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UP THE BEARS

KEN MEAD | CLUB SECRETARY



A very warm welcome is extended to everyone at the Cleric Stadium today and particularly to the players, officials and supporters of Clitheroe who have made the trip for this evening's Pitching In Northern Premier League Division One West match.

It's been tough going for the Bears (as well as some others in this division) over the past 8 weeks. In September, we had just 4 fixtures – one every Saturday. Since the start of October to this coming Saturday, (assuming tonight and this Saturday matches go ahead) the Bears will have played 15 matches. It is therefore understandable that player fitness has been a major factor in our games over that period. Injuries to Max McCarthy, Danny Needham, Darren Chadwick, Joshua Ryder and Marco Fregapane have disrupted the line ups available to Richard Duffy and his management team. Abigail has been working extra time to get players fit enough to start. On the good news front, it is pleasing to see Brian Barton nearing full fitness after a long lay off.

Our last home game just 3 days ago here against Newcastle Town ended 0-0 in front of a decent 756 attendance. This represented our first home drawn match this season (and just our third drawn game in all competitions). It also saw the first time we have failed to score in any match since the 31st August and only the third time all season. Those stats do indicate the challenge we faced against a Newcastle Town side having a good run of form. In the 12 games they played since the beginning of October, including our meeting, they have lost just 3 and only league leaders Widnes have conceded less goals (16) with Newcastle (17). So, they are hard to break down. However, only the four bottom sides in the division have scored less. That pretty much summed up the game. The Bears struggled to make an impact on the 'Castle 'keeper in the first half and only stretched him into good saves a couple of times in the second – although Darren Chadwick was unlucky to see his header from a corner come back off the cross bar. At the other end, Dave Parton was in top form pulling off a couple of top class saves, the defence managed a couple of last-ditch blocks and clearances and when looking likely to score, Dave was grateful to see a shot hit a post. So, at the final whistle, the spoils were shared, and Newcastle would have been disappointed to get just a point. Credit, though, to the lads who despite trying to manage an increasing injury list, still fought to the last minute to get something out of the game.

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The opening lines of Clitheroe's club history is interesting reading "The club starts its 21st season at Level 4 of the non league pyramid in the Northern Premier League Division 1 (West). Having failed to build upon the 22-23 season's achievement of reaching the play offs for the first time, the club has turned to Jimmy Bell, one half of the legendary Accrington Stanley managerial duo, which took the club from the Northern Premier to League 1, to go one better in what is the club's 100th season at Shawbridge." That length of time is quite an achievement, and we have seen sides come down from that level and some have plunged even further. They clearly have ambitions to make the step up to level 3 and they have had several managers over the past few seasons attempting that. Our recent successes have been underpinned by a constant managerial team building a side and a pleasant divergence from the frequent changes we used to experience.

Looking forward to upcoming games on Saturday 23rd November ko 3pm we face a tough challenge away at Wythenshawe Town (12 Churchstoke Walk, Manchester M23 9AD). We return to the Cleric Stadium on Saturday 30th November ko 3pm when Hanley Town are the visitors. A week later, Saturday 7th December ko 3pm we play Wythenshawe here as one of the first teams we will have completed home and away league matches this season.

We hope everyone here enjoys the match and importantly, stays safe and has a safe journey home.

Ken



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DEFENDERS:

