



Histon FC 2019/20 Player Profiles:

Goalkeepers:

Sam Roach:

Very talented young keeper who was a part of the academy here at Bridge Road before moving on to Leyton Orient, from where he joined us on loan for the latter part of the 2016-17 season. Left Orient to join Mildenhall Town in the summer of 2017 and re-joined Histon on loan in December that year. That loan was made permanent in January 2018 and he has established himself as the first choice Number 1, missing only one game last season.

Defenders:

Andreu Ballester:

Left or right sided midfielder/defender who signed for Histon in August 2018. The Spaniard was with Cherry Hinton previously and made his debut from the bench against Whitton United in September 2018. Pacey and skilful, he has become an important member of the team and scored his first Histon goal on the final day of last season away at Framlingham Town.

James Chivers:

Defender signed from Newmarket Town in September 2017 who also had a brief spell at Bridge Road during the 2016-17 season.

Has become a mainstay of the defence since signing with a consistently high level of performance that has made him an important part of the Histon back line. Scored his first goal for the club at Stowmarket Town towards the end of the 2017-18 season.

Alfie Lawrence:

Young defender who is a Histon Scholar and captain of the Under 18's side. He has certainly made an impression this season, earning his first call up to the senior side for the FA Trophy tie against Corby Town in October when making his debut from the bench. His first senior start came soon after in the Velocity Trophy against Soham Town Rangers before making his first league start for us in November away at Maldon & Tiptree to much acclaim with a man of the match performance from left back.

Lewis McDonald:

Right sided defender who came through the Histon Scholarship, making his senior debut in the 2014/15 season during which he made 25 appearances, scoring once.

Macca returned to the country last summer after a spell in Australia where he most recently played for Altona City, re-joining us here at Bridge Road in July 2018 and going on to make over 40 starts last season.

Miles Smith:

Defender whose versatility gives the manager options at the back. He re-joined the club in January for the third time after briefly being with us initially in 2013 before moving on to join Bury Town. He came back to Bridge Road in December 2014, making 16 appearances for the club covering every position across the back line. Since then Miles has played at Kettering Town, Soham Town, Corby Town, Biggleswade Town and St Neots. After an extended spell out with injury he came back to Histon to train with the first team and regain his fitness before signing league forms and making his third Histon “debut” in January this year away at Great Wakering Rover.

Max York:

Max returned to Bridge Road for the fourth time in summer 2016 having moved to Biggleswade Town during the 2015-16 season. He made his first Histon debut in 2009-10 and can also name Rushden & Diamonds, Kettering Town and Biggleswade Town amongst his other clubs.

The Skipper had an outstanding year in 2016-17, leading from the front and deservedly picking up both the Supporters’ and Managers’ Player of the Year Awards.

He carried on in the same manner in 2017-18, hoovering up more end of season awards after a season which included a string of imperious performances at the heart of the defence and yielded 8 goals in 47 starts.

2018-19 was another memorable year and once again the skipper added to his numerous Player of the Year awards. With a frankly unbelievable 27 goals from the centre of defence he had a truly memorable season, leading from the front as well as the back and added the leading scorer title to his many other well deserved awards.

Midfielders:

Pat Bexfield:

Midfielder who came through Norwich City’s Academy and made the First Team bench at Carrow Road in 2007. He was released in 2008 and joined Wisbech Town before spells with Needham Market, Cambridge City, King’s Lynn Town and Corby Town. He began the 2015-16 season with St Ives Town before joining Soham Town Rangers in September 2015 and then moving to Bridge Road in February 2016. He has played in numerous positions for the Stutes, from full back to centre half to defensive midfield and his reliability, experience and versatility make him an important and influential part of the team. Now going in to his fourth full season with the club Pat has well over 100 appearances for the club to his name.

George Coy:

George joined us in October 2019 after a brief spell at Mildenhall Town. He is a natural left-sided player who is equally comfortable in midfield or defence. George played his youth football with Rushden and Diamonds but moved across to the Cambridge United scholarship programme when the Northamptonshire club folded. On his release from the U’s, George gained valuable experience with Hardwick and Cambridge University Press before moving to Australia. Almost a year later, the 23-year old is back in the UK and looking to re-ignite his career at Bridge Road.

Danny Gould:

Versatile defender/midfielder/forward who can play on either side. Completed his Histon Scholarship in the summer of 2016 and by the end of 2016/17 had cemented his place as a regular starter in the side. Impressed his fellow players so much during the 2017/18 season that he won the Players' Player of the Year Award that year.

Now with well over 100 appearances for the club he is firmly established as a key member of the team and offers a real threat to opposition defences.

Buster Harradine:

Experienced midfielder Harradine was brought into the squad by Lance Key in the summer of 2019, bringing versatility to go with that experience as well as being naturally left footed, all of which will give the Gaffer greater options as the season progresses. Has previously played at Cambridge City, Soham Town Rangers, St Ives Town and Godmanchester Rovers.

Evan Key:

Key was with Bury Town as a youngster but joined Biggleswade Town in 2012, quickly becoming a regular starter in the Waders First Team. He moved to Bridge Road in September 2014 and his versatility initially saw him appearing in midfield and defence before settling into a centre half role. He returned to Biggleswade in February 2016 before returning again to Bridge Road in February 2017.

Playing regularly in midfield since 2017/18 he has added goal scoring to his repertoire, including a remarkable four goal haul at Hadleigh United in February 2018.

Lee Smith:

Midfielder who was with Histon as a youngster before moving on in 2011 to play for Bury Town, Lowestoft Town, Biggleswade Town and again for Lowestoft Town. He re-joined Histon in the summer of 2015 before moving on again to King's Lynn Town in September that year. Returned to Bridge Road in February 2017 and his experience, together with his undoubted quality, has made him an important and creative contributor in the heart of midfield.

Simon Swinton:

Tenacious midfielder signed in July 2018 ahead of the 2018/19 campaign. Made his debut from the bench on the opening day against Haverhill Rovers and went on to make over 30 appearances last season, scoring twice. He has continued to add steel to the midfield this season and is a regular in the side.

Forwards:

Dan Brown:

Forward who was a part of Mildenhall Town's ECL Premier Division title winning side in 2016-17. Joined Ely City in January 2018 before moving to Bridge Road in March and made an immediate impact with 8 goals in 9 games before the end of the season. He continued to find the net regularly last season, ending with 26 goals to his name and forming a dangerous partnership with fellow striker Ed Rolph up front.

Ed Rolph:

Striker signed in July 2017 from Sawston United who previously played for the University of Nottingham. Took a while to hit his stride and was hampered by injury early in his first season but struck a rich vein of form after returning to fitness at Christmas 2017, scoring his first Histon hat-trick against Great Yarmouth in February and ending the season as the clubs' top scorer with 19 in all competitions from 38 appearances. He added another 21 goals from 40 appearances last season as that partnership with Brown got close to 50 for the season.