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1903/04, 1904/05, 1906/07, 1910/11,
1946/47, 1947/48, 1948/49, 1950/51,
1951/52, 1957/58, 1958/59, 1963/64,
1970/71, 2002/03, 2007/08, 2015/16,
2017/18

Link and Border Floodlight

League: Winners 1983/84

Anglia Floodlight Cup: Winners
1970/71

Midland League: Champions
1966/67

FA Cup: Third Round 1886/87

FA Trophy: Semi-Finalists 2012/13

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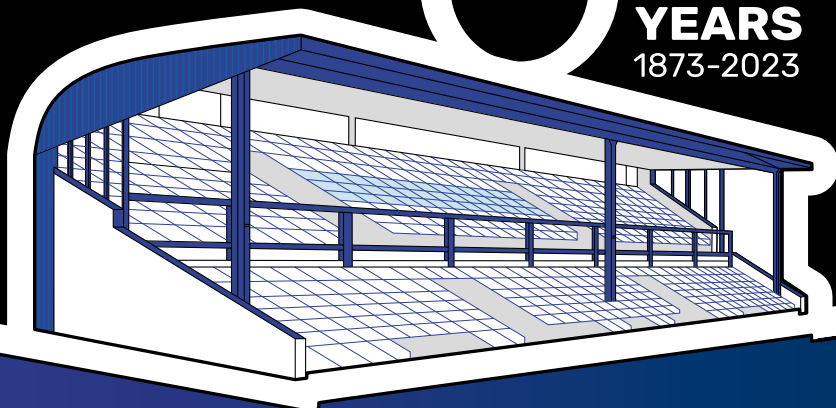
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GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY FC

TO SPONSOR A MATCH CONTACT GEOFF HOLMES
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FROM THE BOARD ROOM

Hi All, We Welcome all Bradford Park Avenue Directors & supporters to the Kal Group Stadium this afternoon for another Pitching In Northern Premier League fixture.



We also have the Christmas Raffle draw fast approaching, so any donations for prizes and raffle ticket sellers would be very much appreciated!

The ground itself is nearly fully complete with signage around the pitch and outside the ground. This is great to see from a football club and commercial perspective, so thank you to all our fantastic local businesses who are doing all they can to back us!

After a good recent run of form and performances on the pitch, it seems that Russ is starting to stamp his experience and knowledge into the squad.

We have been busy in the background looking at bolstering the squad, and we are really pleased to have got Ashley Jackson now signed as a Trinity player, rather than on loan. Both Macauley Snelgrove and Harry Lovick have gone out to get valuable minutes out on loan at North Ferriby and Grantham as well, which is helping to keep the balance of the squad in check.

The 150 Club has been a big success, and we would like to thank everybody for being involved in that draw every month. This coming month, we have decided to increase the first prize to £500 for Christmas, while retaining the £200 second and £100 third prize - making it £800 worth of prizes as a pre-Christmas treat! So please let us know if you would like to be included, for as little as £10 a month!

It was great that we could arrange for the Gainsborough Trinity Ladies to play at the Kal Group Stadium on Sunday as well. And they marked the occasion with a 2-1 win. Well done to Liam, Arron & the team on the result.

Lastly, thank you to all the fans for supporting the team and board so far this season. Let's hope for three points today and see where that can take us.

Thanks again,
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John Myskiw
Co Chairman





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FROM THE BENCH

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the KAL Group Stadium for our Pitching In Northern Premier League fixture against Bradford Park Avenue. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us and have a safe journey home later today.

Two weeks have passed since we played Lancaster City at home. I thought it was an excellent performance and 1-0 win for us. We passed the ball really well and created opportunities to score more than the one goal. Lancaster made it hard for us, but we stayed solid as a group to achieve a clean sheet.

Our goal arrived in the 58th minute after an excellent attacking move – Declan Howe was brought down in the box for a penalty. I think our mentality after the penalty miss was much stronger, and we picked up the loose ball and within 18 seconds Declan then produced an outstanding strike and placed it into the top corner of the goal. It was a strike worthy of winning any game.

Lancaster then had nothing to lose and threw bodies forward, but we defended our box superbly well to claim three more valuable points.

Last Saturday we travelled to Radcliffe Borough who are flying high at the top of the league table, scoring 25 goals at home in their previous 7 games.

We went toe to toe with them, getting in good shape without the ball to stifle them and restricting their chances. In my opinion we were very unfortunate not to come away with a point after George Hornshaw's goal was disallowed for a dubious handball decision on Declan Howe.

We will take great confidence and belief from this performance.

Thank you to the Board for their support in signing Ashley Jackson on a permanent deal from Scarborough Athletic. Ash has been a key player in our recent form. He offers experience and flexibility as you have seen, with him playing different positions for the team. He has always been a leader on and off the pitch and is a fantastic example to everyone in the group, especially to our younger players.

On Tuesday night after training I went to the North Ferriby v Grantham Town game to watch our players McCauley Snelgrove (North Ferriby) and Harry Lovick (Grantham) who are both out on loan. Both players performed well and can still play a big part in the season for us.

This will be another tough game against Bradford Park Avenue this afternoon, as no game is easy at this level. We have to make sure we bring out our 'A' game to get the result we all want.

Please give your full support to the team again today, it really does make a huge difference.

Up the Holy Blues,
Russ





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SKIPPER SPEAKS

Good afternoon everyone. Welcome back to the Kal Group Stadium for today's game against Bradford Park Avenue.

This game will be a tough test as they all are in the Pitching In Northern Premier League. League position and things don't seem to effect how the game will go, as everyone seems capable of taking points off everyone else.

We need to get back to winning ways and go on another run, starting this afternoon.

Last Saturday (the narrow 1-0 loss to league leaders Radcliffe) was tough to take. I think we deserved more from the game which shows how far we've come as a team. However, it's important we don't get too hung up on what might have been.



it's now massive we kick on again and get points on the board. We will need fans to be loud and back us, get behind us like you can and hopefully we can return the favour with a positive performance, but most importantly points on the board.

Up the Blues!