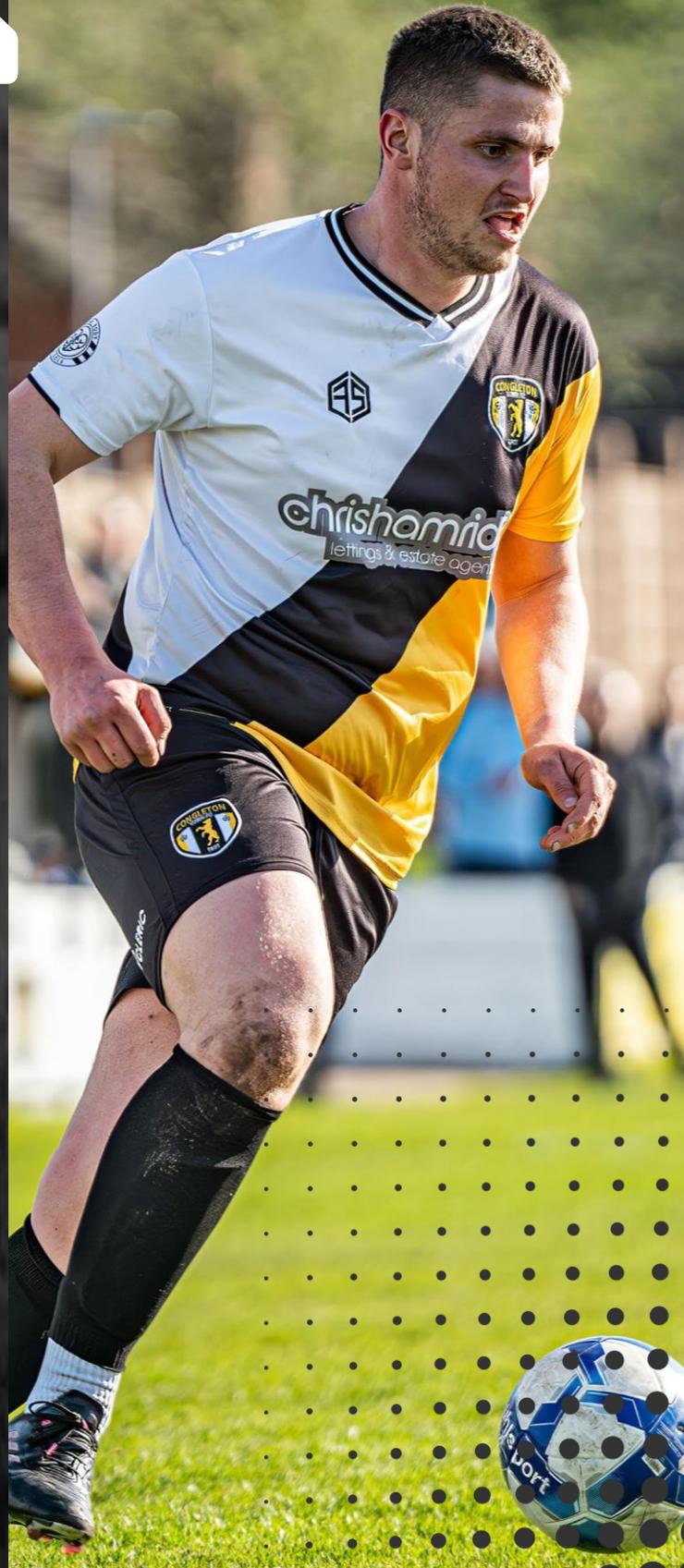
Callum Lovatt
Darren Chadwick
Joshua Hall
Joshua Ryder
Marco Fregapane
Owen Morris
Richard Duffy

MIDFIELDERS:

Callum Stringer
Daniel Needham
Dorian Jedrzejczyk
Ethan Hartshorn
George Sankey
Kieran Garner-Knapper
Peter Williams
Thomas Allen
William Arnold

STRIKERS:

Brian Barton
Max McCarthy
Thomas Hampton
Lewis Porter



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The early years of Clitheroe FC are shrouded in mystery, although it is clear that we do not have an unbroken lineage all the way back to 1877. That said, in that time, a number of teams could claim to be the town team and several of them plied their trade at Shawbridge. However, it took over 40 years for the confusion to be settled, with matters not being helped by the Clitheroe Advertiser not being around in the very early years.

What is clear is that in 1877 the first town team, called Clitheroe FC, took to the field for the first time. As legend has it, they did indeed play against Blackburn Rovers at Swan Meadows (off Kirkmoor Road) and carried on for several years before closing down. They then reformed in 1890 and went on to win the Lancashire Cup in 1892 and took their place in the North East Lancashire League. Not long after, they disappeared but this was not the end of football in Clitheroe. Far from it – indeed several teams could lay claim to being the intermediate predecessor to our current club, before a Clitheroe FC team stepped out at Shawbridge in the Lancashire Combination in 1925-26.

