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Newton Aycliffe v Hebburn Town

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Welcome

Good evening & welcome to the SecuriCorp Stadium for tonight's game. We'd like to welcome the players, officials & supporters of Hebburn Town to Moore Lane.

It's been a little while since we last met but our Match Reporter, Ryan, has detailed our previous encounters. You can catch up with that on [page 39](#).

We are on our travels again after tonight. Next Tuesday we'll be at Esh Winning for a Durham Challenge Cup game. We're then back in league action on Saturday 14 October with a trip to Cleethorpes. There are seats available on the bus for that one. If you'd like to join us please email info@newtonaycliffefc.co.uk Cost is £20.

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By Matt Badcock

FORGIVE the self-indulgence, but some of my best memories of this job will be covering the FA Cup — more specifically, the FA Cup shocks.

For every long trip to Huddersfield Town — where they stuck two past Dover Athletic inside the opening eight minutes before playing out a 2-0 win — there's been an enjoyable drive back from Burnley or Torquay.

Lincoln City's run of 2016-17 stands out the most, largely because I was fortunate enough to be there for most of the ride.

Ipswich Town away in early January brought a 2-2 draw for the Imps but who could predict what would come with a journey that catapulted the club and its then managers — Danny and assistant Nicky Cowley — into another stratosphere.

Ipswich were finished off in the third round replay — I watched on TV — before Brighton & Hove Albion were turned over in the fourth round.

Out of the hat came Burnley where Sean Raggett's late goal won an incredible tie. Sitting in the press room after I felt I had to check over and over again that Lincoln City had reached the quarter-finals before writing into the match report.

Before we knew it, we were at Danny Cowley's house with the FA Cup for a special pre-Arsenal feature.

The Premier League Gunners were next but Arsene Wenger's side were in no mood to be part of any more history, seeing off the Imps 5-0 — not that the 10,000 travelling supporters ever lost their voice.

When Crawley Town went to Manchester United in 2011 it was a much closer encounter, striker Richard Brodie just inches away from a late equaliser only for the woodwork to intervene.

My in-person north-west record is pretty good. Macclesfield seeing off Cardiff City with two goals from Matthew Barnes-Homer.

Then I was there when Salford City beat Notts County 2-0 on a Friday night in November 2015 .The next day legendary FA Cup giant killers Altrincham dumped out League One Barnsley 1-0, immediately justifying The NLP's hotel bill for my overnight stay!

But it hasn't just been the upsets or the near-misses. A privilege of the job is being able to tell the stories in the build-up or be at a club when it's all eyes on them. Paulton Rovers may have been turned over by Norwich City, but the buzz around the club through the week was heightened even more on match day as FA Cup fever swept through the small village.

We're inching closer to this season's FA Cup first round proper with the fourth round qualifying games just around the corner.

The exciting thing about the FA Cup is this year's stories are just waiting to be written. Experiencing them in person is definitely a job perk!

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As at 4 October 2023

	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Belper Town	8	6	0	2	24	12	12	18
2 Hebburn Town	8	6	0	2	17	9	8	18
3 Pontefract Collieries	8	5	1	2	17	8	9	16
4 Consett AFC	8	5	1	2	15	7	8	16
5 Dunston	8	5	1	2	15	10	5	16
6 Cleethorpes Town	8	4	2	2	14	7	7	14
7 Stockton Town	7	4	1	2	11	6	5	13
8 North Ferriby	8	4	1	3	15	16	-1	13
9 Carlton Town	6	4	0	2	10	8	2	12
10 Grantham Town	9	3	3	3	14	18	-4	12
11 Brighouse Town	8	3	2	3	16	18	-2	11
12 Sheffield	8	3	1	4	15	15	0	10
13 Grimsby Borough	8	3	1	4	11	15	-4	10
14 Liversedge	8	3	0	5	10	11	-1	9
15 Newton Aycliffe	9	3	0	6	10	20	-10	9
16 Stocksbridge Park Steels	8	2	1	5	14	14	0	7
17 Ashington AFC	8	2	1	5	9	14	-5	7
18 Ossett United	8	2	1	5	7	15	-8	7
19 Bridlington Town	9	2	1	6	10	19	-9	7
20 Winterton Rangers	8	2	0	6	7	19	-12	6

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Newton Aycliffe



Liam ADAMSON
Zack BLYTHE
Aaron BROWN (Captain)
Daniel CAMERON
Jack CLARKSON
Liam COOKE
JD COSTELLO
Marc COSTELLO
Kyle DAVIS
Charlie DAWSON
Oscar ECKLEY-ALDSWORTH
Cieran JACKSON
Cole KIERNAN
Jacob MALLINSON
Jack NAYLOR
Ethan ORD
Jake PETITJEAN
Jack RAPER
Ethan WOOD

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1965

Newton Aycliffe v Hebburn Town

Today's Match Officials

Referee

Arran Williams

Assistants

John Davison

(Red flag)

Thomas James

(Yellow flag)

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Hebburn Town

SHAUN NEWBROOK

ANDY COULSON

TOM DEVITT

JACK DONAGHY

MATTHEW ELSDON

DAN GROVES

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DEAN BRIGGS

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Newton Aycliffe FC History

It is difficult to find the definitive date when Newton Aycliffe Football Club was formed. There is evidence of a Newton Aycliffe Rangers in 1951 playing in the Darlington and District League. In 1954-57 there was a NAFC playing in the Auckland and District League, firstly at Sugar Hill sports ground and then Burn Lane sports ground. There then appears to be a gap. There is a report in the Newtonian in 1965 setting out the Newton Rangers Club was formed in 1961/2 and playing home games in Darlington. A further team, Newton Aycliffe AFC was formed in 1964 as a soccer section of the NA sports club, playing its first season in 1964/5 in the Darlington Weekend League, playing home matches at Simpasture playing fields.

