

THE POACHERS

Bottesford Town v Golcar United

Saturday 24th January 2025



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Who we are:

League History:

Lincolnshire League: 1974-2000; Central Midlands League: 2000-2007; NCEL 2007-

Honours:

Central Midlands League: Supreme Div - 2006/07;
Lincolnshire League: Champions - 1989/90 1990/91
1991/92; League Cup Winners - 1986/87 1988/89
1989/90.

Players Progressing:

Mark Wilson (Manchester United),
Sam Slocombe (Scunthorpe United).

Main club sponsor:



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Who we are:

Manager: Leigh Herrick

Assistant Manager: Daniel Fish

Physio: Jackie Mumby

President: Gary Carnaby

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Club Chairman: Anthony Reeve

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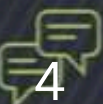


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Chairman's Notes

We welcome Golcar Utd to the Barrett Steel Stadium for our latest Northern Counties East League fixture.

Our opponents are riding high and will be hopeful of stepping up the pyramid and all the kudos that brings.

We on the other hand are battling for mid table respectability and that was helped last weekend with a thrilling second half comeback against Eccleshill.

I personally ran the full gamut of emotions from first half despair to full time elation.

We will be underdogs going into today's fixture but Leigh (Herrick) has a great habit of proving people wrong, let's hope we have the rub of the 4g today and secure a favourable result.

Hopefully a bigger crowd today as last week's was a season's low, always helps when we have a cheer over our shoulders.

We are running out of home games so your support is invaluable so get your scarf and hat on and back the boys.

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Howard Pirie

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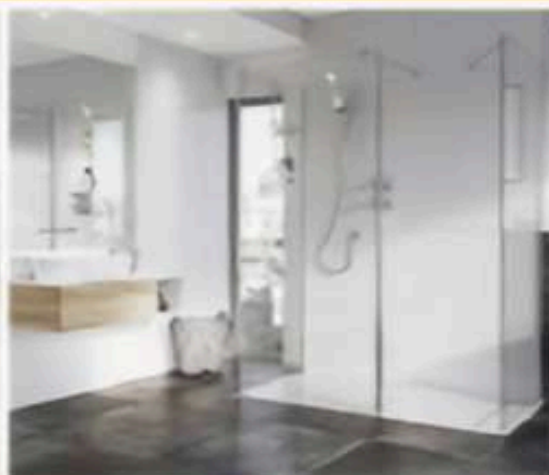


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Club Chairman's Notes

Happy New Year to you ALL.

Just a brief update on progress since my last report on our facilities development at Birch Park,

The 'eagle eyed' will have noticed that we have installed solar panels on the Clubhouse and will shortly be progressing the installations on the Sports Hall and the Changing Room Building, this scheme has been funded from the UKSPF Sustainability Grant and the Sustainable Development Fund (SSE).

Following timely reminders of the need for additional Car Parking spaces at Birch Park, it was confirmed that Planning permission will be required and work continues in working up a scheme for an extension of the existing Car Park complete with drainage, plus the introduction of a one-way system around the Sports Hall. In addition, the NLC have pledged their support in acquiring land located off Newdown Road to create a Parking area and the provision of pedestrian access to the grass playing pitches..

Following a successful meeting with the North Lincolnshire Council they have pledged their support to fund the necessary improvements and developments for the Bottesford Sports Hall which has seen no significant improvements to the facility since it was opened in 1980.

Within our Development Plan, proposals have been received and are under consideration for the creation of a 'soft play' area for the families with younger children developing the existing outside Beer Garden and the waste land behind the Clubhouse.

The installation of additional fencing and gates to improve the site security is almost complete but it is a 'losing battle' with the local youth damaging fencing to get access to our grass pitches. Finally, as the weather improves so will the refurbishment of the Portakabin donated by LKAB into a hospitality facility, media room, & Club Shop.

Watch this space for more updates.

Tony

Commercial Update

Welcome to Golcar United today at the Barrett steel stadium and today's sponsors A Gregory painting and decorating- we appreciate your support.

After a great fight back last week, we have a tough game with high flying Golcar today.

Our next fundraiser is April 25 at Redbourn

Club with former

Nottingham Forest. Goalkeeper Mark Crossley as guest speaker and comedian Jamie Sutherland- don't miss out on tickets.

Enjoy the game

Regards Jason



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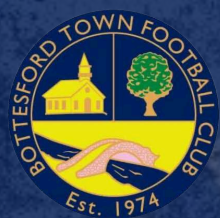


Meet the Players!



