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# THE GAFFER

*Rob Dray*

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Cygnet Healthcare Stadium, I extend my welcome to our visitors, Paul Michael and his Yate Town team tonight.

It was great to get back in the wins column after a run of disappointing results in the league and the cup. We want to build on that performance and take it into tonight's game and propel ourselves further up the league table and with plenty of football still left to play this season anything is still possible.

Our opponents tonight will be looking to move up the table themselves so we no we are in for a tough game tonight, so we will have to be at our best from the first whistle until full time.

Get behind the lads tonight as your support really does spur us on.  
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*Rob*

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# THE AWAY END

*Yate Town*

Yate Town's earliest history began in 1906 when the club was known as Yate Rovers. Playing representative football either side of the First World War the team eventually disbanded in the early thirties. In the 1933/34 season Yate Y.M.C.A. was formed entering the Bristol and District Division 5 under the captaincy of Arthur Gould with goalkeeper Frank Boulton, one of four brothers in the team, eventually playing for Arsenal. After the Second World War Yate YMCA competed in the Bristol and District League and the Avon Premier Combination and later were amongst the founding clubs of the Gloucester County League. In 1959 the YMCA was dropped in favour of Town.

In 1983 the club gained membership of the Hellenic League and with it moved onto the first step of the National League System. The 1984/85 saw promotion to the Premier Division finishing runners-up to Pegasus Juniors. The following season again proved successful winning the Hellenic Premier League and finishing the campaign unbeaten at home. With progress up the NLS pyramid came the need to improve the playing facilities and in 1984 Yate Town relocated to Lodge Road having previously played at Yate Aerodrome (1954-1960) and Sunnyside Lane (1960-84). Ground improvements were progressive with the first section of covered accommodation erected in 1987 and floodlighting in 1988.

For the 1993/94 season Yate found themselves in the Midland Division for the third time and suffered a disappointing run of results finishing just off the bottom narrowly avoiding relegation and also moving back to the Southern Division after a re-structuring of the league. More change followed in 1994/95 season after a poor start long serving manager Pete Jackson handed over to former Bristol Rovers favourites Ian Alexander assisted by Phil Purnell. A credible sixteenth finish in the table followed plus runners up in the Senior County Cup, with a top half finish the

following season.

The club celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 1996/97 and in the following closed season appointed John Freeguard as Manager to lead the club into the 1997/98 campaign. This was short lived and with just two victories from seventeen games he resigned and was replaced by Martin Durnell, who had managed the successful Youth Team. He was assisted by Club Captain Danny Iddles. Despite these changes the Club still finished in in the drop zone but once again managed to avoid relegation due to a restructuring of the Southern League. The reprieve was some comfort and with a youthful side the 1998/99 saw the club finish 20th in the Southern League.

The 1999/2000 season saw Yate Town return to the Midland Division for the first time for six seasons due to the regionalisation of the Midland and Southern Division into Western and Eastern Divisions. Unfortunately relegation could not be avoided this time and the club slipped into the Hellenic League. Manager Martin Durnell resigned and was replaced by former players Gary Hewlett and Richard Thompson (the current Director of Football) who became Joint Player Managers. After a poor start to the 2000/2001 season Yate Town enjoyed a long run of victories that saw them finish in third place in the league.

The following two seasons saw Yate finish third and then second. The champions North Leigh declined promotion and Yate were offered the promotion opportunity and returned to the Southern League. Although the early return to a tougher division proved a challenge the 2003-04 season was eventually turned around and a credible sixteenth position secured the club's standing in the league for the following season.

Yate enjoyed their most successful season in 2004/05. They finished Runners-up in Division One West, and secured promotion to the Southern League Premier Division for the first time. Additionally, they won the Senior Challenge Cup for the first time in their history, beating Bristol Rovers 2:0 in the final at the Memorial Stadium following victories over Bristol City and Forest Green Rovers on route.

Yate Town exceeded all expectations in the 2005/2006 season, their first in the Premier Division. Despite another poor start, they finished in sixth position, and also retained the Senior Challenge Cup beating Cheltenham Town in the Final. An injury plague campaign through 2006/2007 resulted in poor results towards the end of the season finishing mid-table and similarly in tenth position at the end of the 2007/2008 season.



