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Warrington Town (yellow with blue trim/blue/yellow)	V	Whitby Town (all white with red and blue offset stripes)
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Michael Rose	3	James Martin
Charlie Munro	4	Jameel Ible
Mark Roberts ©	5	Jonathan Burn
Matt Regan	6	Jassem Sukar
Luke Duffy	7	Lewis Hawkins
Scott Brown	8	Daniel Rowe ©
Josh Amis	9	Bradley Fewster
Bohan Dixon	10	Jacob Hazel
Jack Dunn	11	Mackenzie Heaney
Craig Carney	12	Lewis Ritson
Matthew Taylor	14	Jamie Cobain
Jack Mackreth	15	Liam Cooke
Callum Grogan	16	Marcus Giles
Iyrwah Gooden	17	Daniel Dixon
Paul Carden Manager		Chris Hardy

Referee	Alan Bennett
Assistant	Michael Southern
Assistant	Cristiana Hattersley

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Town Talk

Must Take Full Advantage



Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Cantilever Park for this Pitching In Northern Premier League Premier Division



fixture. May I take this opportunity to offer a warm welcome to all players, officials and supporters of Whitby Town Football Club to Warrington? I trust you all have an enjoyable stay and a safe journey home after the match.

Today's games – Premier Division

Just two due to the FA Cup

Warrington Town v Whitby Town
Witton Albion v Basford United

Whitby come to Warrington for the twelfth meeting of the clubs having had an even more unusual start to the season than most in what is anything but a normal time. The North Yorkshire council has not allowed them to admit spectators so they either switch to the oppositions ground or play

behind closed doors for the time being. They have had mixed fortunes at this early stage of the season with one registered for win draw and loss, the most recent was at Gainsborough Trinity where they went down 5-1. A red card no doubt added to their troubles and against the side we beat here 3-0 last Saturday you might think this will be easy. Well it certainly won't be. Such results may make us strong favourites and that will be the case as the home team, but Whitby are never an easy side to get past. The midweek results have no bearing when we kick off and I am sure we face yet another tough task ahead, as we always do against them.

Tuesday night saw us take on Atherton Collieries for just the third time in recent seasons but the twenty fourth time in all.

It was another competitive game as both sides played good football and tried to pass through the stubborn defences. Our defence has remained strong so far this season and it did so once gain. If you don't concede you are half way there. There were chances for both sides though and we took ours. Colls did not including missing from the spot. In truth our goals came from half chances and some quick thinking gave us the goods. Some of the chances we missed were in my opinion the better scoring opportunities but in each case they were saved. Forcing the save means we are at least on target. It was another good result, another clean sheet and another win that maintained our 100% start in the league. Points in the bag in the early stages are crucial and it is a fantastic feeling to be leading the pack even if it is at such an early stage. More of the same please.

We have no midweek game next week but travel to Mickleover nest Saturday. Our first meeting of them minus the Sports tag. A week on Tuesday we travel to Morpeth Town and we are back here in two weeks when we face Radcliffe.

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TOWN v WHITBY TOWN - THE HISTORY OF THE CLASH

THE FULL RECORD (League games only - 3 points for a win)

	HOME					AWAY						
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
8	3	0	1	5	3	2	2	0	6	4	17	4

CUP MATCHES - THREE MEETINGS...

2003/2004 FA Cup 3Q Warrington Town 0 Whitby Town 0
 FA Cup 3Q Replay Whitby Town 2 Warrington Town 1
 2009/2010 FA Trophy 1Q Whitby Town 5 Warrington Town 2

The sides first met for a league game in 2016/17 having only occasionally met in cups prior to that. The first meeting came on 11th October 2003 and 253 spectators witnessed a goalless draw at Cantilever Park in the FA Cup. Town faced the long mid week trip to North Yorkshire the following Tuesday and lost out 2-1. Graeme Mitchell scored a late consolation for Town. The attendance was 384. Some six years on almost to the day and we would meet again. This time the date was October 17th and the year 2009. The competition was the FA Trophy and Town, fielding an injured goalkeeper due to a late withdrawal, and missing top scorer also due to late withdrawal lost 5-2, having played much of the game with ten men. This was because captain Mike Tomlinson had been dismissed for stopping a goal scoring opportunity. The resultant penalty levelled the scores and Whitby never looked back from then on. Jimmy McCarthy scored both of Town's goals. The attendance was 274. The first ever league meeting between the sides took place on 23rd August 2016 in the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League Premier Division. It proved to be a game of few chances as both defences were in good form and it took a deflected shot to separate the sides, the goal coming midway through the second half in favour of Whitby. The return game was third from last that season with both sides in with an outside chance of the play-off's. A 2-2 draw did neither side any favours though. We led twice through Danny Hattersley strikes but had to settle for a point apiece. We met again the following season with Town in the promotion mix and Whitby in mid table. Two second half goals were enough to give us a first win against the North Yorkshire club, Jay McCarten and Josh Hine the scorers. Whitby pulled one back late in the game but it was not enough, final score 2-1. The first attempt to play the return was waterlogged off on Easter Saturday so it was we travelled north east on Thursday 12th April. Town were in second and pushing for a play-off place but were on a run of five without a win. Whitby were near the bottom but had never been in danger of relegation. The hosts took an early lead that Jack Higgins cancelled out a couple of minutes later. Whitby scored again just

