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REDCAR ATHLETIC FC CLUB HISTORY

Redcar Athletic FC formerly named Teesside Athletic FC were refounded in 1993 after the old organisation which was originally based in Middlesbrough folded with administration problems.

The club were indebted to the Local Authority for the use of their current base Green Lane, Redcar for a peppercorn rent. Initially the club had only junior members but with a progressive, ambitious committee the club made the decision to develop a dedicated grass roots football facility for everyone with exit routes into senior teams who would be encouraged to play at the highest level hence giving the exiting junior members the opportunity to participate in football at a decent level.

The club entered a Senior team into the Teesside League and shortly after in 2005 they were accepted into the Wearside League at the same time the club was successful in its application to the Football Foundation for funding in excess of £860,000 to develop their facility at Green Lane, this gave the club excellent facilities and in their first season in the Wearside League they finished an excellent fifth and won the Monkwearmouth Cup.

In 2010 the Club Committee made the brave decision to change the club name to Redcar Athletic Football Club the main objective to improve the clubs identity in Redcar.

In the thirteen years that we have been in the Wearside League we managed to accumulate numerous honours (see left).

For the past 5 years the club has been busy preparing the ground to ensure that it met the Step 6 Ground Grading criteria in readiness for promotion to the Northern League only to find in each season that the team did not attain the necessary League placing.

The Wearside League Championship was won on the last day of the 2017/18 season with a 7-0 home victory over Gateshead Leam Rangers gave the club promotion to the Northern League and our first ambition realised.

Season 2018/19 saw Redcar Athletic compete in the Northern League following promotion from the Wearside League. Redcar's 1st team in the Northern League for nearly 100 years an unbelievable and incredible statistic.

Our first season in the Northern League saw us finish an excellent 7th. Last season was the season that never was, a massive injustice for the efforts of everybody concerned in getting the club on the brink of promotion to Division One only to have the season declared null and void due to the Covid 19 crisis. We need to put that all behind us now and go again and I am sure we are in for a very exciting season.

Club Honours

Wearside League

Champions 2017/18
Runners up 2011/12, 2015/16, 2016/17

Monkwearmouth Cup

Winners 2005/06, 2016/17

Shipowners Cup

Winners 2009

League Cup

Winners 2006/07, 2016/17

FA Community Club of the Year

2005 and 2007

Highest Points

91 points - 2015/16

Record number of goals scored

123 - 2015/16

Record Goalscorer

Andy Jennings - 2015/16 - 54 goals

Highest Home victory

15-0 v Murton 2015/16

Highest Away victory

13-0 v Annfield Plain 2015/16

Officials & Contacts

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Colours: Home Kit - Red Shirts, Navy Shorts, Red Socks; Away Kit - Sky Blue Shirts, Sky Blue Shorts, Sky Blue Socks

Manager: Steve Connolly

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The Steelmen Esh Winning

To be picked from ...

Will Lawrence



Mark Fish



Daniel Simpkin



Hugo Banks



Matthew Bell



Dom McMahon



Jack Proctor



Chris Stoker



Lee Bythway



Jonathan Swift



Lee Farrington



Joe Gill



Stuart Browne



Matthew Waller



Joe Bennett



Nathan Burrell



Stephen Jackson



Sam Steele



Chris Bivens



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A thriving club with a team for all ...

As well as the first team and reserves in male adult football, Redcar Athletic FC has a wide range of teams in junior football and female football. Here you can find all our teams and contact numbers ...

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U7	Steve Fulcher
U8	Robbie Farrier 07734498299
U9 Reds	Kev Lee 07540808340
U9 Blues	Craig Moore
U10	TBC
U11	Kieran Janicki 07450408472
U12	Steve Simpkin 07810504687
U12 Girls	John Patchett 07740031000
U15	Ian Graham 07842371116
U16 Reds	Dave Marshall 07411859336
U16 Blues	Kris Dryden 07843239784
U17	Jason Bradley 07512245302
U18	Josh Millward 07507580173
U19 Blues	Ian Graham 07842371116
U19 Reds	Dan Stainthorpe
U23	Steve Simpkin 07810504687
Ladies	Dean McNamee 07930449335
Reserves	Steve Simpkin 07810504687
First Team	Steve Connolly 07817863240
Club Secretary	Kev Fryett 07854935380

MANAGER'S NOTES



Hello and welcome back from everyone in the management team. Your support of us has been missed, and hopefully you'll play a key role in a historic season.

Saturday was always going to be very tough start to the season, away to Crook Town. We rarely come away from there with many points. However, we expected to have a much bigger say in a competitive game.

The first 15 minutes went to plan and I was feeling good about what I was seeing. But we dropped off our men and dropped to deep, allowing a fantastic cross to be met by an equally brilliant header. It was uphill from there.

2-0 down at the break we huffed and puffed but in reality our best 2 chances fell to Adam Preston in the last 10 minutes, by which point Crook's 3rd had knocked the fight out of us.

Psychologically and physically I think we underperformed. Crook We're tougher in both aspects and we shied away. Technically I think we were pretty brutal. A far cry from the impressive win over Thornaby and draw with York City U19s.

It wasn't the start we wanted, but it's only 1 game and tonight we'll be demanding and expecting significant improvements. The players will be expecting changes to the team and I will duly oblige.

Hope you enjoy a better game.

Steve Connolly



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DOWN THE LANE



Well eventually it's here! The start of the new Northern League Season all the trials and tribulations since the cruel ending of the League last season due to the Covid 19 pandemic are forgotten. We start a new journey with the same aim - Promotion to the Northern League 1st Division and we start it fired up using all the pent up anger and frustration as inspiration to achieve our ultimate aim.

Throughout the Covid 19 crisis the club has worked tirelessly to ensure when this date came we were ready to return to football. The support from the community that we have received has blown us away it has been incredible and we are immensely proud to represent the great town of Redcar and hope that by been successful we can help to raise the profile of the Town even further.

March 2020 seems a very long time ago and when we look at what has been achieved since then very dark days it is an incredible achievement.

I have to start by thanking the supporters who have been amazing last season our support was the 2nd best in the Division with an average of 170 and we sold 55 season tickets , this season to date we have sold an incredible 86 season tickets an unbelievable figure and the committee, management & players would like to give a massive thanks to each and every one who has shown their support and purchased a Season Ticket.

We have sold over £1000 worth of replica kit, leisure wear, scarves & pin badges in the last few months with our new NHS dedicated away shirt proving very popular.

Off the pitch our sponsorship opportunities have also been incredibly successful , all of our sponsors from last Season renewed their deals and we have added some other excellent partnerships notably Cleveland Sitesafe who has become our Matchday Partner and Stuart Myers Financial Services who has become a Gold Partner of the Club.

We want to thank everybody for your fantastic support and we look forward to welcoming you at the Club for future games as our Guests of Honour.

The ground has been transformed and all those supporters who come along tonight for our 1st Home League game v Esh Winning will see a very different BM Bi Folding Doors Stadium. We have added another 50 seater spectator stand a 110 capacity standing only spectator stand, we are just finishing off a club shop building which will host programme sales (including programmes from other games & other clubs) club merchandise sales and revamped PA system. Our new Clubhouse, which will be sited within the 1st team pitch boundary, will be arriving very soon giving us a dedicated licenced bar, toilet facilities, snack bar facilities and social lounge. The whole ground has undergone a makeover with a group of volunteers from the Boot Room led by Richie Green completing tasks such as painting the old stands, staining the fences, painting the pitch side rails. The group has done a first class job and on behalf of the Club I would like to take this opportunity to truly thank them for their fantastic contribution, you cannot put a value on the work & hours they have put in.

