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Welcome to Grounsell Park

Good afternoon dear reader and welcome to Grounsell Park where today we face Tow Law Town. Welcome to all the players, committee and fans who have made the journey over from Tow Law.

After a thrilling win over in Carlisle last Saturday we'll be hoping for more of the same today and a second win on the bounce to keep our promotion push firmly in our hands. And what a finish to a match it was, up there with Barnoldswick? Maybe not, but arguably more important when you taken into account Easington's result the night before. Getting a result was important not only as it would increase the gap between us, but psychologically it put the pressure on both them and Ryton who we've now played the same amount of games as.

Next weekend I've got my bi annual treat of a trip to Hall Lane as we face Willington in the league. For those that haven't been it's one of the great old Northern League grounds, a gem which every fan needs to pay a visit to, so get yourselves over and give the lads your backing.

Whilst I'm here I'll give thanks to a great friend of the Stan Army, John Reeve who is today's match ball sponsor. If you've been at a match somewhere in the North East, the chances are John was there too he goes to so many games.

And on that note I'll leave you to have a natter, or a pint, or a burger, whichever takes your fancy and enjoy the match. Get right behind the lads from the start and cheer them onto a hopeful victory. Every point is vital now and you play a huge part, the lads thrive off those shouts of encouragement, so give it some welly.

If you're going to Willington and like I said you're missing out if you don't, I'll see you there, we had 70 odd at Carlisle, let's see if we can top that.

Howay the Stan

Gary Done
Programme Editor

Heaton Stannington - a history

Although officially founded in 1910, Heaton Stannington were in existence by 1903 and playing at Miller's Lane on the site of the current Fossway. The club name originates from its links with the Stannington Avenue area of Heaton.



In 1903-04 they finished fifth in division 2 of the Newcastle and District Amateur League. In December 1904, they resigned from the league with the reserves also appearing to have resigned from the Northern Amateur League (NAL) and there is no further record of the team until 1910. This suggests that they might have folded and then reformed nearly six years later. The summer of 1910 saw Heaton Stannington field a cricket team. The next football match played by the Stan appears to have been on 24th September 1910 when they were beaten 4-1 by Sandyford.

From at least 1913, home games were taking place at Paddy Freeman's Park. The club played friendly matches until joining the Tyneside Minor League in 1913 and NAL Division Two in 1914. The club were elected to membership of the Northumberland FA (NFA) on 10 September 1914, just over a month after the start of the First World War. The Stan stopped playing until 1919 as at a NFA emergency meeting on 24 November 1914 it was announced that the club were unable to take part in a Minor cup replay 'on account of not being able to raise a team as so many of their members had joined the army.'

The club spent the next 19 years in NAL Division One and gained their first trophies in 1934 and 1936 when they won the Tynemouth Infirmary Minor Cup and NAL Challenge Cup respectively. The first glory season came in 1936-37 when the club won NAL Division One, were Northumberland Amateur Cup winners and NAL Challenge Cup runners up. The reserves were also NAL Division Two runners up. For one season, 1938-39, the Stan participated in the Tyneside League and were runners up. By the 1930s the team were playing at the Coast Road ground. In October 1935, they started playing at Newton Park in High Heaton on the site of a recently filled-in quarry. In 2007, the ground was renamed Grounsell Park in honour of the service given, both on and off the pitch, by Bob Grounsell.

One of the most memorable matches played there took place in July 2012 when Heaton Stannington were beaten 4-0 by the Gabon national side. This warm-up match for the Olympics included an appearance by Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

The club were elected to the Northern League in 1939. They only managed one season in the league before it was suspended for the duration of the Second World War. The league restarted in 1945 but Heaton Stannington were elected, until 1946, as a non-playing member as their ground was being used by the military. After 5 consecutive bottom three finishes, the club resigned at the end of the 1951-52 season and joined the Northern Alliance until 1956.



The next 16 seasons included involvement in the NAL (1956-59), North Eastern League (1959-60) and the Northern Combination (1960-72). In 1972 the club stepped up to the Wearside League and remained there for ten years. They were forced to resign from the league in 1982 for financial reasons due to the club trustees, who had formed a limited company in 1968, putting the annual rent up from £400 to £1500.

The company then tried to build a supermarket on the ground but the planning application was defeated. In 1983 the High Court ruled that the ground belonged to the football club and the company had to relinquish ownership. The team played in the Tyneside Amateur League (TAL) during 1982-83 as Heaton United. Back as Heaton Stannington, they won the TAL in 1983-84 which was only their second league title up to this point. The next 2 seasons were spent back in the NAL where they were champions in 1985-86 as well as winning the Northumberland Minor Cup and the C&E Injections Service Shield.



For the next 27 years the club were in the Northern Alliance. After two relegations to Division One, the Stan achieved stability by spending 9 seasons in the Premier Division. The club won their highest level league trophy when they became Champions in 2012. In 2012-13, they achieved the treble by not only retaining the title but by also winning the Northern Alliance League Cup and the Northumberland Senior Benevolent Bowl.

