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THE BOOT ROOM - with Pritch

Good evening and welcome to tonight's Doodson cup tie here at the Help for Heroes stadium. Tonight we welcome FC United of Manchester who are currently in a rich vein of form. I wish all the management, players, officials and fans an enjoyable and safe stay with us.

The old adage a week is a long time in football certainly applies to this club. Last Tuesday saw us dig deep to overcome a stubborn Congleton Town in the senior cup. The resilience and desire expressed in this game more than carried over into Saturdays game at Whitby which apart from a 10 minute spell in each half I thought we controlled and were more than worthy winners. It was good to see all the players put in a battling performance and answer a few of their critics as well.

In both games I have to complement our fans for great restraint being shown in one game and fantastic fun in the other game, but in both great vocal support which all the players appreciate.

The past 7 days has also seen Mike Powell sign for the club and some of you saw a brief exciting glimpse of him at Whitby before he was forced off with injury. Powelly I am delighted, decided to join us and I am sure he will prove to be a big hit at this club. I would also like to add that apart from Matt Cross no player has been released by the club, nor has anybody informed me of their wish to leave the club.

I would like to thank Matt for his efforts whilst here and wish him all the best for the future.

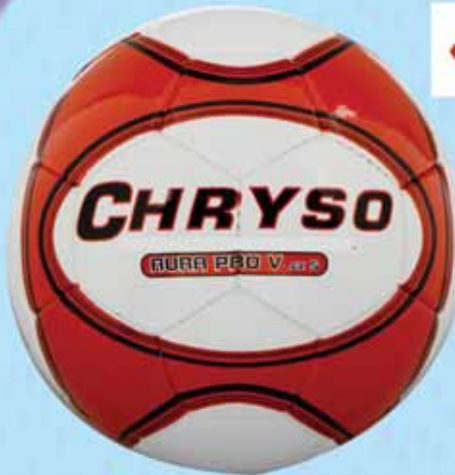
Both teams tonight I believe tonight will go out to positively win this game, despite our obvious league distractions. Whoever does win will have another game to fit into an already overflowing fixture list. This does concern me that it appears due to the enforced breaks we have all endured, several clubs appear to be at breaking point with games left to play. I have mentioned this in the past and I know I appear to be a lone voice, but the additional fixtures planned next season in this league coupled with cup games and the inevitable bad weather will be detrimental to the game at our level. The sooner that the powers that be realise we are not full time the better.

Enjoy tonight's game

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BEHIND THE CHAIR – with Mark Harris



Welcome to the Help for Heroes stadium and to our good friends from FC United of Manchester led by General Manager Andy Walsh and Secretary Lindsey Robertson. Together with manager Karl Marginson and their superb fan-base, there's no doubting that FC are a tremendous asset to the Northern Premier League. If they win promotion at the end of this season there will be 21 chairmen crying in to their beer – and I'll be one of them!

FC United of Manchester have recently been boosted by the news that work on their new ground can go ahead. Having a home of their own will mean that the club can be taken to the next level and shows us, at Witton Albion, how important investment in facilities is. Football alone is not enough to sustain any modern club – well, those that don't fancy financial meltdown anyway.

This evening provides both teams with a respite from league duties as we bid for a place in the quarter-finals of the Doodsons Sport cup. It really annoys me that some people decry the league cup; the prize monies on offer are equal to that of winning the league itself and would be very welcome to any of the teams left in the competition. It is part and parcel of playing at this level that teams have to juggle league, league cup, FA Cup and FA Trophy matches – so get used to it!

The same applies to county cup competitions, although the rules governing fixture priority are the source of some frustration. Thankfully Cheshire FA is a thoroughly professional association that understands the varying needs of its member clubs; however other counties are less flexible. Whilst the national FA's continues to be dominated by the counties it will remain an up-hill struggle to being about the needed change of having set weeks for the county cup competitions. In the meantime, having successfully negotiated Tuesday's tricky tie at Congleton we have put ourselves closer to another piece of silverware – and cheque!

I'm sure you are all as relieved as I am that we have returned to winning ways in the last week. The will at Congleton was hard fought and the three points at Whitby well deserved but I must make mention of the superb travelling support. As always Wittoners conducted themselves impeccably. However, judging by the number of snakes present I did wonder whether there had been a break-out from the local zoo... At Whitby the Onesie Army (plus Elvis) was in fine voice and I will long remember the chants of "we're not going home" at the final whistle. This is

what the non league game is all about and I shouldn't think the pubs of Whitby were too unhappy either!

Tonight's game is only our third home game of 2013; although we have staged one friendly and would have played another had the conditions not dictated otherwise. There has been some criticism of our actions in this respect; however I believe this to be misplaced. Having had so many games called off the players needed competition that they would not have gained in training sessions. And although some injuries were picked up along the way these same injuries could just as easily have been suffered in training.

The second reason for staging these games is financial. Despite games being called off we have to pay those of the squad who are contracted, not to mention paying the everyday bills. So to those who tell me that we need another forward, another goalkeeper and more besides, I say this – you can't have it both ways.

And whilst I'm on the subject of selecting moaning, the squad has been strengthened by the arrival of Michael Powell, who follows Danny Meadowcroft into the club. Both are players of proven quality and, in bringing them into the club, it is inevitable that there will be departures. Brian has to balance his budget and although it is hard to say goodbye to any player who has been part of past success, any club with ambition has to aim to improve continually.

We are now approaching the business end of the season. Fixture re-arrangements see us with four consecutive home games – not including cup ties – and although this is not a perfect solution I can assure you that fixture planning is a thankless task. The league's policy is, wherever possible, to prevent clubs from having to travel long distances midweek, and experience has proven time and again that this is the least-imperfect solution.

Whatever happens come May, this club will be doing everything in its power to finish as high as possible in the league. To that end we need everyone to keep supporting Brian and the team by attending events such as the Sporting Dinner, the Golf Day and entering the Five-a-side Tournament. Every penny counts!

Enjoy the game.

Mark Harris



OPPOSITION – FC United of Manchester



“The club set up in protest to Malcolm Glazer’s takeover of Manchester United” is a statement often used to describe FC United. But while there is no doubt that FC would not have happened without the American megalomaniac’s invasion, it was the catalyst, the final straw, but not the sole reason.

