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Welcome To Hillheads



Message from the Chairman

Good afternoon and first of all I would like to bid a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Sunderland RCA for this Ebac Northern League Division One game.

To come so close to making it into the 4th Round of the FA Vase and then losing out in the way we did was very disappointing for everyone at the club, but there is still so much to play for this season and hopefully we can get back to winning ways and keep our Northern League title challenge on track.

And we have also booked our place in the Northumberland Senior Cup semi-final, although it may be a while before we know who we will play as the remaining quarter-final games have yet to be played due to the poor weather recently.

Today we entertain a Sunderland RCA side that has gone through a lot recently, but they have shown with some recent good results, that they can still be a force to be reckoned with and we will have to be at our best to gain the three points we need.

After today, our final fixture of 2022 is the Boxing Day clash away to fellow title challengers Ashington and there is sure to be a very big crowd for a game between two of the best supported sides in the Ebac Northern League.

The action gets underway at 1.00pm and I know Nick and the lads would value your support, so it would be great if we can get as many Bay fans as possible at the game.

The recent adverse weather has caused the league to re-arrange a couple of our games, with the trip to Newton Aycliffe now scheduled for Saturday 21st January, which means the home game against Seaham Red Star, originally set for that day, will now be played a few days later on 24th January (kick-off 7.30pm).

At the time of writing, we have yet to be informed when the away game against Whickham will now be played.

Last week I watched the England v France game in The Seahorse with several members of the 1st team squad and it was a good night, apart from the result!

Tomorrow the World Cup final will be on, so why not come along and watch the game in The Seahorse - its sure to be another good night!

Finally, all that remains is to wish everyone at Hillheads - my fellow directors, the coaching staff, the players, all those volunteers who make sure the club runs so smoothly - and you the supporters, a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Enjoy the game,
Paul McIlduff
Chairman



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CLUB HONOURS:

FA Vase

Winners: 2001/02, 2008/09,
 2009/10, 2010/11

Northern League

Winners: 1964/65, 1965/66,
 2006/07

Runners up: 1959/60, 1966/67,
 1968/69, 1969/70

Northern League Cup

Winners: 1964/65, 1970/71
 Runners-up: 1967/68, 2013/14

JR Cleator Cup

Winners: 2008
 Runners-up: 2013

Northumberland Senior Cup

Winners: 1952/53, 1960/61,
 1963/64, 1964/65, 1967/68,
 1968/69, 1969/70, 1970/71,
 1972/73, 1986/87, 2004/05,
 2009/10

Runners-up: 1953/54, 1954/55,
 1955/56, 1965/66, 1976/77,
 1985/86, 1990/91, 2002/03,
 2012/13

HFS Loans League Division One

Winners: 1990/91

HFS Loans Division One Cup

Winners: 1988/89, 1990/91



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Whitley Bay Football Club would like to thank the following supporters for joining the 2022/23 Vice Presidents Club:

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From The Bench



Good Afternoon,
Well it seems ages since our last game and that disappointing FA Vase result.

I was gutted for the lads and everyone involved with the club and the fans.

Me personally, on reflection, we've played two teams from the NWCL and although we haven't been able to see them off, they've had to take penalties to beat us.

I have to say, I don't agree with the game going straight to penalties,

I see no reason why the games can't have extra time - both teams are already playing and 30 minutes extra time isn't going to harm anyone - and it gives both sides a more logical way to win.

I stood back and thought a Vase run is great, but with us being unable to beat those teams, I feel there would have been tougher opponents in the later stages and if I'm been honest I would rather have

the disappointment of losing in the third round than a quarter or semi final.

But that's all irrespective now. We have got a very good young squad and mine and Liam's job is to work with the club to make sure we keep the squad together for at least this year and next year.

This I'm confident will enhance the club massively going forward.

Today's opponents have sadly have some tough times recently and say they may not be around next.

Personally I hope they are around for many years to come and can solve their troubles and I wish them all the very best (obviously after today's game!) as there's some great people involved there.

Enjoy today's game
Nick



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Who Plays For The Bay

ANDREI ARDELEAN

Re-signed for Bay in November 2022, after spells at Newton Aycliffe and Tow Law Town. Originally came to Hillheads on loan from Blyth Spartans in August 2017 when he scored 13 times in 30 games.

Kit: Peter & Veronica Siddle

CAMERON BREWIS

Joined Bay from Australian side Brunswick Juventus in September 2022. A forward who previously turned out for Chester-le-Street United and the Park View Academy.

Kit: Ian Fitz-Gerald

ELLIOTT DAY

Full back who joined Bay in the summer of 2022 from the Chester-le-Street United and has impressed in pre-season. Previously a scholar a Carlisle United and on junior forms with Middlesbrough.



Kit: Mike & Jenn Robinson

SEAN DIPPENAAR

Signed from Chester-le-Street United in 2021. Competitive mid-field player, has played in national Under 19 Cup Final.

Kit:

BAILEY GELIHER

Only 17 but a highly rated forward who joined Bay on a dual registration with Morpeth Town last season; an arrangement the club are happy to have continue for the 2022/23 campaign.



Kit: The Sandy Supporters Group

JOSH GILCHRIST

Former Newcastle United academy player who joined Bay from Bishop Auckland in November 2021. Equally adept in centre of midfield or on the wing.



Kit: John Graveling

JOE GROVES-FORBES

Signed from Whitley Bay Sporting Club, a tough tackling player with good quality and potential. Plays in various positions across midfield and forward line.



Kit:

MICHAEL HALL

Composed, strong and assured central defender, joined Bay in June 2022 and brings much experience to the back line, having won Vase and promotion with Dunston UTS



Kit: Stuart Fitz-Gerald

ADAM HUTCHINSON

Joined Boldon CA last season after six years playing college football in Miami. Strong central defender and good communicator with fellow defenders. Signed for Bay after a good pre-season.



Kit: Michael Thompson

SAM IRONS

Played for Sunderland academy until March 2022. Also for England at Under 15 & Under 16 level. A quick, composed young defender who showed up well in pre-season.



Kit: Keith Taylor

DAN LISTER

Returned to Hillheads in 2019 from South Shields. Previously had loan spells at several Northern League clubs and has now established himself as a first team regular with some assured displays between the sticks.



Kit: Emma Banks, Derek & Jennifer Breakwell

SCOTT LOWERY

Joined Bay from Ashington in December 2020. Tall, athletic & physical player, can play in defence or midfield Also turned for Tow Law Town and Bedlington Terriers.



Kit: Wes Blakey

MALCOLM MORIEN

Experienced striker who began at Hillheads with the reserves before joining Dunston UTS. Has a terrific goals-per-game record and netted 10 in 20 games for Bay last season.



Kit: Mark & Robbie Bell

PATRICK NASH

Young keeper, previously on scholarship forms with Everton, who joined Bay from Easington Colliery in October 2022 and will act as cover for Dan Lister. Also played for Irish side St Patricks.

Kit:

HARVEY NEARY

Signed from South Shields in summer of 2022, he is a highly rated defender/midfield player who is equally comfortable in both positions. Spent last season with Boldon CA in NL Division Two



Kit: Tony Flannery



Who Plays For the Bay

LEWIS ORRELL

Former Hartlepool United junior, now in his 3rd spell at Hillheads, having briefly also played for Birtley Town and Bishop Auckland. Excellent midfielder player who can pick a pass



Kit: John Brettell

ADAM PATTERSON

Recently moved to the north east from Northern Ireland in September 2022. Midfield player or right back, previously at Irish League sides PSNI, Dollingswood and Dungannon Swifts.



Kit:

LUKE PORRITT

Joined Bay from Dunston UTS in the summer of 2022. He adds pace, skill and trickery to the line-up. A versatile player who can play anywhere down the left hand side of the pitch. Also played for Frickley & Hyde Utd.



Kit: Danielle Mills & Tommy Davies

BEN RICHARDSON

Combative midfield player who brings experience to the squad. An FA Vase winner with North Shields before joining Whitley Bay and now in his 3rd spell at Hillheads.



Kit: Ivor Berry

SEAN TAYLOR

Joins Bay from Morpeth Town where he was leading scorer and appearance maker. Has an FA Vase winners medal to his name and will bring much experience and add key firepower to the squad.



Kit: Julian Tyley

STEPHEN TURNBULL

Experienced midfield player who played for Hartlepool and has starred for many of the regions leading non-league clubs; another to have won the FA Vase with Morpeth Town



Kit: Mike & Jenn Robinson

JACKSON WARD

Winger who initially moved from Morpeth Town on loan during the 2021/22 season, but now joins the club permanently. Has also played for Bedlington Terriers.



Kit:

PLAYER KIT 2022/23

Thank you to everyone who provided kit for a Whitley Bay player last season.

If you would like to be a Kit Provider for the 2022/23 campaign, please contact Jennifer Breakwell on match days or email our

Commercial Team:

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NICK GRAY

Bay manager, took charge of his home town club in January 2022. Previously in charge at Morpeth Town and guided them from NL2 to Northern Premier League Premier Division. Holds a UEFA A coaching license



Kit: Ellen Hasson

LIAM MCIVOR

Assistant manager, joined from Blue Star in March 2022 where he had taken the side to Northern League promotion contenders. Previously manager of Ponteland United



Kit:

KEVIN CHAPMAN

Physio who joins the Bay from West Allotment Celtic in July 2022. Is the owner of Sanctuary Sports Therapy in Blyth and is a fully qualified MSK Rehabilitation Therapist. Also previously involved with Newcastle Thunder.



Kit: David Tomkins

ANDREW TURNBULL

Kitman who joined Whitley Bay for the 2022/23 season, having previously held a similar role with the former Newcastle Vipers Elite League ice hockey team.



Kit:

TOMMY DAVIES

Joined the Bay backroom team in December 2022 to help with the kit on match day. Is also a member of the Bay Academy coaching team.



