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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.

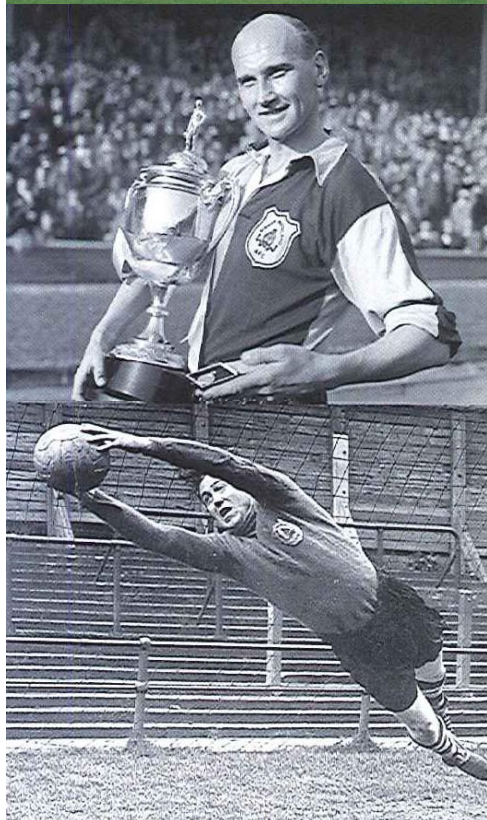
In the FA Cup the Bishops had memorable fights against Preston North End, Burnley, Wolves, and other league clubs. The best run in the competition was in 1954/55 when, after beating Kettering Town 5-1 (Home), Crystal Palace 4-2 (Away) and Ipswich Town 3-0 (home) after a 2-2 draw in East Anglia, they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



Good evening to everyone attending this Ebac Northern League Division One fixture as we welcome Northallerton Town to Heritage Park.

Like Saturday this is also a fixture that has been brought forward and what looked like a completely empty home schedule for the month of September now gives us the chance to move top of the table with another win here in front of our supporters!

The only slightly disappointing thing about this season so far is that our home attendances have not really increased in line with the performances on the pitch and don't differ massively from recent seasons when we have struggled to string performances and wins together. Hopefully this will change if we continue to flourish at the top end of the table as the months tick by.

We have been drawn at home to Billingham Town in the Durham FA Challenge Cup which will take place on Tuesday 11th October, 7.45pm kick off.

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



After our defeat in the FA Cup at Whitby we have bounced back with some great league wins. Well done to Chris and the team on this as I know he was deeply disappointed at Whitby.

The Crook game was probably the best first half performance I have seen from a Bishop team and last Saturday was a very workmanlike performance and great to keep a clean sheet.

We will go top tonight with a win and I am hoping we get a better crowd than on Saturday with only 250 in attendance – can we get well over 300 in to help get us top of the league?!

There is a long way in the season to go and we don't want to get carried away even though we are doing a lot better than I expected at this stage. Chris is always looking at players when they become available, and I will back him all the way in order to keep us where we are - after last season our fans deserve some success!

The club 'AGM' last week went very well with a lot of thank you's to people such as the 'Supporters club' who have worked so hard this past 12 months. The managers question and answer session which followed also went well with Chris answering excellently as always.

We have an FA Vase tie to look forward to this coming Saturday away at Sunderland RCA where there will be a lot of familiar faces, and we hope for a good run in the competition.

Finally, we have former Man Utd and Newcastle player Keith Gillespie coming to Heritage Park on the 20th October - a few tickets remain available so if anybody is interested please contact me.

Thanks again for your support, Steve Coulthard.



Ebac Northern League Division One
Bishop Auckland v Northallerton Town
Tuesday 20th September 2022
Kick-off: 7:45pm



BISHOP AUCKLAND FC	Nick	Liversedge		Tom	Dawson		NORTHALLERTON
	Ben	Errington		Tom	Marron		
	James	Risbrough		Adam	Groom		
	Bradley	Mills		Matthew	Crust		
	Dale	Milburn		Charlie	Graham		
	Craig	Gott		Shaun	Chidanyika		
	Josh	Daley		Joseph	Spalding		
	James	Fairley		Jack	Stapley		
	Matty	Weirs		Shaun	Ryder		
	Wayne	Whitfield		John	Howard		
	Louis	Johnson		Reece	McCann		
	Dale	Elgie		Anthony	Snook		
	Reed	Molloy		Dan	Jones		
	Dan	Dixon		Nathan	Stephenson		
	Ciaran	Banks		Michael	Rae		
	Brennan	Fitzpatrick		Stephen	Jackson		
	Dane	Burlace		Luca	Sartini		
	Niall	McGoldrick		Luke	Jones		
	Piotr	Banda		Kyle	Lancaster		
	Dylan	Rutherford		Damian	Giliga		
	George	Walker		Adam	Cocks		

