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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.

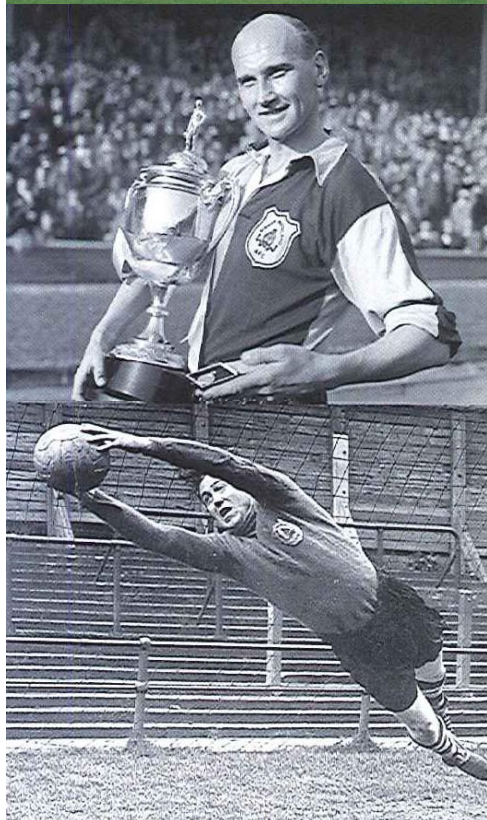
In the FA Cup the Bishops had memorable fights against Preston North End, Burnley, Wolves, and other league clubs. The best run in the competition was in 1954/55 when, after beating Kettering Town 5-1 (Home), Crystal Palace 4-2 (Away) and Ipswich Town 3-0 (home) after a 2-2 draw in East Anglia, they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



Good afternoon to everyone attending this Ebac Northern League Division One fixture as we welcome Newcastle Benfield to Heritage Park.

There will of course be a minute's silence prior to kick off and black armbands worn by players and officials to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

Our last game was a 7-1 victory at Crook Town on the evening prior to her majesty's passing and the league has since been suspended. We all hope we can pick up where we left off this afternoon and continue to put pressure on Whitley Bay who lead the table by a slim margin.

Speaking of 7-1 scorelines, this fixture last season provided one of the many low points of our season with Chris Hardy given an insight into just how much work was needed to turn around the club's fortunes on the pitch.

We have another home game on Tuesday evening when we welcome Northallerton Town, followed by the start of our FA Vase campaign away at Sunderland RCA next Saturday – we seem to draw them almost on an annual basis in one competition at least!

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@bishopaafc.com

Enjoy the game and come on you Bishops!!

Editor – Gavin Hadden

BAFC Assistant Manager – Leon Carling



“Good afternoon to all supporters visiting Heritage Park for today’s fixture against Newcastle Benfield.

A week’s absence from games came at a good time as it gave us a chance to get on the training ground and rest a few injuries.

Ben Errington and Dale Elgie look to have shaken off knocks and Wayne Whitfield returns from holiday, so a full squad is available for selection.

Benfield are a side I expect to be in and around the top six so it’s a tough game and they will look to use the surface the same way we do so it is set up for a good game. Our lads are in a confident mood, so we expect a positive result, but everyone has to be at it come 3pm.”



Newcastle Benfield Manager – Colin Stromsoy

“B Auckland are one of two teams everyone believes will be challenging for the league title at the end of the season. Chris has put together an outstanding squad full of experience and talent.

From our perspective we have had a solid start and are looking forward to todas game positively.

It has been a long time coming but B Auckland now have a manager and squad that matches the incredible infrastructure at the club...I just wish it had happened next season!”



