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**THE CAREER**



Good evening and welcome back to the Martin & Co Arena for our opening home fixture of the 2018/19 Evo-Stik Northern Premier League campaign as we entertain Mickleover Sports.

May I extend a warm welcome to the management, players and officials from Mickleover, and while I hope they enjoy their short stay in Lincolnshire, I hope it is ultimately a disappointing one, as that should mean we have got our season up and running and picked up our first points of the season after we let a point slip in added time on Saturday.

We had an honest discussion after the game and the players responded with the same thoughts as I had in terms of the key moments, which shows we are on the same page. With the score at 0-0 we felt we could go

on and get all three points, following the dismissal, we felt we could still hold out for at least a point, but in the end we returned from Staffordshire with nothing. Disappointing, but not the end of the world.

It's imperative we don't beat ourselves up with a defeat, but take the positives out of a promising first half, where we created some good openings, and for the most part were tight at the back, if we had gone a goal up, we could have had two or three – but I am looking for the players to show heart and courage this evening, to go out there and put points on the board.

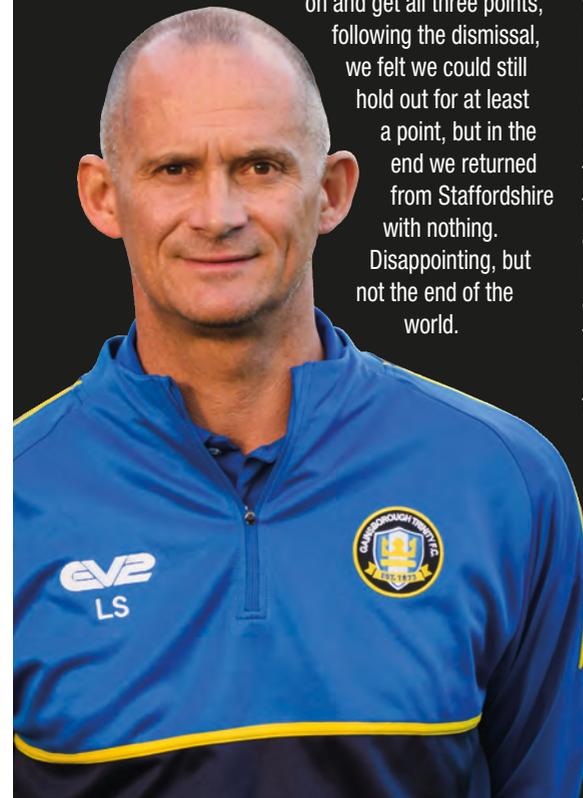
We have a small, tight knit squad with lots of quality. That's the way John and I have chosen to go. One defeat doesn't mean we are going to rush out and make a number of changes and abandon the way we want to play. We are under no illusions about how tough this league will be, but we are here to be challenging at the top end and looking for an immediate return to the National League North.

It's still early days, but I have faith in this squad and the players in it to really take games by the scruff of the neck. No one likes losing, myself, or the players, and we will be going out there this evening looking to put smiles on your faces, both with the way we play – and with the final score come half past nine.

Your support at Nantwich on Saturday was fantastic. Plenty was going on that wasn't ideal pre-game, but to still see the best part of a hundred Trinity fans following us and cheering us on really is appreciated. Long may that continue – the support and backing you give is greatly appreciated by myself and the team.

Make some noise, get behind the lads and enjoy the ride – this is going to be a long season, filled with plenty of excitement!

**LEE SINNOTT**  
**#inittogether**



# FROM THE CHAIRMAN

**Good evening and welcome to the Martin & Co Arena for our first home league game of the 2018/19 campaign.**

I'm writing these notes ahead of the opening day fixture away at Nantwich Town, and am hopeful that after a hectic summer of change, we have started the season with a positive result and that continued optimism surrounds us this evening as we welcome Derbyshire based side, Mickleover Sports. In their squad they have a couple of former Trinity players, Jake Scott and former skipper Nathan Jarman.

Over the time I have been involved at Gainsborough, Jarmo gave me some of my happiest moments with his goals, but as time moves on, so do players. I'm hopeful the current crop we have here now are ready to start making even more memorable moments this season as we look to bounce back at the first attempt. There is a positive feel around the place at the moment and we want to harness that. I don't want to add any additional pressure to the management and players, but we have all been quite open about our expectations for the season ahead. Anything other than knocking about, in and around the play-offs come April next year will be a massive disappointment.

We have brought in some real quality acquisitions over the summer and I can't wait to see them gelling on the field.

Pre-season has felt a little flat at times, but we mustn't forget, the main reason for pre-season is to bed in the new signings, get the players familiar with each other and have everyone fit and firing for the start of the season, when the real games, with three points are up



for grabs. We will already have an indication as to whether we were ready for that opening game against Nantwich, by the time you are reading this. Should we have failed to pick up all three points however, we must remember that this is indeed a marathon, not a sprint. We are all working together to right the wrongs of last season – and I ask as many of you as possible to support us on the terraces and in the stands.

Together, we could have a great season. We can't write the script, but we can do our damndest to create history in Gainsborough and have a season to be proud of.

Stick with us, shout loud, shout proud!

**Richard Kane**  
**Chairman**  
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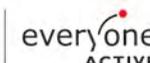
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# 1 to 11 THE SPORTS



## LEWIS KING

Goal Keeper. Started at Sunderland where he progressed from Youth team to Reserves. Then had two stints on loan at Stockport County (the second being made permanent). Previous clubs also include Derby County, Boston United, Stalybridge Celtic & FC United.



## KEVIN GROCCOTT

A whole hearted right full back with a never say die attitude Kevin is a popular member of the squad who leads by example. Previous clubs consist of Burton Albion where he played league football and Matlock Town.



## BEN TURNER

A very consistent player and will always guarantee you a solid performance 'Turns' had an excellent season and is looking to build on that again during the 2018/19 campaign. A wand of a left foot he is one of the best left backs plying his trade outside the football league.



## JOHN MCGRATH

Player/Manager who has recently just signed a new two year contract to stay at the helm of Mickleover Sports. Has vast football league and premier league experience having made his debut for Aston Villa. Has over 500 league games to his names for clubs including Aston Villa, Burton Albion, York City, Doncaster Rovers and Shrewsbury Town. Has also represented the Republic of Ireland at international level.



## PABLO MILLS

An experienced centre half with loads of footballing ability, has amassed over 400 league games playing for Derby County, Rotherham United, MK Dons and Crawley Town and has also represented England at international level.



## TOM BURGIN

Club captain who is a natural leader and a commanding aggressive centre half. 'Burgs' started his career at Rotherham United and has since had spells abroad

in Sweden before returning to play for Matlock Town and Sheffield FC.



## JAKE SCOTT

Uncompromising and aggressive midfielder who started his career at Barnsley having come through their youth academy system. Has since played for Gainsborough Trinity, Bradford Park Avenue and Shaw Lane.



## EVAN GARNETT

A summer signing from Belper Town having previously played for Alfreton Town and Burton Albion. A very quick forward with a keen eye for goal Evan promises to be an excellent acquisition to the Sports squad.



