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Welcome

Good afternoon & welcome to the SecuriCorp Stadium for today's game.

We'd like to welcome the players, officials & spectators of Stocksbridge Park Steels on their second visit to Moore Lane this season. Their first trip here led to our early exit from the FA Trophy.

This fixture has seen a couple of postponements so it's good to finally get it played. The last two games have needed pitch inspections & the fact they both passed is due in no small part to the efforts of Dave Wood. Dave has done a superb job this season looking after the pitch & I think we are all grateful for his efforts.

Enjoy today's game.

Bob

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POSTPONEMENTS are tiresome. Late postponements even more so.

It doesn't take long to learn the tweet 'Game definitely on' doesn't always mean the game is definitely on.

And even when the match kicks off, it doesn't necessarily mean it will definitely finish.

This year feels particularly wet but we probably say the same most seasons.

Everyone shares the same frustration when the weather beats the football – especially for the fans who may have already set off on a long journey or even arrived at the ground.

Over at NLP HQ on a Saturday, chaos tends to fill the air as we put tentative plans together for redrawing the paper, only for a late call off to mean tearing up the idea to start again. Sometimes one game being postponed causes a domino effect you usually see for club allocations in the summer.

But it does allow me to stretch back into my chair and say, 'Did I ever tell you about the time I went to Albania?'

Rewind to October 2012 and England C were off on another adventure, The NLP fortunate enough to bag a seat on the plane to cover Non-League's Three Lions breaking new ground.

The Tirana weather was....pretty good actually. In fact, the day before the game we even made the most of some downtime in the schedule to sit out on the hotel's sun deck overlooking the ocean. This was why I got into journalism!

The day of the match was good too. Players went through set-pieces in shorts and t-shirts and an anticipation slowly built through the day.

During the final meeting at the hotel before jumping on the bus, it started raining. Driving towards the stadium, the rain continued. And got heavier. And heavier. The puddles got larger. The streets started to become streams.

The first sign of concern was seeing the stadium's adjacent 3G pitch - drained on just hours earlier - with large puddles.

Inside the stadium, the running track began to look more like a moat. Word came up from the dressing rooms that they too were slowly filling with water, the cables for the TV stations like electric eels swimming around.

By now the game had been called off. Brian Lee, the late former Football Conference chairman, wondered if anyone could find a sports hall to at least get some sort of action!

The car park was now a lake and it was time to man the lifeboats as players, still in full kit, waded to the coach – interrupted by a SUV driving up to the main door and sending a tidal wave of water back into foyer.

All that way for a game that never was. Some of the squad missed out in the future because of their age, never to be capped. If we hadn't travelled so far it would have been comical.

Funnily enough, England's senior game in Poland later that night was also rained off after the stadium roof wasn't closed in time. England 0-2
Weather.



Division One East League Table

As at 6 March 2024

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | +/- | Pts |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 Stockton Town | 29 | 19 | 6 | 4 | 60 | 24 | 36 | 63 |
| 2 Dunston | 26 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 48 | 25 | 23 | 52 |
| 3 Belper Town | 28 | 16 | 4 | 8 | 56 | 37 | 19 | 52 |
| 4 Hebburn Town | 27 | 15 | 6 | 6 | 52 | 34 | 18 | 51 |
| 5 Newton Aycliffe | 30 | 15 | 4 | 11 | 53 | 51 | 2 | 49 |
| 6 North Ferriby | 29 | 15 | 2 | 12 | 48 | 51 | -3 | 47 |
| 7 Pontefract Collieries | 27 | 13 | 7 | 7 | 47 | 33 | 14 | 46 |
| 8 Carlton Town | 24 | 14 | 1 | 9 | 38 | 33 | 5 | 43 |
| 9 Consett AFC | 26 | 13 | 3 | 10 | 43 | 36 | 7 | 42 |
| 10 Grimsby Borough | 30 | 11 | 4 | 15 | 39 | 43 | -4 | 37 |
| 11 Cleethorpes Town | 28 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 43 | 38 | 5 | 36 |
| 12 Ashington AFC | 28 | 10 | 5 | 13 | 48 | 51 | -3 | 35 |
| 13 Liversedge | 27 | 10 | 4 | 13 | 37 | 35 | 2 | 34 |
| 14 Sheffield | 24 | 10 | 3 | 11 | 41 | 41 | 0 | 33 |
| 15 Bridlington Town | 29 | 8 | 6 | 15 | 38 | 53 | -15 | 30 |
| 16 Brighouse Town | 29 | 7 | 9 | 13 | 41 | 60 | -19 | 30 |
| 17 Stocksbridge Park Steels | 28 | 6 | 10 | 12 | 33 | 37 | -4 | 28 |
| 18 Ossett United | 28 | 7 | 6 | 15 | 31 | 54 | -23 | 27 |
| 19 Grantham Town | 29 | 4 | 9 | 16 | 40 | 66 | -26 | 21 |
| 20 Winterton Rangers | 28 | 6 | 3 | 19 | 27 | 61 | -34 | 21 |

