

THE WASHY WAY



NORTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST 2021

WASHINGTON FC v ESH WINNING

FORD HUB – 3pm KICK OFF



Washington Football Club - A Brief History

During the early part of the 20th Century there were several attempts to establish Washington Football Club in the local community with mixed success. Many good players were discovered though, some progressing to the professional ranks. Our version of Washington Football Club was established in 1947 by the miners of Washington 'F' Pit. All that now remains of the Colliery is the Pit Wheelhouse (which is a museum), but the Foot-ball Club goes on, providing sporting opportunities for players of all ages.

It's fair to say that the club has had contrasting fortunes over the years with many highs and lows. The following briefly out-lines key moments in the progress of the Club

Climbing through the Leagues

After some initial friendly games, the club joined the Gateshead and District League in 1947 under the banner of Washington Mechanics. After two seasons, they were elected to the Washington Amateur League. Throughout the 1950s the club enjoyed much success and continued to develop. Looking to progress, they moved on to the Northern Alliance League in 1964. That move only lasted one season, as the club was successful in their application to the Wearside League, joining under the new name of Washington Football Club. A long association with the Wearside League lasted until 1988. In Season 1988/89 the club finally achieved a long-held ambition to join the Northern League.

Around the Grounds

The early games were played on a pitch in Spout Lane, Washington, which was little more than a village green at the time. Upon entry to the Wearside League, the club moved to Usworth Park, a well-maintained Colliery Welfare ground with an excellent playing surface.

In 1975, the continued development of Washington New Town saw the Colliery Welfare ground make way for a new trunk road. The club was forced to move to Glebe Park, to share council facilities with several other teams. After much lobbying, the club finally leased a ground from the New Towns Commission in 1979, which was brought up to Wearside League standard for the start of the 1980/81 season. The new ground, Albany Park, was subsequently purchased by the club and developed with the addition of a licensed clubhouse and stands.

In February 1991, a fire gutted the clubhouse, and for two years the club played home games at Ryhope C.A. The club returned to Albany Park for the 1992/93 season and continued to improve the facilities with the addition of floodlights and seating areas. In 2003, the Limited Company, which owned Albany Park and ran the club, went into liquidation. The ground was then purchased by local businessman Russell Foster, who later sold it on to Cameron's Brewery. The club continued to play at Albany Park until the end of the 2009/2010 season but deteriorating facilities and doubts about the long-term future of the ground, forced the club to look for a new home. An approach was made to the nearby Nissan Sports & Leisure Complex and they have played there since the start of the 2010/2011 season.

We have also played at New Ferens park in recent seasons and we currently reside in Ford Quarry Football Hub, which is a fantastic purpose built modern facility. Our aim as a club is of course to get back into Washington and bring with it a Ground fit for the Northern League. This will again take a lot of hard work, we are awaiting final sign off before starting on our new adventure back in Washington

Joining Forces - Washington FC and AFC

The difficult 2016/17 season took its toll on the small number of volunteers who ran the Club, culminating in a decision to inform the Ebac Northern League, before the March deadline, that the Club would withdraw its membership for the 2017/18 season. The drastic action gave the club time to consider options. Subsequently, a concerted appeal was made in the local press/social media etc., to find help to take over/assist with the administration of the Club.

The call for help was answered by Washington AFC. They are a local Community Junior Club, where “Football is for All”. They are a well-run organisation with a wealth of administrative experience (currently running 48 teams). They provide training for girls and boys in age groups ranging from Under 7s to Under 18s as well as two women’s open age teams. And for the 2019-20 season we will again have a Reserve team participating in the Wearside Development League and we will also have a Sunday morning team under the FC banner.

Local volunteers have also stepped up. The Washington AFC Committee also now look after FC, with the addition of Paul Nevitt as Chairman. We also again have the services of Match Day Secretary, Bryan Tomlinson. Previous Secretary & Chairman, Derek Armstrong, Club President, Tom Boylen are still there showing their support and advising in any way they can.

Our Coaching team consists of Mark Gibbon (Manager) and his staff of Andy Lumsden, Nathan Beadle, Kieran Kirby, Mark Sheriff and Gary Sykes.