Newton Aycliffe Rangers later played on a pitch near Aycliffe Stock Car Stadium. In 1967/68 The Rangers won the Auckland and District League Div 2 Championship (playing home games at Croxdale Welfare). By 1968-69 they had moved to Moore Lane as part of Newton Aycliffe Sports Club and had a reserve team in the Auckland and District league Division 2. 1969 saw Aycliffe Rangers reach the Semi Final of the Durham Challenge Cup, losing to Ferryhill Athletic after beating another Northern League side Stanley United on a very heavy Moore Lane pitch! In 1969-70 a team named Newton Aycliffe SC played in the Auckland and District League Div 1 and a reserve team played in Div 2. This team won the League Challenge Cup in both 1969-70 and 70-71.

As Newton Aycliffe FC the team later moved to the Teesside League and joined the Wearside League in 1984 before folding from it during the 1993-94 season. And although the current club was re-formed a number of years ago, competing successfully in the Darlington & District League its re-emergence from 2007-08 was nothing short of phenomenal.

An aerial photograph of a football stadium, likely Sedgefield, showing the pitch, seating areas, and surrounding residential and commercial buildings. The stadium is surrounded by greenery and a parking lot. The town of Newton Aycliffe is visible in the background.

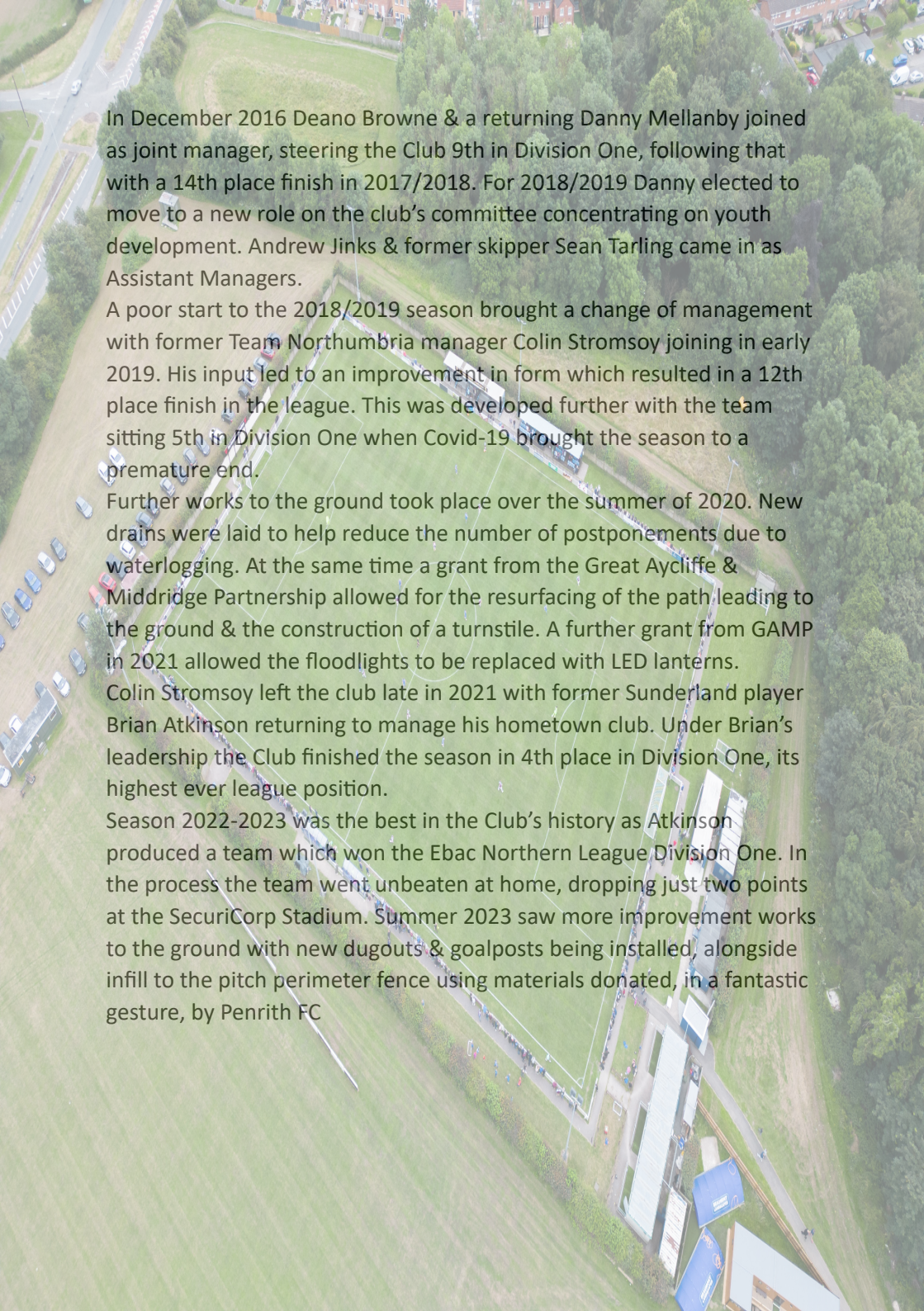
Having smashed their way into the Start To Learn Northern League in emphatic fashion – winning back-to-back league titles; Durham Alliance (2007-08) and the Wearside League (2008-09) – Allan Oliver’s side built on their inaugural campaign at Northern League level by topping the table for a huge eight months as they finished seven points clear of their nearest rivals in the 2010-11 title race.