Ebac Northern League Division One
Bishop Auckland v Newton Benfield
Saturday 17th September 2022
Kick-off: 3pm



BISHOP AUCKLAND FC	Nick	Liversedge		Andrew	Grainger		NEWCASTLE BENFIELD
	Ben	Errington		Alfie	Gordon		
	James	Risbrough		Kane	Evans		
	Bradley	Mills		Ethan	Renney		
	Dale	Milburn		Joe	Robson		
	Craig	Gott		Lewis	Scorgie		
	Josh	Daley		Mark	Turnbull		
	James	Fairley		Bradley	Varga		
	Matty	Weirs		Cameron	Gascoigne		
	Wayne	Whitfield		Peter	Glen-Ravenhill		
	Louis	Johnson		Aiden	Haley		
	Dale	Elgie		Dennis	Knight		
	Reed	Molloy		Archie	Leonard		
	Dan	Dixon		Ben	Pentland		
	Ciaran	Banks		Ritchie	Slaughter		
	Brennan	Fitzpatrick		Ryan	McGorrigan		
	Dane	Burlace		Connor	Walker		
	Niall	McGoldrick		MacKenzie	Sharp		
	Piotr	Banda					
	Dylan	Rutherford					
	George	Walker					

Manager	Chris Hardy
Assistant Manager	Leon Carling

Colin Stromsoy
Tony Stokle

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Ryan Kendall

Assistant Referees: Connor Kitson & Darren McCall

NEXT GAME AT HERITAGE PARK

vs Northallerton Town Tuesday 20th September 7.45pm (Northern League)



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AWAY KIT SPONSOR



Bishop Auckland 1-0 Newton Aycliffe | 29.08.22 | Northern League Div 1

Bishop Auckland: Liversedge, Burlace, Elgie, Errington, Risbrough, Gott, Daley, Weirs, Fairley, Johnson, Banks

Newton Aycliffe: McHugh, Brown, Munro, Costello, Ferguson, Callaghan, Petitjean, E Wood, B Wood, Owens, Taylor

Bishops completed an excellent bank holiday home double header that has brought maximum points, with a hard-fought win against table toppers Newton Aycliffe.

The only goal of a high-quality game came courtesy of central defender Dale Elgie just short of the hour mark, when he tapped home a Craig Gott free kick that alluded the Newtonian defenders.



A keenly contested first half saw both sides trade decent chances with Aycliffe starting the game the more threatening, when Bishops defence appeared a little hesitant. Banks almost gifted Jamie Owens an early opener as his under hit pass found the experienced forward who disappointingly fired wide.

The closest either side came to breaking the deadlock in the opening 45 minutes was when James Fairley's deep cross rebounded off the far post with McHugh a spectator. The typically lively Louis Johnson forced a save out of McHugh as the stopper blocked a low shot with his legs as the two blues grew began to grow into the game.

The visitors probably enjoyed their best spell in the game prior to Elgie's goal as Liversedge was called into action a number of times. However, after edging ahead in the game, the two blues looked comfortable for the most part of the remaining half hour and could even have created further breathing space when Fairley played a nice one two with Johnson and attempted to chip McHugh who was equal to it.

Bishops survived a late scare when with only 3 minutes remaining a low shot rebounded off the foot of the near post with Liversedge beaten. The win lifted Bishops up to second in the table, a point behind the side they had just defeated.

Crook Town 1-7 Bishop Auckland | 07.09.22 | Northern League Div 1

Crook Town: Makepeace, Mitton, Winstanley, Pilling, Webb, Walker, Hurworth, Parnaby, Johnson, Moody, Lamb

Bishop Auckland: Liversedge, Burlace, Risbrough, McGoldrick, Errington, Gott, Daley, Banks, Weirs, Johnson, Fairley

A lightning start by Bishops blew away Crook, at a storm threatened Millfield as goals by Weirs, Whitfield, Johnson (2), Gott and Milburn (2) secured a 1-7 win.



As the storm clouds gathered on a muggy evening a pair of early goals - both coming from breaks down the Crook left - settled any nerves on the back of the 5-0 FA Cup defeat at Whitby. Weirs opened his account for the season from close range, and then Whitfield (left) scooped the ball in from a similar distance.

