

Histon FC Player Profiles 2023/24 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.

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:

Miles SMITH

Returned to the club in August after most recently being on the books at Mildenhall Town. During his previous spells with the Stutes, Miles accumulated 41 appearances, mainly during our time in the Southern League. He is an accomplished and experienced full back who is solid in the tackle and comfortable on the ball.

Jake KERINS

Experienced 24-year-old defender who was manager Chris Nunn's vice-captain at AFC Rushden & Diamonds before signing for the Stutes. Jake started his career with Mildenhall Town and after a spell with Bury Town moved to Kings Lynn Town where he played in the Southern League Premier Division Central. Has also appeared for St. Neots Town, Biggleswade Town and Kempston Rovers.

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 proved himself an important signing, so much so that he was given the captain's armband ahead of the 2022/23 season.

Sam COLLISON

Right-sided defender who was 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 in 2020/21 before moving to Bridge Road in July 2021.

Pat BEXFIELD

Pat "came home" to Bridge Road in October 2021 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 brought experience, strength and determination to the squad and everyone at the club was delighted to see him back at The Bridge.

Max YORK

Hugely experienced and influential defender who has played over 250 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 after a spell with Eynesbury Rovers. 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!

Rob RUDDY

An experienced defender with a "never say die" attitude that rubs off onto those around him. Rob first signed for the club from Mildenhall Town during the 2017/18 season. He left the club two years later and had a spell with Godmanchester Rovers before joining the Stutes for a second time at the start of the 2023/24 campaign.

Midfielders

Babacar CAMARA

French midfielder who joined us from Godmanchester Rovers in August 2021. Deployed centrally, Bubba is as comfortable in a defensive midfield role as he is pushing further forward with a range of defence splitting passes and defensive steel that makes him an important member of the squad.

Luke CRISP

A strong and commanding centre back or defensive midfielder who joined us from Eastern Counties League Premier side Ely City during the summer of 2022. Luke made 33 appearances for the Robins during their 2021/22 campaign. He started his career playing for Fulbourn Institute before switching to Ely City in 2019.

Ryan TOWNER

An experienced midfielder who joined us on dual registration from Royston Town in October 2021 and who made an immediate impact. Other than Royston, Ryan has also played for neighbours Cambridge City. Ryan was voted the Supporters Player of the Year for the 2022/23 season and has captained the side during the current campaign.

Joe SUTTON

A creative midfielder who graduated through the Histon scholarship programme and made his Histon debut as a 17-year-old back in 2016. Now aged 24, Joe rejoined us in October 2023 season after a five-year absence during which he played for St Neots Town, Rushden & Diamonds and most recently Daventry Town.

Harvey BULLINARIA

A box-to-box midfielder who has also put in some fine appearances as a right back. Joined the club for the start of the 2023/24 season after returning to the area from University. Harvey has also represented Ely City but is now looking to make an impact in the United Counties League with the Stutes.

Lene BURDEN

A 19-year-old who initially came through the Academy at Premier League side Arsenal where he spent eight years before moving on in the summer of 2021 to join the under 18s set-up at Bristol Rovers. He had two loan spells last season in the Southern Premier South, including one with Harrow Borough where he appeared in the side that knocked Hayes and Yeading out of the FA Trophy. The West London side consequently signed the youngster who will remain on their books while gaining valuable experience at Histon.

Forwards

Marcus COLE

Exciting young striker who joined us here at The Bridge ahead of the 2021/22 season after impressing in a number of pre-season games. Pacey and with an eye for goal, he scored his first goal for the club against Ely City in January 2022 before going on to be a regular in the side during the 2022/23 season.

Connor BARNES

A lively striker who was signed on a dual registration from Cambridge City in November 2022. Connor scored a hat-trick against the Stutes in a pre-season friendly and continued his scoring habit on his Histon debut against Long Buckby. Had made ten appearances for the Lillywhites in the 2022/23 season before switching to the Stutes where he became an established First team regular.

Ed ROLPH

The powerful striker who originally joined the club from Sawston United in July 2017, since when he has regularly been the club's top goal-scorer. After sitting out most of the 2022/23 season, he re-joined the club in the Summer and will be looking to reach 200 appearances for the club by the end of the 2022/23 campaign.

Danny GOULD

Versatile and comfortable playing wide on either side of the pitch. Danny graduated from the Histon Scholarship in 2016 and swiftly became a first team regular and fans favourite. Joining Grays Athletic for the start of 2020/21 season but was back at Histon by December 2021. Missed the 2022/23 season due to injury but now back to his best.

Jim BURNSIDE

One of Chris Nunn's first signings after being appointed Histon manager. The 31-year-old striker joined us after a short spell as a player/coach at Leighton. Jim played for Newport Pagnell Town until the end of the 2012/22 season with his last appearance coming at Wembley Stadium in the FA Vase Final. Scored on his full debut for Histon at March Town United in October this year.