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## MORPETH TOWN

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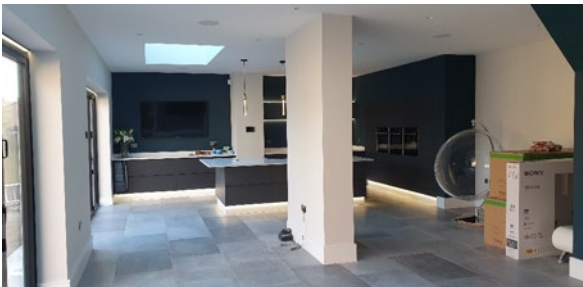
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# INJURIES SOURING OUR SEASON SO FAR



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Hello and a big welcome to the Don Amott Arena. Especially to our visitors, another proud non-league club with a fine history, Morpeth Town.

They're 112 years old but their greatest glory came only recently, in 2016, when they grabbed the FA Vase at Wembley. I'm sure the whole town made the trip south for that day!

Our support has been great but you can't have missed that it's been more than a month since we won, and the lads will be working hard tonight to end that run. But we are having such a bad run with injuries, and losing several first choice players will hurt any club, even in the Premier League. However we aren't looking for excuses, we know we need to try harder and we will, and part of that is the effort our physio, Jake Shaw, is putting in at present. No-one could be working harder to get everyone fit and playing, so a huge thank you goes out to Jake today, Top Man! If you see him called into action today give him a cheer.

It's going to be a busy time of year off the pitch too, we're trying hard to arrange our annual fireworks display on the 6th of November, but nothing is set in stone yet. I hope to give you a proper update next week on that. And we have our Sportsmen dinner on the 1st of December at Pride Park. I'm thrilled that our guest speaker will be Derby County and England legend, the one and only Mark Wright. There are only a few tickets still available so get yours as soon as possible.

I was saddened with the big football news this week, the completion of the Saudi takeover of Newcastle United. With yet another club plunged into foreign ownership it does make you wonder what is the future of professional football clubs in our country? I'm not going to get into the political considerations here, or human rights records etc., enough to say I'm saddened.

As usual I've been glancing at events from years gone by on this day and it's not a glorious cavalcade I'm afraid.

In 1192 King Richard the Lionheart was more like a mouse when he snuck out of Jerusalem in disguise. In 1290 King Edward the 1st finalised the expulsion of 16,000 Jews from England. And in 1665 the British Parliament met at the University of Oxford due to the plague which was ravaging through London.

On a brighter note today marks the birthdays of cartoonist Bill Tidy (1933), the Duke of Kent (1935), John Lennon (1940) and football great Gheorghe Popescu (1967).

Thank you for your support as always. Let's all get behind the Sports today!

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GAME TIME!

# TODAY'S LINEUPS

## MICKLEOVER FC

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

## MORPETH TOWN

Dan Lowson  
Keaton Marrs  
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Stephen Forster  
Chris Reid  
Michael Turner  
Callum Morris  
Ryan Hutchinson  
Jeff Henderson  
Ben Ramsey  
Ryan Donaldson  
Liam Noble  
Ben Sayer  
Sam Hodgson  
Wayne Phillips  
Connor Oliver  
Noah Millington  
Ryan O'Connor  
Bailey Geliher  
Andrew Johnson  
Carl Finnigan  
Liam Henderson  
Joe Walton  
Jack Foalle  
Sean Taylor



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# NARROW DEFEAT AT TABLE TOPPING GLADIATORS

BY PETER SCHERER



A third 1-0 defeat for Mickleover out of the last four games, but it was so nearly a late point at table topping Matlock.

*Starting line-up: 1-Callum Hawkins 2-Jake Bennett 3-Alex Morris 4-Mason Warren 5-Joe Bateman 6-Phil Watt 7-Andy Dales 8-Liam Ravenhill 9-Dec Bacon 10-Josh Satchwell 11-Lee Holmes. Subs: Kemy Agustien, Ben Lewin, Roger Lee, Fin Barker, Bobby Battison.*

Matlock had two consecutive corners in the first two minutes, before Kendall fired his shot high over the bar.

