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### CUP HONOURS

FA VASE  
Winners 2000-01

SOMERSET PREMIER CUP  
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2014-15, 2016-17

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The Gaffer

# ROB DRAY



Good afternoon and welcome to the Cygnet Healthcare Stadium, to the officials, management team, players and supporters of our visitors today from Laverstock & Ford and also the fantastic Peacock fans. I hope you all have a very enjoyable afternoon.

Firstly from everyone at Taunton Town Football Club as a whole we send our condolences to King Charles III and the Royal Family on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II last week. Today we will be remembering her extraordinary life before the game.

Back to today and our Emirates FA Cup 2nd qualifying round match against Laverstock & Ford. Although our visitors are in a lower league to ourselves we know we will need to put in a good performance to advance to the next round.

We have prepared as we always do so I expect a very professional performance from our team..

I am very pleased with how we have begun our league campaign, despite the late loss to Slough midweek, the tremendous support you have given us so far this season has really backed us up, so keep up the good work and let's all go on a good cup run.

Enjoy the game and Up the Peacocks!

*Rob*

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## The Away End

## LAVERSTOCK &amp; FORD

Established in 1956, Laverstock & Ford Football Club had always been a force in local football. In that opening season we came runners up in Salisbury & District league 3B and, of course, promotion to Salisbury & District Division 2. Unfortunately we were relegated in 1961-62 but during that season regained promotion back to Division 2 and were runners up in the Heseltine Cup.

In 1962-63 we were again runners up, this time in Division 2 which gained us promotion to Salisbury & District Division 1 whereupon we came runners up in 1963-64, maintaining top positions in that league until 1969-70. In 1970-71 Laverstock & Ford FC won Division 1 and the following year came runners up and won the Morrison Cup. 1972-73 saw another blip being relegated to Division 2 where we remained for some 9 seasons, winning the Wiltshire Junior Cup and the Heseltine Cup along the way.

In 1982-83 we were playing in Division 1 once again and in 1984-85 the club entered the Salisbury & District Premier league where we finished runners up and also won the Stonehenge Cup. Between 1985 and 1991 the Club participated in the Wiltshire League, gaining promotion to Division 1, but being relegated in 1989 to Division 2. In 1991-92 we returned to Salisbury & District Premier League and finished 6th and the following year we entered into the Hampshire League where we remained for one season, returning to Salisbury & District Premier in 1993-94. Between 1993 and 1999 the Club achieved success in the Morrison Cup (2 years running), the Riley Cup and were Premier League Cup Winners twice.

1999-2000 saw us re-enter the Hampshire League again. During that season, we played in Hampshire Division 2, with a reserve side in Combination 1, we won the Wiltshire Junior Cup again in 2000. 2001-02 saw the senior side narrowly miss out on promotion from Hampshire League Division 2 but achieve a remarkable series of victories in the Hospital Cup, beating Salisbury City and Shrewton United before succumbing to Bemerton Heath Harlequins in the final. 2002-03 we won the Bledisloe Cup and were champions of Hampshire Division 2. 2003-04 saw us regain the Bledisloe Cup, win the Stokes Cup and came 11th in Hampshire Division 1. In 2004-05 we joined the Sydenham Wessex League Division 3, finishing a disappointing 11th in our first season. In 2005-06 we finished runners-up in Division 3, and with the reshaping of the Sydenham Wessex League were promoted to Division 1. In 2006-07 in our first season in Division 1 we finished a disappointing 12th.

