

THE WASHY WAY



NORTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST 2021

WASHINGTON FC v HEATON STANNINGTON

FORD HUB – 7.30pm 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

A Brief History of Heaton Stannington

Although officially founded in 1910, Heaton Stannington were in existence by 1903 and playing at Miller's Lane on the site of the current Fossway. The club name originates from its links with the Stannington Avenue area of Heaton. In 1903-04 they finished fifth in division 2 of the Newcastle and District Amateur League. In December 1904, they resigned from the league with the reserves also appearing to have resigned from the Northern Amateur League (NAL) and there is no further record of the team until 1910. This suggests that they folded and then reformed nearly six years later.

The summer of 1910 saw the Stann field a cricket team. The next football match played by the Stan appears to have been on 24th September 1910 when they were beaten 4-1 by Sandyford. From at least 1913, home games were taking place at Paddy Freeman's Park. The club played friendly matches until joining the Tyneside Minor League in 1913 and NAL Division 2 in 1914. The club were elected to membership of the Northumberland FA (NFA) on 10 September 1914, just over a month after the start of the First World War. The Stan stopped playing until 1919 as at a NFA emergency meeting on 24 November 1914 it was announced that the club were unable to take part in a Minor cup replay 'on account of not being able to raise a team as so many of their members had joined the army.'

The club spent the next 19 years in NAL Division 1 and gained their first trophies in 1934 and 1936 when they won the Tynemouth Infirmary Minor Cup and NAL Challenge Cup respectively. The first glory season came in 1936-37 when the club won NAL Division 1, were Northumberland Amateur Cup winners and NAL Challenge Cup runners up. The reserves were also NAL Division 2 runners up. For one season, 1938-39, the Stan participated in the Tyneside League and were runners up. By the 1930s the team were playing at the Coast Road ground. In October 1935, they started playing at Newton Park in High Heaton on the site of a recently filled-in quarry. In 2007, the ground was renamed Grounell Park in honour of the service given, both on and off the pitch, by Bob Grounell. One of the most memorable matches played there took place in July 2012 when Heaton Stannington were beaten 4-0 by the Gabon national side. This warm-up match for the Olympics included an appearance by Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

The club were elected to the Northern League in 1939. They only managed one season in the league before it was suspended for the duration of the Second World War. The league restarted in 1945 but Heaton Stannington were elected, until 1946, as a non-playing member as their ground was being used by the military. After 5 consecutive bottom 3 finishes, the club resigned at the end of the 1951-52 season and joined the Northern Alliance until 1956. The next 16 seasons included involvement in the NAL (1956-59), North Eastern League (1959-60) and the Northern Combination (1960-72). In 1972 the club stepped up to the Wearside League and remained there for 10 years. They were forced to resign from the league in 1982 for financial reasons due to the club trustees, who had formed a limited company in 1968, putting the annual rent up from £400 to £1500. The company then tried to build a supermarket on the ground but the planning application was defeated. In 1983 the High Court ruled that the ground belonged to the football club and the company had to relinquish ownership.

The team played in the Tyneside Amateur League (TAL) during 1982-83 as Heaton United. Back as Heaton Stannington, they won the TAL in 1983-84 which was only their 2nd league title up to this point. The next 2 seasons were spent back in the NAL where they were champions in 1985-86 as well as winning in the Northumberland Minor Cup and the C&E Injections Service Shield. For the next 27 years the club were in the Northern Alliance, which became a 3-tier league in 1988 and saw the Stan placed in the Premier Division. After two relegations to Division 1, the Stan achieved stability by spending 9 seasons in the Premier Division. The club won their highest level league trophy when they became Champions in 2012. In 2012-13, they achieved the treble by not only retaining the title but by also winning the Northern Alliance League Cup and the Northumberland Senior Benevolent Bowl.

From 1911 to the financial crisis of 1982, the club had a competitive reserve team. It played much of the inter war years in the North Eastern Amateur League before rejoining the NAL on and off for nearly 50 years but with a 5 year spell in the 1960s, including 2 runners up spots, in the TAL. The club had an 'A' and 'B' team for 2016-17 before these teams reverted back to their previous name of Newcastle Chemfca. A reserve side was re-established in 2019. In their 1st season, 19-20, they reached the final of the Neville Cowey Cup, the 4th tier cup, but it was not played due to covid & in 20-21 they won it. Although last season was not completed due to covid, Stan A ended in 2nd place & were promoted to Division 2 for this season.