Then four minutes later they were on the attack again but the cross was

cleared by the Mickleover defence, only for the hosts to come straight back with Cooke setting up Byrne, whose shot was well wide.

The first real move into the Matlock box came when Hawkins found Morris clear on the left, but the wing backs through ball was too long for Satchwell.

The Mickleover defence were under attack when Bennett fouled on the edge of the box. Kendall fired in a challenging shot from the free kick, which Hawkins tipped out past the post.

Hawkins was in action again saving an Evans header, before Cooke had a shot blocked.



Mickleover had been having difficulty getting out of their own half, but after 17 minute Bennett made progress down the right, found Warren, who set Holmes up for a long range shot just past the post.

Matlock were soon attacking again and when skipper Hughes spotted Hawkins off his line, he tried a lob which was easily taken by the Sports keeper.

Rowley the home keeper was finally called into action after 22 minutes, Satchwell had been tripped just outside the box and Warren's fizzing free kick was taken safely.

There was a corner for Mickleover shortly afterwards after another overlap from Bennett had earned a corner, but Dales final shot was over the bar.

Just after Kendall had put a cross over the face of the Mickleover goal, with no one to receive, he was substituted and Uchegbulam came on.

It was in the 26th minute that Mickleover were lucky not to concede the opening goal. Bateman and Watt had taken everything thrown at them so

far by the Matlock attack, but there was general chaos with both players on the ground and Hawkins out of his goal. The first clearance came back to Cooke who hit the post, the second hit Hawkins and rebounded just past the post.

Evans then had a close range shot saved by Hawkins, before Matlock defender Yates was booked for tripping Dales, after he had collected a good clearance from Hawkins.

Hawkins had to punch away another Matlock attempt, before Lees blocked a good attempt on goal from Bennett.

39 minutes and the Mickleover defence was finally breached, when Byrne beat Morris on the left before crossing into the box.

It was initially cleared by Hawkins, but not sufficiently and as it fell at Hughes feet, he fumbled it over the line, 0-1.

Two minutes later Uchegbulam fired in a shot from long range which fell wide.

It was close to second goal as the half time whistle beckoned. Watt was appealing for offside which wasn't give,



leaving Cooke with a clear shot which hit the post, before Hughes put the rebound wide.

During the final minutes of the first half, it was obvious Hawkins was suffering some discomfort on his left side, with no sub keeper on the bench he played on.

Mickleover brought on Lewin for Watt and began to try and push forward more, with Warren letting loose with a 20 yarder, well taken by keeper Rowley.

But Matlock started to take control again and forced any initiative back, despite Warren's efforts to lead by example and burst free from defensive duties.

Uchegbulam found Cooke on the right, but his effort was blocked by Bateman, before Qualter reacted similarly as Mickleover had a shot blocked from Dales.

Matlock made another substitution with Onyeka on for Cooke, but it was Hughes having another try for the hosts, after a break down in the Mickleover defence. Fortunately the Matlock skippers shot was well wide of the goal.

Holmes had a header deflected out by Satchwell, after a positive build up on the hour, which involved nice work from Bacon and Dales, after an initial ball from Warren.

Mickleover came into their best spell of the match, when Warren and Ravenhill were able to push forward and in the 65th minute it was almost there.

Dales got the ball into the box, but Satchwell and Bennett both initially failed to connect. The ball fell back to Bennett again who just couldn't get it under control to get a shot in.

Matlock appealed for handball a few minutes later, but their pleas were waved away and Soleman then came on for Lewis King as the hosts third sub.

The hunt for the equaliser continued at a pace, when the ball broke out of defence in the 70th minute. Bacon crossed from the right hand byline, landing inches in front of Satchwell. But the young striker froze and no contact was made.

Bennett got a cross into the box but found no one there too, and 75 minutes in Bacon found Satchwell again in the box, but time elapsed before a shot was made, but with Lewin and Warren following up they earned a corner.

Sports brought Agustien on for Holmes for the last 15 minutes, but the whole defence seemed to split wide open as centre back Qualter strode up field before shooting into Hawkins arms.

Hughes put a header just wide and Uchegbulam fired over as Matlock tried to make it safe.