before half time and held that until the fourth minute of stoppage time when Jack Higgins scored again to earn us a point. The first meeting of 2018/19 came on 9th October. Town sat in second place in the league having embarked on a fantastic unbeaten run since the opening day of the season. Even more remarkable was the run without conceding a league goal, which stood at eight consecutive games before the Tuesday night trip up to North Yorkshire. That was extended to nine as we won 1-0 thanks to an eightieth minute Jack Mackreth winner. The score was repeated in the return in early April 2019. Substitute Marcus Cussani scoring the only goal. One season on and registered a hat trick of consecutive 1-0 wins as Tony Gray scored the only goal of the game and we again won away in Whitby. We recorded the double for consecutive season on 25th January. Town bossed the first half but failed to capitalise. Whitby led straight after the restart but Town we soon level through a David Raven goal. Bohan Dixon got the winner a minute from time.

LOOKING BACK TO OCTOBER 3RD – ON THIS DAY...

1953/1954

Stockton Heath travelled the very short journey to Lymm Grammar School Old Boys (GSOB) for a Cheshire Amateur Cup First Round tie. It was a bit of a stroll as we won 7-0 with goals from Arnold (3), Griffin (2), Ripon (2). Lymm incidentally are still playing football, now at Sandy Lane Lymm, although without any suffix these days having previously changed to Lymm HSA.

1970/1971

Town went down with a bang losing 5-1 away to Linotype in a Mid Cheshire League match. Even our solitary goal was scored by Lino. Yes, that is right – it was an own goal.

1976/1977

Town lost 1-0 away to Alsager in a Mid Cheshire League match. That's as much as I can tell you.

1981/1982

Town drew 0-0 away to Prestwich Heys in a Cheshire League Division Two match.

1992/1993

Town drew 1-1 at Farsley Celtic in a Northern Premier League Division One match. Neil Whalley was the scorer for Town.

1996/1996

Town lost 2-1 at home to Ashton United in a UniBond League Cup First Round tie. Paul Heavey got the goal for us.

1998/1999

Town took part in the first part of what turned out to be a marathon and without doubt a record, as far as we are concerned. The occasion was the First Round First Leg of the North Western Trains Floodlit Trophy. Our opponents were Atherton Collieries and the game ended 1-1 with an attendance of 84. Nothing much unusual in that it is true but it was what followed that set a record. We endured no less than eleven postponements for the second leg at Atherton before it was eventually played some four months later. Did us no good as we lost 4-2. Hardly worth the wait and boy were we sick of that route by the time the second leg was eventually played after a number of late call off's meant wasted journeys.

2006/2007

Town produced a magnificent come back at home to Kendal Town in an FA Cup Second Qualifying Round Replay at Cantilever Park. After the first game had ended 1-1 Premier Division Kendal made the trip down the M6 and looked to be cruising when running into an early two goal lead. Town never gave up though and clawed it back with two goals from Phil Mitchell. Extra time came along and Steve Latham hit a fantastic winner to see us home 3-2. The attendance was 132. We went to Fleetwood Town in the next round.

2007/2008

Town endured a night to forget as we were soundly beaten, losing 6-1 at home to promotion chasing (and ultimately succeeding) Cammell Laird, here at Cantilever Park. Town actually took the lead through Ged Courtney but the rest we'd rather not dwell on. The attendance was 125.

2009/2010

Town hosted Sheffield in the FA Trophy Preliminary Round and made comfortable progress with a 5-2 win. 142 spectators saw goals from Mike Grogan, Jimmy McCarthy and a Chris Gahgan hat-trick.

2015/2016

The same stage of the FA Trophy and another win, this time 2-1 at Ossett Town. On target were Alistair Brown and Ben Deegan. 101 attended.

2017/2018

Town went nap in hand at home to Lancaster City and handed out a 5-1 thrashing of The Dolly Blues. 202 spectators mostly enjoyed seeing five different scorers for Town, namely Goulding, C. Richards, McDonald, Williams and Barrigan



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Introducing... Whitby Town FC



Founded in 1880, Whitby are one of the oldest clubs from the North Riding of Yorkshire, the club has spent its entire history in the amateur and semi-professional leagues, though they have reached the Second Round of the FA Cup in both 1983/84 and 1985/86.

