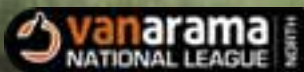


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NOTES

Welcome to The Pure Stadium for this evening's game against Altrincham who come here on the back of a fine 3-1 against Farsley on Saturday.

As for ourselves we couldn't argue with the 1-1 scoreline which I felt over the 90 minutes was a fair result. We finished the game strongly but couldn't find the goal to win the game.

We also picked up a few knocks in the game so it will be a case of taking stock on the players as they report for training on Monday. Big Ryan carried on for the full 90 minutes on Saturday despite having a knock the size of an egg on his leg, knowing Ryan he will be reporting for duty as usual as not much knocks him off his stride.

It's clear were the problems lie at the moment as we have now gone four games without scoring a goal ourselves. Even I can't argue about the goal on Saturday being declared an own goal even though I always say there is no such thing as an own goal. Finding the solution to the problem isn't as easy as you may think as strikers aren't that easy to find at this time of year. I would rather be patient and bring the right man in as

against rushing it and getting it wrong.

We have had some great games against Altrincham down the years and they did the double against us last term so we want to be putting that right.

Phil lead them to a well deserved play off place last season and they may be suffering what is called play off hangover but I am certain they will be up amongst the leading contenders come season end.

We thankfully stop the Saturday/Tuesday run of games after this evening's match which gives the lads longer

recovery time. It's amazing to think tonight is matchday nine and we are only at September 3rd.

After tonight we are on the road to league leaders York City for what will probably be our last ever visit to Bootham

Crescent before York move to their brand new ground. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Thanks for coming tonight, games under the lights at Haig Ave are always special and generate a good atmosphere so get behind the lads from the first minute and lets get that victory.

Liam

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WITH DIRECTOR STEVE PORTER

BOARDROOM BRIEF

Good Evening and welcome to the Pure Stadium.

It gives me great pleasure welcoming Altrincham FC Chairman Grahame Rowley and the Board of Directors, staff, players and not forgetting the fans to Haig Avenue this evening.

Like myself, Grahame Rowley has had a long association with our beloved clubs respectively. I think if I'm not mistaken Grahame started as programme Editor and obviously has worked his way up to the very top. (Still chance for you yet Rob)!!

Also, like myself, Grahame is very hands on with various duties around his club. I know that for a fact, as one day I called at Moss Lane unannounced to find Grahame working on the pitch!

Grahame will probably remember his very first programme that was published and I would like to think he has it safely stored away somewhere, for prosperity.

I remember my first involvement with the club was when we had been drawn at home in the FA Cup 1st round against Port Vale. It was a very dark and damp afternoon!!

It was 19th November 1988. The club asked me if I would take some photos throughout the afternoon. Apart from the league days this was the nearest it had been regarding an atmosphere for ten or so years, 3434 was the attendance. Unfortunately we suffered a 2-0 defeat. My next home game was the following Tuesday, South Liverpool, attendance 265!!

The very first photo I took from the FA Cup tie (Picture on right)

The photo shows, Stevie Wilkes, the late Phil Marsden (Captain), Tony Quinn and Rob Sturgeon.

So, thousands of photos later and hours spent around the club you never know where it will get you. Over the season I will share more photos and stories from the past thirty years.

So, whilst I'm talking about programmes and photo's I would like to thank Rob and Julia Urwin for their dedication and hard work to produce our match day programme and media work for the club. I recently filled in for Julia taking action shots during the Guiseley game!! I now know why I gave it up quite a few years ago! You can't follow the game like a spectator and celebrate (when we score)!

I'm not going to go on about recent games because that's Liam's and Jon's columns. Over the season I will be mentioning the people who make this club tick.

I'll be trying to put a different angle on the content of the match day programme.

We all have wonderful memories and unfortunately bad ones as well.... but let's not talk about them.

So with, Ian, Liam, staff and the players, the amazing team of volunteers and you the fans, let's make some more happy memories.

I would like to wish everyone from Altrincham a safe journey home after the game.

Come on the Port

Steve P





AROUND THE CLUB

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We extend a very warm welcome to Dave Barron and his guests in the Hospitality Lounge this evening, thank you for your ongoing support and we hope you have a great evening at the club and don't forget to bring us three points. Your Man Of The Match pick will be eagerly awaited.



EVERTON UNDER 23's at The Pure Stadium

Dates for the diary

- 27 September v Manchester City 7pm
 - 26 October v Chelsea 2pm
 - 22 November v Tottenham 7pm
 - 16 December v Wolves 7pm
 - 13 January v Arsenal 7pm
 - 16 March v Liverpool 7pm
- Other fixtures may be added in various cup competitions.

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As with any club at our level we couldn't operate without our loyal band of volunteers, We have volunteers who are at the club every day helping with numerous tasks around the ground and assisting our groundsman so if you are interested in helping out get in touch with our volunteer co-ordinator Christine Classon by email volunteers@southportfc.net

We also need people on a Matchday to help with the numerous tasks that make a matchday go without a hitch. Programme sellers, 50/50 draw ticket sellers, turnstile operators etc etc are always welcome so please get in touch with Christine if you are able to offer any help in any way.



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- Company branding in the match day programme
- Complimentary matchday programme and team sheets
- PA announcements and social media mentions through twitter and Facebook

Cost – £500

Match Ball Sponsors x 6 Guests

- A corporate guest to look after your every need
- 1 course meal
- 1x complimentary drink on arrival
- Prime padded seating
- Sponsors lounge access
- Free Southport FC gift
- Man of the match presentation
- Company branding in the match day programme
- Complimentary programme and team sheets
- PA announcements and social media mentions through twitter and Facebook

Cost – £270

Programme Sponsors x 4 Guests

- A corporate guest to look after your every need
- 1 course meal
- Prime padded seating
- Sponsors lounge access
- Man of the match presentation
- Company branding in the match day programme
- Complimentary programme and team sheets
- PA announcements and social media mentions through twitter and Facebook

Cost – £160

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NEW RESPECT INITIATIVE LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT YOUNG REFEREES

Liverpool County FA are launching a brand-new yellow armband Respect initiative this week at a variety of venues and events across the Merseyside area. Prior to the start of this evening's game against Altrincham will be the launch of the scheme in Sefton, run in conjunction with the local Craven Minor Junior Football League.



