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FROM THE DUGOUT

We're coming off the back of a few decent results, some really pleasing battling performances in difficult conditions where the lads have stood up and been counted for and had the character to fight until the end, that has hopefully come across with recent performances. Their attitude has been spot on.

We have to continue our momentum and continue to push right until the last game of the season. Sometimes it's difficult when you're not able to go up or down, I think the mentality of the squad has been proven in recent weeks where they're still in the fight and still giving their all. We've been struggling with injuries, but the players who have come in have done really well which is fantastic for me as a manager.

It was great to get the win on Monday in a local derby against Matlock, seeing the fans and how much they enjoyed it, that's what we do it for. We need to continue that momentum and try get another win this weekend and hopefully carry that forward until the end of the season.

We have to earn the right to play and win the game, we're under no illusion that Atherton are scrapping down there, it's not going to be an easy game and they're not going to give us anything, hopefully at home with our fans behind us we can get the three points and extend our unbeaten run to five games.



ATHERTON COLLIERIES - CLUB HISTORY

Atherton Collieries were formed in 1916 as by miners from the six pits in the Atherton Urban District with the aim of raising money for locals involved in the war effort. After the war the club joined the Bolton Combination winning the title in their first season. They moved on to the Lancashire Combination in 1921 before returning to the Bolton Combination winning the title four times between 1937 and 1941. They then joined the Manchester League in 1945 before moving on to the West Lancashire League in 1948.

After two years they joined the Lancashire Combination but after finishing second from bottom in 1952 they again returned to the Bolton Combination. They eventually rejoined the Lancashire Combination in 1971 before switching to the newly formed Division Two of the Cheshire County League. When the leagues were reorganised they became members of the North West Counties League 1982.

They worked their way up the leagues before being relegated twice. They eventually won the Premier Division and gained promotion to the Northern Premier League.

They were promoted to the Northern Premier League Premier Division in 2019.

We have no record of any players who have played for both clubs and we also have no record that likeston and Atherton have ever played each other.

Written by WhiteBallProject





ATHERTON COLLIERIES - PLAYER PROFILES

Jack Evans - Defender

A near ever-present for Radcliffe over the 2022/23 season, the versatile defender brings experience of playing at a high standard within the Northern Premier League combined with the technical ability to alternatively play in wing-back or midfield roles.

Sidi Fofana - Midfielder

An up-and-coming midfielder, Sidi has impressed whilst working his way up the league pyramid over recent years, making his mark within Macclesfield's NWCFL winning side in 2022 before progressing to further key roles for NPL First Division play-off duo Clitheroe & Runcorn last campaign. A holding midfielder, the Spaniard offers athleticism & versatility with a great passing range & a hard work ethic.

Lewis Mansell - Forward

A strong and physical forward, Lewis Mansell is a product of the Blackburn Rovers Academy, moving on to play first-team football for both Partick Thistle & Accrington Stanley, alongside National League football with Southport, Halifax & FC United, notably being voted into the Scottish Championship Team of the Season in 2023.

Jordan Scanlon - Midfielder / Forward

A skilful young attacking midfielder who is a product of the Liverpool Academy, Scanlon progressed onto pro-forms with Rochdale before loan deals at Ashton United & Ramsbottom, where he scored a vital 5 goals over 12 games.

Ben Rydel - Midfielder / Defender

A tricky & technical utility player who can excel in a variety of positions, Ben Rydel is a graduate of the Salford City Academy who has since represented Radcliffe, Bootle & City of Liverpool within the Northern Premier League. Throughout pre-season, Ben has demonstrated his ability as both a full-back and a creative midfielder.

Jack Buckley - Goalkeeper

An imposing & fearless young goalkeeper, the Atherton native joined the Collieries from League One Accrington Stanley, and has also made appearances for Chorley & Laburnum Rovers.

Dylan Moonan - Midfielder

A graduate of the Burnley Academy, Dylan Moonan is a technically gifted holding midfielder but offers the versatility of also being an option across the back-four. The youngster has also represented Accrington Stanley, Stalybridge and FC United of Manchester.

Dylan Thompson - Defender

A graduate of the Everton Academy, Dylan Thompson is a physically imposing defender who has spent two years playing for the San Diego Toreros within the American Collegiate system. Dylan's first move back to Britain was trials with Newcastle United before signing for Nantwich Town in March 2023, impressing those who saw him playing with his commanding presence and ability on the ball.

ATHERTON COLLIERIES - PLAYER PROFILES

Enock Lusiama - Forward

A skilful forward, Enock Lusiama started his career in England at Darwen. After being noticed at Daisy Hill, Enock was signed by Accrington Stanley permanently at the start of the 2022/2023 season, before loan deals with Southport and Colne. A strong and dynamic forward, Enock Lusiama is dangerous in his natural centre forward role or ether wing.

Oli Putnam

A versatile midfielder, Oli has previously impressed with Witton Albion and Warrington Town in the NPL Premier, before signing for the Stripes in December 2023

Mo Ali

A commanding defender who also offers the versatility to be utilized as a midfield option, Mo joined the Colls from Nantwich Town, having previously impressed with Warrington Town, ADO Den Haag and Curzon Ashton. Mo has represented Somalia on eight occasions, recording a Man of the Match award in the nation's first ever World Cup Qualification victory.

Teddy Mfuni

An imposing and versatile defender, Teddy Mfuni impressed during a stint with Warrington Town and earned a move to Football League side Oxford United last season. Teddy joined the Colls following his release from the U's and made his debut on New Years Day, 2024.

Lewis Thompson

An experienced and vocal full-back, Lewis is adaptable anywhere along the left-flank and offers a reliable presence at both ends of the field. On loan from Bamber Bridge, Lewis has previously made a number of appearances in the Football League for Scunthorpe.

Tom Donaghy

On loan from Fleetwood Town, Goalkeeper Tom Donaghy made a quick first impression with the Colls faithful with a penalty save against Gainsborough on his debut. Tom has likewise produced penalty heroics for Fleetwood in this season's EFL Trophy.

Bobby Fenlon

An influential member of the Collieries bright Under 18s in the North West Youth Alliance, youngster Bobby Fenlon linked up with the Collieries first team squad in training before signing on for NPL availability in February 2024





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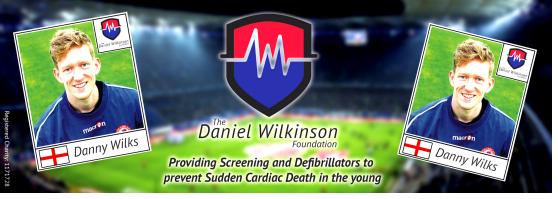




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The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



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.

Tragedies can be prevented through cardiac screening. It is vital that young people are identified and treated.

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