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BISHOP AUCKLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

A QUICK HISTORY

It all started when theological students from Oxford and Cambridge University whilst studying at Auckland Castle, home of the Bishop of Durham in Bishop Auckland; formed a team known as Bishop Auckland Church Institute in 1882. A later dispute caused a breakaway team called Auckland Town to be formed in 1886/87 and it was from this upheaval that Bishop Auckland Football Club was eventually born. Eight days after its formation, the club chose royal blue with white facings and subsequently the light and dark blue colours of the original Church Institute representing the colours of Oxbridge.

Auckland Town were founder members of the Northern League in 1889 but left after its first season before returning as Bishop Auckland in 1893. Between 1893 and 1988, the club won the league championship a record 19 times. The first championship was claimed in 1898/99 with the club going unbeaten in their league campaign, winning nine and drawing seven of their sixteen league matches.

The most successful period in the Northern League came between 1947 and 1956 when the team never finished below second place. During this period they were champions seven times and runners-up on three occasions

Following the tragic Munich air crash of 1958, three Bishop Auckland men went to assist Manchester United. They were Derek Lewin, Warren Bradley and Bobby Hardisty, who all played in United's Central league side in March that year. Bradley (an England amateur international) not only became a regular in United's 1st team but also went on to play at full international level.

In the FA Amateur Cup, the Bishops' record was without equal. They were in the final 18 times, winning the cup on ten occasions including a record three times in a row in 1955, 1956 and 1957. The Club were also semi-finalists on 27 occasions. When the (Amateur Cup) competition ceased in 1974, the Club was presented with a replica of the trophy in recognition of its outstanding record.

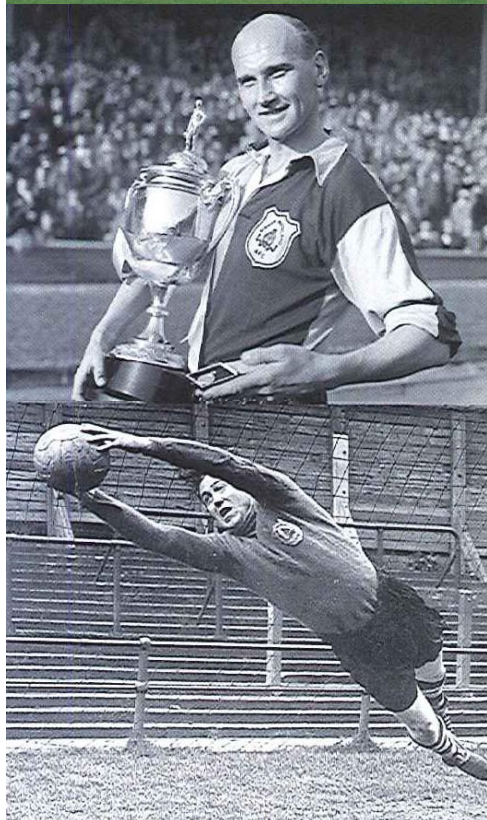
In the FA Cup the Bishops had memorable fights against Preston North End, Burnley, Wolves, and other league clubs. The best run in the competition was in 1954/55 when, after beating Kettering Town 5-1 (Home), Crystal Palace 4-2 (Away) and Ipswich Town 3-0 (home) after a 2-2 draw in East Anglia, they were defeated 3-1 by York City in a thrilling 4th round replay.

In 1988, almost a century after first joining the Northern League the Club decided to enter the non-league pyramid system via the Northern Premier League (NPL). The Bishops' would spend 18 seasons in the NPL before returning to the Club's Northern League roots in 2006.

Off the pitch the Club formed itself into a limited company in 1997 but the key issue as the 21st century dawned was the Club's intent to move from its old home at Kingsway to a new site at Tindale Crescent on the outskirts of Bishop Auckland. Although the 'move' had been initially mooted in 1993, by the end of 2001 the Club was no nearer to achieving that objective and at the end of the 2001-02 season the Club finally left its spiritual home, and ground shares at Shildon, Spennymoor and West Auckland followed.

The Club continued to pursue its objective of getting to Tindale Crescent and obtained the maximum Football Foundation grant of £250,000 in 2004. In conjunction with national blue chip developer Terrace Hill the Club finally obtained planning permission for the new ground in November 2008. The new ground named Heritage Park was built for the Club by Terrace Hill and was an integral part of a massive regeneration project.

Heritage Park was officially opened in October 2010 with the first ever game being played against Middlesbrough the following month.



