

THE SPORTS REPORT

THE OFFICIAL MICKLEOVER FC
MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



VS **HYDE
UNITED**



TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2020
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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: A. Nelson **Assistants:** P. Buck, K. Shaw

HYDE UNITED

Joe **Green** GK
Kyle **Brownhill**
Bradley **Roscoe**
Tom **Morris**
Kingsley **James**
Chinedu **Uche**
Jack **Sherratt**
Tom **Pratt**
Louis **Myers**
Paddy **Lane**
Theo **Bailey-Jones**
Jack **Dyche**
John **McCombe**
Matthew **Thompson**
Riccardo **Longato**
Jordan **Fagbola**
Juwon **Hamzat**
Andy **Hollins**
Liam **Tongue**
Joel **Logan**
Harry **Benns**
Ashley **Young**
Janni **Lipka**
Darius **Palma**
Craig **Ellison** GK

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Martin Coyne (Coaching Assistant)
Jake Cunningham (Physio)
Chris Shaw (Goalkeeper Coach)



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DON AMOTT CHAIRMAN

Hello, it's good to welcome Hyde United players, officials and supporters to the Arena for this evening's match.

Folks, you've all been great, but can I politely ask all our fans to comply with the coronavirus restrictions. Our volunteers work tirelessly to keep everyone safe, but we need you to play your part. It would literally kill hundreds of local clubs if a shut-down included their matches, so let's not take any risks.

Our new Mickleover Lottery is up and running and is proving itself a great success but we still need more members to take part. It really is the more the merrier as more members makes the weekly prizes bigger. And it's easy and painless, just email neilh@leisurekingdom.co.uk and he'll set you up at only £2 per week.

They say it's an ill wind that does nobody any good, and that seems true for non league football at our level. With supporters of league clubs unable to attend their clubs' games, we're noticing an uplift in numbers. The last three games saw a total of more than 1,200 fans at the Arena and people are telling me they love it here. Why not, better (and cheaper) food, a bar you can walk into at any time, and the choice of standing or sitting plus a car park that doesn't take two hours to empty.

So please tell your friends, not just about us, but about local football in general. I truly believe lots of football fans are now following non-league, let's increase the number even further. If we're too far away to travel some days, please try to help all the local clubs in the area, I can assure you like ourselves they really do appreciate your support.

On the fundraising front, Chelsea FC have sent us a signed football to auction off so anyone interested in buying this for an early Christmas present please let us know. Also Burton Albion, Stoke City and Nottingham Forest are sending signed football shirts and these are available for bids too. A huge thank you to these local league clubs who have proved themselves top friends of Mickleover FC.

Looking at the calendar today is a pretty momentous day in Christian history. One thousand, seven hundred and eight years ago, in 312 A.D. the Roman Emperor Constantine received a vision of the cross with the sign of St. Peter. He converted to Christianity immediately and the whole empire followed. It's fair to say the Roman Catholic Church was born of this moment.

Sixty years ago Ben E King recorded one of the greatest songs of all time, "Stand By Me" (although you probably didn't know a pretty good cover version was recorded by Mohammed Ali back when he was still known as Cassius Clay). And 38 years ago China told the world it's domestic population had topped the one billion mark!

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

SPORTS TAKE BISCUIT FROM GINGERBREADS



THE SPORTS 3
GRANTHAM TOWN 0

by Peter Scherer

Mickleover increased their unbeaten run to five games in the NPL with a solid 3-0 home victory against a struggling Grantham Town side.

There was one change to the team that came home from Buxton with a point last Tuesday, as Andrew Wright was back in for Josh Satchwell.

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

Grantham had a clear chance in the early minutes of the game when Hawkins had to make a point blank save from Ashley Worsfold, but overall the first 10 minutes remained fairly even.

Sports first real attack came when a good build up found Bacon, who's long shot was deflected out for a corner.

But Grantham responded calling on Morris to head clear on 13 minutes, quickly followed by a last ditch tackle from Ryan Holland, stopping a clear run on goal from Webb.

Butler took a free kick from inside Sports half that went out for a goal kick, but Grantham were still dangerous on the break and Morris had a to clear another positive

attack after 19 minutes.

It continued to and fro as Bennett played through to Wright whose cracking shot went just wide of the post, before Grantham's response was a long lofted ball into the area easily dealt with by Butler.

On 28 minutes Mickleover had another free kick in a better position. Agustien placed the kick into the box, where Butler's glancing header was just wide of the mark.

