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The Gaffer

ROB DRAY



Good afternoon and welcome to the Cygnet Healthcare Stadium for this afternoons Vanarama National League match against our visitors today from Tonbridge Angels. My welcome extends to Jay Saunders, his team, staff and all the away fans who have made the trip to Somerset today.

The season so far has been everything I had hoped for and some, we are competing with everyone in this league, with the exception of Ebbsfleet United who are definitely Champions elect for me. We have also gone to Yeovil Town and earned a draw in the FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round and then brought them back here and finished the job off in the replay, which has earned us a trip to League One MK Dons, and what a day out that will be as I am certain we will have plenty of support travelling with us.

Whilst the FA Cup run has been a nice distraction in more ways than one, the goal has always been to remain in this league and establish ourselves as a National League South regular. So today the main focus as it has been all week is on Tonbridge Angels and we are under no illusions that we will be in for a tough game today as our opponents have been in good form and are sitting just outside the play-off places at present. Hopefully we can continue our defensive solidity and improve in the final third and start putting some balls in the opposition nets and start getting some much needed wins.

Please be in full voice today, get behind the boys in claret and blue and enjoy the game.....Oh and one last thing, Up the Peacocks!

Rob

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The Away End

TONBRIDGE ANGELS

Tonbridge Football Club were formed in October 1947 following the suggestion of local businessman and founder chairman Mr. Herbert Portch, and were one of four clubs to be elected to the Southern League for the 1948-49 season. 'Jock' Dunoon, a former Chelsea player, was the club's first manager. The club took out a lease on the Angel Ground, formerly the home of Kent County Cricket Club and named after the nearby pub 'The Angel'. Hence Tonbridge FC became known as 'The Angels'. A crowd of around 5,000 turned up for the club's opening league fixture against fellow newcomers Hastings United but the match was lost 2-1 with Albert Ronson scoring the club's first ever goal. Progress was slow in the early days with the club rock bottom at Christmas and with Harold Hobbis taking over as manager from Dunoon and Marshall Raybould, but the club would improve their form in the second half of the season to finish third from last.

Throughout the 1950s the Angels would struggle to make any progress in the Southern League and a peak of 11th place was reached in 1949/50, the club's second season, however Tonbridge would prove to be a strong side in cup competitions. In 1949/50, the club reached the semi-finals of the Southern League Cup, losing 3-2 to Colchester United. In three successive seasons, 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53,

Tonbridge reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup, only to lose each of the three after a replay. The Angels' opponents were Chelmsford City, Aldershot and Norwich City respectively. The Aldershot tie at the Angel Ground saw a record attendance of 8,236, while the Norwich City game was shrouded in controversy with a late goal at Carrow Road settling the tie. The first trophy to be lifted came in 1951/52 with the Angels winning the Kent Senior Shield. Tonbridge would go on to win this trophy a further four times, in 1956, 1958, 1959 and 1964. Two Southern League Cup finals were reached and lost, beaten in 1954/55 by Yeovil Town and two seasons later by Hereford United, and two Kent Senior Cup finals were also lost in 1956/57 and 1958/59. The club were relegated from the Premier Division in 1961/62, but were promoted two seasons later finishing in 4th place after narrowly missing out the year before. However the club were then relegated back to Division One in 1965-66. The notable success of the 1960s was the achievement of reaching the First Round Proper for a fourth time, this time being knocked out 1-0 by Dagenham. The club also won the Kent Senior Cup for the first time in 1964/65 (pictured, top right).

In 1972/73 the Angels won promotion to the Premier Division by finishing as runners-up to Maidstone United. In the same season the First Round Proper of the FA Cup was

reached once again as Charlton Athletic were the visitors to the Angel Ground. A crowd of 7,770 saw Charlton win 5-0. Tonbridge won the Kent Senior Cup in 1974/75 while managed by former World Cup winner George Cohen. After struggling to stay in the Premier Division, the club suffered financial troubles and went into voluntary liquidation in 1976. Tonbridge Angels FC was then formed and allowed to complete the fixture list on the understanding that relegation would result at the end of the 1975/76 season, wherever the club finished. Another major problem loomed soon after. The club's landlords, the local council, wanted the Angel Ground for development. A battle lasting up to three years that went as far as the High Courts ensued before the club was eventually offered a new ground at Longmead, its present home. The appropriately named Micky Angel scored the last ever goal at the old Angel Ground in 1980.