Bishops were swarming all over the beleaguered black and ambers and on 20 minutes Whitfield tumbled over the outstretched leg of Pilling to win a penalty, which Gott put away with familiar ease. Louis Johnson got in on the act 5 minutes before the break when he beat Makepeace to the ball and chipped it into the unguarded net. James Fairley crashed a shot against the frame of the goal just before the referee put the hosts out of their misery for the time being, at least.

A concerning period of around 10 minutes delayed the start of the 2nd half as the referee waited for the thunder and lightning to pass over and once the game resumed Crook gave a much better account of themselves, pulling a goal back on 52 minutes through Steve Johnson. Bishops were looking sloppy as the rain intensified but a lack of real quality meant they were not punished further, however, Liversedge did deal with a couple of decent efforts on his goal.

On 82 minutes Johnson grabbed his second of the game as he finished off a one-on-one via the goalkeeper's body. Ex Bishop Winstanley was thwarted by the legs of Liversedge before sub-Dale Milburn produced a stoppage time cameo with two strikes to the delight of the large two-blue following. The first appeared to wrongfoot Makepeace via a deflection but there was no such help required when he lashed in moments later.

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	6 - 0	304
Tue 02/08/2022	Whitley Bay v Bishop Auckland	7:30 PM	NL1	0 - 4	372
Sat 06/08/2022	Guisborough Town v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	FAC EP	0 - 1	364
Tue 09/08/2022	Bishop Auckland v Carlisle City	7:45 PM	NL1	0 - 1	307
Sat 13/08/2022	West Auckland Town v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1	2 - 1	426
Tue 16/08/2022	Bishop Auckland v Penrith	7:45 PM	NL1	5 - 0	230
Sat 20/08/2022	Bishop Auckland v Kendal Town	3:00 PM	FAC P	5 - 2	274
Tue 23/08/2022	Seaham Red Star v Bishop Auckland	7:30 PM	NL1	3 - 4	238
Sat 27/08/2022	Bishop Auckland v West Allotment Celtic	3:00 PM	NL1	3 - 1	302
Mon 29/08/2022	Bishop Auckland v Newton Aycliffe	1:00 PM	NL1	1 - 0	489
Sat 03/09/2022	Whitby Town v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	FAC Q1	5 - 0	485
Wed 07/09/2022	Crook Town v Bishop Auckland	7:30 PM	NL1	1 - 7	487
Sat 17/09/2022	Bishop Auckland v Newcastle Benfield	3:00 PM	NL1		
Tue 20/09/2022	Bishop Auckland v Northallerton Town	7:45 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 Billingham Town	7:45 PM	DCC1		
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	West Allotment Celtic v Bishop Auckland	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 03/12/2022	Tow Law Town 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	7:30 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 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 Whickham	3:00 PM	NL1
Tue 14/03/2023	Newcastle Benfield v Bishop Auckland	7:30 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 08/04/2022	Bishop Auckland v Heaton Stannington	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 – Apps 11

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 – Apps 0

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

Goalkeeper – Dan Dixon – Apps 1

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 – Apps 5 / Goals 1

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

Defender – Dylan Rutherford – Apps 0

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 – Apps 12 – Sponsored by Stagecoach

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



Defender – Dale Elgie – Apps 10 / Goals 3

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

Defender – George Walker – Apps 0

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 – Apps 12 / Goals 4 – Sponsored by S Jardine Roofing

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 – Dane Burlace – Apps 11 / Goals 1**

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

Midfielder – Bradley Mills – Apps 9

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 – Apps 11 / Goals 5

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 seashiders' double promotion to the NPL Premier Division. Spennymoor Town and Darlington also count as Craigs' previous clubs. Newly installed team captain.

Midfielder – Ciaran Banks – Apps 12 / Goals 1

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 – Apps 7 / Goals 3 – Sponsored by Castle Carpets

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 Daley – Apps 11 – Sponsored by Snapfast**

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 is a product of Hartlepool Utd's youth set-up.

**Midfielder – Brennan Fitzpatrick – Apps 1**

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

Midfielder – Andrew Stephenson – Apps 6

An experienced attacking midfielder, Andrew signed just after 2022-23 got underway. Previously with Marske, South Shields and Spennymoor Town.