The club’s development off the field has been as rapid as that on it, as Moore Lane Park gradually transformed into a ground befitting a club at Step 5 of the National League “pyramid” System – the club averaged 191 attendance in 2009-10, the fifth highest average crowd in the Northern League and 222 in 2010-11, again bettered by just four teams!

Of course, the club owes a lot to Sedgefield Council’s Local Improvement Programme and the Football Foundation for providing grants to afford the facilities but the football club are also indebted to the support received from Newton Aycliffe Sports Club who continue to be a massive backer and supporter of the club’s transformation.

Seated accommodation was delivered in the spring of 2010 and after the assistance from local firm Finlay Structures and a team of volunteers dedicated to the club, standing accommodation for over 100 persons was installed in February 2011, ready for the club’s transition into a top-flight outfit.

2015/2016 was the most successful season in Newton Aycliffe’s history at that time. Under the management of Peter Dixon the highlight was winning the Durham Challenge Cup, but added to that we had our best ever runs in the FA Cup (2nd Qualifying Round Replay) & FA Vase (5th Round-last 16). We also had our highest finish in the Ebac Northern League (6th).



In December 2016 Deano Browne & a returning Danny Mellanby joined as joint manager, steering the Club 9th in Division One, following that with a 14th place finish in 2017/2018. For 2018/2019 Danny elected to move to a new role on the club's committee concentrating on youth development. Andrew Jinks & former skipper Sean Tarling came in as Assistant Managers.

A poor start to the 2018/2019 season brought a change of management with former Team Northumbria manager Colin Stromsoy joining in early 2019. His input led to an improvement in form which resulted in a 12th place finish in the league. This was developed further with the team sitting 5th in Division One when Covid-19 brought the season to a premature end.

Further works to the ground took place over the summer of 2020. New drains were laid to help reduce the number of postponements due to waterlogging. At the same time a grant from the Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership allowed for the resurfacing of the path leading to the ground & the construction of a turnstile. A further grant from GAMP in 2021 allowed the floodlights to be replaced with LED lanterns.

Colin Stromsoy left the club late in 2021 with former Sunderland player Brian Atkinson returning to manage his hometown club. Under Brian's leadership the Club finished the season in 4th place in Division One, its highest ever league position.

Season 2022-2023 was the best in the Club's history as Atkinson produced a team which won the Ebac Northern League Division One. In the process the team went unbeaten at home, dropping just two points at the SecuriCorp Stadium. Summer 2023 saw more improvement works to the ground with new dugouts & goalposts being installed, alongside infill to the pitch perimeter fence using materials donated, in a fantastic gesture, by Penrith FC

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Ryan Livingston looks back on this day in our history...

6 October 2018

Newcastle Benfield 3-0 Newton Aycliffe - A poor performance up at Sam Smith's Park couldn't have started any worse, as Deano Brown's Aycliffe went 1-0 down in 11 minutes after a converted penalty by Dennis Knight, before conceding again in the 13th and finally in the 33rd minute.

Attendance 119

6 October 2015

Newton Aycliffe 2-2 Washington - Connor Okus opened Washington's account in the 44th minute, before a flurry of action late on, with Dennis Knight making it 1-1 in the 70th, Winn for Washington making it 1-2 in the 78th minute, and Jordan Laidler grabbing a point for Aycliffe with his 83rd minute goal.

Attendance 80

6 October 2012

Ashington 3-1 Newton Aycliffe - Martin Young was Aycliffe's sole scorer in this game, with Marc Walton, Andrew Johnson and James Taylor scoring for Ashington in a game where the match report describes Aycliffe as a shadow of their former selves. This result would root Aycliffe to the bottom of the league, but they turned things around to finish 17th that season.

Attendance 240



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Newton Aycliffe Player Profiles

Goalkeepers

Dan Cameron

Talented young keeper who is part of Sunderland's academy. Dan played in the Northern League for West Auckland last season.

