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- Football League Tier Three** Champions ▶ 1960/61, 1996/97; Runners-Up 1967/68
- Football League Tier Four** Runners-Up ▶ 2010/11; Promoted 1973/74, 1984/85, 1995/96, 2014/15, 2018/19
- NWCFL Division One North Tier 10** Champions ▶ 2021-22 (*Bury AFC*)

Club Cup Honours

- The FA Cup** Winners ▶ 1899/00, 1902/03
- The Football League Cup** Semi-Finalists ▶ 1961/62
- The Football League Trophy** Semi-Finalists ▶ 2018/19
- The FA Youth Cup** Semi-Finalists ▶ 1965/66
- The Lancashire Cup** Winners ▶ 1891/92, 1898/99, 1902/03, 1905/06, 1925/26, 1957/58, 1982/83, 1986/87, 2013/14, 2017/18
- The Manchester Cup** Winners ▶ 1893/94, 1895/96, 1896/97, 1899/100, 1902/03, 1904/05, 1924/25, 1934/35, 1950/51, 1951/52, 1961/62, 1967/68

Club Records

- Record league victory** ▶ 10-1 v Skelmersdale United, NWCFL Premier Division, 27 January 2024
- Record cup victory** ▶ 12-1 v Stockton, FA Cup first round replay, 2 February 1897
- Record league defeat** ▶ 0-8 Sheffield United, First Division, 6 April 1896; 0-8 Swindon Town, Third Division, 8 December 1979
- Record cup defeat** ▶ 0-10 West Ham United, League Cup second round, 25 October 1983
- Most points in a league season** ▶ 85, League Two, 2014-15
- Most wins in a league season** ▶ 30, Third Division, 1960-61
- Most goals in a league season** ▶ 108, Third Division, 1960-61
- Top goalscorer in a season** ▶ Craig Madden, 43 goals in 1981/82 (35 league & 8 cup)
- Top goalscorer in a career** ▶ Craig Madden, 153 goals from 1977 to 1986 (129 league, 25 cup)
- Most appearances** ▶ Norman Bullock, 539 games from 1920 to 1935 (506 league, 33 cup)
- Record attendance** ▶ 35,000 v Bolton Wanderers, FA Cup third round, 9 January 1960

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Dave McNabb

Team Manager

Good evening and good afternoon, everyone, as we welcome Barnoldswick and Charnock Richard to Gigg Lane over the next five days.

It seems a bit strange writing notes for the match-day programme knowing that there will no fans in attendance for the next two games.

I was very disappointed on Saturday, it's not losing the game, it's the manner in which it happened that hurts and Saturday was completely unacceptable. We won't give up though, we go again this evening and again on Saturday, it's still in our hands.

It was sad to hear about the recent passing of life-long supporter



Kenny Hindle last week and to hear the impact the club being expelled from the Football League had on people's lives.

A football club belongs to its

community and people like Kenny and I am glad he got to see the club alive again and playing back at Gigg Lane. Thoughts and prayers from myself, the staff and players are with Kenny's family and friends and I know the club are arranging a tribute to Kenny at the Ramsbottom game.

I would also like to thank all the fans who have sent messages of support to the staff and players for the two games that we are playing behind closed doors.

We know that you can't be here but will be cheering the lads on. Thank you for your support, it's been amazing this season and we need you cheering the lads on for the last eight games.

Enjoy the game.

Dave

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Stan Bowles

Everyone at Gigg Lane was sad to hear of the passing of Stan Bowles on Saturday 24th February.

Stan only spent a very small portion of his long career at Gigg Lane, playing five games on loan from Manchester City at the start of the 1970/71 season but "Once a Shaker, Always a Shaker" and we send our deepest sympathies to Stan's family and friends. As well as Bury and City, Stan's career encompassed Crewe Alexandra, Carlisle United, QPR, Nottingham Forest, Orient, Brentford and five England caps.



Kenny Hindle

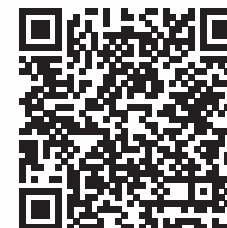
We are sad to report the passing of long-time Bury fan, Kenny Hindle. Following the club for over 70 years, Kenny became synonymous with the club's plight in 2019. We are so glad he saw his beloved Bury back at Gigg Lane. We will pay tribute to Kenny in full at the Ramsbottom United game on 19th March.

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by Maurice Dickson



View from the Main Stand

Hello, everyone, and welcome to this rather unusual edition of the programme which covers two behind closed doors fixtures with our friends from both Barnoldswick Town and Charnock Richard. I'm sure the club would like to apologise to the fans of both visiting clubs for their inability to attend their respective fixtures.

As I have previously said, I think the punishment far outweighs the offence, because no club can control the words or actions of anyone coming through a turnstile and over the two games, it deprives over 6,000 fans of watching and supporting their clubs.

I feel the FA have set a precedent and I look forward to them handing out similar punishments at Anfield, Old Trafford, the Etihad, Emirates, Stamford Bridge etc for racist, homophobic and tragedy chanting which, sadly, takes place pretty much every weekend across all levels of football.

I'm not condoning it in any way because it's vile and uncalled for but the Football Association, as the game's controlling body, have to be seen to punish all clubs equally at whatever level if they are to prove themselves worthy of running the game. Unfortunately, my faith in that regard is somewhat lacking.

I have no doubt it will be a strange experience for everyone watching both inside the stadium and those following the match on the live stream at home (and thanks to Charnock Richard for agreeing



to bring the kick-off forward so the game can be live streamed) but even more so for all the players especially those from both Barnoldswick and Charnock Richard who must have been looking forward to playing in front of a sizeable crowd.

Personally, I consider myself extremely fortunate to be able to attend both games, firstly, against "Barlick", in a volunteer capacity on the car park and then by ticking off a "bucket list" item as a "ball-boy" in the Cemetery End which, at the ripe old age of 61, is the first time I have ever done it in all my years of following the Shakers.

As we didn't have "ball-boys" here at Gigg Lane when I was a lad, I was delighted to offer my services when I was asked to do it.

Secondly, I'll be back on the mic with Roch Valley Radio for the Charnock Richard match which is always a privilege to do whether at home or away and I'm grateful for the chance to keep my run of never having missed a first team home game since I started watching the Shakers way back in January 1971.

Looking back at our last couple of games and it was a hard fought 2-1 win here at HQ over a gritty Lower Breck side which, if we'd taken our two late, clear-cut chances, might have given us a scoreline which matched our overall dominance.

Last weekend, against a well-organised Irlam side, saw us have the majority of possession but we were second best and delivered a performance which Dave McNabb described as "unacceptable", so I'm sure the lads will be well motivated for both games. A repeat of our 7-0 win up at Barlick in October would be a great start and a win over Charnock Richard - finally! - would be most welcome following our league draw and defeat in the FA Cup up at Mossie Park. But, by whatever score, all six points are an absolute must.

It was nice to see the lads' efforts on the field recognised with the NWCFL Premier Division Club of the Month for February which shows we are doing something right on the pitch.

