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Neil Reynolds

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

I'm obviously delighted to be into the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup, but it's probably not the way we'd have liked to have got there.

Everyone was geared up for Tuesday's match and ready to let our performance on the pitch do the talking, so it was such a disappointment when news came through of Alfreton's forfeiture.

I actually liken it to my day job as a Head Teacher, and what happened with the whole situation with GCSE results this summer – fortunately our school came out on the good side of what happened with results, but I know all the kids were ready to sit their exams and show what they could do.

That said, with the current situation, player safety has to come first and all credit to Alfreton for the way they

managed to pick this up, and their honest actions in reporting the positive tests as soon as they could.

I'm gutted for Billy Heath and his side as it's an awful way to go out of the FA Cup. I simply wish them all the best for the season and, most importantly, a full recovery for any of the players and staff affected.

We've been talking about that goal of reaching the first round proper since pre-season, but it's suddenly very real. As I write, we're all eagerly awaiting the draw to find out who we'll face in that final hurdle next Saturday.

The truth at the moment is that nobody can predict what's going to happen in the coming weeks and months. I know there's been talk of certain divisions looking at whether they need to suspend the

season, which could be a disaster for so many clubs.

I'm very proud of the work everyone has done at our club to help get the finances on a more even keel over the last couple of years.

This puts us in a reasonable position for the time being, but that situation will not last for very long, for us and others, without proper support for clubs at this level. We are facing serious damage to the fabric of non-league football.

It's been so unedifying seeing the plans coming out from the big Premier League clubs in recent days – it is just so far detached from the reality of the problems rippling through football at present, but sadly it's what we've come to expect. I can only hope common sense prevails before too long.

“ We really need to kick on now and start turning those draws into victories to bring ourselves closer to the leading pack ”

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Stafford Rangers this afternoon.

I think all who saw it will agree that our game at Marston Road early last season was not exactly a footballing spectacle!

The return here in February was certainly better, albeit in difficult conditions, with Morgan Homson-Smith's late winner keeping our unbeaten record at the time intact.

It's been all change for Rangers over the summer, with Jody Banim coming in as manager. He's built a good side there, and whilst they haven't had the best start to the league campaign, they've put together a good FA Cup run so far, claiming a big scalp in Hereford on Tuesday night.

We've started the season unbeaten, but we really need to kick on now and start turning those draws into victories to bring ourselves closer to the leading pack. It's obviously difficult when we've lost a number of fixtures already, due to both Covid and Cup ties. Rest assured that there's a lot of work going on behind the scenes with the league and opposing clubs to try and get fixtures rearranged as soon as we can, which is important for both getting into a rhythm on the pitch, as well as our club's finances.

All we can do for now is continue training hard, and getting out there on that pitch and playing our best football, whenever we're able to do so.

Reno

LIVE STREAM

For FCUM fans who are reading the e-programme and not attending today'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 from 2.30pm and can be found if you visit <https://tinyurl.com/fcumtv-live>

Those booking will be emailed a password so please check your junk and spam folders.

Thanks to all fans who have tuned in so far and also for your understanding during what have been a number of technical glitches – and crap wifi at Curzon! – during our early days of live streaming.

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



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The FC United boss was speaking to Paul Hurst prior to this afternoon's match

Broadhurst News

MATCHDAY PROCEDURES

New matchday arrangements were due to be in place from Tuesday, for those attending games at Broadhurst Park and supporters are asked to please familiarise themselves with the new rules and arrangements below which we will operate until further notice.

Key messages

Alcohol can only be consumed sat down and with orders taken where you are sat. This means you can't drink alcohol in the SMRE, Paddock areas or Main Stand seating.

We're re-opening the function room and we are also putting tables in the North Stand to ensure that all those who want a drink can get a drink (even if it's not necessarily where you'd like to drink it).

Bring a Face Mask for walking through indoor spaces (including the Ticket Office). If you have any symptoms of Covid – please stay away from the stadium.

Stadium – The Main Stand and SMRE are fully open. The North Stand is open for table service so numbers will be limited (see Food & Beer in the next column). The West Stand remains closed.

Food & Beer

There's some big changes here so please read this carefully. Easy ones first: The Kazbar, SMRE and Sweet Stall all selling what they usually sell.

Main function room – only available if pre-booked. Full bar and serving pies, peas, gravy and chips. We have tables of five or tables of two available.

