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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.

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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.
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- 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


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Chat from the Chair

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Happy New Year and welcome back to Total Rope Solution Seel Park! I hope everyone had a lovely festive break

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of today's visitors, Avro FC, who are enjoying another good campaign.

There really is only one place to start my notes and that's our Boxing Day defeat away to Stalybridge Celtic. Losing a derby always hurts, but the manner of our defeat should certainly give us reason to be positive. Being down to 10 men for 87 minutes, we more than held our own and probably shaded the first-half. It wasn't a classic for the fans with the fog meaning most couldn't see the game but it was another fantastic turnou from our travelling supporters.

We have grown a fantastic group of young supporters this season who are travelling home and away and making themselves heard at every game - keep up the great work! As a reminder, fans should never throw objects on to the field of play or enter the pitch at any time. Actions such as these will see us fined and face further sanctions in the future - all of which we cannot afford.

Hopefully, we can get back to winning ways today, but the depth of competition in this league is strong and we will need to be at our best every week to compete. Please keep spreading the word and bring a friend or two to a forthcoming match - the bigger the crowds the better the atmosphere and the greater the chance of on-pitch success.

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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?

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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Date	Kick off Time	Opponent	Score	Competition
Saturday 3rd August	3:00pm	Colne (a)	4-0	FA Cup
Saturday 10th August	3:00pm	Newcastle Town (a)	1-1	NPL West
Tuesday 13th August	7:45pm	Clitheroe (h)	3-0	NPL West
Saturday 17th August	3:00pm	Eccleshill United (h)	0-0	FA Cup
Wednesday 21st August	7:45pm	Eccleshill United (a)	3-1	FA Cup Replay
Saturday 24th August	3:00pm	Hanley Town (h)	0-3	NPL West
Monday 26th August	3:00pm	Avro (a)	2-2	NPL West
Saturday 31st August	3:00pm	Whitby Town (h)	2-2	FA Cup
Tuesday 3rd September	7:45pm	Whitby Town (a)	3-3 (win on pens)	FA Cup Replay
Saturday 7th September	3:00pm	City of Liverpool (a)	2-2 (loss on pens)	FA Trophy
Tuesday 10th September	7:45pm	Hednesford Town (h)	1-0	NPL West
Saturday 14th September	3:00pm	Chorley FC (h)	0-3	FA Cup
Saturday 21st September	3:00pm	Stafford Rangers (h)	0-0	NPL West
Saturday 28th September	3:00pm	Runcorn Linnets (a)	4-1	NPL West
Saturday 5th October	3:00pm	Atherton Collieries FC (a)	0-1	NPL West
Tuesday 8th October	7:45pm	Trafford FC (a)	3-0	NPL West
Saturday 12th October	3:00pm	Witton Albion (h)	1-0	NPL West
Tuesday 15th October	7:45pm	Ashton United	1-2	Manchester Cup
Saturday 19th October	3:00pm	Chasetown FC (a)	1-1	NPL West
Tuesday 22nd October	7:45pm	Wythenshawe Town (h)	1-1	NPL West
Saturday 26th October	3:00pm	Nantwich Town (h)	1-0	NPL West
Saturday 2nd November	3:00pm	Vauxhall Motors (a)	2-3	NPL West
Saturday 9th November	3:00pm	Congleton Town (h)	2-2	NPL West
Tuesday 12th November	7:45pm	City of Liverpool (h)	0-2	NPL West
Saturday 16th November	3:00pm	Wythenshawe FC (a)	1-2	NPL West
Saturday 30th November	3:00pm	Bootle FC (a)	0-2	NPL West
Saturday 7th December	3:00pm	Atherton Collieries (h)	2-0	NPL West
Saturday 14th December	3:00pm	Stafford Rangers (a)	0-3	NPL West
Tuesday 17th December	7:45pm	Kidsgrove Athletic (h)	1-1	NPL West
Saturday 21st December	3:00pm	Newcastle Town (h)	1-2	NPL West
Thursday 26th December	3:00pm	Stalybridge Celtic (a)	2-1	NPL West
Wednesday 1st January	3:00pm	Avro (h)		NPL West
Saturday 4th January	3:00pm	Clitheroe (a)		NPL West
Saturday 11th January	3:00pm	City of Liverpool (a)		NPL West
Saturday 18th January	3:00pm	Runcorn Linnets (h)		NPL West
Saturday 25th January	3:00pm	Witton Albion (a)		NPL West
Saturday 1st February	3:00pm	Trafford FC (h)		NPL West
Saturday 8th February	3:00pm	Wythenshawe Town (a)		NPL West
Saturday 15th February	3:00pm	Chasetown FC (h)		NPL West
Saturday 22nd February	3:00pm	Vauxhall Motors (h)		NPL West
Saturday 1st March	3:00pm	Nantwich Town (a)		NPL West
Saturday 15th March	3:00pm	Congleton Town (a)		NPL West
Saturday 22nd March	3:00pm	Wythenshawe FC (h)		NPL West
Saturday 29th March	3:00pm	Kidsgrove Athletic (a)		NPL West
Saturday 5th April	3:00pm	Bootle FC (h)		NPL West
Saturday 12th April	3:00pm	Widnes (h)		NPL West
Saturday 19th April	3:00pm	Hednesford Town (a)		NPL West
Monday 21st April	3:00pm	Stalybridge Celtic (h)		NPL West
Saturday 26th April	3:00pm	Hanley Town (a)		NPL West