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Newton Aycliffe



Liam ADAMSON
Ryan Lincoln BARROW
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Daniel CAMERON
Jack CLARKSON
Marc COSTELLO
Charlie DAWSON
Kyle DAVIS
Oscar ECKLEY-ALDSWORTH
Dale ELGIE
Nathan FISHER
Cieran JACKSON
Liam JARVIE
Cole KIERNAN
Jack NAYLOR
Ethan ORD
Toby PASCOE
Jake PETITJEAN
Jack RAPER
Wayne WHITFIELD
James WINTER
Ethan WOOD (Captain)

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1965

Newton Aycliffe v Stocksbridge Park Steels

Today's Match Officials

Referee

Scott Henry

Assistants

Callum Black

(Red flag)

Nigel Bamford

(Yellow flag)

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

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Stocksbridge Park Steels

BEN TOWNSEND (GK)

HENRY HAMPSHAW (GK)

BAILEY BAKER

LUCA DEFALCO

JACK DOLMAN

ROSS GOODWIN

DANIEL GRIERSON

LUKE HOGG

MITCH LANGTON

JORDAN LEMON

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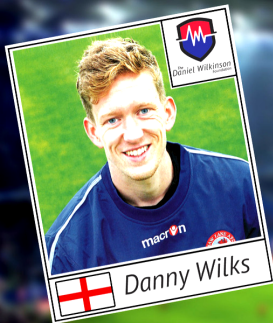
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Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. 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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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.

