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MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY

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DON AMOTT CHAIRMAN



Here we are, a Saturday in mid August, and another season upon us. And as you can see, the ground at the Don Amott Arena has never looked better.

Our new 3G pitch, a new and improved stand, and access to all four sides of the ground. I hope you like what you see, I must add a huge thank you to Chris Head, Tim Pugh-Lewis and Mike Robinson. They truly have done a momentous job. Here's hoping you like what you see as much as I do.

Obviously these improvements don't come cheap, particularly after two non-existent seasons, so it's on with the fundraising. I do hope you enjoyed the return of "Hot August Night". Of course there will be more fund-raisers but you can do your bit by simply encouraging your friends and family to come and watch football as it used to be, something for the whole family. I think you'll agree that from the entrance fee, the price of beer at the bar all the way to the price of burgers in the van, you can escape our matches without needing a new mortgage!

This week we welcome our first home opponents of the season, Gainsborough Trinity, a fine old club, 148 years in the making, and former Football League members. I was also interested to note that Neil Warnock is a former manager of the club.

August 17th is an interesting date in

history. One of the great historical mysteries dates back to this day 431 years ago (1590) when the Governor of the Roanoke Island Colony in what is now the USA, returned from England after three years, to find the site abandoned and no trace of the inhabitants. And 76 years ago a long running problem was set up when Korea was divided into North and South Korea along the 38th parallel. That one is still bubbling! And today marks birthdays for the late Mae West and the very much still with us Robert de Niro. Two wonderful talents.

Final thanks today to the marvellous Lady Chichester (our landlord) and to the clubs many sponsors old and new. You know who you are! We honestly couldn't be competitive without you!

John and his team are ready to head out there again, and hopefully fight out a complete season as we again seek to head the table. Here we are, the beautiful game is with us again. I remain honoured to be Chairman of this club, and to cheer on the red and the black!

Enjoy the game and enjoy the season!

D. Amott

GAME TIME!

TODAY'S LINEUPS

MICKLEOVER FC

Callum Hawkins
Jake Bennett
Alex Morris
James Butler
Phil Watt
Joe Bateman
Mason Warren (c)
Andrew Wright
Paddy Webb
Ben Gowing
Roger Lee
Kemy Agustien
George Milner
Andy Dales
Stuart Beavon
Declan Bacon
Bobby Battisson
George Atwal
Joe Slinn
Jacob Lucas-Edge
Finley Bowen
Josh Satchwell
Ben Lewin
Will Robinson
Ethan Mann
Finn Barker



GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY

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Lewis Carr
Cieron Keane
Charlie Jemson
Callum Minkley
Joe Wilson
Kyle Dixon
Neal Bishop
Alex Wollerton
Gianluca Bucci
Jock Curran
George Hornshaw
Toby Gould
Jack Gibson
Curtis Morrison
Ben Morris



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Pablo Mills (Coach)
Jonah Jones (GK Coach)
Jake Shaw (Physio)

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Tom Shaw (Manager)
Jake Sheridan (Ass. Manager)
Damon Parkinson (Ass. Manager)
Neale Bishop (Coach)
Jonathan Whitehorne (Physio)

SPORTS GO DOWN IN SEASON OPENER

BY PETER SCHERER

It was always going to be tough visiting South Shields for the first game of the new NPL season, but for 33 minutes Mickleover held off the hosts challenge.

Callum Hawkins was under attack in the Mickleover goal from the word go, pulling off a save from a 20 yard strike from Darius Osei.

Only three minutes later he was in action again, collecting a Nathan Lowe free kick. It wasn't one-way traffic however, but skipper Mason Warren found himself on the end of a foul by Blair Adams, which earned the South Shields defender a yellow card.

The hosts had a positive attack down the right wing 12 minutes in, but the final ball was too long. Three minutes later Phil Watt joined Adams in the book, after bringing down Osei in full flight.

Rob Briggs took the free kick for South Shields, which Hawkins had covered as it went just over the bar.

As the first half hour was completed however, Mickleover were forced to make a change with Kemy Agustien coming on for Warren.