All the work has been done to continue to improve the spectator experience at Redcar Athletic and to try and encourage more people to come along and support their town and their club.

The management team have been working hard too to build a squad which they think will be good enough to get us promotion to Division One and they have added 4 quality signings all of whom have shown in the preseason games that they are going to be excellent additions to the Club.

It has been a long time coming but we are ready and ready to represent the town of Redcar and hopefully give them something to be proud of. During these uncertain times we will have certain restrictions at our home games but we are hoping that the people of Redcar turn out in big numbers to show their support for the team and inspire the players even further.

Thank you everybody. #UTS

Kevin Fryett
Chairman



VISITING THE LANE...

CLUB HISTORY

Esh Winning Football Club are a football club based in Esh Winning, near Durham, in County Durham, England. They joined the Northern League Division Two in 1982.

Football clubs in Esh Winning date back as far as 1889, including a team which won the Northern League in 1913. The latest incarnation of the club was formed in 1969 as the current version Esh Winning F.C. gained acceptance into the Durham and District Sunday League Third Division.

Promotion was achieved in 1971, the Guards Cup was won the following season and in 1973 Esh Winning carried off the Division Two Championship.

In 1975 there were victories in the Stafferri Cup and in 1976 the Earls House Sunday Cup. 1979 and 1980 saw Esh carry off back to back Sunday League Championships before spending the 1981–82 season in the Northern Alliance where a respectable sixth place was achieved.

Successful election into the newly created Northern League Second Division followed where Esh remained until 2002 when the club was

promoted to Division One. In the 2005–06 season the club got off to a slow start and were relegated back to the Second Division after 4 years in the Northern League top flight.

The middle of the 2010's saw Esh struggling around the foot of Division 2, sometimes requiring the lack of teams being promoted to avoid relegation and a lot of managerial changes.

In the past few years Tony Boakes has become the manager at the club and guided us to safe finishes in the league despite often being pre-season favourites for the drop.

2019/20 was a strange season for all with COVID-19 curtailing the final games of the season, however it was a time of stability before that for The Stags with a solid season resulting in the majority of the players returning for the new 2020/21 season.

The future is looking brighter with the clubhouse undergoing a much needed refurbishment during the close season, the team has been bolstered by exciting new signings to add to the experienced core we have at our disposal.

PLAYER PROFILES

Management Team

TONY BOAKES MANAGER

Tony has been with us a good length of time now and sees this as the season to push towards the top half. Formerly an academy scout for NUFC and MFC previously Manager at Prudhoe town and Birtley.

JOHN STOKER ASSISTANT MANAGER

Joined the club as assistant manager having spent several years managing junior and youth teams. Started at Tunstall FC enjoying success with league titles and County Cups. More recently he joined Durham City FC looking after the U18 squad reaching 3 cup finals in as many years. Many of Jon's players also made it into the first team. Jon is also proud to be part of the ESFA U18 management team.

Goalkeepers

MARK FISH

Fishy returning to Pre-season was fantastic to see, having been out injured for nearly 2 years. He will be desperate to get back to playing competitive

football, he has also started helping out on the coaching front. He lists his favourite club as Celtic. Previous clubs: Birtley Town, Seaham Red Star, Washington, RACA, Prudhoe.

HUGO BANKS

Hugo is a new addition to the squad this pre-season. He brings with him experience of professional football and is a great presence around the dressing room. He is a Newcastle United supporter and lists Martin Dubravka and Joe Hart as his favourite players. Previous clubs: Grimsby Town, Ponteland United

DOM MCMAHON

Dr. Dom joined us midway through last season and his inclusion coincided with a great run and plenty of clean sheets. A good presence amongst the back four and will be expected to start as number 1 this year.

CHRIS STOKER

Chris has seen plenty of minutes in pre-season before picking up a knock against RCA. He will be looking to provide competition to the goalkeeping ranks this year. His team is Sunderland and his favourite player is Chris Maguire. Previous clubs: Tunstall Youth, Ryhope CW, Easington CW, Horden

Defenders

JONATHAN SWIFT

Swiftly was the man of many positions last season, the very definition of a club man he never let the team down in whatever position he played. This season will again no doubt see many a positional change but as an almost ever present in the team last year a key asset to the club and a pleasure to have in the team. He lists his favourite club as Manchester United

JOE GILL

Joe has been at the club for a few seasons now he is very good defender centrally or on the right side another great addition to the Esh Squad this season. Previous Clubs: Tow Law

MATTHEW WALLER

Matthew is new to the squad this year, and already looks the part at Right Back, even at 16 years old. This will be a season of progression for Matthew who is a Sunderland supporter and lists his favourite player as John O'Shea. Previous Clubs: Durham County SFA

NATHAN BURRELL

An experienced defender who has been added to the club this summer. He

ESH WINNING FC



KYLE SPENCER

Joining us for the first time this season Kyle looks an energetic player who will add a work rate and a little bit of creativity to the team. Looking sharp in pre-season we are looking forward to seeing him progress. Previous clubs – Hartlepool FC

Forwards

NICK MARLEY

Made a good impact when arriving in the 16/17 season, dominant every time he stepped foot on the pitch in the 17/18 season, leads the line well and is a triple threat with both feet and his head. The 18/19 season was just as dominant for Nick as he made his mark on the defences that came up against him. This season he will be looking to improve his goal scoring tally. Previous Club: Crook Town

JAY MCLEAN

Made an instant impact after joining us halfway through the season, his performance against Synners away was a joy to behold. A quick, aggressive forward Jay will no doubt be a force to be reconed with this season. He is a Man United supporter, and his favourite player is our very own Nick Marley. Previous clubs: Bishop Auckland

CHANNON NORTH

Joined the club last season and was a great success. Throughout his long career he has always had an eye for goal and last year was no exception. Not only does he add a goal threat he brings more leadership into the team and is a voice that is respected amongst his teammates. Previous Clubs: Hebburn, Ashington, Jarrow, Seaham, Newcastle Benfield, Ryton, Hebburn Reyrolle

CONNOR SLACK

Joining the club this summer, he is a graduate of the Sunderland AFC youth academy. In pre-season he has shown his class with pace, vision and a lovely composed finish. We are delighted to have him at the club and look forward to his progression. Previous Clubs: Sunderland AFC, Sunderland RCA

MICHAEL YOUNG

Joining the club this summer, he will be looking to add another physical presence to the Esh forward line. Not only does he bring experience but also a brief stint as manager at Durham last year will only add to his leadership. Previous Clubs: Durham City, Ryhope, Consett.

has captained previous teams and will add more leadership into the team. Previous Clubs: Sunderland West End, Durham City, Ashbrooke

SAM STEELE

Sam joined in the 18/19 season and was a revelation at right back, the most impressive performance was in a 4-0 drubbing of Birtley where Sam also managed to scamper forward to top his day off with a goal off the underside of the bar. Sam offers aggression and ability and will be utilised on the right hand side of the pitch this season. He is most known for his viral video which can be seen on social media showcasing his ability to get a shot on target. He is a Sunderland fan who lists Cristiano Ronaldo as his favourite player. Previous Clubs – Seaham Red Star, Durham City

MATTHEW SOULSBY

Joining the club for the latest time last year he has been an ever present member of the defence. Calmness personified and never looking flustered Matty has been a fantastic player during his time at the club. Previous Clubs – Tow Law, Birtley, Prudhoe

JAMIE MCLEOD

Jamie joins us for his first season, coming in to add a quality ball player to the defence. In pre-season he has looked comfortable at the back and able to pick a pass at will.