With just a handful of games remaining, it's imperative that we get back to winning ways with some huge games coming up, most notably against Wythenshawe here at home on Easter Saturday and away at Prestwich Heys on Easter Monday. As always, your support will be crucial so please get behind the lads as you always do.

As always, enjoy the game. C'mon, you Shakers!

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Barnoldswick Town

CLUB FACTS

Ground: Silentnight Stadium, Greenberfield Lane, Barnoldswick, BB18 5LJ
Twitter/X: @barlickfc
Registered Colours: All Blue
Alternative Colours: All Red
Midweek Night: Tuesday
Affiliation: West Riding FA
Year Formed: 1972
Record attendance: 1,004 vs **Bury**, North West Counties League Premier Division, 7 October 2023
Previous Leagues: Craven League, East Lancashire League, West Lancashire League
Secretary: Alyson Norris
Chairman: Nigel Hill
Manager: Craig Bradhsaw
Programme Editor: Alyson Norris
2022/23 NWCFL Premier Division, 19th of 22

HONOURS & RECORDS

West Lancashire League Division One champions 1998/99
Craven Cup Winners 1987/88, 1993/94, 1997/98, 2010/11
Morrison Cup Winners 1985/86, 1994/95, 1996/97
Best FA Cup performance: First qualifying round, 2017/18
Best FA Vase performance: Third round, 2012/13

The club was founded as Barnoldswick United (1972) at a meeting of two pre-existing clubs, Bethesda FC and Barnoldswick Sports Club FC which was held in the Cross Keys in Barnoldswick on Tuesday 28th June 1972. Brian (Bill) Bowditch, who had been instrumental in organising the merger, became club secretary. Two teams were entered into the Craven Football League and the first ever game was played on Saturday 16th September 1972.

The next major landmark in the club's history came in 1983 when Bill Bowditch, ably supported by civil engineer and player Ian Nutter, had plans approved to lease their own ground from Pendle Borough Council.

The first turf was cut by the Mayor of Pendle (Peggy Heaton) in September 1983. The first game was

played on the new pitch on Saturday 19th October 1985 following extensive improvements which transformed the field into a proper sports facility.

This has been the home of Barnoldswick Town ever since.

New facilities and unbridled ambition led to calls for the club to start to progress through the leagues and entry in to the recently formed East Lancashire Football League was secured for the 1986/87 season.

The honours continued to be amassed and the club's ambitions grew with them.

This resulted in another progression into The West Lancashire Football League in season 1997/98.

It was during this spell and at the start of the 2003/04 season that the decision was made to change the club's name to Barnoldswick Town F.C. The name change was deemed necessary when

the club took on the lease which included the pitch and changing rooms of Barnoldswick Park Rovers, a club with a proud history and multiple honours particularly in the 1950s and '60s.

Ironically the founder of Barnoldswick United (Brian Bowditch) was also one of the founders of Park Rovers as well as being a distinguished player for them during their halcyon period.

The amalgamation of clubs resulted indirectly in the formation of Barnoldswick Town Junior Football Club and the old Park Rovers pitch and adjacent facilities

are still the headquarters for the junior section to this day. Ground improvements continued throughout the whole period of the club's development and culminated in a successful application to join The North West Counties Football League in season 2009/10.

In the 2021/22 Season we saw a couple of changes welcoming back some familiar faces to the club to take over running our NWCFL team.

Our NWCFL team currently proudly hold Premier Division status under the management of Craig Bradshaw and his team.

PLAYER TO WATCH



GARETH HILL
STRIKER

Has now scored well over 50 goals for the club, after originally signing in the 2018/19 season.





Charnock Richard FC

CLUB FACTS

Ground: Mossie Park, Charter Lane, Charnock Richard, Chorley, PR7 5LZ

Twitter/X: @CharnockFC

Registered Colours: All Green

Alternative Colours: All Sky Blue

Midweek Night: Tuesday

Affiliation: Lancashire FA

Year Formed: 1955

Record Attendance: 979 v Bury, 19th August 2023, FA Cup Preliminary Round

Previous Leagues: Chorley Alliance, Preston & District League, West Lancs League

Secretary: David Rowland

Chairman: Shaun Tootell

Manager: Ryan Donnellan

Programme Editor: Ian Livesey

2022/23 NWCFL Premier Division, 11th of 22

MAIN CLUB HONOURS

West Lancashire League Premier Division winners: 1997/98, 2002/03, 2008/09, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15

Lancashire Amateur Shield winners: 1967/68, 2001/02, 2006/07, 2010/11, 2011/12

West Lancashire League Richardson Cup winners: 2001/02, 2003/04, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16

Goldline Trophy winners: 2000/01, 2005/06

Northern Counties Senior Cup winners: 2012/13

NWCFL Macron Cup winners: 2021/22

In 1933 the Chorley Sunday League became the Chorley Alliance League and a Charnock Richard village team was entered but on the outbreak of the Second World War, the league and team were temporarily suspended.

At the end of the War in 1945, the Chorley Alliance League was reformed along with Charnock Richard FC. The team proved to be a tremendous success, eventually winning the league title in the 1947/48 season, losing only two games and scoring 107 goals.

This success prompted them to try and run two teams, but they ran into difficulties and the club closed at the end of the 1948/49 season. In 1955, under the leadership of Ron Wilcox, the present club was reformed and once again played in the Chorley

Alliance League. In 1957 they moved to the Preston & District League, where they have spent most of their time, apart from a brief flirtation with the Bolton Combination. In the Preston & District League they were soon amongst the honours, beating English Electric in 1957/58 to take the Guildhall Cup.

Success also came in this competition in seasons 1963/64, 1968/69, and more recently in 1992/93. A number of league championships have also come their way, including winning the Premier Division in 1988/89. The 1967/68 season saw the village team take the Lancashire Amateur Shield, beating Vickers Sports Club from Barrow after a replay. Further success came in the Shield in seasons 2001/02, 2006/07, 2010/11 and 2011/12.

In 1993 the club moved to the West Lancashire League, and since then both the first and second teams have gained promotion to the top division of their respective sections.

They have also been successful in the West Lancashire League, winning the Premier Division Championship on seven occasions, in seasons 1997/98, 2003/04, 2008/09, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15. They also won the Richardson Cup in 2001/02, 2003/04, 2013/14 and again in 2014/15. Numerous other honours have also come their way over the years including two recent Goldline Trophy victories at Bolton Wanderers' Reebok Stadium, the Wilf Carr Memorial Trophy in 2009, and the Northern Counties Senior Cup in 2012/13.

The reserve team have also been amongst the honours in the West Lancashire League. After winning the Reserve Division championship in seasons 1996/97 and 1997/98, they completed a league and Houston Cup double in 2013/14, losing only one game in the entire season. The 2013/14 season was therefore one of the best ever seasons for the club in the West Lancashire League with both the first team and the reserves completing league and cup doubles. A large number of junior teams also play in the Mid-Lancs Colts Junior

Football League and the Central Lancashire Junior Football League, with a youth team also playing in the Lancashire Sunday Football League. The club moved to Mossie Close on Charter Lane in 1968, after playing elsewhere in the village, and the adjoining clubhouse was opened in 1988.

