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The Gaffer

ROB DRAY



Good afternoon and welcome to the Cygnet Healthcare Stadium, I hope you are all enjoying your Bank Holiday weekend so far and we hope to give you something else to be happy about when leaving the ground following today's game. I would like to extend my welcome to our visiting fans, officials, management and players of Chippenham Town. We hope you enjoy your time with us in Somerset today.

It was fantastic to get our first ever win at this level with a win here against the much fancied Dartford....and it most definitely wasn't a fluke result as we thoroughly deserved the win, the boys were great and battled hard throughout.

We are learning every single game that we play at this level and at present it is baby steps, but we are getting to where we want to be, it is only August still and we have already taken the scalp of a very good, experienced team at National League level.

It was brilliant to hear the Cygnet rocking once again last weekend and we will hope to have that same atmosphere here this afternoon, it is something we need to have each game so that any visiting teams coming to Taunton will not be looking forward to it.

Today will be another big test for us as we go up against another team who played in the Play-Offs last season, but what we have already learned so far this season will stand us in good stead for today's test.

Enjoy the game and Up the Peacocks!

Rob

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The Away End

CHIPPENHAM TOWN

Chippenham Town Football Club has been in existence since 1873.

After building a firm foundation for the modern game during the 1980s with many capital projects, the present structure was formed in 1996. A historic cup run saw the club appear in the last FA Vase game at the old Wembley Stadium in May 2000 and although the Bluebirds failed to lift the trophy in front of over 20,000 supporters, this acted as a springboard for both on and off field growth.

There were back-to-back promotions from the Western League into the Southern League and then the Southern League Premier Division. Progress faltered slightly in 2003/2004 when the Bluebirds failed to gain promotion to the new Conference South following reorganisation of Grass Roots football. This together with a general change in leadership at the club both on and off the pitch meant that for a while consolidation was the name of the game. The following season, however, things settled down and the team topped the Premier Division almost all year. Gates reflected this success with an average attendance of 634 and a spectacular local derby game against Bath City attracted over 1,600 people. The final play-off at Hardenhuish Park saw almost 2,000 people watch the Bluebirds narrowly miss promotion by the odd goal.

Season 2005/2006 saw a change of managers and almost a new team but despite this the Club had an unprecedented season reaching the first-round proper of the FA Cup for the first time since 1951. Although the replay with Worcester City was lost and a chance to entertain Huddersfield at home in the second round with TV rights

guaranteed, the Bluebirds still attracted a capacity crowd of over 2,800 most of whom were home supporters. Once again, the side was in the top five of the League all year and only denied promotion to the Conference South by a last-minute goal in the play-off final.

Although the Club encountered a few hurdles in the 2006/2007 season, the next saw a very young side again reach the play-offs only to lose once more by the odd goal this time to Halesowen after the original tie was abandoned due to the wet conditions with the Bluebirds leading 3-2. In season 2009-2010, a superb end of season run (including a final day victory over champions Farnborough) saw the Bluebirds finish third. A 2-0 play off semi-final victory over Hednesford Town saw yet another final play-off, this time at Nuneaton. The Bluebirds took a 1-0 lead but the hosts equalised from a wrongly awarded corner. Extra time saw Nuneaton grab a 2-1 victory in front of over 3,000 fans. Thus, Chippenham Town had reached the play-offs four times in six seasons but had yet to win promotion to the then Conference South. In 2010-2011, the Bluebirds finished seventh whilst in 2011-2012, a disappointing eleventh place was achieved.

The start of the 2012-2013 season saw exciting changes at Hardenhuish Park with the formation of feeder club Chippenham Park along with a youthful Park reserve side. Manager of the previous six seasons, Adie Mings, became Director of Football and Nathan Rudge was appointed player-manager along with his assistant Richard Fey. Mings left his position before Christmas to take up a scouting role with Chelsea FC. On the field, the team had a mixed

season. A late goal at Gloucester City saw them miss out on a possible first round FA Cup tie with Leyton Orient whilst a 17-match winless run threatened relegation until six victories in their last seven matches saw the Bluebirds finish nine points above the relegation area and in fifteenth place. The season was also notable for goalkeeper Conor Thompson moving to Torquay United and Tyrone Mings being snapped up by Ipswich Town.