The hosts were on the attack again though and just after Adams had a shot blocked, he collected the ball again from the left and sent a

scorching shot out of Hawkins reach into the top corner after 34 mins, 0-1.

There was a chance for Mickleover to bounce back, when a mix up in the hosts defence left Dec Bacon with a one on one on Myles Boney in the South Shields goal. His initial effort was saved, but he collected the ball again and had his shot tipped over.

Briggs shot just past the post after 40 mins and Hawkins had to pull off another save, diving to his right to keep out a 15 yard free kick from Lowe.

Into injury time for the first half it could so easily have been level again, as Stuart Beavon's header went close after collecting a cross from the right.

Only three minutes into the second half it was 0-2 though, when debutant Ntumba Massanka met an Adams cross. Six minutes later it was South Shields third and Massanka's second, after Osei's initial shot was blocked, then fell kindly for the striker to hit the roof of the net 0-3.

The hosts had a penalty appeal turned down after 61 mins and Hawkins saved well again from a Briggs header seven minutes later.

In the closing minutes Bobby Battisson was booked for a trip and on Conor Tee and in the final seconds Sports saw their last attempt skim the crossbar.

**South Shields 3- 0 Mickleover FC
Saturday 14 August 2021**



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TODAY'S OPPONENTS



Gainsborough Trinity's first match was against Newton Heath, who went bankrupt ten years later before reforming as Manchester United. Trinity held on to their place in Division Two but based in an area with a small population it was always a struggle and the club returned to the Midland League in 1912. Here they were to settle and earn more success, winning the championship in 1927/28, 1948/49 and 1966/67, also finishing in second place on two occasions.

In 1960/61 the league was suspended for one season and Trinity competed in the Central Alliance. On returning to the Midland League the club remained there until becoming founder members of the Northern Premier League in 1969. Gainsborough have never won the NPL although the club twice finished in 4th place and have taken league cup honours on two

occasions along with the Chairman's Charity Shield. Trinity was the longest-serving member of the NPL, ending a 36-year stay after finishing tenth in the Premier Division to earn a place in the extended Conference Nationwide North for 2004/05.

Trinity has long been noted for finding players who have gone on to play in the Football League and the man who was to become their Honorary Manager for over 30 years, Charles Caldicott, arranged the transfers to League clubs of 19 players in the 1930's and 40's. Several former Trinity stars went on to play for England; goalkeeper Ronnie Sewell, who also played for Burnley, Jackie Morton who was sold to West Ham United and left winger Fred Spicksley who went to Sheffield Wednesday and played seven times for his country, twice scoring hat tricks against Scotland.

Trinity also has a proud record in the FA Cup, and between 1927 and 1939 established a non-league record by appearing eight times in the Second Round Proper. In the season 2006 - 2007 the club reached the First Round Proper for the 36th time in their history before losing at home to Hartlepool. As a Midland League side they have recorded five victories against Football League opposition, beating Crewe twice in 1928 and 1931, Port Vale in 1937 and Gateshead the following year. The first competition after the Second World War saw most rounds played over two legs, and Trinity recorded a First Round aggregate victory over Mansfield Town.

Trinity has always been a well-run club with a dedicated team of directors who kept the club solvent and, for their size, relatively successful. However, in the spring of 2009 there was a major change in the management of Gainsborough Trinity when Peter Swan, a businessman new to town, bought out his fellow directors and took overall charge of the club. His ambition for Gainsborough and for Trinity was high and fans soon noticed this with the arrival of Luke Beckett; Huddersfield's Town top scorer who also quickly became Trinity's top scorer. The pace of major signings continued many with recent Football League/Conference experience.

At the beginning of the next season, it would have been fair to say that there was a real bout of optimism in the town and amongst Trinity supporters. However after very few games in which the lack of success was noticeable, especially at home, the new owner dispensed with the services of the then manager, Steve Charles, and his coaching staff and appointed the very experienced manager, Brian Little, in his place. He brought with him a wide and successful experience as manager; his previous clubs including Aston Villa, Leicester and Hull and it was hoped he would bring the same success to Gainsborough Trinity. As the season progressed it quickly became clear that it was a false dawn - results were not going well for the Blues, this despite the Chairman's continued investment in experienced players and the past success of the Manager. At the end of the season Trinity narrowly escaped relegation and the optimism at the start of the season had faded into disappointment with results and performances.

