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SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2023

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Newton Aycliffe vs Stocksbridge Park Steels

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Good afternoon & welcome to the SecuriCorp Stadium for today's game. And it's another historic occasion. This is our first ever fixture in the Isuzu FA Trophy. This competition is for clubs at Steps 1-4 of the National League System so our promotion to the NPL moves us from Vase to Trophy.

We'd like to welcome the players, officials & supporters of Stocksbridge Park Steels, making their first visit to Moore Lane.

We've now played five games in the NPL but only one at home. We'll add to that this Tuesday night when we welcome our old Northern League rivals Ashington for a 7:45pm kick off.

Last weekend we embarked on our longest trip of the season - Grantham Town. Sadly we weren't able to bring a point back up the A1 although we came very close.

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Club News

INS AND OUTS

The last few weeks have seen quite a few changes to the squad. On their way out is Liam Jarvie who opted for a move back to the Northern League with Redcar Athletic. Liam scored 75 goals in 131 appearances, finishing 2022-2023 as the Northern League's leading scorer.

A recent arrival is forward McKenzie Diccio who joins us from Northallerton Town. McKenzie made his debut at Grantham Town last Saturday.

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By Jon Couch

BARELY three weeks into the new season and already the managerial merry-go-round is gathering momentum.

We're not even into September yet two National League bosses have lost their jobs – an ever-growing trend which has sadly been set year-on-year, whatever the level.

Friday night's defeat by Southend United spelt the end of the road for Eastleigh boss Lee Bradbury, whose side, despite heavy investment and much strengthening over the summer, had failed to hit the ground running.

And, a little over 48 hours later, it was a similar tale for York City's Mikey Morton as a 3-1 home defeat by Rochdale saw him follow the same path through the exit door and into the pool of the unemployed.

Sadly, given the re-structures, growth and ambition of the two football clubs they represented, Bradbury and Morton were sitting ducks. As will their successors be.

Such is the high-octane nature and pressure cooker landscape of the game these days, even in the fifth tier of the English game, not a shred of leniency or empathy is afforded to the man in the hotseat. It's dog eat dog from the very first whistle.

Three draws from their opening five games was deemed insufficient for Bradbury as the Spitfires, under returning owner and chairman Stewart Donald and director of football Richard Hill back at the helm, had brought in the likes of Scott Quigley, Paul McCallum, Enzo Boldewijn and Chris Maguire to bolster the Spitfires' chances of finally fulfilling their Football League dream.

At York, Morton was at least given six games of the new season to save his skin, but the Minstermen didn't win any of them and would be bottom of the table but for Southend's 10-point deduction.

That, sadly, is just not good enough for a club who have spent big over the summer with new owner Matt Uggla rubber-stamping deals for the likes of David Stockdale, Tyler Corder, Dipo Akinyemi and Alex Woodyard.

Lower down the pyramid, it's even less forgiving. While The NLP have continued through the summer bringing you all the latest, not many weeks have passed when there hasn't been one managerial casualty somewhere or another.

Take Jamie Ward for example. The former Northern Ireland international was in the final throws of preparing for the start of the new season at Ilkeston Town when a decision to 'mutually' end his contract came.

Despite being described as "a great manager" by Robins chairman Andrew Nally, opted to recommence his playing career at Nuneaton Borough where, guess what, another manager is under pressure.

A 7-0 defeat at AFC Telford United forced the club to issue a lengthy statement apologising to disillusioned fans and calling for unity, while manager Jimmy Ginnelly offered those who made the trip to the New Bucks Head free entry for their new home game, against AFC Sudbury.

Ginnelly's got some work to do to appease fans at Liberty Way but it's a situation that he, along with any other every football manager, will be well used to.

He's thick-skinned enough to know that, one day, the axe will eventually fall and he'll be back on the managerial merry-go-round seeking an new opportunity. It's such a brutal industry.



Division One East League Table

As at 4 September 2023

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

For the latest fixtures, results & league table
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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
Jacob MALLINSON
Jack NAYLOR
Ethan Ord
Jake PETITJEAN
Jack Raper
Ethan WOOD

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Isuzu FA Trophy First Qualifying Round

Newton Aycliffe v Stocksbridge Park Steels

Today's Match Officials

Referee

Jamie Cann

Assistants

Jack Arrowsmith

(Red flag)

Geoffrey Mann

(Yellow flag)

If the scores are level after 90 minutes the tie will be decided on penalties.

