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# THE GAFFER

*Rob Dray*

Good afternoon and welcome back to the Cygnet Healthcare Stadium, as we welcome Lee Spalding and his Swindon Supermarine team to Taunton for another very important league game today.

We maintained our excellent run of form last weekend with a 3-0 win at Merthyr, which we have found very difficult to get a result at in previous seasons.

We are in a very good position in the league table and I am pleased to say we are in a good place with regards to players returning from injury, which is fantastic as we have been hit hard this season with injuries and illness.

Our visitors today become our hosts on Tuesday night as we meet in the League Cup semi-final. Believe me when I say we want to win every game, but we all know that Swindon are a good side and we will have to be at our best throughout two games to get what we want and that is 3 points and a place in the League Cup Final.

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# THE AWAY END

## Swindon Supermarine

The football club was founded in 1992 from the amalgamation of two established Hellenic League clubs - Swindon Athletic and Supermarine. After the merger Swindon Supermarine regularly finished in the top eight in the Hellenic Premier Division.

In 1994/95 under managers Alan Dyton and Leo Colucci we entered the Wiltshire Premier Shield for the first time and went all the way to the final only to lose out to Trowbridge Town. That all changed in the 1996/97 season when we won our first trophies since the club's merger when we defeated Devizes Town in the final of the Wiltshire Premier Shield and a successful season came to a close when we won the Hellenic Premier Division Challenge Cup with a win over Kintbury Rangers. Under the guidance of John Fisher and former Swindon Town stalwart Don Rogers in the 1997/98 season the team won their last two fixtures to secure our first Hellenic Premier Division Championship.

In the 2000/01 season the team won the Hellenic League Premier Division championship title and the retention of the Floodlight Cup. With the championship secured the application to join the Southern League (sponsored by Dr Martens) was accepted. To secure promotion several ground improvements were successfully undertaken to meet the league's guidelines.

Manager Alan Dyton informed the club of his decision to step down from his role because of work commitments so in July 2001 the club appointed Swindon Town's community officer Clive Maguire as first team manager and equally pleasing was that Alan decided to assist Clive that season. Unfortunately, Clive resigned his managerial post at the end of October and after acting as caretaker manager for three games Alan also left the club.

Clive's resignation came after a disastrous start to the season with twelve defeats from thirteen games. The club then secured the services of the vastly experienced John Murphy. John had managed Cinderford Town, Witney Town, Trowbridge Town and Cheltenham Town and had achieved a few successes in the Southern League. With John at the helm the

team staged a tremendous come back in the league to ensure Southern League survival.

The following 2002/03 season was unfortunately far worse than our first season in the Southern League and at the end of September 2002 John Murphy decided to relinquish his managerial position with the club rooted at the bottom of the league.

The committee promoted the club's Academy Director, Tom Jones, to the manager's position but just a month later he resigned following eight defeats. A few days later former Cirencester manager Ray Baverstock accepted the manager's position and the difficult task of saving the club from relegation. Ray began the daunting task of keeping the club in the Southern League which he duly obliged with a record seven wins from the last eight league.

The 2003/04 season started so differently from our first two seasons in the Southern League. With Ray and his team at the helm the team started very well with 18 points and a mid-table position by the end of October 2003. So, it was a complete shock to everyone at the club when Ray decided to step down at this time due to personal commitments.

Although Ray returned briefly after reconsidering his position he was gone again within a couple of games. Tommy Saunders' footballing exile ended with the former Chippenham Town boss being unveiled as the man to take over at Swindon Supermarine shortly afterwards. Unfortunately, Saunders' reign only lasted a couple of months as he resigned.

His Assistant, Mark Collier took over the job for the following game against Stourport Swifts and duly led the side to their first victory in seven games. Following that win Mark was offered the position as manager which he accepted and took us to safety with a 17th place finish in the Western Division and Southern League football for the 2004/05 season.

For a fifth consecutive season we started the 2005/06 league campaign in the Southern League, with Mark Collier in his first full season as manager and Ian Howell as his assistant and the club had its most successful season to date with a fifth place finish and a place in the end of season play-off's. Unfortunately, the side lost in the playoffs to a strong Hemel Hempstead Town who went on to secure promotion to the Premier Division.

The 2006/07 season was a successful one as the team scrapped into a play-off place and duly went through to win 2-0 in the play-off final win over Taunton Town to take us into the Southern League Premier Division for 2007/08 season. The team were also successful in winning the Wiltshire Premier Shield with a 2-1 victory over Swindon Town in the final.

