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MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



VS **MORPETH
TOWN**



SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2020
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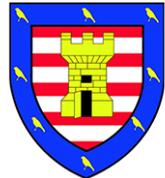
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TODAY'S LINEUPS



MICKLEOVER FC

Joe **Slinn** GK
Jake **Bennett**
Alex **Morris**
Pablo **Mills**
Phil **Watt**
James **Butler**
Aman **Verma**
Mason **Warren (C)**
Andrew **Wright**
George **Milner**
Ben **Gowing**
Declan **Bacon**
Stuart **Beavon**
Paddy **Webb**
Will **Monteiro**
Josh **Satchwell**
Darius **Smith**
Marcus **Calderone**
Callum **Hawkins** GK
Jordan **Walshaw**
Bobby **Battison**
Louis **Pennington**

Management

John McGrath (Manager)
Ricky Ravenhill (Assistant Manager)
Steve Taylor (First Team Coach)
Jonah Jones (GK Coach)
Jake Shaw (Physio)
Emily Brett (Team Analyst)
Richard Wood (Kitman)

MORPETH TOWN

Dan **Lowson**
Jeff **Henderson**
Stephen **Forster**
Chris **Reid**
Michael **Turner**
Callum **Williams**
Ryan **Hutchinson**
Sam **Hodgson**
Jack **Robson**
Wayne **Phillips**
Ben **Sayer**
Shabz **Mohammed**
Liam **Noble**
Stephen **Turnbull**
Jack **Foalle**
Carl **Finnigan**
Liam **Henderson**
Andrew **Johnson**
Joe **Walton**

Management

Stephen Turnbull (Manager)
Craig Lynch (Assistant Manager)
Jon McDonald (Assistant Manager)
Dale Walker (Goalkeeper Coach)
Steven Shaw (Sports Therapist)
Andrew Oliver (Kitman)

Referee: Martin Fryer **Assistants:** Daniel Ghent, Geri Williams



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DON AMOTT CHAIRMAN



Hello, welcome back to the Don Amott Arena for our first home league game in what seems like forever.

What can I say? It's been a painful time for everyone. Most of you will know someone affected, either through catching and suffering from this dreadful Covid-19, or through losing their livelihood or business etc. My own business took a hit, as I know so many did, but that's nothing compared to the pain of those who lost a loved one. We continue to pray for those affected, and for you, as the main thing remains follow the rules and stay safe.

Yes, 2020 has been a sad and terrible year, and it's not over yet. Time doesn't seem to have dragged like this since I was a teenager! And a lot of football clubs are also doing it tough, for us that's certainly the case. We have had to cancel our long awaited V-E Day commemoration, and our annual fundraisers Hot August Nights, the Golf Day and our massive annual dinner. It also looks like our annual fireworks evening may be cancelled, so as you can imagine it's hit our finances hard.

I'd like to tell you about one way we're fighting back but first I'd like us all to spare a thought for the clubs that won't survive this, even at league level. There will be clubs going bust over the next year that would have survived in normal times, and of course that means less opportunity for players as well, everyone loses.

Anyway, we have launched a club lottery which is cheap and so easy to support. Just £2 a week to be in it, and some of you will win decent cash prizes every week. The

more we get in the lottery, the better for our club long term, and of course, the better the prizes. So I'm asking you to put your hand in your pocket for less than the price of a cup of coffee. At this point I must say a huge thank you to Keith Loring who has sweated through summer trying to organise and to save our events. Circumstances conspired against him but my word he never stopped.

And talking of big thank yous I must acknowledge all our sponsors and fans that have supported Mickleover FC with donations. Life's not easy at the moment and yet you've gone above and beyond, God bless you for that!

Meanwhile, during pre-season, we have tried to support our manager John with a good budget and he has retained some of our favourite players well as bringing in a few new faces.

We're delighted to welcome Morpeth on the 440th anniversary of Sir Francis Drake completing his circumnavigation of the world in "The Golden Hind", and the 333rd anniversary of the Acropolis in Athens being partially destroyed when the Venetian Army tried to oust Turkish occupiers from the city.

Thank you everyone for your help and support. Go Sports!

Cheers,
Don Amott

SPORTS FIGHT BACK AFTER EARLY SLIP



LEEK TOWN 1
THE SPORTS 2

by Peter Scherer

Sports' visit to Leek Town in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup, saw them fight back from an early goal, to return home 2-1 winners.

There were a few changes from the side that visited South Shields last Saturday. But manager John McGrath went for

1-Joe Slinn 2- Jake Bennett 3-Alex Morris 4-Mason Warren 5-James Butler 6-Phil Watt 7-Aman Verma 8-Andrew Wright 9-Paddy Webb 10-Stuart Beavon 11-Declan Bacon. Subs: Jordan Walshaw, Ben Gowing, Pablo Mills, George Milner, Josh Satchwell, Louis Pennington, Bobby Battison.