A new ground has recently been developed on the opposite side of Charter Lane, known as Mossie Park, which now stages North West Counties League and West Lancashire League games, with the new changing rooms having been opened in July 2011.

Charnock progressed to the North West Counties League in 2016/17 after finishing as runners-up in the West Lancashire League in the previous season and won promotion to the Premier Division in the first season when finishing runners-up in Division 1.

Since then, the club has consistently finished in the top six of the division. After finishing fourth in the 2021/22 season, Charnock Richard topped off a fine season winning the NWCFL Macron League Cup for the first time in their history. The final was played at Chorley FC's Victory Park in May, and the Greens ran out 5-0 victors against Cammell Laird.



MANAGER

RYAN DONNELLAN

Started with his home town club at the age of 15 and came through the Charnock Richard youth system. He progressed to the reserve side in the West Lancashire League in 2012/13 and netted 31 goals.

Ryan was a prominent member of the successful Charnock Richard reserve side that won the West Lancashire League Reserve Division 1 championship and Houston Cup in 2013/14 and scored a further 41 goals.

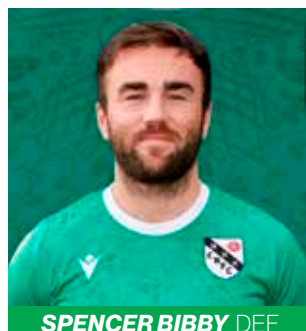
Ryan made his first team debut at Eagley in the West Lancashire League Premier Division on 15th November 2014. He became manager of the reserve team at Mossie Park in 2017/18 and was appointed first team manager at the start of the 2019/20 campaign.

Whilst reserve team boss, the side went 29 consecutive games unbeaten and also won the West Lancashire League Challenge Cup. Ryan guided the first team to lift the NWCFL Macron League Cup in season 2021/22.



CONNOR EASTHAM GK

Connor originally came to Charnock Richard on a work experience loan from Fleetwood Town in March 2022. Connor made seven appearances keeping two clean sheets on the way to helping Charnock Richard win the League Challenge Cup. Connor then went on to sign for Runcorn Town in the 2022/23 season, but returned to Mossie Park in November 2022.



SPENCER BIBBY DEF

Spencer is following in his father's footsteps at Charnock and has come through the junior set-up at Mossie Park. A skilful player, he represented the Lancashire County FA at youth level. Spencer made his Charnock Richard debut at Mossie Park on 25th August 2012 against Thornton Cleveleys in the West Lancashire League.



NATHAN NIKEAS MID/FOR

Nathan made a name for himself as a junior with Leyland Tigers scoring an impressive 54 times in four seasons. In 2015/16 he joined Croston Sports before signing for Charnock Richard in mid-December 2019. He scored his first goal for The Villagers against Whitchurch Alport in the Premier Division of the North West Counties League in a 3-0 Charnock win.



RUSTAM STEPANS FOR

Latvian-born Rustam joined Runcorn Linnets in January 2020, after playing U21s football for Chorley. Rustam was previously part of the youth set-ups at Southport and Marine. Joined Charnock Richard from Atherton Laburnum Rovers in the summer of 2023. He made his Charnock Richard debut at Cheadle Town on the first day of the 2023/24 season.



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by Pete Cullen



On This Bury Day

12th March

1927 - Bury 2 Bolton Wanderers 0
 Football League Division One

Team: Billy Richardson, Sam Wynne, Tom Adamson, Arthur Finney, Tom Bradshaw, Harry Dutton, David Robbie, Alex Massie, Joe Hughes, Jack Ball, Wally Armos. Att: 30,795

How ironic, on a day when we will have zero paying supporters in attendance, that Bury clocked up over 30,000 to watch the top-flight local derby with Bolton going back 97 years. The Shakers wore black armbands in tribute to former chairman Alf Wardle who had passed away a few days earlier and claimed both points in his honour. Two minutes before half-time, Jack Ball, **pictured top right**, headed home a Hughes corner and then on the hour mark, the same player saw his right-foot shot from just outside the area fly into the top corner to secure an important victory. Jack Ball pictured top right.

1977 - Bury 2 Mansfield Town 0
 Football League Division Three

Team: John Forrest, Gerry Keenan, Keith Kennedy, John Thomson, Billy Tucker, Dave Hatton, Billy Rudd, Jimmy McLwraith, Andy Rowland, Brian Williams, Peter Farrell. Att: 5,321

Bobby Smith's side climbed into eighth

place in Division Three with this two-goal success against the Stags as they continued their push for promotion. Top scorer Andy Rowland set the Shakers on their way with a 22nd minute header and central defender/midfielder John Thomson, **pictured middle right**, fired home Bury's second goal after 68 minutes. The Mansfield team included ex-Shaker Kevin Randall and the free-scoring Ernie Moss. John Thomson pictured right.



1988 - Brentford 0 Bury 3
 Football League Division Three

Team: Simon Farnworth, Andy Hill, Terry Pashley, Jamie Hoyland, Peter Valentine, Mark Higgins, Phil Parkinson, Liam Robinson, Alan Taylor (Ian Fairbrother 65'), Nigel Greenwood, Nigel Hart. Att: 3,920

Griffin Park was something of a lucky ground for the Shakers over the years and Bury certainly enjoyed this win back in 1988. Martin Dobson gave a debut to young midfielder Phil Parkinson, **pictured bottom right**, a new £17,000 signing from Southampton, and he made a big impression. Nigel Greenwood's shot gave Bury a 24th minute lead and 35-year-old Alan Taylor scored what would be his final goal for the club after 68 minutes, only for debut boy Parky to make it a scoring debut with the third goal 11 minutes later.



Also On This Bury Day

1898 - Bury 1 Aston Villa 2, FL Division One, scorer: Plant.

1910 - Newcastle United 2 Bury 3, FL Division One, scorers: Hibbert, Currie.

1921 - Bury 1 Leeds City 1, FL Division Two, scorer: Bullock.

1938 - Bury 3 Norwich City 1, FL Division Two, scorers: Whitfield, Davies 2.

1949 - Blackburn Rovers 1 Bury 2, FL Division Two, scorers: Whitworth, Massey.

1955 - Bury 3 Liverpool 4, FL Division Two, scorers: Pearson 2, Fletcher.

1991 - Bury 2 Shrewsbury Town 1, FL Division Three, scorer: Lee 2.

1994 - Bury 1 Lincoln City 0, FL Division Three, scorer: Mauge.





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On This Bury Day

16th March

1907 - Bury 2 Sheffield United 1
Football League Division One

Team: Jimmy Raeside, Jimmy Lindsay, Joe Leeming, Jack Dewhurst, Tommy Rae, Andy Davidson, Peter Gildea, Fred Bevan, Bob Currie, Billy Hibbert, Frank Booth. Att: 7,541

This was only the sixth league game under the guidance of team manager Archie Montgomery and the win did the club's chances of escaping the jaws of relegation no harm at all. Fred Bevan, **pictured top right**, headed home a Currie cross to give Bury an early lead but United equalised midway through the second half with Arthur Brown firing home. With 15 minutes remaining, Rae played a great ball which saw Hibbert put clean through and he hooked the ball home to secure maximum points in what was a hard-earned victory.