BISHOP AUCKLAND FC CLUB HONOURS

FA AMATEUR CUP						
<i>Winners</i>	1895/96	1899/00	1913/14	1920/21	1921/22	1934/35
	1938/39	1954/55	1955/56	1956/57		
<i>Finalists</i>	1901/02	1905/06	1910/11	1914/15	1945/46	1949/50
	1950/51	1950/51	1953/54			
FA DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP						
<i>Winners</i>	1891/92	1898/99	1930/31	1938/39	1951/52	1955/56
	1961-62	1966/67	1984/85	1985/86	1987/88	1996/97
	1998/99	2000/01	2001/02	2012/13		
<i>Finalists</i>	1890/91	1892/93	1893/94	1901/02	1925/26	1950/51
	1954/55	1956/57	1960/61	1986/87	1992/93	1993/94
	2003/04					
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE						
<i>Premier Division Runners-up</i>	1996/97					
<i>First Division Runners-up</i>	1988/89					
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP						
<i>Finalists</i>	1994/95	2000/01				
NORTHERN LEAGUE						
<i>Champions</i>	1898/99	1900/01	1901/02	1908/09	1909/10	1911/12
	1920/21	1930/31	1938/39	1946/47	1949/50	1950/51
	1951/52	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56	1966/67	1984/85
	1985/86					
<i>Amateur Champions</i>	1902/03	1903/04	1905/06			
<i>Runners-up</i>	1903/04	1914/15	1919/20	1921/22	1922/23	1936/37
	1937/38	1939/40	1947/48	1948/49	1952/53	1960/61
	1972/73	1978/79	1986/87			
NORTHERN LEAGUE CUP						
<i>Winners</i>	1949/50	1950/51	1952/53	1953/54	1954/55	1959/60
	1966/67	1975/76				
<i>Finalists</i>	1926/27	1933/34	1936/37	1939/40	1945/46	1955/56
	1960/61	1974/75	2017/18			
NORTHEAST FLOODLIT LEAGUE						
<i>Champions</i>	1980/81					
BEST PERFORMANCES						
<i>FA Cup</i>	Fourth Round 1954/55					
<i>FA Amateur Cup</i>	Winners on ten occasions					
<i>FA Trophy</i>	Quarter Final (replay) 1978/79, 1996/97, 1999/00					
<i>FA Vase</i>	Second Round 2014/15					
<i>Highest League Position</i>	2 nd in Northern Premier League (then level 6 th) 1996/97					
<i>Club Motto</i>	Tempori Parendum (one must move with the times)					

HERITAGE PARK WELCOMES PICKERING TOWN



Good afternoon to everyone attending our season opener as Northern League newcomers Pickering Town visits Heritage Park.

Geographically wise it seems strange to have the 'Pikes' in our league and it would be understandable why they may feel aggrieved to have been placed into the Northern League as a relegated club from the NPL. However, sentiments firmly to one side, as on the previous two occasions we have met in a competitive game (both in the FA Cup) we have come out on the losing side – so we definitely owe them one today!

We welcome back a couple of familiar faces in the opposition team today, Jamie Poole and Paul Roddam both made telling contributions to get us over the line to safety last season, enjoy your return lads.... but only before and after the 90 minutes out in the middle!

It was good to see a packed-out Spice Lounge on Monday evening for the Supporters Club traditional 'curry night' fundraising event and also great to see a good representation of management and players – better luck next time in the quiz!!

I feel it is important to try and keep the content of the matchday programme as fresh as possible throughout the season so please feel free to speak to me or e-mail any ideas/personal contributions to editor@bishopafc.com

Enjoy the game and come on you Bishops!!

Editor – Gavin Hadden

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS



Welcome everyone to the new season including all our new players, supporters, volunteers, staff and sponsors.

Welcome to Heritage Park and also to the Pickering Town FC players, management and supporters – including a couple of familiar faces I hear!

We have had a tough pre-season schedule and improved with each game, which is exactly what friendly matches are for. A massive thank you goes to Middlesbrough FC for bringing their first team for our opening friendly at the start of this month.

Lots of work has gone on off the field with the open seated stand now in use again along with new the newly refurbished home changing room and manager's office.

Significant changes have been made on the field with Chris and Leon bringing some great players in which will hopefully result in us competing near the top of the league.

The new strips look great with thanks going to 'Comtek' for coming forward to be our sponsors.

We are still looking for main sponsors for Heritage Park and any interested parties can contact Kevin Bowker.