Former Tonbridge and Arsenal goalkeeper Tony Burns took over as manager for the 1980/81 season and the club's new Longmead Stadium hosted its first game on August 18th 1980, a crowd of 701 watching a Southern League Cup game against Crawley Town. Despite having a new home, finances proved to be a problem for the club. Burns departed for Gravesend & Northfleet in December 1982 to be replaced

by John Keirs, who took the club to fourth place in the 1983/84 season, promotion only denied to the Angels on the final day of the season. Phil Emblen took over the reins in July 1985 and led the club to another Southern League Semi Final appearance in 1987, but his departure along with several key players at the end of the 1987/88 season led to a slump in the 40th anniversary season.

1988/89 proved to be a disaster for the club. Former Tottenham Hotspur man Terry Naylor took charge and lasted for just seven games, in that time only managing to earn a single drawn match. With the Angels at the bottom of the league Tommy Sampson came in to try to steady the ship but the damage was already done. The Angels bade farewell to the Southern League after 40 years, relegation to the Kent League being the club's "reward" after ending the season in next to bottom spot.

The Angels regrouped for the 1989/90 season with former player and manager Tony Burns returning to manage the club for a second time. Tonbridge finished in a worthy third place, not enough for a quick return to Southern League football, but silverware was forthcoming in the form of the Kent League Cup. Another former manager returned for the 1990/91 season, Phil Emblen, and he sparked a revival in the club's fortunes. Emblen patiently built a winning team and after two fourth-placed finishes, money-spinning Cup runs and another Kent League Cup win, the title finally arrived at Longmead in the 1992/93 season. And so, after a few seasons away, Tonbridge returned to the league which they had graced for so many years.

During the club's Kent League days, Longmead Stadium's record attendance for a competitive match was remarkably beaten three times in ten days during a memorable FA Cup run. After an abandoned 3rd Qualifying Round replay with Hampton in front of over 800 fans, the game was rearranged and drew an impressive attendance of 1,274. Just five days later the 4th Qualifying Round tie against Yeovil drew a crowd of 1,483. Season 1997/98 saw an attendance of 2,412 when the full Crystal Palace first team squad appeared for a charity match in aid of two local hospices, making March 30th 1998 a memorable evening in the club's history. Still on the topic of records, the Angels' biggest win came about in the FA Cup in 1951 when Worthing were beaten 11-1. Two seasons before that a 2-11 loss at Folkestone in the Kent Senior Cup had given the club its record defeat.

Alan Walker was appointed manager at the start of season 2002-03 and that season was arguably the most successful since joining the Southern League, the club eventually finishing ninth after a fine end of season run. That run continued into the 2003-04 with the a club record of 26 league matches unbeaten being ended in December 2003, at which point the Angels were comfortable leaders of the Eastern Division. Walker left the club shortly after due to a loss of sponsorship and the Angels replaced him with player-manager Tony Dolby. After an initial period of mixed results, Dolby steadied the ship and brought in Mike Rutherford as assistant coach before keeping the Angels in the title battle until the penultimate game of the season. The Angels finally finished in third, the club's highest position in the Southern League for

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The 2004-05 season started a new era in the Ryman Isthmian League Premier Division, and it began well with an unbeaten run of six games in the late summer, but the Angels were in the bottom three by the end of November, where they would stay for the rest of the season, and despite a late comeback were unable to claw themselves out of the relegation zone.

The Angels bounced back into the Premier Division at the first attempt, in the most dramatic of fashions, after a rollercoaster 2005-06 season. Tonbridge were undefeated until October but a bad run of results threatened to undermine the promotion bid, but the Angels always did enough to stay in the play-off places and a late surge secured third place and with it home advantage in the play-offs. Tooting & Mitcham were defeated in the Semi-Final

match before a dream Final pitted the Angels at home to old Kent rivals Dover Athletic. The Lilywhites were beaten 3-2 in front of a new record Longmead Stadium attendance of 1,863.

In 2006/07 the club reached the 4th qualifying round of the FA Cup again, losing 1-0 at home to Newport County. It was also a season in which Jon Main broke all the club's scoring records with 44 goals including seven hat-tricks. Main would go on to break Paul Emblen's transfer record by signing for AFC Wimbledon in November 2007 for "an undisclosed record fee".

Following an FA Cup 4th qualifying round defeat at Ware in October 2007 the Angels parted company with manager Tony Dolby and Tommy Warrilow was appointed. The club finished 8th in the Ryman Premier and had a good run in the FA Trophy, beating Blue Square Premier side Oxford United before losing to AFC Wimbledon in the next round at Longmead, a game which drew a crowd of 2,281.

