

CUSC TRAVEL NEWS

Wembley Special 2011



History

The Football League Trophy came to being in 1983 as a competition for teams in the bottom two divisions, and was originally known as the Associate Members Cup as in the days where the Football League had four divisions, teams in the top two divisions were known as full members and sides in the bottom two divisions were known as Associate Members. That distinction being abolished in 1992 when the then FA Carling Premiership came into being and the name of the competition was changed to the Football League Trophy.

Sponsorship-wise there have been numerous names that the competition has been called and there have also been various rules changes over the years. One being a groups system in the opening round that lasted between 1985-86 and 1995-96, while the sudden-death or 'golden goal' extra time, which was introduced into the Trophy in 1994 and continued to be used until 2003 was a new rule brought into English football at the time.

As you can also see from the results in the 27 finals played, plus April's coming final, Carlisle are well ahead on appearances in the last stage of the competition with six outings, compared to in second place Bristol City, who we lost against in 2003, with four appearances, and then a Brentford side who have three appearances in the final, and two defeats prior to this season. Historically too Carlisle come out slightly on top in games against Brentford over the years at W10 D7 L8 in 25 matches.

That breaks down as W4 D5 L3 at Brentford, W6 D2 L5 at Carlisle, and the teams have only played each other twice in a cup competition before, although it was rather a while ago. Infact, it came in the FA Cup in 1907-08 remarkably, in the first round, with a 2-2 draw in Carlisle before United went on to win 3-1 away to the Bees.

You'd hazard an educated guess that the prize money for that FA Cup success might be slightly different to the money on offer in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy these days, with the prize fund this season being as follows :

First Round Winners - £5,000
Second Round Winners - £7,000
Area Quarter-Final Winners - £10,000
Area Semi-Final Winners - £17,000
Area Final Winners - £25,500
Overall Winners - £40,000

'And with what will now be our sixth appearance in the final coming on April 3rd, you'd have to think, that while it's always tough to work out individual figures we've got to be pushing somewhere around the £2.5 million mark in Football League Trophy earnings over those six campaigns. Break that down over the last 17 seasons from 1994-95 to now and you'd have to be looking at about £150,000 in earnings per season, enough for two Richard Offions every year!

Leyland DAF Cup

1989-90 Tranmere Rovers 2 - 1 Bristol Rovers
1990-91 Birmingham City 3 - 2 Tranmere Rovers

Autoglass Trophy

1991-92 Stoke City 1 - 0 Stockport County
1992-93 Port Vale 2 - 1 Stockport County
1993-94 Swansea City 1 - 1 Huddersfield Town (aet)
(Swansea won 3-1 on penalties)

Auto Windscreens Shield

1994-95 Birmingham City 1 - 0 Carlisle United (aet)
1995-96 Rotherham United 2 - 1 Shrewsbury Town
1996-97 Carlisle United 0 - 0 Colchester United (aet)
(Carlisle won 4-3 on penalties)
1997-98 Grimsby Town 2 - 1 AFC Bournemouth (aet)
1998-99 Wigan Athletic 1 - 0 Millwall
1999-2000 Stoke City 2 - 1 Bristol City

LDV Vans Trophy

2000-01 Port Vale 2 - 1 Brentford
2001-02 Blackpool 4 - 1 Cambridge United
2002-03 Bristol City 2 - 0 Carlisle United
2003-04 Blackpool 2 - 0 Southend United
2004-05 Wrexham 2 - 0 Southend United (aet)

Football League Trophy

2005-06 Swansea City 2 - 1 Carlisle United

Johnstone's Paint Trophy

2006-07 Doncaster Rovers 3 - 2 Bristol Rovers (aet)
2007-08 Milton Keynes Dons 2 - 0 Grimsby Town
2008-09 Luton Town 3 - 2 Scunthorpe United (aet)
2009-10 Southampton 4 - 1 Carlisle United
2010-11 Brentford v Carlisle United

Football League Trophy 80's

You wonder where the years, and the hair, have gone when you realise that the first games played in this version of the competition, then known as the Associate Members' Cup, were on the 20th of February 1984. The two matches played on that night to kick things off coming in either region with both producing home wins, Tranmere beating Halifax 2-0 and Southend hammering Reading 5-0, current Chelmsford City head coach Glenn Pennyfather the only real name I recognise from the scorers in those fixtures.