Manager	Chris Hardy
Assistant Manager	Leon Carling

Richard Farrel
Michael Rae

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Joel Tilmouth

Assistant Referees: Hope Cairns & Carl Draper

NEXT GAME AT HERITAGE PARK

vs Thornaby Saturday 8th October 3pm (Northern League)



HOME KIT SPONSOR



AWAY KIT SPONSOR



Bishop Auckland 1-0 Newcastle Benfield | 17.09.22 | Northern League Div 1

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

Newcastle Benfield: Grainger, Leech, Dibb-Fuller, McNamara, Read, Walker, Green, Thomas, Brayson, Varga, Gascoigne

Bishops showed steel to grind out a narrow win against tricky opponents to maintain second spot in the table. The winning goal came after only 2 minutes when Craig Gott once again demonstrated how to take the perfect penalty kick after a Johnson shot was adjudged to have hit the hand of a visiting defender.



Truth be told Benfield had good spells of possession in the opening half but other than a few snapshots at goal didn't trouble Liversedge into any saves of note. In fact it was Bishops who could easily have gone in at the interval more comfortable but for a couple of questionable offside calls, Weirs first slotting in and then Fairley dinking over Grainger.

Louis Johnson did escape the offside trap but never looked totally comfortable as his shot across goal from an angle was beaten away by the 'timeless' Andrew Grainger.



If the first half was competitive the following 45 minutes never really sparked into life as Bishops contained the Newcastle outfit well enough to never look overly stretched in defence.

The best chance of the game fell to Bishops forward Johnson on the hour mark, but his shot when one on one with Grainger curled wide of the post.

With the game drifting toward a conclusion a bizarre incident resulted in Benfield being reduced to only 9 men, Dennis Knight sent to the sin bin and Gascoigne giving his marching orders seconds later for dissent. There wasn't much time for Bishops to take advantage of the extra men and moments later it was the two blues celebrating a hard-fought win.

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	1 - 0	246
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 12

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 6 / 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 13 – 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 13 / 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 12 / Goals 1**

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

Midfielder – Bradley Mills – Apps 10

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 12 / Goals 6

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 13 / 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 8 / 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 12 – 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 10 / Goals 10 – Sponsored by Bishop Five

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



Forward – Matthew Weirs – Apps 12 / 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 13 / 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 11 / 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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DATE	KICK OFF	MATCH	COMPETITION
20/09/2022	7:30 PM	Newton Aycliffe v Guisborough Town	Division 1
20/09/2022	7:45 PM	Bishop Auckland v Northallerton Town	Division 1
20/09/2022	7:30 PM	Birtley Town v Billingham Town	Division 2
20/09/2022	7:30 PM	Horden CW v Boldon CA	Division 2
20/09/2022	7:30 PM	Redcar Town v Prudhoe YC Seniors	Division 2
20/09/2022	7:45 PM	Bedlington Terriers v Chester-le-Street United	Division 2
20/09/2022	7:30 PM	Dunston v Esh Winning	Durham Challenge Cup
21/09/2022	7:30 PM	Billingham Synthonia v Blyth Town	Division 2
21/09/2022	7:30 PM	Jarrow v Sunderland West End	Division 2
21/09/2022	7:30 PM	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion v Chester-le-Street Town	Division 2
22/09/2022	7:30 PM	Newcastle University v Easington Colliery	Division 2

