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2014-15, 2016-17

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# THE GAFFER

*Rob Dray*

Good afternoon and welcome to the Cygnet Healthcare Stadium for our first Saturday home league fixture of the season as we host Grant MacPherson and his Metropolitan Police team.

Two games into the new season and we have maximum points with wins against Wimborne and Dorchester with the latter seeing us survive a very late penalty scare. In all honesty I felt we were a touch fortunate that Dorchester didn't take anything from the game on Tuesday night, but we put that to the back of our minds and move on to today as we take on another very tough opponent in Met Police. Never an easy fixture, but none are in this league anymore. A well drilled team that are difficult to breakdown, so we will have to be patient and ensure we take any chances that come our way, Whilst also being very solid defensively.

It was great to see in excess of 500 fans inside the Cygnet on Tuesday night, making plenty of noise, the same again today would be great and a real boost for the boys. Please enjoy the game.

*Rob*

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# THE AWAY END

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On 6th July 1829, Sir Robert Peel formed the Metropolitan Police, the first organised Police Force in the world, with an office overlooking the Thames at Whitehall known as Scotland Yard, a name that has become famous throughout the world, and also became synonymous with the Metropolitan Police.

Ninety years later, in 1919, the Metropolitan Police Football Club was formed, playing friendly matches until joining the Spartan League in 1928. Apart from the war years (1939-45), the club remained in that competition until 1960. During that time the Blues were League Champions eight times, runners-up once and League Cup winners once. In 1960 the Blues joined the Metropolitan League, winning the League Cup in 1969.

In 1971 the Blues were accepted into the Southern League and played in Division South until 1977, under Team Manager Vic Rouse, the former Wales and Crystal Palace goalkeeper.

In 1977, the Blues moved to the Isthmian League, becoming one of the founder members of the restructured Division Two. A successful first season (1977/78) resulted in the club finishing runners-up to Epsom & Ewell and being promoted to Division One. In Season 1981/82 the club finished 3rd in Division One, missing promotion by just two points.

However, fortunes changed and in 1984/5, as a result of finishing third from the bottom, the Blues were relegated to Division Two (South). Ironically, in that 1984/5 season the Blues enjoyed their best run in the F.A. Cup, reaching the First Round Proper. The home tie against Dartford was subsequently featured on the BBC's "Match of the Day" programme. Defeat against Dartford was followed by a run of



defeats in the league, which saw the Blues drop into one of the four relegation places introduced that season.

On returning to Division Two (South) the Blues finished 7th in both 1985/6 and 1986/7. During 1987/88 the Blues led the Division Two (South) table in January by seven points but they were overhauled by Chalfont St Peter, who won their last two games of season and became champions by just one point. The Blues were runners-up by virtue of a one-goal difference over Dorking. It was a nail-biting finish to a season in which the Blues lost just two league matches, both away.

The next two seasons saw the club finish in mid-table in Division One but in 1990/1 the club finished second from bottom and were relegated into the newly formed Division Two of the restructured Diadora (Isthmian) League. The club remained in Division Two for several years, always finishing in the top half but just outside the promotion positions. In 1993/4 the Blues again reached the First Round Proper of the F.A. Cup, losing 2:0 to Crawley Town.

Season 1994/5 saw the club celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a game against the Army and the opening of a new grandstand at Imber Court. The Blues finished in 5th position in Division Two and ended the season with a thrilling victory in the Carlsberg Trophy, defeating Collier Row in a penalty shoot-out following a 1:1 draw after extra-time.



During the next few seasons the club continued to finish in the top half of Division Two and in 1999/2000 reached the 5<sup>th</sup> Round of the F.A. Vase (last 8), losing to the eventual winners Deal Town.

In 2002/3 the Ryman League was restructured and the Blues were placed in Division One South. That season the club finished second from bottom and faced the prospect of relegation. By a stroke of good fortune, only three teams were relegated from Divisions One North and South, therefore, we found ourselves in a relegation play-off against Wembley who finished second from bottom in Division One North. Fortunately, we won both legs of the play-off and retained our place in Division One South. Another poor season in 2003/4 saw us finished just above the relegation places in 20<sup>th</sup> position.