For season 2013-14, after a gap of 61 years, the Stan returned to the Northern League. They were in the promotion race throughout the season and finished 5th. They then finished 9th and qualified for the FA Cup for the first time in 39 years. Season 2015-16 saw the Stan again finish 9th and they also reached the semi-final of the Northumberland Senior Cup against Blyth Spartans. In 2016-17, the Stan surprised many by just missing out on promotion in the 2nd last game of the season, coming 4th after winning 11 games in a row starting in January. In 2017-18 & 2018-19 they were again in the promotion race until the 2nd last match, ending 5th and 4th respectively. Due to covid, the 19-20 season was declared null & void with the Stan still challenging for promotion in 5th place after 28 games. Last season was also abandoned with the Stan in 11th place having played 12 games. The Stan lost out on 1 of the 3 promotion spots for 21-22 which was based on average points per game over the last 2 seasons putting the Stan in 6th place.

Since the club gained promotion to the Northern League, improvements have been made to Grounsell Park including floodlights, a stand and a new terracing. These complement the existing facilities which include a bar serving real ale with the club being voted CAMRA Tyneside club of 2018 and 2020. Much of the success was due to Derek Thompson, manager 2002-21, along with the support of an increasingly large band of volunteers. In June, Dekka stepped down and was replaced by Dean Nicholson.

Heaton Stannington FC

Player and Staff Profiles

Staff

Dean Nicholson – Manager: Former W. B. A. midfielder, and then played for Hebburn and West Allotment Celtic. Moved into the dug out in 2011/12 as Paul Bennett’s assistant before moving to Jarrow Roofing as Player/ Asst. Manager. Also managed AFC Killingworth.

Andy McBride – Assistant Manager: Been at Bedlington Terriers for the last 2 years. Has known Dean Nicholson many years, was with him when Dean managed AFC Killingworth in 2015.

Scott Flynn – First Team Coach: Formerly with Blyth Town, Shankhouse and Birtley as a forward and midfield player. Coached at Ryton.

Thomas Flynn – First Team Goalkeeper Coach: Began his career with Newcastle United Academy before joining Hibernian. Was loaned out to Albion Rovers and Alloa Athletic, then moving to Cowdenbeath, before moving south to join Alfreton, and then Whitley Bay. Joined Stan July 2021.

Players

Josh Allan: Centre midfield who was at Washington last. Also previously at Seaham Red Star & Hebburn.

Ryan Bailey: Very comfortable on the ball with a good passing range and battling qualities. Plays with a mature head on young shoulders. Club captain.

Joseph Blackburne: Centre back, signed for the Stan in 2019.

Andrew Burn: Defensive midfielder. Had trials with Sunderland at u14, Middlesbrough at u15, as well as representing Gateshead and Newcastle district at u13 level. Was part of a successful school team, reaching the National Schools final against Winsor School Boys in 2016/17. Was part of the academies at Plymouth and South Shields. Signed for Stan in July 2021.

Connor Campbell: Re-signed after a season with North Shields. Top scorer and fans Player of the year in his first stint with us.

Kevin Carr: Part of our Northern Alliance treble winning side, who later played for Whitley Bay and Newton Aycliffe before rejoining in 2020.

Kyle Dobson: A left back or centre half in over 200 appearances in the Northern League. Previously at West Allotment Celtic and Bedlington Terriers. Signed for Stan July 2021.

Laquan Esdaille: Towering centre back, played for Oldham, Stalybridge, Bacup Borough, Clitheroe (player manager was Simon Garner,) Congleton, Chorley, Guisborough, and Newcastle Benfield. Signed for Stan in July 2021.

Michael Hall: Centre half who signed from Whitley Bay. A key player in our back four.

James Harper: Striker who played for Heaton Stannington A side in 2020/21, which gained promotion. The club have high hopes for James and was signed for first team in July 2021.

Richard Hoggins: Forward but also the ultimate utility man Richie has played in just about every position including a spell in goal when he saved almost everything thrown at him.

Dean Holmes: Played for Heaton Stannington at the age of 18 in the Northern Alliance, and was top scorer in 2010/11. North Shields signed him during that season. He made around 300 appearances for North Shields, in two spells. He was a key player in their run to the Vase in 2015, culminating in their win at Wembley. Also played for Blyth Spartans and Newcastle Benfield. Re signed for Stan in July 2021.