Steve Coulthard



Northern League Division One
Bishop Auckland v Pickering Town
Saturday 30th July 2022
Kick-off: 3 pm



BISHOP AUCKLAND FC	Nick	Liversedge			Jack	Norton		PICKERING TOWN
	Ben	Errington			Harrison	McGuire		
	Garon	Garside			Eddie	Cass		
	Anthony	Callaghan			Jamie	Poole		
	James	Risbrough			Paul	Roddam		
	Bradley	Mills			Liam	Love		
	Dale	Milburn			Wayne	Brooksby		
	Craig	Gott			Matthew	Dawes		
	Josh	Daley			Jason	Barnes		
	James	Fairley			Adam	Warrilow		
	Matty	Weirs			Jamie	Thornton		
	Wayne	Whitfield			Ellis	Cattaneo		
	Louis	Johnson			Abou	Mohammed		
	Dale	Elgie			Tom	Alngohuro		
	Liam	Miller			Cameron	Wilson		
	Dan	Dixon			Joshua	Vickers		
	Ciaran	Banks			Mark	Barber		
	Matty	Waters			Anthony	Hackworth		
	Brennan	Fitzpatrick			William	Stokoe		
	Dane	Burlace			Harley	Thornton		
	Niall	McGoldrick						
	Piotr	Banda						
	Dylan	Rutherford						
	George	Walker						

Manager	Chris Hardy
Assistant Manager	Leon Carling

Steve Roberts
Tony Hackworth

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Matthew Morton

Assistant Referees: Mark Baston & Connor Kitson

NEXT GAME AT HERITAGE PARK

vs Carlisle City Tuesday 9th August 7:45 pm (Northern League)



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Pickering Town Manager – Steve Roberts

“This is our first ever game as a club in the Northern League and it has been a difficult transition after our relegation. Bishop Auckland have a tremendous history and are a very established club at this level, I have always been a big admirer of Chris Hardy from his time at Whitby and our games when I was at Scarborough were always good to be involved with.

We are starting to build a squad that I am looking forward to working with over the campaign and adding to the spice today is new recruits Paul Roddam and Jamie Poole.

I hope everyone enjoys the game today and as always the opening fixture is an exciting one for supporters and players.”

BAFC Assistant Manager – Leon Carling



“Welcome back to Heritage Park to all of our supporters and today’s visitors from Pickering.

At the time of writing, we are hopeful that all of our squad will have a full bill of health as one member tested positive last weekend for Covid, so we are awaiting a positive outcome on this.

As you will have seen from our tough pre-season schedule we have a new look squad with plenty of fresh faces and several who we have kept on from last season.

As always enjoy the game and we are thankful for your continued support.”

Pre-Season Round Up

Middlesbrough FC | 02.07.22

The championship outfit ran out 5-0 winners at Heritage Park in front of a capacity crowd, however, Bishops put up a stern test, particularly for the opening 30 minutes, giving very little away before the professionals eased through the gears.



Stockton Town | 13.07.22



A hard-fought goalless draw was played out at Bishopton Road with Bishops particularly impressive in defence against the ‘anchors’ from a league above.

Whitby Town | 16.07.22

NPL Prem Division Whitby were the visitors to Heritage Park and showed the ruthlessness in front of goal so far lacking for the two blues. A first-half Haswell effort and a pair of strikes from Fewster gave the seashiders a 3-0 win.



Shildon | 19.07.22

The kick-off was pushed back to 8 pm such was the intense heat seen throughout the day and both sides impressed at times playing some good stuff. A looping cross-shot gave the railwaymen the lead and Bishops again drew a blank as the home side added a further goal in the second half when Callaghan diverted into his own net.

Hebburn Town | 23.07.22



The final action of pre-season saw Bishops again face higher league opposition and for the second time came away with a draw, this time finally getting on the scoresheet courtesy of a James Fairley equaliser. Wayne Whitfield missed a penalty just after the break as the visitors from Tyneside escaped with a 1-1 draw.

