

TODAY'S SQUADS

BELPER TOWN

MANAGER: GRANT BLACK

Max Beardmore (GK)

Darol Lucas

Cameron Clark

Rikki Paylor

Jon Guy

Sam Colbear

Danny South

Andy Haworth

Jake Sturgess

Ashley Elliott

Danny Gordon

Piteu Crouz

Marcus Day

Jake Ellam

Alex Peterson

Joel Ambalu

Nathan Curtis

George Milner

Luke Francis

Craig Nelthorpe



KIT COLOURS

Shirts: Yellow

Shorts: Black

Socks: Black

GRESLEY FC

MANAGER: GARY NORTON

Jack Livesey (GK)

Ben Allsop (GK)

Jamie Barrett

Matt Roome

Kane Jellyman

Mark Branch

Abby Lansdowne

Jake McIntosh

Lucas Harrison

Luke Morgan

Eric Graves

Dexter Morris-Clarke

Cameron Steele

Ryan King

Martin Smyth

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MEET OUR NEW BOYS

Continuing our brief series on the new players joining the club this season.

ANDY HAWKSWORTH (DEFENDER)

Andy has been described as a player who loves defending and putting his head where people don't even put their feet. The tough tackling old fashioned centre half joined the Nailers after a spell at Ossett Town where he played under the current Belper Town managerial team. Andy sees his time at Belper Town as a new challenge and can't wait to shine during the 2018/19 campaign.

DANNY SOUTH (CENTRE HALF)

Danny South joined the Nailers during the summer in a bid to reinforce the defence. The Big, strong and tall centre half has enjoyed spells at clubs including Sheffield FC, Frickley Athletic, Ossett Town and Ossett Albion.

ASHLEY ELLIOTT (DEFENDER)

Despite his tender age, Defender Ashley Elliot has bags of experience which will be a huge benefit to the Nailers. Elliott has previously played for the Aston Villa U18 side and has joined Belper Town from the Vanarama National league North side Nuneaton.

CRAIG NELTHORPE (MIDFIELD)

Craig Nelthorpe is a versatile left sided player who can play both left back and left wing. After joining Doncaster Rovers, 31-year-old Nelthorpe's pedigree within the English non-league is hard to beat after featuring for an array of clubs, with notable mentions including Gateshead, Oxford United, York City, Matlock Town and previously mentioned Ossett Town.

JORDAN DEACEY (MIDFIELD)

The son of the former Bradford Park Avenue manager John Deacey, the experienced central midfielder joined the Nailers for the 2018/19 season on the back of spells at National League North Ferriby United and at Ossett Town.

PITEU CROUZ (MIDFIELD)

Youngster and midfielder Piteu Crouz has been drafted into the Belper Town midfield after impressing gaffer Grant Black. Crouz learnt his trade at Leeds United before moving to a host of non-league clubs. Before his arrival at Belper Town, Crouz he was playing his trade for Goole AFC.

JAKE ELLAM (MIDFIELD)

Jake Ellam put pen to paper in June 2018 and was one of the manager's first of many signings who made their way from Ossett Town. The midfielder was a key feature within the Ossett Town side in which was managed by Grant Black. At his time at Ossett, he won the 'goal of the season' award with a thunderbolt against Burscough. In addition to his spell at Ossett Town, the youngster played for Tadcaster Albion.

MARCUS DAY (FORWARD)

Marcus joins the Belper Town first team for the upcoming 2018/29 season from Vanarama National League outfit, Harrogate Town. He began his career with loan spells at Wetherby Athletic and Harrogate Railway before being given the opportunity within the Harrogate Town first team in the 2016/17 season. Additionally, he has gained experience at Alfreton Town and Ossett Town respectively. Described by the manager as being quick, strong, and a good finisher, the club is looking forward to seeing his name on many scoresheets this year.

LUKE FRANCIS (FORWARD)

After being released from Championship outfit Sheffield Wednesday, Luke Francis has had spells at Sheffield FC and NCEL side Harworth Colliery FC before switching to the Nailers. Francis is a strong and quick striker and a very clever player for someone so young.

ROSS HAIG (FORWARD)

Ross Haig has been drafted into the Belper Town squad from East Midlands Counties League Side West Bridgford. Haig is an attacking minded player and has previously played in Germany for TSV Victoria Clarholz and Barwell FC. Recently, the attacker has had trails at a number of clubs including Birmingham City.

GEORGE MILNER (FORWARD)

The versatile attacking player can play in a striker's role and also as a winger or slot into midfield if required which will be a huge benefit to Grant Black's squad in such a long and tough campaign that lays ahead. Milner began his footballing career at Chesterfield FC and developed through their youth set-up. After leaving The Spireites, he has featured for such clubs as Buxton, Clipstone and AFC Mansfield. However, after spells at a variety of non-league clubs, Milner has ventured into colder climates and played for Scandinavian side Valdres FK who play within the Norwegian leagues. After returning to slightly warmer climates, Milner spent the last couple of months of last season at Frickley Athletic.