Forward – Louis Johnson – Apps 9 / Goals 10 – Sponsored by Bishop Five

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



Forward – Matthew Weirs – Apps 11 / Goals 1

Matty joins the club for a third spell having initially been a part of Colin Myers's 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 – Apps 12 / Goals 4 – Sponsored by The Masons Arms

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.

**Forward – Wayne Whitfield – Apps 10 / Goals 4**

A 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.

Manager – Chris Hardy – Sponsored by Last Mile Logistic Solutions

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 – Sponsored by the Pearson family**

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.



**Catherine,
Mike & Jack**

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17/09/2022	3:00 PM	Whickham v West Allotment Celtic	Division 1
17/09/2022	3:00 PM	Billingham Synthonia v Willington	Division 2
17/09/2022	3:00 PM	Birtley Town v Newcastle University	Division 2
17/09/2022	3:00 PM	Blyth Town v Jarrow	Division 2
17/09/2022	3:00 PM	Brandon United v Bedlington Terriers	Division 2
17/09/2022	3:00 PM	Chester-le-Street Town v Billingham Town	Division 2
17/09/2022	3:00 PM	Easington Colliery v Boldon CA	Division 2
17/09/2022	3:00 PM	Prudhoe YC Seniors v Chester-le-Street United	Division 2
17/09/2022	3:00 PM	Washington v Sunderland West End	Division 2
17/09/2022	3:00 PM	Ashington AFC v Bradford (Park Avenue)	FA Cup

DATE	MATCH	RESULT	COMPETITION	ATT
16/09/2022	Redcar Town v Horden CW	0 - 1	Division 2	182
16/09/2022	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion v Boro Rangers	1 - 4	Division 2	221
14/09/2022	Chester-le-Street United v Silksworth CW	2 - 0	Durham Challenge Cup	47
14/09/2022	Crook Town v Tow Law Town	0 - 2	Division 1	375
14/09/2022	Blyth Town v Easington Colliery	2 - 0	Division 2	98
14/09/2022	Prudhoe YC Seniors v Billingham Synthonia	1 - 2	Division 2	121
13/09/2022	Boldon CA v Brandon United	1 - 3	Durham Challenge Cup	29
13/09/2022	Washington v Boro Rangers	1 - 2	Division 2	335
13/09/2022	Billingham Town v Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	9 - 2	Division 2	113

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	FORM
1	Whitley Bay	9	7	1	1	20	9	11	22	W W W W D
2	Bishop Auckland	9	7	0	2	31	8	23	21	W W W W W
3	Newton Aycliffe	10	6	1	3	16	10	6	19	W W L L L
4	Carlisle City	9	5	3	1	12	7	5	18	W L D W D
5	Ashington AFC	6	5	1	0	19	4	15	16	W W W W D
6	West Allotment Celtic	10	5	1	4	19	12	7	16	W L W W W
7	Newcastle Benfield	8	4	3	1	12	8	4	15	W W W D D
8	Whickham	8	5	0	3	12	8	4	15	W L W L L
9	Guisborough Town	7	4	2	1	17	10	7	14	D W W D L
10	Sunderland RCA	9	4	2	3	12	7	5	14	L L W W W
11	West Auckland Town	10	4	2	4	12	14	-2	14	W L D L W
12	Redcar Athletic	8	3	3	2	17	16	1	12	L W D D W
13	Tow Law Town	9	3	3	3	17	22	-5	12	D D W D W
14	Crook Town	10	2	1	7	10	27	-17	7	W W L L L
15	Pickering Town	10	2	1	7	8	31	-23	7	D L L L W
16	Thornaby (-3)	10	3	0	7	16	17	-1	6	L W L L L
17	Northallerton Town	8	1	2	5	10	14	-4	5	L L W D L
18	Heaton Stannington	8	1	2	5	8	13	-5	5	L L L L W
19	Seaham Red Star	9	1	1	7	7	21	-14	4	L L L W L
20	Penrith	9	1	1	7	7	24	-17	4	L L L L D