Washington Football Club

Established 1947

Season 2021/22

Home Ground:

Ford Quarry Football Hub, Keelmans Lane, Sunderland, SR4 0HB

President:

Tom Boylen

Chairman:

Paul Nevitt

Treasurer:

Rob Cutler

Secretary:

Lee Holmes

Matchday Secretary:

Bryan Tomlinson

Club Ambassador:

Derek Armstrong

WASHINGTON FC

PLAYER PROFILE

Ben Gibbon: A product of our youth system and has been with the Senior Team for a few seasons.. Ben is a defensive player who gives 100%

Jak Hanson: Jak is highly regarded already in Northern League football even at a young age. Another product of our Junior section. Is a handful in any position he plays and knows where the Goal is

Dominic Moan: Tough tackling central midfielder and a leader on and off the pitch

Kieren Broomfield: Kieren has established himself as a Northern League player over the last few seasons, coming back strong after his previous manager did not give him a chance. He is a driving force from anywhere he plays.

Kieren Beattie: New signing from Horden CW and we are hoping he can make a positive impact

Dan Mullen: Dan joins us this season as our Goalkeeper - he is an experienced player who has previous Northern league experience

Aidan Hutchinson: Aidan is a strong no-nonsense defender who has Northern League experience from last season with Ashington. Was previously on the books with Carlisle Utd

Alex Dobinson: Highly energetic and skilful midfielder who gives his all in every game for the full 90 minutes

Sam Lilley: Sam is a great modern Centre Half who has previous Northern league experience from 1st Division Sunderland RCA

Joe Hassanin: Joe plays on the wing and with his speed, directness and eye for goal he is a real threat on his day

Chris Nugent: has stepped up from our Reserves team from last season - central midfielder with a great reading of the game

Lewis Johnson: Lewis has been at the club for years through our youth section. Can comfortably play in defence or midfield

Jack Reilly: Jack is a strong defender who has a great attitude towards the club - again another one who has moved through the youth club

Chris Pearson: Chris is a winger with electric pace - he will enjoy his first season in the Northern league and hopefully creates and scores some goals

Jay Lumsden: Jay is a fantastic young player who has come through the junior club - has grown with maturity and he will relish coming up against some tough opponents this season

Rhys Hood: Rhys is a young technically gifted talent who again will be another one that will relish his first season in Northern league

Michael Haley: one of our most experienced players and a great addition to the back line - great communication and a leader

Brad Chisholm: Brad was a welcome addition last season, and he will get better and better as this season progresses - frightening pace and a great eye for goal

Esh Winning Brief History

Full name: Esh Winning Football Club

Nickname: The Stags

Founded: 1967 (as Esh Winning Pineapple)

Ground: West Terrace, Waterhouses

Esh Winning is a former colliery village in County Durham, west of Durham city, situated in the Deerness Valley. The name of the village comes from the older nearby village of Esh, which is a Saxon word for Ash, and Winning which was a Victorian term used when coal was found.

Football clubs in Esh Winning date as far back as 1889, including a team which won the Northern League in 1913.

The original Esh Winning club was established in 1889 as Esh Winning Rangers. They played in local leagues until they joined The Northern League (One division at the time) in 1912. They went on to win the league at the first time of asking along with the Durham Benevolent Bowl. At the end of the season the club dropped the Rangers and became simply Esh Winning. The clubs second season saw them finish eleventh. After World War 1 the club continued in The Northern League, finishing bottom of the table in 1926-27, 1931-32 and 1933-34. In 1934 the club were forced to fold as they were unable to pay rent to the parish council, they resigned from the league on 5th October after four matches and their fixtures were taken over by West Auckland Town.

The latest incarnation of the club was formed in 1969. The current version Esh Winning FC (EWFC) gained acceptance into the Durham and District Sunday League Third Division. Promotion was achieved in 1971, the Guards Cup was won the following season and in 1973 EWFC carried off the Division Two Championship. In 1975 there were victories in the Stafferi Cup and in 1976 the Earls House Sunday Cup. 1979 and 1980 saw EWFC carry off back to back Sunday League Championships before spending the 1981-82 season in the Northern Alliance here a respectable sixth place was achieved.