The 2013-14 season began disappointingly with manager, Nathan Rudge, resigning after defeats in the first two games. Steve Winter took charge. However, as results did not improve, the Board decided to seek a new manager and, in November 2013, appointed Mark Collier with Tom Jones as his assistant. From then on, the team settled down with Mark making various changes but, after such a very difficult start, it was hard to pick up desperately needed points and the Bluebirds always hovered just above the relegation zone. Matters were made even worse when Rob Dean suffered a horrific knee injury at Hungerford Town towards the end of the season. Thankfully, the Club managed to retain its place in the Premier Division.

Season 2014-15 saw further rebuilding of the Bluebirds' squad and, later in the season, the return of past Club favourite, Charlie Griffin, marking his third spell with the Club. A series of player injuries affected league position in the first half of the season but a better second half meant an eventual eleventh place finish, a considerable improvement on the previous two seasons when relegation threatened.

Season 2015-2016 saw another improvement

with League Two side Newport County's skipper Andy Sandell joining the Bluebirds in close season. Sandell went on to become the Southern Premier Division's golden boot winner and was joined up front mid-season by the returning Alan Griffin. The Bluebirds recorded an early morale boosting victory at eventual champions Poole Town and their good form continued into the New Year heading the table. The Bluebirds also reached the fourth qualifying round of the FA cup where they went out 0-2 at home to Maidstone United who went on to win promotion from Conference South. However, a very poor March where they only picked up three points from six games saw them fade away to eighth place, albeit another improvement on the previous season. The 2016-2017 season saw most of the previous year's squad retained and manager Mark Collier and his assistant Tom Jones spent a very busy close season adding some impressive additions with the aim of finishing in a play-off position. A superb run of twenty-three unbeaten games from November to Easter saw the Bluebirds crowned champions on Good Friday without kicking a ball as rivals Leamington failed to win at Biggleswade. The following day, Easter Saturday, saw 1146 fans celebrate promotion to National League (South) after sixteen seasons in the Southern League, fifteen in the Premier Division. Sandell was the Southern Premier Division's golden boot winner for the second successive season.

Season 2017-2018, the first in the National League South, was about consolidation as the side adjusted to a markedly different pace and quality of football. Changes in the management team also ensued and having hovered around the lower positions for some weeks, a late run of form meant the Bluebirds finished their first season in a creditable thirteenth place. In the Wilts County FA Senior Cup, performances ensured an appearance in the final of the competition against Highworth Town. The game, played at the Swindon Town FC's County Ground, saw the Bluebirds lift a second piece of silverware in successive seasons, courtesy of a 3-0 win.

Season 2018-2019 was the Bluebirds second

season in the National League South with consolidation and avoiding 'second season syndrome' the main aim. Things were not helped with injuries or unavailability to eight key players, several of them long term but despite that we again finished thirteenth in the League with one more point than our inaugural season. The biggest disappointment occurred in the FA Cup. Having held National League side Maidenhead United to a 1-1 fourth qualifying round draw, we lost the replay in Berkshire 1-0 after seeing two goals harshly ruled out for offside and being reduced to ten players. Hence we also missed out on a lucrative televised home tie against high flying Portsmouth in the First Round Proper.

The 2019/20 season saw our one hundredth season at the Thornbury Surfacing Ltd Stadium Hardenhuish Park, having first kicked off here on 20 September 1919 when we played Spencer Moulton, the game ending in a 2-2 draw with gate receipts of £10! Despite a good run to the First Round Proper in the 2019/20 Emirates FA Cup where a 3-0 home defeat against Northampton Town ended the Club's interest, ongoing League performance was worrying with the Bluebirds hovering just above the relegation positions. It was decided a change of management was due and in early 2020, Mark Collier, who had managed the side for some six years, was replaced by Mike Cook and his team. This change injected a new impetus and after a shaky first couple of games under the new manager, the Bluebirds went on an unbeaten seven game run lifting them to twelfth place before the season prematurely ended on 16 March due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the last game of the season turning out to be a creditable single goal home draw against the eventual National League South champions, Wealdstone.

