventually broken, though, with just 15 minutes remaining when the recalled Greg Daniels – a title-clinching hero six months earlier – grabbed his first goal of this campaign with a wonderful curling effort into the top corner.

Another spectacular strike from Sam Madeley with a minute to go made it 2-0 and ensured FC's progress into the next round.

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with FCUM Radio's PAUL HINSON



FCUM have faced 148 different opponents in competitive matches, but Scarborough 'Athletic' are only the third after Frickley and Harrogate Railway to carry this distinctive title.

In contrast, the Reds have played 39 different 'Towns' beginning with Ashton in September 2005 and the last being Kettering in December 2019. That accounts for 26% of all opposition.

There have been 15 clubs as 'United' (10%) compared to six as 'City' (4%). United range from the local such as Ashton and Ramsbottom to the more distant North Ferriby and Torquay. Coincidentally FCUM have lost to all the 'City' clubs: Durham/Gloucester/Lancaster/Salford/Worcester/York.

Of the United clubs the Reds have beaten 12 of 15, missing out on Hereford/Hinckley/Torquay. Hereford had reformed without the United by the time we beat them in 2018.

There are pairs of Borough (Radcliffe/Nuneaton), Albion (Ossett/Witton), Sports (Mickleover/Woodley),



- Old Boys (Leek/Holker) and Collieries (Atherton/Pontefract).
- Then we have the unique.
- There is a nice balance to one Celtic (Stalybridge) and one Rangers (Stafford). The Ancients (Norton & Stockton) and the Spartans (Blyth).
- The Bridge (Bamber) and the Gate (Squires). The Road (Maine) and the Avenue (Bradford Park). The Mechanics (Blackpool) and the Cables (Prescot). The Harriers (Kidderminster) and the Olympic (Rushall). The Khalsa (Sporting) and the Moors (Sollihull). The Parramore (Handsworth) and the Laird (Cammell). The Genesis (Leigh) and the End (Glossop North). The Star (Newcastle Blue) and the Shields (South). The Trinity

- (Gainsborough) and the Gabriels (Castleton).
- The Bay (Colwyn) and the Hey (Abbey).
- To complete the match-ups, we need a bird-named club to go with Runcorn Linnets and a girl's name to go with Northwich Victoria. A pastime for Stone Dominoes and a metal to go with Stocksbridge Park Steels.
- The letter S has provided 19 opponents with C next with 16. Q has one (Quorn) and Y one (York City). So far there is no sign of us having J, U, V or Z.
- The chances of taking the field with Juventus, Udinese, Valencia or that old favourite of the Old Trafford crowd back in 2002, Zalaegerszegi, look very remote.

HALF-TIME ENTERTAINMENT ANSWERS

GUESS WHO? Sam Madeley.
 NAME THE GROUND: Rossett Park, Marine.
 QUIZ: 1 AFC Wimbledon won 1-0 at Kingsmeadow. 2 We drew 4-4 with Lokomotiv Leipzig at the Bruno Platz Stadion. 3. Cliftonville at Donegal Celtic's ground. 4 Winterthur. 5 Babelsburg.
 CROSSWORD: Across: 3) Rhyl, 5) BlackpoolMechanics, 6) BrightonAndHoveAlbion, 7) FleetwoodTown, 9) LowestoftTown, 10) TorquayUnited, 11) Formby.
 Down: 1) ScarboroughAthletic, 2) WhitbyTown, 4) SouthShields, 5) BridlingtonTown, 8) ColwynBay



Scarborough Athletic

Today we welcome Scarborough Athletic to Broadhurst Park for a game that, provisionally, was set to be played at the home of the Seadogs yet was switched less than a week ago due to Covid-19 related restrictions in North Yorkshire.

Scarborough Athletic only came into existence just two years after FC United in 2007, following the sad demise of Scarborough FC – with the newly-formed fan-owned club beginning life in the Northern Counties East League Division One and rising steadily through the pyramid and into the third tier of non-league football with promotion to this level arriving in 2018.

Before the lockdown last term, today's opponents were sitting just outside the play-off places in eighth position, though having played more games than all of the teams around them in the table.

It was a challenging season for the club who replaced manager John Deacey just a few months into the campaign, before appointing former Hyde United manager Darren Kelly who helped improve results and performances on the pitch prior to the season being ended abruptly.

Meanwhile, last season, James Walshaw was Scarborough's leading scorer with 16 – placing him joint third in the Northern Premier's top scorers list before the campaign was declared null and void, and 12 league goals fewer than FCUM's Tunde Owolabi.