From 1911 to the financial crisis of 1982, the club had a competitive reserve team. It played much of the inter war years in the North Eastern Amateur League before rejoining the NAL on and off for nearly fifty years but with a five-year spell in the 1960s, including two runners up spots, in the TAL. The club had an 'A' and 'B' team for 2016-17 before these teams reverted back to their previous name of Newcastle Chemfica. A reserve side was re-established in 2019 and they play in the Northern Alliance 4th tier development league. In their first season, they reached the final of the Neville Cowey Cup.

For season 2013-14, after a gap of 61 years, the Stan returned to the Northern League. They were in the promotion race throughout the season and finished 5th. They then finished 9th and qualified for the FA Cup for the first time in 39 years. Season 2015-16 saw the Stan again finish 9th and they also reached the semi-final of the Northumberland Senior Cup against Blyth Spartans. In 2016-17, the Stan surprised many by just missing out on promotion in the 2nd last game of the season, coming 4th after winning 11 games in a row starting in January. In 2017-18 & 2018-19 they were again in the promotion race until the 2nd last match, ending 5th and 4th respectively. Due to covid, the 19-20 season was declared null & void with the Stan still challenging for promotion in 5th place after 28 games. Last season was also abandoned with the Stan in 11th place having played 12 games.

Since the club gained promotion to the Northern League, improvements have been made to Grounsell Park including floodlights, a stand and a new terracing. These complement the existing facilities which include a bar serving real ale with the club being voted CAMRA Tyneside club of 2018 and 2020. Much of the success was due to Derek Thompson, manager 2002-21, along with the support of an increasingly large band of volunteers. In June, Dekka stepped down and was replaced by Dean Nicholson.



Heaton Stannington Honours

League

- Northern Amateur League Division One Champions 1936-37
- Tyneside Amateur League Division One Champions 1983-84
- Northern Amateur League Champions 1985-86
- Northern Alliance Premier Division Champions 2011-12, 2012-13
- Northern Amateur League Division One Runners Up 1922-23
- Tyneside League Runners Up 1938-39
- Northern Amateur League Runners Up 1956-57
- Northern Alliance Division One Runners Up 2003-04

Heaton Stannington 'A' (Reserves)

- Northern Amateur League Division Two Runners Up 1936-37
- Tyneside Amateur League Division One Runners Up 1962-63, 1963-64
- Northern Alliance Division Three Runners Up 2020-21

Cup Wins

- Tynemouth Infirmary Cup 1933-34
- Northern Amateur League Challenge Cup 1935-36, 1937-38, 1956-57, 1958-59
- Northumberland Amateur Cup 1936-37a
- Wallsend Charity Cup 1955-56
- Northumberland Minor Cup 1985-86
- C&E Injections Service Shield 1985-86
- Northern Alliance Challenge Cup 1989-90
- Northern Alliance Combination Cup 1997-98
- Northern Alliance Subsidiary Cup 1999-00
- Northern Alliance League Cup 2010-11, 2012-13
- Northumberland Senior Benevolent Bowl 2012-13
- Shunde Worldwide Friendship Association Cup 2014
- Gary Hull Memorial Trophy 2019, 2021
- Jimmy Rowe Cup 2021

Heaton Stannington 'A' (Reserves)

- Northern Amateur League Challenge Cup 1969-70, 1976-77.
- Neville Cowey Cup 2020-21a

Ebac Northern Football League Division 2 League Table

Pos.		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
1	Heaton Stannington	29	12	2	1	53	14	8	3	3	27	13	65	53
2	Ryton & Crawcrook	29	9	2	5	33	25	9	0	4	33	13	56	28
3	Sunderland West End	30	10	1	3	41	18	7	1	8	26	33	53	16
4	Easington	26	8	2	3	33	21	8	2	3	27	13	52	26
5	Boldon C. A.	27	8	3	4	48	29	7	3	3	47	29	51	37
6	Newcastle University	27	7	1	6	34	28	9	2	3	42	21	51	27
7	Tow Law Town	25	9	3	0	26	10	5	3	5	19	15	48	20
8	Billingham Synthonia	27	9	3	3	39	17	5	2	5	24	21	47	25
9	Hornden	29	8	3	4	38	27	6	2	6	27	24	47	14
10	Carlisle City	24	9	1	2	45	11	5	2	5	27	22	45	39
11	Redcar Town	28	7	2	4	26	18	6	3	6	28	25	44	11
12	Jarrow	29	7	1	7	36	29	4	5	5	26	29	39	4
13	Birtley Town	26	5	1	6	26	29	5	1	8	30	32	32	-5
14	Chester le Street	26	4	4	7	24	27	5	0	6	16	24	31	-11
15	Willington	23	5	2	5	19	13	4	1	6	33	28	30	11
16	Brandon United	25	4	1	7	21	27	4	1	8	19	33	26	-20
17	Bedlington Terriers	28	3	1	10	22	42	4	4	6	22	29	26	-27
18	Blyth Town	25	3	1	7	13	30	4	0	10	17	27	22	-27
19	Esh Winning	27	2	1	9	10	40	5	0	10	25	41	22	-46
20	Washington	27	6	0	9	26	44	1	1	10	15	49	22	-52
21	Durham City	25	0	1	9	10	36	0	0	15	5	102	1	-123