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	FORM
1	Boro Rangers	11	8	2	1	23	12	11	26	W L W W W
2	Billingham Town	11	8	0	3	38	20	18	24	W L W W W
3	Horden CW	11	8	0	3	22	15	7	24	L W W W W
4	Birtley Town	11	7	2	2	37	12	25	23	W W W L L
5	Bedlington Terriers	9	7	2	0	24	6	18	23	W D W W W
6	Blyth Town	10	7	1	2	21	11	10	22	W W D W W
7	Billingham Synthonia	11	7	0	4	27	19	8	21	W L W W W
8	Brandon United	10	6	2	2	17	13	4	20	W W W W W
9	Prudhoe YC Seniors	12	6	1	5	24	18	6	19	W L W L L
10	Boldon CA	10	5	2	3	25	21	4	17	W D L W W
11	Redcar Town	10	5	1	4	17	11	6	16	L L W W L
12	Easington Colliery	11	5	1	5	18	14	4	16	W L L W L
13	Chester-le-Street United	9	3	2	4	14	17	-3	11	W W D L L
14	Sunderland West End	11	3	0	8	12	24	-12	9	L L W L L
15	Washington	12	2	2	8	12	23	-11	8	L D L L L
16	Chester-le-Street Town	10	2	2	6	8	23	-15	8	D L L W L
17	Esh Winning	11	2	2	7	12	28	-16	8	L D L L L
18	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	13	2	2	9	13	38	-25	8	L L W L L
19	Newcastle University	9	2	0	7	13	21	-8	6	L L L W W
20	Jarrow	10	1	3	6	13	24	-11	6	L L W L L
21	Willington	10	1	1	8	5	25	-20	4	W L L L L

DALE MILBURN FACT FILE

Age: 23

From: *Kelloe*



Nickname: *Milly*

Former Clubs: *Sunderland RCA, Brandon, Tow Law, Darlington*

Three Reasons for joining Bishops:

- 1. The facilities at the club*
- 2. The fanbase*
- 3. The direction the club wants to go in*

Realistic achievements for Bishops for the 2022-23 season: *I feel this would be promotion because of the standard we have set ourselves so far this season.*

Best moment in football to date: *Probably winning a trophy with my former Sunday side Sedgefield St Edmunds because to win something with a squad full of good mates followed by the celebrations afterwards was just unbelievable!*

Best pals in the dressing room: *We are such a close-knit group full of different characters so it's a tough one to say. We all get on well together and its one of the best squads I have been in where there are no 'clicks/groups'.*

Three things that best define you off the pitch:

- 1. Hardworking young lad*
- 2. Family man*
- 3. Love to travel*

Grande Torino

When we consider Italian football, some names just leap off of the page. Juventus, Milan, and Inter have dominated on the Italian peninsula, and for some the romance of Fiorentina, the Maradona-linked Napoli or the rare success of Roma stand out. But things could have been very different in Serie A, as another side could, perhaps should, be above them all. Despite only winning one league title since 1950, Torino built something in the 1940s that threatened to take over Italian football, and definitely outshone their city rivals. Their legacy, however, was cut short in its prime, in 1949, allowing Juventus to claim supremacy in Italy.

The 1930s saw something of a power vacuum at the top of Italian football. Despite some early Juventus dominance, they had struggled, and nobody had been able to claim their crown on a consistent basis. Across the city, however, that was about to change. Former Torino player Ferruccio Novo had made a fortune in industry after leaving the game, and at the age of 42 returned to his club as President, ready to create something special. His first call was to Vittorio Pozzo, who had just won back-to-back World Cup's as Italy manager, and Pozzo recommended a complete overhaul of the club to follow a more English model. Novo agreed, and set about filling his staff positions with accomplished, experienced experts. With Jewish Erno Egri Erbstein brought in as a technical director. He was one of a famed crop of Hungarian technicians who helped make the nation one of the most influential in the history of football, but because of racial laws was forced to work incognito.