LATEST MATCH REPORT

BY NIGEL OLDRINI

LINCOLN UNITED 5 BELPER TOWN 2

Belper Town suffered a torrid time at Lincoln United on Wednesday evening as they shipped five goals, including two penalty kicks.

For those spectators who witnessed the Nailers' last visit to the Sun Hat Villas Stadium when the Whites hit 8 goals to Belper's one, there was a sense of deja-vu as the hosts caused all sorts of problems once again for the Belper defence.

Craig Nelthorpe made his debut with Danny Gordon the player to make way and the Nailers made a promising start on a hard and sparse playing surface.

Lincoln's tactics were apparent from the start with the long ball option suiting their nippy forwards, and it also became obvious that the Belper defence found it hard to cope with.

Matt Cotton's 7th minute free kick went just wide, and both sides embarked on fast and furious play that wasn't great to watch.

The game turned in Lincoln's favour with a soft penalty award against Rikki Paylor in the 19th minute with **Paul Grimes** scoring comfortably from the spot.

The Nailers had to withstand great pressure as Lincoln's confidence increased and it took until the 26th minute before they showed up in the opposition penalty area again, when Danny South headed a free kick across into the six yard area, and Rikki Paylor's header was touched over for a corner kick.

Within a minute Lincoln had caught Belper on the break and as a result **Matt Cotton** drilled the ball under the exposed Max Beardmore.

The Nailers raised the tempo for the last 15 minutes of the half giving supporters hope that the game could swing back in their favour.

A great chance was spurned on 30 minutes when Marcus Day cleverly set up Nathan Curtis with a seemingly straightforward opportunity, but unfortunately he blazed the ball over the bar.

However Belper did manage to reduce the arrears on the stroke of half time when **Jake Sturgess** made the most of his opportunity from 15 yards and fired wide of the 'keeper, and into the net.

Hopes were high for the second half and they made a positive start with Piteu Crouz hitting the ball well in the 51st minute only for Mike Emery to save comfortably.

A strong penalty appeal for an alleged handball in the Lincoln penalty area was waved away in the 55th minute, and after this, the game slowly started to drift away from Belper.

Poor defensive decisions led to a third goal, and a second for **Michael Cotton** on 77 minutes, and a Jake Sturgess foul three minutes later sealed Belper's fate when **Paul Grimes** got his second from the penalty spot

While in between times Belper's approach play offered some hope for the future they couldn't turn possession into opportunities, although Marcus Day had a fine effort saved on 85 minutes.

Substitute **Joshua Nichol** made the most of more defensive woes by scoring a fifth for Lincoln on 86 minutes.

George Milner celebrated a useful substitute appearance by heading in a consolation in added time, but the manner of this defeat left the Belper management team with much to think about ahead of Saturday's FA Cup clash, also against Lincoln United.

Lincoln United: Emery, Smith (Nichol 63), Matthews, Wilson, Jacklin, Blunden, Norris (Dickens 86), Whitehead, Hemegou (Carrick 74), Grimes, Cotton. Unused subs: Carrick, Grundy.

Belper Town. Beardmore, Lucas, Johal (Clark 65), Paylor, South, Sturgess, Nelthorpe, Day, Peterson, Curtis (Guy 76) Crouz (Milner 53) Unused subs: Elliott, Gordon.

Referee: Neil Allsop

Att: 135

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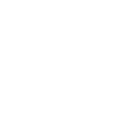
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WELCOME TO

THE SILVER X STADIUM

Good afternoon, and welcome to this Evo Stik League Division One East game with our good friends and Derbyshire neighbours, Gresley FC

We wish them a warm welcome to the Silver X Stadium today and a safe journey back to South Derbyshire after the game

There will be plenty of familiar faces in the Gresley dressing room this afternoon with a host of former Belper players itching to get one over on their former employers.

But whatever the outcome this afternoon, we would like to welcome back former skipper Eric Graves, Alex Steadman, Martin Smyth, Jack Livesey, Jake McIntosh and Ryan King, all of whom experienced varying lengths of stay with the Nailers in recent times.

And, of course we also welcome Gary Norton back to the stadium, where he has been a highly regarded player and official of the Gresley club for many years, and is now back in the managerial hot seat at the Moat Ground.

Due to print deadlines, we are unable to comment on the outcome of Saturday's Emirates FA Cup tie against Lincoln United.

Suffice to say, we will have to have made a much stronger impression than we did in the League fixture at Lincoln on the previous Wednesday evening.

It all looked so promising until a soft penalty awarded against in just before

the 20 minute mark, seemed to take the edge away from our game.