Ebac Northern Football League Division 2 Top Scorers

Goalscorer	Club	League Goals	Goalscorer	Club	League Goals
Levi Collins	Boldon CA	36	Rhys McLeod	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	14
Liam McBryde	Heaton Stannington	26	Bradley Chisholme	Washington	14
Tom Romano	Newcastle University	21	Dean Holmes	Heaton Stannington	14
Jordan Palmer	Carlisle City	20	Jack Pounder	Easington Colliery	14
Liam Adamson	Easington Colliery	20	Lewis Charlton	Sunderland West End	13
Kurtis Howes	Billingham Synthonia	19	Matthew Ward	Chester Le Street Town	13
Channon North	Jarrow	17	Ryan Bennions	Redcar Town	12
Jason Blackburn	Jarrow	16	Jak Maskall	Hornden	12
Jordan Irving	Carlisle City	16	Konner Lamb	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	12
Carl Williams	Redcar Town	15	Alfie Pearn	Tow Law Town	7

Heaton Stannington Player Stats

Name	Appearances, Cards and Goalscorers									Career with H.S.	
	League App	Cup App	Total App	League Goals	Cup Goals	Total Goals	Yellow Card	2nd Yellow	Straight Red	Apps	Goals
Ryan Bailey	20(3)	2	22(3)	4		4	4			130(21)	19
Joe Blackbourne	5(1)	1	6(1)							18(7)	
Andy Burn	18(8)	3	21(8)	4	1	5	1			21(8)	5
Lewis Burns	2(3)	0(1)	2(4)				1			116(20)	36
Connor Campbell	6(12)	2(1)	8(13)	5		5				51(17)	39
Kevin Carr	15(8)	2(2)	17(10)	2		2	3			51(23)	5
Jason Chanayire	2(1)		2(1)							2(1)	
Kyle Dobson	8(3)		8(3)				1			8(3)	
Laquan Esdaille	23	3	26	1		1	5			26	1
Tom Flynn	2		2							2	
Rhys Groves	4(1)		4(1)				1	1		4(1)	
Michael Hall	20(1)	2	22(1)		1	1				127(3)	1
James Harper	0(1)		0(1)							0(2)	
Dean Holmes	17(3)	3	20(3)	14	1	15	1			20(3)	15
Leighton Hopper	19	3	22	8	2	10	3			22	10
Jay Hornsby	23(1)	3	26(1)	1		1	2			26(1)	1
Evan Howard	0(3)		0(3)							0(3)	
Dean Imray	3(2)		3(2)							152(32)	19
David Luke	6(1)	1	7(1)							7(1)	
David Mason	0(1)		0(1)							33(15)	2
Lee McAndrew	19(3)	2(1)	21(4)		1	1				20(4)	1
Liam McBryde	25	3	28	26		26				28	26
Josh Morton	0(1)		0(1)				1			0(1)	
Harry Poole	0(1)		0(1)							0(1)	
James Proctor	9(12)	0(3)	9(15)	6		6	2			16(18)	6
Dan Regan	27	4	31				2			92(1)	
Mackenzie Sharpe	6(8)	0(1)	6(9)	2		2	1			6(9)	2
Daniel Stephenson	24	4	28	7	1	8	1			28	8
Alistair Stoddart	13(2)	3	16(2)				3			176(7)	1
Sam Walton	1		1							7	1
Kye Waters	2(5)	1	3(5)				1			18(8)	
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Appearances in brackets are as substitute

