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## FROM THE DUGOUT

It's important we get back into the swing of things after a 2 week break from football.

Obviously it's not ideal at this time in the season, but the lads have been working hard in training and putting the work in to ensure fitness levels don't drop.

We want to get back to winning games of football consistently and we are looking forward to the challenge Hyde bring on Saturday.

Enjoy the game, Deaks.

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# HYDE UNITED - CLUB HISTORY

HYDE United will always be remembered for the 26-0 FA Cup defeat inflicted by Preston in 1887. But the club, founded two years earlier as Hyde FC, were anything but a collection of hopeful amateurs. They were an ambitious outfit who wanted to compete with the best.

The 1887-88 season was actually very successful and at the end of it Hyde met Newton Heath (now Manchester United) in a match described as the unofficial championship of Manchester.

At the turn of the 20th century, the club won four league titles. They moved to Ewen Fields in 1906 after a takeover of Hyde St George's which allowed them to replace the Saints in the Lancashire Combination. Hyde folded in 1917 because of what was termed war reaction. However, there were demands for the club to be re-established and in 1919 it was reborn as Hyde United.

In the 1920s, Hyde dominated the Manchester League, winning five championships, which led to election to the Cheshire County League in 1930.

After the Second World War, Hyde won the Cheshire Senior Cup for the first time. In 1954 they reached round one of the FA Cup, losing to a Workington side managed by Bill Shankly. In the following two seasons the club clinched back-to-back Cheshire League titles.

Hyde's nickname, the Tigers, was adopted at the end of the 1960s when they were founder members of the Northern Premier League. They were expected to struggle but fought like tigers for two seasons to finish seventh and eleventh. However, the club could not cope financially and resigned in 1970.

It took ten years for Hyde to re-emerge. In 1981-82 they won the Cheshire League treble and returned to the NPL. They faced Burnley in the first round of the FA Cup in 1983, and in 1989 made it to the FA Trophy semi-finals.

In 1986, Hyde sold Ewen Fields to Tameside Council so that a synthetic Baspoggrass pitch could be laid. They won several trophies, faced Darlington in the first round of the FA Cup (1994) and reached two more Trophy semi-finals.

Grass was reinstated in 1995 but in 2003, only three years after finishing second in the NPL premier division, Hyde were relegated only to come back as champions at the first attempt. They immediately followed up with the NPL title in 2004-05.

Fortunes were mixed in National League North. Key backers pulled out and in 2009 the Tigers were even wound up for a week.

The following year, Hyde secured a deal to allow Manchester City's elite development squad to use Ewen Fields. The money secured the club's immediate future but the decision to drop the United suffix and stop wearing red shirts divided fans. A poor season followed.

Yet, back in red, the Tigers amazed everyone in 2011-12. Beginning the campaign with ten consecutive wins, they won the championship and promotion to the national division where they finished 18th and beat clubs like Wrexham, Luton and Grimsby.

Unfortunately, three consecutive relegations followed. By 2016 Hyde were in the NPL first division north and at their lowest ebb since 1970. Luckily change was on the way.

Hyde FC was reborn as a supporters' trust called Hyde United. A state-of-the-art 3G pitch was laid in partnership with Tameside Council, and by 2017 they were back in the NPL premier division. In November of the same year, the Tigers faced Milton Keynes Dons at Ewen Fields in the FA Cup first round, in a game shown live on "Match of the Day".

The first full season after the covid lockdowns, 2021-22, proved turbulent. There were three managers and times when the club was too close to the relegation places. Safety was achieved after the appointment of Nick Spooner in February and Hyde United are now looking to the future with confidence.



# HYDE UNITED - PLAYER PROFILES

## Ritchie Branagam

Ritchie has previously played at Macclesfield, Chorley and Droylsden before heading off abroad to play in Japan for SRC Hiroshima and Beograd Woodville in Australia

## Jordan Eastham

Having joined Blackburn as a 13-year-old and has progressed through the ranks to be a regular part of the Under-21s over the last few seasons. Comfortable with the ball at his feet, the 21-year-old's also gained first-team football during a couple of loan spells at Lancaster City over the last two campaigns.

## Jack Foster

Jack has been with the first team during pre-season and has been on the bench for majority of games, Jack is also part of our academy and is now a major part of the first team squad.

## Bradley Roscoe

Brad started his youth career at Preston North End before moving to Fleetwood Town in 2015. He has played for Ramsbottom United and Glossop North End and Buxton before joining Hyde United in the 2020/21 Season. Normally a centre half, he played at left back when he signed, but has since now switched back to his natural position of centre half. He took on the responsibility of club captain last season and has shouldered the responsibility well.

## Harry Ditchfield

Harry, a local lad, and is a product of the Salford City Academy and made the step up to their development squad in September of 2020. He joined during the 21/22 season and really impressed in the right back position. He now enters his third season with the Tigers, having really come on leaps and bounds during the 22/23 season. So much so, he won the Players and Supporters player of the season.

## Callum Spooner

Callum was part of the Bolton Wanderers Youth setup and had a loan spell to neighbours, Stalybridge Celtic, whilst at Bolton. Before signing for Atherton Collieries in July 2017. He joined the Tigers from Bamber Bridge towards the end of the 21/22 season.