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1.	Radcliffe	16	8	0	0	6	0	2	14	0	2	50	21	29	42	
2.	Worksop Town	15	7	2	0	3	0	3	10	2	3	41	17	24	32	
3.	Warrington Rylands	16	5	0	2	4	5	0	9	5	2	22	13	9	32	
4.	Hyde United	17	5	1	2	4	0	5	9	1	7	25	20	5	28	
5.	Macclesfield	16	5	2	1	3	1	4	8	3	5	28	18	10	27	
6.	Matlock Town	17	5	2	1	3	1	5	8	3	6	37	32	5	27	
7.	Ashton United	16	6	1	1	2	2	4	8	3	5	27	28	-1	27	
8.	Guiseley	15	5	1	2	2	4	1	7	5	3	26	23	3	26	
9.	Marine	13	5	1	2	2	1	2	7	2	4	24	17	7	23	
10.	Ilkeston Town	15	3	1	3	4	0	4	7	1	7	27	22	5	22	
11.	Lancaster City	16	4	3	1	2	1	5	6	4	6	21	19	2	22	
12.	Morpeth Town	16	4	2	1	2	2	5	6	4	6	35	34	1	22	
13.	Whitby Town	12	2	0	3	4	2	1	6	2	4	25	21	4	20	
14.	Bamber Bridge	14	3	3	1	1	4	2	4	7	3	23	19	4	19	
15.	Gainsborough Trinity	15	4	4	0	1	0	6	5	4	6	21	27	-6	19	
16.	Workington	15	5	0	2	1	1	6	6	1	8	27	36	-9	19	
17.	FC United of Manchester	16	4	1	3	1	2	5	5	3	8	21	30	-9	18	
18.	Basford United	17	3	3	2	0	1	8	3	4	10	18	27	-9	13	
19.	Bradford (Park Avenue)	16	3	1	4	0	3	5	3	4	9	16	26	-10	13	
20.	Marske United	17	3	0	6	1	0	7	4	0	13	22	44	-22	12	
21.	Atherton Collieries	15	1	1	6	1	1	5	2	2	11	15	35	-20	8	
22.	Stafford Rangers	15	1	2	5	1	0	6	2	2	11	11	33	-22	8	

TODAY'S FIXTURES

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2023 NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE - PREMIER

15:00 Atherton Collieries vs Marine

15:00 Basford United vs Workington

15:00 FC United of Manchester vs Guiseley

15:00 Gainsborough Trinity vs Bradford (Park Avenue)

15:00 Marske United vs Lancaster City

15:00 Morpeth Town vs Ilkeston Town

15:00 Warrington Rylands vs Worksop Town

15:00 Whitby Town vs Bamber Bridge



**NORTHERN
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PLAYER SPONSORS

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Darryn Stamp

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A: Available

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H: Chantry Agricultural Engineers

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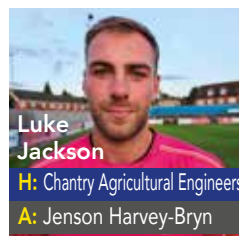
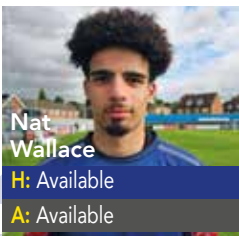
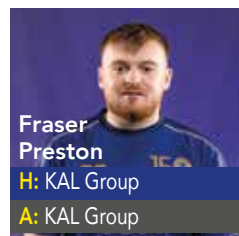
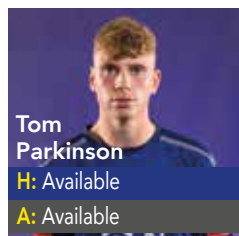
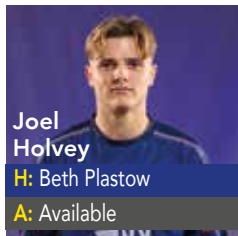
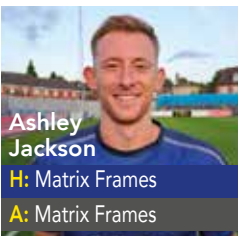
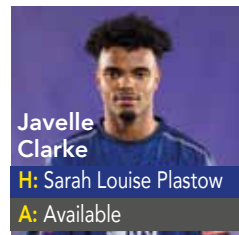
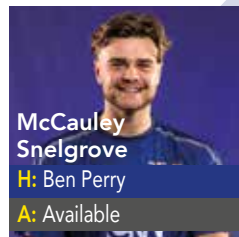
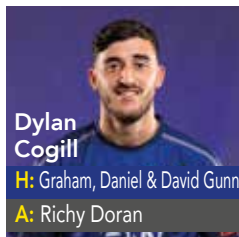
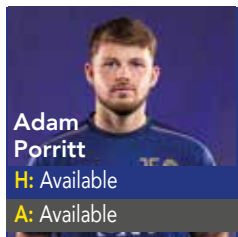
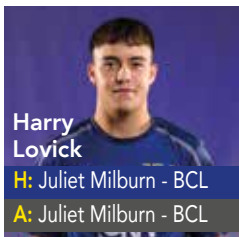
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Thank you to Graham and Lorraine at Photography Street for donating their time and energy into providing the Holy Blues with some cracking images!



PLAYER SPONSORS



Players can be sponsored for £100 (plus £20 VAT for businesses) by contacting Dave Horsley, or any of the other directors.