1991 - Crewe Alexandra 2 Bury 2
Football League Division Three

Team: Gary Kelly, Charlie Bishop, Roger Stanislaus, Mark Kearney, Peter Valentine, Colin Greenall, David Lee, Liam Robinson, Tony Cunningham, John McGinlay (Kevin Hulme), Phil Parkinson (Ronnie Mauge). Att: 3,384

There was disappointment for Mike Walsh's promotion-chasers as they were denied victory with the last kick of the match at Gresty Road. Rob Edwards gave Crewe a

fourth minute lead but Tony Cunningham shot Bury level seven minutes before half-time and not-so-super John McGinlay, **pictured middle right**, put the Shakers ahead seven minutes after half-time. As Bury hung on for a point, referee Taylor awarded Crewe a penalty in injury time and Andy Sussex pulled the home side level from the spot. Such a disappointment and Bury eventually ended up in the play-offs where they narrowly lost to Bolton.

2004 - Bury 3 Mansfield Town 0
Football League Division Three

Team: Glyn Garner, Matt Barrass, Colin Woodthorpe, David Flitcroft, Danny Swailes, Dave Challinor, Terry Dunfield, Tom Kennedy (Jon Cartledge, 89'), David Nugent (Harpal Singh, 87'), Gareth Seddon (Chris Porter, 81'), Lee Duxbury. Att: 2,199

Graham Barrow's mid-table Shakers picked up their biggest win of the season in a game which saw 18-year-old David Nugent, **pictured bottom right**, torment the Stags. Although he didn't score in this game, he had a hand in all three of the goals. After 26' he charged down a clearance and set up Seddon to shoot home and after 43', Dimech fouled Nugent and Danny Swailes scored the resultant penalty. Goal number three came after 60' when Nugent closed down the 'keeper, who scuffed his clearance allowing Barrass to cross for Seddon to head home.



Also On This Bury Day

1901 - Bolton Wanderers 3 Bury 2, FL Division One, scorers: McLuckie, Berry.

1946 - Bury 3 Sunderland 0, FL Division Two, scorers: Livingstone, Berry, own goal.

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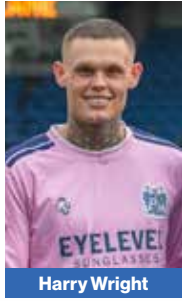
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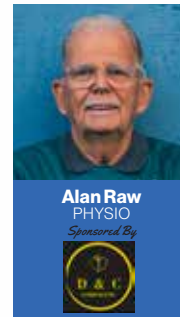
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Shakers Interview

Midfielder Charlie Doyle

Charlie Doyle joined the club in late September 2023, one of Dave McNabb's first signings.

Born in Salford he started his youth career at Bury, before moving onto FC United of Manchester and Irlam. He signed for Warrington Rylands in the summer of 2020, where he was named Player of the Year in the 2021/22 season, winning the FA Vase.

Doyle gained some minutes with Bury AFC last season on loan, later joining Avro and then Stalybridge Celtic over the summer before joining Bootle, and subsequently moving to Gigg Lane.

Here, programme editor Chris Saville speaks to the midfielder...

Which other teams have you played for?

I played for Bury FC when I was younger, then I joined FC United, Irlam, Warrington Rylands and then I had very short stints this season at Stalybridge Celtic and Bootle.

How did you come to sign for Bury (obviously you knew about the club before you joined)?

The gaffer asked me if I wanted to join, and I played for Bury for

five years from the ages of 11-16 so I knew quite a lot about the club.

You quickly settled into the team when the gaffer made a lot of changes to the squad, did it help that you already knew and played a lot with the lads before?

Yes, absolutely, knowing and understanding what the gaffer wanted from the get-go made things easier and in terms of players, I have played with the likes of Andy Scarisbrick for the last four years, so I know his strengths like the back of my hand.

You have formed a solid partnership in midfield with Billy Reeves and Andy Scarisbrick, you seem to complement each other really well?

We do complement each other well. In my opinion, it is because we all have three different profiles, so we have a mixed bag of strengths in the middle of the park which gives us the foundations to work well together.

We have one of the best defensive and attacking records in the league, you must be pleased with that, especially knowing that the

midfield is vital in supporting both defence and attack?

Absolutely, if we don't concede goals and we put the ball in the net at the other end, you will win games, it really is as simple as that.

What type of midfield player would you describe yourself as?

I see myself as a box-to-box midfielder but more than happy to sit a bit deeper and be more disciplined. The one thing I'm not, without a shadow of a doubt, is a number 10.

You missed a few games after injuring your shoulder in the 10-1 thrashing of Skelmersdale, how frustrating is it being injured and not being able to play?

It's very frustrating being injured at the best of times especially when you are not involved in such crucial games.

Your replacement Jacob Holland-Wilkinson didn't do too badly when he came on did, he?

Not at all, he's a top player. This squad has strength in depth so when someone drops out, we don't need to worry about the quality dropping as there's

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consistent quality throughout this team.

Have you ever played in a match with a big scoreline like that before?

When I was playing for Warrington Rylands, I think we beat Prescott Cables by 7 or 8 but not quite 10.

You must have been really frustrated when you were then suspended for three matches once you were fit again to play?

Yes, I was very frustrated. As I've said previously, it's not enjoyable missing out on crucial games, it's what I'm involved in football for.

I have sat with you in the stand watching the lads and you seem to kick every ball and really get involved in the game, what type of spectator would you describe yourself as?

I am an awful spectator; I get

crippling anxiety because I can't affect the game. I am much better being out on the pitch than in the stands.

Two more tough games coming against Barnoldswick and Charnock. What kind of matches are you expecting?

We have eight cup finals left so I think all eight games are going to be tough.

How strange will it be and feel playing in front of a stadium with no fans?

It's not ideal and it will feel strange, but we just need to crack on and get the job done. Maybe meet the fans down the road for a beer after we get the three points.

Do you have a message for the fans?

We have eight cup finals left so get down and support the lads, be the 12th man and drag us over the finish line.



QUICK-FIRE QUESTIONS

Favourite team: Manchester United

Favourite player: Wayne Rooney

Best football ground played at: Wembley

Favourite football moment: Winning the FA Vase at Wembley

Favourite sport outside football: Golf or tennis

Favourite film: The Shawshank Redemption or The Usual Suspects

Favourite holiday destination: Ibiza

Coca Cola or Pepsi? Coca Cola





BACK OF THE NET!... Arthur Lomax-Jones (no.3) strikes his second Bury FC goal, in the 2-1 home win over Lower Breck on March 2nd. **Image by Phil Hill**



Shakers Interview

Midfielder Billy Reeves

Billy Reeves, 27, was in the Port Vale academy structure as a youth, playing for Witton Albion, Hyde United and Stafford Rangers in separate spells on loan before being released at Vale Park.

