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### FROM THE BOARD ROOM

## Welcome to our first home league game of our 150th season!

It's great to finally get the league programme underway and we extended a warm welcome to all players, directors and supporters of Marine.

The final few weeks seem to drag, especially when other teams start their league fixtures a couple of weeks before us.

Pre-season friendlies have been strangely affected by unseasonal weather and we have lost a couple of fixtures. This obviously affected the plans made, but Bish and Stampy have worked the players hard and got the team fit and sharp ready for the off, although unfortunately we have don't have Fraser Preston available for selection who picked up an unfortunate injury running out of season, we are hoping he will be fit in a few months. Dayle Southwell also picked up a groin strain in training, so will be out for the first few weeks.

Thank you to all loyal supporters and sponsors, we have sold a good solid amount of season tickets, and we thank everyone that bought one. It really does help a small club like ours.

I think you will agree the new home shirt looks amazing, especially with lots of fan' names on it! If you would like to buy a shirt, some are available in the Club Shop, thank you again to all fans that paid to have their name on the shirt an incredible 117 of you!

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### SKIPPER SPEAKS

he new season is finally here!!
And welcome back to the
Northolme everybody. It will
be great to see lots of familiar
faces back on the terraces as we
start the new campaign!

Today, we host Marine, which no doubt from previous years, will be a very tough game. However, it's massive we're at it and get points on the board! Everyone will be looking to get off to a good start and hopefully with the fans behind us, it will come to fruition.

Pre-season has been tough, physically and mentally, but we've put all the hard work in, and got eachother through it.

I think expectations are high from everyone for the season ahead, but the standards we have set on and off the pitch have put us in good stead and we're more than ready to kick on.

The initiations are still to take place, but looking forward to seeing what the new lads have to offer, some are more confident than others.

I've said before the supporters will be massive in our success if they get behind us like I know they can. They will give us that extra drive we need to get the most points we can!

It's all about points now, somthing I'm looking forward to every tackle, every pass, every block matters and 1-17 will be raring to go!

Up the Blues!

Dylan Cogill Club Captain





### **LEAGUE TABLE**



#	Team	Ρl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	Α	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Ashton United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2.	Atherton Collieries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3.	Bamber Bridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4.	Basford United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5.	Bradford (Park Avenue)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6.	FC United of Manchester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
7.	Gainsborough Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8.	Guiseley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9.	Hyde United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10.	Ilkeston Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
11.	Lancaster City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
12.	Macclesfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
13.	Marine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
14.	Marske United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
15.	Matlock Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
16.	Morpeth Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17.	Radcliffe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18.	Stafford Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
19.	Warrington Rylands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20.	Whitby Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
21.	Workington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
22.	Worksop Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

### **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

### Saturday 12 August 2023 **NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE - PREMIER**

15:00 Basford United vs Morpeth Town

15:00 Bradford (Park Avenue) vs Macclesfield

15:00 FC United of Manchester vs Worksop Town

15:00 Gainsborough Trinity vs Marine

15:00 Hyde United vs Guiseley

15:00 Lancaster City vs Stafford Rangers

15:00 Marske United vs Ilkeston Town

15:00 Matlock Town vs Bamber Bridge

15:00 Warrington Rylands vs Radcliffe

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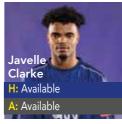












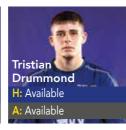














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26.08.23	Bamber Bridge	NPL				
02.09.23		FA Cup 1Q				
16.08.23	Matlock Town	NPL				
23.09.23	Atherton Collieries	NPL	Kerry Taste Nutrition	Wright Vigar	<b>Crooked Billett Nomads</b>	Darren Ashley
07.10.23		FA Trophy 30	Ω			
14.10.23	Warrington Rylands	NPL	AMP Rose			
24.10.23	Ashton United	NPL				
04.11.23	Lancaster City	NPL		Mid	k & Dan Page/John Godo /Frank Newman	dard
18.11.23	Bradford PA	NPL			Harry Watts	Stuart Hogg
02.12.23	FC United of Manch	ester NPL N	Nidland Packaging Dies			
09.12.23	Ilkeston Town	NPL				
23.12.23	Macclesfield	Northern Prem	nier In Memory	In Memory of		
			of Liam Guilliatt	Liam Guilliatt	SIS Facades	
01.01.24	Worksop Town	Northern Prem	nierUpto Fish Shop	Go Green		The Ollertons
13.01.24	Morpeth Town	NPL			Ti	rish & Clare Hardwick
27.01.24	Marske United	NPL				
17.02.24	Basford United	NPL				
02.03.24	Whitby Town	NPL		Fillingham Trees		
23.03.24	Workington	NPL	Cliff Bradley & Sons	Cliff Bradley & Sons	In Memory of	Lyn Bland
					Grahame Stockdale	
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Sponsor	Amount Per	Goals up	Payable
	Goal	to 16.07.23	
Nigel Dawson	£0.50	0	£0.00
Jack Lyner	£0.50	0	£0.00
Betty Wood	£0.50	0	£0.00
Gary Cooke	£0.50	0	£0.00
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### THE BIG INTERVIEW

