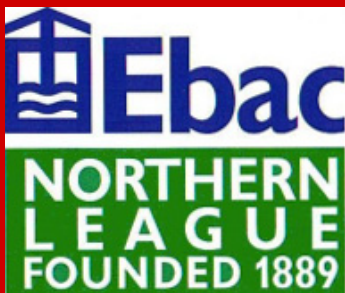


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SUNDERLAND RCA VS
BOLDON C.A
13/12/2025
15:00

WELCOME TO SUNDERLAND RCA



A warm welcome to **Meadow Park** for today's Ernest Armstrong Second Division Cup. Our visitors today are **Boldon CA** and we extend that warm welcome to their Officials, Players and Supporters

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OUR CLUB HISTORY

Sunderland RCA FC was founded in 1963 as Ryhope Youth Club, joining the Seaham and District League. After moving to the Colliery Welfare ground, the club became Ryhope Community Association in 1971, winning eight cups and four league titles.

Rejected by the Wearside League, the club folded in 1975 but re-formed three years later, joining the Northern Alliance and winning the League Challenge Cup at St James' Park. With support from local councils, Meadow Park was built as a permanent home.

RCA were founder members of the Northern League Second Division in 1982 and gained promotion in 1984, though relegation followed in 1988. A merger with Kennek Roker in 1999 created Kennek Ryhope CA, and by 2006 the club partnered with Springboard Sunderland. Promotion to Division One came in 2010, followed by a best-ever fourth-place finish under Neil Hixon.

Under Martin Swales, RCA enjoyed memorable FA Vase runs in 2016 and 2017, reaching the fifth round both years, and equalled their best league finish in 2018.

RCA HISTORY



The Covid-19 pandemic disrupted play, but major improvements were made to the ground and clubhouse. A new youth section, Sunderland RCA YFC, was also launched with teams from U8 to U18.

Financial challenges in 2023 saw the club fight off relegation with help from the reserves and ex-players, but instability the following season led to the drop into Division Two.

Now led by Mark Forrest and Adam Emson, RCA are rebuilding with a young squad and committed volunteers. Off the field, a full refresh of facilities is underway, with the aim of creating a sustainable, community-based football club for the future.

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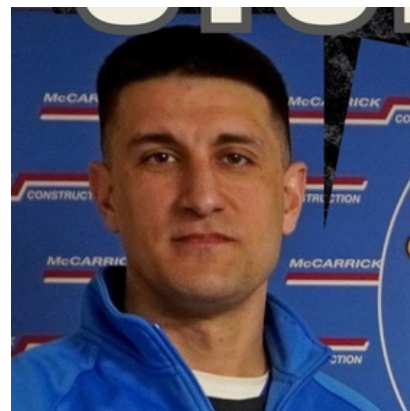
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Jamie Harwood
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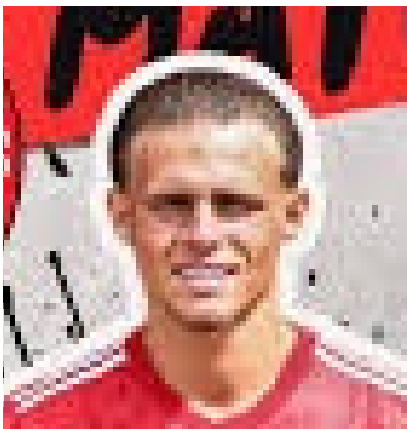


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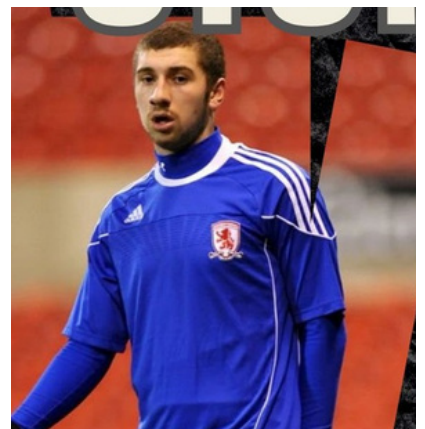
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BOLDON C.A.