FC United secured a ground share with Bury FC at Gigg Lane and successfully applied for membership of the North West Counties Football League. The fledgling club made its debut in division two at Leek CSOB. From that rain soaked competitive debut in August right through to the end-of-season party in April which saw more than 6,000 people turn up to see the Reds lift the title, an unbelievable amount of fun was had at every game. There were unforgettable days, such as Blackpool where Bloomfield Road saw its biggest away following for 20 years when more than 4,000 Reds made the seaside trip. The club even had an end of season Euro away to Germany to face FC Lokomotiv Leipzig.

The quest began for a second successive promotion and FC recorded 12 straight wins before Salford City stopped them setting a new record. That defeat was one of only two in the league in another thrilling campaign that gave them more great days out including two victorious mini-derbies against Manchester City fans’ club Maine Road. The League Cup was a refreshing sideshow and the 2-1 victory in the final over Curzon Ashton at their own Tameside Stadium was the second season’s cherry to bring the club a league and cup double.

With the league and cup double secured, FC then made a raid on the UniBond Division One North title as well as entering the FA Cup for the first time. After a disappointing start to the season, the Reds fought back against the backdrop of a succession of injuries, suspensions and a criminally ridiculous fixture pile up which saw United playing every other day to find themselves in the promotion play-off places. After clinching the UniBond President’s Cup with a 2-0 victory over Radcliffe Borough, United missed out on the league title by just one point to Bradford Park Avenue. The Reds were a side full of confidence though and they beat Bamber Bridge 3-2 in the play-

off semi-final to set up a showdown against Skelmersdale United. After falling behind early on, the Reds battled back to a 4-1 win sealing a place in the UniBond Premier and a hat-trick of promotions. Into 2009 and United’s form was improving but with 48 points from 32 games and only 10 games remaining, anything other than a mid-table finish looked like a big ask. But FC went on a remarkable run of seven wins and two draws to start the final day of the season as favourites to clinch the final play-off spot. The Reds were locked on 71 points with Bradford Park Avenue and Kendal Town but with a better goal difference meaning the season was set for a thrilling finish. To make things even more entertaining, FC United were taking on Bradford at Gigg Lane on the final day. The winner would secure the final play-off spot unless Kendal went on a rout against mid-table Buxton. Spurred on by the season’s biggest crowd of 3,718 noisy supporters, United looked to be heading for the play-offs with a 1-0 lead but Bradford equalised with seven minutes remaining. Kendal were drawing 2-2 and FC would still have gone through had the scores remained that way but Kendal scored in the 88th minute to break FC United hearts. In the end it was second placed Ilkeston who deservedly clinched promotion alongside their local rivals Eastwood Town. The Reds got off to a poor start, losing crucial games to the majority of the division’s best sides before the summer was out. A welcome distraction came in the form of the club’s best FA Cup run to date, narrowly missing out on making the first round proper but beating Conference North neighbours Stalybridge Celtic 1-0 in a replay after a thrilling 3-3 encounter at Gigg Lane. Northwich Victoria eventually put an end to United’s campaign. Back in the league, FC United’s indifferent form was continuing and although the club had a brief flirtation with the play-off places they soon slumped back down into mid-table. The lowest point of the campaign came in March when the Reds were humbled by a team of hardworking youngsters from Durham who beat them 2-1 to record their first victory of the season. United eventually finished in a disappointing 13th place as Guiseley took the title and Boston United gained promotion via the play-offs.

OPPOSITION – FC United of Manchester



As well as the two great trips keeping the buzz alive at FC United, there were reasons to be cheerful on the pitch too. The Reds were boosted by several new additions to the squad for the start of the 2010/11 season as Marginson's side mounts its third attempt at the Northern Premier League with renewed vigour. The 2010-11 season will primarily be remembered for the FA Cup run, which saw United reach the second round following a famous victory over League One side Rochdale. But there was just as much drama off the pitch as the quest for a permanent ground to call 'home' contained many twists and turns.

After a poor first half of the league season, peppered with sporadic performances, the reds were seemingly long-shots for promotion. But, despite the seeming impossibility of his promises, manager Karl Marginson insisted FC would, at the very least, make the play-offs. And his optimism proved correct.

The FA Cup run began with home victories over Radcliffe Borough and Gainsborough Trinity, before alighting with a visit to Norton and Stockton Ancients. A great day out for the fans was capped with a stunning 5-2 victory and hopes were high that the reds could make their debut in the first round proper. A Sunday afternoon win over Barrow, in front of a 3,000-plus crowd, made the dream a reality. Fans watching the draw for the first round on television pre-match already knew it was local rivals Rochdale in the next round and the hype began straight after the final whistle. A raucous and joyful 4,000 United fans descended on Spotland, with a healthy armchair army watching the match live on a Friday night and saw FC go 2-0 up amid an atmosphere, described by ESPN's commentator John Champion as a 'throwback to the 1970s'. The league side fought back and drew level, but rather than holding on for a replay FC pushed forward and were rewarded with Norton's last minute winner to send the travelling hordes into raptures. Next up was League One leaders Brighton and Hove Albion. In a match that brought memories of Manchester United's FA Cup final clashes with the seagulls 17 years previous, FC fought out a draw away at the Withdean Stadium, following a penalty save from Sam Ashton. The replay saw the league side's

class finally tell, but FC far from disgraced themselves in front of a crowd of 6,700 at Gigg Lane.

A bank holiday trip to the seaside saw the reds take on Colwyn Bay for the right to earn promotion to the Conference North. Watched by a sell-out crowd and locked out fans on a nearby hill, the match failed to live up to expectations as the Bay played to their strengths and kept the ball in the air for much of the afternoon, finally running out 1-0 victors to leave FC disappointed. Still, there was much to cheer in even making the final, such was the club's lowly league position at Christmas.

Last season the reds once again performed one of their trade-marked late surges and made it into a play-off spot, albeit in the aftermath of Northwich Victoria's run-in with the league. They triumphed away at Chorley in the semi-final, thanks to two great goals, including a long distance lob from Mike Norton and the 2,000 reds who made the journey were beginning to think the improbable was to become reality.