DATE	MATCH	RESULT	COMPETITION	ATT
17/09/2022	Ashington AFC v Bradford (Park Avenue)	2 - 1	FA Cup	711
17/09/2022	Carlisle City v Guisborough Town	0 - 2	Division 1	105
17/09/2022	Crook Town v Seaham Red Star	4 - 0	Division 1	201
17/09/2022	Northallerton Town v Tow Law Town	1 - 3	Division 1	190
17/09/2022	Pickering Town v Penrith	1 - 2	Division 1	140
17/09/2022	Redcar Athletic v Sunderland RCA	1 - 3	Division 1	215
17/09/2022	Thornaby v Heaton Stannington	0 - 1	Division 1	179
17/09/2022	Whitley Bay v West Auckland Town	3 - 0	Division 1	312
17/09/2022	Bishop Auckland v Newcastle Benfield	1 - 0	Division 1	246
17/09/2022	Whickham v West Allotment Celtic	3 - 1	Division 1	89
17/09/2022	Billingham Synthonia v Willington	7 - 0	Division 2	104
17/09/2022	Birtley Town v Newcastle University	3 - 1	Division 2	153
17/09/2022	Blyth Town v Jarrow	1 - 0	Division 2	90
17/09/2022	Brandon United v Bedlington Terriers	3 - 1	Division 2	60
17/09/2022	Chester-le-Street Town v Billingham Town	0 - 4	Division 2	121
17/09/2022	Easington Colliery v Boldon CA	2 - 2	Division 2	104
17/09/2022	Prudhoe YC Seniors v Chester-le-Street United	2 - 0	Division 2	122
17/09/2022	Washington v Sunderland West End	0 - 2	Division 2	165
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

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	FORM
1	Whitley Bay	10	8	1	1	23	9	14	25	W W W D W
2	Bishop Auckland	10	8	0	2	32	8	24	24	W W W W W
3	Newton Aycliffe	10	6	1	3	16	10	6	19	W W L L L
4	Whickham	9	6	0	3	15	9	6	18	L W L L W
5	Carlisle City	10	5	3	2	12	9	3	18	L D W D L
6	Guisborough Town	8	5	2	1	19	10	9	17	W W D L W
7	Sunderland RCA	10	5	2	3	15	8	7	17	L W W W W
8	Ashington AFC	6	5	1	0	19	4	15	16	W W W W D
9	West Allotment Celtic	11	5	1	5	20	15	5	16	L W W W L
10	Newcastle Benfield	9	4	3	2	12	9	3	15	W W D D L
11	Tow Law Town	10	4	3	3	20	23	-3	15	D W D W W
12	West Auckland Town	11	4	2	5	12	17	-5	14	L D L W L
13	Redcar Athletic	9	3	3	3	18	19	-1	12	W D D W L
14	Crook Town	11	3	1	7	14	27	-13	10	W L L L W
15	Heaton Stannington	9	2	2	5	9	13	-4	8	L L L W W
16	Penrith	10	2	1	7	9	25	-16	7	L L L D W
17	Pickering Town	11	2	1	8	9	33	-24	7	L L L W L
18	Thornaby (-3)	11	3	0	8	16	18	-2	6	W L L L L
19	Northallerton Town	9	1	2	6	11	17	-6	5	L W D L L
20	Seaham Red Star	10	1	1	8	7	25	-18	4	L L W L L

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	FORM
1	Billingham Town	12	9	0	3	42	20	22	27	L W W W W
2	Birtley Town	12	8	2	2	40	13	27	26	W W L L W
3	Boro Rangers	11	8	2	1	23	12	11	26	W L W W W
4	Blyth Town	11	8	1	2	22	11	11	25	W D W W W
5	Billingham Synthonia	12	8	0	4	34	19	15	24	L W W W W
6	Horden CW	11	8	0	3	22	15	7	24	L W W W W
7	Bedlington Terriers	10	7	2	1	25	9	16	23	D W W W L
8	Brandon United	11	7	2	2	20	14	6	23	W W W W W
9	Prudhoe YC Seniors	13	7	1	5	26	18	8	22	L W L L W
10	Boldon CA	11	5	3	3	27	23	4	18	D L W W D
11	Easington Colliery	12	5	2	5	20	16	4	17	L L W L D
12	Redcar Town	10	5	1	4	17	11	6	16	L L W W L
13	Sunderland West End	12	4	0	8	14	24	-10	12	L W L L W
14	Chester-le-Street United	10	3	2	5	14	19	-5	11	W D L L L
15	Washington	13	2	2	9	12	25	-13	8	D L L L L
16	Esh Winning	11	2	2	7	12	28	-16	8	L D L L L
17	Chester-le-Street Town	11	2	2	7	8	27	-19	8	L L W L L
18	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	13	2	2	9	13	38	-25	8	L L W L L
19	Newcastle University	10	2	0	8	14	24	-10	6	L L W W L
20	Jarrow	11	1	3	7	13	25	-12	6	L W L L L
21	Willington	11	1	1	9	5	32	-27	4	L L L L L

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From: *Middlesbrough*

Nickname: *Johnno*

Former Clubs: *Guisborough Town, Marske Utd, Newcastle Utd*

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- 2. I will put 100% into everything I do*
- 3. Love a challenge*





MONTHLY ROUND UP

After an up-and-down season for the Two Blues, which had seen them get to the Third round qualifying of The Vitality Women's FA Cup with a win against Stanwix and Blyth Town (who went on to win the league), they also finished in 7th place in the league, despite looking better than a number side who finished above them but injuries/availability played its part.

