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# THE GOFFFR Pray

Good evening everyone and welcome back to the Cygnet Healthcare Stadium, as we welcome Steve Castle and his Royston Town team to Taunton for tonight's League Cup Final, 1st leg.

Winning trophies is what we are all in this business for, so tonight we hope to take one step further forward in achieving our goal of some silverware this season, but we know Royston are coming here with that exact same mindset and would love to go back to Hertfordshire for the 2nd leg in a week's time all square or with an advantage. We will need to be switched on from the start and for the entire 180 minutes of this two-legged final.

It is a very packed schedule for the remainder of the season and we will need our fantastic supporters to be behind us every step of the way if we are to achieve our ultimate goal of winning this trophy and also gaining promotion in the league.

Enjoy tonight's game and as always....UP THE PEACOCKS!



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## THE AWAY END Poysion Town

So when did it all begin? After some intensive research the evidence is that the club came into existence in 1875 making Royston the third oldest Club in Hertfordshire after Hitchin and Bishop Stortford.

The Club's very first honour came in 1911/12 when they won the Creake Charity Shield beating Wisbech 1-0 in extra time.

The Club's first major honour in more recent times came in the guise of promotion to the Herts County Premier League in 1969/70 and they went on to be champions in 1972/73 and 1976/77. In 1978 we rejoined the South Midlands League and won the Division One title at the first time of asking. Success continued with a final appearance in the Herts Charity Shield for the first time in 1979 and runners up spot in the South Midlands League Premier Division in 1980. The Herts Charity Shield was won in 1981/82 and two years later the Club joined the Isthmian League Division Two North where we remained for 10 seasons before returning to the South Midlands League in 1994.

After a period in the doldrums which culminated in relegation from the South Midlands League Premier Division at the end of 2006/07, Paul Attfield was appointed manager with ex Spurs favourite Tony Galvin returning to Garden Walk as 1st Team Coach in November 2007.

Paul immediately set about building a new 1<sup>st</sup> Team squad and a run of 17 games undefeated saw the Club move from bottom of the table to finish in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the League.

The foundations had been laid for the 2008/09 season and the first team took the



South Midlands Division One League title with one of the best set of stats for any Step 6 Club in the country W33, D4, L3, GF138, GA30, GD+108, PTS 103.

The 2011/2012 season will be seen as a watershed in our history with the winning of the South Midlands Premier Division title and promotion to Step 4 in the shape of the Evo-Stik Southern League Division One Central.

In our first season back at Step 4 after an absence of 19 years it was hard to know what to expect and how we would perform. Most of our supporters felt a midtable position would be an acceptable target for the season, but we quickly found ourselves exceeding all expectations as our performances propelled us towards the top of the table. Four straight wins in the first four games set the tone and a run of nine wins with just one defeat between October and December saw us maintain a play-off position. In the very last game of the season a play-off was still a possibility and having gone 2-1 up away at AFC Hayes with just a few minutes of the game left it looked a near certainty. But it was not to be as Hayes scored an 87 minute equaliser and our play-off place was lost.

In our second season at this level our steady progress to claim a place in the play-off zone was given a severe jolt when, at the beginning of November, Paul Attfield announced his resignation as first team manager due to ill health. The search for his replacement began almost immediately and we were inundated with applications from some very well know and successful managers. After an exhaustive selection process the Board appointed Steve Castle at the end of November and on Boxing Day Steve officially took over securing a 0 – 0 draw against the League's form team and eventual champions Dunstable Town.

Our 2014/15 season opener was at home against one of the promotion favourites Rugby Town but an impressive team display ensured their threat was stifled and we ran out winners 2 -1. That victory really did set things buzzing but we were quickly brought back down to earth when on the following Tuesday night Bedworth United were the visitors winning the game 3 - 1.

As we all know consistency in performances provides the key to long term success and although the early stages of the season produced good results against the likes of Daventry Town and Beaconsfield these were punctuated by dismal performances against the likes of Aylesbury and Egham Town. From mid-November to mid-December we really lost our way with six defeats in seven games but our rollercoaster ride saw an incredible run of form over the Christmas

period and into the New Year with five straight wins which helped us maintain a position in the play off places.