Following the F.A. restructuring of the non-league pyramid, in 2004/5 we found ourselves in the Ryman League Division One. In their first full season in charge, the new management team of Jim Cooper, assisted by Gavin MacPherson and John Nicholson, had an immediate impact and we finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Division One, thus qualifying for the play-offs (introduced as part of the F.A. restructuring) where we played Bromley. An evenly balanced encounter ended with the scores 1:1 after extra time but we lost 4:3 in the penalty shoot-out.

In 2005/6 we finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position in the Ryman Division One but again fell at the play-off semi-final stage, losing 1:0 to Dover Athletic.

Further F. A. restructuring resulted in a Ryman League Division 1 North and Division 1 South in 2006/7 and the club finished in sixth position in the Division 1 South. With only one club promoted automatically, the club narrowly missed out on a play-off place. However, the club reached the final of the Surrey Senior Cup for the first time since 1933 but was beaten 4-1 after extra time by Tooting & Mitcham United, the score after 90 minutes was 1-1.

In 2007/8 the Blues finished 4th in the Ryman League Division 1 South but for the third time in four years was beaten in the play-off semi final, this time 2-0 by Cray Wanderers.

In 2008/9 the club again finished in 4th position in the Ryman Division One South, thus qualifying for the play offs for the 4th time in 5 seasons, winning the semi final play off match 1:0 against Fleet Town, but losing 0:1 to Cray Wanderers in the final.

In 2009/10 MPFC had a disappointing Ryman Division 1 South league campaign. After a poor start the club was never in a position to mount a serious challenge for

a play off position and finished in 10th position. However, this disappointment was off-set by winning the London Senior Cup for the first time in the club's history, beating AFC Wimbledon in an exciting final, 4:3 on penalties, after the match ended 4:4 after extra time.

The 2010/11 season proved to be the most exciting in the club's history, culminating in the club winning the Ryman League Division 1 South Championship by the narrow margin of one goal. Bognor Regis Town had a 2 point advantage during the latter stages of the season and that was the situation when the clubs lined up for the final match. Bognor were held to an unexpected draw by Chatham Town and with the Met managing to scramble a 1:0 win against Merstham, it was enough to win the title with a goal difference of 61 against Bognor's 60.

So, for the first time in the club's history it competed in the Ryman League Premier Division during the 2011/12 Season. The club got off to a flying start and at Christmas found themselves in 4th position but unfortunately fell away in the second half of the season and finished in 12th position.

The 2012/13 Season proved to be the most successful in the clubs history at that stage, finishing in 6th position in the Ryman League Premier Division, missing out on a play-off place on goal difference (9 goals). The club had a good run in the F.A. Cup, reaching the First Round Proper, eventually losing 2:1 to Crawley Town from League One of the Football League.

The 2013/14 Season was less successful in respect of the Ryman League Premier Division in that we spent much of the season in mid-table, eventually finishing in 17th position. Although we were knocked out of the FA Cup and FA Trophy at an early stage, we reached the final of the London Senior Cup and Surrey Senior Cup.

The 2014/15 Season ended with us reaching the Ryman League Premier Division playoffs, albeit, via an unusually set of circumstances. We actually finished in 6th position in the Premier Division but after a protracted series of appeals, Enfield Town were deducted 3 points and we ended up in 5th position. Unfortunately, we lost the playoff semi final 2:1 to Hendon. However, we enjoyed success in the Surrey Senior Cup, beating Merstham 2:0 in the final.

In 2015/16 we finished in 12<sup>th</sup> position. We had mixed fortunes in the cup competitions, falling at the first hurdle in the FA Cup after a reply with Sittingbourne and the first Round of the London Senior Cup to London Bari on penalties. We fared marginally better by reaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Ryman League Cup and the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Surrey Senior Cup before losing to Tooting & Mitcham and Molesey



respectively. We had a decent run in the FA Trophy losing eventually in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Qualifying round to a good Wealdstone side after beating AFC Hornchurch and Canvey Island in previous rounds.