Aimed at supporting young match officials in the area, the new initiative will see yellow armbands introduced for all referees under the age of 18 in youth football to remind everyone that the referee is still subject to the children's safeguarding legislation – and should therefore be protected, encouraged and treated with respect.

David Horlick, Liverpool County FA Referee Development Manager, said: "Over 35% of our referees across the County FA area are under the age of 18. It is vitally important that they are supported and developed to ensure they continue to referee for many years to come, with some of them hopefully progressing to officiate in the higher echelons of the game."

Gordon Johnson, the County FA Designated Safeguarding Officer, stated "The idea of the yellow armbands is to help identify those referees who are under the age of 18 and to ensure they are supported and at the same time ensure that managers, coaches, parents and spectators think twice about making abusive or insulting comments to the young referee. Essentially, the armbands are to remind adults that the match official is still a child, learning to be the best official they can be. Let's remember, they are there because they enjoy being involved in football, it's their game too as well as the players."

David Pugh, Liverpool County FA Chief Executive Officer, added: "We are fully committed to The FA's Respect programme and the 'We Only Do Positive' mantra. We have implemented the FA Respect initiatives at all levels of the game locally and have also introducing our own schemes, like this referee armband initiative for officials under the age of 18. It is important that Respect is embedded across all levels of the game and that an innovative approach is taken to proactively educate the importance of Respect across our game."

Together with the Yellow armbands all under 18 referees are also being supplied with a supporting guidance booklet on 'Promoting Safety and Respect Within the Game', the contents of which offer further advice, support and contacts information details for the young officials as they embark upon or continue along their refereeing journey.



Gordon Johnson added further, "The new initiative has received some great exposure and feedback via social media leading up to our launch. We would like to thank everybody involved for the part they have played, especially Southport Football Club for allowing us to launch locally ahead of this evenings National League North game against Altrincham and also the young referees from the Craven Minor League who are here this evening assisting us in the launch. Moving forwards, we will now be working closely with all of our youth leagues and young referees to ensure that the armbands are visible across the Liverpool County FA area, whilst also ensuring that young officials receive the appropriate level of support and respect."

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This season has heralded the news that yet another island team are hoping to enter the Non-League pyramid.

Following in the footsteps of Guernsey, who play at Step 4 and the newly formed Jersey Bulls, who are currently competing in Step 6, a group from the Isle of Man have unveiled plans to create their very own football club, with ambitions to play in the Northwest Counties League in time for the start of next campaign.

This is brilliant news both for the Non-League system and players and fans living on the Isle of Man.

Last year I went to visit Guernsey, where I thoroughly enjoyed watching a match and have subsequently interviewed their manager Tony Vance on a number of occasions.

It was brilliant to see how the island's community had really embraced the team and the atmosphere on matchday was a superb thing to be a part of.

When speaking to Vance it quickly becomes clear just how much pride he has taken in the project and the importance that it has had in developing young players on the island.

Whereas before, making the jump into the professional ranks was extremely hard for young footballers on the island, they now

have the opportunity to showcase their talents in England throughout the year.

One of the big drawbacks of starting an island team is the high costs involved, which include having to pay for the travel of both themselves and their opponents, however both Guernsey and Jersey Bulls have demonstrated how, with the support of their local communities, these steep financial commitments can be managed.

The fact that Jersey Bulls were able to attract almost 1000 fans for their very first fixture at the start of the month shows both how island clubs can develop revenue and help to cultivate a special following across the community.

The Isle of Man bid is being led by National Team manager Paul Jones.

When interviewing him last week I was immediately struck by his immense passion for football on the island and his determination to see the project through

There have been plans in the pipeline to start a team on the Isle of Man for almost 15 years but for one reason or another the project has never come to fruition, until now

I wish Paul and his colleagues the absolute best of luck in creating a club because these island teams have the potential to unite their communities in such a unique way.

By Hugo Varley @ The Non-League Paper

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ACTION



ALFRETON TOWN 2 SOUTHPORT 0

Impact Arena 26 August

Amari Morgan-Smith scored twice as Southport suffered a 2-0 defeat away to Alfreton Town.

Once again, the Port attack struggled to threaten the opposition, as they failed to cause Jack Atkinson any real trouble in the Alfreton goal.

The opening 45 minutes saw both sides unable to create clear cut chances, with no breakthroughs.

The Port's only shot on target came through Reagan Ogle in the ninth minute, with the keeper saving low down to his left.

Only six minutes into the second half, the game saw its first goal as the hosts took the lead.

The ball was nicely flicked across the face of goal by Dominic Smith, with Morgan-Smith with space to tap past the keeper.

Five minutes later, the Red's striker grabbed his second of the game and his sixth of the new season, as he rose high to head in a corner from Johnson.

Frustrations continued to grow for Watson's side as David Morgan was shown a yellow card for a poor challenge on Morgan-Smith.

Southport: Dan Hanford, Zehn Mohammed, Reagan Ogle, Andy Parry, Ryan Astles, David Morgan, Connor Woods (Raul Correia 58'), Russell Benjamin (Jack Doyle 58'), Kieran Glynn, Jack Sampson, Morgan Homson-Smith (Devarn Green 71').

Unused subs: Brad Bauress, Charlie Albinson.

Yellow cards: Benjamin (27'), Morgan (64')

Attendance: 507

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ALTRINCHAM FC

WE WELCOME ALTRINCHAM TO THE PURE STADIUM FOR A GAME UNDER THE LIGHTS THIS EVENING AND HOPE THE SUPPORTERS, PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY HOME.

It is the 36th Non League meeting of the sides, the record reads, Played 35 Won 12 Drawn 8 Lost 15 Goals For 47 Goals Against 48.

Last season saw Altrincham do the double over Southport with a comprehensive 3-1 win here at home and a 1-0 victory at Moss Lane in a game that saw Liam Edwards sent off.

Alty went on to reach the Play Off Semi before going out to Chorley on a penalty shoot out.



Action from Moss Lane last season.