After Satchwell found Dales who earned another corner, Byrne and Soleman had shots blocked, before Byrne fired over the bar.

Dales had been unable to find the freedom he revels in for most of the match, but in the 88th minute he broke free, only to be scythed down. The free kick from Agustien was powerful and accurate but failed trouble Rowley.

Barker came on for Bacon for the last five minutes and could have made it a dream debut. He was clear on goal with the keeper already over committed, but with the open goal begging, his shot pulled wide just beyond the left hand post.

There was certainly no lack of effort on Mickleover's part, but once again the chances missed proved decisive.

**Matlock Town 1 0 Mickleover**  
**Tuesday 5th October 2021**



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A WARM WELCOME TO: MORPETH TOWN

# TODAY'S OPPONENTS



Morpeth Town Football Club was established in 1894, and through more than a century of football have continued the tradition of carrying Amber and Black as their team colours.

The club was formed after an amalgamation between Morpeth United and Morpeth FC, playing at Stobhill Cricket Field.

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

The club spent half a century in the Northern Football Alliance before stepping up to the Northern League on their one hundredth anniversary, winning the Division Two title in their first season and finishing sixth in Division One and Northumberland Senior Cup runners-up

in their second. In 1998-99 they made it to the final qualifying round of the FA Cup, losing 1-0 at home to Nigel Clough's Burton Albion.

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

Membership of the Northern League followed in 1994/95 and the following year saw the Second Division Championship being presented to Morpeth. The club finished 6th in the First Division at the first time of asking, as well as reaching the final of the Northumberland Senior Cup.

After sitting comfortably mid-table



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

The next few years saw Morpeth Town move back into the middle of the table before a 6th place finish in 2005/06, Morpeth's equal top performance in the Northern League.

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

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

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

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

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

After earning promotion Morpeth Town managed to avoid the drop quite comfortably finishing in 17th place. During the season, they also went on a then historic FA Vase run to the Quarter-Final stage.

In 2014/15 saw further improvement, with the Highwaymen finishing 8th in the table and reaching the Northumberland

## DAN LOWSON GOALKEEPER

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

## STEPHEN FORSTER DEFENDER

Stephen is an electric full-back, who has made the transition from winger to defender during the course of the 2015-16 season. He has been one of the club's most consistent performers.

## JEFF HENDERSON DEFENDER

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

## CALLUM MORRIS DEFENDER

Callum is a superb central defender who left Morpeth a decade ago to play professional football in Scotland for Dunfermline first. He then went on to have spells at Dundee United and Aberdeen before returning to Dunfermline and then heading more recently to Ross County prior to re-joining the Highwaymen.

## CHRIS REID DEFENDER

Chris signed for the club from Whitley Bay during the 2015-16 season and has proved to be an influential member of the squad. He made over 200 appearances for the four-time FA Vase winners and has excelled at Craik Park.

Senior Cup Final. The club was now beginning to attract high-caliber players to the area, with the likes of Keith Graydon and Ben Sayer signing from higher level football.

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

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

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

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

In his first season, curtailed by the national Covid situation, the Highwaymen reached the third round of the FA Trophy, the furthest they've been in the competition in their history.

## RYAN DONALDSON MIDFIELDER

An adaptable midfielder with fantastic talent, Ryan joined in the summer of 2021 after leaving Hartlepool United, where he captained the side to promotion to the Football League. Spells at Gateshead, Cambridge United and Plymouth Argyle preceded his four years at Pools. An exceptional attacking talent.

## SAM HODGSON MIDFIELDER

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

## LIAM NOBLE MIDFIELDER

A signing during the 2019-20 season, the Sunderland academy graduate has played for Notts County, Forest Green and Hartlepool United among others. Very much a box-to-box midfielder, he chips in with his fair share of goals.

## CONNOR OLIVER MIDFIELDER

The former Gateshead midfielder joined the club prior to the start of the 2020-21 season. Calm and composed in possession, Connor rarely gifts possession away and has vision which helps to open up opposition defences.

