

THE OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME OF

CHADDERTON

FOOTBALL CLUB



In Tribute to Dale Harris 1994-2026

vs. North Shields AFC
The FA Vase Trophy
Saturday 17 January 2026
KO 15:00





Chadderton Football Club

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Our Family

Chairman / Director: Bob Sopel
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Committee: Trevor Ashworth, Derek Glynn, Tom Glynn, Glynn Mellor, Mick McKay, Danny Orme, Heath Ravey, Dave Shepherd, Bob Sopel, Mark Cook & Jamie Clarke
First Team Managers: Ben Greenidge & Carl Taylor
Assistant Manager: Mark Cook
First Team Coaches: Jamie Clarke
First Team Physio: Siobhan Thomas
Reserves Team Manager: Anthony Hall
Reserves Team Assistant Manager: Jonathan Hall

Our Honours

1954-55: Oldham League Challenge Cup Winners
1955-56: Manchester Amateur League (North) Champions
1959-60: Manchester FA Youth Cup Winners
1960-61: Manchester FA Youth Cup Runners-Up
1961-62: Alfred Pettit & Hulme Celtic Cup Winners
1962-63: Manchester Amateur League Division 1 Champions
1964-65: Manchester League Division 2 Champions
1965-66: League Murray Shield Winners
1966/67: Manchester League Division 1 Champions
1969-70: Manchester League Gilchryst Cup Winners
1971-72: Manchester County FA Challenge Trophy Winners
1972-73: Manchester County FA Challenge Trophy Runners-Up
1981-82: Lancashire Combination Cup Runners-Up
1982-83: Manchester FA Premier Cup Runners-Up
1985-86: Bass NWCFL Reserve Division Cup Champions
1990-91: Bass NWCFL Reserve Division Cup Runners-Up
1991-92: Bass NWCFL Reserve Division Cup Champions
1992-93: Tennants Floodlit Cup Runners-Up
2017-18: Manchester Football League Division 1 Champions
2022-23: NWCFL First Division North Runners-Up, NWCFL First Division North Play-off Champions & Manchester FA County Cup Champions
2023-24: NWCFL Macron Cup Runners-Up



GROUND REGULATIONS Chadderton Football Club

These Ground Regulations shall apply to each Match taking place at the Ground. Entry to the Ground shall constitute acceptance of these Ground Regulations and the Rules and Regulations. These Ground Regulations incorporate the Club's Customer Charter (if any).
Definitions: "Club" means this football club. "Football Authorities" means the Football League, the Premier League, The Football Association, the Football Association of Wales, the league of which the Club is in membership from time to time, FIFA, UEFA and any other relevant governing body of association football. "Ground" means this football stadium and all locations owned, occupied or utilised by the Club. "Ground Regulations" means these ground regulations, as defined from time to time. "Match" means any association football match (or any part or aspect of such a match) taking place at the Ground. "Material" means any audio, digital, visual or audio-visual material or any information or data. "Rules and Regulations" means each of the rules and regulations of the Football Authorities that may be relevant to the Match, the Club and/or the Ground from time to time.