2008/2009 saw just two wins in twenty League matches and into the relegation zone. Richard Thompson left in February 2009 followed by his assistant Lee Barlass. Dave Mogg who had previously been an assistant at Taunton Town and Weston Super Mare was appointed as Manager but change was too late and the club was relegated to the South & West Division.

It was a much changed and inexperienced squad that ran out for the 2009-10 season but managed to finish mid table. Experienced players were added to the squad for the 2010/11 but did not deliver the expected improvement and after two years with the club David Mogg was replaced by Rob Cousins, initially in a caretaker role but after an immediate upturn in results the appointment was made permanent. Although Yate only managed a mid-table in the league the club did secure victory in the final of the Senior Challenge Cup beating Cheltenham Town Reserves 3-2, having beaten Bristol City Reserves in the Semi-Final. In the 2011-2012 season was also disappointing finishing in the bottom half of the table although decent runs in the F.A. Cup and F.A. Trophy provided some comfort.

The 2013-14 season was one of the most memorable of the club's recent history with a superb run in the FA Cup eventually getting into the First Round proper. On the journey Yate managed victories over Poole Town, Winchester City, Oxford City and North Leigh before securing a home tie against Newport County of the Conference League in the Final Qualifying Round. At home a 3-1 lead was cancelled out at the death with two late goals by Newport. The replay, against a team who would eventually gain promotion to the Football League, presented a huge challenge but Yate fought back from a goal down to equalise before taking the game into extra time, scoring twice and running out 1-3 victors. The first round draw pitted Yate away to neighbouring Cheltenham Town. This proved too much of a challenge and the Football League club ran out 3-0 winners. The success in the cup improved the league performances and Yate enjoyed a run of good results finishing just outside the play off positions.

Due to the FA cup success many of the strongest players had attracted the attention of more senior clubs and the 2013/2014 season saw a new look squad and following an inconsistent start, a series of good results saw the club briefly threaten to make the play-offs before sliding to a disappointing but credible ninth position. The previous season's FA Cup success could not be repeated but Yate did manage to reach the third round qualifying before losing to Gloucester City in a replay.

The 2014/15 season started inconsistently and in March 2015 Rob Cousins and Michael Meaker were replaced by Craig Laird with Rob Boyd as his assistant. Several experienced and high profile signings were brought in for the 2015/16 season but the anticipated success did not follow and a poor end to the season saw another change in management. Paul Britton, assisted by John Lester were installed in preparation for the 2016-17 campaign. Once again Yate looked to youth to rebuild and by the end of that season a new look team was in place. The following season saw some more experienced players join the club and Yate finished mid-table. Momentum under Britton continued with much of the 2018-19 season spent leading the division. Although a disappointing end to the season resulted in a third place finish the team re-grouped for the play-offs with home victories over Moneyfields in the play-off semi final and Cinderford Town in the Final in front of a crowd of over 1,000. The result took Yate into the Premier Division for the first time since 2009.

Yate began the 2019-20 season with many of the previous season's squad still in place. Despite some very notable home victories Yate struggled to put together back to back victories and the threat of relegation was very real. With very little separating the teams at the foot of the table a number of strong performances started to lift Yate clear before the early end to the season due to COVID. Having achieved promotion with Yate and kept the club in the Premier division Paul Britton and his management team decided to leave the club with Richard Thompson coming in as Director of Football to appoint Paul's successor to take the club forward into the 2020-21 campaign.

Late in the summer of 2020 Paul Michael was appointed Manager for the somewhat short 2020-21 season. It is fair to say he had very little time to establish a squad compounded by the uncertainty around the new season ahead caused by the COVID pandemic. Despite these challenges a relatively strong squad was assembled but the much needed game time was not available and there were far more important things than football to dominate 2020. When the season came to its inevitable early cessation Yate Town were sitting fourth from bottom of the Southern Premier league having only played eight games with two draws and a win against Dorchester Town providing all the points. Of those matches played four had been against clubs at the top of the table and therefore it had been a tough start to the season for Paul and his newly formed squad of players.



