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MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



VS **WITTON
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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)

WITTON ALBION

Chris **Renshaw** GK
Raajan **Gill** GK
Isaac **Baldwin**
Steve **McNulty**
Josh **Wardle (c)**
Nick **Ryan**
Tom **Owens**
Billy **Smart**
Danny **McKenna**
Jay **Foley**
Josh **Gregory**
James **Hooper**
Will **Jones**
Scott **Bakkor**
Leon **Johnson**
Steven **Tames**

Management

Carl Macauley (Manager)
Gary Martindale (Assistant Manager)
Paul Houghton (Kitman)

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FACING THE CHALLENGES

DON AMOTT CHAIRMAN



Hello, and after such a huge break in home league games, along comes another just three days later.

So this evening it's a warm welcome to Witton Albion, well as warm as it can be as summer seems to have finally given up the ghost.

While we've started the season poorly, Albion sit eight (albeit after only two games) and tonight we seek points on the board to stop the early front runners leaving us too far behind.

We had a good attendance on Saturday, , all the safety measures were in operation and worked very well, a lot of which is down to you, the fans. Thank you for your support. And of course a big thanks to our army of volunteers who haven't missed a beat and have been marvellous every time we need them.

I like to think the manager and I enjoy a strong relationship of mutual support, and spoke to John after the match. He was very disappointed with our first half but we played very well the second half . Another highlight was the performance of Callum Hawkins, some marvellous saves including TWO spot kicks. On another day that may have inspired victory. I imagine if he keeps performing like that we'll have some scouts checking him out.

So today sees game three in a long season, yet another in what is a tough start. But I remain optimistic as we have a good bunch of players capable of achieving something.

Meanwhile I am losing interest in the full time professional game, especially the daft

penalty decisions and no fans allowed. I do find it hard to watch, especially when they add "fan noise" in the background. It's so sanitised. But I was so so pleased to seeing young Liam Delap making his debut for Manchester City. Liam will become a great player like his Dad was. And kudos to Steve Bruce who hit out at the ridiculous new interpretation of handball, even though his side had benefitted. I'm with him and Roy Hodgson, when I say ridiculous changes of interpretation are changing the beautiful game for the worse.

So today, while I hope you join the growing throng of people enjoying our lottery and supporting the club at the same time, I note it's the 370th anniversary of the first ever lonely hearts club. On this day in 1650 Henry Robinson opened a marriage bureau.

Today is also the 140th anniversary of the first ever professional baseball game, between the New York Metropolitans and the Washington Nationals, And 57 years ago today the Rolling Stones began their first British Tour as the support act to Bo Diddley and the Everley Brothers.

Enjoy the game.

Cheers,
Don Amott

HAWKINS SAVES BLUSHES IN DEFEAT



THE SPORTS MORPETH TOWN

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by Peter Scherer

Although it was a home defeat for Mickleover FC in their first home Northern Premier League game of the season, Callum Hawkins heroic double penalty saves, kept the score to respectable 1-2.

There were two changes to the starting line-up from Tuesday's FA Cup win at Leek Town, with Callum Hawkins in goal and Pablo Mills in for Phil Watt in the centre of the defence.

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

Mickleover had an early chance to gain the advantage over the visitors, when Beavon almost connected with a Butler header just inside the box.

But the attacks soon seemed to turn in Morpeth's favour, with Hawkins forced into a spectacular save from Liam Noble's close range effort after six minutes.

It was only four minutes later that Morpeth had a penalty appeal turned down, after Hawkins clashed with Morpeth striker Jack Foalle.

The attacks from the visitors continued to threaten the Mickleover defence and they went close again after Liam Henderson volleyed a 13th minute free-kick just inches over the bar.

Although the defence held out, it finally succumbed in the 17th minute when Noble's shot was deflected, sending Hawkins the wrong way 0-1.

Callum Williams had another long range shot just over the bar for the visitors, as Mickleover were struggling to retain possession to move forward.

