**ENFIELD TOWN FC: 2023-24 SQUAD PEN PICTURES**

**Rhys Forster (Goalkeeper)**

Town’s man between the sticks this season is new recruit Rhys Forster. The 24-year-old has amassed plenty of non-league experience with the likes of Slough Town, Hampton & Richmond, Met Police – where he spent 18 months with manager Gavin Macpherson – and Ascot United, with whom he won last season’s FA Vase at Wembley.

**Adi Connolly (Goalkeeper)**

Goalie Adi Connolly made the step from Enfield Town’s academy to the first-team squad in the summer of 2021, gaining minutes in a number of pre-season friendlies and stepping into the senior side during the 21-22 campaign; keeping a clean sheet on his league debut against Potters Bar Town in January 2022. He has previously turned out for Berkhamsted Comrades and Leverstock Green FC.

**James Richmond (Defender)**

Central defender James became a Towner during the 2022-23 off-season. The 28-year-old had previously been skipper at Merstham for three seasons and was previously at Burgess Hill Town, where he was voted their Player of the Season in 2017. He’s also had stints with Carshalton, Kingstonian, Hampton & Richmond Borough, and Leatherhead.

**Taylor McKenzie (Defender)**

An experienced, physically-imposing central defender, Taylor re-joined Enfield Town for a second spell in December 2023, making the switch from local rivals Cheshunt, whom he had skippered this season. After joining the Ambers from Town in 2018, he notched well over 100 appearances and helped them to promotion to the National League South in 2021-22. His other previous sides include Notts County, Wrexham, Corby Town and Chesham, as well as Enfield Town – with Taylor having played 35 times in blue and white during the 2017-18 campaign.

**Joshua Okotcha (Defender)**

Centre-half Joshua Okotcha joined the Towners in November 2022, having previously had a stint in non-league football with Hendon. A product of West Ham United’s academy, where he spent three seasons, the 22-year-old is capable at the heart of defence or in midfield.

**Jorden Adeoye (Defender)**

Academy graduate Jorden has featured in both the FA Youth Cup, and senior FA Cup for Enfield Town this season, tasting first team minutes in their First Qualifying Round tie against Potters Bar. The young central defender signed league forms with Town at the end of August 2023.

**Joe Payne (Defender)**

Joe returned to Donkey Lane in September 2022, having previously had spells with Potters Bar Town, Concord Rangers, Grays Athletic and Wealdstone. He originally joined Enfield Town from Barnet on loan in March 2019, where he had been since 2010 having graduated through the youth set-up to sign a professional contract at The Hive. He made his first team debut for the Bees shortly afterwards against Peterborough United in the Checkatrade Trophy in November 2016. Primarily a left-back, he scored on his Town debut in a 3-1 win at Whitehawk, before penning a permanent deal in the 2019-20 off-season.

**Mickey Parcell (Defender)**

A fans’ favourite at Enfield, right-back Mickey returned to the club this summer for a second spell. After signing a professional contract at Torquay United following a two-year scholarship, he then joined Enfield Town and featured on 193 occasions during his first spell in blue and white – participating in the 2016-17 Isthmian Premier play-offs and earning man-of-the-match in Town’s 2018-19 Velocity Trophy victory against Hornchurch. He would then enjoy four hugely successful seasons with the Urchins, including a remarkable 2021 FA Trophy win and, individually, being named in the Isthmian Team of the Season for the last two years running.

**Louis Birch (Midfield)**

A solid, deep-lying midfielder, Louis has spent the past five years with Metropolitan Police and re-joined his former manager, as well as ex-teammates Ollie Knight and Rhys Forster, in joining the Towners ahead of the 23-24 campaign. Prior to his time at the Met, he had spent time with Welling United. While primarily operating at the base of midfield, he is also adept as a centre-half.

**Scott Thomas (Midfield)**

Formerly with Hemel Hempstead Town, Chesham United, Boreham Wood and St Albans City, Town skipper Scott joined the club in 2019. After making the short move from Boreham Wood, where he had won promotion to the National League, to St Albans in August 2015, he was subsequently on a dual registration arrangement with Royston Town for a spell and featured in the Crows side that overcame Town 2-0 in the FA Trophy in October 2017. He also featuredas a defender during his St Albans days.

**Sam Youngs (Midfield)**

A former Chesham United player, Sam originally made his Generals’ debut at Didcot Town in March 2011, and then, after a spell away, returned to the Meadow in the summer of 2015. He has enjoyed three spells at Rugby Town, including scoring a dozen goals in season 2012-13, and has also spent time at Redditch United, Hemel Hempstead Town, Banbury United, Ware and Halesowen Town. He has made over 200 Town appearances, and was named ETFC Players’ Player and Manager’s Player of the Season for 2021-22.