2022/23 Fixtures & Results

Date	Match	Kick off	Comp	Result	Att
Sat 02/07/2022	Bishop Auckland v Middlesbrough	1:00 PM	FRI	0 - 5	1950
Wed 13/07/2022	Stockton Town v Bishop Auckland	7:45 PM	FRI	0 - 0	
Sat 16/07/2022	Bishop Auckland v Whitby Town	3:00 PM	FRI	0 - 3	
Tue 19/07/2022	Shildon v Bishop Auckland	7:30 PM	FRI	2 - 0	
Sat 23/07/2022	Bishop Auckland v Hebburn Town	3:00 PM	FRI	1 - 1	193
Sat 30/07/2022	Bishop Auckland v Pickering Town	3:00 PM	NL1		
Tue 02/08/2022	Whitley Bay v Bishop Auckland	7:30 PM	NL1		
Sat 06/08/2022	Guisborough Town v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	FAC EP		
Tue 09/08/2022	Bishop Auckland v Carlisle City	7:45 PM	NL1		
Sat 13/08/2022	West Auckland Town v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1		
Tue 16/08/2022	Bishop Auckland v Penrith	7:45 PM	NL1		
Sat 20/08/2022	Newcastle Benfield v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1		
Tue 23/08/2022	Seaham Red Star v Bishop Auckland	7:30 PM	NL1		
Sat 27/08/2022	West Allotment Celtic v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1		
Mon 29/08/2022	Bishop Auckland v Newton Aycliffe	1:00 PM	NL1		
Sat 03/09/2022	Bishop Auckland v Whickham	3:00 PM	NL1		
Wed 07/09/2022	Crook Town v Bishop Auckland	7:30 PM	NL1		
Sat 10/09/2022	Tow Law Town v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1		
Sat 24/09/2022	Sunderland RCA v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	FAV Q2		
Sat 01/10/2022	Heaton Stannington v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1		
Wed 05/10/2022	Guisborough Town v Bishop Auckland	7:45 PM	NL1		
Sat 08/10/2022	Bishop Auckland v Thornaby	3:00 PM	NL1		
Tue 11/10/2022	Bishop Auckland v Northallerton Town	7:45 PM	NL1		
Sat 15/10/2022	Sunderland RCA v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1		
Tue 18/10/2022	Bishop Auckland v Redcar Town	7:45 PM	NL1		
Sat 22/10/2022	Northallerton Town v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1		
Sat 29/10/2022	Bishop Auckland v West Allotment Celtic	3:00 PM	NL1		
Sat 05/11/2022	Ashington v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1		
Sat 12/11/2022	Bishop Auckland v Whitley Bay	3:00 PM	NL1		

Sat 19/11/2022	Carlisle City v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 26/11/2022	Penrith v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 10/12/2022	Bishop Auckland v Seaham Red Star	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 17/12/2022	Redcar Athletic v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1
Tue 27/12/2022	Newton Aycliffe v Bishop Auckland	1:00 PM	NL1
Sat 07/01/2023	Bishop Auckland v Crook Town	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 14/01/2023	Pickering Town v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 21/01/2023	Bishop Auckland v Guisborough	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 28/01/2023	Bishop Auckland v West Auckland Town	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 04/02/2023	Bishop Auckland v Newcastle Benfield	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 11/02/2023	Whickham v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 18/02/2023	Bishop Auckland v Tow Law Town	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 11/03/2023	Bishop Auckland v Heaton Stannington	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 18/03/2023	Thornaby v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 25/03/2023	Bishop Auckland v Sunderland RCA	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 22/04/2023	Bishop Auckland v Ashington	3:00 PM	NL1



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INTRODUCING THE BISHOPS' – SEASON 2022/23



Goalkeeper – Nick Liversedge

Now starting his fifth season with Bishops after signing from Shildon when manager Ian Chandler took over in the summer of 2018. Nick has an abundance of experience and is an excellent shot stopper who commands his box extremely well. Once again voted player of the season for 2021-22. Newly named club captain.

Goalkeeper – Piotr Banda

Dual registered with our reserve side Piotr has been with Newcastle Academy for many years.

Goalkeeper – Dan Dixon

Dan will provide additional cover to the goalkeeping position with many years of experience with the likes of Guisborough, Whitby and Billingham Synthonia.

Defender – Niall McGoldrick

Niall was part of the Bishops squad in the 2017-18 season and returns after playing for Easington Colliery.

Defender – Dylan Rutherford

Dual registered with our reserve side, Dylan made several first-team appearances last season and has trained with the first team throughout pre-season.

Defender – Ben Errington

Joins a new look Bishops' defence having spent last season at the heart of the Sunderland RCA backline. Previously at South Shields.

Defender – Garon Garside

New signing in the close season, where he impressed in 2021-22 with Ryhope CW, helping them win the Durham Challenge Cup and a top 4 league finish.

Defender – Dale Elgie

Signed in June 2022, Dale is a combative central defender who was player of the season at Crook Town in 2021-22.

Defender – Liam Miller

Signed in late August 2021. Left-back who is 20 years old and has represented Scotland at youth level.

Defender – George Walker

George made his defensive debut v Middlesbrough in pre-season giving a great account of himself. A brilliant young prospect who is also with the clubs' U18 team.

Defender – James Risbrough

Chris Hardy's second summer signing, having featured against Bishops in the final game of last season for Guisborough Town. Can operate on the left side of defence or as an attacking fullback and comes with a great pedigree having represented the likes of Stockton Town and Whitby Town.

Defender – Anthony Callaghan

28-year-old left sided defender signed in September 2021 from Thornaby. Started his career at Sunderland AFC, with non-league experience at South Shields, Blyth Spartans, Darlington and Sunderland RCA.

Defender – Dane Burlace

Full-back who spent last season at Easington Colliery. Previously with Sunderland RCA and the Leeds Utd Academy

Midfielder – Bradley Mills

27-year-old who was transferred from Billingham Synthonia in time to make his debut in Chris Hardy's first game in the DCC v Gateshead Rutherford in October 2021. Previous experience at Whitby Town.