In 1899, Market Place Rovers came into being and played their football at Shawbridge, before becoming Clitheroe Congregationalists the following season. This was always assumed to provide a religious fig leaf to allow them to take their place in the Blackburn Sunday League. In 1902 they became Clitheroe Central, playing in the Lancashire Combination, before going bust in 1910, as a result of their goalkeeper breaking his leg and suing the club. As the club had neither insurance nor assets, they declared themselves bankrupt, a fact which was reported in *The Times*.

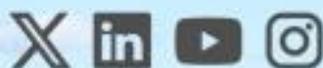
Around the same time, a team called Clitheroe Amateurs had started up in 1909 and whilst records are almost non-existent from this point until after the 1914-18 Great War, records show that they sought permission from the FA to use the name Clitheroe FC in 1921. This was granted and in 1924-25 they won the North East Lancashire Combination. After a well-attended public meeting, the club decided to apply to join the Lancashire Combination. A supporters' club sought 1,000 members to fund developments and on 29 August 1925, the mayor opened the stand and dressing rooms at the newly enlarged Shawbridge ground. Darwen were the visiting club for the opening game.



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The Lancashire Combination Cup in 1934-5 and the League Championship in 1979-80 was all that the club had to show for its efforts before the creation of the North West Counties league in 1982. That was soon to change. Although Clitheroe were put into the Third Division of the NWCFL at its inception in 1982 due to the state of the ground, there followed the most successful period in the club's long history under the stewardship of Eric Whalley, subsequently manager and Chairman of Accrington Stanley FC. He assembled one of the best non-league sides in the North of England and won back to back Championships in the Third, Second and First divisions, as well as securing the Lancashire Cup for the first time in 50 years, thanks to a solitary strike from local lad Eric Geldard. This was all the more impressive when one considers that the Division 1 was effectively Level 3 in the non-league pyramid. Captained by Mick Ashcroft and containing extravagant talents such as John Taylor and Steve Mullen, possibly the best player ever to play for the Blues, Clitheroe regularly attracted bumper gates, with the championship winning season seeing three crowds over 1,000. Cracks started to appear when Whalley took over the manager's seat at Accrington. To compound matters, the new Northern Premier Division 1 was formed, but a lack of floodlights meant the Blues could not take their rightful place and they found teams effectively leapfrogging them.

It was not until the mid nineties that the Club recovered from this setback and started to fulfil its potential. It became a force in the NWCFL Division 1 again and also made itself known on the national FA Vase stage. Having been pipped to the title in 1994-95 by Bradford PA in controversial circumstances, the following season saw possibly the highlight of the club's history when the Blues reached the Vase Final under the joint management of Dennis Underwood and Gary Butcher after an epic two legged semi Final win against Mangotsfield United of Bristol. 2,000 people were on Shawbridge for the second leg when a deflected goal saw the Blues home with seven minutes of extra time remaining. The Final pitted the Blues against a powerful Brigg side and a 3-0 reverse in front of 7,500 fans was a fair reflection of the play. In the close season, Clitheroe also received their record transfer fee, £45,000, from Crystal Palace for goalkeeper Carlo Nash.

The Wembley experience turned the Blues into a Vase side and a Quarter Final defeat against Tiverton in 1998/99 and a two leg reverse against Taunton in the 2000/01 semi-final gave the Blues national prominence. Dave Burgess stood down at the end of the season and central defender Lee Sculpher took over as player manager. In 2002/3, Clitheroe again finished as league runners up and lost to Mossley at Gigg Lane in the League Cup Final. Early cup exits the following season enabled the Blues to concentrate on the league and superb away form saw the Blues capture the 2003/04 league title on the final day of the season at Nantwich where Blues legend Neil Reynolds sparked bedlam when he thumped a 25 yarder into the top corner with six minutes of the season remaining.