The winners of today's fixture will be away to either Mossley or Vauxhall Motors on 23 September.

You can get today's team news & latest scores from around the grounds by following

[FOOTBALL WEB PAGES](#)

Stocksbridge Park Steels

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BAILEY BAKER

LUCA DEFALCO

JACK DOLMAN

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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 buildings. The stadium is surrounded by greenery and a parking lot. The background shows a town with many houses and some commercial buildings.

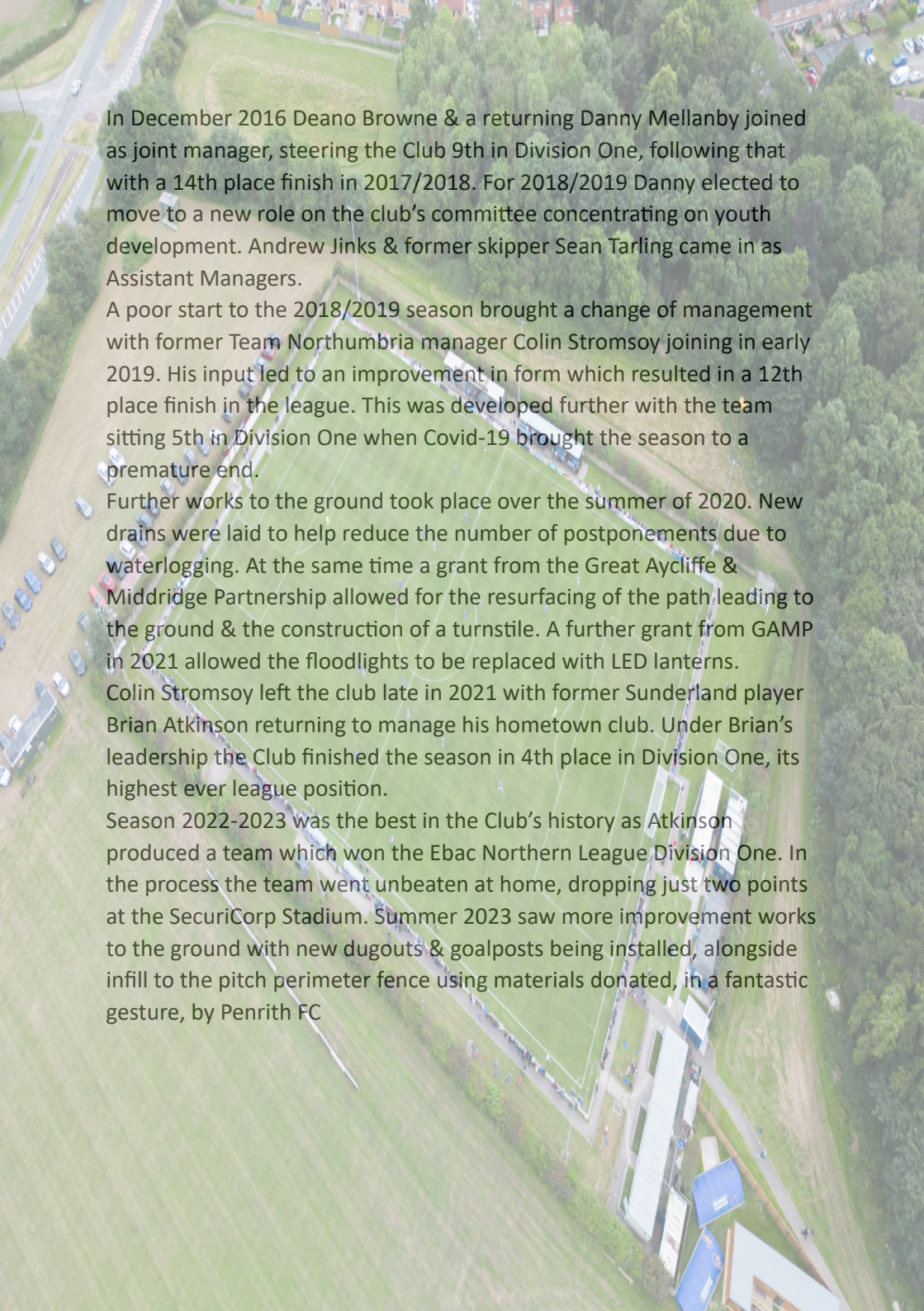
Having smashed their way into the Start To Learn Northern League in emphatic fashion – winning back-to-back league titles; Durham Alliance (2007-08) and the Wearside League (2008-09) – Allan Oliver’s side built on their inaugural campaign at Northern League level by topping the table for a huge eight 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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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 Ange 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.