Times were different for us then too as the Saturday after those first games we were drawing 0-0 at Chelsea in the old Division Two under the managerial reign of Bob Stokoe. Carlisle completing the top six in the table that evening, in a campaign where we would eventually finish a very creditable seventh, along with Chelsea themselves, Sheffield Wednesday, Newcastle United, Manchester City and Grimsby Town. I think you could suggest that both Chelsea and Manchester City have travelled down slightly different roads to Carlisle and Grimsby since then.

We weren't involved in those days obviously, our first season in what became the Freight Rover Trophy coming in 1986-87 as we cursed Jim Tolmie. Carlisle winning both games in the preliminary group stage with a 1-0 (Ian McKenzie own goal) win at Stockport and a hard-fought 3-2 (Alan Davies 2 and Scott McGarvey) home victory over Bury in front of only 1,103 spectators. Although just 937 fans turned up at Prenton Park for the Tranmere v Halifax match - the lowest attendance in the competition that debut 1983-84 season.

Without Davies in the side United then lost 2-1 in the northern section first round at home to Preston North End. John Halpin scoring for the Blues that night while two well known strikers in Gary Brazil and Nigel Jemson netted for the Lilywhites, Jemson being a YTS player at Deepdale in those days. A footnote to the one-month spell of Davies at Brunton Park being that he was sadly found dead in his car in South Wales in February 1992, the former Newcastle-loanee having committed suicide at the age of just 30.

The following season, in the Sherpa Van Trophy, we had the same set of results with two wins in the preliminary round then a first round defeat at home. United first winning 2-1 (Malcolm Poskett and Wes Saunders) at home to Chester - Stuart Rimmer getting the City goal, one of many he seemed to score against us for either Walsall or Chester over the years, the second victory being a 1-0 (John Cooke) success at Blackpool.

It was out again at the next stage though when Carlisle lost 2-0 at Brunton Park against Hartlepool in early February 1988, former Blue Paul Baker and John Borthwick getting the goals for the Monkey Hangers. Not for United once more in those days, but it was a big year for the competition as a whole. The northern

section two-legged final between Burnley and Preston attracting a total of 33,272 spectators, before the Clarets went on to lose 2-0 at the old Wembley against Wolves in front of a massive crowd of 80,841.

Things went further downhill for the Blues in the Sherpa Van Trophy next time around in 1988-89 when we went straight out at the preliminary group stage. The competition then structured with, in each region, eight groups of three playing two games, the top two in the mini-table qualifying for a final sixteen that became knockout rounds from then on.

In November 1988 Carlisle's opening game was a 1-1 (Derek Walsh) draw at home to Scarborough, Gary Brook getting the goal for the visitors. Our other group game that year came the next month as only 867 fans at Feethams witnessed Darlington beating United 3-2 (Paul Gorman penalty and Brent Hetherington). Neil Robinson, Paul Clayton and Gary Hyde finding themselves on the scoresheet for a home side that contained former Blue David McAughtrie.

Our final games in the 80s saw us go back to the old plan of getting through the group stage before losing in the next round. The two mini-table games were a 1-0 (Ian Dalziel) victory at Scarborough, and then a 1-1 (Paul Proudlock) draw at home to Scunthorpe just three days before Christmas. United remarkably finishing top of the group above the Iron after a coin toss was made to decide first place. Stockport at home being the end for Carlisle that 1989-90 season when United lost 2-1 (Nigel Saddington penalty), Brent Angell and Keith Edwards being the County scorers.

Football League Trophy 90's

With so much to discuss I think we'll have to leave out the campaigns where we didn't reach the Northern Area finals, as we did that four times in a row between 1993-94 and 1996-97. The first of those seasons got off to an even better start too with victories against local-ish rivals Preston and Burnley. Peter Valentine and Darren Edmondson scoring in a 2-0 home win over North End, while strikes from David Reeves and Andy Flounders guided the Blues to a 2-1 victory at Turf Moor.

