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ILKESTON TOWN 2024/25 - EDITION 4



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FROM THE DUGOUT

"Welcome to Whitby Town, along with their staff, players, volunteers, and supporters, to the Microlise New Manor Ground.

A year has flown by, and we've loved every second of it! Time really does fly when you're having fun, which is always a good thing.

We've put some building blocks in place, focusing on the structure, trying to retain the players from last year to keep some continuity. Hopefully, this season we can be successful in reaching our targets and goals.

The fans have been fantastic, as well as the players, staff, volunteers, and everyone working behind the scenes. They've made us feel very welcome, and we truly feel at home here.

We picked up a few injuries again over the weekend in the FA Cup, but we've got a strong squad, and hopefully, we'll have a few players back for Saturday. Whitby went to a replay and extra time on Tuesday in the FA Cup, so the schedule isn't getting any easier – it's still tough, and we'll need to use the full squad.

We're under no illusions about how tough the game on Saturday will be, but we'll go out there to try and win, play our way, and hopefully come away with a clean bill of health.

Enjoy the game,
Deaks

HISTORY - WHITBY TOWN

After World War I, Whitby had two football clubs, Whitby Whitehall Swifts and Whitby Town, both competing in the Scarborough and District League. In 1926, the two clubs merged to form Whitby United and were later renamed Whitby Town in 1949. The club reached a high point in the Amateur Cup, making it to the quarter-finals in 1964 and playing at Wembley in 1965, where they lost 3-1 to Hendon.

Whitby has had other successes, winning the Northern League Cup six times and the North Riding Senior Cup five times. They also won the Rothman's National Knockout Cup in 1976 and 1978. In 1983-84, they gained national attention by coming from behind to beat Halifax Town 3-2 in the FA Cup first round. They were narrowly defeated by Wigan in the next round. That same season, they reached the FA Trophy quarter-finals for the first time.

In 1992-93, Whitby won the Northern League Championship for the first time, but promotion was denied. Manager Harry Dunn took over in 1995 and led the team to success, including a thrilling FA Cup tie against Hull City in 1996-97. That season, Whitby also won the Northern League title and the FA Vase at Wembley, defeating North Ferriby United 3-0. The following season, they won the Northern Premier League First Division Championship.

In 2001-02, Whitby reached the FA Cup first round for the seventh time but lost to Plymouth Argyle. They also had a notable run in 2003-04, eventually losing to Hartlepool United. Under manager Dave Logan in 2004-05, the team had a record 19-game unbeaten streak but lost in the promotion play-offs.

In 2006-07, former Welsh international Lee Nogan took over as manager but resigned the following season after a poor start. Harry Dunn returned for a second spell in 2009, guiding Whitby to 14th place, before stepping down in 2010. Several managerial changes followed, with Darren Williams taking charge and helping Whitby avoid relegation in 2014-15.

Chris Hardy was appointed manager in 2015 and helped the team survive that season. In 2016-17, Whitby narrowly missed the play-offs, finishing 6th. Nathan Haslam was appointed sole manager in 2022 after Lee Bullock resigned, and former Middlesbrough players Matthew Bates and Jonathan Franks joined the coaching staff.



FROM THE ARCHIVES - THIS WEEK IN 1949

Seventy five years ago this week Ilkeston Town travelled to Shirebrook Supporters in the Central Alliance. Ilkeston Town had only been reformed in 1945 to become the first senior side to represent the town since the early 1930s. The Robins had been knocked out of the FA Cup by Sutton Town but had won their only league game 5-0. They had in fact already won a trophy when they beat South Normanton Welfare in a Derbyshire Senior Cup Final replay held over from the previous season. So confidence was high. The teams were:-

Shirebrook Supporters - Price, Waters, Halstead, Hill, Parker, Turner, Williams, Atkin, Briggs, Rushby and Roberts.

Ilkeston Town - Hall, Netting, Ball, Webb, Wallace, Sans, Nicklin, McNaughton, Ledger, Booth and Johnson.

Ilkeston started the game strongly taking the lead through Nicklin on six minutes. Shirebrook hit back in only three minutes when Atkin equalized. Ledger missed a good chance for the Robins before Roberts put Shirebrook in front. Roberts then added a second just after the break. Ledger pulled one back for Ilkeston and then McNaughton equalized with a stunning swerving shot from outside the box. The Robins hopes were dashed however when Atkin and Briggs made the score 5-3. Nicklin scored a fourth for Ilkeston but Briggs added two more to make the score 7-4.