1. Entry to the Ground shall constitute acceptance of these Ground Regulations and the Rules and Regulations. All persons entering the Ground must have paid the relevant admission on the Football Spectators Act 1989 (as amended); charge. Proof of age, where an age concession is claimed, and proof of identity may be required and must be supplied on demand.
2. Notwithstanding possession of any ticket the Club, any police officer or authorised steward which could cause damage or personal injury, when entering the Ground or in a public may refuse entry to (or eject from) the Ground any person whose area of the Ground from which the event can be directly viewed.
 - 16.2 Being in possession of any intoxicating liquor, or bottle, can or other portable container
- 2.1 who fails (or in the Club's reasonable opinion is likely to fail) to comply with these Ground 17. Under the Football (Offences) Act 1991 (as amended) the following are offences for which Regulations or any reasonable instruction issued by a police officer or authorised steward; a person can be arrested by a police officer and conviction could result in a Banning Order and/or being made under the Football Spectators Act 1989 (as amended): The list is non-exhaustive.
 - 2.2 whose presence within the Ground is, or could (in the Club's reasonable opinion), constitute a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to any other person. 17.1. The throwing of any object within the Ground without lawful authority or excuse;
3. On no account will admission be granted to a person who is the subject of a current Banning Order under the Football Spectators Act 1989 (as amended) or has been convicted of ticket touting offences under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (as amended). 17.3. The entry onto the playing area or any adjacent area to which spectators are not generally admitted without lawful authority or excuse.
4. The Club excludes, to the maximum extent permitted by law, any liability for loss, injury or damage to persons and property in or around the Ground. Nothing in these Ground Regulations 18. Any individual who has entered any part of the Ground designated for these of any group of persons shall exclude the Club's liability for death or personal injury caused by the Club's negligently supported to which he does not belong may be ejected from the Ground either for the purposes of his own safety or for any other reason.
 5. No guarantees can be given by the Club that a Match will take place at a particular time or 19. Save as set out in Condition 15 above, no person (other than a person who holds an on a particular date, or at all, and the Club reserves the right to reschedule or cancel a Match appropriate licence) may capture, log, record, transmit, play, issue, show or otherwise communicate without notice. Material (by digital or other means) any Material in relation to the Match, any players or other persons present in the Ground and/or the Ground, nor may they bring into the Ground or use
 6. In the event of the postponement, cancellation or abandonment of the Match (or if it is the intention of the Club to provide, to facilitate or otherwise assist another person to use within Match has, for any reason, to be played out of the view of the public), refunds (if any) will be made. Any equipment or technology which is capable of capturing, logging, recording, made in accordance with the specific ticket terms and conditions applicable to your ticket purchase, including but not limited to liability any other intellectual property rights in any for any in direct or consequential loss or damage, such as (but not limited to) loss of enjoyment, unauthorised recording or transmission is assigned (by way of present assignment of future or travel costs) to the Club and the relevant Football Authority responsible for the Match. You further agree (if and whenever required to do so by the Club) to promptly execute all instruments
 7. All persons seeking entrance to the Ground acknowledge and agree to the Club's reasonable do all things necessary to vest the right, title and interest in such rights to the Club and the right to search any person, and their belongings, entering the Ground and to refuse entry to or relevant Football Authority responsible for the Match absolutely and with full title guarantee. eject from the Ground any person refusing to submit to such a search.
 20. Tickets are not transferable and may not be offered for sale without the prior written permission of the Club.
 8. Further, you may not bring into the Ground any sponsorship, promotional or marketing material of the Club or otherwise as set out in the express terms and conditions of such tickets. Materials, save in respect of official club merchandise and/or other football related clothing Any tickets offered for sale in breach of the terms and conditions thereof may be confiscated by you or may you offer (either free or for sale by any person) any goods (including literature) of any steward or officer of the Club or any police officer. The Club reserves the right to nature without the express written approval of the Club. Refuse admission to or eject from the Ground, any person who has transferred his/her ticket in contravention of the relevant ticket terms and conditions (and/or the holder of any ticket that
 9. The following articles must not be brought within the Ground – knives, fireworks or any has been transferred in contravention of the relevant ticket terms and conditions). In the event of other pyrotechnics, smoke canisters, air-horns, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, of any refusal of admission or ejection from the Ground no refund shall be payable. Tickets laser devices, glass bottles, glass vessels, cans, poles, any articles that are prohibited by the Rules and Regulations, and any article that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise the property of the Club at all times.
 - Rules and Regulations, and any article that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry to (or ejected from) the Ground. 21. By entering the Ground, all persons acknowledge that photographic images and/or video the Ground, recordings and/or stills taken from those video recordings may be taken of them and may also be used by the Club for marketing or promotional purposes. Entry into the Ground is confirmed
 10. The use of threatening behaviour and/or foul or abusive language is strictly forbidden and that all persons have consented to such use of their image unless the Club is notified may result in arrest and/or ejection from the Ground. The Club may impose a ban (including in writing to the contrary. If any images should feature an individual prominently the Club will but not limited to, a ban for one or more Matches) and/or the removal of season ticket(s) if the person has given their consent to such use of their image before publishing such image. If any such behaviour such person is under 18 years of age, the parent, guardian, responsible adult who is accompanying them into the Ground shall be deemed to have provided consent on their behalf.
 11. Any act of victimization as defined in the Equality Act 2010 or any act of discrimination by the Club on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, religion or belief, gender, gender reassignment, 22. CCTV cameras are in use around and in the Ground and the Club may itself use or transmit, sexual orientation, disability age, pregnancy, maternity, marital status or civil to the police or any Football Authority any recordings for use in any proceedings, or for partnership, or other forms of harassment is strictly forbidden and will result in arrest and/or health, safety or security purposes. By entering the Ground, you consent to such use and ejection from the Ground. The Club may impose a ban (including, but not limited to, a ban for transfer of CCTV footage.
 - one or more Matches) and/or the removal of season ticket(s) for any such behaviour.
 23. At all times whilst present in the Ground, persons must comply with any and all reasonable instructions and directions of any steward or officer of the Club, any police officer or any seated areas where play is in progress is strictly forbidden and may result in ejection from the Ground and, in addition, the Club may impose a ban (including, but not limited to, a ban for one or more Matches) and/or the removal of season ticket(s) for any such behaviour.
 13. The obstruction of gangways, access ways, exits and entrances, stairways and like places is strictly forbidden. Nobody entering the Ground shall be permitted to climb any structures 24. Any person found damaging or defacing the Ground may be prosecuted. within the Ground.
 25. No re-entry to the Ground is permitted unless permission is given by an officer or a steward
 14. With the exception of the designated smoking areas, smoking (including the use of electronic cigarettes) is not permitted in any part of the Ground and will result in ejection from the Ground. 26. The Club reserves absolutely the right to refuse entry and eject from the Ground any person that fails (or in the Club's reasonable opinion is likely to fail) to comply with any of the
 15. Mobile telephones, smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices are permitted within the Ground in accordance with the Club's own facilities and in accordance with the Club's licensing conditions. Under the Sporting Events (Control) Act 1985 (as amended), the following are offences for which a person can be liable to be fined or imprisoned for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding £5,000 or both: (a) using a mobile telephone, or any other electronic device, to capture, log, record, transmit, play, issue, show or otherwise communicate any material for any commercial purposes, including, but not limited to, the withdrawal of any Club membership and/or match ticket and/or season ticket (without reimbursement) and other benefits.
 16. Alcohol may only be consumed within the Ground if purchased from the Club's own facilities and in accordance with the Club's licensing conditions. Under the Sporting Events (Control) Act 1985 (as amended), the following are offences for which a person can be liable to be fined or imprisoned for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding £5,000 or both: (a) using a mobile telephone, or any other electronic device, to capture, log, record, transmit, play, issue, show or otherwise communicate any material for any commercial purposes, including, but not limited to, the withdrawal of any Club membership and/or match ticket and/or season ticket (without reimbursement) and other benefits.
 17. The Club reserves the right to make changes to any of these Ground Regulations from time to time.