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.





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.

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Season Statistics

Appearances		7
D.Cameron	7	
M.Costello	7	
A.Brown	7	
O.E-Aldsworth	7	
J.Clarkson	7	
J.Petitjean	7	
C.Dawson	7	
L.Cooke	7	
E.Wood	6	
L.Adamson	6	
J.Mallinson	6	
J.D.Costello	6	
J.Smith	5	
J.Raper	5	
L.Jarvie	4	
E.Ord	4	
J.Naylor	3	
Z.Blythe	3	
K.Davis	2	
C.Munro	1	
J.Dunn	1	
T.Aspinall	1	

Goalscorers	8
L.Jarvie	2
J.Petitjean	2
L.Adamson	1
K.Davis	1
O.E-Aldsworth	1

Stocksbridge Parks Steels History

Stocksbridge Park Steels was created in 1986 with the merger of Stocksbridge Works FC and another Stocksbridge Club, Oxley Park Sports FC. Stocksbridge Works had the ground and only one team and Oxley Park had three teams and no ground. In the early years 1986 to 1991 the new Club ploughed all its resources into the Bracken Moor Stadium so as to meet ground grading criteria and enable the Club to rise through the non-league pyramid system.

The appointment of Mick Horne and Trevor Gough as Team Manager and Assistant in February 1991 heralded a period of success to rival the works in the 1950 to 1964 period. Under Mick and Trevor, Steels started their run to the Northern Premier League (NPL). The 1993/94 season saw Steels win the Premier Division of the NCEL, but the celebrations were cut short when the ground improvements necessitated were not at an advanced enough state to allow the Steels to take their place in the NPL. The following season, Steels finished in third place and in 1995/96 they were runners-up to Hatfield Main and gained promotion to the Unibond NPL First Division. Steels made steady progress in the first five seasons in the league, with the highest placed position of fourth achieved in 2000/01.

In 2002 Wayne Biggins was subsequently appointed Player/Manager after a short spell as Assistant Manager, with Graham Furness as his assistant. In the 2002/03 season, Paul Jackson, equalled an FA Cup record of ten goals in one game, during the Steels 17-1 thrashing of Oldham Town. Steels had their best FA Cup run in the 2003/04 season reaching the Fourth Qualifying Round eventually losing away at Shildon in November 2003. Peter Rinkcavage was appointed as Manager from Gainsborough Trinity with Paul Bradshaw as Assistant with Jason Maybury, taking over from Bradshaw in 2004. A good season followed in 2005/06 with the Steels, just missing out on promotion after losing to Kendal Town in the Play-offs. In the 2006/07 season, the Steels missed out on a Play-off position after being in the top three for 90% of the season.

hBut, the team finished the season on a high note, beating local rivals Worksop Town in the Sheffield Senior Cup Final at Hillsborough. This was to be the last game with Peter Rinkcavage in charge. He along with assistant Jason Maybury, left to join Worksop Town in the summer of 2007. Gary Marrow, along with his assistant Mark Ogle was appointed manager before the start of the 2007/08 season, with former player Gary Ingham taking over from Ogle midway through the season. In his first season at the club, Marrow steered them to a credible fifth place losing to local rivals Sheffield FC in the Play-off Semi-Final.

At the moment the club has 420 players either playing in a squad or being coached on a regular basis. Stocksbridge Park Steels is now acknowledged to be the top 'grassroots' Community Club in South Yorkshire. 2008/09 was a fabulous season for Gary Marrow's team, having finished third in Unibond NPL League Division 1 South, they won the Play-off final against Derbyshire rivals Belper Town 1-0 and were promoted to the Unibond NPL Premier League for the first time in the club's history.