The 2016/17 season was one of mixed emotions and ups and downs. The 1<sup>st</sup> X1 struggled with form and consistency which resulted in a relegation battle that went to the last game of the season. The high point was reaching the final of the London Senior Cup with some memorable and exciting matches but unfortunately we lost in the final.

The 2017/18 season was again one of mixed emotions with the 1<sup>st</sup> X1 in the hunt for play off places for the majority of the season before falling away and finishing 10<sup>th</sup>. We reached the final of the Bostik League Cup where we lost 5-3 to Billericay Town aet.

In the 2018/19 season due to FA restructuring we were moved from the Bostik league to the Southern League which led to the departure of our long serving manager Jim Cooper, a number of players and also greatly increased travelling costs. Gavin Macpherson was appointed manager with Jon Nurse as his assistant and they gave youth a chance which they took with both hands playing outstanding football and commitment to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league and then beating Salisbury and Poole Town in the play offs. We then had to play a super play off final against Tonbridge Angels winners of the Bostik league play off for promotion to the National league South, unfortunately we lost 3-2 aet. We had a tremendous run in the FA Cup reaching the 1<sup>st</sup> Round proper where we lost to AFC Newport County of League 2. We won the Surrey Senior Cup beating Tooting and Mitcham 2-0 in the final.

In the season 2019/20 we lost some important players from last season amongst them Nesta Guinness-Walker signed for AFC Wimbledon, Bertie Schotterl returned to Germany, Ethan Chislett signed for Aldershot, Max Blackmore returned to Wesfield. Despite this setback we were sitting comfortably in mid table when the season was ended by the Covid 19 pandemic and we now eagerly await the start of a new season.

Season 2020/2021 was curtailed in early November due to the Covid pandemic. At the time we were occupying the last play off position and had high hopes for another successful season. We had made early exits in both the FA Cup and FA Trophy and the county cups were also curtailed. We have lost a few players and gained a few and hopefully we can have a successful season.



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# MEET THE OPPO

## Metropolitan Police

### ● LIAM BEACH - Goalkeeper

Signed in the pre-season from Farnborough. A commanding presence in the box, the 23 year old 'keeper is no stranger to the area having previously played for local rivals Hampton & Richmond Borough as well as Walton & Hersham.

### ● ASHLEY WEST - Goalkeeper

Experienced 'keeper currently in his second spell with The Blues. Has turned out for Walton Casuals, Farnborough & Thatcham Town in the past as representing Surrey International.

### ● OLIVER ROBINSON - Defender

Ollie is in his fifth season in a Blue shirt. Made club captain in July 2019, a commanding centre half who has previously played for Walton Casuals and Molesey.

### ● BERNIE TANNER - Defender

The versatile 21 year old signed for the club during pre-season and is already forming an impressive partnership at the back with Ollie Robinson. Has previously played for Farnborough, Walton Casuals & Hanworth Villa.

### ● ALEX FISHER - Defender

Joined the Met from Ashford Town in June 2018. The former QPR youngster was a major part of the successful 2018/2019

campaign helping win the play offs and the Surrey Senior Cup and continues to improve season upon season.

### ● ZAC CHISLETT - Defender

Another graduate of the successful youth system at Imber Court, Zac broke in to the first team during the 19/20 season with a string of impressive displays. The teenager is younger brother of ex Met and current AFC Wimbledon midfielder Ethan Chislett.

### ● JUDE MOLLOY - Defender

Another player that has come through the Met development system. Highly talented and is already catching the eyes of football league teams.

### ● CHARLIE WICKHAM - Defender

A highly rated young centre-back signed from Boreham Wood having come through their youth system. Has represented England Colleges.

### ● LUKE ROBERTSON - Midfielder

Came through the youth team ranks at the Met and was part of the famous FA youth cup team that eventually lost at Wolves. After a brief move to Farnborough, Robbo returned to Imber Court in October 2018 and was a major part of the team that won the Southern League play off in May 2019.

### ● RUDY APPAIH-ALLEN - Midfielder

Another graduate of the successful U18 team. Defensive minded midfielder who has played a wide range of positions making him Mister Versatility.

