

# THE SPORTS REPORT

THE OFFICIAL MICKLEOVER FC  
MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



VS **GRANTHAM  
TOWN**



SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020  
KO 15:00



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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**  
Bobby **Battison**  
Louis **Pennington**  
Kemy **Agustien**  
Callum **Hawkins** GK

### Management

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

**Referee:** D. Robinson **Assistants:** D. Chambers, L. Smith

## GRANTHAM TOWN

Jan **Budtz** GK  
Ben **Middleton**  
Ben **Turner**  
James **Berrett**  
Tom **Ward**  
Greg **Young**  
Nathan **Dyer**  
Brad **Abbott**  
Ashley **Worsfold**  
Alistair **Taylor**  
Jack **Stobbs**  
Remaye **Campbell**  
Ryan **Holland**  
Liam **Hardy**  
Niall **Doran**  
Michael **Hollingsworth**  
Manasse **Kianga**  
Will **Biggs**  
Rodrigo **Goncalves**

### Management

Martin McIntosh (Manager)  
Tim Ryan (Assistant Manager)



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# SILLY MONEY

DON AMOTT CHAIRMAN



Hello and welcome to the Don Amott Arena for what some more exciting REAL football.

I say REAL, because at the top level I think the game is in danger of breaking. I think football fans, of which I count myself as one, are getting a bit fed up with the professional game now. In recent weeks we've seen the selfish big clubs trying to use Covid to further consolidate their power as they lose further touch with reality. They want to reduce the size of the Premier League to further stymie the ambitions of smaller clubs who naturally want to eat at the big table. The days when promoted sides could win the title first time up (Ipswich, Forest, Leeds) are already long gone, and with the notable exception of Leicester's amazing season, look gone forever. Now they'd have fewer clubs in it from the start, forgetting that when the Premier League was born of their greed, they reduced the top division by two.

Then we have the modern advances technologically, like VAR and all that rubbish, and of course linesmen no longer immediately flag offside, waiting until the phase of play is completed. When my team has just scored and a linesman flags because a strikers left nostril was offside I'm not a happy bunny! And don't get me started on the difference between accidental and deliberate handball!

And then, on top of all those matters which are almost spiritually concerning to a football lover like me, you have the ludicrous wages the top clubs are paying their players. Some players make in a week what would take a normal man or woman several years to accumulate, And most of them are just not that good. On a different note I find it sad that it happened too late for the likes of real heroes like Archie Gemmill, Kenny Burns and Charlie George to retire as wealthy men.

I'd rather be here. Non-league football is what football used to be like, good honest lads playing football for the right reasons. Yes some dream of a professional career but they all football because they love playing the game.

Like me you were probably saddened to see our FA Cup run come to end at St Albans City. They are a much bigger club than us and yet we came so close to beating them! I was so proud of all the team. It's easy to forget our far we have come in the last few years, but that match was a testament to it, so well done John and your team.

It's great to see our attendances increasing every week almost a thousand fans watched our last two matches which is brilliant. Thank you for your support,

So today we welcome Grantham. They say there are no easy games and I'm sure our visitors will be looking to atone for a poor start to the season.

And we remember some pretty dark days in history. In 1929 the stock market on Wall Street crashed triggering the Great Depression. Curiously it happened again on the same date in 2008 which became known as "Bloody Friday" in stock market circles.

And in 1962 we watched the "Missiles of October" unfold as Soviet ships approaching Cuba were met by a U.S. blockade. Thankfully they turned around, averting what could have been World War Three.

That's it today my friends. Please stay well and Covid free, and keep supporting us when you can. Enjoy the game.

Cheers,  
Don Amott

# DUBIOUS PENALTIES END WINNING STREAK



**BUXTON** 2  
**THE SPORTS** 2

by Peter Scherer

Confidence was high for Mickleover as they travelled to the north of county to face third placed Buxton, following three successive Northern Premier League victories.

With Andrew Wright nursing a niggling hamstring, he dropped to the bench and gave Josh Satchwell a start.