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22.08.23	Guiseley	NPL				Gainsborough CAMRA
26.08.23	Bamber Bridge	NPL				
02.09.23	Matlock Town	FA Cup 1Q			The Blues Volunteers	The Robinson Family
16.09.23		NPL				
23.09.23	Atherton Collieries	NPL	Kerry Taste Nutrition	Wright Vigar	Crooked Billett Nomads	Darren Ashley
03.10.23	Matlock Town	NPL			Horsley's of Gainsborough	
07.10.23	Guiseley	FA Trophy 3Q				
14.10.23	Warrington Rylands	NPL	AMP Rose		Sills & Betteridge	
24.10.23	Ashton United	NPL				
04.11.23	Lancaster City	NPL			Mick & Dan Page/John Goddard /Frank Newman	
18.11.23	Bradford PA	NPL			Away Travel	Stuart Hogg
02.12.23	FC United of Manchester	NPL	Midland Packaging Dies		Simon Casswell Farming	Humber Security
09.12.23	Ilkeston Town	NPL		Stuart Allbones,Dave Lane, Mark Bellamy	Humber Security	Bradshaws Transport
23.12.23	Macclesfield	NPL	In Memory of Liam Guilliatt	In Memory of Liam Guilliatt	SIS Facades Crooked Billett Nomads	
01.01.24	Workshop Town	NPL	Upto Fish Shop	Go Green	E J B Electrical Services	The Ollertons The Dixon Family
13.01.24	Morpeth Town	NPL				Trish & Clare Hardwick
27.01.24	Marske United	NPL			Sills & Betteridge	
17.02.24	Basford United	NPL				
02.03.24	Whitby Town	NPL	Everyone Active	Fillingham Trees		
23.03.24	Workington	NPL	Cliff Bradley & Sons	Cliff Bradley & Sons	In Memory of Grahame Stockdale	Lyn Bland
01.04.24	Stafford Rangers	NPL	Horsleys of Gainsborough		Booth Construction Ltd	
13.04.24	Hyde United	NPL			Sills & Betteridge	
27.04.24	Radcliffe	NPL				

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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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- SCD is the leading cause of death in young athletes during sport and the majority of deaths occur with NO SYMPTOMS or family history.
- ARVC can be found in one in every 1,000 to 5,000 young adults - IF IT IS LOOKED FOR.
- Warning signs may include light-headedness, fainting, palpitations, swollen legs, breathlessness.
- Every week in the UK, 12 apparently fit and healthy young people (aged 35 and under) die from previously undiagnosed heart conditions.
- In Italy, where screening is mandatory for all young people engaged in organised sport, they have reduced the incidence of young sudden cardiac death by 89%.

OUR MISSION

The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.

Tragedies can be prevented through cardiac screening. It is vital that young people are identified and treated.

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Dave Hill	£0.50	28	£14.00
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Mark Knibbs	£0.25	28	£7.00
John Harrington	£0.50	28	£14.00
John Goddard	£0.50	28	£14.00
Mick Page	£0.50	28	£14.00
David Tinsley	£0.50	28	£14.00
Killer	£0.25	28	£7.00
Nigel Dawson	£0.50	28	£14.00

Sponsor	Amount Per Goal	Goals up to 11.11.23	Payable
Jack Lyner	£0.50	28	£14.00
Betty Wood	£0.50	28	£14.00
Gary Cooke	£0.50	28	£14.00
George Green	£0.50	28	£14.00
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Lex Harvey Bryn	£0.50	28	£14.00
Leigh Goodall	£0.50	28	£14.00
Clare Snow	£0.50	28	£14.00
John Myskiw	£0.50	28	£14.00
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FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/24



DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	H/A	RES	ATT.	STARTING XI					
Sat 12 Aug	MARINE	NPLP	H	(0) 0-0 (0)	623	Wharton	Hornshaw	Butroid	Lovick	Cogill	Porritt □
Tue 15 Aug	Ilkeston Town	NPLP	A	(1) 4-0 (0)	529	Wharton	Hornshaw □	Butroid	Lovick	Cogill	Flint
Sat 19 Aug	Macclesfield	NPLP	A	(2) 3-0 (0)	3387	Wharton	Hornshaw □	Butroid	Lovick □	Cogill	Flint
Tue 22 Aug	GUISELEY	NPLP	H	(3) 4-0 (0)	502	Wharton	Hornshaw	Butroid	Lovick □	Cogill	Flint 1
Sat 26 Aug	BAMBER BRIDGE	NPLP	H	(0) 1-1 (0)	452	Wharton	Hornshaw □	Butroid	Lovick	Cogill	Flint
Mon 28 Aug	Workshop Town	NPLP	A	(0) 4-0 (0)	909	Wharton	Porritt	Butroid □	Lovick	Cogill □	Flint
Sat 2 Sep	MATLOCK TOWN	FAC 1QR	H	(1) 1-1 (0)	372	Wharton	Hornshaw	Butroid	Lovick	Cogill	Flint
Tue 5 Sep	Matlock Town	FAC 1QR R	A	(3) 5-2 (2)	447	Wharton	Hornshaw	Butroid	Lovick	Cogill □	Flint 1
Sat 9 Sep	Morpeth Town	NPLP	A	(1) 2-0 (0)	387	Wharton	Hornshaw	Butroid	Moore-Billam	Cogill □	Flint
Sat 16 Sep	STAMFORD AFC	LIN SC1	H	(0) 3-2 (0)	201	Wharton(75)	Hornshaw	Butroid(46)	Lovick (65)	Cogill	Porritt
Sat 23 Sep	ATHERTON COLLIERIES	NPLP	H	(1) 4-1 (0)	548	Wharton □	Hornshaw	Butroid	Conway	Douglas	Cogill 1
Sat 30 Sep	Basford United	NPLP	A	(0) 3-0 (0)	384	Yam	Hornshaw	Butroid(62)	Conway □	Douglas	Cogill
Tue 3 Oct	MATLOCK TOWN	NPLP	H	(3) 5-3 (1)	357	Jackson	Hornshaw(80)	Jackson 1	Conway	Douglas 1	Cogill 1
Sat 7 Oct	GUISELEY	FAT 3QR	H	(0) 1-3 (2)	342	Jackson	Hornshaw	Jackson	Conway	Douglas 1 □	Cogill □
Sat 14 Oct	WARRINGTON RYLANDS	NPLP	H	(1) 1-1 (0)	472	Jackson	Hornshaw □	Jackson	Conway	Douglas	Cogill
Sat 21 Oct	Workington	NPLP	A	(1) 2-3 (1)	740	Jackson	Wallace	Jackson	Conway	Douglas	Cogill
Tue 24 Oct	ASHTON UNITED	NPLP	H	(1) 2-2 (1)	384	Jackson	Hornshaw(82)	Jackson	Conway	Douglas	Cogill
Sat 4 Nov	LANCASTER CITY	NPLP	H	(0) 1-0 (0)	502	Jackson	Hornshaw	Jackson	Conway	Douglas	Cogill(73)
Sat 11 Nov	Radcliffe	NPLP	A	(1) 1-0 (0)	1049	Jackson	Hornshaw	Jackson	Conway □	Douglas	Cogill
Sat 18 Nov	BRADFORD PARK AVENUE	NPLP	H								
Sat 25 Nov	Marske United	NPLP	A								
Tue 28 Nov	Hyde United	NPLP	A								
Sat 2 Dec	FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER	NPLP	H								
Sat 9 Dec	ILKESTON TOWN	NPLP	H								
Tue 12 Dec	Whitby Town	NPLP	A								
Sat 16 Dec	Marine	NPLP	A								
Sat 23 Dec	MACCLESFIELD	NPLP	H								
Tue 26 Dec	Stafford Rangers	NPLP	A								
Mon 1 Jan	WORKSHOP TOWN	NPLP	H								
Sat 6 Jan	Guiseley	NPLP	A								
Sat 13 Jan	MORPETH TOWN	NPLP	H								
Sat 20 Jan	Matlock Town	NPLP	A								
Sat 27 Jan	MARSKE UNITED	NPLP	H								
Sat 3 Feb	FC United of Manchester	NPLP	A								
Sat 10 Feb	Atherton Collieries	NPLP	A								
Sat 17 Feb	BASFORD UNITED	NPLP	H								
Sat 24 Feb	Warrington Rylands	NPLP	A								
Sat 2 Mar	WHITBY TOWN	NPLP	H								
Sat 16 Mar	Ashton United	NPLP	A								
Sat 23 Mar	WORKINGTON	NPLP	H								
Sat 30 Mar	Bamber Bridge	NPLP	A								
Mon 1 Apr	STAFFORD RANGERS	NPLP	H								
Sat 6 Apr	Lancaster City	NPLP	A								
Sat 13 Apr	HYDE UNITED	NPLP	H								
Sat 20 Apr	Bradford Park Avenue	NPLP	A								
Sat 27 Apr	RADCLIFFE	NPLP	H								