FORM LINE

FORM GUIDE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Altrincham	L	D	D	W	L	D	L
Venue	H	A	A	H	A	H	A
Score	1-3	1-1	1-1	3-2	0-1	1-1	0-5
Pos			19	11	17	17	18

Altrincham were at home against Farsley Celtic on Saturday.

LINKS

Neil Sorvel the Altrincham Assistant Manager played 6 games for Southport between January 2008 and February 2008

Andy White had 19 league games at the start of the 2017-18 season.

Tony Thompson had 7 games in between the sticks at the end of the 2014-15 season

Steven Drench had 19 league starts also in the goalkeeping position at the end of 2007-08.

The club prides itself on its financial prudence, with the current board having steered Altrincham FC from near financial ruin fourteen years ago through hard work and keeping to strict budgets. Historic debts have been paid off and though this has meant that the club operates on a much lower budget than its competitors, it has not sought the easy way out of going into administration and reneging on its debts.

NL HOME RECORD V ALTRINCHAM

78/79	05-May	Lge	W	3-1	691	Turner, Gerrard, Wheeldon
93/94	12-Oct	Lge	W	3-1	1230	Gamble(pen) Withers(2)
94/95	29-Aug	Lge	L	1-4	1427	Thomas
95/96	05-Sep	Lge	L	1-2	1127	Ward
96/97	14-Dec	Lge	L	1-3	803	Gamble
99/00	15-Jan	FAT3	D	0-0	1387	
99/00	01-May	Lge	W	2-0	1427	Stuart, Arnold
03/04	23-Sep	Lge	D	2-2	702	Hallam, Mulvaney
04/05	11-Sep	Lge	W	2-1	967	Fearns(2)
05/06	18-Mar	Lge	D	1-1	1278	Daly
06/07	03-Feb	Lge	W	2-1	1145	Baker, Newby
10/11	24-Aug	Lge	W	1-0	1088	T Gray
14/15	23-Aug	Lge	W	2-1	1082	Brodie, Foster
15/16	31-Aug	Lge	W	3-0	1143	G. Jones(pen), Nolan, McCarthy
18/19	07-Aug	Lge	L	1-3	1268	Richards

IN THE HOT SEAT IS PHIL PARKINSON



Phil Parkinson who was appointed on 28 April 2017, the eve of the last game of the 2016-17 season in which Altrincham had been relegated to the Northern Premier League. Phil arrived three days after his former club, Nantwich Town, had lost in the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League promotion play-off semi-final at Spennymoor Town. He had managed The Dabbers since February 2015 and in that time he had transformed them from a relegation-threatened club to promotion contenders.

Phil also took Nantwich to the FA Trophy semi-finals in 2016. As a player, he was a junior at Crewe Alexandra, and then at Reading, before having a year at Port Vale. He made some two hundred appearances for Nantwich as a player, where he captained the team that won the FA Vase in 2006, as well as leading the Dabbers to promotion from the North West Counties League and UniBond League First Division.

Outside football he is a Sports Science lecturer.



HISTORY



Neil Sorvel



Andy White



Tony Thompson



Steven Drench



STEVEN DRENCH

Altrincham signed experienced and reliable goalkeeper Steven Drench from Bradford (Park Avenue) on 28 January 2019, following the Yorkshire club's unexpected decision to allow players to leave. After starting out at Blackburn Rovers (2005), where he now works as a coach, Steven played for Morecambe (2006-08) alongside Alty assistant manager Neil Sorvel when the Shrimps gained promotion to the Football League. Next, he joined Southport and subsequently followed Port manager Gary Brabin to Cambridge United on loan. After leaving the Sandgrounders he signed for Leigh Genesis where he played 45 times (2008-10) before he joined Guiseley, racking up well over two hundred appearances and earning promotion, before moving on loan to FC Halifax Town and then to Bradford PA in 2017, following former Lions' manager Mark Bower to the Horsfall Stadium.

TONY THOMPSON

Liverpudlian Tony Thompson made his first appearance for Alty in a pre-season game on 8 July 2017. In 2016-17 he had played on loan from AFC Fylde for Warrington Town but he started out with Rotherham United (2012), from where he had loan spells with Chelmsford City and Southport in 2014-15 before he joined Morecambe, where he played one League Two game. Later in 2015-16, he moved to Chester FC before joining AFC Fylde in 2016. The early part of 2017/18 saw him sharing first-team duties with Tim Deasy but he soon established himself as the regular first choice for the remainder of the season.

SHAUN DENSMORE

Signed initially on a month's contract on 12 September 2008, Shaun is a former Everton Academy Player of the Year, who was released by the Toffees in summer 2008. After trials with Bradford City he joined Altrincham. A hardworking right-footed defender/midfielder, Shaun made his Alty debut on 16th September 2008. On 13 October 2008 he signed on for the rest of 2008-09 season, having impressed in a run of seven unbeaten games in the side. Following the resignation of manager Neil Young on 28 August 2016, Shaun, along with Alan Goodall and Jake Moutt, was appointed to a joint caretaker-management role before the brief tenure of Jim Harvey. Shaun made a welcome but brief return to playing action on 6 December 2016 in the FA Trophy but was then sidelined again by injury for much of the remainder of that campaign. In 2017-18

he initially started mostly played as left-back, alternating in that role with Lewis Short, before re-establishing himself at right-back with some outstanding performances. By the closing stages of the season he was back to his best but an injury curtailed his appearances in the final games and another injury early in 2018/19 season also sidelined Shaun.

CONNOR HAMPSON

A tall left-back who can also operate as a central midfielder, Connor joined Altrincham, initially on a month's loan, from Stockport County on 2 November 2017. He had been at Edgeley Park since February 2017, when he had joined from Curzon Ashton, but injury sidelined him before the end of the 2016-17 season at County. Connor had previously been at the Tameside Stadium since 2011. His impressive performances for Alty prompted an extension of his loan period into 2018. He missed several games in the Spring through injury before returning for the run-in where he played well at centre-back.

A broken hand kept him out of the side during August and September 2018 before he returned to be a regular starter at left-back.

