



The West Cheshire Association Football League



POULTON VICTORIA FOOTBALL CLUB

It is with a great deal of sadness that we report the 'folding' of Poulton Victoria Football Club.

Poulton Victoria FC was originally formed in 1935, but disbanded with the outbreak of the Second World War. The club reformed in 1954. After spending some years in the Wirral Combination and the Birkenhead and Wirral league, 'The Vics' eventually gained entry into the West Cheshire League in 1964.

They spent a number of years playing in parks in Wallasey, before moving to their present home - Victoria Park in 1972.

Their first success came in 1966, winning the Wirral Senior Cup, closely followed by the Division One title the very next season.

Success grew from then onwards with more silverware such as: Wirral Senior Cup, Wirral Amateur Cup, the Division 1 and Division 2 titles, the Pyke Cup, West Cheshire Bowl and the Cheshire Amateur Cup.

This success was supplemented only last season, with the Northern Counties Cup. The club has enjoyed some fine runs in the FA Vase, and a winning appearance at Wembley, against Corby Caledonians in the 'Carlsberg' Pub & Club Trophy.

The club has reformed before. Here's hoping it can do so again!

The 2009 - 2010 season will commence on Friday 14 & Saturday 15 August 2009. All league fixtures are to be fulfilled by 30 April 2009, with the season completed by 3 May 2010. Fixtures for August and September can be accessed via the League website.

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REFEREE'S COURSE

Jack Blakemore has arranged the next course for aspiring referees.

It will take place on Mondays from 7 September through to 2 November later in the year. The venue is Cammell Laird Social Club.

Jack makes the following observations:

"I never know how many candidates are actually going to turn up on the night. Some say they will definitely be there but they don't show up. Until now, I have never been comfortable turning anyone away because we need as many referees as we can get but sometimes we have had as many as 50/60 on one course and really, this is far too many to accommodate as you can probably guess.

As of now, The FA have stipulated that the Safeguarding Children in Football workshop (to you and me - the Child Protection session) should not have more than 24 people sitting in on it. However, the presenter, David Welch has said that he will open up that maximum figure to 28, which is exactly the number who sat through our last course.

To save disappointing people I am having to ask for the money up-front and the first 28 who pay are on the course. Our room at Cammell Laird's sports club is not that big and twenty eight is a comfortable number for us to house. For more details please contact me - preferably via e-mail. As at 6th June, I have already received post-dated cheques from 5 candidates, so as they say in the adverts 'hurry while stocks last'!

Many thanks for your interest.

Jack"

You can contact Jack on (0151) 638 0269 or email him at jack@asktheref.fsnet.co.uk.





MANGIERIAL CHANGES

I am grateful to Richard Cross for the following update:

“At Marine, we have appointed a new reserve team manager, Dave Radin, for the forthcoming season.

David worked at Manchester City Youth Academy for 3 years to 2006 followed by a season at Chester City Centre of Excellence. He has also been **team manager of academy teams at Connah’s Quay Nomads and Prestatyn Town.** Living in Runcorn, David has qualified to UEFA B coaching level and is now planning to take the UEFA A level course **shortly.”**

Also on the move is Joe Blundell who has moved from Hale Youth to take the reigns at South Liverpool Youth.

GOLDEN BOOT AWARDS



Action Duchenne, a national charity for Duchenne Muscular D y s t r o p h y (www.actionduchenne.org) have been scanning all Amateur League scorers throughout the country. They have identified Owen Davies of FC Pensby who scored 25 goals last season as our leading open age goal scorer and Shaun Cowdall who scored 20 goals fro Allerton in the Youth Division. Arthur Green has received certificates for the players which will be presented at a later date.

A spokesman for the charity says:

“Firstly, thank you to everyone who has taken part in our inaugural Golden Boot competition. We have had leagues registering from across England and we have been delighted with the response.

Congratulations go to all winners in all categories.”

Well done Owen and Shaun!



CUP DRAWS - Season 2009 - 2010 continued . . .

BILL WEIGHT MEMORIAL CUP:

Semi-finals: Helsby v Newton
(Monday 10 August 2009, 6:30pm)

West Kirby v FC Pensby
(Tuesday 11 August 2009, 6:30pm)

Final: Helsby or Newton v West Kirby or FC Pensby
(Wed. 9 September 2009, 7pm, at Ashville)

Clubs involved in the Bill Weight Memorial Cup are reminded that this is a charitable competition. The aim is to raise funds for players who may need assistance during the season.

Each home club in the semi-finals should charge a gate and organise a raffle to contribute to the fund.

CHESHIRE FA - GOOD CONDUCT AWARD

On behalf of the Cheshire FA, the League awarded three **member clubs with footballs for good conduct at the League's recent AGM.**

Congratulations to Bronze Social, Chester Nomads and Capenhurst Villa.

THE GEORGE LAW TROPHY

It was announced at the AGM held in June that the League Management Committee has recognised the improvement over the 2008 - **2009 season of FC Pensby and the club's** enhancement of the League.

Consequently, the club was presented with the George Law Trophy together with a cheque for £100. Congratulations, FC Pensby.



CLUB COLOURS, CLUB NAME, TEAM SHEETS

The following rule amendment was made at the AGM in June:

All teams must hand in copies of a list of fully named players taking part in the game, including the full names and numbers of the nominated substitutes to the Referee and representative of their opponents in the presence of the Referee, prior to the kick off, on the standard League Team Sheet.

The opponents copy should be sent to the League Registration Secretary along with the match result notification. Club colours must be clearly stated and the players must wear the corresponding shirt number in the game.

A club submitting an incorrectly completed Team Sheet will be fined £10. Any club altering its team selection or numbering after Team Sheets have been exchanged, except with the mutual consent of the competing Club or presenting their Team Sheet late to the Referee will be fined £10.

Referees must retain the team sheets presented by the clubs until the AGM and forward these to the League Secretary when requested.



OLD BOYS

The recent FA Trophy Final at Wembley was officiated by former West Cheshire League referee, Michael Jones. A quick scan of reports on the game find no mention of Michael at all. Clearly he had a good game! For the record Stevenage beat York City 2 - 0.

Another of our former 'men in black', Mike Dean (left) took charge of the Football League Championship Play-off Final, again at Wembley.



THE FA CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM CUP



The League's FA Carlsberg National League System Cup, 1st round tie, against the Humberside Premier League will take place at Grange Lane, the home of Unibond League Premier side, North Ferriby United on Saturday 19 September 2009. Kick off is set for 2:00pm.

The address of the ground is: Church Road, North Ferriby, East Yorkshire, HU14 3AA. North Ferriby is some eight miles west of Hull. Approach via the M62 and continue with the A63. Having turned into North Ferriby, proceed through village past the Duke of Cumberland Hotel. Turn right down Church Road. The ground is about one mile down Church Road, on the left.

VODKAT NORTH WEST COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE

There are currently 5 vacancies in the NWCFL.



Any Club considering either applying for promotion or membership and wishes for an advisory ground-grading visit should contact John Deal (john.deal@vodkatleague.com) for further information and inform their current League.

In the event of 6 Clubs qualifying for promotion, the average points over the current season will decide the 5 vacancies. If by this method 2 Clubs are tied for the 5th vacancy the average points over previous seasons will decide the promoted Club.

EDITOR'S FOOTNOTE

Please note that I do not have any involvement with West Kirby FC, although I very much enjoy my visits there for games and penalty shoot-outs. ALAN PRICE is at Marine Park, I am ALLEN PRICE. Also, for the record, I have never met Simon Smith nor do I have a dancing bear!