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The Gaffer

# ROB DRAY

Good afternoon and welcome to the Cygnet Healthcare Stadium to all Peacocks fans as well as to Scott Harris, his players, management team, staff and fans for today's Emirates FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round match against Isthmian League, South Central Division Walton & Hershaw and a chance to go into the hat for a 4th Qualifying round match.

Our visitors today, although playing in a lower division to ourselves they will not be underestimated by us as they have started this season brightly. Having been promoted at the end of last season to from the Combined Counties League, Premier Division South. Not to forget that this is the FA Cup and anything can happen in this great cup competition and we want to progress as far as we can this season, but priority will always be the league, however the additional prize money each round is always a nice incentive and keeps the Chairman happy.

It has been a busy week for us with a 0-0 draw against Chelmsford City here last Saturday and another draw against local rivals Bath City here again on Tuesday night under the lights, which was a tough one to take having taken the lead we were within seconds of all 3 points, but it just wasn't meant to be, but it is another point on the board.

Back to today and the magic of the cup returns to the Cygnet, get right behind the boys and let's get ourselves in the hat for the next round.

Enjoy the game and.....Up the Peacocks!

Rob

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## The Away End

# WALTON & HERSHAM

Walton-on-Thames F.C. was formed in 1895, and in 1945, following World War II, amalgamated with Hersham F.C. to form Walton & Hersham F.C., the present club.

The united club immediately joined the newly formed Corinthian League and followed a poor first season with a hat-trick of Championships and a runners-up position.

They also won the Surrey Senior Cup for the first time in 1947-48, beating Isthmian League neighbours Kingstonian 2-1 at Crystal Palace.

Election to the Athenian League soon followed and in their first season, 1950-51, Swans finished runners-up and again won the Surrey Senior Cup at Palace, defeating the much vaunted Dulwich Hamlet 2-1.

These were golden days for the Stompond Lane side and the FA Amateur Cup Semi-Final was reached in successive seasons, 1951-52 and 1952-53, only for Swans to go out to Walthamstow Avenue and Harwich & Parkeston respectively.

During this period the club enjoyed a tremendous following, and a record crowd of 10,000 were at the Lane in 1952 when the famous Crook Town were the visitors for an Amateur Cup tie.

Stars of this era included Swans' most

famous player, England and Great Britain Olympic defender C.R. 'Jack' Neale, and the prolific Reg Sentance, still the club's all-time top scorer.

Some lean years followed, although the FA Cup First Round was reached for the first time in 1957-58, Southampton winning 6-1 before 6,000 people at Stompond Lane.

Don Stoker's popular sides of the early 1960's brought cup fever back to the Lane and there were fine runs again in the FA Amateur Cup.

Two late goals by the prolific and popular Brian Jenkins beat the star-studded Wimbledon side in the Surrey Senior Cup Final of 1960-61, and the trophy was retained against Sutton United the following season.

After several years of mid-table respectability the appointment of Allen Batsford as manager in 1967 heralded the beginning of the most successful period in the club's history.

At the end of his first season, a superb victory over a powerful Wimbledon side in the two legged Final secured the Premier Midweek Floodlit League title, the first of three, followed a year later by the winning of the Athenian League championship for the first time.

The FA Cup First Round Proper was again

reached in the following two seasons, only for Swans to lose to Barnet 1-0 in 1969-70 and Telford United 5-2 in 1970-71, both games being played at the Lane.

The runners-up spot in the League was achieved in both those campaigns and the Surrey Senior Cup came back to Stompond Lane in 1970-71, Woking being defeated 3-0 in the Final.

Election to the Isthmian ranks followed, with third place attained in the first season, 1971-72.

Then followed the most memorable season in the club's history, 1972-73.

The FA Cup First Round barrier was overcome for the first time with Exeter City being defeated 2-1 amid tremendous excitement at the Lane, only for visitors Margate to win by the only goal in the Second Round.

Kingstonian were beaten 2-0 in the Surrey Senior Cup Final and the runners-up spot achieved in the League.