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FIXTURES

Date	Opponent	Comp	Venu	Att	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	
17/07/21	Percy Main	F	A		W5-0	Regan	Stoddart #	Hornsby	Bailey	Waters	Dobson ^	Shan
20/07/21	Whitley Bay	F	H	218	D 1-1	Regan ^	Stoddart	Hornsby	Bailey **	Blackbourne *	Dobson	Pro
24/07/21	Ashington	F	H	182	L0-2	Flynn	Trialist	Hall	Blackbourne	Dobson **	Esdaille	Pro
31/07/21	Ryton & Crawcrook	ENL2	A	204	L1-2	Flynn	Stoddart	Hall	Bailey	Esdaille	Dobson	Hop
04/08/21	Birtley Town	ENL2	H	263	W3-2	Regan	Stoddart	Hornsby	Bailey	Esdaille	Dobson	SN
07/08/21	Carlisle City	ENL2	H	160	D 2-2	Regan	Stoddart	Hornsby (1)	Bailey	Esdaille	Dobson	C
11/08/21	Washington	ENL2	A	88	W3-0	Regan	Stoddart	Hornsby	Waters	Dobson	Blackbourne	Pro
14/08/21	Tow Law Town	ENL2	A	95	L0-1	Regan	Stoddart	Hall	Waters	Dobson	Blackbourne	C
18/08/21	Blyth Town	ENL2	H	306	W2-0	Regan	Stoddart	Hornsby	Bailey	Hall	Esdaille	Pro
21/08/21	Willington	ENL2	H	136	W4-2	Regan	McAndrew	Hornsby	Bailey	Hall	Esdaille	Hopp
25/08/21	Bedlington	ENL2	A	100	W2-0	Regan	McAndrew	Hornsby	Bailey	Hall	Esdaille	Hop
28/08/21	Boldon C. A.	ENL2	A	53	D3-3	Regan	McAndrew	Hornsby	Bailey	Hall *	Esdaille (1)	C
01/09/21	Horden	ENL2	H	226	W1-0	Regan	McAndrew*	Hornsby	Bailey	Blackbourne	Esdaille	Ho
04/09/21	Durham City	ENL2	A	57	W4-1	Regan	McAndrew	Hornsby	Imray	Blackbourne	Esdaille	Proct
09/09/21	Esh Winning	ENL2	A	154	W3-1	Regan	Stoddart	Hornsby	Bailey (1)	Blackbourne	Esdaille	McAn
11/09/21	Newcastle University	FA V 1QR	A	88	W1-1 p	Regan	Stoddart	Hornsby	Bailey	Blackbourne	Esdaille	McAn
15/09/21	Chester le Street	ENL2	H	264	W4-1	Regan	McAndrew	Stoddart	Bailey	Hall	Esdaille	Pro
18/09/21	Redcar Town	ENL2	H	285	W4-1	Regan	McAndrew	Hornsby	Bailey	Hall	Esdaille	Pro
22/09/21	Jarrow	ENL2	A	206	W3-0	Regan	Stoddart	Hornsby	Burn (1)	Hall	Esdaille	Hopp
25/09/21	Barnoldswick	FA V2QR	A	366	W2-1	Regan	Stoddart	Hornsby	Burn (1)	Hall (1)	Esdaille	Ho
29/09/21	Sunderland West End	ENL2	H	374	W3-0	Regan	Stoddart	Hornsby *	Bailey (1)	Hall	Esdaille	Bu
02/10/21	Billingham Synthonia	ENL2	A	102	W2-0	Regan	Stoddart	Stephenson	Bailey	Hall	Esdaille	Pro
09/10/21	Bedlington	ENL2	H	420	W7-0	Regan	McAndrew#	Stephenson	Bailey ^	Dobson	Esdaille	Bu
16/10/21	Brandon United	ENL2	H	359	W9-1	Regan	McAndrew	Hornsby	Burn	Dobson	Esdaille	Shan
23/10/21	Eccleshill United	FAV 1RP	H	619	L2-5	Regan	Stoddart	Hornsby	Bailey ^	Burn	Esdaille	Hop
30/10/21	Newcastle University	ENL2	H	244	D 1-1	Regan	McAndrew	Hornsby	Luke ^	Dobson	Esdaille *	Ho
06/11/21	Birtley Town	ENL2	A	165	D 2-2	Flynn	McAndrew	Hornsby	Burn	Hall	Groves	Ho
13/11/21	Washington	ENL2	H	455	W8-3	Regan	McAndrew	Hornsby	Luke	Burn	Hall	Pro
19/11/21	Blyth Town	ENL2	A	326	W1-0	Regan	Stoddart	Hornsby	Luke	Hall	Groves	Steph
24/11/21	Seaham Red Star	F	A		D 0-0 A	Flynn	Stoddart **	Hornsby	Burn ^	Hall	Dobson	Pro
11/12/21	Esh Winning	ENL2	H	295	W3-0	Regan	McAndrew	Hornsby*	Bailey	Hall	Groves	Hop
18/12/21	Chester le Street	ENL2	A	172	L1-2	Regan	McAndrew	Hornsby	Bailey #	Hall	Esdaille	Pro
05/01/22	North Shields	NSCQF	A	310	L2-6	Regan	McAndrew	Hornsby	Luke ^	Hall	Esdaille	Hop
08/01/22	Jarrow	ENL2	H	303	W2-0	Regan	McAndrew	Stephenson#	Burn	Hall	Esdaille	Ho
15/01/22	Sunderland West End	ENL2	A	63	D1-1	Regan	McAndrew	Stephenson (1)	Burn	Hall	Esdaille	Chan
22/01/22	Ryton & Crawcrook	ENL2	H	410	L0-1	Regan	Stoddart	Hornsby	Stephenson	Hall	Esdaille	Ho
29/01/22	Carlisle City	ENL2	A	158	W1-0	Regan	McAndrew #	Hornsby *	Groves	Hall	Esdaille	L
05/02/22	Tow Law Town	ENL2	H		15:00							
12/02/22	Willington	ENL2	A		15:00							
19/02/22	Boldon C. A.	ENL2	H		15:00							
25/02/22	Durham City	ENL2	H		19:30							
05/03/22	Easington	ENL2	A		15:00							
12/03/22	Redcar Town	ENL2	A		15:00							
19/03/22	Billingham Synthonia	ENL2	H		15:00							
29/03/22	Horden	ENL2	A		19:45							
02/04/22	Brandon United	ENL2	A		15:00							
09/04/22	Easington	ENL2	H		15:00							
16/04/22	Newcastle University	ENL2	A		15:00							
TBC	Newcastle University	EA Cup 1	H		19:30							
TBC	Washington	BMMLC	A		19:30							

NEXT UP AT GROUNSELL PARK

Our next opponents at Grounsell Park are,
Boldon CA who we play on
Saturday 19th February 15:00 kick off.