The following 2007/08 season, the first season in the Southern league Premier Division the side finished a very creditable 12th place and had something to build on. The 2008/09 season saw the team in the top six in January and they had an excellent FA Trophy run only



losing in the last sixteen at Conference side Ebbsfleet. The cup meant the side having to play three games a week in the last month or so and dropped out of contention for a play-off place and finished the campaign in mid-table.

The 2009/10 season saw the team struggle for most of the campaign and it was only in March 2010 that they moved out of the relegation places with a run of good results and finished in fifteenth position, seven points away from relegation.

During the summer of 2010, the Executive Committee released a statement indicating that the team was likely to be disbanded and be disbanded from the Southern League due to a lack of funding. They informed manager Mark Collier that they could not give him the necessary assurances to finance another season in the Southern League and appealed for the friends and supporters of the club to help with a survival plan.

To continue playing in the Southern League a new Executive Committee was urgently required, with new members and an increase in numbers who would commit to finding the required finance. The old Executive Committee and a few enthusiastic supporters met each week over a six-week period then in the second week of June 2010 a new committee was formed to take the club into the new season and in the Southern League!

A commitment to financing a playing budget was made by the new committee and Mark Collier accepted the position of continuing as club manager and began the task of recruiting a playing squad for the 2010/11 season and by August 2010 Collier was confident he had a squad of players that could compete with the remaining twenty-one clubs and maintain a place in the Premier Division come May 2011.

The 2010/11 season saw the club maintain its Southern League Premier Division status with a very creditable 10th place finish, but besides the solid league performance the team had an exceptional FA Cup run when they went further than ever before as they reached the Second Round and only lost 1-0 away to NPower League 1 side Colchester United. A memorable day for all connected to SSFC and its supporters.

A short while after this FA cup run the club accepted the resignation of Manager Mark Collier and Assistant Tom Jones in February 2011 due to personal reasons. Experienced players Gary Horgan and Matt Robinson took over in a caretaker role and rallied the players to perform extremely well and finish the season on a high with three consecutive wins.

The 2011/12 season ended in disappointment for the whole club when the team were relegated from the Southern Premier Division to the Division One South & West after finishing in 22nd place, although only losing our position in the Premier Division for the 2012/13 season on goal difference.

Shortly after the 2011/12 season ended and after long discussions with Gary and Matt the outcome was that a new manager would be appointed for the 2012/13 season in the South & West Division One. Within a matter of days Highworth Town manager Dave Webb was approached by the club committee with a view of taking over the managerial position at the Webb's Wood Stadium.

Dave Webb accepted the offer and along with his assistant at Highworth Lee Spalding, they were duly appointed Manager and Assistant Manager in May 2012 and quickly began the job of building a side ready and prepared for the tough season ahead in 2012/13 and beyond.

In Dave Webb's first two seasons he managed to lead them to two playoff finishes and two semi-final defeats, both at the hands of Merthyr Town, the first on penalties. Last season was something of a non-event as the squad struggled with some devastating injuries that were the main reason for a fourteenth-place finish and a much better season was expected in this 2015/16 season.

The 2015/16 season saw a couple of wins in the FA Cup and FA Trophy that helped the club's funds. The team finished the season in a playoff position and just as they did in 2012 and 2013, they unfortunately lost at the semi-final stage once more. On this occasion it came from a 2-1 defeat at Taunton Town but overall although a disappointing end the players did themselves proud and were unlucky to lose a game they dominated.

The 2016/17 season saw a team shake up at the beginning with a few experienced players being released and a group of youngsters set to make their mark on the team and the Southern League. The players worked hard all season and all but for a late slip we could have made the playoffs as the team finished in sixth place, just one position outside the playoffs. In the Cups we had a couple of games in each of the major competitions, the FA Cup and FA Trophy, but was successful in winning the Wiltshire Senior Cup, beating neighbours Highworth Town 2-1 in the final.

In mid-January the following season, 2017/18, manager Dave Webb departed the club and his assistant, Lee Spalding, took on the role of Caretaker Manager until the end of the season. Come the end of the season Lee and his team finished in fifth place and a playoff position with a Semi-Final at Evesham United. After drawing 1-1 after extra time Marine went through 5-4 on penalties and a playoff final at third placed Wimborne Town. In another tight game, which ended 0-0 after extra time, Marine won 4-3 on penalties and won promotion back to the Evo-Stik South Premier Division and what will be the Premier South Division for season 2018/19.