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### ● SAMMY DE SAINT CROIX - Midfielder

Signed in 2020 from Frimley Green. Started at Aldershot before spending several years playing out in the New Zealand Premier League with Hawke's Bay & North Shore United among others.

### ● OLIVER KNIGHT - Midfielder

An attacking midfielder who joined the club at the start of the 2018/2019 season from Frome Town. His previous clubs are Forest Green Rovers and Cirencester Town. Played a massive part in the successful 2018/2019 season.

### ● GEORGE FRITH - Midfielder

A marauding midfielder who is on his second stint at Imber Court having returned in December 2019 from Westfield. George previously played for Slough Town before injury kept him side-lined for the 2017/18 season.

### ● ARCHIE VINCENT - Midfielder

Another youth product pushing for a first team spot. Promising midfielder who will look to build on his eye catching pre-season performances.

### ● BAYLEY MUMMERY - Midfielder

A workmanlike player who joined at the beginning of 2017/2018 season from Ashford Town Middlesex. He has bags of

energy and an eye for goal and had established himself as a key member of the squad before a series of injury issues but now back in the first team picture for 21/22.

### ● ALFIE BREWSTER - Midfielder

Another product from the U18's via the club's pathway system. Alfie is a confident composed central/right midfielder who scored on his 1st team debut. Alfie has also previously played for AFC Wimbledon.

### ● RICKY JOHNSON - Forward

Ricky has progressed from the U18's having previously played for AFC Wimbledon. A tricky versatile player Ricky is at home anywhere in the midfield and certainly has an eye for goal. Gavin Macpherson has high hopes for the youngster this season.

### ● JACK MAZZONE - Forward

Mazza joined the Met in June 2018 having previously played for Woking, Hendon and South Park. Known for the spectacular, Jack has been the clubs top scorer for the past 2 seasons and will play a pivotal role leading the forward line.

### ● LIAM FERDINAND - Forward

Despite facing stiff competition for his signature the prolific 27 year old striker joined The Blues during the pre-season from Harrow Borough. A goal threat at every club he has been at including scoring two goals at Wembley this past May in the FA Vase final for Binfield. Played at Step 2 with Hungerford Town.

### ● JACK KNIGHT - Forward

Former youth player who took some time out from the game but is now back with The Blues. A direct and tireless forward who adds a different attacking option for The Blues.





# HEAD 2 HEAD



## THIS SEASON AT A GLANCE



GAMES PLAYED	2	GAMES PLAYED	2
WON	2	WON	0
DRAWN	0	DRAWN	2
LOST	0	LOST	0
POINTS	6	POINTS	2



## LEAGUE POSITION - 2<sup>nd</sup>

**FORM** (Last 6 matches) - P 2, W 2, D 0, L 0, F 6, A 2, GD +4, PTS 6

**FORM** (Last 4 at home) - P 1, W 1, D 0, L 0, F 2, A 1, GD +1, PTS 3

**HOME & AWAY POINTS %** - HOME 50%, AWAY 50%

Taunton Town are ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league in scoring having scored six goals so far this season and are ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in defending, having conceded two goals so far in the 2021/22 season.

**HISTORICAL LEAGUE FINISHES** - 2018-19 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019-20 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020-21 N/A.



## LEAGUE POSITION - 13<sup>th</sup>

**FORM** (Last 6 matches) - P 2, W 0, D 2, L 0, F 1, A 1, GD 0, PTS 2

**FORM** (Last 4 away) - P 1, W 0, D 1, L 0, F 0, A 1, GD 1, PTS 1

**HOME & AWAY POINTS %** - HOME 50%, AWAY 50%

Met Police are ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the league in scoring having scored one goal so far this season and are ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in defending, having conceded one goal so far in the 2021/22 season.

**HISTORICAL LEAGUE FINISHES** - 2018-19 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019-20 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020-21 N/A.