Kit:



Whitley Bay FC Sponsorship 2022/23

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10 match day tickets

Programmes

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Programmes

Half time hospitality

Loudspeaker announcements

Announced on social media platforms

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Presentation of Man of the Match

Inclusion in end of season draw for signed shirt

£150

STANDARD PACKAGE

2 match day tickets

Programme

Loudspeaker announcements

Photo opportunity with Bay captain

£65

JUNIOR MATCHDAY EXPERIENCE

Watch your child walk out with Whitley Bay FC and their team-mates at Hillheads on game day.

(Min 7, Max 11 children)

Child entry included (adults payable at turnstile)

Food per child

£15 per child



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Your name next to your chosen 'Player Profile' in the match day programme

Announced on social media platforms

Name on club website next to player

Inclusion in end of season draw for signed shirt

£50

4 match day tickets

Burger or Hot Dog/Fries/Drink per person

Loudspeaker announcements

Photo opportunity with Bay captain

Mascot to walk out with team captain

£75



A Trip Down Memory Lane (with Lynn Bone)

RE-ELECTION: 1979/80

Before there was a Northern League Division Two, the clubs finishing in the bottom two, had to apply for re-election to the league.

For the first time in their history, Bay finished the 1979/80 season rock bottom of the table and had to go 'cap in hand' to continue their membership.

Although their re-election application was successful, the Whitley Bay 1979/80 season was, to put it mildly, dire!

The final league record for the season was:

P38 W4 D7 L27 F31 A 90 Pts 16

This included a 3 point deduction for infringing league rules!

The first win of the season did not come until the 13th game - a 2-0 victory at Willington.

However, there was to be a small bright spot as the campaign went downhill rapidly.

They beat both Westerhope and North Shields in the Northumberland Senior Cup before going out 3-0 to Ashington at the semi-final stage.

Peter Davies was the clubs leading scorer with just 6 goals to his name, making the 1979/80 season one of the darkest in the history of Whitley Bay Football Club.

BAY WIN SENIOR CUP

Bay contested the 1972/73 Northumberland Senior Cup final at St James Park and pulled off something of a surprise by winning the trophy with a 1-0 win.

They beat Blyth Spartans who had just won the Northern League title for the first time (Bay finished 7th) with centre forward Peter Cunningham scoring the only goal of the contest.

He would spend two seasons at the club and net 26 goals: none more important than the one that brought the 1972/73 Senior Cup to Hillheads!

ON THE ROAD TO VILLA PARK

On 8th December 2001 Bay made progress in the FA Vase with a 2-1 victory away to Billingham Town.

In a closely fought 3rd Round tie, goals from Kevin Walton and Andy Hay (pictured) saw Bay take another step towards what would be a first FA Vase success.

That first final saw Bay make the journey to Villa Park, as Wembley was under-going a rebuild, when they beat Tiptree United 1-0 with an extra time goal from Ian Chandler.



NORTHERN LEAGUE CUP

Whitley Bay played in their first Northern League Cup semi-final on 17th December 1960.

However, it was not to be a successful night, as they went down 6-3 away to Bishop Auckland, who would go on to lose 2-0 to Crook Town in the final.

Hodgson, Grant & Newham were the Bay scorers.

It would be another four seasons before Whitley Bay made it to the final when they beat Spennymoor United 3-1 at Appleby Park, North Shields in a replay; after the two teams had drawn 1-1 in the initial game at the same venue.

Nostalgia Note:

December 1985 saw former Sunderland winger Barry Dunn appointed Bay boss. He was dismissed in June 1986!

THROUGH THE YEARS

1 Year Ago

18/12/11

Northern League, Division One

Bay 3-4 West Allotment Celtic

The home side led 3-1 at half time, but Allotment came back strongly to win the game.

20 Years Ago

14/12/02

Northumberland Senior Cup 2nd Round

Amble 0-2 Bay

Two goals from Lee Ludlow saw Bay progress to the next round.

30 Years Ago

19/12/92

HFS Premier Division

Marine 3-1 Bay

A crowd of 326 saw Bay go down to a very good Marine side. Hunter was the Bay scorer.

40 Years Ago

15/12/82

Northern League

Willington 0-2 Bay

Goals from Haire and Robson gave the visitors a comfortable victory.

60 Years Ago

15/12/62

Northern League

Evenwood 0-0 Bay

Very few chances created in a poor game.

65 Years Ago

15/12/62

North Eastern League

West Stanley 6-1 Bay

The scoreline says it all! A rare goal from Brian Oakley (pictured) was the Bay reply.





First Choice Radio & Whitley Bay FC



We are proud to be from the North East and are delighted to be supporting Whitley Bay FC We wish the lads all the best for the 2022/23 season!



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Half Time Entertainment

NAME THE SEASON:

Sunderland RCA (then called Ryhope CA) were one of 11 teams to join the newly formed Northern League 2nd Division.

However, including RCA, only five of those 11 clubs are still in the Northern League.

Liverpool were league champions and won the League Cup.

Can you name the season and the other four sides who joined the Northern League; and are still with us?

WHO AM I?

Can you name this footballer?

I was born on 7 August 1997

My first professional contract was with Nottingham Forest

I had a loan spell at Wycombe Wanderers and scored my first professional goal for them

I signed for Aston Villa in September 2020

I represented Poland in the 2022 World Cup

HALF TIME QUIZ.

- 1) What did Brazil become the first to do at this World Cup in their last 16 tie against South Korea?
- 2) Who became manager of QPR last weekend?
- 3) Who did he replace?
- 4) And which club did that outgoing QPR manager take over at?
- 5) Which former Premier League player is now manager at Wigan?
- 6) Hartlepool won away in the League for the first time in 9 months last weekend. Who did they beat?
- 7) Who replaced them at the bottom of League Two?
- 8) Which former Premier League striker turned out in a friendly for Newport Town recently?
- 9) Which Saudi Arabian side did Newcastle take on during their warm weather training camp recently?
- 10) And who were the Toon's scorers in the 5-0 win?

ANAGRAMS

Five footballers

(past and present, Bay or not),

five anagrams - who are they!

1. Frauds or charms
2. Hijack lagers
3. Sir mason
4. Rich rides
5. Hustler pen blunt



First Choice Radio

Your first choice for grand music!

First Choice Radio Quiz

How many Christmas No.1 singles has Cliff Richard had?

From 1996 to 1998 the same band were No.1 at Christmas; name the band?

ANSWER SHEET:

Whitley Bay: A History



The present Whitley Bay Football Club was formed in 1950 and was then known as Whitley Bay Athletic. From 1950 until 1955 Athletic were members of the Northern Alliance, winning the League Championship once and the League Cup twice. In 1952/53 they became the first amateur team for sixty years to win the Northumberland Senior Cup. In 1958 a limited company was formed, the Athletic dropped from the title and the club joined the Northern League.

During the 1960's Whitley Bay became one of the top amateur clubs in the country. They won the Northern League title in 1964/65 and 1965/66, as well as the League Cup in 1964/65. The Club won the Northumberland Senior Cup six times in ten years. But it was in the Amateur Cup that Whitley rose to national prominence, reaching the semi-finals twice and the quarter finals four times. The quarter final against Hendon in 1965 set the ground record, when 7301 supporters packed into Hillheads Park only to see Hendon win 3-1.

The early 1970's saw Bay's successes continue with the League Cup being won in 1970/71, and the County Cup in 1970/71 and 1972/73. With the demise of amateur football the Club's fortunes took a nosedive, culminating in them having to apply for re-election to the League in 1979/80.

By the 80's fortunes were rising again and the club joined the Northern Premier League in 1988. Just a couple of years later the Bay had their best ever run in the FA Cup, when they reached the 3rd Round, going down 1-0 at Rochdale. They had previously won 1-0 at then League side Scarborough, before defeating former winners Preston North End 2-0 in front of the BBC Match of the Day cameras at Hillheads.

Whitley won not only the First Division Cup for the second time but also the Championship and promotion to the Premier Division in 1991, where they spent four seasons with a high of 11th in the 1993/94 campaign. However, by the turn of the new millennium Bay were back in the Northern League.

A new century marked the beginning of the most successful period in the club's history, with the 2001/02 season proving truly memorable when they won the FA Vase at Villa Park, thanks to an Ian Chandler header in extra time against Tiptree United. However, only 12 months after leading the team to Vase glory, manager Andy Gowens resigned.

The appointment of Ian Chandler as manager in January 2004 proved a masterstroke, with another Vase winner, Steve Cuggy returning as coach.

In Chandler's first full season in charge Whitley won the Northumberland Senior Cup, then in 2006/07 they won the Northern League title, clinching the championship on the final day of the season.

Having knocked out holders Truro City 3-0 in Cornwall, Whitley reached the 2008 FA Vase semi-final. They lost the first leg 4-0 at Lowestoft but in a fantastic second leg were three up after only 24 minutes, however could not manage a crucial fourth.

12 months on Bay took revenge by knocking Lowestoft out at the same stage and became the first north east side to reach the new Wembley where their opponents were Glossop North End.

In front of 12,212 fans, goals from Lee Kerr and Paul Chow brought the FA Vase back to Whitley Bay for the

second time.

In the 2009/10 season Whitley won the Northumberland Senior Cup at St James Park, reached the semi final of the League Cup and for a third successive season finished third in the league.

But once again Wembley beckoned and after an epic two legged semi final against Barwell, Whitley reached the Vase Final for the second successive season. The thousands who made the trip from the north east were celebrating after only 21 seconds when Paul Chow scored the fastest goal ever seen at Wembley. Five more goals ensured the Vase would be coming back to Whitley Bay for a record equalling third time. The 6-1 victory over Wroxham was the highest score in the history of the FA Vase Final.

2011 saw yet another third place finish in the league, but once again a memorable FA Vase run saw Whitley reach Wembley for a third consecutive season and an epic final was decided by Paul Chow's 86th minute winner as they triumphed 3-2. Chow, who had scored in every round, and Kerr, had twice given Whitley the lead as they both set the remarkable record of scoring in three consecutive Vase Finals.