Continuing in non-league, the energetic midfielder found a home at Leek Town from 2018, playing over 130 times over a five-year period before making the move to Bootle, then following Dave McNabb to Gigg Lane in October 2023.

Here, programme editor **Chris Saville** gets the lowdown on his career and his hopes for the future...

Which other teams have you played for?

I have played for Port Vale, Hyde, Stafford Rangers, Witton Albion, Leek Town and Bootle.

How did you come to sign for Bury and what did you know about the club before you joined?

When the gaffer left Bootle to come here, I knew I wanted to come to Bury. I had obviously seen what happened to the Shakers over the last few years and I knew what a big club it was.

You dropped a division to join back up with the gaffer, was

it an easy choice to make and what attracted you to Bury FC?

Yeah, it was a no-brainer to join Bury FC, it's such a massive club which I wanted to be a part of and joining back up with the gaffer and Tim was a big pull too.

You have formed a solid partnership in midfield with Charlie Doyle and Andy Scarisbrick, you seem to complement each other really well?

We played together briefly at Bootle which helps, and Charlie and Scaz have played together previously so there's a good understanding. I think we are all different types of players as well who bring different things to the team which makes it a well-rounded midfield.

As a player, you quietly go about your business breaking up attacks and linking up the play with our forwards, you must cover a lot of ground in a game?

I think I'm consistently running around 10-11k a game, normally closer to 11k at Gigg because it's such a big pitch!

Until the defeat on Saturday, we had gone 14 games unbeaten in the league, everyone must have been pleased with that?

I didn't realise it was that many but that's obviously really pleasing

and shows how well we've done as a group in the last few months. We were all disappointed with the result on Saturday but now we just need to continue that winning run.

The last few wins have been hard fought and we have had to grind out a result. Do you think at this stage of the season that it doesn't matter how we get the win?

Yes, we've had some tough matches recently. I think everyone would prefer to be putting games to bed much earlier to avoid nervous finishes for the fans but really all that matters is we get the three points.

How frustrating is it when you know that teams step up when they play Bury as they see beating us as a big scalp?

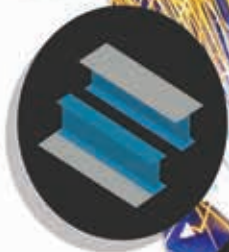
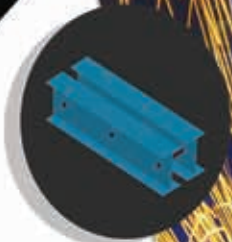
I think that's natural for teams we play especially with Bury being such a huge club and with so many fans at Gigg, it's unheard of at this level. It's something we have to accept and embrace to get the best out of ourselves too.

With eight big games to go for the club, all to be played in the borough of Bury, how do you prepare physically and mentally for these games?

I try to have a relaxed Friday night at home and switch off from work and the game.

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On Saturday morning, I will read through the report Daz does for us and get ready for the match. The games are big, but we also need to enjoy them.

How has the season gone for you on a personal level?

I am pleased with how the season has gone personally, particularly the last few months. It's my first season away from Leek in five years so I've stepped out of my comfort zone and I think it's paid off so far.

We had a good win away at Barnoldswick and were beaten at Gigg by Charnock in the Macron Cup, what kind of games are you expecting?

I wasn't here for the Barnoldswick away game, but I'm told they were

better than the scoreline suggests. Charnock showed in the Macron Cup they can be dangerous on the counter, and they have played a lot fewer league games than others, so their league position is a bit false, I am expecting them to give us a hard game.

How strange will it be and feel playing in front of a stadium with no fans?

It is disappointing to have to play with no fans and it will be strange at Gigg without the usual atmosphere and noise the fans make which gives the lads a lift.

Do you have a message for the fans?

Stick with us until the end of season and hopefully we all get rewards! UTS.



QUICK-FIRE QUESTIONS

Favourite team? Wrexham FC

Favourite player: Andy Scarisbrick

Best football ground played at: Elland Road

Favourite football moment: Making my Football League debut

Favourite sport outside football: Tennis

Favourite film: Layer Cake

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Coca Cola or Pepsi? Pepsi



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Defenders Turn Strikers!

Bury 2-1 Lower Breck NWCFL Premier Division **Saturday 2nd March 2024** Gigg Lane

Bury gained a measure of revenge over Liverpool side Lower Breck avenging their 2-1 away defeat in September with a 2-1 victory of their own at Gigg Lane.

There were a couple of changes to the starting line-up with captain Tom Moore returning to the heart of the Bury defence while fellow centre-back Oli Jepson missed out through suspension. Andy Kellett was handed a rare start at number 10 while latest signing Miles Storey would begin the match on the bench.

Bury started the match positively, with Sam Burns seeing an early shot narrowly miss the far post after good work down the left wing. Arthur Lomax-Jones got closer with a thumping effort that rattled the Lower Breck crossbar. There were further chances with Kellett seeing a good shot blocked by a defender and Gaz Peet, felled in the area, was denied a penalty by the referee.

The Shakers got the goal their efforts deserved from their returning skipper. After an initial corner was partially cleared, the ball found its

way back to Billy Reeves, his second attempt found the unmarked Tom Moore just in front of goal as he powered a header into the bottom corner to give the home side a deserved lead.

That lead, however, did not last long. Lower Breck had been a threat themselves during the first half with Tom Douglas firing an early shot over the bar and Lewis Buckley proving a handful at centre-forward. It was the big number nine who equalised for the visitors just before the break. Afforded too much time and space, Buckley brought down a long ball, turned and fired well into the bottom corner.

The second half was far less open than the first had been with chances coming at a premium. The home side struggled against resolute defending and difficult conditions to try to find a winner.

Forward Benito Lowe, already on a yellow card, collided with Breck 'keeper Theo Roberts with the entire away team surrounding the referee calling for a dismissal. The

referee waved away the complaints, though perhaps sensing the fine line Lowe would now be walking, McNabb introduced Miles Storey for his debut. The tall forward made his presence felt holding the ball up well and creating chances for his new teammates.

One of those chances fell to Arthur Lomax-Jones, his shot was spilled by the 'keeper and out for a corner. Pressing on from that chance, Bury's left wing-back scored what proved to be the winning goal. Storey had broken into the box and passed the ball to Burns, he pulled the ball back to the oncoming Lomax-Jones who fired a deflected shot into the bottom corner.

Bury could have put the match beyond doubt late on with two separate one-on-one chances for both Andy Scarisbrick and Miles Storey. Both, however, missed the target and a chance for Bury fans to breathe a little easier. In the end, the Lomax-Jones goal proved enough to secure the three points.



