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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome back to the Martin & Co Arena for what are our closing two fixtures of 2018.

In this double edition programme, it seems like a good time to reflect on the previous twelve months, and can I just say, what a difference a year makes! This time last year we were towards the wrong end of the National League North, struggling to string any meaningful runs together. Now we are sitting in the play-off spots of the Evo-Stik on an undefeated streak that stretches back to the end of October

It's important to reflect, but it's also important not to rest on your laurels. That goes for any role, for any job. And I am confident Lee and John will not be allowing the players to rest easy and put their feet up. The league isn't won in December, but the position the players have worked hard to put us in so far, stands us in good stead for the second half of the season.

Despite the lower away followings in this league, our home attendances have held up well. And even improved on average, which is nothing short of fantastic! That fills me with immense pride as it's a way of seeing how much the town of Gainsborough is getting behind its football club. I bang on about the #inittogogether mantra, but in truth, there is no one person bigger than this football club, without everyone here, pulling in the right direction, we won't be able to pull the club forwards.

Earning the Club of the Month award for November, both at First Team & Reserve Team level was fantastic, but is something that we now need to box off and move on from. It's nice to be recognised for our achievements, but we must now focus on trying to win the next one, and the next one. That's not necessarily easy, but if we try our best to earn awards such as that, we can't be going far wrong! Actually, thinking about it, although I like the recognition it gets the club, I would be happy enough not winning another one of them this season, and ending the year with promotion in the bag!



Have you heard the Gainsborough Trinity, Holy Blues Anthem yet? If you haven't, I would be very surprised! Darron Childs has been playing it on the tannoy virtually non-stop since the CD was placed in his hand at half past two, ahead of the Witton Albion game. It's certainly one of those songs that gets inside your head and grows on you the more you hear it! It's available to download on all good music sites, but you can also watch the video on the Gainsborough Trinity YouTube channel... I'm led to believe that in the next week or so, that there will be a video available with some different action included and the lyrics to ensure you all know the words in time for the New Year.

A couple of the players have been coming to me recently, expressing a desire to stay at the club. I feel that is testament to what we are achieving here at Gainsborough. Once people have been a part of the club, they know what our values are. How we treat players. At the end of the day, it's not all about the money, but the little things we do, those added little touches. You, the supporters, add that little bit of sparkle that make players want to give that little bit extra, and so as we bring 2018 to a close, and look to welcome in 2019, let me finish by wishing you all the best for the festive season,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours,

Richard Kane, Chairman

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THE CAFFEER



Good afternoon and welcome to this joint programme, for our games against Buxton and Grantham. Due to print deadlines, this is the best opportunity I have to wish you all and everyone connected with the club a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

It is great to have a couple of games at home within a quick turnaround, especially at this time of year. We come into these games in good form and in good spirits. We've recently been awarded the Team of the Month for November, which is a great accolade, but for me, it's not really the Team of the Month, but more so, the Club of the Month. It should be more about the combined efforts of everyone, the supporters, the workers, the volunteers, board, staff and players. Like the club logo says, #initttogether.

In this instance I don't think there's a truer word, or phrase. Everyone has played their part in us achieving that award, it has been a real collective effort. And having the award announced prior to the game against Lancaster City, I was delighted we could keep things ticking over with an important win away.

In terms of the season as a whole so far, which at the half way point seems a good time to stop and assess, I think it's fair to say, the season has gone quite well. We had a good start. Stuttered a bit, but then got ourselves back on track. Most of the teams in the top ten have experienced this – and so it makes the league really tight and unpredictable.

Hopefully our blip is

now in the past and we can continue on our upward momentum.

We are hoping to have Liam King back in the squad and vying for a place in the team by the time the New Year comes around. He has been suffering with a disc problem in his back – and we haven't wanted to risk him. He's a big character in and around the dressing room. He's our captain. And even though we have done well in his absence, his return from injury will be like signing a new player!

Looking back at the Lancaster game, I was really impressed with the performance. It was a gritty, determined, workmanlike performance and we came up with that bit of quality in conditions that were challenging for both teams. With that, we got the result that we deserved.

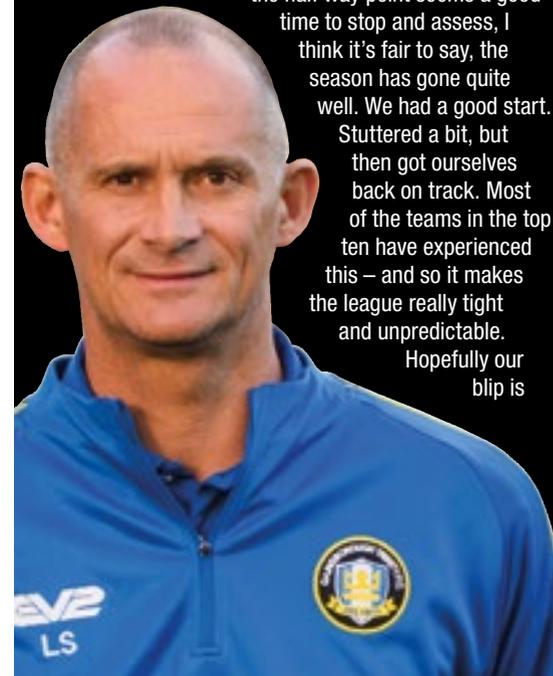
At the moment, our form has yielded a very good points return. John and I stress the importance of the players approaching all games in the same way. All games should be treated with the same importance. It doesn't matter whether you are at home or away, or where the opposition sit in the league at kick off. The players are only as good as the game they are playing at that one moment, and in that moment, anyone can beat anyone.

The squad has shown some great versatility, we've played two different systems in most of our games so far, and the players have shown they have that adaptability should we want to change things up again.

Here's hoping that you can get behind the players in good numbers, like you have done brilliantly so far this season, home or away and that, come 5pm, you're leaving the Northolme with smiles on your faces.

Enjoy the festivities,

Lee Sinnott #initttogether



THE SEASON SO FAR

Regular columnist, and BBC Radio Lincolnshire reporter Dale Storey, takes time out to the review the first half of the season so far in the Evo-Stik. Taking a look at the league table, the popular reporter takes a look at some of the facts and figures associated with part one of the 2018-19 season.

It has certainly been an entertaining season so far in the Evo Stik Northern Premier Division and every team still has something to play for, with half the season gone, now feels like a good time to review what has happened to each club and what they will be hoping 2019 will bring to their club.



Looking at the league table and it certainly is very tight, Going into today's match on December 15th it is **Nantwich Town** who lead the way with 43 points, The Dabbers

started the season brightly with a late 1-0 victory over the Holy Blues and their impressive recent form has seen them catch up plenty of teams to go top, their current form has seen them lose only 1 of their last 17 matches which included a dramatic late comeback victory at the then lead leaders Scarborough thanks to a wonderful Danny Glover hat-trick.

A team out of form, at the moment, is second placed **Scarborough Athletic**, the Seadogs had won 8 in 11 games but since their victory at the Martin and Co Arena in October in which top scorer James Walshaw netted his 13th of the season, the team has lost 4 out of 5 matches and Walshaw has failed to find the net. The highest attendance of the season has also been seen at the Flamingo Land stadium back in August, when 1,976 supporters watched a 1-1 draw in a fierce North Yorkshire derby with rivals Whitby.

The form team going into the Christmas period are 3rd placed **Farsley Celtic**, not only are they having a great run in the FA Trophy, the Celts have won their last 5 league matches and last seasons' play off semi-finalists have not seen defeat



since the 6th October.

Currently making up the rest of the play-off spots are **Warrington Town** and our very own **Gainsborough Trinity**. The Wire have been fantastic in defence this season, they have only conceded 9 goals! They also went on a run earlier in the season where they won 8 games in 10 but kept 10 consecutive clean sheets. The Holy Blues meanwhile have recently recovered from a mid-season dip and they have won their last 3 away games to see them back in contention for promotion.

Just outside the play off zone at the moment are the two teams who boast the best home records this season, **Basford United** have won all 9 matches they have played at Greenwich avenue since losing their first one to Hednesford. United are the league's highest scoring team with 48 and with the leagues' top scorer Nathan Watson scoring 15 of their goals they will be confident that they can break into the play off places

following last season's promotion. Mariners Park is the hardest league ground to go to in the Northern Premier, with the highest average crowd of 1,381 **South Shields** have won all 8 of their matches here and if they can pick up their away form, they are a sure bet for the playoffs, the final match of the season sees Gainsborough Trinity host South Shields in what could be an end of season cracker.



It is equally as tight at the bottom of the table as it is the top, **North Ferriby** who were relegated with Trinity last season have really struggled to adapt to life in the lower league, they currently sit bottom of the table, have changed management, lost a few of their best players and things certainly look bleak for the Villagers. Ferriby have the worst defence in the league having conceded 58 goals in their 22 matches and have only picked up 10 points this season and are currently 8 points from safety. The only high for North Ferriby fans came with a win at our boxing day visitors Grantham, their first in 16 matches.

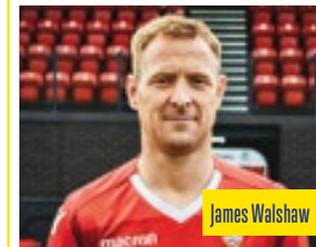
Making up the rest of the relegation zone are **Workington** and **Marine**. The Reds do have plenty of games in hand, but they are also the only team left in the division who have yet to win away. Marine on the other hand are on a rotten run of form

which as seen them winless in 9, in a recent 1-1 draw with the Holy Blues, they showed that their main problem is taking chances and that's something that needs to improve if they are going to survive the drop.

Mickleover Sports are the team hovering dangerously above the bottom 3 as we go into the Christmas break, Sports who have former Blue Nathan Jarman as their talisman, have the lowest support in the league, they average 210 fans and in a recent 2-1 defeat at home to Farsley Celtic, only 127 spectators were at the ground. They are winless in 4 which included a 5-0 defeat at today's visitors Buxton.