So Whitley Bay completed a record breaking hat trick of Vase successes and became the first team ever to win the trophy four times. In November 2011 the Club was honoured with the award of the Freedom of the Borough of North Tyneside.

The record breaking 29 match unbeaten run in the competition came to an end at home to West Auckland the following season and in the league they had to settle for 6th place.

Since those heady days the club has finished in the top five of the Northern League only twice and after Chandler resigned as manager in 2015, there was a succession of replacements, with only former Vase winning captain Leon Ryan taking the club to a cup final, when Bay lost to Marske in the League Cup at St James Park.

The 2018/19 season saw former Vase winning manager Andy Gowens begin the campaign in the hot seat, with his departure leading to assistant Mick Mulhern being promoted to the role.

However, a humbling record 9-0 home defeat by Hebburn Town led to him leaving and former Marske assistant boss Nathan Haslam was left to guide the club to safety in the remaining games.

He took the chance to move to Whitby Town in 2020 and when Covid took hold of the nation a couple of unfinished seasons, joint managers Tony Fawcett and Derek Forrest became the latest incumbents of the Hillheads hotseat.

October 2021 saw that partnership broken as Fawcett left and after a string of poor results Forrest was relieved of his duties.

Up stepped former Morpeth Town manager Nick Gray to take over at his home town team and the multi-trophy winner was left with the difficult task of steering Whitley Bay away from the threat of relegation.

That achieved, Gray has now set about re-shaping the side and at the start of the 2022/23 season had assembled a much more experienced squad than has been seen at Hillheads for many years.



Whitley Bay FC Supporters Club



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

TO ALL BAY FANS,

PLAYERS & OFFICIALS

FROM WHITLEY BAY FC

SUPPORTERS CLUB



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Hamper, Spirits
Gift Set**



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They will be looked at on a regular basis and debated at our Supporters Club committee meetings, with the best - and most feasible - ideas put forward to the Club Directors.



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Whitley Bay FC Supporters Club would like to bid a warm welcome and Merry Christmas to all the Sunderland RCA fans visiting Hillheads today.



**Whitley Bay FC
Supporters Club**





Ebac Northern League: Division One

to 11/12/22	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Form
Bishop Auckland	21	15	3	3	59	27	32	48	WWLDW
Whitley Bay	18	12	4	2	41	26	15	40	WWDWL
Ashington	18	12	3	3	42	19	23	39	WWLDL
Newton Aycliffe	20	12	3	5	44	25	19	39	DWLWW
Guisborough Town	19	11	3	5	39	26	13	36	WWWWW
West Allotment Celtic	22	11	2	9	51	35	16	35	WWLWW
West Auckland Town	22	9	7	6	42	32	10	34	DDLWW
Heaton Stannington	20	10	3	7	39	28	11	33	LWWDW
Newcastle Benfield	19	9	5	5	38	33	5	32	DWWWL
Whickham	19	9	2	8	28	26	3	29	LWWLL
Carlisle City	21	7	6	8	31	33	-2	27	LLWLW
Tow Law Town	21	8	3	10	39	48	-9	27	WLWWL
Sunderland RCA	22	8	2	12	32	35	-3	26	LLLWL
Redcar Athletic	20	7	4	9	39	45	-6	25	LLLLW
Northallerton Town	22	6	5	11	32	43	-11	23	LLLWW
Crook Town	21	6	2	13	26	48	-22	20	WLDLL
Penrith	18	5	2	11	19	37	-18	17	LWWLW
Seaham Red Star	21	3	6	12	21	39	-18	15	DLWDL
Pickering Town	20	4	2	14	20	58	-38	14	WLDLL
Thornaby *	20	4	1	15	22	41	-19	10	LLLDL

* 3 points deducted for fielding an ineligible player



With no league games played since the first week of December due to the poor weather, Ashington have had no chance to shake off their 4-0 defeat away to West Auckland Town.

They trailed by a single goal at the break but the home side doubled that lead in the 60th minute and four minutes later they had build a 4-0 advantage; the result making it three games without a win for the Colliers.

Meanwhile, Bishop Auckland extended their lead at the top of the table with a 4-2 home win over Tow Law Town, while Newton Aycliffe crushed bottom-of-the-table 5-0 to maintain their top four place.

West Allotment Celtic made it 10 goals in two games by winning 4-0 away to Newcastle Benfield; the game was scoreless until the 51st minute, but eight minutes later they led 3-0.

Carlisle City were the biggest scorers as they won 6-2 at home to Richmond Town with the visitors scoring the first and last goals of the game.

Two goals inside the first 25 minutes saw Northallerton Town edge further away from the relegation zone when they eventually won 2-1 at home to Whickham.



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World Cup Final Preview

This year's 22nd edition of the FIFA World Cup has had the most entertaining group stage in the history of the competition and fantastic knockout stage matches with many going to the full 120 minutes and penalties.

The biggest footballing event finale is just one day away so let's reflect on the two extraordinary nations that have made it to the Lusail Stadium for the final.

Argentina:

Argentina, ranked 3rd in the world, at the start of the competition were considered one of the major favourites but their first game was a real shock.

Saudi Arabia stunned the entire world by pulling off what is now considered the World Cup's greatest upset.

Despite controlling the game, Argentina lost 2-1 to the Saudis. An instant reaction was needed and that was provided when Argentina beat Mexico 2-0 thanks to goals from Lionel Messi and Enzo Fernandez.

In their final group against Poland another win was mandatory and despite Messi being denied from the spot in the first half they still came away with a 2-0 which put them top of their group. In the Round of 16 the Argentines came out victorious in a 2-1 win over the Socceroo's.

In the quarter finals they met the Dutch who despite being 2-0 down, fought back due to a Wout Weghorst brace to send the tie to extra-time.

Argentina's goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez was the hero in the penalty shootout as he saved Virgil Van Dijk's and Steven Berghuis's penalties to send them to the final four.

In the semi-finals they met the runners-up of the last World Cup, Croatia. Messi scored from the spot to break the deadlock after 34 minutes.

Then a Julian Alvarez brace finished the proceedings. Despite the tournament starting badly for the two-time World Cup winners they have fought back and shown the world how good the Copa America and Finalissima winners really are.

Argentina started with a loss at the Lusail Stadium. Will they end with one?



France:

France, the reigning champions of the world, are back and despite having many crucial players injured they look stronger than ever.

In their first group they played the Socceroo's and despite Craig Goodwin's early goal for Australia the French fought back to win the game 4-1.

Then Les Bleus played Denmark at the 974 stadium. Kylian Mbappe showed why he is considered one of the best players in the world by scoring two goals to win the game 2-1.

The French then lost their final group game to Tunisia 1-0 but still topped the group. Poland were their opponents in the Round of 16 and it was another Kylian Mbappe masterclass as he destroyed the Polish defence to win the game 3-1.

France then played The Three Lions and Antione Griezmann stepped up to the occasion with a brilliant performance and two assists.

The game ended 2-1 to the French and the French were bouncing in the Al Bayt stadium. In the semi-finals they met the dark horses of the competition, Morocco.

Theo Hernandez grabbed an early goal for the French after the 5th minute mark. Despite Morocco showing attacking threat throughout the game the

French came out victorious after Randal Kolo Mauni scored in the last ten minutes of the proceedings.

Griezmann once again was fantastic in the middle for France and was instrumental in their attacking and defensive play.

Can they make it two in a row?



So, with one day to go until the World Cup Final, the entire world will have their eye on this massive occasion.

Will Messi win the World Cup for his last dance, or will the French win it again?

All those questions will be answered tomorrow at the Lusail Stadium holding 80,000 eager, passionate football fans.

My player of the tournament for Argentina has been Lionel Messi and my player of the tournament for France has been Antione Griezmann.

The final of the FIFA World Cup will be France v Argentina at 3pm.

Enjoy watching the Bay today, hopefully we get the win, and enjoy the final tomorrow.

Who is your money on?