Then on the 14th of April 1973 the ultimate prize was gained at Wembley when 41,000 people saw a last-minute Roger Connell goal against Slough Town bring the FA Amateur Cup to Stompond Lane, the trophy being won without a goal being conceded, a record never to be equaled.

Dave Bassett, Willie Smith and Connell also had the honour of playing for the England Amateur side.

The following season Brian Clough brought his Brighton & Hove Albion side to Stompond Lane in the FA Cup First Round, and following a goalless draw, Swans pulled off a sensational result in the replay at The Goldstone Ground, a Clive Fosskett hat-trick included in a 4-0 win.

Sadly, when Batsford left for Wimbledon the following season the fine team broke up, the crowds drifted away, and relegation soon followed in 1975.

The FA Cup First Round was surprisingly reached in 1975-76, and a young side put on a battling performance at Selhurst Park against Malcolm Allison's Crystal Palace, only going down 1-0 to a late goal.

Barren years followed, with the club several times being close to extinction.

In the mid 1980's the club was proud to have Sir Stanley Matthews as President, but sides flattered to deceive and only a draw in the final game of the 1986-87 season prevented relegation to Division Two.

After 20 years out of the top-flight, a young side under Neil Price at last gained promotion in 1993-94, and the following season the First Round Proper of the FA Cup was again reached, Swansea City winning 2-0 at the Lane.

However Swans' Centenary celebrations were spoilt by relegation after only two seasons back in the Premier.

Under the management of Laurie Craker the team ensured the stay in Division One



was as brief as possible, promotion being gained on the last day of the campaign.

After a creditable first season back in the Premier Division it again proved to be a struggle to remain there, and at

the end of the 1999-2000 season Swans finished in bottom spot and relegation again became a reality.

Swans had to wait until the 2004-05 season before more success came to Stompond Lane after long-serving player Alan Dowson took over as manager in October.

After defeat in his first match in charge, Dowson led the team to a record breaking 13 match winning sequence, fine runs in the FA Trophy and League Cup, and promotion as runners-up in the Ryman League Division One.

The Surrey Senior Cup Final was reached for the first time in 31 years, the Swans only losing a thrilling game against AFC Wimbledon 2-1 after extra-time before close to 4,000 people at Woking.

After a creditable first season back in the Premier Division a poor start to 2006-07 led to Dowson's early resignation and eventual relegation yet again.

Since then Swans remained in Division One, facing relegation fights on several occasions, until 2015-16, when a third from bottom finish finally saw them go down, ending a 45 year unbroken stay in the Isthmian League.

At the end of September 2017 Swans were forced to leave their home of 8 decades, Stompond Lane, when it was sold for development, the club moving to a new

home at a purpose-built Sports Hub in Waterside Drive.

After two good seasons in the Combined Counties League Premier Division, when they finished in fifth and fourth places, a poor 2018-19 led to a bottom place finish and relegation to Division One.






Walton & Hersham was then taken over by a consortium of seven 19 year-olds, who became the youngest owners of a senior football club.

With a complete club rebranding a resurgence of fortunes soon began, and following two seasons that remained unfinished due to the Covid-19 virus, Swans' record of finishing in third and second places gained them promotion under a PPG (points per game) system to the newly formed Combined Counties League Premier Division South.

The management team of Scott Harris and Billy Rowley then guided Swans to a second successive promotion and a return to the Isthmian League after six seasons away, a runners-up spot securing them a place in the South-Central Division for 2022-23.

Also, an end of season record breaking 18 match unbeaten run culminated in them winning the Combined Counties League Premier Challenge Cup with a 2-1 win over Southall in the Final.











