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Saturday 7th October Kick Off: 15:00

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EBAC NORTHERN LEAGUE 2nd Division
AN INTRODUCTION TO NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY AFC

Newcastle University Athletic Football Club, known affectionately as “The Royals”, is a proud sports team of Newcastle University.

Our sports teams have finished in the top 10 out of around 146 Higher Education institutions in the British Universities and Colleges Sports (BUCS) table for seven of the last ten years. Newcastle University Athletic Football Club boast a BUCS and Northern Alliance league title, along with the Northumberland FA Scott’s Les Todd Benevolent Bowl trophy from the 17/18 season.

NUAFC has established itself as one of the biggest, proudest and most successful clubs at Newcastle University. The club has gone from strength to strength in recent years, namely winning AU Club of the Year in 2017 and BUCS Northern 1A league title in the 18/19 season.

However, on top of this we are one of very few university football clubs who compete outside of BUCS on the national scene. Attaining Northern League 2 status was a huge step for the club and a challenge we look forward to taking on, after winning the Northern Alliance Premier in the 17/18 season and gaining promotion. One of the core aims of the club is player development and prides itself on trying to play football the right way. This has led to players going on to represent England Universities.

NUAFC was promoted to the top level of University sport BUCS Premier after promotion in 2020. Season 2021/21 saw the club have success in this reaching the semifinal of BUCS national championships.

Alongside this they reached the final of the Earnest Armstrong cup losing on penalties achieving a respectable finish in their first completed Northern league season.
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**Steven Pennington**
23, a centre back from Rome, Italy. Stevo is going into his 5th season with the club and has made an outstanding contribution as he plays alongside studying to become a doctor.

**Jos Veitch**
22, a winger from Halifax going into his 4th season with the club. Jos is a clever player who chips in with goals and will be the president taking care of the club this year.

**Ben Long**
23, a midfielder from south London. Ben previously played for Cartagena FC in Spain and is a strong, skillful player who can operate effectively in multiple positions.

**Angus Mitchinson**
20, a technically gifted central midfielder from St Andrews. Angus played for Kirkcaldy and Dysart FC and Dunfermline FC prior to time spent playing in the USA.

**Josh Walton**
21, a defender from Chapel Park, Newcastle. Josh is a physical defender and has been a mainstay at fullback in his 3 seasons at the club so far.

**Ryan Redford**
29, centre midfielder from Newcastle. Ryan is both an industrious and technical midfielder who works as a teacher away from the pitch.

**Tolu Osiyemi**
22, a forward from Bishops Stortford. Tolu is a goal scoring forward who can play across the frontline and loves a physical battle with defenders.

**Dan Gavaghan**
21, a centre back from Salford. Dan joined the club from Altringham FC in 2021 and is a defender very comfortable on the ball with an eye for a pass.

**Michael Woods**
20, a right sided defender from Newcastle going into his 4th season. Mick is a physical defender who will put his body on the line for the club.
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Keith Douglas
Quality forward who’s enjoyed a long spell at the club. Combines playing with coaching and counts North Shields and Gateshead amongst former clubs. Claims to have scored more goals than the rest of the lads have had hot dinners.

Joel Burgess
18, Joins us after captaining Bolton Wanderers u18s last season. Joel is a quality and hardworking centre midfielder.

Tom Butler
20, hardworking centre midfielder going into his 2nd season who can cover a few positions.

Jack Butler
23, forward in his 2nd season with the club. Loves taking players on. Previously with Blyth Spartans and England Schoolboys.

James Matthews
21, in his 1st season with the club and was previously with Altringham FC. Bags of energy, James can operate in multiple positions effectively.

Ben Miller
19, Captain and centre midfielder in his 2nd season with the club. Ben leads by example with consistently excellent displays in the middle of the park.

Kane Morris
20, athletic forward in his 2nd season with the club. Kane enjoys getting in behind defences and chips in with goals.

Euan Pollard
21, versatile forward in his 3rd season with the club. Euan is a technical player and finds spaces between defences and has an eye for goal

Adam Redford
25, a versatile defender has been with the club for 6 seasons. Adam is an imposing player who is strong in the air and doesn’t lose many challenges.
Max Richardson
22, Gk in his 4th season with the club. Max is a commanding presence behind the defence and well known for his strong shot stopping.