## LEWIS BELGRAVE

A very exciting future is expected from one of our hottest academy prospects. A talented midfielder and at the age of 19 is being looked at by many football league clubs. Captained the side on many occasions last season.

## CLINTON MORRISON

Recently appointed first team coach but will also add his years of experience and talent to the playing squad also. Clinton has carved an excellent career in the top flight of English football and has also represented Republic of Ireland at international level.



## JIMMY PHILLIPS

A former team mate of Manager John McGrath at Burton Albion where Jimmy played over 120 games. A player highly sought after by the Manager. Jimmy has also played for Alfreton Town and Gateshead.



## OLLIE ROBERTS

Came through the ranks at Stockport County and moved to Stoke City at 15 where he signed as a 1 year scholar and then a 1 year pro form. Joined Fleetwood Town and made his debut against Carlisle in November 2016. Signed for Stalybridge where he played over 70 games from where John McGrath signed him for the 2018/19 season. A talented midfielder with an eye for goal.



## CURTIS BURROWS

Started at Ilkeston Town on a scholarship program and played for 2 seasons for the First team. Moved to Grantham Town playing over 50 games over 2 seasons. Moved to Mickleover this summer as John McGrath's first summer signing. A versatile, hard working and creative player.



## NATHAN JARMAN

Experienced forward who began his career at Barnsley FC where he stayed for 4 years. He then played for Bury, Grimsby Alfreton Town, North Ferriby Utd and latterly played for Gainsborough Trinity. John sees him as the goal scorer we have lacked.



## NIALL DORAN

Niall started at Hull city as a youngster moving on to Boston United, Whitby Town and Buxton. Niall's position is in midfield but he likes to play the Number 10 role.



## TYREECE ROBINSON

The club has high hopes for Tyreece, a tall central defender who has shown great improvement in his time with the Academy. 18 years of age and he has attracted the attention of several league clubs.



## JACK WALSH

Another product of our successful Academy. 18 year old Jack made his debut last season and scored on his debut in a 1-1 draw against Altrincham. An aggressive midfield player.

## A BRIEF HISTORY

1948: Mickleover Sports FC, was founded as Mickleover Old Boys, playing in the Derby & District Senior League. For the next 44 years until their resignation in 1993, they were the longest serving club in the league.

1982: The start of an ambitious campaign to develop their own football and cricket facilities on meadow land at the end of Station Road in Mickleover.

1992: After raising over £30,000, the new ground finally opened.

1993: A successful application was made to join the Central Midlands Football League, and Sports entered the non-league Pyramid for the first time. They drafted in a new management team led by Tony

Shaw and both teams finished 6th in their respective divisions.

1994/5: Sports gained promotion to the CMFL Supreme Division and reached the semi-final of the League Cup.

1996/97: Mark Kelsey took up the managerial reins and Sports finished a creditable 6th in the Supreme Division.

1997: At a capital cost of over £30,000, Mickleover finally managed to install floodlights.

1997/98: Sports finished third in the CMFL Supreme Division.

1998/99: Sports crowned as the 1998/99 CMFL Champions and reached the 3rd stage in the FA Vase.

1999/2000: Sports promoted to the Northern Counties East League, and after challenging hard they finished in 4th place in Division One. They also reached the semi-final of the Derbyshire Senior Cup and for the 2nd year running they fell in the 3rd round of the FA Vase.

2000/01: Sports go one better by finishing 3rd and reaching the 4th round of the Vase.

2001/02: Mark Kelsey was replaced by ex Belper Town manager Martin Rowe who led Sports to the NCEL Division One Championship in his first season in charge. For good measure Sports also won the Division 1 Cup (Wilkinson Sword Trophy) and reached the final of the Derbyshire Senior Cup for the first time in their history. Once again they reached the 3rd round of the FA Vase.

2002/03: Mickleover were once again in a position to move up the non-league pyramid to the NCEL Premier Division, but had to erect a 280 seat stand first.

2006/07: Mickleover's most successful season to date. Despite early exits from both the FA Cup and the FA Vase and the subsequent departure of manager Martin Rowe. New manager Dick Pratley led Sports to their highest ever position in non-league football, 7th place in the NCE Premier Division, and Sports also won NCEL League Cup along the way beating Garforth Town.

2009/10: The step up to Unibond level was significant and Sports were expecting a tough season, but the development of

several key U19 Academy players plus some astute signings by manager Dick Pratley, gave Sports confidence and they won the league by 7pts. They went on to win the Chairman's cup by beating FC Halifax Town at The Shay. Then lost the Peter Swales Trophy on penalties to Guiseley.

2010/11: Another step up for Sports into the Northern Premier League now sponsored by Evo-Stik. Sports ended in 14th position and were safe with 4 games to go.

2011/12: Sports were relegated for the first time. Despite scoring more goals than any other team in the bottom half of the table, inconsistent performances saw Sports drop down into Evo-Stik Division 1 South.

2012/13: The season ended with Sports 2nd from bottom narrowly avoiding relegation having used 53 players.

2013/14: A great improvement on what had gone before, but was ultimately marred by play-off final defeat to local rivals Belper.

2014/15: Sports had good runs in both the FA Cup and FA Trophy and also managed to rise to pole position with games in hand. They ended the season having scored in excess of 100 goals and the only disappointment was that the last day draw at home to Sheffield FC denied them the record of most points gained in an individual Evo-Stik Division One South season. Sports also won the inaugural Evo-Stik NPL Academy League.

2015/16: Sports survived relegation with a game to go, and that last game, joint managers Kirkwood and Hopkins resigned. Captain and Academy Manager John McGrath took over.

2016/17: Sports won the Evo-Stik NPL Academy League again, and finished the season with the most points they have gained in the NPL Premier division.

2017/18: Sports finished in their highest ever position - 12th as John McGrath continued to give Youth their chance to shine with 6 teenage debuts. One of these - Morgan Williams developed throughout the season and eventually was snapped up by Coventry City for a fee of £12,000.

2018/19: John McGrath is aiming for a top 6 finish with his new signings...

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SCHOOL: The Gainsborough Parish  
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2. NEIL AUSTIN
3. BEN GORDON
4. SHANE CLARKE (>89' SIMON RUSSELL)
5. IOAN EVANS
6. NATHAN STAINFIELD (SO 69')
7. ALEX BYRNE
8. LIAM KING<sup>C</sup>
9. ASHLEY WORSFOLD
10. DAMIAN REEVES (>67' ROSS HANNAH)
11. ALEX SIMMONS (>71' JOE MAGUIRE)



# DON'T SHOOT THE REF!

BY ANDY HOGG, FORMER FIFA AND PREMIER LEAGUE ASSISTANT REFEREE

## Why Ref, why?

My involvement in refereeing began 37 seasons ago and I still care as passionately about the game now as I did then. If there is one question I am repeatedly asked, time and time again, it's "why do you do this Ref, why?" It's a great question, so I will attempt to explain the apparent lunacy that drives my decision to continue to referee, even though I am now nearer 60 than I am 50.