Defenders

Jack Naylor *Sponsored by Window Smiths*

Jack Naylor joined the club from rivals Shildon in the summer of 2021. Naylor spent two seasons at Dean Street have been picked up from Hartlepool United's set-up. Naylor is comfortable at the heart of the defence or at right back and the youngster brings added talent to Aycliffe's defensive line. An unfortunate leg injury brought an early end to his 2021/2022 season.



Oscar Eckley-Aldsworth *Sponsored by Kayleigh Foxton*

A promising defender, Oscar returned to Aycliffe last season after a spell with Crook Town.

Ethan Ord *Sponsored by NAFC Independent Supporters Club*

20 year old defender Ethan played for Easington Colliery in Northern League Division Two last season, joining Aycliffe in summer 2023.



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Aaron Brown

The skipper. Aaron Brown is the heart and soul of Newton Aycliffe having notched up over 250 appearances for the club since his arrival in 2014. A product of Hartlepool United's academy, Brown spent a season in Sweden at Angel IF after spells at West Auckland Town and Sunderland RCA as a youngster. An ever present and an integral part of the Aycliffe team and system, Brown is a strong defender who is capable in the opposition penalty area too..



Midfielders

Ethan Wood *Sponsored by Martin Hughes*

Ethan Wood signed from Easington Colliery in 2018. He has developed into a key component in the Aycliffe team and one of the better midfielders in the Northern League; neat and tidy on the ball with an impressive set piece delivery and a fierce strike from range. Wood contributes goals and Man of the Match displays to his game making him a good all-rounder.

Marc Costello - *Sponsored by Geoff Hay*



One of the most experienced players in the squad, Marc has been with the club for a number of seasons having signed from Washington. Costello has a wealth of knowledge at this level including with Hebburn Town and is an important figure in the dressing room, winning the Players' Player of the Year Award in 2021/22. Costello is the engine room in the heart of midfield and good in the air.

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Jake Petitjean *Sponsored by Mark Preston*

Jake Petitjean signed for the club in late autumn 2019 after impressing for Crook Town in Northern League Division Two. Petitjean has made the step up to Division comfortably and is fast becoming a standout player in the division. The former Stockton Town youth prospect is a technically gifted player, comfortable with the ball at his feet and can contribute goals to the team.



Jack Clarkson - *Sponsored by NAFC Junior Section*

Promising young midfielder made his debut in the 2021/2022 season having made the step up from the Club's Juniors.



Charlie Dawson - *Sponsored by Mortgage Advice Centre*

Another product of the Club's Junior Section, stepping up to the senior side for 2022/23 after impressing the management team during pre-season training.



Zack Blythe *Sponsored by The Olive Garden*

Another product of the Club's Junior Section 17 year old Zack made his debut for the senior team in August, coming on as sub in the 6-1 win over Tow Law.



Liam Cooke

A product of Middlesbrough's academy Liam played for Whitby Town before joining Stockton Town in 2021.



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Jack Raper

18 year old central midfielder is a new signing for 2023-2024 having previously been with Doncaster Rovers

Forwards

Kyle Davis

Strong traditional centre forward who joined the club late in 2022-2023 season having previously impressed with the two Ryhope clubs in the Northern League. Away from football Kyle is a talented batsman with Hartlepool CC.

Liam Adamson



Signed for Aycliffe in September 2022 after five seasons at Easington Colliery. Easington's top scorer for each of the past four seasons and scored 29 goals in the 2021-2022 season. Liam tends to play on the wing, but he scores more goals than the majority of centre forwards.

Cole Kiernan

21 year old centre forward signed from Guisborough Town in September 2023.

Cieran Jackson

A skilful striker Cieran had spells with Spennymoor Town & Stockton Town. He joined Aycliffe from West Auckland in September 2023.

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Hebburn Town History

Hebburn was very different back in 1912. The collieries that had changed it from a small agricultural hamlet to a cosmopolitan but pretty grimy industrial town were nearing peak employment of 1,864 men. The shipyards launched by Andrew Leslie were in full vigour. The town 11 years earlier had welcomed a diminutive Frenchman called Alphonse Reyrolle.

Reyrolle opened an engineering works, initially employing just 50 men, in the former dye factory next to St Aloysius's church. At its peak, Reyrolles would employ 12,000 men from a wide range of backgrounds, religions and cultures, becoming familiar worldwide due to exporting to 70 countries.

The company also started a football team, encouraged by industrialist and mine owner Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, another famous name in Hebburn history who provided the sports ground on which the team still play on. Football has played a major part in the life of the town - a cornerstone of its history. It helped the population forget the harshness of day-to-day life. When the last pit closed in 1931, it claimed the lives of almost 200 men and boys.

Of course, there'd been plenty of teams before 1912, most notably Hebburn Argyle - kicked off in 1882 by Father Toner, the priest of St Aloysius's. The town had so many Scots, they became known as the Tyneside Highlanders. Pre-World War One, derbies with Jarrow would attract crowds of 8,000. The Geordie town also had Shinty and Curling Clubs, and even an annual Highland games, organised by the Hebburn Celtic Society.

Alphonse Reyrolle had actively encouraged his workers to take part in sport, including barefoot football, and formed the Employees' Benevolent Association. The team formed in 1912, elected to the second division of the Jarrow and District Junior League, was suitably booted however.