On a miserable Tuesday evening in February we travelled to lowly AFC Hayes and after an abject performance we lost the game 2 - 0. This prompted our Chairman to tell Steve Castle that he had given up on this team making the play - offs and said that we should start preparing instead for next season. That message was conveyed to players and we witnessed a most remarkable transformation in our results with a 14 game unbeaten run during which we scored 29 goals and conceded just seven resulting in us achieving the runners up spot to league champions Kettering Town and securing our place in the play- off semi finals where we met local rivals Barton Rovers. After an incident packed 90 minutes and extra time the game ended in a goalless draw but it was not to be our night and we lost the shoot out 4-5 and had to suffer the agony of all the emotions which go with being defeated in this way.

We started the 2015/16 season strongly and between the end of December and the end of March we produced a rich vein of form with only one defeat in 14 games and this ensured we were sitting on top of the league with just 7 games to go and with the expectation that we could win promotion outright ran high throughout the whole club. However three games in succession proved our down fall when we could only draw 0 - 0 with Bedford and lost to Egham away 3- 1 and Godalming at home 1- 0 and once again we ended up in the play offs against AFC Rushden but we failed to turn up and went out tamely to our opponents 2 - 1.

Having finished runners up for two years in succession Steve Castle was determined to make it third time lucky and began to recruit some experienced new blood in the shape of John Frendo and Adam Murray whilst at the same time giving youngsters Gus Scott Morris and Josh C extended runs in the first team.

However the season didn't start well and after four games we'd only mustered five points whilst promotion rivals Farnborough just couldn't stop winning. Although results did improve, defeat in the FA Cup to Heybridge Swifts 4-1 and a thrashing by Barton Rovers at home 6-3 at the end of September didn't do a great of good for our confidence.

Things took a dramatic turn thereafter with 12 successive league wins which ended with defeat 2-1 at Kidlington in early January 2017, interspersed by a magnificent run in the FA Trophy including victory against Step 2 outfit Hampton

and Richmond Borough before in the replay against Dulwich Hamlet we eventually went down 1-0.

With cup football out of the way the team put together an incredible run of 16 league games undefeated, including a 5 – 0 thrashing of closest rivals Farnborough which saw us maintain the top spot until the end of the season by a margin of 12 points and the highest number of goals scored, 120, across all three Evostik Leagues.

Promotion to the Southern League Premier Division Central at the end of season 2016/17 meant that the Club was playing at its highest level in its 142 year history!

Season 2017/18 saw The Crows exceeded all expectations in our first season at Step 3. Throughout the season we managed to maintain our hopes of a play-off place until they were finally put to bed with two successive defeats against the eventually play-off winners Slough Town and we had to be satisfied with a seventh place finish. The signing of Adam Marriott, a proven goal scorer who had played for Lincoln City, Stevenage and Cambridge United was without a doubt a real coup and he was to play a key role in the progress made by the Club by becoming our leading marksman with 31 goals. A good run in the FA Trophy with wins against Enfield Town and Leatherhead came to an end against Eastbourne Borough when having managed to draw at their place we lost the replay on penalties. We managed to get to the final of the Herts Senior Cup were we played Boreham Wood from Step 2 and in spite of a brave performance we never really had the power to compete and lost 2 – 1.

Season 2018/19 saw us finishing in a respectable 9th position in what proved to be a very strong Premier Division Central. During February/March we recorded six wins out of seven league games to give us a faint hope of a play-off spot, but three straight defeats in April put paid to our chances. We suffered another early at AFC Sudbury in the FA Cup and in the FA Trophy we progressed through two rounds before being beaten in a replay at Needham Market.

During the 'Null & Void' seasons of 2019/20 and 2020/21 the Crows were always strongly placed in the league table, but to no avail sadly. In season 2019/20 we recorded our best ever finish in the FA Trophy (which ran through to completion), overcoming four higher-league opponents to reach the quarter-finals where we were defeated at Concord Rangers.

### #Up The Peacocks

# MEET THE OPPO

#### JOE WELCH (Goalkeeper)

Joined us from Chelmsford City in 2016/17, Joe started his career at Southend United before joining Histon where he played over 50 games and earned a loan deal at Stevenage. Joe's other clubs include Ebbsfleet, Bromley and St Albans City.

#### DIMITRIOS KYRIATZIS (Goalkeeper)

Dimi signed from Isthmian League South Central Division side Bedfont Sports, where he appeared in every one of their 23 games this season. He signed for Bedfont in October 2019 after a short spell with Burnham, having returned to England from German side Inter Leipzig in the summer of 2019. Greek-born, he played for Henley Town as a youngster and then joined the Brentford academy, playing for the under-18s and B sides before moving to Germany in January 2018.