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2025 starts today with the visit of our neighbours Avro FC. The three league games the sides have played previously haven't been the best entertainment - with two 0-0 draws last season - although the entertainment was good at the VestaCare stadium this season as we saw a 2-2 draw.

2024 could only be described as an up and down year for the Lilywhites - in the 2023-24 season, 2024 saw us collect just one away win, at Hednesford Town. However the new season saw a rejuvenated Lilywhites pick up form and go on a shote, but epic, FA Cup run starting at Colne and finishing with defeat to NLN side Chorley FC. A win at Eccleshill set up a mouth-watering tie with Whitby. After a brilliant performance at home, nobody will forget the replay away on a Tuesday night where we eventually ran out winner on penalties, having come back from 2-0 down with players and supporters celebrating together through the night.

In the league, we started slowly, a run of 4 defeats after the Chorley game ended with a run of 10 points on the road that saw us climb as high as 5th in league.

Our away support continues to swell - we now regularly get 70 fans on the road each week with the Boxing day trip to Stalybridge seeing a huge number pf travelling fans!

We've been watched by 12150 supporters on the road this year and travelled 1371 miles which is fantastic effort from everyone.

Our first road trip of 2025 sees us make the trip to Shawbridge to take on Clitheroe. Keep an eye on our FaceBook page for all your travel options.

Safe travels to everyone, and to Avro fans on the way home today.

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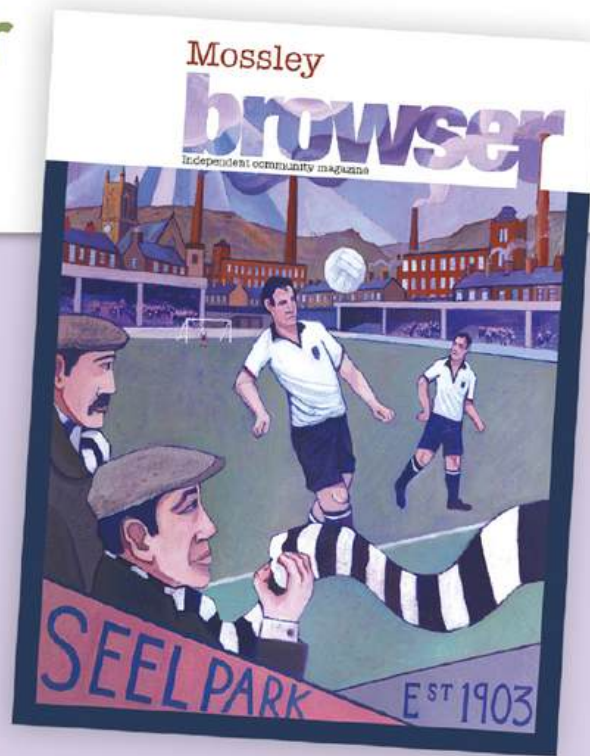
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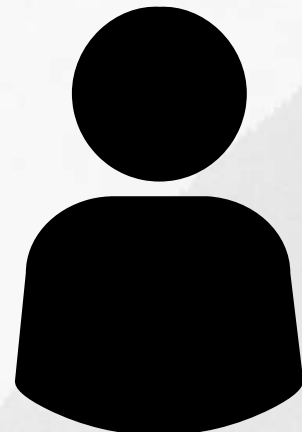
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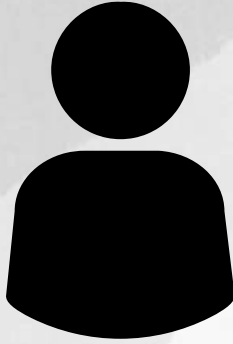
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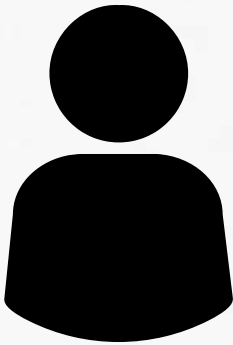
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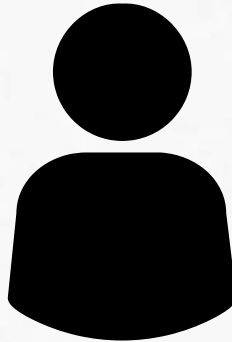
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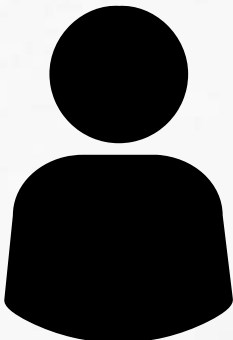
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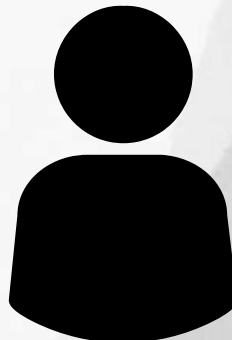
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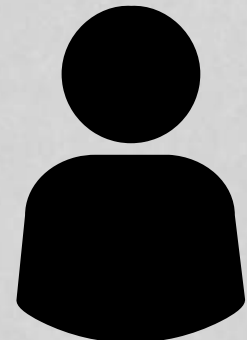
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Berks, Joe	0	0	13	2	13	2
Brewster, Michael	0	0	28	1	28	1
Fawns, Mason	80	36	29	9	109	45
Hepple, Nick	0	0	4	0	4	0
Hughes, Gabriel	0	0	2	0	2	0
Kardacz, Matt	0	0	30	3	30	3
Kgwakgwa, Sean	0	0	8	0	8	0
Lees, Mark	53	1	30	0	83	1
Madigan, Fin	16	0	30	0	46	0
Mailcowski, Kacper	0	0	20	2	20	2
Marrow, Jack	0	0	30	3	30	3
Marsden, Bailey	73	4	18	3	91	7
Mugalula, Obua	0	0	29	7	29	7
Sharratt, Adam	9	0	8	0	17	0
Shepherd, Will	71	5	7	1	78	6
Varela, Gedeao	0	0	2	0	2	0
Webb-Foster, Reece	15	1	16	3	31	4
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Stalybridge Celtic 2-1 Mossley AFC