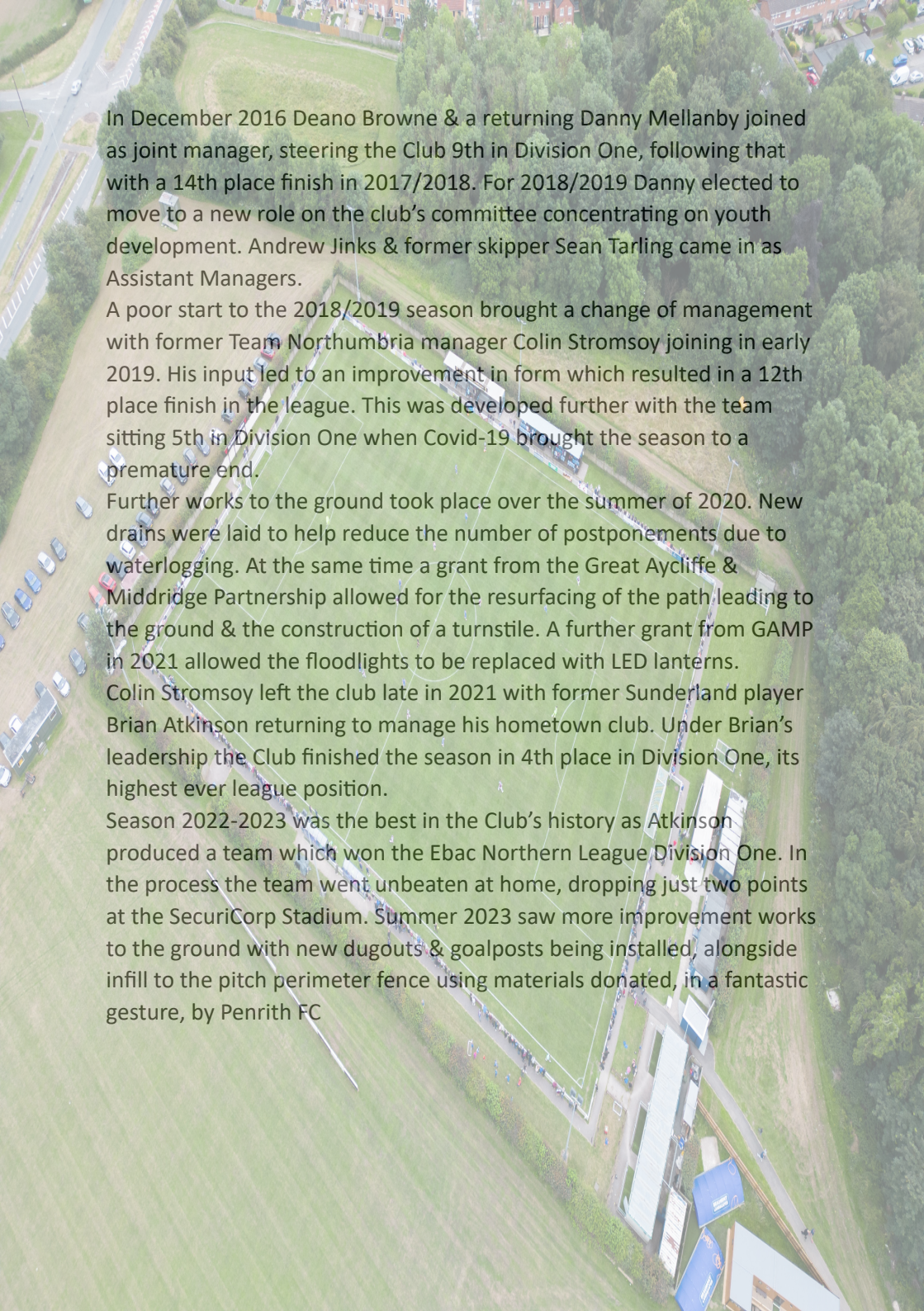
Having smashed their way into the Start To Learn Northern League in emphatic fashion – winning back-to-back league titles; Durham Alliance (2007-08) and the Wearside League (2008-09) – Allan Oliver’s side built on their inaugural campaign at Northern League level by topping the table for a huge eight 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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|---|-------|
| Hot Drinks (Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Bovril) | £1.50 |
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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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Midfielders

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.



Ethan Wood *Sponsored by Martin Hughes*

Ethan Wood signed from Easington Colliery in 2018. He has developed a key component in the Aycliffe team and one of the better midfielders in the Northern League; neat and tidy on 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

One of the most experienced players in the Newton Aycliffe 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



~~**Jack Clarkson**~~ *Sponsored by WAFC Junior Section*

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





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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1965

Stocksbridge Park 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. But, 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 Ogley was appointed manager before the start of the 2007/08 season, with former player Gary Ingham taking over from Ogley 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 Droydsden 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.



Stocksbridge Park Steels Player Profiles

Ben Townsend – Goalkeeper

Goalkeeper signed from Handsworth in late autumn 2022 and became the club's 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 clubs 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 become 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.

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.

Basile Zottos – Forward

Signed from Liversedge in September. The pacey winger is looking to settle with the Steels and add to his scoring talents.

Ian Richards – Manager

He began his career with Blackburn Rovers but failed to make the first team and moved on to Halifax Town, where he made 24 Football League appearances. He went on to play for non-league teams Belper Town and Stocksbridge Park Steels where he played alongside Jamie Vardy & was part of the promotion winning team. He went onto manager Penistone Church F.C. for 12 years taking them from local football to NCEL big hitters, winning trophies along the way. Away from football he is the Assistant Principal at Penistone Grammar School. Appointed Stocksbridge manager in September 2021

Andy Ring – Assistant Manager

Andy Ring is a Stocksbridge Steels FC legend. He joined Penistone Church after 11 successful years at Stocksbridge, making 330 appearances, scoring 110 goals in the process. Since 2014 he became Church's record goal scorer with 84 goals in 194 appearances for them. He followed new manager Ian Richards back to Stocksbridge where he took over as new assistant manager

Peter Goldstraw – First Team Coach

Part of Ian Richards backroom staff, followed him from Penistone. Well know up at Stocksbridge for his time behind the camera. Current store manager at Aldi in Stocksbridge. Has become a vital member of the match day team where he coaches the goalkeepers.