In 2008/09 the Angels finished third in the Ryman Premier but lost to Carshalton Athletic in the play-offs. The close season saw a major ground development. The old covered stand, which had been transported from the Angel Ground to Longmead in 1980, was a hollow shell except for a pathway and 200 temporary seats. It was completely refurbished and transformed into a smart 720 capacity all-seater stand.

In 2009/10 the Angels missed out on the play-offs but after a poor start to the 2010/11 season they embarked on a run of just one defeat in eighteen matches and put themselves in contention for a play-off

place. That place was eventually won and Harrow were beaten 3-2 after extra-time in the semi-final to set up a final with Lowestoft Town at Longmead Stadium.

A nail biting match in front of a record competitive crowd of 2,411 saw the Angels just edge out their Suffolk visitors 4-3 to take their place for the first time in the Football Conference South Division - their highest ever place in the non-league pyramid.

The Angels were to stay three seasons at that level, finishing as high as 9th in their first season, before being relegated back to the Isthmian Premier at the end of season 2013/14. Manager Tommy Warrilow also resigned at the same time.

His place was taken by Steve McKimm who had been coach at Sutton United and whilst his first season in charge saw a flirtation with relegation, there followed an immediate change in fortune with 4th place achieved in 2015/16 and a play off semi final appearance against East Thurrock United. Despite a 2-0 loss there was optimism for the 2016/17 season. That optimism was well founded with a 4th Qualifying round appearance in the FA Cup against Dartford and a promotion challenge that in the end saw the club one position and one point away from a play off place.

While 2017/18 didn't quite live up to the heights of the previous two seasons, in 2018/19 McKimm's side matched their 4th placed effort of three years previous, but this time went one better by winning the play-offs beating Haringey Borough, Merstham and Metropolitan Police to return to the National League after a five-year absence.



ONES TO WATCH



Sonny Miles

Came through the Angels youth system, is capable of scoring vital goals at set pieces. Captained the side with distinction for much of 2017/18 and again in 2019/20 due to long term injuries to club skipper Tom Parkinson. Has now become permanent 1st team captain and has made over 475 appearances for the Angels. Voted Supporters Player of the Year for 2021/22.



Dylan Gavin

Born in Ireland Dylan has international honours gained in the Republic's U16 team with significant interest at that stage being shown by Charlton Athletic. He went on to join the South East London club scoring regularly at youth level to the extent that in 2021 he signed a professional contract for the Charlton Athletic Academy. Gavin is very good in winning aerial

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH - SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER 2022

VENUE: MARSH LANE - ATTENDANCE: N/A

The deep frustrations that can arise from the beautiful game were never better demonstrated at Court Place Farm when a highly controversial stoppage time penalty secured an undeserved three points for the hosts against a Peacocks side which had again battled back from going behind before having the better of it in the second half, only to be undone at the death by a poor refereeing decision in keeping with the previous 90 minutes.

Town showed two changes from the side that had started at Worthing, with Nick McCootie taking over from Nat Jarvis up front and Joe Budd stepping in for Lee Lucas, but it was Groundhog Day again as the Peacocks had to play second fiddle to their opponents for the opening quarter, as had been the case in Sussex three days earlier. City, on a run of eight games unbeaten in all competitions, went for it straight from the kick-off, a run down the right and a cross into the middle booted clear by Ollie Chamberlain which was followed by two quickfire corners as the hosts pegged Town back without a chance arising.

The first real opportunity arrived on 16

minutes when Josh Parker laid the ball off to tricky forward Klaidi Lolos who embarked on a run from close to the halfway line into the area before he slotted his effort narrowly wide of the far post. The opening goal was not far off though as another break saw City take the lead after 20 minutes. Town lost possession on the right, allowing Lewis Coyle to thread a pass along the line in search of Lolos who ghosted past Dan Ball and centred into the path of Andre Burley whose shot was blocked on the line by Chamberlain, only for the ball to unfortunately rebound into the net off the back of prone keeper Jack Bycroft.