# MATCH REPORT

## TAUNTON TOWN DORCHESTER TOWN

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PITCHING IN SOUTHERN PREMIER SOUTH - TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021  
VENUE: CYGNET HEALTHCARE STADIUM - ATTENDANCE 526

A double from Ollie Chamberlain secured the Peacocks a 2-1 home win over Dorchester Town in the Pitching In Southern League on Tuesday night.

All the goals came in a four minute spell early in the game. Sam Bayston put the visitors ahead on 11 minutes when he fired in from 12 yards before Chamberlain grabbed the equaliser after 14 minutes, heading into the net after Magpies' keeper Gerard Benfield had missed a Jay Foulston cross. Chamberlain then drilled home a left footed strike a minute later to give the hosts the lead. Dorchester nearly made the Peacocks pay for their tepid second half display when they were awarded a penalty four minutes into stoppage time but Tom Purrington

blazed it over the bar to make it a 100% start to the campaign for Town who now prepare for the visit of Metropolitan Police on Saturday.







P Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1 Hayes & Yeading United	2	2	0	0	9	2	+7	6
<b>2 TAUNTON TOWN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>6</b>
3 Weston-super-Mare	2	2	0	0	3	0	+3	6
4 Beaconsfield Town	2	2	0	0	3	1	+2	6
5 Farnborough	2	1	1	0	3	1	+2	4
6 Yate Town	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	4
7 Walton Casuals	2	1	1	0	1	0	+1	4
8 Harrow Borough	2	1	0	1	4	2	+2	3
9 Hendon	2	1	0	1	6	6	0	3
10 Poole Town	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3
11 Gosport Borough	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
12 Truro City	2	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3
<b>13 METROPOLITAN POLICE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
14 Tiverton Town	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
15 Merthyr Town	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
16 Chesham United	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1
17 Salisbury	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1
18 Hartley Wintney	2	0	1	1	2	5	-3	1
19 Swindon Supermarine	2	0	1	1	1	4	-3	1
20 Wimborne Town	2	0	1	1	1	4	-3	1
21 Dorchester Town	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
22 Kings Langley	2	0	0	2	0	2	-2	0

- P - Position GP - Games Played W - Won L - Lost D - Drawn F - For A - Against PTS - Points -

### Results - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Chesham United 1 - 3 Farnborough  
 Hartley Wintney 0 - 3 Harrow Borough  
 Hendon 2 - 6 Hayes & Yeading United  
 Kings Langley 0 - 1 Beaconsfield Town  
 Poole Town 2 - 1 Tiverton Town  
 Salisbury 1 - 3 Truro City  
 Swindon Supermarine 1 - 1 Metropolitan Police  
 Taunton Town 2 - 1 Dorchester Town  
 Walton Casuals 1 - 0 Gosport Borough  
 Weston-super-Mare 2 - 0 Merthyr Town  
 Yate Town 0 - 0 Wimborne Town

### Upcoming Fixtures - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dorchester Town v Salisbury  
 Farnborough v Hendon  
 Gosport Borough v Chesham United  
 Harrow Borough v Poole Town  
 Hayes & Yeading United v Taunton Town  
 Kings Langley v Yate Town  
 Merthyr Town v Beaconsfield Town  
 Tiverton Town v Walton Casuals  
 Truro City v Hartley Wintney  
 Weston-super-Mare v Metropolitan Police  
 Wimborne Town v Swindon Supermarine

### Pitching In Southern Premier South - Top 10 Goalscorers

Player Name	Club	Goals
Moses Emmanuel	Hayes & Yeading United	4
Tony-James Lee	Poole Town	4
James Ewington	Harrow Borough	3
Francis Amartey	Hayes & Yeading United	2
Oliver Chamberlain	Taunton Town	2
Hassan Jalloh	Hayes & Yeading United	2
Christian Smith	Hendon	2
Ricardo Rees	Yate Town	2
Oliver McCoy	Beaconsfield Town	2
Wilson Carvalho	Hendon	2

### NEXT UP

At the  
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Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
Kick Off 3:00pm



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## C O L U M N

The only problem with pre-season predictions in print is people remember them. Sometimes they even cut them out and keep them. Some get stuck on a dressing room wall and used to create motivation or a siege mentality.