"I WANT TO KEEP FIT, BE INJURY FREE AND I'D LIKE TO THINK I'LL CONTRIBUTE WITH A FEW GOALS AND ASSISTS. I WANT TO HELP KEEP THE STANDARDS HIGH AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO WORK HARD TO GET RESULTS."

In this week's edition of the Big Interview, we hear from one of a host of summer signings, the vastly experienced midfielder, Bobby Johnson. Bobby, who arrived from Vanarama National League side Farsley Celtic (alongside returning local lad- Lewis Butroid) having helped the Celts to Step 2 survival. Following his heroics in the midfield engine room for The Citadel outfit, Johnson opted for a move closer to home, as he embarks upon his twelfth season in non-league.

It's been so long, that Bobby cannot actually remember his debut, "It will have been for Harworth when I was sixteen, in the Central Midlands league." The first goal he remembers was a free-kick he scored, for Retford United – "It was a freekick away at Liversedge, I think." Something the Holy Blues will be hoping they can be treated to re-runs of during the upcoming season!

Former Trinity boss, Steve Housham was instrumental in Bobby's proudest moment, which was making the step up to the National League set up, "Making the step up to North Ferriby in the National League North from what was the Evo-Stik was massive! Steve Housham and Stampy took me from AFC Goole to Ferriby, and from there, there was no looking back, really!"

Now following his time at Farsley Celtic – and a four year stint at Alfreton Town, the stylish midfielder landed at Gainsborough



Trinity, closer to home and ready to throw himself into pre-season training, "Training has gone pretty well, it's been tough but that's exactly what we need for the way we want to play. We put in an strong performance at Cleethorpes in our last game so hopefully we take that into today's game against Marine."

Johnson couldn't hide his disappointment of losing a couple of the scheduled preseason games. "Unfortunately, a couple of games were cancelled due to the weather, but I think we're in decent shape regardless. I like it down at Gainsborough so far, the training is always very intense and I think as a team we'll enjoy the style of football we're going to play. Bish and Stampy demand that standards are high on and off the pitch,

which I really like. And the support staff always contribute as well, which is good to see."

An enjoyable approach to training, coupled with an ambitious group of players, Bobby remains very level headed about just how much the group can achieve, "I think the league will be very tough this year, there's some established teams with big budgets." Despite saying that, the midfielder is confident in saying, "I think we'll have to work very hard,

but I believe we can be challenge at the right end of the table. I want to build on last year, and go one better, ideally. It will be a tough ask, but I'm not just here for the ride!"

One of those things that happen in football dressing rooms up and down the country are the new player initiations. They've not started them just yet, but Bobby has his fears about who shouldn't be near a microphone too soon, "I reckon Lewis Butroid will struggle, some of the young lads will have a bit about them, but I could be wrong..." Who is your money on to please vocally Trinity fans? And more so, who will let their feet do the talking?

During his career to date Johnson, who turned 29 in June of this year, has developed



Ambitions that will certainly endear himself to the Gainsborough Trinity family. A player with experience and know-how, that plays with a smile on his face, and has the ability to drive on those around him. We're looking forward to seeing you pull on the blue (and grey) of Gainsborough Trinity & we are excited to see what you are all about in competitive fixtures.

Here's to a successful stay at DN21

get results."