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					SUBSTITUTES
Clarke	Johnson	Goodman(87)	Snelgrove(58)	Holvey(50)	Flint, Moore-Billam(87), Poulter(50), Slew(58), Parkinson
Clarke 	Johnson	Goodman(53)	Snelgrove(46)	Poulter(71)	Porritt(46), Moore-Billam(71), Parkinson, Slew (53), Holvey
Clarke 	Johnson(77)	Goodman(48)	Slew	Poulet(64)	Snelgrove, Porritt, Holvey(64), Moore-Billam(77), Makanjuola(48)
Poulter(82) 1	Makanjuola	Hardy(65)	Johnson(65) 1	Holvey	Porritt(65), Moore-Billam, Snelgrove(82), Slew, Goodman(65) 1
Poulter	Conway	Hardy 	Johnson	Holvey	Porritt, Makanjuola, Snelgrove, Slew, Moore-Billam
Poulter(64) 	Johnson(72)	Hardy	Slew(76)	Snelgrove 	Hornshaw(72), Holvey(64), Parkinson, Adams(76)
Holvey 1(75)	Conway	Hardy	Johnson(80)	Clarke(66)	Porritt, Moore-Billam, Adams(80), Parkinson(75), Cowan, Snelgrove(66)
Holvey(57)	Moore-Billam 1 	Hardy	Johnson(67)	Clarke	Porritt, Conway, Adams(67), Parkinson, Snelgrove(57)
Clarke	Conway	Hardy(59)	Johnson  	Poulter(67)	Southwell(59)  , Holvey(67), Porritt, Snelgrove, Lovick
Clarke(75)	Conway	Southwell(65)	Johnson(65)	Moore-Billam	Cowan(75), Wallace(46), Snelgrove(65), Parkinson(75), Hardy(65), Holvey(65)
Wallace(61)	Moore-Billam(88)	Southwell 2	Howe	Clarke(79) 	Lovick(88), Holvey(61) 1 , Hardy, Poulter(79), Parkinson
Jackson	Johnson	Southwell	Howe(77)	Clarke	Holvey(77), Lovick, Wallace, Pult, Moore-Billam(62)
Moore-Billam	Johnson	Southwell(81)	Howe 1 (90)	Clarke 1	Holvey, Wallace(80), Poulter(81), Butroid(90), Lovick
Moore-Billam(34)	Johnson(71)	Southwell	Howe(61) 	Clarke	Holvey(61), Wallace(34), Parkinson, Butroid, Lovick(71)
Butroid(76)	Johnson	Southwell(69)	Howe 1 (78)	Clarke	Holvey(76), Wallace(69), Poulter, Lovick, Moore-Billam(78)
Butroid(90)	Johnson(72)	Southwell(72)	Howe 2	Clarke 1	Holvey, Hawkin(90), Poulter(72), Lovick, Moore-Billam(72)
Butroid	Johnson 1	Southwell	Howe 1 	Clarke	Holvey, Wallace(82), Poulter, Moore-Billam, Hawkin
Butroid	Johnson	Southwell(79)	Howe 1	Clarke	Holvey(79), Wallace, Moore-Billam(73), Parkinson, Cowan
Butroid(89)	Johnson(79)	Southwell(68)	Howe	Clarke	Holvey(68), Wallace, Moore-Billam(79), Parkinson(89), Cowan

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Exciting forward, Javelle Clarke, instantly became a firm fan favourite with his close control and attacking intent. Following his summer arrival from Brighouse Town, the former Sheffield United academy product, signed for an undisclosed fee, after an extended chase by former boss Neal Bishop.

As the entertaining forward explains where his journey began, "I have always had a great passion for the game, starting my career off at Sheffield United Academy, Under 12s. I worked my way up to the youth team, where the club gave me a great insight to professional football; it aided me to develop into the role and build my confidence up before getting released."

"This opened the path into me joining Brighouse Town FC. I spent 2 and half years adapting to non League football, big changes, commitment and responsibilities. Striving and achieving goals for the team is always in my best interest..."

Javelle first learned of the Trinity interest midway through last season, as he takes up the story, "prior to joining Trinity in the summer I had knowledge that the team achieved a play-off spot and had a successful season. I had been informed of an interest from the club mid 2022/23, which then led to Gainsborough getting back in touch with me in pre-season. It was an offer that I couldn't refuse with the club being in a great position. It was a new start for me, in a higher division."

