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OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



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SCOTTISH LOWLAND LEAGUE
ALLIANCE PARK
SAT 17TH OCT 2020 | 3PM

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MESSAGE FROM

THE GAFFER

A Warm welcome to the players and staff of Berwick Rangers FC. We are all glad that competitive football is back in our calendar and we are hopefully continuing to return to some sort of normality

At the Braves, we have put our heart and soul into preparations for the new season on and off the park - meeting challenges and finding solutions - and as the head coach I have a real sense of pride in the way the club have handled the challenges that faced us, and how we have faced them in such a forward thinking manner.

We hope for the good of the Scottish game as a whole we can pull together and come out learning lessons and with a clear vision of how to move forward.

We are all looking forward to today's match, and having missed out on the opening day fixtures our players are raring to go.

Our games against Berwick last season were close calls and we expect a tough game today, so we hope everyone enjoys the match.

It's our first home game of the season and hopefully our new band of supporters will get behind the team wherever they are in the world.

The Braves players are sure we can put on a good show and get the three points for everyone connected with the club.



RICKY WADDELL
MANAGER



MEET A PLAYER

DAVID SINCLAIR

AGE: 30 | **POSITION:** MIDFIELD | **NATIONALITY:**

PREVIOUS CLUBS:

Livingston, Ayr United, Airdrie, Boltafélag Ísafjarðar, Clyde, Mackay Wanderers

KEY INFO:

'Sinky' is a classy midfielder with fantastic ability on the ball. He progressed through the ranks at Livingston making his debut whilst the club were in League 2 and was part of the clubs history when they gained promotions back up the division.

David had spells at Ayr United and Airdrie before making a venture to Iceland to play for Boltafélag Ísafjarðar before returning to Scotland and playing for Clyde. Sinky also had a brief spell in Australia with Mackay Wanderers.

Sinky has been at the club for a few seasons now and become one of the most experienced players in our squad. He adds valuable experience and vision in the heart of the midfield.

Gaffer's Quote: "A fantastic passer and technically gifted player. Sinky is the best player in the league linking the defence to midfield."





TODAY'S

OPPONENTS



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LOCATION:

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MANAGER:

IAN LITTLE

LEAGUE POSITION:

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CURRENT FORM:



PREVIOUS RESULT:



One of the oldest clubs in the country, Berwick Rangers are in their second Lowland League season, following their relegation from the SPFL pyramid in 2019.

The Black and Gold finished 13th in the table last year, recording a 2-2 draw with the Braves at Alliance Park before winning 1-0 in the return fixture in December.

With two games under their belt, the Borderers have already picked up their first win of the season.

They started with a 1-0 win over last season's bottom side - Vale of Leithen - when a Jordan Sinclair free-kick was enough to secure all three points. Through the week, they lost 1-0 to Spartans, thanks to a late Cameron Dawson header.

It's a new look side for Ian Little, with six debutants starting in the opening day fixture - Lewis Allan, Ryan Finnie, Sinclair, Grant Nelson, Dougie Horne, and Jo Purves all getting the nod.



BRAVES NEWS

WORLD CUP WINNER JOINS THE BRAVES

Caledonian Braves are delighted to welcome Pierre Mankowski to the club.

The FIFA U20 World Cup winning coach will take up the role as Football Advisor, providing guidance and support to head coach Ricky Waddell.

In 2018, the world watched on as a star studded French team lifted the World Cup trophy aloft. For four of those players it wasn't their first taste of FIFA World Cup glory.

Five years prior, Paul Pogba, Samuel Umtiti, Florian Thauvin and Alphonse Areola were crowned U20 world champions in Istanbul. Their head coach? The very same Mr Mankowski.

His coaching career began with Caen, before spells at Lille, Saint-Etienne and Strasbourg.

In 2000 he joined the French Football Federation as Head Coach of the U16 national team and began to work his way up the ranks.

In 2002 he became assistant coach of the first team, a role which he held for eight years and involved coaching an incredible array of talent



including Zinedine Zidane, Patrick Vieira and Thierry Henry, working under managers Raymond Domenech and Jacques Santini.

This spell also included the 2006 World Cup Final, in which France finished runners-up on penalties. In 2010 he took up the position as U18 coach, before moving on to the U21 squad.

Mankowski told Braves News: "I have become friends with Chris Ewing (pictured below, Pierre and Chris chat on a visit to Edusport Academy) through football.

"He spoke to me about Edusport Academy when it was at a very early stage and it is very impressive to see how it has grown and developed.

"Chris is ambitious and has created a unique football club.

"It is a very interesting project and I am excited to be part of it.

"I met Ricky Waddell when visiting the academy and like his style of coaching.