The first season back in the Southern League Premier Division in 2018/19 was a good season. With the team growing in confidence as the season progressed, we put in some



excellent performances against the top sides, but unfortunately dropping too many points against the teams lower down the table. But for that we could have finished somewhere near the playoff positions rather than the 11th place finish we achieved. All in all, though, it was a good achievement to finish midtable in our first season back at this level.

As everyone is aware last season the club, along with all other clubs from Step 3 to 7, had their season ended prematurely when the Covid-19 virus struck. All football at our level was cancelled and declared null and void come April 2020. It was a huge disappointment as the team were settled in fourth place in what was an extremely successful season up to then and a playoff game to potentially looking forward to, but we will never know!

Season 2020/21 started late in September 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic and we saw less league fixtures than the previous season as we only played seven games before we went into lockdown in the last week of October. We did play four further games in the FA Trophy before losing 4-0 to Bath City in the Third Round Proper in Bath.

At the start of this year in January 2021 the FA and Southern League concluded that the 2020/21 season should be null and void and along with everyone else we are now hopeful that we can start and complete this 2021/22 season.



# MEET THE OPPO

## Swindon Supermarine

**MARTIN HORSELL (Goalkeeper)** - Martin joined the club in January 2019 after signing from Hereford where he had played for three seasons and won three promotions with them. The last was in the 2017/18 season when Hereford FC won the Southern League Premier Division. He is an experienced keeper, agile and has excellent reflexes and positioning. In March 2021 he extended his contract until May 2022.

**LOUIS EVANS (Goalkeeper)** - 18-year-old Louis is the son of goalkeeping coach and former Swindon Town keeper Rhys Evans. He signed as cover for Martin Horsell in early August 2021 and will be on standby if 'Horse' is unavailable for a match. Louis has been training with the club for the past 18-months and his progression has been noticed by the management team and he will take his chance when it comes along. He is also dual signed with Cirencester Town and Shortwood United in this 2021/22 season.

**JED WARD (Goalkeeper)** - Jed signed for Marine on January 21st 2022 for a loan spell from Bristol Rovers and made his debut the following day in a 6-1 win against Walton Casuals. Ward joined local Bristol side Bradley Stoke United before being scouted at a local tournament and joined Bristol Rovers at the age of eight. He signed his first professional contract with the club a

year ago. In May 2021 he made his professional debut for the first team on the final day of the season against Blackpool. On 21st May 2021, the day after he turned 18, Ward was called up to the England U19 training camp which was held at St George's Park.

**MAT LIDDIARD (Defender/Midfield)** - Mat joined the club on January 9th 2019 from Gloucester City and signed a one-year contract shortly afterwards which has been extended to May 2022. He is a versatile player who can play in the centre of defence or in midfield but has been more impressive in defence and was made club captain in 2019. Mat was a graduate of Hartpury College before initially signing for Gloucester City then moving to Cirencester Town in October 2015. He then joined Evesham United in 2017/18 and scored 22 goals in all competitions before re-joining Gloucester City in July 2018. We were close to signing Mat in the summer of 2018 only to lose out to Gloucester, but manager Lee Spalding preserved and signed him five months later in January 2019.

**PIERCE MITCHELL (Defender)** - Bristol based Pierce signed for Marine on July 1st 2020 after playing for Tiverton Town in the previous 2019/20 season. He started his career as a youngster at Bristol City before



moving across the city to Bristol Rovers and then loan spells at Bath City and Weston-super-Mare. After his release from Bristol Rovers, he had spells at both Truro City and Frome Town before joining Taunton Town in October 2016. Pierce played against Marine on several occasions for Taunton and was on the scoresheet when he scored a thunderous volley in the FA Trophy at Taunton in 2017 when we lost 5-0. Pierce is always looking to get forward and score the odd goal, he is a strong and determined player with good technical skills.

**LEWIS HALL (Defender)** - Lewis signed for Marine in July 2021 from league rivals Weston-super-Mare. He had signed for the Seagulls in March 2020 from another league rival, Taunton Town where he had been since October 2018 after arriving from National League North side Hereford FC. A versatile left-sided player, he is a product of the Bristol City academy and played for Gloucester City for three-and-a-half years before joining Hereford in the summer of 2018.