Steels supporters were in for a rollercoaster debut season in the Premier Division. Ten games into the season, while his team were top of the league, manager Gary Marrow resigned. Former Steels player Simon Collins took over but unfortunately his tenure didn't last long. Reserve manager Steve Shutt took over and guided Steels to an excellent eleventh place. The 2010/11 season started with the return of Gary Marrow as manager but resigned just before Christmas during the 2011/12 season and was replaced with Chris Willcock and assisted by Darren Schofield. Willcock guided the Steels to safety that season with a little help from Mickleover Sports who were docked points for playing an ineligible player. Willcock's second season in charge didn't start well and he was replaced by his assistant Darren Schofield who brought in the experienced defender Brett Lovell as his number two. Once again Stocksbridge managed to avoid relegation but again it went down to the wire.

The 2013/14 season started on a high with an exciting victory over Droylsden but from then on the Steels struggled and spent most of the season in the relegation zone. The club and long serving Player/Manager Darren Schofield parted company at the end of the season. Former Worsbrough Bridge manager Chris Hilton was appointed the new boss for the 2014/15 season. Chris immediately brought in the former Emley midfielder Mark 'Willy' Wilson as his assistant and experienced former Barnsley defender Ryan Laight as player coach. 2015/16 was a successful season for Stocksbridge having their best ever run in the FA Trophy eventually losing out to National League side Gateshead, after they had beaten the holders North Ferriby in the previous round. Steels finished the league in sixth place just a couple of points behind the Play-off positions and manager Chris Hilton was rewarded with a contract for the next two years.

2016/17 saw The Steels finish fourth in the league, along with another good run in the FA Trophy. Unfortunately Stocksbridge were beaten in the Play-off Semi-Final losing to Spalding United. The 2018/19 season started with manager Chris Hilton signing a contract to stay with the club, but big changes were just about to happen. Allen Bethell, who had been the chairman since the clubs formation in 1986, announced he was going to retire due to health reasons. Graham Furness, who had been at the club for over 20 years in different roles, including assistant manager, stepped up to the chairman's job with Roger Gissing becoming the vice-chairman. Steels were in Play-off contention till COVID put breaks on the season. However Hilton and assistant Lee Thompson did a great job keeping the team together throughout the entire lockdown. Unfortunately, when the football started again for the 2021/22 season, it wasn't to be and after another early FA Cup exit Chris Hilton brought an end to his eight years at the club as he resigned as manager. Lee Thompson steadied the ship as caretaker for three games securing back to back wins.

The club then in September 2021 announced the appointment of former player Ian Richards as their new manager. He had been in charge for 12 years at local rivals Penistone Church taking them from local football to the NCEL in a period of massive success for the club. Ian brought back club legend Andy Ring as his assistant and finished mid table in their first season in charge. The 2022/23 season was successful with Stocksbridge finishing in the playoffs and reaching the 3rd Qualifying round in the FA Cup. Stocksbridge would be in and around the top 5 places all season but lost out on penalties to Stockton Town in the playoff semi-final. The Steels will be looking to improve on this for the 2023/24 season.

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Stocksbridge Park Steels Player Profiles

Ben Townsend – Goalkeeper

Goalkeeper signed from Handsworth in late autumn 2022 and became the clubs first team keeper, He had joined Handsworth from Worksop Town where he also served as a goalkeeping coach for former Steels player David Reay due to an injury ruling him out. He has impressed for the Ambers as they have consistently challenged for promotion from the Northern Counties East League. He has also played for Staveley Miners Welfare, Ilkeston Town and Lincoln United.

Henry Hampshaw – Goalkeeper

Young goalkeeper signed in the summer following his release from Sheffield United. Played for us on loan last season, as well as spells on loan at Frickley Athletic, Handsworth and North Ferriby.

Jordan Lemon – Defender

Lemon is a right-back who has been featured in Team of the Years before. He signed for the Steels at the end of 2018 from Matlock Town and has been a regular in the first team ever since. Hitting 100 appearances in Feb 2023. This will be his 6th season with the club. Also a decent cricketer as well.