Date	Comp	Opponents	F-A	Att	Pts	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	OG
Sat 30 Jul	Ebac NL	PENRITH	2-0	303	3	4	Lister	Irons	Day	Turnbull	Lowery	Hutchinson	Gilchrist	Orrell	Morien 1	Neary 1	Porritt	Wilds	Richardson	Cresdee	G-Forbes	Regan	
Tue 02 Aug	Ebac NL	BISHOP AUCKLAND	0-4	372	3	9	Lister	Irons	Day	Turnbull	Hall	Lowery	Taylor	Orrell	Morien	Neary	Porritt	Wilds	Richardson	Cresdee	Ward	Shanks	
Sat 06 Aug	FAC EPQR	Bridlington Town	1-3	288	-	-	Lister	Irons	Day	Turnbull	Hall	Lowery	Orrell	Richardson	Morien 1	Ward	Porritt	Wilds	Dippenaar	Cresdee	G-Forbes		
Wed 10 Aug	Ebac NL	Northallerton Town	2-1	189	6	7	Lister	Irons	Porritt	Turnbull	Hall	Lowery	Orrell	Richardson	Morien 1	Ward 1	Cresdee	Gilchrist	Wilds	G-Forbes			
Sat 13 Aug	Ebac NL	REDCAR ATHLETIC	3-2	312	9	5	Lister	Irons	Day 1	Turnbull	Hall	Lowery 1	Orrell	Richardson	Morien 1P	Porritt	Cresdee	Ward	Gilchrist	Neary	Wilds	Hutchinson	
Tue 16 Aug	Ebac NL	WEST ALLOTMENT CELTIC	2-0	307	12	6	Lister	Irons	Day	Turnbull	Hall	Lowery	Taylor	Orrell	Morien	Porritt	Cresdee 1	Richardson	Neary	Ward 1	Gilchrist	Hutchinson	
Sat 20 Aug	Ebac NL	Crook Town	3-1	304	15	3	Lister	Irons	Day	Richardson 1	Hall	Lowery 1	Gilchrist	Neary	Morien	Taylor 1	Porritt	Orrell	Cresdee	Hutchinson	Wilds	Shanks	
Sat 27 Aug	Ebac NL	Sunderland RCA	2-0	148	18	2	Lister	Irons	Day	Turnbull	Hutchinson	Lowery	Gilchrist	Richardson	Shanks 2	Neary	Porritt	Wilds	Orrell	Taylor	Morien		
Sat 3 Sept	Ebac NL	PICKERING TOWN	5-0	304	21	1	Lister	Irons	Day 1	Turnbull	Hutchinson	Lowery	Orrell 2	Richardson	Gilchrist 1	Neary	Porritt 1	Cresdee	Wilds	Morien	Hall		
Tue 6 Sept	Ebac NL	Carlisle City	1-1	115	22	1	Lister	Lowery	Day 1	Turnbull	Hutchinson	Hall	Orrell	Richardson	Gilchrist	Neary	Porritt	Morien	Wilds	Shanks	Cresdee	Patterson	
Sat 17 Sept	Ebac NL	WEST AUCKLAND TOWN	3-0	312	25	1	Lister	Lowery 1	Day 1	Turnbull	Hutchinson	Hall	Orrell	Richardson	Gilchrist	Geliher	Neary 1P	Taylor	Brewis	Irons	Shanks	Patterson	
Sat 24 Sept	FAV Q2	RYTON & CRAWCROOK	4-1	462	-	-	Lister	Irons	Day 1	Richardson	Hall	Lowery	Taylor	Neary 1P	Brewis	Geliher 2	Porritt 1	Orrell	Cresdee	Patterson	Gilchrist, Wilds, Shanks, Morien		
Fri 30 Sept	Ebac NL	Newcastle Benfield	3-3	452	26	1	Lister	Lowery	Day 1	Turnbull	Hall	Hutchinson	Taylor 1	Orrell	Brewis 1	Neary	Porritt	Geliher	Irons	Richardson	Shanks	Gilchrist	
Tue 4 Oct	Ebac NL	Seaham Red Star	1-1	128	27	2	Lister	Irons	Porritt	Turnbull	Hall	Lowery	Taylor	Richardson	Brewis	Gilchrist	Neary	Geliher	Shanks	Patterson	Orrell 1	Morien	
Sat 8 Oct	Ebac NL	WHICKHAM	2-1	395	30	2	Lister	Lowery	Day	Turnbull	Hall	Hutchinson	Geliher 1	Richardson	Brewis 1	Neary	Porritt	Orrell	Gilchrist	Shanks	Ward	Irons	
Wed 12 Oct	NSC 1	Blyth Town	3-0	184	-	-	Lister	Irons 1	Wilds	Richardson	Hall	Hutchinson	Orrell 1	Neary	Morien 1	Brewis	Gilchrist	Cresdee	Dippenaar	G-Forbes			
Sat 15 Oct	Ebac NL	Tow Law Town	3-2	151	33	2	Lister	Lowery 1	Irons	Richardson	Hall	Hutchinson	Orrell	Neary	Morien 2	Brewis	Geliher	Gilchrist	G-Forbes	Dippenaar	Ward	Cresdee	
Sat 22 Oct	FAV 1	BILLINGHAM SYNTHONIA	4-2	392	-	-	Lister	Lowery	Irons	Turnbull	Hall	Hutchinson	Geliher	Richardson 1	Morien 2	Brewis	Neary	Porritt	Gilchrist 1	Orrell	Day, Ward, Nash, Groves-F		
Fri 28 Oct	Ebac NL	Heaton Stannington	2-1	805	36	2	Nash	Lowery	Day	Turnbull	Hall	Hutchinson	Geliher	Richardson	Morien	Brewis	Neary 1	Irons	Gilchrist	Porritt	Ward	Patterson 1	
Tue 1 Nov	Ebac NL	NEWTON AYCLIFFE	3-3	321	37	2	Nash	Irons	Day	Turnbull	Hall	Hutchinson	Geliher 1	Neary 1	Brewis	Gilchrist	Porritt 1	Ardelean	Lowery	Morien	Richardson	Patterson	
Sat 5 Nov	Ebac NL	THORNABY	3-0	409	40	2	Lister	Irons	Day	Turnbull	Lowery	Hall	Geliher 1	Neary 1	Ardelean	Brewis	Porritt	Gilchrist	Patterson	Richardson	Orrell 1	Morien	
Sat 12 Nov	FAV 2	Prestwich Heys	1-1	252	L 8-7 Pens		Nash	Lowery	Irons	Turnbull	Hutchinson	Hall	Neary	Richardson	Gilchrist 1	Brewis	Porritt	Day	Morien	Orrell	Ward, Patterson, G-Forbes, Lister		
Wed 23 Nov	NSC QF	NEWCASTLE UNITED U21's	3-1	629	-	-	Nash	Irons	Day	Richardson	Hall	Lowery	Neary	Orrell 1	Ardelean 1	Brewis	Gilchrist	G-Forbes	Morien 1	Hutchinson	Patterson	Lister	
Sat 26 Nov	Ebac NL	West Allotment Celtic	1-6	202	40	2	Lister	Irons	Day	Richardson	Hall	Lowery	Ardelean	Orrell	Morien 1	Geliher	Neary	Gilchrist	Porritt	Ward	Hutchinson	Patterson	
Sat 3 Dec	FAV 3	W DIDSBURY & CHORLTON	1-1	440	L 4-1 Pens		Nash	Richardson	Day	Richardson	Hall	Lowery	Geliher	Orrell	Brewis 1	Neary	Porritt	Gilchrist	Irons	Morien	Ward, Patterson, G-Forbes, Lister		
Sat 17 Dec	Ebac NL	SUNDERLAND RCA																					
Mon 26 Dec	Ebac NL	Ashington																					
Sat 7 Jan	Ebac NL	CARLISLE CITY																					
Sat 14 Jan	Ebac NL	Penrith																					
Sat 21 Jan	Ebac NL	Newton Aycliffe																					
Tue 24 Jan	Ebac NL	SEAHAM RED STAR																					
Sat 28 Jan	Ebac NL	Redcar Athletic																					
Sat 4 Feb	Ebac NL	CROOK TOWN																					
Sat 11 Feb	Ebac NL	Pickering Town																					
Sat 18 Feb	Ebac NL	GUISBOROUGH TOWN																					
Sat 25 Feb	Ebac NL	West Auckland Town																					
Sat 4 Mar	Ebac NL	Bishop Auckland																					
Sat 11 Mar	Ebac NL	NEWCASTLE BENFIELD																					
Sat 18 Mar	Ebac NL	Guisborough Town																					
Sat 25 Mar	Ebac NL	TOW LAW TOWN																					
Sat 1 Apr	Ebac NL	NORTHALLERTON TOWN																					
Fri 7 Apr	Ebac NL	ASHINGTON																					
Sat 15 Apr	Ebac NL	HEATON STANNINGTON																					
Sat 22 Apr	Ebac NL	Thornaby																					
TBA	Ebac NL	Whickham																					

Game awarded to Whitley Bay after Prestwich Heys were found to have played a player who had turned out for another club in a previous round

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Player Stats 2022/23

To 05/12/22

	Northern League			Cups			2022/23 Total			Career	
	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals	App	Goals
ARDELEAN Andrei	2	1		1		1	3	1	1	34	14
BREWIS Cameron	7	1	2	6		1	13	1	3	14	3
DAY Elliott	15		5	3	1	1	18	1	6	19	6
DIPPENAAR Shaun		1			1			2		16	0
GELIHER Bailey	7	2	3	3		2	10	2	5	20	7
GROVES-FORBES Joe		2			3			5		5	0
GILCHRIST Josh	6	9	1	3	2	2	9	11	3	35	4
HALL Michael	15	1		7			22	1		23	0
HUTCHINSON Adam	10	2		4	1		14	3		17	0
IRONS Sam	13	3		5	1	1	18	4	1	22	1
LISTER Dan	16			4	1		20	1		109	0
LOWERY Scott	17	1	4	6			23	1	4	96	9
MORIEN Malcolm	9	5	6	3	3	5	12	8	11	39	21
NASH Patrick	2			3			5			5	0
NEARY Harvey	16	2	5	6			21	2	5	23	5
ORRELL Lewis	10	5	4	4	3	2	14	8	6	100	17
PATTERSON Adam		6	1		2			8	1	8	1
PORRITT Luke	13	2	2	4	1	1	17	3	3	20	3
RICHARDSON Ben	12	6	1	7		1	19	6	2	55	3
TAYLOR Sean	5	2	2	1			6	2	2	8	2
TURNBULL Stephen	15			3			18			18	0
WARD Jackson	1	6	2	1			2	6	2	14	2
CRESDEE Oliver	3	4	1		3		3	7	1	17	1
SHANKS Adam	1	6	2				1	6	2	134	83
WILDS Dan		5		1	1		1	6		7	0

Players in *Italics* no longer at club

Bay Leading Goalscorers

- 1) Billy Wright (pictured - 307)
- 2) Paul Chow (270)
- 3) Lee Kerr (187)
- 4) John Gatens (171)
- 5) Ian Chandler (156)
- 6) Ray Oliver (107)
- 7) Neal Walton (103)
- 8) Gary Haire (85)
- 9) Peter Davidson (84)
- 10) Adam Shanks (83)

Bay Most Games

- 1) Bill Chater (641)
- 2) Lee Kerr (471)
- 3) Brian Oakley (441)
- 4) Billy Wright (426)
- 5) Neal Walton (420)
- 6) Terry Burke (416)
- 7) Paul Chow (409)
- 8) Craig McFarlane (402)
- 9) Jimmy Goundry (389)
- 10) Callum Anderson (382)



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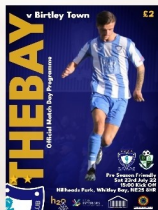
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Ritchie Stee: The Baywatch One

I hate penalties so much! I'm writing this just 24 hours after England's defeat in the World Cup.