Bobby Johnson has been kindly sponsored for the 2023/24 season by Darren & Ruben Lindsey (Home) and Nigel Dawson (Away)

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## FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/24



DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	H/A	RES	ATT.	STARTING XI
at 12Aug		NPLP	Н			
Tue 15 Aug	Ilkeston Town	NPLP	Α			
at 19 Aug	Macclesfield	NPLP	Α			
Tue 22 Aug	GUISELEY	NPLP	Н			
Sat 26 Aug	BAMBER BRIDGE	NPLP	Н			
Mon 28 Aug	Worksop Town	NPLP	Α			
Sat 9 Sep	Morpeth Town	NPLP	Α			
Sat 16 Sep	MATLOCK TOWN	NPLP	Н			
Sat 23 Sep	ATHERTON COLLIERIES	NPLP	Н			
Tue 26 Sep	Basford United	NPLP	Α			
	Whitby Town	NPLP	Α			
Sat 14 Oct	WARRINGTON RYLANDS	NPLP	Н			
	Workington	NPLP	А			
	ASHTON UNITED	NPLP	н			
	Hyde United	NPLP	A			
	LANCASTER CITY	NPLP	Н			
Sat 11 Nov		NPLP	A			
	BRADFORD PARK AVENUE		Н			
	Marske United	NPLP	A			
	FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER		H			
	ILKESTON TOWN	NPLP	H			
Sat 16 Dec		NPLP	A			
	MACCLESFIELD	NPLP	H			
	Stafford Rangers	NPLP	A			
	WORKSOP TOWN	NPLP	H			
<b>Mon i Jan</b> Sat 6 Jan		NPLP	A			
	Guiseley MORPETH TOWN		H			
	Matlock Town	NPLP				
		NPLP	A			
	MARSKE UNITED	NPLP	H			
Sat 3 Feb	FC United of Manchester	NPLP	A			
	Atherton Collieries	NPLP	A			
	BASFORD UNITED	NPLP	Н			
	Warrington Rylands	NPLP	А			
	WHITBY TOWN	NPLP	Н			
	Ashton United	NPLP	А			
	WORKINGTON	NPLP	Н			
	Bamber Bridge	NPLP	А			
	STAFFORD RANGERS	NPLP	Н			
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ood afternoon everyone and welcome to the famous old Northolme ground for the eagerly awaited 1st game of another new Season.

Life at Gainsborough Trinity is always evolving, never dull and always plenty of talking points for the supporters to discuss. Former Chairman seems an unfamiliar title, but Richard Kane after almost 10 years at the helm, stepped down from the demanding role after the NPL Playoff semifinal defeat to Bamber Bridge back in April.

Richard stepped in as Trinity Chairman following the controversial Chairmanship of Peter Swann, and in the process continued the "Local man" in charge, following the likes of John Davis and Patrick Lobley before him.

I'm sure in years to come Richard Kane will be remembered by the Gainsborough folk as a very good Chairman who did many good things for the club, and despite relegation from the National North which most people saw as inevitable, Richard did a fantastic job long term which almost resulted in a promotion last season.



Fans favourite players have also moved on, Clayton Donaldson, Liam Waldeck, Prosper Keto and keeper Matt Yates, along with season loan players, Durose, Cann and Lewis.

So, all in the past now and we look forward to yet another new dawn, and hope that Manager Neal Bishop can once again get us in the frame for another promotion challenge.

The opening game in 1968-69 season was the first in the newly formed Northern

Premier League, and our opponents that historic day were Fleetwood Town.

Fred Coatsworth scored the first ever Trinity goal in a 2-1 defeat in front of 1,700 spectators.

Fred started his senior career with neighbours Scunthorpe in 1966-67 alongside another new signing, Ray Clemence. Fred & Ray became firm friends and kept in touch up until Ray's passing.

I spoke to Fred about his friendship with Ray Clemence, and he told me about the time he went to see Nottingham Forest play Tottenham at the City Ground. Fred took 3 mates from Lincoln with him and told them Ray Clemence had arranged for 4 free tickets for them and were to collect them from Ray outside the changing rooms. Of course, his mates didn't believe Fred, having had no knowledge of their time at Scunthorpe together.

Fred said the look on his mate's faces was priceless when the Tottenham goalkeeper came outside the players entrance to hand Fred the complimentary tickets.





Ray Clemence

Back to today, and we welcome old foes Marine FC from Merseyside back to the Northolme.

Gainsborough Trinity and Marine first met in the Northern Premier League back in 1979-80 season under the Northolme floodlights. Marine were latecomers to the NPL, moving over from the Cheshire League when Atherstone Town withdrew.

The game ended in a 1-1 draw, but Marine won 4-1 in the reverse fixture on Merseyside.

Trinity team for 79-80 : Copley, Jones, Williams, Reid M, Reid S, Harris, Murray, Johnson, Owen, Walker, Harvey, sub: Boyers

Marine team: Wynne, Smith J, Tym, Smith P, Bennett, Edwards, Hughes, Smith P, Mc Clatchleyd, Meachin, Morray sub: Fagan

A massive well done must be shared to all involved in the summer 150 year celebration games 1873-2023 and here's to success in the 151st season for the mighty Blues.