## Aaron Fleming

Aaron joined us in the 20/21 season from Abbey Hey. Aaron was courted by a number of clubs in the Northern Premier Division but chose to sign for the Tigers. He had an impressive first season and can play in a number of different positions, which he has done a number of times.

## Joel Amado

An imperious left sided defender, Joel joined Atherton Collieries at the end of the 2020/21 league campaign. Joel was previously a fans favourite at Trafford and has also represented the England Universities team in 2019 and 2021.

## Josh Doherty

The former South Shields and Spennymoor defender, initially joined us on a month's loan from Spennymoor back in October. But having been released from Spennymoor towards the end of November, Josh has now signed for the Tigers. Versatile defender Josh started his career with his local club Ards before earning a move Watford in 2012 where he spent four years. Josh also played for Leyton Orient before joining Crawley Town in 2017 where he went on to make almost 100 appearances over four years. He has also had spells at Colchester United and Barnet.

## Alex Pritchard

Alex came through our Junior teams and progressed onto The Hyde United Academy. Having impressed the manager, Nick Spooner, in the FA Youth Cup games, he has earned a call up to the first team.

## Ryan White

Ryan had a brief spell back with the Tigers in 2016/17, on loan from Bolton, where he made five appearances and scored one goal. Ryan has also turned out for the likes of Glossop North End and most recently Bamber Bridge. Having joined the Tigers at the start of the 2022/23 season, Ryan left for a short spell at Trafford FC, but re-joined towards the end of the season.

## Matthew Fearnley

Matt linked back up with Nick and Gavin last season, having been under them at Bolton Wanderers, where Nick brought him in from the Man United Youth Setup. Having spent a number of years playing in the USA, Matt returned to the UK and joined the Tigers last season.

## Ben Lowe

Ben is one of the Under 21s players from last season, who won League and Cup success, to step up to the first team.

# HYDE UNITED - PLAYER PROFILES

## Cole Dewhurst

Cole was another Under 21s player from last season who went to League and Cup success.

## Sonny Whittingham

Sonny joins us for this season, he was on loan from Huddersfield Town last season.

## Antoine Makoli

Teenager Antoine joined Wycombe Wanderers in August 2022 after being spotted by Wycombe's recruitment team during a showcase game held by Pro Direct Academy. Whilst at Wycombe he had loan spells with Chesham United and Beaconsfield Town.

## Fuad Kasali

Fuad has impressed for the Under 21s and has earned a call up to the first team.

## Reece Mellor

Reece came through our junior teams and progressed onto The Hyde United Academy. Having impressed the manager, Nick Spooner, in the FA Youth Cup games, he has earned a call up to the first team.

## Shakeel Jones-Griffiths

Joining us on dual reg with Prestwich Heys, Shakeel came through the youth system at Bolton Wanderers where he was well known to the gaffer. He has also spent time at Glossop North End, Congleton and Bury FC.

## Jack Redshaw

Jack is an experienced forward having scored 83 career goals spanning across 274 games for the likes of Morecambe, Salford City and Halifax. He joined the Tigers last season after being at local rivals Ashton United 2 seasons. Jack is a real handful on the pitch, as most defenders found out last season. He was the club's top scorer and won praise from the management staff, who elected him as their player of the season.

## Harry Bunn

Harry started his career at Manchester City but never made an appearance for the first team. Despite only being 30 years old, Bunn has 200 appearances at EFL Level for the likes of Huddersfield, Bury and Southend United and spent last season at Buxton.

## Lewis Alessandra

Lewis brings a wealth of experience to the squad, having played in the EFL as high as League One. He has played and scored goals for the likes of Oldham, Morecambe, Plymouth Argyle, Hartlepool and Notts County. He joins us having spent last season at South Shields.

## Nyal Bell

Nyal started his career at Rochdale and has played most of his games in the National League, but did make 3 appearances for Rochdale when they were in Division One. His teams include Gateshead, Stockport County, and Kidderminster with loan periods to Chester, Alferton and Halifax Town.

## Wilf Riley

Wilf was part of last seasons Under 21's team who achieved League and Cup double success

## Peter Thomas

Peter started his career at Rochdale where he became the youngest player to appear in the EFL Trophy, at the age of 15. He left Rochdale in 2022 and went to play for College of Charleston Athletic for the start of the 2023 season. He made a total of 15 appearances and scoring 3 goals before returning to the UK.

## Joseph Hatch

Joe has earned a call up from The Hyde United Academy to the First Team. Having impress manager, Nick Spooner, in his appearances in the FA Youth Cup games.



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The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation

Providing Screening and Defibrillators to prevent Sudden Cardiac Death in the young



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The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

### SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN THE YOUNG (SCD)

- SCD is the leading cause of death in young athletes during sport and the majority of deaths occur with NO SYMPTOMS or family history.
- ARVC can be found in one in every 1,000 to 5,000 young adults - IF IT IS LOOKED FOR.
- Warning signs may include light-headedness, fainting, palpitations, swollen legs, breathlessness.
- Every week in the UK, 12 apparently fit and healthy young people (aged 35 and under) die from previously undiagnosed heart conditions.
- In Italy, where screening is mandatory for all young people engaged in organised sport, they have reduced the incidence of young sudden cardiac death by 89%.

### OUR MISSION

The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.

Tragedies can be prevented through cardiac screening. It is vital that young people are identified and treated.

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