Successful election into the newly-created Northern League Second Division followed where EWFC remained until 2002 when the club was promoted to Division One. In the 2005-06 season the club got off to a slow start and were relegated back to the Second Division after 4 years in the Northern League top flight.

The 2007/08 season was a proud season in the history of EWFC. Despite finishing just 13th in the Second Division, the club won its first piece of silverware since joining the Northern League in 1982. Despite going into the game with Sunderland Ryhope CA as underdogs, the stags lifted the Ernest Armstrong Memorial Cup with an impressive 3-0 victory. At Ryton's Kingsley Park. In the run to the final EWFC also defeated Crook Town, Brandon United and Norton and Stockton Ancients without conceding a single goal in any game. Hopes were high for the 2008/09 season and they were not disappointed as EWFC finished in 3rd place and gained promotion to the Northern League First Division. After a few seasons in the First Division EWFC were relegated back to the Second Division at the end of the 2010/11 season.

Between 2011 and 2013 EWFC enjoyed several good cup runs. EWFC were semi finalists in the 2011/12 Durham Challenge Cup, EWFC were beaten by Spennymoor Town who went on to win the trophy in the final. This is the clubs best run in this competition. In the 2012/13 season we also reached The FA Vase 2nd round proper but failed to over come NCEL Premier Division side Parkgate at Rotherham.

In the 2015/16 season The Stags had their best run in the league cup for many seasons when they managed to reach the Quarter Final however they were beaten by Whitley Bay at West Terrace.

The 2016/17 season started badly with The Stags picking up very few points in their first 10-12 games. After the bad start to the season Tony Boakes was appointed as manager. Tony brought in long-time assistant manager Jacky Traynor in and they managed to put together a great fight but we finished 21st (22nd place was Norton and Stockton who resigned half way through the season). The Stags were reprieved due to Norton's resignation earlier in the season.

After a difficult season the year before Stags manager Tony Boakes spent the preseason putting together a competitive squad ahead of the 2017/18 season. Not many people at the club expected The Stags to go on to finish 13th putting 50 points on the board in the meantime.

The 2018/19 season was never going to be easy, given the points target of 50 following a fantastic season the year before. Losing many key players during pre-season disrupted the squad but finances were tight and the club could not compete with the clubs spending big money.

Ahead of the 2019/20 season things are looking good for The Stags. A new ground sponsor is in place now with the ground being renamed The WindowsPlusRoofs Arena. Key works being targeted to improve the ground through the installation of a disabled entrance and improved changing facilities for the players. The core of last years squad has been kept and Tony has been able to add one or two to improve the squad as the club look to move forward.

Ground

The original Esh Winning played at the Stags Head Recreational Park. The record attendance was over 5000 which was set in 1910 for a match against Newcastle United reserves and equealled in 1931 when the club lost 5-4 to Bishop Auckland in the FA Amateur Cup quarter-final.

Esh Winning FC as they are today bought their current ground, West Terrace (Waterhouses), from the National Coal Board when the mine was about to be closed. The West Terrace ground was then developed and now includes a stand with five rows of seating, a club house and many covered standing and sitting areas.

EWFC - PLAYER PROFILES

Dominic McMahon (Goalkeeper) – Dom was given the number one jersey when he joined the club. He has steadily improved throughout his time at the club until he suffered a long term injury last season. Previous clubs include – Birtley Town,

Craig Hannant (Goalkeeper) Craig's Second Spell at Esh after leaving us to join Willington he is Welcomed back and has been impressive since re-joining The Stags , Very good hand good shot stopper and a good talker which all helps

Jonathan Swift (Forward/Defender) – Joined us a couple of seasons ago from local football. Swifty is looking to make an impression this season having spent most of last season covering at left back. Can play most positions but certainly has the potential to be a danger up the top half of the pitch. Swifty has proved to be one of the most loyal players to pull on an Esh Winning shirt.