Enjoy the game.

Article by turnstilesuk@hotmail.com

### FROM UNDER THE BED by Steve Andrews

"On this dayish", - Season Openers...

# LAST SEASON, 13th Aug 2022, Pitching-in NPL, Warrington Rylands 0 v Trinity 3 (Dyche, Wright, Donaldson).

Last seasons opener was one to forget for league newcomers Rylands as Trinity opened their account in less than a minute. This was Trinity's first ever trip to Gorsey Lane and it finished 3-0 to the Holyblues.

Meanwhile in games v **Marine** last season, **1/11/22-** Marine 0 v Trinity 2 (Durose 2).. Att 861 **21/3/23-** Trinity 1 (Preston) v Marine 0 ... Att 533.



### 5 YEARS AGO, 18th Aug 2018, Evo-stick NPL. Nantwich Town 1 v Trinity 0.

5 Years ago saw Trinity as the "New Boys" to the NPL after relegation from the National North. It was a disappointing start as they lost 1-0 in the dying minutes after a late sending off for **Nathan Stainfield.** Relegated to the NPL with the Blues were North Ferriby, meanwhile Basford, Hyde Utd, Scarborough Ath, South Shields and Bamber Bridge were all promoted in. 12/11/2018, Marine 1 (Joyce) v Trinity 1 (Russell). Att 352

**23/ 3/ 2019,**Trinity 0 v Marine 1 (Murray). Att 539



### 10 YEARS AGO, 20th Aug 2013, Skrill North, Trinity 1 (Park) v Guiseley 2. Att 425.

A "New Era" was starting without Chairman Peter Swann. **Steve Housham** had continued as manager into 2013/14 with newly appointed "player assistant" **DARRYN STAMP.** The opening game of the season away to **Vauxhall Motors** had ended in a 2-1 defeat in front of a crowd of 151 with the Trinity scorer being Davis.

### 15 YEARS AGO, 12th Aug 2008, Blue Square North, Hucknall 0 v Trinity 2, Att 329.

Trinity came into this game after losing the season opener 1-0 away at Southport.

Steve Charles was in charge at Gainsborough after he took over in January 2008 from Paul Mitchell. Charles had benn assistant to Mitchell and prior to that player assistant at Spalding. He had nearly 150 appearances for Sheffield Utd (13 goals) before moving to Wrexham and scoring 43 in 138 apps, then Mansfield (48/300), Scunthorpe, Scarborough, and Boston..

TEAM; Sollitt, Greenwood, Drury, Ellis, Lukic, Anson, Austin, Macmahon, Marrison, Mallon, Hall,

SUBS; Burley, Spafford, Bird, Ross.

### 20 YEARS AGO, 19th Aug 2003, Unibond NPL, Trinity 2 v Alfreton 4. Att 533.

Trinity lost the opening game of the season 2-0 at Stalybridge Celtic prior to this game.

Alfreton had just come up into the Premier Div as Champions of the Unibond 1st Div.

The new Trinity manager was an ex Alfreton manager, **Paul Mitchell** adding a little spice to the occasion.

Trinity had just signed striker **Carl Alford** from Nuneaton... at that time one of the Conference leagues leading scorers!! **55 YEARS AGO, 10th Aug 1968** was the opening day for the 1st Northern Premier League season, with Trinity as founder members. Macclesfield were Champions with Trinity 4th.

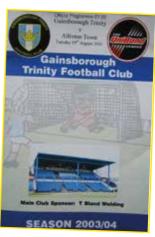
Marine joined the NPL in 1979/80, winning it twice **30 YEARS AGO in 1993/94** & 1994/95.

**25/9/93**; **Trinity 1-2 Marine.** Att 375. 8/11/93; **Marine 3-0 Trinity,** Att 361

27/8/94; Trinity 0-0 Marine. Att 323. 7/ 1/95; Marine 1-4 Trinity, Att 425







### MARINE CLUB HISTORY

The club was formed in 1894 by a group of local businessmen and former college students, taking its name from the Marine Hotel close to the River Mersey sea front at Waterloo, seven miles to the north of Liverpool, where the founders met. They moved to their present ground The Marine Travel Arena (formerly known as Rossett Park) in 1903.