Welcome To Chadderton FC

For returning regulars, and first time fans alike

Welcome to Chadderton Football Club, and our home, The Emplas Commercial North Stadium!

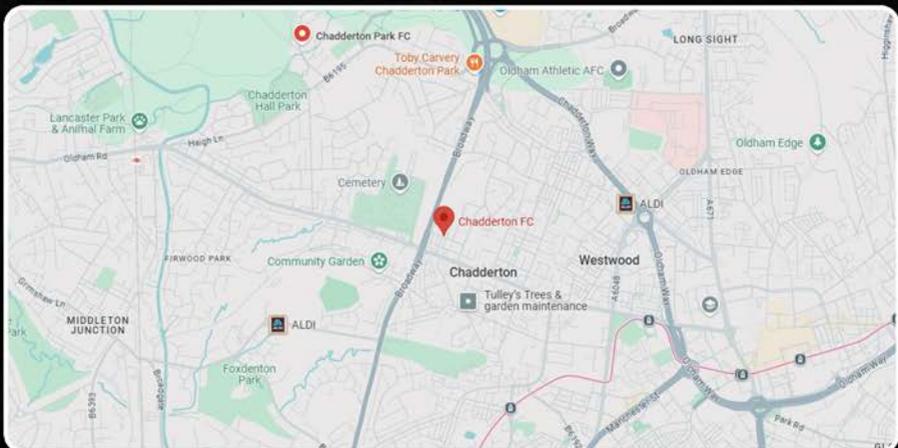
We are a football club that has recently been lucky enough to receive funding to have a brand-new 3G playing surface and new facilities at our home ground. We are delighted with how its all turned out and we hope it makes for some really exciting visits to our ground - for all fans.