*1-Callum Hawkins 2-Jake Bennett 3-Alex Morris 4-Kemy Agustien 5-James Butler 6-Phil Watt 7-George Milner 8-Josh Satchwell 9-Paddy Webb 10-Stuart Beavon 11-Declan Bacon. Subs: Bobby Battison, Ricky Ravenhill, Pablo Mills, Andrew Wright, Joe Slinn.*

In the first five minutes from kick off Webb found himself through, but his first attempt was wide of the mark, Buxton wing back Steve Brogan was flagged offside in their first attack of the night.

It was obvious from the start that Buxton were looking to catch the Sports defence on the break and when a Bennett free kick was intercepted, Tommy Elliott found his run comfortably intercepted.

Beavon managed to squeeze a good ball through to Milner after eight minutes, but as he tried to collect, Buxton keeper Grant Shenton was there first.

There was a good chance for Buxton in the box shortly afterwards, but Brogan missed out, before Hawkins had to pull out all the stops to make a brilliant diving save from Clarke, following a poor clearance from the Mickleover defence.

Clarke wasted a good chance after being set up by Di Girolamo after 17 minutes and four minutes later a glancing header from King was easily taken by Hawkins.

Mickleover were then given a free kick which was placed into the box with perfection by Agustien, leaving to Watt to rise above the home defence and send a powerful header into the roof of the net for 1-0 after 22 minutes.

Agustien had a try for a second himself, with a powerful long range shot, before Buxton retaliated with a long shot well over the bar.

It was still end to end with both sides having a share of the attack. Beavon's 31st minute shot was just wide of the post, but a minute later the referee gave the first of his dubious penalty decisions, after a combined Butler and Watt airborne challenge, was deemed to have fouled the Buxton striker.

Di Girolamo made no mistake from the spot kick and it was 1-1.

Buxton's King was lucky to stay on the pitch after a horrendous tackle on Morris, left the Sports wing back in need of treatment.

There was already a feeling that the referee was favouring the home side, missing niggling, sometimes cynical trips and taps and the pressure started to tell.

Sam Wedgbury put a shot just over the Mickleover bar from a long throw and Hawkins was at full stretch again from a 42nd minute Buxton free kick.

But Beavon made the most of another break to send Webb clear. The striker sent a precise pass into the box, where Bacon was on hand to make it 2-1 to Mickleover with a minute left to half time.



Unbelievably only a minute later Mr Riley from Manchester deemed a tap from Bennett to be another penalty, which Di Girolamo struck for 2-2.

Into the second half and Webb put an early ball across the face of the goal, but there was no one to connect.

Buxton could easily have gone a goal up on 50 mins when Butler was dispossessed on the edge of the box and a Buxton striker was left one on one with Hawkins, but he decided to pass and the chance was lost.

There were a number of long clearance's sending Webb on runs, he had two shots within a couple of minutes, but both wide of the mark.

There was a Mickleover penalty appeal in the 56th minute, when Bacon's shot was blocked by what appeared to be a defender's arm. Unlike his other dubious awards, Mr Riley ignored this.

Webb continued to try his luck and sent a shot cannoning off the post on the hour, as the luckless striker still seeks his first goal of the season.

Continuing a slow and gradual build up Buxton tried again, but the end result was King firing high and wide, only for a quick switch of play to leave Webb with just the keeper to beat, but he failed to connect.

Beavon went close again after 64 minutes,

but shortly afterwards was flattened by a wild challenge from Brogan. It could easily have been another red card, but like the first it was yellow.

Sensing the decisions continuing to go their way, Buxton piled the pressure on, with a header just wide from a free kick, followed by an incredible diving save from Hawkins following a shot from James Walshaw.

Watt then had to clear off the line in a goal mouth scramble, before both teams started to make late substitutions, with Chris Dawson on for Wedgbury for Buxton, and Mills replacing Agustien for Mickleover, after the Curacao international had taken a knock.