We can also point to a number of individual errors that contributed to the defeat, but nothing can be changed now as we look forward to the rest of the season.

This afternoon, we come up against a rejuvenated Gresley side that, like ourselves, has started to gain some self-belief after a promising pre-season campaign and more recently, a creditable 3-3 draw against promotion hopefuls, Stocksbridge Park Steels.

Despite the number of former Belper players having made the short journey to South Derbyshire, we did manage at least to entice one of them back in the shape of Dominic Allen.

Dominic swept the board at last season's presentation event so it was a shock to lose him but an even greater surprise when he agreed to return to the Silver X Stadium.

All of which adds extra spice to what is always an intriguing and fiercely contested local Derby.

Both sides will believe that they have the capacity to win the game but of course all will be resolved by around 4.45pm.

Whatever the outcome, we hope you enjoy your bank holiday afternoon with us.

Enjoy the game.

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We are delighted to welcome Woodward Building Management and Maintenance to the Silver X Stadium.

Of course, the company is no stranger to club as our Chairman Ian Woodward is also the owner of the company

One of Ian's guests this afternoon is Dave Webber Gloucester Property Maintenance.

The company has generously donated funds towards the purchase of a new electronic

scoreboard here at the Silver X Stadium.

Ian Woodward said, "The electronic scoreboard was on the Board's "wish list" for ground improvements but now we have received the generous donation from Dave Webber I am pleased to announce that we can now start the process of purchasing and making plans for the installation etc,

My thanks also to fellow director Andy Carter of Carter Electrical Contractors who has generously offered to carry out the electrical side of the installation and subject to any planning requirements we are aiming to have the new board up and running by the new year!

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TODAYS MASCOTS

Leo and Mark are brothers and best friends!

Leo is the oldest at 5 years old (soon to be 6) and absolutely loves football He's just started football lessons and his favourite thing to do is 'headers'. If you get the chance ask him to show you his skills!

Mark is 3 years old, he's an absolute character and loves joking around. He's a never ending bundle of energy and will make a good centre half one day.

With their uncle Ian as the newly appointed Chairman I'm sure they will be regular visitors to Belper Town



TODAY'S OPPONENTS

GRESLEY FC

Gresley FC was formed in 2009 and enjoyed a very successful first season in the East Midlands Counties League.

The side, managed by Gary Norton, finished as runners up and therefore narrowly missed out on promotion.

Gresley also enjoyed a long run in the FA Vase by beating Spennymoor, Dawlish and Long Buckby.

The Dawlish tie in particular will live long in the memory as the original tie was abandoned in extra-time and the Moatmen won the replay in South Derbyshire on penalties.

The Vase run came to an end in front of the home fans in disappointing fashion at home to Whitehawk in the Quarter-Finals.

New Directors joined the club looking to turn the dream of moving to a new stadium into a reality.

Manager Gary Norton and his assistant Martin Rowe invited Martyn Rowntree to step up from the reserves to become first team coach.

2010-2011 Gresley's second season as a club and also their second in the East Midlands Counties League saw another good FA Vase run getting to the last 32 and then going one step further from the previous season by winning the league after an exciting run-in.

Being a few points behind the leading contenders Gresley could not afford to slip up again after an unexpected home defeat in early January if their dreams were to be realised.

An amazing 20 game unbeaten run with the final eight all victories saw Gresley crowned as champions and promoted into the Midland

Football Alliance.

Season 2011-2012 saw another good run in the FA Vase reaching the last 16 and to top off a superb season Gresley achieved a remarkable back-to-back title success as they lifted the Midland Football Alliance title at their first attempt and promotion to the EVO-STIK NPL Division One South.

The first season back at level four was successful as Gresley settled into the Division One South. Gresley finished just outside the top ten in the league and reached the 3rd Qualifying round of the FA Cup.

At the end of the season joint manager Gary Norton stepped down with Martin Rowe named as manager.

After losing their first two league fixtures of 2013-2014 and then an indifferent spell up to Christmas Gresley managed to stabilise their performances and ended the season in a creditable 9th place.

However, in both the FA Cup and FA Trophy Gresley had good runs going out of the cup after forcing Conference South outfit Brackley Town to a replay after a good draw at St James Park in the 2nd Qualifying Round

And in the FA Trophy they took Conference Premier side Wrexham almost all the way in the First Round Proper losing by the odd goal in three at the Racecourse Ground.

In September 2014 Martin Rowe resigned and his assistant Wayne Thornhill was appointed as first team manager at the end of October.

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Wayne, along with his assistants Jamie Barrett and Russell Peel, turned the season around and they finished in a creditable fifth place making the Play-offs where they met Leek Town at Harrison Park who narrowly beat the Moatmen by a single goal.