TOM HANNIGAN

Tom Hannigan, who was the captain of AFC Fylde, joined Altrincham on 23 May 2016. A very reliable central defender, Tom had joined AFC Fylde in summer 2014 from Vauxhall Motors who were then in Conference North. In his first season with Fylde he was named "Manager's Player of the Season". Earlier in his career, Tom was released by Tranmere Rovers, aged 16, and then studied for 'A' levels before completing a degree at Hallam University. He made his Altrincham debut on 6 August 2016 at home to Darlington. Sadly, Tom picked up a knee medial ligament injury in only his second competitive game and was ruled out for a substantial period. His season was further disrupted by suspension and another injury, in Spring 2017, which terminated his season. However, he recovered to start the 2017-18 campaign and put in some assured performances before injury again sidelined him in late October 2017. However he again recovered and his consistency and experience was an important factor in Alty's strong run-in for the league title.

JAMES JONES

James, a 1.83m centre/right-back, who spent 2016-17 at Welsh Premier club The

New Saints, played as a trialist for Alty in July 2017 but, in August, decided to try his luck elsewhere. However, he returned to Altrincham in time to make his debut on 23 August 2017.

Before joining Altrincham, James had spent three seasons with Welsh premier club The New Saints, moving through from their Academy to first team. His first season at Alty was slightly curtailed by a hamstring injury shortly before the end of the campaign. 2018-19 saw him as regular partner for Tom Hannigan at the heart of the defence. In 2018-19 he was a virtual ever-present after reclaiming his position from Liam Goulding.

TOBY MULLARKEY

Centre-back Toby became the first close-season signing of 2019 when he joined from Nantwich Town in late May 2019. A product of the Crewe Alexandra youth system, he subsequently joined Nantwich after a year with Leek Town.

ANDY WHITE

Andy was signed on 21 December 2017 from Southport, having previously played under manager Phil Parkinson at Nantwich Town. He made his Alty debut on New Year's Day, 2018. Andy can operate as a full-back or wing-back on either flank and won Nantwich's Player of the Year award three seasons running and was named in the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League Team of the Year for the second successive time in 2017.

Andy moved from the Dabbers to Southport in summer 2017. Two-footed Andy played at both right- and left-back during 2018 and for 2018-19 was a regular starter at right-back.

CONOR BRANSON

On 19 June 2019, Altrincham signed Conor, the Manager's Player of the Season at Bradford (Park Avenue) in 2018-19, for an undisclosed fee. In addition to his modfield capabilities, Conor can also play in the back line.

Conor was a mainstay of BPS's play-off challenge in 2018-19 and made 40 appearances for Avenue that season, netting twelve goals. His career started at Barnsley. After his release by The Tykes, he joined Guiseley, for whom he played eight times and, then, he joined the Nike Academy in 2011 before spending time in the USA (2015-18). In The States he played for Pittsburgh Riverhounds and he acted as assistant coach at Charleston Golden Eagles and Marshall Thundering Herd.

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He then returned to the UK and joined Bradford (Park Avenue) for 2018-19.

JOSH HANCOCK

Signed from Nantwich Town in May 2017, Josh is a midfielder who came through The Dabbers' youth set-up before moving on to Winsford United (2009-10). Next, he joined Witton Albion and made more than 150 appearances and scored some fifty times. He next joined AFC Telford United before a return to Witton, which preceded a move to Salford City and then a return to Nantwich Town in January 2016. He started the season at Alty with four goals in his first six appearances in league and cup matches and remained the leading scorer for the club in the league into mid-November. He continued to be a vital member of the team to the end of the season, weighing in with important goals. By March 2018 he had become the club's leading scorer in the league with 14 goals.

MAX HARROP

A lively and skilful winger, who is also a capable central midfielder, Max joined Altrincham on the eve of the opening game of the 2017-18 season. His career had begun with Liverpool FC's Academy, before he moved to Bury, where he made his Football League debut in March 2011. At the end of that year he went on loan to Blyth Spartans. After returning to Gigg Lane, another loan followed, at Hinckley United. After he had been released by Bury, he joined Nantwich Town in the summer of 2013. However, he left for Ashton United in March 2015 but, at the start of the following campaign, he was at Ramsbottom United. However, he rejoined Nantwich in 2016. His energetic performances and long-range shooting soon made him a popular figure with supporters of Altrincham. His regular starts were curtailed by injury in February 2019.

SIMON RICHMAN

Midfielder/winger Simon Richman is a product of the Bolton Wanderers' academy and the Port Vale youth system. He broke through into the Valiants' first team in League One in 2007-08 and made 48 League appearances for them in all, mostly in 2008-09 in League Two, when he was voted the club's Young Player of the Season. In summer 2010, he had trials with Southport and Worcester City, before joining City and making eight league appearances in the Blue Square Bet North. Simon became Lee Sinnott's first signing at Altrincham in summer 2011 but his early

Alty career was marred by injuries and illness. Having mostly played in right midfield, Simon completed the campaign in central midfield, a position he also played in during 2012-13. Summer 2013 saw him as an integral part of the Great Britain Universities' team which won the silver medal in the world games in Kazan, Russia.

SEAN WILLIAMS

Sean rejoined Altrincham on 21 May 2018, having first signed for the club, from Colwyn Bay, in May 2014. Prior to that, he had another spell with the Bay, and had also played for FC Halifax Town where he was part of their promotion squad from Conference North. Earlier, he also spent time with Stockport County, Vauxhall Motors, Hyde and Skelmersdale United. After 25 (+12) appearances for Altrincham, Sean was surprisingly released by Altrincham at the end of the 2014-15 season and, like his ex-Alty team-mates Kyle Perry and David Parton, he joined Hednesford Town for 2015-16. By the start of 2016-17 season he had moved on to AFC Telford United but, in mid-November 2016, he signed for Warrington Town where he became an important figure in their reaching the promotion play-offs in 2017-18. Sean was impressing in the Alty midfield when his season was interrupted by injury in late October 2018.