Shirebrook Supporters got their curious name when Shirebrook Town ceased playing in the 1930s and the supporters formed their own team. They progressed through the Shirebrook and District League and North Notts League before joining the Central Alliance after the war. They changed their name just Shirebrook in 1950 to avoid their newly formed supporters club having to be called Shirebrook Supporters Supporters Club! They changed their name again to Shirebrook Miners Welfare and are linked to the more recent Shirebrook Colliery and Shirebrook Town.

The Robins reacted to the defeat by dropping three players and making another four tactical switches. This seemed to work as they beat Notts County A 6-1 in their next game at the Manor Ground in front over 2000 fans. The season however ended in disappointment when Ilkeston finished only mid table and it would be a few years later before the Robins started winning titles.

Elsewhere in a September heatwave First Division Derby County beat Burnley 1-0 away from home and Notts County and Nottingham Forest were first and second in the Division Three South. Forest beat Swindon 2-1 in front of 26,000 fans and County beat Crystal Palace 2-1 with the legendary Tommy Lawton getting one of the goals in front of 36,000 fans. Wolverhampton Wanderers were top of the First Division closely followed by Manchester United and Burnley. Doncaster Rovers were bottom of the Third Division North one place below New Brighton. Both teams have tasted non-league football since but New Brighton from Birkenhead have disappeared altogether.

In local non-league football in this week in 1949 Basford United were beating Stanton Ironworks at the Stute 4-2 in the Notts Alliance and in the same competition Heanor Athletic beat Ollerton Colliery either 4-0 or 6-0 depending on what paper you read. In the Derby and District League Section D Mickleover Old Boys (now Mickleover) were beating local rivals Mickleover BL (now Mickleover RBL) 6-0.

Nationally, with the country recovering from the Second World War, the news was dominated by the on ongoing battle between the railway workers and the Labour government over pay. The train drivers were operating a go-slow which some people may believe is still in force today. The leaders were encouraging all children to have the measles inoculation in the midst of an epidemic but two children had already died allegedly as a result of the injection.

ILKESTON TOWN 23-24

Appearances & Goals

	League				Cup				Total				Career Total			
	Apps		Unused Sub		Apps		Unused Sub		Apps		Unused Sub		Apps		Unused Sub	
	Sub	Goals	Sub	Goals	Sub	Goals	Sub	Goals	Sub	Goals	Sub	Goals	Sub	Goals	Sub	Goals
Mathew Yates	42	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	44	0	1	0	44	0	1	0
Jamie Walker	40	1	0	21	2	0	1	0	42	1	1	21	146	6	2	62
Declan Errat-Thompson	40	2	0	4	1	0	2	0	41	2	2	4	69	8	4	6
Luke Cox	31	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	34	3	3	2	34	3	3	2
Connor Dixon	29	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	30	3	2	2	37	3	2	2
Thomas Marshall	28	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	29	1	0	4	141	8	4	11
James Perch	28	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	29	0	0	1	29	0	0	1
Sam Parker	22	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	22	1	2	1	22	1	2	1
Llarell King	18	6	3	0	1	0	0	0	19	6	3	0	19	6	3	0
Callum Minkley	17	8	4	2	1	0	0	0	18	8	4	2	18	8	4	2
L'Varn Brandy	16	7	5	3	2	0	0	0	18	7	5	3	18	7	5	3
Thomas Cursons	18	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	12	18	0	0	12
Tyrell Waite	12	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	14	3	3	1	14	3	3	1
Lindon Miekle	14	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	1	14	0	0	1
Zak Goodson	11	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	12	3	1	2	60	14	1	36
Henri Wilder	10	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	12	2	3	2	38	2	3	3
Alex Marshall	11	17	2	2	0	0	1	0	11	17	3	2	79	54	10	48
Ben Starkie	9	10	1	2	2	0	0	0	11	10	1	2	11	10	1	2
Jordan Hallam	9	2	2	1	2	0	0	2	11	2	2	3	17	2	4	5
Kieran Fenton	10	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	10	1	0	1	127	1	1	18
Jonathan Wafula	9	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	9	3	1	3	9	3	1	3
Taylor Anderson	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	8	1	0	0
Ross Barrows	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	6	0	0	1
Jamie Hanson	3	5	4	0	1	1	0	0	4	6	4	0	4	6	4	0
Liam Laughlin	3	6	12	0	1	0	0	0	4	6	12	0	4	6	12	0
Kobe Erratt-Thompson	3	3	13	0	1	1	1	0	4	4	14	0	4	4	14	0
Jack Tolley	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	4	2	0	1
Nathan Tyson	4	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	0	1	2	4	0	1	2
Jaiden White	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	3	2	0	1
Declan Howe	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	2	2	1	0
Ethan Hill	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	4	0	0
Cieron Keane	0	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	1	4	2	0
Tayo Alexander-Tucker	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	3	1	0
Micah Jebbison	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	0
Basile Zottos	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Mitchell Woakes	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	7	9	2	0
Jakub Kruszynski	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mitchell Leivers	0	0	10	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	10	0	1	0	10	0
Ben Hutchinson	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	0	4	2	1
James Jepson	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0
Harvey Woodward	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	29	0
Eli Christie	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Ian Deakin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	32	0	7	0