Heaton Stannington 0-1 Ryton & Crawcrook Ebac Northern League Division 2 22nd January 2022

On a sunny but cold afternoon, there was a slow start for the Stan. In fact, for most of the 1st half they failed to get going, as Ryton appeared the stronger team. After 5 minutes, Regan dropped the ball but Esdaille cleared it off the goal line. 2 minutes later & Ryton attacked from the left & the ball was put past the advancing Regan but it went just wide. The Stan's only real chance of the 1st half came in 10 minutes from a throw in when Holmes shot just wide. It was a scrappy start to the game with the Stan, especially Regan, having the disadvantage of a low sun in their eyes. The Stan defence had more to deal with & Hornsby had to clear under pressure in 14 minutes. 5 minutes later & Hall headed a ball clear from a free kick just outside the box. The Stan were under pressure again in 23 minutes when Hornsby initially cleared but after a scrappy melee in the box the whistle was blown for a foul on Hall. More Ryton pressure saw Esdaille clear before the visitors shot wide. When the Stan did advance, especially through the effort of Hopper, it was coming to nothing. The visitor's pressure paid off in 36 minutes when they sent a long ball to the advancing Lamb who blasted it past Regan to give Ryton the lead. Ryton continued to attack with the Stan still not looking their usual alert selves. Hall had to head clear twice in 42 minutes from 2 corners then Regan caught a ball from a free kick. As it neared half time, there was a more positive move from the Stan as Holmes crossed into the box but Walton couldn't get on the end of it although eventually they got a corner. It was headed clear before Hornsby's shot from outside the box was easily blocked.

Having been 2nd best, the Stan put on a better performance in the 2nd half. After 3 minutes they had 2 corners with Bailey heading across the goal from the 2nd. Ryton were still a threat though & Regan had to catch an effort on 51 minutes. Overall though it was the Stan who were now doing most of the attacking although without really threatening. Although the Ryton keeper had to punch clear in 54 minutes, the situation was illustrated 5 minutes later when a good ball by Hopper saw no one at the end of it. The Stan had good opportunities to score after 62 minutes when a Stephenson free kick was deflected off the wall for a corner. From the corner, Ryton were put under pressure including from a Stephenson effort being punched clear by Ball & the visiting defence had to make 3 more blocks in the box including a goal line clearance. Both teams continued to try to attack but Ryton's only real effort of the half so far came in 73 minutes when they shot over the bar. From a corner, Stephenson had a shot blocked & then a Hopper rebound shot was also blocked. The match continued with regular Stan attacks coming to nothing. In 84 minutes, a speculative long effort from Ryton saw Regan parry it. From the corner, Regan put it out again from which the ball was headed just over the bar. Ryton spent most of the remaining minutes time wasting as the Stan finally got into gear & they pressurised for the remaining 10 minutes which included a surprisingly limited amount of injury time. From a corner, Ryton had to clear off the line & then from a free kick the ball was headed off the line by the Stan's Hall. In 91 minutes, Hopper & McBryde set up Esdaille whose header was punched clear by Ball to Stephenson whose shot was deflected for a corner.

The Stan's late rally saw them unlucky not to get at least a point but the poor 1st half performance had cost them dearly. On a more positive note, as well as still being 6 points clear at the top of the league, the big crowd of 410 meant that in 15 home matches this season, 4500 have now watched the Stan with an average of 300.

Kevin Mochrie

Tow Law Player Profiles

Lewis Graham (Goalkeeper): Lewis joined the club for the 2019-20 season. He has proved that he is one of the top goalkeepers in the League.

Tom Orton (Goalkeeper): Tom is an experienced Northern League goalkeeper, re-turning to Tow Law for his 3rd stint as competition/cover for Lewis Graham.

Jeb Atkinson (Defender): Jeb is a left sided midfielder, joined the Club at the start of 2019/20 season. Previously with Jarrow FC.

Ryan McKinnon (Defender). The big centre-back originally signed on loan from Consett in January 2020, making the move permanent for the 20-21 season.

Lewis Milner (Defender): Lewis is another player who joined The Lawyers from Willington.

Barrie Smith (Midfield): Barrie brings a great deal of experience with him from his time at South Shields, where he made 323 appearances & won six trophies during his time at the club.

Callum Williams (Defender): Callum is a product of Newcastle United U23's. He is comfortable anywhere across the back 4 or midfield. Lots of experience higher up the Football Pyramid with Gateshead, Spennymoor Town & Morpeth

Archie Gardiner (Midfield): Archie is a tough tackling midfielder, who we signed in 2020 from Carlisle City. He loves the Club banter.