They progressed, flourished in the 1930s, had a wartime season in the North Eastern League, won the Durham Challenge Cup in 1943, and returned to the Northern Combination where they stayed until 1958. In 1959/60, Reyrolles had another season in the terminally ailing North Eastern League but finished bottom with just eight points. The club then had 28 seasons in the Wearside League, before winning the league in 1966 and Monkwearmouth Cup in 1968.

In 1988, following the demise of the iconic engineering company A. Reyrolle, the name was changed to Hebburn and an application was made to join the Northern League - though it was before the days of automatic promotion and relegation, and there wasn't a vacancy. The ground was improved and other clubs canvassed. The break, however, came when North Shields created a vacancy by deciding to play elsewhere. The team played its first Northern League game on August 19 1989, winning 2-1 at Shotton Comrades. They won promotion and the Durham Challenge Cup in 1992 but were relegated continuously for failing to meet ground criteria. Hebburn won the Craven Cup in 2000.

In 2011/12, Hebburn reached the FA Cup fourth round qualifying - facing Gateshead away, who were 125 league places above the club - and secured promotion to Northern League Division One, having finished third. The following campaign, The Hornets met their target of avoiding relegation, however the management team and squad moved to Jarrow Roofing in the summer.

Two ex-Hebburn players, Scott Oliver and Davy Bell, started from scratch. Unfortunately, the youthful squad were unable to beat the drop, but glimpses of promise definitely appeared.

In the 2017/18 season, a magnificent run from January to May that saw The Hornets lose just twice, claiming a second place position and promotion back to tier nine.

After having financial struggles the year before promotion with an average attendance of around 50 and launching a campaign to save the club, it looked like the tides had changed. Scott Oliver's side finished as runners-up in their return to Division One, with Michael Richardson notching 25 goals. The club enjoyed a run in the FA Vase, beating City of Liverpool 4-0 in front of 1,302 people. The fifth round would see the attendance record broken again as 1,310 packed Hebburn Sports Ground, though the day finished in favour of West Auckland Town.

In May 2019, manager Scott Oliver stepped down. Kevin Bolam, who had become the club's reserve manager a year beforehand and guided them to the Wearside League title, took the reins. Bolam and assistant Mick Mulhern enjoyed a strong debut campaign on South Tyneside, challenging near the top of the table before the COVID-19 outbreak meant the season was voided. They also reached the FA Vase Final, beating Corinthian in the semi-final on penalties, but would have to wait until May 3 2021 to grace the Wembley turf.

Again, the 2020/21 campaign was full of life for Hebburn Town prior to curtailment, but having applied for promotion at the end of the season, they joined tier eight - the highest level in the club's history. Kevin Bolam's outfit also reached the FA Vase quarter-final for a second time, but lost 1-0 to eventual winners Warrington Rylands.

In the midst of all this, the 2020 FA Vase Final was still up for grabs. Consett were the opponents in a tense and historic battle behind-closed-doors. The Hornets went behind twice in a frantic, four-goal first half at Wembley. However Hebburn-born Olly Martin came off the bench to score the winner on 83 minutes, rounding off a special season in the North East.

Hebburn's first season in the Pitching In Northern Premier League concluded in a 13th-placed finish. The South Tynesiders did enjoy an FA Cup run after upsetting Ashton United and facing York City away, but Kevin Bolam was dismissed in February 2022. Shildon boss Daniel Moore was appointed at the end of the campaign after reaching the play-offs with his former side.

Moore's first season at Hebburn was a memorable one. Hebburn finished 2022/23 in third place, the highest league finish in their history. The final week of the season saw Hebburn welcome Long Eaton United in the play-offs, which The Hornets lost on penalties. Days later, Hebburn won the Durham Challenge Cup for the first time in 31 years after a penalty shootout victory over Spennymoor Town at the Stadium of Light.

Hebburn Town Player Profiles

GOALKEEPER

SHAUN NEWBROOK Hailing from South Tyneside, Newbrook became Daniel Moore's first signing as Hebburn Town manager in May 2022. The experienced shot-stopper spent a number of years at Seaham Redstar before enjoying the 2017/18 campaign with Jarrow Roofing. Moore signed Newbrook at Shildon in 2018, where he won the Durham Challenge Cup and promotion to the Pitching In Northern Premier League in over 150 appearances.

ANDY COULSON Coulson spent the 2020/21 campaign with The Hornets, making three appearances in the Durham Challenge Cup. The shot-stopper carries a wealth of experience with spells at West Auckland, Shildon, Northallerton and Esh Winning. After spending a portion of 2022/23 with West Auckland and Tow Law Town, he returned to Hebburn in September 2022.

DEFENDERS

TOM DEVITT Devitt agreed a one-year deal on South Tyneside in July 2021 after impressing on trial. The centre-back plied his trade for Lionsbridge in USA, before linking up with Gateshead in time for the 2018/19 campaign. After 20 National League appearances, he joined Blyth Spartans for a single season, prior to a year battling upper mid-table in the Scottish League Two with Stranraer.