Our Ladies' Team play in the North East Regional Women's Football League Division One North Level 6 in the Women's footballing pyramid (the equivalent of the National League North on the men's side). Teams Like Hartlepool United, Gateshead FC and Spennymoor all have a team at this level; there are also some familiar names to Northern League Fans with Thornaby, Guisborough, West Allotment Celtic, Washington and Chester-Le-Street United in the league and the other teams in the league include Hartlepool Pools Youth, Wallsend B.C. Women's reserves and Norton & Stockton Ancients LFC Reserves.

Over the Summer, Head of Coaching Steve Cook looked to add to his squad. Over the summer, he added American Goalkeeper Rebecka Bence, also adding Defenders Hannah Coppillie and Megan Vasey (sister of Beth Vasey) and Midfielder Sophie Whiting.

One significant departure was of Captain and Experienced Midfielder Vikki Ryder, who has re-joined her former side Chester-Le-Street Town who had recently been relegated to the North East Regional Women's Football League Premier Division.

On the 4th of September the Two Blues started their season against title favourites Chester-Le-Street United, at the Riverside in Chester-Le-Street, but



without a number of players including Katie Raine and Rebecca Lowes, and Remembering last season's games against CLS United, Bishop's set up expecting to defend against a side in which about 70% of their players train Full-Time with partner programme Park View, despite going down 2-0 at half time Bishop's changed their shape and wanted to get at

CLS more in which they did and in the 51st Minute Brogan McHugh won a penalty and then converted the spot kick, despite creating a number of chances Bishop's couldn't get a equalize and in the 75th minute United made it 3-1 but despite getting a 2 goal lead Bishop's still gave it everything and Last season's Top Scorer Emma Wright was sent through on goal and scored to give a little Hope to possible get it level but in the 89th minute but it wasn't too be, but there was many positives for the Blues, they now look forward to traveling to Durham United in the Durham County FA County Cup on the 18th of September.

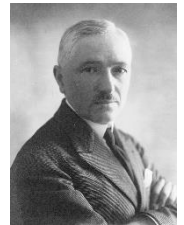


Report and photos by Joe Gorman

Red Star

Paris has become one of the most productive factories of football talent in the world in recent years, with world class players seemingly coming out of the city like there is no tomorrow. And when we think of football clubs in Paris, one name springs to mind. But Paris Saint-Germain, founded by the merger of Paris FC and Stade Saint-Germain, only came into being in 1970. Paris FC have since split from the project, but themselves were only founded a year earlier in 1969, while Stade Saint-Germain have a much longer history, going back to 1904. But if we want to find the origins of football in Paris, we have to go back even further than that, and to a man whose name echoes as loudly as anyone's through footballing history.

In 1897, Ernest Webber sat in a Paris café with a friend, discussing the lack of a welcoming sports club that they could join. The friend proposed that they start their own, which would open its doors to anybody of any background, and any income. His name, as it happened, was Jules Rimet, and his club, named after the ferry company chosen by his childhood governess, was Red Star FC.



Always taking the English variant of the name (no L'Etoile Rouge here, though it has become a nickname), the club initially started life playing in the Champs de Mars, a beautifully picturesque space right next to the Eiffel Tower, in the third division of a nascent national French championship. They soon moved to Meudon, in the southwest of the city, and just as rapidly, moved up the leagues. By 1904, under the presidency of Rimet, they were in the top flight.

In 1907, the club moved to Saint-Ouen in the north of the city, to the brand new Stade de Paris, which is still its home (though it is now called the Stade Bauer). The forerunner to the French FA, the USFSA, was in disarray, so the club joined a new organisation, and a new league, which they won in 1912, but by 1919 the French Football Federation had been established, and with it some efficiency and, auspiciously for Red Star, a new national cup competition. They became founder members of Ligue 1.