An appearance in the Derbyshire Senior Cup Final at the home of Chesterfield FC ended with Gresley as runners-up losing to EVO-STIK Premier side Matlock Town.

At the beginning of September Wayne stepped down and Dave Langston appointed as caretaker manager. In October Scott Goodwin was appointed as manager with Jamie Barrett and Gary Ricketts as his assistants.

After a run of defeats Scott was released and Gary Ricketts appointed as player/manager assisted by Jamie Barrett and Dave Langston.

The 2015-2016 ended with Gresley in a disappointing 16th position. Ricketts stood down as manager and former Leicester Nirvana manager Damion

Beckford-Quailey appointed in the close season.

Damion's first season 2016-2017 started well but the loss of three key players around Christmas time saw his side struggle for the rest of the campaign finishing in 18th position.

His second season, 2017-2018 was not much better but it ended in a disappointing manner when the manager, management team and most of the players left the club with just four games remaining and the danger of being relegated.

Former Moat boss Gary Norton stepped in to steer the club to the end of a trying season and using a mixture of reserve and youth team players managed to keep the club in Step 4 finishing 17th.

Norton agreed to take on the role of manager for season 2018-2019 and along with assistant Carl Slater and player/coach Jamie Barrett have started to rebuild a side that hopefully be more competitive than the last two seasons.



CAUGHT ON CAMERA

BELPER TOWN V MORPETH TOWN

PHOTOS BY TIM HARRISON





This is the first in a regular series of communications that will come directly from the Boardroom at the Silver X Stadium.

Last season, there were justified concerns that supporters were not being kept in touch with events on and off the pitch.

This regular column will be the main focus of our efforts to open up the club and to create transparency, as far as possible, to inform supporters on key issues that impact upon the club..

As most supporters will be aware, there was a significant amount of turbulence around the club since the end of last season.

We lost three valued directors in former Chairman Alan Benfield and boardroom colleagues, Chris Balls and Paul Waldron. We also lost the services of our Director of Football, our Commercial Manager, our kit managers and also former manager, Aaron Webster, following a disastrous run-in at the end of the season.

Our first job was to try to restore some additional strength to the boardroom and we have appointed four local businessmen as new directors of the club.

Joining us in the boardroom are Ian Woodward and Guy Wimbush. Ian was elected as our new Chairman shortly after his appointment and it's obvious that his enthusiasm for the club is beginning to pay major dividends on and off the pitch

Meanwhile Guy has taken up the role as Finance Director of the club, taking the strain off long-term treasurer, Rex Barker

We were also delighted to appoint Gavin Burgess and Dan Poznanski to the Board. Gavin is the Managing Director of our main sponsor, The Silver X group whilst Dan is Operations Director for the company. Both men are leading on the club's marketing and sales initiatives.

Steve Hunt has been appointed as stadium manager

and is responsible for all aspects of stadium management and safety whilst Andy Hunt (no relation) joined the club to develop new marketing and publicity initiatives, including a complete rebranding of the club.

Along with Ian Woodward, Steve has embarked on a comprehensive stadium development programme including a scheme to replace the spectator barriers around the pitch and to construct a 3G training pitch as the river end of the stadium.

Most importantly, the appointment of Grant Black as first team manager has restored pride on the playing side of the club.

Grant and assistant manager, Mick Norbury have recruited a group of talented players with plenty of experience of playing with the Evo-Stik League and higher. Early season displays have brought optimism that the team will more than hold their own in the new season.

Off the field, the club has embarked on a comprehensive stadium development programme.

A new public address system has been also been installed and a revitalised programme of pre-match entertainment has dramatically improved the matchday experience for supporters.

Our function room and conferencing facilities have been rebranded with customers also now able to self cater for their private parties and business events

In addition, our sponsors lounge has been totally refurbished and matchday hostesses have been recruited to look after guests in the lounge and boardroom.

There will be a host of new projects introduced over the next few months to enhance the matchday experience of our current supporters and also a range of new initiatives designed to attract new spectators to the Silver X Stadium.

More on these in the next Boardroom column.

Dave Laughlin
Managing Director

GRESLEY FC



FORMED	2009
NICKNAME	The Moatmen
HOME KIT COLOUR:	Red /White Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks
AWAY KIT COLOUR	Turquoise/Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
GROUND	The Moat Ground
CAPACITY	2,400
MANAGER	Gary Norton
LAST SEASON'S FINAL POSITION	17th
LAST SEASON'S MEETINGS	28/08/17 - League - Gresley FC 1 Belper Town 2 01/01/18 - League - Belper Town 0 Gresley FC 2
THIS SEASON'S MEETING	No previous meeting

GARY NORTON (MANAGER)