## CARL FINNIGAN FORWARD

Experienced at this level and lethal in attack, Finnigan arrived during the 2019-20 campaign from Whickham FC. He has previously featured for South Shields, where he built a formidable reputation as a free-scoring forward.

## JACK FOALLE FORWARD

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



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# TABLE & SCORERS



#	Team	PI	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1.	Matlock Town	13	7	0	0	4	0	2		0	2	28	9	19	33
2.	South Shields	13	4	2	0	5	1	1	9	3	1	26	11	15	30
3.	Buxton	11	4	1	0	2	4	0	6	5	0	22	8	14	23
4.	Bamber Bridge	12	3	2	1	4	0	2	7	2	3	26	16	10	23
5.	Whitby Town	11	3	1	1	4	0	2	7	1	3	13	9	4	22
6.	Stalybridge Celtic	14	5	0	2	2	0	5	7	0	7	23	18	5	21
7.	Warrington Town	12	3	1	2	3	1	2	6	2	4	16	14	2	20
8.	Stafford Rangers	13	3	2	2	2	2	2	5	4	4	16	10	6	19
9.	Basford United	12	2	3	1	3	1	2	5	4	3	14	12	2	19
10.	FC United of Manchester	12	4	1	1	1	1	4	5	2	5	20	15	5	17
11.	Lancaster City	13	3	0	4	2	1	3	5	1	7	22	20	2	16
12.	Scarborough Athletic	11	1	2	3	3	1	1	4	3	4	11	18	-7	15
13.	Gainsborough Trinity	13	3	3	1	1	0	5	4	3	6	9	18	-9	15
14.	Nantwich Town	12	1	1	4	3	1	2	4	2	6	8	12	-4	14
15.	Atherton Collieries	9	3	0	2	1	1	2	4	1	4	9	9	0	13
16.	Hyde United	12	3	1	2	1	0	5	4	1	7	17	20	-3	13
17.	Mickleover	13	3	1	2	0	2	5	3	3	7	11	19	-8	12
18.	Witton Albion	12	2	0	4	1	3	2	3	3	6	14	27	-13	12
19.	Morpeth Town	12	2	1	2	0	2	5	2	3	7	16	24	-8	9
20.	Radcliffe	12	2	0	4	0	3	3	2	3	7	9	19	-10	9
21.	Grantham Town	13	0	2	4	2	1	4	2	3	8	14	32	-18	9
22.	Ashton United	11	1	3	2	0	2	3	1	5	5	11	15	-4	8

Top Scorers	Goals	Team	Breakdown
Bange, Ewan	9	Bamber Bridge	Goal (7) Penalty (2)
Fishburn, Sam	8	Lancaster City	Goal (8) Penalty (0)
Hazel, Jacob Louis	8	Whitby Town	Goal (8) Penalty (0)
De Girolamo, Diego Raymond	8	Buxton	Goal (7) Penalty (1)
Buckley, Jordan	7	Warrington Town	Goal (7) Penalty (0)
Hardy, Liam	7	Hyde United	Goal (6) Penalty (1)





## SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER 2021

Ashton United 0 1 Warrington Town  
Buxton P P Atherton Collieries  
Lancaster City 0 2 Gainsborough Trinity  
Matlock Town 1 0 FC United of Manchester  
Nantwich Town 0 0 South Shields

### Scarborough Athletic 1 1 Mickleover

Stalybridge Celtic 2 1 Stafford Rangers  
Witton Albion 1 4 Grantham Town

## TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021

Bamber Bridge 3 0 South Shields  
Basford United 0 1 FC United of Manchester  
Buxton 4 1 Whitby Town  
Lancaster City 0 2 Stafford Rangers

### Matlock Town 1 0 Mickleover

Morpeth Town 3 1 Radcliffe  
Nantwich Town P P Gainsborough Trinity  
Stalybridge Celtic 5 0 Grantham Town  
Witton Albion 4 2 Hyde United

## SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER 2021

Atherton Collieries vs Matlock Town  
FC United of Manchester vs Nantwich Town  
Gainsborough Trinity vs Ashton United  
Grantham Town vs Bamber Bridge  
Hyde United vs Lancaster City

