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THE GAFFER

Rob Dray

Good evening and welcome back to the Cygnet Healthcare Stadium, as we welcome Steve Claridge and his Salisbury team to Taunton for tonight's all important league game.

Saturday's win against Kings Langley stretched our unbeaten run to 13 games in all competitions, whilst making it 7 straight wins, form that we must keep up at this important time of the season. Wins don't need to be pretty, but the points are vital.

There are no easy games as most teams in the league are playing for something in terms of league positions and tonight is no exception, Salisbury are coming here off the back of an away win at Hartley Wintney at the weekend and will be confident of repeating that tonight, so we will be prepared and focus is key.

Please ensure you are in full voice tonight and get behind the boys.
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Rob

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THE AWAY END

Salisbury

Salisbury FC is a phoenix club. The Whites played their first competitive game on Saturday, 8 August 2015 away to Brockenhurst in the Sydenham's Wessex Premier Division, followed by the first competitive game on home turf, hosting Whitchurch United 3 days later.

The new club began in December 2014 when Salisbury FC Ltd was incorporated and created by a consortium of five – David Phillips, Ian Ridley, Jeremy Harwood, Graeme Mundy, and Steve Claridge, the latter also having the role of Team Manager. After buying the remaining assets of predecessor club Salisbury City FC from the administrators, they started the huge task of creating a football club from scratch.

By early April 2015 a new lease had been obtained on the Raymond McEnhill Stadium which had been purpose-built in 1997 for the old club, enabling Salisbury FC to apply to the FA seeking a competitive league for the 2015/2016 season. However, the stadium had been locked and shuttered for a year, the grass on the pitch was 18 inches high, and much work was needed both on and off the pitch to bring it back into use. Supporters of the old club, desperate to see football back at the ground again, worked hard with other volunteers to get it all up and running in time for the first game 28 April 2015, when a friendly against AFC Totton was watched by 729 people and ended in a 2-2 draw.

In May 2015, the FA placed the new club in the Sydenham's Wessex League Premier Division. Steve Claridge then knew the level of competition the club would face, and the type of players he would need for the season ahead. Following some intense work in a very short time, in trial and friendly matches, he succeeded in putting a side together, finally having the nucleus of the squad just in time for those opening league games. For the loyal supporters and fans, 18

months of hurt and pain following the messy demise of Salisbury City was eased as they finally watched their new team line up for the first time.

Clubs representing the City in their various previous incarnations had had a proud and successful history over 67 years, and in the later years SCFC reached the first tier of Non-League football, so expectations of the new club were high, but one point from the first two league games did not look too auspicious. Though the fans didn't know it yet, a magical first season was underway.

There followed a brilliant run of 14 matches unbeaten in all competitions, then a magnificent mid-season run of 17 consecutive wins, again in all competitions, and a longest winning run in the league of 21 matches. This was quite an achievement for a club that had no players only 10 months earlier.

Not surprisingly, attendances throughout the season were good, averaging more than 700, and were higher than expected, matching previous attendances for Salisbury City FC. A league all-time record attendance of 1485 watched the local derby with Bemerton Heath Harlequins on 28 December 2015, and a stadium record of 3450 was recorded for the second leg of the FA Vase Semi-final against fellow phoenix club Hereford FC. Whites' travelling supporters regularly numbered between 200 and 300, and sometimes more.

An extraordinary season saw a final goal tally of 199 in 59 games in all competitions, together with the remarkable total of 27 clean sheets. Salisbury made the quarter-finals of the Sydenham's Wessex League Cup, were runners-up in the Wiltshire Senior Cup, and after an excellent campaign in the FA Vase went out in the semi-finals, just missing out on a trip to Wembley that could have been that extra cherry on the icing on the cake in a superb inaugural season.

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The Whites secured their place as Sydenham's Wessex League Premier Division Champions of 2015/2016, with 6 games in hand, and ended on 105 points and a goal difference of 97, earning automatic promotion to the Evo-Stik Southern League Division One South and West for the 2016/2017 season.

In their first season at the new level, the Whites achieved remarkable success and finished as Runners Up. Hereford were crowned Champions, but following several long sequences of good results, and in particular one such towards the end of the

season, Salisbury entered the play-offs, narrowly defeating Evesham United before losing out to Tiverton Town by 2-0 in front of a massive crowd of 2247 (the highest attendance of the season at the Raymond Mc Enhill Stadium).