Table service for food and drink. Enter through the main reception to get your wristband.

SMRE – Table service of food and drink. No drink available from the bar itself. Face masks must be worn unless you are sat at your table.

North Stand – tables of four available. Wristband system in operation to ensure social distancing.

These will be distributed by the North Stand steward. As these tables are outdoor we can have mixed groups. Table service of bottled beers will be available.



Tables will be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

The above is not ideal but we are trying to provide enough spaces to drink for those who want to drink. What is really clear is that no-one can drink standing up so we ask for your co-operation and understanding to ensure that this doesn't take place.

If supporters don't abide by the new regulations and attempt to take drink into the other stands, we risk having to stop all alcohol consumption on matchdays and even potentially a further capacity cut.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping us continue to offer you a matchday bar.

Finally, to book a table for forthcoming games in advance, you can call the club office on 0161 769 2005, and please keep an eye on the official website for serving times, which have been restricted for midweek games.



FC UNITED.....P ALFRETON.....P

Well it was always going to happen at some point during this challenging and unprecedented campaign, but the timing could hardly have been worse on Tuesday as we looked forward to welcoming National League North side Alfreton Town to Broadhurst Park for our FA Cup third qualifying-round fixture.

Having spent much of the build-up worrying about whether the game would even go ahead before Monday's government announcement regarding more stringent lockdown measures, and just a few hours after selling out our 600 limit of tickets for the match, it was announced that our highly-anticipated Cup tie would be postponed after some positive Covid-19 tests came back from the Alfreton camp.

However, despite the disappointment of not being able to fulfil the fixture,

we have to look on the bright side. If the game had gone ahead and Alfreton's staff only got diagnosed after the match, our players would have been potentially forced into a 14-day self-isolation and, subsequently, we'd have been denied any FC fixtures for the next two weeks. Such is the delicate state of our game and the world in general at the moment.

It only goes to highlight how precarious the future of our game is and that, especially in non-league football, where players have day jobs and mix far more with general society than their regularly Covid-tested professional counterparts, we will need all the support and help to survive not only this season, but save the long-term futures of many, many clubs operating at our level and below.

The other positive we can take is that the National North side's subsequently forced withdrawal from the FA Cup means that FC United have now received an automatic bye into the fourth qualifying round, and just one game from the first round proper.

Meanwhile, we have a couple of boxes full of unsold FCUM Review issue sevens available from the Alfreton match, so to complete your collection please visit the programme stall.

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

Becoming a member and co-owner gives you a voice within OUR club. Visit the official website, call 0161 769 2005 or email office@fc-utd.co.uk if you would like to own a part of FC United



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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by **PHIL BUSBY**



CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 5) The Canton of Zurich in 2014 for our first meeting with this Swiss team (1,1,10)
- 6) The Bohs at Dalymount Park in Dublin were our Irish opponents for this 2017 Euro away day (9)
- 8) 2013 Euro away friendly in Potsdam, Germany, and a 3-2 win for FC, with goals from Dave Birch and Tommy Greaves (1,1,10)
- 9) FC were in Hamburg in 2010 for a match against an All Star Team representing friends of our club (2,5)
- 10) Our first Euro away at the end of our inaugural season and a first trip to Germany for FC (10,7)
- 11) 2008 and a return trip to Germany and a 3-1 win in the Federal State of Hesse (7)



Down

- 1) It was over to Belfast in 2010 for a Supporters Cup match played at Donegal Celtic's ground against this Irish Premiership club (12)
- 2) FC won 3-1 in this 2009 Euro away at the Olympic Stadium in Stockholm against an All Star Squad representing this Swedish club (11)
- 3) A crowd of over 23,000 attended this 2009 Euro away in South Korea (7,1,1)
- 4) 2016 game at The Keyworth Stadium sees FC guests in Motown against this US fan-owned club (7,4)
- 7) A first trip to Austria for the Reds in the summer of 2018, reciprocating an earlier trip to Broadhurst Park by the Violets (1,1,7,8)



GUESS WHO?