Of course, a correct pre-season prediction is worth its weight in gold. If you've delivered your tips in late July or early August and they come off by the end of April or May, then you can take your lap of honour.

It's part of the new season fun. Who has signed well? Who looks to have strong foundations from last season? Who might drop off?

This season that has been harder than ever. The majority of Steps 3-6 didn't kick a ball from November onwards last season, Step 2 stopped early, with just the National League's top flight completing a full campaign.

So it's difficult to quite know how teams will come back. How players will return after missing so much competitive football. But, even when a full season has been completed, predictions are just that. Guess work!

Because if we knew what would happen, then there wouldn't be much point in all turning up every Saturday.

The opening weeks are always fascinating. Most teams fancy their chances of having a special year, believing they can be the ones fighting it out even when no one else thinks they will be.

Just ask Sutton United. Not many expected Matt Gray's side to be in the title race.

Outsiders for a play-off place? Sure. But not leading everyone else and lifting the championship.

Yet, last week they were at Cardiff City in the EFL Cup as they embark on their first ever season in League football. It's quite a story.

And this season will throw up many more. Every league has its fancied sides, the big spenders who 'should' be in the mix. But every league will have some who come from nowhere, where everything falls into place and it they really do have the season of their lives.

Like Hornchurch last season celebrating FA Trophy glory under the arch. There can't have been anyone in the country who foresaw that happening.

This weekend the Step 1 clubs are getting underway to make it a full Non-League house.

The FA Cup is in full swing, crowds are up, goals are flying in. It feels almost normal again.

There may be some bumps in the road this season, Covid hasn't gone away and a glance across the fixture list shows the pandemic is still having an impact on postponements.

But, after a long absence, it feels good to be inching back towards that routine. And the normality of all my predictions falling flat on their face by the end of September! Enjoy your game...

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# FIXTURES

## & Results

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	VENUE	KO/SCORE	ATT
Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	League	Wimborne Town	Away	1-4 W	595
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	League	Dorchester Town	Home	2-1 W	526
Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	League	Metropolitan Police	Home	3:00pm	-
Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	League	Hayes & Yeading United	Away	3:00pm	-
Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	League	Truro City	Home	3:00pm	-
Sep 11 <sup>th</sup>	League	Farnborough	Away	3:00pm	-
Sep 14 <sup>th</sup>	League	Poole Town	Away	7:45pm	-
Sep 25 <sup>th</sup>	League	Walton Casuals	Home	3:00pm	-
Sep 28 <sup>th</sup>	League	Yate Town	Home	7:45pm	-
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	League	Hartley Wintney	Away	3:00pm	-
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	League	Kings Langley	Away	3:00pm	-
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	League	Merthyr Town	Home	7:45pm	-
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	League	Beaconsfield Town	Home	3:00pm	-
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	League	Swindon Supermarine	Away	7:45pm	-
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	League	Hendon	Away	3:00pm	-
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	League	Harrow Borough	Home	3:00pm	-
Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	League	Salisbury	Home	7:45pm	-
Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	League	Yate Town	Away	3:00pm	-
Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	League	Weston-super-Mare	Away	7:45pm	-

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	VENUE	KO/SCORE	ATT
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	League	Gosport Borough	Home	3:00pm	-
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	League	Poole Town	Home	3:00pm	-
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	League	Walton Casuals	Away	3:00pm	-
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	League	Hartley Wintney	Home	3:00pm	-
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	League	Chesham United	Away	3:00pm	-
Dec 27 <sup>th</sup>	League	Truro City	Away	3:00pm	-
Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	League	Tiverton Town	Home	3:00pm	-
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	League	Dorchester Town	Away	3:00pm	-
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	League	Wimborne Town	Home	3:00pm	-
Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	League	Beaconsfield Town	Away	3:00pm	-
Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	League	Merthyr Town	Away	3:00pm	-
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	League	Swindon Supermarine	Home	3:00pm	-
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	League	Hendon	Home	3:00pm	-
Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	League	Harrow Borough	Away	3:00pm	-
Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	League	Salisbury	Away	3:00pm	-
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	League	Chesham United	Home	3:00pm	-
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	League	Gosport Borough	Away	3:00pm	-
Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	League	Weston-super-Mare	Home	3:00pm	-
Apr 9 <sup>th</sup>	League	Metropolitan Police	Away	3:00pm	-
Apr 16 <sup>th</sup>	League	Hayes & Yeading United	Home	3:00pm	-
Apr 18 <sup>th</sup>	League	Tiverton Town	Away	3:00pm	-
Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	League	Farnborough	Home	3:00pm	-