If its your first time here at Chadderton FC, entry fee is taken on entry to the stadium, and can be paid in cash or card. Once in the stadium, you will be met with our carpark (which is free to use for paying fans), and our clubhouse. Our clubhouse is where our toilet facilities are, along with our bar and hospitality - just head upstairs if you are looking to grab a drink or take a seat in comfort, also be sure to enjoy the great view of the pitch from up there!

A bit further on from the clubhouse, if you carry on in the same direction, you will see one of our newest additions to our matchday experience here at Chadderton FC, Marlowes. Marlowes provides incredible matchday food for very reasonable prices and we cannot recommend trying them enough - try it and let us know what you think!

When the match starts, you have the freedom of all four sides of the pitch to choose where you would like to watch, the main stand is covered and offers seating, the area near the dugout allows you to get immersed with the game in a way you wouldn't experience at some levels, and there will also be quieter areas, which might be to others liking.

For fans looking to use public transport, The Emplas Commercial North Stadium is easy to reach by various methods. The nearest train station is Mills Hill, just over a mile away, with regular services from Manchester Victoria. Buses from both Oldham and Manchester city centre (such as the 59, 81, and 182) stop near Chadderton Precinct on Middleton Road, just a short walk from the ground.



Our Story

We are Chadderton Football Club, based in Chadderton, Oldham, Greater Manchester. Currently competing in the North West Counties League Premier Division, we play our home matches at The Emplas Commercial North Stadium, our newly refurbished home ground with a state of the art 4G playing surface.

Our story began in 1946, when we were formed as Burnley Lane Estate Juniors, competing in the Middleton Youth League. Just a year later, we expanded with an adult team, moved to Mill Brow, and became Millbrow Football Club.

A few years and relocations later, we adopted the name North Chadderton Amateurs, competing in the Oldham Amateur League. In 1954–55, we lifted the league's Challenge Cup, a sign of things to come. The following season, we moved up to the Manchester Amateur League and won the North Division title in 1955–56, before finally becoming Chadderton Football Club in 1957.

In 1963, we were crowned Division One champions, and in the same period, we began competing in Division Two of the Manchester League. After a series of strong finishes, we won that division in 1964–65, and again in 1966–67, earning promotion to the Premier Division.

By 1980, we had taken the step up to the Lancashire Combination, and just two years later, we became founding members of the North West Counties League Division Two.

Our first taste of promotion in that league came in 1988–89, finishing third in Division Two. But the Premier Division proved tough, and we dropped back down a year later. We bounced back again in 1991–92, and while we faced challenges — including demotion in 1997–98 due to ground grading issues — we've never stopped pushing forward.

In 2014–15, we came close to promotion via the play-offs, narrowly losing out to AFC Darwen. Fast forward to the 2022–23 season, and history was made: after finishing runners-up in Division One North, we earned promotion the hard way — with back-to-back penalty shootout victories over Euxton Villa and FC St Helens.

We've come a long way since those early days as a youth club. From local leagues to pushing up the pyramid, Chadderton Football Club continues to grow both on and off the pitch — driven by passion, community, and the ambition to build something lasting that we can all be proud to pass on to future generations.



In Loving Memory of Dale Harris



It is with profound sadness that we remember our dear friend and colleague, Dale Harris, whose sudden passing has left a void that cannot be filled.