In the opening minute of the game Mickleover had a free kick after Bacon was fouled. Warren's kick bounced back into Wright's path, who sent a thundering shot over the bar.

Five minutes in and Leek's Will Saxon broke through Sports defence, but his shot was straight at keeper Slinn, followed by a Leek corner, again easily taken by Sports keeper.

Morris started to become a key player with his overlapping runs down the left and he was able to put a cross in from a Beavon pass on seven minutes, but too close to Danny Roberts in the Leek goal.

But the combination of Leek's Matt Bell and Short picked up a midfield interception, leaving Bell with good chance to open the scoring, right in front of the Sports goal, but put it wide.

Five minutes later Webb had a half chance, but his shot didn't have the power to trouble Roberts. It was soon followed by a flurry of activity, when Bacon put Beavon through on the left, his shot was put out for a corner, which was taken by Wright and headed out again.

Although Mickleover had looked the likeliest to open the scoring, it was Leek's Short that did. James Kirby had a header, which Slinn seemed to have caught, until he lost balance, dropped the ball and Short was on hand to make it 1-0 to the home side.

Warren drove the midfield forward again, leading by example, and curled a ball just over the bar, before Morris put another cross into the box, with no one there to receive it.

Mickleover were doing most of the attacking, but Leek continued to look dangerous on the break.

After 25 minutes Morris connected with Beavon, but unable to get the power into his shot, it was easily taken by Roberts.

But the equaliser finally came in the 26th minute, when Webb's corner found Verma, whose blocked shot fell into Beavon's path, burying it in the bottom right hand corner 1-1.

Only a couple of minutes later Beavon put Bacon through, but his shot was just over the bar.

But Leek were still dangerous on the break after Warren was dispossessed and Short got a shot in on target, well saved by Slinn. Two minutes later Short broke through again, with a shot just wide from outside the area.



Mickleover continued to favour the inter-passing and slow build up, which resulted in another hard shot just wide from Wright.

Short had another shot saved for Leek, before Saxon connected with the rebound, with his effort palmed out for a corner by Slinn.

Mickleover had one more chance before the half time whistle, when Beavon turned in the area, pushed the ball back to Verma, whose shot was saved.

The second half had barely started when Webb went to collect a Morris cross and was brought down in the area, but the referee waved away any penalty appeals.

It wasn't long though before Mickleover found the back of the net, with what proved to be the decisive goal.

A piercing ball from midfield split the Leek defence wide open, and Bacon was on the receiving end to make it 2-1.

Leek's immediate response was thwarted when Wright was fouled on the half way line. There was no free kick but Beavon went clear, with a following cross from Bennett into an empty area.

Webb had a couple of penalty area duels with the Leek defence, before Beavon linked

up with Wright on 55 minutes, who's pass found Verma. The resultant overhead kick, cleared the bar and the stand.

On the hour Walshaw came on for Webb, before another break from Morris found no one to receive it.

As Sports began to dominate, Slinn tried more long clearance's, finding Beavon, who passed to Wright with the shot going for another corner.

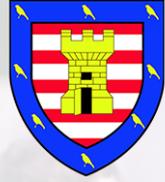
Wright had another attempt blocked after giving Leek's Oilly Harrison a hard time, but shortly afterwards Walshaw became the second Mickleover sub for Beavon, soon followed by Gowing for Wright.

In the final 15 minutes Leek had a header just over the bar from a free kick, but Butler and Watt had looked solid all night and Watt almost added to the scoreline, with a header tipped over from a Warren corner.

A solid defence, with both Bennett and Morris effective on the overlap, added to a strong and motivational midfield, giving the strikers good service and a successful all round team victory.

Now we look forward to the draw for the next round.

TODAY'S OPPONENTS



Morpeth Town Football Club was established in 1894, and through more than a century of football have continued the tradition of carrying Amber and Black as their team colours. The club was formed after an amalgamation between Morpeth United and Morpeth FC, playing at Stobhill Cricket Field.

In 1954 the club moved to Storey Park, and in the 1980s enjoyed a successful time in the Northern Alliance, winning the title and finishing runners-up on two other occasions, as well as lifting both the Challenge Cup and Benevolent Bowl in 1986.

The club spent half a century in the Northern Football Alliance before stepping up to the Northern League on their One Hundredth Anniversary, winning the Division Two title in their first season and finishing sixth in Division One and Northumberland Senior Cup runners-up in their second. In 1998/99 they made it to the final Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, losing 1-0 at home to Nigel Clough's Burton Albion.