The level which the club are at now is the highest they have been throughout their history, rising up from the lower sections of non-league football during the 1990s, winning the Northern Premier League First Division on the way as well as the Northern League Cup six times. However, the formation of the Conference North/South Leagues at Step 2 in the non-League pyramid effectively relegated Town back to Step 3. Whitby's most prestigious honour is arguably the FA Vase, which they won in 1996/97 after defeating North Ferriby United at Wembley Stadium.

Whitby play their home games at the 3,500 capacity Turnbull Ground on Uppang Lane. The club's colours are somewhat distinct in English football and are intentionally similar to Italian side Sampdoria wearing a blue shirt with a touch of white, black and red.

The club was founded as Streaneshalch Football Club in October 1880, soon after its foundation the club changed its name to Whitby Church Temperance and played a friendly game against Scarborough on 8 January 1881, which Whitby won 2–0. The name was changed in late 1882 to Whitby Football Club and continued to play friendly games as well as competing in the Scarborough & East Riding County Cup. At this time rugby football codes were more popular, however Whitby and some other sides proved to be important in gaining a foothold for the code of Association Football especially in the North Riding of Yorkshire. The most prominent player of the early years was John Nicholson, who captained the side for nearly a decade.

During this early period Whitby and Scarborough's rivalry was intense: Whitby beat them in the final of the 1886/87 County Cup, before in the two seasons following Scarborough beat Whitby in the final. There was also a situation in the 1889 FA Cup where Scarborough knocked Whitby out in the First Round, with Whitby complaining that Scarborough's Recreation Ground was an illegal size. Unfortunately the rivalry culminated in one of the first football riots, after a disagreement about a goal, Whitby players were attacked on the pitch by Scarborough fans and eventually chased out to the Scarborough railway station. Nineteen-year-old Whitby player Albert Drabble, who was attacked at the game, died the following month of a heart attack, though links between the incidents were not conclusive it put a large shadow over the fixture.

Whitby joined the Northern League for the first time in 1893 only to return to the Cleveland Amateur League two seasons later. They returned to the Northern League in 1899 and won the Second Division the same season. Again, the cost of travelling forced the Club to leave the Northern League and for a time Whitby reverted to playing friendlies only, a step which put the club into near obscurity. After the First World War, the town of Whitby had two clubs, both playing in the Scarborough and District League, Whitby Whitehall Swifts and Whitby Town. Ever conscious of Whitby's more illustrious past, the two clubs decided to amalgamate in 1926 as Whitby United. The new club was admitted into the Northern League and the club's name was changed to Whitby Town in 1949.

The club reached a new height in the Amateur Cup days. In 1964 they reached the quarter finals and the following year they made it all the way to Wembley, losing 3–1 to Hendon. The Northern League Cup has been won six times and the North Riding Senior Cup won on five occasions. Whitby were also successful in the short lived Rothman's National Knockout Cup, winning it in 1976 and 1978.

In 1983//84, Whitby came to national prominence when they came back from two goals down to beat Halifax Town 3–2 in the FA Cup First Round Proper. They were beaten by a late penalty at Wigan in the following round. The same season, Whitby reached the quarter finals of the FA Trophy for the first time losing to Dagenham in a replay.

In 1992/93, Whitby Town won the Northern League Championship for the first time in their history. Unfortunately due to circumstances completely beyond their control, the club were denied promotion to the Northern Premier League.

In December 1995 the club appointed Harry Dunn as manager. By the end of the season, he had taken Whitby to another Northern League Cup Final victory.

The following season, 1996/97, the Club went from strength to strength. A 0–0 draw against Hull City in the First Round Proper of the FA Cup, was played at Scarborough on police advice, in a remarkable replay at Boothferry Park, Whitby came from behind to take a 4–3 lead which was held until the dying moments of the game. With only 49 seconds remaining, Hull levelled the score and went on to win 8–4 in extra time. Superior fitness told in the end. This was to be one of only five defeats in the entire season.

The Club came from behind in the Northern League race, winning the Championship in style from neighbours, Billingham Synthonia, before completing an amazing "double" by winning the FA Vase at Wembley, beating North Ferriby United 3–0.

The following season, 1997/98, saw continued success at the Turnbull Ground when the club won the Northern Premier League First Division Championship by a margin of seven points at their first attempt as well as beating York City 3–0 in the final of the North Riding Senior Cup (NRSC) to become holders for a fifth time. Whitby again reached the final of the NRSC in 1999 only for York to gain revenge by winning 4–2. In the 1999/2000 season the Seasiders finished twelfth in the Northern Premier League and were beaten finalists in the President's Cup, losing over two legs to Trafford after a penalty shootout.