Young Javelle described the chase, and how former boss Neal Bishop outlined his plans for the season ahead & how Clarke would fit into his plans, "Bish contacted me and we discussed how I would fit into the team with my forward thinking mindset to help the club achieve promotion. He put a lot of trust in me as I was coming from Step 4 to Step 3, which I was highly grateful that he had acknowledged my ability and what I had to offer the club, at the higher level."

Now, having also impressed the new man in charge, Russ Wilcox, the 20 year old talent, is beginning to find himself on the score sheet on a regular basis. Goals against Stamford in the Lincolnshire County Cup, getting the Holy Blues up and running in the 5-3 win over Matlock Town at the Kal Group Stadium, getting back on terms in our first away win of the season, at Workington further boosting the young man's stature amongst the Trinity faithful.

The forward explained the evolution of his role from the early days under Bish, to Stampy's short period as Caretaker boss, and through to the arrival of Russ Wilcox,

"During my time with Bish, he had trust to play me in all the games he was managing, which built confidence within me knowing I was capable to perform well in this current league. I played as a winger, where I could use my pace effectively down the line to get crosses into the box. This meant I could expose teams out wide."

"After Bish leaving, Stampy took control for a few games. Stampy played me as a striker, and I played well in this position as I could be a threat down the middle of the pitch as well as out wide."

"Russ then took over and he acknowledged that I am more effective in the middle of the pitch where I can do the defensive work as well as being a threat going forward. I have a lot of respect for Russ for trusting that I can play in this position. At my former club Sheffield United - I was a midfielder but at my past club I was a winger which took a lot of adapting to going out wide. I now am confident in both roles however, Russ believes I am highly effective as an attacking midfielder." And with the successes Javelle has been having of late, who are we to argue?

It hasn't all been plain sailing for the talented individual though, after playing a part in a workmanlike team performance on opening day, as the Holy Blues held Marine to a goal-less draw at the Northolme. Hopes were high for the trip to Ilkeston Town the following Tuesday. Things didn't go quite to plan for the youngster, despite a

JAVELLE CLARKE



THE BIG INTERVIEW

bright start, Trinity found themselves a goal down – and shortly after – a man down, when Clarke was shown a straight red card for a strong challenge on Declan Erratt-Thompson. Referee Mark Reeves in little doubt after consulting with his Assistant.

"Starting the season off, I was delighted to be in the starting 11 for the first game of the season against Marine, a home game with the support from our fans, we managed to gain a point from a 0-0 draw. Moving onto the second game of the season against Ilkeston- an away game. I was sent off with a straight red card- this really challenged me mentality, as this resulted in a 3 game ban."

Less than a game and a half into his Gainsborough career, Javelle was being forced to bide his time, having picked up a three-game ban for his dismissal.

"This created frustration as I knew I couldn't support my team effectively on the pitch. It was my first red card of my career which resulted in a loss- this led to me blaming myself as the team had an hour remaining, with ten players away from home. Despite this, the management team and players were very supportive at this time."

Javelle was still able to take part in the away game at Macclesfield the following Saturday, as Trinity slipped to a 3-0 defeat to the Silkmen in front of a crowd of 3,387.

Slitting out the 4-0 win over Guiseley, the one all draw with Bamber Bridge & the 4-0 defeat away at Worksop were tough for the winger to take, but determined, he returned to the fold in time for Emirates FA Cup ties against Matlock Town





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Reflecting on the season, the former Sheffield United youngster tries to pinpoint where our difficulties began, "Starting the season off, the majority of the team were new players. We understood this and needed to get used to one another and eachothers' abilities on the pitch. The team still had some changes that needed to be made to better the squad. We started off struggling with away games but succeeding at home- this was something we needed to work on to become stronger as a unit."

"Now, we all have a better understanding of each other as players and team mates. We are now performing well together and the squad seems tighter then ever. However, there is still a while 'till the end of the season and I believe we can achieve something big this year!"

Continually looking to better himself, Javelle is pleased with how he has adapted to life in the Pitching In Northern Premier League so far, "Moving upwards and onwards, there are always going to be challenges. However, I feel I have adapted well to this league with my performance's, goals and assists to aid in

winning games. Some games have seemed to be challenging as we are encountering several ex-pros and highly experienced players. We are a young squad but we have great ability. We still have many challenges to overcome and every week is a new challenge to face but we are handling them well. This wouldn't be achievable if we hadn't overcome the struggles we had at the start of the season."

Individually, Clarke is not about to rest on his laurels, "I always like to strive high, set myself targets to overcome. Such as, consistency in my performances, being a regular starter and continuing to add to my goals and assists. The fans at Trinity take great pride in supporting us week in and week out. They have been very welcoming into my role in the club and their support goes a long way! Travelling to away games, attending home games. We aim to give the fans our best moving forward with our performances and wins ahead of us."





THE VIEW FROM CARLISLE STREET

Good afternoon everyone and a warm November welcome to the Northolme for today's Northern Premier League fixture against old foes, Bradford Park Avenue.

At the time of writing, Bradford were 6 points behind the Blues in the League table, but this might have changed as Avenue played Marine at home last Tuesday evening.

Gainsborough Trinity and Bradford Park Avenue are two very well known football clubs throughout the Country and both have had their share of ups and downs in their long histories. The two clubs first met in October 1908 in a Football League Division 2 fixture here on the Northolme with a reported 5000 in attendance to witness a 2-1 Trinity win.

Local newspaper reports : Captain Jenkinson was taken ill before the game against new boys and fellow strugglers, Bradford Park Avenue. Taylor took over the armband, while there were also changes at full back. Turner and Webster coming into the team for Thompson and Domleo as the Trinity attempted to halt the goals being conceded.



It worked until virtually the last kick of the first half when Little put Avenue ahead.

Trinity rallied after the break, and when Dixon was tripped in the area, Turner equalised from the spot. Mellors then scored from long range to give the Blues both points.

Back to the present day and it is also the FA Trophy 2nd Round weekend where the NPL have 4 teams representing them, Macclesfield, Matlock Town, Stafford Rangers, all previous winners of the Trophy and current League leaders Radcliffe Borough.

We wish all these clubs well in their respective ties and further progression as well as a nice little sum of £3,750 for the winners.