# MEET THE OPPO

## Yate Town

● **JAMIE ADAMS** - A centre midfielder signed in December 2020 from Bristol Manor Farm where he was club captain. A hardworking, tenacious and talented midfielder who hails from Weston-super-Mare Jamie will add some experience and energy to midfield. Jamie is a graduate of Cardiff Metropolitan University where he played in the welsh pyramid amongst spells at a number of other southern league clubs.

● **JOSHUA ALLEN** - Josh arrives at Yate from Goytre United in the Cymru South (Tier 2 in Wales) where he also had spells with Pontypridd Town & Taffs Well. A talented left footed centre midfielder with an eye for goal and a great range of passing.

● **LIAM ANGEL** - 'Ange' was a product of the Cardiff City academy where he represented Wales at all age groups up to under 19's and turned professional at Newport County. Upon leaving Newport the left sided centre back signed for Cinderford Town and moved to Yate last summer aged 21.

● **MATT BOWER** - Matt made his football league debut for Cheltenham town on August 19<sup>th</sup> 2017, later moving to Weston on loan and onto Bath City after leaving Cheltenham. The 6 ft 6in defender is still only 21 and has excellent ability with the ball at his feet for such a tall man. Bower became one of Paul Michael's first signings last summer.

● **CALLUM BRAIN** - 18 year old goal keeper who is a product of Newport County's academy. Arrived at Yate in the summer of 2021 after his release from the exiles. Callum is from Cwmbran in south Wales and is a student at Bath University.

● **JOE HALL** - Joe is a product of the Bristol City academy who joined Mangotsfield after leaving the Robins and after returning from a bad knee injury. Joe has impressed in pre-season and forced his way into the squad demonstrating his outstanding technical ability, another young player and another new recruit in 20-21.

● **ANDREW HANNAH** - A product of the Plymouth Argyle academy Hannah moved to Hartpury on a football

scholarship after his time with "The Pilgrims" came to an end. Whilst in the Gloucester area Hannah spent time with a number of clubs including Mangotsfield, Evesham and Gloucester City before moving to Yate.

● **JAMES HARDING** - 'Hards' is originally from High Wycombe and moved to Gloucestershire where he was part of the highly successful Hartpury University set up. In this time James had spells with Gloucester City, Yate & Cinderford prior to moving to Hungerford for 20-21. James signed for Stratford Town in the summer of 2021 but has quickly made the move to Yate Town.

● **LUKE HOPPER** - Striker "Hopps" arrived in the summer of 2021 from Hungerford having also had prolific spells with Gloucester City, Chippenham Town & Salisbury to name a few. Luke is another personal trainer who will hope to add goals and experience to the Yate Town frontline.

● **SAM KAMARA** - Sam originally signed for us in 2013 following his release from Bristol Rovers; he has now regained his enthusiasm for the game after playing for Longwell Green Sports in 2017-18, and joined us at the start of the successful 2018-19 season.

● **ANDY LEWIS** - 'Swans' returns for his second spell at the club after being converted from a centre back to a centre midfielder under Paul Michael at

Cinderford Town. Andy has an excellent range of passing and scored 12 goals from midfield over the 19/20 season winning Player of the Year at Cinderford.

● **OLLY MEHEW** - Olly is a striker who joined us after being released by Forest Green Rovers at the end of 2017-18 season, and was our leading scorer in his first season at Lodge Road. He was a scholar at Blackburn Rovers before joining Bristol Rovers, and has previously appeared on loan for a variety of non-league clubs including Mangotsfield Utd, Cirencester Town, Bideford, Salisbury, Evesham Utd, Taunton Town and Dorchester Town. He returned to the club after a period with Bristol Manor Farm.

● **BRANDON POWELL** - A product of Hereford's youth academy Brandon made his Hereford first team debut keeping a clean sheet at Edgar Street before going on to make a handful of national league appearances. With opportunities limited Brandon moved on to Westfields but opted to join Yate to compete for the number 1 jersey. Brandon will dual register in order to keep developing as a young goalkeeper.

