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Hello and welcome to the fifth matchday programme of the Northern League Division Two season. We have started the season in the best possible fashion, picking up maximum points, and seek to continue that tonight with the visit of Redcar Town. Tonight's opponents have endured a mixed start to the season with three wins and three losses to start the season. They, like ourselves, are relatively new to this level, having only made their Northern League debut two years ago. This week's issue includes a quiz, opposition preview, a brand new section for this season, titled 'get to know', and much more!

MITCH TAPNER
PROGRAMME EDITOR

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OUR HISTORY...



Newcastle Blue Star Football Club were originally formed in 1930, before the club vanished in the 2008/09 season and reforming in 2018 to play their home games at the Scotswood Sports Centre.

Blue Star originally joined the Wearside League back in 1973 and won the FA Vase in 1978. Blue Star played most of their games at the Wheatsheaf Ground, known as Druid Park in the west of the city, and at Kingston Park which is now the home of Rugby Union club the Newcastle Falcons.



Blue Star soon won promotion to the Northern Premier League but with some off-field trouble, it resulted in the collapse of the football club.

Now, Newcastle Blue Star Football Club is one of the fastest growing amateur football clubs in the North East of England, with the goal of bringing success back to a historic football club and have ambitions of becoming a key club in the city.



The club is based in the West End of Newcastle upon Tyne and is currently playing in the Northern League Division Two.

As well as the first team, Blue Star have a reserve squad who are competing in the Northern Football Alliance Second Division and have numerous youth teams.

The first season in Northern Alliance seen the first team finish third in the league. The 2022/23 season was a huge success as Blue Star won the Premier Division and lifted the 132-year-old trophy.

After the success of last season, Blue Star soon earned promotion into the Northern League Division Two for the 2023/24 season.

With vital support from 1978 FA Vase winners Paul Dixon and Ian Crumplin the club like to get as much support as possible from you. Together, hopefully we can have more Wembley moments to enjoy!



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THE ASSISTANT



Good evening and welcome to Scotswood! Today, we host Redcar Town in the Northern League Division Two.

The Brandon United was a game where we just wanted to keep the run going.

It was a home game with a nice big crowd in here so we wanted to put on a show for our fans and I thought we did that.

We were comfortable from the start and dominated possession for much of the whole game. They had a couple of chances that could of course changed

We got our first cleansheet of the season that game, I mentioned the clean sheet to the players at half-time that it's not important when you are winning games but when you haven't had one for a long time, then it ultimately becomes a bit of an issue.

We've been playing Euan (Anderson) at full back recently, he has missed the first part of the season and missed parts of pre-season so we've been trying to build him up gradually.

Euan is a bit like a Dan Burn player, he's a big lad playing left back but he's got a good engine, good football brain, and technically very good as well – so he fits into that role perfectly.

There's a good feel at the club at the moment and the lads look like they're enjoying themselves out there on the pitch which is great to see.

It's crucial we keep this run going and continue our push for promotion into the Northern League First Division.

Hopefully we can put another good performance on for all the fans today at Scotswood.

Enjoy the match!

ANDY BOWMAN
NEWCASTLE BLUE STAR ASSISTANT
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MATCH PREVIEW



Words by Dan Tracey

Even after the first five consecutive league wins of the season, you always felt that there was more to come from Newcastle Blue Star. Victories may have been secured, but there was a sense of it being done the hard way.

An issue that certainly has not been the case across their last 180 minutes. The winning streak has been extended to seven Northern League clashes, no less than 10 goals have been scored and perhaps more importantly, no goals have been conceded at the other end.

After making light work of both Brandon United and Washington in the past week or so, you can now see that Brian Smith's men are going

through the gears and one should not forget, that the starting eleven has undergone significant changes from week to week.

From one point of view, it highlights the depth that Smith and the management team can call upon. It also highlights, the strength of the team when key names are absent due to the usual summer commitments.

Which means when everyone is available, this Blue Star machine is only going to march at an even quicker pace. Already they find themselves in the top two of the table, already they are beginning to turn heads at this level.

As well all know, there is nothing in the way of prizes at this stage of the

campaign. However, we also know that this a team that does not rest on their laurels and they will look to earn an eighth successive league win at the expense of Redcar Town.

Tonight's visitors find themselves currently lying midtable after their first six games of the season and their form has been a perfect example of a mixed bag. Three wins and just as many losses, they may be unpredictable, but this team cannot be completely overlooked either.