JACK DONAGHY The 25-year-old centre-back is a product of Hebburn Town's youth system, making his senior debut in August 2017. He would win the Player of the Year award in 2017/18, as The Hornets finished runners-up in Northern League Division Two. Donaghy has since been ever-present for his local side, accumulating 100 starts in September 2020 and earning a trial at Wolves.



MATTHEW ELSDON A product of Middlesbrough, Elsdon joined Hebburn fresh off keeping Blyth Spartans in the National League North during the 2022/23 season. The centre-back, who played for England at youth level, had loan spells with Inverness and Whitby as a youngster. He helped Barrow into the Football League in 2020 before making 50 appearances across two spells as Blyth, as well as enjoying a year in Scotland with Clyde.

DAN GROVES Hailing from Darlington, Scott Oliver brought Groves to the club in June 2018. The right-back is a product of The Quakers, and would make 16 appearances in League Two before Darlo were relegated. After over 50 appearances for Blyth Spartans, he made the switch to Spennymoor Town in 2012. The Moors won the 2013 FA Vase, despite Groves not playing in the final due to illness, before clinching the Northern League title one year later. Groves joined Shildon in 2015, and won the Northern League for a second time during his debut season.

AIDAN HEYWOOD Hebburn-born Heywood became our first signing of the 2023/24 season after spending five years with Shildon, where he played under current manager Daniel Moore. Before playing at Shildon, the full-back had spells in the Northern League with Easington Colliery and Team Northumbria. Heywood is also a coach for Hebburn Town Juniors and previously played at the club as a child.

MIDFIELDERS

DEAN BRIGGS Experienced playmaker Briggs joined Hebburn Town in May 2023 fresh off helping Ashington gain promotion to the Pitching In Northern Premier League. The attacking midfielder played at Newcastle United and Gateshead as a youngster before a spell in Australia. Upon returning to the North East, Briggs pulled on the shirt for Consett and Ashington.

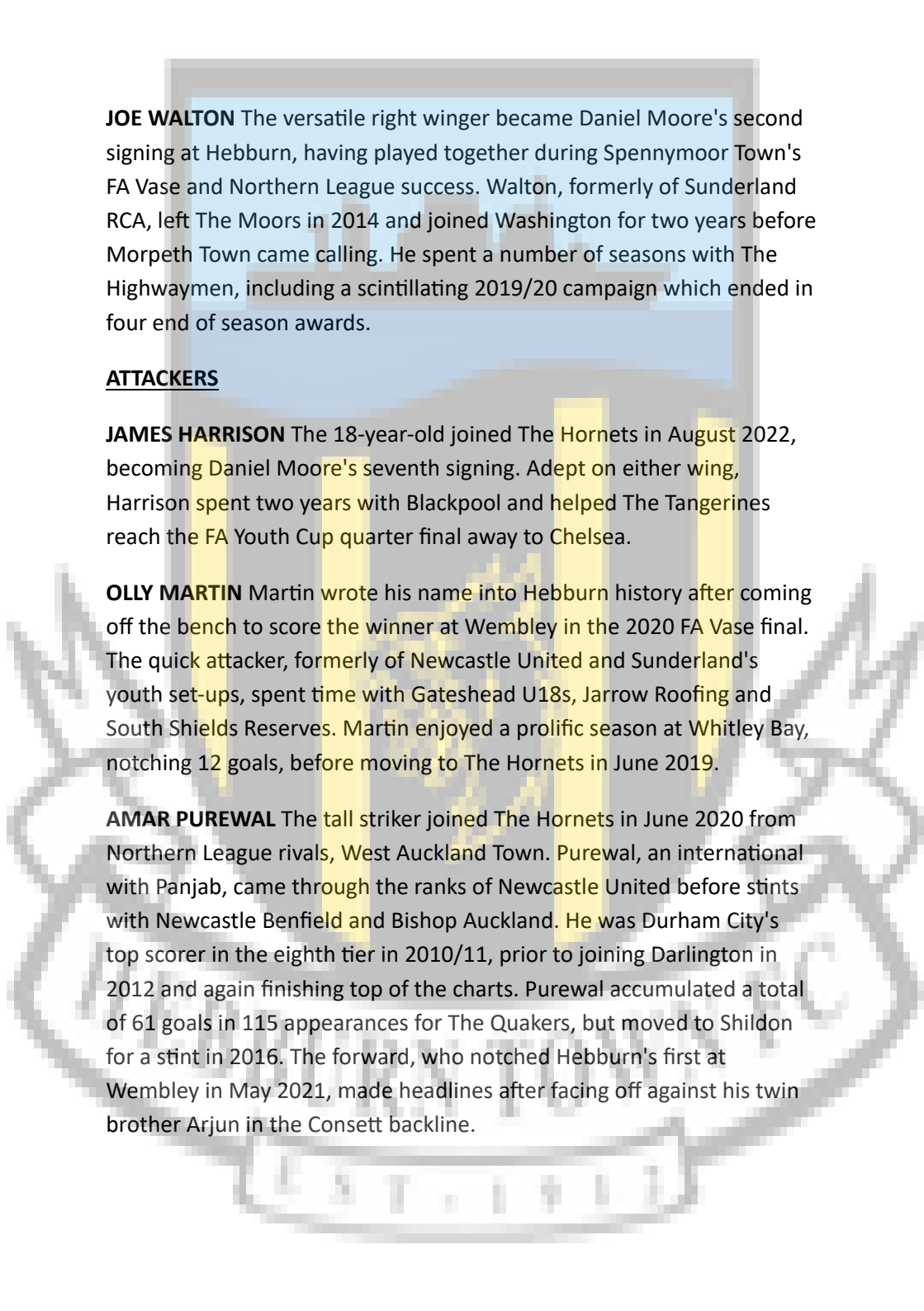
CHAY LIDDLE Defensive midfielder Liddle signed for Hebburn in June 2023 after a four-year spell with Shildon, where he played under current manager Daniel Moore. As a youngster he impressed at Billingham Synthonia before spells at Guisborough and Spennymoor Town, lifting the Northern League title with the latter. He moved to Marske United and again won the Northern League in 2018, and joined Shildon the following year.