Max Stoker (Defender) – Max is the club captain, popular man in the club and a leader who is starting his fifth season with the club. Max has the ability to ooze class and cruise around the field. Always putting pressure on the opposition, his own players and officials to benefit his team. Max lists his favourite players as Paul Scholes or Cristiano Ronaldo. Previous clubs – Durham City, Seaham Red Star and Horden

Joe Gill (Defender) - Joe has returned to Esh for a second spell. Spent time with Annfield Plain and Tow Law since leaving Esh a season or so ago. A player who brings great experience through the centre of defence

Matthew Allison (Midfielder) – A tough tackling midfielder, who has played for Tony at many others sides before reuniting at Esh a couple of seasons ago. A leader on the pitch who adds bite to the midfield. Previous clubs – Birtley Town,

Niall Smith - (Defender) right back playing very well once moved into right back a reliable defender good in the air and covers group quickly has looked solid in every game hes played so far .

Matty Soulsby (Defender) Another Top signing for us Matty rejoins us after spells at Birtley and Tow Law also brings quality to the defence and instantly gives us another goal threat from set pieces , And a playmaker Delighted to have him back at Esh Winning1

Callum Boakes (Midfielder) – After an impressive junior career, featuring two England school boy caps and 7 years in academy football, Callum joined Esh Winning a week after Tony (father) took over. An excellent player with the ball at his feet, Callum also has a deadly set piece in him.

Alan Pegram (Midfielder) Quality addition to Esh Winning central midfield good with both feet and a calming influence on and of the pitch has helped us improve as a young side over since joining late last year .

Jamie Taylor (Forward /Midfielder) – An attack minded midfielder Jamie adds pace and creativity to the midfield. Also very good attacking option

Jayven Redman (Midfielder) - Jayven has joined the club last pre season having spent previous season playing in the first division with Seaham Red Star. A winger with deadly pace who can also cut inside and play upfront.

Glenn Donaldson (Midfield) Glenn is a major part of the Esh squad a great lad on and off the pitch a no nonsense player and good on the ball also likes a tackle

Alex Goundry (Midfielder) - Alex comes back to Esh for his second spell after spending most of last season registered with Tow Law Town. A very versatile player who can play on the right side of midfield or as a central midfielder. A young player with a lot of promise.

Nicholas Marley (Forward) – Made a good impact since joining the club a season and a half ago. Leads the line well and is a threat with both his feet and his head. A keen golfer who lists Crook Town amongst his previous clubs.

Kevin Dixon (Defender)- Joined the club From Chester Le Street an honest 100% style player with loads of experience and should solidify our defence Dicka can also play as a target man so everyone at Esh is happy to have him in our Squad .

Jay Mclean (Forward) - Young player again joins from Bishop Auckland looks very quick and good in possession of the ball can play wing or upfront a great addition for us .

Channon North—(Forward) Been top of our list for a long time and were pleased to bring him to Esh Winning his pedigree in northern leagues 1 and 2 is outstanding to say the least and hopefully he brings his wealth of knowledge and goals to the Club . Previous clubs Hebburn and Ashington

SATURDAY 3 AUGUST 2019

WASHINGTON 2 ESH WINNING 1

DAN QUINE 24

JOE GILL 84

KIEREN BROOMFIELD 90+1

A new season, new home, new hope, those were the feelings around the club in early August 2019 as we played our first competitive game at New Ferens Park on the opening day of the 2019/20 season against Esh. After the trials and tribulations of our first season back in the second tier the previous season, the club were looking for a solid base to build on. An opening day victory against Esh provided a springboard for a decent August before the wheels well and truly come off and another season of struggle ensued. The teams lined up as follows:

WASHINGTON:

1 H Archer, 2 R Colquhoun, 3 Z Horsfall, 4 C Hennis, 5 A Hutchinson, 6 R Goodman, 7 A Ramshaw, 8 J Akal, 9 D Quine , 10 J Hanson, 11 J Toward

ESH WINNING:

1 D McMahon, 2 A Gandry, 3 J Swift, 4 G Donaldson, 5 J Gill, 6 M Stoker, 7 K McGulloch, 8 M Allison, 9 N Marley, 10 C Boakes, 11 R Brown

Washington began the season in the best way possible by scoring an injury time winner against an Esh Winning side who put up a strong performance particularly in the second half and also saw them create a little bit of history by becoming the first side to fall victim of the new sin bin ruling when both Nicholas Marley who received two yellow cards for the same incident and Callum Boakes were invited to have a 10 minute rest on the 52 minute. Boakes didn't take too kindly to his awarding of being binned and ending up having a domestic with his manager/Father Tony over it and was substituted at the end of his 10 minutes.