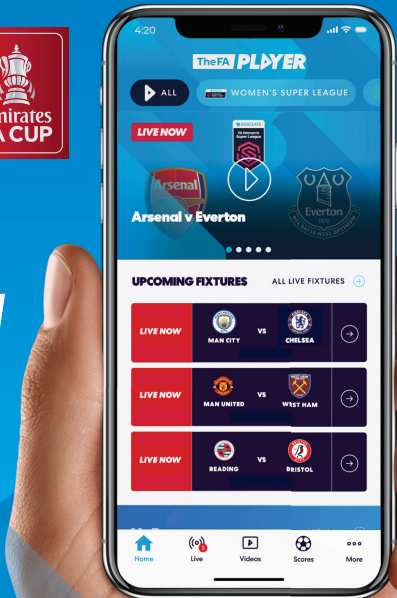
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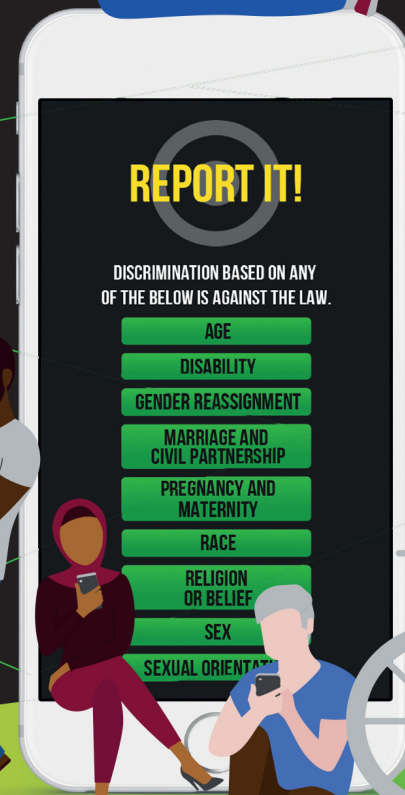








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**10**  
GAMES PLAYED

**3**  
WON

**4**  
DRAWN

**3**  
LOST

**13**  
POINTS

**5**  
GAMES PLAYED

**4**  
WON

**0**  
DRAWN

**1**  
LOST

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## Last Time Out

# TAUNTON TOWN BATH CITY

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1VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUES SOUTH - TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

VENUE: CYGNET HEALTHCARE STADIUM - ATTENDANCE: 958

An equaliser from the visitors deep in the bowels of stoppage time deprived the Peacocks of victory in their first ever meeting with City for a League fixture. In another game of limited chances, Town had taken the lead in the early stages of the second half and were experiencing no undue concerns until a last-gasp leveller scraped a draw for the Romans. Deserved probably on the complexion of the match but whether it should still have been going ahead at that point is a bone of contention.

Former Bath stalwart Dan Ball returned to the Peacocks' back line after missing the Chelmsford game while another ex-Roman Ross Stearn made his first League start of the campaign as the hosts went in search of their third home win in the National League South. It was City though who began better, posting the opening effort inside the first minute when Rex Mannings got on the end of a flick to volley into the hands of Jack Bycroft from the edge of the box. It should be noted at this point that any reference to Bath players has been confirmed with their match report due to their shirt numbers barely being readable.

Town responded after 12 minutes when Nick

McCootie outmuscled his man on the left and squared the ball across the box to find Joe Budd on the opposite side, however the opportunity went begging with a wayward shot over the stand. Joe Guest then won a corner which was punched clear by City keeper Joe Wright, with Jay Foulston's cross being whipped in and seemingly getting a touch off a City head but referee Scriven decided otherwise.

As the rain frequency increased, goalmouth action did the reverse, with City showing more cohesion in their build-up but getting no change out of the Peacocks' rearguard. Former Truro and St Mirren striker Cody Cooke sliced a shot well wide while the same player got on the end of Dan Hayfield's cross, his header being routinely palmed over the bar by Bycroft. That was after 25 minutes, with the remainder of the half producing no chances whatsoever, with defences on top and not for the first time this season.

Town emerged on the front foot and a lovely early pass inside from Ollie Chamberlain to Budd was not rewarded with a cross to suit. Foulston's ball in from the other side then forced Wright to get down

low to push away but there was no-one to take advantage. Budd saw another shot blocked before he gave the home side the lead after 53 minutes. Guest collected the ball outside the box to find Budd out wide and his cross from the right looped over Wright to pick out the far corner.