ALEX GOUNDRY

Although not truly a defender, Alex looked great at right back last season and will be looking forward to a full season this year.

CHRIS STEVENSON

Joining the week before the season Chris has seen years in the Northern League, he will bring experience and is a very solid defender/midfielder. Previous Clubs: Chester-Le-Street, Washington

Midfielders

MAX STOKER

Club captain, popular man in the club and a leader who his starting yet another season at the club. Max has the ability to ooze class and cruise around the field. Always putting pressure on the opposition, his own players and officials to benefit his team. Max lists his favourite players as Cristiano Ronaldo or our very own Glenn Donaldson. Previous Clubs:- Durham City, Seaham Red Star, Horden

CALLUM BANKI

Always a threat when we have played against teams he has represented. We are delighted to have Callum on our side this time! In pre-season he has looked sharp with several goals, including a 30 yarder. Previous Clubs: Durham City, Thornaby, Shildon

CALLUM BOAKES

After an impressive junior career, featuring two England Schoolboy caps and 7 years in academy football, Callum joined Esh Winning a week after the new management took over. Growing in maturity with every season that passes he is excellent with the ball at his feet, has a knack for scoring and also has a deadly set piece in him.

SCOTT ARNOTT

Another long serving player at the club and vice captain. Scott adds a competitive element to the midfield, and another leading voice for the players around him. He is a Sunderland fan and his favourite player is Roy Keane. Previous Clubs: Crook, Birtley

CRAIG HINDMARCH

Craig is a dominant central midfielder who has been around the league for several years now. Returning to the club this year he will add his experience to an already solid midfield. He lists his team as Sunderland and his favourite player as Roy Keane. Previous Clubs: Brandon United, Durham City, Esh Winning, Bedlington Terriers, West Allotment, Newton Aycliffe, Billingham Synthonia

GLENN DONALDSON

Glenn continues to keep defying his size with impressive strength and a great engine. He is a great personality around the club, and chips in with the odd goal. Previous Clubs: Durham City

MATTY ALLISON

2017/18 player of the season, and quite probably last seasons player of the season if we had the awards. Matty brings a tremendous work rate and pops up with a goal more often than you would imagine. Previous Clubs: Tow Law

JOE LILLEY

Joining us this year to add to the quality we already have is Sunderland AFC graduate Joe. He has looked sharp in pre-season and we look forward to seeing him progress. Despite being at Sunderland since the age of 7, Joe's team is Newcastle. Previous Clubs – Sunderland AFC, Washington



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Will Lawrence

Will cemented his place as the club's no 1 keeper late last season following an early injury. A top quality keeper who made 11 appearances last season and will no doubt be looking to add to that tally this season.

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GOALKEEPER



Dan Simpkin

Dan is the regular keeper for the Reserves but has made several appearances for the 1st team and will be pushing hard to challenge for the No.1 spot with Will Lawrence this season.

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Mike Woodhouse

Woody is the Team Captain great midfield player, consistent with a great engine. Mike made 36 appearances last season and his goal tally was an excellent 11 goals.

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Sam Webster

Midfielder Sam is a tricky skilful midfielder player who has been with us some while now. Webber made 36 appearances last season scoring 8 goals.

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DEFENDER



Matthew Bell

Matty is a new signing for the 20-21 season, a midfield player who was at Marske Utd. Matty has settled in well in pre season and looks a great player.

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DEFENDER



Jack Procter

A new signing and brings a lot of Northern League experience. Jack has joined us from Northallerton and plays in defence and will be looking at cementing his place at the heart of the defence this season

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Gary Redman

Gary has been with us for 2 seasons now and has made a great contribution in establishing the Club in the Northern League, last season Gary made 38 appearances and chipped in with 4 goals.

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MIDFIELDER



Jordan Rivis

Midfielder Jordan joined us from Stokesley a few of seasons ago and has become a vital player for the team. Last season he made 34 appearances and scored 9 goals.

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Lee Bythway

Lee is a vastly experienced Northern League defender, signed from Guisborough Town last season. He made 27 appearances last season and scored 3 goals.

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Lee Farrington

Faz is a very experienced defender and a model of consistency in his 3rd season for us now and last season he made 36 appearances

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Tom Bligh

Tom is another new signing who has joined us from Billingham Synthonia after a long pursuit! Tom brings a lot of Northern League experience with him. Made his mark in pre season with a contender of goal of the season.

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MIDFIELDER



Tom Eglinton

Tom has stepped up from the Reserves this season after making the odd appearance last season. Tom is an excellent prospect and will be a valuable addition to the squad this season.

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DEFENDER



Stuart Browne

Defender who had another great season for us last year making 37 appearances but did not contribute with any goals which is very unusual, keeps telling us he is retiring but there still seems plenty left in the tank yet!

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DEFENDER



Joe Bennett

Benno is a defender Joe has been with us some time and plays anywhere even in goal! He established himself at the heart of the defence last season making 35 appearances and scoring once.

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STRIKER



McCorie Carmichael

Macca is a young striker who dipped in and out of the side last season combining his development with the firsts and reserves. He will be pushing to establish himself. Last season made 15 appearance, scoring once.

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STRIKER



Connor Smith

Connor is a former junior player with the club, a striker who joined us last season from Billingham Town. He made 20 appearances last season and scored 11 goals.

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Chris Bivens

This will be Bivvo's 5th season with us an experienced defender who last season made 31 appearances and scored the one goal.

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Steve Jackson

Jacko joined us last season from Northallerton. Very experienced and can play in defence/midfield. Ex clubs include Billingham Town, Seaham Red Star. Last season he made 37 appearances and scored 4 goals.

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Nick Martin

Nicky is one of our new signings who has signed from Northallerton Town, Nicky has lots of Northern League experience and has scored plenty of goals.

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Adam Preston

Adam rejoined us again after a successful spell at Thornaby. Adam scores goals wherever he goes and in 13 appearances last season he scored 11 goals. He will be looking to add to his tally this season.

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MEET THE MANAGEMENT STAFF

MANAGER – Steve Connolly Sponsored by - Master Jesse Yafano

Previous clubs include Belfast Celtic FC (then called Sport v Leisure Swifts) where my love of football developed. Watching my dad in his last years as a striker, then Manager and Chairman. It was his unofficial job of groundsman, DIY man and general dogbody that showed me how much a club could mean to the volunteers who keep it alive. Before I'd reached the age to kick a ball for the senior section of the club I'd already swept changing rooms, painted clubhouses and been waterboy / No.1 fan. When I was old enough to accept that I was a fairly average player, I decided I wanted to be a coach. A journey that's taken me through coaching badges, working in football for 17 years, and volunteering for clubs throughout the North East sees me now entering my eighth year as manager of Redcar Athletic. A club that has developed so much since I first arrived thanks to the amazing volunteers who work in the background. Over the years we've had great seasons with a few trophies along the way, all with the support of my fantastic coaching team and my dad cheering me on as my No.1 fan.