The new club entered the two major FA Cup competitions for the first time, and were narrowly beaten in both cases by teams from higher levels, going out in the First Qualifying Round of the FA Cup to Frome Town, and then, in the FA Trophy First Round they were defeated by Chippenham Town. In the Preliminary Round of the competition The Whites had become one of the few sides to beat Hereford during the entire season when they triumphed 4-3 in a thrilling encounter. Salisbury FC won the Hospital Cup in May 2017.

The 2017/2018 season saw the Whites occupy second position in the League for long periods, and that is where they finished to gain promotion to the next level, formerly known as the Southern Premier League. During the season early Cup exits, To Poole Town in the FA Cup, and to Paulton Rovers in the FA Trophy, meant that only minor cups remained, but in one of these, the Wiltshire Senior Cup, Salisbury achieved a remarkable 13-nil victory over Bassett Bulldogs.

2018/2019 season saw the Whites finish fourth in their first season back in the Southern Premier league and they lost to Metropolitan Police in the Play Off Semi Final. During the season, Salisbury F.C reached the second round of the F.A Trophy losing to Carshalton Athletic and reached both the Wiltshire Senior Cup Final and Hospital Cup Final losing both of them.

PAST SALISBURY FOOTBALL CLUBS

Salisbury FC may be a new club, but it follows in the footsteps of earlier Salisbury clubs going back to the 19th century, including an earlier Salisbury City, playing in the Southern League Second Division from 1906 to 1911. However, the most immediate predecessor club was formed in 1947 as Salisbury FC, later changing its name to Salisbury City FC in 1992.

Playing in the Western League, the original Salisbury FC won the Second Division title in their first season, with a record attendance of 8902 watching the Championship decider against Weymouth in April 1948 at their old Victoria Park ground.

In 1968 the Club entered the Southern League, finally achieving success in the 1985/1986 season when they finished as Southern Division runners-up to

Cambridge City, on goal difference, after an unbeaten run of 15 games. They were runners-up again in 1993 but were refused promotion to the next level because of ground grading rules. That promotion however came 2 years later.

Following Salisbury City's near demise in 2002, the club was saved by business consortium and was then led by Neville Beal, a former Salisbury player, with former Southampton FA Cup winner Nick Holmes installed as General Manager.

The 2005/2006 season saw SCFC become Southern League Premier Division Champions, with matches in hand, resulting in promotion to the Nationwide Conference South. They were just passing through it seems, and after another successful campaign gained a second successive promotion to the Blue Square Premier League, where they remained for the next three seasons.

Unfortunately in the 2009/2010 season the Club went into administration. Despite finishing mid-table they lost their place in the Conference because of an inability to fulfil financial criteria, and were placed in the Zambaretto Southern Premier league. A new Board, led by Chairman William Harrison-Allan, appointed experienced midfielder Darrell Clarke as Player/Manager.

The following season was again successful as promotion saw the side bounce straight back to the Blue Square Bet Conference South and they progressed to the top layer of the Conference a season later when, after a nail-biting series of exciting play-offs, they defeated Dover Athletic 3-2 to restore their previous status in the pyramid.

The first season back in the top flight saw the departure of manager Darrell Clarke to progress his managerial career at Bristol Rovers, and the youngest Manager in their history, Mikey Harris, was appointed, leading them to a respectable 12th place finish.

In the close season of 2014 disaster struck, when the SCFC Board sold their shares to two businessmen. The main 98% shareholder could not settle the Club's debts and it was removed from the Conference for non-payment. Having no league to play in was a breach of the terms of the stadium lease and after a protracted legal tussle involving seemingly endless court appearances, the High Court ordered the winding up of the Club. The residual assets were bought by the new Salisbury FC Ltd and thus a new club was born.

MEET THE OPPO

Salisbury

MARCUS BEAUCHAMP (Goalkeeper) - Signed from Hungerford Town in June 2018, he progressed through Bristol Rovers Academy and during this time went on trial to Chelsea, Arsenal, Liverpool and Blackburn Rovers before joining Norwich City's Academy in July 2014 as a scholar, playing in the under 18's. Marcus was released by Norwich City in June 2016 after they decided not to offer him a professional contract due to him struggling with injuries. He signed for Newport County AFC in the summer of 2016 and during this time was sent out on loan to Slimbridge. Marcus left Newport County AFC after one season and signed for Hungerford Town, during his time at Hungerford Town, they also sent him out on loan to Slimbridge. Marcus is a great shot stopper and a very good prospect for the future.