This disappointment continued into the next season, and it was not long before the manager's services were dispensed with, and his deputy Steve Housham appointed to the post. Steve was known through the respect he had earned playing for Scunthorpe and through bringing success as manager at Brigg Town. The Steve Housham era as manager, together with the investments of the Chairman, began to

SELECTED PEN PALS

MATT YATES GOALKEEPER

Matt Yates has impressed during his trial period at the club, impressing the coaches, players and supporters with his calm, reassuring presence between the sticks. During his time with Derby County, he gained valuable experience in the National League North at AFC Telford United, Gloucester City and Hereford United. Now looking to play regular football, the chance to don the gloves at Gainsborough Trinity provided an exciting proposition for the 22 year old keeper. Former clubs include Derby County, Gloucester City on loan, AFC Telford on loan and Hereford United on loan.

LEWIS CARR DEFENDER

Strong central defender, Lewis Carr has a wealth of experience in and around Northern Premier League level. Spells at Grantham Town and Basford United led to play-off charges and title tilts, experiences sure to help the youthful Trinity side. Lewis has plied his trade at Basford since October 2016. He signed for Basford from Grantham, having also had spells with Quorn and Stamford, and having played professionally for Cambridge United. Part of a successful side, which has been in and around the top end of the Northern Premier, his knowledge will greatly lend to the young, energetic looking squad the Holy Blues are piecing together. Previous sides include Cambridge United, Grantham Town and Basford United.

KYLE DIXON MIDFIELDER

Gainsborough is a career choice for Kyle, having turned down better financial packages from other clubs, to ply his trade in Trinity blue. Kyle came through the Notts County Academy before forging a good career in non-league football. Still only in his mid-twenties, Dixon is tipped to have a fantastic season with the Holy Blues. Expected to contribute good numbers of goals and assists from the middle of the park, Kyle promises to be a hit with the Trinity faithful. Previous clubs include Notts County, Boston United, AFC Telford United, Ilkeston Basford United and Newark Flowserv.

TOBY GOULD FORWARD

Exciting young forward, Toby Gould is a player held in high regard by Head Coach, Tom Shaw. Hard working Toby likes to get on the ball and ask questions of opposition defences. He is a player who likes to run with the ball and make things happen, a style of play will excite the Trinity faithful. As a youngster, Gould spent time at the likes of QPR and Fulham and will bring creativity and flair to the flanks.

bear fruit and success at last arrived. In 2011/12 the club finished fourth in the Conference North, qualifying for the promotion play-offs. However, after beating Halifax Town in the semi-finals, Trinity lost the final 1-0 to Nuneaton Town in front of a Northolme packed to capacity.

Success continued the following season (2012/13) as Trinity reached the semi-finals of the FA Trophy for the first time, losing to eventual winners Wrexham. The fact that the away game was televised was a first for the club, though those with limited technical skills found they had to cope with a commentary in Welsh! However, the combination of money and Steve Housham's undoubtedly skill at management was not to last. At the end of this season, major change was to come again as the Chairman took his money and moved to Scunthorpe United. Despite the Chair fulfilling his promise of not leaving the club in debt, he did leave a club with the turmoil of finding new directors, new investment and new players on a vastly reduced budget.

It was at this time, the beginning of 2013/14, that the spirit of Gainsborough came to the fore and local businessmen, many relatively young, volunteered to take over the helm. It was a very challenging time, but the work of the new team of directors, together with the skills of Steve Housham in choosing players, many on loan, ensured that this season of transition did not end in relegation and the town breathed a sigh of relief.