The 2001/02 season saw Whitby finish in a disappointing fifteenth in the league, but got to the FA Cup First Round for the seventh time, only to lose out to Plymouth Argyle after a replay, 3–2. The first game at the Turnbull Ground which finished 1–1 was played in front of the BBC Match of the Day cameras.

Season 2003/04 saw another excellent cup run halted at the hands of Hartlepool United. The Blues put up a spirited showing at Victoria Park but fell 4–0 to an excellent Pools side, which contained former Sunderland striker Marco Gabbiadini. Whitby also managed to finish in the Play-off zone for the new Conference North but went out on penalties to Radcliffe Borough, a team they had beaten 5–0, 6–2 and 1–0 in the regular season.

Long-time manager Harry Dunn was replaced by Dave Logan early in season 2004/05 after a string of poor performances. The former Blues stalwart turned the side around as they equalled a club record 19 games without defeat and in the process made the Northern Premier League promotion Play-offs. They lost in the semi-final to Farsley Celtic after extra-time. Town also reached the final of the Northern Premier League Challenge Cup but lost in extra time to Matlock Town.

2005/06 saw Logan looking to improve on that great first season and with the building of the brand-new 505-seater West Stand at the Turnbull Ground, the future looked bright, though Whitby finished just outside the Play-offs, in sixth.

A new era started at the beginning of the 2006/07 season when former Welsh International Lee Nogan took over the reins. David Logan left Whitby Town to pursue a new career North of the border.

Nogan resigned in October 2007 after an uncharacteristically bad start to the season for Whitby. Senior player Phil Brumwell took temporary command of first team affairs, helped out by former Spennymoor and Tow Law stalwart Graeme Clark.

The pair were awarded the job on a permanent basis early in 2008 and remained at the helm going into the 2008/09 season. Later, Brumwell resigned to prolong his playing career in December 2008. Clark appointed Nogan as Assistant manager in his second spell on the coaching staff.

Whitby finished the season fourth-bottom in the Premier Division, and inside the relegation places. However, ground issues with Cammell Laird, meant Whitby avoided a first-ever relegation in their history, at the expense of the Merseyside club.

Clark resigned in the meantime, and the iconic Harry Dunn, sacked from Blyth Spartans despite taking them to the FA Cup Third Round and earning the Northumberland club £400,000 months earlier, began a second spell as Whitby manager.

Dunn, who brought a spell of unprecedented success to Whitby, returned to the club on 14 May 2009, two days after Graeme Clark's resignation and steered Town to a respectable fourteenth place. This despite looking good for a top half position before an unprecedented number of injuries and suspensions – including three red cards in one match against Nantwich Town on 2 April 2010 – led to six straight defeats to end the campaign.

On 4 October 2010, Whitby Town announced via the Club's website that Harry Dunn had resigned as the Club's manager, with assistant Bob Scaife, another ex-boss who took Town to their 1993 Northern League title, taking temporary charge of team affairs. Dunn had stated that he felt that he had taken the Club as far as he could. Despite overseeing an unbeaten three match spell, Scaife departed by mutual consent, after a number of volunteers resented him for taking his full contract entitlement, when he was dismissed as manager in 1995.

Former Northern Ireland and Newcastle United player Tommy Cassidy was appointed manager on 20 October 2010. Cassidy left on 23 October 2011 after a disappointing 3–1 defeat to Woodley Sports and the team mired in the bottom two. Cassidy was replaced by ex-Sunderland stalwart Darren Williams who had only joined the club in August as a player. Williams quickly moved to bring back players who left during Cassidy's reign - popular local lad Ashley Lyth and two-time top goalscorer from midfield, Jimmy Beadle - plus he also brought in experienced strikers Andy Appleby and Jamie Clarke to bolster a struggling forward line, alongside ex-Bolton winger Jeff Smith. With Clarke netting ten vital goals and Beadle firing six in as many games, Whitby stayed up famously on the final day with a 1–0 victory at Buxton, Tom Portas netting the winner.

Williams secured a creditable twelfth spot for Whitby in 2013, followed by ninth a year later, Town's best finish for eight seasons. Whitby ended 2014/15 in thirteenth, but after a poor record of 3 wins in 21 league games, Williams was sacked on Monday 23 November 2015.

Chris Hardy was appointed manager of Whitby Town on 3 December 2015, leaving local rivals Guisborough Town. Hardy's first game ended in a 1-0 defeat to Sutton Coldfield Town but results soon picked up, and Hardy led the side to survival, ensuring the job was done with a 2-1 win over Barwell. The following season saw Whitby miss out on the Play-offs by two points, finishing sixth.