WILL MCCAMLEY The young winger came through South Shields Academy, sealing a move to Huddersfield Town in May 2019. He was loaned to Hyde United and South Shields, making seven first-team appearances for the latter in 2020/21 which included an Emirates FA Cup tie at Cheltenham Town. McCamley impressed on trial at Shildon the following season, earning a deal and playing 36 times before Daniel Moore brought him to Hebburn Town in June 2022.

LIAM MURRAY Murray joined Hebburn at the age of four and worked his way into the first-team at the back end of last season, scoring against Lincoln United. He also spent time in Newcastle United's academy, and earned senior experience in the Northern League with Jarrow. Murray signed his first contract with Hebburn in October 2022 after impressing under new manager Daniel Moore.

ROBBIE SPENCE From Doncaster, Spence joined Hebburn Town in the summer of 2018. The central midfielder, once of Scunthorpe United's academy, spent a few seasons with Team Northumbria in the Northern League before making the move to The Hornets. He made the most appearances for Hebburn last season, and was named as the 2021/22 Players' Player of the Year.

ARRON THOMPSON Thompson signed for The Hornets for an undisclosed fee in September 2022 from West Auckland Town. The box-to-box midfielder came through South Shields Academy and played 19 times for the first-team before departing last year. Thompson signed for West Auckland after two previous loan spells, making over 50 appearances for the Northern League side. The 22-year-old helped West win the Durham Challenge Cup, as well as featuring against Hebburn in the JR Cleator Cup.



JOE WALTON The versatile right winger became Daniel Moore's second signing at Hebburn, having played together during Spennymoor Town's FA Vase and Northern League success. Walton, formerly of Sunderland RCA, left The Moors in 2014 and joined Washington for two years before Morpeth Town came calling. He spent a number of seasons with The Highwaymen, including a scintillating 2019/20 campaign which ended in four end of season awards.

ATTACKERS

JAMES HARRISON The 18-year-old joined The Hornets in August 2022, becoming Daniel Moore's seventh signing. Adept on either wing, Harrison spent two years with Blackpool and helped The Tangerines reach the FA Youth Cup quarter final away to Chelsea.

OLLY MARTIN Martin wrote his name into Hebburn history after coming off the bench to score the winner at Wembley in the 2020 FA Vase final. The quick attacker, formerly of Newcastle United and Sunderland's youth set-ups, spent time with Gateshead U18s, Jarrow Roofing and South Shields Reserves. Martin enjoyed a prolific season at Whitley Bay, notching 12 goals, before moving to The Hornets in June 2019.

AMAR PUREWAL The tall striker joined The Hornets in June 2020 from Northern League rivals, West Auckland Town. Purewal, an international with Panjab, came through the ranks of Newcastle United before stints with Newcastle Benfield and Bishop Auckland. He was Durham City's top scorer in the eighth tier in 2010/11, prior to joining Darlington in 2012 and again finishing top of the charts. Purewal accumulated a total of 61 goals in 115 appearances for The Quakers, but moved to Shildon for a stint in 2016. The forward, who notched Hebburn's first at Wembley in May 2021, made headlines after facing off against his twin brother Arjun in the Consett backline.

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Match Report

Newton Aycliffe 1 Sheffield 0

By Ryan Livingston

Newton Aycliffe were the victors of this fast paced, competitive and enthralling contest against Sheffield FC. In a game which had everything from blistering attacks to incredible last ditch defending, a moment of Liam Adamson magic was what made this a home victory.

It took only two minutes for Sheffield to have three noteworthy chances, Luke Mangham, Connor Cutts and Stephen Brogan all came close as Aycliffe were kept on the ropes. Daniel Cameron had to utilize his quick reflexes throughout the game.

After this sustained onslaught, Aycliffe would find their way into the game. With debutant Cieran Jackson proving a handful, alongside the pace of Cole Kiernan and Liam Adamson, it was now the away sides turn to soak up the pressure going into the second half, the first half's final big chance coming via Ethan Wood who fired a curling shot into the hands of Sheffield's Edd Hall.