Words: **James Beedie** Images: **Phil Hill** Watch the Highlights: **Scan the QR code to visit YouTube ...**



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Lancashire Football League West Division

Home games at Manchester College
Openshaw, kick-off at 8pm unless stated

Up to 9/3/24

		P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
C	Bury FC U23	14	14	0	0	42	42
2	Fulwood Amateur U23	10	6	1	3	15	19
3	Ashton Town U23	10	6	1	3	2	19
4	Macclesfield FC U23	10	2	3	5	-8	9
5	Winstanley Warriors U23	9	2	2	5	-14	8
6	Squires Gate U23	9	1	3	5	-17	6
7	Kendal Town FC U23	7	1	2	4	1	5
8	Croston Sports Club	9	1	0	8	-21	3

DATE & OPPOSITION	VEN	RES	SCORERS
4/9 Croston Sports Club	H	W 2-0	Cantello, Tietz
11/9 Ashton Town U23	H	W 4-3	Bradshaw 2, Turner-Sheil, Beard
18/9 Kendal Town U23	H	W 2-1	Cullen, Padrao
27/9 Squires Gate U23	A	W 3-0	Anderson, Woolford, Cantello
2/10 Squires Gate U23	H	W 6-0	Tietz 2, Anderson, Holt, Cooper, OG
12/10 Winstanley Warriors U23	A	W 5-1	Tietz, Carswell, Hobson, Uwadiae, Cullen
17/10 Fulwood Amateur U23	A	W 3-1	Cantello 2, Hobson
23/10 Fulwood Amateur U23	H	W 6-2	Cantello, Hobson, Beard, Bailey, OG x2
30/10 Ashton Town U23 (Cup)	H	L 2-3	Tietz, Hobson
8/11 Kendal Town U23	A	W 1-0	Hobson
13/11 Croston Sports Club	A	W 7-4	Hobson 4, Reeves, Kirkman, Cullen
15/1 Macclesfield FC U23	H	W 3-0	Hobson 2, Cartwright
22/1 Ashton Town U23	H	W 3-0	Hobson, Cantello, Smith
29/1 Macclesfield FC U23 (Cup)	H	W 6-3	Beard 2, Cullen 2, Woolford, Hobson
12/2 Winstanley Warriors U23	H	W 4-0	Hobson 2, Cantello, Cullen
23/2 Darwen U23 Red (Cup)	A	D 2-2	Cullen, Kirkman
27/2 Macclesfield FC U23	A	W 6-1	Kirkman, Dewhurst, Cullen, Beard, Exley 2
7/3 Winstanley Warriors U23 (Cup)	A	W 2-0	Cullen, Exley
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North West Regional Women's League

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North West Regional Women's Football League Premier Division

Home games kick-off at 2pm unless stated

DATE & OPPOSITION	VEN	RES	SCORERS
23/8 Salford City Lionesses	H	0-5	-
30/8 West Didsbury & Chorlton	A	0-0	-
3/9 Tranmere Rovers	H	1-2	Charlton
10/9 Blackburn Community	A	2-3	Dickins, Wolstencroft
17/9 North Walkden (CC1)	A	A/W	-
24/9 Blackpool	H	4-1	Charlton, Dickins, Nugent, Greenall
8/10 Radcliffe (FAC2Q)	H	3-2	Allread, Greenall, Henry
15/10 Manchester Lacres Yellow (CC2)	H	H/W	-
22/10 Norton & Stockton (FAC3Q)	H	1-1*	Allread *Lost2-4 pens
29/10 Blackpool	A	5-1	Dooley, Wolstencroft, Nugent, Greenall, OG
12/11 Rochdale (CCQF)	H	4-1	Allread, Dickins
19/11 Fleetwood Town Wrens	H	3-1	Allread, Mackie, Greenall
26/11 Cheadle Town Stingers	A	1-2	Mackie
7/1 Crewe Alexandra	H	3-2	Allread, Holden, Nuttall
14/1 Curzon Ashton	A	4-2	Allread, Greenall, Nugent
21/1 West Didsbury & Chorlton	H	1-2	Allread
28/1 Blackburn Community	H	2-2	Allread, Simms
4/2 Tranmere Rovers	A	0-0	-
11/2 Bolton Wanderers (ADPC1)	H	1-1*	Allread *Lost2-4 pens
18/2 Mancunian Unity (CCSF)	A	2-4	Allread, Mackie
25/2 Blackburn Community (ADPPPre)	A	1-2	Dooley
3/3 Darwen	A	0-4	-
10/3 Fleetwood Town Wrens	A	1-1	Bailey
17/3 Cheadle Town Stingers	H		
TBC Curzon Ashton	H		
TBC Darwen	H		
TBC Crewe Alexandra	A		
TBC Salford City Lionesses	A		

Premier Division - Up to 10/3/24

	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts	
1	Cheadle Town Stingers	16	14	0	2	26	42
2	Blackburn Community	16	9	3	4	8	30
3	Tranmere Rovers	16	7	5	4	5	26
4	Darwen	15	9	0	6	19	24*
5	Curzon Ashton	17	6	4	7	-3	22
6	Crewe Alexandra	17	5	5	7	2	20
7	West Didsbury & Chorlton	13	6	2	5	-1	20
8	Bury	15	5	4	6	-1	19
9	Salford City Lionesses	18	5	3	10	-6	18
10	Fleetwood Town Wrens	14	5	2	7	-6	14*
11	Blackpool FC	15	1	0	14	-43	3

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Appearances & Goals

Up to and including 10/3/24 - All Comps

PLAYER	APP	SUB	GOALS
Emma Mackie	20		3
Murron Allread	19	2	14
Mia Holden	15	4	1
Ella Bolton	14		
Shelby Wolstencroft	13	5	2
Isobel Dooley	13		2
Dannielle Bailey	13		1
Rachel Blythe	12	1	
Beth Powney	12		
Sinead Nugent	12		3
Rhia Dickins	11		3
Chloe Greenall	8	11	4
Tayla Simms	8	4	1
Sophie Charlton	7		2
Rachel Henry	7		1
Emilia Nuttall	7		1
Caitlin Clancy	7		
Emily Owens	7		
Lauren Lynchey	6		
Hannah Brindle	6		
Anne Krejberg	5		
Charlotte Higginson	2		
Zoe Clingan	1	5	
Chloe May	1	3	
Jody Cunningham	1	1	
Elle Kelly	1		
Eve Brown	1		
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Megan Lord		2	
Griffiths		1	

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Shakers New & Old

Tom Moore

Bury's current captain, Tom Moore, joined the Shakers on 11th October 2023 along with Billy Reeves, both players following their ex-boss Dave McNabb from Bootle FC. Almost immediately, the central defender was installed as the new team captain, and it is fair to say that he has had an excellent season so far as he keeps his team on course for promotion. Tom started out at Widnes FC, moving to Connah's Quay in



February 2021 and scoring a goal in a UEFA Conference League qualifying round for them, before signing for Runcorn Linnets in July 2022, and finally on to Bootle 12 months later.

With 20 appearances and 4 goals to his name to date for the Shakers, Tom will turn 25 on 16th April, which is just four days prior to our final league fixture away at Ramsbottom United. I, for one, sincerely hope he can celebrate that birthday with promotion.

Brian Turner

Today's former player features a defender that was exceptionally loyal to the club.

A man who had an 18-year career at Gigg Lane and played an amazing 455 Football League games for the Shakers.

That figure puts him in joint second place with Wally Amos for most appearances ever for Bury FC, just behind Norman Bullock.

Brian signed amateur forms for Bury boss Dave Russell in 1954, and although he was required to then complete two years'



National Service, the club still gave him games where possible and signed him as a professional in July 1957.