### Mickleover vs Morpeth Town

Radcliffe vs Buxton  
South Shields vs Basford United  
Stafford Rangers vs Scarborough Athletic  
Warrington Town vs Stalybridge Celtic  
Whitby Town vs Witton Albion

## TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2021

Bamber Bridge vs Atherton Collieries  
Basford United vs Buxton  
Grantham Town vs Matlock Town  
Hyde United vs Radcliffe  
Lancaster City vs FC United of Manchester

### Mickleover vs Stafford Rangers

Nantwich Town vs Warrington Town  
South Shields vs Morpeth Town  
Whitby Town vs Scarborough Athletic  
Witton Albion vs Ashton United

## SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 2021

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

## SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER 2021

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

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## CALLUM HAWKINS GOALKEEPER

D.O.B 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. 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.

## JOE SLINN GOALKEEPER

D.O.B 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.

## PHIL WATT DEFENDER

D.O.B 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**

D.O.B 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**

D.O.B 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**

D.O.B 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.

## **JOE BATEMAN DEFENDER**

D.O.B December 6th 1998

One of the pre-season signings, Joe impressed in a couple of pre-season friendlies in his familiar roles of centre back. A former Derby County player, he has come through the under 18 and under 23 ranks before being released at the end of last season.

He made one start for the Rams first team in the FA Cup tie at Chorley last season. A strong dependable player, he can also play defensive midfield and has been a key part of the team from the opening NPL game at South Shields.

## **ANDY DALES MIDFIELDER**

D.O.B November 13th 1994

It's been more of a return home for Andy since rejoining Mickleover just before the season started. Derby born he spent 10 years at Derby County and was a first year pro in 2013. He was released in 2014 and was unable to take up offers of trials due to injury, which brought him to Mickleover for the first time. The pacey winger had four years at the Don Amott Arena and was part of the team that won promotion back to the NPL Premier Division, his first senior medal.

In 2017/18 he scored 23 goals and was signed by Scunthorpe United after being spotted at the Jamie Vardy Academy. During his three years there he made 33 appearances and scored one goal, but also had long loan spells in the Scottish Premiership with Dundee and Hamilton Academicals. After a short spell at Altrincham last season, he was released and returned to Mickleover, hitting two goals on his home debut against Gainsborough.

## **BEN GOWING MIDFIELDER**

D.O.B December 27th 1992

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**

D.O.B 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**

D.O.B 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**

D.O.B 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.

## **BOBBY BATTISSON MIDFIELDER**

D.O.B January 31st 2004

Having started his footballing career playing for Malaga in Spain, Bobby was spotted by Burton Albion on his return to the UK, while playing for a local side. An energetic hard working midfielder with an eye for a goal, Bobby came to Mickleover after three years with the Brewers, during which time there had been interest from a number of league clubs. He made his debut as a sub at the end of last year and was a key member of the Mickleover Academy side, winning both the Midlands and National title and a regular in the successful reserve side. His preferred position is attacking midfielder and his footballing hero is Lionel Messi. Now a key member of the first team squad, Bobby made his first start in the opening game of the season at South Shields.

## **ROGER LEE MIDFIELDER**

D.O.B July 1st 1991

After a successful pre-season trial Roger has now become part of the first team squad, making his league debut as a second half sub at Buxton. The Bermudan born midfielder started his career with home clubs Somerset Eagles, Bermuda Hogges and Robin Hood, before coming to the UK in 2014, where he joined Ilkeston Town with fellow Bermudan internationals. He moved on to Weston Super Mare, Clevedon Town, Rugby, Stamford, Basford, Stafford and Loughborough Dynamo, before journeying to Latvia for a couple of seasons with FK Jurniek. In 2019 he moved to JK Talinna Kalev in Estonia and had a year there before returning to the UK. He has been capped by Bermuda as a full international and at under 20 level.

