

ESSITY PARK PRUDHOE NE42 5EH

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September Kick Off: 15:00

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY AFC

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NEWCASTLE BLUE STAR



EBAC NORTHERN LEAGUE 2<sup>nd</sup> Division



Newcastle  
University



## AN INTRODUCTION TO NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY AFC

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

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

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

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

NUAFC was promoted to the top level of University sport BUCS Premier after promotion in 2020.

Season 2021/21 saw the club have success in this reaching the semifinal of BUCS national championships.

Alongside this they reached the final of the Earnest Armstrong cup losing on penalties achieving a respectable finish in their first completed Northern league season.



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## **Steven Pennington**

23, a centre back from Rome, Italy. Stevo is going into his 5<sup>th</sup> season with the club and has made an outstanding contribution as he plays alongside studying to become a doctor.

## **Jos Veitch**

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

## **Ben Long**

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

## **Angus Mitchinson**

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

## **Josh Walton**

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

## **Ryan Redford**

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

## **Tolu Osiyemi**

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

## **Dan Gavaghan**

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

## **Michael Woods**

20, a right sided defender from Newcastle going into his 4<sup>th</sup> season. Mick is a physical defender who will put his body on the line for the club.

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## **Keith Douglas**

Quality forward who's enjoyed a long spell at the club. Combines playing with coaching and counts North Shields and Gateshead amongst former clubs. Claims to have scored more goals than the rest of the lads have had hot dinners.

## **Joel Burgess**

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

## **Tom Butler**

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

## **Jack Butler**

23, forward in his 2<sup>nd</sup> season with the club. Loves taking players on. Previously with Blyth Spartans and England Schoolboys.

## **James Matthews**

21, in his 1<sup>st</sup> season with the club and was previously with Altrincham FC. Bags of energy, James can operate in multiple positions effectively.

## **Ben Miller**

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

## **Kane Morris**

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

## **Euan Pollard**

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

## **Adam Redford**

25, a versatile defender has been with the club for 6 seasons. Adam is an imposing player who is strong in the air and doesn't lose many challenges.

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## **Max Richardson**

22, Gk in his 4<sup>th</sup> season with the club. Max is a commanding presence behind the defence and well known for his strong shot stopping.

## **Freddie Topel**

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

## **Sam Carr**

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

## **Dominic Griffin**

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

## **Matthew Foster**

22, a prolific goal scorer with quality finishing abilities, Matty goes into his 4<sup>th</sup> season with the club.

## **James McNicholas**

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

## **Mbako Chalashika**

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

## **Bankole Claudius Cole**

19, in his 2<sup>nd</sup> season with the club, Banky can operate in multiple positions on the left flank. He is a pacy player with a notable workrate

## **Miles Wallace**

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

## **Henry Cooper**

19, midfielder in his 2<sup>nd</sup> season with the club. Henry is a clever midfield player and joined the club after captaining the renowned Repton School.

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## **Richard Birtwhistle**

Gk in his 3<sup>rd</sup> season with the club. Rick is great shotstopper from Bolton who's been a great servant to the club. Previously spent time in goal for England water polo team.

## **Cassiun Langfield**

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

## **George Riley**

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

## **Jack Guy**

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

## **Jack McKee**

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

## **Ben Holland**

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

## **Chris Pearson**

23, Pacy and skillful forward with an eye for goal. Chris is into his second season with the club after previously representing the university's futsal team.

# **NEWCASTLE BLUE STAR HISTORY**

## **Club 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!

# THE PLAYERS OF NEWCASTLE BLUE STAR

## Goalkeepers

**Sean McCafferty**- The experienced shot stopper enters another year between the Blue Star sticks having won the golden glove last season.

## Defenders

**Robbie Wilson** - Being promoted to the first-team last season. Robbie provides us with some young talent in the back line.

**Craig McFarlane** - Spending the majority of last season on the wing. Craig has recently transitioned to full-back with his quality still clear to see.

**Daryll Donnelly**- Joining from Seaham Red Star, Daryll will provide the team with some much needed defensive competition.

**Curtis Coppin** - Famed for his long diagonal balls from the back line, Curtis also provides us with some much-needed steel in the back line.

**Euan Anderson** - Cool, calm and collected. Euan's defensive and ball playing ability was one of the key factors in our club conceding the least amount of league goals last season.

**Owen Gourley** - Mr Versatile. Owen provides us with quality at both centre midfield and centre half.

**Marc Lancaster**- As well as being the locker room joker. Marc's experience and defensive nous is a key asset in our team.

**Jack Donninson** - The experienced full back will provide us with some great cover on both flanks.

## Midfielders

**Gary Ormston**- Captain, leader, legend. Gary joined us at the start of last season and guided us to promotion to the Northern League..

**Joe Walker**- Whether it be in midfield or defence, Joe has been providing us with his quality performances for five seasons now.



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**Liam Dalton**- Being promoted from our under 23s, the talented youngster links up with the first team this season and will for sure provide us with some much-needed defensive cover.

### **Aaron Willoughby**

**David Luke**- David can deputise anywhere across the midfield but feels most at home in the centre of the park, ping-ponging the ball about.