"When Chris asked if I would advise Ricky, sharing my football experience, I was delighted to come on board."

Braves owner Chris Ewing said: "Pierre is an inspirational figure who has reached the very top in football.

"He has worked with world class players on the biggest stage and it is a very proud day to welcome him into our football club.

"Although he is based in France, he will be able to watch our matches on Braves TV and will provide Ricky with as much support as possible."

We would like to offer a warm welcome to Pierre and look forward to bringing our supporters an exclusive Q&A opportunity in the near future.



BRAVES NEWS

RESPECT ALL, FEAR NONE

On the eve of the new football season, Caledonian Braves are delighted to announce the result of the first major vote of 2020/21.

Fans have voted in their numbers and decided that 'Respect All, Fear None' will be the club's brand new official motto.

With the launch of the mobile application, voting is now more accessible than ever and the club has spent time behind the scenes refining the process.

Following a test drive 'no brainer' vote, which saw 100% to the 2020/21 Scottish Cup, the Club Motto vote was the first opportunity to see the full operation take shape.

It all began on the Braves Chat section of the mobile app, with fans being invited to submit their ideas and proposals.



A fantastic response was forthcoming with a nice variety of traditional, extravagant and everything in between.

The club then produced a shortlist, which was put to the vote.

After five days of voting, there was a clear winner.

With 26% of the vote, '**Respect All, Fear None**' was the most popular by a distance, receiving more than double the votes of second place.

Behind the words was Braves supporter Keith Cameron of Coatbridge.

However, upon speaking to Keith, we found out that it was actually a team effort.

He said: "It was something that my son Logan, 14, and I worked on together."

"We produced our own shortlist and it was Logan that made the

final call to put forward 'Respect All, Fear None'.

"We think it summarises the club's mentality really well."

"Logan is actually a player with the Caledonian Braves u16 side, which is how we were first introduced to the club."

"We were previously with Cliftonhall Boys Club, but after meeting with Ricky Waddell and being impressed by his vision, we were over the moon to move our team into the Caledonian Braves family."

"Ever since then my family has taken a keen interest in the overall club and the first team."

"For Logan to wear the shirt on a Sunday morning and then come home to participate in club decisions at the top level is a real eye opener. It helps bring the whole club together and I know his team-mates are keen to watch the first team in action at Alliance Park when they are allowed."



BRAVES U16s DRAW FIRST EVER FIXTURE

Caledonian Braves' introduction of a youth pathway reached its next milestone today, as the first ever competitive match was played under the club's name in a Scottish Youth FA development league.

The club's brand new u16 squad (Caledonian Braves Colts) joined the setup this summer.

Competing in the Lanarkshire Football Development Association's u16 league, they hosted

established club Strathaven Dynamo.

A slow start saw the Braves fall two goals behind in the opening twelve minutes, as the visitors took control of the game.

However, spurred on by an influential midfield performance by captain Zander Donnelly, Braves came roaring back after the break. Logan Cameron reduced the deficit, before Cameron Queen's goal ten minutes from time secured a share of the spoils.

EDUSPORT NEWS

ACADEMY CELEBRATES TEN YEAR BIRTHDAY

A lot has changed over the last 10 years.

Planking, Gangnam Style, William and Kate getting married.

The ice bucket challenge, a blue-back/gold-white dress, Harry and Meghan getting married.

Through all the bizarre internet phenomenons and royal weddings, the Edusport Academy has continued to grow year on year, and - despite a global pandemic - continues to do so.

It's been a busy six months for the team, trying to arrange travel and accommodation for the young French students crossing the water, in a completely unprecedented times, with rules changing one day to the next.

However, in late September, our first batch touched down at Airport, masked up and ready to shore up against another Scottish winter.



Now, over 37 students have arrived - of which, some will be involved in the Braves 'reserve' team, which will play in the South of Scotland Football League this season.

This was also the case last season, when the boys finished 10th in the league - with 21 points after 19 games. Of course, the league was then abandoned due to Covid-19.

This is technically the sixth their of the Scottish football pyramid, and the winner should - in theory - face promotion to the Lowland League.

Last season saw Threave Rovers finish top - however, it was decided that the league should be declared null and void following suspension.

This season, the league is only made up of 14 teams. That's due to Bonnyton Thistle crossing to join the West of Scotland Football League, and Dumfries YMCA withdrawing from the league last season.



Of course, the Braves Reserves are ineligible for promotion to the Lowland League - as are Stranraer Reserves.

However, that does not dent the motivation of the Blues' 'B' side as they have run out winners of the league on 16 occasions.

The league is already underway - kicking-off last week, but the Braves match against Mid-Annandale has been pushed back to allow for players to finish their self-isolation periods.

(The picture on the left was taken last year!)

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