When Harry Kane tucked away his first penalty, I felt such a sense of relief along with the rest of Whitley's Dirty Habit Public House (other pubs or establishments are available).

When the second penalty was awarded, maybe because the ref didn't want to award it, the tension was so much greater. As Harry launched it into the stratosphere, all the pain of the Bay's two penalty shootout defeats came back to haunt me.



It'll be a quiz question in the future: Which team was defeated twice, in successive rounds, on penalties in the same competition in the same season?

To lose once on penalties was heart-breaking but to lose twice was gut-wrenching and downright devastating. Yet the day had started so well!

My return to parkrun had gone well with a time of 24:31 for 5km another improvement on my time by a minute. Yes, I had been wearing my bright yellow gloves but I had thought that the 3rd round of the Vase deserved me doing it in a Whitley shirt. On top of that, I hadn't pulled up injured... surely a good omen.

As well as this, I would be able to show off my latest handiwork: my bike was now an official Bay Bike... with stripes to put off any would-be thieves. If it is indeed stolen, it will be indeed easier to spot it outside of Kinnon's house.



Arriving at Hillheads, I was greeted by the beautifully mowed pitch with its concentric circles; which certainly looked impressive! Well done to Jay and co, I thought!

Even though it was cold, there was the usual welcoming atmosphere. I also had my daughter, Jas, of the former Bay Vuuzuzela fame, making a film for her Uni course about the nonleague atmosphere and the Bay Watch TV activities. She decided to start her filming from on top of the 'new' stand so we both had our first experience of the high gantry! What a great view that is!

Even both team sheets were available early!

The game itself wasn't the day's highlight we had hoped it would be: that belonged to the West Didsbury travelling posse, who were the best set of fans we have had in many years.

Of course, I do not include our dear neighbours when they inflicted those harrowing scenes upon Hillheads on the final game of last season. In my mind, it never happened: my therapist says it's best that way.

The West fans sang from start 'til finish and were a great credit to themselves and their club.

My favourite song had to be their often repeated: "We're watching West Disbury, now, Score some goals..." to the tune of 'Twist and Shout' by some Liverpool band from yesteryear.

Another cracker was: "West, west, wherever you may be, we eat hummus and celery, we don't eat meat, we love brocolli, we are Chorlton and West Didsbury." This time, you had to dig out your primary school hymn book to find "Lord of The Dance" There was no let-up in their volume or enthusiasm. Although, I was embarrassed when they asked the gathered Whitley fans to give them a song: we're too old for all that now! We need a bring a kid to the footie day!

It was a cracking start to the game, Lewis Orrell's one-on-one effort was saved before West had their own effort but then it became a midfield duel. Both teams having the occasional foray into the opposition's penalty area but overall, a stalemate.

That isn't to say there wasn't much to talk about... on the contrary, it was action packed. The tackles were strong and the number of individual contests all over the pitch grew with the game: at times, it was breath-taking!

The delight around Hillheads when Cameron Brewis (Cranberry Lewis according to The Kinnon) volleyed Whitley ahead was more from relief than anything else as we just couldn't see where the breakthrough was going to come from.

It also happened so quickly that our favourite BBC Radio Newcastle commentator, Paul Dixon, was caught out, and once again, sought our expert guidance!

He needn't have bothered as neither the Kinnon nor I had remembered what happened or who had been involved. He should have just waited for the fount of all wisdom, Julian 'Twitter', to inform us all!

The half-time jelly snakes fortified our need for sugar but we had to ban all talk of the next round. This wasn't over by a long stretch!

And so it proved. In the second half, as the visiting players began to wilt and had to substituted, I made the mistake of feeling sorry for them. I also began to convince myself we might win: what a fool, this is Whitley Bay!

Its now history that Orrell's stoppage time shot was tipped onto the post and a deflection off the stranded Hall's foot deceived Nash for the equaliser. When things like that happen, you know its not your day!

So, it proved as penalties undid the Bay big style. Only Malcy Morien tucked away his shot as the more experienced, West team roared into the fourth round and a tie against Northern League, second division, Horden. Gutted was an understatement.

Now it's back to our bread and butter: winning promotion. Let's roar the lads to success!

Howay the Bay!



Sunderland RCA: A Short History

Sunderland RCA FC started life as Ryhope Youth Club. Its first season was in the Seaham and District League in 1963.

The first game was against Seaham UDC at the Seaham CW ground, now home to Seaham Red Star, and it was a 3 - 3 draw. The first seeds had been sown three years earlier, in 1960, when the Ryhope Youth Club Centre opened in the Welfare Hall.

In 1965 the club moved to the Colliery Welfare ground and in 1971 changed its name to Ryhope Community Association. Competing in the Seaham, then Houghton and District Leagues, the club enjoyed success with eight cup wins and four league titles.

Rejected by the Wearside League because a Ryhope team already played in it, the club folded after the 1975-75 season.

Re-formed three years later, the club joined the Northern Alliance in 1978 and won the League Challenge Cup at St James Park in Newcastle, in only their third season. Ryhope CA were also league runners up that year, even though they were reduced to playing on a school field.

After some persuasion, the ambitious club convinced the council to lease then some derelict land - Meadow Park was underway. Financial help was obtained from Sunderland and Tyne and Wear Councils and the Sports Council to build a football ground.

The club members and community joined together to carry out the building work, resulting in the enclosed ground where football games are played and enjoyed today.

In 1982 the club was a founder member of the Northern League Second Division, achieving promotion as runner up in the 1983-84 season.

Despite a league placing of tenth the next season, survival proved difficult and the club was relegated in 1988.

In 1999 a new era commenced with the amalgamation with Kennek Roker of the Wearside League to form Kennek Ryhope Community Association.

The seasons from 2003 onwards were tough, but for the season 2006-07, the club joined forces with Springboard Sunderland and a new era as Sunderland RCA FC began.

Progress continues to be made both on and off the pitch and after finishing fourth in the previous two seasons Sunderland RCA FC were promoted as runners-up to Stokesley FC in season 2009-10 - a great achievement.

Our first season back in Division 1 started badly, but we picked ourselves up, had a purple patch and finished the season in 13th place.

Progress continued in the following season when we achieved our highest finish in the league (4th) under the management of Neil Hixon.

The following season saw us almost relegated and we only retained first division status after a vote at the AGM went in our favour.

The introduction of Martin Swales as manager brought a renewed belief to the club and the 2015 - 16 season saw a great FA Vase run where we reached the 5th round proper before being beaten by Bristol Manor Farm.

This was followed by a similar run in the 2016-17 season, exiting in the 5th round against Newport

Pagnell. In the 2017-18 season the club equalled its highest Northern League placing, finishing fourth after a sensational late season surge, when the side played highly entertaining and incisive attacking football.

Both the 2019-20 season and 2019-20 seasons were drastically affected by the Covid 19 pandemic and while there was little play on the pitch at RCA there was certainly plenty happening off the pitch with the restoration of the stand and a refurbishment in the kitchen and other major painting works undertaken.

Manager Martin Swales decided to step down after seven years as manager and his role was taken up by Steve Riley. Martin remains an integral part of the RCA structure and is assisting in the procurement of sponsorship for the club.

The club has also welcomed the addition of a vibrant Youth section Sunderland RCA YFC who have established teams from under 8's up to under 18's and are looking to develop an under 23's team to support the first team.

The club continues to strive for a sustainable future and with this in mind have become a Limited Company which has secured a 25 year lease from the City of Sunderland Council. This in turn, it is hoped will secure funding from the FA for development of the ground.

On the field the team secured an 8th place finish which was excellent given the disastrous start we had and the management team and players deserve a lot of credit for sticking with the philosophy instilled by the new management team.

Acknowledgement

The club is very grateful to Joe Dixon for providing information about the early years of Sunderland RCA.

Joe played for what was then Ryhope Youth Club and subsequently Ryhope Community Association from its first match in 1963 through to the 1978-79 season.

Joe has turned from goal scorer to historian and a wealth of detail can be found on his web site - <http://www.joedixon9.co.uk> - about Joe's playing days with RCA and other Sunderland and East Durham clubs.



Player Profiles: Sunderland RCA



Max Allen (Defender): Third season at the club, was restricted by injury last season but hopes to remain injury free this season. Has developed into an outstanding defender who is comfortable in any defensive position. A solid defender who is dependable, comfortable on the ball and has the ability to pick out a decisive pass. Well liked by the supporters who have taken him to their hearts.

Michael Annan-Colquhoun (Forward): Tricky forward with an eye for goal scoring 13 goals last season his aim is to improve on that this season. His lightning quick pace scares defenders and he has added positional sense to his game which helps his teammates. Another player who is well liked by our supporters always plays with a smile on his face.

Andre Bennett (Defender): Signed from West Auckland Town, a defensive midfielder who works hard for the team, he has good vision and is good at disrupting play and spotting a good pass. An intelligent player who will fit in well with the current system at RCA. Formerly with Middlesbrough and had a loan spell at Gateshead. Also for Whitby Town and Whitley Bay.

Kieran Charlton (Defender): Signed from Workington last season, Kieran is a Rhopoe lad who has committed to another season at his home town club. Previously with South Shields and Bluth Spartans. A left full back who can also play left wing back. A good tackler and distributor of the ball he also possesses a wicked cross and has an abundance of pace. He never accepts second best from either himself or his team mates, a completely committed player.

Thibault Charney (Midfielder): Thibault has signed for RCA after a lengthy lay off through injury. He is a vastly experience midfielder with plenty of Northern League experience having played for Seaham Red Star and Guisborough Town. As a 15 year old he was a member of the French under 15's World Cup winning team and scored in the final. He moved to the USA and played competitively for Chattanooga FC before coming to the UK. An exciting midfield player who looks to make things happen whether as an attacking forward or a defensive midfielder.