Wright had a blast from outside the box after 33 minutes, before Hawkins had to make a double save as Andrew Jonson and Henderson tried their luck.

Just before half time the defence was split again, but Morris was on the line to clear the danger.

There were two changes for the second half with Milner and Gowing on for Webb and Bacon.

The game had only be back under way two minutes when Sports were able to strike back. Beavon's first attempt



was saved, but he buried the rebound in the roof of the Morpeth net, 1-1.

The momentum quickly went back in the visitors favour, with Hawkins having to save again from a quickly taken 51st minute free-kick.

Two minutes later Foalle was brought down in the area and this time a penalty was awarded, only for Hawkins to magnificently save Henderson's effort.

The save seemed to spur on some positive attacks from the Sports players, but after 58 minutes another penalty was awarded, with a handball in the area.

Noble took the kick and unbelievably Hawkins saved it again to keep the

scores level.

With Walshaw on for Verma there was another spell of positive Sports attacks, with Gowing heading just over from inside the box and Milner making Morpeth keeper Dan Lowson earn his keep with two saves in close succession.

But after 68 minutes Morpeth grabbed the winner when Johnson connected with a header from Noble's corner.

Warren had a free kick tipped over for Sports and Gowing had another good effort from outside the box saved, while Joe Walton went close again for Morpeth in the last few minutes, before the whistle went to secure all three points for the visitors.

TODAY'S OPPONENTS



In the 1880's the district of Witton, centrally situated in the mid-Cheshire salt town of Northwich, had several different teams using the name 'Witton' as a prefix.

The name Witton Albion itself can be traced back to a match played on October 26th 1887. No record of any matches has been found for 1889 and as such 1890 can be regarded as the year when the current club was actually formed.

Albion's first ground was adjacent to the Parish Church Vicarage. In 1897 they moved to Magdala Place near the Station Bridge. 1910 saw them move, paying the princely sum of £15 per annum, to a new ground adjacent to the Victoria Saw Mills just off Witton Street. July 1920 saw the club buy the ground outright for £750. Renamed appropriately the Central Ground, this was to be their home until 1989, when a Sainsbury's Supermarket was developed on the site. The club then bought a 14 acre site off Chapel Street, Wincham and so their current Wincham Park stadium was constructed. To secure the club's future, much of the surrounding land was later sold off.

Leagues and Honours

Witton Albion, after winning the Crewe FA Junior Cup, encountered their first league opponents in 1894 when part of the Cheshire Junior League. They then had a season in the Crewe & District Junior League, whilst having their Reserve Team replace them and actually win the 1896/97 campaign. From 1897-1901 the team then competed in the Cheshire League before spreading their wings as they joined The Combination where the opposition consisted of the likes of Bangor, Burslem Port Vale, Chester, Tranmere Rovers, Wellington (now Telford) and Wrexham. A move to the Manchester League was made for 1904/05 where they played Altrincham,

Macclesfield, Hyde, Buxton and Northwich Victoria on a regular basis. As leagues became stronger and stronger Witton decided to join the Lancashire Combination in 1912 and the decision was rewarded the following season when they carried off the 2nd Division championship. Unfortunately, with the outbreak of World War One, Albion only had one season in the top flight, finishing a respectable 10th.

Following the war Witton Albion became one of the founder members of the Cheshire County League. It was not though until after the Second World War that championship honours were achieved. The following ten years saw them arguably become one of the best non-league sides in the country. They won the league three times with the league and cup double attained in 1953/54. They were also League and Cup runners-up during this period as well as a long spell of consecutive appearances in the Proper Rounds of the F.A. Cup.

Witton were denied founder membership of the Northern Premier League due to the entry qualification relating to the season two prior to the formation and so had to battle on before eventually gaining promotion, when finishing Cheshire County League runners-up in 1978/79. They almost won the NPL at the first attempt but were pipped by Mossley by just one point. The second season after moving to Wincham Park saw them as runaway champions with a sixteen point margin over Stalybridge Celtic.