Three minutes of added time finally brought the game to a conclusion, with a very hard fought point to return home with. The high points were two terrific goals for Sports, some brilliant saves from Hawkins, solid defending from Butler and Watt and a classy show in midfield from Agustien.

The low points were obvious, two appalling penalty decisions, two possible red cards and a number of lesser incidents totally missed by the officials. In particular Buxton's James Hurst spent much of the second half pulling Satchwell's shirt, elbowing and pushing him.

We now look forward to our next home game on Saturday, when Grantham Town are the visitors.

# TODAY'S OPPONENTS



The club was founded in 1874 and early competition was in the Midland Amateur league which was won in 1910/11.

The Central alliance was won in 1924/25 and the club finished runners up to Shrewsbury Town in the Midland counties League in 1938. After the war local legend Jack McCartney scored 416 goals in just 456 appearances until his retirement in 1955

In 1964 under manager Jim Rayner the Midland League was won with the club scoring 152 goals in the season. Rayner moved to Notts County to be replaced in 1965 by Terry Bly as player manager and the next 14 years are still remembered as the golden years for the club. The Midland League was won in 1971 and in 1972 and regular cup runs brought large crowds to the London road ground with the most memorable being in 1973 when Jack Charlton brought his Middleborough side to London road where a record crowd of 6578 saw Middleborough win 2-0. The club moved into the Southern League winning Division 1 North in 1978 and the following year finishing runners up in the Premier Division. Following relegation, the club bounced back the following year to win Division 1 North again

Following the reorganization of non-league football, the club were moved to the Northern Premier League and finished 4th in 1984 but the following year they failed to gain re-election and returned to the Southern League.

Financial problems meant the club had little success until in 1987 The board appointed Martin O'Neil as manager and along with assistant John Robertson Promotion was missed by a single point his first season and 5th spot gained the year after. Martin moved on to climb the managerial ladder at the end of that season.

John Robertson returned as manager in

1990 and at this time the club left its London road home and after a year ground sharing at Spalding returned to the town into the new South Kesteven Sports Stadium.

Little success was achieved until the arrival of Gary Mills as manager in 1996. Under Gary 4th place was achieved in the Southern League Midland Division in 1997 and the following year the championship was won also the club reached the quarter final of the FA trophy going out after a replay to Conference side Southport. The first game at Grantham attracted a stadium record attendance of 3695.

The following year the club was taken over by Reg Brearley through his company Antrac. Mills was replaced as manager and the club went full time, but huge financial losses saw the club's future threatened when Antrac walked away. The club was forced to enter a CVA and a difficult period followed as the club struggled to get back onto its feet. This was reflected on the pitch and when John Wilkinson arrived as manager at Christmas 2000 the club had just 9 points but following a tremendous run were finally relegated on goal difference on 47 points. Promotion back to the Premier division was achieved in 2002 as runners up.

Following Wilkinson's resignation Roger Ashby became manager and lead the club to the first-round proper of the FA cup in November 2003 where they played Leyton Orient at home in front of the Match of the Day cameras only losing 2 - 1 to an injury time goal.

In the summer of 2006 the club were moved from the Southern League back to the Northern Premier League. It took the club some time to adjust to the move and they were relegated

to Division 1 South. John Wilkinson returned as manager and in 2008 lead the club to the Division 1 South play offs where they lost 2-1 to Nantwich

Following a brief spell with Phil Starbuck as manager Jim Albans and Wayne Hallcro came in as joint managers. In 2011/12 the club reached the Division 1 South playoff final losing 2-0 to Rushall Olympic but the following year they won the division by a 10-point margin the club found life in the Premier division difficult and following the resignation of chairman Steve Boam Albans and Hallcro also resigned. After a period under former players Gary Sucharewyc and Ian Robinson they returned and led the club to 15th spot in the Premier division.