The club moved to a purpose-built stadium in 1994, which coincided with a League and Cup double, and with it, promotion to the Northern League. Craik Park was named after the father and son W and R Craik who had served as secretary between 1920 and 1985. Current President Ken Beattie was the man behind the stadium and since 1992 he has revived the club's fortunes.

Membership of the Northern League followed in 1994/95 and the following year saw the Second Division Championship being presented to Morpeth. The club finished sixth in the First Division at the first time of asking, as well as reaching the final of the Northumberland Senior Cup.

After sitting comfortably mid-table between

1996/7 and 1999/2000, Morpeth narrowly avoided relegation on goal difference in the 2000/01 season and finished once again one spot above the relegation zone in 2001/02.

The next few years saw Morpeth Town move back into the middle of the table before a sixth place finish in 2005/06, Morpeth's equal top performance in the Northern League.

In 2006/07 Morpeth won the Northumberland Senior Cup for the first time since 1886 (as Morpeth Harriers) with a 3-2 victory over Blyth Spartans.

Disaster struck in 2009/10 as Morpeth Town were relegated to the Second Division and things got even worse a season later as Morpeth Town finished bottom of the Northern League's second tier.

The club was in dire straits with President Ken Beattie and Chairman Jim Smith trying their best to keep the club running by bringing the ground up to Northern League standards whilst being forced to ground share with local rivals Bedlington Terriers. The club was within weeks of folding at one point.

The Highwaymen began their revival in 2011/12 under the stewardship of Nick Gray who moved to the club from Seaton Delaval and brought a number of players. In his first season Morpeth narrowly missed promotion back to the top tier, finishing fourth and at one point won fourteen consecutive home games.

2012/13 saw the side improve once more, finishing one place higher in third position, beating out Jarrow Roofing on goal difference to earn promotion.

After earning promotion Morpeth Town managed to avoid the drop quite comfortably finishing in seventeenth place. During the season, they also went on a then historic FA Vase run to the Quarter-Final stage.

In 2014/15 saw further improvement, with the Highwaymen finishing eighth in the table and reaching the Northumberland Senior Cup Final. The club was now beginning to attract high-calibre players to the area, with the likes of Keith Graydon and Ben Sayer signing from higher level football.

The 2015/16 season brought Nick Gray his first trophy for the club, and what a win it was, beating heavily favoured Hereford FC 4-1 in the FA Vase final at Wembley Stadium. Despite going a goal down in the first two minutes, the Highwaymen battled back, 45-year old Chris Swailes netting to equalise before half-time. The second half brought an onslaught from Morpeth, Luke Carr scoring after just a minute before Sean Taylor and Shaun Bell netted on a famous day for the Northumberland club. In addition to the Vase, Town finished fourth in the Northern League. The following season, the club narrowly missed out on winning their inaugural Northern League title, finishing in second place behind South Shields.

More recent times have been hugely successful with promotion secured to the Northern Premier League East Division at the start of the 2018/19 season and a step into the unknown. Far from being daunted by this prospect, the Highwaymen won the title by a distance and added the Senior Cup to claim an unprecedented double.

The 2019/20 season was one not experienced by any club in history as a global pandemic brought the campaign to an abrupt conclusion, with Town on a 10-game unbeaten run and heading for the Play-off spots.

The summer brought change in the manager's dugout as long-serving Nick Gray stepped down to be replaced by Stephen Turnbull, who takes on his first job in management, having worked on the coaching staff at Craik Park as well as being a player.

SELECTED PEN PICS

DAN LOWSON GOALKEEPER

An experienced 'keeper in the NPL, Dan has featured for Spennymoor Town most recently, with stints at Blyth Spartans, Alfreton and Luton Town, among others. After six games spent on loan at Craik Park last season, he signed permanently during the summer of 2018/19.

JEFF HENDERSON DEFENDER

A warrior of a centre-back, Henderson's most successful time came when winning League and Cup glory at Sligo Rovers. He also played in the Europa League and Champions League while in Ireland before returning to his native north east. He joined Town from Stobswood, where he had been regaining his fitness following injury.

SAM HODGSON MIDFIELDER

A versatile member of the squad, Sam signed for The Highwaymen from Shildon in the summer of 2018. Able to play across the back four, he also provides a calm and composed figure in the centre of midfield.

JACK ROBSON MIDFIELDER

The midfielder joined from Hebburn Town during the 2019/20 season. His career started as a junior with Newcastle United; there is obvious talent there with an exceptional turn of pace. Direct and keen to get to the by-line, Robson is a classic winger.