Trinity's Northolme ground has been a home of sport for nearly 150 years, beginning life as a cricket ground, later sharing it with Trinity before it became owned by the Trinity Supporters Club. The record attendance for a football match was recorded in the Midland League during the 1940's when 9760 witnessed a game against near neighbours Scunthorpe United. However, in 2009 the arrival of Peter Swann, the ambitious Chairman, nearly brought an end to the Northolme as Trinity's home as he put forward a planning application to create a new sports complex in association with a local school to provide a new ground, improved parking, a social club as well as multi-weather training pitches for use by the club, the school and other local sports clubs. This proposal split the town and the fans but when the initial application was turned down, the Chairman decided to move on and the Northolme was saved from the indignity of being turned into a supermarket!

Richard Kane took over as Chairman of the club in January 2014 and quickly set about bringing the club back to the community. A local businessman Kane immediately set about cutting the cloth accordingly, as the side fought to remain in the second tier of non-league football. Steve Housham and Darryn Stamp were the men in charge when Kane took the

helm, in total managing the club for five years. Despite a good FA Cup run that saw Trinity beat neighbours Boston United, lower tier Droylsden in a seven goal thriller and Wrexham at the Racecourse Ground, before a narrow defeat to Shrewsbury Town.

Club legend Dominic Roma took over in the February of 2015, on an interim basis, with the side sliding towards relegation. He oversaw the side's safety and was subsequently named permanent manager, appointing Martin Foster as his assistant in the summer. A shift towards a more professional approach and a younger side started brightly, but with a post-Christmas slide, Roma stood down. Dave Frecklington was next to be appointed as manager, making it three managers in as many years for chairman Richard Kane. Frecklington, who had good success at a lower level with Spalding & brought vastly experienced Terry Fleming as his assistant. Frecks secured the club's National League North status by default, despite losing 5-1 at FC United of Manchester on the final day, Worcester losing to Fylde, on an afternoon of rollercoaster emotions left Trinity to fight another day.

An up and down opening half to the season saw the Holy Blues reach the first round of the FA Cup, beating Champions elect, Harrogate en-route, but a chastening 0-6 reverse at the Martin & Co Arena literally knocked the Blues for six. With the month of February once again approaching and the Holy Blues struggling for form, a turgid away record that included 3-0 4-0 and 5-0 defeats to Leamington Blyth & Bradford Park Avenue, Lee Sinnott and John Reed were brought in to stop the rot. Ultimately, the experienced duo just came up short, despite Ashley Worsfold being in good form in front of goal, yet Sinnott & Reed were given the summer to rebuild in attempt to bounce straight back having lost the unique record of not having been promoted or relegated in 144 years.

A promising start to the Evo-Stik Northern Premier campaign harboured much hope, a resounding 8-2 victory over Chasetown in the FA Cup, but with the play-off dream slipping away with heavy home defeats to Warrington and Farsley, the managerial pack was shuffled again. Club captain, Liam King took the reins alongside experienced forward Ross Hannah, improved results and performances happened immediately, but an unforeseen set of circumstances happened as North Ferriby folded, their record expunged, and Trinity's six points lost ultimately cost the Blues the final play-off spot.

When the 2019/20 campaign was ended due to COVID 19, Trinity sat in 11th spot with 42 points from thirty-two games. Last season also fell to the continuing COVID crisis with the Blues earning 12 points from the eight games.



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TABLE & SCORERS

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

Top Scorers	Goals	Team	Breakdown
Buckley, Jordan	2	Warrington Town	Goal (2) Penalty (0)
Kenton, Joseph	2	Stafford Rangers	Goal (2) Penalty (0)
Massanka, Ntumba	2	South Shields	Goal (2) Penalty (0)

RESULTS & FIXTURES

**SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 2021**

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

TUESDAY 17 AUGUST 2021

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

SATURDAY 21 AUGUST 2021

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

TUESDAY 24 AUGUST 2021

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

SATURDAY 28 AUGUST 2021

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

MONDAY 30 AUGUST 2021

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

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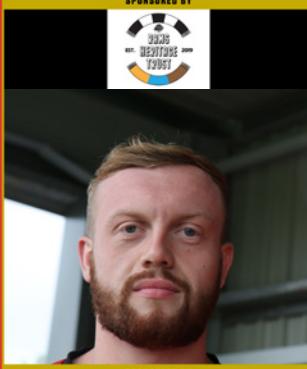
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PLAYER PROFILES



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 joined Mickleover in summer 2020 and shared first team duties with Hawkins throughout the aborted season.