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WHAT IS ANDYSMANCLUB?

ANDYSMANCLUB is a free peer-to-peer group that provides a place for men to come together in a safe and open environment to talk about the issues or problems that they have faced or are currently facing.

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The process is about bringing men together who have been in similar situations, to help each other on a peer to peer basis, sharing how they have dealt with various situations through lived experiences. No matter how big or small your problem feels, we are here to support each other. The 5 questions that are asked each week are designed not only to encourage men to talk, but to start to focus on the positives and on strategies to keep moving forward. There is no pressure to answer any of the questions and it is not uncommon for men to just listen for the first few sessions.

The clubs all run on the same format and adhere to the same guidelines. A key principle of ANDYSMANCLUB is anything that is said in the club, stays within the club.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The club is open to any man 18 or over, who is going through a storm, been through a storm or just wants to meet a good group of people with the aim of improving one another.

WHEN IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUBs meet every Monday at 7pm (excluding Bank Holiday Mondays).

WHERE IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUB has over 100 locations across the UK. Check our website below for a full list.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Just turn up on the night. No registration or referral is required, all we ask is that you arrive before 7pm. The full list of our locations available on our website.

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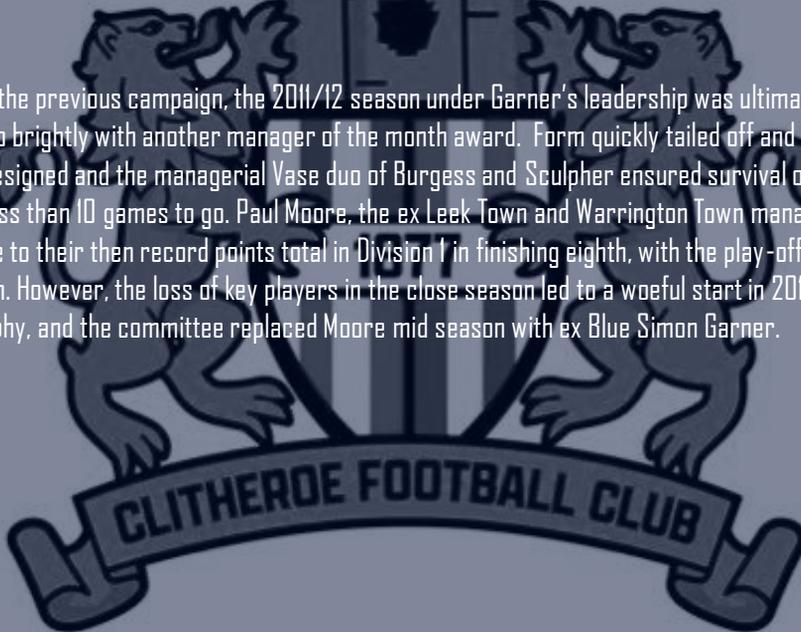
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High hopes accompanied Clitheroe's first foray into the Unibond League in 2004/05, but the club never fully recovered from manager Lee Sculpher resigning after a handful of games into the new season. He was succeeded by Paul Byrom who then quit in the close season. Tommy Lawson was appointed manager for the 2005/06 season but he was relieved of his duties in early 2006, to be replaced on a temporary basis by Mark Smitheringale. He too left before the 2006/07 season started and his assistant Chris Stammers stepped up to the plate before resigning after a 10-1 thumping away to Conference North Kettering in the FA Trophy in November 2006. The then chairman Carl Garner offered the job to Neil Reynolds and Pete Smith at the turn of 2007, before the latter took on the role in his own right at the end of the 2008/09 season. 2009/10 and 2010/11 saw Clitheroe finishing in eighth and sixth respectively. The end of the 10/11 season also had a unique twist with Carl Garner stepping down as chairman after four years to replace Pete Smith as manager, in the process going unbeaten throughout April and taking the manager of the month prize. Garner was replaced in the role of chair by his long-standing deputy Anne Barker.

