

Thornton Cleveleys Football Club

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Latest Club Results

02/11	T.C.F.C U11s	3	4	South Shore Youth U11s
02/11	Poulton Youth U12s	6	5	T.C.F.C U12s
02/11	T.C.F.C U13s	11	2	Wyre Juniors U13s
02/11	Ramsbottom U14s	11	2	T.C.F.C U14s
02/11	Poulton Youth U15s	2	1	T.C.F.C U15s
02/11	T.C.F.C U16s	0	3	Bolton County U16s
01/11	GSK Ulverston Rangers	1	2	T.C.F.C Seniors 1st Team
01/11	T.C.F.C Seniors Reserves	5	0	Turton Reserves
01/11	BJFF U10s B Team	2	5	T.C.F.C U10s Blue
01/11	BJFF U10s A Team	0	4	T.C.F.C U10s Red
01/11	T.C.F.C U9s Red	1	2	BJFF U9s A Team
01/11	T.C.F.C U9s White	1	5	BJFF U9s B Team

Latest League Results

U10s Division 1A

01/11	Fleetwood Town U10s A Team	1	4	St Annes U10s A Team
01/11	Fleetwood Town U10s B Team	2	0	St Annes U10s B Team
01/11	Foxhall U10s A Team	0	3	Poulton Youth U10s A Team
01/11	Foxhall U10s B Team	0	2	Poulton Youth U10s B Team
01/11	Kirkham Juniors U10s A Team	0	1	Lytham Juniors U10s A Team
01/11	Kirkham Juniors U10s B Team	1	2	Lytham Juniors U10s B Team

U9s Division 1A

01/11	South Shore U9s A Team	0	1	Clifton Rangers U9s A Team
01/11	South Shore U9s B Team	4	1	Clifton Rangers U9s B Team
01/11	Poulton Youth U9s A Team	1	2	Foxhall U9s A Team
01/11	Poulton Youth U9s B Team	0	6	Foxhall U9s B Team
01/11	Lytham Juniors U9s A Team	0	4	Kirkham Juniors U9s A Team
01/11	Lytham Juniors U9s B Team	5	0	Kirkham Juniors U9s B Team

Under 11s (Domino)

02/11	Clifton Rangers U11s	3	12	YMCA U11s
02/11	FC Rangers U11s	0	1	Lytham Juniors U11s
02/11	Fleetwood Town U11s	3	0	Wyre Juniors U11s
02/11	Kirkham Juniors U11s	6	1	Foxhall U11s

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Under 12s (Domino)

02/11	Lytham Juniors U12s	3	2	BJFF U12s
02/11	St Annes U12s	1	3	Foxhall U12s
02/11	South Shore Youth U12s	1	1	Spirit Of Youth U12s
02/11	YMCA U12s	0	5	Fleetwood Town U12s

Under 13s (Domino)

02/11	Kirkham Juniors U13s	1	3	St Annes U13s
02/11	Spirit Of Youth U13s	0	2	Foxhall U13s

Under 14s (Pizza)

02/11	Blackpool Rangers U14s	11	0	Kirkham Juniors U14s
02/11	Foxhall U14s	1	0	Spirit Of Youth U14s
02/11	Poulton Youth U14s	6	3	St Annes U14s
02/11	South Shore Youth U14s	6	0	AFC Blackpool U14s
02/11	Warton Typhoons U14s	1	5	YMCA U14s
02/11	Wyre Juniors U14s	1	2	Staining Juniors U14s

Under 15s (Domino)

02/11	AFC Blackpool U15s	4	2	Wyre Juniors U15s
02/11	Blackpool Rangers U15s	1	0	Fleetwood Town U15s
02/11	Kirkham Juniors U15s	3	4	Foxhall U15s
02/11	St Annes U15s	1	3	BJFF U15s
02/11	South Shore Youth U15s	3	2	Warton Typhoons U15s
02/11	Staining Juniors U15s	1	1	Clifton Rangers U15s

Division 2

01/11	Lytham Town	2	2	BAE/EE/Springfields
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1st Reserves