However, after the final was moved to a Sunday on police advice, United couldn't repeat their Chorley heroics and they went down 1-0 in the very last minute at old adversaries Bradford Park Avenue and therefore missed out on promotion in the final of the play-offs for the second consecutive season.

Off the pitch there have been just as many highs and lows. After gaining planning permission for a stadium in Newton Heath, the birthplace of Manchester United, and raising nearly £1.5m towards the project, hearts were broken when Manchester City Council had to cancel the proposal due to the government cuts. Despite the huge disappointment, the club and the council managed to resurrect the scheme with a new destination being announced as Moston, in the north of the city. There is a long way to go yet, with many obstacles to overcome, but due to hard work and dedication to fulfilling FC's founding principle of being there to benefit the communities of Manchester and beyond, hopes are still high that the club will begin next season in their own ground.

OPPOSITION – FC United of Manchester



Jake Cottrell

Enjoyed a remarkable first season at the club in 2009-2010, achieving a clean sweep in the end-of-season awards. Cottrell then went on to score in both FA Cup matches against Rochdale and Brighton & Hove Albion the following season. His stunning left-footed strike, which helped United beat Rochdale 3-2 in the first round, led to him being voted E.ON Player of the Round. Cottrell continues to be a regular feature in the starting XI and will look to help FC United in their push for promotion this season.

Kyle Jacobs

Right-back Jacobs is a key figure in the FC United team. As skipper, he leads by example in defence and is not frightened of going forward too, making things happen with precision crossing any midfielder would be proud of. Has a cracking shot too.

Adam Jones

Jones joined the squad in 2010 and has become a regular in the FC United defence. The former Curzon Ashton defender has made a notable difference to United's back line and will be looking to hold down a regular place.

Lee Neville

Neville re-joined FC United for a second spell in time for the start of the 2010-2011 season after a brief period training with the squad in February 2009. The versatile left winger can also be deployed as a fullback, which is one of the reasons Neville has now firmly established himself in Karl Marginson's side.

Mike Norton

Scored 32 goals in his first season for the club last year and his never-say-die attitude quickly made him a fan favourite, perfectly highlighted by his 93rd minute goal which gave the Reds

an epic 3-2 victory over Rochdale in the first round of the FA Cup.

Nicky Platt

After 131 appearances for the club, Platt has become a permanent fixture in the heart of the FC United midfield. The former Liverpool and Burnley player hit the headlines last season scoring the opening goals in both the FA Cup games against Rochdale and Brighton & Hove Albion.

Carlos Roca

The tricky winger, who is at home on either the left or the right flank, often has the opposition defenders falling over themselves with his quick feet, which have scientifically been proven to be as fast as lightning.

James Spencer

Signed from Northwich Victoria in 2011, goalkeeper Spencer has impressed since joining United. His performances thus far have seen him secure his place as number one between the sticks for Karl Marginson.

Dean Stott

Defender Stott arrived at FC United having been at Conference North outfit Hyde for two seasons. Stott has good pedigree as his previous clubs include Burnley and Preston North End.

Matthew Wolfenden

Oldham-born Wolfenden started his career at hometown club Oldham Athletic before moving to north-east Wales where he joined Wrexham. It was from there where FC United signed the striker after he was released from the club in 2010. Wolfenden has reached double figures for goals scored this season and will be eager to keep his shooting boots on for the remainder of the campaign.

MATCHDAY FACT FILE

ALBION'S COMPLETE N.P.L. CUP PLAYING RECORD

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GF	GA
HOME MATCHES:	48	21	9	18	79	69
AWAY MATCHES:	36	18	5	13	58	52
First Tie:	August 27th 1979		Tamworth (Rd.1)	Home	2-1	att. 552
Last Tie:	January 8th 2013		AFC Fylde (Rd.3)	Home	3-1	att. 152
Biggest Win:	November 28th 2006		Clitheroe (Rd.2)	Home	8-1	att. 135
Heaviest Defeat:	October 29th 1996		Colwyn Bay (Rd.2)	Home	0-5	att. 209
Highest Attendance:	January 20th 1981		Runcorn (Rd.2)	Away	1-1	att. 1,008
Lowest Attendance:	November 1st 1995		Leigh RMI (Rd.2 Rep.)	Away	3-0	att. 72

GOALSCORERS (137): 7: LIAM WATSON. 6: John White, Mark Edwards & Mike Moseley. 4: Dave Anane and Alex Titchiner. (Pictured I-r below)



3: Nigel Gleghorn, Mark Hawkes, Brian Pritchard, Carl Frost, Griff Jones, Adam Warlow, Steve Foster, Josh Hancock & Liam Newman.
2: Paul Higginbotham, Karl Thomas, Dean Pritchard, Chris Camden, Darren Twigg, Richard Carter, Chris Gahgan, Rod Thornley, Paul Williams, Andy Kinsey, Ben Harrison & Anthony Gardner.

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INDIVIDUAL SCORING RECORD: LIAM WATSON - 4 goals at Atherton L.R. 19/12/1995.

TOTAL CLEANSHEETS = 18:
BOB FLETCHER (4 in 7 ties).
Robin Simpson (3 in 10) & Jon Kennedy (3 in 4). Mike Sherlock (2 in 4) & Matt Cooper (2 in 8). (Pictured I-r below)

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WITTON have arrived in 2013, albeit perhaps later than planned.

The past seven days may prove pivotal in the team's season; a come from behind cup win against Congleton Town followed by a first league win of the calendar year.

Both provided a boost for bruised psyches, but for different reasons.

Saturday's success at Whitby Town was one of particular significance, not least because the hosts had not lost in the Premier Division since November.

It may be just as long since Brian Pritchard's men controlled a contest so convincingly.

While there were outstanding individual performances, not lest from Danny Meadowcroft and Joe Shaw, I think the collective effort will have pleased the gaffer most.

A first glimpse at new recruit Michael Powell, who slotted into midfield smoothly considering he met his teammates for the first time on the bus, provided reason to be cheerful.

The former Southport man has been a title-winner with Chester for the past two terms, so his know-how – and winning mentality – can only help in the coming weeks.