Agustien was quickly on the attack again, but this time his cross was easily taken by Grantham keeper Jan Budtz.

The pressure was beginning to build on the visitors and when Bacon was fouled on the half hour, Wright and Agustien plotted the free kick.

Three minutes later Milner put Bacon through in space inside the box. Budtz stayed on his line, but Bacon's shot was just wide of the post.

Bacon was foiled again with 10 minutes left in the first half, but another Agustien/Wright combination proved to be too far out to cause a problem for the Grantham defence.

It was nearly all Mickleover as half time approached, with Webb firing across the goal face with the block coming just before Milner collected.

After Grantham's Ben Middleton was booked for dangerous play, Beavon finally opened the scoring on 40 minutes, wrong footing Budtz before slotting home in the bottom left hand corner 1-0, with the half time whistle soon following.



Beavon was on the attack again immediately from the restart, forcing Budtz to clear hurriedly for a throw.

The visitors earned themselves a free kick which Holland sent high and wide, and Butler had to make a clearance for a corner.

After 53 minutes Mickleover made it 2-0, when a quick counter brought a classy one two between Agustien and Beavon, before a long ball was chested down by Bacon, who then cut inside and fired it in to the visitors net.

Bacon found himself in space again only three minutes later, his pass was timed to perfection again, with Webb missing contact at the far post by inches.

Webb was still chasing his first goal of the season, but after collecting a 59th minute chip, his first time volley was easily taken by the Grantham keeper.

After a tame effort from Grantham was safely taken by Hawkins, Wright was the next to try his luck, with a shot from the edge of the box collected by Budtz.

Milner then took possession in the middle, found Webb, who played Wright through, but his first time shot cannoned off a defender for a corner.

Satchwell was the first change when he came on for Wright in the 65th minute, before Beavon got another break and his shot deflected over for another corner.

After Agustien was yellow carded, Butler gave away a free kick just outside the box, but Watt cleared any threat, then Brad Abbott tried his luck from well out, but was wide of the mark again.

Mills came on for Bacon, but Sports continued to create chances. Butler got to a header in the 79th minute, well held by Budtz, but after 82 minutes Satchwell was pulled back in the area and Webb buried the following penalty for 3-0.

Battison was the next sub on for Agustien and with three minutes left Butler and Milner combined giving the latter a run on goal with his shot blocked.

There was another penalty appeal too, but a free kick was awarded which Mills took just before the final whistle.

Another good all round solid performance from all quarters, which moves Mickleover back into sixth place in the NPL, with Hyde Utd the next visitors to the Don Amott Arena on Tuesday evening.

TODAY'S OPPONENTS



Hyde FC will always be remembered for the record 26-0 FA Cup defeat suffered at the hands of Preston North End in 1887.

But the club, founded two years earlier, was anything but a collection of cotton-town bumpkins. It was a highly ambitious outfit which wanted to compete with the best sides in the North.

The 1887/88 season actually proved to be very successful and at the end of it Hyde met Newton Heath (now Manchester United) in a match the local press termed the unofficial championship of Manchester.

Hyde enjoyed a very productive period at the turn of the 20th Century when the club won four league titles. It moved to Ewen Fields in 1906 after merging with Hyde St George's and taking over the Saints' place in the Lancashire Combination.

In 1917, Hyde folded because of what was termed war reaction but in 1919 there were demands for the club to be re-established. United was added to the name because of a match between two groups which used to meet in the marketplace: the Forty Gang and the Discharged Soldiers and Sailors.

The inter-war years were a purple patch. In the 1920s, Hyde won five Manchester League championships. This record allowed them to win election to the Cheshire County League in 1930, and four years later Hyde beat Stockport County Reserves to lift the League Cup.

In 1945/46 Hyde won the Cheshire Senior Cup for the first time and in 1954 reached Round One of the FA Cup, losing to a Workington side managed by Bill Shankly. In the following two seasons the club clinched back-to-back Cheshire League titles.

Hyde's nickname, 'The Tigers', was adopted

at the end of the 1960s when they were founder members of the Northern Premier League (NPL). They were expected to struggle but fought like Tigers for two seasons and finished seventh and eleventh. However, the club could not compete financially and returned to the Cheshire League in 1970.

It took ten years for Hyde to re-emerge as a force. In 1981/82 they swept the Cheshire League board and won election back to the NPL. Hyde returned to the First Round of the FA Cup in 1983, losing at Burnley, and in 1989 made it to the Semi-Finals of the FA Trophy.