Now in his 20th season with the club Gary returned to the dugout in July for a second spell as manager. Originally joined the club on the playing side in 1998 and took over as Reserve Team manager in 2000 before taking over as first team manager in 2003 where he remained as manager until 2013 when he stepped down after 10 seasons at the helm. Since then Gary has been on the club's board of directors. In his previous spell as manager Gary guided the club to a Derbyshire County Cup win in 2005 and the Northern Premier League First Division Play-off Final in 2006 narrowly losing to Kendall in the last minute. Gary remained loyal to his beloved Gresley by remaining with the club after the club reformed two levels lower at step 6 as Gresley FC following the liquidation of Gresley Rovers in 2009. After finishing runners up in the East Midlands Counties league in 2010 Gary led the club to back to back promotions winning both the East Midlands Counties title in 2011 and then the Midland Football Alliance in 2012 to guide the club back to Step 4.

CARL SLATER (ASSISTANT MANAGER)

Former captain of the club who made his debut at the Moat Ground in December 2002. Carl had a brief spell away from the club in 2004/5 but returned and ended up making 229 appearances for former club Gresley Rovers and over 100 as captain of reformed club Gresley FC following liquidation. Captained the side to the East Midlands Counties league title in 2011 before leaving to join Mickleover Sports. Other clubs include Burton Albion, Shepshed Dynamo, Eastwood Town, Hearnor Town, Stapenhill (player / assistant manager), Bardonia Hill, Newhall United and Quorn.

JAMIE BARRETT (PLAYER COACH)

"Mr Gresley" is the clubs record appearance holder across both Gresley Rovers and Gresley FC where he has made over 640

appearances since 2002. Showed great loyalty to the club having remained with the club through liquidation and demotion to Step 4 and then back to back promotions that saw the club return to Step 4. Jamie has become a firm favourite amongst the club's supporters over the years and is renowned for his consistent level of performance in a Gresley shirt. Now in his tenth season with Gresley FC having spent several years playing for previously club Gresley Rovers prior to liquidation. Appointed player coach this season.

JOHN WILLIAMSON (COACH)

Former Burnley FC reserve team captain who retired from the game in 2002 through injury. He made one appearance in the Football League Second Division for Burnley, coming on as a substitute in the 4-3 win over Macclesfield Town on 28 March 1999. Appointed to the club's backroom staff in July.

JOHN NEWALL (PHYSIO)

Joined the club recently and has quickly settled down to life at the Moat Ground. Chesterfield based John is a highly rated physio with 28 years' worth of experience.

JACK LIVESY (GOALKEEPER)

17-year-old goalkeeper signed on a 3-month loan from Burton Albion. Jack joined Burton in January 2018 on a 3-year deal from Scottish side Partick Thistle and trains daily with the Brewers first team. Had a brief spell on loan last season at Belper Town.

BEN ALLSOPP (GOALKEEPER)

Former Heather St Johns youngster since 2015 where he made 112 appearances over 3 seasons and also won Players Player of the Year for two seasons running. Joined Gresley this summer ing



GRESLEY FC

MATT ROOME (DEFENDER)

Local lad who has spent several seasons at the Moat Ground during which time has established himself as one of the clubs most consistent performers having made over 200 appearances for the club. Former Aston Villa trainee who played in the FA Youth Cup Semi-Final in 2008. Also, previously played for Mickleover Sports and Gloucester City.

KANE JELLYMAN (DEFENDER)

Signed in the summer from South Normanton Athletic after impressing during a pre-season trial. Whilst with South Normanton Kane won promotion to the Midland Football League in 2016/17 and won the Supporters Player of the Year last season. Kane is looking to make the step up to EVO-STIK football this season and to establish himself this season as a regular at this level.

MARK BRANCH (DEFENDER)

Vastly experienced defender who has played over 600 games over steps two, three and four during his career. Was part of the Chasetown side that reached to FA Cup 3rd Round v Cardiff scoring in the Second Round against Port Vale to help earn his side a replay. Earned promotions with previous clubs Chasetown and Hednesford Town and also played for Stafford Rangers, Bedworth and Romulus.

ALBY LANSLOWNE (DEFENDER/MIDFIELD)

Another local youngster who came through the club's youth and reserve team to make his first team debut in January 2016. Moved to Join Mickleover sports for a brief spell before then moving to Rocester. Returned to Gresley in the summer and had an excellent pre-season and now looking to establish himself as a regular member of the team.

JAKE MCINTOSH (DEFENDER)

Former Burton Albion Academy player who also played in Gresley's youth and Reserve team. The locally based youngster makes the step up to first team squad this season and hoping to make an impact at this level.

LUCAS HARRISON (DEFENDER/MIDFIELD)

Another local player who has had previous spells with Stapenhill FC and Stafford Rangers. Originally signed for the club in 2013 and has had a few spells at the club over the last few years. Versatile player who can play in a number of positions and is a favourite both on the terraces and in the dressing room.