Consecutive 2-1 home wins, two of them after extra-time, in the next three rounds over Bury, Mansfield and Lincoln leading Carlisle through to a Northern Area final against a Huddersfield side containing Chris Billy. The first leg, bar the poultry in the away end at Leeds Road, is best forgotten after a 4-1 thumping in which Simon Davey scored the only United goal from the penalty spot. A Dave Mitchell own goal and then a strike from Joe Joyce early on giving Carlisle real hope at Brunton Park, but the scoresheet wasn't troubled further and the Blues went out 4-3 on aggregate.

Next season preliminary group wins at Darlington (3-2, David Currie 2, Tony Gallimore pen.) and Hartlepool at home (2-0, Rod Thomas, Ian Arnold) found United getting another two Brunton Park ties and two wins in the early rounds, firstly over Chesterfield (1-0, Currie) and Wrexham (2-1, Thomas, Barry Hunter og). Next up

was a 1-0 win at Crewe (Thomas) before the Northern Area final and that memorable night at Spotland.

First though Carlisle beat Rochdale 4-1 at home in the opening leg thanks to goals from Currie, Thomas with a brace and Paul Conway. So a trip to Wembley looked easy now but hearts were soon fluttering at Spotland when the home side quickly went 2-0 up. United's Derek Mountfield settling the nerves though as his goal meant that the score was 2-1 at half-time, and it would remain that until full-time to seal a 5-3 aggregate victory.

There are so many experiences and memories we will have all had from that first ever day out with Carlisle at Wembley, but one thing I do remember is that the game was pretty dreadful. And it got even worse when Birmingham substitute Paul Tait scored an extra-time golden goal for City in the 103rd minute to break Cumbrian hearts, shame he spoiled the moment for himself with that stupid t-shirt celebration.

In 1995-96 three 1-1 draws in the preliminary group saw United finish second in the table after a comical drawing of lots, Carlisle games being at Bradford City (Thomas) and at home to Doncaster (Currie). Three wins followed in the next rounds though, at Wrexham (2-1, Gary Bennett, Warren Aspinall), at home to Burnley (5-0, Reeves 3, Edmondson 2) and at home to Chesterfield (1-0, Steve Hayward). United however going down heavily in the Northern Area final on the back of 2-0 defeats in both legs against Rotherham. Another season and another lengthy campaign ended in a win at Wembley! The first couple of rounds seeing home victories over Rochdale (2-0, Dean Walling, Gareth McAlindon) and Hull (4-0, Conway 3, Stephane Pounewatchy) were then followed by two wins on the road, firstly at York (2-0, Thomas, Owen Archdeacon) and then Shrewsbury (2-1, Walling, Archdeacon pen.).

Carlisle then getting to London by defeating Stockport 2-0 in the Northern Area final, both goals coming from Archdeacon, one of them from the penalty spot, in the first leg at Brunton Park, the second leg ending up as a tight 0-0 draw at Edgeley Park. It was another Wembley day to sleep through though until we all woke up for THAT penalty shootout comeback after a goalless 120 minutes. Hayward the hero as his winning spot-kick made it 4-3 after the Cumbrians had been 3-1 down, Tony Caig also deserving a honourable mention for his part in the drama.

Football League Trophy 00's

The new Wembley is of course where we are going again this season but it was the Millennium Stadium where clubs were looking to go in the first campaign in the noughties. Sadly for Carlisle that didn't last too long though as in 2000-01 they crashed out at the first fence, 2-1 away to Kidderminster after extra-time, Steve Soley scoring the United goal in the 86th minute that took the tie into a further 30 minute period, albeit to no avail.

It was defeat at the opening stage next season too, 2-1 in 90 minutes away to Port Vale, Richie Foran putting

the Blues 1-0 up after 19 minutes before the Valiants came back to win. It was all different in 2002-03 though when Carlisle made it all the way to the final with three extra-time victories in five ties. First out was Oldham away and a lengthened game saw Carlisle win 4-3, Craig Farrell, with it being 3-3 at 90 minutes, getting the all-important goal after scoring earlier alongside a brace from Leon Osman.