**TYRONE DUFFUS (Defender)** - Tyrone signed for Marine in July 2021 having left Conference side Barnet at the end of last season. He started his career as a youngster at Everton before a loan spell at Skelmersdale and then a move to Cardiff City. Whilst at Cardiff City he had a loan spell with Hereford FC before joining Warrington Town on a permanent deal in November 2019 but left in January 2020. In September 2020 he joined Conference side Barnet before leaving them at the end of last season. Tyrone can play in either the centre of defence or midfield and will always look to play the ball forward with accurate passing. He's energetic and a

determined box to box player, who likes to break up the play.

**MICHAEL HOPKINS (Defender)** - Michael returned to Marine in mid-September 2021 from Stratford Town having left at the end of last season. He first signed for the club in February 2018 from North Leigh. He is predominately a left sided player either in the defence or in midfield but can also play on the right as well. Before joining North Leigh, he had spells at Didcot Town and Hungerford Town after starting at Reading Academy as a youngster. He is a talented footballer and will once again be a key member of the first team squad.

**BRAD HOOPER (Midfield)** - Brad joined Marine in the summer of 2016 having spent the previous three seasons with neighbours Cirencester Town where he was a regular in their side. He made over 100 appearances for the Centurions having started in the Cirencester Academy sides. He was another player who was the club's radar over the previous two seasons before signing him. He is a precocious talent, skilful on the ball with an eye for a pass as he likes to keep the ball on the floor. He made the central midfield role his own at Cirencester in 2015/16 and he did the same in his first at Marine in the 2016/17 when he scored 15 goals. Although his goals per game ratio have shrunk in the past few seasons, he is still an established member of the first team squad.

**JAMIE EDGE (Midfield)** - Jamie joined the club on November 16th 2018 from Gloucester City. He is a ball playing midfielder who joined Gloucester from Hereford FC in September 2017 after helping them win the Southern Premier Division title. He was once on the books of

Arsenal with Arsene Wenger personally overseeing the acquisition of Jamie from Cheltenham Town. After attending Hartpury College his subsequent career has also seen him play for Cirencester Town and Weston-super-Mare. Jamie has signed a contract extension that takes him to May 2022.

**HENRY SPALDING (Midfield)** - Henry returned to the club for his third spell in November 2021 after leaving for Salisbury two weeks previous. He returned due to work commitments. Before that he signed for the second time in November 2018 having first signed for Marine in the summer of 2016 from Bristol City, where he had been since a junior player. He spent the last month of the 2015/16 season on loan at Yate Town and made several substitute appearances before joining Marine for his first spell at the start of the 2016/17 season. After playing only a few games he signed for Cirencester Town in October 2016 for regular football. He quickly established himself at Cirencester and scored some excellently goals for them. He possesses a sweet left foot and is always looking for that crucial pass into the forwards. After re-joining Marine for a second time, he quickly became a regular starter in the side and contributed with sixteen goals in his first two seasons.

**RYAN CAMPBELL (Midfield/Winger)** - Ryan signed for Marine at the end of December 2016 after signing from Chippenham Town where he had spent the previous two seasons having joined then from their nursery side Chippenham Park. He is an attacking left sided player with a sweet left foot which helped him win the goal of the season award in 2018/19. Over the past

three seasons he has scored some vital goals and he has now established himself with a regular place in the team and earned a contract last season which has now been extended until May 2022.

**TOM MEHEW (Midfield)** - Tom signed for Marine on January 11th 2022 on a month's loan from Bristol Rovers and made his debut that evening in a 5-0 win against Highworth Town. He began his young career in the Academy at Rovers and made his senior debut for Rovers in September 2020 against Walsall in the EFL Trophy and scored his first professional goal in the process. Three days later, Mehew signed a new two-year contract extension with an option for a further year. In October 2021, Mehew again started in the EFL Trophy and again he opened the scoring. In May 2021, Mehew came off the bench to make his league debut in the final match of the 2020/21 season as already-relegated Rovers lost 1-0 to Blackpool.

**KINSLEY MURRAY (Midfield/Winger)** - Kinsley signed for Marine on January 11th 2022 and made his debut that evening in a 5-0 win against Highworth Town. He was formerly with Bristol Rovers in their academy programme before his release this season. He played several games on loan at Yate Town earlier this season.