JACK FOALLE FORWARD

Jack only made the switch to the Highwaymen in October 2018 but has hit the ground running. Following a run of 17 goals in 15 games at Whitley Bay, ambitious Jack made the move to Craik Park and duly scored a sensational first goal for the club on his home debut. Quick, energetic, and enthusiastic, Foalle is a real threat up top.

LIAM HENDERSON FORWARD

Liam is a prolific centre-forward who signed for the club from Spennymoor Town. He has finished as the club's top-scorer in two of the last three seasons and will, no doubt, be up there challenging for the league's golden boot again, with his robust style of play a constant thorn in the side of opponents.

LEAGUE TABLE



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#	Team	Pl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1.	South Shields	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
2.	Buxton	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
3.	Gainsborough Trinity	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
4.	Scarborough Athletic	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
5.	Warrington Town	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
6.	Whitby Town	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
7.	Ashton United	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
8.	Bamber Bridge	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
9.	FC United of Manchester	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
10.	Grantham Town	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
11.	Lancaster City	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
12.	Morpeth Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
13.	Nantwich Town	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
14.	Stalybridge Celtic	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
15.	Matlock Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
16.	Stafford Rangers	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
17.	Radcliffe FC	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
18.	Atherton Collieries	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
19.	Basford United	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
20.	Hyde United	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
21.	Witton Albion	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
22.	Mickleover FC	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

LEAGUE RESULTS & FIXTURES

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2020

ATHERTON COLLIERIES 0 - 2 SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC

BAMBER BRIDGE 1 0 MATLOCK TOWN

BASFORD UNITED 0 2 WARRINGTON TOWN

BUXTON 4 2 RADCLIFFE FC

FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER 1 1 NANTWICH TOWN

GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY 2 0 HYDE UNITED

MORPETH TOWN 1 1 GRANTHAM TOWN

SOUTH SHIELDS 3 0 MICKLEOVER FC

STAFFORD RANGERS 0 1 ASHTON UNITED

STALYBRIDGE CELTIC 1 1 LANCASTER CITY

WITTON ALBION 0 2 WHITBY TOWN

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2020

BUXTON VS WHITBY TOWN

GRANTHAM TOWN VS ATHERTON COLLIERIES

HYDE UNITED VS SOUTH SHIELDS

LANCASTER CITY VS BASFORD UNITED

MATLOCK TOWN VS STAFFORD RANGERS

MICKLEOVER FC VS MORPETH TOWN

NANTWICH TOWN VS STALYBRIDGE CELTIC

RADCLIFFE FC VS WITTON ALBION

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PLAYER PROFILES

JOE SLINN GOALKEEPER

December 27th 1998

Joe is a 21 year old from Stoke on Trent, who started his goalkeeping career at Port Vale. During his spell at Vale Park he also had a four month loan spell at Stalybridge Celtic. He signed professional in February 2017 having captained the Youth team, before moving to Walsall in 2018. He went out on loan again to Rushall Olympic for most of the 2018/19 season before leaving Walsall in August 2019. After a few months with Atherton Collieries, he had another four months with Alvechurch, before moving on again to Newcastle Town in February of this year. He is one of the new summer signings for Sports.

PABLO MILLS DEFENDER

Mills had joined Derby County as a 14 year old and graduated to make his first team debut under John Gregory's management in 2002. Primarily a defender, his versatility over the years has seen him play both midfield and striker too. He stayed at Derby until the summer of 2006, having played 64 games in the Derby colours, as well as loans at Milton Keynes and Walsall, scoring his first league goal during the MK stay.

League Two Rotherham was his next stop, spending four years with them. For a while he was team captain, making 138 appearances and scoring three goals. He had another loan spell during that time, playing 14 games for Crawley Town in 2007. He played for Rotherham in the 2010 League Two play-off final, but was then released and joined Crawley on a full time basis. Two years at Crawley saw him make 53 appearances and score five goals, before moving to Macclesfield Town for a season.

The following year he returned to Rotherham, for a short stay before joining Bury for the 2014/15 season. After 39 games for the Shakers, plus a loan at Cheltenham, he made a couple of appearances for Conference North side Brackley Town, before beginning his long association at Mickleover from 2016.

JAMES BUTLER DEFENDER

February 11th 2000

A Stoke City Academy player for three years, James was a regular in the Potters Under 18 and Under 21 Premier League teams, a solid dependable centre back. But it was during a loan at Kidsgrove Athletic, that Butler impressed their opponents in an FA Cup tie and he was offered a work experience stay at Hartlepool. He spent two months in the North East, but didn't manage to break into the first team squad and returned to Kidsgrove. Stoke City retained an option on him as he became a regular at the Grove, but during the summer both he and team mate Alex Morris made the move to the Don Amott Arena for the 20/21 season.