In 1921, Red Star began providing increasing numbers of players to the national team, most notably goalkeeper Pierre Chayrigues (who had been approached by Tottenham as early as 1913) and star striker Paul Nicolas, and this core of internationals saw them to the first of three consecutive Coupe de France

victories, against city rivals Olympique de Paris, who would later merge with the Saint-Ouen based club. The following season saw them defeat Rennes 2-0, before a 4-2 victory in 1923 against CA Paris (who, incidentally, were one of the clubs that rejected Rimet) and secure three-in-a-row, and meant that Red Star had won three of the first five iterations of the competition (or six, if a wartime dummy run is included from 1918). They would beat CA Paris again in 1928 for their fourth.

1930 saw the beginning of what would become a long-lasting decline for the club. The Federation voted for a professionalisation of the league, and despite their success in the 1920s and their early adoption of the motion, Red Star would finish in the bottom three in the first professional season of French football. Ironically, this just meant a little more history for the club, as relegation made them founder members of Ligue 2, just as they had been founder members of Ligue 1. They won the division at the first attempt and returned to the top flight, but the appointment of player-manager, legend of the future Guillermo Stabile was not enough to re-establish them at the top of French football. In 1939, as war was breaking out, he left to manage the Argentine national side.



A wartime Coupe de France in 1942, with another legendary Argentinian manager, Helenio Herrera, as a player, was the last honour Red Star secured, and their decline in the post-war period was stark. In 1950 they dropped as far as the third division, and despite a handful of individual seasons back at the top table,

they have spent the rest of their history bouncing between the second and third divisions.

Despite the rise and fall, however, Red Star have retained Jules Rimet's initial belief in remaining an open and inclusive club for all in Paris. While their billionaire-backed neighbours break world records to bring the global footballing elite to the Parc des Princes, Red Star run community outreach programmes in textiles, literature, music, and of course football. Who knows, if Paris keeps producing talent like it has been, this outreach might just drive them back to the top.

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NORTHALLERTON TOWN HISTORY & PLAYER INFORMATION

Nobody knows the exact formation date of Northallerton Town Football Club, but The Elliott Bowl, a trophy donated by local M.P. Sir George Elliott, was contested for the first time in 1895 carries the clubs name as its first winner.

Joining the Northern League was a big step for the club as something like £150,000 had to be raised to upgrade the Ainderby Road Ground to Northern League standards. The Club's first game in the Northern League was on August 28th 1982 when they were defeated 4-1 at Ryhope. A week later, Town gained revenge with a 2-0 home victory when Ryhope became the first Northern League visitors to Ainderby Road.

Early years in the Northern League were difficult but they reached the final of the North Riding County Cup in the 1983-84 season, unfortunately losing 2-1 to York Railway Institute. The appointment of former Burnley, Leeds United and Middlesbrough star Ray Hankin as manager in March 1989 saw an upturn in the club's fortunes.

Hankin guided them to promotion to the First Division in 1989-90 having finished runners-up in the Second Division behind champions Murton. Season 1990-91 saw the club consolidate itself in Division One, but at the end of that season Hankin resigned and his number two Geoff Cane was appointed manager.

Under Cane, the Club enjoyed great success in both the F.A Trophy and the F.A Cup - reaching the last sixteen in the F.A Trophy in 1992-93 before going out to Farnborough of the Vauxhall Conference - and in the same season they reached the fourth qualifying round of the F.A Cup before narrowly losing at Accrington Stanley.

Major ground redevelopment was carried out while Cane was in charge - a new grandstand with seating for 150 spectators was erected together with covered

terracing for a further 400 spectators. The open ends behind both goals were also terraced, making the Ainderby Road ground the envy of many. The Club will always be grateful to Geoff as without him most of this work would not have been completed. Unfortunately, off the field disagreements were taking place which resulted in Cane leaving the club at the end of the 1992-93 season. Sadly Geoff passed away in 1995, aged 46.

Town were now a force to be reckoned with in the Northern League and they won the League Challenge Cup in 1993-94, when they beat Blyth Spartans 2-0 in the final at Brandon. But this was to be the last game that Northallerton Town Football Club was to play.

Disaster struck during the summer of 1994 when they were declared financially insolvent in the High Court and were ordered to close down. Had this happened during the playing season then there is not much doubt that the club would have folded. Fortunately there was still time before the new season started for a local businessman to come forward and rescue the club, this despite vandals breaking into the ground and daubing slogans on the stand walls and breaking all the windows in the clubhouse.