Liam Goldsborough (Defender): Liam is a young full back with experience in the EBAC Northern League. He joins us having been with Bishop Auckland last season. Previously with Fleetwood FC in the Football League, under Joey Barton.

Adam Knowles (Midfield): Adam began his ENL career with Esh Winning & Chester-le-Street, before joining Tow Law. He had a short spell at Consett, returning in October 2017. He has played over 100 games for the Club.

Drew Lake (Midfield): Drew is an exciting young prospect, joining us from Consett, who have high expectations that he will further his career with The Lawyers.

Joel Pearson (Midfield): Joel is a midfielder player, who can also be an attacking wing back. He joined Tow Law after 7 years at Queen of the South.

Chris Renshaw (Midfield): Renny is 1 player you wouldn't want to cross. A fully committed tackler, who leads by example. Experienced Northern League player, who lifts the crowd & the players around him.

Darren Richardson (Midfield): Daz is a tough tackling midfielder that had been on the Management team radar for a while. He has previously been with West Auckland & most recently with Bishop Auckland for almost 3 seasons

Jay White (Midfield): An experienced Northern League player, who links the midfield & forward line very effectively. Previously with Willington.

Aaron Hardy (Forward): Aaron joins us for the 2021/22 season from Hayden Bridge FC in the Northern Alliance, where he was a prolific, young goal scorer.

Michael Hogg (Forward): A strong forward thinking player with a powerful shot. Joined from Coxhoe on October 21.

Nic Marley (Forward): Nic joined Tow Law in November 2021, from Esh Winning. He's a big strong centre-forward, a threat in the air or on the ground.

Thomas McAloon (Forward): Thomas joined Tow Law from Consett. He is a Northern Ireland U17 international. He can play midfield or up front. Previous Clubs include Bishop Auckland, Sunderland RCA & Newton Aycliffe.

Mattie Moffat (Forward): Matty is an experienced centre forward, who scores goals for fun. He has played 1st Division football for West Auckland, Bishop Auckland & Consett. He was with Willington for most of the 2018/19 season

Alfie Pearn (Forward): Alfie joined us from Bishop Auckland in October 21. He's a pacy forward, scoring 2 goals on debut at Bedlington.

Lewis Teasdale (Forward): Lewis has returned to The Lawyers to provide goals for the team. A proven centre forward with an eye for goal.

Aaron Willoughby (Forward): Aaron is a local lad, who played against us for Hartlepool United in the 19/20 Durham Challenge Cup. A forward with an eye for goal, he has lots of ability.

Heaton Stannington Players and Staff

Dean Nicholson – Manager: Former W. B. A. midfielder, and then played for Hebburn and West Allotment Celtic. Moved into the dug out in 2011/12 as Paul Bennett's assistant before moving to Jarrow Roofing as Player/ Asst. Manager. Also managed AFC Killingworth.

Andy McBride – Assistant Manager: Been at Bedlington Terriers for the last 2 years. Has known Dean Nicholson many years, was with him when Dean managed AFC Killingworth in 2015.

Scott Flynn – First Team Coach: Formerly with Blyth Town, Shankhouse and Birtley as a forward and midfield player. Coached at Ryton.

Thomas Flynn – First Team Goalkeeper Coach: Began his career with Newcastle United Academy before joining Hibernian. Was loaned out to Albion Rovers and Alloa Athletic, then moving to Cowdenbeath, before moving south to join Alfreton, and then Whitley Bay. Joined Stan July 2021.

Players

Ryan Bailey: Very comfortable on the ball with a good passing range and battling qualities. Plays with a mature head on young shoulders. Club captain.

Andrew Burn: Defensive midfielder. Had trials with Sunderland at u14, Middlesbrough at u15, as well as representing Gateshead and Newcastle district at u13 level. Was part of a successful school team, reaching the National Schools final against Winsor School Boys in 2016/17. Was part of the academies at Plymouth and South Shields. Signed for Stan in July 2021.

Kevin Carr: Part of our Northern Alliance treble winning side, who later played for Whitley Bay and Newton Aycliffe before rejoining in 2020.

Jason Chanayire: A pacey wide player, formally of Whitley Bay. Also plays for Team Northumbria in the BUCS.

Kyle Dobson: A left back or centre half in over 200 appearances in the Northern League. Previously at West Allotment Celtic and Bedlington Terriers. Signed for Stan July 2021.

Laquan Esdaille: Towering centre back, played for Oldham, Stalybridge, Bacup Borough, Clitheroe (player manager was Simon Garner,) Congleton, Chorley, Guisborough, and Newcastle Benfield. Signed for Stan in July 2021.

Rhys Groves: A towering centre back, signed from Blyth Town.

Michael Hall: Centre half who signed from Whitley Bay. A key player in our back four.

Richard Hoggins: Forward but also the ultimate utility man Richie has played in just about every position including a spell in goal when he saved almost everything thrown at him.