Summer 2020 witnessed the Coronavirus pandemic's grip tightening. Eventually, the season commenced in October albeit with games played behind closed doors and clubs having to develop Covid protocols governing the conduct of fixtures and the safe return of spectators. The situation eased sufficiently to allow restricted numbers of

spectators to attend the Boxing Day home fixture with local rivals, Bath City, before a second Government lockdown meant behind closed door fixtures resumed. The ongoing financial impact caused by the absence of fans coupled with a cessation of Government grant funding at the end of 2020, The Club was eventually charged under National League Rule 8.39 for failing to fulfil four fixtures and subsequently fined £8,000 with a suspended 8-point deduction carried over to season 2021/22 in the event of a similar breach. In the worsening financial climate, the National League asked member clubs to vote on the continuance of the season. The National Division continued whilst North and South Divisions were ultimately declared "null and void". This declaration did not negate the Rule 8.39 sanctions which the Club took to a FA Appeal hearing but lost.

Season 2021/22 witnessed the return of a full league programme and culminated in the Club's highest ever place, finishing seventh in the National League South and clinching the final play-off place in the last game of the season. But before that happened, a change of management with a handful of games to go saw the departure of Mike Cook and his assistants. Ex-Bluebird, Gary Horgan, was invited to take over as manager and Matt Coupe was subsequently appointed his assistant. The Bluebirds earned an away play-off Eliminator at Dartford. On a Thursday evening, a tight game with no score at ninety minutes and still goalless after extra time, went to penalties which the Bluebirds eventually won 2-3. No respite, though, as three days later they were back to Kent for the play-off Semi Final at Ebbsfleet Utd. Another heroic performance saw the goals once again remain stubbornly absent at ninety minutes and another extra time loomed. This time, however, the lottery of the penalties was avoided as Ebbsfleet, in the first half of extra time, scored the only goal of the game to earn themselves a place in the play-off Final. So, a hugely successful season for the Bluebirds was over but this was one for which they could be justifiably proud.



ONES TO WATCH



Alex Bray

Alex first signed for Chippenham Town in February 2020 joining the Club from Hereford.

His previous clubs included Swansea City and Rotherham Utd with loan spells at Plymouth Argyle, Forest Green Rovers, York City and Weston-super-Mare.



Joe Hanks

Joe signed for Chippenham Town in Summer 2020 joining from Gloucester City.

He played League 2 football in his early career for Cheltenham Town and has re-signed for season 2022/23.



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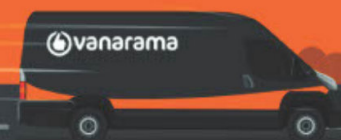
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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH - SATURDAY 20th AUGUST 2022

VENUE: CYGNET HEALTHCARE STADIUM - ATTENDANCE: 743

A determined performance from the Peacocks produced their first ever victory in the National League against the much-fancied Kent side. The deserved win also saw the Peacocks net their first goals of the season as they recovered in the second half to overhaul the visitor's lead gifted to them just before the break by a defensive clanger.

The Peacocks made only one change from the midweek outing at Farnborough, Nick McCootie replacing Dave Sims-Burgess up front, as they made a bright start. Joe Guest was pushed, conceding a free kick after five minutes which Lloyd James floated to the far post, Nick Grimes headed back across and Dan Ball volleyed over, a chance which on another day might have gone in. A loose pass then put the visitors in trouble, McCootie colliding with Darts' keeper Dan Wilks after challenging for a 50/50 ball. With Wilks grounded, Guest tapped home the loose ball into an empty net, however the 'goal' was chalked out as McCootie's challenge was deemed a foul which produced a yellow card for him and treatment for the keeper.

Dartford had their first real spell of possession, with Samir Carruthers making ground into the box to find Luke Allen whose shot was blocked before McCootie limped off soon after on the 20 minute mark, being replaced by Sims-Burgess. The visitors then forced Jack Bycroft into his first save of the afternoon when he parried away an angled strike from Davide Rodari after a quickly taken free kick and Nat Jarvis failed to get enough on Sims-Burgess' square pass to test Wilks at the other end.