Liam Adamson had been giving Sheffield a headache all night, frequently jinking past Sheffield defenders, and when he was brought down when clear on goal just outside the box Aycliffe gained a set piece in a very promising position. And Adamson was more than happy to make it count. Ethan Wood's low free kick struck the wall, rebounding to Adamson who fired home from close range.

The final whistle was both a feeling of euphoria and relief for all concerned with Aycliffe, especially after such a hard fought and well battled contest in which every single player gave their all. From Daniel Cameron in inspired form, to the consistent work rate of debutant Cieran Jackson and the truly wonderful skill of Liam Adamson, it was very much a 5 star performance for Aycliffe.

As Hebburn were longtime Northern League members, we've had many encounters against the Tyneside club. Notable fixtures include Aycliffe's very first Northern League game! A 3-2 victory against them in front of 295 at Moore Lane Park, as well as a 5-2 loss in Hebburn when they were already relegated. Aycliffe went several years without playing the Hornets due to that relegation, and went a few more years due to both the Coronavirus pandemic and their promotion, with the last encounter been a 1-4 loss for Aycliffe at Moore Lane in March 2020.

Meetings - 13

Aycliffe wins -6

Hebburn wins - 5

Draws - 2

Hebburn Goals -27

Aycliffe Goals -27

Junior Report

Below is a roundup of football from Newton Aycliffe Junior Section.

Under 7's – Travelled to Stockton Town Blues, in their first time playing on a 3G pitch. Archie made some great saves in goal, and in a great attacking display, goals were scored by Harry (3) and Joey.

Under 8's Whites – Played Leon FC Blacks, putting a great shift. Seb was awarded parents MOTM and Louie got the opposition managers MOTM.

Under 8's Reds – Entertained Bishop Auckland St Mary's King's, with goals from Kian (2) and Leo. MOTM was Thomas who worked tirelessly. Well don't to Alife-Thomas who scored two in the development game.

Under 8's Juniors – Travelled to Riverside Juniors Blues, Aycliffe played great football all over the pitch. Goals coming from Zack, Fletcher, Colton, and Lincoln. MOTM went to Zack for excellent work rate and decision making.

Under 10's Reds – Played against Prissick Rovers Bayern, in a great performance, Aycliffe scored goals through Koa (2) and Andrew (2) who did enough to be awarded MOTM.

Under 10's Blacks – Supporting the play safe weekend, travelled to Cargo Fleet Juniors. In a wonderful performance Aycliffe went goal crazy scoring seven through Alfie S (2), Jack B, Jarrod H, Louie H, and an OG. MOTM was Alife S.

Under 11's Blacks – Hosted South Park Rangers, in a tough game it was Max who scored the goal for Aycliffe. MOTM awarded by the opposition coaches was Max who worked hard all game and got a deserved goal.



Under 11's Whites – Put in an excellent performance, with some great football. Goals from Luca (2) and Kia. MOTM was Luca.

Under 12's Whites – Got a wonderful 4-3 victory over Crawcrook Untied, Aycliffe playing some great football with goals from MOTM Oliver who helped himself to a hat-trick and Max.

Under 13's – Made the short trip to visit Newton Aycliffe Youth, it wasn't to be there day though, going down 5-0. MOTM was Jack.

Under 14's – Travelled to Bishop, coming away with a resounding 5-0 victory, that included a clean sheet for Lochlan who saved a Bishop penalty, before saving the retaken effort. In an amazing performance Aycliffe dominated it MOTM magic Mo who grabbed all five goals.

Under 15's Blacks – Hosted Gateshead Redheugh, starting strong with an early goal from Jake, assisted by Keaton. In a great team performance, Aycliffe come away with a 1-0 win. MOTM was Callum.

Under 15's Whites – Supporting the play safe weekend, entertained Darlington All Star Aces being edged out 3-2 in a five-goal thriller. Goals from Taylor and Sam. MOTM was Taylor.

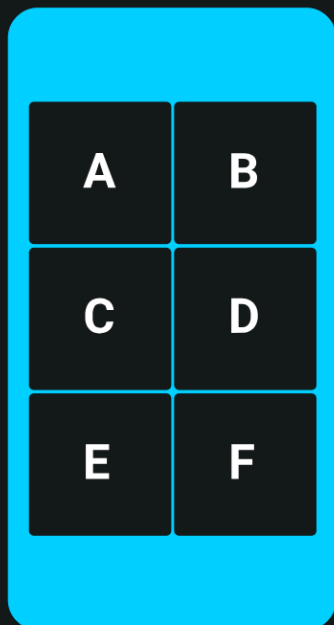
Under 16's Blacks – Hosted Deerness, losing out 3-2 in a good game of football, with goals from Will and Sam. MOTM was Ollie L.

Under 16's Whites – Won 3-1 in a feisty affair against Stockton Town. Goals from Jake, Josh, and McKenzie. MOTM was awarded to Jackson.

Under 18's – Hosted Ferryhill in the County Cup, with only 11 players available Aycliffe dominated from the start, dominating the ball, and forcing Ferryhill into scoring an OG, before Jacob added a second before the break. Ferryhill pulled one back before Hari chipped to score. Jacob then made it 4-1 before Ferryhill scored a consolation goal. Aycliffe into the next round of the cup.

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