During season 2014/15 the club had to make the difficult decision to cut its playing budget when predicted income was not achieved. This resulted in several players leaving the club. Also departing was Jim Albans but his partner Wayne Hallcro stayed and recruited former Coalville manager Adam Stevens to replace Albans as joint manager and the pair set about rebuilding the side. Hallcro departed in late January to team up again with Albans at Belper Town to leave Adam Stevens in sole charge of team matters. Under Stevens the club finished 12th in the Premier Division and the following year 18th. 2016/2017 saw the club had its best season for many years and had a chance of reaching the playoffs right up to the final week of the season finally finishing in 8th spot. In addition, they reached the league cup final going down 2-1 to Bamber Bridge.

2017/2018 saw the club finished in 4th spot in the premier division and went on to reach the playoff final going down 2-0 at Ashton United. Manager Adam Stevens stood down after the game replaced by Ian Culverhouse for the 2018/2019 season. Culverhouse resigned in October and was replaced by former Notts County Assistant manager Richard Thomas. Richard Thomas left the club in February to be replaced by former Harrowby United managers Paul Rawden and Russ Cousins. Rawden and Cousins left the club in late February and after a game under the control of caretaker manager Danny Racchi Martin McIntosh was appointed as manager. Martin managed just two games in charge before Covid brought the season to a close. He has spent the summer re building the side for the new season

## SELECTED PEN PICS

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### JAN BUOTZ GOALKEEPER

Summer signing from Rossington. Played in his native Norway for B1909 and Nordsjaelland before coming to England and playing league football for Doncaster, Wolves, Hartlepool and Oldham. Has also played non league at Eastwood, Stalybridge, Worksop and Gainsborough.

### BEN MIDDLETON DEFENDER

A summer signing from Boston United. Came through the youth system at Doncaster before spells at North Ferriby and Scarborough. Moved to Harrogate in 2017 before joining Boston United.

### MICHAEL HOLLINGSWORTH MIDFIELD

Was part of the clubs playoff final side in 2017/2018. Had spells at Matlock, Pickering and Frickley before rejoining in the summer. Was at Nottingham Forest as a youngster and also played at Boston United.

### JAMES BERRETT MIDFIELD

Summer signing. Began his career at Huddersfield before making 170 appearances for Carlisle. Has also played at Yeovil, York, Grimsby and Halifax. Has been capped at under18, under 19 and under 21 level for the Republic of Ireland. Was at the club last season but left to join Buxton but returned prior to the start of the season.

### LIAM HARDY FORWARD

Summer signing from Buxton. Played at Armthorpe Welfare and both Harrogate Town and Railway before joining Buxton in 2014 winning the NPL Golden Boot that season. He joined Darlington in 2016 returning to Buxton in 2016 again winning the Golden Boot in 2017/2018.

### ASHLEY WORSFOLD FORWARD

Joined in the summer from Basford United. Was at Sheffield Wednesday as a youngster before playing at Parkgate, Sheffield FC, Alfreton and Gainsborough.

# SPORTS BOW OUT OF THE FA CUP



## ST. ALBANS CITY 1 MICKLEOVER FC 1

THIRD ROUND QUALIFYING  
ST. ALBANS WIN 4-3 ON PENALTIES

*by Jacob Hawley*

Sports bowed out of the FA Cup last night (13/10/20) at the hands of National League South outfit, St Albans City. The game finished in the cruelest of ways; penalties, with the hosts coming away 4-3 winners in the penalty shootout following a 1-1 draw at Clarence Park.

Mickleover got off to a good start and found themselves on the front foot from the off, however, as the clock ticked the hosts grew in to the game and found their feet. The opening goal came in the 24th minute through James Kaloczi. The Saints' number 5 jumped highest to meet a lofted free-kick, heading home in to the bottom right corner to give his side a 1-0 lead.

John McGrath's men picked up the pace in search of an equaliser, but spurned various opportunities through the likes of Bacon and Milner. However, in the 51st minute Declan Bacon was in the right place at the right time to slot home from point blank range and make it 1-1. The scoreline remained this way for the full ninety minutes, with the hosts seeing the bulk of possession and creating the best opportunities, but unable to capitalise.

The penalty shootout finished 4-3 to St Albans, as Kemy Agustien and Stuart Beavon were the unfortunate ones. Manager, John McGrath described it as "a great performance from the boys" saying it is "only positives we take from tonight".



