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UP THE BEARS

BY 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 Padiham who have made the trip for this afternoon's Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round match.

We welcome our old North West Counties adversaries for this FA Cup tie and they arrive here full of confidence. A 100% start to their season (which started a good 2 weeks before we did) is made up of 4 league victories, scoring 9 times and conceding just the one, sandwiching a convincing 4-1 away FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round at Penistone Church. This follows an excellent 2024/25 season that saw them end up 4th but missed out getting promoted through the play-offs (Lower Breck were the winning finalists). So free scoring and a miserly defence reminds us a little of our gradual progress toward promotion to the Northern Premier League. They remain the only club with 100% Premier Division league record after just 4 games.

Our sojourn through the Midland League and last season in the NPL, means we have only crossed paths 4 times since the Covid curtailed 2019/20 season. Honours are even. We drew 3-3 away

and won 2-1 at home in the 2021/22 season and lost 1-2 at home and drew 1-1 away in season 2022/23. We will need to be at our very best to overcome a strong and confident side if we are to progress any further in this season's FA Cup. The prize fund today will pay £1444.00 to the winners and £481.00 to the losers. Today's match will end after the full 90 minutes and if the scores are level, we will replay away at Padiham's Ruby Civil Arena, Arbories Memorial Sports Ground, Well Street, Padiham, Lancashire, BB12 8LE on Tuesday 19th August ko 7.45pm.

Back to our own start to this season, supporters need not be unduly concerned about our opening 2 results. A 3-1 defeat at Sporting Khalsa on the opening day (on artificial grass) and a 2-2 draw against Mossley at home might not look that good. We have been missing a couple of regular first team players and at least the home draw on Tuesday did see us creating a lot more

chances than the opening game. For the record, we currently stand with P2 W0 D1 L1 F3 A5. After 2 games last season our record was P2 W0 D1 L1 F3 A6 and we ended up 3rd and lost in the play off final. Lastly, remember the year we won the Midland League title? Our August league matches record read P4 W1 D1 L2 F8 A8. We won the league losing just 3 league games all season.



Our draw against Mossley on Tuesday came after going behind twice. The Bears levelled up Mossley's first half strike through Danny Needham after some skilful play by Ebou Badjie, only to fall behind again within 5 minutes after a penalty. Credit to the lads, they kept plugging away and got their reward in the first minute of additional time through a fine header by Shaun Brisley. He was playing for the final 15 minutes after missing all pre-season and the opening 2 league games through injury.

We are due to play away at Stafford Rangers on Tuesday 19th August ko 7.45pm unless today's match ends all square and in that case we will be travelling to Padiham.



Then it's at home next Saturday 23rd August ko 3pm v Bury. This is an all-ticket match – available on sale in the club shop today. Season ticket holders can use their season tickets as normal – it is a league game.

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

Ken

KEN MEAD
CLUB SECRETARY



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Congleton Town FC 24/25 Squad

THE BEARS

PLAYING SQUAD 2025/26:

Thomas Allen
Ebou Badjie
Brian Barton
Jack Bates
Owen Beamon
Shaun Brisley
Darren Chadwick
Richard Duffy

Kieran Garner-Knapper
Matthew Gillam
Joshua Hall
Thomas Hampton
Ethan Hartshorn
Matthew Liptrott
Max McCarthy

Owen Morris
Daniel Needham
David Parton
George Sankey
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HOW IT STARTED...

It might be hard to imagine today but in the immediate years following the establishment of Padiham Football Club in November 1878 the 'Caldersiders' as they were then known were considered one of Lancashire's soccer pioneers and one of the better Club sides in England.

The Padiham Club were in at the birth of the Lancashire Football Associations Senior Cup competition in 1879, reached the third round proper of the F.A. Cup in season 1883-84 and beat Burnley F.C. 6-0, 7-0, 9-1 and 4-2 in their first four encounters. Gates of over 2,000 were not uncommon for the visits of teams like Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Burnley and other local rivals to Padiham F.C.'s ground which was originally situated on the banks of the River Calder at the end of Wyre Street in Padiham and initially leased from the Shuttleworth family of Gawthorpe Hall.



At present the site is occupied by the Potterton Myson Limited Main Gas factory and nothing remains of the Club's original ground which witnessed many encounters with Clubs that later achieved Football League status. In fact it was the setting up of the Football League and the ensuing loss of fixtures with the leading Clubs, as well as the legalisation of professionalism within football that ended Padiham's initial decade of success.

Being an ardent stalwart of the fight waged from Lancashire for the legalisation of professionalism in football, Padiham's progressive outlook at the time ironically helped fashion the stranglehold football finance came to have on small town Clubs, in hindsight it condemned Padiham to an ongoing fight for

survival. Unable to secure the services of players able to compete with the bigger surrounding towns and cities, gates dropped and as a result reduced income meant Padiham had to restrict its activities to playing in the Lancashire Combination Football League and at times the local minor leagues.



The outbreak of World War One curtailed Padiham Football Club's involvement in active football altogether at the end of the 1915-1916 season, and the loss of their ground during the War meant that Padiham Football Club lay dormant until after the end of World War Two when they were reformed.

The rebirth of Padiham Football Club came about in 1949 with the opening of the Arbories Memorial Sports Ground in Padiham on August 20th 1949 when 1,777 spectators turned up to see the Club's opening Lancashire Combination fixture of the 1949-50 football season.

In 1982, Padiham Football Club became founder members of the North West Counties Football League, however in 1990 they left the league and joined the West Lancashire Football League where they played their football for ten seasons.