Going into this 2020-21 campaign and following a six-month break from competitive action, Scarborough started this Northern Premier League season in style last Saturday with a 2-0 victory at Atherton Colls, with Nathan Carman netting their season opener inside the first minute before doubling his tally to seal three

points within 10 minutes of the turnaround. Then on Tuesday night, the side welcomed Northern Premier rivals Ashton United in the FA Cup for a game which the club opted to play behind closed doors instead of relinquishing home advantage. However, it was the Tameside club who celebrated success on the night by securing a 2-0 victory

Finally, FC United have played Scarborough Athletic just the once in competitive action, with our other two meetings being pre-season friendlies.

At the start of August in 2013, the Reds travelled to the Seadogs' temporary home at Bridlington Town's ground for our inaugural match – with Scarborough running out 2-1 winners. And then five years later, FCUM enjoyed a 3-2 victory in July 2018 at the club's Flamingo Land Stadium which was opened just a year earlier.

Our only competitive match-up came at Broadhurst Park just over a year ago, when FC suffered a 1-0 defeat in what was just our third game of the season – and third defeat on the spin – when Jordan Deacey (pictured celebrating below) netted the game's only goal just before the half-hour, in front of a 1,532 crowd.



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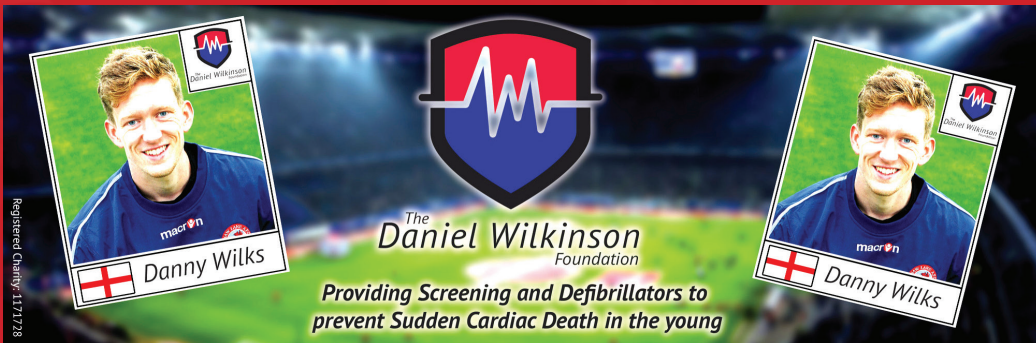
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The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



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)

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- 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.
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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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FCUMW

Kamran Hussain's side enjoyed another impressive Women's FA Cup success last Sunday, thumping Ashton Town 9-0 on the back of a 13-0 victory against West Kirby in the previous round.

Hat-trick hero Corie Mather led the way in last weekend's rout, with Kirsty Chambers and Jordon Bailey bagging a brace whilst Emily Marsh and Kate O'Gara also netted.

The Reds have been handed another home tie in the following round and will welcome Wakefield Trinity to Broadhurst Park again on Sunday 4th October, having already met the Yorkshire team during pre-season; winning 3-1.

Hussain's side will have a break from action this weekend and instead focus on a squad training session in preparation for the following week's FA Cup clash, with the manager saying: "I'm really happy with the Cup performances so far.

The girls have applied themselves really well. "We've made sure that the team are still taking something out of these big scores. As a squad, it's helped boost everyone's confidence going into the next round and start of the season."

Meanwhile, a number of league fixtures have been announced, with the team due to kick-off their North West Women's Regional Premier Division campaign at home to Fleetwood Town Wrens on Sunday 11th October, before travelling to Crewe Alex a week later.

The side will be keen to make up for lost time after being denied promotion last time around, with the Reds boss stating that: "The league is everything to the team this season. We can't wait to start and get things going. "We know it's going to be far from a straight forward season with what's happening in the world, so we are preparing to the best of our capabilities to deal with anything that is thrown at us."



A FCUMW squad poster will appear in the next edition

#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'.

Names will appear in this section over the coming games. Thanks to all!

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- John Bailey
- George Baker
- Emma Ball
- Stephen Bower
- Mike Bracken
- Andrew Brunt
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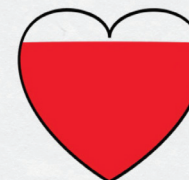


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PREMIER DIVISION

Saturday 26th September
2020



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Today's referee:
Alex James

Assistants:
Matthew Clarke
Cristiana Hattersley

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NEXT HOME
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versus
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Possibly in the
FA Cup next
Saturday

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