ALEX MORRIS DEFENDER

May 26th 1998

Stoke on Trent born school PE teacher Alex began his career as a Port Vale Junior, playing regularly in their reserve team before moving on to Leek Town. He had spells at both Nantwich and Newcastle Town, before finding a home at Kidsgrove Athletic in 2018, where he stayed until the end of last season. Mainly playing at left back, over the last two years he played every minute of every competitive game for Kidsgrove, before joining Mickleover this summer with Kidsgrove team mate James Butler.

MARCUS CALDERONE DEFENDER

After starting his career in the Chesterfield Academy, Marcus came to Mickleover and has gradually worked his way from the Sports Academy through the Reserve to become a regular member of the first team squad. He made his first time debut in the Derbyshire FA Senior Cup Final against Alfreton Town in 2019 and was on the bench a few times last season, as well as playing in the successful reserves team. 2020/21 hasn't started well for Marcus as he was carried off in the early minutes of the recent friendly against Guiseley.



JAKE BENNETT DEFENDER

February 22nd 1996

Like so many others, Jake started playing for his hometown club Telford AFC as a 15 year old, making two first team starts before going out on loan to Market Drayton. He was initially spotted by Mickleover management during a friendly match against Market Drayton, and with Sports then pushing for promotion back to the Premier Division of the NPL, he was made an offer which he readily accepted to become a Sports player in December 2014. After being part of the squad for his first half season, he became a first choice defender over his two year stay and began to receive offers of trials from League Clubs. Sheffield Utd offered him a contract in 2016 and he made his first team debut in the EFL Cup in 2017, plus other first appearances in some friendly matches.

He was due to go on loan to Chesterfield, but played against them in a friendly and collected a cruciate ligament injury, putting him out for 10 months. A further thigh injury meant he never got to play for Chesterfield, and following his release by Sheffield Utd in October 2019, he had a brief at Alfreton Town, before joining Coalville Town last December in the Southern League Premier Division Central. He opted to return to Mickleover during the summer, as he is still looking to rebuild his career and looked back fondly at his previous two years with the club.

“My lasting memory was winning the title here, the first medal I had ever won in football.”

PHIL WATT DEFENDER

January 10th 1988

Phil was another who started his football path with his home town club of Rotherham Utd. He moved on to Lincoln City in 2004 and spent four years at Sincil Bank, where he made his first team debut in the opening match of the 2007/8 season, and played again in an FA Cup tie against Nottingham Forest. There had been a couple of loan spells at Grantham during his time at Lincoln, but for the next three years he was at Corby Town. After another loan spell at Grantham, the dependable centre back made it a permanent move, but after one-season moved on to Boston Utd.

His next move was to Coalville Town where he scored two goals in his 12 games, before starting a long association with Belper Town. In three different spells he reached the 150 appearance milestone for the Nailers, as well as scoring a winning play-off goal to gain them promotion and was twice voted into the team of the division during his stays. He also had a spell at Lincoln Utd and Frickley Athletic in between his Belper experiences, from where he joined the Sports line-up during the summer.

ELLIOTT MURRAY DEFENDER

Another Academy product, Elliott's defence skills have grown through his experience in the Academy and Reserve teams, after making a first team debut in the Derbyshire Senior Cup last season.

He is yet to make his full league debut, but has played a part in most of the pre-season friendlies.

MICKLEOVER FC PLAYER PROFILES

AMAN VERMA MIDFIELDER

January 3rd 1987

Aman was another player who started his career with his home town club Leicester City. He came through their Youth Academy, but was originally released in 2008 and joined Bedworth Utd. After 27 games and eight goals for Bedworth he went to Conference North team Redditch Utd for 2008/9, where his impressive performances brought him back onto Leicester City's books.

During this stay he also had loans at Crewe Alexandra where he gained football league experience, Histon, Kidderminster Harriers and Darlington over the next two years. With seven league appearances under his belt at Crewe he was on the bench for Leicester City first team and made his debut in the League Cup against Macclesfield in August 2010.

But in June 2011 his contract at Leicester ended and he joined Kettering Town, for the following season, which also included a loan to Mansfield Town. Having spent 2012/13 with Floriana in Malta, he returned to the UK and played for Hinckley, Kettering again, Stockport County, Corby Town, Torquay Utd, Tamworth and Nuneaton Borough, before joining Sports in November 2019. An attacking midfielder he made his debut against Nantwich on January 4th and was ever present to the end of the season, scoring two goals.