If you are a referee, you will understand where I am coming from in that you know when you have caught the 'bug', and there can be no escaping it. By the 'bug' I mean the sense of achievement and enjoyment which being a match official can bring. Yes, of course, every once in a while, the wheels fall off and I don't have the best 90 minutes, but as referees become more experienced, the frequency of those games become less and less. Let me focus on those two key words, achievement and enjoyment.

There is no better feeling in coming off a 'muck and nettles' game of football (sorry – Yorkshire slang, but you get idea of the feel of the intensity of the game) and you have achieved match control. You have had to make

decisions under pressure, think on your feet and man-manage 22+ head-strong individuals who use every trick in the book to try and persuade you that black is white, and vice-versa. If that is not a skill-set which will help you in other walks of life, especially business, then I do not know what is.

So, do I enjoy my refereeing? That's a daft question, of course I do, you may as well have asked me "do bears poo in the woods?", "is Luxembourg small?" or "do 1-legged ducks swim round in circles?". The minute I stop enjoying the game, I will stop refereeing, it's as simple as that, but I can't see that happening for ages. The other aspect of the enjoyment side of the game is the friendships you make by being involved. Refereeing colleagues have become long-standing and very trusted friends, worldwide, and there is a 'brotherhood' and 'sisterhood' of close camaraderie which stems from helping each other, and working together in a high-profile, pressured, decision-making environment. For example, I am writing this article on a flight to Northern Ireland where I will be officiating in a 6-day tournament, friendships will be renewed and, rest



assured, we will enjoy the 'craic'.

So, if you love our beautiful game, your playing days are over and you still wish to be actively involved, why not give refereeing a go? Your local County FA will guide you through the process of becoming qualified, and, who knows, if you get the 'bug', I promise you, you won't regret taking up the whistle, as many before have done.

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2	FARSLEY CELTIC	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
3	SOUTH SHIELDS	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
4	HYDE UNITED	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
5	NANTWICH TOWN	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
6	SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
7	WHITBY TOWN	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
8	WORKINGTON	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
9	BAMBER BRIDGE	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
10	GRANTHAM TOWN	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
11	MARINE	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
12	NORTH FERRIBY UNITED	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
13	MICKLEOVER SPORTS	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
14	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
15	WITTON ALBION	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
16	BASFORD UNITED	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
17	BUXTON	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
18	GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
19	HEDNESFORD TOWN	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
20	STAFFORD RANGERS	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
21	WARRINGTON TOWN	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
22	LANCASTER CITY	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0



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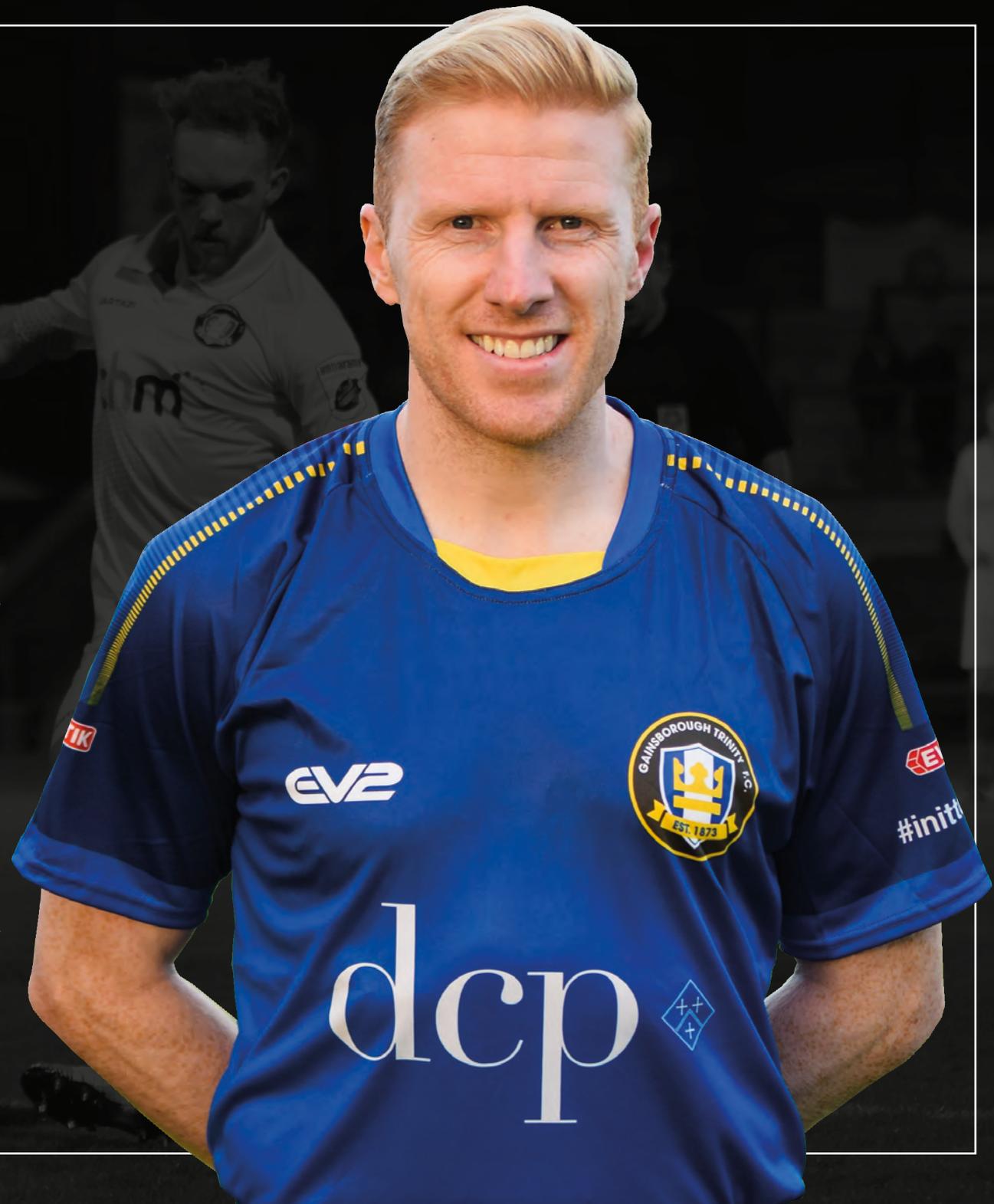




# SIMON RUSSELL

“ I’VE ENJOYED MY CAREER SO FAR, I THINK I SHOULD HAVE DONE BETTER THAN I HAVE, BUT I DON’T HAVE ANY REGRETS AND I HAVE PLENTY OF LIFE LEFT IN ME YET! ”

THE BIG INTERVIEW



SIMON RUSSELL IS NOW IN HIS SECOND SPELL WITH TRINITY, HAVING RE-JOINED THE CLUB MIDWAY THROUGH LAST SEASON FROM NORTH FERRIBY. HAVING AMASSED 125 GAMES IN HIS FIRST SPELL AT THE CLUB, RUSSELL IS A CLEAR 'FANS FAVOURITE' DUE TO HIS PASSION AND DETERMINATION ON AND OFF THE PITCH. THIS FAN SUPPORT WAS ESPECIALLY PREVALENT TOWARDS THE END OF LAST SEASON WHEN SIMON WAS NOT GETTING AS MUCH GAME TIME AS HE WOULD HAVE LIKED.