Between them, Novo and Erbstein made radical changes to the club, most importantly switching to a WM formation popularised by Herbert Chapman. The first signing was an 18 year old striker from Varese, Franco Ossola, who would become an important part of the side. In his first season at the club, Torino went from mid-table obscurity to just four points from champions Bologna, their best position since the unification of the Italian leagues into a national division.

The following season, with the disruption of war, saw them slip a little, but Mussolini's declaration that players were more required on the football field than the battlefield ensured the league remained competitive. Novo took advantage of the austerity of the wartime conditions by splashing his own cash, bringing in five players, including three from neighbouring Juventus. Sadly, as the war intensified, Erbstein was forced to flee back to Hungary, where he would later be captured and sent to a concentration camp. Torino, however, thrived in the conditions, just

missing out on the title again in 1942 before becoming the first Italian team to win the double in 1943. This would be the final season unbroken by war.

Following the conclusion of hostilities, however, Torino were ready to go. The damage caused throughout Italy forced the decision to, for one season only, revert to a regional group structure with a national championship game, which Torino won. This disruption means that the achievement is often not counted officially, but it didn't matter to Torino, who had an additional boost ready for the 1946-7 season: Erbstein, having survived the holocaust, was returned as manager.

It was fitting, after initially setting up the success, that Erbstein would be there to oversee its ultimate dominance. Torino secured a strangely organised title again in 1947, before more traditional titles in 1948 and 1949. 1948 in particular saw some scintillating football: Torino won the league at a canter by 16 points, securing a 10-0 win, a 21 match unbeaten run, and scoring 125 goals.

Torino were on a high, and unsurprisingly their presence was requested across Europe. Near the conclusion of the 48-49 season, they flew out Benfica to play a friendly in honour of their captain. On the return flight, in thick fog, the pilot brought the plane down to land. Strong winds and the poor visibility had blown him off course, although how much he would know about it nobody will ever know. The first the residents of Turin knew was when a loud explosion lit up the sky on the outskirts of Turin. The plane had crashed into the Basilica di Superga with the death of all aboard. That included Erbstein, and the entire squad, barring two reserve players. The tragedy reverberated through Italian football, and the side were declared champions with four games remaining at the behest of their rivals. The crash is commemorated annually, but the club has never recovered from it. They have spent the last 70 years in the shadow of their city rivals, but things could have been so different.



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NEWCASTLE BENFIELD HISTORY & PLAYER INFORMATION

Formed as Brunswick Village in 1988 as part of the Northern Alliance League division two they moved to division one the following season. When the club moved to their current ground and changed their name to Benfield Park.

By the time the 2003-04 season started they had again changed their name to Newcastle Benfield Saints and joined division two of the Northern League, and gaining promotion to division one by the following season.

For the 2005-06 season the name changed to Newcastle Benfield Bay Plastic the following season Newcastle Benfield BP and finally settling as plain Newcastle Benfield for the 2008-09 season.

Since joining the first division in that 2004-05 season they have had an unbroken tenure of that division.

In September 2005 former Hartlepool Striker Paul Baker took over as manager and was still at the helm when the club lifted their first Northern League honour, the League Cup, in May 2007, having beaten Nissan 1-0 at federation Park Dunston, courtesy of a magnificent Alu Bangura goal.

Baker enjoyed particular success in FA competitions leading the club to their best performance in the FA Vase in 2006 and a year later reaching the Fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, narrowly losing to York City 1-0 in front of a ground record crowd of 927 fans.

The club's finest season was yet to come when in 2008-09 under Tom Wade too win the league title on the last day of the season with an eighty-eighth minute goal by Stephen Young in the final game at Penrith. It is notable that they had never been at the top of the table till that goal.

That was turned into a double success when they were to win the League Cup, ironically also against Penrith with a breath-taking Ian Graham goal however many would agree that Andrew Grainger's performance in goal was probably the finest individual performance.

Wade left before the following season with Baker returning and Benfield winning the Cleator Cup, the Northern League equivalent to the Charity Shield.

