



Histon FC 2020/21 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 loan was made permanent in January 2018 and he has established himself as the first choice Number 1 with a string of impressive performances between the sticks.

Phil Peachey:

Experienced keeper who came to Bridge Road at the start of the 2019-20 season. Was previously at Godmanchester Rovers and has played at a number of clubs locally. Made 8 appearances for us last season and will push Sam Roach hard for the Number 1 shirt this 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 Stutes debut from the bench against Whitton United in September 2018. Pacey and skilful, he has become an important member of the team making most of his appearances from the right back position.

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 and now has over 100 appearances for the club to his name.

Alfie Lawrence:

Young defender, captain of the Under 18's side, Histon Scholar and now first team regular Alfie certainly made an impression last 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.

Charlie Lewis:

Right-sided but versatile defender who can play full-back or in the centre, Charlie first joined us at the start of the 2019/20 season before moving to the USA on a Scholarship. Returning to the UK this summer he has joined up with the squad again for the 2020/21 season until he's able to return to the States to continue his studies. Has shown plenty of ability during his time with us and is likely to feature regularly in the side this season.

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 in the summer of 2018 after a spell in Australia where he most recently played for Altona City. He re-joined us here at Bridge Road in July 2018 and is nearing 100 appearances for the club.

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 and during the 2019/20 season clocked up his 200th appearance for the club.

Midfielders:

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. Since joining us at Bridge Road he has gone on to become an important and regular presence at the heart of the midfield.

Josh Dawkin:

A very experienced and talented campaigner, Josh signed on at Bridge Road in September 2020 following a string of impressive performances in pre-season. Starting his career at Norwich City Josh made a handful of first team appearances for the Canaries before moving on to play for a number of

clubs locally. After recovering from a serious injury that kept him out of the game for two years he returned to action last season with Godmanchester Rovers on loan from St Ives Town and Lance finally managed to get his signature this summer after previously trying to lure the midfielder to Bridge Road last year.

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.

Tobi Lawal:

An exciting young prospect who joined us from Mildenhall Town in September 2020. Strong, pacey and skilful he has impressed when playing out wide in pre-season but he can also play centrally and the manager is expecting him to push on and develop into an all-round attacking midfielder over time. The Irishman's playing time was limited at Mildenhall last season due to injury but he's fit and ready to go this year and looks to be a real talent in the making.

Lewis Mair:

Left sided defender or midfielder Lewis is another tremendously talented youngster to make the step-up from our Under 18's side. He made his senior debut in 2019/20 and made 14 appearances in total last season. With an outstanding wand of a left foot his forays forward show a player with the confidence and ability to make a real impact on games despite his young age and he's expected to continue to impress this season.

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 now a regular in the side he has notched up nearly 80 appearances for us this far.

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 that year and made an immediate impact with 8 goals in 9 games before the end of the season. He continued to find the net regularly the following season, ending with 26 goals to his name and forming a dangerous partnership with fellow striker Ed Rolph up front. With 49 goals from 98 appearances surely the 2020/21 season will see him reach some big milestones in a Histon shirt.

Sam Reed:

Hugely experienced striker Reed joined us from Ely City in September and comes with a goal scoring reputation few can rival locally. Best known for several very successful years at Bury Town, Reed has also played for Newmarket Town, Biggleswade Town and Cambridge City in his time and brings that experience and natural predatory goal scoring instinct to the squad for the 20/21 season.

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 the following season and another 18 from 35 last season.