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Graeme Anderson

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Graeme is in his 2nd season at Bottesford Town after transferring from former HPL Champions Hedon Rangers. A young energetic and confident goalkeeper that is going to really benefit from the guidance of Leigh Herrick at the football club this season.



Luke Bullement

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Luke is a young full back in his 2nd season at the football club. Known to manager Mike Thompson after training with the Bridlington Town team historically and been around the Hall Road Rangers set up in the last few seasons. He has experience of the NCEL with HRR and will be looking to make his mark this season.



Mason Chaffer

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Wise beyond his years Mason, at just 18 is a superb talent and one that plays the game the right way. Mason is a centre half with outstanding passing ability and always wanting to get the team on the front foot with his midfield splitting distribution. Having won the national colleges cup last season Mason wants to progress further this season in his first season at Bottesford Town.



Sam Swinn

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Sam comes into the club this season having spent the majority of the last few seasons at Lincoln United. Sam came in this pre season and really made the centre half position his own from day one with his commanding but cool approach to his roles and responsibilities. A great right foot gives us distribution into great areas. Sam will captain the team this season, his maturity certainly defying his young age.



Blake Gregory



Blake is the first product of our successful JPL U18s team in his 2nd season making the mid season step up to 1st team football. He is versatile playing left back, left midfielf and central midfield so far this season. Blake is currently studying at Bishop Burton College and is another of the team that is working under the coaching of close associates with manager Mike Thompson and therefore we can continue to track his development. Blake has settled in so well for a 17 year old and will be one to watch in the coming years.

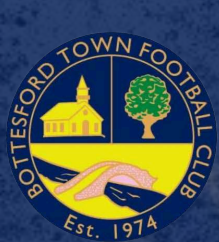


Eddie Rogerson

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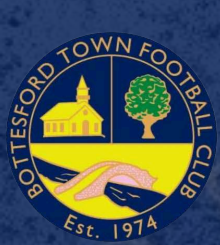
Eddie is another that has followed manager Mike Thompson from Bridlington Town. Eddie is an experienced centre midfielder who dictates play from a holding role. Eddie has experience at this level and steps 3 and 4 with North Ferriby, Bridlington Town, Grimsby Borough and Barton Town.



James Playford



James is a creative central midfielder that has great invention on the ball and will be a player that really makes us tick this season. The manager has been a long time admirer of James and tried to get him into the club last season. James has higher level experience with Gainsborough and Cleethorpes Town as well as playing for Barton Town last season. James will really excite the fans this season.



Josh Eccles



Another player brought to the club last year by the gaffer. Josh has experience in the league with Barton Town but has also won all there is to win in Hull with the very successful Chalk Lane FC side.

Josh is all energy, box to box midfielder with great passing ability, he is happy with the ball under pressure. He will bring bundles of energy to this season's midfield.



Charlie Dunkerley

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Charlie was a part of Mike Thompson
uber successful spell at Beverley
Town and knows what it takes to win!
Hes a versatile midfielder that can
play a number of positions across the
midfield and even at Right Back.
Charlie has experience at the level
and higher with Barton Town, North
Ferriby and is a product of the Hull
City Academy.



Luke Ayris

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Tony Reeve



Luke is a product of the clubs youth system having been here for the mainstay of his footballing career. Luke is has great speed and a real eye for goal from the wide areas. Luke floats into pockets of space that can really hurt opposition players and when he faces players up in the final third his end product is almost always on point.



Matt Broadley



“Broads” is an experienced winger at this level and the level above, a player that both played with and has been managed by Mike Thompson at Bridlington Town. Broads is a pacey winger with goals in his game and has played at the level plus step 4 with clubs including Pickering Town, Bridlington Town and Thackley.



Lewis Smith



Lewis is a striker who has previously been involved at both Lincoln United and Louth Town. A big strong and commanding striker who is hard to handle in full flow, Lewis will bring a new dimension to our attacking capabilities this season.



Aris Cunha

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Aris is another new arrival to the club this season having impressed in pre season. Residing in Hull, Aris has been away from the area for some time and played in development squads as well as playing for Ilkeston Town last season. A strong tall striker with great heading capability we are looking forward to working with Aris this season.



Jonny Nyantou

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Mike Thompson is delighted to welcome Jonny back to the football club this season. Jonny is no stranger to the Bottesford faithful having played for the club 2 seasons ago and last season having a year away with Doncaster City. Jonny has electric pace, an eye for goal and the ability to play anywhere across a front 4! Jonny fits into the changing room well and we are so happy to have him back in the blue and yellow.



