**Whitehawk FC first team player profiles 2024**

**Shaun Saunders (Manager)**

Shaun achieved promotion to the Isthmian Premier League in his first full season in charge, after ensuring our survival the year before. Born in Whitehawk, he left Haywards Heath Town in January 2022 with his team once more in the play offs. Shaun took Peacehaven from the Sussex County League to the Isthmian Premier in 2014. At the start of his managerial career, he managed the Hawks U18 and our Vets team.

**Mitch Walker (Goalkeeper)**

Starting his career at Brighton & Hove Albion with one first team appearance, the 32-year-old is best known for playing over 300 games at Dover Athletic and Aldershot Town, as well as being capped 4 times by England C. Mitch has returned to football after a year out with a serious knee injury, during which time he was coaching at Tonbridge Angels

**Hamish Morrison (Defender)**

Brighton born right back Hamish was last year’s supporters’ player of the season, appearing in every game. He joined the Hawks from Haywards Heath Town at the start of last season. The 24-year-old started his career at Brighton & Hove Albion, where he appeared in the EFL Trophy, before a short spell north of the border at Hamilton Academical. He is a former Scottish U17 international.

**Joey Taylor (Defender)**

London born left-back Joey is a full international for Montserrat, qualifying through his grandparents. He signed for the Hawks in January 2024 after leaving Chatham Town. The 26-year-old counts Welling United, Horsham and Cray Wanderers among his former cubs.

**Luca Cocoracchio (Defender)**

21-year-old Luca joined the Hawks from Worthing in January 2023. Born in Redhill, Luca came through Worthing’ academy before signing for Brighton & Hove Albion. He began last season on loan with Horsham but played a key role in our promotion winning side last year.

**Joe Tennent (Defender)**

The 25-year-old Sidcup born centre half joined the Hawks in the close season after leaving Three Bridges. Starting at Grays Athletic, he also counts Colchester United, Worthing and Cray Valley PM among his former clubs.

**Alex Malins (Defender)**

29-year old Alex recently returned to the Hawks for the third after leaving Horsham. He started his career at Crawley Town and has also played for Lewes.

**Stefan Wright (Midfield or Defender)**

Born in London, 30-year-old Stefan was a youth player at Bromley before spells at Beckenham Town, Sittingbourne, Sevenoaks Town and Faversham Town among others. He signed for the Hawks in July 2022, quickly becoming a fans’ favourite both on and off the pitch. His long-range strike against Lancing was voted goal of the 22-23 season, although some sceptics thought it wasn’t even the best goal in that actual game

**Tommy Brewer (Midfield)**

Tommy signed for the Hawks in January 2023 after three seasons at Hendon. The 31-year-old hails from West London and counts Wealdstone, Lewes, Hampton & Richmond and St Albans City among his former clubs.

**Joel Daly (Midfield)**

Brighton born Joel won two of the Hawks player of the season awards for his performances last year. A former Hawks youth player, 24-year-old Joel re-signed after four years playing college football in the USA. His twin brother James recently joined Harrogate Town in League 2 from Woking.

**Charlie Harris (Midfield)**

The goalscoring hero of our promotion winning play-off final against Hythe Town, the 27-year old returned to the Hawks from Horsham in November 2023. Brighton born Charlie started his career with the Seagulls and also played for Aldershot Town, Barnsley, Maidstone United and Eastbourne Borough.

**Ryan Worrall (Midfield)**

26-year-old Croydon born Ryan re-signed in the close season from Hastings United. He had a short time with the Hawks in National League South in 2018 before spells at Horsham and in New Zealand. He started his career at Brighton & Hove Albion and Peterborough United, before joining Eastbourne Borough.

**Josh Nandhra (Midfield or Forward)**

Our U18 captain made an immediate impact this season with an assist and two goals in his first three appearances from the bench.

**Imran Kayani (Forward)**

The 22-year old Chertsey born winger joined the Hawks in September after leaving Dover Athletic. He was an U18 player at Sutton United before joining Slough Town. His eight goals so far this season earned him a call up to Pakistan’s World Cup team for the qualifiers

**Charlie Lambert (Forward)**

The Brighton born 23-year-old signed permanently for the Hawks in July 2022 after a spell on loan from Eastbourne Borough the year before. Charlie is already in double figures for goals this season.

**Rob O’Toole (Forward)**

Our captain in last year’s promotion season, recently re-signed after a short spell at Burgess Hill Town. Brighton born 33-year-old Rob has won promotion with all his previous clubs, which include Horsham and Haywards Heath Town.

**Charlie Walker (Forward)**

Brighton born Charlie was discovered playing local football in 2012, winning the Isthmian South and Premier with the Hawks in the next two years. He then left for Peacehaven where his goalscoring exploits earned him a move to Luton Town. The 33-year-old played against the Hawks for Boreham Wood in the National South play off final in 2015. After spells at Aldershot Town and St Albans City, he then enjoyed five seasons with Eastbourne Borough. Charlie is already in double figures for goals this season.

**Lloyd Dawes (Forward)**

29-year-old Brighton born Lloyd re-signed for the Hawks in November 2023, after playing at Worthing, Lewes, Eastbourne Borough and Hastings United.