

ESSITY PARK PRUDHOE NE42 5EH

Saturday 29th July Kick Off: 15:00

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY AFC

V

BRANDON UNITED



EBAC NORTHERN LEAGUE 2nd Division



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

24, a centre back from Rome, Italy. Steve previously played in Italy.

Jos Veitch

21, a winger from Halifax. Jos previously played for Silsden.

Ben Long

21, a midfielder from south London. Ben previously played for Cartagena FC.

Angus Mitchinson

20, a central midfielder from St Andrews. Angus played for Kirkcaldy and Dysart FC.

Josh Walton

21, a right back from Chapel Park, Newcastle. Josh previously played for New Hartley.

Ryan Redford

29, centre midfielder from Newcastle. Previously played for Whitley Bay.

Tolu Osiyemi

21, a forward from Bishops Stortford. Tolu has previously played for Bishops Stortford FC.

Dan Gavaghan

20, a centre back from Salford. Dan previously played for Altringham FC.

Michael Woods

20, a right sided defender from Newcastle. Michael previously played New Hartley.

Keith Douglas

Experienced forward who has enjoyed a long spell at the club. Previously Played: Durham City, Gateshead, Bedlington Terriers, North Shields

Joel Burgess

19, midfielder who can pop up with a few goals. In his 1st season with the club

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Tom Butler

20, hardworking midfield player in his 2nd season with the club

Jack Butler

21, Lively forward in his 3rd season with the club. Previously played for Ashington and Blyth Spartans

James Matthews

19, a right sided defender. In his 1st season with the club

Ben Miller

20, Captain and a hardworking midfield player in his 2nd season with the club

Kane Morris

20, athletic forward in his 2nd season with the club.

Euan Pollard

21, versatile forward in his 3rd season with the club

Adam Redford

25, a versatile defender has been with the club for 6 seasons.

Max Richardson

Gk in his 4th season with the club

Freddie Topel

19, classy forward in his 2nd season with the club

Sam Carr

20, big strong defender in his 2nd season with the club

Dominic Griffin

24, strong forward who can grab goals. In his 2nd season with the club

Matthew Foster

22, forward who can bang in the goals in his 4th season with the club

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James McNicholas

23, Left back who has superb dead ball delivery. In his 4th season with the club

Mbako Chalashika

20, pacey winger in his 2nd season with the club

Claudius Cole

19, pacey winger in his 2nd season with the club

Miles Wallace

19, left back in his 2nd season with the club

Henry Cooper

20, midfielder in his 2nd season with the club

Richard Birtwhistle

Gk in his 3rd season with the club

Cassiun Langfield

20, Strong forward who has an eye for goal in his 1st season with the club

George Riley

20, defender recently returned from USA in his 1st season with the club

Jack Guy

20, lively winger in his 2nd season with the club

BRANDON UNITED HISTORY

Brandon United formed as a Sunday side called Rostrons. Playing in the Durham & District League they made their way up to the First Division. From 1968/69 until 1976/77 they were First Division champions four times, Sunday Cup winners three times and F.A. Sunday Cup winners in 1975/76.

Brandon have reached the FA Cup 1st Round proper on two occasions. In 1979/80 they lost 0-3 to Bradford City. And in 1983/84 it took Doncaster Rovers two attempts to eventually beat Brandon 2-1.

The club joined the Wearside League in 1981/82 and admitted to the Northern League's Second Division for the start of 1983/84 season winning the Second Division title the following season.

In 1998/1999 Brandon appointed Ken Lindoe as manager. Following season of consolidation came Brandon United's finest moment; the League Championship was attained in 2002/2003 and the club were **Champions of the Northern League**.

The seasons that followed were tumultuous both on and off the pitch. Seasons of flirting with relegation finally happened and the club were relegated back to the 2nd Division at the end of the 2005/06 season.

Adam Furness joined the club and again started to rebuild. The club finished bottom of the league but, with no relegation taking effect, it survived to play again in the Northern League. Younger players with a season's experience behind them and the recruitment of more experienced players meant the club finished a respectable 6th in 2008/09.

For a number of seasons, the club have flirted with the very real danger of relegation from the Northern League, only to gain a reprieve each year. Managers have come and gone and with them the players - every season starts as a rebuilding process.

2017/18 saw a 're-branding' of the club with new strips and a new club badge. However, following a promising start to the season, the management team left and the club plummeted to the bottom of the table. Due to a massive re-haul of the National Non-League pyramid and a last day of the season home win, we escaped relegation – again - by a single point.