Will McDonagh's 109th minute winner defeated Stockport County 1-0 at home in the second round, but only 90 minutes were required to defeat Wrexham 2-0 in another Brunton Park match. Jon McCarthy netting in the first-half before Paul Robinson, a Wimbledon-loanee, made sure of the victory with two minutes left on the clock.

It was soon back to the late nights though at Brunton Park as Bury were put to the sword 3-2. That man McDonagh again getting the extra-time golden goal, after earlier scoring late in normal time, to lengthen the tie after the Blues had initially gone 1-0 up thanks to Foran. The two-legged area final against Shrewsbury was much less action-packed though with Adam Rundle's first-half goal at Brunton Park in the opening match proving to be the only one over the two legs.

So our first trip to the Millennium Stadium came in early 2003, United outnumbered in the crowd of 50,913 by Bristol City as far as support was concerned in a local game for the Bristolians. Carlisle still in the match as late as 13 minutes from time before, somewhat inevitably, Lee Peacock scored, then Liam Rosenior wrapped up the win for City a minute from the end.

Things started rosily again in 2003-04 with 2-0 home wins over Rochdale, goals from Rundle and Brian Wake, and then Huddersfield, Steven Schumacher and Wake, before another Brunton Park tie saw Carlisle crash out 3-0 against Sheffield Wednesday. Next season Grimsby were defeated at home 2-1 thanks to goals from Kevin Henderson and Simon Grand, before yet another Brunton Park tie saw us go out in the second round after losing 1-0 to Hartlepool.

2005-06 saw us back in Cardiff again, the first game seeing us win 6-5 on penalties at Oldham after the tie had ended 1-1 over 120 minutes, Karl Hawley scoring the United goal in the opening five minutes. Next out came a 2-1 home win over Blackpool, all the action coming in a short spell around the midway point in the second-half when Gary Harkins scored for the Seasiders before the Blues were quickly in front thanks to Hawley and Derek Holmes.

Then came that match at Tranmere where Carlisle won 11-10 penalties after 120 minutes of goalless action, Rovers goalkeeper Steve Wilson fluffing his lines after 20 successful spot-kicks in a row. Grand, struggling with cramp, the hero of the night for United though as he netted with ease to take the Cumbrians through. Kidderminster at home next up proving a much less spectacular game as Glenn Murray scored the only goal of the game three minutes from time.

The area final against Macclesfield was full of entertainment though, Peter Murphy scoring in injury time at Brunton Park, after Karl Hawley had cancelled

out Andy Smart's early goal to give the Cumbrians a 2-1 first leg lead. Down at the Moss Rose it took a fantastic Keiren Westwood double save to stop the Silkmen going 3-0 up in a horrendous opening part of the game for United, Hawley though making it 2-1 at the break.

Grand then scored in the second period of extra-time to make it 4-3 to Carlisle on aggregate before Kevin Townson netted in the dying seconds to mean United squeaked through on the away goals rule. At the Millennium, it was another local side, in Swansea, that the Blues faced, Lee Trundle and Adebayo Akinfenwa scoring either side of Adam Murray to give the Swans a 2-1 win in front of only 42,028 spectators. Although, like Birmingham in 1995, the game was remembered as much for a t-shirt celebration as anything else.

Sadly in 2006-07, with the competition now renamed the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, it was out at the first hurdle for Carlisle. The Blues losing 3-1 on penalties at Accrington Stanley after the game had finished 1-1 over 90 minutes, Holmes scoring for United. Next season we received a bye in the opening round before defeating Chester 4-2 at home at stage two, Kevin Gall with a brace, Marc Bridge-Wilkinson and Danny Graham getting the goals for the Blues.

It was soon all over in the area quarter-finals at Brunton Park though when United, at 0-0 at half-time, shipped three second-half goals in a disappointing performance against Stockport. While things got even worse in 2008-09, as following another first round bye, we lost 4-3 on penalties at Rochdale after the game had finished 2-2 over 90 minutes, Michael Bridges and Gary Madine having netted for the Cumbrians.