"I'm very grateful for all of the support from my first spell and since I've come back. It was really difficult last season having to watch us go down and not being able to help, but the fans showed me great support. I'm sure they will get behind me and the lads and together let's make this season a success the club and fans deserve"

He last played for the club in 2016, but states that not a lot has changed off the field.

"The main change has been the management. This club is



a great club and has always been very well run. There are some amazing people behind the scenes. The players have changed too but that happens at every club at this level."

Despite the lack of appearances last year, he has proved to be one of the most consistent performers this pre-season, with some strong, terrier-like, performances in the midfield. Russell spoke about what this can be attributed to.

"A determination to prove people wrong – I was disappointed not to have played much since returning in January. I feel I have a lot of experience and a lot to offer so I made sure I came back ready to go."

This was also Trinity's first pre-season under the management of Lee Sinnott and John Reed, having also joined towards the end of last year. Due to the late

starting date of the Evo-Stik season, it meant they could get to know the new squad in a long and tough pre-season schedule.

"We came back very early in June so it's been a very long pre-season, the longest I've ever known! We've all been saying how much we just want the season to begin so we are glad to get started now, I feel fit and ready to go. I've done a full pre-



season. I've got 4 x 90 minutes under my belt. I've enjoyed the games and felt confident so hopefully I can take that in to the season".

After a disappointing end to last season that saw the club drop out of the National League North, there is no doubt what the players and Russell himself have set their eyes on.

"I think the expectation has to be promotion. The squad of players we have should be right up there this season, no doubt about that."

On a personal level, at this stage in his career, Simon is looking to get as much game time as possible and will be looking to hold down one of those centre-midfield spots.

"I want to play as many games as I can this season. If that doesn't happen then obviously I will have to look at that but I'm confident in my ability to have a successful season."

There will be a new look squad

playing at the Martin & Co Arena this season, and the new signings have settled in well and impressed the retained players.

"For me, they've all come in and done well in pre-season.

I know a few already having played against them many times so it's hard to single anyone out really."

Russell has plied his trade at a number of clubs including Kidderminster, Cambridge and North Ferriby, leaving a positive impression at every club he's been to. He is a model professional and there are not many fans or members of clubs who have a bad word to say. However, how does he want to be remembered as a footballer?



"Hopefully as a good one!! I've enjoyed my career so far, I think I should have done better than I have but I don't have any regrets and I have plenty of life left in me yet! I like to think I played my part in some really good times in my previous spell at Gainsborough getting to the FA Trophy semi-final and some good FA cup runs. This season, if we succeed and I'm part of that, I may get my wish!"





# VIEW FROM THE PRESS BENCH

## WITH BBC RADIO LINCOLNSHIRE'S DALE STOREY

So, here we are again, another season is about to begin at the Martin and Co Arena and although its in a different league, I am sure that many of the Trinity faithful are just looking forward to seeing some competitive football here once again.

The Blues began their Evo-Stik Northern Premier League with a heart-breaking last gasp defeat at Nantwich on Saturday but I'm sure Lee Sinnott and his new look squad will take plenty of positives from the game, if it had not been for Nathan Stainfield's red card then the team would probably have picked up an away point and any points on the road are good and so they will be confident going into tonight's game.

Our visitors tonight certainly have a player who all Gainsborough Trinity fans will recognise in the shape of Nathan Jarman, Jarmo had an eventful 3 years here at the Martin and Co and certainly scored some memorable goals. Jarmo always has had that ability to do something out of the ordinary and that's why I'm sure Mickleover were delighted to sign him in the summer. He even had a stint at managing the Blues last season and his beaming smile all through the match and interviews is one that I'll always remember, I'm certain that all Gainsborough Trinity fans wish Nathan the best for the season, after tonight of course.

I managed to watch a bit of Gainsborough Pre-season and I was impressed, they look to have made some shrewd signings for this division and certainly look more solid at the back, having also seen him at Boston, I can honestly say that I think Jon Stewart is defiantly going to be a character in goal and an ideal replacement

for the wonderful Henrich Ravas from last season. I also believe that arguably the best bit of summer dealing done by the club during the summer was managing to keep last season's top scorer Ashley Worsfold, He can clearly play at a higher level but wanted to stay and I think that's fantastic, we all know he will certainly score plenty of goals again this season.

So the big question for Trinity fans this season is surely, Is being in the Northern Premier that bad? Whereas the obvious answer is yes because it's a lower division, a hard league to get out of and some very grim looking long distance away games like South Shields and Witton Albion to name a few, my answer to the Question would be no for a number of reasons. To Start with the Blues go into a season as a fancied team for promotion and that hasn't happened over the last few seasons, also we have the Lincolnshire derby with Grantham to look forward to, who were the beaten play off finalists from last season. Trinity also have away trips to two of my all-time favourite places in Whitby and Scarborough (all be it sadly both are in the winter) as well as a tasty looking clash against Dom Roma and Basford United.

I'm here tonight beginning my third season reporting for BBC Radio Lincolnshire (who would have thought I would have lasted that long) and I'm very much looking forward to this match.

Enjoy the Game

Dale

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*Front row:* Alex Simmons, Simon Russell, Damian Reeves, Lee Sinnott (Manager), Liam King (Captain), John Reed (Assistant Manager), Ashley Worsfold, Ross Hannah, Alex Byrne  
*Middle row:* Charlie Cresswell (Goalkeeping Coach), Ben Gordon, Neil Austin, Jon Stewart, Joe Maguire, Jaime Ture, Richard Whisker (Physio)  
*Back row:* Ioan Evans, Elliot Wilson, Nathan Stainfield, Shane Clarke (Vice Captain), Cameron Hough