COACH – Doug Hislop Sponsored by Armandos Restaurant

I originally joined Redcar Athletic first team in 2013 as a coach alongside Steve Connolly and Liam Cox, whilst continuing to coach junior teams and u18's locally. In 2014 became the new Redcar Athletic reserve team manager. As Reserve Team Manager we were fortunate enough to go on and win 2 trophies and finish runners up in the league in 2015-16. After a break in 2016-2017 I rejoined the club as first team coach, for the famous and seemingly impossible Wearside League winning season. What a season!

COACH – Harry Taylor Sponsored by Ladi Kazeem

At an early age I became a coach and decided to work towards gaining relevant coaching qualifications. I hold a PGCE in Secondary Physical Education and am working towards my Uefa B licence. I have worked with all ages and abilities during my 12 year coaching career so far ranging from grass roots to Elite level coaching. I currently coach Markse United Juniors u15 Along side Redcar Athletic First team. Qualifications include: FA Level 2, PGCE / QTS in Secondary Physical Education, Bsc Hons in Sports Coaching.



Playing career: Horden CW, Olympia Warriors, Stokesley FC, Billingham Town FC.
Coaching Background: Olympia Warriors Academy, Redcar and Cleveland District Teams, Marske United Juniors Billingham Town 1st Team Coach.

PHYSIO – Peta Taylor Sponsored by Everyone Active

After graduating Teesside University in 2016 with a degree in Sports Therapy, I have worked within professional rugby and football, as sports therapist at Mowden Park RFC & Hartlepool United FC. I've been working in the Northern league for 5 years now, previously being the head Sports Therapist for Billingham Town FC and am now going into my 3rd season with Redcar Athletic along side running my own Sports Therapy business, dealing with clients of all ages and backgrounds, including professional boxers, swimmers and elite Olympic weightlifters.

PLAYING STATISTICS 2020-21

UPTO 5/9/20

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GOALS	PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GOALS
Will Lawrence	1			Connor Smith			
Steve Jackson	1			Stu Browne			
Lee Farrington	1			Matty Bell			
Mike Woodhouse	1			Tom Eglinton			
Jordan Ravis	1			Jack Proctor			
Joe Bennett	1			Dan Simpkin			
Lee Bythway	1						
Gary Redman	1						
Chris Bivens	1						
Tom Bligh	1						
Nick Martin	1						
Sam Webster		1					
Adam Preston		1					
McCorie Carmichael		1					

NORTHERN LEAGUE INFO



LATEST RESULTS

05/09/20

Bedlington Terriers 1-0 Ryton & Crawcrook
Birtley Town 1-1 Washington
Crook Town 3-0 Redcar Athletic
Durham City 3-4 Willington
Easington Colliery 2-1 Billingham Synthonia
Esh Winning 3-2 Brandon United
Heaton Stannington 1-1 Carlisle City
Jarrow 0-0 West Allotment Celtic
Newcastle University 1-2 Tow Law Town
Sunderland West End P-P Chester-le-Street

UPCOMING FIXTURES

09/09/20

Crook Town v Newcastle University
Ryton & Crawcrook v Heaton Stannington
Willington v Chester-le-Street
Billingham Synthonia v Carlisle City
Redcar Athletic v Esh Winning
Washington v Brandon United

10/09/20

Easington Colliery v Durham City

11/09/20

Birtley Town v Chester-le-Street

12/09/20

Billingham Synthonia v Bedlington Terriers
Brandon United v Sunderland West End
Carlisle City v Esh Winning
Jarrow v Durham City
Redcar Athletic v Newcastle University
Ryton & Crawcrook Albion v Crook Town
Tow Law Town v West Allotment Celtic
Washington v Easington Colliery
Willington v Heaton Stannington

14/09/20

Newcastle University v Willington

15/09/20

Durham City v Bedlington Terriers
Carlisle City v Washington

16/09/20

Heaton Stannington v Billingham Synthonia
West Allotment Celtic v Crook Town
Birtley Town v Tow Law Town
Sunderland West End v Redcar Athletic
Brandon United v Chester-le-Street

LEAGUE TABLES

For the voided season 2019-20

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 West Allotment Celtic	26	21	1	4	96	37	59	64
2 Redcar Athletic	28	18	5	5	60	33	27	59
3 Crook Town	27	18	3	6	70	33	37	57
4 Ryton and Crawcrook	28	16	3	9	60	36	24	51
5 Carlisle City	26	16	3	7	65	51	14	51
6 Billingham Synthonia	27	16	2	9	60	40	20	50
7 Heaton Stannington	26	15	4	7	58	27	31	49
8 Tow Law Town	26	14	4	8	55	37	18	46
9 Jarrow	25	13	3	9	45	37	8	42
10 Easington Colliery	26	10	5	11	63	54	9	35
11 Birtley Town	25	10	3	12	34	34	0	33
12 Newcastle University	25	9	5	11	56	62	-6	32
13 Willington	25	10	2	13	40	48	-8	32
14 Chester-Le-Street	27	10	1	16	38	57	-19	31
15 Esh Winning	27	8	6	13	46	58	-12	30
16 Bedlington Terriers	25	9	1	15	43	65	-22	28
17 Sunderland West End	27	7	5	15	38	60	-22	26
18 Washington	29	5	3	21	33	77	-44	18
19 Brandon United	24	2	5	17	25	73	-48	11
20 Durham City	25	2	2	21	18	84	-66	8

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Stockton Town	30	24	5	1	71	14	57	77
2 Shildon	30	20	4	6	75	38	37	64
3 Hebburn Town	31	19	5	7	82	48	34	62
4 North Shields	28	16	6	6	56	37	19	54
5 Newton Aycliffe	29	17	2	10	64	43	21	53
6 Consett	27	14	7	6	72	38	34	49
7 Guisborough Town	29	15	4	10	43	38	5	49
8 Newcastle Benfield	31	11	10	10	50	49	1	43
9 West Auckland Town	29	11	9	9	50	35	15	42
10 Billingham Town	30	12	6	12	54	54	0	42
11 Bishop Auckland	32	12	5	15	59	66	-7	41
12 Sunderland RCA	30	12	5	13	50	59	-9	41
13 Sunderland Ryhope	30	9	9	12	45	64	-19	36
14 Seaham Red Star	28	7	8	13	43	67	-24	29
15 Ashington	29	8	5	16	33	61	-28	29
16 Whitley Bay	31	7	7	17	50	62	-12	28
17 Whickham	29	7	4	18	37	66	-29	25
18 Thornaby	29	5	7	17	34	67	-33	22
19 Penrith	29	5	5	19	32	69	-37	20
20 Northallerton Town	27	6	1	20	29	54	-25	19

PRE-SEASON REVIEW

WORDS: **Kev Fryett**
IMAGES: **Trevor Wilkinson**

After a long wait due to the Covid 19 pandemic we were finally given the green light to resume competitive friendlies and our 1st pre season friendly took place on Tuesday 11th August with a home fixture against Local North Riding Premier League side Redcar Newmarket.