PATRICK O'FLAHERTY (Goalkeeper) - Signed in May 2021 from Gosport Borough. Patrick progressed through the AFC Bournemouth Academy and earned a professional contract. Patrick played for AFC Bournemouth U18's and U21's and was loaned out to Farnborough, AFC Totton, Wimborne Town, Poole Town & Gosport Borough to gain experience but did not break into the Cherries' first team and was released in summer 2018. After his release, he joined Gosport Borough and became their first choice goalkeeper. Patrick shot stopper & great prospect for the future.

CALVIN BROOKS (Defender) - Signed from Weymouth in November 2021. Calvin progressed through the Dorchester Town youth and progressed to their reserve team and later to their first team. He signed for Yeovil Town in the summer of 2014 and spent three quarters of a

season with them and during this time went out on loan to Weymouth. Calvin joined Weymouth permanently after his contract with Yeovil Town expired at the end of January 2015 and he went on to make over 300 appearances for the club. Kevin is an experienced full back and will be a great good acquisition for Salisbury F.C.

ISSIGA KABBA (Defender) - Signed on a long Work Experience loan from Portsmouth F.C. in January 2022.

CHARLIE KENNEDY (Defender / Midfield) - Signed from Gosport Borough in July 2020, he progressed through the Barnet Academy and earned a one-year professional deal in June 2015. Charlie was sent out on loan to Hayes & Yeading in February 2016. On his release in the summer of 2016, Charlie joined Basingstoke Town and spent three seasons with them before joining Gosport Borough in the summer of 2019. Charlie is an inspirational and gifted player and will be a great acquisition for Salisbury F.C.

SAMUEL ROBERTS (Defender) - Signed from Gosport Borough in June 2020, he played for AFC Totton Youth and progressed to their reserve team and later to their first team. During the 2017 - 2018 season, Samuel suffered a long-term injury and upon his return of fitness he spent a couple of months with Hamble F.C. to regain fitness. He left AFC Totton in the summer of 2018 and joined Winchester City where he stayed for 6 months before joining Gosport Borough. Samuel is a tall and strong central defender, great leader on the pitch and a great acquisition for Salisbury F.C.

JOSHUA SOMMERTON (Defender) - Joshua is a local lad who progressed through the Salisbury FC youth set up and the Salisbury F.C. Development team. He is a quick attacking left back and is a great prospect for the future.

OWEN TAYLOR (Defender) - Owen has progressed through the Salisbury FC youth set up, spent one season with Woking U18's and he is a regular in the Salisbury F.C. Development team. Owen is a quick attacking right back and is a great prospect for the future.

WOODY ANGELL (Midfield) - Signed on dual registration from Aldershot Town in January 2022.

ABDULAI BAGGIE (Midfield) - Signed from Havant & Waterlooville in January 2022. Abdulai is a former schoolboy under 16 and under 17 England international players; he has also played for Sierra Leone five times from 2013. Abdulai started off playing youth football both for Reading & Southampton Academies. During his career, he has played for Rotherham United, Port Vale, Crawley Town, Yeovil Town, Hayes & Yeading, Salisbury City, Tranmere Rovers, Bristol Rovers, Stockport County, Poole Town, Weymouth & Eastleigh. Abdulai is a talented attacking midfielder, player, delivers a good cross and will be a great acquisition for Salisbury F.C.

MARVIN BROOKS (Midfield / Striker) - Signed from Poole Town in September 2020. He is an ex - serviceman with the Royal Navy and was playing local football before Poole Town signed him in April 2011. Marvin quickly stepped up from the reserves to establish himself as a key player for Poole Town. In February 2017 he became the first Poole Town player in six years to hit five goals in five successive matches and was top goal scorer for Poole Town in the 2015 - 2016 & 2016 - 2017 season. Marvin signed for Salisbury F.C. in June 2017 but only stayed for four months before transferring back to Poole Town in October 2017. Marvin is a versatile player having great energy and an eye for goal.

CHARLIE DAVIS (Midfield) - Signed from Gosport Borough in June 2020, he progressed

through AFC Bournemouth Academy and was rewarded with a scholarship in the summer of 2011. On his release in the summer of 2013, Charlie joined Poole Town and during this season also played for Bashley. The next season, he played for Dorchester Town & Poole Town. In the summer of 2015, Charlie signed for Dorchester Town & spent one season with them before joining Weymouth in the summer of 2016. He left Weymouth in the 2018 - 2019 season and went on to play for Poole town & Gosport Borough. Charlie left Gosport Borough in the summer of 2019 and re-joined Dorchester Town but only spent five months with them before re-joining Gosport Borough. Charlie is an attacking midfielder player, who likes to get forward whenever the opportunity arises and an eye for goal.