Tyrell Waite also played 47 games and scored ten goals for Ilkeston FC

BEHENEMY LINES - WHITBY

Shane Bland – Shane joined Whitby Town in 2013 after leaving Middlesbrough. He quickly became a fan favorite and has made over 400 appearances for the club. After a brief stint with Spennymoor Town, he returned to Whitby in 2019.

Nicholas Cranston – Nick joined Whitby in 2021 from Darlington's youth setup. He is a tall goalkeeper with good communication skills.

Sam Collins – Sam is a young, pacey left-sided defender who joined from Middlesbrough in May 2024. He has Premier League 2 experience.

Soni Fergus – A Whitby native, Soni joined the club in 2021. He previously played for Newcastle United's youth teams and spent time at Pickering Town.

Gary Liddle – A seasoned defender with over 500 EFL appearances, Gary joined Whitby in 2024 after playing for several clubs, including Hartlepool United and South Shields.

Mitch Parkinson – Mitch impressed in a trial with Whitby and signed in 2024 after performing well for Guisborough Town.

Connor Smith – Connor joined Whitby from Marske United in 2023 after an initial loan. He has experience with Hartlepool United and York City, playing as an attack-minded right-back.

Jassem Sukar – Jassem rejoined Whitby in 2024 after playing for Darlington. A fan favorite, he has played over 100 games for Whitby and also has experience in Scotland and with York City.

Frankie Whelan – Frankie signed in 2024 from Middlesbrough, where he progressed through their youth system. He is a versatile and athletic defender.

Alfie Doherty – Alfie joined Whitby in 2023 after leaving Middlesbrough, where he had been since he was 9. He is a versatile midfielder.

Priestley Griffiths – Priestley joined in 2021 and has played for several clubs, including Middlesbrough and Blyth Spartans. He's a regular at Whitby.

Aaron Haswell – Aaron, a former York City and Harrogate Town player, joined Whitby in 2022 from Ossett United and is known for his box-to-box play.

Nathan Thomas – Nathan, a winger, joined in 2023 after playing for various clubs including Sunderland and Hartlepool United. He has also played in Scotland and the EFL.

Josef Wheatley – Josef, a versatile midfielder, joined Whitby permanently in 2023 after a loan from Spennymoor Town. He has also played for Darlington and earned an England C call-up.

Jake Charles – Jake joined Whitby in 2024 from Scarborough Athletic. He began his career at Huddersfield Town and has played for various non-league clubs. He also represented Wales at youth levels.

Stephen Walker – Stephen, from Middlesbrough, joined Whitby in 2023 after playing for the Boro academy and making his first-team debut. He has also been loaned out to MK Dons, Crewe, and Tranmere.

ITFC SOCCER TOTS

First off, we would like to thank Mark and Andy for giving us the opportunity to allow our young ones to walk out with the first team. Liam and Nathan started soccer tots with 5-6 kids turning up every week but as time went on and the word came about that our project was becoming a serious thing. Numbers went from 5 to 30 in the space of 2 months with 7 of those kids moving into the clubs junior teams. We allow 3-8 years olds to join in our sessions from 8:45-9:30am running at £3 a session. Any ability is perfect to work with and we will give our time up for anyone who joins. If your looking to join please visit our Facebook page @ilkestantownsoccertots

From Liam: this is a special moment not only for the soccer tots itself but for the kids who's not had an opportunity like this before. I would personally like to thank the club for working with us from the start and for the parents supporting our project. November last year, we had 5 kids turning up every week but as time went and on and the sessions becoming a lot better, 30 kids was coming through the gate at 8:30 in the morning excited to get onto the pitch. Each kid has developed into an amazing young talent which 7 of those have moved into the clubs junior teams. We are looking forward to what the future brings to this project and we can't wait to see you all at the Whitby game.