Play became scrappy as both sides tended to concede possession too easily, leaving the game pretty even with neither side able to gain the upper hand. Sims-Burgess appeared to be pulled down from behind in the box by Darts' skipper Tom Bonner, but referee Corbett wasn't interested while Luke Allen's crossfield ball found Rodari who cut inside to fire in an effort which was held by Bycroft and Carruthers' shot was blocked as Darts looked for the breakthrough which they found six minutes before half time thanks to a mix-up at the back. Sam Oduadu's ball forward should have been bread and butter for Town to deal with, however Ball and Bycroft dithered on who

was dealing with it, allowing Rodari to nick the ball, round the keeper and slot into the unguarded net.

The Peacocks went back on the offensive looking to right the defensive wrong in the time left before the interval. A great run from Ollie Chamberlain laid on a shooting chance for Jake Wannell who drilled his strike wide of the target and Joe Budd volleyed wide from outside the area after Jay Foulston's corner had been headed clear, with some neat approach play just breaking down at the final hurdle.

Dartford made the better start to second half proceedings. A cross from Dan Roberts, a half time sub for Rodari, was recycled for Pierre Fonkeu to fire wide and Luke Coulson saw a shot held safely by Bycroft, but the complexion of the game began to change with the arrival of Ross Stearn off the bench for Budd eight minutes in. Stearn was soon involved, space opening up for him as he raced forward but his effort was blocked off before another strong penalty appeal was ignored when Jarvis was pulled down, the Dartford defence massing to prevent Stearn from profiting as he rounded the keeper close in but he could not get a shot away and the ball was eventually scrambled clear.

The visitors threatened through Luke Allen who first had a strike well held by Bycroft, then attempted an audacious lob over the Town keeper from the halfway line but the Southampton loanee backtracked to clutch the ball at full stretch before trying his luck again with a shot which proved a routine stop for Bycroft. The Peacocks though were now playing at a much better tempo and a

big cheer was raised on 68 minutes when striker Harry Warwick, scorer of six pre-season goals, came off the bench to replace Jarvis. Warwick immediately won two successive corners which proved unfruitful, but Bycroft again had to be alert when Coulson found Roberts on the left side of the box, the Town keeper saving the effort from a narrow angle and then catching the follow-up cross.

The 2022-23 goal account for the Peacocks finally opened after 76 minutes. James' pass over the top found Sims-Burgess who still had work to do. The summer signing from Bath City was up to the task though, getting ahead of Bonner and drilling past Wilks into the far corner. The relief was palpable, and the reaction of the players, management and fans alike said it all. Then three minutes later Town grabbed the lead with what proved to be the decisive goal. James' diagonal pass reached Chamberlain on the right and his low cross into the mix looked perfect for Stearn to convert until Kieran Murtagh diverted the ball into his own net desperately trying to cut the danger out.

The Peacocks saw out the remaining ten minutes or so plus four minutes of stoppage time fairly comfortably with no further chances arising at either end. Dartford did win a corner at the death which Bycroft confidently punched clear, and Town had done enough against a full-time side and one of the promotion favourites although overall they failed to live up to the billing. It was the Peacocks' day though as they finally got off the mark, a victory which is sure to give them confidence for the marathon campaign ahead.



VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
2022-23 LEAGUE STANDINGS
 as at 28th August 2022

P	Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Ebbsfleet United	5	5	0	0	15	7	+8	15
2	Havant & Waterlooville	5	4	1	0	13	7	+6	13
3	Worthing	5	3	2	0	10	4	+6	11
4	Chelmsford City	5	3	2	0	8	3	+5	11
5	Bath City	5	3	1	1	9	7	+2	10
6	Oxford City	4	3	0	1	9	3	+6	9
7	Dover Athletic	5	2	1	2	9	7	+2	7
8	Braintree Town	5	2	1	2	8	7	+1	7
9	Welling United	5	2	1	2	8	9	-1	7
10	Slough Town	5	2	1	2	7	8	-1	7
11	Tonbridge Angels	5	2	1	2	7	9	-2	7
12	Concord Rangers	5	2	1	2	4	8	-4	7
13	Dartford	5	2	0	3	7	7	0	6
14	St Albans City	5	1	3	1	3	3	0	6
15	Eastbourne Borough	5	2	0	3	10	11	-1	6
16	Hampton & Richmond Borough	5	1	2	2	10	9	+1	5
17	Dulwich Hamlet	5	1	2	2	6	7	-1	5
18	TAUNTON TOWN	5	1	2	2	2	3	-1	5
19	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	4	1	2	1	1	3	-2	5
20	Hungerford Town	5	1	1	3	2	3	-1	4
21	Farnborough	5	1	1	3	4	7	-3	4
22	Hemel Hempstead Town	5	1	1	3	5	11	-6	4
23	Cheshunt	5	1	0	4	7	11	-4	3
24	Weymouth	5	0	0	5	4	14	-10	0