Club History

The Club was formed in 1974 and played their football in the Lincolnshire League. The original base was at the Dolphin pub, with the football being played at Fred Gough School. The Club moved to its current Birch Park home in 1983.

The senior side experienced a successful period during the early 90's winning a number of Cup competitions and the Lincolnshire League in

three successive seasons, In 2000 the 1st team entered the Central Midlands League gaining promotion in 2005 to Division 1 in the Northern Counties East Football League. In 2016 they won the 'play-off' final to gain promotion to the Premier League where they have played for the last 5 seasons. The Club has for many years supported the local Scunthorpe and District adult Football Leagues, The year 2000 saw the amalgamation of the Junior and Senior Clubs clearly demonstrating that players starting with the Club at the age of 6 could be encouraged to stay with the Club for their progress in football.

The Club today has 25 teams both boys and girls playing mini-soccer in the local Saturday Kalson League, 11 a-side teams in the Sunday Kalson League, Youth football being played in the Junior Premier League, & the Lincolnshire Intermediate League, and a Development Squad playing in the Central Midlands Football League. A newly formed Veterans team who will play in the Humber Veterans League In 2018 a new addition to the Club was the introduction of the DSActive team for individuals who are Downs Syndrome, the team has grown from strength to strength and they now perform in the Ability Counts League.

Exciting times lay ahead with our next development focusing on a number of improvements for the Bottesford Sports Hall

The Club's proudest achievement was in 2003 when they became a FA Charter Standard Community Club, being one of the first Clubs in the Country at that time to get the achievement. The Club had to work very hard to meet all of the FA criteria and is now reaping the benefits and rewards. In 2009, the Club achieved the distinction of being awarded by the Lincolnshire Football Association as the FA Charter Standard Club of the year, a reward for the efforts of the members of the Club. This massive involvement in 'grass roots football' and its development has seen the provision of enhanced facilities to support the same, with the introduction of a magnificent Changing Room & Meeting Room facility in 2009 for the use of all those who play their sport at Birch Park. Developments continued in 2019 with the aid of grant support from both the North Lincolnshire and Bottesford Town Councils together with the Football Foundation, with the addition of a new tractor and grass cutting maintenance equipment plus the replacement of the floodlights for the main pitch with a modern LED installation which was designed for the future provision of a new Stadia Facility incorporating a 3G playing surface.

2020 also saw through the efforts of number of volunteers & sponsors, a new Catering Facility to serve the needs of everybody who visits Birch Park.

Proudly, the Club today is able to announce that after many years of preparation and with the financial support from predominantly the Football Foundation, the North Lincolnshire Council and the S.S.E. Sustainable Community Fund, together with other supporting groups, the new £1.5m Barrett Steel Stadium facility was officially opened in July 2023.



NCEL Round Up

Knaresborough Town have moved to ten points clear of the NCEL Premier Division drop zone as they picked up a vital home win over play-off chasing Albion Sports in Tuesday night's action. Benjamin Parkes broke the deadlock in the opening five minutes with Adam Priestley securing a 2-0 victory when he doubled the home side's advantage midway through the second period. Knaresborough climb to seventeenth whilst Sports remain in seventh, four points away from the top five.

Armthorpe Welfare won by the same scoreline to increase the gap between themselves to the bottom three in Division One also to ten points and they go up to fourteenth in the table. Mitchell Pattinson and Alfie Charlotte struck in the first half as they took the points from their trip to Athersley Recreation who stay eleventh.

In County Cup action, a massive crowd of 1,496 watched Hallam's home victory over neighbours Sheffield in the Quarter-Finals of the Sheffield & Hallamshire Senior Cup. Ties between the two sides always provoke massive interest due to their history and this one proved to be no exception. It began at a breakneck speed with James Cadman giving Hallam a third minute lead before they were quickly pegged back by their visitors. But, the Countrymen ensured a 2-1 victory over their higher-ranked opposition when Leon Howarth struck early in the second period to move them into the final four.

Golcar United also progressed in the West Riding County Cup, Daniel Naidole, Oliver Russon and Alfie Wilkinson netting in the opening period. However, they had to withstand a late rally from hosts Barnoldswick Town as they went through with a 3-2 Quarter-Finals victory.

And, Brigg Town pushed hosts Lincoln United all the way but were ultimately denied in their Lincolnshire Senior Trophy Semi-Final. Daniel North's 56th minute leveller secured a 1-1 draw before a penalty shoot-out was won 2-1 by the United Counties League side.



From grassroots to heroes

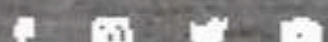
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