ANTONIO DIAZ (Midfield) - Signed from Wimborne Town in June 2020. Antonio started off in the AFC Bournemouth Academy at the age of eight and was rewarded with a scholarship in the summer of 2016. In August 2017, he was sent out on a season long work experience to Weymouth F.C. On his release in the summer of 2018, he joined Weymouth F.C. during his time at Weymouth, he was sent out on loan to Dorchester Town and permanently joined them in October 2018. Antonio left Dorchester Town in November 2019 and joined Wimborne Town. Antonio is a talented attacking midfielder player and has an eye for goal.

DEWI BENHAM (Midfield / Forward) - Signed from Novelda C.F. in August 2021. Dewi started off playing for youth sides Fairwater Youth and Lisvane Panthers Youth before Newport County signed him for their Academy in July 2015. He progressed through the Newport County AFC Academy and was rewarded with a 2-year scholarship in June 2018. During his time at Newport County, Dewi was sent on a 2 month loan to Dianas Powys. On his release in the summer of 2020, Dewi went on trial for Novelda C.F. who play in the Tercera Division 3 in Spain and earned a deal in November 2020. Dewi is a talented attacking midfielder player, an eye for goal, can play in many positions and will be a great acquisition for Salisbury F.C.

DANIEL FITCHETT (Midfield / Forward) - Signed from Wealdstone F.C in July 2018, Daniel started off in the Aldershot Academy before joining Wycombe Wanderers Academy in July 2009 and gained a one-year professional contract in June 2010. Wycombe Wanderers sent Daniel on loan to Salisbury City and on his release in May 2011, Daniel joined Salisbury City and spent three seasons with them and on the demise of Salisbury City in the summer of 2014, he joined Aldershot Town in June 2014. After leaving Aldershot Town in the 2015-2016 season, he joined Sutton United and stayed with them until the 2017 - 2018 season when he joined Wealdstone F.C. Daniel has great pace, with good close control and an eye for goal.

ALFIE HAWKE (Midfield) - Alfie is a local lad who progressed through the Salisbury FC youth set up from the age of 8 and is now a regular in the Salisbury F.C Development team this season. He is a great future prospect and has now begun to feature for the Whites' first team in the Southern League.

OLIVER KNOWLES (Midfield) - Signed from Frome Town in June 2019, he progressed through the Exeter City Academy from 2008 to 2012 and earned a professional deal thereafter. Knowles was sent out on loan to Barnstaple Town. Exeter City released Oliver in the summer of 2013 and he went on to join Weston Super Mare for one season. In the following five seasons, Oliver has played for Paulton Rovers F.C, Evesham United F.C, Frome Town F.C in two different spells, Truro City F.C and Tiverton Town F.C. Oliver is a talented attacking midfielder player and a great acquisition for Salisbury FC.

DARREN MULLINGS (Midfield / Coach) - Signed from Chippenham Town in June 2018, Darren is a former schoolboy under 18 international and England College under 19 international. After leaving South Gloucester and Stroud College, he joined Bristol Rovers as a trainee and turned professional with them in July 2005. Darren spent two seasons with Bristol Rovers and during this time was sent out on loan to Clevedon Town. After his release in the summer of 2007, he joined Torquay United for one season and spent one

month on loan to Tiverton Town. After leaving Torquay United, Darren spent two seasons with Weston Super Mare before joining Gloucester City in the 2010 - 2011 season and spent four seasons with them. Darren has gone on to play for Paulton Rovers, Weston Super Mare for the second time and Gloucester City for the second time. He joined Chippenham Town in November 2017. Darren is a competent midfielder and a great acquisition for Salisbury FC.

AIDEN SAVAGE (Midfield) - Aiden has progressed through the Salisbury FC youth set up, spent one season with Woking U 18's and he is a regular in the Salisbury F.C Development team. Aiden is a quick attacking central midfielder player and is a great prospect for the future.

LAYTON TULK (Midfield / Forward) - Layton is a local lad that has progressed through the Salisbury FC youth set up and he is a regular in the Salisbury F.C Development team. Layton is a quick attacking midfielder / forwards player and he is a great prospect for the future.

LEWYS TWAMLEY (Midfield) - Signed on a long loan deal from Newport County AFC in January 2022.

EDWARD TIMPERLEY (Midfield / Forward) - Edward is a local lad that has progressed through the Salisbury FC youth set up and he is a regular in the Salisbury F.C Development team. Edward is a quick attacking midfielder / forwards player with an eye for goal and he is a great prospect for the future.