Sam Ewan – Lead Sports Therapist

Sam has been with the club for a few seasons now, a graduate from Leeds Beckett University. He has taken the clubs medical section to a whole new level of professionalism and his work advising physio students who attend match days has been well received.

Gary Ward – Kitman

Gary Ward is the clubs long serving kit manager, having first took up the post under Wayne Biggins. Gary has played disability football for Sheffield FC, Derek Dooley, Sheffield Wednesday, Sherwood Colliery. Now plays for City Knights

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DALE RICHARD ELGIE

2 Date of birth?

28th JULY

3 Where were you born?

DARLINGTON

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5 Previous club?

THORNABY

6 Fave ground played on?

GATESHEAD INT STADIUM

7 What job do you do?

CNC SETTER

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VAUXHALL ASTRA

9 Favourite other sport?

BOXING

10 Memorable match?

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11 Holiday destination?

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Match Report

Newton Aycliffe 3 Stockton Town 0

By Ryan Livingston

Newton Aycliffe emphatically defeated a top of the table Stockton Town side 3-0. In what was perhaps not just Aycliffe's best performance of the year thus far, but equally the entire season. The Anchors had been unbeaten since October, and before kick off were 11 points clear at the top of the table.

In a game where Stockton did hold lots of possession, they never really offered much worth noting throughout the game. The first goal for Aycliffe came within 8 minutes, Liam Jarvie's cross to Liam Adamson allowed him to pass to Ethan Wood, and while Wood fired into the hands of Stockton's Nathan Harker, Harker couldn't hold the ball as it fell to the feet of Cole Kiernan who easily tapped it in.

A few minutes later Kiernan was in on goal again, practically one-on-one with Harker but was harshly judged offside. James Winter in goal wasn't challenged until the 22nd minute, and even then all Michael Roberts could do was gently shoot the ball into his palms. Stockton had possession for a large amount of time after, typically keeping the ball in the air utilizing crosses and headers, but they couldn't muster anything that challenged Aycliffe. While on the other end Kiernan was once again harshly ruled offside. The first half ended with a promising free kick near the center circle for Stockton, but Glen Butterworth's delivery couldn't find anyone in a red and black shirt.

The initial few minutes of the second half weren't the most notable, although Kiernan was ruled offside for a third time and Liam Adamson was unlucky to see his curling effort go too high. Stockton's Michael Roberts had a shot from range, but Winter didn't even need to move to save it.

Stockton and Aycliffe both however did gain set pieces, and Stockton had one set piece by the dugouts, Butterworth whipped the ball in the Aycliffe box but the ball was swiftly found by Marc Costello who quickly found Toby Pascoe, Pascoe then passed to Adamson who had acres of space, Adamson ran from his own half to just outside the Stockton box where he found Kiernan. Adamson's perfect pass allowed Kiernan to pass three Stockton defenders with ease, and he capped off the exciting and attractive attack with a wonderful chip finish over Harker to make it 2-0 on the hour mark and get himself a brace.

Aycliffe would keep going, and Ethan Wood was the next to have a chance, his brilliant run however failed to make it 3-0, as he went wide. Stockton did get one big opportunity late on however, substitute Elliot Beddow broke free from all Aycliffe defenders to get into close range with Winter, Winter tried to collect the ball which resulted in him colliding with Beddow, resulting in Stockton gaining a penalty. Michael Roberts would step up, but his extremely poor low shot was saved by Winter without the Aycliffe custodian seemingly breaking a sweat.

Toby Pascoe seems to have picked up an uncanny knack to make opposition teams score own goals, in an almost identical fashion to last Saturday against Cleethorpes, Pascoe crossed the ball into the box and it found the head of Stockton's Joshua Baggs who had no chance but to send it into his own net to make it 3-0 in the 89th minute and cap off a stellar home win for Aycliffe, which means they have now gone unbeaten since January 27th.



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