Season 1991/92 therefore saw them compete with the cream of the non-league world in the Football Conference. Cheltenham Town,

Colchester United, Dagenham & Redbridge, Macclesfield Town, Wycombe Wanderers and Yeovil Town, future Football League clubs, were amongst their opponents in the three year spell as members. The end of the 1993/94 season saw the club relegated, for the first time in their history. With the club's much publicised financial problems the end of the 1996/97 season brought a further relegation to the NPL First Division. Finding eventual stability the club finished comfortably in the top half in the succeeding seasons. In 1999/2000 Witton were only denied promotion on goal difference when they finished level on points with both Accrington Stanley and Burscough, along the way only suffering four defeats!

A 5th place finish in 2003/04 ultimately, under the re-construction of the non-league pyramid, earned Albion a place back in the NPL Premier Division. 2007 saw the tightest ever finish in the NPL's 39 year history with Albion missing automatic promotion by just one goal and then losing to AFC Telford in the play-off final in front of a Wincham Park crowd of 2,281. Albion suffered a similar fate the following season, with the title seemingly won, a tremendous run from Fleetwood dashed hopes of automatic promotion before Witton this time lost at the play-off semi-final stage. After finishing runners-up for two consecutive seasons in the Premier Division, the failure to secure promotion saw a mass exodus of management and players.

Nigel Deeley, previously the popular assistant, was the unanimous choice as the new Manager with the task of rebuilding the playing squad. After 7 points from an opening 9 the Manager's fortunes changed and after a run of nine consecutive defeats the Board decided to appoint former manager Gary Finley in his place. Finley and assistant Lee Coathup (a member of the Wembley FA Trophy squad in 1992) looked to have steered Albion away from relegation, however only 3 points from the final 8 games saw Witton slump to 3rd from bottom that relegated them to the NPL Division 1 South.

The 2009/10 season saw Witton travel more than 3,000 miles in a mixed league campaign. Ever present in the top half of the table Witton touched the summit and appeared to be putting together a side capable of returning, at the first time of asking, to the Premier Division. Lack of consistency, injuries and a high turnover of players ultimately lead to the

club missing out on the play-offs by six points and finishing 7th in the league. Manager Gary Finley departed on the final day of the season.

In May 2010 Witton appointed the experienced Paul Ogden as Manager. With more than 40 years management experience his appointment was part of an overall restructure of the club's football activities by Chairman Mark Harris and the Board. Former fan's favourite Dave MacPherson returned to the club as Assistant Player/Manager, moving up later in the season when Paul Ogden relinquished his role, whilst Brian Pritchard stepped up to the position of Assistant Player/Manager following a record breaking previous season when he increased his number of games for the club to well over the 700 mark!

At the end of the 2010/11 season and with Dave MacPherson's departed, Brian Pritchard was appointed Manager with Mike Moseley his Assistant and Nigel Deeley added onto the coaching team. These full members saw their just rewards along with the rest of the "Witton Family" when their charges won both their Play Off semi and final 3-0 to earn their place back in the NPL Premier Division for season 2012/13.

With virtually the same squad the following season saw the team achieve a marvellous 4th position only to be beaten at FC United of Manchester in the Play-Off semi-final. 2013/14 however saw a very different scenario as the team skirted around the relegation positions for a good while until early March when a good set of results saw them eventually finish in 16th spot.

On the 2014 August Bank Holiday, Manager Brian Pritchard made the shock announcement that he was leaving the club after a total of 19 years with Witton. A massive decision for him but with his work commitments, together with his personal life to consider, then the club very reluctantly accepted his resignation. Anthony Sheehan stepped up from his role of Player Coach to manage the club and initially results went his way but a disastrous run of defeats saw him leave. Tony Sullivan was brought in from Cammell Laird at the beginning of October charged with ensuring Premier Division status was maintained. It took over four months to finally establish a run of good results and by the end of March the team were finally out of the drop zone. April though brought just a single point from six matches

TODAY'S OPPONENTS WITTON ALBION

the final one being at Stamford when 2-0 up at half-time against fellow relegation candidate an awful second period consigned the team to the First Division.