The Peacocks dug in and began to get a foothold. Chamberlain's left-footed cross was glanced well wide by Dave Sims-Burgess before they came mightily close to drawing level on the half hour, Zac Smith's pass being laid off by Sims-Burgess on the left to Budd whose ball across goal was driven against the underside of the bar by Joe Guest with Oxford managing to clear the danger. Lloyd James was brought down by Reece Fleet, already in the book alongside Guest and Sims-Burgess, but Jay Foulston fired the free kick over as Town gained in confidence on the 3G surface,

culminating in the equaliser six minutes before the break. Smith won a corner on the left which James curled in and the ball fell loose after the initial challenge for Sims-Burgess to gleefully volley home from five yards.

The last action of the half yielded another half chance for the hosts when Burley got free on the right to square across the box, with Nick Grimes diverting for a corner to prevent Jayden Carbon from capitalising. City maintained their intent when play resumed after the break, Lolos receiving the ball on halfway and gliding forward to force Bycroft into a diving save with a shot from the edge of the box while neat footwork from Parker then created space for a tame shot which Bycroft collected.

Jarvis replaced McCootie ten minutes in which signalled a positive spell for Town going forward. After Bycroft's kick had nearly caught the back-peddalling City keeper Ben Dudzinski off his line, the Peacocks saw plenty of ball. Foulston's shot was blocked following a James' free kick, with the ball recycled into Jarvis whose header suffered the same fate. Foulston drilled another strike wide and James fired just over the bar from a Foulston free kick before the Taunton No 8 picked up a loose header from Tom Harrison to lift an effort narrowly over the top.

A mini period of pressure from the home side was dealt with effectively by Town before they went back on the offensive. Canice Carroll brought down Sims-Burgess just outside the box but somehow evaded a second booking, with James curling the free kick over. A double switch on 77 minutes saw Dylan Morgan and Ross Stearn

introduced as both sides probed for the decider in the final ten minutes. Fleet found space on the edge of the area to see his strike blocked but Town were looking the more likely to sneak one. Morgan failed to pick out Stearn after a burst into the box and James sent another free kick straight at Dudzinski before a chance was missed with seven minutes left, Jarvis meeting a James free kick but his header failed to meet the target.

Morgan won possession on the left to cut in and test Dudzinski with another effort before City were reduced to ten men on 87 minutes after Fleet received his second caution. The one man shortage made little difference for the remainder as it appeared odds on that parity would prevail. Joe Iaciovano scuffed a shot to Bycroft while Morgan's shot was blocked at the opposite end and fell to Foulston, his strike going the same way as most others on the night as it whistled just over. The notion of a well-deserved point was then shattered two minutes into added time. A free kick from Juan-Baptiste Fischer was floated into the box and despite no appeals, referee Read deemed the meeting of Grimes and Harrison worthy of a penalty. Bycroft had saved the two of the three penalties he had faced this season but was unable to make it a hat trick as Iaciovano skipped forward to roll home the spot kick to leave home fans ecstatic and away ones seething.

There was no time for a comeback, condemning Town to a sixth National League game without a win and another slip down the table to 19th. The Peacocks undoubtedly should have secured at least a point in a game in which they again matched an established Step 2 side.



VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH 2022-23 LEAGUE STANDINGS

as at 16th October 2022

P	Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Ebbsfleet United	13	11	2	0	36	11	+25	35
2	Dartford	15	10	1	4	26	15	+11	31
3	Havant & Waterlooville	13	9	3	1	30	16	+14	30
4	Chelmsford City	13	8	3	2	18	9	+9	27
5	Braintree Town	14	8	2	4	27	19	+8	26
6	Bath City	14	7	4	3	28	21	+7	25
7	Worthing	14	6	6	2	21	14	+7	24
8	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	14	7	2	5	22	21	+1	23
9	Oxford City	13	6	3	4	20	17	+3	21
10	St Albans City	14	5	5	4	14	12	+2	20
11	Welling United	14	5	5	4	22	22	0	20
12	Hampton & Richmond Borough	13	5	3	5	19	16	+3	18
13	Dover Athletic	14	5	3	6	21	22	-1	18
14	Hemel Hempstead Town	14	5	3	6	14	18	-4	18
15	Slough Town	14	5	2	7	16	25	-9	17
16	Eastbourne Borough	13	5	1	7	25	22	+3	16
17	Chippenham Town	13	4	3	6	8	14	-6	15
18	Farnborough	13	4	2	7	11	15	-4	14
19	TAUNTON TOWN	13	3	5	5	9	14	-5	14
20	Dulwich Hamlet	13	3	2	8	16	21	-5	11
21	Concord Rangers	14	3	2	9	11	25	-14	11
22	Cheshunt	14	3	0	11	15	31	-16	9
23	Hungerford Town	14	2	2	10	9	19	-10	8
24	Weymouth	13	1	2	10	10	29	-19	5

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

Recent Results - Tuesday 25th October

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

Today's Other Fixtures - Saturday 29th October

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



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There's just something about the FA Cup first round proper draw – you dare not miss it.