That, plus the fact that he is a talented footballer with an instinct to arrive late in

the penalty area to score.

Witton used the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League's knockout competition – now branded as the Doodson Sport Cup – last season as a gauge to their on-pitch progress.

Brian Pritchard's men defeated then higher-ranked foes in the form of Stafford Rangers and then Buxton, bowing out only in unfortunate circumstances at Kendal Town.

The league's Challenge Cup is not one that Witton has won, nor has one of its teams reached the final.

A change to the calendar has shifted the bulk of the competition's fixtures to after Christmas, a way in which to keep alive those team's seasons that are unlikely to end in promotion or relegation.

The approach of groups of players who do have those issues uppermost in their mind will be fascinating to watch.

With a quarter finals place a prize for tonight's winners, plus both teams wanting to keep momentum they have built up from recent victories, I expect a serious knockout tie.

By Andrew Simpson

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ON THIS DAY

In welcoming our visitors from FC United of Manchester to the Help For Heroes Stadium, for this League Cup encounter that has seen the venue switched, then, with so few previous games played between our two teams, the normal previous matches article has been replaced to depict whom Albion have played, over the years, on this corresponding date of **February 19th**.

YEAR	OPPONENTS	COMPETITION	H/A	SCORE	ATT.	GOALSCORERS
1898	Barnton Albion	Northwich Charity Cup S/F		A	3-0	n/k n/k
1904	Northwich Victoria	Northwich Charity Cup S/F		A	2-1	n/k n/k
1921	Congleton Town	Cheshire County League	H	2-3	n/k	n/k
1927	Tranmere Rovers	Cheshire Senior Cup Rd. 3	H	0-1	n/k	
1938	Chester	Cheshire Senior Cup Rd. 3	A	4-3	n/k	Bill Challenger (3) & Ernie Brain
1949	Ellesmere Port Town	Cheshire County League	H	6-0	6,000	Frank Fidler (2), Eric Hyde (2), Joe Dale & Gordon Smith
1955	Bangor City	Cheshire County League	H	7-1	1,031	Fred Ridgway (3), Joe Dale, George Kirkby, Roland Lewis & John Wainwright
1966	Mossley	Cheshire County League	A	3-3	304	Tony Burke, Terry Dunn & Fred Taberner
1968	Wigan Athletic	Cheshire County League	A	1-1	975	Barrie Wheatley
1972	Ellesmere Port Town	Cheshire Senior Cup Rd. 2	A	0-3	500	
1977	Rhyl	Cheshire County League	H	1-0	225	John White (penalty)
1983	Burton Albion	Northern Premier League	H	0-1	479	
1994	Yeovil Town	Football Conference	H	1-2	643	Dean Pritchard
2000	Farsley Celtic	N.P.L. First Division	H	2-3	405	Dave Anane & Danny Graystone
2005	Blyth Spartans	N.P.L. Premier Division	A	1-2	275	Williams (own goal)
2011	Prescot Cables	N.P.L. First Division North	A	2-1	188	Dave MacPherson (2)

Pictured (l-r) below are all our known goal-scorers of "today", namely: Bill Challenger, Ernie Brain, Frank Fidler, Eric Hyde, Joe Dale, Gordon Smith, Fred Ridgway, George Kirkby, Roly Lewis, John Wainwright, Tony Burke, Terry Dunn, Fred Taberner, Barrie Wheatley, John White, Dean Pritchard, Dave Anane, Danny Graystone and Dave MacPherson.