#### ED ASAFU-ADJAYE (Defender)

Re-joined the Crows in 2019 after spending a season at Hayes & Yeading, Ed started his playing career at Luton Town and broke into the 1st team during the 2008/9 season. In total he made 64 appearances for The Hatters before moving to Forest Green Rovers and then to Hemel Hempstead Town, Ed is a versatile defender who can play anywhere across the back four.

#### FINLAY TITCHMARSH (Defender)

Young defender who signed for the Crows at the beginning of this season, Finlay was originally with Barnet before having spells with Staines Town and Ware.

#### ADAM MURRAY (Defender)

Adam joined us at the beginning of 2017/18, having spent the previous two seasons at Cambridge City where he made 60 appearances. He quickly settled into the squad and has proved to be a formidable addition for the Crows.

#### **CARL MENSAH (Defender)**

Carl signed from Southern Division One Central side Welwyn Garden City. The 25-year-old defender originally joined the Citizens from Colney Heath in 2015. He returned after a brief spell with Cockfosters in 2017 and then signed for Spartan South Midlands League Premier side Tring Athletic in the summer of 2018. He re-joined Welwyn in June 2019 and then switched to league rivals Kempston Rovers in January 2020 but moved to neighbours Bedford Town at the end of the month. He re-joined Welwyn Garden City again in the summer of 2020.

#### **RONNIE HENRY (Defender)**

Signed for the Crows at the beginning of this season after spending a season at Billericay Town. Ronnie was a product of the Spurs youth system, before going on to play 502 games for Stevenage (the club's all-time record appearances) in two spells either side of two seasons at Luton Town.

#### DANIEL BRATHWAITE (Defender)

Joined the Crows from Chesham United for the start of 2015/16, Daniel is an experienced defender whose former clubs include Boreham Wood and Dover Athletic.

#### **DAN NEWTON (Defender)**

Joined us in early in season 2020/21, Centre-Back Dan previous clubs were Biggleswade FC and Northwood.

#### **JAMES BRIGHTON (Defender)**

Experienced full-back who joined us in November 2019 from Kettering Town, where he had spent a successful four seasons. James has previously played for Hemel Hempstead Town, Cambridge City & Cambridge United.

#### SPYROS MENTIS (Midfield)

Versatile hard-working midfielder or defender, Spyros re-joined The Crows in 2018/19 after a season away at Hayes & Yeading, he previously played just under 100 games for us from 2013 during his first spell at Garden Walk.

#### TOM NEWMAN (Midfield)

Joined the Crows at the start of 2018/19, Tom impressed when called upon and has chipped in with some useful goals from midfield.

#### DEVONTE ARANSIBIA (Midfield)

Devonte joined us from Potters Bar Town in February 2022, he was at Norwich City from 13 years of age and was rewarded with a professional contract from the Canaries in 2017. He then had an extended loan spell at National League South side, Billericay Town. Upon being released by The Canaries, Devonte joined Potters Bar Town in August 2021.

#### **BRANDON ADAMS (Forward)**

Signed for the Crows in 2019, Brandon previously spent four years at Queens Park Rangers which included loan deals at Malaysian club Perlis and Linfield in Northern Ireland. After leaving the R's in 2018 Brandon dropped into non-league hoping to catch the eye of pro clubs and has certainty impressed. After a short stint at Enfield Town he moved to Ware in 2018/19 and bagged an impressive 23 league goals in 25 games.

#### ISAAC GALLIFORD (Forward)

Previously with Hitchin Town, St Neots Town & Hemel Hempstead after starting out with Luton Town. Isaac signed for us for the beginning of last season. Whilst with The Canaries Isaac's performances earned him an England 'C' call-up.

#### MATT BATEMAN (Forward)

Re-joined us for the start this season from Hemel Hempstead, where he spent last season after moving from the Crows. Matt signed for the Crows at the start of season 2019/20 and scored an impressive 24 goals in 41 games during that season to earn his move to Hemel. Previous to that Matt played a big part in Berkhamsted's push for promotion in 2018/19 where he netted 43 times in 54 appearances for The Comrades.

#### **BROOKYLN LLUNGA (Forward)**

Joined the Crows on loan from MK
Dons in February 2022, Brooklyn turned
professional in October 2021,
committing his future to MK Dons after
impressing at the start of that season.
The versatile youngster, who has been
with the Dons since the age of nine,
made his debut as a substitute on the
final day of last season and is already
closing in on double-figure
appearances at senior level.





