Marine quickly made an impression on local football, winning numerous titles in the I Zingari League and the Liverpool Combination. Their greatest success as an amateur team in this period culminated in an FA Amateur Cup Final appearance in 1931/32, when they lost 7-1 to Dulwich Hamlet in front of a 22,000 crowd at West Ham United. In 1946 they went close again by reaching the semi-final. In 1935/36 they moved to the all-professional Lancashire Combination and enjoyed limited success before moving to the Cheshire County League in 1969/70. In 1972 Roly Howard was appointed first team manager and completed 1,975 competitive games over a 33 year period before retiring at the end of the 2004/05 season. He was recognised by the Guinness Book of Records as the longest serving manager in world football as Marine enjoyed its most successful period winning some 30 trophies.

The Club relinquished its amateur status and became professional in 1974. Three Cheshire League Championships were won in five seasons before progressing to the Northern Premier League in 1979/80. They have twice been Champions (1993/94 and 1994/95) as well as twice being runnersup and have won the League Cup on four occasions (1984/85, 1991/92, 2002/03 and 2015/16) which is a league record.

In more recent times, the club have had a number of managers including Alvin McDonald (2005-2009), Kevin Lynch (2009-2013), Phil Brazier (2013-2014), Carl



Macauley (2014-2015), Sean Hessey (2015-2017) and Tommy Lawson (2017-2018). Alvin qualified for the UniBond Premier playoffs in two seasons, losing to the eventual winners on both occasions. Kevin Lynch narrowly missed out on a play off place during his reign and Phil Brazier enjoyed his first season of football management. In February 2015, following a disappointing run of results, Carl Macauley left the club and defender Sean Hessey took over team affairs as caretaker manager. In Sean's final 12 games in charge of the season, the club escaped relegation by losing 1, drawing 5 and winning 6 matches and were handed a reprieve, following the demise of Salisbury City. In February 2017, the club parted company with Sean Hessey following a poor run of results, the increasing threat of relegation and poor discipline on the pitch. With just a few weeks of the 2016/2017 season remaining, former Skelmersdale United manager Tommy Lawson was appointed as manager. In 2017/2018, his first full season in charge, Tommy and his team reached the Second Round proper of the FA Trophy losing away to Dover and also reached the Liverpool Senior Cup Final for the first time in a decade. Tommy Lawson resigned as manager in September 2018 with experienced and successful manager Neil Young being appointed as manager, assisted by Alan Morgan and coach Ian Johnson. In April 2019, the club were relegated for the first time in their history and competed in the Northern Premier League First Division North West in their 125th Anniversary year, which

was cut short by the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020 with the Mariners in a play-off position.

Season 2020/2021 will be best known for the magnificent Emirates FA Cup run which was a record breaker, having won through seven rounds beating Barnoldswick Town, Frickley Athletic, Runcorn Linnets, Nantwich Town, Chester, Colchester United and Havant & Waterlooville on the way before taking on Premier League Tottenham Hotspur at the Marine Travel Arena. Club Officials worked tirelessly to get the green light with the relevant authorities to stage the tie at home. Meanwhile the Covid-19 pandemic was still rife, and the team only played seven league games with five wins and two losses.

Ahead of the 2021/2022 season, manager Neil Young was offered a three-year contract, in a season that would see the club promoted back to the Northern Premier League Premier Division after beating Workington away in extra time in the play-off semi final and Runcorn Linnets away in the play-off final.

Marine's best performances in the FA Cup were reaching the 3rd Round in 1992/93 (losing 1-3 to Crewe Alexandra) and in 2020/21 (losing at home 0-5 to Tottenham Hotspur, with the game being broadcast live on BBC Match of the Day and watched by a record nearly 40 million viewers worldwide). Marine have also achieved eleven First Round and two Second Round appearances in the FA Cup and have beaten three Football League Clubs (Barnsley, Halifax Town and Colchester United) in the competition. Marine have twice reached the semi-finals of the FA Trophy in 1983/84 and 1991/92 and have been winners of 14 senior county cups. Marine have won the Liverpool Senior Cup eight times and the Lancashire Challenge Trophy three times.

The club have twice won the accolade as Football Foundation Community Club of the Year in 2009 and 2010, as voted by readers of the Non League Paper, and in March

2011 the club were awarded the FA Charter Standard Community Club award by the Football Association. In 2010, the club was awarded Club of the Year by outgoing league sponsors UniBond.