Bailey Baker – Defender

Signing in the summer of 2022, Baker is a lively full-back that looks to complement his defensive work with adding to the attack. He won the U23s Manager's Player of the Year Award when with the Barnsley Shadow Academy as well as winning the league with them. After a brief loan spell at Emley, Bailey has become a 1st team regular.

Jack Tinker – Defender

Signed in October 2021 from Brighouse Town. A young full back who can play on either flank. Has played for Shelley FC in the NWCL and also was part of the Barnsley FC Shadow Scholarship. Became 1st choice left back at start of 22/23 and has already made over 50 appearances for the club and won the young player of the year award 23/24.

Charlie Oglesby – Defender

Signing in the summer of 2022, Oglesby had been a long term player for Staveley and had become a legend for the Chesterfield based side. Since joining in the summer of 2022 Charlie has become an integral first team player, creating a strong defensive partnership with Elliot Murray. He won the players player of the year award 23/24 and was also picked in the NPL East team of the season.

Elliot Murray – Defender

The young defender joined the club after a successful trial with the Steels during pre-season 2022. Murray comes to the club with experience at this level having previously played at Brighthouse Town last season and Mickleover before that. He also played in the Derby County academy, where he captained one of the youth teams to success. Since joining the club Elliot has become a rock at the back and a regular 1st team player.

Dan Grierson – Defender

A summer signing from Chesterfield. The young defender, who can also play in midfield and has been a regular part of the Chesterfield U21s for the last couple of years. He has also featured for Staveley Miners Welfare, playing for them last season.

Jack Dolman – Defender

The young left-back has come through the Chesterfield academy and impressed enough to be handed a start against Coalville Town in the FA Trophy last season. He also featured for Staveley Miners Welfare for a part of last season.

Mitch Langton – Defender/Midfielder

Mitch is in his 2nd spell with the club. He re-joined in the summer of 2022, and joined several players who made the move from Staveley to Stocksbridge. His versatility has benefited the squad as he is capable of playing in both midfield and defence. He has already made over 50 appearances for the club.

Ross Goodwin – Midfielder

The club captain and gives it 110% on the field. Goodwin is coming into his 5th season with Stocksbridge after signing for us in 2019. The central midfielder is known for his tough tackling. Suffered a shoulder dislocation early in the season but came back to lead the club into the play offs and his performance in the playoff game was a captains innings.

Kurtis Turner – Midfielder

The clubs vice-captain who has become one of the clubs most important players, having made his 100th appearance for the club during 22/23 . Kurtis re-signed for Steels as Ian Richard's first new signing, the ex-Barnsley midfielder had enjoyed a brief spell at local rivals Penistone Church. He was also voted the managers player of the year last season.

Alex O'Connor – Midfielder

The club's Australian midfielder. Joined in Autumn 2021 signing from Yorkshire rivals Brighouse Town. Has previously played for Hyde and was part of Barnsley's Shadow Scholarship scheme. O'Connor was actually raised in Australia and attracted headlines as a youngster for his talent and ambition to become a professional player. He was coached in the AC Milan academy in Australia by former Italy international Andrea Icardi who said he had unlimited potential.

Luke Hogg – Midfielder

A summer 2023 summer signing from Yorkshire rivals Ossett United. A defensive midfielder rated one of the best at this level. Hogg re-signed for Ossett last season after a successful loan spell and quickly became a key part of Grant Black's side. He had played for the Sheepicorns the previous season, winning two of their Player of the Season awards which had earned him a move to Whitby Town. He's also a former Steel having had a loan spell with us in 2018 while contracted to Guiseley. He has also been at Doncaster Rovers, Frickley Athletic and North Ferriby United.

Oliver Nowak – Midfielder

Olly has made the step up over the summer from the U18's/Reserve teams. During his time in the U18's he helped the team to an undefeated league championship and league cup win. He was also leading goal scorer in the reserves last season. He will continue to play for reserves as well as training/featuring for the first team as he continues his development.