Dale was far more than the Commercial Manager at Chadderton Football Club. He was a driving force behind the scenes, giving his time, energy, and passion to help the club grow and thrive. His commitment, professionalism, and tireless work ethic made a lasting impact, and his contribution to the club will be felt for many years to come.

Above all else, Dale was a devoted family man. A loving husband to Georgia and a proud, caring father to Ava, Billy, and Jude, his family meant everything to him. He spoke of them often, and it was clear to everyone that they were the centre of his world.

Dale's warmth, kindness, and willingness to help others made him a pleasure to work alongside and a true friend to so many. He will be deeply missed by everyone at Chadderton Football Club — players, staff, volunteers, and supporters alike.

Our thoughts are with Georgia, Ava, Billy, Jude, and all of Dale's family and friends at this incredibly difficult time. Dale's legacy lives on in the club he helped build and in the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know him.

***Rest in peace, Dale.
You will never be forgotten.***





"Let me know if you need anything"

Dale was the most genuine person I'd ever had the pleasure of meeting. In the years we knew each other you always made certain that I never felt down and never went a day without laughing at one of your jokes. Last year when you asked me to be godfather to Jude, in that moment I knew you were somebody who was supposed to be in my life forever. You will be, but in a way I could never have imagined. I'm going to miss you pal!

Anthony Hall



Tributes to Dale

It is very difficult to put into words how truly saddened I am. Dale was such an amazing person, caring, understanding and absolutely passionate in everything he did. I'll miss our chats, rants, plans to take us far in life, and our family similarities with raising girls in this world. My heart goes out to Georgia & the kids, and all his family! Ben Greenidge





Tributes to Dale



Dale was a pillar of the community in Oldham and Chadderton, he was selfless and motivating to many people, often celebrating in other peoples success rather than his own. That's how Dale should be remembered for all the people, businesses & friends he gave advice to over the years, Dale wanted nothing more than seeing them succeed. Having met Dale some years ago I knew then he was an individual that could make things happen, he just had the brain to speak to people in the right way and connect businesses. When the opportunity came to get him involved with Chadderton FC we jumped at the chance to work with him and from that moment on, the ambitions of the club changed in a way we've never seen before. Although its been cut short we will ensure your legacy lives on Dale, I for sure will never forget you and how much you have inspired me over the years and more recently became a close friend. My heart goes out to Georgia, Ava, Billy, Jude and the rest of his family, the amount of messages of love and support we have received on social media has been overwhelming and just shows what a massive impact Dale had on everyone he met.

Rest in peace my mate, "Let me know if you need anything"

Carl Taylor



Tributes to Dale

It was with personal excitement that I welcomed Dale to our management team at Chadderton FC to help the Club build a bright future for the Club and all the people who use our new 3G pitch and Clubhouse facilities.

His warm personal manner with people and his vision for creating and fulfilling exciting ideas encouraged everyone to buy into his enthusiasm.

We have lost an exceptional part of our Club and a personal friend who cared and always asked if he could help you in any way.

My thoughts at this time are with his wife, children and all his family.

Dale was a valued member of the 'Chaddy Family' and will be missed by us all

May he rest in peace.

Bob Soper
Chairman, Chadderton FC





Tributes to Dale



Dale has been an enormous part of the club's journey. He first joined us in the 2023/24 season as Commercial Director before moving on to Oldham Athletic in a new commercial role, a fantastic opportunity and one he fully deserved. Even in that short time, he made a huge impact off the pitch and played his part in their historic 2025 playoff victory, creating memories he and his family will always cherish.

He returned to Chaddy for the 2025/26 season and immediately became instrumental in delivering some of the club's biggest events.

The firework night stands out as a major highlight, attracting over 1,000 people to the club. Dale was incredibly proud of the turnout. He even set the fireworks off himself. That single event put Chadderton FC firmly on the map within the local community and was a tremendous success.

Dale travelled with the first team to every away game, embracing the banter and becoming a key part of the first team environment. The lads had huge respect for him. At home games, he hosted our half-time hospitality but would always make sure he came out to stand with a few of us, supporting the team through the highs and lows.