Mark Davison (Forward): "Sparky" starts his 6th consecutive season for RCA. One of the most respected strikers in the Northern League. A strong and direct centre forward who can be relied upon to score with head and feet as well as setting up opportunities for others. Was RCA's leading goalscorer last season and is looking forward to bagging a few in the coming season. Previous clubs include: Ryton, Washington, Spennymoor and Morpeth.

Robert Ene (Winger): joins us having played for Whitley Bay last season, born in Romania where he played for Universitatea Craiova before moving to England to study at Northumbria University. He is a very tricky winger with a lot of pace, likes to attack and has excellent close control skills, he will frighten defenders with his direct style of play.

Kieron Ezard (Goalkeeper): has returned to RCA for a second spell at the club. Started his career at Stockton and has proved in his time to be a capable goalkeeper. A safe pair of hands, is a good shot stopper with very good distribution skills. Commands his area when called upon and although he is still learning his trade he is confident enough to step into the No:1 shirt if required.

Kyle Fryatt (Forward): Signed from West Auckland Town, returning to RCA after a ten year absence. He began his footballing journey at Middlesbrough youths, before joining Whitby Town. He then played for RCA, Whitley Bay, Shildon, Durham and Bishop Auckland. Kyle has played under manager Steve Riley in the past, a dynamic player who is confident on the ball loves taking on defenders, has quick feet and possesses a wicked cross while chipping in with his fair share of goals.

Darryl Hall (Central defender): Returns to the club after a 10 year absence, an experienced Northern League central defender. He is an old fashioned style centre half, strong and powerful, loves a tackle is good in the air and reads the game well and is always up for a challenge.. Previous clubs include South Shields, West Auckland, Bishop Auckland and Willington.

Daniel Hawkins (Midfielder): A very experienced Northern League player in second season at RCA. He is a versatile midfielder who loves a tackle, a good distributor of the ball and inspires others around him. Captain of the team and last season played in a variety of different positions and showed his competitiveness in all of them.

Simon Jakab (Central defender): Has extended his contract at RCA for another year. Was part of the Consett team which contested the FA Vase final. Last season he was outstanding playing in 44 of the 45 games played and maintaining the highest level of performance. A tall central defender who is equally as comfortable in the centre of midfield, good in the air he reads the game and reacts accordingly, he does the simple things well. Simon always looks in command.

Andrew Johnson (Forward): "AJ" has committed to another season at RCA after spending most of last season recovering from an operation on his knee. He is a prolific goal scorer, holding the rec-

ord for goals scored at Bishop Auckland where he found the net 240 times in 281 appearances. Not only does he score goals but he holds the ball up well and creates goal scoring opportunities for others. A well respected Northern League striker and hoping to strike up a formidable partnership with "Sparky".

Khalid Kharufa (Winger): Signed in the close season having spent last season at Whitley Bay. He had previously been at Stalbridge Celtic as a junior rising through the various levels to the Senior squad. He then moved the the North East to study. He is a very quick winger with the ability to whip in crosses at pace. An exciting young prospect with an eye for goal.

Jordan Laverty (Defender): Returned to RCA after spending the last 4 seasons at Shildon. An experienced Northern League player he is a strong left sided player equally at home playing as a full back or as a wing back. A strong tackler and good passer of the ball he is also very adept in dead-ball situations. Previously with Consett.

Nathan Lawrence (Midfielder): Has put pen to paper on another season at RCA, Nathan is a good ball winner and very good in the air. A product of the Gateshead College Academy, A high-energy player who is equally effective as a right sided midfielder or as a defender. Struggled with injuries last season but is determined to return to full fitness this season. His previous clubs include Consett and Bishop Auckland.

Antony Louwerson (Goalkeeper): Antony has signed on a dual registration to allow him to cover for Marrs while still able to play for Hetton Town FC. A keeper who is very vocal, commands his area well and has excellent distribution skills.

Keaton Marrs (Goalkeeper): Committed to another season at RCA. Keaton is a good shot stopper, has great awareness and is calm under pressure, he has the ability to turn defence into attack quickly. His previous clubs include IFK Mora in Sweden, Mansfield Town, Middlesbrough FC and Newcastle United.

Dom Moan (Utility player): Dom has returned to RCA after spending the end of last season at Sunderland West End. Prior to that he had been in the USA where he played for Jacksonville Jaguars. His other clubs include: Sunderland AFC, Hartlepool United and Wolverhampton Wanderers where he spent 4 years before being released. A true utility player who can play as a striker, in the centre of midfield and at full back. Key strengths are his hard work and commitment coupled with his strength and determination

Denver Morris (Midfielder): Another vastly experienced Northern League player he can play in a number of midfield and forward positions. He is exciting on the ball, has quick feet, causes problem with his deceptive pace and is a quality crosser of the ball..

Alexander Nelson (Defender): Signed for RCA after playing for Crook Town last season. A strong, pacy defender who loves to get forward. Can play in a number of defensive/midfield positions and will be a great asset to the team.

Luke Richards (Utility player): The latest in a long line of talented youngsters spotted by manager Steve Riley. Luke is a product of Hartlepool United's Academy and then went to play for Seaton Carew. A dynamic player capable of playing on the right side of the defence or midfield as well as being a commanding presence in the centre of Midfield. Tenacious in the tackle he possesses the ability to read the game and the pace to stifle out opposition attacks.

Taylor Richardson (Forward, Midfielder): Starts his second season at RCA after an impressive last season. A crowd favourite Taylor is a dynamic player who is purely and simply an entertainer. Quick, agile and fiercely competitive. A quiet, unassuming, lad off the pitch: watch for the fireworks once he crosses the white line.

Matthew Stephenson (Defender): Matthew joins us from local football, He is an energetic centre back who adds height and presence to our defence. He is good in the air tenacious in the tackle and is a good distributor of the ball.

Ellis Tait (Utility player): Ellis has signed on a dual contract from Shildon AFC. Young but experienced central defender he likes a tackle and is a good distributor of the ball. He reads the game well and anticipates situations as they develop. Will be an asset to the squad.

Christopher Trewick (Defender): Chris joins us from Billingham Town having previously played for Rhopoe CW he is well known to our supporters. A very good central defender he is strong in the tackle, reads the game well and his distribution from deep positions is excellent. A very good addition to the squad.

Christopher Winn (Forward): Signed from Bishop Auckland last season, we have retained his services for another campaign. he is a player with a vast wealth of knowledge playing at this level. Can play as an out and out striker or on the wing, he has a deceptive change of pace, is physically strong and holds the ball up well. supporters will remember him from his RCW days.

Forthcoming Fixtures

Today

Ebac Northern League - Division One

Ashington	∪ Carlisle City	Crook Town	∪ Thornaby
Guisborough Town	∪ Newton Aycliffe	Penrith	∪ West Allotment Celtic
Pickering Town	∪ Heaton Stannington	Redcar Athletic	∪ Bishop Auckland
Seaham Red Star	∪ Northallerton Town	West Auckland Town	∪ Ashington
Whitley Bay	∪ Sunderland RCA		

Ebac Northern League - Division Two

Billingham Synthonia	∪ Prudhoe Youth Club	Chester-le-Street United	∪ Boldon CA
Boldon CA	∪ Brandon United	Easington Colliery	∪ Blyth Town
Hornden CW	∪ Willington	Jarrow	∪ Bedlington Terriers
Newcastle University	∪ Brandon United	Ryton & Crawcrook Alb	∪ Billingham Town

Tuesday 20th December

Ebac Northern League - Division Two

Bedlington Terriers	∪ Washington
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Monday 26th December

Ebac Northern League - Division One

Ashington	∪ Whitley Bay	Guisborough Town	∪ Northallerton Town
Redcar Athletic	∪ Thornaby		

Ebac Northern League - Division Two

Billingham Town	∪ Redcar Town	Blyth Town	∪ Bedlington Terriers
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Tuesday 27th December

Ebac Northern League - Division One

Newton Aycliffe	∪ Bishop Auckland	Seaham Red Star	∪ Sunderland RCA
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Ebac Northern League - Division Two

Prudhoe Youth Club	∪ Newcastle University
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Thursday 4th January

Ebac Northern League - Division Two

Washington	∪ Billingham Synthonia
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Ebac Northern League: Division Two



to 11/12/22	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Form
Boro Rangers	24	18	5	1	65	25	40	59	WWDWW
Birtley Town	23	14	6	3	74	35	39	48	WWDWW
Horden CW	21	15	0	6	57	30	27	45	LWWWW
Bedlington Terriers	21	13	5	3	58	28	30	44	WWDLD
Billingham Town	20	14	1	5	66	32	34	43	WLWL
Blyth Town	23	14	1	8	50	30	20	43	LWWLL
Brandon United	21	12	4	5	45	28	17	40	DWWLD
Prudhoe Youth Club	24	12	2	10	45	41	4	38	WLLWL
Redcar Town	21	12	1	8	43	23	20	37	WWWLL
Boldon CA	23	9	6	8	52	49	3	33	WLDLD
Billingham Synthonia	20	10	1	9	50	42	8	31	LDWLL
Easington Colliery	23	9	4	10	43	41	2	31	LWDWD
Newcastle University	21	8	3	10	34	40	-6	27	DLWWW
Chester-le-Street United	22	8	3	11	33	46	-13	27	WLLLW
Jarrow	22	6	6	10	32	41	-9	24	DDWWW
Chester-le-Street Town	24	7	2	14	27	51	-24	23	LLWLW
Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	24	6	4	14	36	68	-32	22	LWDLL
Sunderland West End	27	6	2	19	32	63	-31	20	LDDLW
Esh Winning	22	4	5	13	21	50	-29	17	LLWDL
Washington	21	3	3	15	16	51	-35	12	LWDLL
Willington *	23	2	2	19	11	76	-65	5	LWLLD

* 3 points deducted for fielding an ineligible player

Sunderland West End were the only Ebac Northern League side to have home advantage last weekend and they made it count with a valuable 4-3 win over Ryton & Crawcrook Albion.

And they did it the hard way as End were 3-0 in arrears by the 16th minute thanks to Ryton goals from Charlie Grieveson (2) and Kyle Cockburn before staging a remarkable first half comeback.