### **JOHN, WHAT DID YOU MAKE OF TODAY'S PERFORMANCE?**

I thought first and foremost it was a great performance from the boys; to come away from home to a team in the division above and play some good football at times against a good side.

Obviously (we're) disappointed with the result, but penalties are a lottery anyway. I'm proud of the boys, how they played and how they handled themselves.

### **HAVING HIT A GOOD RUN OF FORM RECENTLY, WHAT DO YOU TAKE FROM TODAY'S GAME?**

Yeah massively, I think it's only positives we take from tonight. If you focus on the ninety minutes, you come away from home and you play the kind of football we play, you open them up and look defensively sound, there's nothing but positives to take away.

We will look to Ashton on Saturday, exact same levels of performance, attitude and desire as tonight and I think we'll be ok.

### **WHAT IS THE MENTALITY AROUND THE SQUAD AT THE MOMENT AND HOW IS THE DRESSING ROOM?**

I think, in my four or five years as manager here, this is probably the best changing room I've had. They're a group of lads that lead themselves; yes, we set them up in certain formations but we recruited characters this year.

We've recruited James Butler, Alex Morris,

Phil Watt, George Milner, Joe Slinn, Ben Gowing all from the league below. Paddy Webb came in in January, two leagues below. Those boys are not out of their depth, they're very very good footballers in their own right and they deserve the opportunity to play in our division.

Like I said to the boys in there, if I could click my fingers and we go a division up, I don't think we're a million miles away from being a side that could challenge.

### **JUST TO TOUCH ON SOMETHING YOU MENTIONED THERE, HOW DO YOU FEEL ALL THE NEW SIGNINGS HAVE SETTLED IN AT SPORTS?"**

We try and create a really good environment here for the boys to come in, first and foremost to learn because I've got to coach them.

Some young players come in because they want to learn their trade from me and kick on and go higher. Some experienced players come in who want to get better as a footballer and try a different style of play, but everybody has come in, fresh faces and it just adds a good buzz to the place.

### **ANOTHER GOOD PERFORMANCE FROM JOE SLINN, WHO SAVED A PENALTY AGAIN. IS IT GOOD TO HAVE THAT ELEMENT OF COMPETITION BETWEEN HIM AND CALLUM HAWKINS FOR THE NUMBER ONE SHIRT?**

Yeah massively because you don't go in to a season with one centre-forward, one midfielder, one winger, you go in with a squad of eighteen that, at some point, you're going to need everybody to chip in as the season goes on.

You've got 42 league games, you've got cup games and injuries so at times Callum will play and do well or Joe will play and do well but that competition for places is exactly what I want.





# LEAGUE & SCORERS



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

Top Scorers	Goals	Team	Breakdown
Gilchrist, Jason Lee	6	South Shields	Goal (6) Penalty (0)
Cartman, Nathan	6	Scarborough Athletic	Goal (5) Penalty (1)
De Girolamo, Diego Raymond	6	Buxton	Goal (3) Penalty (3)
Orlando-Young, Rod	5	Gainsborough Trinity	Goal (5) Penalty (0)

# LEAGUE RESULTS & FIXTURES

## TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2020

ASHTON UNITED P P RADCLIFFE FC  
SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC 2 1 WHITBY TOWN  
ATHERTON COLLIERIES 5 0 BAMBER BRIDGE  
BASFORD UNITED 1 0 STAFFORD RANGERS  
BUXTON 2 2 MICKLEOVER FC  
FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER 1 1 LANCASTER CITY  
GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY 3 2 STALYBRIDGE CELTIC  
GRANTHAM TOWN 0 1 MATLOCK TOWN  
SOUTH SHIELDS 0 0 MORPETH TOWN  
WARRINGTON TOWN 2 2 NANTWICH TOWN

## SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2020

BAMBER BRIDGE VS BUXTON  
MATLOCK TOWN P P SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC  
MICKLEOVER FC VS GRANTHAM TOWN  
MORPETH TOWN P P ASHTON UNITED  
NANTWICH TOWN P P HYDE UNITED  
RADCLIFFE FC VS GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY  
STALYBRIDGE CELTIC VS BASFORD UNITED  
WHITBY TOWN P P FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER  
WITTON ALBION VS ATHERTON COLLIERIES  
LANCASTER CITY VS WARRINGTON TOWN  
WHITBY TOWN VS MORPETH TOWN

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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.