01/11	BAE/EE/Springfields Reserves	3	7	Garstang Reserves
01/11	Eagley Reserves	4	3	Charnock Richard Reserves
01/11	Euxton Villa Reserves	0	1	Burnley Belvedere Reserves
01/11	Freckleton Reserves	1	3	Barnoldswick Town Reserves
01/11	Norcross and Warbreck Reserves	0	1	Blackpool Wren Rovers Reserves
01/11	Poulton Town Reserves	1	0	Fulwood Amateurs Reserves

Under 16s

02/11	Blackpool Rangers U16s	5	2	Warton Typhoons U16s
02/11	Fleetwood Town U16s	3	0	South Shore Youth U16s
02/11	Foxhall U16s	3	2	Wyre Juniors U16s (P)
02/11	Spirit Of Youth U16s	2	0	YMCA U16s
02/11	Wyre Juniors U16s	1	1	Kirkham Juniors U16s

Upcoming Fixtures

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09/11	Foxhall U11s	v	T.C.F.C U11s
09/11	T.C.F.C U12s	v	Foxhall U12s
09/11	T.C.F.C U14s	v	South Shore Youth U14s
09/11	T.C.F.C U16s	v	Wyre Juniors U16s (P)
09/11	T.C.F.C U11s Girls	v	Accrington Girls AGSA U11s A
09/11	Red Rose Catering	v	Wrea Green FC
08/11	T.C.F.C Seniors 1st Team	v	Whinney Hill
08/11	Blackpool Wren Rovers Reserves	v	T.C.F.C Seniors Reserves

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02/11 T.C.F.C U11s v South Shore Youth U11s in the Blackpool & District League

Final Score : 3 - 4

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Time to deliver<?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

There had been some doubt about this game going ahead but thanks to the efforts of Manager Shaun Rowley and chief groundsman Martin Lefley the game went ahead.

<?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smrttags" /> came up against a side they competed well with in previous seasons so should have entered the game confident of a good performance.

A decimated squad with 3 away on holidays and two injured, had a bare 10 outfield players and two goalkeepers to choose from.

Shaun Rowley went with Carl Purdon up front alongside Jack Smith. Tom Buschini at left back and Dan Foster at right back were the other changes. The start was slightly delayed when Harry McCausland went down clutching his ankle before the whistle had even gone. A bit of water and a pep talk and the worried home supporters' nerves were calmed as McCausland stepped back onto the field to get the game under way.

started well with some nice passing down the right between Carl Purdon, Dan Foster, Dan Evans and Harry Roe. An early corner was the outcome of that early break but nothing came of it.

broke quickly and caught napping leaving Ethan Rowley with a one on one to deal with and he made his first goal stopping save standing up strong and making an excellent stop.

broke down the right again and Harry Roe fed Carl Purdon who tried his luck from distance but his shot was blocked for a corner. A quick short one was taken and the blues got the ball into the penalty box and it fell invitingly for Brandon Lefley his shot was gathered comfortably by Shore's number 1.

Jack Smith looked up for the fight, putting in a crunching tackle trying to regain possession high up the field. Thornton continued to press and from a Josh McLardie free kick, Harry Roe found some space behind the back four but an eager flag meant his shot wouldn't have counted but a fine save gave Shore's number one some practice.

Yet again broke free of the Blues back four and this time Ethan was on hand to gather the ball on the edge of his box.

Another corner to come to nothing and then it was 's turn to play some football in 's half. The ball came in from the right hand side and a clearance into the danger zone followed by a second slashed attempt at clearing the decks meant the ball fell nicely to a red shirt on the edge of the box. Quick thinking and a cheekily looped shot saw Ethan back pedalling but this one was lofted just under the crossbar and a certain goal from the moment it left the boot.

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Harry McCausland's pre match injury returned and he had to come off for Zac Richardson and how Shaun Rowley must have appreciated Jack Smith's unquestioning acceptance to shore up the defence when surely all he wanted to do today was score goals?! Well done Jack. So he dropped in alongside Josh McLardie at the back and Zac went up alongside Carl Purdon.

A series of corners for were well defended by the home side. Tom Buschini heading three clear and from the fourth Jack Smith intervened with a fierce but fair challenge to tuck the ball safely in the dyke.