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Date	Opponents	F-A	Att	1	2	3	4	5
SAT AUG 18th	BLYTH SPARTANS	2-1	494	Cooper	GARDNER (p)	Wood	Harrison	Bo
Tue Aug 21st	Chorley	2-1	625	Cooper	GARDNER	WOOD	Harrison	Bo
Sat Aug 25th	Workshop Town	1-1	253	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Harrison	Bo
MON AUG 27th	FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER	1-1	1352	Cooper	Gardner	WOOD	HARRISON	Bo
Sat Sep 1st	Buxton	2-2	339	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Harrison	Bo
TUE SEP 4th	CHORLEY	1-3	464	Cooper	Gardner	WOOD	Harrison	Bo
Sat Sep 8th	Burscough (FAC 1st Qual. Rd.)	4-2	217	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Harrison	Gl
Sat Sep 15th	Ilkeston Town	3-2	499	Cooper	Gardner	WOOD	Harrison	Bo
TUE SEP 18th	STOCKSBRIDGE PARK STEELS	1-0	302	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Harrison	Gl
Sat Sep 22nd	Kendal Town (FAC 2nd Qual. Rd.)	2-4	227	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Harrison	Bo
SAT SEP 29th	BLYTH SPARTANS (FAT 1st Qual. Rd.)	4-1	313	Cooper	Gardner	WOOD	Harrison	Bo
SAT OCT 6th	ASHTON UNITED	0-2	428	Cooper	Gardner	Glover	Harrison	Bo
Tue Oct 9th	AFC Fylde	2-1	261	Cooper	Glover	Wood	Harrison	Bo
Sat Oct 13th	North Ferriby United	0-2	351	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Harrison	Bo
TUE OCT 16th	MARINE	2-0	347	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Glover	Bo
SAT OCT 20th	WHITBY TOWN	4-2*	543	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Glover	Bo
Tue Oct 23rd	Hednesford Town	1-2	371	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Harrison	Gl
SAT OCT 27th	SKELMERSDALE UNITED (FAT 2nd Qual. Rd)	2-3	346	Cooper	GARDNER -p.	Wood	Harrison	Gl
Oct 30th	Rushall Olympic	4-0	210	Cooper	GARDNER -p.	Wood	Harrison B.	Cr
SAT NOV 3rd	GRANTHAM TOWN	0-2	429	Cooper	Gardner	Clayton	Harrison B.	Cr
Sat Nov 10th	Eastwood Town	4-3	160	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Alcock	Bo
SAT NOV 17th	FRICKLEY ATHLETIC	5-0	376	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Harrison B.	Bo
TUE NOV 20th	MIDDLEWICH TOWN (Mid-Cheshire Senior Cup 2)	9-1	140	Plant	Clayton	Glover	HARRISON B.	Bo
SAT NOV 24th	EASTWOOD TOWN	3-0	408	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Harrison B.	Bo
SAT DEC 8th	BUXTON	2-4	419	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Harrison B.	Bo
Sat Dec 15th	Blyth Spartans	3-0	222	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Harrison B.	Bo
TUE JAN 1st	NANTWICH TOWN	2-2	526	Cooper	GARDNER	Wood	Harrison B.	Bo
SAT JAN 5th	ILKESTON TOWN	2-2	454	Cooper	GARDNER	Wood	Harrison B.	Bo
Tue Jan 8th	AFC Fylde (Doodson Sports Cup 3rd Rd.)	3-1	152	Cooper	Clayton	Glover	Home	GARDNER
Sat Jan 12th	Stocksbridge Park Steels	3-3	182	Cooper	Gardner	Glover	Harrison B.	Bo
Wed Jan 23rd	Runcorn Town (CSC 1st Rd)	1-0	106	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Home	Gl
Sat Feb 2nd	Marine	0-3	436	Plant	Gardner	Wood	Harrison B.	Meado
SAT FEB 9th	NORTH FERRIBY UNITED	2-4	374	Cooper	Gardner	Wood	Harrison B.	MEADO
Tue Feb 12th	Congleton Town (CSCQF)	2-1	151	Plant	Sheehan	Wood	Harrison B.	Meado
Sat Feb 16th	Whitby Town	3-1	319	Plant	Gardner	Wood	Harrison B.	Meado
TUE FEB 19th	FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER (Doodson Cup Rd 4)							
Sat Feb 23rd	Matlock Town							
Tue Feb 26th	Stafford Rangers							
SAT MAR 2nd	HEDNESFORD TOWN							
Wed Mar 6th	Ashton United							
SAT MAR 9th	WORKSOP TOWN							
SAT MAR 16th	KENDAL TOWN							
Sat Mar 23rd	RUSHALL OLYMPIC							
SAT MAR 30th	STAFFORD RANGERS							
Mon Apr 1st	Nantwich Town							
Sat Apr 6th	FC United of Manchester							
TUE APR 9th	AFC FYLDE							
Sat Apr 13th	Grantham Town							
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Harrison	Booth	Sheehan	HANCOCK	FALLON	Stott	Tuck	Andrews	Buchan (10)	Glover (3)	Cross (9)
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Harrison	Booth	Sheehan	HANCOCK -2	Cross	Stott	Tuck	Andrews	Connors (11)	Fallon (10)	Buchan
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Harrison B.	Booth	Sheehan	Hancock	JAMES	STOTT	Foster	ANDREWS -3	Shaw (9)	Clayton (11)	Moseley (10)
HARRISON B.	Home	GARDNER	Hancock	Shaw	STOTT -2	MOSELEY	HARRISON J. -2	Wood (3)	TUCK (9)	FOSTER (10)
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Harrison B.	Booth	Sheehan	HANCOCK	James	Tuck	FOSTER	Andrews	Glover (5)	Shaw (8)	Moseley (9)
Harrison B.	Booth	Sheehan	Hancock	James	Shaw	FOSTER	ANDREWS	TUCK (10)	Harrison J. (11)	Glover
Harrison B.	Booth	Shaw	Hancock	James	Tuck	FOSTER	Harrison J.	Fallon (11)	Meechan (9)	Glover (8)
Harrison B.	Booth	Sheehan	Hancock	James	Shaw	FOSTER	Andrews	Meechan (7)	Tuck (6)	Harrison J.
Home	GARDNER -2 p	Sheehan	Harrison J.	SHAW	Tuck	Meechan	Andrews	Foster (11)	Harrison B. (2)	Moseley (10)
Harrison B.	Booth	Sheehan	HANCOCK	James	TUCK	Foster	ANDREWS	Meechan (5)	Harrison J. (11)	Shaw
Home	Glover	Sheehan	Hancock	James	SHAW	Moseley	Andrews	Harrison B. (4)	Harrison J. (7)	Clayton
Harrison B.	Meadowcroft	Sheehan	Hancock	James	Shaw	Foster	Andrews	Tuck (9)	Moseley (8)	Glover
Harrison B.	MEADOWCROFT	Sheehan	Hancock	James	Tuck	FOSTER	Andrews	Shaw (8)	Moseley (7)	Glover
Harrison B.	Meadowcroft	SHAW	Hancock	Glover	Tuck	FOSTER	Andrews	Harrison J. (9)	Gardner (8)	James
Harrison B.	Meadowcroft	Sheehan	Hancock	Powell	Shaw	FOSTER	ANDREWS	James (8)	Glover (4)	TUCK (9)

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GRASS ROOTS - All the Non-League Gossip - with the Billy Bassett

Blue Square Bet North favourites Chester are foreseeing a loss of around £65 -70,000 on their Northern Premier League championship season. The supporters run side have already announced budget cuts have already been made. Attributes to the loss was the playing budget, under commercial activities and financial irregularities within the club that are being investigated by Cheshire Police. A man from Hodcon has been arrested on suspicion of theft of around £20k from the club. Four players already released from their contracts are Sean Clancy, Robbie Booth, Levi Mackin and Luke Denton.

Harlow have been well and truly clobbered by the Ryman League after being docked a massive 10 points after being found guilty of financial irregularities concerning an agreed CVA that was agreed a couple of years ago. The agreement was made to prevent the club from sliding into oblivion, on top of the points deduction the Division One North club were humiliated on the pitch 3 days later, suffering their heaviest ever defeat 1-9 to Maldon & Tiptree United.

Baris, two year sponsorship of the North East Counties League will come to an end at the end of the season. The Nottingham - based company who deal with facade and interior have also pulled the plug on their backing of the league's Premier Division Staveley Minors Welfare has led to the departure of boss Billy Fox and the exodus of 12 players.

Whitney Town have pulled out of the Hellenic Premier League and subsequently folded. Originally formed in 1885 the Oxfordshire side were evicted from the Community Stadium and a planned ground share at Carberton failed materialise due to lack of funding, leaving the trustees no option to liquidate the side re-formed in 2001. The original side were members of the Southern League from 1973 to their relegation in 1988. The clubs patron is the right honourable David Cameron.