In September 2011 Baker resigned for a second time, replaced by former player, captain and assistant manager Alu Bangura. The same player who scored the magnificent goal against Nissan in 2007. Alu's time was short lived replaced by Perry Briggs after 6 months and the club limped to a disappointing league finish in twelfth place.

Briggs was to leave in the autumn of 2012 replaced by Anthony Woodhouse and he was to bail out early 2013 citing work pressures. Woodhouse was replaced by former Bedlington Terriers player Steve Bowey who performed the role as player manager.

For the 2013-14 season Bowey's side put in some impressive performances but still ended up only fourteenth in the table, but this was balanced by some fine results in the FA Vase.

Tragically, club co-founder Danny Gates passed away in November 2013 his contribution cannot be underestimated; he will not be forgotten as long as the club exists.

At the end of that season Steve Bowey resigned and Neil Saxton took his place who in turn left in October to be replaced by the returning Steve Bowey, with the club languishing near the foot of the table. His return galvanized the club and a run of fourteen games including eleven wins and one draw saw them finish the season in tenth place. This also saw Paul Brayson win Northern League Player of the Season with a tally of 49 goals in all competitions.

The following season 2015-16 saw Benfield finish eighteenth and Bowey tender his resignation again at the end of October.

Sadly, John Colley who was the co-founder along with Danny Gates also passed away December 17 aged 74 for many years John was the club Treasurer, and will also be missed.

The club then appointed Mark Convery and Paul Brayson as joint Player Managers in November 2015 and with a thin squad they stabilised in the 2016-17 season ending a credible tenth in the league.

The 2011-12 season saw Benfield finish seventh only denied sixth on a one goal spot by Stockton Town. Including a forty-nine-goal contribution by Paul Brayson.

2012-13 after a slow start to the season saw Mark Convery and his assistant Craig "Bruiser" Heward leave the club at the start of October, with Tom Wade returning after a nine-year absence however this only lasted four months, with former Newcastle United and Benfield player Stuart Elliott take the reins.

Stu took the Lions to the Northern League Brookes Milesen Trophy final only to lose 4-3 on penalties. Stu stayed with the Lions until December 2021 and then club appointed Colin Stromsoy as Manager in January 2022.

Tragically, club founder and chairman Jimmy Rowe passed away September 4th 2019. Everything the club has achieved so far is down to Jimmy and everything we achieve in the future will be dedicated to his memory.

Dave Robson stepped up to take on that role as Club Chairman only to be another tragic loss to the club.

Mick Oliver, who was Dave's assistant, has now taken on the Chairman's role with Craig Bell as his assistant.

Alfie Gordon - Goalkeeper - Agile young shot stopper who has loads of potential and he is learning his trade from the very best at the moment. Alfie is a great trainer and is a huge asset to club while showing patience and maturity.

Andrew Grainger - Goalkeeper - Long serving goalkeeper, Andrew joined the club following spells with Darlington, against whom he had a testimonial in July 2014 and Barry Town. Regarded throughout the League by team-mates and opponents as one of the best goalkeepers in the Northern League, Andrew is also the international goalkeeper for England at Beach football. Winner of the League's Safe Hands trophy in 2009. Former wicketkeeper with Tynemouth CC.

Paul Brayson - Striker - Previous clubs include Newcastle United, Swansea City, Reading, Cardiff City, Cheltenham Town, York City, Northwich Victoria, Gateshead and Blyth Spartans. Legendary striker, who needs no introduction. 2014/2015 & 2017/2018 Northern League Player of the Season. Scored over 250 goals in his 8 seasons with Benfield.

Kane Evans - Defender - Previous club Sunderland AFC, and he joined Benfield in the 2020/21 season, as one of the brand new additions to the squad. An exciting young prospect who has had a really bright start to his career, and has a lot to add to the Benfield squad in the 20/21 season along the back line.

Cameron Gascoigne - Attack - Recent signing from Whitley Bay nephew of the famous uncle "Paul Gascoigne" is a promising new addition to the team who scored twice on his first league appearance.