NPL West Division. Thursday 26th December 2024, 3:00pm
Bower Fold, Stalybridge



Boxing day games are always something special to look forward to and the boxing day trip to Stalybridge Celtic was no different with both sides close to each other in the league, however the resality was much different with a controversial game at times.

A crowd of over 2000 packed in to Bower Fold, with around 500 Lilywhites making the short trip. However, the fog was thick and most fans struggled to see much of the action that wasn't in their half.

The game's big moment came in the 3rd minute as Brewster saw red for a rash tackle on Brandon Newall. Initially the referee pulled out a yellow card, however after being hounded by Celtic players Brewster was shown his marching orders. Ultimately the Lilywhite man could have few complaints, his tackle was late, from behind and though the actions played a part in the decision to send him off, it was a poor decision that gave the referee a decision to make.

Fears of an uphill struggle were quickly alleviated though as the Lilywhites wrestled for control of the game and though the hosts had chances, it was Mossley who had the better of the play through the middle and chances for Marrow and Mugalula should have been converted.

The second-half saw the game take another turn fro the farcical. With conditions worsening, fans on either side of the pitch were relying on the counterparts cheers to know if a goal had been scored. The foirst goal came for the hosts as Tongue struck an effort from distnace that beat Madigan. However, Mugalula equalised with a shot from an angle.

Rawsthorne then made it 2-1 after the hosts capitalised on a poor clearance. The referee then took centre stage. First denying the hosts a clear goal before later sending Madigan off to the bemusement of everyone in the ground. Mugalula had a great chance to equalise at the end, but his effort flashed wide in the 97th minute as Stalybridge took the spoils on Boxing day.

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A.V.Roe purchased a smaller factory in Failsworth, where the Lancaster Social Club was located. 1936 saw this 16th century Lodge purchased by the AVRO works manager Mr Roy Dobson prior to the company opening their main Chadderton factory. In 1950, the Lodge was opened up to all personnel of Avro and took on the Lancaster Club name. The Grade II listed Lancaster Club then became the club's headquarters for the next 67 years.

We joined the Manchester League in 1954/55 season and won the Division I Championship in 1988/89 and re-established our junior teams, but lasted just three seasons in the Premier Division before being relegated in 1991/92. We again won Division I in 2003/04 and promotion to the Premier Division, but we were again relegated after three seasons in 2006/07. We bounced back immediately and were back in the Premier Division in 2008/09.