Only two points separate the next four teams who all will be hoping not to get dragged into a relegation scrap. **Witton Albion** have plenty of games in hand and have picked up 5 points in their last 3 games including an impressive 5-0 win at today's visitors Buxton.

Stafford Rangers are on 21 points and will be frustrated that they haven't had more after throwing away 7 points from leading positions in their last 5 games including conceding a late Ashley Worsfold goal against Gainsborough Trinity.



Our boxing day visitors **Grantham Town** and **Lancaster City** sit together on 22 points, the Gingerbreads

started the season well but then a dreadful run saw them lose 7 on the bounce in which they failed to score in 5 of them. There was a change in management and much relief for the Gingerbreads when they ended their horrific run with a 4-1 victory at Workington.

The Dolly Blues had an awful start to the season, but they soon picked up with 4 wins from 6, but their progress was halted by a 1-0 defeat at home to our very own Holy Blues last weekend.

Then there is a mid-table group of teams who with a good run can challenge for the playoffs or with a bad run could drop down into a relegation battle. They are **Buxton, Matlock Town, Hyde, Whitby Town, Stalybridge Celtic, Bamber Bridge and Hednesford**. Out of them all, the form of Matlock Town since the arrival of former Trinity boss Dave Frecklington has seen just one defeat in 12 including an impressive 7-0 win over Grantham Town, with a host of new signings, there's a real determination for success for the Gladiators.

All in all, we are in for a fantastic second half of the season, and if the first is anything to go by, then there will be plenty of classics, thrillers and ups and downs for all teams.



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THEO ROBERTS

Theo signed on a youth loan for the Bucks from Chester at the start of the current season after impressing in pre-season. He joined his home-town club Wigan Athletic when he was 16 and made his first team debut for them in November 2017 against Accrington Stanley in the EFL Trophy. He had loan stints at Atherton Collieries and AFC Fylde before joining Chester in the summer of 2018.

JOSH MEADE

Signed in the summer of 2017 after two seasons at Stocksbridge Park Steels. Josh came through the junior ranks at Doncaster Rovers, progressing to the first team, and earned a pro contract in 2013. After a loan spell at Goole AFC he signed for Matlock in 2014, spending a season there before joining Stocksbridge. Scored twice in 42 (5) appearances last season and seemed to flourish after the arrival of Buxton's new management team in early March.

BRADLEY ROSCOE

Colne-based defender who joined the Bucks in the summer of 2018. Brad came through the junior ranks at Preston North End before joining Fleetwood Town in 2015 where he had a brief loan period at AFC Fylde. He later joined Ramsbottom United before linking up with the new Buxton management team of Phillips and Halford in their time at Glossop North End.

GREG YOUNG

Left-sided, non-nonsense, centre-half who signed for the Bucks in the summer of 2014 after being released from Gainsborough Trinity. Greg spent his formative years with Sheffield Wednesday before signing for Grimsby Town in 2002, where he made 24 league appearances, and also had two loan spells with Northwich Victoria before signing for Halifax Town in 2005. He spent another 3 seasons with Halifax, including loan spells at Northwich and Alfreton, before signing for Altrincham where he made over 100 appearances before returning to the full-time game with York City in 2010. Following a loan

spell back at Altrincham, Greg joined Alfreton Town before signing for Gainsborough in 2012. Greg's experience has been vital over the last four seasons and he has netted 16 times in 165 (5) appearances to the start of the current season and is the team captain.

TOM DEAN

Imposing centre-half signed from Mossley in the summer of 2018. Tom was a junior at Macclesfield Town but Mossley picked him up from local Macclesfield Sunday football in December 2013 and he went on to win numerous player awards for 'the Lilywhites' and was their club captain.

NICO DEGIROLAMO

Nico signed for Buxton after being surprisingly released by Matlock Town in February 2018 and impressed for the remainder of the season for the Bucks. This tall defender started his career at Heanor Town before spending five seasons at Mickleover Sports where his potential was monitored by previous Bucks manager Martin McIntosh. Nico then joined Matlock in the summer of 2016.

ALEX BROWN

Young left sided defender who came through the junior ranks at Sheffield United. After a short spell at NCEL outfit Hallam he moved to Sheffield FC last season and represented England 'C' in Dublin last summer after originally being part of the contingency squad. After trialling at Harrogate Town and FC United of Manchester this summer Alex impressed in pre-season with the Bucks and looks comfortable playing at either left-back or left wing-back.

RICKY RAVENHILL

Experienced midfielder who joined the Bucks in the summer of 2015. Having begun his professional career with Barnsley in 2000, Ravenhill was released midway through the 2001/02 season and transferred to the then non-league side Doncaster Rovers. In his second season with Rovers the club

were promoted from the Conference and the following season brought more joy as Rovers secured back to back promotions by winning the Third Division to insure they would be playing in the third division of English football for the 2004/05 season. In 2006 he transferred to Grimsby Town, but his stay was short lived and by the end of the season he had moved on again, this time joining Darlington. In July 2009, he joined Notts County and his first season with the club brought promotion and his second league title in the fourth tier. In late 2011 he moved on loan to Bradford City which a month later brought a permanent move. During the 2012/13 season Ravenhill and Bradford were runners-up in the Football League Cup. Ricky then joined Northampton Town in January 2014, after a brief loan period, staying with them for a year before finishing that season with Mansfield Town. His first campaign at the Silverlands saw him scoop the Player's Player of the Season award and in the 2016/17 season he went one better winning both the Players and Supporters accolades. Has scored twice in 119 (3) matches to the start of the current season.

ALASTAIR TAYLOR

Right-winger who signed for the Bucks in the summer of 2014 after being released by Alfreton Town. Sheffield-born Taylor came through the junior ranks at Barnsley FC, being named their Academy Player-of-the-Year for 2009/10 and made four senior appearances for the club before being loaned out to Worksop Town. He joined Alfreton Town in the summer of 2012 after his release from Barnsley but was loaned out to Gainsborough Trinity and then the Bucks (scoring 1 goal in 4 (2) appearances) with first team opportunities limited at Nicky Law's Conference National side. Alastair has made 128 (24) appearances, scoring 12 times in total for the Bucks, but last season was marred by an injury picked up at Stalybridge in September.

CALLUM CHIPPENDALE

One of two new signings from Glossop made by Phillips and Halford when they first took over the management reins in March 2018. Callum spent his formative years with Barnsley and Bradford City before joining Bradford Park Avenue in the summer of 2015. In 2016 he was signed by Boston United and following a loan spell at Gainsborough Trinity was signed, along with his brother Aidan, by Shaw Lane last summer before moving from Glossop North End.

GARY GEE

Joined the Bucks at the start of the current campaign from Glossop North End. Gary started his career at Stockport County, before joining Woodley Sports, for whom he played most of his career until in 2012 when he joined Mossley where he won the Player of the Year award. In 2013 he joined Ashton United before following the current Bucks management team when they moved from Ashton to Stalybridge Celtic and again to Glossop at the start of last season.

KANE HICKMAN

Midfielder who signed in the summer of 2018. Although only 21 Kane has already gained vast experience at both playing and coaching, being part of the RSC Academy for Football Excellence. He played youth football at Avro FC and was part of the 2014/15 Manchester County Youth team before joining Abbey Hey FC (where he has been coaching) as well as turning out for Hyde United reserves and also Rochdale Under 21s.

THEO BRIERLEY

Another young midfielder who joined the club in the summer of 2018. Theo came through the junior ranks at Stoke City, being there from the age of 10, and starred for them in the successful 2014 Generation Adidas Dallas Cup winning side against Real Salt Lake at the Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas. He returned to the States to take a soccer scholarship at Missouri State University in 2017 before returning home to play for



Radcliffe Borough and Kids Grove Town last season.

KAYDE COPPIN

Kayde joined the club in the summer of 2018 having previously played for Ashton United. He came through the junior ranks at Bolton Wanderers before playing in semi-pro football at the likes of Trafford, Northwich Victoria, Rossendale United, Atherton LR, Bacup Borough and Flixton before enjoying a successful stint at Mossley and Ashton United.

JUDE OYIBO

Joined the club in March 2018 from Glossop North End, being described by Buxton's new management team as certainly one for the future at a higher level. Farnworth based Jude came through the Stalybridge Celtic development system before joining Glossop and was also registered with Conference North outfit Curzon Ashton. Also, like Callum he made a very promising debut for the Bucks in the 2-1 victory at Workington that gave Buxton their first league victory of 2018.

ASHLEY YOUNG

Another new player at the club in the summer of 2018 after joining from Aberystwyth Town. The midfielder previously played in the League of Wales for Bangor City and Rhyl. He joined Bangor City in the summer of 2015 after previously being with Mossley AFC and Ashton United, where he was nominated for the Northern Premier League team of the year in 2014-15. He was a key member of the

Bangor squad in the 2015/16 season, playing 30 League games. He left the Citizens on loan in the 2016/17 season to join Rhyl until 31st December and was then released by Bangor in January 2017. He completed the 2016/17 campaign with Rhyl as the Lilywhites lost their battle against relegation, joining Aberystwyth in the summer of 2017.

LIAM HARDY

Initially signed for the club in the summer of 2014. Liam came to prominence at Armthorpe Welfare, where he bagged 46 goals in one season, before transferring to Harrogate Town where he suffered a serious leg-break early in his career. He spent several loan periods at Harrogate Railway before initially joining the Bucks, again on loan, towards the end of the 2013/14 where he netted an impressive 7 times in 9 starts to help remove any threat of relegation for the club after a sticky middle part to the season. It was great news when Liam committed fully to the club in the summer of 2014 after being released by Harrogate Town and enjoyed a terrific campaign which culminated in being nominated for the League team of the Year after scoring an impressive 26 goals in 49 (1) matches. Liam signed a new contract at the Silverlands in the summer of 2015 but transferred for a fee to Darlington in February 2016. He returned to the Silverlands in March 2017, initially on loan, and scored 11 goals from 11 starts that season. The 2017/18 season saw Liam win the League 'Golden Boot' award with 38 goals in 47 (2) appearances, taking

his Buxton career goals tally to 106 and he also scooped the supporters and players 'Player of the Year' awards.