The 2007-08 season saw a vast improvement, we reached the Wiltshire Senior Cup Final for the first time in the clubs history and were promoted to the Wessex Premier League after coming runners up. Off the pitch in 2005-06 we played our first match under floodlights at Church Road. In 2006-07 we completed the hard standing around the pitch. In 2007-08 we erected our 114 seater stands and bought the rest of the facilities up to the required ground grading requirements for the Wessex Premier League. Lost to Melksham Town in the final of the Wiltshire Senior Cup 4-2. 2008-9 saw us compete in the Wessex Premier League for the first time finishing 20th, we also entered the FA Vase for the first time, unfortunately we lost to Warminster Town at the first hurdle. Finished 20th in the league. 2009-10

FA Vase First Round Proper lost 2-1 at home to Brockenhurst. Entered the FA Cup for the first time, lost to Alton Town 3-1. Finished 21st in the league. Lost to Calne Town in the final of the Wiltshire Senior Cup 4-3 and lost to BHH in the quarter finals of the Sydenham Wessex Cup 4-2. 2010-11. Finished 17th in the Premier league, our highest position to date.

Finished bottom of Premier League in 2011-12 and thus relegated to Division One. During the 2012-2013 season there were many changes on and off the pitch as the club attempted to return to its local roots. This resulted in some degree of success during the second half of the season with the team finishing mid table in Division One. Two more years of stability have followed with Robbie Lakeman at the helm. During the 2015 summer Liam McConnell joined the club as joint manager with Robbie and they were together for 3 years, taking the club close to promotion on each occasion. Robbie stepped down after the 2017-18 season to take a well-earned rest after 5 years at the helm with club veteran Graham Mankin stepping up to assume the position of assistant manager alongside Liam.

Since then the club has been battling at the top end of Wessex League Division One and in the 20-21 season were top of the league when we had to endure the frustration of a second successive season curtailed by the Covid pandemic.

Laverstock & Ford finally reached their goal in the 2021-22 season finishing the league season in 5<sup>th</sup> place 7 points behind champions, Bemerton Heath Harlequins. Laverstock & Ford went on to the Playoff final following a 3-0 away win at 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Playoff Final was a tense affair with it going to extra time following a 2-2 scoreline after 90 minutes against Newport. It was Laverstock & Ford who would go on to gain promotion with an extra time winner.

Laverstock & Ford have this season already made history by progressing further in the FA Cup than ever before, by making it through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifying round. Having drawn Alresford Town in the extra preliminary round a 2-2 away meant a home replay which was won 4-0. In the 1<sup>st</sup> qualifying round a 3-2 away win against Cinderford Town set up Laverstock & Ford to be drawn against Vanarama National League South new boys Taunton Town. Whatever the result in Somerset history has been made by Lavvy.





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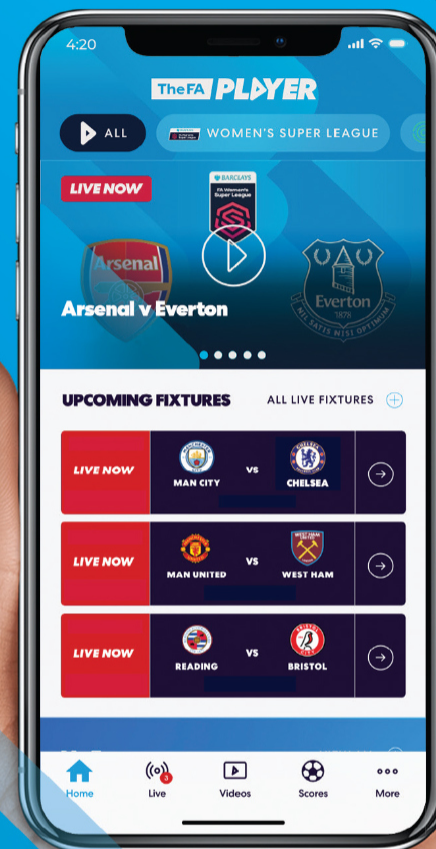
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# MARCH TO THE ARCH BEGINS HERE

The greatest football cup competition in the world  
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We look at some of the historical statistics that some  
will love and others will want to forget.



## 26

The biggest win in FA Cup history, when Preston North End defeated Hyde 26-0 in the first round on the 15th October 1887.

## 14

Goals in the biggest winning margin by an away team in the competitions history. Nottingham Forest put 14 past Clapton in the first round on 17th January 1891.