MASON WARREN MIDFIELDER

March 28th 1997

Born in Doncaster, Mason came through the junior ranks at Rotherham Utd, signing professional in May 2015. He had a number of loan spells during his time at Rotherham, including Sheffield, Harrogate Town, Grantham, Matlock, Boston Utd, North Ferriby and Gainsborough Trinity and made one start for the Rotherham first team in the EFL Cup in 2016. He was released at the end of the 2017/18 from where he joined the Mickleover squad, debuting against Gainsborough in August in 2018. A strong playmaking midfielder, but Mason can also play in defence and assist in the attack, becoming a regular goalscorer and fans favourite. He was second highest scorer last season.

ANDREW WRIGHT MIDFIELDER

September 17th 1996

A Lincoln City youth scheme product, he spent two years at Sincil Bank, before having the first of his two spells at Grantham. After one year he moved on again to Coalville for a year, preceding a three-month stay with Matlock Town in July 2019. A fast attacking midfielder primarily, Andrew is a regular goal seeker. He went back to Grantham in September last year, but after a couple of months he came to the Don Amott Arena and made his debut in the home game against Radcliffe last November, scoring his first goal against Grantham in January.

BEN GOWING MIDFIELDER

Ben started last year playing with Paddy Webb at Eastwood and by the end of the season had scored 13 goals in his 32 appearances. The midfielder has played for a number of teams in the locality, in 2018/19 he was with Belper Utd and before that he had spells with Long Eaton Utd and Dunkirk. He joined the Sports squad during the summer.

GEORGE MILNER FORWARD

Having started at Chesterfield's Academy as a 15 year old, George was given a two year youth team contract after only his second month. He trained with the first team squad, after graduating into a regular reserve team player, but went out on loan to Clipstone in the second half of 2015/16 scoring two goals from his six games. After being released by Chesterfield he had a dual registration for 2016/17 with both Buxton and Clipstone. He scored six goals for Clipstone in 16 games and two for Buxton in seven games, before leaving Clipstone for AFC Mansfield, where he saw out the season with another three goals from 10 games. It was then he had the offer to play in Norway, a first full professional contract for Valdres. He spent a season in Norway, but instead of his striker role, he started to play in midfield, but still scored 12 goals in his 26 appearances.

On his return to the UK he trained with Salford City, until international clearance allowed him to join Frickley Athletic for the rest of 2017/18. He then moved to Belper Town where he was regular for the next two years, until bringing his attacking flare to Mickleover during pre-season.

JOSH SATCHWELL FORWARD

A product of Sports own Academy, Josh mainly plays as a striker, but has shown his adaptability to play elsewhere when he has been used as a substitute. He made one start in the Integro Cup last year, but came off the bench five times. A regular member of the successful reserve team, he also had a trial with Coventry City earlier this year.

PADDY WEBB FORWARD

A junior at both Derby County and Mansfield Town, Paddy stepped back into local football when Mansfield disbanded their youth set-up. The ex Pelican Colts, Hucknall Town striker really began to find his feet during his 3 years with Eastwood Community, scoring 121 goals.

It was his goal scoring prowess that brought him the Sports attention, signing in the new year he scored on his debut at home to Nantwich on January 4th and scored five more before the season ended prematurely.

WILL MONTEIRO FORWARD

June 19th 2002

Born in Harlow, Will's football skills first took him to the Rotherham Utd Academy, where he played between the ages of 12-16. He was then given a scholarship to attend Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate, an independent boarding and Day School in North Yorkshire on a sports scholarship, representing them in football.

He was spotted by Sports manager John McGrath and invited to come to Mickleover, where he is now a part of the first team squad. Although now a striker, he has played a range of positions. At Rotherham he was striker, left or right winger, midfield and right back, which he feels has helped him develop his knowledge and understanding of all positions on the pitch. It was during his time at Queen Ethelburga's that he developed into a central striker. He debuted for Sports in the recent friendly at Clipstone and scored too.

STUART BEAVON FORWARD

May 5th 1984

Stuart Beavon is one of Mickleover's most experienced players, following in the footsteps of his Father Stuart and Grandfather Cyril. His career started for in the Hellenic League with Ardley United, before swiftly moving on to Combined Counties side Wallingford. He scored 13 goals in 36 games between those clubs, before being snapped up by Didcot Town. Despite stepping up to the Southern League South & West Division, he quickly found his goal scoring touch and had two seasons with the club. He played 139 games and scored an amazing 107 goals and was a winner in the 2004/5 FA Vase too.

His next step was to the Conference with Weymouth, spending three seasons on the South Coast, and adding 27 more goals to his tally from 90 appearances. For 2008/09 he had his first spell in the Football League with League 2 Wycombe Wanderers. He scored on his debut and his initial loan became permanent. He was a prolific scorer again but the team were promoted and relegated twice during his stay. After 125 games and 34 goals he moved to Preston North End in League 1 again.