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 all of the early season NPL matches, including making a double penalty save against Morpeth. Back on a season long loan from Burton Albion, after the Brewers extended his contract, the rivalry between Callum and Joe Slinn should keep them both on their toes.

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. He formed a strong central defensive partnership with James Butler early on, which just got stronger, as well as getting himself on the score sheet on a number of occasions too.

“Watty” was also the man who ran the first team squad zoom sessions to keep everyone fit during lockdown.

JAMES BUTLER DEFENDER

February 11th 2000

A Stoke City Schoolboy and Academy player for nine years, James became 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 of 2020 both he and team mate Alex Morris made the move to the Don Amott Arena. His strength, dependability and old school style of no nonsense defending, soon made him a favourite with the Mickleover fans and he soon became established as a kingpin of the defence.

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.

He joined Sheffield Utd in 2016 and making his first team debut in the EFL Cup in 2017, plus other first appearances in some friendly matches. He was then due to go on loan to Chesterfield, but played against them in a friendly and collected a cruciate ligament injury, putting him out of action for 10 months.

A further thigh injury on his comeback 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 in December 2019 in the Southern League Premier Division Central. He opted to return to Mickleover during the summer, of 2020 as he was 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.”

First choice last season at right back, his overlapping runs also meant he was on hand to find the back of the net on occasions too.

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. Alex was first choice left back last season and one of the mainstays of our table topping defence.

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 2020 and was a regular member of the first team squad all season.

MASON WARREN MIDFIELDER

March 28th 1997

Born in Doncaster, Mason came through the junior ranks at Rotherham Utd, signing professional in May 2015 and spent three years with them. 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 captain of last year's side that finished top of the aborted NPL and will be leading us into this seasons campaign too.

ANDREW WRIGHT MIDFIELDER

September 17th 1996

He started at Chesterfield before becoming 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 2019, but after a couple of months he came to the Don Amott Arena and made his debut in the home game against Radcliffe that November, scoring his first goal against Grantham in January 2020. Club vice captain and a motivator both on and off the field, always leading by example. Always looking for that shot on goal but at present he is recovering from a knee operation, but hopes to be back in action in September.

KEMY AGUSTIEN MIDFIELDER

August 20th 1986

Born in the Netherlands Antilles, his career started with Dutch side Willem II. 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 2017 Caribbean Cup. Kemy trained with Mickleover in pre-season and scored a classy goal in the friendly against Clipstone, prompting to resign for this current season. His class on the ball is unquestionable, as is his character, as a valued and talented midfielder.

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. A dynamo of a player who would run all day, creative, dangerous and wears his heart on his sleeve. A true asset to the club in every respect and a regular goal scorer.

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 in 2020, but came off the bench five times. A regular member of the successful reserve team, and kingpin of the Midlands and National Academy Championship winning team last season. He now plays as a wing or centre back as well as his more familiar striking role. He has had trials at Coventry City and Fleetwood Town.

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 ½ 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. His hopes were high last season, but was first to admit that he struggled for form and was just about getting there when the season was abandoned.

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 goalscoring 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. He was a regular scorer for Mickleover last season and has already found the net in a number of pre-season games.

DECLAN BACON FORWARD

Dec returned to the Don Amott Arena last season, having been a Mickleover player a few seasons earlier. He finished 2019/20 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. He came back to us on loan from Gainsborough and quickly found his scoring form, as we hit the top of the table. That prompted Gainsborough to recall him, before he came back to Mickleover permanently to complete the aborted 20/21 season. If he hits the same vein of form as he did last season, he is one to watch.