Midfielder – Craig Gott

The first signing of the summer in May 2022 and a clear statement of intent by Chris Hardy. An exceptional player at Marske Utd over several years and the driving force in midfield that secured the seasiders' double promotion to the NPL Premier Division. Spennymoor Town and Darlington also count as Craigs' previous clubs. Newly installed team captain.

Midfielder – Ciaran Banks

Signed in March 2022 from Northallerton Town. 21year old winger who made his debut from the bench away to West Allotment Celtic.

Midfielder – Dale Milburn

Dale made his debut from the bench against Newcastle Benfield in October 2021. The 24-year-old was previously with Sunderland RCA and scored a goal of the season contender against his former club toward the end of the 2021-22 season.

Midfielder – Josh Daly

Signed in June 2022, Josh was at Billingham Town last season where he scored a spectacular free kick against Bishops'. Comes with huge promise and a product of Hartlepool Utd's youth set up.

Midfielder – Brennan Fitzpatrick

Signed in June 2022 Brennan played at Newton Aycliffe before joining Bishops'.

Forward – Louis Johnson

Signed in June 2022 Louis played at Guisborough Town before joining Bishops'.

Forward – Wayne Whitfield

Local lad who is 26 years of age. Joined from Willington Town midway through last season after his performances for the 2nd Division side had caught the eye.

Forward – Matthew Waters

28 years old, signed in September 2021 from Thornaby and previously with Shildon. Showed his knack for scoring some spectacular goals even getting into double figures by the end of last season.

Forward – Matthew Weirs

Matty joins the club for a third spell having initially been a part of Colin Myers squad in the early part of the last decade and can play in a variety of midfield and forward positions. Featured for Sunderland RCA last season.

Forward – James Fairley

James is another player who returns for a third spell at the club, where he has shown the Bishops' fans what he is capable of on his day, which is plenty of skill and spectacular goals. Part of Marske Utd's playoff winning team last season alongside Craig Gott.

Manager – Chris Hardy

Appointed in October 2021 with Bishops languishing second from bottom in the Northern League. A popular choice with supporters, Chris has a very good track record most recently with Whitby Town in the Northern Premier League and before that Northern League Guisborough Town with whom he transformed into a top 3 side.

Assistant Manager – Leon Carling

Leon returned to the club as a coach after a couple of spells as a player, following a similar role at Sunderland RCA which he left to join up with Chris Hardy. A centre-half by trade he featured for Marske Utd, Guisborough Town, Billingham Synthonia and Shildon amongst others during a successful Northern League playing career. Leon will this season step into the Assistant Manager role

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30/07/2022	3:00 PM	Bedlington Terriers v Boldon CA	Division 2
30/07/2022	3:00 PM	Billingham Synthonia v Esh Winning	Division 2
30/07/2022	3:00 PM	Billingham Town v Horden CW	Division 2
30/07/2022	3:00 PM	Brandon United v Birtley Town	Division 2
30/07/2022	3:00 PM	Chester-le-Street Town v Chester-le-Street United	Division 2
30/07/2022	3:00 PM	Easington Colliery v Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	Division 2
30/07/2022	3:00 PM	Jarrow v Washington	Division 2
30/07/2022	3:00 PM	Redcar Town v Boro Rangers	Division 2
30/07/2022	3:00 PM	Sunderland West End v Willington	Division 2

TRANSFERS - SEASON 2022-2023					
Last updated 28th July, 2022 - 12.30					
Surname	Forename	Other Names	Transfer From	Transfer To	Date of Transfer
Turns	Keigan	Andrew	Chester-le-Street Town	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	28/07/2022
Parnaby	Kieron	Stephen	Bishop Auckland	Crook Town	28/07/2022
Sutton	Leeton		Billingham Town	Billingham Synthonia	25/07/2022
Hennis	Craig	Alan	Sunderland R.C.A.	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	25/07/2022
Duffy	Luke		Whitley Bay	Jarrow	22/07/2022
Cowburn	Max	David	Ashington	Heaton Stannington	20/07/2022
Bamborough	Scott	Frederick	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	Heaton Stannington	15/07/2022
Groves	Rhys	Alexander	Heaton Stannington	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	13/07/2022
Walker	Alexander	Samuel	Chester-le-Street Town	Crook Town	09/07/2022

JAMES FAIRLEY FACT FILE

Age: 30

From: *Sunderland*

Nickname: *'Big Dog'*

Former Clubs: *Marske Utd, Whitby Town...amongst others!*



Three Reasons for joining Bishops': *The facilities at the club, the manager who I have previously worked with at Whitby Town and the direction in which the club wants to go.*