Every precaution was taken to reduce the risk of spreading Covid 19 and at last a game was set to be played.

Redcar Athletic 3 Redcar Newmarket 3

Goals from Smith, Woodhouse and Eglinton for Athletic and a hat trick from Reeves for Newmarket gave us a 3-3 draw in our first competitive game back since March.

It was a great workout for the lads with the usual competitive edge that games between these two sides always seem to have. Thanks to Redcar Newmarket for the game and it was fantastic to catch up with a lot of old friends. Good Luck to Redcar Newmarket for the forthcoming season

Next up was a trip to another North Riding Premier League side - Kader FC.

Kader FC 3 Redcar Athletic 5

Redcar gained their first victory



of their pre season campaign over North Riding Premier League side Kader. The majority of the squad were involved but Adam Preston and Tom Eglinton missed out due to injuries and Joe Bennett, Connor Smith and Matty Bell were unavailable.

The game featured a contender for Goal of the Season with an absolute cracking volley from new signing Tom Bligh you can view the goal on our new You Tube channel details below. Redcars other goals came from other new signing Nicky Martin who grabbed 2, Lee Farrington and Gary Redman.

On the 18th August the FA Vase ties were drawn and we received a bye to the next round where we will face the winners of Willington AFC v Whickham FC

at home on the 10th Oct 2020. This will be our very first FA Vase home fixture.

For our third pre season friendly Wolviston FC from the Wearside League were the visitors to the BM Bi Folding Doors Stadium and a chance to catch up with some old friends from our days in the Wearside League.

On the day of the game the FA and DCMS issued new guidance which allowed spectators back into stadiums initially capped at 150 then following hitting the capped attendance of 150 clubs could then move onto the next stage which will see spectators capped at 300. The guidance was too late for the friendly v Wolviston and the game took place behind closed doors.

Redcar Athletic 5 Wolviston FC 1

Goals from Tom Bligh with another superb strike, Chris Bivens, Matthew Bell, a Wolviston own goal and a great curling free kick from Jordan Ravis gave Redcar a 5-1 victory over Wolviston. Manager Steve Connolly was pleased with the performance and said: "Pre Season is going really well the preparation has been excellent and I am very pleased at where we are at."

Our fourth Friendly was a real derby a game against our ever improving Reserve side.

Redcar Athletic 3 Redcar Athletic Reserves 2

It was the first game with supporters for Athletic last night since the Covid 19 pandemic and a crowd of 113 saw a great game which ended in favour of the 1st team.

Goals from McCorie Carmichael, Nicky Martin and Connor Smith have the 1st team the victory with the Reserves goals coming from Clarkson and a cracking effort from Walker. The game advertised the strength in depth of the Seniors Section at the Club with the reserves impressing all those that watched with their quality and style of play. The future looks very bright.

Following the victory over our Reserves we then moved on to what on paper was our toughest pre season test and a home fixture against Northern League First Division side Thornaby FC.

Redcar Athletic 2 Thornaby 0

Redcar entertained Northern League Division One team Thornaby as they continued to build up to the beginning of their Northern League campaign. The game took place in front of a sell out crowd of 150 meaning that under the current Covid 19 guidance they can move onto the next stage of having spectators at games allowing a maximum of 300 at future games.

Thornaby featured ex Boro Goalkeeper Dimi Konstatopolous (above) making his debut and he won't have relished playing in very windy and wet conditions.

Nicky Martin opened the scoring for Redcar to continue his great pre season and in the second half Matty Bell hit a great free kick to extend Redcars lead.

The end of our pre season brought a young York City U19 squad to the BM Bi Folding



Doors on what turned out to be a dreadful night for football.

Redcar Athletic 1 York City U19 1

Our final pre season friendly against York City U19s was played in torrential rain last night and ended up in a 1-1 draw. The 1st half was goalless and late in the 2nd half Redcar thought they had won the game with a fantastic goal from Nicky Martin

who scored with a brilliant header following a brilliant ball in from Tom Bligh however with virtually the last kick of the game York drew level with a penalty after keeper Will Lawrence brought down a York City player in the box.

A great game played in great spirit which brings the end of the build up to our new season in the Northern League Division 2.

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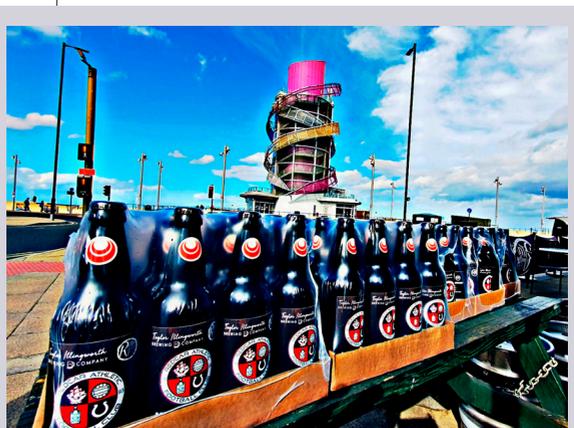


Red = Evening Kick-Offs

Team Line-Up First XI

Substitutes Used

Date & Opposition	Comp	Res	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	#	+	*	
SEPTEMBER																		
5	CROOK TOWN	NL2	L 0-3	227	Lawrence	Jackson	Farrington	Woodhouse	Bennett			Bythway	Redman #	Rivis	Martin	Bligh +	Bivens *	Preston Carmichael Webster
9	ESH WINNING	NL2																
12	NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY	NL2																
15	SUNDERLAND WEST END	NL2																
23	BIRTLEY TOWN	NL2																
29	WEST ALLOTMENT CELTIC	NL2																
OCTOBER																		
1	EASINGTON COLLIERY	NL2																
3	DURHAM CITY	NL2																
7	BEDLINGTON TERRIERS	NL2																
10	WILLINGTON or WHICKHAM	FAV2Q																
17	Tow Law Town	NL2																
24	Willington	NL2																
31	RYTON & CRAWCROOK ALBION	NL2																
NOVEMBER																		
7	Billingham Synthonia	NL2																
14	WASHINGTON	NL2																
21	Chester-Le-Street	NL2																
28	BRANDON UNITED	NL2																
DECEMBER																		
5	Carlisle City	NL2																
12	HEATON STANNINGTON	NL2																
19	Esh Winning	NL2																
26	TOW LAW TOWN	NL2																
JANUARY 2021																		
2	WILLINGTON	NL2																
9	SUNDERLAND WEST END	NL2																
16	Birtley Town	NL2																
23	EASINGTON COLLIERY	NL2																
30	Bedlington Terriers	NL2																
FEBRUARY																		
6	CROOK TOWN	NL2																
13	Newcastle University	NL2																
20	West Allotment Celtic	NL2																
27	Durham City	NL2																
MARCH																		
6	Jarrow	NL2																
13	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	NL2																
27	BILLINGHAM SYNTHONIA	NL2																
27	Washington	NL2																
APRIL																		
3	CHESTER-LE-STREET	NL2																
10	Brandon United	NL2																
17	CARLISLE CITY	NL2																
24	Heaton Stannington	NL2																
TO BE SCHEDULED																		
H	JARROW	NL2																



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You will then receive a form giving the details of payment - which is either cash, cheque or bank transfer.

