

Histon FC Player Profiles 2021/22 Season

Goalkeepers

Sam ROACH

Originally part of the academy at Bridge Road as a youngster, he joined the pro-ranks after being snapped up by Leyton Orient and was called up by England U16s in 2014 for a two-day training camp. He came back to The Bridge on loan for the latter part of the 2016/17 season before joining Mildenhall Town on a permanent deal ahead of the 2017/18 season. In December of 2017 he re-joined us on loan again before making the move permanent in January 2018 since when he has become the regular first choice between the sticks.

Appearances (up to end of 2020/21 season): 129

Chris GOUGH

Joined the club in October 2021 on dual registration with Cambridge University press FC, making his debut in the FA Trophy at Corby Town that month and providing 'keeper cover and competition for Roach's Number 1 shirt.

Defenders

Andreu BALLESTER

Versatile defender who signed for us in August 2018. The Spaniard was with Cherry Hinton previously and has been used at left and right back as well as in a more advanced wide role during his time at The Bridge. His best position is right back though and that is where he has cemented a regular starting place in the side.

Appearances (up to end of 2020/21 season): 73

Goals: 1

Oliver BROOKES

Centre half who joined us in October 2020 from Great Shelford having previously played at Ely City and Fulbourn amongst others. A full-time PE Teacher, he has worked overseas in recent years with his last appointment in Russia in 2019/20. A strong and powerful presence at the heart of the defence, he has already proved himself an important signing this season.

Sam COLLISON

Right-sided defender who is a new addition to the squad for 2021/22. Having been with neighbours Cambridge City and captaining their U18s side in 2019/20, he gained some first team experience with Fulbourn last season before moving to Bridge Road in July.

Victor GARCIA

Signed in the summer of 2021 and another Spanish defender at the Bridge, Victor is an imposing centre half who impressed the manager in pre-season and has become an important player at the heart of the defence.

Ediz GREENGRASS

Australian-born English defender who was another to join the club in the summer of 2021. He has been at Watford previously and most recently was with Biggleswade United.

Evan KEY

With over 200 appearances in a Stutes shirt behind him, Evan has been with the club on and off since 2014. He was with Biggleswade Town as a youngster before moving to Bridge Road in 2014. He returned to the Waders in 2016 before coming back to the Bridge in 2017 and his versatility and quality have seen him deployed in numerous positions for us. Most of his appearances have been in midfield but he has played up front (scoring four against Hadleigh United in 2018) and is also an accomplished centre-half.

Appearances (up to end of 2020/21 season): 201

Goals: 28

Charlie LEWIS

Right-sided defender who is comfortable both at right-back or in the centre. He first joined us at the start of the 2019/20 season before moving to the USA on a scholarship. He returned last summer and will be an important member of the team again this season. Scored a memorable "last-kick-of-the-game" winner at Witham Town last season.

Appearances (up to end 2020/21 season): 13

Goals: 2

Max YORK

Hugely experienced and influential defender who has played well over 200 games for the club. He moved on to join Newmarket Town for the 2021/22 season after we were moved into the Northern Premier League but re-joined in January 2022. Max was club captain for some years and lead the club to the Eastern Counties League Premier Division Championship in 2018/19, scoring a remarkable 27 goals in the process which isn't too bad for a centre half! The club was delighted to welcome him back to Bridge Road and everyone here looks forward to seeing him back at the heart of the defence.

Appearances (up to end of 202/21 season): 220

Goals: 46

Midfielders

Pat BEXFIELD

Pat "came home" to Bridge Road in October this season having left us at the end of the 2019/20 season to concentrate on building his personal training business. With over 150 appearances in a Histon shirt, Pat's versatility has seen him play in numerous positions for us whether that is anywhere across the back four or in midfield. His return brings experience, strength and determination to the squad and everyone at the club is delighted to see him back at The Bridge.

Appearances (up to end 2020/21 season): 163

Goals: 4

Bernat BURGUERA

Spanish midfielder who joins us after being deployed both centrally and wide on either side in midfield and impressing the gaffer in every game. Was previously with CE Constancia in his native Majorca playing in the Spanish Tercera Division.

Babacar CAMARA

French midfielder who joined us from Godmanchester Rovers in August. Deployed centrally, Bubba is as comfortable in a defensive midfield role as he is pushing further forward with a range of passing and defensive steel that make him an important addition to the squad.

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 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. A real talent in the making, Tobi has impressed in pre-season and that development the gaffer is looking for seems to be coming on nicely.

Appearances (up to end 2020/21 season): 7

Goals: 0

Kai NICHOLLS

Another talented young player who has grabbed his chance with both hands after the gaffer called him into the senior squad for pre-season. A stand-out performer for the Under 18s last season, Kai has been most effective out wide where his pace, running on the ball and ability to go past players has shown everyone what a bright young talent we have within our ranks. Another with the opportunity to cement his place in the senior squad this season.

Manu RAMIREZ

Midfielder who signed for the club in October and another of our Spanish signings this season. Manu is an attacking midfielder who can play on either side or centrally but is perhaps most at home on the left. Impressed the manager when training with the squad before signing but his early opportunities to show the Stutes supporters what he can do have been hampered by a troublesome hamstring injury. Now approaching fitness again he is nearly ready to make an impact in the team.

Alex STEVENS-LEE

After numerous impressive appearances with our Under 18s last season the gaffer took the talented young creative midfielder into the first team squad in pre-season and was rewarded with a series of eye-catching performances. Technically superb on the ball and with a wide range of passing at his disposal he has every chance to really make a breakthrough this season and establish himself as a senior player. Has played for Cottenham United this season on dual registration and recently joined Ely City, also on dual registration.

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.

Appearances (up to end 2020/21 season): 183

Goals: 25

Ryan TOWNER

An experienced midfielder who joined us on dual registration from Royston Town in October and who has made an immediate impact. Other than Royston, Ryan has also played for neighbours Cambridge City and is another important signing as the squad evolves after the move into the NPL.

Finley WILKINSON

Talented midfielder who got his senior chance last season after a string of impressive displays for our Under 18s side. A creative and attacking midfielder with the ability to influence games even at a young age suggest a bright future ahead for a player expected to make an impact this season, after opportunities last year were cut short due the season curtailment.

Appearances (up to end of 2020/21 season): 2

Forwards

Bahador CHIZARI

Iranian-born forward who played a couple of games late in pre-season and did more than enough to convince the gaffer to sign him on for the season. Has previously played at a number of clubs locally, most recently with Cambridge University Press.

Marcus COLE

Exciting young striker who joined us here at The Bridge in August ahead of the 2021/22 season after impressing the gaffer in a number of pre-season games. Pacey and with an eye for goal he's a promising addition to the squad, making his first start and scoring his first goal for the club against Ely City in January.

Luke LINDSAY

Striker whose physical presence alongside the skipper and recent signing Rhys Thorpe up front looks to be developing into a dangerous front three. An intelligent forward with pace and a good touch, he scored his first goal for us with a sublime chip over the Soham Town keeper in September.

Ed ROLPH

Powerful striker who has led the line at Bridge Road since joining from Sawston United in July 2017. His goal-scoring record at The Bridge speaks for itself and his influence on the squad both on and off the pitch was recognised by the manager this summer when he was appointed as Club Captain.

Appearances (up to end 2020/21 season): 127

Goals: 61

Rhys THORPE

Striker who had been on the managers' radar for some time before signing from Eaton Socon in late September. With pace and a natural eye for goal his scoring record in the County Leagues was impressive and he has shown enough already to suggest that he will have a bright future ahead of him in a Histon shirt.