JOSHUA WAKEFIELD (Midfield) - Signed from Weymouth F.C in May 2021. Joshua started his career playing in the local youth leagues around Shakin until AFC Bournemouth offer him a two-year apprenticeship in the summer of 2010. After his apprenticeship finished, Joshua earned a professional deal in the summer of 2012 and spent four seasons with AFC Bournemouth. During his time at AFC Bournemouth, Joshua was sent out on loan to Wimborne Town, Hamworthy United, Dorchester Town, Welling United, Torquay United and Yeovil Town to gain experience. On his release in the summer of 2016, Joshua signed for

Aldershot Town and was released by them in December 2016 & he then joined Poole Town. Joshua left Poole Town in the summer of 2017 and joined Weymouth F.C. He is a talented attacking midfielder player with an eye for goal and a telling pass.

DEVON ARNOLD (Forward) - Signed from Stoke City U 23'S in September 2021. Local lad who started his career playing in the local youth leagues including playing for Salisbury F.C Youth U 12'S & U 13'S before joining the Elite Training Centre in Southampton. Devon joined Yeovil Town Academy from the Elite Training Centre in November 2016 and was offered a youth scholarship deal to remain with the Academy in December 2017. On 1st January 2019, he made his debut for Yeovil Town in the EFL League 2 as a late substitute in their 4-1 defeat against Cheltenham Town, at the age of just 17 years and 38 days he broke the record for the youngest Yeovil Town player in the English Football League. Devon was sent out on loan to Dorchester Town to gain match experience in the 2019 - 20 season and released by Yeovil Town at the end of the 2019-20 season when his youth scholarship expired. Following his release, he spent time on trial with Manchester United U 23'S, Chelsea U 23'S, Peterborough United U 23'S and Stoke City U 23'S. Devon has great pace, works hard, lethal in front of goal and a great young prospect for the future.

SAM ASHTON (Forward) - Signed from Husum Boldklub F.C in August 2021. he progressed through AFC Bournemouth Academy and on his release in the summer of 2014 at the age of 16, Sam joined Havant & Waterlooville. During his 2 years there, he played both in the youth team and first team. In the summer of 2016, Sam moved to United States of America to play College Football and had a successful time. Upon his return to England, Sam signed for Gosport Borough in the summer of 2020. When the 2020 - 2021 season was annulled, he went to play Husum Boldklub F.C who plays in the Danish League. Sam has great pace, an eye for goal and a great young prospect for the future.

EMMANUEL ODUBADE (Forward) - Signed from

Weymouth F.C in September 2020. Emmanuel started his career in 2002 with Eastbourne Town where he scored over 70 times in 2 seasons before joining Yeovil Town in July 2004. He left Yeovil Town in February 2005 and joined Eastbourne Borough. During the 2005 - 2006 season, Emmanuel impressed Oxford United manager Brian Talbot in 2 F.A.C ties, and he joined Oxford United 2 months later for a fee of £25,000. He spent 3 and half years with Oxford United before joining Stevenage Borough on a free transfer in May 2009. In January 2011, Emmanuel signed for Newport County on loan for the rest of the season. He was released by Stevenage Borough in June 2011 and joined Gateshead where he spent 2 seasons with them and spent a short time on loan at Forest Green Rovers. In May 2013, Emmanuel joined Eastleigh F.C and stayed with them until joining Maidstone United in September 2016. After one season, he joined Eastbourne Borough in July 2017 and later went out on loan to Weymouth in December 2018. Emmanuel made a permanent move to Weymouth a month later. He works hard, has an eye for goal and a great acquisition for Salisbury FC.

WILLIAM WATERSON (Forward) - Local lad who has progressed through the Salisbury FC youth set up and he is a regular in the Salisbury F.C Development team. William is a quick attacking forward with an eye for goal and is a great young prospect for the future.



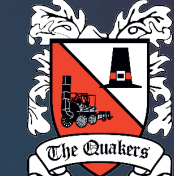


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LEAGUE POSITION - 4th

FORM (Last 6 matches) - P 6, W 6, D 0, L 0, F 17, A 4, GD +13, PTS 18

FORM (Last 4 at home) - P 4, W 4, D 0, L 0, F 15, A 4, GD +11, PTS 12

HOME & AWAY POINTS % - HOME 61%, AWAY 39%

Taunton Town are ranked 4th in the league in scoring having scored fifty-one goals so far this season and are ranked 3rd in defending, having conceded twenty-seven goals so far in the 2021/22 season.