## 660

Minutes is the longest tie in history.  
(6 matches in total),  
Oxford City v Alvechurch  
(4th Qualifying Round, 1971-72; Alvechurch won the sixth match 1-0).

## 20

Penalties each, Tunbridge Wells v. Littlehampton Town (Preliminary Round Replay, 31 August 2005; Tunbridge Wells won 16-15) is the longest ever shootout.

## 7

Goals scored and not winning. Two examples of teams scoring 7 goals and not winning - Dulwich Hamlet 8-7 St Albans City (Fourth Qualifying Round Replay, 22 November 1922), and Dulwich Hamlet 7-7 Wealdstone (Fourth Qualifying Round, 16 November 1929).

## 8

Is the record number of defeats in the FA Cup Final, this record is held by Everton who lost in the final in 1893, 1897, 1907, 1968, 1985, 1986, 1989, 2009.





# HEAD 2 HEAD



THIS SEASON  
AT A GLANCE



**8**  
GAMES PLAYED

**3**  
WON

**2**  
DRAWN

**3**  
LOST

**11**  
POINTS



**4**  
GAMES PLAYED

**1**  
WON

**1**  
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## Last Time Out

# SLOUGH TOWN TAUNTON TOWN

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**VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH - TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

**VENUE: ARBOR PARK - ATTENDANCE: 452**

On occasions the thought of writing a report on the 90 minutes just witnessed is about as appealing as cutting the Cygnet's pitch with a pair of nail clippers. This is such an example as the Peacocks conceded in the final ten minutes on a miserable night at Arbor Park. For the most part of the contest it looked like a nailed-on goalless draw, with the visitors missing what chances came their way and Slough creating even less but they did take the one that counted to hand Town their first defeat in five matches and only a 5th goal conceded in eight games.

The Town line-up showed two changes from the Hungerford game, with Nick McCootie coming in for Nat Jarvis and Joe Budd replacing the absent Lee Lucas. After an impeccably observed minutes silence for Queen Elizabeth, the game began in drizzly rain which got heavier as the half progressed which led to slippery conditions on the artificial pitch. Saying that, the Peacocks started well enough as they bossed the opening quarter. Dave Sims-Burgess turned to fire wide and Nick McCootie's drive was blocked by Joe Dandy before Jay Foulston won the ball on the

edge of the box to find Zac Smith who couldn't get a shot away, with the clearance being drilled just over the bar by Budd.

The Peacocks continued their pressing but will rue missing the clearest chance of the game on 15 minutes. McCootie found Ollie Chamberlain on the right and his low cross was met by Sims-Burgess who contrived to plant his effort over the top from inside the six yard box. Jake Wannell's curled ball into the area then found Smith who set up Budd for a strike which travelled wide while Sims-Burgess also missed the target with another shot but for all their intent, Rebels keeper Rhys Forster did not have a save to make.

Over half an hour had gone before the hosts offered their first attempt, Ben Harris flicking a long ball on to Johnny Goddard who couldn't connect, allowing Jack Bycroft to safely gather. Slough then went on to have the better of it up until the interval, with a break down the right flank seeing Goddard find Aaron Kuhl whose shot was blocked by his own player Elliot Benyon. George Wells blazed a cross high and wide for the home side, summing up a first half of minimal quality and entertainment, despite the

tannoy announcer opining otherwise.

With the heavens continuing to offload, conditions were no less easy after the break. Slough won the first corner of the game six minutes into the second half and from Matthew Lench's delivery a downward header from Harris was easy pickings for Bycroft. A long throw from Guy Hollis, often employed during the game, then fell for Harris to fire a shot into the side netting. Town responded through Chamberlain who again proved a bright spark for his side but after cutting in his shot failed to trouble Forster as it flew wide. The Peacocks immediately made their first switch of the night, with Jarvis replacing Sims-Burgess before Slough failed to make the most of an opportunity, Lench crossing from the right for Harris to head well wide of the goal.