Peter Glen-Ravenhill - Attack - Experienced front runner. Served Whitley Bay, North Shields and Team Northumbria with distinction. A valuable addition to the squad.

Aiden Haley - Midfield - Commanding presence in the centre of the park. Former clubs include Dunston UTS and Whitley Bay.

Dennis Knight - Striker - Powerful, combative and dangerous, made his reputation at Newcastle United.

Archie Leonard - Striker - Quick young player who joined us through our Elite College link and has been a great signing. He causes problems as soon as he receives the ball and is a defenders nightmare.

Ben Pentland - Midfielder - Tall, strong and very gifted midfielder who loves to get on the ball and play.

Ethan Renney - Defender - Ethan is another Elite College graduate who joined us at the back end of last season. The left footer has settled in well and is growing with confidence as the season goes on.

Joe Robson - Defender/Winger - Young defender returning to the team from a spell at Blyth.

Lewis Scorgie - Centre Half - Has played for North Shields, Hartlepool, Wallsend and Whitley Bay. Superb on the ball and very committed. Recently returned after 15 months out with a knee injury.

Ritchie Slaughter - Midfield - Experienced, talented, creative midfielder. A reliable performer.

Ryan McGorrigan - Striker - Ryan is a quick and powerful striker who we signed from Ashington this season. Ryan adds a different threat than our other strikers and has already shown why we signed him.

Mark Turnbull - Right Back /Centre Half - Joined the club from local football and is embarking on his eleventh season at the club. Has impressed with his commitment and his solid displays at right back, which led him to be named Young Player of the Year in 2011. Club captain.

Bradley Varga - Defender - Brad is a no-nonsense tough tackling defender who gives 100% every time he is on the pitch. He has pace to add to his playing ability and is a great lad on and off the pitch.

Connor Walker - Attacking Midfield – Has bags of talent and has chipped in with his fair share of goals and MOM performance since joining us this season. Connor gives us something different with his quick movement and is a player to watch.

MacKenzie Sharp - Mackenzie brings attacking options out wide to support our forwards and is 22 years old and joins the team from near neighbours Heaton Stannington. Mac has loads of potential so should bring some attacking flair to the team.

Jamie Clarke - Striker - On loan from Blyth Spartans until the end of the season. Jamie is a young attack minded player with very quick feet and a great turn of pace.

Josh Robson - Defence - Signed from Blyth Spartans Josh is a full back with loads of footballing experience after playing in Norway. Very calm on the ball and loves getting forward and can play either side.

Sol Bell - Midfield/Defence - Sol is a versatile player who can play in defence or midfield and he is no stranger to Benfield. Sol loves to get forward and is very good in a dead ball situation.

Lewis Leech - Midfield - Lewis is a very talented midfielder who is comfortable with either foot, and comfortable in any midfield role with a great engine to get around the pitch.

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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 aftercare 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.

How do I join?

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

- Congratulations to Michelle Postma No.185 who was our latest '500 club' draw winner of £376
- We are now taking membership renewals for 2022-23, £5 adults / £3 under 16s. Please see Gavin Hadden or David Illingworth at any upcoming games or e-mail supporters@bishopaafc.com

Upcoming Events

- Our next meeting takes place on Thursday 6th October, starting at 7pm here at Heritage Park. All current supporters club members and anyone interested in joining are very much welcome.
- **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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Why should I join the 500 club ?

The first BIG reason is that it gives you a chance of winning up to £1,000 every month, extended from this other reasons to join are:

- Low cost to join only £5 per month this works out cheaper than most other lotteries / draws
- Better odds than most other draws with the max odds being 500:1
- Support a local community supporters organisation which is committed to improving all aspects of a local football club.
- Easy of play all monthly fees are taken by standing order meaning that you will never miss a draw.

How do I join the 500 club ?

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1. Fill your details in the attached form
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3. Setup a standing order with your bank to pay xxxx your monthly membership fee of £5, this must reach us between the 1st & 23rd of each month.
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