On 2 April 2019, the contracts of Chris Hardy and Player/Assistant Manager Lee Bullock were extended by two years until the end of the 2020/21 season.

In April 2020, Nathan Halsam joined up with the management team after being given the role of First Team coach.



Whitby Town FC – The Players



COACHING STAFF

Chris Hardy (Manager): Known as 'Chardy', Chris was appointed in December 2015 as Darren Williams' successor. He is a big advocate of free-flowing football and encourages his teams to play a sharp passing game, with a keen eye on fitness.

An ambitious manager, Chris had an impressive spell in charge

of local rivals Guisborough Town before joining the Seasiders, taking them from perennial Second Division strugglers in the Northern League to title challengers in the First Division. Along the way, his Guisborough Town side won the 2014 'Team of the Season', as well as the North Riding Senior Cup, beating Middlesbrough at the Riverside Stadium. Over the years, Chris has gained a reputation for developing young players, both who have dropped out of the pro game and from the surrounding areas, implementing a development squad plan with the Priorymen. Hardy won his first honour with the club in May 2017, leading the Blues to Riverside success in the North Riding Senior Cup, defeating Pickering Town 3-1 in the final.

Lee Bullock (Assistant Manager): 'Bully' is an experienced former Football League player who began his career as a central midfielder, before dropping into the heart of defence. Composed in possession and good in the air, Bullock started out at York City, making 183 appearances for the Minstermen over two spells. His professional debut came in December 1998 against Wrexham as a 17-year-old trainee, a Second Round FA Cup tie which York City lost 2-1. Following this, Bullock appeared for Cardiff City, Hartlepool United and Bradford. Bullock signed for Whitby Town in the summer of 2013 and was appointed as assistant manager to Chris Hardy in December 2015, following a win 4-1 win over Mickleover Sports as caretaker manager.

Nathan Haslam (First Team Coach)

Nathan joined up with the club's management team ahead of the 2020/21 season after resigning from his position as manager of Whitby Bay. Haslam was successful as head coach when at Marske United as he led them to a league and cup double in 2013/14 as they won the Northern League title, as well as the Northern League Cup. He also helped to turn Bishop Auckland's fortunes around as he transformed them from Northern League strugglers to a side pushing for promotion. He also took up a brief advisory role at Willington.

Daniel Dixon (Goalkeeping Coach): 'Dicko' followed Chris Hardy from Guisborough Town in December 2015, becoming understudy to Shane Bland. He's a respected goalkeeping coach with additional playing experience in the Northern League with Marske United, Thornaby and Billingham Synthonia.

Jeff Miller (Physio): Miller joined the Blues in July 2017, replacing previous Sports Therapist Paul Scott. He spent over thirty years with York City and has vast Football League experience, before deciding to move to the Turnbull Ground for a fresh challenge.

PLAYING SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS

Shane Bland: A fans' favourite who re-joined the Seasiders for his second spell in May 2019 from West Auckland Town, becoming Chris Hardy's first summer signing of 2019/20. Bland is often called upon by Hardy to start attacks for the Seasiders with his long-range throwing and pin-point kicking. Despite his deceptively small figure, Bland is strong in the air. He was selected as the Club Captain in the summer of 2020. Brought in from Middlesbrough in 2013, where he began his career, Bland has also turned out for Spennymoor Town in the National League North.

DEFENDERS

Jonathan Burn: Jonny joined Whitby Town in the summer of 2020 from Northern League Division One club Whickham. He began career in the Sunderland Academy at the age of 13 before joining Middlesbrough with

whom he signed a professional contract. He then joined League One club Oldham Athletic on loan and he scored his first professional goal in a 1-1 draw with Doncaster Rovers. He then moved on loan to Scottish Premiership Club Kilmarnock. His next move was a permanent switch to League One club Bristol Rovers with his full debut coming in a 1-0 defeat to Coventry City, however his performance drew praise from the *Bristol Post*. In November 2017, Burn joined National League North club York City on loan until January 2018 and his first goal came in a 4-1 victory over North Ferriby United. He was then released by Bristol Rovers at the end of the 2017/18 season. He signed for his hometown club Darlington in June 2018, but he left in October 2019 to join Whickham.

Jamie Cobain: Jamie joined Whitby Town from West Auckland Town in the summer of 2020. Jamie joined West Auckland from Scottish Premiership side Kilmarnock having come through the Newcastle United Academy who he joined up with at the age of 10. He made his Under-21 debut in May 2015. Cobain has also spent time on loan with Sheffield United before heading north of the border under Lee Clark at Rugby Park.

James Frazer: James signed on dual-registration terms with Thornaby in September 2020 after impressing in pre-season. Despite only being young, Frazer has gained valuable experience in non-league football having played for Billingham Synthonia and Billingham Town.