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## CYGNET HEALTHCARE STADIUM REGULATIONS

Persons entering this stadium must abide by the Stadium Regulations as printed in the matchday programme and displayed on posters inside the stadium. Failure to do so may result in ejection from the premises, a ban from attending any future events and also be the subject of a football banning order. Admission to and the right remain within the stadium is strictly on condition that any person attending will adhere to the Stadium Regulations as detailed below.

1. All persons must comply with any directions given by a Steward, Club Official or Police Officer.
2. Encroachment onto the playing area, sterile area, or its adjoining parts is prohibited.
3. Climbing on any building, wall, fence or any other structure is prohibited.
4. Persons must not throw any object onto the pitch or within the spectator areas.
5. Persons must not be in possession of, and/or lighting any firework or flare.
6. Chanting or singing of an obscene, indecent, discriminatory or offensive nature is not permitted.
7. Persons must not use obscene, indecent, discriminatory, offensive or threatening language.
8. Persons must not use obscene, indecent, discriminatory, offensive or threatening gestures.
9. Persons must not damage or deface Club and Stadium property.
10. Persons must not damage, deface or obstruct any notice or advertisement.
11. Alcohol must not be brought into the stadium.
12. Persons must not consume alcohol that has not been purchased at Taunton Town FC.
13. Persons must not consume alcohol in any alcohol free designated areas.
14. There will be zero tolerance to alcohol abuse/misuse.
15. There will be zero tolerance to drug possession, use and abuse.
16. Smoking is permitted in the stadium except in areas designated as a No Smoking area.
17. Umbrellas are permitted within the stadium but must not be used if obstructing the view of other spectators.

Spectators must also note the following:

- A) The Club does not accept any responsibility or liability whatsoever for any loss or damage to vehicles or their contents, or any other personal property brought onto the Clubs premises and stadium.
- B) The Club is unable to accept any additional responsibility for minors attending matches beyond those matters covered by the Stadium Regulations.
- C) Photography and use of video including CCTV is in operation at all matches and events and may be used in any of our media channels as well as press releases.
- D) Dogs on a lead are permitted in the Stadium but they remain the sole responsibility of their owner at all times.

**THE CLUB RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CARRY OUT PERSONAL SECURITY SEARCHES AND/OR REFUSE ADMISSION TO ANY PERSON AT ANY TIME, WITHOUT EXPLANATION.**

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# TODAY'S TEAMS

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021 - 3:00pm Kick-Off



Head of Football  
Rob DRAY



Premier South



Manager  
Gavin MacPHERSON

- Lloyd IRISH
- Ben ADELSBURY
- Ollie CHAMBERLAIN
- Nick GRIMES
- Jay FOULSTON
- Jake WANNELL
- Lee LUCAS
- Toby HOLMES
- Joe GUEST
- Zac SMITH
- Jared LEWINGTON
- Ioan RICHARDS
- Jack GOODALL
- Dan McBEAM
- Jack VEALE
- Ross STALEY
- Marko RADOVANOVIC
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- Liam BEECH
- William WICKHAM
- Alex FISHER
- Oliver ROBINSON
- Bernie TANNER
- George FRITH
- Ricky JOHNSON
- Luke ROBERTSON
- Jack MAZZONE
- Jack KNIGHT
- Oliver KNIGHT
- Liam FERDINAND
- Zac CHISLETT
- Rudy ALLEN
- Jack RABBETTS
- Sam DE ST CROIX
- Louis BIRCH
- Archie VINCENT



## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Samuel READ

Assistant Referee: Steven BRENCHLEY Assistant Referee: Andrew LINCOLN