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

Results - Saturday 27th August 2022

Braintree Town 2-0 Tonbridge Angels
 Chippenham Town 1-0 Hungerford Town
 Concord Rangers 1-2 Ebbsfleet United
 Dartford 1-2 Worthing
 Dover Athletic 4-0 Hemel Hempstead Town
 Eastbourne Borough 2-1 Dulwich Hamlet
 Farnborough 0-1 Bath City
 Hampton & Richmond Borough 2-3 Havant & Waterlooville
 Slough Town 3-1 Cheshunt
 St Albans City 0-0 Taunton Town
 Welling United 1-2 Chelmsford City
 Weymouth 0-2 Oxford City

Today's Other Fixtures - Monday 29th August 2022

3pm Bath City v Slough Town
 3pm Chelmsford City v Concord Rangers
 3pm Cheshunt v Braintree Town
 3pm Dulwich Hamlet v Welling United
 3pm Ebbsfleet United v Dover Athletic
 3pm Havant & Waterlooville v Farnborough
 3pm Hemel Hempstead Town v Dartford
 3pm Hungerford Town v Weymouth
 3pm Oxford City v Hampton & Richmond Borough
 3pm Tonbridge Angels v St Albans City
 3pm Worthing v Eastbourne Borough

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THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

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Every season there are stories that stop you in your tracks and aren't forgotten. Often they come with a message that transcends well beyond the 90 minutes of action we are usually discussing.

This month football had just that following the scary scenes seen at Chippenham Town in their National League South match with Chelmsford City when Pablo Martinez collapsed.

For the Bluebirds chairman Neil Blackmore, the story has a simple reminder for clubs and all sport facilities - make sure you have a defibrillator for that situation you hope will never happen.

Like many clubs, Chippenham have the life-saving piece of equipment. Never did they expect to use it - especially on one of their own players.

But during the first half of their recent game with the Clarets, it became very apparent something was wrong when 21-year-old Martinez went down.

"It was a real shock - you just don't expect to see it," Blackmore told The NLP. I've been in football for a number of years and seen quite a lot of injuries. Broken legs, dislocated joints, cuts and things like that. As bad as they can be at the time, none of them are ever life threatening - or very rarely.

"But to see the club's doctor knelt over him doing CPR is really shocking and hopefully we never see it again.

"The way everybody reacted was fantastic. He collapsed and straightaway the physio and a team-mate, who is first aid trained, came onto the pitch and turned him over. Anton, the physio, said, 'He's stopped breathing'. Straightaway they started CPR. Our club doctor and paramedic ran on - and they got the defib out and gave him a shock and he came round first time.

"The emergency services were fantastic too. Literally within minutes we had two ambulances and a rapid responder and a few minutes later an air ambulance landed. I can't praise them highly enough.

"By the time he left in a land ambulance he was sat up and gave us a wave. He actually said

to the doctor from the helicopter, 'Will I be OK to play on Tuesday?'"

Of course, that game came a bit too soon for the former Bristol Rovers defender but he was due to be fitted with an ICD (Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator) like Denmark international Christian Eriksen and hopes are he will play again.

The fact this is a good news story is down to a lot of people. When the medical process swings into action, there can be positive outcomes.

And Blackmore said it has hit home quite how important a defibrillator is.



"It sits in the cupboard and it comes out once a year to be serviced," he said. "You don't think you're ever going to use it. That day you need it, you can't put a value on it. It saved Pablo's life.

"I would say to everyone, it doesn't matter if you're a sports club or not, if you haven't got access to a defib, please get one. Get some funding, get some sponsorship, get yourself a defib. They are really easy to use and hopefully it will sit in your cupboard and never be used. But that day you need it, it's an amazing piece of medical kit."