- I made my FC United debut as a substitute in a 1-0 win at home against Southport on 7th January 2018.
- My position is midfield.
- I made 32 appearances for the club, without scoring, and my final game for FC came off the bench in a 3-2 victory at Bradford Park Avenue just over a year later.
- Since leaving Broadhurst Park, I have played for Llandudno, Hyde United, Chester and Curzon Ashton.
- I recently joined Reno's former club, Bamber Bridge



NAME THE GROUND

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

PRINTED PRE-SEASON PROGRAMMES

We've had a number of programme collectors enquiring about a possible print run for our online pre-season editions, to avoid their collections having to start at issue four – which was the first printed magazine of the season against Nantwich.

We've priced up some rough costs from the printer and will aim to produce a limited print run of our pre-season programmes against Barrow, City of Liverpool and Trafford over the coming weeks.

Also, some collectors are wanting a printed edition from the Whitby game last season, which was ultimately postponed due to the Covid-19 outbreak but appeared on the website as a download only.

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

Alternatively, we hope to have a small number for sale from the programme stall at forthcoming matchdays, so mither Tom Stott so he can save any copies for you once produced.

FINE FORTNIGHT FOR FCUMW



FC United's women's team celebrated a tremendous fightback success at Crewe Alexandra on Sunday to maintain their unbeaten start to the competitive 2020-21 campaign.

The first North West Women's Regional Premier Division match of the season saw Kamran Hussain's side travel to Cheshire for a tough test against Crewe Alexandra last weekend, and two late goals ultimately proved decisive in a game of contrasting styles.

Kirsty Chambers and Kate O'Gara netted in the 80th and 86th minutes to seal a thrilling 3-2 win after O'Gara scored in the first half.

That crucial league three-pointer arrived on the back of another victory in the Women's FA Cup the previous Sunday, with FC seeing off Wakefield Trinity 4-1 on the main pitch at Broadhurst Park.

Jordon Bailey provided the key to unlocking a stubborn Trinity defence, netting once and providing two assists as the Reds progressed through to the second qualifying round

O'Gara opened the scoring in just the sixth minute yet the visitors restored parity in the 35th. However, Emily Marsh put FC ahead again soon after

and Bailey made it three before half-time. The game was then wrapped up with a strike from Maxine Smith in the final minutes to set up a tie against a familiar name for many at FC. FCUMW will now travel to the North East and Station Road – the scene of a memorable FA Cup match for the men's team in 2010 – to face Norton & Stockton Ancients Ladies tomorrow, hoping to reach the third qualifying round.

Reds boss Hussain reflected on the last fortnight, saying: "The season has been a different challenge with there being FA Cup fixtures early on then our first league fixture.

"The squad and environment we've created is something the staff work incredibly hard on every day. This definitely showed with the 'never-give-up' attitude being 2-1 down against Crewe with 10 minutes left.

"I was pleased with our second-half display but we certainly weren't good enough in the first half and that showed with the goals conceded."

And looking to tomorrow's game, Kamran added: "Sunday is another challenge and one we are not unfamiliar with after beating Leeds United (who are in the same league as Norton) in pre-season."

Finally, Tuesday's programme will feature the long-awaited 2020-21 squad poster, along with the inspiring words from Cara Fields before the recent Wakefield game to celebrate Black History Month, plus an update on how we got on at Stockton.



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THE ACADEMY



FCUM Review recently caught up with FC United's head of academy Tom Conroy, to talk about last season, pre-season, our recent FA Youth Cup success, and aims for the year ahead

It's been a long time since the end of last season, but can you tell us where the team was and how the previous campaign was panning out before the Covid pandemic struck?

All teams were doing very well to be fair. The youth team (under 19s) were sitting sixth in the league. We picked up a couple of bad results just before Covid due to injuries, which saw us drop down a position, however prior to that we were doing well.

Our U18s were top of the North West Youth Alliance, staring at promotion, and also in the cup final. Unfortunately, due to Covid we weren't able to complete the league or play the cup final! However, we are looking to start the new season how we finished and this year look to gain promotion and win some silverware.

Obviously, things are a bit different to previous seasons, so can you tell us if the crisis affected your recruitment for the academy this year, and any other impact Covid has had on plans for the season ahead?

To be honest, Covid has not affected our recruitment at all. We were organised enough to get several trial sessions in before the lockdown. So in October 2019 I started to go in to high schools and local grassroot clubs to speak with their year 11/U16s players to tell them about the academy and give them the trial dates. Therefore, by the time lockdown kicked in we were happy with the lads that we had accepted.

The only effect it had was that we were unable to carry out our trial dates for April, May and the summer period. It also

meant that we weren't able to get the lads in to do pre-season as early as we would have liked to. But since being back, the lads have worked hard and we are pleased with the current standard of our academy right through the squads.