LEAGUE POSITION - 15th

FORM (Last 6 matches) - P 6, W 1, D 3, L 2, F 7, A 13, GD -6, PTS 6

FORM (Last 4 away) - P 4, W 1, D 1, L 2, F 7, A 8, GD -1, PTS 4

HOME & AWAY POINTS % - HOME 47%, AWAY 53%

Salisbury are ranked 16th in the league in scoring having scored thirty-seven goals so far this season and are ranked 11th in defending, having conceded forty-four goals so far in the 2021/22 season.

Statistics courtesy of www.soccerstats.com



MATCH REPORT

TAUNTON TOWN KINGS LANGLEY

Half Time: 2 **2**
Half Time: 1 **1**

PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE, PREMIER SOUTH - SATURDAY 29th JANUARY 2022

VENUE: THE CYGNET HEALTHCARE STADIUM - ATTENDANCE: 619

First of all, the important bit - the Peacocks gained their sixth Southern League win on the spin as they edged out their visitors from Hertfordshire to remain in 4th position and well and truly in the promotion mix. Town comfortably did enough to warrant victory although not at their best going forward, but this needs to be put in the context of the worst season in many a year for injuries in the Peacocks' camp and this game did nothing to improve the situation.

With Jay Foulston and Ollie Chamberlain both ruled out following knocks induced by the 3G pitch the previous weekend and with Ross Staley suffering from covid, Head of Football Rob Dray again had to reshuffle the team who nonetheless dominated the opening quarter of the game. Langley keeper Alfie Marriott was called into action inside the first minute when he parried Ross Stearn's strike from the right while Gethyn

Hill was unable to direct his header on target from Zac Smith's cross. Town thought they had made the breakthrough when Hill got on the end of Dan Sullivan's cross to head over Marriott, but referee Barber ruled out what seemed to be a perfectly good goal for an apparent infringement, not backed up by video evidence. That said, the officials did a good job overall over the 90 minutes.

Ten minutes in though and the Peacocks did register one that counted. Hill dispossessed Kyle O'Connor-Ajayi on the right and was tripped by the Kings defender as he ran into the box. Toby Holmes sent Marriott the wrong way from the penalty spot and Town were ahead. Their lead was doubled just four minutes later with the award of another penalty, Stearn this time being caught by O'Connor-Ajayi as he darted into the area, and Holmes picked out the

opposite corner to his earlier effort for his 17th goal of the campaign.

Marriott clutched Sullivan's strike before the visitors posted their first attempt of the game, O'Connor-Ajayi scuffing a shot wide at the Travis Perkins End. The Peacocks remained on top though, a lovely Stearn pass releasing Lloyd James on the right, and his cross was glanced just wide by Hill, and Holmes riding a couple of challenges to find Stearn whose shot was pushed away by Marriott. The Kings were growing into the game as the half progressed, with Will Buse getting down well to save Max Bustamante's effort from just outside the box and then fumbling Erin Amu's shot wide for a corner. They were rewarded three minutes before the interval when they pulled a goal back, a Jamie Jellis corner only partially being cleared and Ferrell Charles turning to fire beyond Buse into the far corner from 16 yards.

The second half produced no further goals and was lower on the entertainment scale than the opening 45 minutes, with the Peacocks defending solidly against any threat Kings had to offer while carving out a few opportunities themselves. Marriott just beat Hill to Sullivan's low driven cross in the opening minutes while another cross from Hill was just too far in front of Holmes' outstretched leg. A corner from Stearn then nearly paid dividends, a Ben Adelsbury header being clawed out for a corner by Marriott at the far post.

There was then a delay to allow treatment for Hill who collided with Marriott going for the ball. Unfortunately, the groggy Town

striker had to go off, further compounding the injury list and necessitating a trip to hospital where it was found he had suffered a fractured cheekbone. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery Geth

The final ten minutes presented several half chances for Town, Sullivan's header deflecting off Charles for a corner and Nick Grimes hooking a volley over the top from James' cross before an incisive run from Smith ended with a shot which Marriott held at the second attempt. Smith then made headway down the left before driving narrowly over the top from the edge of the box. Little had been seen of the Langley attack after the break due to the efficiency of the Town defence, but they had one last chance to salvage something when they were awarded a free kick 20 yards out, but Jellis sent his shot wide. Six minutes of stoppage time produced a corner which Adelsbury headed wide as Town chalked off another success to round off a perfect January.