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8/9/18	EMIRATES FA CUP 1Q				
11/9/18	SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC	HORSLEYS OF GAINSBOROUGH		CORNERSTONE	STUART HOGG
19/9/18	INTEBRO CUP 1ST ROUND				
22/9/18	EMIRATES FA CUP 2Q				
25/9/18	NORTH FERRIBY UTD				LIAM GULLIATT
6/10/18	BUXTON	6C'S MECHANICAL SERVICES		AWAY TRAVEL	HARRY WATTS
9/10/18	BASFORD UTD				
20/10/18	WARRINGTON TOWN	AMP ROSE		PDW PRECISION ENGINEERING	JANE MACDONALD
22/10/18	FATROPHY 1Q				
31/10/18	INTEBRO CUP 2ND ROUND				
10/11/18	FATROPHY 2Q				
17/11/18	WHITBY TOWN	WICKED EVENT WATER SERVICES	SILLS & BETTERIDGE	EVERYONE ACTIVE	TIM EMERSON
1/12/18	WITTON ALBION	MIDLAND PACKAGING DIES			STEVE SUMMERS
15/12/18	FARSLEY CELTIC	FLEXI-PAK			
26/12/18	GRANTHAM TOWN	GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY SUPPORTERS CLUB			
5/1/19	NANTWICH TOWN				
12/1/19	WORKINGTON	PDW PRECISION ENGINEERING		SILLS & BETTERIDGE	TRISH & CLARE HARDWICK
26/1/19	STAFFORD RANGERS		WHISKY GALORE		
16/2/19	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC	LEW	TRUE BLUES		DAVE LAUGHTON / MARK KNIBBS
2/3/19	BAMBER BRIDGE	CLIFF BRADLEY & SONS	CLIFF BRADLEY & SONS	CLIFF BRADLEY & SONS	LYN BLAND
23/3/19	MARINE	CD PLASTERING	IN MEMORY OF GRAHAM STOCKDALE		JO & TOM ROBERTSON
6/4/19	HYDE UNITED	AMP ROSE			
19/4/19	HEDNESFORD TOWN			CROOKED BILLET NOMADS	STEVE HOUGHTON & JOHN METCALFE
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**Just like the 1st team the Trinity ladies team have endured a long and at times very testing pre-season. It's been a very busy period with training having continued twice a week and of course the expected batch of friendlies.**

It's fair to say that the friendlies haven't gone as the team would have liked. So far, the girls have played five games, losing them all.

When we caught up with manager, **Wayne Ashley** he explained,

**"All but one of the friendlies have been against higher ranked opposition and if I'm totally honest**



## September/October Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Comp	H/A	KO
Sunday 2 September	HBW	Friendly	H	2.00pm
Sunday 9 September	Grimsby Borough	League	H	2.00pm
Sunday 23 September	Louth Old Boys	League	A	2.00pm
Sunday 30 September	App Frod	League	H	2.00pm
Sunday 7 October	HBW	Cup	A	2.00pm
Sunday 21 October	HBW	Cup	H	2.00pm

the results have pretty much gone the way I thought they might. I thought we competed very well in the games against North Hykeham, Lincoln Moorlands and Bridlington and despite losing the games there were definitely positives to take from each game."

The manager continued, "What was far less pleasing were the performances against Grimsby Borough and Harworth. The Grimsby game was littered with individual errors and the performance in the Harworth game was totally unacceptable. However, we draw a line under that now. We have a two week period with no fixture so that gives us the chance to work on a few things and also address the girls' fitness, with some of them still not where we would like them to be."

there is also the news that **Elite Signs** have kindly agreed to sponsor the girls kit for the next two seasons, meaning the Trinity ladies team will now play in the same strip as the first team and the reserves, the only difference being the ladies' kit will have the Elite Signs logo adorning the front. A massive thank you to **Nick Tinker** for his support of the women's game in Gainsborough with his fantastic gesture!

The management team have appointed **Gabrielle Lawson** as team captain and she will be backed by **Charlotte Bellamy** in the role of vice-captain.

When asked about how Wayne felt the season might go after what on paper appears an unsatisfactory pre-season, he replied,

**"To be honest I'm still confident that the girls will compete and at the end of the season should be chasing honours. The girls are obviously a bit down after losing the friendlies, but I honestly believe the squad is much stronger than it was last season with the new girls we've brought in, and how much some of the squad from last season have improved. It's now down to Sam, George and myself to lift the girls ready for the season kicking off in September. We have a lot to be positive about and I can't wait to get going for what should be an exciting season with this group of players!"**

As well as it being a busy period on the field, it has also been busy off it.

Wayne has appointed **Sam Enstone** and **George Asplin** as Joint Assistant Managers.

As well as strengthening his backroom team,





# FROM THE ARCHIVES

BY STEVE ANDREWS

Since their formation in 1948 as Mickleover Old Boys the club has successfully moved up the non league system. As a result of Trinity's first ever relegation, the two clubs' paths now cross in the Evo-Stik NPL.

Here are some programmes from "Mickleover Sports" days in the Central Midlands League, along with a glimpse of who Trinity were up against in the then NPL at the same time. We are going to meet many 'old friends' this season from those days, namely, Marine, Buxton, Hyde United, Matlock, Lancaster City, Bamber Bridge and Witton Albion.

We can also celebrate (although we hope he doesn't!) the return of Trinity legend Nathan Jarman.

*Askeru Welfare v Mickleover Sports, 2nd April 1994, Central Midlands League Premier Division*

In 1993/4, Mickleover Sports joined the non-league pyramid. In this programme, Askeru welcomed Mickleover on their first visit to the Welfare ground. Sports had won the reverse fixture 3-2. After this fixture Mickleover went on to finish 6th.

Meanwhile at Gainsborough:  
*Trinity v Colwyn Bay, 5th March 1994, Northern Premier League*

In 1993/4, Trinity were competing in the NPL along with current Evo-stik members Marine, Matlock, Hyde and Buxton. Going into the game v Colwyn, Marine headed the table with Trinity in 5th.

Also competing in the NPL were current league sides Morecambe, Accrington Stanley and Fleetwood.

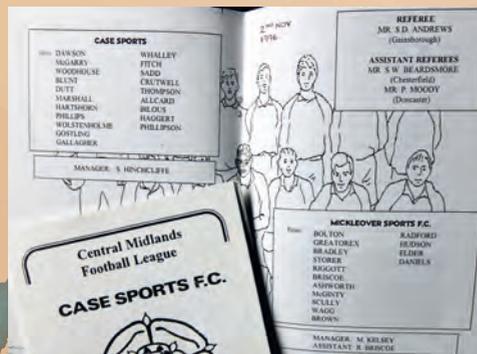


*Case Sports v Mickleover Sports, 2nd November 1996, Central Midlands League Premier Division (score 4-1)*

1994/95 saw Sports promoted to the CMFL Supreme Division.

Into the game v Case (Nov '96), Mickleover were 3rd but went on to finish 6th at the end of the season.

Off the field at Mickleover new facilities were ongoing to complement their success on the field (railings, hard standing, erection of a small stand and floodlights).



*Harworth Colliery v Mickleover Sports, 15th March 1997, Central Midlands League Supreme Division*

*Trinity v Runcorn, 22nd April 1997, Unibond Premier Division*  
FT score 4-1, Circuit, Matthews, Maxwell, Timmons.

This was Runcorn's first visit to the Northolme for 16 years since their promotion to the Conference in 1981.

Leek were top of the table followed by; Barrow, Emley, Hyde, Boston, Marine, Bishop Auck, Guiseley, Blyth, Accrington, Trinity, Runcorn, Chorley, Winsford, Knowsley, Frickley, Colwyn, Spennymoor, Lancaster, Bamber Bridge, Alfreton, Buxton and Witton Albion.