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**LEAGUE POSITION - 3rd** 

FORM (Last 6 matches) - P 6, W 4, D 1, L 1, F 13, A 8, GD +5, PTS 13

FORM (Last 4 at home) - P 4, W 3, D 1, L 0, F 9, A 4, GD +5, PTS 10

HOME & AWAY POINTS % - HOME 64%. AWAY 36%

Taunton Town are ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league in scoring having scored seventy-two goals so far this season and are ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in defending, having conceded thirty-six goals so far in the 2021/22 season.



**LEAGUE POSITION - 8th** 

FORM (Last 6 matches) - P 6, W 2, D 2, L 2, F 9, A 6, GD + 3, PTS 8

FORM (Last 4 away) - P 4, W 0, D 1, L 3, F 3, A 7, GD - 4, PTS 1

HOME & AWAY POINTS % - HOME 48%, AWAY 52%

Hayes & Yeading United are ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the league in scoring having scored fifty-one goals so far this season and are ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in defending, having conceded forty-four goals so far in the 2021/22 season.

Statistics courtesy of www.soccerstats.com



# MATCH REPORT

### TAUNTON TOWN CHESHAM UNITED

Half Time: 1

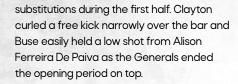
PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE, PREMIER SOUTH - SATURDAY 19th MARCH 2022 VENUE: THE CYGNET HEALTHCARE STADIUM - ATTENDANCE: 753

Head of Football Rob Dray named an unchanged starting line-up from the previous weekend against then leaders Hayes & Yeading when his side had been unlucky not to win but it proved a different affair on a sunny afternoon at the Cygnet Health Care Stadium. The tone was set straight from the kick-off when Jav Foulston's pass was intercepted, freeing Conrad Lucan to run on and launch a shot just over the bar. Town then won their first corner from which Chesham broke. Zak Joseph releasing Francis Jno-Baptiste, but Will Buse was out quickly to gather. Buse was forced to turn I ewis Rolfe's strike wide at his near post as the visitors continued their good start and from the resultant corner Lucan volleyed over while a poor pass gave Jno-Baptiste a shooting opportunity which was held by Buse.

Despite their promising start, the visitors

found themselves trailing after 17 minutes with Town scoring from their first attempt on goal. Ross Stearn was fouled on the left and from Lloyd James' free kick Ben Adelsbury's header hit the turf and bounced over the dive of Generals' keeper Sam. Beasant, son of former Wimbledon shotstopper Dave. The lead was short-lived though as Chesham drew level within the minute, breaking from the resumption for Joseph to feed Rolfe on the left and from his cross Bradley Clayton swept his finish inside Buse's right-hand post.

A timely intervention by a Chesham defender then blocked off a Stearn effort after Joe Guest had chested down Joe Budd's delivery while Beasant watched Zac Smith's header from the left bounce into the side netting, but it was the visitors who were looking the more cohesive side going forward despite having to make two



Any notions that the windy conditions might have favoured Chesham in the first half and Town would prosper more after the break were soon dispelled. An early Foulston corner was cleared as far as Budd whose strike was saved by Beasant, but it was Chesham again who began better as they buzzed around the Taunton box, Clayton's neatly improvised half volley just clearing the bar and landing on the roof of the net. The best run of the game from a Town man then led to the controversial goal which regained the lead for the hosts on 64 minutes, Smith producing a superb burst in from the left before he was felled just outside the box. Stearn hit the free kick well, but Beasant was equal to it as he palmed the ball away for a corner which Foulston sent deep and when it was recycled back in by Smith from the left, Nick Grimes' looping header was blocked as it looked to be sneaking in. Adelsbury's follow-up header was directed towards the corner and despite Ferreira De Paiva's attempt to keep it out and the protests from the Chesham team, the officials ruled it had crossed the line.

New signing Harry Warwick immediately replaced Toby Holmes, however Chesham, fuelled by their perceived injustice, renewed their pressure on the Peacocks' goal. Rolfe picked out Lucan in space in the middle and Buse did well to turn aside his shot for a

corner which Town struggled to clear, the danger ending when Clayton planted his header wide of the target from Ronny Mfinda's cross. The Peacocks came close to adding daylight to their lead, Stearn putting Warwick in the clear but Beasant did well to touch the low effort past the post.

