

WHO ARE YA?!

# PRESTON NORWICH

The Lilywhites have a rich history and are desperate to return

## THE CLUB

**Founded** 1880

**Colours** White and navy blue

**Nickname** The Lilywhites

**Stadium** Deepdale

**Record Attendance** 42,684 v Arsenal, 1938

**Record Win** 10-0 v Stoke, 1889

**Record Defeat** 7-0 v Blackpool, 1948

**Most Appearances** Alan Kelly, 447, 1958-73

**Most Goals** Tom Finney, 187, 1946-62

**Honours** Champions: 1888-89, 1989-90

FA Cup winners: 1889, 1938

**Top Fact** Preston don't enjoy the play-offs.

They have been in them a record ten times but have been promoted as winners just once – from League One in 2014-15!

**FIFA 19 rating** ★★ ★



HOME SHIRT

There was a time when Preston were probably the best football team anywhere! The Football League is the world's oldest league and Preston were **champions** in the first two seasons.

Amazingly they were unbeaten in their first year, winning the **League and FA Cup Double!** This earned them the nickname, the **Old Invincibles.** Since then only Arsenal in 2003-04 have gone through a League season unbeaten.

## THE MANAGER

Alex Neil is seen as one of the best young managers in British football. As player-manager of **Hamilton Academical** he won promotion to the **Scottish Premiership** in 2014 when he was only 32!

After that Neil had a spell with Norwich, taking them to the Premier League in 2015.

## THE HISTORY

Having been champions the first two years, Preston were then League runners-up three times in a row. They won the **1938 FA Cup** and had a strong team in the 1950s as League **runners-up** twice, also losing the 1954 FA Cup final to West Brom.

Those teams include Preston's best-known player, **Tom Finney.** He won 70 caps for **England** as a winger and is



MASCOT DEEPPDALE DUCK

## DID YOU KNOW?

Preston's 26-0 win over Hyde in an FA Cup first round match in 1887 is still a record for the competition. Striker Jimmy Ross scored eight goals in that game and got a total of 19 in the FA Cup that year, also a record. Preston reached the final but lost to West Brom!

the club's all-time top scorer. He also ran his family's plumbing business and was known as "**The Preston Plumber**".

The club have not returned to the top division since relegation in 1960-61, although they also reached the FA Cup final as a Division Two (called the Championship these days) team in 1964, losing to West Ham.



THE BOSS ALEX NEIL

PREVIOUSLY MANAGED HAMILTON ACADEMICAL NORWICH CITY



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Preston celebrate!

## THE FANS

Most Preston fans won't remember when they last played in the top division (it was 58 years ago!) but many will have seen their club play in the other three divisions. In fact, Preston are one of only five clubs who have been champions in all four divisions!

Preston's record attendance is **42,684**, which was set for a match against Arsenal in **1938**. These days they average around **14,000**.

## THE RIVALS

Preston's main rivals are **Blackpool**, who are 17 miles away. When the two play it is known as the West Lancashire derby. They last met in the **League Cup** in 2013, when Preston won 1-0!

PNE also have rivalries with other clubs such as **Blackburn** and **Burnley** – they are surrounded by big clubs!

## THE STAR PLAYERS

Midfielder **Alan Browne** is a Republic of Ireland international who has become known for scoring spectacular goals. His long-range volley against Bolton was voted as Preston's goal of the season for 2018-19 – an award he won the year before too. The club's player of the year is 23-year-old

**Ben Davies**, who has become a vital part of the PNE backline alongside his young central defence partner **Jordan Storey**.

## THE STADIUM

Deepdale is the oldest football ground used by a professional League club. One stand is named after Tom Finney and there is a statue of him outside, showing him sliding on a wet pitch!



LEGEND TOM FINNEY



Ben Davies in action