The Peacocks might have also done better from their first corner on 61 minutes. Foulston's flag kick was nodded back across by Nick Grimes, but Jarvis flashed his header the wrong side of the post. Chamberlain then burst through from midfield to screw an effort wide of the near post as the action remained largely tedious. Ross Stearn replaced McCootie with just under 20 to go and after two corners had been and gone for Slough, Town had another sniff when Smith passed to Budd who was free on the edge of the box. However, in keeping with the theme, he scuffed his strike wide.

When Goddard fired high over the top, a goal seemed unlikelier than ever as the match entered the final ten minutes. Not the case. It was almost too easy for the hosts to execute the single killer touch of the

evening, Lee Togwell in space on the right to find Benyon at the far post who volleyed home unchallenged. Dylan Morgan came on for Smith straight after as Town piled forward in the latter stages. Forster could actually claim to make a save as he clutched Budd's shot just outside his near post while Stearn's free kick, awarded after Jarvis was pulled down, hit a stray leg in the wall.

Urged on by a good number of travelling supporters considering the 290 mile round trip, four minutes of stoppage time saw the Peacocks continue their assault, Foulston teeing up Lloyd James whose shot was blocked before the added time was extended yet further after treatment and the subsequent substitution of Benyon. Two corners at the death even saw Bycroft venture upfield but they came to nothing, and time ran out. A very disappointing result against a side that the Peacocks were more than capable of beating but again they were found wanting in the final third. The defence cannot do it on their own all the time.







**VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH**  
**2022-23 LEAGUE STANDINGS**  
 as at 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

P	Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Ebbsfleet United	8	8	0	0	25	8	+17	24
2	Havant & Waterlooville	8	7	1	0	22	11	+11	22
3	Worthing	8	5	3	0	15	7	+8	18
4	Chelmsford City	8	5	2	1	13	7	+6	17
5	Welling United	8	5	1	2	16	10	+6	16
6	Bath City	8	5	1	2	17	12	+5	16
7	Braintree Town	8	4	1	3	16	12	+4	13
8	Tonbridge Angels	8	4	1	3	13	13	0	13
9	Slough Town	8	4	1	3	11	14	-3	13
10	Dartford	8	4	0	4	13	10	+3	12
11	Oxford City	8	4	0	4	11	10	+1	12
12	<b>TAUNTON TOWN</b>	8	3	2	3	6	5	+1	11
13	Chippenham Town	8	3	2	3	5	8	-3	11
14	Eastbourne Borough	8	3	1	4	14	14	0	10
15	St Albans City	7	2	3	2	5	5	0	9
16	Hampton & Richmond Borough	8	2	2	4	12	13	-1	8
17	Hemel Hempstead Town	8	2	2	4	8	14	-6	8
18	Farnborough	8	2	1	5	6	10	-4	7
19	Dover Athletic	8	2	1	5	11	16	-5	7
20	Concord Rangers	7	2	1	4	5	12	-7	7
21	Hungerford Town	8	1	2	5	4	9	-5	5
22	Dulwich Hamlet	8	1	2	5	9	15	-6	5
23	Cheshunt	8	1	0	7	9	20	-11	3
24	Weymouth	8	0	2	6	6	17	-11	2

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

**Results - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Bath City 2-1 Weymouth  
 Dover Athletic 1-3 Dartford  
 Dulwich Hamlet 1-3 Hemel Hempstead Town  
 Eastbourne Borough 0-1 Welling United  
 Ebbsfleet United 4-0 Braintree Town  
 Hampton & Richmond Borough 1-0 Chippenham Town  
 Slough Town 1-0 Taunton Town  
 Tonbridge Angels 2-1 Farnborough  
 Worthing 3-2 Cheshunt

**Results - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Havant & Waterlooville 4-1 Hungerford Town

**Upcoming Fixtures - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

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

**NEXT UP**

At The Cygnet Healthcare Stadium



Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
 Kick Off 3:00pm



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# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

Football can so often help raise a smile.