Padiham returned to the North West Counties Football League for the 2000/2001 season, winning the Premier Division Title in 2012/13 to gain promotion to the Northern Premier League, where they spent two seasons before being relegated back to the North West Counties Football League for the 2015/16 season. Since 1999 the club has spent in the region of £600,000 upgrading their ground.



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The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



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

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN THE YOUNG (SCD)

SCD is the leading cause of death in young athletes during sport and the majority of deaths occur with NO SYMPTOMS or family history.

ARVC can be found in one in every 1,000 to 5,000 young adults - IF IT IS LOOKED FOR.

Warning signs may include light-headedness, fainting, palpitations, swollen legs, breathlessness.

Every week in the UK, 12 apparently fit and healthy young people (aged 35 and under) die from previously undiagnosed heart conditions.

In Italy, where screening is mandatory for all young people engaged in organised sport, they have reduced the incidence of young sudden cardiac death by 89%.

OUR MISSION


The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.


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ANDYSMANCLUB



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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.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

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?

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


WHERE IS IT?


ANDYSMANCLUB has clubs in many 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 is available on our website.


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CLUB PHYSIO: Abi Blythe

CLUB CHARITABLE PARTNER:

Mind Body & Sole (Mental Health)

RESERVE TEAM:

MANAGER: Martin Cornes

LADIES TEAM:

MANAGER: Mark Curry





CLUB INFORMATION

PRICES:

Adults - £10*

Concessions - £7*

Children (U16's) - £3*

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*League games only

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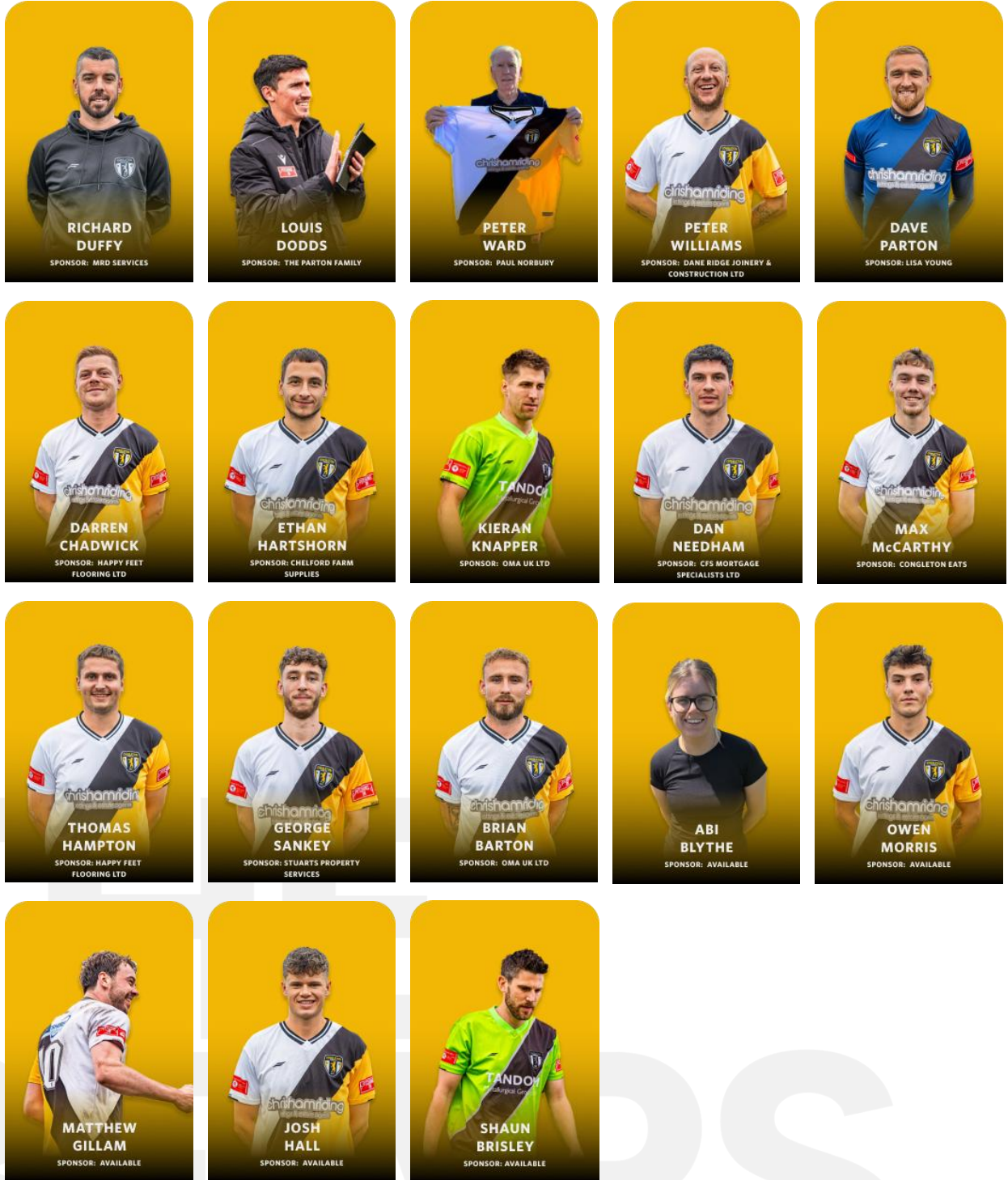
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