A warm welcome goes out to the traveling Redcar Town team and support and for those who lend their voice to the home team, make sure to bring the noise throughout.



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LAST TIME OUT



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Words By Mitch Tapner
Newcastle Blue continued their perfect start to the Northern League season, with a comfortable 5-0 victory against Washington.

Early first-half goals from youngster Alfie Livermore and Nelson Ogbewe put Blue Star ahead early on. 'The Star' would then extend their lead in the second half through Michael Richardson and a brace from Harvey Walsh.

Currently unbeaten this season, Blue Star arrived at Washington as strong favourites, especially with the home side having failed to win a single game so far this season.

Blue Star continued their recent

trend of scoring early and took the lead in the 4th minute - with Ogbewe smartly squaring it to Livermore, who slotted home into an empty net.

'The Star' would continue their electric start to the game, grabbing another goal in the 16th minute, with Ogbewe turning from provider to goal scorer, calmly slotting his effort through the goalkeeper's legs.

Following the second goal, Washington seemed to toughen up defensively, not allowing Blue Star as much freedom in the final third.

Blue Star however would still have chances to further extend their lead before the break, with Walsh coming close. Ultimately though the score would remain 2-0 at half-time.

The start of the second half would see Blue Star's goal hunt continue. Scoring their 3rd in the 55th minute, with Walsh's cross falling at the feet of Richardson, whose shot found the bottom corner.

It seemed as if the game would peter out at 3-0 but following a number of changes, Blue Star would once again turn on the style. Scoring a fourth in the 75th minute with Walsh firing his shot through the legs of the Washington goalkeeper.

Walsh would again be on the goal train just four minutes later, with his mazy run in behind the Washington defence resulting in him slotting home into the bottom corner and Blue star coming away with a 5-0 victory.



WELCOME ALFIE LIVERMORE!

Words by Mitch Tapner

NEWCASTLE BLUE STAR HAVE HAD A BUSY 2023/24 SUMMER TRANSFER WINDOW WITH THE LATEST SIGNING COMING IN THE NAME OF YOUNGSTER ALFIE LIVERMORE!



LIVERMORE, WHO CAN PLAY ON EITHER WING, JOINS FROM NORTHERN ALLIANCE SIDE PERCY MAIN.

The young winger has also featured recently in Blyth Spartans youth setup.

Despite having only made a couple of substitute appearances so far, Alfie's Blue Star career has been off to a flyer – recently scoring a screamer in Blue Star's 5-0 win over Brandon United.

We can't wait to see Alfie thrive in a Newcastle Blue Star shirt this season!



★ BLUE STAR ★ GO GLOBAL

WORDS BY MITCH TAPNER

AFTER CONQUERING EUROPE BACK IN THE SUMMER, OUR UNDER-16 SIDE WERE INVITED TO MANCHESTER TO FACE OFF AGAINST TWO AMERICAN SIDES STONYBROOK (NYC) AND FAIRFIELD (CONNECTICUT)



GAME 1: BLUE STAR 2-2 VS STONYBROOK, NEW YORK CITY

The first of the U16's games came against Stonybrook, from Long Island, who are state & regional and ranked number two in the whole of the USA.

Our boys were outstanding first-half, taking an early 2-0 lead whilst playing some great football.

The young Americans came out fired up for the second-half and showed why they are ranked so highly, with an end-to-end game ending 2-2.

GAME 2: BLUE STAR 0-5 VS FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Playing their second game less than 24 hours after their first, the boys would have a rare off day – with

the Americans taking advantage of the under 16s tiredness.

Huge congratulations to under 16s who did themselves and the club proud!

UP THE STAR!

ALL ABOUT... JOE WALKER!

LET'S GET TO KNOW OUR 'THE BLUE PRINT' COVER STAR JOE WALKER!
JOE TOOK PART IN ANSWERING A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT HIMSELF:

POSITION:

TBD

AGE:

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WHAT CLUB DO YOU SUPPORT?:

Newcastle United



WHO WAS YOUR IDOL GROWING UP?:

Lionel Messi



WHO IS THE BEST PLAYER YOU'VE PLAYED WITH?:

Craig McFarlane

WHAT IS YOUR GO-TO PRE-MATCH MEAL?:

Spaghetti and fish

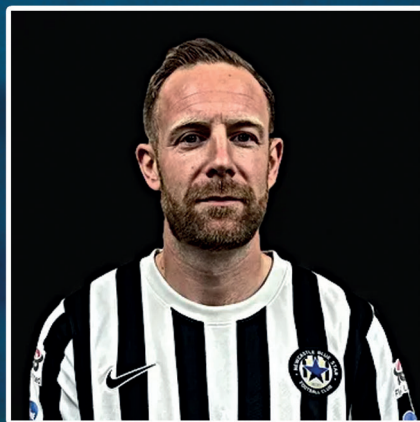
IF ONE OF YOUR TEAMMATES HAD TO TAKE A PENALTY TO SAVE YOUR LIFE, WHO WOULD YOU WANT TO TAKE IT?:

Dan Lanning



WHO IS THE CHANGING ROOM JOKER?:

Still lingering around somehow, it's Andrew Bulford!