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NL2 = Northern League Division Two **FAV** = FA Vase
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MEET THE NEWBIES!

TOM BLIGH

Age: 23

Nickname: Tommy or T

Preferred position: Center Midfield

Previous Clubs: Guisborough, Synners and a couple more

Team supported growing up: Of course Middlesbrough

Why did you start playing football?: Just the same as any young footballer, from a young age of 5 when you get hold of a ball and you just know from then on

Favourite footballing moment: Got to be my left foot volley pre-season hasn't it...

Best player played with: I've played with a lot of great lads, I don't think I could pick a favourite out of them

Role models growing up: The Steven Gerrards and Paul Scholes, the play makers

Footballing idol: Paul Gascoigne

Why did you decide to join RAFC?: Being in second place last season when it unfortunately got cut short I thought Redcar definitely had the chance to win it and when I got it touch with Steve he sounded very interested and keen on signing me so I did



Predictions for 2020/21 season?: 100% promotion, I'm even going to say we finish first

Questions posed by Alfie Lambert



ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 9TH 2020

In 1985, Ballon d'Or winner Luka Modric was born in Croatia.

The midfielder, still currently playing for Real Madrid, won the award in 2018 after an impressive World Cup that saw his national side reach the final, although we know how that ended for them...

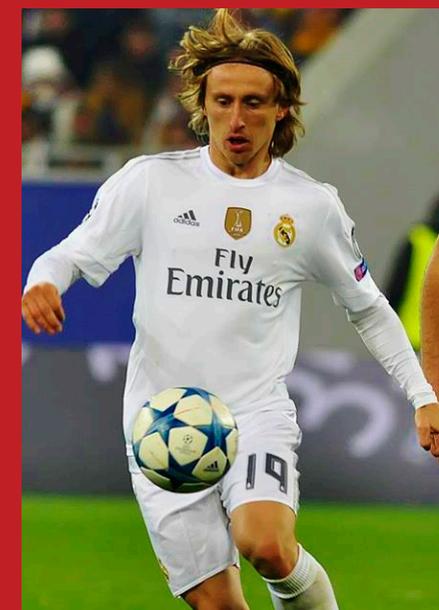
The Croatian has played nearly 800 times for club and country, scoring just shy of 100 goals in that time.

During this time, he's cemented himself as one of the best midfielders in world football.

Modric also boasts an impressive trophy cabinet, having won the Champions League four times - including three back to back between 2016 to 2018.

He's also got two La Liga's and a Copa del Rey to add to that from his time at Real Madrid, as well as three Croatian titles and two Croatian cups.

And then there's his time at Spurs...





1ST ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): CHRIS BIVENS, LEE BYTHWAY, STEVE JACKSON, SAM WEBSTER. **2ND ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** JACK PROCTOR, JOE BENNETT, CONNOR SMITH, MICHAEL WOODHOUSE.
3RD ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): LEE FARRINGTON, JORDAN RIVIS, MATTY BELL, GARY REDMAN. **BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** NICKY MARTIN, WILL LAWRENCE, TOM EGLINGTON.
TOP INSET (LEFT TO RIGHT): ADAM PRESTON, TOM BLYGH, STUART BROWNE. **MANAGER STEVE CONNOLLY, COACH HARRY TAYLOR, PHYSIO PETA TAYLOR.**

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The prize money will be 50% of the membership fee taken that month up to a maximum of £500 per month. The remaining 50% goes to Redcar Athletic FC Seniors to help fund the teams development.

**Any queries, please contact Kev Fryett on
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PURPOSE: The purpose of the 200 Club is to raise funds. The money will be paid into the Redcar Athletic bank account and used for the development of the team.

RULES

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3. The prizes will total 50% of the annual income.
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7. Member's numbers will only be entered if their subscription is up to date.
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9. The draw
10. The winner will receive his/her winnings within one week of the draw
11. The name and numbers for each month's winners will be posted on Redcar Athletics Social Media outlets.
12. The 200 Club will be run by Redcar Athletic Seniors. In case of any dispute the decision of the Committee is final.
13. Unless otherwise advised, a member will be deemed to have left the 100 Club if his/her subscription renewal remains unpaid for a period of one month.
14. If a winner cannot be contacted, the winnings will be placed into Redcar Athletic funds after six months.

SIGN UP FORM

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Membership Number:

Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

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Email: _____

I/we agree to pay Redcar Athletic FC £5 on the 28th of each month, or a sum of £60 to be paid annually via Standing Order or cash and paid into the 200 Club account until I/we advise the bank otherwise.

I/we agree that if we wish to cancel this order I/we will also inform Kevin Fryett of Redcar Athletic FC of this decision.

Signature: _____

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Bank Account Number	__ - - - - - - - - - -

PLEASE PAY:

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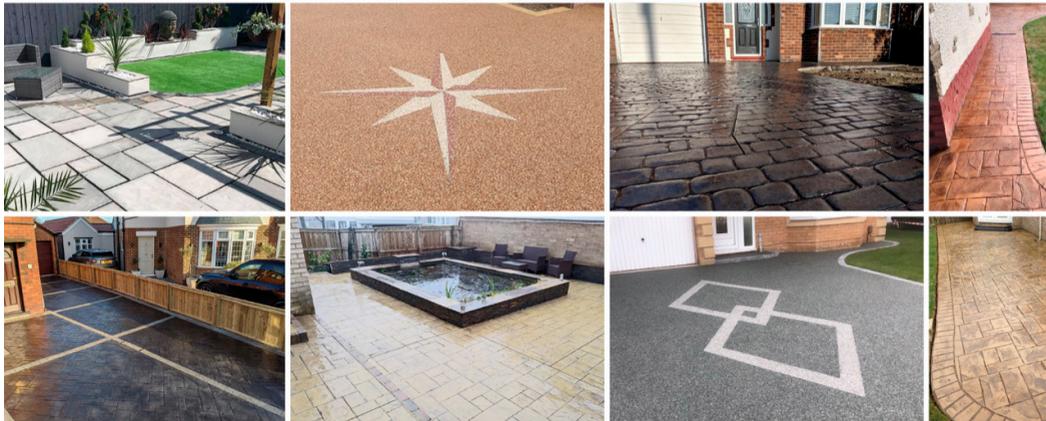
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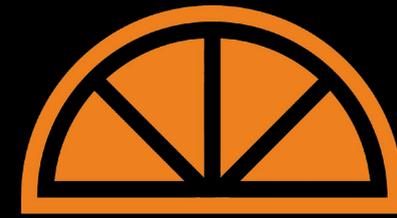
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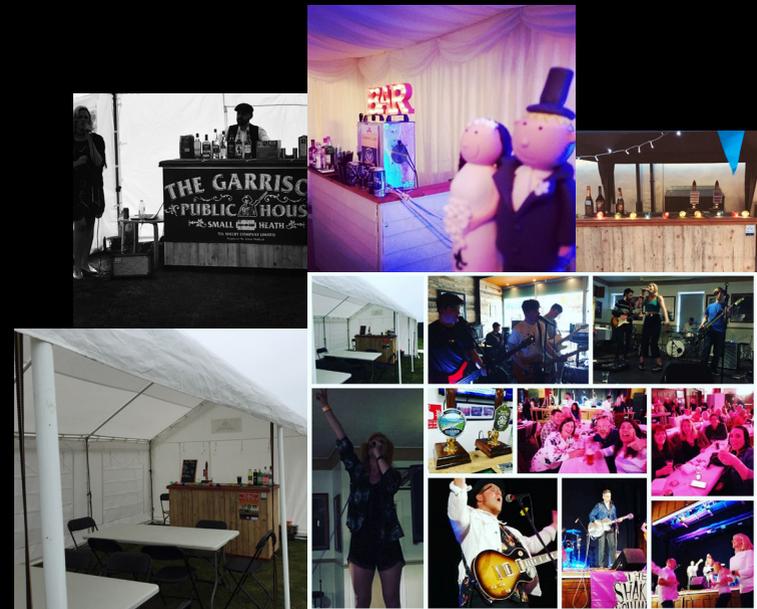
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Footprints in the Community started in 2013 and now run a number of projects which aim to reduce poverty and isolation in the local area.