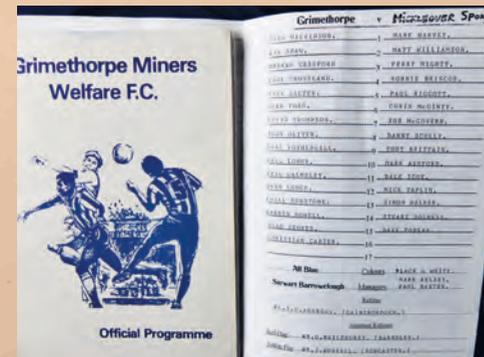


*Grimethorpe Miners Welfare v Mickleover Sports, October 1997, Central Midlands League Supreme Division (score 4-1)*

In 1998/9 Sports were CMFL Supreme Champions and were promoted to the Northern Counties East League Division 1. Mickleover soon moved up the non-league pyramid to the NCEL Premier Division.

In 2008/09 Sports won the league by 7 points and stepped up to Unibond level.

2010/11 was another step up to the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League but 2011/12 saw Sports relegated for the first time and a drop to Evo-Stik Division 1 South.



In 2014/15 Mickleover scored over 100 goals and gained promotion from the Evo-Stik Division 1 South.

...and here we are today, welcome to the Martin & Co Arena Mickleover Sports' players, fans and officials.



# 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 BAWES	J MAGUIRE (11) S RUSSELL(4) R HANNAH (10)
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TUE 21 AUG 2018	ESPL	MICKLEOVER SPORTS						
SAT 25 AUG 2018	ESPL	HEDNESFORD TOWN						
MON 27 AUG 2018	ESPL	MATLOCK TOWN						
SAT 1 SEP 2018	ESPL	LANCASTER CITY						
TUE 4 SEP 2018	ESPL	FARSLEY CELTIC						
SAT 8 SEP 2018	FA Cup 1Q	TBC						
TUE 11 SEP 2018	ESPL	SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC						
SAT 15 SEP 2018	ESPL	WITTON ALBION						
WED 19 SEP 2018	Integro Cup 1	TBC						
TUE 25 SEP 2018	ESPL	NORTH FERRIBY UTD						
SAT 29 SEP 2018	ESPL	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC						
TUE 2 OCT	ESPL	BAMBER BRIDGE						
SAT 6 OCT 2018	ESPL	BUXTON						
TUE 9 OCT 2018	ESPL	BASFORD UTD						
SAT 13 OCT 2018	ESPL	HYDE UTD					(or FA Trophy Prelim.)	
TUE 16 OCT 2018	ESPL	MARINE						
SAT 20 OCT 2018	ESPL	WARRINGTON TOWN						
SAT 2 NOV 2018	ESPL	STAFFORD RANGERS						
SAT 17 NOV 2018	ESPL	WHITBY TOWN						
SAT 24 NOV 2018	ESPL	SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC						
SAT 1 DEC 2018	ESPL	WITTON ALBION						
SAT 8 DEC 2018	ESPL	LANCASTER CITY						
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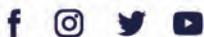
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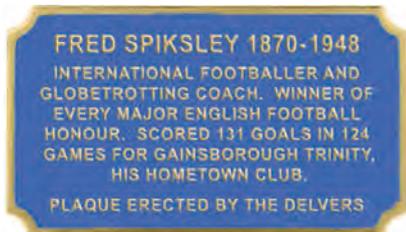
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# SPIKSLEY'S COMING HOME

**The 17 November will be a Red Letter Day for the Holy Blues, when Jason Lee of the PFA visits the Martin & Co Arena to unveil a plaque dedicated to Trinity legend Fred Spiksley.**

The Gainsborough Delvers have erected a series of blue plaques around Gainsborough and it was thought that it was time for a plaque to recognise the history of our great football club. Darron Childs, has worked with Trinity Chairman, Richard Kane, to select Spiksley as an appropriate subject for that plaque which will read:



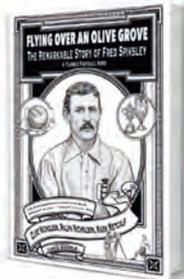
Those of you who have read the the Fred Spiksley biography, *Flying Over An Olive Grove* by Mark Metcalf and Clive & Ralph Nicholson will understand what a truly remarkable footballer and man Fred was. After Fred's inevitable transfer away from the Northolme in 1891 he continued to live in town, "and it is quite something to think that a Gainsborough man was going out and performing hat-tricks for England and scoring the winning goals in the FA Cup Final" Darron said.

Darron, who is the CEO of DCP, Gainsborough Trinity's home club shirt sponsor, added "When Richard told me about Trinity's forgotten legend it soon became clear that the plaque should be dedicated to Fred Spiksley. His goalscoring record for Trinity speaks for itself, but then to go on and achieve what he did at the highest level is something the town should be really proud of and the blue plaque will now mean that a special man

is never forgotten about again."

Darron has been working hard with Trinity Chairman, Richard Kane, and Clive Nicholson to make sure that there will be a few extra special touches to the home fixture verses Whitby Town, when the plaque will be officially unveiled.

You can follow and join in with the build up to the day by following the twitter hashtag [#spiksleyscominghome](#)



Fred Spiksley's biography was released in October 2016 and is about out to sell out the 2000 copies printed. So if you haven't got yourself a copy then you may wish to pick one up from the club shop and see what all the fuss is about. A unique feature of the book is that it is based on over 100,000 of Spiksley's

own words, including many of his stories of growing up in Gainsborough and playing for Trinity. In the build up to the plaque unveiling we will be featuring some of these stories, published in their original format for the first time.

Finally, you can retrospectively toast Spiksley's goal scoring record for Trinity at this year's Gainsborough Beer Festival (11-13 October, Gainsborough Old Hall), where you will be able to enjoy a glass of 'Spiksley 131' real ale that will be specially brewed for the event.



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**In the first of this season's Behind Enemy Lines feature, we hear from one half of the Mickleover**

**Sports' new media team, Sam Goldsworthy; or to give him his full title: Press & Media Officer for Mickleover Sports, Sam Goldsworthy...**

Myself and my wife Kerry (pictured) have this season been welcomed to Mickleover Sports as the new Press & Media Officers.

We feel very lucky and privileged to have been offered a fantastic role at an amazing community club and are looking very much forward to the season ahead. We have already created YouTube Channel Mickleover Sports TV, as well as given the club more of a social media presence.

We have previously done this role at Rocester FC at Step 5 (where former Trinity player Eric Graves played for a bit last season), so this is a big jump into the Northern Premier League but one we are looking forward to.

We finished last season in 12th place after a fantastic season. But after speaking to many of the players and staff, they feel they underachieved last season so are very much looking to push on and finish even higher if we can. I believe we can realistically aim for a play off spot this season if we can keep injuries and suspensions down, as we certainly have the quality to challenge at the top end, if we get it right.