Despite the great end to the previous campaign, the 2011/12 season under Garner's leadership was ultimately disappointing, although it had started so brightly with another manager of the month award. Form quickly tailed off and huge player turnover ensued, before Garner resigned and the managerial Vase duo of Burgess and Sculpher ensured survival on a temporary basis, having taken over with less than 10 games to go. Paul Moore, the ex Leek Town and Warrington Town manager, took over the reins in 2012/13 and led Clitheroe to their then record points total in Division 1 in finishing eighth, with the play-off push only ending over the final games of the season. However, the loss of key players in the close season led to a woeful start in 2013/14 and to an early exit from the FA Cup and Trophy, and the committee replaced Moore mid season with ex Blue Simon Garner.



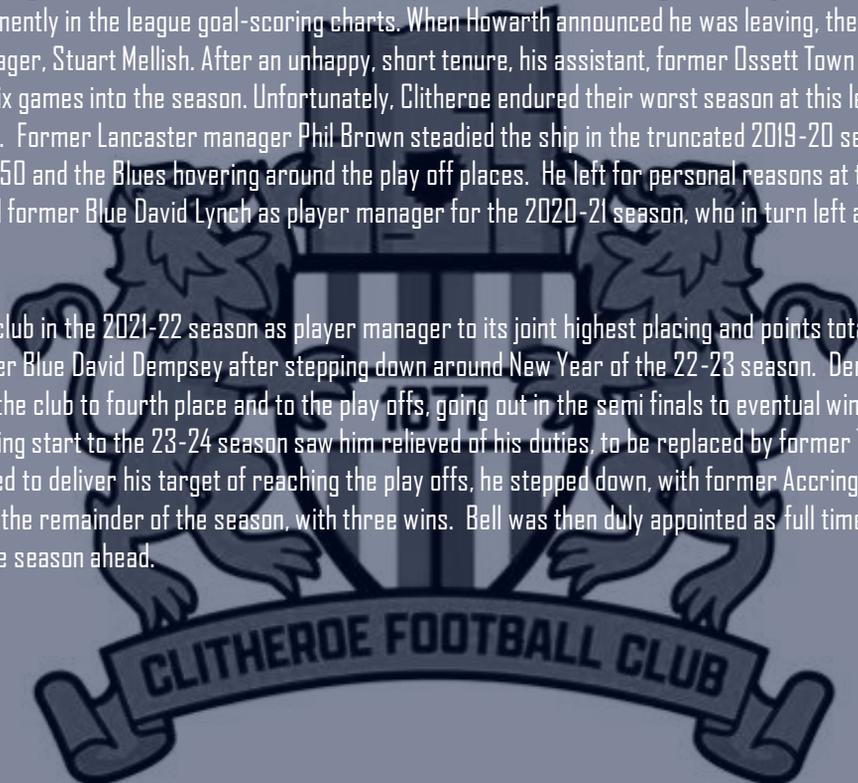
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Garner steadied the ship and Clitheroe finished the season in 17th position, with Garner setting his stall out in 2014-15 to create a more east Lancashire focussed team. A 13th place finish and an appearance at the Reebok in the Lancashire Trophy against Chorley represented good progress, whilst the 7th place in 2015-16 continued the good work, and the push for the play-offs only faltered in the final weeks. Following Garner's resignation, the club moved quickly to appoint ex Wales international Simon Haworth to the manager's role. He moulded a team from scratch into genuine play off contenders, only faltering in the penultimate game of the season to a 90th minute goal at rivals Colne. 2017-18 could not quite recapture these heights although both Kurt Willoughby and Alex Newby featured prominently in the league goal-scoring charts. When Howarth announced he was leaving, the club appointed former Warrington Town manager, Stuart Mellish. After an unhappy, short tenure, his assistant, former Ossett Town manager Lee Ashforth, was handed the role six games into the season. Unfortunately, Clitheroe endured their worst season at this level and Ashforth's role was brought to an end. Former Lancaster manager Phil Brown steadied the ship in the truncated 2019-20 season, with crowds averaging back over 350 and the Blues hovering around the play off places. He left for personal reasons at the end of the season and the club appointed former Blue David Lynch as player manager for the 2020-21 season, who in turn left after a promising truncated season.