Their most well-known project is Redcar Area Foodbank, which provides emergency food parcels to people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families. The coronavirus pandemic has increased demand on the foodbank and lead to the charity developing innovative new ways to deliver services.

During the pandemic Anna has been working with Footprints to man their new Foodbank referral line, supported by a dedicated team of volunteers who then deliver emergency food parcels to client's doors.

Footprints can only continue to offer this support due to the generous donations of food and money, which are needed now more than ever. Food can be donated at most local supermarkets and the public can make monetary donations by contacting finance@footprintsinthecommunity.co.uk

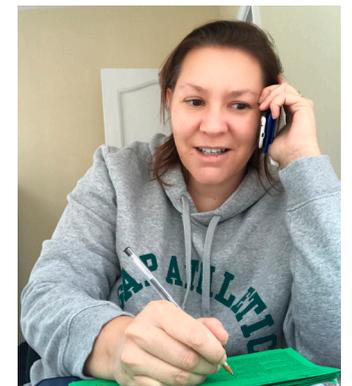
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Beginnings. 1878-80

The year is 1878. The lightbulb is yet to be invented, Joseph Stalin has been brought into the world and Diego Costa has scored 20 goals for Atletico Madrid (only joking of course, Atleti weren't formed until 1903). England isn't in the best state; crime, hunger and poor sanitation are rife, and the working classes are being exploited by the aristocrats that run the country.

It's a class divide that's echoed in the football world, where public school teams dominate The Football Association and its flagship competition, the FA Cup. Closer to home, you'll be interested to hear that Boosbeck train station has opened, but something far more influential than freight trains is travelling to Redcar...

Here we find the beginnings of football in the town. Sheffield had already paved the way for football in the North, taking the rules formally used by Old Boys in affluent southern areas of the country and forming their own rules to share with the northern working classes in the 1850s and '60s. Redcar were formed in 1878, according to CW Alcock's 1882 Football Annual, when members of the Redcar and Coatham YMCA Cricket Club decided to form a football team. Some of the club's Middlesbrough residents - such as the wonderfully named Augustus Yeo, a 20-year-old ironmonger who was born in Devon - had watched Boro, who were formed a few years earlier in 1876, ply their trade and wanted a piece of the action. They put a team together made up of teachers,

train drivers and coachmen and set to work, playing at Coatham Cricket Ground.

William Harrison was one of the men that co-founded the club, and had travelled across from Lancashire in the 1870s alongside his brother Thomas to both pursue careers in education. They both played up front in Redcar's team - although they weren't alone, with the tactics at the time employing at least five forwards - with William captaining the side. He went on to have an illustrious career; playing for both Cleveland and Sheffield representative sides, as well as appearing in several North v South matches at The Oval which acted as trials for the England national team, and also appearing for Sheffield Wednesday multiple times throughout his career.

It wasn't long before the sport became popular enough on Teesside to earn column inches in the local newspapers. One of the first of such reports is from the Gazette in October 1879, who note that the club had "a much better team than last year"¹, beating Loftus 3-1 away from home with William Harrison scoring one of the goals. The Harrison brothers linked up again the following month in a game against South Bank (who went on to win the FA Amateur Cup in 1913), where talented forward Baker hit the winning goal.

The Northern Echo highlight a game from 17th January 1880 between Redcar and Middlesbrough at Redcar Racecourse, where many of Redcar's important games were played over the years. Boro were in their infancy at this point, only being four

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Club.	Formed.	Ground.	Dressing Room.	Colours.	Address of Hon. Sec.	Matches Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	G's won.	G's lost.	T's won.	T's lost.
Redcar and Coatham	-	'78 Cricket-ground	On ground	Black and red	T. Tufin, Newcomen-st., Coatham, Redcar	20	16	1	3	68	21

¹ Pioneers of the North (P Joannou & A Candish 2009)

years old, but were already something of a local powerhouse and, according to the York Herald a few years later there was a “great rivalry existing between the two clubs for the position of premier club in the North Riding”². Boro were so far unbeaten that season, and Redcar – wearing red and black kits not too dissimilar to today’s Redcar Athletic shirts - went into the game “with considerable anxiety”³. The Gazette reported “a continuous attack on the home fortress” (by the way, the goal in the 1800s was either referred to as the ‘fortress’ or the ‘citadel’ and I think we can all agree that it’s amazing), but some strong counter-attacking play from Redcar saw Baker net himself yet another goal for the season. Augustus Yeo and Thomas Harrison added one more each, a 3-0 result leading the Gazette reporter to write:

“a surprise for the visitors that was only equalled by the astonishment and blank dismay of their defeated opponents, who, until this disastrous day, had held premier position among the associations clubs for miles around”⁴

Sort of reminds me of that time Boro lost to Leeds and got relegated. Juninho was crying, remember? But let’s not talk about that. Redcar had announced themselves on the local football scene and shown the pedigree of their side to face such quality opponents and end their unbeaten streak in such decisive fashion.

Teams in this period would have only played in friendlies or cup competitions, as the world’s first league – our very own Football League - wasn’t formed until 1888. The first time Redcar entered a competition was the Sheffield Challenge Cup in 1880. It was in its fifth year, which means that it is the second oldest surviving cup competition in England next to the FA Cup. Actually, up until this point you could have argued that the Sheffield Challenge Cup was the bigger competition. 1880 was the first time the FA Cup Final got a bigger attendance out of the two, when 4000 people watched Old Carthusians dispatch Old Etonians 3-0 in the FA Cup Final, compared to the 3000 people

that saw The Wednesday (I wonder what happened to them?) hand an 8-1 drubbing to Ecclesfield (I actually don’t know what happened to them) in Sheffield. Earlier in the competition, though, an impressive 2500 people came to see Redcar take on new rivals Boro.