Leighton Hopper: Signed in July 2021 from Bedlington. He scored 3 league goals for them in the curtailed 2019/2020. Two of those goals he scored against Stan at Dr Pitt Welfare Park. Previously he was a regular scorer for AFC Killingworth.

Jay Hornsby: Played for Alnwick Town, then signed for Ashington in the Summer of 2017. He played against Stan on 30/10/18 in ENL Cup match which Stan won 1-0. His grandfather played in goal for Stan approx. 1970. Signed for Stan from Bedlington Terriers in July 2021.

Dean Imray: A local lad that signed from Walker Central. A solid midfielder who is good on the ball and scores memorable goals.

Nathan Johnstone: A versatile centre back, previously at Whickham and Newcastle East End. Signed for Stan in July 2021.

David Mason: Midfielder 'Macer' signed over in summer 2018 from Shankhouse

Lee McAndrew: Previous clubs include Ellington Juniors, Walker Central, Whickham, West Allotment, Ashington, Morpeth, Spennymoor, and he was part of Dunston's Vase winning side at Wembley in 2012. Lee made over 175 appearances for Dunston. Can play on either flank. Signed for Stan in July 2015.

Liam McBryde: Striker. Played for Ryton, Hebburn, Whitley Bay, Sunderland RCA, Seaham Red Star and Jarrow Roofing. Excellent both in the air and on the ground. Signed for Stan in July 2021.

Harry Poole: Box to box midfielder, who played for Heaton Stannington A, captaining the side side in 2020/21, which gained promotion. Missed out on a Neville Cowey Cup Final over Cullercoats on 8 May, when he was injured in the warm up. The club have high hopes for Harry and signed for first team in July 2021.

James Proctor: An attacking midfielder signed from Whitley Bay Reserves where he previously played alongside Paterson and Campbell.

Daniel Regan: Goalkeeper. A commanding shot stopper at the back, comfortable with the ball at his feet. Quite shouty.

Dan Robinson: Returned to the Stan having had several spells at the Club in the past. Played for Ryton, Hebburn and Washington. Has made 60 starts for Stan, plus 10 as a substitute, scoring 36 goals.

Mackenzie Sharpe: Previously with Forest Hall F.C., Northumberland FA under 18's and a product of Wallsend Boys Club. Has also played for Whitley Bay and Bedlington terriers.

Ross Simpson: Full back signed from Washington, Ross is in his third season with the Stan.

Dan Stephenson: A versatile young player, previously at AFC Killingworth, where he was part of the side that won the Northern Alliance Les Todd Senior Benevolent Bowl at the end of May 2021. Signed for Stan at the beginning on August 2021.

Alistair Stoddart: A Stan stalwart. Experienced defender who can play in either full back position.

Kye Waters: A no nonsense ball winning central defender/midfielder on his second spell at the Stan.

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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
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	
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	
Aug-07	ESH WINNING	H	4-2	L	3	15	45	Mullen	Gibbon	Hutchinson	Lumsden	Lilley	Smith (b)	Beattie	Dobinson	Chisholm 2	Hanson 2	Broomfield	Johnson		

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

NAME	APP	GLS	SUB APP	C	S/O	S/B
BEATTIE K	1					
BROOMFIELD K	2					
CHISHOLM B	3	3		1		
DOBINSON A	3			1		
FOSTER CONLEY F	1					
GIBBON B	3					
HALEY M	2					
HANSON J	2	2				
HORSFALL Z			2			
HUTCHINSON A	2					
JOHNSON L	2		1			
LILLEY S	2					
LUMSDEN J	3					
MOAN D	1					
MULLEN D	3					
PEARSON C		1	2			
RILEY J	2					
SMITH J	1			1		

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

TUESDAY 10th AUGUST

Boldon CA 4 v 2 Esh Winning
Carlisle City 2 v 1 Sunderland West End
Tow Law Town 2 v 1 Jarrow

WEDNESDAY 11th AUGUST

Bedlington Terriers v Redcar Town
Birtley Town v Brandon United
Blyth Town v Billingham Synthonia

THURSDAY 12th AUGUST

Easington Colliery v Newcastle University