Gainsborough Trinity and Bradford Park Avenue have met a couple of times in the FA Trophy, both times here on the Northolme.

Back in 1996-97 season which resulted in a shock 3-1 defeat for the Blues, as Bradford were at that time in the League below Trinity, with Mick Matthews scoring the Blues consolation.

The attendance of 631 was only bettered in 1996-97 by Boston United's visit where 748 was recorded.

The next FA Trophy coming together was in 2000-01 season on 4th November and better luck or rather a better performance from the Blues resulted in a narrow 3-2 victory.

A rather measly attendance of 392 showed that the supporters had not got Cup fever in their grasp.

Goals from Lee Ellington 2 and Brian Linighan were enough to see off First Division Park Avenue and give the Blues an away trip to Burscough in Round 2.



Mick Matthews



**Jason Maxwell foreground
red & yellow**

Trinity team: Curry, Pickering, Allen, Reed, Linighan, Gore, Drayton, Circuit, Ellington, Newton & Holmes.

Bradford PA team from : Kelly, Quinn, Stratford, Verity, Marquis, Thompson, Hancock, Benn, Haywood, Maxwell, Donaldson, Calcutt, Brown, Dolby, James & Ball.

It was remarked upon in the programme notes, that a warm welcome awaits former Trinity lads, Andrew Quinn, Paul Marquis & Jason Maxwell.

Enjoy the game.

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FROM UNDER THE BED by Steve Andrews

FROM UNDER THE BED, Trinity v Bradford (Park Ave) & on this dayish, 18th Nov....

Vanarama National League North, 5th Feb 2018;

Bradford Park Ave 5 v Trinity 0. Att 311.

Ravas, Vann, Davie, Richards, Beatson, Jacklin, King C, Clarke, Jarman, Worsfold, King L.

SUBS; Wells, Simmons, Russell, Stainfield, Bateson.

This was the last time the Clubs met in the same league, a rearranged National Nth fixture (from 10/1/18). On the Northolme in September it was also a defeat for the Blues (0-3). Trinity were relegated to the NPL at the end of 2017/18. Avenue hung on until the last day of last season (2022/23).

ON THIS DAY, 18/11/2017 – Trinity beat FCUM (now also with us in the NPL) at home 1-0, Att 782.



TRINITY, 5 years ago, Evo-stik NPL, Nov 2018; Scarborough v Trinity (match action).

November 2018 saw the unveiling of (Trinity & England's) Fred Spiksley plaque at the Northolme.

The results from the second half of this month.....

13Nov, Bamber Bridge 1 v Trinity 2 (Simmons, Worsfold). Att 242.

17Nov, Trinity 4 (Simmons2, Clarke, Worsfold) v Whitby Town 1. Att 859.

24Nov, Scarborough Ath 1 v Trinity 2 (Worsfold, Russell). Att 1096.

....left **The Blues 3rd in the table (p18/pts34)** behind Scarborough (20/40) & Nantwich (20/39).



TRINITY, 10 years ago, Skril Nth, 23/11/13;

Colwyn Bay 0 v Trinity 2. (match action).

Barnes, Roma, Wilde, McMahon (1), Howe (1), Young, Russell, Toner, Wootten, Stamp, Clayton
SUBS; Grimes, Davis, Lacey, Williams, Barraclough. Att 279.

This left **TRINITY 15th p16/pts19, meanwhile BRADFORD PA were 9th (p17/pts25)**



The games between Trinity & Avenue 2013/14..... Skrill North...

9th Nov 2013- Trinity 4 (Ward, Clayton, Yusuf, Barraclough) **v**
Bradford PA 2. Att 436.

19th Mar 2014- Bradford PA 4 v Trinity 0, Att 277
(rearranged from 15/2/14).



TRINITY, 15 years ago, Blue Square Nth, 15/11/08; Trinity 0 v Blyth Spartans 0. Att 347.

In the programme ex Blues Chairman **Pat Lobley** wrote of his time at the Club, as a lifelong supporter and then joining the board in 1984 with **John Davis** (Chair), **Cliff Anyon** (vice), **Ken Marsden** (sec). He took over as Chairman in 1999 before retiring and handing over to **Peter Swann** in November 2008.

The "Spotlight" was on (Ex Notts County) **Matty Austin**. "Off the Pitch" featured defender **Nicky Ellis**. **Chris Hall** was pictured as mom (v Stafford), while **Liam Needham** was pictured on the treatment table (where he had spent most of the season). In the table 19/11/08, **Trinity were 14th (p17/pts21)**



20 Years ago, Unibond Premier League, 2003/04. November Table...

The results for Trinity in the second half of November 03;

15/11/03; Droylsden (A) Lost, 2-1. Att 338

18/11/03; Runcorn FC Halton (A) Drew, 2-2. Att 172

22/11/03; Marine (H) Won, 2-0. Att 352

29/11/03; Burscough (A) Drew, 0-0. Att 171....

Nov 2003 Table - Trinity 7th (p19/pts32),
meanwhile Bradford Park Ave were 21st (p18/pts19)

28/2/04; Trinity 3-3 Bradford PA. Att 405...

21/4/04; Bradford PA 0-0 Trinity.

At the end of the season Trinity finished 10th and Bradford Park Avenue 17th with both Clubs promoted to the Conference North for 2004/05.

	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Droylsden	22	15	4	3	52	30	43
2	Huddersfield Town	20	14	2	4	37	18	44
3	Harrogate Town	22	13	2	6	38	24	42
4	Sheff Wed	21	12	4	5	42	21	40
5	Workington Town	21	13	5	6	32	23	35
6	Barnes	22	8	9	5	25	27	35
7	Gainsborough Trinity	18	6	5	5	35	41	22
8	Greenock United	22	9	2	11	24	47	30
9	Salisbury Borough	23	5	2	16	48	47	19
10	Sheff Wed	22	6	4	12	38	36	29
11	Marine	20	8	3	9	37	26	27
12	Blyth Spartans	21	7	5	9	38	24	25
13	Runcorn FC Halton	21	6	8	7	38	31	22
14	Stockbridge Celtic	15	7	3	5	24	28	24
15	Alfreton	13	4	1	8	25	21	13
16	Arbroath United	13	2	2	9	22	28	11
17	Taunton United	13	6	4	3	23	14	22
18	Leicester City	16	6	3	7	21	24	21
19	Widowes	16	6	3	7	25	31	21
20	Providence Works	21	6	2	13	27	42	20
21	Bradford Park Ave	18	4	7	7	28	39	18
22	Marfield & Ennis	21	5	3	13	23	38	18
23	Burscough	22	2	7	13	32	68	16

BRADFORD (PARK AVENUE)

Defender Mitch Lund

'Lundy' is well known to the fans here, and will be entering his 5th season with club (as of pre-season 23/24). Over that time he has formed a brilliant understanding and partnership with new player-coach Luca Havern having amassed over 90 appearances in that time. Still only 27, Mitch has a wealth of experience behind him, which will be crucial in this upcoming season.