Obviously with regards to plans ahead, the Covid situation has postponed our leagues starting which means we have to keep these players happy and enthusiastic without competitive league games – although we are playing a lot of friendly games up until around mid-October. The U19s National League Youth Alliance started on Wednesday 16th September so we are now just waiting for the other three leagues to start.

Any other future impacts, who knows. At the minute I am just happy that the lads are able to get in, train and play games.



Can you tell us about the players who have joined our academy over the summer?

We have recruited just over 40 players this year, which is the biggest recruitment we have ever done. I won't go through all of them though!

As a whole, we have been able to recruit a good standard. Over the three trials we delivered, we must have had just over 120 players. Therefore we were able to select the players that met the required ability for our academy and potentially first team in the future.

When recruiting players, I always have at the forefront of my mind: "Has this player got potential to play for the first team in the future?"

I think this is important when holding trials, as that is the main purpose of the academy – to be the future of the club and provide players for the first team.

If I am to talk to you about individual players, I will obviously point out the ones that have already had some minutes with the first team over pre-season.

The likes of Tyler Owen, Sandro Da Costa and Silas Itota are all first-year academy players, so they have only been

training with us for a short time. There are also several others at the same standard and if they keep working hard, I am sure they will also get their chance in the first team. Something I would also like to point out about our first years is that they have all started with an outstanding attitude. On and off the pitch they are showing a mature, respectful and professional attitude, which is great to see and vital in their development to have that.

We've had a number of academy players appear in the first team over the summer friendlies. Can you tell us about the players who have made the step up, and do you expect more to follow in their footsteps over the coming season?

Yes as I have mentioned earlier on, the lads Tyler Owens, Sandro Da Costa and Silas Itota have all done really well, as have the other lads. These lads have just stood out a bit more than others.

As soon as we saw them in the trials, we knew they were players that we would need to offer a place to straight away. During the summer,

Neil (Reynolds) was able to come down and watch a couple of sessions and games so I was able to point them out.

After a couple of games, Neil spoke to me and mentioned that he would like them to train and play some games with the first team, which was fantastic news for the lads and academy.

These three lads getting minutes for the first team goes to show the other players that the opportunity is there, and if they are working hard enough and performing well, Neil will give them the opportunity to make the step up.

Tyler Owens (above left) is a left-back. He is really positive in possession and attacks really well. He will also do the ugly side and work hard to gain possession back. He shows good game intelligence and organises others quite well.

Sandro (pictured left in the centre) is an attacking player. A quick, skillful, exciting player who I would back all day to beat anyone in a one-v-one situation. Technically a very good player and he is very confident on the ball.

He should have biceps like Popeye soon as I keep making

him do press-ups because he keeps megging me in training!

Silas (right) is a centre-back even though he always tries to play in midfield during training! He is very comfortable on the ball and looks to play out. Great personality and a popular lad in the academy already, but he knows as soon as he crosses the line then it's time to work hard.

What are your aims for the coming season with regards to the academy and youth set-up?

Our main aim is always to create future players for the club. Yes, we want to win games and have trophies to celebrate at the end of the season but the biggest achievement for the academy is seeing lads walk out with the first team.

However, we realise that not all players from our academy will reach that standard so it is also our responsibility to help them find a team in a league that does suit their ability so that they can continue to develop. Then who knows, further down the line they could be back!

After that, the obvious aim is to win games and make sure the players develop to be the best they can - winning games in the right way as many times as we can, and see what position/trophy we end up with. Players to always turn up to training and games with the right mentality to work hard, who want to learn and want to win has to be the aim of every player in the academy.



To keep supporters up-to-date, Tom has agreed to write a monthly report about the academy sides in future FCUM Reviews

REDS MARCH ON IN FA YOUTH CUP

FC United's youngsters enjoyed a successful start to this season's FA Youth Cup campaign in a match played on the main pitch at Broadhurst Park the night before our first team met Scarborough.

A fine turnout witnessed the young Reds run out 2-0 winners against West Didsbury & Chorlton's youth team. Both sides gave their all and despite playing some nice football for much of the game, both goals ultimately arrived via the more direct route.