Half time couldn't come quickly enough. The coaches were asking small positional changes / movements but the reactions were either non existent or reluctant and words were going to have to be said.

Tom Buschini defended another cross well with a sweet half volleyed clearance, and his schoolmate Jack Smith got in a great defensive header from a hefty goal bound free kick. Ethan Rowley was in the action again with a great save from another attack down the left hand side when Shore's right winger ran and ran and ran with no intervention from a blue shirt. He put in a superb stop at his near post. all seemed to be looking at each other expecting someone else would sort things out and not individually winning their own little battles.

Half time and the home side went in one down. On the balance of play shaded possession having 54 % of the ball but their keeper was only really tested once from a shot from an offside position. Ethan Rowley on the other hand had been a in the thick of the action; something for the coaches to consider.

With no changes possible, the half time message must have been a demand for some more fight and spirit as this was a game Thornton were capable of taking something from.

A shocker of a start to the second half. The reporters notebook sadly just reads "0 - 2" "0 - 3" . were carved open far too easily. Players guilty of not marking, not working hard enough to stop the attacks or giving up, hoping someone else would sort out the mess. Sadly today it wasn't going to all just go away and South Shore made Thornton pay for their lack of collective spirit / urgency in defence to stop the reds putting the game beyond Thornton.....or was it....?

Harry McCausland's ankle received a sprinkling of the holy water which might as well have been blessed at Anne Marie's Sunday morning church liturgy and Harry went up front to replace Zac who'd had a decent game in an unfamiliar position!

The water must have spread amongst the team as new found fight and belief was apparent and started to go on the attack. clawed one back when Harry McCausland got on the end of a neat move down the right and flung the ball across goal into the bottom corner and his delight was there for all to see.

Thornton continued to press and South Shore were forced to defend deeper and deeper, but they weren't done and

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caught the blues on the counter and another break down the right hand side with Busky and Jack both too far away from the player making the break allowed him to get an early shot in which Ethan tried to palm away. Although he got a hand to it the ball crept over the line for 's fourth.

resumed their attacks and Carl Purdon fed Harry Roe with a sweetly timed and weighted pass, which Harry gladly took goal wards and swept the ball to the keeper's left side for his third of the season.

With time running out and now believing in themselves they went on the rampage with attack after attack. The one thing that constantly undid their good work was the failure of three or four players to make the passes with players ahead of them making terrific runs. Instead too many players held onto the ball taking on the extra player and consequently losing possession.

's third deservedly came the way of Jack Smith. A half cleared corner fell to Jack Smith on the edge of the box and a cracking strike ripped open the back of the net and the blues charged back for the kick off eager to get themselves level.

With the last break of the game Harry McCausland charged over the half way line and Harry Roe ran alongside the last defender hoping for a pass but it never came and with that came the final whistle.

With Thornton's season almost at it's half way point, and with just 6 points to their name it looks ominous for the under 11's and relegation to the Pizza league is a distinct possibility if these boys don't start to believe in their own ability. Collectively the team needs to decide that they hate losing each week and work harder as a group to match the 15 minutes in today's second half when they had South Shore on the back foot but also looked hungry for the ball and determined to win it back when they lost it. Boys, can you play at that level for a whole game? Do you need to score a goal before you think you are in with a chance? Questions only those wearing the red and blue shirts of Thornton Cleveleys can answer. Defensively the team needs react quicker to counter attacks and protect their keeper better than they have done all season. Man of the Match this week goes to Ethan Rowley for keeping his team in the game.

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Final Score : 6 - 5

Some great performances from a number of players. The result was not ideal as it was a loss. We must and I repeat Must start defending as a team. We got back into the game after going behind, we got in front on a couple of occasions, problem was though that we took our foot off the gas. The goal scorers today were Conah 2, Scott, Josh, and Zac and they were all well taken goals, the problem was that in between the strikes we made too many silly little errors that led to Poulton goals. We must learn and it is not something I have just started saying to attack the ball, on many occasions players were more than happy to let the ball come to them and before they recovered a Poulton Player had intercepted the ball and it was in the back of the net. Mason once again had a great match in the Thornton goal and his handling, kicking and overall play was first class. It was a hard decision picking man of the Match because there were a few contenders Zac, Conah, Mason, Liam to name a few but for his non-stop running it went to Elliot, who never gave up the ghost. Please take instruction onboard, if I get it wrong the buck stops with me. I know things are being worked on at training and we must take them onboard and work as a team to get back to winning ways. You are more than capable of turning things around, but we must stop making the silly mistakes that are costing us.