After losing last year's player of the season Andy Dales to Scunthorpe United and youth product Morgan

Williams to Coventry City, we had to bring in the quality to replace those massive players. We certainly have with the captures of Oliver Roberts from Stalybridge Celtic, Curtis Burrows from Grantham Town, Niall Dorran from Buxton and of course Nathan Jarman from yourselves, and I'm sure you need no introduction to the threat he can cause up front as he was the one thing missing from last season. A regular goal scoring threat up front is certainly a plus for us. We also have former Derby County defender Pablo Mills, former Birmingham City and Republic of Ireland player/coach Clinton Morrison and our player/Manager is former Burton Albion midfielder John McGrath.

Tonight is certainly going to be a tough game. You guys will of course be wanting to bounce straight back into the National

League North, so I expect your team to be up for it and an attacking threat we will certainly have to be able to deal with. I'm going to play it safe and predict a 1-1 draw here as I'd certainly take a point on the road. But I believe we do have the quality to win any game we play if we take our chances and show real fighting spirit.

We look forward to the return fixture and hope to see lots of Trinity fans at the Don Amott Arena, you will certainly be given a warm welcome by all of us and we wish you well for the season (after tonight of course ha ha).

# BEHIND ENEMY LINES



Getting to know...

# ELLIOT WILSON

Young forward Elliot Wilson is the focus of this edition of **First, Last & Best** as we find out what the hot prospect remembers as his best books read; his music choices and his first school; right down to the boots he wears...



### What's the first game you recall watching?

The first ever match I ever watched was Barnsley vs Chelsea, when I was 5 years old.

### What were you first (and last) pair of boots?

My first ever pair of boots were the Adidas Predators. I am currently wearing Nike Hyper-venoms.

### Your first... and last football shirt?

The first football shirt I ever owned was an England shirt. My Liverpool one would be the latest one I have bought.

### School: Where did you start, where did you end up?

My first school was Dodworth St John's Primary School, and I have just left Penistone Grammar (in June).

### First team played for and the others before arriving at Trinity?

I played for a team called Penistone Church as youngster then Sheffield United Development, before signing at Barnsley where I spent three years prior to joining Gainsborough in the summer.

### Best goal scored?

The best goal I scored was on Oakwell, Barnsley's first team pitch against Sheffield Wednesday to win 2-1 in the last 10 minutes!

### Who was your first celebrity crush?

Michelle Keegan.



### Dream car?

My first dream car would be a Lamborghini Aventador but realistically I would like a Mercedes Benz.

### Favourite film/movie?

American Sniper directed by Clint Eastwood, starring Bradley Cooper!

### First CD/Song bought?

That would have to be an MP3 player I bought, where I had all the latest songs in the charts!

### Last CD/Song bought?

That was the Killers latest album!

### Favourite CD?

As far as the best CD I have bought goes, it would have to be either The Killers, or Kings of Leon.

### First holiday?

The first proper holiday was to Jamaica with the full family in a great resort! There was a waterpark and the sea was hot all the time.



### Last holiday?

Dubai with mum dad and two brothers. We went sight-seeing and on a helicopter ride which has to be up there with one of the best experiences I've ever had.

### Favourite book?

Jami Vardy's life story would be best book regarding how he came through the non league game to where he is now.



# THE VIEW FROM CARLISLE STREET

**Good evening everyone and welcome back to the famous old Martin & Co Arena for the first home game of the 2018-19 season.**

Tonight we welcome Derby based Mickleover Sports for their first ever visit to Gainsborough Trinity and the first meeting between the two clubs.

A special Northolme welcome too for former Captain and forward, Nathan Jarman, who will, I'm sure, be looking to score against his old club.

We may be back in the Northern Premier League (Evo-stik Premier) after 14 consecutive seasons in the National North, and a few years of struggle, but I am far from depressed.

Late last season when Lee Sinnott

and John Reed stepped in as Managers, they demonstrated not only a desire to produce attractive, attacking football, but also the ability to motivate their players.

The Blues can count themselves



unlucky to be relegated after gaining 10 more points than the season before.

For tonight's feature I recall our very last game in the Northern

Premier in 2003-04 when we played Spennymoor United (now Town) back on 24th April 2004.

This resulted in a 3-1 victory for the Blues and pushed Manager Paul Mitchell's team into the newly formed Conference North as it was billed at the time.

An impressive late surge with 13 points out of 15 available did the trick.

Goals by Jones, Hurst and Ellington secured the final win with an attendance of 398.

Trinity team: Jamie Holmshaw, Ben Purkiss, Adam Burley, Chris Timons, Carl Smith, Stuart Reddington, Gavin Smith,

Chris Hurst, Lee Ellington, Luke Staton and Gareth Grant.

The match day programme cost £1.20 and carried 30 pages of adverts which was an accepted part of the programme back in

those days. Thankfully, through a steady improvement throughout the years, the Trinity programme contains a lot less adverts and a lot more content for the fans due to great work behind the scenes.

Matchday programmes have been in the news of late with the EFL ruling that professional clubs no longer have to produce a printed programme by rules. It will be a sad day indeed when this filters down into non-league. Please keep supporting the Club by purchasing a programme as part of your match experience, thanks.

Northolme notes by Frank Newman recalled how the Blues had ran out emphatic winners by 6-0 in the earlier match up at Spennymoor, with a hat-trick from Gareth Grant and a couple from Chris Timons and one from Hursty (Chris Hurst) completing

the rout.

This was also the last chance to vote for the player of the season, and Frank was unable to separate the merits of Lee Ellington, Gareth Grant and Chris Hurst who had



scored over 50 goals between them for the season.

Hucknall Town won the Division with a haul of 95 points and promotion to the Conference North. Trinity ending up in 10th

place on 64 points and a plus 18 goal difference.

It seems ages ago now since our last competitive here on the Northolme against Tamworth, with a certain little tournament going on during the summer in Russia.

It was absolutely brilliant to see all the Maguire brothers here on the Northolme for the friendly against Chesterfield and great to see Harry spending time with all the youngsters who turned up on the night.

Enjoy the new season, and let's hope for an immediate return to the

National North, UTB.

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# FAN TALES

**To those closest to him, he's known as Doggy, to many, he's Chris. Chris Drayton just to clarify, and Chris has been a Trinity fan for what he terms 'too many...' before adding the number 35-ish.**

Like many others, Chris' attraction to the club was through the family, as he recalls 'It would have been a New Year or Boxing Day fixture with the family.' As most of you know, the festive period is great for football, high drama, excitement... slightly stuffed footballers causing games to follow peculiar scripts... well this fixture was the first bite that bit Doggy and turned him into a faithful member of the #TrinityFamily

Here is the latest in our FAN TALES series, that sees Chris talk about all things from his perspective as we delve a little deeper into why he became a Gainsborough fan – and some of the moments he cherishes with joy and delight... and those some would rather discard from the memory bank, for Chris though, these are memories that have shaped his love for Gainsborough Trinity and made that unbreakable bond strangely stronger.