**FRANKIE ARTUS (Midfield)** - Frankie is an experienced 32-year-old midfield player who joined Marine from Vanarama National League South side Bath City on a one-year contract in June 2021. He began his career with Bristol City, signing his first professional contract in 2006. Although he was named as substitute on several occasions, he did not make a first-team appearance for the Robins, spending loan spells with Exeter City,



Robins, spending loan spells with Exeter City, Brentford, Kettering Town, Cheltenham Town, and Chesterfield. In July 2010 he joined Cheltenham permanently, signing a one-year contract. He moved on to Grimsby Town 12 months later, where he made over 50 appearances during two years at Blundell Park, including the FA Trophy Final at Wembley in 2013. He was released at the end of that campaign and moved on to Hereford United and was a regular in the Bulls midfield but left after the club was relegated to the Southern League due to financial problems, arriving at Bath City in June 2014 where he made almost 200 appearances for the Romans and scored 11 goals.

**GEORGE DOWLING (Midfield)** - George began his football career at the Bristol City Academy when he was eight years old and progressed through the ranks, signing his first professional contract in October 2015 just a few weeks after his 17th birthday. He progressed into the Bristol City first team squad at the end of the 2015/16 season, where he made two appearances as a substitute before loans spells at Derry City, Torquay, Eastleigh, and Weston-super-Mare until his release from Bristol City in the summer of 2019. He then signed for Weston-super-Mare in September 2019 before signing for Marine for the first time in December 2019 for the curtailed season due to Covid-19 and just weeks after we played Weston. He has now returned to Marine for the 2021/22 season having signed just before this season kicked off. He is a midfield player who is always involved in the game and possesses great stamina and skill on the ball.

**ROWAN DOYLE (Midfield)** - Rowan had a

fantastic 2019/20 season at Cirencester Town, a player who only played a handful of games for the U18's before pushed up to the Development side at Cirencester and made an impressive 24 appearances. He was captain in three fixtures and scored four goals then. He was a great capture for the Supermarine Development team in the 2020/21 season as Rowan is a box-to-box type of player and is a dead ball specialist. His progress had been noted with first team manager Lee Spalding and he was duly signed on Southern League forms at the start of December 2021.

**TOM SHARPE (Midfield/Defender)** - Gloucester based Tom signed for Marine on December 10th 2021 from Banbury United for whom he signed at the start of the season after his release from EFL side WBA. He can either play in midfield or in the centre of defence and likes to play the ball on the floor and is always looking for a pass. He had played in most of Banbury's games this season when the highlight was playing against Barrow in the FA Cup First Round Proper. Tom is a young player who is looking secure a regular starting place in the team in the second half of the season.

**HARRY WILLIAMS (Forward)** - Harry signed for the club from National League South side Gloucester City in March 2019 having joined them at the start of the 2018/19 season after returning from playing in the USA with Sacramento Republic. He began his football career with Cheltenham Town when he was 9 years old before going on to make 13 Football League and one FA Cup appearance for the Robins before leaving in 2016. During his time with Cheltenham, he had loans spells with then Conference club Farnborough, Evesham

United and Gloucester City in 2014 and 2015. He has been an excellent addition to our attacking options and none more so than in his first season in 2019/20 as he contributed with several matching winning goals. He has now signed a contract extension until May 2022.

**KIERAN PHILLIPS (Forward)** - Kieran is a pacey striker who joined Marine on a loan spell from League Two side Bristol Rovers at the end of October. He was previously on loan at fellow Premier South side Dorchester Town earlier this season where he scored two goals on his debut against Walton Casuals. He was also previously on loan at National League Chippenham Town last season where he made four appearances in the National League South.

**ZACK KOTWICA (Forward)** - Zack signed for Marine in May 2020 on a one-year contract having begun his career with his hometown club Cheltenham Town, incidentally alongside his teammate Harry Williams. Both players came through the club's Youth setup to make several first team appearances in the Football League. He had several loan spells in the following years which included two spells at Gloucester City. After his release from Cheltenham in 2016, and following brief spells with Tamworth and Salisbury FC, he returned to Gloucester City midway through the 2019/20 season and has made over a hundred National League and Football League appearances. He possesses two quick feet and has been a regular goalscorer throughout his career. He has now signed a contract extension to play for Marine until May 2022.