Christopher Bell – Centre midfielder recently signed from Farringdon Detached.

James Burlison – Experienced defender recently signed from Farringdon Detached.

Lewis Charlton – Young goalkeeper, recently signed from Sunderland RCA

Kenzie Embleton– Recent signing from local football.

Jonah Flowers

Kaue Foy – Brazilian forward, who often gets himself on the scoresheet.

Mason Gardiner

Robbie Gateshill – Prolific goalscorer at this level, now in his 3rd season with the club.

Kieran Harwood – Young goalkeeper, who is a good shot stopper with good distribution.

Joshua Houghton – Striker who often changes games when brought on.

Callum Hughes – Young left back recently signed from Farringdon Detached.

Kevin Humble – A shoot on site striker, recently signed from Farringdon Detached.

Corey Johns – Well established full back, who can also play in the centre of defence

Elliot Judson – Young Right Back with previous Northern League experience with Esh Winning.

Raham Karbalee– Hadi – Young goalkeeper, who is a good shot stopper.

Joseph Kerridge
Leon Kirton

Liam McBryde – Experienced striker, having been around the Northern League for plenty of time.

Adam McGuinness – Vastly experienced centre half, recently signed from Sunderland West End.

Connor McKenna

Ryan Morse

Riley Mouat – Young striker recently signed from Farringdon Detached.

John Murray – Versatile player who can operate as a forward, winger and also as a wing back

Reece Noble – Midfielder recently signed from Farringdon Detached.

Alex O'Donnell – Alex often finds himself playing in every position on the pitch.

Lee Orr – Technical attacker who sometimes grabs himself a goal.

Kyle Oxley – Midfielder with plenty of experience returning for a second stint with the club.

Opponent Squad



Daniel Pearson

Ethan Peden

Joseph Power

Scott Purvis – Plays in the '10', sometimes scores a screamer. Purvis joined during the 24/25 season.

Ollie Reade

Jordan Reed – Ball playing midfielder, with an eye for goal, returning to the club for another spell.

Ben Robertson – Versatile midfielder who can play in multiple positions, signed in the summer from Annfield Plain

Jack Robertson – Versatile player who can operate as a forward or winger. Signed in the summer from Thornaby.

Nathan Simpson – A pacey winger recently signed from Sunderland RCA.

Joel Smith – Versatile defender who can operate as a wing back or centre half.

Christopher Spence – Player/Manager, experienced centre half in his second season with the club.

Jordan Stewart – Experienced centre half recently signed from Farringdon Detached.

Jamie Storey

Jolas Sutherland – Pacey winger with an eye for goal, returning to the club for a second spell.

Sam Watts – Forward type player who can play either up top or just behind the strikers with an eye for goal.

Charlie Whitfield – young midfielder recently signed from

Stephen Wilkinson – Experienced forward with an eye for goal.

Aaron Williams – Long serving centre half and current club captain, who loves to get forward and chips in with the odd goal.

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Boldon C.A.

Boldon Community Association FC traces its origins to 1888 with the formation of Boldon Star. In the early years the club mainly played friendlies, one of the earliest recorded being a 3–2 home defeat to Millfield Rovers in November 1888, played in two thirty-minute halves.

By 1891 Boldon Star had entered the Durham Challenge Cup, suffering a heavy loss to Seaham Harbour after finishing with nine men due to injuries. They also competed in the Durham Junior Cup, defeating Southwick Reserves 2–0 before a 6–4 win over Gateshead N.E.R. Reserves, eventually exiting in the third round after a 5–4 extra-time loss to St Peter's. The Monkwearmouth Charity Cup was also entered, though without success.

In 1892 Boldon Star became founding members of the new Wearside League, finishing fourth in their first season and winning ten matches, including a 7–5 opening-day victory at Ryhope Colliery. The following campaign saw them finish runners-up and reach the Monkwearmouth Charity Cup Final, losing 3–1 to champions Monkwearmouth FC.