A new committee was formed and the club was able to kick off the 1994-95 season under the new name of Northallerton F.C. 1994. Still in the First Division of the Northern League, the opening game was Northallerton, League Cup winners, against Durham City, League Champions, in the annual Cleator Cup. After playing a 1-1 draw after extra time, Durham won the cup on penalties.

With no money available to reimburse players there was a mass exodus, and many players from local football leagues were brought in. Although these players gave their all it was no surprise when they were relegated at the end of season 1994-95.

During season 1995-96, the Club gradually got back on its feet, but after a poor opening the Committee decided that players could once again be reimbursed and

many of the club's former players returned resulting in the Club finishing in a respectable 5th place in the league.

During the summer of 1996 the Club was allowed to reinstate the name "Town" to once again become Northallerton Town Football Club (1994), and under the joint guidance of the management duo of Mickey Sell and John Woods, they won promotion back to the First Division when they won the Second Division Championship. For personal reasons both Sell and Woods resigned as joint managers at the end of 1996-97, although both remained at the club, Woods as assistant manager and Sell as an occasional player.

After making a disastrous start to life back in the First Division (winning just three points from the first twelve games) the Club appointed former Bristol Rovers, Middlesbrough, Carlisle United and Darlington star Archie Stephens as their manager. But they fared no better, and, after finishing second bottom, they were relegated back to the Second Division. Stephens, and his assistant Woods, left the club by mutual consent at the end of the season.

Peter Mulcaster was appointed manager at the start of the 1998-99 season, and he guided the club to a commendable fourth place in the league. But in the February of his second season (1999-00), with the club lying in third place and one of the favourites for promotion, he surprised the club with his shock resignation in order to take the vacant manager's job at Spennymoor United.

He was replaced as manager by the experienced ex-Guisborough Town boss Micky Hodgson, but after failing to win promotion at the first attempt, Hodgson and his assistant Peter Bell left the club at the end of season 2000-01.

Peter Mulcaster returned to take over for his second spell as team manager at the start of the 2001-02 season, but after two seasons in charge and failing to get the team promoted, it was mutually agreed that he should leave the club at the end of season 2002-03.

The very experienced former Whitby Town captain Paul Burton was appointed manager at the start of the 2003-04 season. Under Burton, Town regained First

Division status when they finished runners-up in Division Two at the end of the 2005-06 season, where they also reached the final of the North Riding Senior Cup for the first time in their history - losing 3-1 to York City at Bootham Crescent.

The following season (2006-07) they again reached the Senior Cup final - losing 5-0 to a strong Middlesbrough side at Billingham Synthonia. Burton surprised the club at the end of the season by handing in his resignation for what he claims were personal reasons.

He was replaced by the vastly experienced Andy Toman, who lives in the Town, but he resigned after just the one season. Toman was replaced by Alan Robinson, but on the eve of the season Robinson shocked the club with his resignation as he was going to start a new life in Thailand.

Ex-Doncaster Rovers player Martin Speight and former Norton & Stockton Ancients manager Stuart Dawson - who were to have been Robinson's assistants - were appointed as joint managers, but following a run of poor results, Dawson left the club in early January.

Speight was then appointed sole manager but results failed to improve and, following the heavy 5-1 home defeat by Ashington at the end of March, he also resigned.

Mark Fanning, who had been part of the coaching staff at Darlington FC, was appointed. Fanning guided the club to their first silverware in 18 years when they came from behind to beat Second Division champions Team Northumbria 3-2 in the final of the Ernest Armstrong Cup.

Fanning and his assistant Martin Collins resigned in March 2013 so Mulcaster returned to take over for a third time, initially until the end of the season. But following a good run of results which saw the club reach the final of the Ernest Armstrong Cup again, Mulcaster was offered the job on a permanent basis. Unfortunately Northallerton were beaten 3-1 in the final by West Allotment Celtic.

2014-15 Season saw 3 managers for Town. Peter Mulcaster started the season and saw a good start including an opening day 10 nil win away at Esh Winning. In October Peter resigned and assistant Danny Mellanby took over on a temporary basis. In November Stephen Skinner was appointed and kept Danny as his assistant, but it was only a matter of time before he was lured away to 1st division West Auckland, after he turned down their first approach for him. This time we were happy that Danny Mellanby accepted the role of manager and appointed his good friend Dion Raitt as his assistant.