**CONOR McDONAGH (Forward)** - Conor

joined the club in June 2018 have played for Kidlington and Banbury United in the 2016/17 season. The experienced striker who started his career as a scholar with Oxford United before joining Oxford City in the summer of 2011, playing primarily for the Oxford City Nomads side in the Hellenic League. He then went on to sign for Witney Town at the start of the 2012/13 season before joining North Leigh four months later in December 2012. He then moved away from Oxfordshire and spent the 2014/15 season with Ossett Albion, although he also played some games for Thame United in 2015. On his return to Oxfordshire, he joined Didcot Town at the start of the 2015/16 season but moved up two levels to join National League South side Oxford City in September 2015 before signing for Banbury United exactly a year later in September 2016 and subsequently joining Kidlington in February 2018. His first season at Marine 2018/19 proved to be a fruitful one for Conor scored a total of 27 goals and followed that up with 18 goals in the 2019/20 season. He has now signed a contract extension to until May 2022.

**TOM GOLLEDGE (Forward)** - Tom initially trialled at Marine in preseason before the start of the 2021/22 season and although he wasn't signed he was asked by the manager to go and get games under his belt with the Supermarine Development side and then subsequently Hellenic League side Fairford Town. Having played a number of games for both sides he signed Southern League forms and made his scoring debut from the substitutes bench in the Southern League cup win over Wantage and having impressed the manager he is now part of the first team squad at Marine.



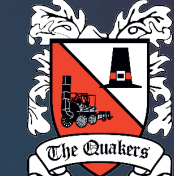


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**LEAGUE POSITION - 4<sup>th</sup>**

**FORM** (Last 6 matches) - P 6, W 6, D 0, L 0, F 13, A 3, GD +10, PTS 18

**FORM** (Last 4 at home) - P 4, W 4, D 0, L 0, F 11, A 4, GD +7, PTS 12

**HOME & AWAY POINTS %** - HOME 60%, AWAY 40%

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



**LEAGUE POSITION - 15<sup>th</sup>**

**FORM** (Last 6 matches) - P 6, W 3, D 0, L 3, F 11, A 9, GD +2, PTS 9

**FORM** (Last 4 away) - P 4, W 0, D 0, L 4, F 2, A 8, GD -6, PTS 0

**HOME & AWAY POINTS %** - HOME 73%, AWAY 27%

Swindon Supermarine are ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the league in scoring having scored forty-two goals so far this season and are ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in defending, having conceded forty-eight goals so far in the 2021/22 season.

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# MATCH REPORT

## MERTHYR TOWN TAUNTON TOWN

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PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE, PREMIER SOUTH - SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

VENUE: THE MET COACHES COMMUNITY STADIUM - ATTENDANCE: 371

Records of a Peacocks win at the Met Coaches Community Stadium are non-existent in recent times, but they finally put that hoodoo to rest with a comfortable victory over the division's bottom side. Boosted by a goal in the opening minutes, Town worked hard to maintain that advantage until the break before pulling away in the second half to secure a terrific 8th successive League win and 13th without defeat.

The Peacocks handed a debut to new loan striker Prince Henry from Bristol City in place of the unavailable Dan Sullivan in an otherwise unchanged line-up to that which had beaten Salisbury in midweek. And the visitors made an ideal start on a chilly and windy afternoon with a goal after three minutes. Joe Budd won the first corner of the game which was cleared as far as Ross Stearn 25 yards out and his strike dipped at

the last moment to hit the crossbar, come down onto the back of Martyrs keeper Jaimie Cogman and rebound into the net.

The hosts posted their first effort when former Taunton man Lewis Powell turned to get in a shot which was routinely gathered by Will Buse, with the Peacocks' keeper then jumping to clutch a Karnell Chambers' lofted cross from the left side of the box before a great tackle by Ben Adelsbury prevented Chambers from breaking free. The early momentum remained with Merthyr who were enjoying plenty of possession, a shot from Matt Harris finding the midriff of Buse who was seeing more of the ball than his counterpart Cogman.

Spurred on by Stearn and the unflappable Lloyd James, the Peacocks finally started to make inroads at the opposite end. A good break through the middle from Budd saw

him find Stearn whose shot unfortunately deflected off Budd as he continued his run, Cogman dived to turn aside Stearn's free kick and then safely held a drive from the same player before Henry squared to Stearn who was again out of luck when his shot was blocked. As the half entered stoppage time, Merthyr appeals for handball were ignored after a Powell shot took a deflection for a Kieran Evans corner which was pushed away by Buse, and the hosts initially continued in the same vein when play resumed, Eliot Richards ballooning over the top and Keyon Reffell busting through to have a low shot held by Buse.