SMITH HITS FIVE IN RESERVES NINE GOAL ROUT

BY PETER SCHERRER

With last Saturday's opening day win at South Normanton still fresh, Mickleover

Reserves had their first home game in this seasons Central Midlands Premier Division South campaign last night against Hilton.

Starting line-up 1-Finley Bowen 2- Larrel King 3-Ben Lewin 4-George Atwal 15 -Ethan Mann 6-Will Robinson 7-Lewis Benjamin 8-Jake Edge-Lucas 9- Devon Smith 10-Bobby Battisson 17 Finn Barker. Subs: Ash Elliott; Ted Stevenson; Pablo Mills.

It was hard to even count the seconds before Smith opened the scoring for Mickleover, maybe 10 if we are generous to Hilton, 1-0.

But the visitors tried to respond quickly, with skipper Lewin clearing the danger after three minutes, before the game started to settle.

It could easily have been a second for Mickleover when only the visiting keepers legs saved them , after good ball in from Battisson created Barker's shooting chance.

A minute later and it was 2-0 after Battisson found himself one on one with the Hilton keeper, before successfully chipping over his advancing rival.

Mickleover were playing the ball around the field with growing confidence, with

King and Lewin free to roam on the wings, as Robinson and Mann coped with Hilton's advances relatively easily.

Edge-Lucas poured loads of energy into his midfield role, while Atwal, Battisson and Benjamin were more tactical in their approach.

Lewin had a shot just wide after 23 minutes, but the ease of Mickleover's game, with both skill and pace was just too much for the visitors.

Battisson almost sent Barker clear after 24 mins and a minute later after Battisson was fouled on the edge of the box, Atwal's free kick was well-saved by the Hilton keeper, tipping over for a corner.

King then tried his luck after a slow build up, his shot was just wide too, while only two minutes later he was almost through again, but a last minute tackle came in before he was able to shoot.

After Barker had a shot straight at the keeper well held, Lewin the tested him too with a low drive at the right corner.

But Hilton did get a break after 32 mins forcing Bowen to race off his line to clear the danger, setting up another Barker attack, before the striker lost possession just outside the box.

A couple of minutes later and Mann had a shot too, from outside the box he fired just over the bar.

Hilton then had a yellow card after a second attempt to foul Atwal, took the



midfielders legs from beneath him.

Mickleover's third goal had only been a matter of time and it came after 38 mins, after Battisson hit the post. Edge-Lucas' shot went close and then after hitting the bar, Robinson made it 3-0 from the rebound. The Hilton keeper must have felt like a ping pong ball, as the shots had reigned in from all angles.

It was nearly half time but still time for one more. Barker had broken through again and hit the post, Edge-Lucas then picked it up and charged for goal, only to brought down for a penalty. Atwal made no mistake from the spot, to send the team in for half time with a comfortable 4-0 lead.

As the second half got underway, Mickleover were soon on the attack again. Although Barker's input was more visible, Smith's play caused havoc for the Hilton defence. 49 mins and he got his second and Mickleover's fifth 5-0!!

5 minutes later and it goal number six and Battisson's second. He created his own space with time on his side, before placing a perfectly weighted shot over the top of a dormant Hilton defence into the roof of the net.

Smith's hattrick soon followed 7-0,

before the first of the subs came on with Mills and Elliott for Battisson and Benjamin after 59 mins, with Stevenson soon following.

Hilton had a rare chance after 71 mins, but a clear shot was well wide of Bowen's goal, but play at both ends had started to show signs of casualness.

78 mins and Smith smashed in another, having been almost unchallenged by the defence, but two minutes later a rare mistake in the Mickleover defence left Hilton clear to pull one back, after Bowen was given no chance at close range, 8-1.

Possible double figures were on the cards and the shots came in thick and fast over the last 10 minutes. Barker shot just over on 80 mins, then Mills similarly seven minutes later.

Hilton had another shot just wide with two mins left, before Smith got his fifth after low cross in from Lewin finds him totally free in space, 9-1. In the final minute he could so easily have had a sixth, but his effort went straight across the front of an open goal.

Mickleover Reserves 9-1 Hilton Harriers
Tuesday 10th August 2021

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