Another attack moments later saw Chamberlain move inside to fire goalwards, but his effort was blocked by a defensive header before Bycroft made a great save as Bath looked for a quick reply, Mannings laying off to Cook who made space for a strike from range which the Town keeper clawed away as it sniffed out the net. Goalscorer Budd was replaced by Zac Smith on the hour as Town continued to manage the game effectively but with the nagging doubt that one goal was not going to be enough. A half-chance came and went when Chamberlain beat his man on the right and cut the ball back for Stearn to scoop over the top while the Peacocks were forced to defend a number of free kicks awarded at the other end. Luke Spokes sent one straight to Bycroft before another free kick from the left was cleared as far as Spokes who saw his 25 yard effort safely held by the Taunton keeper.

Nat Jarvis and Lee Lucas took over from McCootie and Stearn during the final 20 minutes or so of normal time which saw no great alarms for the Peacocks. A 20 yard shot from Foulston travelled wide but other than that neither keeper was troubled as Town continued to nullify any Bath threat.

Six minutes of stoppage time were announced, Lucas firing over during the first minute of this period but as the seconds ticked by the home fans contemplated that

perhaps one goal was going to be sufficient. Treatment for Jake Wannell saw even more time added on and it was in this twilight zone of 90+8 that City snatched their equaliser. Substitute Elliott Frear's cross found Cook whose header was superbly cleared off the line and onto the underside of the bar by Foulston before being lumped for a corner. City appeals that the ball had crossed the line were soon forgotten when Frear delivered to the near post for Alex Fletcher to glance a firm header over Bycroft into the far corner, sparking wild celebrations from the Bath contingent on and off the pitch.

The final whistle sounded seconds later. Bath celebrated as though they had won the League title while the kick in the teeth left Town to reflect on what might and what should have been. It ultimately transpired that one goal wasn't enough and the frustrating reality of Wright barely having a save to make tells its own story.







**VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH**  
**2022-23 LEAGUE STANDINGS**  
 as at 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

P	Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Ebbsfleet United	10	9	1	0	27	9	+18	28
2	Havant & Waterlooville	10	8	2	0	26	13	+13	26
3	Chelmsford City	10	6	3	1	14	7	+7	21
4	Worthing	10	5	5	0	17	9	+8	20
5	Welling United	10	5	3	2	19	13	+6	18
6	Bath City	10	5	3	2	21	16	+5	18
7	Dartford	10	6	0	4	17	12	+5	18
8	Braintree Town	10	5	2	3	18	13	+5	17
9	Slough Town	10	5	2	3	13	15	-2	17
10	Tonbridge Angels	10	5	1	4	17	17	0	16
11	Oxford City	10	4	2	4	15	14	+1	14
12	Chippenham Town	10	4	2	4	7	10	-3	14
13	Eastbourne Borough	10	4	1	5	19	18	+1	13
14	<b>TAUNTON TOWN</b>	10	3	4	3	7	6	+1	13
15	St Albans City	9	3	3	3	7	7	0	12
16	Hemel Hempstead Town	10	3	3	4	10	15	-5	12
17	Hampton & Richmond Borough	10	3	2	5	14	15	-1	11
18	Dover Athletic	10	3	2	5	14	17	-3	11
19	Dulwich Hamlet	10	2	2	6	13	17	-4	8
20	Concord Rangers	9	2	2	5	8	17	-9	8
21	Farnborough	10	2	1	7	7	13	-6	7
22	Hungerford Town	10	1	2	7	4	11	-7	5
23	Cheshunt	10	1	0	9	12	27	-15	3
24	Weymouth	10	0	2	8	6	21	-15	2

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

**Recent Results - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

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

**Upcoming Fixtures - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

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

**NEXT UP**

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Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
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There's nothing quite like the stress of a looming deadline when something goes a bit awry at NLP Towers.

And so it was last Saturday night when, through no one's fault, there was an issue with the penalty shoot-out scores on the FA Trophy and FA Vase results.

It meant one person shouting them out while another manually bashed them in while the ticking clock grew ever louder.

In years gone past, these games would have gone to replays but we've seen as the knock-on from Covid, those games settled on the day.

The general impression we get from managers and players is stopping replays in those two cup competitions has been the right decision.

However, the feeling is a bit different when it comes to the FA Cup, where a club can reap the financial benefits from a replay with a so-called big gun.

FA Cup replays this season have been brought back, but only until the fourth round. After that, it's on the day.