Washington were 1-0 up by then when keeper McMahon failed to hold onto Jon Towards shot and debutant Dan Quine was on hand to tap home.

Washington who had 16 year old Harry Archer in goal never looked like being in any danger as they held Esh at bay with the young stopper giving the defence confidence as his handling gave an air of assurance the belied his years, indeed half way through the second half as Esh were piling on the pressure he found himself in a one on one situation with Marley. You'd expect only one outcome as Marley with a wealth of experience looked odds on to score to Archer stood his ground and pulled off a brilliant save. He was powerless to prevent Esh from equalising with only 6 minutes left when from a Mole corner Gill got to the ball first to power a downward header home.

Without question the previous season Washington would have folded and gone on to lose the game but they showed tremendous character to not only pick themselves up but to go on to win the game. A Chris Pattinson corner in the first minute of injury time was met by Broomfield who cleverly lost his marker to power home to give Washington the perfect start.

Washington FC Northern League Division 2 2021/22

Day	Date	Opponents	Venue	F- A	Comp	Pts	Pos	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Used Sub	Used Sub	Used Sub
Sat	Jul-31	Horden CW	A	1-3	L	0	19	146	Mullen	Gibbon	Riley	Moan	Haley	Lilley	Johnson	Lumsden	Foster- Conley	Dobinson	Chisholm 1 (b)	Pearson	Horsfall	
Wed	Aug-04	Billingham Synthonia	A	1-6	L	0	20	72	Mullen	Gibbon	Lumsden	Riley	Hutchinson	Haley	Dobinson (b)	Chisholm	Broomfield	Hanson	Johnson	Pearson 1	Horsfall	

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

NAME	APP	GLS	SUB APP	Yellow	Red	Sin Bin
BROOMFIELD K	1					
CHISHOLM B	2	1		1		
DOBINSON A	2			1		
FOSTER CONLEY F	1					
GIBBON B	2					
HALEY M	2					
HANSON J	1					
HORSFALL Z			2			
HUTCHINSON A	1					
JOHNSON L	2					
LILLEY S	1					
LUMSDEN J	2					
MOAN D	1					
MULLEN D	2					
PEARSON C		1	2			
RILEY J	2					

NORTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION 2 - TABLE 2021/22

Aug-05

POS	TEAM	PL	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1	RYTON & CRAWCROOK ALBION	2	2	0	0	4	1	6	3
2	HORDEN CW	2	1	1	0	4	2	4	2
3	BEDLINGTON TERRIERS	2	1	1	0	5	4	4	1
4	REDCAR TOWN	2	1	1	0	3	2	4	1
5	BIRTLEY TOWN	2	1	0	1	7	3	3	4
6	BILLINGHAM SYNTHONIA	2	1	0	1	8	5	3	3
7	CARLISLE CITY	2	1	0	1	5	4	3	1
8	NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY	1	1	0	0	4	3	3	1
9	WILLINGTON	2	1	0	1	2	1	3	1
10	EASINGTON COLLIERY	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	1
11	HEATON STANNINGTON	2	1	0	1	4	4	3	0
12	JARROW	2	1	0	1	2	2	3	0
13	SUNDERLAND WEST END	2	1	0	1	2	3	3	-1
14	ESH WINNING	2	1	0	1	2	6	3	-4
15	TOW LAW TOWN	2	0	2	0	3	3	2	0
16	BOLDON CA	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
17	CHESTER-LE STREET	2	0	1	1	4	5	1	-1
18	DURHAM CITY	2	0	1	1	2	4	1	-2
19	BRANDON UNITED	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	-1
20	BLYTH TOWN	2	0	0	2	2	4	0	-2
21	WASHINGTON	2	0	0	2	2	9	0	-7