ANTHONY WILSON

An old-fashioned centre-forward who was another summer signing in 2017. Ant came to prominence at Belper Town with his goal-scoring prowess after a transfer from Hallam FC in 2007. After three seasons with the Nailers he moved to Alfreton Town where he spent two and half seasons before joining North Ferriby United after an initial loan period. He transferred to Barrow FC in the summer of 2014 before moving to Gainsborough Trinity for a short stint 18 months later. He has since played for Handsworth and Sheffield FC before joining the Bucks and contributed 12 goals in 22 (10) appearances.

BRADLEY GRAYSON

Much-travelled forward who initially joined the Bucks in the summer of 2016. Brad is Doncaster born and played for his home-town club Rovers, going on to make one appearance in the first team before joining Frickley Athletic in the summer of 2011 where he spent one season before a season at Matlock Town. In the summer of 2013 he moved to Sweden, playing for Division three outfit Ange IF, where his 24 goals helped secure promotion before a short spell in Australia with Cumberland FC. He spent the 2014/15 season at Stocksbridge Park Steels

before moving to the Philippines and an impressive stint with top-flight side Loyola before returning to Frickley. Had a stunning season in 2016/17, scoring 28 goals in 38 (14) appearances for the Bucks, but he moved to Mickleover Sports in the summer of 2017 before returning to the Silverlands in January 2018 where he scored 3 goals in 9 (6) appearances.

DIEGO DEGIROLAMO

Former Italian Under 18s to Under 20s international who joined the Bucks in July 2018. Diego came through the junior ranks at Sheffield United before earning a professional contract and made several first team appearances for 'the Blades'. His career at Bramall Lane was hindered by an injury picked up on Under 18 International duty that ruled him out for nine months in 2013. He enjoyed a loan spell at York City before returning to Sheffield where he scored his first goal for the Blades in a FA Cup tie against Preston North End. Two further loan spells at York and one at Northampton Town followed before signing for Bristol City in the summer of 2016. He went on loan to Cheltenham in January 2017, scoring a hat-trick in the EFL Trophy against Leicester City Under 23s, and a further loan period was spent at Chesterfield in the first half of last season before his contract at Bristol City was terminated by mutual consent. He spent the remainder of last season at Macclesfield Town.



EVO-STIK PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE AT 14 DECEMBER 2018



POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIFF	PTS
1	NANTWICH TOWN	22	12	7	3	36	27	9	43
2	SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC	22	12	4	6	42	26	16	40
3	FARSLEY CELTIC	18	12	3	3	41	20	21	39
4	WARRINGTON TOWN	19	12	3	4	30	9	21	39
5	GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY	20	11	5	4	32	18	14	38
6	BASFORD UNITED	20	11	2	7	48	30	18	35
7	SOUTH SHIELDS	18	11	1	6	33	21	12	34
8	BUXTON	20	8	7	5	27	23	4	31
9	MATLOCK TOWN	21	9	4	8	42	42	0	31
10	HYDE UNITED	20	8	5	7	25	19	6	29
11	WHITBY TOWN	21	8	3	10	26	28	-2	27
12	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC	21	7	6	8	29	34	-5	27
13	BAMBER BRIDGE	20	6	8	6	34	29	5	26
14	HEDNESFORD TOWN	21	7	4	10	26	32	-6	25
15	GRANTHAM TOWN	20	6	4	10	23	39	-16	22
16	LANCASTER CITY	21	6	4	11	17	36	-19	22
17	STAFFORD RANGERS	20	5	6	9	26	37	-11	21
18	WITTON ALBION	16	5	5	6	21	18	3	20
19	MICKLEOVER SPORTS	20	4	6	10	16	31	-15	18
20	MARINE	19	3	7	9	15	26	-11	16
21	WORKINGTON	17	3	4	10	17	26	-9	13
22	NORTH FERRIBY UNITED	22	2	4	16	23	58	-35	10

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RESERVES DIARY

WITH JIMMY SNEE

Louth 9 December 2018

A late change to the scheduled fixture as our planned opponents Moorlands had to play a County Cup game.

The game itself was in doubt from Wednesday onwards due to the poor weather, but that man Woody used all his knowledge, skill and hard work to ensure the game went ahead!

I'm not sure if we underestimated our opposition, or we just assumed they would let us play our own style of football without competing.



What followed was a lacklustre first half, where we literally played ten minutes of decent football, in which time, we could easily have broken the deadlock, with Garner rattling the crossbar. With only two or three players at the races, a half-time blasting was required, and that's exactly what happened!

We came out second half and started to dominate possession and retaining the ball well, chances were being created and opportunities were opening up.

From a corner the ball was only half cleared and from the resulting cross

the ball dropped to Weatherell who steered the ball home from 12 yards to open the scoring.

Buoyed by our breakthrough we quickly got the ball back and started to play with confidence passing swiftly stretching the tiring opponents.

As the pressure built the ball broke to the edge of the box where Wisdom-Lockwood, with his back to goal spun and curled a deft shot into the corner of the net to give us a two-goal advantage.

Several chances went begging, then Louth made changes to their formation causing us problems with the long ball. Boosted by the strong wind, gaining several corners from which a goalmouth scramble resulted in them scoring late in the game to cause us a few nervy moments, we saw the game out through hard work and desire in the knowledge that a win would put us top of the table at Christmas.

Another 2-1 win on a day when in the atrocious conditions we could have easily slipped up, but we didn't and that's credit to the players who are learning fast.

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PROUD SPONSOR, MARTIN RADFORD, PRESENTING THE TRAINING TOPS TO ADAM WAINWRIGHT



Name: Ward Wisdom-Lockwood
Date of birth: 22/02/95
Role/Position: Centre Midfield
Former clubs: Gainsborough Trinity & Retford Utd
How did you get involved with the Reserves? Jimmy (Snee) got in touch about an exciting project he was going to be involved in. Because it was local, I was interested – and it went from there really
Lookalike: Troy Deeney (Watford)
Footballing idol: Steven Gerrard
Night in/out: Prefer a night in now, must be getting old
Pepsi/Coke: Coke
Chinese/Indian: Chinese
Cats/dogs: Dogs
Horror/Comedy: Comedy
Best moment in the game: Youth team days, playing with good friends, in a successful team, and signing with the first team was a great thing for me, especially training with and learning from some good experienced ex-pros!



Due to the installation of a new artificial pitch at the Tarmac Silverlands Stadium during the summer, 'The

Bucks' started off with 3 away trips to begin the season. Not an easy task in this league.

It started off with a narrow opening day defeat against Whitby in a game where the Bucks arguably could have got a point but for some strange refereeing decisions.

This was followed up with a 0-0 draw at

Nantwich – a closely fought game between two good sides ended up goalless. Next up was another long trip up to Workington and also ended in a draw, the Bucks scoring their first goal of the season going 1-0 up, before being pegged back in a game they feel they should have won.

The pitch got the go ahead in time for the Bank Holiday weekend fixture, where Hyde United were the visitors – The Bucks got their first win of the season with a 1-0 win, Liam Hardy scoring the only goal in the second half.

Into September, and the Bucks were on the road again, beating Derbyshire neighbours, Mickleover Sports 3-1 in a dominant performance. Back to home action saw the Bucks get a win against title fancied Basford, winning their second home game also by a 1-0 margin.

A break from league action saw the Bucks go to Barwell in the FA Cup and, in an entertaining game, ran out 5-2 winners. Back to the league and in another entertaining encounter the Bucks drew 2-2 away at Bamber Bridge.

The Bucks being 2-0 to the good before 2 penalties in the last 10 minutes, both of which were saved by Bucks keeper, Roberts, however both rebounds were scored.

An impressive first half saw off Stafford at the Silverlands with the Bucks 4-0 up at HT and going on to win the game 4-1. This saw the Bucks climb to a season high (so far) of 3rd in the league.

September ended in difficult fashion going out of the FA Cup in a replay at Coalville 4-1, after drawing 0-0 at home in the original fixture. Back to league action, and the Bucks suffered their first home defeat of the season against, then bottom of the league, Lancaster.

October started in great fashion with back to back wins at home against South Shields (2-0) and Grantham

(1-0) which kept the Bucks in the top 5 of

the league. However, the Bucks then went on a difficult run in the league

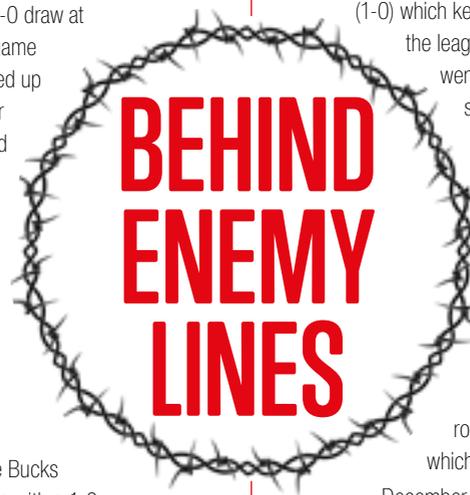
stretching into November, winless in the next 6 games with 3 draws and 3 defeats.

The losses coming away at Scarborough (0-4) and home games against Witton (0-5) and Bamber Bridge (0-1) and despite beating Kings Lynn in an FA Trophy replay, crashed out in the next round at home to Stalybridge, which was also a replay.

December started with the Bucks 10th in the league following the poor run of results. However, December started brightly with a league victory away at Stafford with Ash Young getting the only goal midway through the second half.