Tony Sullivan duly stepped away but the club was able to take advantage of NPL First Division South Norton United's sad demise to recruit their manager Scott Dundas along with almost his total backroom staff and a sizable contingent of players. However just two months into the campaign and following a poor set of results Dundas and his staff were relieved of their duties leaving Paul Ogden to step in once more along with stalwart Terry Murphy, who sadly has now passed away, to take temporary charge of team affairs prior to the appointment of former player Carl Macauley who along with his assistant Gary Martindale were the management team at Conference North Vauxhall Motors until the club's resignation. They thankfully succeeded in steadying the ship and despite the club, once again being forced to change regional divisions set about recruiting their own team, both on and off the field.

Their dedication certainly paid off in 16/17 when, in practically any other scenario picking up nigh on 100 points and scoring 100 goals along the way would secure automatic promotion, the team won their Play-off games against AFC Rushden & Diamonds and Spalding United to regain their place back in the NPL's top flight. The first season back exceeded expectations as it was only in the final month that Albion missed out on a play-off position whilst in 18/19, playing catch-up, the team finished in the top ten. Last season saw them just below half-way before the season was curtailed

F.A. Competitions

Witton Albion first made it into the Proper Rounds of the F.A. Cup in 1948. Since then they have figured in the First Round draw a further twelve times. On three occasions further progress to Round Two has been made, 1951, 1953 and 1991. The latter being as a result of Witton defeating Football League opposition for the one and only time - Halifax Town in a replay at the Shay. When Albion met Bolton Wanderers in 1990 it was to be the main BBC TV's Match of the Day. Barry Davies was in attendance and despite atrocious weather and pitch conditions the crowd of 3,784 plus the millions who tuned in saw Witton not be overawed. The soon to be promoted Wanderers, their then manager

Phil Neal together with the 800 visiting fans departed much relieved with their 2-1 victory.

In the 2011/12 season's FA Cup Albion won through four rounds, accounting for higher ranked Marine and Altrincham along the way before giving Conference outfit Barrow the fright of their lives in a pulsating encounter in front of a 860 home crowd. The past six seasons though has seen the team only register five wins in total although two seasons back they defeated higher level team Buxton 3-0 and ran Conference North Stalybridge Celtic to a replay.

In the F.A. Trophy the three seasons of 1990/91, 91/92, 92/93 truly stand out as Witton became the first team to make three successive semi-final appearances. 1992 culminated in them making it to Wembley Stadium, where they encountered a powerful Colchester United who had already secured promotion back into the Football League. The crowd that day, in excess of 32,000, were joined by a massive T.V. audience when Sky TV relayed the whole of the Final, for the very first time. Witton had defeated Colchester the previous season at Layer Road and so revenge was very much the order of the day. Mike Lutkevitch gave the 5,000 strong following hope with his looping header, after Albion had trailed 0-2, but a late goal won the game for the Essex side.

The 16/17 season saw the team's best performance in a decade that included notching up very impressive wins over higher ranked Kettering Town and Boston United before losing out in very controversial circumstances to National League Chester FC after a replayed First Round tie. Last season's FA Cup run saw Witton defeat both National League North clubs Spennymoor and FC United of Manchester before succumbing to National League high fliers Solihull Borough.

The Cheshire County F.A. Senior Cup has been won by Witton eleven times since 1902 and they have been beaten finalists on ten occasions. The 90's decade saw them carry off the trophy in 1995 & 1996 together with three further appearances in the Final. 2004 saw us again contest the Final with World media coverage and exposure following a certain "sending-off" incident. The 2006 Final saw Albion, with several Reserve team players drafted in defeat odds on favourites Stalybridge Celtic 2-0. Since then though we have only been able to make it as far as the semi-final stage three times.