And then last season of course in 2009-10 we began our journey to the new Wembley for the first time with a very close shave away to Morecambe at Christie Park in the first round in a 2-2 draw and then 4-2 win on penalties. Graham Kavanagh scoring both Blues goals as the latter one of the two came in the final minute to send the tie to spot-kicks.

The next stage of the competition seeing even more goals go in as Carlisle came back from 1-0 down to defeat Macclesfield 4-2 at home thanks to four goals in the last 26 minutes from Matty Robson, Scott Dobie (2) and Bridge-Wilkinson. It was then another high-scoring come from behind victory at Cheltenham with three relatively late goals in a 3-1 win at Chesterfield, Robson, Peter Murphy and Adam Clayton netting the Carlisle goals from the 62 minute mark onward.

It was now the Northern Semi-Final stage and it was another League Two side in Bradford City that came to Brunton Park, the Cumbrians this time coasting to a 3-0 victory against the ten-man Bantams as Richard Keogh, Dobie and Robson got on the scoresheet. So, Leeds next, in a less important re-run of the 2007-08 League One play-off matches that also had a Wembley place to stake.

Once more the Blues won 2-1 at Elland Road in the first leg, with Kavanagh and Joe Anyinsah the Carlisle goalscorers, while an action-packed return match saw the tie finish 4-4 on aggregate as Leeds were victorious

3-2 at Brunton Park with two goals in the last ten minutes after Clayton and Kevan Hurst had put the Blues into a seemingly safe lead. A drama filled 6-5 penalty shootout win for United eventually ending with Adam Collin's save on Shane Lowry's spot-kick.

And so to Southampton at Wembley in the final in front of 73,476 fans. Although the party didn't last long for Carlisle fans as the Saints were already 4-0 up by the hour-mark. Rickie Lambert from the penalty spot, Adam Lallana, Papa Waigo N'Diaye and Michail Antonio putting the match a mile out of United's reach before Madine scored what could loosely be called a consolation goal for United in the 84th minute.

Different Nationalities at CUFC

I think ten is the answer to the question you are asking, that is if you are asking how many different countries there are that the players currently in our squad are from the day after we have qualified for Wembley is concerned. There are plenty that can play for England of course, but Ben Mckenna, while still a YTS player, did come on as a substitute in the Tipton Town game and he, despite being born in Burnley, has represented Northern Ireland at youth level, as has Leeds-born Manchester United-loanee Joe Dudgeon.

Who knows which player is really able to play for who these days with the way the qualification and naturalisation rules are but Rory Loy was born in Scotland so he is our Scottish representative alongside Harrogate-born Sean McDaid who has been in Scotland youth squads when he was younger. Onto Wales and Jason Price is our man there, as he was born in Aberdare and started his career at Swansea.

The Republic of Ireland is the last one for us in the British Isles and they stand up well with Graham Kavanagh, Paddy Madden and Peter Murphy born there. While Huddersfield-born James Berrett has also featured for the Republic at international under-age level. Marco Gbarssin being the next closest player to our shores with the Frenchman having been born in Bordeaux.

The next connection to France is Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), a country which gained independence from France in 1960, Bernard François D'Assise Zoko being our man from there as he was born in the large inland city of Daloa in 1983. On the subject of colonies of European countries, the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda comes next through Nahki Wells who has featured for them internationally and has also played for the amusingly named Dandy Town on his home island.

Finally, come two more experienced players in Frank Simek and Lubomir Michalik whose families seem to be from the same part of Europe if you go back into the history books. Michalik being born in Cadca, Slovakia for who he has represented at international level, while the surname Simek apparently originates from the Germany, Croatia, Czech Republic or Slovakia regions of Europe. Simek though born in St. Louis, Missouri and having played for the full United States national team.

Wembley Special - 2011

Arrangements for Travel

Overnight coaches

Price: £ 110

Depart 0700 on Saturday 2nd April 2011

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Your price includes travel from Carlisle / Penrith / J 36 to London, accommodation will be in a Central London Hotel, see list of hotels. All accommodation will be on a bed and full English breakfast basis.

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3rd April

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