The club is continuing to make improvements to their Marine Travel Arena base and over the last ten years have installed new floodlights, a new boardroom, new offices, hospitality suites, snack kiosk, kit store, first aid room, steward control room and club shop. In Summer 2022 the club installed a FIFA Quality Pro 3G pitch at the ground for community use and ready for a new era back in the Northern Premier League Premier Division, as well as upgrading the floodlights to an LED system. In addition a major refurbishment to the bar and function facilities created a new kitchen and outside seating area, to move the club to a seven day a week operation.

The 2022/23 season ended in a 9th place finish in the club's first season back in the NPL Premier Division, with a crippling injury list eventually catching up with the squad after being in contention for the play offs until the final weeks of the campaign. The FA Cup saw a 2nd Qualifying Round exit at Stocksbridge Park Steels but progress was made in the FA Trophy, the Mariners overcoming Radcliffe, Basford United and Scarborough Athletic before exiting in the Third Round Proper at Marske United.

The Liverpool Senior Cup returned to the MTA for the first time in 15 years, with Pilkington, Everton and Southport all dispatched at home. Runcorn Linnets were the opponents in the Final at Widnes' DCBL Stadium, with Marine claiming the Cup for the eighth time on penalties, after a 0-0 draw in front of 2,561 fans.

Gates continue to rise for the Mariners with an average of 1,243 for the season in the League, with Manager Neil Young signing a new contract to keep him at the club until 2027 as the club aim for another successful season in 2023/24.

### MARINE PLAYER PROFILES

#### Felix Goddard - Goalkeeper (DOB 09/03/2004)

Felix was born in Frankfurt and began his career in the Youth set up at Manchester City. He joined Blackburn Rovers in 2020, reaching the quarter finals of the FA Youth Cup before signing a professional contract in 2022. He spent most of last season on loan at Bamber Bridge, helping the Irongate side to a third place finish and a play off Final in the NPL Premier Division

### Richie Cowderoy - Goalkeeper (DOB 01/04/1983)

Richie is on the coaching staff as goalkeeper coach and is also registered as backup keeper.

#### Josh Wardle - Defender (DOB 23/12/1996)

Josh is a central defender who previously played for Lancaster City, Kendal Town, and Skelmersdale United, and spent four seasons at Witton Albion in the NPL Premier Division, captaining the side. Joined Marine in summer 2022, establishing himself as Captain and made 45 appearances last season, scoring two goals.

### Nathan Woodthorpe – Defender (DOB 06/12/2001)

Nathan joined the Mariners on loan until January from National League North Chester FC. He is a defender who can operate centrally or at full back and is a graduate of the Crewe Alexandra Academy. Nathan signed a two-year professional contract with the Gresty Road club in 2020 and had a loan spell at Witton Albion in February 2021, prior to joining Lancaster City in February before signing a contract with Chester.

#### Michael Carberry - Defender (DOB 05/03/1998)

Crosby based Michael spent last season in the National North with Southport where he made 35 appearances. He operates as a left sided full back or wing back and began his career at Doncaster Rovers U18s before moving to Burscough. Bootle signed him in 2019 where he quickly became a fans' favourite at Vesty Road, before moving on to the Sandgrounders on a permanent basis last summer after a spell on dual registration, joining Marine in June 2023.

#### Joe Ferguson - Defender (DOB 12/12/2002)

Joe made his debut at Stafford last August and went on to make nine appearances in total, before suffering an injury at Nantwich in mid October which kept him out for the rest of the season.

### Kyle Hayde – Defender (DOB 25/09/2001)

Left back Kyle rejoined the club from Warrington Rylands in February 2023 and has made a total of 33 appearances for Marine, with 2 goals.



#### Jonny Spittle - Defender (DOB 13/08/1994)

A central defender who signed for the Mariners in summer 2022 from Bala Town, making 37 appearances in 2022/23 and scoring one goal.

#### Chris Doyle – Defender (DOB 17/02/1995)

Chris joined from Southport where he was a key member of Liam Watson's National North team last season. The central defender was originally part of the Youth coaching set up at Marine before joining Everton and then Morecambe U18s, signing a professional contract with the Shrimps in 2012 at the age of 17. A loan spell at Chorley in 2014-15 saw him make 26 appearances as the Victory Park club reached the Conference North Play Off Final. He joined Southport in August 2016 for a two year stint before joining Marine in July 2018, where he made 42 appearances, scoring 6 goals. Summer 2019 saw him move to FC United of Manchester followed by a return to Southport in 2021. Returned to the MTA in May 2023.