**Dean Holmes**- Able to play virtually anywhere on the pitch. Dean was a key player in our title win last season.

**Jamie Holmes**- Joining the club this summer, Jamie is a talented midfielder with an eye for a pass.

**Ryan Carr**- Having played for the likes of North Shields before joining the club last season. Ryan will certainly bag a few goals from midfield this season.

**Freddie Marr**- Able to play across the midfield, Freddie's energy and tenacity in the middle of the park is a key asset in our squad.

**Paul Robinson**- Having achieved promotion with Ashington last season, Paul will provide us with lots of flair and creativity this season.

**Michael Richardson**- Having played for Newcastle under 23s and a host of football league clubs. Michael will provide us with some much-needed top-level experience.

### **Forwards**

**Lee Mason** - The experienced forward joined the club this summer, Lee has previously played for the likes of South Shields and Blyth Spartans

**Nelson Ogbewe** - Joining Blue Star last season after a stint at Gateshead. Nelson's electric pace will strike fear into any defence.

**Dan Lanning** - Our top goal scorer last season at the young age of just 17. Dan will relish the chance of playing against Northern League defences.

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**Ben Harmison** - Joining from Ashington this summer. The forward will for sure bring goals to Scotswood.

**Harvey Walsh**- Joining from Newcastle Independent, the talented winger will for sure provide goals and flair this season.

**Matty Telfer**- Part of the South Shields academy, the young forward will rival our strikers for a starting birth this season.

Date	Opponent	F	A	Game	Venue	Att	Scorers
29-07-23	<b>Brandon United</b>	1	0	<b>DIV 2</b>	H	42	Miller
02-08-23	Blyth Town	1	4	DIV 2	A	148	Pearson
05-08-23	Yarm & Eaglescliffe	P	P	DIV 2	A		
10-08-23	<b>Jarrow</b>	2	3	<b>DIV 2</b>	H	85	Pennington 2
12-08-23	<b>Chester-Le-Street Town</b>	3	4	<b>DIV 2</b>	H	48	Pearson 2, Miller
15-08-23	Billingham Town	2	1	DIV 2	A	208	Miller, McKee
19-08-23	Billingham Synthonia	3	0	DIV 2	A	75	Miller, Holland, Griffin, Burgess
24-08-23	<b>Chester-Le-Street United</b>	2	2	<b>DIV 2</b>	H	60	Griffin, Foster
26-08-23	Horden CW	3	5	DIV 2	A	104	Osiyemi, Miller, Matthews
02-09-23	<b>Boldon CA</b>	1	3	<b>DIV 2</b>	H	38	Foster
07-09-23	<b>Esh Winning</b>	1	1	<b>DIV 2</b>	H	51	OG
09-09-23	Bedlington Terriers	2	4	DIV 2	A	94	Pearson Foster
13-09-23	Thornaby	2	0	DIV 2	A	140	Pearson 2
16-09-23	<b>Newcastle Blue Star</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	H		
30-09-23	Washington			DIV 2	A		
07-10-23	<b>Horden CW</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	H		
14-10-23	Redcar Town			DIV 2	A		
21-10-23	<b>FC Hartlepool</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	H		
28-10-23	Easington Colliery			DIV 2	A		
04-11-23	<b>Sunderland West End</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	H		
11-11-23	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion			DIV 2	A		
18-11-23	<b>Blyth Town</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	H		
25-11-23	Jarrow			DIV 2	A		
09-12-23	<b>Billingham Town</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	H		
16-12-23	Chester-Le-Street United			DIV 2	A		
23-12-23	<b>Thornaby</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	H		
26-12-23	Prudhoe YC Seniors			DIV 2	A		

30-12-23	Esh Winning			DIV 2	A		
<b>06-01-24</b>	<b>Ryton &amp; Crawcrook Albion</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	<b>H</b>		
13-01-24	Brandon United			DIV 2	A		
<b>20-01-24</b>	<b>Yarm &amp; Eaglescliffe</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	<b>H</b>		
27-01-24	Chester-Le-Street Town			DIV 2	A		
<b>03-02-24</b>	<b>Billingham Sythonia</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	<b>H</b>		
10-02-24	Boldon CA			DIV 2	A		
<b>17-02-24</b>	<b>Bedlington Terriers</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	<b>H</b>		
24-02-24	Newcastle Blue Star			DIV 2	A		
<b>09-03-24</b>	<b>Washington</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	<b>H</b>		
<b>23-03-24</b>	<b>Redcar Town</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	<b>H</b>		
<b>01-04-23</b>	<b>Prudhoe YC Seniors</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	<b>H</b>		
06-04-23	FC Hartlepool			DIV 2	A		
<b>13-04-24</b>	<b>Easington Colliery</b>			<b>DIV 2</b>	<b>H</b>		
20-04-24	Sunderland West End			DIV 2	A		

# NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

Chairman:	Fraser Kennedy	Registered Address
Director of Football:	Neil Baistow	Newcastle University
President:	Jos Veitch	Newcastle Upon Tyne
1 <sup>st</sup> team Captain:	Ben Miller	NE1 7RU
2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Captain:	Jack McKee	
Treasurer:	Jack Butler	

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## CLUB COLOURS

HOME

Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks

AWAY

Red Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks

THIRD

White Shirts, White Shorts, White Socks

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