#Up The Peacocks

Chesham upped the ante further as the game entered the final stages, introducing long throws from Jordan Gibbons into their artillery. Clayton miskicked from a decent position and then a Gibbons' throw was flicked on, Buse managing to clutch Jno-Baptiste's header as Town dug in defensively. Adelsbury had another header safely collected by Beasant as the game entered stoppage time, with Chesham keeping up the pressure. Mark Kirby couldn't get enough power on his header to trouble Buse and nerves jangled a bit more as added time was extended following treatment for Grimes. 98 minutes had elapsed when Town made sure. Beasant ventured upfield for a last ditch corner and when Guest headed clear, Warwick was onto the ball, showing great pace and skill to beat one man and find Stearn in the centre who calmly sidestepped Joshua Bohui to fire into the open net.

Not a great performance but a great result against a strong side and one of their rivals for honours. Hopefully, the winning mentality will endure for the remaining seven massive games.





#### **SOUTHERN LEAGUE - PREMIER SOUTH**

Р 7	Team	GP	W	D	L	F	Α	+/_	PTS
1 H	Hayes & Yeading United	36	23	6	7	88	34	+54	75
2 1	Metropolitan Police	37	22	8	7	63	37	+26	74
3 1	TAUNTON TOWN	35	22	7	6	72	36	+36	73
4 F	Farnborough	34	22	6	6	66	39	+27	72
5 (	Chesham United	36	17	11	8	64	44	+20	62
6 \	Weston-super-Mare	35	17	9	9	49	35	+14	60
7 \	Yate Town	33	17	8	8	55	36	+19	59
8 (	Gosport Borough	36	17	8	11	59	47	+12	59
9 F	Poole Town	36	16	7	13	60	58	+2	55
10	Truro City	33	15	8	10	52	44	+8	53
11 \	Walton Casuals	35	15	8	12	48	50	-2	53
12 E	Beaconsfield Town	36	13	6	17	60	73	-13	45
13 H	Harrow Borough	35	14	3	18	55	69	-14	45
14	Tiverton Town	34	12	8	14	48	48	0	44
15 5	Swindon Supermarine	36	11	9	16	50	59	-9	42
16 H	Hendon	36	12	5	19	48	56	-8	41
17 5	Salisbury	34	11	8	15	47	64	-17	41
18 H	Hartley Wintney	36	10	4	22	46	68	-22	34
19 [	Dorchester Town	35	9	4	22	35	54	-19	31
20 k	Kings Langley	36	7	8	21	41	61	-20	29
21 N	Merthyr Town	35	4	7	24	35	75	-40	19
22 \	Wimborne Town	33	3	6	24	28	82	-54	15

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



#### **SOUTHERN LEAGUE - PREMIER CENTRAL**

Р	Team	GP	W	D	L	F	Α	+/_	PTS
1	Banbury United	34	27	5	2	74	26	+48	86
2	Coalville Town	32	20	6	6	70	36	+34	66
3	Rushall Olympic	34	18	10	6	70	39	+31	64
4	Peterborough Sports	32	19	4	9	79	41	+38	61
5	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	33	17	5	11	47	40	+7	56
6	Alvechurch	34	14	10	10	46	37	+9	52
7	Leiston	34	15	4	15	53	59	-6	49
8	ROYSTON TOWN	33	12	8	13	51	44	+7	44
9	Stourbridge	32	12	7	13	48	57	-9	43
10	Stratford Town	33	12	7	14	42	55	-13	43
11	Hednesford Town	32	10	11	11	52	50	+2	41
12	Redditch United	34	10	11	13	35	44	-9	41
13	Needham Market	31	9	13	9	53	49	+4	40
14	Tamworth	33	10	9	14	43	50	-7	39
15	5 Barwell	35	9	11	15	48	63	-15	38
16	St Ives Town	33	10	7	16	47	79	-32	37
17	Nuneaton Borough (-1)	35	8	10	17	46	57	-11	33
18	Bromsgrove Sporting	32	7	10	15	27	50	-23	31
19	Hitchin Town	33	7	9	17	39	51	-12	30
20	) Lowestoft Town	32	8	5	19	42	76	-34	29
2	Biggleswade Town	31	6	10	15	38	47	-9	28

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

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## THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

COLUMN

We had a bit of a novelty for last Sunday's NLP – for the first time since 2019, we were able to feature a team from outside of the National League celebrating a title.

For those who missed it, Macclesfield FC – formed from the ashes of Macclesfield Town – have won the North West Counties League Premier Division title at the first time of asking and booked their place at Step 4 next season.

Over the coming weeks there will be plenty more promotion celebrations across the country and, of course, some less exuberant scenes that follow relegation.

Promotion and relegation is vital to the flow of the National League System and it's so good to have it back again. There were times this season where we perhaps feared we could be heading for a third disrupted campaign. But thankfully that hasn't materialised and we're now on the home straight.