The match report mentions the condition of the ground, which was a cricket field in Middlesbrough (presumably the Linthorpe Road Ground, which Boro would call home until 1894), was “capital” which is a word that should be brought back immediately. Anyway, goal machine William Harrison hit first for Redcar, a lead which was quickly doubled. Boro pulled a goal back before Baker “ran the gauntlet and succeeded in obtaining a third goal for Redcar”, which is far classier than anything Cristiano Ronaldo does. However, this was not to be a repeat of January’s match, and Boro dug deep towards the end of the game and showed their superior fitness. Here’s the entirety of the match report immediately following Redcar’s third goal:

“From this time the Middlesbrough men worked very hard, and the Redcar men showing some signs of distress, the home team succeeded in obtaining other two goals. Thus the play of this afternoon ended in a drawn game.”⁵

Oh. Okay. Boro scored two goals to level the game in a cup final. No big deal. Don’t go into detail or anything, we don’t need to hear about that. Unfortunately, it wasn’t to be in the replay, with Baker being made to pay for spurning some early chances before Middlesbrough went 1-0 up. Redcar did manage to equalise, but strong play from Boro’s goalkeeper – one Mr. Bastard – and early Middlesbrough legend Jackson Ewbank meant that Redcar lost 3-1. Still, it was a decent return for their first ever cup competition and there would be plenty more chances for Redcar to get revenge over the coming years.

Not content with making waves for Redcar, William Harrison was dreaming bigger. In November 1880 he made the first of many



memorable appearances for a Sheffield representative side that fielded the best players in Northern England. And what a debut it was. The Sheffield Daily Telegraph notes that he was “the first to show prominently for his side”⁶, leading the crowd to cheer again and again for his “dexterous dodging tactics, which completely nonplussed his opponents”. He revelled in the opportunity to showcase his skill and eye for goal, never allowing the pressure of the occasion to affect his performance. He not only scored on his debut, but he assisted another four goals in an 11-2 drubbing against Birmingham. Harrison had arrived.

And that’s what football in Redcar was like over 140 years ago. A growing rivalry with Middlesbrough saw them quickly become the two best teams in the North East, drawing almost the same crowds as the FA Cup Final. There’s no doubt that some of Redcar’s players at the time were amongst the best in the region, and even in all of Northern England. This was to be a springboard to even bigger things, as the club continued to grow as the game itself developed. But that’s next time...

An illustration of Middlesbrough’s Linthorpe Road ground, where Redcar played in their Sheffield Challenge Cup game vs Boro in 1880.

Picture courtesy of Richard Piers Rayner

Right, The Sheffield Challenge Cup itself.



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² Daily Gazette for Middlesbrough, 6th October 1879
³ York Herald, Monday 20th March 1882
⁴ The Northern Echo, 19th January 1880
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AROUND THE CLUB...



Reserves North Riding League Div 1

- 05/09/20 Loftus Athletic (H) **Won 5-2**
12/09/20 New Marske (A)
26/09/20 Nunthorpe (A)
03/10/20 Loftus Athletic (A)
10/10/20 Whitby Fishermens Society (A)
17/10/20 Kader Reserves (H)

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Redcar Athletic Res	1	1	0	0	3	3
2 Lealholm	1	1	0	0	3	3
3 Great Ayton United	1	1	0	0	1	3
4 New Marske	1	0	1	0	0	1
5 Nunthorpe	1	0	1	0	0	1
6 Boro Rangers Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Kader Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Northallerton Tn Res	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Whitby Fishermens Soc.	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 Wolviston	1	0	0	1	-1	0
12 Loftus Athletic	1	0	0	1	-3	0
13 T.I.B.S.	1	0	0	1	-3	0

U23s Durham FA U23 League South Division

- 13/09/20 Newton Aycliffe (H)
20/09/20 Guisborough Town (A)
27/09/20 Bishop Auckland Res (H)
04/10/20 Hartlepool Pools (H)
11/10/20 Thornaby (A)
18/10/20 Bishop Auckland Res (A)
25/10/20 Redcar Town (H)
01/11/20 Billingham Town (H)
08/11/20 Wolsingham (A)
15/11/20 Newton Aycliffe (A)
22/11/20 Guisborough Town (H)
29/11/20 Hartlepool Pools (A)

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Billingham Town	0	0	0	0	0
2 Bishop Auckland Res	0	0	0	0	0
3 Guisborough Town	0	0	0	0	0
4 Hartlepool Pools Youth	0	0	0	0	0
5 Newton Aycliffe Youth	0	0	0	0	0
6 Redcar Athletic	0	0	0	0	0
7 Redcar Town	0	0	0	0	0
8 Thornaby	0	0	0	0	0
9 Wolsingham FC Youth	0	0	0	0	0
10 Wolviston	0	0	0	0	0

U19s North Riding Football League U19 Division

- 13/09/20 Coulby Newham (A)
20/09/20 Eaglescliffe Elementis (H)
27/09/20 Great Ayton United (A)
04/10/20 TIBS (A)
11/10/20 Cargo Fleet (A)

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Cargo Fleet	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Coulby Newham	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Eaglescliffe Elementis	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Great Ayton United	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Kader	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Redcar Athletic	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 South Park Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 T.I.B.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Ladies North Riding Women's Premier Division

- 06/09/19 Richmond Town (H)
13/09/20 Scarborough (A)
20/09/20 Redcar Town (H)
27/09/20 Brompton (A)

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Brompton Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Guisborough Town Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Huntington Rovers Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Poppleton Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Redcar Athletic Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Redcar Town Ladies Res	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Richmond Town Women	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Scarborough Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 York St. John University	0	0	0	0	0	0

AWAY WITH THE STEELMEN

SUNDERLAND WEST END

Tuesday September 15th, kick-Off 7.45pm

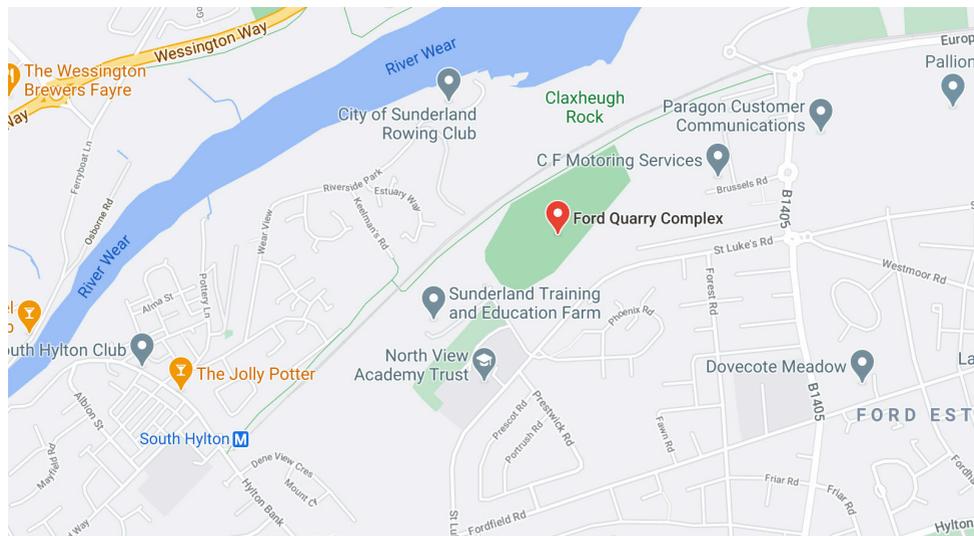
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What to do...

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- In 2011, Houghton Town changed their name to Sunderland West End - the first time a team in 81 years had competed in the Wearside League under the Sunderland West End name.
- Gained promotion to the Northern League Division 2 in the 2018/19 season.



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