SOUTHERN LEAGUE - PREMIER SOUTH

P Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1 Farnborough	28	19	5	4	59	34	+25	62
2 Hayes & Yeading United	26	18	2	6	68	25	+43	56
3 Metropolitan Police	28	16	7	5	47	28	+19	55
4 TAUNTON TOWN	26	15	6	5	51	27	+24	51
5 Weston-super-Mare	27	15	4	8	42	28	+14	49
6 Chesham United	28	13	10	5	48	35	+13	49
7 Yate Town	25	14	6	5	44	25	+19	48
8 Gosport Borough	29	14	5	10	50	36	+14	47
9 Poole Town	29	13	6	10	54	47	+7	45
10 Walton Casuals	30	12	7	11	42	49	-7	43
11 Truro City	24	11	6	7	41	36	+5	39
12 Harrow Borough	27	12	2	13	44	50	-6	38
13 Hendon	28	11	3	14	41	44	-3	36
14 Beaconsfield Town	30	10	5	15	42	62	-20	35
15 SALISBURY	25	9	7	9	37	44	-7	34
16 Swindon Supermarine	28	8	7	13	38	47	-9	31
17 Tiverton Town	25	7	7	11	36	37	-1	28
18 Hartley Wintney	28	8	4	16	36	54	-18	28
19 Dorchester Town	30	7	3	20	29	47	-18	24
20 Kings Langley	30	4	8	18	31	54	-23	20
21 Wimborne Town	26	3	5	18	26	63	-37	14
22 Merthyr Town	27	2	7	18	28	62	-34	13

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

Results - Saturday 29th January 2022

Beaconsfield Town 1-2 Weston-super-Mare
 Chesham United 1-0 Yate Town
 Farnborough 4-1 Wimborne Town
 Harrow Borough 6-3 Truro City
 Hartley Wintney 2-3 Salisbury
 Hayes & Yeading United 3-0 Dorchester Town
 Metropolitan Police 3-3 Gosport Borough
 Poole Town 2-1 Swindon Supermarine
 Taunton Town 2-1 Kings Langley
 Tiverton Town 1-0 Hendon
 Walton Casuals 1-1 Merthyr Town

Tonight's Fixtures - Saturday 29th January 2022

7.45pm Harrow Borough v Hayes & Yeading United
 7.45pm Hendon v Gosport Borough
 7.45pm Taunton Town v Salisbury
 7.45pm Truro City v Tiverton Town

Pitching In Southern Premier South - Top 10 Goalscorers

Player Name	Club	Goals
Tony-James Lee	Poole Town	25
Moses Emmanuel	Hayes & Yeading United	23
James Ewington	Harrow Borough	16
Tyler Harvey	Truro City	15
Francis Amartei	Hayes & Yeading United	15
Bradley Clayton	Chesham United	15
Nathan Minhas	Beaconsfield Town	13
Paul Hodges	Farnborough	13
Liam Brooks	Hendon	12
Daniel Wooden	Gosport Borough	11

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C O L U M N

When I was a junior reporter starting out at The NLP, there was a Friday afternoon task I dreaded.

Through the long summer months, and with blank pages to fill, we used to have a weekly short on every club at Steps 1 and 2.

The idea was to fill it with the latest transfer, maybe a nice little quote from the manager about how his squad was shaping up or similar.

Without naming names, there were a few clubs you didn't want on your list. Nothing against them, but there were a handful of teams where finding a fresh nib of news was not easy.

Club websites wouldn't be updated since the last time you checked. The manager's phone would have the dialling tone you hear when someone is on holiday...it was a thankless task and all part of the learning.

Of course, this was all before the days of twitter and a constant stream of updates.

Back then, people would nominate people for our Goal of the Season with a written description of the goal. If you were lucky, you'd get a hazy piece of footage to go from.

It's amazing quite how much the media landscape has changed for Non-League clubs.

Now games are filmed by automated cameras and wonder goals - the National League teams aside with their weekend

embargo - are there to see within 30 minutes of the final whistle.

Ollie Babington scored a screamer for Clevedon Town at the weekend that is being mentioned as a Puskas contender and has been seen worldwide.

It's now commonplace to see Step 5 and 6 clubs using animated graphics when they score a goal, uploading interviews with managers and players, putting excellent highlights packages together, all on top of their other social media posts.

While the odd account will use their platform to hammer a referee over a perceived injustice, the majority are becoming more and more 'professional'. No doubt it has an impact on getting more people through the gate. Being proactive can make a big difference.