LUKE MORGAN (MIDFIELD)

Summer signing from Mansfield Town where he was part of the side that won the youth alliance title two seasons running. Prior to that Luke was on Derby County's books for a period. A young prospect who is very tidy on the ball and has an excellent range of passing.

ERIC GRAVES (MIDFIELD)

Experienced central midfielder who returned to the club for a second spell during the summer. Originally joined the club in the summer of 2013 from Belper Town and was previously at Mickleover Sports where he was instrumental in their promotion to the EVO-STIK Premier Division in 2010/2011. Former clubs include Stoke City and Burton Albion as a youngster, Hucknall Town, Coalville Town and Kidsgrove Athletic and Rocester. Eric is comfortable anywhere across the midfield and will be a great asset to the club once more



DEXTER MORRIS-CLARKE (MIDFIELD)

Joined the club from Brocton a couple of seasons back. The Birmingham based player is a combative, energetic and hardworking midfielder with a great engine and ability to get around the pitch well breaking up play. Impressed during last season and always gives his all in every game.

CAMERON STEELE (MIDFIELD)

Local player who joined in the summer. Cameron has previously played for Burton Albion Academy, Halesowen Town and Belper Town and is a right sided midfielder who can also play right back and left midfield.

RYAN KING (MIDFIELD)

Exciting winger who can play either side of the pitch as well as upfront. Local lad who is looking to establish himself as a regular in the team at this level again in his 3rd spell with the club. Has made almost 50 appearances during his three spells. Other clubs include Matlock Town, Belper Town and local side Stapenhill FC.

MARTIN SMYTH (MIDFIELD/FORWARD)

In his second spell with the club having re-joined in the summer having played last season with Rocester and latterly Heanor Town. Hard working midfielder / forward who originally signed for the club in August 2014 Martin made 94 appearances in his first spell scoring 20 goals. Other former clubs include Mickleover Sports, Borrowash Victoria and Eastwood Town

KIERAN O'CONNELL (FORWARD)

Another who makes a return to the club after making 94 appearances in his previous spell scoring 33 goals. Former clubs include Stafford Rangers, Ilkeston Town, Mickleover Sports, Borrowash Vics and Belper Town. During his former spell was Gresley's Players' Player of the Year in 2014/15 season before suffering a serious knee injury in a pre-season friendly in July 2015 which meant he missed the whole of the 2015/2016 season.

ALEX STEADMAN (FORWARD)

Experienced EVO-STIK forward / attacking midfielder whose former clubs are Belper Town, Stafford Rangers and Mickleover Sports amongst others. Another who has returned to the club for a second spell in the summer. Scored over 100 goals in the EVO-STIK League including 5 in one game for Gresley v Kidsgrove Athletic in his last spell.

OSSETT UNITED AIMING HIGH AFTER SUMMER MERGER

Luke Swinden and Marty Oldroyd have been football rivals for years.

While one is a lifelong Ossett Albion supporter, the other has passionately followed neighbours Ossett Town home and away.

On Saturday, the pair stood side by side cheering on the same team.

After 74 years of rivalry, Albion and Town joined forces this summer to become Ossett United in a merger aimed at providing the small West Yorkshire market town with a club capable of challenging for a Football League place in the next few years.

"Normally when you walk through Ossett, you see people wearing Manchester United shirts," Swinden, chairman of Ossett United Supporters' Club, told BBC Sport. Now there's a sea of Ossett United sky blue shirts."

"Ossett is not a big town," said United chief executive Phil Smith. "We realised both teams were restricting one another from progressing. There are lots of clubs at this level clinging to life."

Talk of a merger had previously surfaced, but on 4 January 2018 everything changed after a chance meeting between Albion chairman John Chidlaw and Town vice-chairman Lee Broadbent.

"John's son was playing in an under-13 match and Lee was refereeing the game," added Smith.

"Afterwards they talked about football in Ossett. Within days, officials from both clubs were sitting around a table discussing the pros and cons of a merger.

"A plan was drawn up, the Football Association backed it and our own league said they felt it

should have happened five years previously."

Oldroyd has followed Town home and away for the past five seasons after becoming disillusioned with the cost of travelling the country watching Leeds United.

"Those against the merger were worried about the history of the two clubs being left behind," he said.

Swinden, an Albion fan, added: "In bringing the two clubs together, there has been a conscious effort not to forget where we have come from."

James Rogers, Town's former chairman and now a United director, understands the opposition but is convinced the merger ensures Ossett have a team capable of climbing the football pyramid. "We've probably got 90% of the fan base from both clubs behind what we are trying to do," he said.

A crowd of 502 watched Ossett United's first home league game on Tuesday against Cleethorpes Town - almost 300 more than last season's average league gate at both Albion and Town

Ingfield has had a summer transformation. Everything that was red - Town's traditional colours - is now sky blue, the colours of Ossett United.