WHO HAS THE WORST DRESS SENSE IN THE SQUAD?:

Nella (Nelson Ogbewe) since he has missed every single team night out, shocking!



FOCUSING ON OUR OPPOSITION...

REDCAR TOWN FC



Redcar Town men's team was formed in 2014 and entered the Teesside League Second Division.

Ex professional player Roy Hunter and experienced Northern League player Craig Gibbin were at the helm and took the team to the Second Division title losing only one game.

The team also added the Burness Plate and the McMillan Bowl beating First Division Champions Whinney Banks 3-1 in the Final at Guisborough Town.

Only two players from that first season are still with the team James Smuk, and Sam Wheatley who all played in that Final.

The following season Redcar ran two teams with the Senior side

playing in the Teesside League and the reserve team playing in the Durham Alliance League.

The Senior team won the JV Madden Trophy which was the annual curtain raiser between previous League champions and the McMillan Bowl winners again beating Whinney Banks 3-0 at Thornaby FC.

The team has been prominent members of the Teesside League/North Riding Premier Division since being formed winning the 2017 Lou Moore Trophy against B.E.A.D.S 4-2 at Thornaby FC.

We have built our ground into one of the best facilities in the area and have staged Cup Finals for the TJFA and the North Riding Girls League as well as both the North Riding

Football League and County FA.

In 2021 the club applied for promotion to the Northern League for the first time and after a successful ground grading inspection were informed that our bid had been successful.

In our first season in the Northern in a credible 10th place proving to be highly competitive. The team followed this up with an improved seventh placing last season and are once again looking to improve upon this with a another competitive effort from the players with a play off spot the target.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

HERE ARE SIX PLAYERS TO WATCH OUT FOR IN REDCAR TOWN'S
SQUAD TODAY!



MIKE ALGIE

Shot-stopper Mike Algie was a crucial part to Redcar's solid defensive record last season.

The brick wall in Redcar's defence is still young for a goalkeeper, with the club retaining him for another season.



JACK CHAPMAN

Fans favourite Jack Chapman is the latest player to commit for this season.

Chapman has been a consistent performer and had the most appearances for the club last season.



MIKE DAVIS

The midfielder forced his way into the first team having produced a string of impressive performance with the club's reserve side and is now an established member of the first team squad.



JAMIE LEE

Experienced central defender Jamie Lee has rejoined the club to boost the backline. A cultured defender, he also offers a goal threat at set pieces.



DANIEL BEAN

18-year-old Redcar lad Daniel Bean is an extremely versatile footballer who can play anywhere in defence or midfield.



LEE BLACKBURN

Veteran defender Lee Blackburn joined Redcar having spent time with Redcar Newmarket.

HALF-TIME QUIZ

HOW MANY QUESTIONS CAN YOU GET RIGHT?

QUESTIONS BY MITCH TAPNER

1. WHO SCORED A BRACE IN BLUE STAR'S 3-2 WIN OVER JARROW EARLIER THIS SEASON?

2. WHICH NEWCASTLE UNITED PLAYER WAS RECENTLY SPOTTIN IN WETHERSPOONS?

3. WHAT IS THE NAME OF NEWCASTLE UNITED'S ASSISTANT MANAGER?

4. WHO IS CURRENTLY BLUE STAR'S TOP GOAL SCORER THIS SEASON?

5. WHICH CLUB WAS NEW SIGNING DARYLL DONNELLY SIGNED FROM?

6. WHICH PLAYER SCORED THE ONLY GOAL IN NEWCASTLE UNITED'S DEFEAT TO MANCHESTER CITY THIS SEASON?

7. WHICH CLUB DID NEWCASTLE UNITED SIGN LEWIS HALL FROM?

8. WHICH EX-SUNDERLAND AND MIDDLESBROUGH PLAYER NOW MANAGES SOUTH SHIELDS FOOTBALL CLUB?

9. JUDE BELLINGHAM'S YOUNGER BROTHER HAS RECENTLY JOINED SUNDERLAND, WHAT IS HIS NAME?

10. WHAT NATIONALITY IS NEW CHELSEA SIGNING MOISES CAICEDO?

1. DAN LANNING 2. SANDRO TONALI 3. JESON TINDALL 4. DAN LANNING 5. SEYDINHO RED STAR 6. JULIAN ALVAROZ 7. CHELSEA 8. JULIO BRCA 9. JUDE BELLINGHAM 10. ECUADORIAN