Dorking Wanderers have an insider documentary that is on YouTube and has millions of views on TikTok. The club say it is noticeable people have attended their games, or purchased items from the club shop, on the back of it.

There is so much high-quality content to consume and is a credit to all those who do their bit for their local club. It certainly keeps us at The NLP on our toes and helps keep our team informed on what is happening across the country.

We could even bring back those news nibs this summer...

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DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	VENUE	KO/SCORE	ATT
Aug 14 th	League	Wimborne Town	Away	1-4 W	595
Aug 17 th	League	Dorchester Town	Home	2-1 W	526
Aug 21 st	League	Metropolitan Police	Home	0-1 L	435
Aug 28 th	League	Hayes & Yeading United	Away	1-2 L	253
Aug 30 th	League	Truro City	Home	2-1 W	623
Sep 4 th	FA Cup 1 st Q	Shepton Mallet	Away	1-8 W	362
Sep 7 th	League Cup	Bideford	Away	1-1 (2-4) W	157
Sep 11 th	League	Farnborough	Away	3-2 L	446
Sep 14 th	League	Poole Town	Away	2-2 D	318
Sep 18 th	FA Cup 2 nd Q	Weston-super-Mare	Away	5-1 L	706
Sep 25 th	League	Walton Casuals	Home	3-0 W	331
Oct 2 nd	League	Hartley Wintney	Away	1-2 W	175
Oct 5 th	Somerset Cup	Ashton & Backwell	Home	1-1 (4-5) L	181
Oct 9 th	League	Kings Langley	Away	1-1 D	285
Oct 12 th	League Cup 1 st	Barnstaple Town	Home	6-0 W	204
Oct 16 th	League	Beaconsfield Town	Home	7-1 W	524
Oct 19 th	League	Swindon Supermarine	Away	0-1 W	204
Oct 23 rd	League	Hendon	Away	2-0 L	174
Oct 30 th	FAT 3 rd Q	Weston-super-Mare	Away	3-2 L	480

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	VENUE	KO/SCORE	ATT
Nov 9 th	League Cup 2 nd	Truro City	Home	3-1 W	317
Nov 13 th	League	Yate Town	Away	0-0 D	295
Nov 16 th	League	Weston-super-Mare	Away	2-0 L	691
Nov 20 th	League	Gosport Borough	Home	2-1 W	522
Nov 27 th	League	Poole Town	Home	1-1 D	540
Nov 30 th	League Cup 3 rd	Weston-super-Mare	Away	1-2 W	262
Dec 4 th	League	Walton Casuals	Away	1-1 D	165
Dec 11 th	League	Hartley Wintney	Home	2-1 W	423
Dec 18 th	League	Chesham United	Away	1-1 D	514
Dec 21 st	League	Harrow Borough	Home	7-1 W	501
Jan 3 rd	League	Tiverton Town	Home	3-1 W	1,473
Jan 8 th	League	Dorchester Town	Away	0-1 W	389
Jan 15 th	League	Wimborne Town	Home	3-1 W	633
Jan 18 th	League Cup QF	Paulton Rovers	Home	4-1 W	309
Jan 22 nd	League	Beaconsfield Town	Away	0-1 W	105
Jan 29 th	League	Kings Langley	Home	2-1 W	619
Feb 1 st	League	Salisbury	Home	7:45pm	-
Feb 5 th	League	Merthyr Town	Away	3:00pm	-
Feb 12 th	League	Swindon Supermarine	Home	3:00pm	-
Feb 19 th	League	Hendon	Home	3:00pm	-
Feb 26 th	League	Harrow Borough	Away	3:00pm	-
Mar 1 st	League	Truro City	Away	7:45pm	-
Mar 5 th	League	Salisbury	Away	3:00pm	-
Mar 19 th	League	Chesham United	Home	3:00pm	-
Mar 26 th	League	Gosport Borough	Away	3:00pm	-
Apr 2 nd	League	Weston-super-Mare	Home	3:00pm	-
Apr 9 th	League	Metropolitan Police	Away	3:00pm	-
Apr 16 th	League	Hayes & Yeading United	Home	3:00pm	-
Apr 18 th	League	Tiverton Town	Away	3:00pm	-
Apr 23 rd	League	Farnborough	Home	3:00pm	-
TBA	League	Merthyr Town	Home	TBA	-



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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.
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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.
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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.
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13. Persons must not consume alcohol in any alcohol free designated areas.
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17. Umbrellas are permitted within the stadium but must not be used if obstructing the view of other spectators.

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- 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.
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