Brad Oliver, James Cassidy and Oliver Thompson had levelled by the 30 minute mark, before the latter netted what proved to be the winning goal just before half time.

The previous week league leaders Boro Rangers had won 4-0 away to Esh Winning, while 2nd placed Birtley Town scored a vital 3-1 home win over a Blyth Town side that has now slipped up in their last two games.

Horden CW are in 3rd place, but they have games in hand over the top two, mainly due to their remarkable Isuzu FA Vase run.

After beating Colne 2-0 at home they are now the last remaining Ebac Northern League side and face a trip to West Didsbury and Chorlton next month.

We wish them well and know they can make it to the 5th Round!



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Last Time Out

WHITLEY BAY 1 1 WEST DIDSBURY & CHORLTON (West Didsbury & Chorlton win 4-1 on penalties) Isuzu FA Vase, 3rd Round Saturday 3rd December

For the second time this season, Whitley suffered the heartache of a penalty shoot out defeat, but unlike last month when they were reinstated into the FA Vase after opponents Prestwich were found to have fielded an ineligible player, there was to be no reprieve on this occasion and their dreams of glory were ended for another season.

Once again they were facing a side from Manchester and on home soil they would have been hoping to make the most of their second chance. Having taken the lead shortly before half time, it was looking good for Whitley, who were still ahead as the game entered stoppage time but visitors West Didsbury & Chorlton scored what was a fortuitous equaliser and went on to win 4-1 on penalties.

It was a dramatic climax to a hard fought and closely contested cup tie which left Whitley players and fans stunned, but the vociferous band of supporters who had made the journey from Manchester celebrated joyously with their heroes after the winning penalty went in.

There were chances at both ends in the opening three minutes, with Lewis Orrell played through on goal only for Didsbury keeper Andrew Jones to make a crucial block. Barely 60 seconds later play switched to the other end and Miller fired wide. In Whitley's next attack, Bailey Geliher sent a first time effort over the bar following a cross from Elliott Day. A lengthy delay followed when visiting defender Connor Hancock picked up an injury and was unable to continue.

The lively start was not maintained when play resumed with chances limited and the game becoming a midfield battle between two evenly matched sides. Six minutes before the interval Whitley made the crucial breakthrough when Geliher crossed from the right, Day (pictured) headed the ball back across goal and Cameron Brewis drove a left footed shot past Jones to give Whitley the lead.

Two minutes before the interval, a misjudged back pass just outside the Bay 18 yard box let in the visitors but to Whitley's relief, the shot from Hampson was palmed onto the top of the bar by Pat Nash with a flag raised for offside. Several strong challenges resulted in the game becoming rather heated but at the half time whistle it was Whitley who held a narrow advantage despite not being at their best.

Within seconds of the restart, Luke Porritt had a gilt edged chance for Whitley when he found himself almost through on goal but quick reactions by the West Didsbury defence denied him.

The visitors began to get on top and backed by their fans who never stopped singing all game, they forced Whitley back on the defensive but apart from making a diving save from Hampson in the 53rd minute, Nash was not really troubled.

Whitley gradually regained the upper hand and shortly before the hour mark, Orrell curled a shot just beyond the far post. Harvey Neary then drove a first time effort wide of the upright but with ten minutes remaining came the best chance of the half when Neary crossed from the right and substitute Josh Gilchrist fired a powerful volley just over the bar.

In the closing stages Didsbury pushed forward but could not break down a resilient Bay defence.

With the game entering stoppage time, Neary played Day's throw in across to Orrell, who turned inside his man and from the edge of the box his shot towards the bottom corner of the goal was fingertipped onto the post by Jones.

It was a key moment in the game as when the ball rebounded back into play, it was swept upfield and moments later when played into the box from the right, Miller swung a foot at the ball and it deflected off Michael Hall, rolled onto the post and then just over the line for the equaliser.

Both sides pushed for a winner in the remaining five minutes of added time. Whitley came closest with a header from Lowery that Jones pushed over the bar.

Onto the lottery of penalties and West Didsbury went first and scored. Malcolm Morien, a late substitute slotted his spot kick home for Whitley but from then on it all went wrong for the Bay. The visitors were faultless with their next two while Ben Richardson sent his kick over the bar and Elliott Day's effort was saved. This left the Manchester side needing just one more to win the tie and they duly did so to claim victory 4-1 and send their fans wild with delight.

WHITLEY BAY: Nash, Hutchinson, Day, Richardson, Hall, Lowery, Geliher (Morien 90+5mins) Orrell, Brewis (Gilchrist 66mins), Neary, Porritt (Irons 86mins)

Substitutes not used: Ward, Patterson, Groves-Forbes, Lister

Cautions: Geliher, Gilchrist, Nash

Referee: Martin Conroy

Attendance: 440



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From everyone at Whitley Bay Football Club

RESERVES REPORT (with Jacob Bolam)

Bay took a well earned point against 3rd placed Newcastle Independent in icy conditions last Saturday afternoon.

The game was the only one in the Premier Division to go ahead with the rest being postponed due to the unplayable pitches.

Aidan Rutledge, now dual-registered with Birtley Town and the top scorer of the Northern League 2nd Division, put the home side ahead inside the first 10 minutes.

Joe Groves-Forbes (pictured) nearly hit back instantly but his low curling effort was well saved by the Independent keeper.

On the 16th minute it looked like the reserves equalised when JJ Waugh's deflected shot appeared to cross the line, but the officials waved play on.

However, just eight minutes after, Bay got their equaliser when Kurt Russell brilliantly dribbled past two defenders and passed it to Joe Conway for an easy tap-in.

Conway then put Bay ahead with his second after some good high pressing from the attack lead to the winger picking up the ball on near the penalty spot and slotting the ball home.

The home team nearly levelled the score before half-time but their effort was skied from a coupled of yards out.

It took just 3 minutes for the scoring to start in the second half when Waugh tapped in to an empty net after some good pressing by himself and Kurt Russell.

With Whitley on top Groves-Forbes nearly got another after dribbling past several players but his shot was deflected just wide of the post.

On the 62nd minute, Rutledge got another for the home side and it saw momentum swing in their favour as well.

With 8 minutes left on the clock Independent got their equaliser as Wilson Kneeshaws' effort got the better of Dan Mullen in the Whitley net.

Newcastle Independent nearly got a winner in additional time only for a number of Bay defenders to put their body on the line and block the effort.

The Bay however held on for a more than deserved point against a very strong, promotion pushing side.

The Bay reserve side are in cup action today when they travelled to meet Alliance 2nd Division side Blaydon Community (NORA) in Reeves Investment Services George Dobbins League Cup 1st Round , which is their last game of 2022.



Non-League News



SLOUGH TOWN STATEMENT



We are aware of recent speculation regarding potential new outside investment in the club.

Over the past few months, the board has been actively involved in discussions with several consortia over the potential for investment and/or a change in ownership in the club.

Given the highly sensitive and confidential nature of these discussions - and the fact that things can change very quickly even when close to completing a deal - we have not been able to be as forthcoming as our supporters would like.

At the present time we can confirm that we are in continued negotiations with a consortium regarding a potential takeover of the club.

Subject to a satisfactory conclusion, we hope to share more information very soon and, in the meantime ask our supporters for their continued patience and trust.

We would like to reiterate that, as not only the current custodians but also supporters of the club, we have its best interests at heart.

We are therefore striving to achieve the best possible outcome for the club and have been working tirelessly to that end.

(www.sloughtownfc.net)

HASTINGS TOWN AGREE GROUND SHARE

- CLUB STATEMENT

On Thursday 24th November the Club announced to its supporters at a meeting held at The Pilot Field the issues with constant and rising Ground Maintenance costs plus the significant expenditure now required in the next 12/18 months to comply with ground grading.



To protect our Isthmian League status a Ground share Agreement with Eastbourne Borough FC has been signed with the Club relocating for the 2023/24 season.

The Club's wish to put on record its preference would be to remain at The Pilot Field in the short term and not have to move away from Hastings, but there are no alternatives available within the Hastings area, nor are there sufficient pitches to continue with our Academy programme.

We do have a resolution to grant planning consent to relocate to Tilekiln which would solve all the issues we now face.

We do not accept Cllr Barnett's decision not to proceed with this very worthy scheme and are delighted that there is now a Full Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 15th December and our relocation is on the agenda for discussion.

We have been overwhelmed by the public backing of a petition for our move to Tilekiln with 1848 sig-

natures and counting all asking The Council to support the proposed New Stadium and Development to provide the facilities that Hastings badly needs as well as safeguarding the future of our children so that they have proper playing facilities for many years to come.

If the Council agree on Thursday 15th December that Tilekiln can progress as originally agreed, and confirm they will sign the S106 Agreement which they currently refuse to do, The Club have made a contingency plan that they will submit a planning application in January to erect two stands containing 500 seats to replace the Main Stand seating.

This new stand should be in place for the 2023/24 season at Pilot Field subject to a planning consent being issued in a timely manner by the Local Authority to allow these works to be done during the close season.

The cost of the new stands would be absorbed within the Tilekiln development cost and for this reason this cannot be erected without the relocation to follow. When Tilekiln pitches are ready along with the Main Stand the two stands will be relocated to the new site

Regarding redeveloping the Pilot Field, there does not seem to be a way of funding such works but does not solve the major issue of more pitches that are required to meet the needs of not only the Academy, development, and disability teams that we run but for the wider Hastings Community.

We hope that at next weeks Council Meeting sense prevails so that HASTINGS UNITED REMAIN IN HASTINGS and thank all our supporters and Friends of Hastings United for their support.

DANNS TAKES THE REINS

Neil Danns has been appointed as interim head coach of Macclesfield.

Danns will be assisted by Mark Duffy while the Silkmen search for a long-term successor to outgoing boss Dave McNabb.

McNabb departed the club in the wake of their 4-0 victory over Ramsbottom United, less than two months after succeeding former incumbent Danny Whitaker.