Dean Holmes: Played for Heaton Stannington at the age of 18 in the Northern Alliance, and was top scorer in 2010/11. North Shields signed him during that season. He made around 300 appearances for North Shields, in two spells. He was a key player in their run to the Vase in 2015, culminating in their win at Wembley. Also played for Blyth Spartans and Newcastle Benfield. Re signed for Stan in July 2021.

Leighton Hopper: Signed in July 2021 from Bedlington. He scored 3 league goals for them in the curtailed 2019/2020. Two of those goals he scored against Stan at Dr Pitt Welfare Park. Previously he was a regular scorer for AFC Killingworth.

Jay Hornsby: Played for Alnwick Town, then signed for Ashington in the Summer of 2017. He played against Stan on 30/10/18 in ENL Cup match which Stan won 1-0. His grandfather played in goal for Stan approx. 1970. Signed for Stan from Bedlington Terriers in July 2021.

Evan Howard

Dean Imray: A local lad that signed from Walker Central. A solid midfielder who is good on the ball and scores memorable goals.

David Luke: Midfielder, with a good engine. previously with Ashington. Had spells at Durham, Consett, Team Northumbria and Ryton.

Lee McAndrew: Previous clubs include Ellington Juniors, Walker Central, Whickham, West Allotment, Ashington, Morpeth, Spennymoor, and he was part of Dunston's Vase winning side at Wembley in 2012. Lee made over 175 appearances for Dunston. Can play on either flank. Signed for Stan in July 2015.

Liam McBryde: Striker. Played for Ryton, Hebburn, Whitley Bay, Sunderland RCA, Seaham Red Star and Jarrow Roofing. Excellent both in the air and on the ground. Signed for Stan in July 2021.

Harry Poole: Box to box midfielder, who played for Heaton Stannington A, captaining the side side in 2020/21, which gained promotion. Missed out on a Neville Cowey Cup Final over Cullercoats on 8 May, when he was injured in the warm up. The club have high hopes for Harry and signed for first team in July 2021.

James Proctor: An attacking midfielder signed from Whitley Bay here he previously played alongside Paterson and Campbell.

Daniel Regan: Goalkeeper. A commanding shot stopper at the back, comfortable with the ball at his feet. Quite shouty.

Dan Stephenson: A versatile young player, previously at AFC Killingworth, where he was part of the side that won the Northern Alliance Les Todd Senior Benevolent Bowl at the end of May 2021. Signed for Stan at the beginning on August 2021.

Alistair Stoddart: A Stan stalwart. Experienced defender who can play in either fu

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Despite the disruption and damage caused in Newcastle by storm Malik, the Stan travelled west to Carlisle along with a coach load of supporters. Just like their performance at Barnoldswick in the Vase, the Stan left it late to seal an important victory. And what a crucial return to winning ways this could be after last Saturday's defeat by Ryton given Easington's defeat on Friday night. There were 4 changes from last Saturday's home match with Stoddart, Bailey, Holmes and Walton replaced by McAndrew, Groves, Luke and Burn.

At the welcoming & good standard Gillford Park the conditions were blustery and increasingly cold but far less windy than in Newcastle. Both teams tried to attack but without much success & the first half was mainly one to forget. The Stan had a corner after 3 minutes followed by 2 for Carlisle which saw Groves & Esdaille clear before Carlisle shot over. The advancing Hornsby was taken out & Irving was booked as a result. Stephenson sent the free kick into the box but McBryde headed over. Carlisle had to clear twice after 12 minutes before heading over the Stan bar 3 minutes later. Regan had to catch in 18 minutes & after a Groves ball went straight to the keeper, Regan easily caught again even though the sun was in his eyes although soon the sky turned dark for the rest of the match. The Stan had 2 corners cleared & in 28 minutes the ball went across the home goal but wasn't picked up by any Stan players. 2 minutes later & Esdaille headed over from a corner & soon after Luke shot over at the other end. After a quiet period, Stephenson forced a stretching save from Carlisle keeper Murray & the resulting corner was headed clear. It was all mainly Stan now & the half finished with a Stephenson shot blocked & Hopper heading just wide. The most excitement of the 1st half for the fans though was caused by some chickens running into the ground but there was going to be more free range by both teams in the 2nd half.

Both teams started the 2nd half positively but with Carlisle having most of the early attacks with Hall clearing from 2 corners before the home side shot wide from a 3rd. The Stan did get their 1st clear chance of the match to take the lead in 52 minutes when Hopper was pushed in the box. McAndrew took the resulting penalty 2 minutes later but hit the bar. This seemed to encourage the Stan though & in 57 minutes McBryde shot just wide from distance. Carlisle though could also see that 1 goal might win the match for either team & McAndrew had to head off the line in 60 minutes. The Stan then had 5 minutes of sustained pressure on the home goal although the defence soaked it all up. The Stan defence then had to work hard on a couple of occasions before a Stephenson long shot in 68 minutes went over. McBryde then shot just wide before Hall then Regan had to clear at the other end. Much of the remainder of the match saw the Stan having the majority of the attacks but with no end product & with many decisions going against them. As a result, Holmes & Howard were brought on to assist the efforts. In 86 minutes, against the run of play, Regan made a great stretching save before the rebound shot went over. In the 89th minute Groves cleared from a home free kick before an Esdaille block led to a Stan counter attack. From the resulting Stan throw in the 91st minute which was in line with the edge of the box, the ball arrived in the box & **McBryde**, who had worked hard all afternoon, slotted it away to give the Stan the lead. There was a nervous further 3 minutes of added time as although the Stan kept trying to attack but then there was some home pressure & Regan ended the match punching the ball clear.