JORDAN HULME

Jordan Hulme signed for Altrincham on 13 July 2017, just after he had left Salford City where he had scored ten times and provided eleven assists in 48 appearances in 2016-17 in National League North. The previous season he had netted 18 times in 54 appearances for the Ammies. Jordan's earlier clubs include CMB Sports Club, Walshaw Sports Club, Shevington, Padiham, Ramsbottom United (2012) and New Orleans Jesters (USA). At Ramsbottom, he had scored more than thirty goals in 100 or so appearances before following the Rams' management duo of Bernard Morley and Anthony Johnson to Salford City in January 2015. A versatile player, at previous clubs he has turned out as a right-winger and right-back, as well as striker. By mid-November he had established himself as Alty's leading scorer in all competitions and crowned a fine season as Alty's top scorer, breaking the 30-goal barrier, and the NPL's Player of the Season. He started 2018-19 with seven goals from eight starts before being suspended for a game and then missed further game time

with a persistent eye problem. Nevertheless, he netted nine times in his first ten games of the campaign.

JOHN JOHNSTON

John Johnston was manager Phil Parkinson's first signing in mid-May 2017. A tricky right-winger, with electrifying pace, John finished 2016-17 season at Salford City, a club he had joined in 2016. His career started at Kids Grove Athletic, before he moved to Leek Town in July 2013. His good performances at Harrison Park led to a move to Crewe Alexandra in January 2014 but they immediately loaned him back to Leek till the end of the 2013-14 season. John's form was rewarded when he was named as the Evo-Stik League First Division South Young Player of the Year for 2013-14. In that same season he actually played against Alty when Leek won at Moss Lane in the FA Trophy.

TOM PEERS

Born in Warrington, Tom came through the Chester FC youth system (2013-16) where he made 3(+21) first-team appearances under manager Neil Young. Tom then went on loan to 1874 Northwich FC and, in January 2015, he started a month's loan at Marine. In December 2015 he went on a month's loan to Salford City, with a similar loan stay at Hednesford Town following that. In 2016 he briefly joined Hednesford before a summer 2016 move to AFC Telford United. However, he soon moved on to Warrington Town (Sept. 2016) and then Droylsden (Dec. 2016 to Feb. 2017). At that point he joined Nantwich Town and followed manager Phil Parkinson to Altrincham in summer 2017. Tom ended the 2018/19 season at FCUM but rejoined Altrincham in late May 2019.

LEWIS WALTERS

Lewis made his debut for Alty in the pre-season friendly at Atherton Collieries on 16 July, 2019. He opened his goalscoring account in the following friendly, against Blackpool, before missing the next game to go on trial at Barnet. He returned to play part of the following match against AFC Fylde, who were his most recent club. His previous clubs were Leeds United, Nottingham Forest, Barrow and Guiseley. Leeds-based, Lewis had trials at Carlisle United in summer 2018.

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The Noel Kelly trophy remained at Moss Lane at the end of the first two campaigns.

Fastest Goal Colin Cowperthwaite scored the

fastest goal in 1979 against Kettering Town after just 3.5 seconds.

Paul Culpin of Nuneaton Borough holds the record for the most goals in a season in the 1984-85 season with 41 goals.

The highest attendance for a regular season game is 11,085 between Bristol Rovers and Alfreton Town at the end of the 2014-15 season.

Barnet and Macclesfield have won the most National League titles.

John Still has won the title with Maidstone United, Dagenham & Redbridge and Luton Town.

Crawley Town with 105 hold the record for the most points in one Conference season in 2010-11.

9-0 is the biggest victory margin recorded 5 times, most recently Tranmere Rovers v Solihull Moors in 2017.



CHAMPIONS	
1979-80	Altrincham
1980-81	Altrincham
1981-82	Ruoston
1982-83	Wyke
1983-84	Macclesfield United
1984-85	Walsingham
1985-86	Exeter
1986-87	Stockport
1987-88	Lincoln City
1988-89	Maidstone United
1989-90	Derbyshire
1990-91	Barnet
1991-92	Colchester United
1992-93	Wycombe Wanderers
1993-94	Kidderminster Harriers
1994-95	Macclesfield Town
1995-96	Stevenage Borough
1996-97	Macclesfield Town
1997-98	Highgate Town
1998-99	Chesham Town
1999-00	Kidderminster Harriers
2000-01	Rushall & Darroville
2001-02	Royston United
2002-03	Worcester
2003-04	Chesham City
2004-05	Barnet
2005-06	Accrington Stanley
2006-07	Dagenham & Redbridge
2007-08	Accrington Stanley
2008-09	Barrow
2009-10	Stevenage Borough
2010-11	Crawley Town
2011-12	Freeport Town
2012-13	Macclesfield Town
2013-14	Luton Town
2014-15	Barnet
2015-16	Chesham Town
2016-17	Lincoln City
2017-18	Macclesfield Town
2018-19	Layton Orient

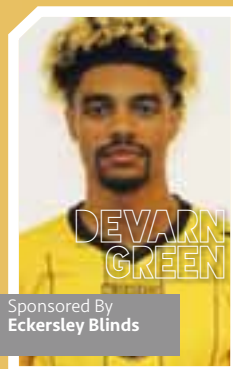
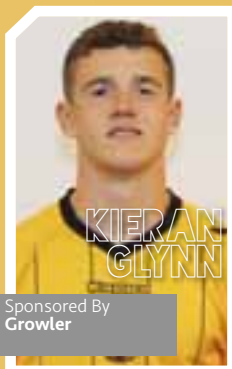
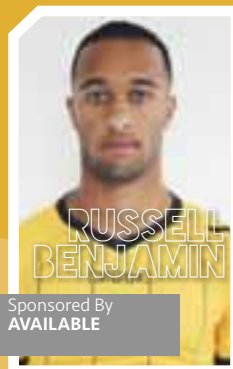
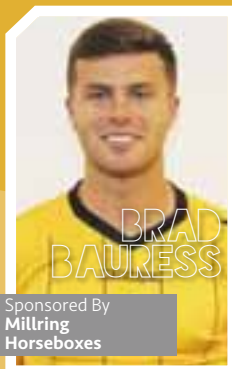
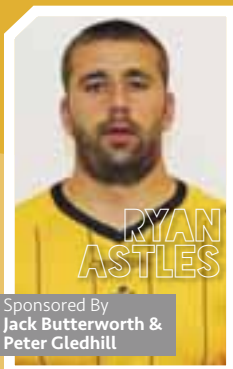
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Alliance Premier League: 1978-1986	
Football Conference: 1986-2015	
The National League: 2015-Present	
TITLE SPONSORS	
Gala: 1984-1986	
General Motors (Vauxhall): 1986-1998	
Nationwide: 1998-2007	
Blue Square: 2007-2013	
Sky: 2013-2014	
Vauxhall: 2014-Present	
NORTH CHAMPIONS	
2004-05	Southport
2005-06	Northwich Victoria
2006-07	Droylaiden
2007-08	Kettering Town
2008-09	Tamworth
2009-10	Southport
2010-11	Atherton Town
2011-12	Hyde
2012-13	Chester
2013-14	AFC Telford United
2014-15	Barrow
2015-16	Solihull Moors
2016-17	AFC Fylde
2017-18	Balford City
2018-19	Stockport County