Tooting & Mitchum boss Jamie Martin's three month reign has come to an end after he claimed the clubs owners had put their business interests before football. Martin walked away after being told his playing budget, agreed to be cut by a third in the summer was being brought forward to this month because the mid-table position limits their chance for promotion or relegation from Ryman Premier.

Martins number 2 Phil Simpson has decided to stay on a temporary basis.

Frank Sinclair, the former Jamaican and Chelsea defender has been appointed as the new manager of Blue Square Bet North strugglers Colwyn Bay. The 41 year-old joined the club 12 months ago from Wrexham and in his first managerial post has installed ex Manchester United defender Ashley Grimes as his assistant, the 55 year-old made 107 appearance for United in a 6 year stint at Old Trafford. The pair succeeds Lee Williams who lasted just 39 days after replacing John Newby

Following a seven month investigation Havant & Waterlooville have been finally hit with a misconduct charge by the FA. The charge relates to the former Hawks Vice- Chairman Jim Fallon and the ex assistant manager Sean New for their part in a proposed transfer deal last summer. Its claimed that Tom Davis, then at Carshalton was offered illegal payments by Fallon if he signed for the Hampshire club. Davis also claims he was enticed with a sponsorship package, a four figure signing on fee, a free family holiday, private medical care and a additional £200 on top of his disclosed wages to be paid into a separate bank account. Fallon, who was the main backer over at Totton left Westleigh Park after his own company Beaumont Water Heaters went bust and New have since left the club.

Bradford Park Avenue faces a race against time in bringing their Horsefall Stadium up to scratch or face demotion back to the Northern Premier League. The Blue Square Bet North outfit have already been instructed to improve their floodlighting and an attempt to purchase the lights from the now derelict Victoria Stadium failed. Other urgent work also needing to be carried out are the dressing rooms, which need enlarging, grass banking at the ground needs to be fenced off and new turnstiles.

Former Isthmian League outfit Basildon United have resigned from the Essex league and now the future of the club is in doubt after they failed to meet the deadline for an application to join the Olympian league passed by. The cash-strapped Bees are averaging between 20 and 30 to their league games this season.

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Division one North Burscough has finally received planning permission from West Lancashire Borough Council for the construction of a new stadium, six years after first submitting original plans. The move into the 500 seat complex will see the Linnets enjoy community facilities that will include a new academy, a floodlit 3G training pitch, 2 full-size and six junior football pitches, there will also be car parking for 100 vehicles. Plans for the new complex will include the demolition of their current Victoria Road side.

The Evo Stik NPL Peter Swales Challenge Shield usually held between the winners of the Premier Division and League Cup will this year be held between the winners of the Leagues two Division One North and South title winners on a ground to be decided on a toss of a coin between the two sides. Last season Chester won the Shield after thumping North Ferriby 3-0.

AFC Fylde Chairman Mr Dave Haythornthwaite has revealed his vision for a new sports complex after securing a 35 acre site to build sports facility for the club. If planning permission is given Mr Haythornthwaite hopes the facility which will include a capacity of 2,500 and have football and hockey pitches should be ready for the 2014-15 season. The clubs last application for a Wrea Green development was kicked out by the council by a 15-1 vote. Meanwhile first team boss Dave Challinor response to Fylde's slide down the table has seen him place his highly paid squad all available for transfer or loans. The ex Colwyn Bay chief as said the decision is not a knee-jerk reaction to the Coasters recent losses to tonight's visitors FC United of Manchester and Chorley.

Former Chester striker Mark Beesley is on the move again, after linking up with Division One North title favourites Skelmersdale United. The much travelled Burscough-born target man had a short spell with Hednesford Town and Nantwich. Skem boss Tommy Lawson has further strengthened his already impressive side with the capture of former forward Josh Hine.

Belper Town has been chosen will host a FA Disability Cup tie between Derby County and Sheffield Wednesday on the 24th of this month.

The Nailers defender Aaron Pride recently celebrated his 100th appearance for the club in strange style, whilst walking his dog the following day he fell over the pet forcing him to miss the next three games.

This Saturday's game between Radcliffe Borough and Ossett Albion has been classed as a 'pay what you want' game. The Stainton Park outfit see the game as a chance to bring in much needed revenue as neighbours Bury play this Friday, Rochdale are away to Barnet and Manchester City play the following day down at Arsenal. There is a minimum £2 charge on the game to cover off the match officials. Proceeds from the game are to go to the purchase of a lifesaving defibrillator. Boro's best home gate this season is 155 for the game with Mossley back in September.

Marine ie to offer tenants and staff of a leading housing association cut price entry to all their remaining home games at their Arriva Stadium. The new intuitive will enable staff and tenants of One Vision housing entry to the Arriva for just £5, the promotion chasing Crosby outfit hope the venture will attract more support especially as One Vision manages over 11,000 homes in the Sefton area with 400 staff and 15,000 tenants. The club also offer reduced admission to season ticket holders at Liverpool, Everton and Tranmere Rovers.

Ilkeston Town's Rob Kozluk has tapped into his former Sheffield United team mates, persuading three of them to sponsor him this season. The Robins new player/coach will be backed for the remainder of the season by ex Blades Phil Jegielka (Everton), Michael Brown and Michael Tonge (both Leeds United).

Stamford has been successful with the application for planning permission for a new stadium following a unanimous decision from their local council planning committee. There are though a couple of local concerns around the Ryhall Road site, one is traffic congestion and the other is a environment survey needs to be carried out. The new £5m stadium will be linked with the New College and teaching facility. New Chairman has bid through his company to buy a estimated 40,000 shares which will give him full control and a 60% share holding.



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Contributor Joe Paterson caught up with ‘The Promotion man’ Anthony Sheehan to get the inside scoop on a player Alex Titchiner calls ‘The Non League Messi’

Full Name: Anthony Dean Sheehan

Date/Place of Birth: 16 August 1982, Birkenhead

Favoured Position: Midfield

Former Clubs: Holywell Town, Cammell Laird, Colwyn Bay

Team Supported: Everton

Occupation: Football Coach.