Playing alongside John McGrath and Gordon Atherton, Brian was a member of the 1961 Division Three Championship team and enjoyed promotion with Bury again in 1968.

In August 1970, at the age of 34, he finally moved on, signing for Oldham but after just 11 games and a single season, he dropped down to finish his career with Droylsden. Brian suffered a heart attack and passed away in January 1999.

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Ground: Adie Moran Park, Sandgate Road, Whitefield, Lancashire, M45 6WG (*left*)

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By Car: M60 to junction 17 towards Whitefield, turn right into Clyde Avenue continue over traffic lights onto Thatch Leach Lane, turn right at the Frigate Public House, over motorway bridge, ground on the left.

Saturday 20th April 2024, 3pm KO
Ramsbottom United

NWCFL Premier Division

Ground: Harry Williams Riverside Ground, Acrebottom Lane, off Bridge Street, Ramsbottom, Bury, BL0 0BS (*right*)

Admission Prices: Adults £9, Concessions (65+ over, 16 & under) £5, 12 & under accompanied by adult £1

By Car: Take A56 towards Ramsbottom. After 1 mile turn left at traffic lights down Bury New Road, Follow road into town centre then turn left before railway crossing, into Acre Bottom Lane, running parallel with railway. Ground at end of lane.



At Gigg Lane...

Tuesday 19th March 2024
7.45pm KO
Ramsbottom Utd

NWCFL Premier Division

Saturday 30th March 2024
3pm KO
Wythenshawe

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Saturday 6th April 2024
3pm KO
AFC Liverpool

NWCFL Premier Division

Saturday 13th April 2024
3pm KO
Padiham

NWCFL Premier Division

NWCFL Info

Premier Division Table 23-24



Round-Up

Looking at the latest in the NWCFL & beyond...

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	BURY *	38	26	5	7	96	41	55	80
2	Wythenshawe Town	40	24	8	8	84	42	42	80
3	Wythenshawe	36	25	2	9	90	37	53	77
4	Kendal Town	38	20	7	11	84	60	24	67
5	Chadderton	34	19	8	7	78	55	23	65
6	Padlham	39	19	7	13	70	57	13	64
7	Prestwich Heys	35	18	8	9	74	56	18	62
8	Lower Breck	39	15	11	13	67	63	4	56
9	Colne	33	15	7	11	75	51	24	52
10	CHARNOCK RICHARD	30	14	10	6	74	52	22	52
11	Irlam	36	14	10	12	60	50	10	52
12	Litherland REMYCA	38	15	7	16	65	82	-17	52
13	West Didsbury & Chorlton	37	14	8	15	63	62	1	50
14	FC Isle of Man	35	15	4	16	51	58	-7	49
15	AFC Liverpool	39	15	4	20	68	94	-26	49
16	BARNOLDSWICK TOWN	35	11	10	14	65	84	-19	43
17	Cheadle Town *	38	13	6	19	60	73	-13	42
18	Ramsbottom United	33	11	7	15	65	72	-7	40
19	Glossop North End	38	10	7	21	54	68	-14	37
20	Longridge Town	38	10	7	21	66	86	-20	37
21	Pilkington	36	9	9	18	44	71	-27	36
22	Burscough	38	9	6	23	58	86	-28	33
23	Squires Gate	39	9	6	24	57	99	-42	33
24	Skelmersdale United	38	6	4	28	46	115	-69	22

Today's Fixtures & Coming Up ...

TUESDAY 12TH MARCH 2024

Bury v Barnoldswick Town
Chadderton v Wythenshawe
Colne v Cheadle Town
Irlam v Skelmersdale United
Ramsbottom United v Prestwich Heys

WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024

Charnock Richard v FC Isle of Man

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024

AFC Liverpool v Kendal Town

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2024

Bury v Charnock Richard
Cheadle Town v FC Isle of Man
Barnoldswick Town v Longridge Town
Burscough v Ramsbottom United
Litherland REMYCA v Pilkington

Lower Breck v Chadderton
Padlham v Skelmersdale United
Prestwich Heys v Wythenshawe Town
Squires Gate v Irlam
West Didsbury & Chorlton v Glossop NE
Wythenshawe v Colne

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 2024

Barnoldswick Town v Burscough
Bury v Ramsbottom United
Charnock Richard v Chadderton
Colne v Pilkington
Prestwich Heys v Longridge Town
Squires Gate v Litherland REMYCA
Wythenshawe v Kendal Town

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 2024

Irlam v FC Isle of Man

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2024

Prestwich Heys v Charnock Richard
Kendal Town v Chadderton

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2024

Glossop North End v Barnoldswick Town
Irlam v Chadderton
Kendal Town v Lower Breck
Longridge Town v Charnock Richard
Padlham v West Didsbury & Chorlton
Pilkington v Burscough
Skelmersdale United v Prestwich Heys
Wythenshawe v Cheadle Town
Wythenshawe Town v Colne
FC Isle of Man v Ramsbottom United

Subject to change.
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Welcome to another non-league round-up and a look at the stories around us...

ROCHDALE AFC

Rochdale has been in the news one way or another a lot recently. Even a few weeks ago, Dale seemed to be cruising along, set to miss the play-offs but otherwise unscathed. Then the news that they might have only weeks left before liquidation and may not be able to complete the season.

While there were some mutterings of "karma" on our side, I was pleased with the solidarity and respect shown to a fellow club in need especially given the fact it wasn't forthcoming from them in 2019 or afterwards.

The potential takeover even affected politics with a Dale fan and local businessman coming second in the local by-election won by George Galloway. Everything about this story gets crazier by the minute. Galloway also promised to save Rochdale AFC, but a new bid already seems well in hand.

A Texas group called World Soccer Holdings appears to be the preferred bidder with existing shareholders agreeing to dilute their own holding to facilitate the takeover.

It's been a tough few years for Dale and there could be tougher times ahead but as long as the club is still going, I think most Rochdale fans will be content.

CUP UPDATE

In the FA Trophy and FA Vase we are now into the semi-final stage with four clubs in each competition knowing they are only one round away from a trip to Wembley. Despite a few years of continuous success, there are no

North West Counties sides left in the FA Vase with Lincoln United the most northerly club left in the contest. Over in the Trophy, Macclesfield booked their place in the semi-finals thanks to a 3-0 win over Coalville Town leaving them as the only non-National League side left in the competition.

TOP SCORERS

Now in the home straight, we can see which sides will have something to fight for at the end of this season. We can also see which players got them there.

Top scorer in the Premier Division and the whole of the North West Counties is our own Dec Daniels with 41 goals, though most of those came while at Irlam. Following him are Colne's Lucas Weaver who has scored 33, and Kendal's James Bailey with 32. Andy Briggs is currently sixth in the standings.

Down in Division One North the free-scoring Route One Rovers have three players in the top 12 with Zakariya Khan top of the pile scoring 31 times. Lewis Rawsthorn of Atherton LR is joint second top scorer with 27 despite splitting his time between the Yellows and Radcliffe where he is now under contract.

