



FUELLED FOR POWER: AFC St Austell's players are pictured in front of the AvantiGas LPG tanker with Dave Gilbert and club chairman James Hutchings



WINNER: St Blazey's Stuart Morgan, whose wonder-goal earned his side all three points
Pic: Paul Williams

Lillywhites celebrate Avanti sponsorship

AFC St Austell sponsors AvantiGas had a bigger presence than usual at Saturday's home game against Newquay, thanks to a 'personal appearance' by 15-tonne LPG tanker driven by Lillywhites fan Dave Gilbert.

AvantiGas wanted to make a gesture to signal the firm's sixth season as one of the club's main sponsors – and Dave's tanker seemed the most visible way to do it.

Club chairman James Hutchings said: "Dave is a regular supporter and he's there for most games along with his son Ryan."

Dave is pictured next to James along with his truck, flanked by the entire first-team squad and club physio Lauren

Lyndon-Hill before Saturday's home game against Newquay, which St Austell won 2-1 after a Newquay own goal and a late penalty.

"It was a bit of a scrappy game but we got the right result in the end," said Dave.

The sponsorship deal first started when Daniel Nancarrow, the son AvantiGas St Austell depot supervisor Tony Nancarrow, was first-team manager of the club.

Arrangement

It has carried on for six seasons so far, making AFC St Austell the longest-running sponsorship arrangement in the company's history.

"AvantiGas is very generous with what they offer to AFC St Austell each season," said James. "Everyone at the club is very grateful for what they do

for us. The support we get from the AvantiGas team is second-to-none and the company has been tremendous in helping us to continue and develop as a Premier Division football club.

"As the main first-team sponsor, the AvantiGas sponsorship goes into the club generally but also goes a long way towards renewing the kit each year, so it does allow us to have one of the nicest kits in the range.

"The players and management always look very smart and more and more people are recognising the brand and their association with AFC St Austell.

"The future of the football club is looking very bright and we all look forward to continuing the positive link we have."

AvantiGas brand and marketing executive Abi Martin said: "The tie-up with the club has been a great way to give something back to the community where we have so many customers and it has coincided with a run of real successes for the club, so we couldn't be more pleased."

Successful

The 2014/15 season was arguably the most successful in the club's history, winning the South West Peninsula League Premier Division with three games to spare, achieving a run of 24 consecutive victories in all competitions and retaining the Cornwall Senior Cup. The Lillywhites also reached the semi-final of the FA Vase after facing higher league opposition in every round of the competition from round two onwards.

Facilities at Poltair Park have been improving in recent years too, enabling the club to meet the criteria for their league and the stringent standards required to play in national competitions such as the FA Vase and the FA Cup.

"We also have plans to further develop the ground over the next few years, said James. "It's a case of continuing development as a club. We've got a very good player base to choose from at the moment.

"We've got an excellent first team as well as a reserve team with a very high level of quality where players are continuing their own personal development with some now becoming regular fixtures amongst the first team. We like to promote from within and to give our reserve team players an opportunity to progress."

Blazey keep up pressure on leaders

St Blazey 1
Liskeard Athletic 0

St Blazey re-ignited their promotion ambitions with an eye-catching 1-0 win over then League leaders Liskeard last Friday, writes Gareth Davies.

After a disappointing 3-0 loss at fellow title contenders Millbrook in their previous encounter, Blazey and their boss Stuart Morgan knew that nothing less than a win would suffice.

Morgan named himself in the starting line-up after missing the trip to Millbrook because of Remembrance Weekend, although the manager's return was tempered by the unavailability of Paddy West, Lee Whetter and Harry Eaton.

A healthy crowd of 150 braved the cold weather to witness a lively match with Liskeard making the early running, but failing to turn their superiority in clear-cut chances.

Blazey's first sight of goal however came on 15 minutes when Ollie Deadman's throw-in caused havoc in the Liskeard box, but visiting 'keeper Josh Gilbert kept out Morgan's low shot.

James Lorenz and Sam Rogers both had presentable opportunities for Liskeard as the half wore on, but a heroic block from Deadman and a smart save from Toby Chapman kept the scores level going into the break.

Straight after half-time, Lyle Johnston almost broke the deadlock, but his turn and ferocious

shot was turned behind by Gilbert and shortly after, Ryan Howe's sighter was also kept out by the visiting stopper.

On 63 minutes however, Gilbert was helpless as St Blazey broke the deadlock in spectacular fashion. The ball was only partially cleared and as it dropped to home player-boss Morgan, his instinctive volley rocketed into the top corner from fully 30 yards.

It was a truly exceptional effort, worthy of winning any game at any level and although it turned out to be the match winning goal, Blazey had to withstand nearly 30 minutes of constant attack from Liskeard thereafter.

Blazey's task was made harder in the final ten minutes as with Morgan taking himself off, injuries to both his replacement Seb Broomfield and Deadman meant that the hosts had to play out the dying embers a man light.

They survived, just, thanks to Chapman and some stout defending with the win keeping Blazey in touch with the leaders and the loss, coupled with another win for surprise package Ludgvan, means Liskeard drop to second.

Blazey visit Plymstock on Saturday, kick-off will be at 2.15pm.

St Blazey (4-2-3-1): Chapman; Deadman, Bennett, Stone, Rendle; Howe, Yeoman; Vooght, Johnson, Harris (Hayfield); Morgan (Broomfield).

Star man – Toby Chapman (St Blazey)



COMEBACK KIDS: Carl Rickard who started the comeback for St Dennis in their stunning 4-3 win at Dobwalls
Pic: Paul Williams

Entertainers on form again

Dobwalls 3 St Dennis 4

St Dennis are up to sixth place in the South West Peninsula League Division One West after a thrilling 4-3 away win at Dobwalls last time out, writes Gareth Davies.

The Saints are fast becoming Cornish football's great entertainers after the seven goals in this match meant the net has rippled a staggering 45 times in their last five matches.

Following on from their stunning 4-0 triumph away at Ludgvan seven days previous, Jack Barbery and his side were on the road again and despite coming away with another impressive victory, they made hard-work of this result.

Dobwalls raced into an early two-goal lead inside the opening 15 minutes with two well-taken goals from their striking talisman Josh Ingram.

The 2-0 cushion was short lived however as Carl Rickard halved the deficit on 23 minutes and then shortly after, the game swung dramatically in St Dennis' favour as Dobwalls were reduced to ten men.

Unsurprisingly, Saints dominated the half from that point onwards and just before the break, Jacob Rowe restored parity. Despite the man advantage it wasn't until midway through the second half that St Dennis finally took the

lead through Lee Rickard and the game was made safe by Mikey Davies when his powerful header found the net after a corner.

Dobwalls and their ten men kept battling until the last and Ingram completed his hat-trick as the full-time whistle approached, but it was too little too late and St Dennis held on.

On Saturday, St Dennis are at home to Illogan RBL, kick-off will be at 2.15pm.

St Dennis (4-3-2-1): Allen; A Rundle, L Rickard (J Rundle), Harvey, Brown; Davies, Beresford, Friendship; Sleeman (D Rickard), C Rickard; Rowe.

Star man – Scott Brown (St Dennis)



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