Hi Anthony. So far this season, the team has defied all expectation to be in the mix for Play-Off spot. Did you ever think that we would be this high?

Yes. Personally I like to aim as high as possible; we have some fantastic players for this level of football so I think on our day we can match all the teams in this league. We are 3rd currently but have yet to play consistently well so there is room for improvement.



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Before moving to Witton in September 2011, you had enjoyed back to back promotions with Colwyn Bay, you then made it a hat-trick last April. Do you feel this squad is good enough to give you your fourth in a row?

At this moment in time I think we are concentrating on improving our performance levels and seeing where that takes us. Another promotion would be great, but there's a long way to go yet in the season.

How does the team spirit at Witton rank compared to your previous clubs?

The team spirit is very good; we have a fair few players with decent banter so training is an enjoyable place to be.

Do you have any memories of playing against any of your current team mates in the past?

Only Pritch really, who scored a great own-goal!

Who is the best player you have ever played alongside?

There are quite a few who were really special including Ronnie Morgan, Carl Clampitt (both former Witton) and Damien Allen. Danny Andrews would have to be up there as well.

What is the biggest crowd you have ever played in front of?

2,000. Colwyn Bay vs. FC United in the 2011 Northern Premier League Play-Off final.

You've chipped in with a few goals in the last 18 months, which is your favourite?

Equaliser at home vs. AFC Fylde, 30th November 2011.

Aside from the Play-Off final, which game ranks as your favourite in an Albion shirt?

Last season, Altrincham and Marine in the FA Cup were great games, also the Farsley Play-Off Semi-Final.

Recently, Nantwich and Ilkeston have both brought vocal away followings to the Help for Heroes Stadium. Do you feel Witton's away support makes a difference?

Yes definitely, I think we grow in confidence when there is a loud vocal support, this shows as our away record is very good.

And lastly, Scousers and Mancunians dominate the squad, but which group of you are the hardest? I'm looking at Steve Foster vs. Ollie James as the key battle...

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		W.	D.	L.	GF	GA	W.	D.	L.	GF	GA			
North Ferriby United	29	8	6	1	31	17	11	0	3	35	15	34	63	281
Hednesford Town	27	9	1	3	27	16	9	4	1	30	17	24	59	519
FC Utd. of M/Cr.	25	6	1	3	19	12	9	4	2	30	18	19	50	1768
Marine	29	8	2	5	28	24	6	4	4	24	21	7	48	424
Worksop Town	28	8	2	4	38	22	6	2	6	30	26	20	46	303
WITTON ALBION	27	6	3	5	27	23	7	3	3	28	21	11	45	494
Buxton	25	8	1	4	31	18	4	6	2	20	18	15	43	330
Rushall Olympic	25	5	4	4	16	20	7	3	2	28	16	8	43	206
Chorley	30	5	3	7	22	26	8	1	6	22	18	0	43	631
Ashton United	26	4	4	5	24	23	7	4	2	28	21	8	41	201
Stafford Rangers	29	6	4	4	24	18	3	8	4	21	24	3	39	482
AFC Fylde	23	8	1	4	36	20	3	4	3	20	14	22	38	373
Ilkeston FC	28	7	4	4	25	21	3	4	6	18	18	4	38	555
Nantwich Town	26	2	4	6	14	25	7	3	4	31	23	-3	34	358
Matlock Town	26	3	3	6	16	25	6	2	6	24	26	-11	32	295
Whitby Town	25	5	1	7	17	20	4	3	5	26	26	-3	31	297
Blyth Spartans	26	5	5	4	25	22	3	1	8	19	34	-12	30	333
Frickley Athletic	29	8	3	5	28	24	0	1	12	15	42	-23	28	224
Grantham Town	30	3	4	8	27	31	3	1	11	14	27	-17	23	295
Kendal Town	24	2	3	7	23	31	3	3	6	22	31	-17	21	185
Stocksbridge P. S.	30	1	5	7	22	32	3	4	10	22	39	-27	21	168
Eastwood Town	29	1	2	11	17	46	2	1	12	9	42	-62	12	186

Average League Match Attendance = 390

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THE BIG DEBATE

Richard Scudamore announced the new financial constraints for Premier League clubs. Between 2013 and 2016 each club can lose up to £105 million. Interestingly, the £105m is only allowed to be lost if an owner has guaranteed it and paid the money in. Losses not guaranteed by owners will be limited to the much more modest £15m over three years. Investments in youth training and infrastructure are extra to the £105 million. Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed al-Nahyan has injected around £1bn since 2008 for City to go from ninth in the Premier League to champions. Not a very good return for your money considering they are on their way to ninth position again. Players' wages in the Premier League will only be allowed to increase by £4m in 2013, then £8m, then £12m, out of the Premier League's TV income. They can increase wages from commercial revenue – or ticket income. These rules have been introduced with no reference to the wider game and no involvement of the governing body, the Football Association. They are designed to divert money away from player wages, not to reduce ticket prices, or increase investment in the grass roots football. Scudamore said the set of rules would allow solvent, non-criminal owners a reasonable sustainable way to run clubs. This new concept of solvent non-criminals being involved in Premier League football will never catch on. The five highest wage bills in 2010/2011 were Chelsea (£190m), Manchester City (£174m), Manchester United (£153m), Liverpool (£135m) and Arsenal (£124m). The gap with the top five between top and bottom is £66m, an extra £4m will keep the differentials in place. Decreasing the wage bills by £4m followed by £8m then £12m would have been more appropriate. This is

not financial constraint, it is financial suicide. The turnovers of those five clubs in 2010/2011 were Manchester United (£331m), Arsenal (£256m), Chelsea (£222m), Liverpool (£184m) and Manchester City (£153m). Interest payable on debt ended up with Manchester United (£50m), Arsenal (£15m), Chelsea (£0.8m), Liverpool (£3m) and Manchester City (£5m). Of all these clubs Arsenal has the only sustainable business plan – living within their means and paying off their new stadium. Let us hope that Pritch does not fritter away the £105 million over the next three seasons. If everything goes to plan 2013/14 should see us in the Conference North; 2014/15 the Conference and 2015/16 League Division Two. Sheikh Harris bin Alty will have to wait until 2018/19 for the Premiership and the following season for the Champions League. We can call it the seven year plan or how we took over the Greek National debt in seven easy steps. I will settle for the Conference whenever it is achievable. Celtic have sought clarification from UEFA over the grappling tactics of Juventus in the recent Champions League game. Will UEFA make a statement – I very much doubt it. Eddie and Stevo will claim that they were not clean tackles and none of them were high shots. Oh, sorry, wrong sport. What is most useful – an ashtray on a motorbike or the fifth official at a Champions League game? I suppose the fifth official could hold the goalkeeper's towel and pass him drinks. At least the Aussie Rules officials behind the goal get involved by waving their flags. The second leg in Italy might be interesting if it is a strong referee. A win tonight will see us into the quarter finals of the Doodson Cup – a cup double and promotion for the Sheikh.