Freddie Topel
19, forward in his 2nd season with the club. Freddie is a smart player with a great touch. Joined the club from Southend United.

Sam Carr
19, defender in his 2nd season with the club. Sam is a big, commanding centre back who was previously of Manchester United and Salford City.

Dominic Griffin
23, recently graduated from the university as a doctor. Dom is a physical centre forward who leads the line well and scores goals.

Matthew Foster
22, a prolific goal scorer with quality finishing abilities, Matty goes into his 4th season with the club.

James McNicholas
23, Left back who has superb dead ball delivery. In his 4th season with the club alongside studying to become a dentist.

Mbako Chalashika
19, winger from Yorkshire in his 2nd season with the club. Mbako loves running at defenders and causes real problems for teams with his pace.

Bankole Claudius Cole
19, in his 2nd season with the club, Banky can operate in multiple positions on the left flank. He is a pacy player with a notable workrate

Miles Wallace
19, left back in his 2nd season with the club. Miles is a solid defender with a good left foot. Previously with Notts County FC.

Henry Cooper
19, midfielder in his 2nd season with the club. Henry is a clever midfield player and joined the club after captaining the renowned Repton School.
Richard Birtwhistle
Gk in his 3rd season with the club. Rick is great shotstopper from Bolton who’s been a great servant to the club. Previously spent time in goal for England water polo team.

Cassiun Langfield
20, Strong forward from Nottingham in his 1st season with the club. Cassiun causes real problems for defences and joins us after leaving Burton Albion at the end of last season.

George Riley
20, defender recently returned from a season spent playing in America. George is a strong player in his first season with the club.

Jack Guy
20, in his 2nd season with the club. Jack is a lively winger who enjoys taking on his marker and delivering balls into the box.

Jack McKee
20, Jack is centre back from Northern Ireland who goes into his 3rd season with the club. A strong and imposing defender who organises the team well from centre back.

Ben Holland
19, goes into his second season with the club. Ben is a technically gifted player with strong dribbling and shooting ability.

Chris Pearson
23, Pacy and skillful forward with an eye for goal. Chris is into his second season with the club after previously representing the university’s futsal team.
Horden Community Welfare were formed in 2017 following the demise of the old Horden CW to bring Saturday football back to the Welfare Park and the village of Horden.

The club were formed by a loyal group who knew the value of a football club in Horden, and having secured the facilities of the Welfare Park, the club entered the Durham Alliance League for the 2017-2018 season. In their first season, Horden Community Welfare finished second in the Durham Alliance League, and with league winners Wheatley Hill WMC not taking promotion, Horden were promoted to the Wearside League. Not only was promotion achieved, but the Marras won both the Clem Smith Bowl and the League Challenge Cup while in the Durham Alliance.

Having stepped up to the Wearside League, Horden Community Welfare’s first season in the Wearside League was one of consolidation. Consolidate their spot in the Wearside League is exactly what Jonny Payne’s men did, with an eighth-place finish in the league table. Of their 30 games, the Marras won 16, while drawing one and losing 13.

The Marras may have finished mid-table in 2018-2019, but the season will always be remembered as the season Horden Community Welfare won the Shipowners Cup. Having beaten Farringdon Detached, Darlington RA and Harton & Westoe CW to reach the final, the Marras beat Hebburn Town Reserves by two goals to one at Hebburn Sports Club to lift the Shipowners Cup. Peter Crawford and Matty Hughes were on the scoresheet for Horden that early May Bank Holiday.

Having spent a season in the Wearside League and with Wearside League silverware, the Marras really kicked on in the 2019-2020 season, and they were top of the league with 55 points from 23 games when the season was stopped in March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. The season was eventually declared null and void, and the Marras hopes of promotion to the Northern League were pushed back a further year.

Eleven games into the 2020-2021 season, Horden Community Welfare were sitting second in the Wearside League with 24 points, but the season was once again declared null and void. Having applied for promotion, the Marras wish was granted when the FA announced Horden Community Welfare had been promoted to the Northern League on the 18th of May 2021.

The 2020-2021 season wasn’t quite finished at that point for the Marras though,
as victories against Gateshead Rutherford, Norton & Stockton Ancients and Silksworth CW had secured a spot in the final of the Durham Trophy. Farringdon Detached were the opposition at Seaham Town Park, and a David Doughty brace alongside an own goal proved enough for the Marras to win 3-2 and lift the Durham Trophy.