Three hundred sky blue seats have been shipped over from Japan, and there is evidence the public of Ossett are getting behind the new venture.

"Albion and Town only managed to sell a combined 111 shirts in their history. United have sold more than 360 since 1 June," added Smith.

"Albion sold four season tickets last season. United have sold 130-plus for 2018-19."

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HIGHS AND LOWS BUT HOOLE IS HAPPY



Matlock Town manager Dave Hoole admits he's experiencing mixed emotions after his side's start to the League season despite taking four points from a possible six,

After topping the League's top flight table after the opening day's action following a 4-0 home win over Lancaster City, Hoole's Gladiators were forced to come from behind to secure a 2-2 draw at Scarborough Athletic on Tuesday night.

The Gladiators did fight back from 2-0 at the Flamingo Land Stadium and Hoole said: "For 70 minutes Scarborough worked harder than us, they showed more discipline, they showed more structure and were better all over the park.

We made the changes at half-time after a few harsh words but within seconds Scarborough had scored again and our words seemed to be out of the window, but, a game lasts 90 minutes and as the game wore on we showed more bottle and heart.

"Scarborough had us watched on Saturday and to their credit they stopped us playing from the back so then we had to go more direct. There's nothing wrong with going direct, it can't be pretty football all the time and Scarborough succeeded in stopping us from playing. I'm not saying it was a deserved point, probably more of a smash and grab but in those last 20 or 25 minutes.

ALL CHANGE AT LOUGHBOROUGH DYNAMO



Loughborough Dynamo announced a change in their managerial team on the eve of the season

Dynamo chairman Darren Rodgers said: "An agreement was made at the start of the 2017/18 season that

Lee Attenborough would be Peter Ward's assistant for a season, then step up as joint-manager.

"However, Peter told me that, after a lot of thought, he felt it was the right time to move on and hand over to Lee. Consequently, Peter has now left our club.

"Our first-team coach Jay Grocock has now become our assistant-manager. We think we have one of the youngest, if not the youngest ever, manager and assistant-manager duo in the history of the league, as both Lee and Jay are in their 20s."

Attenborough said: "I am very grateful to the Board of Directors of Loughborough Dynamo to be given this opportunity. I also want to say a big thank you to Peter, as I learnt so much working with him in this past season. It's great to have Jay as my number two, and I intend to add to my management team soon."

Attenborough is a former player at the Nanpantan Sports Ground and had to retire from playing early due to injuries.

WILLIAMS IS LATEST FRICKLEY NEWCOMER



Midfielder Johnathan Williams has become the latest to join Evo-Stik Northern Premier East club Frickley Athletic.

Sheffield-born Williams, 25, joins Frickley after a spell with Gainsborough Trinity, who were relegated from the Vanarama National League North.

The creative midfielder started out at Trinity after leaving Scunthorpe United at 18 years of age.

He went on to play for Buxton and then made 150 appearances for Belper Town and in the 2016/17 season scored 20 goals from midfield before re-joining Trinity last season.

Frickley manager Spencer Fearn told the club's Pitchero website: "We have signed another quality player in Johnathan.

"He is a creative player with an excellent passing range off both feet and we now have another player in our squad that is great on set pieces. When I heard of his availability we spoke that day and he showed a real desire to come and join us here at Frickley and be part of the team that we are building. It's great news he is with us".

MIDWEEK RESULTS

Carlton Town	0-1	Wisbech Town
Frickley Athletic	2-1	Marske United
Gresley FC	3-3	Stocksbridge PS
Lincoln United	5-2	Belper Town
Morpeth Town	2-1	Brighouse Town
Ossett United	4-0	Cleethorpes Town
Pickering Town	0-1	Pontefract Collieries
Sheffield FC	3-4	Tadcaster Albion
Spalding United	1-1	AFC Mansfield
Stamford	1-0	Loughborough Dynamo

SATURDAY FIXTURES

Carlton Town	v	Brighouse Town
Frickley Athletic	v	AFC Mansfield
Gresley FC	v	Tadcaster Albion
Lincoln United	v	Stocksbridge PS
Loughborough Dynamo	v	Pickering Town
Morpeth Town	v	Wisbech Town
Ossett United	v	Belper Town
Sheffield FC	v	Pontefract Collieries
Spalding United	v	Marske United
Stamford	v	Cleethorpes Town

TODAY'S FIXTURES

AFC Mansfield	v	Lincoln United
Belper Town	v	Gresley FC
Brighouse Town	v	Ossett United
Cleethorpes Town	v	Frickley Athletic
Loughborough Dynamo	v	Carlton Town
Marske United	v	Pickering Town
Pontefract Collieries	v	Stamford
Stocksbridge PS	v	Sheffield FC
Tadcaster Albion	v	Morpeth Town
Wisbech Town	v	Spalding United