## CALLUM HAWKINS GOALKEEPER

December 12th 1999

Currently on loan from Burton Albion for a second time, Callum has proved to be a reliable goalkeeper. Born in Rotherham he has learned his trade with Burton's Academy, and signed professional for the Brewers in May 2018. He was with Mickleover for a six week spell between December 2018 and February 2019, having previously been out on loan at Gresley in 2017. His plans suffered a major blow last season, when he damaged knee ligaments in August and sat out the rest of the season. Having recently returned to the Don Amott Arena, he made his seasonal debut in the friendly match at Frickley and has played in the all of the early season NPL matches, including making a double penalty save against Morpeth.

## 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 Guseley.



## 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.

## 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.

### 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.

## **LOUIS PENNINGTON MIDFIELDER**

January 9th 2004

Louis is Mickleover through and through having been through the under 16's before becoming part of the Academy this September.

A tenacious young central midfielder he has already been on the bench for some of the pre-season games and seen some second half action, as well as having useful experience playing with the reserves too.

He is hoping to make football his career.

## **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.

## **KEMY AGUSTIEN MIDFIELDER**

August 20th 1986

His career started with his home town team of Willem II in the Netherlands Antilles.

After two years as a junior he signed professional in 2004 and played 55 games in the Dutch Eredivisie where his midfield skills flourished, before moving to AZ Alkmaar.

Although he was with AZ for four years, scoring two goals in his 25 games, he also had loans at Roda JC and played 20 games for Birmingham City in the Championship.

A further loan at RKC Waalwijk preceded a permanent move to the UK with Swansea City. He played 47 times for the Welsh side in both the Championship and Premiership, winning the League Cup with them in 2012/13. He had a loan spell at Crystal Palace, before joining Brighton, playing 17 games between 2013-2015, before moving to Denmark with Vendsyssel. The next stop was the Scottish Premiership with Hamilton Academicals, then back to the Netherlands with Dordrecht and SV Tec, with a spell in the Philippines at Global Cebu in between.

His first non league team in the UK were Nuneaton, but moves to Halesowen, Barrow, Wrexham and Bradford Park Avenue were followed by his move to Mickleover at the end

of last season. He also gained International honours with the Netherlands at Under 19, 20 and 21 levels and played 13 times for Curacao, winning the 1017 Caribbean Cup.

Kemy trained with Mickleover in pre-season and scored a classy goal in the friendly against Clipstone, and has now re-signed for the club.

## **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.

## **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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

## 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 season 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.



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# RESERVES GET BACK ON TRACK



**SPORTS RESERVES**                    **3**  
**NOTTINGHAM**                            **1**

*by Dave Mackenzie*

The Reserves got back to winning ways on Saturday against a dogged Nottingham FC side who fought until the final whistle.

The hardest part though was getting people conform to the guidelines put in place to keep people safe and separated for as much as possible.

The team went out with instructions to start with a high tempo and in the first 10 minutes had four really good chances to take the lead.

Will Monterio back in action after 6 months got into some excellent positions and was unlucky on a couple of occasions.

With Clinton Morrison pulling the strings in midfield ably aided by wee Louis Pennington and the two full backs Lopes Massampo and Tom Etheridge raiding down the flanks, it wasn't long before the deadlock was broken. a good move was finished off with a crisp strike by Jude Ayetine. Unfortunately, the tempo dropped and some of the passing was not of the usual standard, and the half finished with no further damage to either teams defences.

The words at half time were that an improvement was needed as Nottingham had shown that they had some quality and could hurt us if we didn't respond.