Another overhaul of the club following departures of long-term committee members and the club in real peril of folding brought in new committee and management. Success evaded them though and they departed at the end of the season.

A different peril hit the entire world in 2020 and wiped out effectively two seasons of football.

Matty Thompson had taken the helm at Brandon and had brought stability to the club. Playing some good football – and a 10 game winning streak – the club rose up the table. Matty and his team left mid-season though and in came Kane Wears to steady the ship and to see out the 2022/23 season.

As the 2023/24 season begins, we find ourselves again under new management. Kane Wears departed in the close season and Brandon United appointed Steve Pickering as 1st Team Manager. He brings his coaching team with him as we once again start afresh in the 2nd Division. Steve has started another rebuilding schedule aiming to get the club more involved in the local community and aspirations of pushing the club and the team on to greater rewards in the League. **COME ON BRANDON!!!**

THE PLAYERS OF BRANDON UNITED

Amrit Punia: Left Centre / Left Back

Height - 6'2" - Age 20

Previous playing experience - Ponteland

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www.lambtoncottage.co.uk

Harrison Scott: Defender

Height: 5'9" - Age: 26

Past Clubs: South Shields, Crook Town, Chester- le-Street Town

Sponsor: improtech soccer

www.improtechsoccer.com

Carl Malpass: Centre Midfield

Height - 5'7" - Age - 24

Previous playing experience - Consett AFC, Annfield Plain.

Skilful, combative midfielder with an eye for goal.

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Jacob Bradley: Centre Midfield

Height - 5'11" - Age - 19

Previous Clubs - Bedlington / Killingworth

Young midfielder with pace to burn and dribbling skills to match.

One to watch out for this season.

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Jake Blackford: Left Back

Height - 5'9" - Age - 16

Previous club - Gateshead Academy,

part of the Gateshead Academy team that swept all before them last season.

Sponsor – ukdesignz

www.ukdesignz.com

David Mitchell: Centre Midfield

Height - 5'10" - Age - 27

Previous club - Tow Law, Bishop Auckland, Darlington 1883

Experienced, versatile Northern League player who's not afraid to put in a good tackle...

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Harry Thompson: Centre Back

Height - 6'3" - Age - 22

Despite still being only 22, this is his 4th year at Brandon.

Great in the air or with the ball at his feet. Can slot into full back or forward positions as well.

Great all-round player.

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Ethan Rawlinson: Midfielder

Height – 5' 7" - Age - 22

Playing experience - Debut Northern League Season

Strong, energetic lad wanting to make a mark in his debut season.

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Decklin Moss: Centre Back

Height - 5'10" - Age - 30

Previous experience - West Auckland, Crook, Willington, Synthonia.

Experienced Northern League player who'll bring a steady head to the defence.

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Aidan Fletcher: Right / Left Wing

Height - 5'8" - Age - 20

Previous club - Esh Winning - a fast paced skilful wide man with a great crossing ability.

Adam Metcalfe: Left Back

Height - 5'11" Age - 18

Previous experience- Hartlepool and Gateshead academy's.

Panashe Mwamba: Winger

Height 5' 8" – Age 21

Playing Experience - Scarborough Athletic Reserves for the 22/23 season.

2-month experience of training with First team in the National League North

Featured in 20 matches in all Competitions, having 4 goals and 6 assists.

Callum Richardson: Centre Forward

Height- 6' 0" - Age- 22

First season in the League, big presence up front.

Sponsor JT Electrical

Callum Fisher: Goalkeeper

Height - 5'8" - Age - 19

Previous experience - South Shields academy & football back in Australia

Thomas Rawlinson: Forward

Height – 5ft 10" - Age - 21

Playing in his first Northern League season,

Tom brings great pace and skill to the front line.

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Rhys Brunton: Right / Left Wing

Height – 5'9" - Age - 16

Previous playing experience – Gateshead FC, another Gateshead Academy product hoping to progress in the Northern League.

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www.d-line-it.com

Juan Marceliano D. Carpio: Wing / Right Back

Height - 5'8" - Age - 20

Previous experience - Cantolao FC Reserves / Liga 1 Professional Debut.

Versatile and skilful in any position, great pace and looks to press forward at every opportunity.

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Lee Richards Position: Right Back

Height - 5'10" - Age - 24

Previous playing experience - Jarrow Crusaders. Experienced player but making his Northern League debut.