● **RICARDO REES** - A quick striker who progressed through the academy at Bristol City before being released this summer after two years as a professional. A regular scorer in the Robins under 23's Ricardo also had



short loan spells at Bath City and Salisbury. Capped by Wales at youth levels Ricardo joined the Bluebells in September 2020.

● **DAVE SIMS-BURGESS** - After finishing as top scorer in our promotion winning season of 18-19 Dave left to Paulton Rovers where had another successful season which prompted Paul Michael to bring him back to the club in 2020. Dave is a local lad who has pace burn and the ability to glide past players.

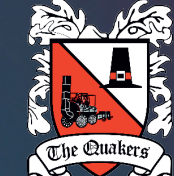
● **MARK THUO** - Mark arrives from Bristol City where he was a product of the robins successful academy. The 18 year old is a quick, athletic and skilful player who can play anywhere on the right hand side.

● **JOE TUMELTY** - "Tums" is an experienced attacking midfielder who arrived from Larkhall in the summer of 2021 and will hope to add creativity and a share of goals to Yate this season.

Joe has also had spells Bristol Manor Farm, Hereford and Chippenham amongst others.

● **WILL TUNNICLIFF** - After spells with Birmingham City and Cheltenham Town academies as a youngster, Will became a product of the Gloucester City youth set up before building his reputation as a talented and strong left sided defender in two spells at Cirencester either side of a season at Evesham. Will is another 2020 summer signing.

● **SAM TURL** - A youth team player at Gloucester City Sam made his first steps into senior football impressing at Slimbridge where Paul Michael made the approach to take him to Cinderford in 2018. The full back went on to win player's player of the year two years running and built up an excellent reputation for his one v one defending before following Michael to Yate.



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# HEAD 2 HEAD



## THIS SEASON AT A GLANCE

GAMES  
PLAYED

8

GAMES  
PLAYED

8

WON

4

WON

3

DRAWN

1

DRAWN

2

LOST

3

LOST

3

POINTS

13

POINTS

11

LEAGUE POSITION - 6<sup>th</sup>

FORM (Last 6 matches) - P 6, W 2, D 1, L 3, F 10, A 9, GD +1, PTS 7

FORM (Last 4 at home) - P 4, W 3, D 0, L 1, F 7, A 3, GD +4, PTS 9

HOME &amp; AWAY POINTS % - HOME 69%, AWAY 31%

Taunton Town are ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league in scoring having scored sixteen goals so far this season and are ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in defending, having conceded eleven goals so far in the 2021/22 season.

LEAGUE POSITION - 11<sup>th</sup>

FORM (Last 6 matches) - P 6, W 2, D 1, L 3, F 9, A 9, GD 0, PTS 7

FORM (Last 4 away) - P 3, W 2, D 0, L 1, F 4, A 3, GD +1, PTS 6

HOME &amp; AWAY POINTS % - HOME 45%, AWAY 55%

Truro City are ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the league in scoring having scored eleven goals so far this season and are ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in defending, having conceded ten goals so far in the 2021/22 season.





# MATCH REPORT

## TAUNTON TOWN WALTON CASUALS

Half Time: 1 **3**  
Half Time: 0 **0**

PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION SOUTH - SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

VENUE: CYGNET HEALTHCARE STADIUM - ATTENDANCE: 331

The Peacocks halted their recent run of disappointing results with a convincing win to climb up to sixth in the table. The visitors were one place above Town at the start of play but rarely made too many dents in an assured Peacock performance which saw them secure the three points with a trio of well-taken goals.

More positive news came in the shape of Jake Wannell and Lee Lucas being named in the starting line-up after spells out through injury while the only downside of the afternoon was the crowd of 331, the lowest for a League fixture at the Cygnet Health Care Stadium since April 2018. A rather frenetic and scrappy opening period of the game saw few openings for either

side. A good run from Ollie Chamberlain led to Dan Sullivan drilling a vicious effort just wide for the hosts while at the Travis Perkins End Ben Adelsbury's tackle on Zidan Akers saw the ball fly comfortably to Will Buse in the home goal before Reuben Duncan curled a free kick high over the bar.