The Bucks followed this up with their biggest win of the season at home to Mickleover last Saturday, romping to a 5-0 win at ease at the Tarmac Silverlands Stadium. The Bucks currently sit in 8th position in the league and, with the squad assembled in the summer, will be confident of pushing for the play-offs.

James Wright



First and Last with LIAM KING



Football match

First: Manchester United V Coventry at Old Trafford. Dad took me to my first ever football game at four years old I think I was. They won 2-0 but I missed both goals as I wanted the toilet, my dad wasn't happy. 😂

Last: Gainsborough V Witton Albion



Pair of boots

First: Predators – the first ever ones...

Last: Nike boots now – Tiempos

Football shirt

First: A Sunderland one, yes I know, I was given no option.

Last: An England shirt, I got in the World Cup spirit!

Goal scored

First: I am struggling to remember my first goal as I started playing when I was 5 years old. Managed to sneak into an U9s team. No idea how.

Last: My last goal was for Gainsborough against Chasetown in the FA Cup.

Team played for

First: Mansfield Minors! Absolutely loved it with your mates every week. Our team was brilliant as well! We used to win the league every year.

Last: Gainsborough Trinity

Position

First: I started as a defender, went into midfield and then back to defender till I was 19! I played my first professional game as a centre back, believe it or not!?

Last: Box to box midfielder.

Celebrity crush

First: Emma out of Spice Girls – Baby Spice

Last: It has to be Cheryl Cole

Car

First: Ford Fiesta – Mum & Dad gave it me... I think I bought it off them for 400 quid.



Last: Range Rover Evoque

Film watched

First: I loved the Goonies, probably not the first but I remember that one a lot. Sloth! Hey you guys! Brilliant!

Last: I watched American Gangster the other day, love that film. Love a true story.

CD/Song

Last: CD I think, was the Spice Girls, haha.

Last: I haven't bought a CD for ages, just listen to KISSTORY on DAB now in the van. Not really fussed with music – anything really.

Holiday

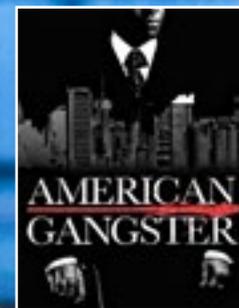
First: Mum and Dad took me to Solou when I was one, so no idea what happened there, ha ha!

Last: Vegas stag do! Was a steady one 99999

Book

First: The Mr Men books

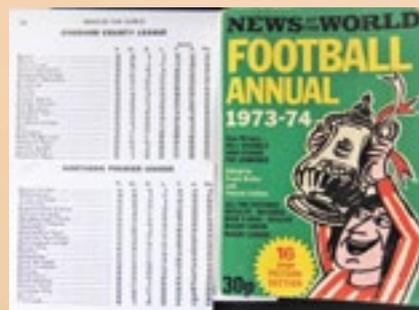
Last: The only thing I read now is the Racing Post!!





FROM THE ARCHIVES

BY STEVE ANDREWS



News of the World Football Annual 1973-74

Buxton were formed in 1877 from the town's cricket club. Its first home was The Park (still home of the cricket club) then Cote Heath and Green Lane, before Silverlands in 1884 (1000ft above sea level, the highest ground in England).

The club entered The Combination in 1891 and joined the Manchester Lge in 1899, winning the championship in 1932, before a move to the Cheshire Lge. Promotion to the NPL came in 1974 after winning the Cheshire League.



Trinity v Buxton, Multipart Lge Challenge Cup, 3/11/85

Going into this game, "comments from the touchline" were critical of the Trinity players after a poor display at Shepshed (losing 5-1). Added to this they were knocked out of the FACup at the 1st hurdle & the trophy in the 2nd. Buxton had also lost 5-1 in their previous game (v Gateshead) and both teams were just below mid table.

The two sides had already met twice in the league, Trinity winning 4-1 at the Northolme, drawing 0-0 at Buxton.

Trinity lost this game 2-4 (Gauden 2) and went out on away goals after winning the away leg 0-2 (Gauden 2).



Trinity v Buxton, HFS Loans League Prem, 16/4/90

"Voice in the crowd", opens the programme stating that both teams came into the game after letting in 4 goals in defeats the previous Saturday. Trinity's loss came after a 6 match winning run. Trenton Wiggan was leading scorer for the Blues with 13 goals so far. Trinity sat 14th and Buxton 16th in the table with Colne Dynamos clear at the top.

Trinity went on to win this game 3-0 (Lowe, Perry, Wiggan). Trenton Wiggan became the Blues' Player of the Year.



Trinity v Buxton, HFS Loans League Prem, 29/12/90

The league match at Buxton finished 4-3 (Lowe 2, Webster) to the home side & a League Cup encounter ended 4-0 to Buxton. Trinity were under new management since Boxing Day after the appointment of Dave Bentley but sat 2nd from bottom in the league. Hopes were boosted after a 3-2 win against Shepshed (goals from Mallender & Eley (2)).

Prior to this game Trinity had P-41, W-13, D-13, L-15, GF -65, GA -74, in their games v Buxton. This game finished 4-4 (Bond, Mallender, Eley, Shaw) Att: 197.



Trinity v Buxton, NPL, 14/9/93

The game followed a win for Buxton over Trinity in the FA Cup the previous Saturday. It was unfortunate that ex Trinity players Eley and Lowe had linked up for the winning goal. Also in the Buxton squad were ex Blues' Redfearn, Hurlstone, Mallender, Dwyer, Jenkinson, Wiggan and Hoyland, with ex manager Ernie Oliver.

After 6 games, Droylsden were top 14pts, Buxton 7th/10pts, Trinity 16th/6pts. Fleetwood/Knowsley/Winsford-Bottom. Result: Trinity 1 (Moore) v Buxton 1, Att: 418.

The away fixture, 19/10/93, finished with a Trinity win 2-5 (Fox, Bishop, Brook, Grayson2), Att: 208.

Trinity v Buxton, NPL, 23/8/94.

This was the first home match for the season. New joint managers Gary Brook and Ali Millar had replaced half of the squad from the previous season. The first away match resulted in defeat at Droylsden.

Featured in the programme are leading appearances/scorers for Trinity to the end of 93/94 season... Apps: Monty Brown 502, Andy Lodge 351, Roger Barrett 295, Graham Wagstaff/Graham Jones/Russ Simpson 286. Goals: Monty Brown 129, Bob Gauden 88, Les Harris 84, Jim Snee 76, Roger Barrett 63, Mike Alexander 61... Result: Trinity 0 v Buxton 2, Att: 383.

The away fixture, 20/9/94, finished with a Trinity win 4-0 (Morrow 2, Moore, Gabbiadini).



BUXTON, NPL honours included; President's Cup 1981, League Cup finalists 1991, highest NPL placing 4th in 1981. The club suffered financial problems and successive relegations in 1997/1998 took it to the NCEL. The NCEL Prem was won by 15pts, losing only 3 games, to return to the NPL & winning the UniBond 1st Div in 2007. John Reed (with assistant Clive Freeman) took over in 2007 taking Buxton to the UniBond Prem play-off final, losing to Gateshead. In 2008 a relegation battle was avoided after improved form after the New Year. The next two years saw 8th & 6th place finishes and good FA Cup runs. In 2010-11 the Bucks ran Blue Square National Fleetwood close in the 4th qualifier, having already knocked out Telford. In Nov 2011 John Reed & Clive Freeman left the club.