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APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

	Debut	LEAGUE		CUP			12 - 13 TOTAL			CAREER		
		Apps.	sub	Goals	Apps.	sub	Goals	Apps.	sub	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Anthony GARDNER	11-Jan-11	26		5	7	(1)	4	33	(1)	9	101	14
Anthony SHEEHAN	3-Sep-11	26			7		1	33		1	85	14
Danny ANDREWS	13-Aug-11	25	(1)	9	7		1	32	(1)	10	88	26
Ben HARRISON	30-Aug-10	24	(1)	1	7	(1)	1	31	(2)	2	134	6
Matt COOPER (GK)	21-Aug-10	25			6			31			141	
Josh HANCOCK	21-Aug-10	23	(3)	5	7			30	(3)	5	107	23
Mat WOOD	21-Aug-10	24	(1)	2	6	(1)	1	30	(2)	3	135	7
Shaun TUCK	18-Aug-12	19	(6)	13	4	(3)	5	23	(9)	18	32	18
Paul BOOTH	15-Nov-08	20			2	(1)		22	(1)		125	6
Ashley Stott *	4-Sep-10	14	(3)	5	5		6	19	(3)	11	57	31
Steve FOSTER	15-Aug-09	15	(2)	9	2	(1)	2	17	(3)	11	60	32
Josh GLOVER	8-Oct-11	7	(9)		7			14	(9)		37	
Rory Fallon*	18-Aug-12	12	(5)	2	2	(2)		14	(7)	2	21	2
Matt Cross*	31-Mar-12	9	(1)	1	3	(1)		12	(2)	1	20	1
Ollie JAMES	6-Dec-08	9	(2)	1	1			10	(2)	1	81	2
Joe SHAW	30-Oct-12	6	(6)		4		3	10	(6)	3	16	3
Jamie HARRISON	11-Jan-11	4	(5)		2	(2)	2	6	(7)	2	50	8
Danny MEADOWCROFT	2-Feb-13	3		1	1			4	(0)	1	4	1
Stuart PLANT (GK)	20-Nov-12	2			2			4	(0)		4	
Adam CLAYTON	30-Oct-12	1	(2)		2			3	(2)		5	
Mike MOSELEY	18-Aug-01		(6)		3	(2)	1	3	(8)	1	371	160
Joshua HORNE	20-Nov-12				3			3	(0)		3	
Alex Meechan *	1-Jan-13		(3)		1			1	(3)		4	
Steve CONNORS	27-Dec-04	1	(1)					1	(1)		91	7
Paul ALCOCK	10-Nov-12	1						1	(0)		1	
Michael POWELL	16-Feb-12	1						1	(0)	0	1	
Mark Buchan *	13-Aug-11		(7)			(1)			(8)		51	10
Matt Woolley *	5-Jan-08		(1)			(1)			(2)		44	1
Martin Ormesher *	6-Oct-12		(1)						(1)		1	
own goal				1						1		

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MANCHESTER LEAGUE - 1905-1906

December 16th 1905

WITTON ALBION 0-0 SALE HOLMFIELD

Witton: Barber, Forster, Webb, Gatcliffe, Cliffe, Hitchinson, Young, Tomkinson, Trow, Carter, G Sutton

Sale: Hargreaves, Gilmore, Sidebottom, Courtney, Thomasson, Walker, Yuill, Andrews, Copeland, Bumby, A Baldwin

Webb returned to the Albion team and Sale were without Walter Baldwin who had joined Manchester City. Gilmore headed away a cross from Young. A cross from Yuill was met by Andrews who sent in a terrific shot which was saved by Barber. The keeper came out of his goal to break up an attack from Copeland, Andrews and Bumby. Sale had three consecutive corners without success. Gilmore deflected a shot from Sutton and Bumby failed with only Barber to beat. In the second half an early cross from Young was met by Carter and Hargreaves fisted the ball away. A scorcher from Hitchinson was dealt with by Hargreaves. Tomkinson hit the crossbar before finding the net, only to be given offside. Young missed a great opportunity in the last minute of the game when he skied the ball over the crossbar.

December 23rd 1905

LOSTOCK GRALAM 2-2 WITTON ALBION (Bell 2) Ches Amat Cup

Witton: Fowler, Webb, Cliff, Ford, Bell, Robinson (no line ups)

A good crowd turned up at the Slow and Easy pitch to watch this cup tie. Lostock started without Thomas and Walker and played with nine men for the first ten minutes. Bowyer missed an early chance for Lostock. Barber fouled Ford in the area but Cliff sent the penalty kick wide of the goal. Bell opened the scoring for Albion in the next attack and then added a second after a scrimmage in front of goal. In the second half Albion defended from the kick off and Hitchen reduced the arrears from a corner kick. Five minutes later Webb fouled Wilding in the area and M Thomas levelled the scores.

December 25th 1905

WITTON ALBION 4-1 BERRY'S (Bell 2, Ford, Carter)

Witton: G. Sutton, Ford, Tomkinson, Carter, Bell (no line ups)

The first half was goalless with Berry's having one attempt disallowed for impeding the goalkeeper. Twenty minutes into the second half Bell bundled the ball into the net following a corner. Ford netted the second from a cross by Tomkinson. Ford added the third with a solo effort and Jones pulled one back from the penalty spot after George Sutton had fouled in the area. Carter restored the three goal lead from a left wing cross.

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