Last summer there was some movement in the NLS with the elevation of clubs to help reshape the Pyramid - everyone will be glad to see it happen on the pitch this season.

It's been two years since the final round of games of 2019-20 before the country went into lockdown and the season was halted. Flicking back through that edition of The NLP, there is a strong sense everyone knew what was coming – albeit perhaps not to the extent it turned out to be. But among

the worry and fears of Covid, there were still the words and pictures of teams striving to get over the line. All in vain. That won't be the case this time.

So Macc are up and there will be more soon. Banbury United and Bracknell Town to name two are inching closer to the finish line, as are Worthing in the Isthmian Premier.

Other promotion races look set to go down to the wire with a chunk of points still to play for deciding who will be crowned champions and who will reach the play-offs.

At the other end of the tables there is going to be some real intrigue with the Inter-Step play-offs that will see runners-up at Step 5 get a shot at promotion in one-off games against Step 4 strugglers.

It's a new element to add to the season and we'll all watch with interest as to how it pans out and how fans take to the format.

The last two years has seen a Non-League emerge from the pandemic with real credit. Crowds are booming at all levels, many people seem to have been awakened to this level of the game and the appetite for local football growing.

Non-League Day on Saturday, March 26 will be the perfect celebration of everything we love about Non-League football.

And it will also be another crucial weekend in the ebb and flow of a football season. It's great to have it all to look forward to again.



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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 21st	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 1st	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	2-0 W	660
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	League	Hendon	Home	3-1 W	678
Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	League Cup SF	Swindon Supermarine	Away	1-2 W	127
Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	League	Harrow Borough	Away	3-2 L	311
Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	League	Salisbury	Away	1-2 W	588
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	League	Merthyr Town	Home	2-1W	486
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	League	Hayes & Yeading United	Home	1-1 D	916
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	League	Chesham United	Home	3-1 W	753
Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	League Cup F	Royston Town (1st Leg)	Home	7:45pm	
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	League	Gosport Borough	Away	3:00pm	450-
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	League Cup F	Royston Town (2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg)	Away	7:45pm	-
Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	League	Weston-super-Mare	Home	3:00pm	-
Apr 6 <sup>th</sup>	League	Truro City	Away	7:45pm	100
Apr 9 <sup>th</sup>	League	Metropolitan Police	Away	3:00pm	
Apr 12 <sup>th</sup>	League	Yate Town	Home	7:45pm	88-
Apr 18 <sup>th</sup>	League	Tiverton Town	Away	3:00pm	
Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	League	Farnborough	Home	3:00pm	-



### 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.

- 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.
- . Persons must not be in possession of, and/or lighting any firework or flare.
- Chanting or singing of an obscene, indecent, discriminatory or offensive nature is not permitted.
- 7. Persons must not use obscene, indecent, discrminatory, offensive or threatening language.
- 8. Persons must not use obscene, indecent, discrminatory, 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 tolorance to alcohol abuse/misuse.
- 15. There will be zero tolorance to drug possession, use and abuse.
- 16. Smoking is permitted in the stadium except in areas designated as a No Smoking area.
- 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 operationat all matches and events and may be used in any of our media channels as well as press releases.
- D) Dogs on a lead are permitted in the Stadium but they remain the sole responsibility of their owner at all times.

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

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Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 - 7:45pm Kick-Off







Head of Football

Manager Steve **CASTLE** 

- Will BUSE GK
- Joe BUDD
- Jay FOULSTON
- Ben ADELSBURY
- Nick GRIMES
- Jake WANNELL
- Toby HOLMES
- Joe GUEST
- Ross STEARN
- Gethyn HILL
- Zac SMITH
- Jamie SHORT
- Prince HENRY
- Ross STALEY
- Jared LEWINGTON
- loan RICHARDS
- Lloyd JAMES
- Harry WARWICK

- Dimitrios KYRIATZIS
- Joe WELCH
- Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE
- James BRIGHTON
- Daniel BRATHWAITE
- Adam MURRAY
- Carl MENSAH
- Ron HENRYDan NEWTON
- Finlay TITCHMARSH
- Brooklyn LLUNGA
- Devonte ARANSIBIA
- Spyros MENTIS
- Tom NEWMAN
- Brandon ADAMS
- Matt BATEMAN
- Isaac GALLIFORD

#### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee: Lewis SANDOE
Assistant Referee: Kevin RODD
Assistant Referee: Paul COLLIER

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