#### Jordan Lussey – Midfielder (DOB 02/11/1994)

Jordan joined the Mariners in November 2019, before the season was curtailed due to lockdown. He spent two seasons in the National North with Curzon Ashton before returning to Marine in August 2022 and has made 60 appearances in total with 6 goals.

#### Charley Doyle - Midfielder (DOB 16/09/1998)

Charley is a midfielder who signed for the club in summer 2022, having spent the previous two seasons at Stalybridge Celtic in the NPL Premier Division. He came through the junior and youth ranks at Blackburn Rovers before joining Stalybridge in September 2020. Manager's Player of the Year for 2022/23, making 45 appearances.

#### Louis White - Midfielder (DOB 12/09/2000)

Louis is a central midfielder signed for Marine in June 2023 after a spell at FC Halifax Town, having started his career in the Youth set up at Rochdale. He has also had spells at Hyde United, Radcliffe, Prescot Cables, Wythenshawe Amateurs and Glossop North End.

#### Owen Robinson - Midfielder (DOB 08/05/2003)

Owen is an attacking midfielder who signed in June 2023 following the expiry of his contract with Sunderland, having joined the Wearsiders the previous summer. He progressed through the Youth ranks at AFC Fylde and had loan spells at Lancaster City and Warrington Rylands.

#### Liam Nolan - Midfielder (DOB 20/09/1994)

Maghull based Liam is a 6'3" central midfielder who brings plenty of experience to the Marine ranks, having played in the Football League, National League and National North. He began his career with Crewe Alexandra having left Everton's Youth set up, making 26 EFL appearances for the Gresty Road club before a move to Southport in 2015. Two successful years with the Sandgrounders earned him a move back in to the EFL with Accrington Stanley, followed by a stint at FC Halifax Town in 2019. He joined AFC Fylde in 2020, signing for AFC Telford on a permanent basis in summer 2022. Joined Marine in June 2023.

#### Jack Dunn - Midfielder (DOB 19/11/1994)

Jack scored the winning goal in the 2022 play off Final to seal the club's promotion back to the NPL Premier Division. Since his debut in March 2022 he has made 22 appearances and scored 5 goals, before suffering an ACL injury in mid November which kept him out for the remainder of 2022-23. The club have awarded Jack a new contract to support him through his ongoing recovery and we hope to see him back in action as soon as possible.

#### Sol Solomon - Forward (DOB 17/03/2001)

So good they named him twice! Fans' favourite Sol joined Marine from Jersey Bulls in October 2022, and netted 16 goals in 37 appearances during his debut season at the MTA. Hailing from the Channel Island, but with Liverpool based family, he was snapped up by Neil Young after a prolific spell for the Bulls, netting 60 times in just 71 games and being 2nd top scorer in the 2021-22 FA Cup with 9 goals.

#### Liam Paton - Forward

Liam joined Neil Young's first team squad in summer 2023, becoming the first Academy player to sign a contract for the First team. Previous Clubs-Skelmersdale United, City of Liverpool. 'Pato' is a very skillful and direct striker. He is great at beating a man, and at times has been known to take on the whole opposition. 'Pato' scores a lot of goals and scored hat tricks on 3 occasions last season. He has won a lot of individual awards including player of the year and top goalscorer for the Academy team.

#### Darius Osei - Forward (DOB 02/06/1995)

Manchester based Darius was leading scorer for NPL Champions South Shields in both of the last two seasons, with 14 goals in each campaign and was a key summer target for Manager Neil Young, signing in July 2023. He started his career with Stalybridge Celtic in the National North before moving to Oldham Athletic in summer 2016, followed by a spell at Maidstone United in the National League. Darius rejoined Stalybridge in September 2019, moving to South Shields in February 2020.

#### Will Russ - Forward (DOB 08/11/2002)

Will joined the Mariners in July 2023 on loan from Fleetwood Town until 7th November. Will joined Fleetwood from Leicester City in July 2021 and has had loan spells at South Shields, FC United of Manchester and most recently Hyde United and has won three U19 caps for Wales.

#### Manasse Mampala - Forward (DOB 18/07/2000)

The Congolese born forward joined Everton's Academy at 15, turning professional for the Toffees in July 2018 and earning another year's deal the following season. The forward enjoyed a standout season for Paul Tait's Under-18 Blues side in 2017-18, contributing 11 goals and chipping in with six assists in 18 appearances in the U18 Premier League. Manasse consistently featured in Everton's Under-23 squad in 2018-19, as David Unsworth's young Blues romped to success in league and cup. He moved to Queen's Park Rangers in October 2019, before moving to Carlisle United in summer 2021. Manasse had a loan spell at Weymouth in 2022 before signing for Hyde United last season, netting 9 times in 29 full appearances including two against the Mariners in April.