Realistic achievements for Bishops' for the 2022-23 season: *Winning the league or failing that finishing in a playoff position and gaining promotion that way.*

Best moment in football to date: *Winning the NPL East Division playoff final last season with Marske Utd. Also up there is scoring from the halfway line for Hebburn Town and seeing the highlights of the goal being re-played on BBC News!*

Best pals in the dressing room: *Too many to choose but one, in particular, is Craig Gott as I have played with him for many years and won a lot of trophies alongside Him.*

Three things that best define you off the pitch: *Loving family man and dad of two boys, love having a laugh with mates and the outdoors where I spend most of my time.*

Eternal Hope

Hope. It is the word that makes most sense of the beautiful game, of why we spend hours and days and weeks of our existence obsessing over something that, for the vast majority of us, if we're being really honest with ourselves, has little impact on our lives. And the beginning of a new season is where the hope is at it's highest. Old heroes have moved on, the failures and successes of last year are in the past, and now we look forward. New players to deify, new trophies to be chased, new records to be set. Each and every one of us knows, right up until kick off on the opening weekend of the season, that this is going to be our year. And, depending on whom you support, that knowledge can last anywhere from 60 seconds to 60 matches into the campaign. But, however it goes, every summer we reset, we get excited, and we believe again. There's comfort in that.

So now we come to the beginning of our new season, and we want to sustain that feeling, feed the hope, for as long as possible, before the nights close in and the points are dropped and the rain hammers down. It won't take long for most of us to be brought back down to earth, but we all know the importance of maintaining the hope for at least one more week, with a good opening day performance.



Leeds certainly know a thing or two about opening day performances, having put together a run of twenty consecutive opening day wins, from the heady days of Howard Wilkinson's return to the top flight in 1991, to the depths (by their standards at least) of League One in 2009, where Simon Grayson oversaw a victorious

start to a season that would end with promotion. That run lasted through thirteen different managers, a league title, a Champions League semi-final, two relegations and the real threat of the club going out of business, the longest in the Football League. And yet, throughout all that turmoil, they kept the opening day a safe haven where, however disastrous it had been, fans could go home believing they were on the road to recovery.

For longer runs than that, we have to look to more consistently successful teams, and we have to look beyond England. Few are more consistently successful throughout Europe than Celtic.

The Glaswegians put together a run of 23 opening day victories, beginning with a 5-0 demolition of Dunfermline in 1998, a Craig Burley hat trick doing most



of the damage, and ending only last season with a last minute John Souttar winner for Hearts. For their part, Celtic went through twelve different managers on their run, securing 15 league titles and ten Scottish Cups, as well as losing the UEFA Cup final in 2003. Certainly, opening day victory augurs more success in Scotland than it does in England.

But even a run of 23 opening day victories isn't the longest. For that we need to head to the Mediterranean, and the Old Lady, where Juventus reign supreme.

On the opening day of 1982, Juventus, complete with Dino Zoff and Michel Platini, travelled to relative upstarts Sampdoria. The home side were bolstered by a forward line of Roberto Mancini and Trevor Francis, fed by Arsenal legend Liam Brady, but it was fullback Mauro Ferroni who scored the only goal of the game in the 67th minute. That would be the last opening day that Juventus failed to win for nearly three decades, finally falling to defeat in 2010 to Bari, the single goal coming, ironically, from former Celtic player Massimo Donati. He was just 18 months old the previous time Juventus had failed to win in the first match of the season.



The Old Lady got through thirteen managers in that time, counting both Giovanni Trapattoni and Marcello Lippi twice, and only won seven league titles in that time, with two Italian Cups. But they also counted two European Cups, a Cup Winners Cup, three UEFA Cups and an Intertoto Cup in that time, so it's not all bad.

So here's hoping for an opening day victory to kick on to success. It might not lead to Champions League glory, but we can dream.

Enjoy the game.

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PICKERING TOWN HISTORY & PLAYER INFORMATION

Pickering Town is an old established football club, formed in 1888, making them older than many top professional clubs. Happy to compete in local leagues for almost 80 years, the club made the bold step up to senior non-league football in 1972, when an invitation to join the Yorkshire League was taken up. Those who made the momentous decision to leave local football back in 1972 could never surely have imagined the progress the club would make over the following years. The ground has developed beyond all recognition in this time, with the erection of floodlights, two smart seated stands and a covered enclosure, making it an impressive small football stadium.

On the field, there have been plenty of ups and downs along the way, as the club sought to become established in the highly competitive world of non-league football. The Pikes enjoyed many successful seasons in local football winning many trophies but the decision to join the Yorkshire League came after they had been relegated to the York League second division. Pikes had been unsuccessful in an application for membership of the Yorkshire League twelve months earlier, but after the terrible 1971-72 campaign, with the relegation, the club received an invitation to take up a vacant place in the Yorkshire League third division, and so the journey in senior non-league football began.