There was debut goal again and having settled at Deepdale he stayed for two years, before an initial loan at Burton Albion became permanent for the 2014/15 season. He gained promotion again with the Brewers to League 1, but part way into his third season he left in January 2017 with 15 goals and 102 games under his belt, destined for Coventry City. A strange end of season saw the Sky Blues win the EFL Trophy, but were also relegated to League 2. Although he was a Coventry player for the next two seasons, his final one was spent on a years loan at Wrexham. Early into the 2019/20 season he joined Nuneaton, but it was when he began his current connection at Mickleover that he regained his scoring touch, with a goal scoring debut at Atherton Collieries in September and scoring 10 before the season was curtailed.

MICKLEOVER FC PLAYER PROFILES

DECLAN BACON FORWARD

One of Sports latest signings, but it's a return to the Don Amott Arena for the striker, having been a Mickleover player a few seasons ago.

He finished last season with Gainsborough Trinity, after just over a year at Alfreton Town. It was his goal scoring record of 45 in a season at Bottesford Town that brought him to the attention of Alfreton, but he has also played at Sheffield and Scarborough among other teams. At present he is a temporary signing until January, with a further option.

RICKY RAVENHILL ASSISTANT MANAGER

January 16th 1981

Mickleover assistant manager Ricky Ravenhill has been at the Don Amott Arena for almost two years. He started as a youth player at Barnsley in 1998, but got his break when he joined then Conference side Doncaster Rovers in 2002. His forceful midfield role played a part in Doncaster's play-off win in 2003, which took them back into the Football League, only to celebrate a double promotion success as Division 3 Champions a year later.

He had five seasons with Doncaster, making 159 appearances and scoring 10 goals, before a loan spell at Chester preceded a permanent move to Grimsby for the 2006/7 season. They lost out in the League 2 play-off final and after a change in management, Ravenhill had another loan at Darlington, which after 15 games and a goal was made permanent. His stay at League 2 Darlington lasted a couple of seasons, making another 84 appearances with five goals.

The next stop was with Notts County, joining in the summer of 2009, he was League 2 title winner. But in his second year it was considerably tougher in League 1, although the Magpies avoided relegation, another loan spell beckoned at Bradford City. He had made 97 appearances at Meadow Lane and hit three goals, before his move to Bradford City became permanent again in 2012. They were League Cup runners up and League two play-off winners by the end of the season.

But 68 games and two goals under his belt and the next stop was Northampton Town. An initial loan again became permanent, before a brief spell in the League with Mansfield Town in 2015. He then moved into the Northern Premier League with Buxton, before joining Mickleover in September 2018.

JOHN MCGRATH MANAGER

March 27th 1980

As a young 16 year old McGrath was a star of Irish youth side Belvedere, who won the FAI Youth Cup, Leinster Youth Cup and Under 18 Premier League. The success brought him to the attention of Premiership club Aston Villa, who he joined in 1999.

He made three Premiership starts against Liverpool, Chelsea and Bradford City before going out on loan to Conference side Dagenham & Redbridge in November 2002. 31 games and two goals were accumulated as he saw out the rest of the season, before joining newly returned to the Football League, Doncaster Rovers. As part of the squad that won the squad that won the Third Division title, he made 14 appearances.

A loan spell at League 2 Shrewsbury then preceded a permanent move to fellow League 2 club Kidderminster Harriers. It was only a short stay and after 19 games he was released and returned to Ireland to see out the season with Limerick in the League of Ireland First Division. He scored against Athlone Town but returned to England in 2006 with Conference South club Weymouth Town. His 13 games and 3 goals helped the club take the league title, but McGrath was on the move again to Conference National's Tamworth.

It was a one season stay with five goals in his 48 games, before his long association with Burton Albion began. He was player of the year in his first season as a Brewers player and won the Conference Premier title in the second. Continuing as a regular first choice in midfield, he totalled 247 appearances and scored 20 goals as Burton became established Football League members.

After six years at Burton he had a short loan spell at York City and then joined Alfreton Town for 2013/14. He had one season there before joining Mickleover as a player initially, taking over the reins a year later to remain as player/manager.

He also gained International honours with the Republic of Ireland Under 21's, making five appearances.

ANOTHER WIN FOR SPORTS RESERVES



MANSFIELD HOSIERY MILLS 1
SPORTS RESERVES 4

by Peter Scherer

Only two days after beating Ashland Rovers 4-0, Mickleover FC Reserves hit Mansfield Hosiery Mills with another 4-1 victory.