There followed success with us capturing the Manchester League Premier Division title in 2009/10. By this time Oldham Council had bought the Lancaster Club land from Oldham Athletic FC who had purchased it as part of a plan to build a new stadium on the site, which never materialised. After a lot of hard work and liaising with Oldham Council and various other parties by Chairman Rob Fuller, we were granted a lease on the former Whitebank Stadium in Limehurst Village, Oldham. Again, after an enormous amount of work to bring it up to standard, this has become our new home ground ; The Vestacare Stadium.

In Summer 2017 the new management team of Lee O'Brien and James Hampson took over and along with 1st team coach Paul Armstrong and goalkeeping coach Paul Urbano they led the team to Manchester League Premier Division title, and the Manchester FA County Cup in their first season. The move to the new stadium allowed the club to pursue its ambitions of Step 6 football which was achieved in 2018 with promotion to the NWCFL Division I North.

In our first season in NWCFL we reached the semi-final of the Macron Cup, and the final of the First Division Cup, as well as reaching the 3rd Round Proper of the FA Vase. In the league we finished runners-up to Longridge Town and were promoted as one of the highest points per game clubs in the country. Our first season in the NWCFL Premier Division 2019/20 saw us consolidate and finish a respectable 12th position after 30 games, the season being curtailed by the Corona Virus outbreak of course.

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We also made a first appearance in the FA Cup, losing to Litherland REMYCA. In the curtailed 2020/21 the team finished on Boxing Day top of the Premier Division after some excellent performances, particularly away from home.

The 20/21 FA Cup ended in a defeat at home to Bootle after a performance that very nearly took the Merseysiders to penalties. January 2022 saw the resignation of our successful management duo of Lee O'Brien and James Hampson with the club sitting in a highly respectable 5th position in the Premier Division. Chairman Rob Fuller and the board acted swiftly and appointed from within and player Alex Frost became the new manager, appointing the highly experienced Phil Edghill as his right hand man. The positive results continued in the league and we finished in a very creditable 6th position.

During the close season the new management team recruited excellently and also tied down on contract many of our squad and we headed into the 2022/23 season in a strong position but knowing how tough the battle would be to secure a promotion place. We hit the ground running and recorded a club record 720 minutes without conceding a goal, Emley in the FA Vase being the first team to score against us on 26th August 9 games into the season. That consistency continued through the season and we suffered consecutive defeats on only 2 occasions, finishing the season with fewest goals conceded in the NWCFL Premier Division in 2nd position. That led to a play-off final at NPL side Lincoln United, an historic day for the club as goals from Tom Bentham and Jack Morrow in a 2-1 win fired us up into the Northern Premier League.

Our first season in the Northern Premier League West saw us make an immediate impact at Step 4. The team was in the running for a play-off place until the end of the season, and finished with one of the best defensive records as well as one of the best overall away records in the division, eventually finishing a creditable 8th place. Notable victories included league 'doubles' over champions LeekTown and also promoted Prescott Cables, and we also made an appearance in the Manchester Premier Cup final.

At the end of the season management duo Alex Frost and Phil Edghill stepped down due to increased work commitments and the club moved fast to secure the appointment of successful Abbey Hey joint managers Michael Norton and David Birch. We look forward to them bringing their own brand of successful football to the squad as we continue our journey for the 24/25 season.

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2	 Congleton Town	23	13	4	6	14	43
3	 Vauxhall Motors	22	14	1	7	12	43
4	 Chasetown	22	12	5	5	13	41
5	 Nantwich Town	22	12	3	7	11	39
6	 Stalybridge Celtic	25	12	3	10	0	39
7	 Runcorn Linnets	23	11	4	8	-3	37
8	 Hednesford Town	23	10	6	7	17	36
9	 Mossley	24	9	7	8	1	34
10	 Trafford	23	10	4	9	-4	34
11	 Kidsgrove Athletic	23	9	5	9	0	32
12	 Avro	21	9	4	8	3	31
13	 Newcastle Town	21	8	7	6	2	31
14	 Bootle	24	9	3	12	-4	30
15	 Witton Albion	22	9	2	11	-3	29
16	 Clitheroe	22	8	5	9	-4	29
17	 Wythenshawe Town	22	7	6	9	5	27
18	 Atherton Collieries	24	8	3	13	-18	27
19	 Wythenshawe	24	6	6	12	-16	24
20	 Stafford Rangers	22	6	4	12	-7	22
21	 Hanley Town	23	3	7	13	-18	16
22	 City of Liverpool FC	23	2	5	16	-28	11

*Accurate as of 19/12/2024