Jameel Ible: Jameel joined Whitby in May 2020 from Northern Premier League North/West Division side, Pontefract Collieries. His previous clubs include Salford City, York City, Guiseley, Frickley Athletic and Scarborough Athletic.

James Martin: James joined Whitby Town in May 2020. He had a one year scholarship with Scottish Championship side Queen of the South in the 2015/16 season but had to leave the Club following issues over international clearance. He then moved to Hartlepool United in May 2016 following a successful trial with them and he signed his first professional contract at Victoria Park. He has also spent time more recently with Whitley Bay.

Bradley Mills: Right-sided full-back, who can operate in the centre of the park, with bundles of energy. Signed from Chris Hardy's former club Guisborough Town in July 2019, after two years with the Priorymen. Mills, a former Middlesbrough Academy player, has also had spells with Gateshead and Spanish Third Division side Deportivo Marino.

Lewis Ritson: Lewis joined the club in September 2020 after impressing as a trialist in pre-season. The strong defender captained the Hull City Under-23 side before his release after a loan spell with Blyth Spartans in the National League North.

Daniel Rowe: A versatile defender and the team captain who primarily operates in the centre. Blues manager Chris Hardy is a big fan of Rowe, who he signed at the second attempt from Frickley Athletic, after previously trying to get him to the club in 2016. The composed, classy centre-half has appeared for Rotherham United, Wycombe Wanderers and York City in the past.

Jassem Sukar: Naturally, a left-back, the former Sunderland man can play anywhere across the defence or in the centre of the park. Signed in the latter stages of the 2017.18 campaign, Sukar became a regular in Chris Hardy's side over that spell and across last season and provides another versatile option for the Seaside.

MIDFIELDERS

Liam Cooke: Former Middlesbrough youngster who joined the Seaside on dual-registration terms in August 2019 following a trial with the club. Midfielder with an eye for a pass and not afraid to try and make things happen. Brother of Peterborough United attacking midfielder Callum Cooke.

Adam Gell: Hard-working box-to-box midfielder, considered one of the best in the Northern League when he swapped Guisborough's King George V ground for the Turnbull in July 2015. 'Gelly' is very comfortable on the ball and acts as the perfect go-between to connect defence with attack. Gell left the Seasiders for Shildon in November 2017, but returned in August 2018, needing little persuasion from Chris Hardy to return.

Lewis Hawkins: Lewis joined Whitby in the summer of 2020. He started his career in the youth team at Hartlepool United on a two-year scholarship. He scored his first professional goals for them within six minutes of each other in a 3-1 win over Barnet in March 2016, with his first goal of the match winning the Club's Goal of the Season award. He was released by Hartlepool at the end of the 2018/19 season. Hawkins has played for Town in the past, playing on loan at the Turnbull Ground in 2011 before further loan spells at Spennymoor Town and York City. He has also more recently featured briefly for Blyth Spartans in the National League North, but now returns to the Northern Premier League with the Blues' management team looking forward to seeing him in action. Hawkins has made 54 appearances in the Football League.

Mackenzie Heaney: The Whitby Town management had to act quickly to get Mackenzie to sign for the club and he looks to be an exciting acquisition for the Seasiders. Mackenzie has represented both Scotland and England as a youth international as he had both nations doing all they could to secure his services. After featuring for Scotland at schoolboy level, Heaney then went on to gain eight caps at Under-18 level for the Three Lions. After coming through the Newcastle United Academy, he remained at St James' Park until 2018 when he became one of a number of players to be released by Rafa Benitez as the Magpies went through something of a transitional period in their youth ranks. Once his availability became known, a number of clubs were quick to show their interest in the midfielder including the likes of Norwich City and Wolverhampton Wanderers. Ahead of the current season Heaney made a short-term loan switch to Icelandic top-flight side Grindavik FC.

Coleby Shepherd: Coleby joined Whitby Town from National League side Hartlepool United in the summer of 2020. He spent the majority of his time with Pools in their Under-18 side but has featured in a number of pre-season matches, and also in an FA Cup replay with Exeter City where Hartlepool caused an upset at Victoria Park. He has also spent time on loan at Whitley Bay.

STRIKERS

Bradley Fewster: Explosive centre-forward who is a constant thorn in the side of defenders with his pace. His signing for the Seasiders in February 2019 from Blyth Spartans was considered something of a coup, given how highly-rated he is. A Middlesbrough Academy graduate, the striker quickly gained a name for himself at the Turnbull Ground with his powerful strikes on goal and prolific goalscoring. Fewster represented England up to Under-19 level, and has also appeared for Preston North End, York City, Hartlepool United and Spennymoor Town.