SELECTED PEN PICS

CHRIS RENSHAW GOALKEEPER

Salford born on 26/9/97 who joined us after his contract at Everton expired in July, they having signed him from Oldham Athletic in June 2016. After joining the Latics at the age of 11, Chris found himself on the League One side's first-team bench on occasion in 2014-15. He made 15 U18 Premier League appearances in 16/17 before becoming understudy to Mateusz Hewelt at the higher U23 Level and getting a couple of starts. Last season saw him top the Albion's appearances chart when in his 36 matches (31 league) he kept 9 clean sheets as well as making 3 penalty kick saves.

JOSH WARDLE DEFENDER

Central Defender born in Manchester 23/12/96 who stepped up a division when he signed for us last season after playing for Skelmersdale United, whom he'd joined in November 2017, his performances in the 28 matches winning him the Manager's Player of the Season award. Josh commenced his career in 2014 at Lancaster City progressing through their development squad before joining Kendal Town in January 2017. Whilst studying he was captain of a first team at Liverpool John Moores University that finished top of their division in the British Universities and College Sport League with an unbeaten record. His first season saw him win both the Manager's & the Players' Player of the Year Awards. Turned down several offers to commit himself to the Albion during the summer and went on to make a total of 88 appearances prior to this campaign. Last season saw him appointed team captain, following Rob Hopley's serious injury and he certainly led by example throughout.

JOSH GREGORY MIDFIELDER

Wigan born on 5/6/98 a Central Midfielder who has joined us for this season after spending the 19/20 campaign with Prescot Cables. Commenced his career with his hometown team as part of the Latics Under 18's & Under 23's set-up. Signed for Chorley in February 2018 making 3 appearances before moving to Clitheroe for the 18/19 campaign (37 appearances 2 goals).

ISAAC BALDWIN DEFENDER

Right Back, Halifax born on 23/12/96 and after being on loan from Farsley Celtic since 19/10/2019, during which time he made 21 appearances (3 goals), has agreed terms to join us permanently for this campaign. Initially on Huddersfield Town's books as well as FC Halifax's he'd been with Farsley since the summer of 2017, joining from Spennymoor Town, and was named in the NPL Team of the Year in his first season with the Celts before helping the club to the NPL title in 18/19. Isaac certainly made a big impression on his very first Wincham Park appearance when as a defender he netted a hat-trick that saw our visitors triumph 4-1. His total playing career at the Throstles Nest saw a total of 108 appearances (76 starts), scoring 10 times.

TOM OWENS MIDFIELDER

Central Midfield player Liverpool born on 20/9/94 Tom joined Marine in August 2014 from local Liverpool County Premier League team Collegiate Old Boys FC, where he'd scored an impressive 34 goals in 25 appearances. Whilst at Marine he then made 46 (33 starts) appearances scoring four times. Made 67 appearances, after joining us in February 2016, before going to play for Brunswick City in Australia. Didn't settle so, after 11 matches, came back and re-joined us at the end of September 2017. On the score-sheet 24 times in his 174 games played for us by end of last season.

WILL JONES FORWARD

Striker born in Liverpool on 13/1/90 who eventually Albion got international clearance to play him in late February 2017 after a month's delay. Will can count Marine, Warrington and Burscough as his former clubs. He was top scorer for the latter in the 2015/16 season prior to joining Colwyn Bay in the 2016 summer. By the end of last season, in his 144 appearances for Witton, Will has scored 37 goals that have included two campaigns "Goal of the Season".