Of course, there are concerns around the increase in energy costs and how it could impact clubs.

Even more seriously this season we've seen the issue of poor fan behaviour continue to rear its ugly head.

Some clubs are trying to tackle that problem head on and the number of statements addressing the issue certainly appears to be on the rise.

But less than two months into the season, there has been plenty to restore your faith in the game too.

Take a lovely tale from Witton Albion, written by our long-time contributor Andy Simpson.

The Northern Premier League club recently gave supporter George Jones an afternoon to remember. The 92-year-old has supported Albion quite literally all his life, first watching them back in the 1930s.

But little did he know when the recent job vacancy came around, grandson Anthony submitted an application on behalf of the stalwart supporter.

A list of George's strengths included player mediation sessions mainly over cups of tea, youth development from raising three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, plus a secret weapon – a lucky hat he wore during Witton's run to the FA Trophy final in 1992.

While Jon Macken got the nod, the club decided George was deserving of a VIP afternoon.

Macken opened the dressing room door for George to see a team-talk – even gave up his parking space close to the front entrance – and it worked as they won their first game of the season against Workington.

"There are no hard feelings," quipped George about missing out on the job to Macken after meeting the former Manchester City striker and trying his office chair for size.

"He's made a good start, to be fair, and I reckon they should stick with him. I can't believe all

this has happened to me, it's been a bit overwhelming."

Another feel-good story came from Pershore Town and their cheeky calendar with a very positive message.

Players from the Hellenic League Division One side – known as the Plums – bared all in support of #CHECKYOURPLUMS after team-mate Will Green was diagnosed with testicular cancer aged 23.

Pershore hope to raise £5,000 through the calendar to support Will through his journey back to full health.

So the players stripped off to pose for photos with a big launch at the club next month set to be attended by the OddBalls Foundation to provide an education talk for youth team and first team players, plus a pop-up testing centre.

In our job, we get to see so many great initiatives going on at clubs every week.

Perhaps in the heat of battle we underestimate, or even forget, the power of good football can bring. For young and old.

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# 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	3-1 W	1,148

## SEPTEMBER '22

3rd	AWAY	HUNGERFORD TOWN	VNLS	0-1 W	377
10th	HOME	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	VNLS	P-P	N/A
13th	AWAY	SLOUGH TOWN	VNLS	1-0 L	452
17th	HOME	LAVERSTOCK & FORD	FAC 2Q	3:00pm	-
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

## - Red Star -

Paris has become one of the most productive factories of football talent in the world in recent years, with world class players seemingly coming out of the city like there is no tomorrow. And when we think of football clubs in Paris, one name springs to mind. But Paris Saint-Germain, founded by the merger of Paris FC and Stade Saint-Germain, only came into being in 1970. Paris FC have since split from the project, but themselves were only founded a year earlier in 1969, while Stade Saint-Germain have a much longer history, going back to 1904. But if we want to find the origins of football in Paris, we have to go back even further than that, and to a man whose name echoes as loudly as anyone's through footballing history.

In 1897, Ernest Webber sat in a Paris café with a friend, discussing the lack of a welcoming sports club that they could join. The friend proposed that they start their own, which would open its doors to anybody of any background, and any income. His name, as it happened, was Jules Rimet, and his club, named after the ferry company chosen by his childhood governess, was Red Star FC.

Always taking the English variant of the name (no L'Etoile Rouge here, though it has become a nickname), the club initially started life playing in the Champs de Mars, a beautifully picturesque space right next to the Eiffel Tower, in the third division of a

nascent national French championship. They soon moved to Meudon, in the southwest of the city, and just as rapidly, moved up the leagues. By 1904, under the presidency of Rimet, they were in the top flight.

In 1907, the club moved to Saint-Ouen in the north of the city, to the brand new Stade de Paris, which is still its home (though it is now called the Stade Bauer). The forerunner to the French FA, the USFSA, was in disarray, so the club joined a new organisation, and a new league, which they won in 1912, but by 1919 the French Football Federation had been established, and with it some efficiency and, auspiciously for Red Star, a new national cup competition. They became founder members of Ligue 1.