Billy Priestley led the club in the 2021-22 season as player manager to its joint highest placing and points total in the NPL, before he was replaced by former Blue David Dempsey after stepping down around New Year of the 22-23 season. Dempsey inspired a superb run in and led the club to fourth place and to the play offs, going out in the semi finals to eventual winners Workington. However, a disappointing start to the 23-24 season saw him relieved of his duties, to be replaced by former Trafford boss Danny Caldecott. Having failed to deliver his target of reaching the play offs, he stepped down, with former Accrington assistant manager Jimmy Bell seeing out the remainder of the season, with three wins. Bell was then duly appointed as full time manager and there is real excitement for the season ahead.



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The Squad

Hakan Burton

Highly regarded and vastly experienced goalkeeper. Previously kept goal for Colne for several seasons after starting his career at Liverpool and Shrewsbury. Won the NPL Premier league with Curzon Ashton and had two seasons with them in the Conference North.

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Jacob Hanson

25 year old right back, voted a member of the league team of the season in 23-24. Originally a striker, the pacy defender played for Bradford City and FC Halifax Town before joining the Silkmen.

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Cameron Lancaster

Composed operator at the heart of the defence with over 70 appearances already to his name. He will be looking to shake off the ring rust after an injury hit end to the season

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Samuel Olowumi

20 year old centre back formerly a member of the Bolton Wanderers youth team. Appeared for Trafford in the 22-23 season, and has since had spells at Bury and Longridge Town.

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Charlie Hayes-Green

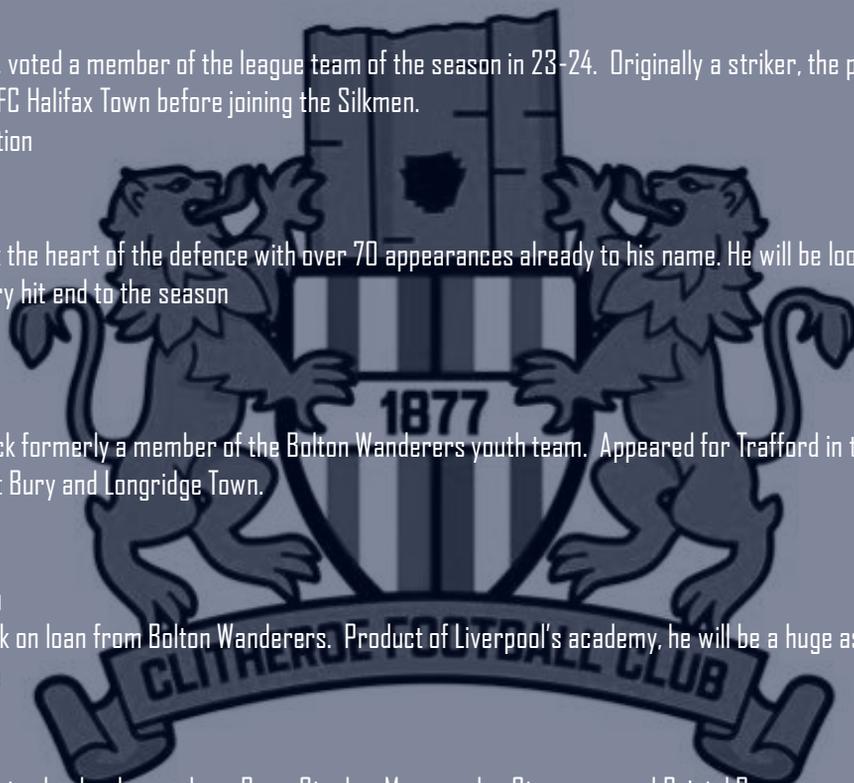
19 year old centre back on loan from Bolton Wanderers. Product of Liverpool's academy, he will be a huge asset to the club