The final whistle saw the Stan players, management & fans all celebrating & it continued in the form of singing on the journey back across the A69. The Stan are now 9 point clear of 2nd place Ryton & 13 points clear of 4th place Easington who have 3 games in hand.

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Tow Law Town Club History

The "Lawyers" were founded in 1890 and became founder members of the Auckland and District League in 1892. The following year they won the Durham Amateur Cup. They first joined the Northern League in 1894, winning the Durham Challenge Cup two years later. After leaving the Northern League the Lawyers played in the South Durham Alliance (1900 to 1905) and Crook and District League (1912 to 1914). After the war the club played in the Auckland and District League until being readmitted to the Northern League in 1920 where it has played ever since.

Until 1994/95 season the club had not won the championship apart from two successive seasons 1923/24 and 1924/25. In between the League Cup was won in 1973/74 when Ashington were beaten 2-1 in the final at Crook. The 1994/95 League Championship win is a certainly an outstanding memory for the club especially as it was won by 14 clear points.

Another outstanding memory was the tremendous F.A. Cup run of 1967/68. Having reached the first round Tow Law beat Mansfield 5-1 and in the second round drew 1-1 with Shrewsbury at Ironworks Road. The Lawyers went into the hat for the Third Round and drew a home tie with Arsenal. Sadly, it was not to be after they went down 6-2 at Shrewsbury in the replay. Frank McGee reported after the replay "Arsenal were saved from a fate worse than death - a trip to Tow Law in January".

Peter Quigley and Tony Heslop took the Club on its first visit to Wembley was made on 9th May 1998 after a tremendous F.A. Vase run. It was a splendid adventure which sadly ended with a 1-0 defeat by Tiverton.

The Lawyers first ground was in Church Lane, but the present Ironworks Road ground was built by volunteers during the miners' strike of 1892/93. Ironically it was rebuilt during another miners strike in 1921. Today the much-improved state of the ground is down to the regular work which has been done since 1921 by many hardworking bands of voluntary labour. A major scare occurred early in the 2004/05 season, the playing surface was struck by subsidence, rendering it unplayable. The Club was forced to ground share at Esh Winning for the remainder of the season, whilst repairs were carried out by the Coal Board.

Continuity at the club was provided by the longest serving trio of officials in the League, Chairman Harry Hodgson, Treasurer Harry Dixon and Club Secretary Bernard Fairbairn who followed his father and grandfather into the job.) They had over 100 years' service between them. Harry Hodgson stood down as Chairman at the end of the 95/96 season. At the end of 1997 Harry Dixon also stood down but stayed on as the Club President until his death in 2002. Harry Hodgson took over as President. Bernard Fairbairn stepped down as Secretary in 2007 after being in the post since 1961 – over 40 years. "A prisoner would get less for murder

During 2004, Harry Hodgson again showed his devotion to the Club, returning as Chairman for 1 last year. Following the 2004/05 season he was replaced by Sandra Gordon, the first female Chair at the Club and only the third in the long history of the League.

Famous ex-players include Billy Hall who played for Blackpool and Manchester City, Chris Waddle who transferred to Newcastle in 1980 & Steve Howard of Leicester City.



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Today's Teams



**Ryan Bailey
Andrew Burn
Kevin Carr
Jason Chanayire
Kyle Dobson
Laquan Esdaille
Rhys Groves
Michael Hall
Richard Hoggins
Dean Holmes
Leighton Hopper
Jay Hornsby
Evan Howard
Dean Imray
David Luke
Lee McAndrew
Liam McBryde
Harry Poole
James Proctor
Daniel Regan
Dan Stephenson
Alistair Stoddart**

**Manager: Dean Nicholson
Assistant: Andy McBride
Coach: Scott Flynn
GK Coach: Tom Flynn**



**Lewis Graham
Tom Orton
Jeb Atkinson
Ryan McKinnon
Lewis Milner
Barrie Smith
Callum Williams
Archie Gardner
Liam Goldsborough
Adam Knowles
Drew Lake
Joel Pearson
Chris Renshaw
Darren Richardson
Jay White
Aaron Hardy
Michael Hogg
Nic Marley
Thomas McAloon
Mattie Moffat
Alfie Pearn
Lewis Teasdale
Aaron Willoughby**

**Manager: Michael Vasey
Coach: Warren Pearson
GK Coach: Mark Spedding
Physio: Rachel Davison**

Today's Match Officials

**Referee: David Fittes
Assistants: Phil Clayton & Mark Katoroz**