In 1921, Red Star began providing increasing numbers of players to the national team, most notably goalkeeper Pierre Chayrigues (who had been approached by Tottenham as early as 1913) and star striker Paul Nicolas, and this core of internationals saw them to the first of three consecutive Coupe de France victories, against city rivals Olympique de Paris, who would later merge with the Saint-Ouen based club. The following season saw them defeat Rennes 2-0, before a 4-2 victory in 1923 against CA Paris (who, incidentally, were one of the clubs that rejected Rimet) and secure three-in-a-row, and meant that Red Star had won three of the first five iterations of

the competition (or six, if a wartime dummy run is included from 1918). They would beat CA Paris again in 1928 for their fourth.

1930 saw the beginning of what would become a long-lasting decline for the club. The Federation voted for a professionalisation of the league, and despite their success in the 1920s and their early adoption of the motion, Red Star would finish in the bottom three in the first professional season of French football. Ironically, this just meant a little more history for the club, as relegation made them founder members of Ligue 2, just as they had been founder members of Ligue 1. They won the division at the first attempt and returned to the top flight, but the appointment of player-manager, legend of the future Guillermo Stabile was not enough to re-establish them at the top of French football. In 1939, as war was breaking out, he left to manage the Argentine national side.

A wartime Coupe de France in 1942, with another legendary Argentinian manager, Helenio Herrera, as a player, was the last honour Red Star secured, and their decline in the post-war period was stark. In 1950

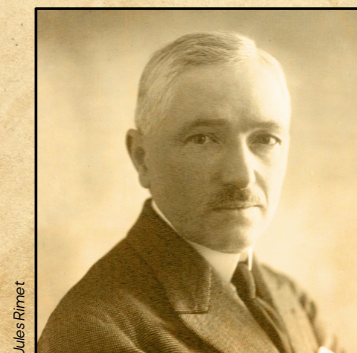
in the post-war period was stark. In 1950 they dropped as far as the third division, and despite a handful of individual seasons back at the top table, they have spent the rest of their history bouncing between the second and third divisions.

Despite the rise and fall, however, Red Star have retained Jules Rimet's initial belief in remaining an open and inclusive club for all in Paris. While their billionaire-backed neighbours break world records to bring the global footballing elite to the Parc des Princes, Red Star run community outreach programmes in textiles, literature, music, and of course football. Who knows, if Paris keeps producing talent like it has been, this outreach might just drive them back to the top.

Enjoy the game.

*Martyn*

Martyn Green



Jules Rimet



Red Star





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# TODAY'S TEAMS

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022 - KickOff 3:00pm



Emirates  
FA CUP



Head of Football: Rob Dray

2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round

Manager: Liam McConnell

Jack Bycroft - GK	1	●	●	Lewis Barr
Joe Budd	2	●	●	Adam Bournier
Jay Foulston	3	●	●	Tyler Brockway
Nick Grimes	4	●	●	Peter Fletcher
Dan Ball	5	●	●	Dominic Jackson
Jake Wannell	6	●	●	Russell Jones
Ollie Chamberlain	7	●	●	Archie Lovegrove
Lloyd James	8	●	●	Jacob Rawkins
Nat Jarvis	9	●	●	Chae Sykes
Nick McCootie	10	●	●	Matthew Taylor
Joe Guest	11	●	●	James Ward
Harry Warwick	12	●	●	Tommy Campbell-Smith
Ross Stearn	13	●	●	Cameron Roach
Zac Smith	16	●	●	Lewis Wakeford
Ross Staley	18	●	●	
Dave Sims-Burgess	20	●	●	
Lloyd Irish - GK	21	●	●	
Dylan Morgan	22	●	●	
Lee Lucas	31	●	●	
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## Match Officials

Referee: Harry Warner

Assistant Referee: James Lunn   Assistant Referee: Mark Loughlin