Tom Conroy said afterwards: "The lads worked really hard leading up to this game. It's the Cup all players look forward to being part of. It's a chance for the lads to have experience of being in and around the first-team changing rooms and play on the main pitch. That aside, it is a competition that, as an academy, we want to progress in as far possible.

"The night was a great experience for the lads, with nearly 400 spectators there to show their support.

"To begin with, it was quite overwhelming for the players and they started the game quite nervously, rushing things and giving the ball away cheaply. However, once nerves settled and we started to play, the lads started to show composure on the ball which led to a goal.

"After the goal we controlled the game and managed to get a second just before half-time. It was vital that in the second half the lads continued to stay composed and relaxed in possession and manage the game. I was really proud of the work-rate, discipline and maturity the lads showed on the evening."

The team was due to play Macclesfield Town in the next round but, due to Macc's situation, they have been withdrawn from the Youth Cup. Therefore, FC United's youth team have been given a bye into the final qualification round and will play Litherland Remyca U18s.

The game will take place at Broadhurst Park next Thursday 22nd October (kick-off 7.30pm). It's pay-at-the-gate and entrance prices are £5 adults, £3 concessions and £1 for U18s.

THE FC UNITED TIMELINE

15 YEARS AGO

For our first ever cup-tie, FC United were drawn away to Cheadle Town in the first round of the North West Counties League Challenge Cup.

Cheadle hoped to welcome United to their own Park Road ground, but with FC's crowds steadily increasing they took the decision to switch the game to Curzon Ashton's brand new Tameside Stadium on Monday 17th October 2005.

With the ground still in its infancy, a capacity of 2,200 was set and all tickets were snapped up.

Reds boss Karl Marginson named an unchanged line-up for the first time, but had only just begun to settle when the hosts took the lead in the 26th minute with a fantastic solo goal from David Carpenter.

With practically the last kick of the first half, Adie Orr put United back on level terms, before the Reds took control after the break.

Orr stole the headlines by becoming the first FC player to score a hat-trick, with further goals from Rory Patterson and Simon Carden ensuring progress with a 5-1 win.

Margy made just one change to his starting line-up when 4th-placed Nelson visited Gigg Lane for a league fixture five days later. Paul Mitten had made an impressive debut as a substitute in the cup with a

hand in the final two goals, and was named up front in place of his cousin Joz. He made a dream start by giving United a 17th minute lead with a wonderful dipping curling effort from 25 yards, but unfortunately he was forced to limp off early in the second half.

United again blew the opponents away after the hour mark with goals from Steve Spencer, a brace from Orr and a sumptuous last-minute chip from Carden that put the gloss on a 5-0 victory.



Defender Dave Brown (above) made his debut as a substitute after signing earlier in the month, with big goalkeeper Phil Melville also a new addition to the ranks.

In the meantime, original squad members Craig Fleury, Phil Priestley and Scott Holt had all moved on to pastures new.

10 YEARS AGO

After winning at Norton & Stockton Ancients in the FA Cup, FC's attentions switched to the Trophy when we welcomed Newcastle Town to Gigg Lane on Saturday 16th October 2010.

The Reds were dominant throughout, with goals from Mike Norton and Ben Deegan ensuring a comfortable half-time lead.

Norton extended the advantage ten minutes after the break before two terrific finishes from Deegan provided a hat-trick for FC for the second week running after Norton's treble on Teesside.

As a reward for the 5-0 win, the Reds were drawn at home to Colwyn Bay in the next round.

Eight days later, United hosted Conference Premier side Barrow at Gigg Lane in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round.

With the game taking place on a Sunday afternoon, the draw for the first round had been made earlier in the day and so both teams knew that a trip to League One side Rochdale awaited the victors.

The Reds weren't fazed by their opponents, despite the gap of two divisions, and provided most of the attacking intent with Norton, Carlos Roca and Jerome Wright looking particularly menacing.

The game remained scoreless at the break, but FC increased the pressure in the second half. Roared on by over 3,000 fans and attacking the MRE, Norton struck a post and Wright was denied by an acrobatic stop by the visiting keeper.

With just 12 minutes left, great work by Norton freed

substitute Chris Ovington on the right. The young winger jinked to the by-line and pulled the ball back to Norton, who intelligently and unselfishly played the ball into the path of Roca to sweep home and send the Reds faithful into raptures.

That proved to be the winner as the United defence stayed resolute amidst a cauldron of noise that extended way beyond the final whistle.