The team became champions of the third division in 1973-74 gaining promotion to the second division, then next season 1974-75 after another successful campaign, The Pikes achieved promotion to the Yorkshire League division 1. After maintaining their status in division 1 the following season, the club ended been relegated at the end of 1976-77 to division 2 and suffered a similar fate the following season. Over the next four seasons, The Pikes continued to play in division 3 of the Yorkshire League with mixed fortunes.

Then in season 1982-83 with the merger of the Yorkshire League and Midland Counties League, The Pikes were placed in division two (North) of the newly created Northern Counties East Football League. After re-organisation in the NCEFL the team were placed in Division 1 (North) 1984-85, and again in 1985-86 after another re organisation the Pikes found themselves competing in the second

division, in the season 1987-88 the Pikes won the second division league title to gain promotion to division 1 of the NCEFL, where they finished a creditable 5th.

In 1990-91 the Pikes claimed their first major cup success since stepping up to senior football by winning the North Riding County Cup, defeating Marske Utd 3-2 at Whitby Town's Turnbull Ground. Season 1991-92 saw Pickering gain promotion to the Premier Division of the NCEFL by finishing runners up in Division 1 to champions Stocksbridge Park Steels, the following season their first in the Premier division saw a thrilling campaign with The Pikes finishing runners up to Spennymoor United on goal difference, with the final result only being decided on the last day of the season. Season 1993-94 saw the Pikes finish 5th in the league and reach the final of the North Riding Senior Cup for the first time losing 2-0 to Guisborough Town, this season also saw the club play their ever FA Cup tie, beating Penrith 5-2. The following season 1994-95 again saw the club again reach the final of the North Riding Senior, suffering defeat again, losing 5-2 to Marske Utd.

The team continued to compete in NCEFL Premier Division, until suffering relegation to Division 1 at the end of the 1998-99 season, two seasons later 2000-01 the club regained their Premier Division status by finishing runners-up in Division 1 to Borrowash Victoria.

The next few seasons saw the team have fluctuating fortunes, with the best campaigns been 2003-04 when finishing 5th, having been amongst the front runners for a large part of the season and third in 2008-09. The club also reached the last 16 of the FA Vase on three occasions before achieving their best run in the competition in reaching the Quarter Finals in 2005-06 losing out to eventual winners Nantwich Town.

Season 2012-13 saw The Pikes winning the North Riding Senior Cup, defeating Marske Utd 3-0 in the final, the club again reached the final in 2016-17, but on this occasion losing 3-1 to Whitby Town, the league campaign this season was also one of success with the club finishing runners up in the NCEFL to Cleethorpes Town, unfortunately just missing out on promotion.

The following Season 2016-17, saw The Pikes repeat the feat, this time finishing runners up to Pontefract Collieries, but with two teams been promoted on this occasion The Pikes achieved their highest ever level in Senior non-league football.

Season 2018-19 was one of consolidation, but the club have continued to improve their facilities, with the extension of the players changing rooms and the building of an extension to create two new changing rooms for officials during this close season.

The 2019-20 season proved a difficult one for the club and results were poor with the team being bottom of the table when the season was curtailed and declared null and void. Denny Ingram was relieved of his duties in January and Steve Roberts previously assistant manager at Scarborough Athletic was appointed as his replacement bringing in Tony Hackworth as his assistant.

The following season 20-21 was also brought to an early end with the season curtailed.

We started the 21-22 season with hopes of improved performance but unfortunately despite a late rally, the season ended with relegation from the NPL.

Although last season proved to be very disappointing at senior level, the start of the Club's Scholarship, which saw some players from the Academy make their debuts at first team level and hopefully, this will bold well for the future.

This season sees a new challenge for the club with them having been placed in the Northern League, for the first time, and we will be welcoming some new faces to Mill Lane and a hope for an improved season.

Goalkeepers

Jack Norton – Vastly experienced goalkeeper, having just joined the club, Jack's previous clubs include Darlington, South Shields, Spennymoor and most recently Billingham Town.

Harrison McGuire – Harrison is a promising goalkeeper who is part of the club's academy and plays for the club's Under 19 and Under 23's teams.

Defenders

Eddie Cass – Centre Back, has just re-joined the club, having recently recovered from a serious injury. Eddie is a very combative centre-back. Previous experience with Hemsworth MW and Ossett United.

Jamie Poole - Jamie is another new signing for the club, a player with much experience in the Northern League. Jamie has also played for Whitby Town in the NPL.