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2018-19

= HOME GAME



DATE	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT	ATT	PTS	PSTN	REFEREE	SUBS
SAT 18 AUG 2018	ESPL	NANTWICH TOWN	1-0	307	0	18	D BAVES	C HOUGH, J MAGUIRE (11), S RUSSELL (4), R HANNAH (10), E WILSON
1: J STEWART 2: N AUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S CLARKE (>89) 5: J EVANS 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD 10: D REEVES (>67) 11: A SIMMONS (>71)								
TUE 21 AUG 2018	ESPL	MICKLEOVER SPORTS	2-0	461	3	9	J O'CONNOR	C HOUGH, J EVANS, S CLARKE, D REEVES (10), E WILSON
1: J STEWART 2: N AUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S RUSSELL 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE (<69) 8: L KING (<54) 9: A WORSFOLD 10: R HANNAH (<74) 11: A SIMMONS								
SAT 25 AUG 2018	ESPL	HEDNESFORD TOWN	1-2	344	6	3	J SHEPARD	C HOUGH, S CLARKE (10), R HANNAH (9), E WILSON
1: J STEWART 2: N AUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S RUSSELL 5: J MAGUIRE 6: J EVANS 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD (<40) (>61) 10: D REEVES (>76) 11: A SIMMONS (>90)								
MON 27 AUG 2018	ESPL	MATLOCK TOWN	4-2	626	9	1	D JONES	C HOUGH (7), J EVANS, S RUSSELL (10), A WORSFOLD (11), E WILSON
1: J STEWART 2: N AUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S CLARKE (<76) 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE (>84) 8: L KING (<79) 9: R HANNAH (<36) 10: D REEVES (<25) (>80) 11: A SIMMONS (>61)								
SAT 1 SEP 2018	ESPL	LANCASTER CITY	3-1	527	12	1	M SOWERBY	J MAGUIRE, S CLARKE (8), D REEVES (11), E WILSON (4), A MCEWAN
1: J STEWART 2: N AUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S RUSSELL (>82) 5: J EVANS 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING (>75) 9: A WORSFOLD (<24) 10: R HANNAH (<37, 64) 11: A SIMMONS (>84)								
TUE 4 SEP 2018	ESPL	FARSLEY CELTIC	1-1	262	13	1	G MYERS	J EVANS (11), S RUSSELL (10), A SIMMONS (9), E WILSON, A MCEWAN
1: J STEWART 2: N AUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S CLARKE 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE (<23) 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD (>34) 10: D REEVES (>75) 11: R HANNAH (>90)								
SAT 8 SEP 2018	FA Cup 1Q	CHASE TOWN (A)	1-1	238	-	-	R HATHAWAY	J EVANS, S CLARKE, E WILSON (11), C HOUGH, A MCEWAN
1: J STEWART 2: N AUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S RUSSELL 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE (<47) 8: L KING 9: R HANNAH 10: D REEVES 11: A SIMMONS (>75)								
TUE 11 SEP 2018	FA Cup 1Q	CHASE TOWN REPLAY	(06) 0-2	412	-	-	C HOUGH	J EVANS, S RUSSELL (<59), A SIMMONS, E WILSON
1: J STEWART 2: N AUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S CLARKE (<24) 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE (<70) 8: L KING (<77) 9: A WORSFOLD (<9) 10: D REEVES 11: R HANNAH (<4)								
SAT 15 SEP 2018	ESPL	WITTON ALBION	0-0	241	14	5	D BRUCE	C HOUGH, J EVANS, S CLARKE, E WILSON (10)
1: J STEWART 2: N AUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S RUSSELL 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD 10: D REEVES (>83) 11: A SIMMONS								
TUE 18 SEP 2018	Integra Cup 1	GRESLEY (A)	4-1	100	-	-	R CATTELL	J CHAPMAN, Z CASBURN (11), B TURNER (8), T WILLIAMS (3)
1: L MITCHELL 2: C HOUGH 3: J WETHERELL (>46) 4: J EVANS 5: K LUGSDEN 6: J TURE 7: A MCEWAN 8: SHUTCHINSON (>60) 9: A WAINWRIGHT 10: E WILSON 11: T CONNOR (<27) (>66)								
SAT 22 SEP 2018	FA Cup 2Q	HALESOWEN TOWN (A)	0-3	338	-	-	O WILLIAMS	C HOUGH, J EVANS, S RUSSELL (11), R HANNAH, E WILSON, J TURE
1: J STEWART 2: B GORDON 3: N AUSTIN 4: S CLARKE (<24) 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD (<55) 10: D REEVES 11: A SIMMONS (<74) (>77)								
TUE 25 SEP 2018	ESPL	NORTH FERRIBY UTD	1-0	482	17	4	I JOHNSTON	J EVANS, C HOUGH, S CLARKE (11), R HANNAH (10), E WILSON
1: J STEWART 2: N AUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S RUSSELL 5: J MAGUIRE 6: K LUGSDEN 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD 10: D REEVES (<45) (>74) 11: A SIMMONS (>84)								
SAT 29 SEP 2018	ESPL	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC	2-1	330	17	6	R HOLMES	N AUSTIN, B GORDON, J EVANS, R HANNAH (<90) (4), E WILSON (10)
1: J STEWART 2: S RUSSELL 3: K LUGSDEN 4: S CLARKE (>85) 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD 10: D REEVES (>81) 11: A SIMMONS								
SAT 6 OCT 2018	FA Cup 3Q	BLYTH SPARTANS	1-2	428	-	-	A WILLIAMSON	C HOUGH, J EVANS, D REEVES (11), E WILSON, A MCEWAN
1: J STEWART 2: J TURE 3: B GORDON 4: S CLARKE (<9) 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE 8: S RUSSELL 9: A WORSFOLD 10: R HANNAH 11: A SIMMONS (>68)								
TUE 9 OCT 2018	ESPL	BASFORD UTD	3-2	368	20	8	D JONES	C HOUGH, J EVANS, K LUGSDEN (11), S CLARKE (10), D REEVES
1: J STEWART 2: N AUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S RUSSELL 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE (<12) 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD (<24, 43) 10: R HANNAH (>68) 11: A SIMMONS (>90)								
SAT 13 OCT 2018	ESPL	HYDE UTD	1-3	467	23	4	J NIDLO	J EVANS, K LUGSDEN (8), S RUSSELL (10), D REEVES, E WILSON
1: J STEWART 2: N AUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S CLARKE 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE (<90) 8: L KING (>89) 9: A WORSFOLD 10: R HANNAH (<35) (>82) 11: A SIMMONS (<53)								
SAT 20 OCT 2018	ESPL	SOUTH SHIELDS	1-0	1163	23	7	A CLARK	J TURE, J EVANS (1), S CLARKE (7), D REEVES (9)
1: J STEWART (>89) 2: N AUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S RUSSELL 5: K LUGSDEN 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE (>48) 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD (>73) 10: R HANNAH 11: A SIMMONS								
TUE 23 OCT 2018	ESPL	SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC	0-1	627	23	8	L WATSON	J EVANS, J MAGUIRE, S RUSSELL, A SIMMONS (9), D REEVES (10)
1: M DEWHURST 2: N AUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S CLARKE 5: K LUGSDEN 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD (>67) 10: J MARGETTS (>75) 11: R HANNAH								
SAT 27 OCT 2018	FA Trophy 1Q	TAMWORTH	0-0					
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BY ANDY HOGG, FORMER FIFA AND PREMIER LEAGUE ASSISTANT REFEREE

Christmas cards

One of the more enjoyable events over this festive period is to receive a greetings card from a friend who you have not seen for a while. I am not talking about the cards we receive from, for example, colleagues we see at work every day, I will never understand why we do that, it's the surprise card from a school friend you have lost touch with, you know the ones I mean.

Talking of surprise cards, that seems to be prevalent for me on a Sunday morning on the local playing fields in the Sheffield area. Often when I issue a yellow card, the recipient cannot believe his apparent misfortune and he and his team-mates will attempt to tell every story in the book to persuade me otherwise. It goes without saying that their attempts are futile, I don't know of any referee worth his salt who will change his mind about issuing a card once he has committed to do so, i.e. the notebook is out of his pocket, so Mr Sunday Morning Footballer, why do you try? Many column inches have been dedicated to the issue of players surrounding the match officials under the Respect programme, so I won't discuss this here, however it mystifies me that players will object in such a vociferous manner, why not just accept your punishment in a professional manner and respect the referee? I am very much aware that grass root footballers will mimic the actions of the professional players, so I firmly place the blame at the hands of the authorities in the senior game who should be making sure that a professional example is set. Look at the way, for example, that

Rugby Union players accept the referee's decision, even if they do not agree with that decision; why can't the same happen in our beautiful game?

If the issuing of a yellow card can cause surprise and confusion, the excrement hits the ventilator when the colour of the card becomes red. This is a key decision for the referee to make at any level, it is literally 'game changing', or it certainly has the potential to do so, so as match officials we think long and hard about the sending-off offences, replaying the incident in question on the 'virtual video player' in our head, to make sure that the colour of the card is the correct one. I am not discussing here the major acts of serious foul-play or violent conduct, the dismissal from the field-of-play for the waist neck high tackle which endangers the safety of an opponent is a regulation decision, it's that decision which has, in refereeing circles, become known as the 'orange' card, halfway between yellow and red. Sometimes the laws of the game give me no choice, and rightly so with many correct reasons to justify the yellow or red card decision, although don't get me started on the Leicester City yellow card for the goal celebration during the game immediately following the tragic helicopter crash. It's that decision that deserves more than a yellow card, but is not the heinous crime of a red card offence, and in these situations the referee is damned if he does or dammed if he doesn't, 11 will agree with the decision, the other 11 will disagree. So, why not give the referee the option of an orange card to allow him to demon-



strate to all concerned that the player in question is very close to being sent-off, and making the point in no uncertain terms that further offences turns the card from orange to red. I know versions of this have been experimented at various countries and age-levels, in my humble opinion the time is right to give the match officials an additional and invaluable tool to his match control toolbox. There are too many dismissals from the field of play at all levels and this would help to counter-act this.

I'll leave you if I may with one thought, should the punishment for the issue of an orange card mean that the player is 'sin-binned' for a time period, say 10 minutes? Now there's an idea, not a new one admittedly, but one worthy of some consideration.

Enjoy the festivities and enjoy the game, see you in 2019.

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For this edition of Behind Enemy Lines, we hear from Simon Hayes at Grantham to find out what has been going on at the other Evo-Stik Northern Premier League's Lincolnshire

club. Managerial changes and squad overhauls that at the time of going to press, see The Gingerbreads in 15th place on 22 points from 20 games.

After a close season which saw a change of Manager and a whole new squad, The Gingerbreads started the season under former Kings Lynn boss, Ian Culverhouse at the helm.

Culverhouse brought in Tom Ward from Kings Lynn, Ross Barrows from Halifax Town. Along with loan signings Morgan Penfold, Max Watters and Louis Jones. Along with players from the local area and Academy players.

The opening nine games saw just 1 defeat for The Gingerbreads. Wins against Scarborough, Marine, Hyde, Mickleover and Whitby lifted the club towards the top of the table in the early weeks. Performances though, were in question as some results appeared to be very lucky.

The single defeat came at Basford United, when the World Record appearance holder Paul Bastock had to add to his tally due to the Doncaster Rovers loanee Louis Jones being ruled out after breaking his wrist on a night out!

In the FA Cup a 93rd minute Michael Hollingsworth penalty at Daventry, saved what was looking as chance missed. In the next round though, the limited squad found it difficult to breakdown and push on against St Ives Town, which meant it was an unwanted early exit

after a replay at The Meres.

With a small squad Culverhouse used a full Academy side in the Integro League Cup, they were defeated 6-0 at home to Glossop.

With Club Captain and defensive rock, Tom Batchelor ruled out for the season, results started to become harder to come by.

Five straight defeats, including a heavy defeat at South Shields, followed the last minute Tom Siddans winner at home to Whitby.

The home defeat against Nantwich saw Ian Culverhouse hand in his resignation.

Former Notts County Assistant Manager, Richard Thomas was brought in the day of the trip to Matlock.

The 7-0 defeat showed him exactly the size of the task in hand.