**"Gainsborough is my home town, Gainsborough Trinity are my home town team. My uncle first took me on as a child, he was irresponsible and drank too much but we loved it".** From these fond early memories Chris became a regular on the Northolme, **"Now I am a Season Ticket Holder and get to a few away games when circumstances allow."**

Heroes shape your love for the club and often become the benchmark in terms of what you want from the current crop. No different for Chris, who remembers Bob Gauden and selects him as his club legend, **"He's just the first player I remember being great! And not to mention, he looked massive to me!"**

Bob certainly was a handful and struck up quite the partnership with current Reserve team boss Jimmy Snee. Sitting joint 96th in the Trinity Centurions list, with 124 appearances, Bob certainly was a prolific, flame-haired centre forward, just the type that would thrive on Alex Byrne's balls into the box...

The social side of things is an important part of supporting the Holy Blues, as Chris touches on when discussing his best game watching Gainsborough, **"Any home win I see, when watching with friends is always a good game!",** although the same cannot be said for the worst game, **"An away match up at Whitby Bay saw my brother, who was playing at the time, get injured. He ended up needing to go to the local hospital for stitches, we never saw the game and missed the only goal of the game! Definitely not the way I had planned my visit to Whitby!"**



Bob Gauden

You don't have to be at games to enjoy memorable moments with Gainsborough as Doggy recalls. **"My memorable moment wasn't watching funnily enough! The Wrexham win, listening to the great commentary by Mark on Radio Lincolnshire while on holiday has to be the most memorable for me! Jumping around like a mad fool and everyone laughing at me, and not caring at all! Then reliving it as I started getting the texts from all the boys!"** If you can't be there in person, we can't think of a better way to enjoy the trials and tribulations associated with being a Holy Blue!

When remembering some of the funniest memories following Trinity, Chris harks (yes, that says harks, not barks) back to when Steve Housham was manager of the football club and recalls any after match interviews the popular boss had to give, perhaps not always the most eloquent of speakers, but he'd always give good value for money in his after-match musings!

As Chris Drayton turns his attentions to the new season... **"All of the players Lee Sinnott and John Reed have brought in look good and excite me equally. They look to be putting together a really good squad and I am genuinely excited for the new season!"**

With a good season on the pitch, Doggy hopes that longer term, the blue half of Lincolnshire can ensure the club is **"Sustainable and competitive. And hopefully have a really good cup run every now and again!"** – sensible ambitions to ensure Gainsborough Trinity always remain rooted in the community.

With the ups and downs associated with following the biggest team in town, is it little wonder that Chris points to a pre-game ritual that involves **"popping into Blues' for a pint after twelve hail Mary's and a drop of tequila"?**

If money were no object, many people would be interested in signing the biggest name. Following on from Chris' desire for stability, he says **"the first signing I would make, would be that of the ground!"** – the potential for generating extra revenue for the football club and supporting us in making the club sustainable has so many possibilities with that purchase – but I think that's there for another time!

An idea that started me thinking though, was Chris' response to taking over as chairman. **"The first thing I would change if I took over as Chairman, would be to have more fans' forums."** With communication having such an important role to play in the success and feel of a football club, more fans' forums would certainly have a positive impact and strengthen the bond further between management, players and supporters. Something I personally took on board and set about organising.

We have now had our first fans' forum during pre-season – and albeit – a low key event for the first one, it's certainly something Lee and John are keen to do more of going forwards! Already, we are listening to the hopes and wishes of supporters and, where possible, we'll make these things happen!

**"All of the players Lee Sinnott and John Reed have brought in look good and excite me equally. They look to be putting together a really good squad and I am genuinely excited for the new season"**



# FERGAL'S HALF TIME FUN



## Wordsearch

E	H	L	L	I	E	N	N
T	J	A	R	M	A	N	O
Y	T	R	X	R	K	L	S
Q	T	O	O	F	E	Q	N
J	N	D	C	N	D	Y	I
V	Q	I	M	O	T	H	B
M	I	L	L	S	R	T	O
H	T	T	O	C	S	G	R

## Anagram

**CLEVER SKIMP TORSO**

JARMAN  
MILLS  
GROCOTT

DORAN  
ROBINSON  
SCOTT

## Spot the Ball



All answers will be posted on social media

# THE FINAL WORD

## 66 Welcome to the Martin & Co Arena for our first home fixture of the new season.

Saturday was, unfortunately, just one of those days, but we have to move on from it and look to get our first points on the board this evening against Mickleover Sports.

Mickleover have a familiar face in their ranks in the form of Nathan Jarman – and he'll be champing at the bit, looking to punish us in any way possible, so we'll have to be on our game throughout as we know he can score goals out of nothing!

Not just looking at one man, Mickleover will be a tough challenge – they got a solid point away at Stalybridge at the weekend, but we would rather think about ourselves.

We played well for long periods of the game on Saturday and that should stand us in good stead for the rest of the season.

Once we are up and running, and get that first goal, I'm confident we will be okay. I think we needed that on Saturday, but like I said, it was just one of those days where we didn't get what

we deserved. On another day we could have returned with all three points – if that's the bar we can reach, I'm confident of gaining a lot more points as the season progresses.

I speak on behalf of the rest of the team when I say thank you for the great support at

Nantwich on Saturday. I think we managed to get everyone there – eventually! There's never a dull moment, is there?



Those that travelled in numbers and gave us the fantastic backing will, I'm sure agree that we put a shift in and were unlucky with the outcome, conceding in stoppage time was an absolute sickener for all of us.

Now as I look towards this evening, I hope it's busy and we can reward you, the supporters, with the first three points of the season.

We are ready, and the lads are desperate to put Saturday's result right and begin climbing the league.

Get behind us and enjoy the game,

**Liam**

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# THE TEAMS

## GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY FC

PSRY

- LIAM KING 
- SHANE CLARKE 
- JON STEWART 
- IOAN EVANS 
- NATHAN STAINFIELD 
- ASHLEY WORSFOLD 
- ALEX SIMMONS 
- JOE MAGUIRE 
- CAMERON HOUGH 
- DAMIAN REEVES 
- BEN GORDON 
- SIMON RUSSELL 
- ROSS HANNAH 
- NEIL AUSTIN 
- ALEX BYRNE 
- ELLIOTT WILSON 

**MANAGER:** LEE SINNOTT  
**ASST MANAGER:** JOHN REED

## MICKLEOVER SPORTS FC

PSRY

- LEWIS KING 
- KEVIN GROCCOTT 
- BEN TURNER 
- JOHN MCGRATH 
- PABLO MILLS 
- TOM BURGIN 
- JAKE SCOTT 
- EVAN GARNETT 
- CLINTON MORRISON 
- LEWIS BELGRAVE 
- JIMMY PHILLIPS 
- OLLIE ROBERTS 
- CURTIS BURROWS 
- NATHAN JARMAN 
- NIALL DORAN 
- TYREECE ROBINSON 
- JACK WALSH 

**MANAGER:** JOHN MCGRATH



**Manager**

Lee Sinnott

**Assistant Manager**

John Reed



**Manager**

John McGrath

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: Jamie O'Connor

ASSISTANTS: 1. Gareth Carlile 2. Bradley Maw

## MATCH SPONSORS

**MATCH BALL**

Gainsborough CAMRA

Scott Wilson

**MASCOT**

Maddison Kitchin