2022-23 FIXTURES & RESULTS

AUGUST '22

Date	Venue	Opposition	Competition	KickOff/Score	Attendance
6th	HOME	WELLING UNITED	VNLS	0-0 D	813
13th	AWAY	CONCORD RANGERS	VNLS	1-0 L	285
16th	AWAY	FARNBOROUGH	VNLS	1-0 L	501
20th	HOME	DARTFORD	VNLS	2-1 W	743
27th	AWAY	ST ALBANS CITY	VNLS	0-0 D	766
29th	HOME	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	VNLS	3:00pm	-

SEPTEMBER '22

3rd	AWAY	HUNGERFORD TOWN	VNLS	3:00pm	-
10th	HOME	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	VNLS	3:00pm	-
13th	AWAY	SLOUGH TOWN	VNLS	7:45pm	-
24th	HOME	CHELMSFORD CITY	VNLS	3:00pm	-
27th	HOME	BATH CITY	VNLS	7:45pm	-

OCTOBER '22

8th	AWAY	EBBSFLEET UNITED	VNLS	3:00pm	-
15th	HOME	DULWICH HAMLET	VNLS	3:00pm	-
22nd	AWAY	WORTHING	VNLS	3:00pm	-
25th	AWAY	OXFORD CITY	VNLS	7:45pm	-
29th	HOME	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	VNLS	3:00pm	-

NOVEMBER '22

5th	AWAY	DOVER ATHLETIC	VNLS	3:00pm	-
8th	HOME	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	VNLS	7:45pm	-
12th	HOME	CHESHUNT	VNLS	3:00pm	-
26th	AWAY	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	VNLS	3:00pm	-

DECEMBER '22

3rd	HOME	BRAINTREE TOWN	VNLS	3:00pm	-
6th	AWAY	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	VNLS	7:45pm	-
10th	AWAY	WELLING UNITED	VNLS	3:00pm	-
13th	HOME	FARNBOROUGH	VNLS	7:45pm	-
26th	HOME	WEYMOUTH	VNLS	3:00pm	-

JANUARY '23

Date	Venue	Opposition	Competition	KickOff/Score	Attendance
1st	AWAY	WEYMOUTH	VNLS	3:00pm	-
7th	HOME	CONCORD RANGERS	VNLS	3:00pm	-
14th	AWAY	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	VNLS	3:00pm	-
21st	AWAY	DARTFORD	VNLS	3:00pm	-
28th	HOME	ST ALBANS CITY	VNLS	3:00pm	-

FEBRUARY '23

4th	AWAY	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	VNLS	3:00pm	-
11th	HOME	HUNGERFORD TOWN	VNLS	3:00pm	-
18th	AWAY	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	VNLS	3:00pm	-
21st	HOME	OXFORD CITY	VNLS	7:45pm	-
25th	HOME	DOVER ATHLETIC	VNLS	3:00pm	-

MARCH '23

4th	AWAY	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	VNLS	3:00pm	-
7th	HOME	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	VNLS	7:45pm	-
11th	AWAY	CHESHUNT	VNLS	3:00pm	-
18th	HOME	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	VNLS	3:00pm	-
25th	AWAY	BRAINTREE TOWN	VNLS	3:00pm	-

APRIL '23

1st	HOME	EBBSFLEET UNITED	VNLS	3:00pm	-
7th	AWAY	BATH CITY	VNLS	3:00pm	-
10th	HOME	SLOUGH TOWN	VNLS	3:00pm	-
15th	AWAY	DULWICH HAMLET	VNLS	3:00pm	-
22nd	HOME	WORTHING	VNLS	3:00pm	-
29th	AWAY	CHELMSFORD CITY	VNLS	3:00pm	-



THE UNTOLD GAME

- The Birth of Brazil -

When we look at the history of football, one nation stands out above every other. Brazil have won the World Cup five times, a record, and have produced not just some of the best players of all time, but arguably the greatest of them all. But they are more than just a successful side; they have defined the sport in the imaginations of generations of children across the globe. O Jogo Bonito – the beautiful game – the phrase that most emphatically defines football, was popularised by Pelé himself. When people think of the way the game should be played, they think of Brazil. So it may be surprising to learn that this journey began, just over one hundred years ago, in Devon. And it wasn't supposed to happen at all.