#### Finlay Sinclair-Smith - Forward (DOB 21/04/2000)

Fin ended last season in 4th place in the Pitching In NPL Premier Division scoring chart, netting 18 League goals (including a brace at the MTA) for Bamber Bridge as they reached the Play Off Final. He began his career at Blackpool and had a spell at Marine in 2018, scoring twice in a memorable FA Cup win at National North side Brackley Town. A spell at Longridge Town preceded a move to FC United of Manchester in December 2019, where he spent two seasons before moving to Bamber Bridge in September 2021. Last season Fin won the Player's Player and Supporters' Player of the Year awards at Irongate as Brig enjoyed their highest League finish in 27 years, before making the move to the MTA in June 2023. He also collected the accolade of NPL Premier Division Young Player of the Season.



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



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

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

### SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN THE YOUNG (SCD)

- 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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### THE SUMMER at NLP Towers brings a mix of emotions.

Like for many, the end of a season brings time for reflection and recuperation — and wondering quite where the previous nine months vanished.

But, to borrow a phrase of nearly every Non-League manager we speak to in the close season, it just never stops.

We may not be trying to assemble our squads to kick off in late July/early August, but there's not time to put the feet up.

Club allocations, appeals, managerial comings and goings, player signings — and then the chance to put together some nice features we don't usually have the space to include when the campaign is at full tilt.

Pre-season soon comes along but there's nothing quite like the real stuff that has swung into action over the last few weeks.

The first ball seems to be kicked earlier every year with some Step 5 and 6 leagues getting under way at the end of July to squeeze some competitive minutes in the legs before the FA Cup.

Then it's the turn of the National League — along with Southern Step 3 divisions — before this weekend when everyone is back under way.

By the time you read this, some clubs will have already played five games if they've had an FA Cup replay.

There was a unique FA Cup record set in the extra preliminary round, a stat that comes courtesy of the brilliant Phil Annets with his @ FACupFactfile account on twitter, or X as it is apparently now called!

At 7.48pm on Friday, August 4, Bishops Cleeve's Jay Malshanskyj became the earliest ever goalscorer in an FA Cup season. How's that for a piece of history and one he will no doubt roll out in the pub with mates when Manchester City, or whoever it may be, lift the trophy at Wembley next year.

The FA Cup does feel like the starter's gun for the new season across Non-League football. Many dreams are already dashed but over the coming months more clubs will join with the belief this could be their year.

This is the time of year for hope. Where a long season is still ahead of everyone, where opening day drubbings can be put down to a bad day at the office, big wins can be savoured and it's OK to dream

The summer was nice. But it's so much better when competitive football is back. Enjoy the season!

#### By Matt Badcock, Editor-at-large

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### **TODAY'S SQUADS**





### **Gainsborough Trinity**

	Playe	S
Dylan Wharton* GK		
Ethan Cowan GK		
George Hornshaw		
Lewis Butroid		
Harry Lovick		
Adam Porritt		
Dylan Cogill		
McCauley Snelgrove		
Jack Moore-Billam		
Dayle Southwell		
Bobby Grant		
Javelle Clarke		
Jack Goodman**		
Joel Holvey ***		
Tom Parkinson		
Fraser Preston		
Neal Bishop		
Josh Fraiwald		
Tristian Drummond		
Jorome Anthony-Lewin Slew		
Henry Adams		
Will Flint ****		
Harrison Poulton *****		

Manager: Neal Bishop

Assistant Manager: Darryn Stamp



### **Marine**

	Play Sco
Felix Goddard	
Richie Cowderoy	
Josh Wardle	
Nathan Woodthorpe	
Michael Carberry	
Joe Ferguson	
Kyle Hayde	
Jonny Spittle	
Chris Doyle	
Jordan Lussey	
Charley Doyle	
Louis White	
Owen Robinson	
Liam Nolan	
Jack Dunn	
Sol Solomon	
Liam Paton	
Darius Osei	
Will Russ	
Finlay Sinclair-Smith	

### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee: Luke Watson

Assistants: David Sutton, Stephen Grainger

<sup>\*</sup> Season Long Loan from Sheffield United

<sup>\*\*</sup> Season Long Loan from Doncaster Rovers

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Season Long Loan from Rotherham United

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Initial one month loan from Doncaster Rovers

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Initial three month loan from Scunthorpe United