He elevated the club's profile in countless ways, launching new ventures such as soccer schools and summer camps, securing vital sponsorship, and bringing fresh energy and ideas. Loved by everyone around the club and by our supporters, Dale became one of the true faces of Chaddy FC. A genuinely good man who will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of spending time with him.

God bless, Dale, from the entire Chadderton FC family.

#UpTheChad

Mark Cook



Rest In Peace, Our Friend



Raising money to support Dale's family through this unbelievably difficult time; all donations are much appreciated and will go a long way.



Donate in Memory of Dale Harris



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**“Tackling loneliness and
supporting Men’s mental health,
one conversation at a time”**



@youalrightchief

Introducing Project 50

Welcome to Project 50; our ambitious mission to unite local businesses in support of the Club we all love. This season, we're aiming to bring together 50 partners, each pledging £500, to help strengthen our community programmes, improve club facilities, and invest in the future of our players and supporters.

Your backing makes a real difference, and we are incredibly proud to already have the following businesses on board this season...



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FULL TIME EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Chadderton FC Launch Post-16 College Programme starting September 2026 in Partnership with VLUK.

Chadderton FC is proud to announce a major milestone in the Club's development with the launch of our brand-new Post-16 Football & Education Programme, delivered in partnership with VLUK (Virtual Learning UK) — one of the UK's leading providers of education in the sports sector.

Starting September 2026, school leavers will have the unique opportunity to LEARN, TRAIN & PLAY full time at Chadderton FC, combining elite football development with high-quality education in a professional football environment.

Students will be based at the Emplas Commercial North Stadium, where they will receive daily coaching from UEFA qualified coaches, play competitive weekly fixtures representing Chadderton FC, and continue their academic journey through a Level 3 sports qualification, fully recognised for university progression.

[Click here for more information.](#)



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TRAIN
PLAY.**

WITH CHADDERTON FC



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AT CHADDERTON FC



Match sponsorship packages at Chadderton FC includes:

- Match tickets for 10 people.
- Table of 10 in the Sports Bar with premium window seating.
- All inclusive bar for 1 hour before kick off through to the full time whistle.
- Logo in the digital programme.
- Pre-match meal for 10 people supplied by Marlowes.
- Full table service throughout.
- Pre-match photo pitchside with both team captains.
- Match day advertising on social media.
- Select and present the Man of The Match Award.

£700 +VAT

Contact us: commercial.chaddertonfc@gmail.co.uk



Hospitality Packages

AT CHADDERTON FC



Gold Package

- + Match Ticket
- + Pre Match Meal
- + Table Service
- + Reserved Window Seating
- + Free Bar from 2pm until Full Time

£70 PER PERSON



Silver Package

- + Match Ticket
- + Pre Match Meal
- + Reserved Window Seating
- + Arrival Drink & Access to Paid Bar

£35 PER PERSON



Bronze Package

- + Match Ticket
 - + Reserved seating in the Club House*
- *Please note seating may not be with window view.

£20 PER PERSON



Discount on **Gold Packages** with more than 5 in a party.
To book email commercial.chaddertonfc@gmail.com



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Player Sponsorship

There is no denying that one of the most prestigious sponsorships in football relates directly to the players themselves. We have a number of opportunities for your business to gain exposure by aligning it with our First Team playing squad in the 2025/26 season.

Player Sponsorship

£200 Per Player, Per Season

Got your eye on someone in our first team? Watching one of our talented players progress or simply want to help contribute to our on field journey, why not put your name to a player? This package includes:

- Name / Logo next to player in programme
- Name / Logo with player graphics on socials
- Name / Logo on official club website
- 2x Free entry into a home game of your choice
- Invite to end of the year player awards presentation
- Photo opportunities with your chosen player

Travel Wear Sponsorship

£1,750 Per Season

Becoming the Travel Wear sponsor will showcase your company logo on all of the first team's travel tracksuits. The package presents a great value and opportunity for exposure not just on match days but to be visible throughout the week. This package includes:

- One pitch side advertising board
- Official partnership announcement
- Logo on official club website
- Logo on club travel tracksuits
- Free entry into 5 games per year for two people
- Photo opportunity to launch partnership

Player Sponsors

A Look At All Of Our Incredible Player Sponsors

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players this season!**



About The FA Vase

The FA Vase effectively replaced The FA Amateur Cup in 1974. In that year The FA Council had decided to abolish the official distinction between amateur and professional footballers and this meant the end of The Amateur Cup and Amateur Internationals involving England.