In the summer of 1914, following the example of several more successful European sides, Exeter City accepted the invitation of a nascent Argentinian FA to tour the country. These tours were lucrative for all involved, and despite being in the Southern League at the time, Exeter were chosen as a "truly representative" example of English football.

Fifteen players set off for Argentina, but almost didn't make it at all. Their ship stopped off in Santos, where the entire squad was arrested, having not realised that public swimming was illegal. Fortunately for the history of football, they were released and went on their way to a successful tour of Argentina. Despite not having initially been invited to Brazil, their

popularity prompted a few games to be organised as the Grecians stopped off on their way home, the first time an English professional team had played in the country.

The first game was against a group of English expats, a simple 3-0 win for the Southern League side, and the second was a more competitive 5-3 victory against a side representing the clubs of Rio de Janeiro. For the third, Rio and Sao Paulo joined forces, something of a surprise given the rivalry between the two cities, to present a side made up of their best players. This side is now recognised as the very first Brazilian national team. The Estádio das Laranjeiras – Fluminense's home to this day – was chosen for the auspicious occasion.

The footballing authorities saw the game as a good test before an upcoming international tournament in Argentina, but it was more than practice to the fans. 10,000 packed into the 6,000-capacity stadium – and onto it, with no room even on the roof – to see their side in brilliant white shirts with a blue stripe on the arm; Brazil wouldn't adopt their famous yellow shirts until after their defeat in the 1950 World Cup final.

When Oswaldo Gomes opened the scoring for the hosts, the thousands went wild, "waving hats and walking sticks, and in the stands ladies and young girls waved handkerchiefs, shouting hurrahs" according

to local newspapers. Exeter responded, displaying all the cynicism that would hamstring English football for nearly half a century, by making the game for physical, reportedly causing facial injuries to star Brazilian striker Arthur Friedenreich, costing him two teeth. His suffering, however exaggerated, has become a touchstone for Brazilian football, standing up against the imperial injustices of the Europeans. He responded by finding Osman for Brazil's second, after which (according to the Brazilian story), Exeter descended into violence, but to no avail.

The final whistle saw the players carried off on the shoulders of the crowd and praised for the "mastery" of their style in undoing the English professionals. They were proclaimed national heroes.

And in most nations, that would be that. A victorious introduction to international football, part of a sporting history but not a

part of the national ideology. But Brazil was different. It had only been truly independent for 25 years in 1914, and because of its size it was unwieldy and difficult to unite.

Travel was a challenge, with the most reliable method of going from north to south still being by steamer along the coast, and the different regions acting, in some ways, as autonomous states. Brazil was desperate for an outlet, an identity on which they could pin their nationhood. And in these national heroes, they found just that. Which is why in Brazil, more than any other nation, football reigns.

Enjoy the game.

Martyn

Martyn Green





CYGNET HEALTHCARE STADIUM REGULATIONS

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

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

Spectators must also note the following:

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

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TODAY'S TEAMS

Monday 29th August 2022 - KickOff 3:00pm



Head of Football: Rob Dray

Manager: Gary Horgan

Jack Bycroft - GK ●
Lloyd Irish - GK ●
Joe Budd ●
Jay Foulston ●
Nick Grimes ●
Dan Ball ●
Jake Wannell ●
Ollie Chamberlain ●
Lloyd James ●
Nat Jarvis ●
Nick McCootie ●
Joe Guest ●
Harry Warwick ●
Ross Stearn ●
Zac Smith ●
Ross Staley ●
Jared Lewington ●
Dave Sims-Burgess ●
Will Tunnicliff ●
Lee Lucas ●
Luke Ward ●
Dylan Morgan ●

Will Henry - GK ●
Caine Bradbury ●
Alex Bray ●
Noah Coppin ●
Alefe Santos D'Abadia ●
Daniel Griffiths ●
Callum Gunner ●
Spencer Hamilton ●
Joe Hanks ●
Eddie Jones ●
Mat Jones ●
Will King ●
Tom Mehew ●
Seb Palmer-Houlden ●
Joe Parker ●
Will Richards ●
Luke Russe ●
Aaron Simpson ●
Jordan Young ●

Match Officials

Referee: Samuel Read

Assistant Referee: Martin Underhay Assistant Referee: Mark Senior