A spell of Town pressure led to the opener after 27 minutes. Sullivan won the ball in midfield to find Gethyn Hill on the left corner of the box and Town's top scorer this season moved inside before curling a shot beyond Jacob Adams into the net, maybe via a slight deflection off a Casuals defender. Chamberlain sent a snap shot wide of the target before Adams produced an excellent save three minutes before

the break, getting down to keep out Jake Wannell's flick as he connected with a Lucas corner. Adams then claimed Hill's cross as Toby Holmes waited to pounce before the teams retired to their changing rooms.

An increasingly confident Peacocks added their second nine minutes into the second half. Hill ghosted past his man on the right to find Sullivan whose neat footwork gave him the opportunity to fire in a peach of a finish over Adams and into the top corner from just outside the area. A Lucas free kick into the middle then led to a scramble, the loose ball being dragged wide by Wannell.

The visitors had their share of attacks but failed to really trouble Buse. An Akers shot was deflected wide for a second corner which was played to Rohdell Gordon whose strike cleared the stand while Adam Liddle got on the end of Duncan's cross, but it was a routine catch for Buse. Town were soon back pressing, Sullivan's pass playing in Zac Smith who was denied by Adams before Wannell's long ball reached Holmes who couldn't get a shot away and although Sullivan could, it was blocked.

However the Peacocks rounded off their victory with a third goal after 81 minutes when a Lucas corner from the

right was met sweetly by Adelsbury whose shot gave Adams no chance. The Walton keeper did well moments later though when Chamberlain broke away to release Sullivan whose strike from the edge of the box was palmed over. A late bout of pressure from Casuals came to nothing, Buse making another comfortable hold from Gordon's shot and Duncan hammering an effort well over as Town gained a well-earned victory and their first clean sheet of the campaign.







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1 Hayes & Yeading United	8	7	1	0	24	6	+18	22
2 Gosport Borough	8	6	1	1	14	7	+7	19
3 Farnborough	8	5	1	2	18	14	+4	16
4 Salisbury	8	5	1	2	12	10	+2	16
5 Metropolitan Police	7	3	4	0	10	3	+7	13
<b>6 TAUNTON TOWN</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>13</b>
7 Swindon Supermarine	8	3	3	2	14	12	+2	12
8 Harrow Borough	8	4	0	4	11	10	+1	12
9 Hendon	8	4	0	4	14	15	-1	12
10 Truro City	8	3	2	3	11	10	+1	11
<b>11 YATE TOWN</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>11</b>
12 Poole Town	8	3	2	3	14	14	0	11
13 Walton Casuals	8	3	2	3	6	13	-7	11
14 Weston-super-Mare	8	3	1	4	8	9	-1	10
15 Beaconsfield Town	7	3	0	4	5	16	-11	9
16 Chesham United	7	2	2	3	8	13	-5	8
17 Hartley Wintney	7	2	2	3	8	13	-5	8
18 Tiverton Town	8	1	3	4	13	13	0	6
19 Dorchester Town	8	2	0	6	7	10	-3	6
20 Merthyr Town	7	1	2	4	12	15	-3	5
21 Kings Langley	8	1	1	6	5	10	-5	4
22 Wimborne Town	7	1	1	5	6	13	-7	4

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

### Results - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Gosport Borough 3 - 2 Tiverton Town  
 Harrow Borough 2 - 0 Dorchester Town  
 Hendon 3 - 1 Wimborne Town  
 Kings Langley 3 - 0 Poole Town  
 Merthyr Town 2 - 3 Farnborough  
 Metropolitan Police 1 - 1 Hayes & Yeading United  
 Salisbury 4 - 2 Swindon Supermarine  
 Taunton Town 3 - 0 Walton Casuals  
 Truro City 4 - 1 Chesham United  
 Weston-super-Mare 1 - 3 Hartley Wintney  
 Yate Town 4 - 0 Beaconsfield Town