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Final Score : 11 - 2

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Final Score : 2 - 1

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01/11 T.C.F.C Seniors Reserves v Turton Reserves in the West Lancashire League

Final Score : 5 - 0

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01/11 T.C.F.C U9s White v BJFF U9s B Team in the Poulton & District League

Final Score : 1 - 5

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Final Score : 1 - 2

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01/11 BJFF U10s B Team v T.C.F.C U10s Blue in the Poulton & District League

Final Score : 2 - 5

FENTON BACK FROM INTERNATIONAL DUTY WITH A HAT-TRICK The Blues took to the field buoyed by their success over the league leaders last week and were determined to carry on the fine work done by their team-mates in the first game . The defensive duo of Lewis Jackson & Philip Gater was re-formed due to illness to other squad members , Danny took up his normal central midfield role , Dylan on the right , Josh on the left , Natasha resumed her rightful role up front (donning a rather dashing suntan!) and Matty Houlton remained in goal . Thornton kicked off and were quickly into the thick of it with Dylan first to run at the BJ defence , a fierce shot but was well over the bar . A bright start with Lewis & Philip playing good football from the back again set up Dylan on the right and searching run a crossfield ball to Natasha and with her first touch for three weeks was quickly ran out of it . Danny was once again orchestrating things in the middle and with his eyes on the ball easily won a 50-50 ball in the middle to set up Josh on the left whose strong run and shot went narrowly wide of the upright . Thornton were running amock against their lowly opposition as they were determined to bag another three points . A searching run from Philip out of the back set up Natash for her first of the game as he slid in an inch perfect pass to Tash who quickly turned and first time shot went under the advancing keeper . Josh was running himself into the ground for the cause and was playing some neat football out wide on the left . A break-away attack by the home side saw Matty Houlton called into action for the first time but he collected the ball comfortably and a strong kick downfield saw Danny flick on for Tash who layed off to Josh , a couple of strides to his right and a ferocious low drive from 20-yards through a packed defence and the ball nestled in the back of the net . **HALF-TIME BJFF 0 Thornton-Cleveleys 2** With their tanks refreshed Thornton began their second half assault on the home sides goal . Natasha was beginning to find her shooting boots and a couple of early strikes from the youngster brought about good saves from the keeper . A Josh Fleetwood corner brought about Thornton's third as he floated in a beauty which the home defence failed to clear and who should be there to mop up the rebound but Natasha for her second . Dylan Pipe was getting into the action and a long range effort went wide of the upright , a Danny Thompson effort brought out another good save and Josh Fleetwood had an effort cleared off the line . Thornton took their foot off the pedal and with BJ playing three up front failed to keep tabs with the attacker and a long ball from midfield found her unmarked and although the first effort was well saved by Matty Houlton nobody followed up for Thornton and the only one to react was the BJ attacker who slotted the ball home . This only inspired Thornton and when Lewis played in Dylan down the right there was only one thing on his mind and from another impossible angle the right sided player produced another stunning strike to power the ball in the top left hand corner . BJFF kept plugging away and got another consolation before a strong run from Natasha saw her battle her way past two defenders to beat the keeper for her third and Thornton's fifth. Another three chances fell Thornton's way , Josh hit a low drive narrowly wide , Danny struck a firm right foot against the post and Dylan's excellent cross was narrowly headed wide by Natasha. **FULL-TIME BJFF 2 Thornton-Cleveleys 5** It was left to Assistant Manager Nigel Fleetwood to sum up his teams performance by saying "You have made us very proud of you today by working for one another , a thoroughly deserved victory and welcome six points." Manager Andy Williams was delighted by everyones performance and can see that all the effort being put in by the squad in training is paying off now."Today was a good pointer to how hard it is going to be for them next year on a big pitch , but playing the football they are playing at the moment bring it on !" **Raynor Schein reporting from Bispham Gala Fields**

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Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em as Spencer bags a hatful !!