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| DATE | KO | OPPONENT | SCORE | SCORERS |
|-------------|--------|---|-------|---|
| Sun Jul 09 | 3:00pm | Jarrow (A) | 2 - 3 | Lanning x2 |
| Tue Aug 02 | 7:30pm | Yarm & Eaglescliffe (H) | 2 - 1 | Holmes, Ogbewe |
| Wed Aug 09 | 7:00pm | Billingham Synthonia (A) | 1 - 3 | Coppen, Richardson, Lanning |
| Sat Aug 12 | 3:00pm | Esh Winning (A) | 1 - 4 | Mason, Carr, Lanning x2 |
| Tue Aug 15 | 7:30pm | Bedlington Terriers (H) | 3 - 2 | Mason x2, Lanning |
| Sat Aug 19 | 3:00pm | Brandon United (H) | 5 - 0 | Walsh, Carr, Lanning, Livermore, Mason |
| Tue Aug 22 | 7:45pm | Washington (A) | 0 - 5 | Walsh x2, Livermore, Ogbewe, Richardson |
| Sat Aug 26 | 3:00pm | [FA VASE] Silsden AFC (A) | | |
| Tue Aug 29 | 7:45pm | Redcar Town (H) | | |
| Sat Sep 02 | 3:00pm | Chester-le-Street Town (A) | | |
| Thur Sep 07 | 7:30pm | Easington Colliery (H) | | |
| Sat Sep 09 | 3:00pm | Boldon CA (H) | | |
| Sat Sep 16 | 3:00pm | Newcastle University (A) | | |
| Sat Sep 30 | 3:00pm | Horden (A) | | |
| Sat Oct 07 | 3:00pm | FC Hartlepool (H) | | |
| Sat Oct 14 | 3:00pm | Sunderland West End (A) | | |
| Sat Oct 21 | 3:00pm | Blyth Town (H) | | |
| Fri Oct 27 | 7:30pm | Billingham Town (A) | | |
| Sat Nov 04 | 3:00pm | Thornaby (H) | | |
| Fri Nov 10 | 7:30pm | Prudhoe YC (A) | | |
| Sat Nov 18 | 3:00pm | Yarm & Eaglescliffe (A) | | |
| Fri Nov 24 | 7:30pm | Billingham Synthonia (H) | | |
| Sat Dec 09 | 3:00pm | Bedlington Terriers (A) | | |
| Sat Dec 16 | 3:00pm | Washington (H) | | |
| Sat Dec 23 | 3:00pm | Redcar Town (A) | | |
| Tue Dec 26 | 7:30pm | Ryton & Crawcrook Albion (H) | | |
| Sat Dec 30 | 3:00pm | Easington Colliery (A) | | |
| Fri Jan 05 | 7:30pm | Prudhoe YC (H) | | |
| Sat Jan 13 | 3:00pm | Jarrow (H) | | |
| Sat Jan 20 | 3:00pm | Chester-le-Street United (A) | | |
| Sat Jan 27 | 3:00pm | Esh Winning (H) | | |
| Sat Feb 03 | 3:00pm | Brandon United (A) | | |
| Sat Feb 10 | 3:00pm | Chester-le-Street Town (H) | | |
| Sat Feb 17 | 3:00pm | Boldon CA (A) | | |
| Sat Feb 24 | 3:00pm | Newcastle University (H) | | |
| Sat Mar 09 | 3:00pm | Horden (H) | | |
| Sat Mar 16 | 3:00pm | FC Hartlepool (A) | | |
| Sat Mar 23 | 3:00pm | Sunderland West End (H) | | |
| Mon Apr 01 | 7:30pm | Ryton & Crawcrook Albion (A) | | |
| Fri Apr 12 | 7:30pm | Billingham Town (H) | | |
| Sat Apr 20 | 3:00pm | Thornaby (A) | | |
| Tue May 06 | 7:30pm | Blyth Town (A) | | |

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