### Upcoming Fixtures - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

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

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

Player Name	Club	Goals
Tony-James Lee	Poole Town	9
Olaf Kozsela	Tiverton Town	6
Hassan Jalloh	Hayes & Yeading United	6
Francis Amartey	Hayes & Yeading United	5
James Ewington	Harrow Borough	5
Gethyn Hill	Taunton Town	5
Andrew Neal	Truro City	5
Moses Emmanuel	Hayes & Yeading United	5
Lewis Beale	Wimborne Town	4
David Sims-Burgess	Yate Town	3

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# THE **NON-LEAGUE** PAPER

## C O L U M N

The warning from the Kent FA on the fall in numbers of match officials for grassroots fixtures makes for worrying reading. Put simply, without referees, the football system cannot function properly.

In an open letter to clubs, the county FA's referee development officer Nick Dunn explained the issues they, and many other county associations, seem to be facing in grassroots football.

He said: "We closed the 2020-2021 season with over 1,634 match officials affiliated; the most we have ever received. Ensuring transparency, at this present time of the 2021-2022 season we have 1,247 affiliated match officials, representing almost a 24 per cent loss.

"To put this loss into footballing terms, if each of those 400 referees lost were to referee approximately 20 games a season it results in approximately 8,000 matches being played without a referee."

Dunn says the matches under their control without a referee are at an all-time high. Not only does this not help the grassroots game, but it makes the development of referees and the progression through the system tougher.

At The NLP, we've experienced first-hand the good work the FA are putting in to

encourage the development of referees, and therefore retain them. But it's always going to be hard to keep filling the tank when they are subjected to some of the abuse we see all too often.

Dunn points out that the conduct and behaviour of a minority of participants is not the sole reason for the drop-off, but he believes it is a fundamental one.

Where are we as a society and sport if a match official can't turn up on a Saturday afternoon or a Sunday morning without fear of what might happen should they dare make a decision somebody doesn't agree with?

Remember, it might not just come from a player. But spectators or parents overstepping the mark, managers and coaches failing to conduct themselves as they should.

Football is a passionate game. Nobody wants to take that out of it. But there is a very clear line that shouldn't be crossed. And passion isn't a good enough reason for losing control over a game of football - something everyone is supposed to be involved in because they enjoy it.

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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	0-1 L	435
Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	League	Hayes & Yeading United	Away	1-2 L	253
Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	League	Truro City	Home	2-1 W	623
Sep 4 <sup>th</sup>	FA Cup 1 <sup>st</sup> Q	Shepton Mallet	Away	1-8 W	362
Sep 7 <sup>th</sup>	League Cup	Bideford	Away	1-1 (2-4) W	157
Sep 11 <sup>th</sup>	League	Farnborough	Away	3-2 L	446
Sep 14 <sup>th</sup>	League	Poole Town	Away	2-2 D	318
Sep 18 <sup>th</sup>	FA Cup 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q	Weston-super-Mare	Away	5-1 L	706
Sep 25 <sup>th</sup>	League	Walton Casuals	Home	3-0 W	331
Sep 28 <sup>th</sup>	League	Yate Town	Home	7:45pm	-
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	League	Hartley Wintney	Away	3:00pm	-
Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>	Somerset Cup	Ashton & Backwell	Home	7:45pm	-
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	League	Kings Langley	Away	3:00pm	-
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	League Cup	Barnstaple 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	-

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	VENUE	KO/SCORE	ATT
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	-
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	-
TBA	League	Merthyr Town	Home	7:45pm	-





## 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.

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# TONIGHT'S TEAMS

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - 7:45pm Kick-Off



Head of Football  
Rob DRAY



Premier South



Manager  
Paul MICHAEL

- 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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- Andrew HANNAH
- Sam TURL
- Will TUNNICLIFF
- Nick RHODES
- Liam ANGEL
- Matt BOWER
- Joe TUMELTY
- Andy LEWIS
- Dave SIMS-BURGESS
- Ricardo REES
- Joe HALL
- Sam KAMARA
- Joshua ALLEN
- Stuart FLEETWOOD
- Ollie MEHEW
- James HARDING
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## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Samuel FUDGE

Assistant Referee: Paul COLLIER Assistant Referee: Said OUCHENE

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