The rain had eased during the previous days leading upto this weekend fixture for Thornton and the players , supporters & coaches were greeted with a beautiful sunny morning for the visit to BJFF. Conditions were more favourable this week as Thornton Reds took the field first in a forced changed line-up from the previous excellent showing against the league leaders , Cole Knott had been suffering all week with 'man-flu' and was unable to take his place in the line-up , so Jordan was drafted into defence to cover . The Reds started brightly and were quickly into the tackle closing the opposition down at every opportunity , this forced the first home mistake as Jack won the ball and sent over a first time cross which Arthur was just unable to get on the end of . The pitch was huge in comparison to league specifications and this suited Thornton down to the ground as they were able to show all their natural flair & aggression . Stevie Caldwell was given the central midfield role again and was spraying the ball left and right with ease as well as tearing up and down field supporting his team . Matty Duff on the right hand side was being given acres of space and Matty exploited it with a big smile on his face . As he took the ball up in his own half he went hall for leather to the by-line and a stunning cross went agonisingly across the face of goal with no Thornton player able to get on the end of it . Jamie and Jordan were communicating well between themselves at the back and any BJ attack was soon snuffed out firstly by the mightily impressive Jamie Lucas and when he had ventured up-field Jordan was there to mop up any loose ends . Jeremy was having a quieter day in net this week but was still alert to collect the ball on a couple of occasions . Arthur Spencer the 'lone ranger' up front was proving more than a handful for the BJ defence and every time he got the ball only had one thing on his mind....goalwards ! Supported well by Jack on the left and Matty on the right it was no surprise when Jack played in Arthur midway through the first half for the prolific striker to power home from close range to deservedly put the away team in front . Some excellent passing between Stevie & Matty Duff again set up Arthur but this time his effort went wide . Jack Davies fired in a stunning 25-yard effort but this was just too high and the scores remained at 1-0 . Arthur was proving a real handful , and when Stevie fired in a low shot that the keeper spilled Arthur was quickly onto it and as he pinched the ball from a despairing dive slipped the ball under the keepers body , as he reeled away to celebrate the referee deemed it to be a foul on the BJFF shot stopper and a free-kick was awarded . **HALF-TIME BJFF 0 Thornton-Cleveleys 1** Thornton started the second half brightly and an early chance fell to Matty Duff but his effort was well saved by the keeper . The size & state of the pitch was beginning to take its toll on Stevie , who had been suffering with illness all week , and five minutes in was replaced by Michael Somers . Jordan received the ball from another quick thinking short Jeremy goal kick and the left back was on his bike up the line , with Jack just in front of him a quick one-two and a smart first time cross saw Arthur head in smrtly for his and Thornton's second of the game . Michael was playing the ball smartly in midfield and a strong tackle saw the newcomer release Matty on the left and another cross into the box went begging as BJFF cleared comfortably . The long clearance set up a rare home attack and as Jamie tracked back keenly he gave the attacker no time on the ball and cleared out to Matty on the right . A smart ball into Michael who sprayed the ball out first time to Jack a keen run down the flank , past two challenges and into the path of Arthur whose ferocious drive gave the keeper no chance . An attack from the kick off for BJ but a strong low shot to the Thornton keeper's left saw an inspired save from Jeremy 'The Cat' Davies as he pushed round the post for a corner . Another quick break by Thornton saw Jordan in a more than advanced position as an inswinging cross from Matty went just to far in front of Jordan's outstretched toes and out for a goal kick . Thornton were prepared for the kick and getting in front of his marker Arthur picked the ball up and the outcome was inevitable as he banged in his fourth and Thornton's fourth . One more chance came Thornton's way as Jack sent over another pinpoint cross but Arthur's header went wide . **FULL-TIME BJFF 0 Thornton-Cleveleys 4** Coach Dave Gater gave this response to the team after the game "Outstanding performance on a difficult pitch , everyone gave 100% and were first to the ball and battled every

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inch of the field." [Raynor Schein reporting from a cold Bispham Gala Fields.](#)

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