Marcus Giles: Marcus is a youngster with bags of potential. He joined Whitby Town from Whitley Bay in the summer of 2020, following Nathan Haslam to the club. His stay at Whitley Bay was short having only joined them in December 2019 from Ashington but he scored five goals in eight appearances at Hillheads, an impressive record. He has also played for Morpeth Town.

Jacob Hazel: Jacob joined from Frickley Athletic in May 2020 to become Whitby Town's first summer signing. The club did well to sign Frickley's captain, and the striker has an impressive record for the West Yorkshire club with his standout season being in 2017/18 when he scored an incredible 47 goals. The Chesterfield Academy graduate initially joined Frickley from Mickleover Sports in 2015 before leaving Yorkshire to join Gainsborough Trinity where he was loaned out to Farsley Celtic. He then returned to Yorkshire to play for Scarborough Athletic before moving back to Frickley in 2017. In his career, he has also had loan spells with FC United of Manchester, Bradford Park Avenue, Buxton and Norwegian side, Sprint Jeløy.

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Report (James Gordon)
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Pitching In NPL Premier Division
Tuesday 29th September 2020



CHARLIE Albinson saved a penalty as Warrington Town kept a fourth successive clean sheet in beating Atherton Collieries 2-0.

The 'keeper denied Elliot Rokka from the spot midway through the second half when the game was poised at 1-0, before Josh Amis bagged a crucial second.

The Yellows had led through an own goal shortly after the break as they made it three wins from three to start the Northern Premier League season.

New left-back Matthew Taylor was handed a start after making his debut off the bench on Saturday, while Jack Mackreth returned to the starting line-up against a Colls side that had three former Yellows in their ranks.

Amis hit the bar inside seven minutes with a header from a long Jack Dunn throw, and he should have done better midway through the first half with a header from a Dunn cross that he headed in to the ground.

Despite not being a dirty game, the referee dished out yellow cards at regular intervals throughout, including a more than deserved one for Vinny Bailey, who pulled down a marauding Bohan Dixon in the centre circle.

James Baillie's goalline clearance and a good block by Mark Roberts kept the score goalless at half time and within five minutes of the restart, the Yellows had taken the lead.

Superb work by Scott Brown down the right saw his cross headed against the bar by Matty Regan, with the rebound bundled home by a combination of Mark Roberts and Colls defender Clive Smith.

Colls were gifted a way back in to the match on the hour mark when Jordan Darr was judged to have been brought down in the box, and up stepped Rokka, only for Albinson to get down low to his left and not only save the penalty, but hold the ball too.

The Yellows made the most of that let off seven minutes later when a clever short corner move between Dunn and Mackreth, saw the latter clip a ball to the back post for Dixon, whose goalbound shot was bundled home from inches out by Amis. The visitors never looked like having enough to overturn a two-goal deficit and so it proved. The Yellows are next in action at home to Whitby Town on Saturday.



Mark Roberts



The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

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Those that watch non-league football always like to see players plying their trade outside of the top leagues go to the very top. It doesn't happen very often, but when it does, it's always a good story. It inspires the next generation of non-league footballers to keep on grafting. If they perform well and have a pinch of luck, then they too may just get snapped up by a big team.

It's one thing to get snapped up by a big team, another to have success with that team. That's an even rarer occurrence. In this blog, we're going to take a look at some of non-league football's greatest exports to the top divisions of English football and beyond.

Jamie Vardy

Jamie Vardy is by far the most famous non-league footballer who made it to the very top. It's a story that everyone knows, but it's always worth repeating. Playing for non-league Fleetwood Town in 2012, by 2016, he was a Premier League title winner with Leicester City — and not only did he pick up a medal, but he was instrumental in the side's success, too. Vardy was no one-season wonder, however. Even today, his blistering pace and lethal finishing ability influence how those that provide football tips think Leicester will fare in a match. He'll go down as a Premier League great, an iconic player who was involved in perhaps the greatest season that England's top division will ever know.

Troy Deeney

Troy Deeney may not have hit quite the same heights as Jamie Vardy, but he's still a formidable striker than opposing defenders hate to play against. He was playing for Chelmsley Town when he was 17, before getting signed up by Wallsall, and then onto Watford, the club with whom he made his name. He's been there for ten years, scoring 124 goals in the process, including iconic goals that took the side to the Premier League.

Chris Smalling

From Maidstone United to Roma, via Manchester United: that's quite a story. Chris Smalling wasn't always destined to reach the upper echelons of the footballing world, but that's just what happened. He played only one season for Maidstone United before Fulham decided that they liked what they say, and stumped up an initial £10,000 to sign the classy defender. And if Smalling thought that was a big move, he must have been bowled over by what happened next. He played 13 times for Fulham before Manchester United came calling. At the beginning of the new season, he's making his debut in the Community Shield against Chelsea, playing alongside Paul Scholes, Dimitar Berbatov, and Ryan Giggs, among others. He's now plying his trade at Roma in Italy. A fine career, whichever way you look at it.