The play improved somewhat and from one of several corners we netted again.

The ball from the corner was low across the

box, about 3 yards out and clever movement from Bobby Battison tricked their keeper, as he dummied the ball allowing it to reach Jude at the back post for a clinical finish.

It was good to have Bobby back from injury and his introduction brought a higher level of energy and intensity.

A third goal was on the cards and it duly arrived via the cultured left foot of Adam Prusa. He gathered the ball on our right about four yards outside the box and drove into the box sidestepping a challenge and the curving the ball delightfully around the next defender and into the far corner of the net.

That should have been game, set and match however Nottingham's left winger had other ideas, stepping past two players, he was central and about 20 yards out when he unleashed a screamer that left Tom Smith with no chance.

Overall a decent performance from the aforementioned players with the central defence of Clarence (baldy) Clark and Gus Williamson solid.

MOTM came from the high energy and quality of Lopes Massampo playing at right back due to illness to Larrel King.

They now move up to sixth in the Central Midlands League South Division and are next in action away to Arnold on Tuesday 27th.

# ACADEMY B TEAM GO DOWN 3-1



**SPORTS ACADEMY BLACKS 1**  
**STAFFORD RANGERS ACADEMY 3**

*by Peter Scherer*

Following their season opening victory at home to Belper Town last week, Mickleover First Year Academy hosted Stafford Rangers at the Don Amott Arena.

It was pretty much the same starting line-up as last week, with *1-Fin Bowen 2-Lennon Hughes 3-Tom Griffiths 4-Chipigo Hamanga 5-Lewis Hughes 6-Reece Perry 7-Berhard Koecher 8 -Ethan Mann 9-Devon Smith 10-Emilio De Abreu 11-Joe Nzeymana, Subs: Dylan Sanghera, Jay Wilkinson, Dylan James, Josh Woolley, Liam Roberts, Sam Allsopp.*

It was a fairly frenetic but even start to the

game, with Koecher putting a nice through ball for Mann and Smith to chase after five minutes, before Perry but a long pass ahead for Smith to chase down too, unfortunately just too long.

Stafford soon started to take charge and after eight minutes Bowen had to sprint from his goal to intercept a loose ball.

The visitors had had a close range shot blocked by Hughes, but after 10 minutes the Mickleover defence seemed to freeze and the Stafford number seven, cast Hamanga and Hughes aside, smashing the ball passed Bowen to take a 0-1 lead.

Two minutes later the visitors were blocked again before a shot was unleashed, only for Bowen to make another diving save shortly afterwards.



Mickleover were looking to build their confidence with short but accurate passing, and after 17 minutes Smith put a weak shot from a De Abreu pass.

Stafford were clearly looking to add to their tally, but an 18th minute attempt cleared the perimeter fence.

Mann had pushed forward for Sports, but was intercepted before a pass was made. Then Hamanga headed a dangerous Stafford cross way at the other end.

More shots reigned in on the Mickleover goal, fortunately most were off target, but it was a close call after Perry lost possession giving Stafford a free kick, with the follow up just wide of the post.

There were repeated corners too for Stafford, but Sports were just holding out. De Abreu then found Smith in space, for probably the best chance of the match so far, but the Stafford keeper came out quickly to block.

39 minutes it was 0-2 when Bowen was beaten on his right hand post, quickly followed by another shot into the side netting.

42 minutes and Bowen had to race off his line again to stop the Stafford number nine from making it three, only for the same player to smash another effort off the underside of the bar and away to safety as

the half time whistle beckoned.

Sports started the second half with a promising move that saw De Abreu put a shot on target. But Bowen was soon seeing more of the ball than the Stafford defence, cutting off a promising attack after 57 minutes. He fumbled another first shot, but safely gathered a rebound as Stafford continued to threaten.

There was a chance for Sports with a 62nd minute free kick on the edge of the box, but Griffiths put the shot over the bar for a goal kick.

The tenacity of Stafford's number nine almost got him through again, but his final effort ended in the side netting again.