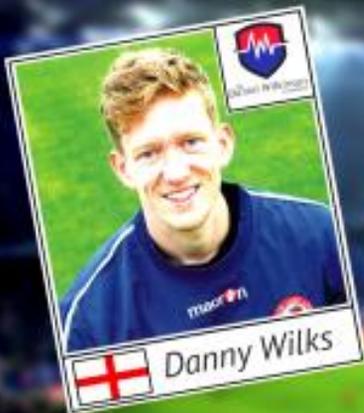
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Mark Hughes

Vastly experienced centre back, who numbers Bury, Stanley, Morecambe, Stevenage and Bristol Rovers amongst his clubs. Has also been assistant manager at Stoke and Plymouth

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Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

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The Squad

Dylan Dwyer

23 year old left back signed on loan from Warrington Rylands. Likes nothing more than overlapping down the flank and is one to watch.

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Ross Dent: Midfielder.

A Clitheroe lad. Still only 31, he already has over 280 Clitheroe appearances to his name and is a member of the club's Team of the Decade. Having spent two seasons with former manager Simon Haworth at Stalybridge, Ross cemented his reputation as one of the hardest working and most fearless midfielders around.

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Danny Wilkins

31 year old signed at the end of 2019-20 season from Droylsden and returned to the club for a second spell. Can play anywhere across the front line and midfield and offers a rare mix of talent.

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Connor High

19 year old Clitheroe lad who has previously been part of the Preston and Accrington set ups. Stylish left footed midfielder who will be looking to secure his berth in the starting eleven.

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Sean McConville

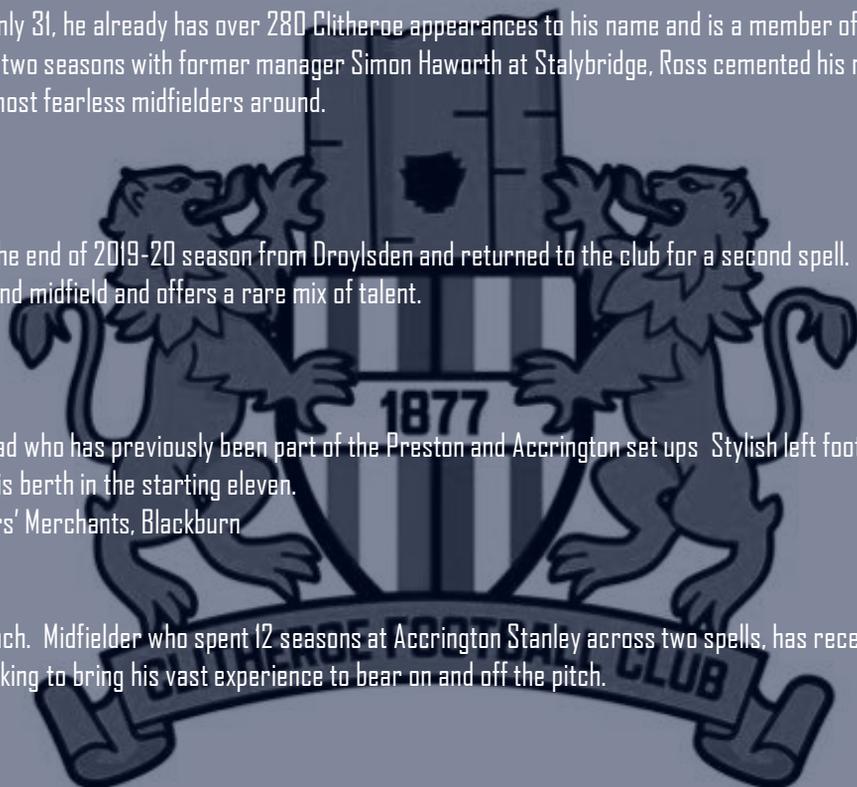
35 year old player coach. Midfielder who spent 12 seasons at Accrington Stanley across two spells, has recently had his testimonial at the club. Will be looking to bring his vast experience to bear on and off the pitch.