In Division One South, Droylsden's George West remains top scorer for now. He will surely be overtaken as he is out for the season. A heart condition diagnosed in January brought a premature end to his campaign after scoring 29 times and providing 14 assists in just 31 appearances. Hopefully he will be back next season but surely playing higher than Step 6 given his form.

Enjoy today's match.

James

Shakers Stats 23-24



Player	Position	SEASON 23-24						TOTAL BURY CAREER*						
		St	Su	Gls	Y	R	SB	St	Su	Gls	Y	R	SB	
Harry WRIGHT	Goalkeeper	20			1			20			1			
Sam ASHTON	Goalkeeper	3						3						
Harry BROCKBANK	Defender	1	3					1	3					
Jordan BUTTERWORTH	Defender	18	5					18	5					
Oliver JEPSON	Defender	22		3	11			22		3	11			
Ollie KILNER	Defender	5	4					5	4					
Arthur LOMAX-JONES	Defender	5	3	2	1			5	3	2	1			
Tom MOORE	Defender	21		4	1			21		4	1			
Gareth PEET	Defender	35	4	1	3	1	1	35	4	1	3	1	1	
Luis CANTELLO (OUT ON LOAN)	Midfielder	1	4					1	4					
Charlie DOYLE	Midfielder	21			3		1	24	3		4		1	
Jacob HOLLAND-WILKINSON	Midfielder	6	2	4	1			6	2	4	1			
Andy KELLETT	Midfielder	8	9					8	9					
Dean PINNINGTON	Midfielder		1						1					
Billy REEVES	Midfielder	21	2	1	2			21	2	1	2			
Andy SCARISBRICK	Midfielder	26	1	7	3			26	1	7	3			
Anton SMITH	Midfielder	2	14	1	1			26	40	6	2			
Andrew BRIGGS	Forward	26	7	24	2			26	7	24	2			
Sam BURNS	Forward	11	6	5	1			11	6	5	1			
Connor COMBER	Forward	24	11	7	2	1		60	17	25	16	1		
Sam COUGHLAN	Forward		3						3					
Declan DANIELS	Forward	12	1	8				12	1	8				
Benito LOWE	Forward	16	8	13	4	1	1	16	8	13	4	1	1	
Miles STOREY	Forward		2						2					
Daniel TABERNER	Goalkeeper	3			1			3			1			
Jack ATKINSON	Goalkeeper	18			1			116			6	1		
Niall BATTERSBY	Defender	1	1					1	1					
Kyle HAYDE	Defender	1	1					1	1					
Andrew HOLLINS	Defender	6	1					6	1					
Ethan KACHOSA	Defender	2	5		1			2	5		1			
Daniel LAFFERTY	Defender	14	2		2			14	2		2			
Curtis OBENG	Defender	4			1			4			1			
Gabriel COLE	Defender		3						3					
Sean HIGGINS	Defender	2		1				22	8	5	1	1	1	
Jimmy MOORE	Defender	7	3	1	2			69	13	6	14	1		
Jordi NSAKA	Defender	14	7		2			14	7		2			
Matty WILLIAMS	Defender	10			1			122	2	2	9		1	
Jack TINNING	Defender	9	1	1	1			38	9	1	7		1	
Luis MORRISON-D'SHIRE	Defender	2	2					2	2					
Darius PALMA	Midfielder	6	2	3	1			6	2	3	1			
Lewis GILBOY	Midfielder	12	17	2	2			95	38	36	9			
Shakeel JONES-GRIFFITHS	Midfielder	10	4	2	5	1		10	4	2	5	1		
Ben MCKENNA	Midfielder		1						1					
Abimbola OBASOTO	Midfielder	9	5	1	1			38	16	14	1			
Chris ROWNEY	Midfielder	19	6	1	2		1	93	9	2	18	1	2	
Damola SOTONA	Midfielder		1						1					
Jack LENEHAN	Midfielder	10	9	2	1			10	9	2	1			
Saj ELHASSAN	Midfielder	7	6	3	1			11	14	4	2			
Harry BRAZEL	Midfielder	8	3	2	4			77	22	21	15	1		
Joe DUCKWORTH	Forward	8		3	1		1	8		3	1		1	
Dan COCKERLINE	Forward	1	2		1			1	2		1			
Tom KILIFIN	Forward	2	4					2	4					
Joe HOBSON	Forward	2	8	3				2	8	3				

Red = No Longer with the Club

As at 9/3/24

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The following U23 players played in the Manchester Premier Cup tie away at Glossop North End: **1 Appearance** - Sam Jones, Cole Turner-Sheil, Cole Dewhurst, David Oko, Jayden Bailey, Mason Beard, Jonathan Anderson Ogbomo. **1 Sub Appearance** - Jack Parker, Oliver Holt, Jack Cooper. **1 Goal** - Mason Beard. **1 Yellow Card** - Mason Beard, Oliver Holt. Note: First team player stats from this game are included in the table above.

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Tom **MOORE**

Gaz **PEET**

Sam **COUGHLAN**

Charlie **DOYLE**

Andy **KELLETT**

Dean **PINNINGTON**

Billy **REEVES**

Andy **SCARISBRICK**

Jacob **HOLLAND-WILKINSON**

Anton **SMITH**

Miles **STOREY**

Andrew **BRIGGS**

Sam **BURNS**

Connor **COMBER**

Declan **DANIELS**

Benito **LOWE**



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Barlick



Callum **JAKOVLEVS**

Aaron **BATLEY**

Ben **ASHTON**

Brandon **BARSKI**

Thomas **DEAN**

Harrison **DENTON**

Reuben **DENTON**

Bradley **DITCH**

Paul **DUGDALE**

Jack **FOSTER**

Jack **HIGGINS**

Andrew **HILL**

Gareth **HILL**

Jacob **HOLGATE**

Ethan **KERSHAW**

Sam **LANGFORD**

Ryan **MOORE**

James **ORMROD**

Alex **RALPH**

Oliver **ROBERTS**

Lucas **ROBINSON**

Mccauley **SMITH**

Luke **STOWE**

Ellis **WALLBANK**

Elliot **WATSON**

Ryan **WILSON**



Officials vs Barlick

R Adam Sefton

AR David Cryer

AR Benjamin Weatherstone



Charnock



Connor **EASTHAM**

Jack **BENNETT**

Spencer **BIBBY**

Brad **CARSLEY**

Jordan **DARR**

Fenton **DAVIES**

Charles **DUKE**

Luke **GIBSON**

Simon **GRAND**

Aaron **GRIFFITH**

Lewis **HAYDOCK**

Marcus **HAYDOCK**

Oliver **MOLLOY**

Luca **NAVARRO**

Nathan **NICKEAS**

Ross **O'FARRELL**

Luke **POWER**

Jacob **RIDINGS**

Alexandre **SANTOS**

Kevin **SPINELLI**

Rustam **STEPANS**

Joshua **WHITTAKER**

Mark **WOODS**

Craig **WORTHINGTON**

Ashley **YOUNG**



Officials vs Charnock

R Jamie Birch-Ford

AR Christopher Parker

AR Martin Flannery-Pratt