**Gucci Soulya-Osekanongo (Midfield)**

Local lad Gucci has signed forms with Town ahead of the coming season, having had a first stint at the QEII Stadium in August and September of last season. The 19-year-old midfielder joins from Sutton United, whose academy he captained to the third round of the 21-22 U18 FA Youth Cup. He also spent some time on loan with Corinthian-Casuals last season.

**~~Josh Keeya (Midfield)~~**

~~Promising midfielder Josh Keeya signed for the Towners in September 2023, having previously played under Town’s management team at the Met Police, where he had progressed through the youth sides to catch the attention of several EFL clubs. He made his Enfield Town debut in an entertaining 2-2 draw with Bognor Regis Town in September.~~

**Leo Donnellan (Midfield)**

Having spent part of pre-season training with the Towners, deep-lying midfielder Leo joined the squad last month. A former QPR trainee, he moved on to Dagenham & Redbridge and Maidstone United, before spells across the Irish Sea with Finn Harps [ROI] and Portadown [NI]. After departing Hendon at the end of last season, and following interest from clubs north of the border, he eventually made his Town debut at the start of November 2023.

**Oliver Knight (Midfield)**

26-year-old wide midfielder Ollie came through the academy at Forest Green Rovers before representing Cirencester Town and Frome Town. He has spent the last five seasons with Metropolitan Police; twice helping them into the play-offs – including chipping in with 14 assists in 31 appearances during the 2021-22 campaign. He also spent a brief stint at fellow Isthmian Premier side Horsham last year.

**Dylan Adjei-Hersey (Midfield)**

Winger Dylan joined Enfield Town in August 2023 having spent the best part of a decade with AFC Wimbledon, working through the Dons’ academy sides to sign a professional contract in July 2021. Prior to his release from Plough Lane, he had accrued experience on loan with Merstham, Eastbourne Borough, and Hungerford Town.

**Reece Beckles-Richards (Forward)**

Reece has been capped at international level by Antigua & Barbuda, and joined the Towners this summer having spent the last three years up the A10 with neighbours Cheshunt. Starting out at Aldershot Town, his CV boasts plenty of non-league experience, with the likes of Woking, Farnborough, and Wealdstone among his former sides. Another versatile option, he is capable operating on the wing or as a centre-forward.

**Marcus Wyllie (Forward)**

Nippy young forward Marcus signed forms at Donkey Lane in the summer of 2022, joining from Step 5 side Risborough Rangers. His former employers described him as having “the ability to score goals at will” – he chalked up an impressive 36 of them in 2021-22 on their way to an astonishing 52-game unbeaten run. He also has Berkhamsted Comrades and Apoel Nicosia's academy on his footballing CV. After finding the net in seven of the Towners' first eight games this season, he'll be hoping that sets the tone for the rest of the campaign.

**Jonathan Hippolyte (Forward)**

A recent arrival at Enfield, versatile forward Jonathan brings experience to the Town frontline, having previously represented the likes of Southall, Beaconsfield Town and Bracknell Town. He began his career at Maidenhead United and is well known to manager Gavin Macpherson having played under him at Met Police. He scored on his Enfield debut as they staged a dramatic comeback win over Dulwich Hamlet.

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**Gavin Macpherson (Manager**)

Gavin joined Enfield Town ahead of the 2023-24 campaign after parting company with Metropolitan Police FC, where he spent over twenty years as a player, assistant, and manager. Following a playing career for Barnet and Carlisle, as well as spells at Wealdstone, Slough Town and Woking, Macpherson took the managerial reins at the Met for the 2018-19 season after the resignation of Jim Cooper, guiding them to victory in the Southern League playoffs – only to be denied promotion at the final hurdle against Tonbridge Angels in the ‘Super Playoff’. With another play-off campaign, as well as a couple of Surrey Senior Cups to his record, he is a widely-regarded coach who has gained a reputation for moulding highly competitive squads, often with young players.

**Jon Nurse (Assistant Manager)**

Appointed assistant manager in May 2023 as part of Gavin Macpherson’s backroom staff, Jon enjoyed a playing career which saw him earn six caps for Barbados, and feature for the likes of Sutton United, Stevenage Borough, Dagenham & Redbridge, and Barnet, where he became first-team coach at the end of the 2014-15 season. After signing for Met Police in the summer of 2015, he was appointed as their head of youth and eventually first-team coach at Imber Court. A UEFA ‘A’ Licence holder, he continues academy coaching alongside his role with the Towners.