Tomas Poole – Midfielder/Forward

Joining in the summer of 2022, he came across to the club with several other Staveley players. He's a tricky midfielder/forward who is a proven player in the Northern Premier League. Since joining Tomas stepped into the number 9 role and has become the star of the team becoming the leading goal scorer and assist provider. His set pieces means Steels are a threat from corners and free kicks. Was the fans player of the year 23/24

Luke Rawson – Forward

Joined the club in the summer of 2022, Rawson comes to the club as a highly respected striker who got rave reviews while playing for Chesterfield in the National League. He joined the club from Bradford Park Avenue. Started the season in good form and was leading goal scorer until injury saw him miss a massive chunk of the season. Since coming back he has found himself coming into form.

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Ify Ofeogbu – Forward

Ofoegbu joined us in late September 2022 from Ossett United. He started life at Huddersfield Town in 2016 before joining Chesterfield. He made his senior debut at the age of 16 in a 4–1 defeat by Accrington Stanley in an EFL Trophy group stage match at the Proact Stadium on 4 October 2016. He has played for Tadcaster Albion, Worksop Town, Grantham Town as well as Ossett United. Has become a vital player for the club and won the clubs golden boot in 23/24. Targeting 20 goals in 23/24

Lewis Macaskill – Forward

Macaskill had previously played at Clay Cross Town. While there he was one of their best players, scoring 32 goals on his way to winning their Player of the Season award. Since getting his chance at this level he has become a vital player and nuisance to defenders. His style has made him a firm terrace favourite.

Luca Defalco – Forward

A product of the Stocksbridge youth system. An old school striker who scores goals for fun. In his first season in the 1st team squad he found chances limited and had loan spells at Swallownest and Hallam FC both in the NCEL. He is looking to make more of a mark in the 1st team in 23/24.

Luke Watson – Forward

A summer signing from Rossington Main. The 21-year-old striker came through the Doncaster Rovers academy where his goals helped the U18s come 2nd in their division. After his release from Doncaster, he would go to Rossington Main where he'd become a key part of their side. Signed for the Steels at the start of 23/24 season.

Match Report

Newton Aycliffe 2 Grimsby Borough 1

By Ryan Livingston

Newton Aycliffe played their first home game in the Northern Premier League East Division against Grimsby Borough. With Aycliffe propping up the table after two heavy away defeats this was their first chance to test themselves against NPL opponents on home soil.

Fortunately, Aycliffe had the best possible start, Liam Adamson got on the end of a cross to outsmart the Grimsby keeper and make it 1-0 early in the first half. But the lead wouldn't last, as Grimsby's Jack Barlow fired a long range shot out of the box and straight into the top corner. The rest of the first half would remain an even contest with both sides going end to end.

The second half was equally end to end, and Grimsby had a few good chances, and their winger, Harvey Tomlinson was a particular menace to the home side. Sam Topliss also challenged Daniel Cameron with a long range effort.

With the games' end to end nature however it was only natural Aycliffe would get a goal scoring chance, and they did, Liam Adamson with a high cross found Kyle Davis' right foot, and Davis wasted no time in firing a cool low shot with such precision, the Grimsby keeper didn't even have time to react to it.

It would be a nervy end to the game for Aycliffe with the post getting hit by Grimsby late on, and after sustained pressure, Grimsby were given a potential lifeline via a penalty. But Daniel Cameron parried it away and saved the resulting corner to bring a massive three points to Newton Aycliffe.

Brian Atkinson's side will want the SecuriCorp Stadium to be a fortress this season, and with two more away games at Stockton and Grantham, Aycliffe will then have three successive home games, with Stocksbridge Park Steels on the 9th of September, Ashington on the 12th, and Ossett United on the 16th respectively.

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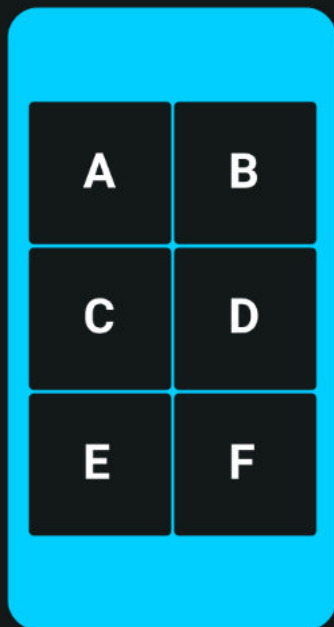
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