From Nathan: The journey with the Tots has been excellent so far! It feels great to see the young ones getting involved whether they've played football before or not and just giving it a go enjoying themselves meeting new people.

Being local lads, running the Tots group was never going to be an issue. Running previous Football/ Multi-Sports camps in the past really helped build our confidence in starting our own group as we try to push it further and further getting more kids interested in football promoting our sessions at the best of our ability.

A Personal thankyou to the parents of each child for showing so much interest in what myself and Liam are trying to achieve as we still have individuals showing up who's been there since our first ever session, it really doesn't go unnoticed.

We have a fantastic little group of young footballers who show up week in week out giving it their all running around and enjoying themselves.. What's not to love?



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24-25

10.08.24	Gainsborough Trinity	H	2-2	Daniel 50' Wafula 71'
13.08.24	Mickleover	A	3-1	Minkley 31' Parker 45+6' Cursons 77'
17.08.24	FC United Manchester	A	1-1	Cursons 84'
20.08.24	Macclesfield	H	1-1	Cursons 67'
24.08.24	Bamber Bridge	H	2-1	Cursons 32' 62'
26.08.24	Basford United	A	1-2	Cursons 69'
31.08.24	Heanor Town	A	1-0	Brandy 38'

612	NPLP	11
464	NPLP	4
1579	NPLP	7
987	NPLP	8
585	NPLP	6
902	NPLP	8
611	FACc1	8

Mathew Yates	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Wafula	0	0	0	0
Sam Parker	0	0	0	0
James Perch	0	0	0	0
Thomas Marshall	0	0	0	0
Callum Minkley	0	0	0	0
L'Varn Brandy	0	0	0	0
Connor Dixon	0	0	0	0
Thomas Cursons	0	0	0	0
Lindon Miekle	0	0	0	0
Jamie Walker	0	0	0	0
Connor Brown	0	0	0	0
Sacha Markelic	0	0	0	0
Harvey Kirby-Moore	0	0	0	0
Colin Daniel	0	0	0	0
Mitch Robinson	0	0	0	0
Kobe Erratt-Thompson	0	0	0	0
Mitchell Leivers	0	0	0	0
Ben Hutchinson	0	0	0	0
Declan Erratt-Thompson	0	0	0	0
Alex Marshall	0	0	0	0

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24-25

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Thomas Cursons	6	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	6	25	0	0	18
Callum Minkley	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	25	8	4	3
Mathew Yates	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	51	0	1	0
Jamie Walker	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	153	6	2	62
Thomas Marshall	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	148	8	4	11
Sam Parker	6	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6	1	0	1	28	2	2	2
Jonathan Wafula	6	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6	1	0	1	15	4	1	4
Declan Errat-Thompson	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	1	1	0	75	9	5	6
James Perch	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Lindon Miekle	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	20	0	1	1
Colin Daniel	4	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	5	2	0	1	5	2	0	1
L'Varn Brandy	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	1	1	22	7	5	4
Connor Brown	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	3	1	1	0
Connor Dixon	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	39	4	3	2
Sacha Markelic	0	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	6	1	0
Harvey Kirby-Moore	0	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	4	3	0
Alex Marshall	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	79	58	10	48
Kobe Erratt-Thompson	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	4	5	18	0
Ben Hutchinson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	2	1
Mitchell Leivers	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	11	0
Mitch Robinson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0



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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.

Find out more

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ANDYSMANCLUB

WHAT IS ANDYSMANCLUB?

ANDYSMANCLUB is a free peer-to-peer group that provides a place for men to come together in a safe and open environment to talk about the issues or problems that they have faced or are currently facing.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The process is about bringing men together who have been in similar situations, to help each other on a peer to peer basis, sharing how they have dealt with various situations through lived experiences. No matter how big or small your problem feels, we are here to support each other. The 5 questions that are asked each week are designed not only to encourage men to talk, but to start to focus on the positives and on strategies to keep moving forward. There is no pressure to answer any of the questions and it is not uncommon for men to just listen for the first few sessions.

The clubs all run on the same format and adhere to the same guidelines. A key principle of ANDYSMANCLUB is anything that is said in the club, stays within the club.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The club is open to any man 18 or over, who is going through a storm, been through a storm or just wants to meet a good group of people with the aim of improving one another.

WHEN IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUBs meet every Monday at 7pm (excluding Bank Holiday Mondays).

WHERE IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUB has over 100 locations across the UK. Check our website below for a full list.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Just turn up on the night. No registration or referral is required, all we ask is that you arrive before 7pm. The full list of our locations available on our website.


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