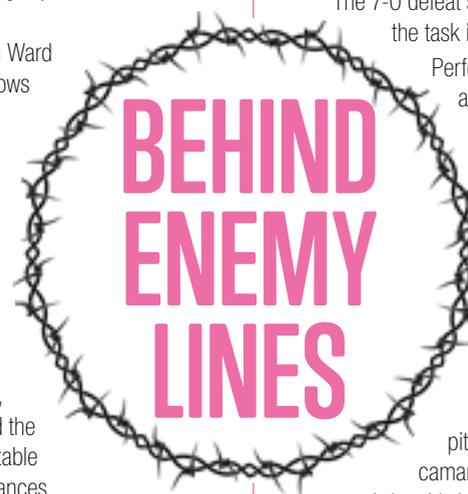
Performances have been building as Thomas has been trying to bring in more experience to the side. Bradley Fortnum-Tomlinson has joined from Stamford, Danny Durkin from Deeping Rangers and Shaun Harrad on loan from Matlock.

Thomas has been pleased with how the group have applied themselves off the pitch and how they've built a camaraderie. He's now wanting to

bring this into matches as he's only gained

four points from his opening 5 games, but this hasn't been without it's difficulties. Thomas has been without Tom Ward in all his matches due a groin injury, although Ward was given the all clear to start kicking a ball again after the draw with Marine.

It will be a much welcomed return and Thomas will hope Ward can form a partnership with Chris Salt, who joined recently the from Stamford at the back and fortunes on the field can begin to turn again.



THE VIEW FROM

CARLISLE STREET



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the famous old Northolme ground for today's Evo Stik Premier League game against old friends Buxton FC.

We have to travel back to October 1962 for the first ever meeting of the two clubs, a FA Cup 4th qualifying round match on the Northolme. Buxton were members of the Cheshire League and Gainsborough were Midland League.

The FA Cup has a grand old habit of sentiment, romance and the unusual, and this game saw old Trinity favourite Norman 'Cannonball' Curtis return as Player Manager of the 'Bucks'.



Norman was a stalwart of the Blues Midland League Championship team of 1948-49 where his combative performances earned him a transfer to Sheffield Wednesday not long after.

Norman served the Owls for 10 years before becoming Player Manager of Doncaster Rovers in 1960-61 season. Things didn't go well for Norman at Belle Vue before the inevitable parting of the ways saw him join Buxton FC.

The Northolme game ended in a disappointing 0-0 draw in front of a 2,697 Northolme crowd, but this was soon forgotten by the Buxton faithful when the replay saw the Bucks through 4-1 only four days later in front of 2,352 on a Monday evening.

Buxton enjoyed an excellent FA cup run in 1962-63 season, reaching the 1st Round proper, going out to Football League outfit Barrow after a replay. A record attendance of 6,000 still stands at Silverlands for this game.

Trinity were founder members of the Northern Premier League in 1968-69 and were joined by Buxton for the first time in 1973-74 season and the League fixtures between the two clubs carried on until the last meeting at Silverlands on 31st March 1997.

Buxton were battling hard for survival points and a 2-1 home win gave renewed hope of climbing out of trouble (something we Trinitarians know about after last season).

The last ever League meeting was at the Northolme just days later where a 1-1 draw resulted with 424 in attendance.



Bob Gauden

The clubs also met again in the FA cup 1993-94 and again Buxton won through 2-1.

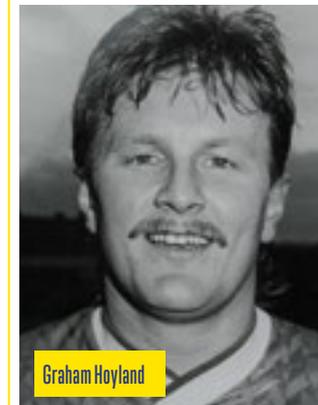
Over recent years, many players have represented both clubs, and I have featured a few today which I know will bring back memories on both sides.

Lenny Yates, Graham Hoyland 31 goals for Trinity, closely followed by Stuart Lowe on 28 career Trinity goals, both great frontmen, but arguably the best of all was Bob Gauden who was worshipped by the Trinity crowd, and he struck up a fantastic partnership with Jimmy Sneep in the mid 1980's.

Tibor Szabo (the original goal machine) had spells at both clubs, as did Goalkeeper Dave Redfern, Gary Mallender, and a terrace favourite of mine, Kevin Eley.

The list goes on and and in more recent times we have Denmark's number 1 Jan Budtz and centre back Gregg Young representing both clubs, and of course a firm Carlisle Terrace favourite, goalkeeper Phil Kenneth Barnes.

Another former player of both clubs is Ally Pickering, a stylish right back who joined Rotherham United from Buxton for a club record fee of £16,500 in 1989.



Graham Hoyland



Norman Curtis

Ally went onto play Premier League football for Coventry City, and of course, an impressive spell here at the Northolme, where his pedigree stood out for all to admire in 2001-02.

Ironically, Trinity former Manager Brian Little, released Ally from Stoke City where Little was Manager at the time.

NB: For any programme collectors among you, I have a spare copy of the first FAC meeting from 1962-63 which I will gladly exchange with the replay one at Buxton. Please contact me on the email address below.

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VIEW FROM THE PRESS BENCH



WITH BBC RADIO LINCOLNSHIRE'S DALE STOREY

The festive period always provides a feast of football for all teams and Gainsborough Trinity welcome both Buxton and Grantham to the Martin and Co Arena as they look to continue their recent good form.

There are no easy games in this division and both of these teams will provide a different kind of challenge as the Holy Blues look to carry on their progression up the league.

Whereas the Premier and Football Leagues seem to have extra fixtures during this time, in comparison to earlier in the season it will be a lot quieter in terms of fixture congestion especially as Trinity only have the one game in hand left to play and they have done well to catch up in terms of games played.

In Grantham Town it provides us with our Lincolnshire derby for the season, over the past few years it has been Boston United who have visited over Christmas and so it's nice to see that the local feel has continued with the Gingerbreads visit. Grantham have really had an up and down season, having lost the play off final last season they were one of many fancied teams this, a revamp of the squad was put in place and they started the season well, however their form dipped and they went on to lose 7 matches in a row which included a change in management and for as long as Richard Thomas holds the reigns at the club he will not have a result as bad as his first when the team lost 7-0 at Matlock.

Which brings me nicely onto the stand out fixture over the festive period, the trip to Matlock Town on New Year's day, this should be a cracker, there are so many subplots, the main one being that the Gladiators are managed by former Trinity duo of Dave Frecklington and Terry Fleming. They have done a fantastic job since taking over and have taken the team from a relegation battle to just outside the playoffs and it will be a stern test for Lee Sinnott's side. The game between the two sides back in August was very entertaining and there will also be many familiar faces in the Matlock team, if any fans are thinking about going I recommend it because it has all the makings of a memorable afternoon.

I have watched a lot of non league football over the last few years and I have come to realise that it is a really good value for money day out, I went to watch Stevenage v Lincoln City last Saturday and despite the ground had the rarity of free parking, it still ended up being an expensive day out, at £23.50 a ticket, £3 a programme and £4 for a cheeseburger, it felt like a lot of money, also to note that being an all ticket match, my view of the match was poor as I had to watch the game through the goal net, the saving grace from the day was that the Mighty Imps won. To compare to watching a game at the Martin

and Co, you pay £12 to get in, pick where you stand or sit, pay £2.50 for a cheeseburger, £2.50 so you can read my articles in the matchday programme, there's the wonderful half time raffle and so far this season, most matches here have been entertaining, so to me there's no contest and non league wins the day. I am venturing across to Premier League Everton next month and it will be interesting to compare Non League, to Football League to Premier League.

When I was at the Scarborough game a couple of weeks ago, I asked their local press about their rivalry with Whitby Town. I am on holiday there over the New Year and had contemplated going to the derby on New Year's Day. During their last encounter in August, there was plenty of trouble amongst fans, it was quoted that blokes in their 50's were fighting in car parks and this is something I don't like to hear. You should always feel safe when going to a match and this kind of behaviour is not something we want to see at any match, let alone in this league. Part of being a football fan is the banter with opposition fans, I always enjoy the chats with opposition media and it's always great to hear different opinions on things you've just watched.

Good teams always know how to win scrappy games and that's exactly what Gainsborough Trinity did last week at inform Lancaster, to deal with the horrible pitch, score a decent goal and keep a clean sheet was a fantastic achievement, it's now 3 away wins in a row and I think we in the media can finally stop going on about Trinity's away record because it has certainly improved. One of the best images was a returning Mark Hone, sat in dark wet Lancaster with a sun tan, however I am a little disappointed that official photographer John Rudkin hasn't taken my photo yet!

It shows that this club has come along way since the start of the season by the fact that many were disappointed with a 1-1 draw with Witton Albion last time out, the expectation levels within the club have grown and that is down to the magnificent job that manager Lee Sinnott and assistant John Reed have done since relegation, I don't mind admitting I was worried for the Blues this season

and feared they could have done what North Ferriby have done, but I am also happy to admit I was wrong, whereas 2018 will always be remembered as the year Gainsborough Trinity got relegated, there's a strong belief that 2019 could be one of the most memorable years in the clubs' history.

It's always a great time to reflect on things and the first half of this season has seen games that will not be forgotten, the ones

that particularly stick in my head are the wonderful 8-2 thrashing of Chasetown and, in my opinion, the most complete performance away at the then league leaders Scarborough.

Merry Christmas to all the Holy Blue fans and a Happy New Year Dale



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Trinity v Grantham, Eastern Professional Floodlit League. 1st Mar 1978

Grantham was founded in 1874, Trinity 1873. They competed together in the old Midland league.