It was somewhat against the run of play that Mickleover pulled one back after 65 minutes. As Smith received the ball the Stafford defence seemed to part and he was left with a clear shot on goal, which he accepted gladly for 1-2.

Hughes cut out another Stafford run before Nzeymana found Koecher, who put his shot over the bar.

Both sides continued to try random shots with few on target, but with the final whistle poised, Stafford's number nine got the better of a duel with Hughes and slid it passed Bowen to consolidate their victory.



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**12** *fit and healthy  
young people*

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**80%**

of deaths occur  
*with no*  
symptoms



But **SCREENING**  
has been shown  
to lead to an

**89%**

**REDUCTION** in  
sudden cardiac death

## Raising Awareness Saves Young Lives



## Cardiac Risk in the Young

Every week in the UK at least 12 young people die of undiagnosed heart conditions. Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) aims to reduce the frequency of young sudden cardiac death (YSCD). CRY supports young people diagnosed with potentially life-threatening cardiac conditions and offers bereavement support to families affected by YSCD. CRY promotes and develops heart screening programmes and funds medical research. CRY publishes and distributes medical information written by leading cardiologists for the general public. CRY funds fast track referral, screening and cardiac pathology services at leading UK hospitals.

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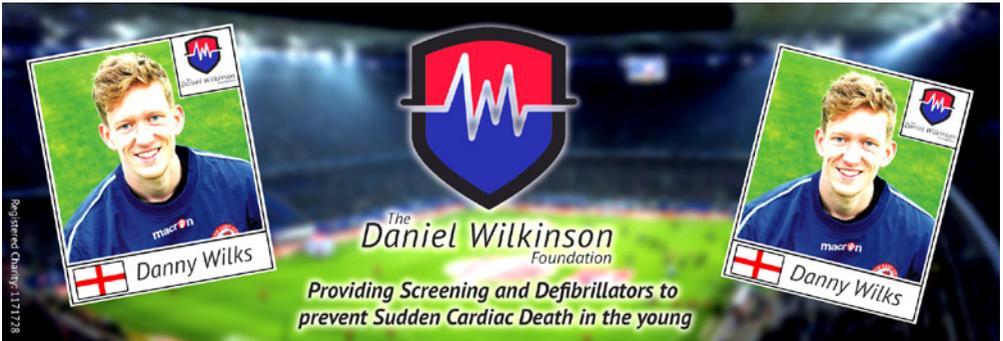
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**The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).**



Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

**Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!**

## SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN THE YOUNG (SCD)

- SCD is the leading cause of death in young athletes during sport and the majority of deaths occur with NO SYMPTOMS or family history.
- ARVC can be found in one in every 1,000 to 5,000 young adults - IF IT IS LOOKED FOR.
- Warning signs may include light-headedness, fainting, palpitations, swollen legs, breathlessness.
- Every week in the UK, 12 apparently fit and healthy young people (aged 35 and under) die from previously undiagnosed heart conditions.
- In Italy, where screening is mandatory for all young people engaged in organised sport, they have reduced the incidence of young sudden cardiac death by 89%.

## OUR MISSION

The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.

**Tragedies can be prevented through cardiac screening. It is vital that young people are identified and treated.**

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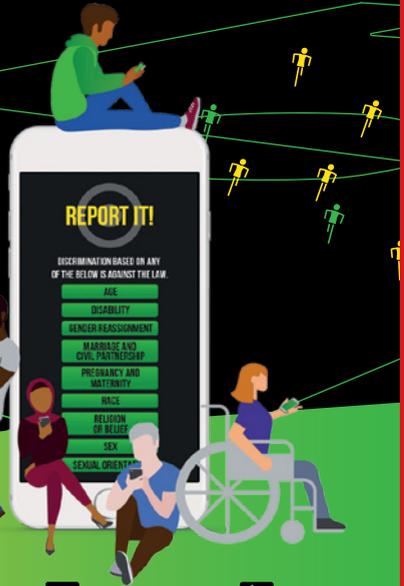
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