Defender Lucas Odunston

Odunston's journey with Bradford (Park Avenue) began two years ago when he made the move from Hull u21s. Since then, he has demonstrated tremendous growth and dedication on the field, making 29 appearances in his first season (21/22), followed by 38 in the 22/23 Season. Prior to his time with Hull, Lucas showcased his talents as a promising young player at Leeds u18s side, where he honed his skills and developed a strong footballing foundation.

Defender Jak Whiting

A left back by trade, Jak spent the back end of last season training with our first team alongside his studies with Doncaster's Academy. Jak was captain of DRFC U18s last season (22/23) and made one used-substitute appearance in the EFL Trophy during the 22/23 season against Newcastle United U21s.

Midfielder Will Lancaster

Will Lancaster made over 24 appearances for Avenue last season, scoring once in the FA Trophy against Farsley Celtic. He became an integral part of the squad going into the later stages of the season, impressing fans with his strong defensive play and fast attacking techniques, showing improvement every game. Will joins after being released from Barnsley at the end of the 2022/23 season, he made his first-team debut for the club on 20th September 2022, coming on as half-time substitute for Nicky Cadden in a 2-0 win vs Newcastle United u21s. (EFL Trophy) Lanny also went out on loan to NPL side Whitby Town earlier in the 22/23 season, making 4 appearances.

Midfielder Myles La Bastide

Myles first appeared for the First Team in our County Cup match vs Brighouse Town, and made his first league appearance against Chester in February. Since then, La Bastide has made 7 appearances for the First Team, scoring once against Southport.

Midfielder Harry Colville

Harry Colville joined Avenue in 2023/24 Pre-Season. Harry previously played for the University of West Alabama as a Freshman, where he made 16 appearances, then graduating to Sophomore and making 11 more, scoring one goal. Colville has been under the name Trialist E in our 2023/24 pre-season, and did enough to impress the management to sign a one-year deal with the Club.



Midfielder Zak Kersey

Zak Kersey first joined BPA through the Academy Scholarship programme, and made his first-team debut in the 2022/23 season, playing in the West Riding County Cup alongside 13 other Academy Scholars, losing out on penalties (4-1) after a 1-1 draw. Kersey also made 5 league appearances for the First Team over the 22/23 season, impressing the management enough to earn his first professional contract in our 2023/24 pre-season. During his time with the Academy, he also spent time out on loan with Frickley Athletic, and earned a Man of the Match award on his debut for the club.

Forward Brad Dockerty

Dockerty first joined Bradford (Park Avenue) in July 2019 from Hemsworth scored 17 goals in 64 appearances in his first stint at Avenue, before briefly joining Alfreton Town at the start of the 22/23 campaign. He later returned to Bradford in September 2022, and in 32 appearances he scored 4 goals.

Forward Will Longbottom

Will first joined Bradford (Park Avenue) in the curtailed 2020/21 season, making just 4 appearances and scoring once before the league was postponed. He spent the 21/22 season over with Farsley Celtic, playing 6 games before joining Avenue in pre-season of the 22/23 season. Will was Avenue's top goalscorer for the 22/23 campaign, scoring 11 goals in 42 games.

Forward Jordan Preston

Preston first joined Avenue on loan in November 2022 from Spennymoor Town, scoring 4 goals in 12 appearances for the Green Army. Jordan will be combining playing with the First Team, whilst also coaching with the Academy. Jordan has previously had spells at Guiseley, FC Halifax Town, Gateshead, and Boston United, and kicked off his career with Blackburn Rovers, joining the u18s and progressing to the u21s in 2013. He later headed North of the border to play on loan for Ayr United, where he helped them win promotion in the 2015-16 season. He scored the first penalty for Ayr in the play-off finals.

Forward Oli Johnson

Oli Johnson originally joined on loan from Guiseley in November of 2016, later signing in 2017, Johnson has been a popular figure under Mark Bower, playing a key role over the last few seasons. In the 2022/23, he showed that on his day he can be a star player, scoring the winner against Curzon Ashton, and inspiring our first away win of the season in a 3-2 victory against Buxton, where he scored the equaliser in 90+2 after just 4 minutes on the pitch. OJ is signed on as Player/Coach, taking on a Strength & Conditioning coaching role in the 23/24 season.

Forward Chinedu Osadebe

Chinedu joined Avenue on 12th August 2023, after spending a season with Farsley Celtic, and prior to his time with the Celts, he was involved with Banbury United in their promotion winning season to the National League North. The striker first ventured into non-league football down South, spending time with Witham Town in Essex, as well as Hertfordshire side Bishop's Stortford.

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SEVERAL years ago, whilst living in Oxford, I invited a couple of friends to watch the mighty U's in action.

Chris Wilder was in charge at the time and promotion to the Football League was finally on the horizon. James Constable was scoring for fun.

I'd hoped to show them that Non-League football wasn't the sporting wasteland of popular portrayal. That for the princely sum of £20 (twenty quid!) a ticket, they would be handsomely entertained by inventive football and skilful players.

It backfired. Oxford's opponents that day were Kettering, who even by the standards of the day were a brutally direct outfit. The ball spent more time in orbit than the International Space Station and the game was - to this day - one of the worst I've ever paid to watch.

Needless to say, neither of my guests were in a desperate hurry to ditch their season tickets at Newcastle.