In 1986, Hyde took the radical step of selling Ewen Fields to Tameside Council so that a synthetic Baspoggrass pitch could be laid. They picked up several trophies, returned to the First Round of the FA Cup (1994) and reached two more FA Trophy Semi-Finals.

Grass was reinstated in 1995 but as the 21st Century dawned Hyde began to struggle. They finished second to Leigh in 1999/2000 but were relegated to the NPL First Division three years later. They won the championship at the first attempt and immediately followed up with the NPL title in 2004/05.

Fortunes were mixed in National League North. Hyde were badly affected by the banking crisis of 2008 and the following year were actually wound up for a week.

In 2010, Hyde agreed a deal for Manchester City's Elite Development Squad to use Ewen Fields. The money secured the club's immediate future but a decision to revert to the old name of Hyde FC, repainting



the ground blue from the traditional red and to stop wearing red shirts, divided the fans. A poor season followed, but under the management of Gary Lowe, the Tigers amazed everyone in 2011/12.

Beginning the campaign with ten consecutive wins, Hyde won the championship and promotion to the National division where they continued to surprise the pundits by finishing eighteenth and by beating clubs such as Wrexham, Hereford United, Luton Town and Grimsby Town.

Unfortunately, Hyde were unable to continue competing at such a high level and suffered back-to-back relegations which have taken them back to the NPL.

In the spring of 2015 Hyde, back under the management of Gary Lowe, returned to the name of Hyde United and announced plans to turn the club into a Supporters' Trust. Hyde United parted company with six games left of the 2015/16 season due to a poor run of results and appointed Darren Kelly as manager for the remaining games. However, Darren wasn't able to prevent the team from their third successive relegation, this time to the EVO-STIK First Division North.

Darren Kelly was appointed first team manager during the close-season for the coming 2016/17 season after applications were invited for the vacant post, which attracted a large number of applicants and some from some notable names in football management.

Hyde United FC secured funding from Tameside Council in March of 2016. The

investment was to help fund a programme to transform the ground and its connections with the local community by laying a FIFA 2* 3G pitch, which was completed in July 2016. It enabled the Hyde United Academy to move to Ewen Fields from its five year home at Knutsford. Which will enable the Academy players train and gain experience from the first team.

The 2016/17 season did not start as expected with the squad only winning 6 of their first 24 games in the league. The first half of the season saw several players released that had not worked out and new players coming into the squad. The most significant signings were around December 2016 and January 2017, the additions of Paddy Miller, Matt Beadle Lawrence Hunter and Chris Sutherland were a turning point in the season. From late December, the team only lost 2 of their remaining 18 games, finally finishing tenth in the table.

The 2017/18 season was one of the best seasons the club has experienced in recent years, with the restructure of the divisions at Step 4, a possible four teams could be promoted from any of the six Step 4 divisions. The top two from each league would gain automatic promotion with the team with the best points per game average finishing third across the six divisions would also gain automatic promotion, then the next four highest placed teams in the divisions would compete for the last promotion spot via Play-offs. It was Hyde that gained that automatic third place with a last minute winner from skipper Paddy Miller, away at Mossley in the last but one

game of the season. Right up to the final games it was very close between Hyde and Scarborough for second place, and Scarborough eventually took second spot by three points in the end.

It was also a season that saw the Tigers progress to the First Round of the FA Cup for the first time in 26 years, with a home televised fixture against Milton Keynes. The Tiger lost 4-0, but it was a fantastic tribute to the work and effort everyone had put in at the club, and it produced some much needed funds into the football club. Funds that enabled the management team to strengthen the squad and make a real attempt at promotion, which eventually paid off. So after two seasons of being in the EVO-STIK North Division, Hyde return to the EVO-STIK Premier Division.

The 2019/20 season started with a new manager in the then assistant manager, Dave McGurk, taking over the reins as manager of two and half season, Darren Kelly, stepped up to the role of Sporting Director and centre half, John McCombe taking the vacant assistant managers position. There were hopes of a decent finish in the league for the 2019/20 season, after finishing tenth in the previous season, but it looked like a tricky start with games away to the early favourites for the title, FC United and South Shields, in the first three games. But the Tigers got off to a good start, winning both of those away fixtures. It was an up and down season but started to improve towards the end of the season, before the COVID-19 pandemic saw the season null and voided with Hyde sitting in tenth place and looking to improve on that position. The sudden end to the season saw the club robbed of two Semi-Finals games in the League Cup and the Cheshire Senior Cup.