So it does feel a bit concerning when reading reports some Premier League clubs are keen to can them all together, citing fixture congestion.

Mark us down as sceptical. And here is where the views of the whole game must be taken into account.

Everyone knows how important the FA Cup is to clubs throughout the Pyramid. It is one of the best sources of income through prize money, with the addition of losers' money in recent seasons a major success – even considering the cut in money the game had to absorb from covid.

But binning replays in the third and fourth round – they're already gone after that – would be another kick in the teeth.

Let's take Kidderminster Harriers last year. The National League North side were literally



seconds away from one of the competition's finest ever upsets last season in the fourth round. That was until West Ham United were rescued by Declan Rice, with a late equaliser.

Replays were out last season and it went to extra-time where Jarrod Bowen popped up with the last kick to end Kiddy's dream run.

In the same situation this season, that game would go to a replay back at the London Stadium and the Step 2 club would have banked vital money from gate receipts and possibly another TV selection had it been picked.

That revenue, won on the field rather than handed out from broadcast deals, can't be underestimated.

It seems the FA are intent on digging their heels in and not letting the elite get their way entirely. Let's hope that's the case.

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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
13th	AWAY	SLOUGH TOWN	VNLS	1-0 L	452
17th	HOME	LAVERSTOCK & FORD	FAC 2Q	1-0 W	645
24th	HOME	CHELMSFORD CITY	VNLS	0-0 D	928
27th	HOME	BATH CITY	VNLS	1-1 D	958

## OCTOBER '22

1st	HOME	WALTON & HERSHAM	FAC 3Q	3:00pm	-
4th	HOME	ODD DOWN	SPC	7:45pm	-
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

1st	HOME	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	VNLS	7:45pm	-
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

## - Black History Month: The Managerial Pioneer -

The lack of non-white representation at the managerial level has been a noteworthy issue in English football in recent years.

There have been just 28 black managers in the history of the English professional game, and progress in this area has been glacial, even if it is slowly changing. Patrick Vieira now sits among the managerial elite, where a small handful of black men have been, but the pioneer that broke that ground came long before. Not, as has often been suggested, the 1993 appointment of Keith Alexander at Lincoln City, but three decades before even that. In 1960, with their manager poached by nearby Blackburn Rovers, Rochdale turned to an experienced member of their playing squad. In doing so, they made Tony Collins the first black manager in English football.

Born in 1926, around the same time that Jack Leslie became the first black player to be called up to an England squad, Collins was a promising schoolboy footballer who was on track to making his career at Brentford, before as with many players of his generation and before, the Second World War intervened. Conscripted into the army at the age of eighteen, toward the end of the conflict, he nevertheless found himself into the army football teams, where his talent was obvious. Two army teammates took his name to Sheffield Wednesday manager Eric Taylor, who invited him for a trial and then signed him.

The move to Yorkshire proved fruitful, and he was well regarded by fans and staff at all of the clubs he played for; a career that took in York City, Watford, Norwich and Crystal Palace, although notably not England. In 1959 he made the final move of his playing career, to fourth division Rochdale. It was this move that would secure his name in footballing history.

Collins was appointed player-manager in 1960, making enough of an impact to be given the job full-time when he hung up his boots a year later. This allowed him to focus on the managerial aspects of his job, and this focus would be vital. In his second year as manager, his first as a full-time member of staff, he led the fourth division side through the League Cup, beating Second Division Southampton and Charlton before a semi-final draw against First Division Blackburn Rovers, and his former manager Jack Marshall. A shock 3-1 win at Spotland set the tone for a nervy second leg, where Blackburn were on the verge of a 2-0, away goals victory before a late goal took Rochdale to the only major final. It took fifty years for another fourth division side to go that far in the competition, and should be a testament to Collins' ability.

Rochdale were soundly beaten by Norwich in the final, but the achievement was clear, and in the following months Collins applied for thirteen jobs higher up the pyramid; not receiving a reply from any of the clubs that

he had contacted. He made his home in Rochdale, managing the side for a further five years, before resigning to focus on his family.