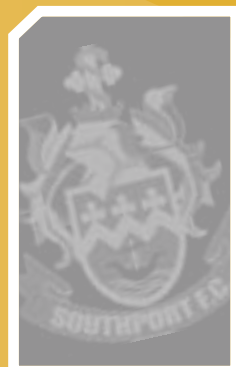
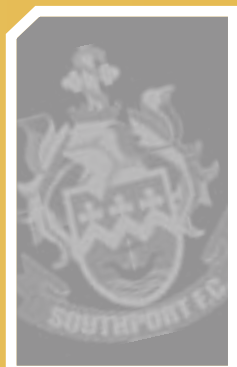
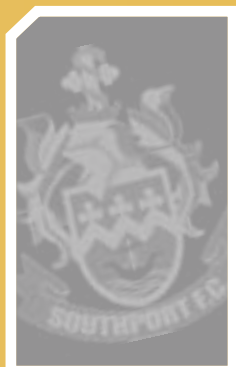
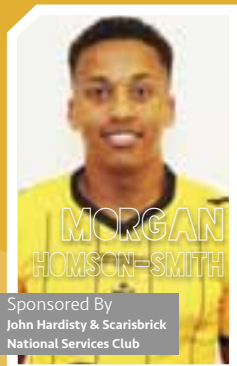
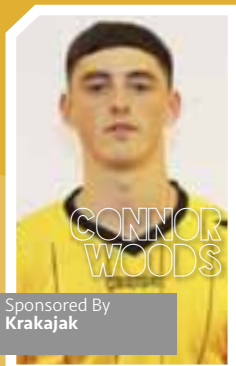
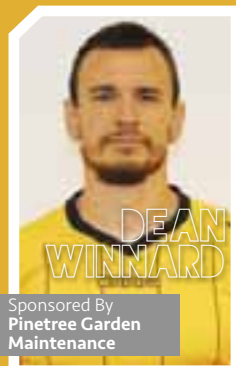
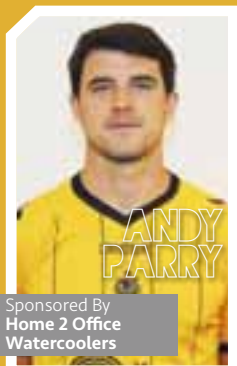
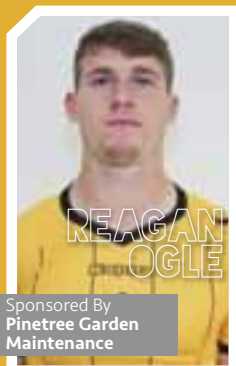
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FIXTURES & RESULTS 2019/20

Date	Opponents	F-A	Scorers	Att	Pos	GK	2	3	4	5
AUGUST										
03-Aug-19	Gateshead	A	0-0	879	14	Hanford	Mohammed	Ogle	Winnard	Astles
06-Aug-19	Curzon Ashton	H	0-0	1120	14	Hanford	Ogle	Doyle	Winnard	Astles
10-Aug-19	Guiseley	H	3-0	Sampson, Correia, Clynn	937	5	Hanford	Mohammed	Ogle	Winnard Astles
13-Aug-19	Farsley Celtic	A	3-0	Morgan, Green, Correia	389	4	Hanford	Mohammed	Doyle	Winnard Astles
17-Aug-19	Darlington	A	0-2		1331	7	Hanford	Mohammed	Ogle	Winnard Astles
24-Aug-19	AFC Telford United	H	0-1		910	10	Hanford	Ogle	Doyle	Winnard Astles
26-Aug-19	Alfreton Town	A	0-2		507	14	Hanford	Mohammed	Ogle	Parry Astles
31-Aug-19	Kettering Town	H	1-1	Own Goal	825	16	Hanford	Ogle	Doyle	Mohammed Astles
SEPTEMBER										
03-Sep-19	Altrincham	H								
07-Sep-19	York City	A								
14-Sep-19	Blyth Spartans	H								
21-Sep-19	(FAC2Q)									
28-Sep-19	Boston United	A								
OCTOBER										
05-Oct-19	(FAC3Q)									
12-Oct-19	Brackley Town	H								
19-Oct-19	Hereford	H								
26-Oct-19	Bradford Park Avenue	A								
29-Oct-19	LANCS CUP									
NOVEMBER										
02-Nov-19	Leamington	H								
09-Nov-19	Spennymoor Town	A								
16-Nov-19	King's Lynn Town	H								
23-Nov-19	FAT 3Q									
30-Nov-19	Kidderminster Harriers	A								
DECEMBER										
07-Dec-19	Gloucester City	H								
14-Dec-19	FAT 1									
21-Dec-19	Blyth Spartans	A								
26-Dec-19	Chester	H								
28-Dec-19	Altrincham	A								
JANUARY										
01-Jan-20	Chester	A								
04-Jan-20	York City	H								
11-Jan-20	Brackley Town	A								
18-Jan-20	Boston United	H								
25-Jan-20	Gloucester City	A								
FEBRUARY										
01-Feb-20	Bradford Park Avenue	H								
08-Feb-20	Hereford	A								
15-Feb-20	Spennymoor Town	H								
22-Feb-20	Leamington	A								
29-Feb-20	King's Lynn Town	A								
MARCH										
07-Mar-20	Kidderminster Harriers	H								
14-Mar-20	Gateshead	H								
21-Mar-20	Curzon Ashton	A								
28-Mar-20	Farsley Celtic	H								
APRIL										
04-Apr-20	Guiseley	A								
10-Apr-20	Alfreton Town	H								
13-Apr-20	AFC Telford United	A								
18-Apr-20	Darlington	H								
25-Apr-20	Kettering Town	A								