Last weekend's victory saw them move six points clear at the top of the Pitching In NPL West Division.

Danns had previously joined Macclesfield on a non-contract basis in September 2021.

He boasts a wealth of Football League experience and has also represented Guyana at international level.

Completing the interim coaching team will be existing first team mentor Sammy McIlroy and Peter Band.

Danns is set to take charge for the first time on Saturday as the Silkmen visit Clitheroe, who currently sit in the play-off places.



The Football World

17 December

On 17 December 2006, Barcelona dominated Inter-nacional in the Club World Cup Final in all statistical categories but one--the score.

Playing before a crowd of 62,128 at Yokohama's International Stadium, Barcelona had better possession than the Brazilians (57% to 43%) and also out-shot them 17 to 10.

Meanwhile, Internacional played a cynical game, delivering more than twice as many fouls (25) as they received (10).

Only two of Internacional's shots were on goal, but it was the last one that counted. Substitute forward Luiz Adriano corralled a long pass near the midfield stripe and manoeuvred around defender Carles Puyol to slide a pass toward his fellow substitute, Adriano Gabiru.

Defender Rafael Márquez stepped up to challenge him, but slipped, leaving the striker one-on-one against goalkeeper Victor Valdés. Valdés did well to get a hand on Adriano Gabiru's shot, but the ball still ended up in the net for the game's only goal.

18 December



On 18 December 1926, Rochdale got their biggest margin of victory, beating Chesterfield 8-1.

Five of the goals came from centre forward Albert Whitehurst, who was in the midst of a record-setting year.

The match was a Third Division contest, played at Rochdale's Spoutland Stadium.

When the day started, the Dale were flying high in second place, despite having just finished back-to-back draws with Walsall and Rotherham United, but Chesterfield were only one spot lower in third, making a near top-of-the-table clash.

And although Chesterfield had a potent attack of their own--having beaten Barrow 8-1 the previous month--the day belonged to Rochdale.

Whitehurst, in his fourth season there, delivered five of the goals, part of his club-record tally of 44 goals on the season.

The result kept Rochdale in second and dropped Chesterfield down to seventh, which turned out to be their finishing spots for the season.

Whitehurst remained with the Dale for one more season before moving to Liverpool in 1928.

"There is only one candidate, and we'll have to see if there's another candidate, there is still time, but Denmark will not be supporting the current president. This situation is quite extraordinary. I'm not just disappointed, I'm angry. This is my seventh finals ... It is that the players have to be exposed to this is completely unacceptable. We have to respond to it" - *Danish FA president Jesper Moeller will not support Gianni Infantino's inevitable re-election as FIFA overlord.*

Atlético Madrid's top doctor has been talking about what it's like to treat the Pope, after the Vatican

called him up to treat the pontiff's long-term knee trouble. "Pope Francis is a very nice but very stubborn patient, in the sense that there are surgical proposals that he doesn't want," declared **José María Villalón**. "More conservative treatments must be offered to him."

"Naturality. Respect for the culture, respect for who we are. It is happiness, it is joy. Yes, it is a moment for us to be focused and serious. But there are moments when we can have fun, when we can vibrate. Everyone has their own way. Our way is dancing" - *Brazil coach Tite on goal celebrations.*

Serbia coach **Dragan Stojkovic** insisted there's no way that Brazil would be wasting time spying on their training sessions with a drone, as has been rumoured in certain outlets. "I don't believe they watched us, who are we for them to watch us? They are a football superpower," he sighed. "I think it's misinformation. And even if it was a drone, I don't know what they would have seen, nothing special."

"It was the wrong decision ... It was actually a foul against us. If somebody scores a goal, congratulations. But this was a gift. A special gift from the referee" - Ghana coach **Otto Addo** is not happy after Cristiano Ronaldo controversially won a penalty that kickstarted Portugal's 3-2 victory. In converting it, Ronaldo became the first man to score at five World Cups.

Ecuador's football federation has urged its fans to clean up their act after Fifa opened disciplinary proceedings for homophobic slurs made during the opening game. "Just as our players give their all on the pitch, let's do our bit off it," it declared. "Let's enjoy this football party with joy and respect."

Japan striker **Ritsu Doan** is still feeling pleased as punch with their upset win over Germany, having had to put up with patronising comments before he headed to the World Cup. "Before I came, people in Germany were saying it would be an easy game against Japan," sighed the Freiburg player. "I gave them a bitter smile while hearing this and thought: 'Don't be silly.' As a man, I think the best way to shut them up is with such a result so I'm pleased it turned out that way."

Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Faisal, Saudi Arabia's sports minister, says his government would definitely support any private sector bids from the country for Manchester United or Liverpool. "We know that's going to reflect positively on sports within the kingdom," he said. "If there's an investor willing to do so and the numbers add up, why not?"

Kettering Town have been booted out of the FA Trophy for fielding an ineligible player in their 1-0 victory over Gloucester City (sounds familiar - Ed)



Around The Bay

JUST GIVING

Whitley Bay Football Club have launched a JustGiving page to help raise funds for the purchase of new floodlighting at Hillheads. The existing lights have served the club extremely well over the years, but will soon need to be replaced. The Club are currently looking into possible grant funding for the project, but will need to raise a significant proportion of the cost.



www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/whitley-bayfc

MAN OF THE MATCH

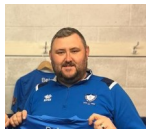
Adam Hutchinson picked up the Man of the Match v West Didsbury & Chorlton and that earned him an Amazon voucher courtesy of our sponsor h2o Bathrooms.



Afterwards he was presented with his award by Jay Weldon.



NEW KITMAN FOR THE BAY



Welcome to Tommy Davies, the latest member of the Whitley Bay backroom.

A junior coach at the club academy, he now joins Jay Weldon and Andrew Turnbull in helping prepare the players kit for the games.



Congratulations to **Lewis Orrell** who made his 100th appearance for Whitley Bay when we entertained West Didsbury & Chorlton earlier this month. Those 100 games have brought 17 goals, a good return from midfield.

MATCHDAY SECRETARY

Whitley Bay Football Club are looking for someone who would be interested in taking over the role of Match Secretary.

Derek Breakwell, in the post for some 25 years, is looking to step down at the end of the season, although he will continue as Club Secretary; and he is willing to pass on his knowledge to train whoever takes over.

The job entails liaising with the First Team management team, making sure all documentation is correctly filled in on match days, both before and after the game; and that the result of the game, along with goalscorers, bookings etc., is sent to the Ebac Northern League on time.

A similar post is also available for our Reserve side, although it is possible that the same person could do both jobs.



The club are also looking for a **Match Day Announcer** for the 2023/24 season and would invite anyone interested to make themselves known to a board member at the Announcers Hut.

Michael Thompson is standing down at the end of the current season, but would be willing to train anyone interested in becoming 'The Voice of the Bay'.

Half Time Entertainment Answers

Name the Season:

1982/83 - Bedlington Terriers, Billingham Town, Esh Winning & Northallerton Town joined the Northern League along with RCA.

Who Am I:

Matty Cash

Quiz Answers:

- 1) Use all of their 26 man squad.
- 2) Neil Critchley.
- 3) Michael Beale.
- 4) Glasgow Rangers.
- 5) Kolo Toure.
- 6) Crawley Town.
- 7) Gillingham.
- 8) Wilfred Bony.
- 9) Al-Hilal.
- 10) Joelinton (2), Almiron (2), Dylan Stephenson.

Anagrams:

- 1) Marcus Rashford.
- 2) Jack Grealish
- 3) Sam Irons.
- 4) Chris Reid.
- 5) Stephen Turnbull.

First Choice Radio Quiz:

Three (1960, 1988, 1990), The Spice Girls

WALL OF MEMORIES

The Whitley Bay FC 'Wall of Memories' is where you can place a plaque dedicated to a family member or a friend.



The Supporters Club added four 'Golden' plaques in 2020 to celebrate our FA Vase wins.

If you would be interested in having a plaque on the wall, please contact any Supporters Club committee member or call into the club shop for full details. Cost is a minimum of £25 per plaque.



Today's Teams:



Ebac Northern League Division One 17th December 2022



ANDREI ARDELEAN
CAMERON BREWIS
ELLIOTT DAY
SHAUN DIPPENAAR
BAILEY GELIHER
JOSH GILCHRIST
JOE GROVES-FORBES
MICHAEL HALL
ADAM HUTCHINSON
SAM IRONS
DAN LISTER
SCOTT LOWERY
MALCOLM MORIEN
PATRICK NASH
HARVEY NEARY
LEWIS ORRELL
ADAM PATTERSON
LUKE PORRITT
BEN RICHARDSON
SEAN TAYLOR
STEPHEN TURNBULL
JACKSON WARD

Manager:
NICK GRAY

REFEREE:

Matthew Davidson



ASSISTANT REFEREE:

Jake Ferguson

ASSISTANT REFEREE:

Mark Batson



MAX ALLEN
MICHAEL A-COLQUHOUN
ANDRE BENNETT
KIERAN CHARLTON
THIBAUT CHARMEY
MARK DAVISON
ROBERT ENE
KIERON EZARD
KYLE FRYATT
DARRYL HALL
DANIEL HAWKINS
SINOM JACAB
RHYS JOBLING
ANDREW JOHNSON
KHALID KHARUFA
JORDAN LAVERY
NATHAN LAWRENCE
ANTONY LOWERSON
KEATON MARRS
DOM MOAN
DENVER MORRIS
A:EXANDER NELSON
LUKE RICHARDS
TAYLOR RICHARDSON
ELLIS TAIT
CHRIS TREWICK
CHRIS WINN

Manager:
STEPHEN RILEY

MATCH BALL SPONSOR:
Ian Kerr & Lorraine Telford

Next Home Game:

Ebac Northern League, Division One

WHITLEY BAY v CARLISLE CITY

Saturday 7th January 2023

KO 3.00pm



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