The team is managed by Jonny Payne who has been in charge since the club formed in 2017. Jonny – a former Horden player – has guided the club from the Durham Alliance to the Northern League, and the 2021-2022 season was his first experience of Northern League football as a manager.

2021-2022 was Horden Community Welfare’s first ever season in the Northern League, and it saw the Marras finish a very good seventh in Northern League Division Two. The Marras’s 2022-2023 season was nothing short of excellent. One win away from being league champions, Horden finished second, and it was a remarkable achievement for the club in only its second Northern League season.
Goalkeepers:
Craig Foster - Young goalkeeper Craig joined the club in 2022 and quickly impressed. Craig was a big part in the club’s second placed achievement in the 2022-2023 season.

Chris Rookes - Rooksey is an experienced back up keeper.

Josh Noble - Josh is another keeper who we can call upon when he is not working offshore.

Joe Atkinson - Joe is a very highly regarded local goalkeeper who signed in August 2023. Joe was previously with Spennymoor Town, Ryhope CW and Easington Colliery, and he has also played in Malta.

James Brown - James is a very young goalkeeper who made his debut in August 2023. James has a bright future in the game.

Defenders:
John Bowes - Skips has been with the club since the very start and is closing in on 100 appearances. Tireless worker up and down the right flank.

Cal Hodge - Cal came to the club after scoring against us in a cup final. Moved positions from winger to Centre half and has never looked back. Comfortable on the ball and very quick.

Ewan Simpson - Ewan joined us from Hebburn Town Reserves for the 2020/21 season and is one of the first names on the team sheet. Comfortable in a number of positions and is a manager’s dream.

Josh Stradling - Josh is another local lad who is dual registered with Durham United.

Marc Moon - Podge is a versatile player who can play anywhere across the middle. Centre half, Centre midfield or Centre forward.
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Ross Kidson - Ross is an aggressive centre half who loves to defend but is also very comfortable on the ball.

Josh Broom - Broomy is a Horden lad who played for our junior side. Very good centre half who loves heading the ball.

Joe Bell - Joe is an experienced defender who is dual registered with Norton & Stockton.

Anthony Bradshaw - Anth is another young lad who we have high hopes for.

Kieran Campbell - Keo is a left back with a great engine and loves a tackle. Keo joined the club three years ago.

Joe Osborne - Ozzy is a tenacious full back who loves a tackle and despite his height is deceptively good in the air. Joined us from FC Hartlepool.

Midfielders:
Barney Dobinson - Dobba is an all-action midfielder who never gives less than 100%. Very experienced player who is no stranger to a yellow card and a fine servant to the club.

Martin Fowler - Fowler is a technically gifted player who will always try and get his foot on the ball and play.

Liam Wright - Wrighty is a technically good footballer who on his day will prove to be a match winner.

Kyle Middleton - Middy joined from Billingham Town in June 2023. A combative midfielder, Middy covers so much ground in a game and is always involved. Middy was previously with Easington Colliery.

Chris Wallace- A very experienced central midfielder who also joined from Billingham Town. Minta reads the game very well and adds further quality in the middle of the park.
Taylor Campbell - Taylor joined the club in June 2023. A young midfielder, Taylor joined from Chester-le-Street United where he was captain and won both player’s player and manager’s player of the year last season.

Marc Ellison—Marcos is a quality footballer who joined us from West Auckland. Comfortable on the ball and another who loves a tackle. He brings plenty of Northern League experience to the squad.

Nat Skidmore - Nat can play wide right or in the number 10 role. Quiet lad with a very good football brain.

Charlie Upperton - Charlie is a good young player who is dual registered with Farringdon.

Nathan Grainger - Grainger is a lightning quick winger who when available is a good option to have in the squad.

Strikers:
David Doughty - the Demon is our goalscorer. Unplayable on his day the lad has great feet but don’t let the baby face fool you he can be a right handful!

Josh Home-Jackson— Josh joined us from Easington and can play the lone striker role or wide of a three. JJ oozes quality and since joining us has scored some ridiculous goals.

Jack Pounder - Well-known Northern League striker Jack joined the club in June 2023. Jack joined from Billingham Town where he was top scorer and he previously spent time as captain at Easington Colliery.

Charlie Ord - Charlie is a young striker who is dual registered with Pools Youth.
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