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Ossett United	2	2	0	0	7	1	6	6
2 Pontefract Collieries	2	2	0	0	4	0	4	6
3 Stamford	2	2	0	0	5	2	3	6
4 Frickley Athletic	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6
5 AFC Mansfield	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
6 Marske United	2	1	0	1	5	2	3	3
7 Brighouse Town	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	3
8 Carlton Town	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	3
9 Lincoln United	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3
10 Morpeth Town	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
11 Wisbech Town	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3
12 Tadcaster Albion	2	1	0	1	4	5	-1	3
13 Belper Town	2	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3
14 Spalding United	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
15 Stocksbridge Park Steels	2	0	1	1	5	7	-2	1
16 Gresley FC	2	0	1	1	3	5	-2	1
17 Cleethorpes Town	2	0	1	1	1	5	-4	1
18 Pickering Town	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0
19 Loughborough Dynamo	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0
20 Sheffield FC	2	0	0	2	3	8	-5	0





Date		Opponents	Comp	F-A	Pos	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	
Sat	Aug	18 MORPETH TOWN	H	NPL	1-0	8	279	Beardsmore	Lucas	Johal	Paylor	South	Sturgess ↓	Gordon	Day	Peterson →	Curtis →	Crouz →	← Francis	Elliott	← Guy	Clark	← Milner
Wed	Aug	22 Lincoln United	A	NPL	2-5	13	135	Beardsmore	Lucas	Johal →	Paylor	South	Sturgess	Nelthorpe	Day	Peterson	Curtis →	Crouz →	← Milner	Elliott	← Guy	← Clark	Gordon
Sat	Aug	25 LINCOLN UNITED (FA Cup Prelim)	H	FAC																			
Mon	Aug	27 GRESLEY FC	H	NPL																			
Sat	Sep	1 Ossett United	A	NPL																			
Sat	Sep	8 Emirates FA Cup 1Q		FAC																			
Tue	Sep	11 STAMFORD	H	NPL																			
Sat	Sep	15 CLEETHORPES TOWN	H	NPL																			
Wed	Sep	19 Integro Cup 1		ILC																			
Sat	Sep	22 Pickering Town	A	NPL																			
Tue	Sep	25 AFC Mansfield	A	NPL																			
Sat	Sep	29 MARSKE UNITED	H	NPL																			
Tue	Oct	2 WISBECH TOWN	H	NPL																			
Sat	Oct	6 Stocksbridge Park Steels	A	NPL																			
Sat	Oct	13 STAMFORD (FA Trophy Prelim)	H	FAT																			
Sat	Oct	20 PONTEFRACT COLLIERIES	H	NPL																			
Sat	Oct	27 FA Trophy 1Q		FAT																			
Wed	Oct	31 Integro Cup 2		ILC																			
Sat	Nov	3 Brighouse Town	A	NPL																			
Sat	Nov	10 TADCASTER ALBION	H	NPL																			
Sat	Nov	17 Frickley Athletic	A	NPL																			
Sat	Nov	24 LOUGHBOROUGH DYNAMO	H	NPL																			
Sat	Dec	1 Carlton Town	A	NPL																			
Wed	Dec	5 Integro Cup 3		ILC																			
Sat	Dec	8 Spalding United	A	NPL																			
Sat	Dec	15 LINCOLN UNITED	H	NPL																			
Sat	Dec	22 Morpeth Town	A	NPL																			
Wed	Dec	26 SHEFFIELD FC	H	NPL																			
Tue	Jan	1 Gresley FC	A	NPL																			
Sat	Jan	5 BRIGHOUSE TOWN	H	NPL																			
Sat	Jan	12 Pontefract Collieries	A	DSC																			
Sat	Jan	19 FRICKLEY ATHLETIC	H	NPL																			
Sat	Jan	26 Tadcaster Albion	A	NPL																			
Sat	Feb	2 STOCKSBRIDGE PARK STEELS	H	NPL																			
Sat	Feb	16 Wisbech Town	A	NPL																			
Sat	Feb	23 AFC MANSFIELD	H	NPL																			
Sat	Mar	2 Marske United	A	NPL																			
Sat	Mar	16 Loughborough Dynamo	A	NPL																			
Sat	Mar	23 CARLTON TOWN	H	NPL																			
Sat	Mar	30 PICKERING TOWN	H	NPL																			
Sat	Apr	6 Cleethorpes Town	A	NPL																			
Sat	Apr	13 Stamford	A	NPL																			
Sat	Apr	20 OSSETT UNITED	H	NPL																			
Mon	Apr	22 Sheffield FC	A	NPL																			
Sat	Apr	27 SPALDING UNITED	H	NPL																			