The club remained in the Wearside League until January 1898 when they resigned after only six fixtures. A year later they re-formed as Boldon Royal Rovers, playing locally for six seasons before being reorganised again as Boldon Star in 1905/06. They competed in the Sunderland & District League, then in local South Shields competitions until 1910, when the club was re-established under a new name: Boldon Villa.

Boldon Villa were originally formed in 1892 as a youth side, which is why the year appears on the club badge. They remained in youth football until winning the South Shields West End League in 1905/06, later joining the Mid Tyne Alliance and then the Shields & District League, which they won at the third attempt.

A move to the Tyneside League in 1910/11 brought over 300 matches and more than 600 goals before switching to the South Shields Combination in 1924. Between 1929 and 1937, now based at the Colliery Welfare Ground, the club enjoyed a golden era, winning league titles, cups, and shields. A famous 0–0 cup-final draw featured goalkeeper Sam Bartram, whose performance earned him a move to Charlton Athletic, where he later won the FA Cup alongside fellow former Villa player Jack Shreeve.

The club returned to the Tyneside League in 1937/38, then briefly entered the Wearside League before WWII disrupted football. During the war years Boldon Villa played in the South Shields Civil Defence League, winning it twice. Their final season came in 1946/47 before adopting a new identity: Boldon Colliery Welfare.

Opponent History



From 1947 the club competed as Boldon Colliery Welfare, enjoying major success in the Wearside League with titles in 1952/53, 1954/55 and 1974/75, along with multiple Monkwearmouth Charity Cup, Shipowners Cup and League Cup triumphs. In 1976 the club adopted the name Boldon Community Association, reflecting the opening of the new Community Association building, and continued its long and consistent presence in the Wearside League. Another league title arrived in 1996/97, supported by strong cup performances and a growing reputation for stability both on and off the field.

In 2017 the club celebrated 125 years since Boldon Star first entered the inaugural Wearside League, marking more than a century of organised football in the village. The Covid-curtailed 2020/21 season saw Boldon CA leading the league by 15 points, and after a successful appeal the club achieved historic promotion to the Northern League Division Two for the first time. Their debut season brought memorable results, including a 10–0 home victory over Durham City and a remarkable 50–goal league campaign from Levi Collins, helping establish “The Villa” as one of the region’s most entertaining and ambitious sides.

In the seasons that followed, the club continued to strengthen its community links, develop young local talent and raise its profile within North East football. With growing supporter engagement, improved facilities and a determined committee, Boldon CA remain committed to building a sustainable future while honouring the proud traditions that have defined the club for generations.

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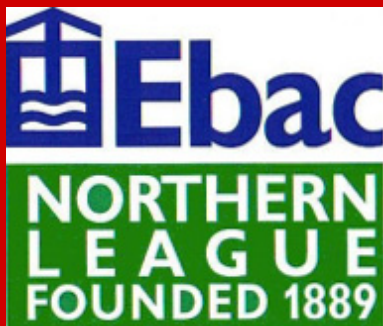
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SAT DEC 13TH - BOLDON CA (H)

WED DEC 17TH - ESH WINNING (A)

SAT DEC 20TH - ALNWICK TOWN (A)

FRI DEC 26TH - SUNDERLAND WEST END (H)

JANUARY

SAT JAN 3RD - BILLINGHAM TOWN (A)

SAT JAN 10TH - YARM & EAGLESCLIFFE (A)

SAT JAN 17TH - BILLINGHAM SYNTHONIA (H)

SAT JAN 24TH - NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY (A)

FEBRUARY

SAT FEB 14TH - CHESTER-LE-STREET TOWN (A)

SAT FEB 21ST - AFC NEWBIGGIN (H)

SAT FEB 28TH - REDCAR TOWN (H)

MARCH

SAT MAR 7TH - JARROW (A)

FRI MAR 13TH - DURHAM UNITED (H)

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