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Player	Minutes Played	Lge 19/20 Apps	Lge 19/20 Sub	Cup 19/20 Apps	Cup 19/20 Sub	Lge Goals 19/20	Assists	Lge Total Goals	Cup Goals 19/20	Total Goals 19/20	Career Cup Goals	Total Career Goals
Charlie Albinson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan Astles	720	8	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	3
Bradley Bauress	515	6	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	2	7
Russell Benjamin	471	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dion Charles #	170	2	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	7	25
Raul Correia	477	5	3	0	0	2	1	2	0	2	0	2
Jack Doyle	437	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kieran Glynn	330	4	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
Devarn Green	376	4	3	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	2	5
Dan Hanford	720	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morgan Homson-Smith	190	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Patrick Lacey	134	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Zehn Mohammed	523	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David Morgan	713	8	0	0	0	1	1	8	0	1	1	9
Reagan Ogle	630	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andy Parry	180	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3
Jack Sampson	704	8	0	0	0	1	0	23	0	1	3	26
Dean Winnard	512	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	4
Connor Woods	118	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ten Men	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Own Goals	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	1	0	1	*	*
# No Longer At The Club												
Total	7920	88	19	0	0	7	68	0	7	22	89	

THE STATS

LEAGUE TABLE 2019/20

31-AUGUST	HOME						AWAY						GS	GA	GD	PTS	H	Att	A	Att.
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A									
1 York City	8	2	2	0	4	1	4	0	0	13	4	17	5	12	20					
2 King's Lynn	8	4	0	0	11	3	2	1	1	6	6	17	9	8	19					
3 Alfreton Town	8	3	1	0	10	1	2	0	2	7	6	17	7	10	16			0-2	507	
4 Guiseley	8	3	0	1	9	5	2	1	1	10	5	19	10	9	16	3-0	937			
5 Chester	8	3	1	0	11	3	1	2	1	4	4	15	7	8	15					
6 Leamington	8	3	1	0	8	2	1	1	2	5	6	13	8	5	14					
7 Hereford	8	1	3	0	4	3	2	0	2	5	7	9	10	-1	12					
8 Brackley Town	8	3	1	0	6	1	0	1	3	1	6	7	7	0	11					
9 Gateshead	8	1	2	1	3	4	1	3	0	4	3	7	7	0	11			0-0	879	
10 Boston United	7	2	2	0	8	2	0	2	1	1	4	9	6	3	10					
11 Kidderminster Harriers	8	0	1	3	4	4	7	3	0	1	9	5	13	12	1	10				
12 Farsley Celtic	8	2	0	2	5	6	1	1	2	5	5	10	11	-1	10			3-0	389	
13 AFC Telford	8	1	1	2	4	6	2	0	2	5	5	9	11	-2	10	0-1	910			
14 Gloucester City	8	1	1	2	6	6	2	0	2	5	10	11	16	-5	10					
15 Curzon Ashton	8	2	1	1	9	3	0	2	2	2	6	11	9	2	9	0-0	1120			
16 Southport	8	1	2	1	4	2	1	1	2	3	4	7	6	1	9	**	**	**	**	
17 Altrincham	8	2	1	1	8	7	0	2	2	2	8	10	15	-5	9					
18 Darlington	8	2	1	1	6	2	0	1	3	3	9	9	11	-2	8			0-2	1331	
19 Spennymoor	6	1	0	1	3	5	0	2	2	4	7	7	12	-5	5					
20 Kettering	8	1	1	2	7	9	0	1	3	3	9	10	18	-8	5	1-1	825			
21 Bradford Park Avenue	8	0	1	3	2	11	1	1	2	2	10	4	21	-17	5					
22 Blyth Spartans	7	0	0	4	2	10	0	1	2	0	5	2	15	-13	1					
	172	38	23	25	134	99	25	23	38	99	134	233	0							

LEAGUE MATCH STATS

Times of Goals	For	Ag	H		A		CURRENT SEQUENCES		Home		No	W	D	L
			F	A	F	A	Games Scored In	1	Scoring first	2	1	1		
1-9 mins	2	1	1	1	1	1	Wins	0	Conceding first	1			1	
10-19 mins	1	0	1				Defeats	0	Winning at half time	1	1			
20-35 mins	2	2	1	1	1	1	Draws	0	Drawing at half time	3		2	1	
36-45 mins	1	0			1		GAMES SINCE		Losing at half time		0			
46-60 mins	1	3	1	1	2		A Win	4	Away		No	W	D	L
61-75 mins	0	0					A Home Win	2	Scoring first		2	1		1
80-90 mins	0	0					An Away Win	2	Conceding first		1			1
Added Time	0	0					A Defeat	1	Winning at half time		1	1		
TOTAL	7	6	4	2	3	4	An Away Defeat	0	Drawing at half time		2		1	1
PENALTIES			H		A		A Home Defeat	1	Losing at half time		1			1
	For	Ag	F	A	F	A	A Score Draw	0						
Pens Awarded	0	2	1	1			A No Score Draw	6	Goal Frequency		0	1	2	3
Pens Scored	0	2	1	1			Conceding A Goal	0	Goals Scored		5	1		2
							Scoring A Goal	0	Goals Conceded		4	2	2	
WHICH END?		F	A			GOAL METHOD		Winning Margin						2
Blowick End	2	1					Open Play	7	Losing Margin			1	2	
Scarlsbrick End	2	1					Corner		Draws		2	1		
TOTAL	4	2					Penalty				F	A		
							Direct Free Kick		RED CARDS		0	0		
							Indirect Free Kick		YELLOW CARDS		8			
							Headed Goals							