The extended gap to the end of the 2019/20 season and the start of the 2020/21 season didn't see the club sit idle, in fact it was chance for the club to reclaim the ground by giving it a full refurb. The 2020/21 season sees the ground returned to its traditional red, all done with the help of the volunteers and supporters. The management team wasn't idle either, quickly securing the services of many of the players from the 2019/20 season and adding strength and competition to the squad with some new signings.

SELECTED PEN PICS

JOE GREEN GOALKEEPER

Joe started his playing career in the Sheffield United youth setup, it was whilst at Sheffield he had the opportunity to play for a college in New York. On his return to the UK he had trials at Barnsley and Chesterfield and eventually signed for Newport County as cover for first choice Goalkeeper Joe Day. Joe finally ended up at Guiseley, where he spent a couple of seasons playing in the Conference, he also had a loan spell at Gainsborough Trinity.

BRADLEY ROSCOE DEFENDER

Bradley returns to the Tigers this season after signing last season. He started his youth career at Preston North End before moving to Fleetwood Town in 2015. He had an on loan spell at AFC Fylde whilst with Fleetwood Town. He had spells at Ramsbottom United and Glossop North End before joining Buxton and was in the team of the year last season.

CHINEDU UCHE MIDFIELDER

Chinedu signed for the Tiger during pre-season, having impressed the management team. He started his playing career as an Oldham Athletic U18 player before stepping up to the first team, before making the switch to Glossop North End during the 2019/20 season.

TOM PRATT FORWARD

Tom was signed from Trafford at the start of the 2017/18 season and this will be his fourth season at Ewen Fields. He fast became a fans favourite because of the 100% commitment he gives for every game. Able to play anywhere across the front line and knows where the net is. Finishing the 2017/18 season as top scorer, running Chib Chilaka close for top scorer in the 2018/19 season and before last season was ruled null and void, was he was the leading scorer.

FIXTURES & STATISTICS

2020-21

Date	Competition	Venue	Result	Opponent
Sports score first				
12/09/2020	FA CUP Q1			FA Cup Prelim
19/09/2020	NPL	A	0 - 3	South Shields
23/09/2020	FA CUP Q1	A	2 - 1	Leek Town
26/09/2020	NPL	H	1 - 2	Morpeth Town
29/09/2020	NPL	H	2 - 1	Witton Albion
03/10/2020	FA CUP Q2	H	4 - 1	Newark
06/10/2020	NPL	A	P-P	Stalybridge Celtic
10/10/2020	NPL	H	3 - 2	Warrington Town
14/10/2020	FA CUP Q3	A	1 - 1 (3-4)	St Albans City
17/10/2020	NPL	A	3 - 0	Ashton United
20/10/2020	NPL	A	2 - 2	Buxton
24/10/2020	NPL	H	3 - 0	Grantham Town
27/10/2020	NPL	H		Hyde United
31/10/2020	FA Buildbase Trophy			
03/11/2020	NPL	A		Nantwich Town
07/11/2020	NPL	H		Gainsborough Trinity
14/11/2020	NPL	A		Scarborough Athletic
17/11/2020	NPL	A		FC United of Manchester
21/11/2020	NPL	H		Matlock Town
28/11/2020	NPL	A		Lancaster City FC
05/12/2020	NPL	H		Whitby Town
12/12/2020	NPL	A		Atherton Collieries
19/12/2020	NPL	H		Radcliffe
26/12/2020	NPL	A		Basford United
01/01/2021	NPL	H		Stafford Rangers
09/01/2021	NPL	A		Morpeth Town
16/01/2021	NPL	H		Bamber Bridge
23/01/2021	NPL	A		Gainsborough Trinity
30/01/2021	NPL	H		Nantwich Town
06/02/2021	NPL	A		Hyde United
10/02/2021	FA CUP	H		FA CUP R5
13/02/2021	NPL	H		Scarborough Athletic
20/02/2021	NPL	H		Buxton
23/02/2021	NPL	A		Grantham Town
27/02/2021	NPL	A		Warrington Town
06/03/2021	NPL	H		Ashton United
13/03/2021	NPL	H		FC United of Manchester
20/03/2021	NPL	A		Matlock Town
27/03/2021	NPL	H		Lancaster City FC
03/04/2021	NPL	A		Witton Albion
05/04/2021	NPL	H		Basford United
10/04/2021	NPL	A		Bamber Bridge
17/04/2021	NPL	H		South Shields
24/04/2021	NPL	H		Atherton Collieries
01/05/2021	NPL	A		Radcliffe
03/05/2021	NPL	A		Stafford Rangers
08/05/2021	NPL	H		Stalybridge Celtic
15/05/2021	NPL			Emirates FA CUP Final
	TBA	A		Stalybridge Celtic