In its first season 220 clubs entered, but they did not include those that had dominated in The Amateur Cup. Enfield, Hendon, Dagenham, Skelmersdale United and others at their level were immediately allocated to The FA Trophy.

For the first time in history, small clubs – even village clubs – had the chance of playing in a national final at Wembley.

The first Vase finalists were Hoddesdon Town from the Spartan League and Epsom & Ewell from the Surrey Senior League. The Hertfordshire side edged home 2-1 before a crowd of 9,000.

Even a competition as democratic as The Vase had its elite clubs in the early years. Billericay Town, initially of the Essex Senior League, won it three times in four seasons. Halesowen Town, then in the West Midlands Regional League, appeared in three Finals and were successful in two. They even beat a Southall side that had a young Les Ferdinand leading the attack.

Until the new Wembley opened in 2007 the record attendance for a Vase Final was the 26,489 who saw the drawn 1989 Final between Sudbury Town and Tamworth at the old Wembley. Tamworth won the replay 3-0 at Peterborough and Ian Moores, a former Division One player with Tottenham Hotspur, scored one of the goals.

The 2013-14 Vase competition was the 40th in history. Wembley had hosted 34 Finals, Villa Park and St Andrews two each, Upton Park and White Hart Lane one each. Thirty-two different clubs have got their hands on The Vase, donated by former FA Councillor Frank Adams. Whitley Bay lead the way with four wins.

The Road To Wembley



The Isuzu FA Vase

Season 2025-26

Round dates

First Round Qualifying: Saturday 23 August 2025

Second Round Qualifying: Saturday 20 September 2025

First Round Proper: Saturday 18 October 2025

Second Round Proper: Saturday 8 November 2025

Third Round Proper: Saturday 6 December 2025

Fourth Round Proper: Saturday 17 January 2026

Fifth Round Proper: Saturday 7 February 2026

Sixth Round Proper: Saturday 28 February 2026

Semi Final first leg: Saturday 28 March 2026

Semi-Final second leg: Saturday 4 April 2026

The Final: Sunday 17 May 2026



Today's Opponents

North Shields AFC



North Shields Athletic was originally formed in 1896, and played initially in the South Shields & District league. They progressed through the Northern Combination, Northern Alliance and North Eastern League and became a major force in North East Football, outside the Football League, moving to play at Hawkeys Lane around 1900. At least two players, Alan Grenyer and Harry Chambers went on to play for the full England team after starting their careers with North Shields Athletic.

Preston Colliery F.C. emerged after the Great War becoming North Shields A.F.C. in 1928, and the club won many honours over the years. They enjoyed tremendous local support with a record 12,800 watching the local derby with South Shields in 1936. Shields won the North Eastern League title and numerous cups but their moment of crowning glory came in 1969.

After joining the Northern league, they won the F.A. Amateur cup by beating Sutton United in front of 47,000 spectators at Wembley Stadium. Shields were a goal down after only four minutes but won with second half strikes from Richie Hall and Brian Joicey – both laid on by Orrick, a shipyard worker from Byker.

The Club, which also won the Northern League Championship and Challenge Cup that same year, were declared joint holders of the European Amateur Cup the following season when the two In 1982 "The Robins" won 1-0 at Halifax Town in the F.A. Cup 1st Round, Bede McCaffrey scoring the all important goal that year. Walsall were the visitors to Appleby Park in the next round and left with a 3-0 victory.

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North Shields AFC



Having moved into the national pyramid by joining the Northern Counties East League, North Shields earned promotion to the Northern Premier League by winning the title, but financial problems resulted in the club losing the Appleby Park Ground and then reforming to play in the VAUX Wearside League.