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1.	Warrington Town	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	5	6
2.	Nantwich Town	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	4	1	3	4
3.	South Shields	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	4
4.	Buxton	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	4	2	4
5.	Whitby Town	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
6.	Scarborough Athletic	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	4
7.	Morpeth Town	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
8.	Witton Albion	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
9.	Matlock Town	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	3
10.	Ashton United	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
11.	Bamber Bridge	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
12.	Atherton Collieries	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
13.	Basford United	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
14.	Gainsborough Trinity	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
15.	FC United of Manchester	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
16.	Grantham Town	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
17.	Lancaster City	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
18.	Hyde United	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	-2	1
19.	Stalybridge Celtic	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	4	-3	1
20.	Stafford Rangers	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0
21.	Mickleover FC	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	5	-4	0
22.	Radcliffe FC	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	8	-5	0

Top Scorers	Goals	Team	Breakdown
Bakkor, Scott Paul	3	Witton Albion	Goal (3) Penalty (0)
Dixon, Bohan	3	Warrington Town	Goal (1) Penalty (2)
Cartman, Nathan	2	Scarborough Athletic	Goal (2) Penalty (0)
Crothers, Matthew	2	Radcliffe FC	Goal (1) Penalty (1)
De Girolamo, Diego Raymond	2	Buxton	Goal (0) Penalty (2)

LEAGUE RESULTS & FIXTURES

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2020

BUXTON 2 2 WHITBY TOWN

GRANTHAM TOWN 1 2 ATHERTON COLLIERIES

HYDE UNITED 0 0 SOUTH SHIELDS

LANCASTER CITY 1 2 BASFORD UNITED

MATLOCK TOWN 2 0 STAFFORD RANGERS

MICKLEOVER FC 1 2 MORPETH TOWN

NANTWICH TOWN 3 0 STALYBRIDGE CELTIC

RADCLIFFE FC 1 4 WITTON ALBION

WARRINGTON TOWN 3 0 GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY

FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER 0 0 SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2020

ASHTON UNITED VS SOUTH SHIELDS

GRANTHAM TOWN VS STAFFORD RANGERS

HYDE UNITED VS FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER

LANCASTER CITY VS MORPETH TOWN

MATLOCK TOWN VS BASFORD UNITED

MICKLEOVER FC VS WITTON ALBION

NANTWICH TOWN VS BUXTON

WARRINGTON TOWN VS ATHERTON COLLIERIES

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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.

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.



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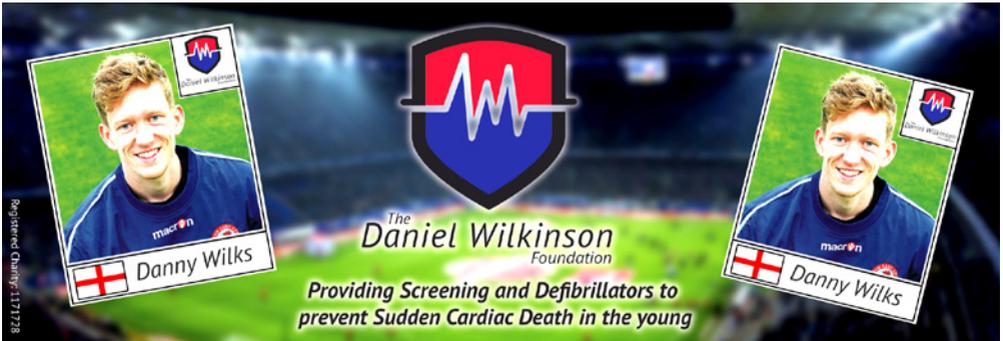
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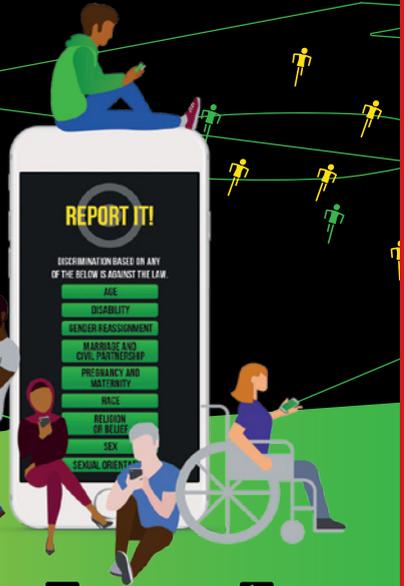
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