5 YEARS AGO

After winning at Buxton in a midweek FA Cup replay, FC United travelled to North Ferriby United for a National League North fixture on Saturday 17th October 2015.

The Reds had lost the previous three league games, and in an attempt to reverse

the trend, boss Karl Marginson brought in cultured midfielder Sam Sheridan for his debut.

The new signing had an assured game, but FC just couldn't break the deadlock as chances for Sam Madeley, Greg Daniels, Tom Greaves and Chris Lynch went begging.

Despite a decent overall team display, a clearance by keeper Dave Carnell ricocheted back into the net for a cruel injury-time winner to send the Reds home empty-handed.

A week later, FC travelled to Midland League side Sporting Khalsa for an FA Cup fourth qualifying round tie.

In front of a record crowd for the hosts, plying their trade three divisions below, Luke Ashworth settled any nerves by heading the Reds into a 27th minute lead.

United then increased the advantage shortly before half-time when Daniels (pictured right) lobbed home for his second goal of the season.



The hosts refused to bow out after the break, and got themselves back in the tie when defender Tes Robinson reduced the deficit in the 66th minute.

Khalsa continued to throw men forward but, thankfully, Marginson's men sealed the victory with just four minutes on the clock when Sheridan released Craig Lindfield to slot home the third.

The 3-1 win saw United reach the first round for the second time in our 10-year history.

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In the draw against Scarborough Athletic last month, Michael Potts (right) skipped the side for the 59th time – putting him ahead of Jerome Wright and fourth in the table of FCUM captains.



The top three are David Chadwick (168), Kyle Jacobs (107) and Dean Stott (84).

Chaddy boasts a 61% win ratio in those 168 games, the best amongst players who have worn the armband at least 50 times.

His 22 goals and 25 yellow cards are also a record in the role. He played in another 42 games as a non-captain.

In all, 37 players – from Mark Rawlinson in the first game at Leek in August 2005 to Luke Griffiths against Glossop in November 2019 – have led the side out.

Of all the captains, Greg Stones (three games), Griffiths (two), Rawlinson (one), Craig Lindfield (one) and Jamie Milligan (one) show a 100% success rate. Dave Brown in 10 games had an 80% win rate. Michael Norton won an impressive 20 of 31 games (65%).

The draw specialist at 57% was Kurt Willoughby, with four of his seven games finishing all-square.

Most unsuccessful captain? It may be unfair to nominate the six one-time losers – Darren Lyons (at Woodley Sports in 2008), Karl Munroe (at Mossley in 2012), Rhodri Giggs (at Witton Albion in 2013), Tom Brown (at Brackley Town in 2017), Chris Lynch (at Brackley Town in 2019) and Charlie Ennis (at home to Scarborough Athletic in 2019).

Lynch was playing in his 36th and last game for FCUM.

Another with 100% losses is Jordan Fagbola (three). Harry Winter lost 11 of his 13 games (85%). Richard Battersby lost three of his four (75%). Dale Tonge (four lost in six) has 67% and Nicky Platt (two lost in three) 66%.

The Reds have had their captain sent off seven times, Jerome Wright twice in back-to-back fixtures against Tamworth and Chorley in August 2015. The others were Michael Norton at Chasetown in 2011, Kyle Jacobs at Guiseley in 2011, Dean Stott at King's Lynn Town in 2013, Matty Hughes at home to Stockport County in 2017 and Harry Winter at home to Witton Albion in 2018.

Fewest number of captains in a season was three in 2006-07, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2013-14.

In 2010-11 no less than seven had a turn (Norton/Jacobs/Ashton/Chadwick/Platt/Battersby/Wright).

Sam Ashton is the only keeper to skipper the side, winning five and losing five of 11 games.

HALF-TIME ENTERTAINMENT ANSWERS

GUESS WHO? Jamal Crawford.

NAME THE GROUND: Lyme Valley Stadium, Newcastle Town.

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Stafford Rangers

We welcome Stafford Rangers to Broadhurst Park this afternoon, with our opponents probably thankful at the time that last season finished early, and was subsequently declared null and void.

Last time around, and before the season was curtailed by Covid-19, Stafford had suffered a torrid campaign having accrued just four victories and 23 points – leaving them bottom of the Northern Premier Division and seven points points adrift of safety, having played more games than their relegation rivals and with just nine matches left to play.