The introduction of Ollie Chamberlain for Toby Holmes five minutes into the second half ignited the visitors who came close to increasing their lead after a neat build-up, Joe Guest finding Stearn who laid off to Henry, but the young forward dragged his shot wide of the far post. Merthyr defender James Parry then had to take drastic action, clearing Stearn's dangerous cross over his own bar before the Martyrs were given an opportunity when Taunton conceded a free kick just outside the box, only for Owen Evans to curl his effort over the bar.

It was the Peacocks who remained on top though as they struck the woodwork for the second time after 66 minutes, Chamberlain receiving a James pass to make ground and rifle a 25 yard strike off the crossbar, before they added a second goal two minutes later. A quick break ended with Chamberlain being upended by Luke

Cummings and Stearn confidently sent Cogman the wrong way from the penalty spot before running to celebrate with the vocal travelling support.

The home side conjured up another response when Reffell's cross reached Kieran Evans who screwed his shot wide of the target, but Town finally dulled the Merthyr fire with a third on 85 minutes which stemmed from a brilliant run by Zac Smith who jinked his way past four men cutting in from the left. His cross reached Budd beyond the far post, and he found Stearn in the middle who finally managed to engineer enough space to fire home off the opposite post for his eighth goal of the campaign.

Jay Foulston made a welcome return, coming off the bench with a minute to go, before the hosts had the last word when Reffell fired against the bar in stoppage time, the last piece of action. Things are not looking too promising for the Welsh club who are normally challenging at the other end of the table but for the Peacocks it was another victorious tick on their promotion roadmap as they consolidated 4th place.







## SOUTHERN LEAGUE - PREMIER SOUTH

P Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1 Farnborough	30	20	5	5	60	35	+25	65
2 Hayes & Yeading United	28	19	3	6	70	26	+44	60
3 Metropolitan Police	30	17	7	6	50	31	+19	58
<b>4 TAUNTON TOWN</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>+29</b>	<b>57</b>
5 Gosport Borough	31	16	5	10	52	36	+16	53
6 Yate Town	27	14	8	5	45	26	+19	50
7 Weston-super-Mare	28	15	5	8	43	29	+14	50
8 Chesham United	30	13	10	7	49	38	+11	49
9 Truro City	27	14	6	7	47	36	+11	48
10 Poole Town	30	13	6	11	54	50	+4	45
11 Walton Casuals	31	12	8	11	42	49	-7	44
12 Hendon	31	12	4	15	43	46	-3	40
13 Harrow Borough	29	12	2	15	45	57	-12	38
14 Beaconsfield Town	31	11	5	15	48	63	-15	38
<b>15 SWINDON SUPERMARINE</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>37</b>
16 Salisbury	27	9	8	10	39	48	-9	35
17 Tiverton Town	27	7	8	12	37	40	-3	29
18 Hartley Wintney	29	8	4	17	37	56	-19	28
19 Dorchester Town	31	7	4	20	30	48	-18	25
20 Kings Langley	31	4	8	19	33	57	-24	20
21 Wimborne Town	27	3	6	18	26	63	-37	15
22 Merthyr Town	29	2	7	20	28	67	-39	13

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

Results - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Farnborough 1-0 Chesham United  
 Swindon Supermarine 2-0 Merthyr Town  
 Truro City 1-0 Metropolitan Police  
 Yate Town 0-0 Hendon

Results - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Tiverton Town P-P Weston-super-Mare

Today's Fixtures - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022

3pm Chesham United v Salisbury  
 3pm Farnborough v Yate Town  
 3pm Harrow Borough v Kings Langley  
 3pm Hartley Wintney v Dorchester Town  
 3pm Hayes & Yeading United v Gosport Borough  
 3pm Metropolitan Police v Hendon  
 3pm Poole Town v Merthyr Town  
 3pm Tiverton Town v Truro City  
 3pm Walton Casuals v Beaconsfield Town  
 3pm Weston-super-Mare v Wimborne Town

## Pitching In Southern Premier South - Top 10 Goalscorers

Player Name	Club	Goals
Moses Emmanuel	Hayes & Yeading United	25
Tony-James Lee	Poole Town	25
James Ewington	Harrow Borough	19
Francis Amartey	Hayes & Yeading United	17
Tyler Harvey	Truro City	16
Bradley Clayton	Chesham United	16
Nathan Minhas	Beaconsfield Town	16
Paul Hodges	Farnborough	13
Joe White	Hendon	13
Toby Holmes	Taunton Town	13

## NEXT UP

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Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
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## C O L U M N

It is not often a Non-League player will turn down the opportunity to sign for a Premier League club.