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

THE FOOTBALL SEASON OF 1960/61 SAW THE INTRODUCTION OF A BRAND NEW COMPETITION FOR THE CLUBS OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE. DISCUSSIONS HAD GONE ON FOR A FEW YEARS BEFORE THE LEAGUE SECRETARY OF THE DAY, ALAN HARDAKER, BROUGHT HIS AND OTHER'S IDEAS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. IT WOULD BE A KNOCKOUT COMPETITION FOR ALL THE 92 LEAGUE CLUBS TO BE PLAYED ON MID WEEK EVENINGS AND COMMENCING IN THE AUTUMN. MATCH ATTENDANCES HAD BEEN IN DECLINE AND NOW THAT MOST CLUBS HAD FLOODLIGHTS IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE NEW CUP COMPETITION COULD PROCEED. INITIALLY IT HAD NO SPONSORSHIP, NOT REALLY THE DONE THING AT THE TIME, BUT LATER IT BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH NAMES SUCH AS CARLING, RUMBELOWS AND THE MILK MARKETING BOARD AND OTHERS, AND NOW OF COURSE IT IS THE CARABAO CUP.

replays if needed and in a number of cases three games were required to find a winner. Before 1966 the Final was decided over two games played on the grounds of the finalists. Wembley Stadium hosted it's first Final on March 4th 1967 when QPR defeated West Brom 3-2.

The draw for Round 1 in 1960 was not regionalised. 46 clubs took part in the First Round and 41 clubs received byes to Round 2. Five clubs declined to take part. Arsenal, Spurs, West Brom, Wolves and Sheffield Wednesday.

We were drawn away at Plymouth Argyle on October 12th 1960. In subsequent years the competition started in September and then August. We probably had the longest journey all the way to South Devon pre Motorways. Manchester United had a similar trip to play at Exeter City. There were two London Derby games including Chelsea's visit to Millwall where they won 7-1.

The Plymouth programme informed readers that there had been many arguments as to the wisdom of forming a new competition but concluded that only time would tell if it would have the same glamour or attraction of the FA Cup.

As for us Plymouth had read good reports of our football and they would not be underestimating us. We lost 2-0 but Argyle were close to the top of Division 2 and ahead of Liverpool in the table.

We played in the League Cup for seventeen seasons without conspicuous success but managed to reach Round 2 six times and host games at Haig Avenue against sides from the top two Divisions. Newcastle United Manchester City and Stoke City were played and the Geordies should have visited us for a second time in 1975 but that tie was switched to the North East prompting a letter of mine opposing the move appearing in the Visitor.

The second round tie against Manchester City was played here exactly 50 years ago. We had qualified by beating Oldham Athletic in Round 1 by 5-1. City were the FA Cup holders and were due to take part in the European Cup Winners Cup over the Winter. Their team was packed with Internationals and well known players of the day. They had a front five consisting of Mike Summerbee, Colin Bell, Francis Lee, Colin Bowyer and Stan Bowles. The match was made all ticket and an attendance of 11215 who paid £2910 were present to see Francis Lee give City an early lead.

Bobby Wraith making his debut in goal in place of the injured John Armstrong having no chance of saving. The score remained in City's favour to half time but the Port had played well and caused the visiting defence several problems. About 20 minutes into the second half City doubled the score when Alan Oakes shot past Wraith from 25 yards and they made absolutely sure with a late third from Colin Bell netted with the ball going in off the underside of the bar. It had not been a one sided game as the Port displayed several good attacking ideas and both George Andrews and Eric Redrobe went close.

On March 7th 1970 City won the League Cup at Wembley defeating West Brom 2-1 with virtually the same side that had defeated Southport. On their way to the Final they had knocked out both Merseyside Giants, QPR and Manchester United.

On April 29th 1970 they won the European Cup Winners Cup beating the Polish side Gornik in Vienna by 2-1. The attendance that evening was around 11000. I have seen conflicting figures as to it's size. It might well have not been as big as the crowd mustered on our ground back on September 3rd 1969.



THE LAST WORD



IT REALLY WAS THE
LAST WORD FOR BURY
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WEDNESDAY IN WHAT
WAS A SAD DAY FOR
ALL TRUE FOOTBALL
FANS. YOU HAD TO FEEL
FOR THE BURY FANS NO
MATTER WHICH CLUB
YOU SUPPORT.

Having lived just outside the town for twelve years and unable to get over to Southport as often as I would have liked I sort of semi-adopted Bury as a second team between 1983 and 1995 just to get my weekly football fix. There were some very good days but it was never the same as watching Southport.

The rights and wrongs of what has gone on at Bury should be a massive reminder to everyone involved in football. They will be debated long and hard and the coverage Bury and Bolton, who are also on the brink, received on national radio all day last Wednesday just showed how much a local football team means to a Community. The thought of not being able to watch Southport sends me cold.

You can see why it happens. Fans demand success, a big money man comes in promising the earth (three times in the case of Bury) and the ride is great but the consequences have now proved fatal.

Yes, we'll just go out and buy that striker that could win us the league but at what cost to the future of the club concerned, it's rife and needs to stop.

It happens so often it needs to be controlled far better meaning the EFL and other leagues throughout the land surely have to take a more active role in the governance of football.

The Bury fans enjoyed winning their leagues and

the progression over the last few years but rode roughshod over the many companies they owed money to.


Clubs in our league have done it in the past, reformed, which is great, but the money owed to the local businesses in the area is never paid over and they then go out of business because of the debts.


Something has to happen and the painful lesson Bury have learned, and possibly Bolton by the time you read this, needs to be a lesson that never happens again.

On a happier note, what a great Ashes Test we had at Headingly with probably the best day of sporting action on record or at least it was high up there. I don't have Sky so I was following on the radio but every time I switched my radio on to listen a wicket fell so once Broad was out for 0 I thought I better not switch on again fully expecting a defeat. I resorted to following the BBC feed on my phone highly tempted to switch on when it got down to less than 20 to win. I resisted the temptation so the whole of England has me to thank for not switching my radio on and winning the Test.

I am lucky enough to have a ticket for the first day's play at Old Trafford tomorrow. My weather record at Test Matches isn't the best with plenty rained off down the years. It's fingers crossed for tomorrow.

Rob

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