	1	2	3	4	5
Hawkins	Bennett	Morris	Warren	Butler	
Slinn	Bennett	Morris	Warren	Butler	
Hawkins	Bennett	Morris	Warren	Butler	
Hawkins	Bennett	Morris	Warren	Butler	
Slinn	Bennett	Morris	Augustien	Butler	
Slinn	Bennett	Morris	Warren	Butler	
Slinn	Bennett	Morris	Augustien	Butler	
Hawkins	Bennett	Morris	Augustien	Butler	
Hawkins	Bennett	Morris	Augustien	Butler	
Hawkins	Bennett	Morris	Augustien	Butler	

TBA		
Goalscorers --		
	League	Cups
Beavon	4	2
Bacon	3	3
Wright	1	2
Watt	2	
Milner	1	
Butler	1	
Bennett	1	
Webb	1	
	14	7

LEAGUE & SCORERS



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

Top Scorers	Goals	Team	Breakdown
De Girolamo, Diego Raymond	7	Buxton	Goal (2) Penalty (5)
Gilchrist, Jason Lee	6	South Shields	Goal (6) Penalty (0)
Cartman, Nathan	6	Scarborough Athletic	Goal (5) Penalty (1)
Orlando-Young, Rod	5	Gainsborough Trinity	Goal (5) Penalty (0)
Hazel, Jacob Louis	5	Whitby Town	Goal (4) Penalty (1)

LEAGUE RESULTS & FIXTURES

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2020

Bamber Bridge 1 2 Buxton
Matlock Town P P Scarborough Athletic
Mickleover FC 3 0 Grantham Town
Morpeth Town P P Ashton United
Nantwich Town P P Hyde United
Radcliffe FC 2 1 Gainsborough Trinity
Stalybridge Celtic 0 1 Basford United
Whitby Town P P FC United of Manchester
Witton Albion 2 1 Atherton Collieries
Lancaster City 2 1 Warrington Town
Whitby Town 2 1 Morpeth Town

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2020

Ashton United P P Grantham Town
Bamber Bridge vs Gainsborough Trinity
Basford United vs Scarborough Athletic
Mickleover FC vs Hyde United
Radcliffe FC vs Whitby Town
South Shields vs FC United of Manchester
Stafford Rangers vs Atherton Collieries
Stalybridge Celtic vs Morpeth Town
Warrington Town vs Buxton

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Saylavy

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PABLO MILLS



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AMAN VERMA



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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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BACK ON THE ROAD IN THE LEAGUE



ARNOLD TOWN VS SPORTS RESERVES

by Peter Scherer

Mickleover Reserves were without a game last Saturday, following their home win at home to Nottingham FC the previous week.

Tonight they visit Arnold Town for a 7.45pm kick off.

The home side started the season with a 2-0 defeat at Holbrook St Michaels, followed by a 3-0 defeat to Underwood Villa in their first home match.

On September 19th they visited Linby and were hammered 7-1, before picking

up their only points so far with a 3-1 win at home to bottom of the table Teversal Reserves.

They went out of the League Cup 2-1 to 780 JLC and then lost the next league match at home to Rowsley 2-1.

After a 3-1 defeat by Heanor Town Reserves in the Floodlit Cup, they were torn apart again in their last game too, suffering a 7-2 defeat to Pinxton.

With a goal difference of -16, they currently lie 17th in the table, with Sports in sixth.

REDS PUT NINE PASSED BELPER



SPORTS ACADEMY REDS **9**
BELPER TOWN ACADEMY **0**

by Peter Scherer

Mickleover Academy's second year students played their first match of the season last Thursday lunchtime, away to Belper Town.

Belper had lost to our First Year Black line-up last week, so victory was expected.

Bobby Battison scored three of the goals, and Brodie Carter was on the score twice too. Kai Moore, Ted Stevenson and Fin Barker also found the back of the net, with an own goal making it a resounding 9-0 victory!!



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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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