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Emmerich Pailly

19 year old signing from Accrington Stanley. Spent some time at Shawbridge on loan this season but the combative French midfielder will be looking to push on and secure a regular berth in the side.

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Veron Parny

22 year old French student currently studying in Manchester. Hugely exciting talent on the flanks and is already catching the eye of clubs much higher up the pyramid.

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Louis Potts

Bustling centre forward who spent his formative career on Preston's books. Since leaving, he has played for Ashton United, Mossley and Avro, and is looking to add to his burgeoning reputation.

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Sajjad Elhassan

Tricky 24 year old winger who is sure to excite the home fans. Previously on the books of Hyde United and Bury, and was signed in the close season from Farsley.

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Powerful 23 year old striker recently moved to the area. Was on Derby County's youth books before playing for a number of clubs in the south, including Worthing in the National League South. Already has a Clitheroe hat trick to his name and will be looking to cement his place in the team.

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Jake Connelly

Clitheroe based 22 year old. Attacking left sided player back for his second spell after spending two years at the higher level with Lancaster City. Prodigious talent.

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Luke Gill

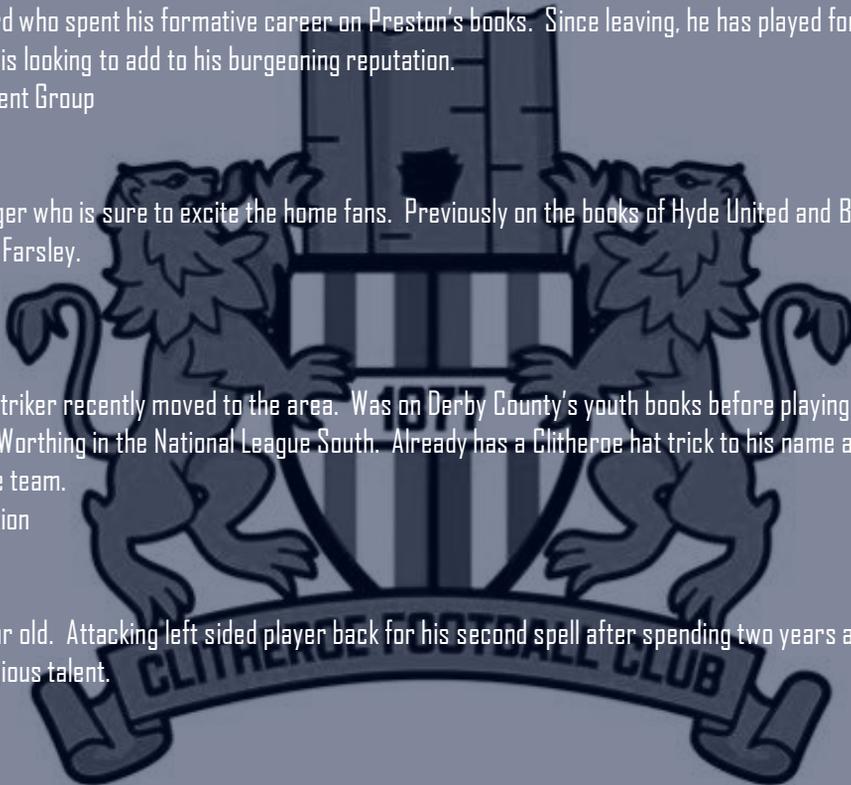
21 year old striker, previously on Everton's youth books, was plucked from the mid Cheshire League. Pace to burn and an eye for goal, he brims with talent.

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Sefton Gonzales

Legendary 32 year old striker, with over 100 Clitheroe goals to his name. Member of last year's team of the season

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CLUB INFORMATION

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Secretary:	Ken Mead
Media:	Adam Gosling

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Asst Manager:	Anthony Griffith
Club Physio:	Abi Blythe

Reserve Team

Manager:	Martin Cornes
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Under 18's

Manager:	Paul Heler
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