Paul Roddam – Paul is another new signing for the club this season and can play full-back or centre-back. A vastly experienced player having played for Whitby Town in the NPL and other clubs including Guisborough, Stockton Town and Billingham Town.

Liam Love – A young player from the Club's academy made his first team debut last season and has shown to be one for the future, naturally left-footed plays full-back or midfield.

Midfielders

Wayne Brooksby – Wayne is a very experienced player, joined the club two seasons ago, with much experience at Conference North level having played previously for North Ferriby, Guiseley, Harrogate Town, and Bradford PA with his last club having been Scarborough Athletic. Wayne has been club captain for the last two seasons.

Matthew Dawes – Matthew made his debut for the first team last season, and is also a scholar at the club's academy, a very promising skilful young player.

Jason Barnes – Signed for the club two seasons ago, Jason has previously played at Scarborough and East Hull.

Adam Warrilow – Adam is a young player with much potential, having first signed for the club in the 20/21 season. Previously with Fishburn Park.

Jamie Thornton – Signed for the club last season after being released by Leeds United, Jamie is very skilful and an excellent passer of the ball and can also play centre back.

Ellis Cattaneo – Promising midfield player and has played for the Under19's and 23's

Forwards

Abon Mohammed – Mo has recently signed for the club after coming pre-season training. Mo is very quick and has previously played for Wakefield.

Tom Alngohuro – A very promising young player, with much potential first signed for the club two seasons ago and had a spell on loan last season at Humber United in the NCEFL.

Cameron Wilson – Cameron is another new signing for the club, Cameron spent his youth days at Middlesbrough FC and then York City's Academy. After being released he played for Whitby Town in the NPL. Cameron is quick and athletic and is a talented and skilful player. He mainly operates as a wide attacker but can play off the striker too.

Joshua Vickers – Another newcomer to the club, Josh has good dribbling ability and can play centrally, or wide, previous clubs include Barton Town from the NCEFL.

Coaching Staff

Steve Roberts – Steve was appointed manager in January of 2020. His coaching career which started 20 years ago has seen him manage and coach various age groups at junior level, before moving onto senior football and becoming manager of his local team in the local league. Steve then proceeded to manage Under 19 and Under 21 teams at Scarborough Athletic, before stepping up, to become first team coach and also assistant manager, a position he has held for five years. Steve played for The Pikes in the mid-1990s and again in the mid-2000s

Tony Hackworth – Tony re-joined the club as Assistant Manager in January 2020, he has also previously played for the club as well as managing the team in the 2014/15 season. He started his playing career at Leeds United before moving to Notts County and also playing for Scarborough and Whitby Town.

Ged Dalton – First Team Coach for the last two seasons having made the step up from playing. Ged was our longest serving player having first signed for the club in 2010, he is very experienced in the non-league game, starting his career at Carlisle United and Blyth Spartans where he scored a winning goal against Bournemouth taking them through to the next round of the FA Cup at 18 years of age. Other clubs include Whitby Town, Scarborough Athletic and Bridlington Town.

Who can name the Bishops' players featured below from our 3-1 pre-season win in 2013 against Pickering Town in the Eric Powell Memorial cup?

No.5 – Spent 5 years at the club as a defender before emigrating to Australia in 2014...

No.4 – The defensive twin who made a brief comeback at Heritage Park last season...

No.11 – Postman from Cumbria who spent a single season in the two blue shirt...



Likewise, how about the last time we faced today's opponents in the FA Cup at the start of the 2018/19 season, falling to a 2-0 defeat?

Below left – Another who played alongside his brother for Bishops'...



Right – a born 'winner' leaping like a...?



Answers coming your way at the next home game!!

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- Launching of the '500 club' lottery in Jan 2017 where to date we have donated in excess of £10,000 to BAFC.
- Organise and subsidise away travel for supporters.
- Donated monies to charities of choice of our late Director Brian Watson and ex-player Jackie Foster.
- Sponsorship of home games, players kits and the BAFC official commercial brochure.
- Donations to help players get medical treatment and after care to regain fitness.
- Own a stake in BAFC by purchasing shares so we as supporters have representation at the AGM.

What benefits are available to Supporters Club members?

- Discounted travel on official Supporters Club transport to away games.
- Priority/discounted prices on official club events at the discretion of BAFC.
- Access to regular meetings and inclusion on SC mailing list to keep up to date with any latest news.

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To become a member, complete the form below and return to a Supporters Club official or alternatively e-mail **supporters@bishopafc.com**:

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Latest News

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- Our AGM takes place on Thursday 11th August, starting at 7 pm here at Heritage Park. All current supporters club members Are invited to attend.
- **COMING SOON.... Regular quiz nights at Heritage Park!!** Further details are to be announced in the coming weeks so keep an eye on our social media pages or speak to any supporters' club official.



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