Steve Finnan

Steve Finnan may not be the most iconic footballer in this last, but there are a couple of good reasons to include him. For starters, he played in all divisions of English League football and in the Football Conference. He began his career at non-league Welling United before moving on to, well, just about everywhere across England, before moving onto Spain. His most successful years were with Liverpool, with whom he won the Champions League and FA Cup.

Ian Wright

Many football fans consider Ian Wright to be an all-time great, but there was a time when his future looked very different. He didn't become a professional footballer until he was 21, which is an unthinkable old age by modern's standards. Before then, he was playing on a part-time basis for Greenwich Borough. Having enjoyed many successful years with Crystal Palace, he eventually moved to Arsenal, where he scored 185 goals in 288 games, to become the club's second all-time leading goalscorers; only Thierry Henry is ahead of him.

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IT'S DIFFICULT to know what to write about sometimes in these programme columns we send out each week.

Do people want to hear views on the big issues around the game? Are you flicking through a programme for some light-hearted reading at half-time?

It feels like everything has been a bit serious recently. And rightfully so. Clubs up and down are worried about the future. What makes it harder, in this Covid pandemic, is a lot of the things we are worrying about when it comes to Non-League football are largely out of everyone's control.

While clubs can put the right protocols in place, if the government suddenly decide no fans then there's not much that can be done about it.

It's a frustrating time for all, perhaps summed up by the situation this weekend in the FA Cup where Step 2 fans aren't allowed to watch their team play live, be it home or away.

At the time of writing, there is still great uncertainty for National League clubs about their kick-off. They will be behind closed doors but with almost no exceptions, that will only work if there is sufficient support from the Government or the Premier League.

All we really want is to watch our teams play again. That goes for every club throughout the pyramid. Those who already have fans in want to make sure the gates stay open.

Perhaps this tricky period reminds us why we started watching Non-League football in the first place. The thought sprung to mind from last week's NLP where our new columnist Tony Incenzo – talkSPORT's journalist and Non-League expert – about the importance of getting young fans through the doors.

Tony recounts how his mum used to drop him and a friend at the gates of Hendon and would return at 4.45pm to pick them up knowing they will have had an enjoyable, and safe, afternoon watching their local side.

From their Tony's passion for these levels of the game soared and, anyone who follows him on twitter, will know just how many grounds he has visited over the years.

It got me to thinking about my own involvement in the game. My Dad is the one to blame, Heavily involved in Non-League football, I probably had no choice.

But I loved going down to a ground, smelling the liniment waft from the changing rooms before standing so close to the action soaking it all in. I enjoyed watching Premier League football, like any other kid, but really Non-League was the place to be.

That then morphed into regularly watching Farnborough Town with friends before, in our teenage years, that transformed into away games as well.

We'd hop on the train early in the morning and headed off to far flung destinations like Hitchin, Carshalton and St Albans.

It's only a few years later when you start driving that you realise these places are not that far away at all.

But that was our Saturdays. Stopping at McDonalds on the way to the ground. Stopping there again on the way back to the station. Navigating our way through Clapham Junction and eventually arriving back home tired but fulfilled.

That's what Covid has shown me, anyway. How much I enjoy being at a game with other people and soaking it all in. How I enjoy going to a game with my Dad, who kick-started my love affair with Non-League in the first place. And, with that, I'm off tonight to see a game with him. Enjoy your game.



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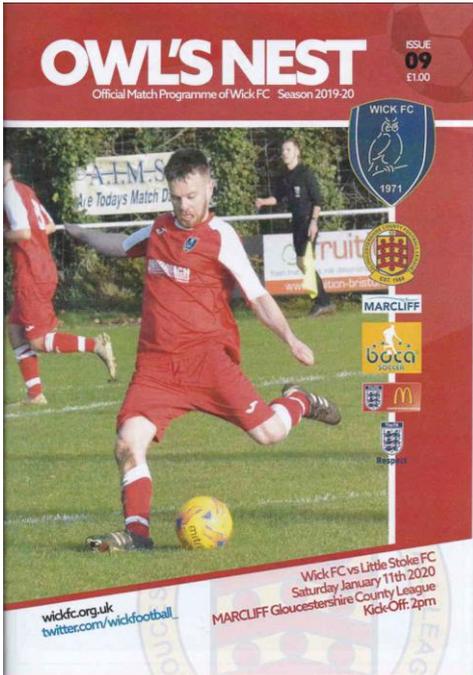
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Additional features	9	2
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Visitors	10	2
Overall presentation	9	8
Value for money	10	10
TOTAL	7.63	4.5

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