Truth be told, though, that was a true reflection of Non-League football back then. For every Oxford, there were ten or 20 Kettering Towns, with a hefty unit up top, a couple of headcases at full-back and a midfield that spent the 90 minutes making tackles or watching the ball sail overhead.

And why wouldn't that be the case? Attitudes remained old school. Players still enjoyed a beer, or ten. English clubs weren't yet producing the abundance of talent available today and with only a couple of nights to train every week, it was unrealistic to expect anything else.

Which is why watching Step 3 Horsham go blow for blow with League One Barnsley in the FA Cup last weekend was to be reminded of the incredible progress made by Non-League sides over the last decade.

Whenever an underdog triumphs - and a 3-3 draw at Oakwell was most certainly that - it is tempting to talk about grit and heroism and manning the trenches. To assume that only by outworking and outfighting a preening Goliath can an artisan like David ever hope to prosper.

Yet any such suggestion would do Horsham and their manager Dom Di Paola a massive disservice.

Horsham grafted alright. Over the course of the night, they repelled 24 shots. But they never once looked ragged or desperate.

From the first whistle to the last, they adhered to a clear strategy and carried it out with discipline and intelligence.

In transition - a word nobody even used 15 years ago - the Hornets were magnificent, snapping from a back five to a front five with a speed that would have made Pep Guardiola proud. All three of Horsham's goals resulted from rapid overloads on the counter.

What this tactic demonstrated was that Di Paola had analysed Barnsley and recognised that their high defensive line was vulnerable to quick breaks and balls in behind.

It also showed that Horsham's part-time players were smart enough and fit enough to carry out a gameplan that, even for elite professional sides, is physically and mentally demanding.

Frankly, this sort of precision and planning would hardly have happened in the National Premier a decade ago, let alone at Step 3 - and it cuts to the heart of why Non-League football has improved so rapidly.

Back in 2011, AFC Wimbledon keeper Seb Brown was hailed as a visionary for using YouTube to research the preferences of Luton's penalty takers prior to his match-winning performance in the play-off final shoot-out.

Brown did that off his own back. He had to - only the very biggest clubs could afford access to meaningful data in those days, meaning someone like Di Paola couldn't have hoped to study Barnsley without actually visiting Oakwell.

Today, nobody needs YouTube. Clubs far below Horsham's level have access to GPS, scouting and analytics, and enough data to forensically examine the prevalence of backpasses in Timbuktu.

Players, in turn, don't require physical training time to understand a gameplan. They can view clips online, analyse their own performance or understand how an opponent plays.

Tactical intelligence is no longer the preserve of full-time pros, and nor are professional standards.

Non-League football may still be about having a post-match beer with punters in the clubhouse - and long may that continue - but the vast majority of semi-pro players (many of whom have come through the academy system) now live the lifestyle of an elite athlete.

These improvements - combined with an influx of overseas players at the highest level forcing domestic talent downwards - have changed Non-League football beyond all recognition, and the preponderance of upsets in this year's FA Cup only reinforces the point.

My old mates have had their fingers burned. But anyone introduced to the Non-League game by Horsham last weekend could not fail to be converted.

By Chris Dunlavy

GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY FC WOMEN

August already seems like a long time ago,. Fast forward almost three months and as I'm writing this, we currently sitting top of the league, playing exceptional football and demonstrating belief and unity within the squad that is second to none.

Sunday saw us play at the Kal Group stadium for the 1st time this season. Being brutally honest, the ladies weren't at their best, but we did what all good teams do and that was find a way to win when its not quite there on the day. The ladies showed belief and most importantly bravery.

Football is easy, when it's not working, to hide in a game. To stop wanting the ball, stop working hard. The ladies did the complete opposite if anything they worked harder than normal and were rightly rewarded with a victory. Taking us to five wins on the bounce

On behalf of the squad thank you to all those who attended on Sunday and supported the ladies, it was greatly appreciated.

We now have a break from the league for the next fortnight with away trips to Grimsby Town in the Lihcolndhoírrqeounty cup before we travel down to Leicester in the league plate. The Grimsby game will be a good test for us after narrowly losing to them in the League Cup 2 months ago, despite losing the game it was the catalyst for the turn around in form.

The ladies are next at home on Sunday 3rd December. It would be great to see you down roaring the Blues on, as we continue our push for the league title

One Town, One Team, One Trinity

Liam McNulty, Manager



PLAYER PROFILE

Name:

Meg Gower

Age: 26

Position:

Winger/ Midfielder

Favourite Club:

The only Reds worth mentioning (Liverpool)

How I got into Football: I've played for as long as I can remember. I grew up with my two cousins and played with them at Bottesford Juniors until I was told at age 10 that I couldn't play with the boys anymore and needed to find a girls team. My dad then coached the newly formed Bottesford Girls Juniors, and some of my happiest memories of football came from them 5 years. I signed for Doncaster Belles in 2011 and played with them until I went to to Scotland to study, where I captained Edinburgh University 2nd team.

Ambition for the season: Keep our form and build on our winning streak. We've had spells of real quality football this season, but I do think the best is still to come.

Fun Fact about me: I've travelled to 28 countries.

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023



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MATCH

GAINSBOROUGH
TRINITY WOMEN VS
OUGHTIBRIDGE LADIES

2PM KO
The Venue at Roses, DN21 2TU



TODAY'S SQUADS



Gainsborough Trinity

Dylan Wharton* GK
Ethan Cowan GK
Luke Jackson** GK
George Hornshaw
Lewis Butroid
Ashley Jackson
Harry Lovick
Adam Porritt
Dylan Cogill
McCauley Snelgrove
Jack Moore-Billam
Bailey Conway
Dayle Southwell
Javelle Clarke
Joel Holvey ***
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Manager: Russ Wilcox
Assistant Manager: Darryn Stamp



Bradford (Park Avenue)

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Lucas Odunston
Jak Whiting
Lewis Hey
Mitch Lund
Will Lancaster
Myles La Bastide
Simon Richman
Will Longbottom
Connor Shanks
Brad Dockerty
Oli Johnson
Chinedu Osadebe
Harry Colville
Zak Kersey
Jordan Preston

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Manager: Mark Bower

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Ian Johnston
Assistants: Stephen Grainger, Wayne Davenport