However, with the 2019-20 campaign being voided, Rangers were handed a reprieve and once more take their place in the third tier of non-league football.

Former Ashton United manager Jody Banim is now in charge of today's opponents, appointed following the curtailment of last season after Andy Fearn and Alex Meechan stepped down, with the former becoming Stafford's director of football.

Having started out as a youth with Manchester United, Banim played for Trafford, Altrincham, Flixton, Hyde United, Rossendale, Radcliffe Borough, Shrewsbury Town, Accrington Stanley (loan), Droylsden, Stalybridge Celtic, Torquay United (loan), Burton Albion, Real Maryland Monarchs (USA) and Salford City.

He took on his first management role as player-boss of Ashton United, and enjoyed instant success by guiding the side to promotion

- in 2017-18. But after failing to live up to some
- early-season expectations last term, the Hurst
- Cross club parted company with the 42-year-old
- in November last year.
- Banim is assisted at Marston Road by
- ex-Radcliffe defender Matt Hill, who acts as a
- player-coach.



And it was the worst possible start for both Banim and Stafford when they kicked-off the new season with a 1-0 home defeat against Ashton, before edging past lower-league Worcester City in the FA Cup 3-2 a few days later.

A 2-0 defeat at Matlock Town then followed before a 1-1 draw at Grantham Town preceded a Cup clash at Buxton, where Rangers eventually

- ran out winners on penalties following a
- goalless 90 minutes.
- Still seeking a first league win of the season,
- Stafford then fell to another 2-0 defeat, at home
- to Hyde United last weekend, but once more
- they bounced back in the FA Cup after



overcoming National League North side Hereford 3-1 at Marston Road on Tuesday night – with Joe Cuff netting twice before Callum Coyle wrapped things up late on.

Going back to the first meeting between our two clubs, FC United hold the upper hand with four wins, compared to Stafford's two whilst two games have ended all square in our eight encounters prior to tonight.

We first met in August 2011 with first-half goals from Matt Wolfenden and Dean Stott securing a 2-0 victory for FC at Marston Road, before Rangers gained revenge by winning 2-1 at Gigg Lane in early January 2012.

Early into the following campaign and it was back to Stafford again for a 1-1 draw, and then another January meeting at Gigg saw FCUM prevail 3-0 with Jerome Wright, Matt Wolfenden and Tom Greaves goals all arriving in the second half.

Once more we travelled to Marston Road for one of our first away games of 2013-14 with the hosts enjoying their first home win against the Reds in a 2-1 triumph but, later in the season, Margy's men celebrated a comfortable 4-0 success back at Gigg Lane with Charlie Raglan and Greg Daniels adding to a Greaves double.



It was then more than five years before we played each other again following FC's promotion and subsequent relegation from the Northern Prem and last year – you've guessed it – we headed to Staffordshire once more for a mid-September fixture that ended scoreless.

Our first and only match-up here at Broadhurst Park then proved to be one of the last before the previous campaign was ended early as Luke Griffiths opened the scoring in the 11th minute. Jon Moran then levelled in the 55th before substitute Morgan Homson-Smith wrapped up three FC points with 11 minutes remaining in front of a 1,336 crowd.

Tommy is a mover and Shaker

After strutting his stuff for a number of years at Gigg Lane with FC United, our all-time leading scorer and ex player-boss Tom Greaves has left Ossett United to join another newly-created fan-owned club, Bury AFC.

Greaves netted 103 goals in 274 appearances between January 2013 and August 2018, when he left the club after acting as player-manager following Karl Marginson's departure in October 2017.

Before joining FC, he had played for Guiseley, Ossett Town, Bridlington and



Bradford Park Avenue and for the last couple of seasons has played for the fledgling club Ossett United – where, like FC, he tops the new club's scoring records and also served briefly as player-boss. Now aged 35, he has renewed acquaintances with

former FCUM midfielder Andy Welsh, who is now in charge of Bury's first team having been manager of Ossett United. Greaves said it was impossible to resist the temptation of playing a part in the early days of our fellow fan-owned neighbours, in what could be the final stop of his football-playing journey. His debut came in Bury's first league match and Tommy netted the second in his side's 3-2 home win against Steeton – with another ex-Red Greg Daniels providing the assist.

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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OUR MISSION

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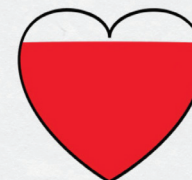


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