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Connor Ward: Centre Midfield

Height: 5'7" - Age: 24

Previous playing experience: Willington, Wolsingham

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Aaron Skelton – 'Keeper

Height – 5ft 11" – Age 21 At age 16 signed for Northallerton Town before moving onto Darlington reserves. Then signed for Newton Aycliffe U18s/23s and senior team. After 2 seasons in the Wearside league with Richmond Town was signed by Crook. Now in his second season with the club, great shot-stopper.

Welcome Dominic Hughes to United. Another one of Pickering's unbeaten Gateshead academy lads and a very talented one at that. Dom can play in the 10, 9, 11 & 7. Bagged 2 in 3 games already. Great signing and plenty to come from this lad.

Great coup for United, signing the quick winger from Sunderland RCA Curtis Richardson. Curtis can play in a variety of positions and will be an asset at the Welfare ground.

Welcome Curtis

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Daniel Kent: Centre Forward

Age – 34 - Height - 6'3

Previous experience - Willington, Newton Aycliffe, Esh Winning, Crook, Tow Law, Ryton and Crawcrook

Experienced League player, strong and resilient.

Steven Pickering (Manager)

Height - 5'11" -Age - 46

Playing experience - YTS schoolboy @ Sheffield united, semi pro - Brodsworth, Parkgate, Denaby United, Sheffield Club, Worksop Town.

Management experience - Malaga Fc Academy U17's, Gateshead FC U17's.

Advanced Data Analysis through FC Barcelona Innovation

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Stephen Durrant, Assistant Manager at Brandon United Football Club and is also Chairman having previously been a NED at Blyth Spartans, He is a former Head Coach at Teesside University and First Team Coach in Tier 4 of the FA National League-Division One North with over 500+ competitive matches.

Dave Skelton (Coach)

Date	Opponent	F	A	Game	Venue	Att	Scorers
29-07-23	Brandon United			DIV 2	H		
02-08-23	Blyth Town			DIV 2	A		
05-08-23	Yarm & Eaglescliffe			DIV 2	A		
10-08-23	Jarrow			DIV 2	H		
12-08-23	Chester-Le-Street Town			DIV 2	H		
15-08-23	Billingham Town			DIV 2	A		
19-08-23	Billingham Sythonia			DIV 2	A		
24-08-23	Chester-Le-Street United			DIV 2	H		
26-08-23	Horden CW			DIV 2	A		
02-09-23	Boldon CA			DIV 2	H		
07-09-23	Esh Winning			DIV 2	H		
09-09-23	Bedlington Terriers			DIV 2	A		
13-09-23	Thornaby			DIV 2	A		
16-09-23	Newcastle Blue Star			DIV 2	H		
30-09-23	Washington			DIV 2	A		
07-10-23	Horden CW			DIV 2	H		
14-10-23	Redcar Town			DIV 2	A		
21-10-23	FC Hartlepool			DIV 2	H		
28-10-23	Easington Colliery			DIV 2	A		
04-11-23	Sunderland West End			DIV 2	H		
11-11-23	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion			DIV 2	A		
18-11-23	Blyth Town			DIV 2	H		
25-11-23	Jarrow			DIV 2	A		
09-12-23	Billingham Town			DIV 2	H		
16-12-23	Chester-Le-Street United			DIV 2	A		
23-12-23	Thornaby			DIV 2	H		
26-12-23	Prudhoe YC Seniors			DIV 2	A		
30-12-23	Esh Winning			DIV 2	A		

06-01-24	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion			DIV 2	H		
13-01-24	Brandon United			DIV 2	A		
20-01-24	Yarm & Eaglescliffe			DIV 2	H		
27-01-24	Chester-Le-Street Town			DIV 2	A		
03-02-24	Billingham Sythonia			DIV 2	H		
10-02-24	Boldon CA			DIV 2	A		
17-02-24	Bedlington Terriers			DIV 2	H		
24-02-24	Newcastle Blue Star			DIV 2	A		
09-03-24	Washington			DIV 2	H		
23-03-24	Redcar Town			DIV 2	H		
01-04-23	Prudhoe YC Seniors			DIV 2	H		
06-04-23	FC Hartlepool			DIV 2	A		
13-04-24	Easington Colliery			DIV 2	H		
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 st team Captain:	Ben Miller	NE1 7RU
2 nd 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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