October 2015 saw Danny Mellanby resign as manager. Darren Trotter took over and brought in Richie Farrel as his assistant. May 2016 saw Town beat Ryhope CW 2 nil to win the EA Cup for the 2nd time in 4 years.

May 2017 saw Town retain the EA Cup beating 2nd division champions Stockton Town on penalties, and became the only team to win this trophy 3 times.

2017-18 season saw town miss out on promotion on the last day of the season but finished in their highest position for 9 years.

In 2018-19 Town won the EA Cup for the fourth time and a 3rd place finish saw us promoted back to Division 1 after 10 seasons in Division 2. After 2 Covid pandemic years of curtailed seasons, Town lost Darren Trotter early 2021/22 to be replaced by his asst Richard Farrel who aided by Andy Ramsbottom and Micky Rae fought relegation for most of the season. On the last day a comfortable victory against relegated Billingham Town saw Town finish a respectable fifth from bottom and safety.

RICHARD FARREL Manager

Joined: 2016/17 as Assistant manager, stepped up to manager in September 2021.

Previous Club(s): Billingham Town, Norton & Stockton Ancients

MICKY RAE Assistant manager/Forward

Born: 1987 Joined: 2019/20

Previous Club(s): Ryhope CW, Shildon, Hartlepool United, Celtic Nation, Spennymoor Town

TOM DAWSON Goalkeeper

Born: 1997 Joined: 2017

Previous Club(s): Bishop Auckland, Billingham Town, Middlesbrough

DAN JONES Defender

Born: 1992 Joined: 2015/16

Previous Club(s): Marske United, West Auckland

TOMMY MARRON Defender

Born: 1992 Joined: 2020/21

Previous Club(s): West Auckland Town, Bishop Auckland, Guisborough Town

CHARLIE GRAHAM Defender

Born: 2001 Joined: 2019/20 for his 2nd spell at the Club.

Previous Club(s): Thornaby, Guisborough Town

MATTHEW CRUST Defender

Born: 1994 Joined: 2020/21

Previous Club(s): Billingham Town, Billingham Synthonia, Guisborough Town

ANTHONY SNOOK Defender/Midfield

Born: 1994 Joined: 2020/21

Previous Club(s): Billingham Town, Guisborough Town, Billingham Synthonia

STEPHEN JACKSON Defender/Midfield

Born: 1989 Joined: 2022/23 for his 2nd spell at the Club

Previous Club(s): Billingham Town, Redcar Athletic

ADAM GROOM Defender/Wing back

Born: 2004 Joined: 2022/23

Previous Club(s): Darlington FC 19

SHAUN RYDER Midfield

Born: 1992 Joined: 2021/22 for his 2nd spell at the Club

Previous Club(s): Newton Aycliffe, Bishop Auckland, Consett

SEAN CHIDANYIKA Midfield

Born: 2003 Joined: 2021/22

Previous Club(s): Darlington FC Youth

JOHN HOWARD Midfield/Forward

Born: 2001 Joined: 2022/23 for his 2nd spell at the Club

Previous Club(s): Billingham Town, Guisborough Town

JACK STAPLEY Midfield/Forward

Born: 2001 Joined: 2021/22

ADAM COCKS Midfield

Born: 1996 Joined: 2022/23

Previous Club(s): Richmond Town, Ryhope CW

REECE McMANN Midfield

Born: 2004 Joined: 2022/23

Previous Club(s): Darlington FC U19

NATHAN STEPHENSON Midfield/Forward

Born: 1998 Joined: 2020/21

Previous: Whitley Bay Crook Town

LUKE JONES Forward

Born: 2002 Joined: 2022/23 after a loan spell in 2021/22 season

Previous Club(s): York City

KYLE LANCASTER Forward

Born: 2004 Joined: 2022/23 On loan from York City

Previous Club(s): York City u19

DAMIAN GILIGA Forward

Born: 2002 Joined: 2022/23

Previous Club(s): Tadcaster Albion

LUCA SARTINI Midfield/Forward

Born: 2005 Joined: 2021/22

Previous Club(s): Richmond Mavericks

JOE SPALDING Midfield/Forward

Born: 1997 Joined: 2022/23

Previous Club(s): RAF Rep team

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- 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.
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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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