It was already 3-0 at half time, before make it four in the second half. But the clean-sheet hopes were dashed when the home side were awarded a penalty with 10 minutes to go, making it 4-1 to Sports.

Surf Tefera was on the mark again with two



goals and, while Tom Eccleshall and Fin Davies scored the others.

They now lie third in the league table after three games, having scored 12 goals and conceded five, levels on points with Pinxton and two behind Rowsley 86.

Next game is on Saturday when they faced Melbourne Dynamo away in the League Cup, before returning to League action a week later at Blidworth.



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by David Mackenzie

Mickleover's The FA Youth Cup team put in another sterling performance on Wednesday night against a spirited Eastwood team in the first qualifying round of the FA Youth Cup. This is on the back of the previous round's win over Borrowwash Vics two weeks ago in the Preliminaries.

Pablo Mills has put together an excellent squad. The even surface of the 4G suited the teams passing game, however that is only part of the story as the hard work added to some gems of quality meant that from early on there was only going to be one victor.

The defence who were well marshalled by keeper Tom Smith were dealing with the attacking options from Eastwood and the back 4 looked solid with Cameron, Patrick, Robbo and wee Ben Lewin all playing well and starting the moves from our half.

The midfield were tenacious in the tackle winning the ball high up the pitch with Lewis and Bobby Battison outstanding and Jacob Edge-Lucas and Louis Pennington providing the platform.

The opening goal came for about the fourth corner of the night and was of the highest quality. If the delivery was good, the strike with his trusted left foot by Josh Satchwell was phenomenal. To make such good contact showed great skill and composure, as from the right-hand side of their box he rifled home a shot that flew into the net like an Exocet missile.

The second goal came after some more

sustained pressure with Jacob being tripped in the box and Josh dispatching the ball low and to the right of their goalkeeper. H.T. 2-0.

Eastwood started the second half well and put the defence under some pressure but Smith's handling in the Mickleover goal was superb and the defence kept them to some speculative shots from outside the box.

The game was over as a contest when a terrific long pass from Patrick Pugh left Josh bearing down on goal. He could have taken the ball early and 'dinked' the keeper, but he allowed the ball to drop and took the ball to the side of the keeper before striking the ball into the net to get his hat trick, 3-0.



The fourth was another great piece of play which started with Ben Lewin finding Robbo on the run, marauding down the left and an exquisite cross was met by the leaping Brodie Carter about eight yards out, towards the back of the goal and his header evaded the grasping clutches of the Eastwood net minder.

A very very good performance which bodes well for the future, especially as there is still room for improvement with several are getting first team experience and playing men's football in the reserves.



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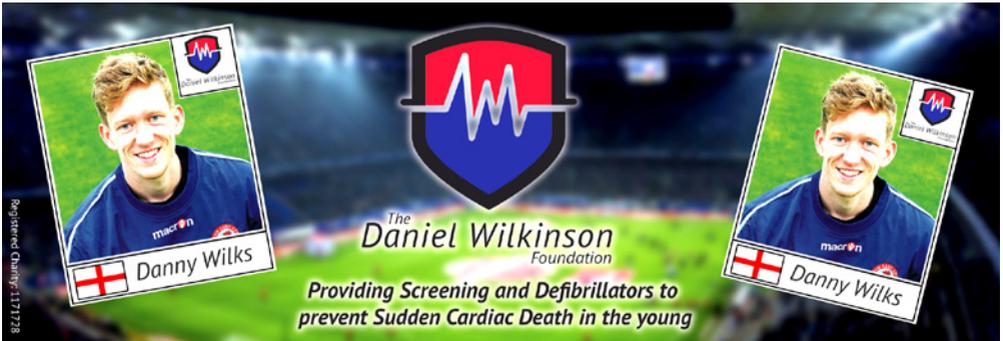
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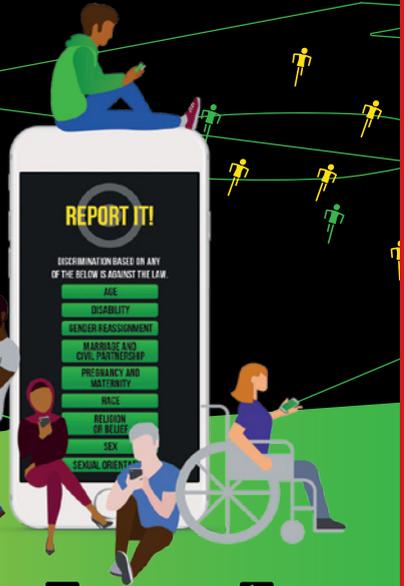
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