Since then "The Robins" have enjoyed considerable success, winning the treble of League, Shipowners Cup and Northumberland Senior Bowl in 1998/99. In 2000/01 they finished runners-up to Nissan but won the Monkwearmouth Cup and the Senior Bowl for the second time. They won the Wearside league by eight points in 2002 and the Monkwearmouth Cup again in 2003.

"The Robins" finally gained promotion back into the Northern League in 2004 and were promoted to Division 1 in 2014 under the guidance of Graham Fenton. The club won the FA Vase Final in 2015 as the attacking and never-say-die team assembled beat Glossop North End at Wembley 2-1 after extra time after falling behind early in the second half. Bainbridge's header evened things up and Adam Forster wrote himself into the club's history with the winner. The team was once more the pride of the town and didn't the supporters love it!

The following season 2015-6 Shields finished fifth in the league whilst lifting the Northumberland Senior Cup beating Blyth Spartans 4-3 in a thrilling Final at St James Park.

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Gary Ormston opened the scoring followed by a Gareth Bainbridge brace with Ryan Carr notching a dramatic last minute winner. Manager Graham Fenton left the club in September 2016 to join South Shields, with Jon McDonald replacing him as manager. McDonald kept North Shields at the top until early April, losing out to South Shields in the title race. North Shields also lost the Senior Cup to Blyth and the League Cup to South Shields after which Jon McDonald left the club. Shields moved to appoint Assistant Manager, Brian Smith as the new Manager, with Gary Ormston stepping up as Assistant and Andy Gowans joining the coaching set up alongside Wilf Keilty. Brian Smith left the club in February 2018 to be replaced by ex Whitley Bay boss Marc Nash. Nash brought with him Anthony Woodhouse who was welcomed back to his old stamping ground as assistant. The duo marked their debut in charge with a sensational 6-5 victory over Jarrow Roofing after the Robins were trailing 5-2 late in the game. With Steve Swinyard coming in as coach the new management team guided the club to a final 8th position as the season closed. The campaign of 2019-2020 before halted due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the side saw an impressive 4th placed finish with games in hand on the teams above. The team scored 56 goals only conceding 37.

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However Marc Nash's men were to make no mistake in an unforgettable 2021-2 campaign cruising to the Northern League First Division title by 9 points -their first such triumph since 1969.

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The management team challenged the players to respond after the disappointment of a quarter-final loss in the Vase after a marathon 8 match adventure featuring 3 penalty shoot-out victories.

The Robins' clinched the Championship and promotion to the Northern Premier League East with a 3-1 triumph at Whitley Bay sparking emotional celebrations.

Shields won 25 and drew 9 of their 38 games -overcoming an 11 point deficit

behind Consett at one stage and having to play their last 6 matches all away.

Centre forward Dan Wilson ended the season as the League's joint top scorer with 29 goals plus 11 in cup ties.

"There's so much pride in what we have achieved as a club" commented a beaming boss Marc Nash.

North Shields started the 2022/23 season in fine form with a great overall performance finishing 7th in the Northern Premier League: East division. Disappointment hit North Shields after the club was relegated from Step 4 due to failing to have the required ground improvements. Manager Marc Nash and his management team announced their resignation at the end of the 22/23 season.

North Shields announced the new management team led by Daniel Iredale as they return to The Northern League for the 2023/24 season. A core group of players stayed with the club showing faithful tendencies as well as a host of brand new and exciting signings for the club.

In December 2023, Sean Mulligan and Sean Redford took the reins as Co-Chairmen. All of the management team and the majority of players left the club leaving a near impossible task. Brian Smith was appointed as first team manager as he returned to the club. Brian and the club have built a brand new team with some great experience and a great link up with South Shields FC, North Shields Juniors as well as New Hartley Juniors.

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With the club in a much better position it was decided to begin a new chapter of the club with the partnership with North Shields Juniors to create a 1 town, 1 club vision ensuring a clear pathway from youngsters to seniors has been developed and cementing a strong foundation for the security and longevity of North Shields Football Club.





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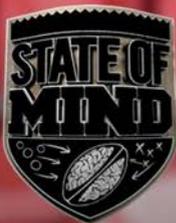
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