## **LEE HOLMES MIDFIELDER**

D.O.B April 2nd 1987

A record breaker in his Derby County days, Lee made his debut for the rams while still only 15 years old. Over his six seasons at Derby he made 52 appearances, but also had loans at Swindon, Bradford City and Walsall. During his loan at Swindon he was voted young player of the year and was part of the team that won the League 2 title. He was part of the Derby Championship play-off winning team too in 2007, but moved on to Southampton a year later. Four seasons with the Saints included loans at Swindon again and Oxford, before signing for Preston North End in 2012, winning the league 1 play-offs. After a loan spell at Exeter he made a permanent move and stayed in Devon until last year, making 137 appearances and scoring 14 goals. He was also capped by England at Under 16, 17 and 19 and captained the under 19's too. After coming on as sub against Basford in the FA Cup, he made his Mickleover league debut at Witton Albion.

## **LIAM RAVENHILL MIDFIELDER**

D.O.B November 28th 2002

Midfielder Liam is the son of Mickleover Assistant Manager Ricky Ravenhill, and is currently on loan for four weeks from Doncaster Rovers. He is a product of the Doncaster Academy and signed his first full professional contract in June, having made his first team debut last season against FC United in the FA Cup. He has also been part of the Northern Ireland under 18 squad.

## **GEORGE MILNER FORWARD**

D.O.B March 8th 1998

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**

D.O.B October 11th 2002

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.

## **STUART BEAVON FORWARD**

D.O.B 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**

D.O.B August 7th 1995

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 a 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.

## **DEMPSEY ARLOTT-JOHN FORWARD**

D.O.B November 14th 2001

Signed just after the first week of the season Dempsey Arlott-John is a former Leicester City striker, having been a regular in the Under 23 and Under 18 sides in recent years and regular goal scorer, also having had a brief spell at Crystal Palace.

A pacey central striker who can also play on either wing, he made his Mickleover debut as a second half sub against Ashton Utd, before making his first start in the away defeat at Buxton.

# SPORTS RESERVES GO TOP!

There was another strong performance from Mickleover Reserves last Saturday, as they visited Sherwood Colliery Reserves for their latest Central Midlands League Premier Division South game.

Coming home as 3-1 winners with two goals from skipper Larrel King and one from Jacob Edge-Lucas, with Eden Horner replying for the hosts.

Mickleover now top the table by one point over Blidworth, with two games in hand and a far superior goal difference.

Their next League match is at Linby on October 9th, but before then they host Staveley Miners Welfare at the Don Amott Arena in the first round of the Floodlit Cup.

## BLACK DRAGON BADGES PREMIER SOUTH DIVISION TABLE

#	Team	PI	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1.	Mickleover Reserves	9	5	0	1	3	0	0	8	0	1	38	9	29	24
2.	Blidworth Welfare	11	3	1	1	4	1	1	7	2	2	29	14	15	23
3.	Long Eaton United Community	10	3	1	0	3	1	2	6	2	2	25	9	16	20
4.	Mickleover Royal British Legion	9	3	1	1	3	1	0	6	2	1	25	12	13	20
5.	Pinxton	10	2	3	0	2	3	0	4	6	0	28	11	17	18
6.	Linby Colliery Welfare	9	2	1	0	2	3	1	4	4	1	23	19	4	16
7.	Rowsley BG	10	1	1	2	3	1	2	4	2	4	18	20	-2	14
8.	Nottingham	8	2	1	2	2	0	1	4	1	3	24	22	2	13
9.	Ashland Rovers	9	1	1	2	2	2	1	3	3	3	27	23	4	12
10.	Holbrook St Michaels	9	1	1	0	2	0	5	3	1	5	16	19	-3	10
11.	Sherwood Colliery Reserves	8	2	0	2	1	0	3	3	0	5	16	16	0	9
12.	South Normanton Athletic	10	1	1	4	1	2	1	2	3	5	16	27	-11	9
13.	Hilton Harriers	8	2	0	3	1	0	2	3	0	5	13	25	-12	9
14.	Wirksworth Ivanhoe	10	0	1	2	2	2	3	2	3	5	12	27	-15	9
15.	Teversal Reserves	11	1	2	3	1	0	4	2	2	7	9	28	-19	8
16.	Mansfield Hosiery Mills	10	1	0	6	1	0	2	2	0	8	7	26	-19	6
17.	Arnold Town	9	1	1	4	0	0	3	1	1	7	13	32	-19	4

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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.

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