He wouldn't spend long outside of football however, and after a brief spell at Bristol City went on to join Don Revie's Leeds as chief scout. Revie was sufficiently impressed that he took Collins with him into the national team setup, where the scout earned the nickname "Super Spy", following a detailed, accurate and ultimately successful strategy that he outlined after watching Scotland. It was scouting where he would see out the rest of his career, making quite a name for himself in picking out young talents for big clubs.

Being sent to scout a Dutch full-back who didn't impress, Collins instead recommended to Manchester United manager a young Ruud Gullit. The Dutchman wasn't for sale, but after

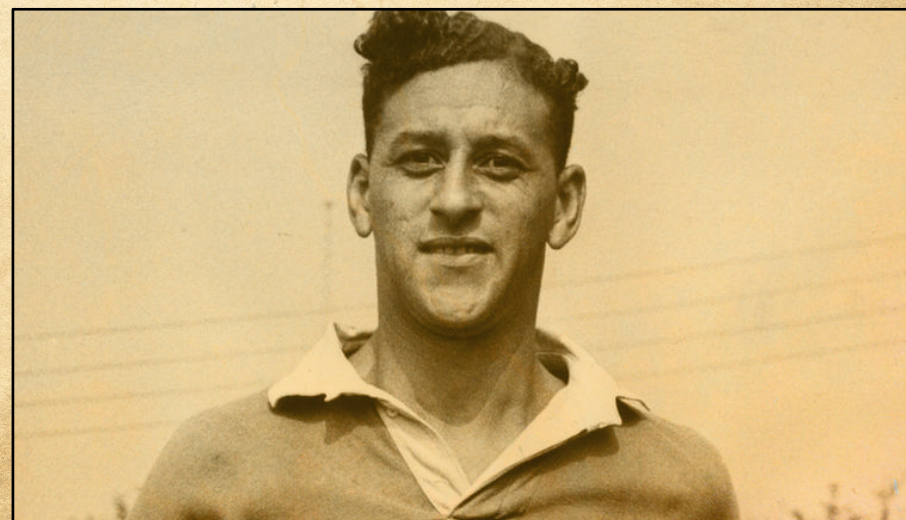
watching St. Patrick's Athletic, Paul McGrath was. He worked with Jock Stein, and later with Sir Alex Ferguson, to whom he unsuccessfully recommended a very young Alan Shearer, and more successfully proposed Lee Sharpe to Fergie's project.

But despite his obvious abilities as a scout, it is for his seven year spell in charge of Rochdale that Collins will be remembered. As representation improves and diversity increases throughout football management, it is to him that we must look as the pioneer.

Enjoy the game.

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# TODAY'S TEAMS

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 - KickOff 3:00pm



Head of Football: Rob Dray

3<sup>rd</sup> Qualifying Round

Manager: Scott Harris

Jack Bycroft - GK	1	●	●	Jordan Adeyemi
Joe Budd	2	●	●	Liam Allen - GK
Jay Foulston	3	●	●	Max Blackmore
Nick Grimes	4	●	●	Flynn Bolton
Dan Ball	5	●	●	Nick Burgess
Jake Wannell	6	●	●	Joe Hicks
Ollie Chamberlain	7	●	●	Alex Kelly
Lloyd James	8	●	●	Will Kouadio
Nat Jarvis	9	●	●	Joshua Millo
Nick McCootie	10	●	●	Harry Mills
Joe Guest	11	●	●	Jude Molloy
Harry Warwick	12	●	●	Maliq Morris
Ross Stearn	13	●	●	Charlie Nicholas
Zac Smith	16	●	●	Dominic Ogun
Ross Staley	18	●	●	Dom Pires
Dave Sims-Burgess	20	●	●	Joe Pratley-Jones
Lloyd Irish - GK	21	●	●	Taurean Roberts
Dylan Morgan	22	●	●	Harvey Sellers - GK
Lee Lucas	31	●	●	Eddie Simon
		●	●	Devan Tanton
		●	●	Ollie Twum
		●	●	Arsen Ujkaj
		●	●	

## Match Officials

Referee: Lewis Sandoe

Assistant Referee: Said Ouchene    Assistant Referee: Ollie Taylor