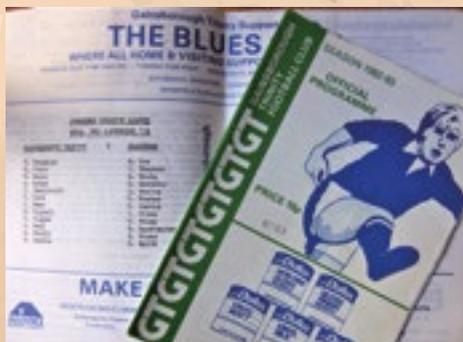
26/12/66: Grantham 1:1 Trinity, 24/3/67: Trinity 1:0 Grantham.
26/12/67: Grantham 3:3 Trinity, 12/4/68: Trinity 2:0 Grantham.

In 1964, 71 & 72 Grantham won the Midland Lge and had regular cup runs and big crowds at their old London Rd ground. They moved to the Southern Lge and won Div 1 Nth in 1978. In 1979 they were runners up

in the Premier. After relegation the club bounced straight back to win Div 1 Nth again.

Trinity had just gained their first home win of 1978, beating Workington 2-1. In this game Dave East and Ray Taylor had made their debuts for caretaker manager Mick Hughes. Next up at the Northolme in the league was Lancaster, then Wigan Athletic (what happened to them?!). Elsewhere, Blyth Spartans had just been knocked out of the FA Cup by Wrexham at St James Pk.

After a reorganization of non-league football Grantham moved to the Northern Premier League.



Trinity v Grantham, Northern Premier Lge, 7th Sep 1982

Trinity were top of the league (after 5 games) with Seal, Wignall and Snee causing the damage. John Scorer explains "new" FA referee initiatives... 1: Gaining ground at throwins, 2: Keepers 4 step rule, 3: Sending off for professional foul/serious foul play and deliberate handball stopping a goal (36yrs later and we're still struggling!)... Next at home: Burton Albion (what happened to them?!).

Score: 7/9/82 Trinity 1:3 Grantham. The reverse league fixture 3/1/83: Grantham 0:0 Trinity.



Grantham v Trinity, Northern Premier League, 20th Aug 1984

Grantham Chairman John Toon welcomes Trinity and their secretary Ken Mardsen, complimenting him on his work for non-league football as sec for the NPL. He also points out the two clubs played each other 6 times during the previous season, "almost every other week at the end of the season".

1/10/83: FAC Trinity 1, Grantham 0 (Trinity later went on to play Blackpool in the 1st rd proper). 31/12/83: Lge Cup, Grantham 2, Trinity 0, 11/2/84: Lge Cup, Trinity 1, Grantham 1. 9/4/84: Lincs Cup, Trinity 1 Grantham 0. 12/4/8: NPL, Grantham 2, Trinity 1, 23/4/84: NPL, Trinity 3, Grantham 1.

The result in 1984/5: 20/8/84: NPL Grantham 2, Trinity 2. 10/4/85: NPL Trinity 3 Grantham 1.

Grantham finished 4th in 1984 but the following year, failed to gain re-election and returned South.



Grantham v Trinity, FA Cup 3QR, 14th Oct 1986

Grantham were 15th in the Southern Lge Midland Div. With them were some familiar names: Gloucester, Moor Green (now Solihull), Hednesford, Forest Green and Leamington.

"Flashback" recalled that meetings between the Gingers and Trinity began back in 1885 in the FA Cup 1st Rd. Grantham travelled by

and got changed on the train. On arrival the Gainsborough ground was described as "unsightly and in poor condition" (hopefully a better impression is created today). Trinity "adapted to the conditions better" and won the tie...

Trinity came out winners in 1986 too, Grantham 1 Trinity 2.

In 1991 Grantham moved to the new South Kesteven Sports Stadium.



Grantham v Trinity, FA Trophy Rd2, 30th Nov 2002

Trinity beat Kendall Town 3-1 at the Northolme to get into Rd2 (Eshelby, Ellington, Stant).

FT Score; 30/11/02, Grantham 0 v Trinity 1 (Eshelby), Att 525.

Trinity went on to beat Farsley Celtic after a replay (1:1 -Ellington, 2:1 -Timmons/Stant), before losing out 0-2 at home to Forest Green in front of a crowd of 710.

2017-18 saw Grantham just fail to gain promotion to the National North via the playoffs.

With Trinity relegated from the National Nth, it means the 2 Clubs can now renew the long standing rivalry.....C'mon Blues!



FERGAL'S HALF TIME FUN

MATCH REPORT BY ALFIE ROBINSON, AGE 13

Sat 8 December 2018

As Lee Sinnott's side came into this game with a 1-1 draw against Witton Albion, Trinity would have wanted to get their results back to how they should be.

It was clear, that straight after the kick off, Trinity wanted to set down an early marker. Trinity began with some great attacks down the wings. Then in the 12th minute, disaster almost struck. Jon Stewart came out with the ball, passed the ball straight to a Lancaster midfielder who shot, but luckily for Trinity, Stewart managed to deflect the shot wide for a corner. 0-0. Then, in the 25th minute, the first yellow card of the game was given against Joe Maguire for a late challenge. After this, Trinity continued to have wave after wave of attacks but somehow, they couldn't find a gap past the 'keeper.

HALF TIME: LANCASTER CITY 0, GTFC 0

After the break, Trinity were looking a whole better side, but Lancaster were having better chances than they were in the 1st half. Then when all hope was lost, in the 67th minute, a great Trinity counter attack found Alex Simmons on the wing who put in a beautiful cross into the Lancaster penalty area, found the head of Ross Hannah who buried the ball into the bottom corner of the net. 0-1!!!! After this goal, Trinity were constantly attacking, trying to break down the Lancaster defence. Straight after the restart, Trinity were on the attack again but the shot from Alex Simmons was saved by the Lancaster keeper and went out for a corner. Despite Trinity's best efforts, they couldn't find the second goal they were wanting, but Trinity still earned the full 3 points which is crucial for the league table.

Final Score: Lancaster City 0 - GTFC 1



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MY LOVE OF NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

by Tony Incenzo of talkSPORT Radio

IN THE BEGINNING

I've been watching Non-League football on a regular basis since I was 10 years old. What I like most is that the players, club officials and supporters are there for the love of the game. The true spirit of football exists at Non-League level.

I grew up in North-West London and I was taken by my family to see my local club QPR as a child in the 1970s.

I've always supported the Rs as my Football League team, but when they were playing away from home I started going to see my local Non-League clubs – Hendon primarily, but also Finchley, Barnet and Edgware Town.

GROUNDHOPPER

From there, I decided to visit every Non-League club in London as my groundhopping bug began. By the time I was 17, I had visited all 92 Football League grounds and I visited all the Scottish League grounds whilst still a teenager.

Since then, I've continued travelling all around the country to visit Non-League clubs. In August 2015, I chalked up my 2,000th ground at FC United of Manchester. Then in July this year, I went to my 5,000th football match attended where I saw Hertford Town play a pre-season friendly at Richard Hale School 3G pitch.

WORLD RECORD

One of the best groundhops was being part of a world record in March 2004. I joined 250 other ground-

hoppers to watch five matches at five different football grounds in one day in the Central Midlands League.

This is listed in the Guinness Book of Records and we received certificates confirming the world record at the end of the fifth game.

INSIDE PRISON!

In December 2011, I set about watching a match inside Feltham Prison in Middlesex.

This featured a team called Phoenix FC, who had to play all their fixtures at home (for obvious reasons!) as inmates of the Young Offender Institution at Feltham.

I received special permission by email to attend a fixture, but I was told not to bring a phone or a camera with me. I was instructed to arrive in the main car park along with the match referee and the visiting players from Hanworth Villa Vets.

We were met by members of the prison staff who escorted us all in together. . . via an airport-style metal detector, a body search, numerous locked gates and along a path to the changing rooms.

This process took 45 minutes. After the players and ref got changed, we were then accompanied through more locked gates out to the playing area.

A high mesh fence with barbed wire on top surrounded the football pitch. There were dug-outs along one touchline and I watched the match from there as the only spectator.



THE FUTURE

I have now been to 2,264 football grounds and have completed visits to all the grounds in the top 16 divisions of English football down to Non-League Step 4. Then at Step 5 I need 12 grounds and another 53 at Step 6.

There are endless possibilities at Step 7 and below, where I've already visited many grounds. Also, I've been to 35 European countries plus the USA for football – so it would be nice to visit more countries.

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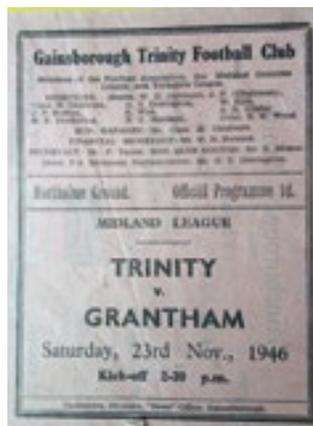


Good afternoon everyone and a special 'Boxing Day' welcome to the famous old Northolme ground for today's eagerly awaited Lincolnshire 'Derby' against old rivals Grantham Town.

It seems incredible that this is the first League meeting between these two clubs since the 1984-85 season when both competed in the Northern Premier League.

However, the Clubs have met since then in various competitions, FA cup and Trophy and of course the Lincolnshire cup competition in all its various names and formats.

I have featured the Grantham programme for the 1984-85 fixture



which resulted in a 2-2 drawn game, with Franklin & Leadbeater scoring for the 'Gingerbreads' with Gary Clayton & Tibor Szabo netting for the Blues. A crowd of 353 epitomised the relatively poor attendances of both Grantham & Gainsborough throughout the 80's with neither club recording a four figure home crowd during this particular season.