During the January transfer window Lewes talent Ollie Tanner was at the centre of a potential move to Tottenham Hotspur having also received a bid from Brighton & Hove Albion.

The Isthmian League Premier club had agreed in principle a deal with Spurs but the 19-year-old made a mature and brave decision to stay in East Sussex.

Tottenham had a frustrating transfer window - even manager Antonio Conte described it as "strange" - as seven players departed and only two arrived which will have dented their top four hopes.

Some of their supporters turned their dissatisfaction towards Lewes and Tanner on social media after the Step 3 club revealed the teenager had been unable to agree personal terms.

"The subsequent level of abuse on social media he and the club received was unforgiving," Lewes chairman Stuart Fuller wrote in Sunday's NLP. "Whilst many of them relayed the 'facts' as they believed, or made up, we kept our council knowing that the attention would soon turn to another players and another club."

Lewes have become accustomed to scouts from professional clubs coming to their matches to watch their players.

Tanner is the latest example of a youngster that has been given a chance to continue their football career - and developed - at the Dripping Pan having been tossed out of the professional game by Arsenal and then Charlton.

Lewes manager Tony Russell is doing an excellent job along with assistant Joe Vines and head of recruitment Adam Drew since taking over last summer.

It says a lot about Tanner's decision to continue playing first-team football at the seventh tier instead of in the top-flight where he might have only ever played U23 matches.

"I went with him to watch a Spurs U23 game and I think it made him think about what his career path would be if he went there," Russell told the Sussex Express. "What he's ended up deciding is that going straight from Step 3 of Non-League to a Premier League club would be a step too far.

"In some ways it could be seen as a dream move but think about it: What would be his chances of getting in their first team?"

That, is what some of those abusive Tottenham fans appear to have not considered. The 15-goal Tanner will have learnt more from Russell and co while playing competitive matches than he would have done in the cosy environment of the Premier League's U23 league.

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## & 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
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	League	Hartley Wintney	Away	1-2 W	175
Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>	Somerset Cup	Ashton & Backwell	Home	1-1 (4-5) L	181
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	League	Kings Langley	Away	1-1 D	285
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	League Cup 1 <sup>st</sup>	Barnstaple Town	Home	6-0 W	204
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	League	Beaconsfield Town	Home	7-1 W	524
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	League	Swindon Supermarine	Away	0-1 W	204
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	League	Hendon	Away	2-0 L	174
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	FAT 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q	Weston-super-Mare	Away	3-2 L	480

Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	League Cup 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Truro City	Home	3-1 W	317
Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	League	Yate Town	Away	0-0 D	295
Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	League	Weston-super-Mare	Away	2-0 L	691
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	League	Gosport Borough	Home	2-1 W	522
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	League	Poole Town	Home	1-1 D	540
Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	League Cup 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Weston-super-Mare	Away	1-2 W	262
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	League	Walton Casuals	Away	1-1 D	165
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	League	Hartley Wintney	Home	2-1 W	423
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	League	Chesham United	Away	1-1 D	514
Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	League	Harrow Borough	Home	7-1 W	501
Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	League	Tiverton Town	Home	3-1 W	1,473
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	League	Dorchester Town	Away	0-1 W	389
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	League	Wimborne Town	Home	3-1 W	633
Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	League Cup QF	Paulton Rovers	Home	4-1 W	309
Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	League	Beaconsfield Town	Away	0-1 W	105
Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	League	Kings Langley	Home	2-1 W	619
Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	League	Salisbury	Home	3-1 W	507
Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	League	Merthyr Town	Away	0-3 W	371
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	League	Swindon Supermarine	Home	3:00pm	-
Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	League Cup SF	Swindon Supermarine	Away	7.45pm	-
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	League	Hendon	Home	3:00pm	-
Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	League	Merthyr Town	Home	7.45pm	-
Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	League	Harrow Borough	Away	3:00pm	-
Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	League	Yate Town	Home	7.45pm	-
Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	League	Salisbury	Away	3:00pm	-
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	League	Hayes & Yeading United	Home	7.45pm	-
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 18 <sup>th</sup>	League	Tiverton Town	Away	3:00pm	-
Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	League	Farnborough	Home	3:00pm	-
TBA	League	Truro City	Away	TBA	-





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● Ben ADELSBURY	● ● ●	● George DOWLING	● ● ●
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● Jake WANNELL	● ● ●	● Mat LIDDIARD	● ● ●
● Ollie CHAMBERLAIN	● ● ●	● Henry SPALDING	● ● ●
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