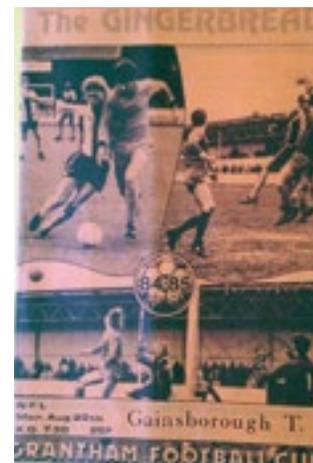
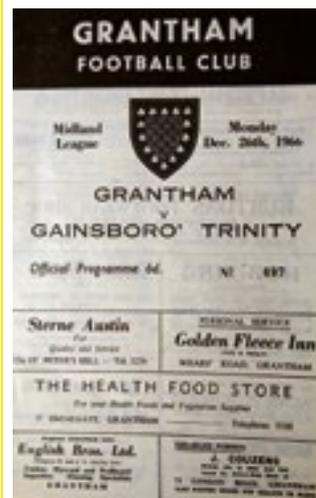
Grantham: Hemsall, Franklin, Beck, Elliman, Richards, Adamson, Boyer, Waddicor, Downing, Leadbeater, Stewart.

Trinity: Ingham, Jones, Taylor, Lodge, Bennyworth, Clayton, Snee, Simpson,

Gauden, Szabo, Brolly.

Going back approximately 20 years further and a different story, with both clubs regularly recording attendances of 2-3 thousand back in the heady days of the Midland Counties League where the Gingerbreads won the Championship in 1963-64 season, closely followed by Trinity in 1966-67.

Boxing Day fixtures between the Clubs have taken place before, and I have also featured the 66-67 Grantham programme from Trinity's last Championship win which resulted



in a 1-1 draw with crowd favourite Monty Brown scoring the Trinity goal. Also featuring in that game was another prolific goalscorer, Mike Alexander, who wore the colours of both Grantham and Trinity with great distinction.

The first ever recorded meeting between Gainsborough Trinity and a football team from Grantham (Rovers) was way back in 1891-92

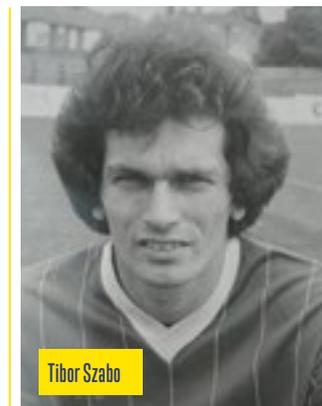
season in the Midland League. Both home and away fixtures were played within a couple of days of each other in April 1892, with Trinity winning 2-1 here on the Northolme, and a 1-1 drawn game back at the Harlaxton Road ground, which stretched the Grantham's side unbeaten streak to 8 games.

This Grantham Team (The Rovers) were early rivals of today's opponents and not connected to each other.

The next football team from Grantham to appear on the Northolme ground was called Grantham Avenue, and again, no connection to today's opponents. This was back in the 1905-06 season, and they would be facing Gainsborough Trinity Reserves,



Graham Jones & Andy Lodge



Tibor Szabo

as the first team were still competing in the Football League Division 2.

The Grantham club as we know them today, first joined the Midland League in season 1925-26 and

games between the two clubs continued up to the 1958-59 season where Grantham left the League, only to return in 1961-62 and continue the rivalry.

Enjoy the game and festive holiday.

Article by turnstilesuk@hotmail.com



Double whammy for Blues as Trinity named 'club of the month' – twice!

Writes Robert Hughes, Gainsborough Trinity Media Manager.

Gainsborough Trinity were last night named EVO-STIK Premier Division 'Club of the Month' for November 2018. The award will comprise of the presentation of an engraved permanent memento and a litre bottle of a spirit and will be presented at a time and date to be confirmed.

League secretary, Angie Firth commented, "May I congratulate the Club, Manager and Players on this award."

The award follows a month of solid results for Gainsborough that saw the side undefeated in five games, picking up draws away from home at Stafford Rangers & Marine, before picking up the maximum number of points from the next three games, the 4-1 home win over Whitby Town before two away victories in four days, defeating Bamber Bridge at the Sir Tom Finney Stadium and turning over league leaders Scarborough Athletic 0-2 in their own back yard.

Ashley Worsfold, Alex Simmons and Simon Russell all found their shooting boots in November, following Lee Sinnott and John Reed's tactical shake up, with the manager declaring, "I am obviously delighted for everyone concerned with the football club. It is recognition for the players and their performance

levels over the calendar month, but is also down to the contribution everyone has made behind the scenes."

Currently sat just outside the play-off spots, the Holy Blues are well positioned ahead of a busy fixture schedule in the run up to Christmas.



Steve Hutchinson receiving the Team of the Month Award, from Ian Hughes of the Lincolnshire League

The notification of this award, follows recognition of the Gainsborough Trinity Reserves, who also won the 'Club of the Month' from the Lincolnshire League sponsors, Balcan Lighting Supplies.

Gainsborough Trinity Reserves, who were only re-established in the summer, currently sit in pole position at the summit of the Lincolnshire League. Managed by club legend, Jimmy Snee, the side have made great strides and earned many

plaudits for an attacking style of football very much suited to playing their home games on the Northholme.

The Reserves' own impressive November saw them pick up four wins, scoring eleven goals, including five at home to Lincoln United Reserves. Zach Casburn starring for the youthful Trinity Reserves netting six times in the month!

Congratulations to everyone associated with the club on these honours, here's hoping for many more to come!

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- OLIVER LUTO
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ASSISTANT REFEREE 1: IAN RUDDOCK
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2: DANIEL COBBETT

26 DEC 2018
KO: 3.00PM



1 to 11 THE GINGERBREADS

THEO RICHARDSON

Joined the club in late August. Began his career at Nottingham Forest before having spells at Aston Villa and Leeds. Moved to Manchester United after impressing on trial with them. Represented the Red Devils at U18 and U23.

TOM BATCHELOR

Rejoined in November 2017 from Boston United for his third spell at the club. Has previously played at Stamford, Lincoln United and Lincoln Moorlands. Appointed club captain for the 2018/2019 season

TOM WARD

Son of former Gingerbread favorite Paul he joined in pre-season from King's Lynn. Previously at Boston United Gainsborough St Neots and Sleaford Town.

ROSS BARROWS

Joined the club prior to the 2018/2019 season. Came through the Halifax Town youth system before signing a professional contract with them

TOM CURTIS

Came through the club's academy. Was previously at Peterborough United.

MAX WATTERS

Joined on loan from Doncaster Rovers in pre-season. Was previously at Ashford United before making the step up to the EFL with Doncaster.

RYAN OLIVER

Joined the club in late August from Lincoln United. Had previously been a prolific scorer in the United Counties League for Sleaford Town, Deeping Rangers and Boston Town

MORGAN PENFOLD

Signed on loan from Peterborough United. Came through the Peterborough youth system and has had loan spells at St Ives Town, Biggleswade Town and Boston United.

OLIVER LUTO

Joined in pre-season from Peterborough Sports. Began his career as a youngster at Peterborough United before joining

Ilkeston and then Stamford before moving to Peterborough Sports. Another member of the play off final side last season

TIAGO NASSUNCOLU

Impressed last season in the clubs under 21 side stepping up to the first team squad this season. Has previously played for UCL side Peterborough North Star.

RYLEY THOMPSON

Young player joined prior to the 2017/2018 season after going through the Lincoln City youth system. Was part of the 2017/2018 play-off final squad

KEVIN BASTOS

Came through the club's academy. Was previously at Nottingham Forest

TOM SIDDONS

Joined the club in mid September from Spalding United. Previously played under Ian Culverhouse at King's Lynn. Has also played at Sleaford Town

JOE SMITH

Signed in early October from UCL side Sleaford Town. Previously played at Holbeach United.

JACOB FLETCHER

On loan from Doncaster Rovers. Came through youth system at Doncaster before earning a professional contract.

PIERCE BIRD

Joined the club on loan from Notts County in early November. Has represented Northern Ireland at under 21 level.

REMYE CAMPBELL

Joined on loan from Notts County in early November. Has come through the Notts County Academy.

JOSH SPENCER

Joined the club in early November after 2 years playing in America. Was at Derby County, Nottingham Forest, Lincoln City and Boston United as a youngster.

Matchday Mascot

NIAMH BEILBY AGE: 11

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Alex Simmons & Ashley Worsfold

SCHOOL: QEHS, Gainsborough

PLAYS FOR: QEHS

HOBBIES: Dancing, football, music, netball

SCORE PREDICTION: 3-0 to Trinity

JOSHUA BEILBY AGE: 9

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Alex Simmons & Ashley Worsfold

SCHOOL: Marton Primary School

PLAYS FOR: Marshalls & 780 Academy

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THE FINAL WORD

This week we hear from Vice Captain Shane Clarke, who has stepped in to deputise for injured skipper, Liam King on the field - and now off it!

“ We will be going into the game against Buxton full of confidence after the win against Lancaster. It wasn't the prettiest game of football you've seen but come the end of the season it will have a W next too it and that's all that matters!

Harry Middleton won't stop telling me that we're also unbeaten since he signed, so here's a little mention for you buddy, if it's true hopefully that continues for as long as possible.

Fortunately a couple of results went our way at the weekend too, so the table is wide open at the minute and will certainly make the next few months interesting.... that being said we're on a nice unbeaten run at the minute and the togetherness in the group couldn't be better right



now as we've just had our Xmas team night out in Dublin... which turned into a 3 day bender and almost cost a couple of lads their marriages if we'd have missed the plane home.

It was probably the best team night out I've ever been on and the memories will bring this already tight knit group together even more.

Come to think of it, the last team night out we had the very next game we won as well... 8-2 against Chasetown, so I might need to push for the old drinking culture to return, ha ha.

Buxton will be a good test for us as they've just turned over

Mickleover 5-0, but with the confidence

in the camp and the support we've had from the fans this season, hopefully we can put on a performance similar to Whitby at home and Scarborough, away.

Hope everyone has a great Christmas and see you all soon. All the best,

Shane

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