Growing up, the hazy memory is listening on the radio but now it's a prime time live TV event, usually beamed from a clubhouse of one of the lucky Non-League teams to have got through.

Despite the wider national interest being piqued at this stage, we of course all know what goes into reaching even this round

If the FA Cup fourth round qualifying at the feeling of the first round proper draw, then Monday night's first round was a blockbuster.

Recency bias perhaps, but it's hard to remember one in recent seasons that has pulled out so many mega ties – it will be hard for the TV execs to make their live picks that's for sure.

Bracknell Town drew League One title chasers Ipswich Town, Hereford are at home to Portsmouth, the winners of the replay between Torquay and Hampton & Richmond host Derby County, Coalville – who stunned Notts County – are off to Charlton Athletic, Alvechurch at Cheltenham Town, South Shields welcome Forest Green, Woking have a home date with Oxford United, Curzon Ashton take on Cambridge United, first round debutants Needham Market travel to Burton Albion...the list goes on and on.

I've written here before about the annual FA Cup-bashing that will start in January, frustration with the elite clubs who want to cancel all replays because of so-called fixture congestions as if it's the solution and the bad wrap the competition, at times, receives.

But on Monday we could see in full swing how good the FA Cup is. How much it means. From a packed-Alvechurch clubhouse – where the draw was held – oohing and ahing every time a ball close to theirs was drawn. To the scenes of the Bracknell squad jumping around when they drew Ipswich, or Coalville players celebrating their pairing with former Premier League outfit Charlton – there just can't be a competition in the world quite like it.

Every fan and club dreams of having that special run. One that you can dine out on for years. Heroes are made in the FA Cup. And the exciting thing for the players still in this year's cup, they still have that chance to make it them this time.



Some clubs will have less high-profile first round draws but they are often the winnable ties that lead to bigger days further down the line.

The limelight will fall on many over the next few weeks. For some it will shine even brighter as they have to ready their grounds for big crowds, television cameras and all the circus that comes with it.

There will be hundreds of hours put in at Bracknell, for example, as they prepare their intimate Bottom Meadow – home of Sandhurst Town – for the might of Ipswich Town. Only in the FA Cup. There's just something about it.

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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	1-0 W	731
4th	HOME	ODD DOWN	SPC	7-0 W	184
8th	AWAY	EBBSFLEET UNITED	VNLS	5-0 L	1,474
15th	AWAY	YEOVIL TOWN	FAC 4Q	0-0 D	3,093
18th	HOME	YEOVIL TOWN	FAC 4QR	1-0 W	2,347
22nd	AWAY	WORTHING	VNLS	1-1 D	1,295
25th	AWAY	OXFORD CITY	VNLS	2-1 L	N/A
29th	HOME	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	VNLS	3:00pm	-

NOVEMBER '22

5th	AWAY	MILTON KEYNES DONS	FAC 1	3:00pm	-
8th	HOME	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	VNLS	7:45pm	-
12th	HOME	CHESHUNT	VNLS	3:00pm	-
22nd	HOME	DULWICH HAMLET	VNLS	7:45pm	-
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	-
TBC	AWAY	DOVER ATHLETIC	VNLS	TBC	-
TBC	HOME	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	VNLS	TBC	-



THE UNTOLD GAME

- Black History Month: Andrew Watson -

In 2004, when Nigel Quashie ran out at the Lillekula Stadium in Tallinn, Estonia, he was something of a rarity. Having switched his allegiance from England earlier in the year, he was making his international debut, and represented something that nobody at home or in the stadium had seen in their lifetime; a black footballer turning out for Scotland. But Quashie wasn't the first black player to represent Scotland. That honour went to Andrew Watson, but his story began almost 150 years earlier.

Andrew Watson was born in Glasgow in 1856 to a wealthy sugar planter and a local British Guianese woman. Little is known of his early childhood, but he was sent to school in Halifax, and at the age of just 13 lost his father. With his sizeable inheritance, he moved on to King's College School in Wimbledon, where his love of sports was fostered. Football, unsurprisingly, was his passion, and something he continued when he moved back to Scotland to attend the University of Glasgow.

While at university, he started his playing career at local side Maxwell, where he excelled as a full-back playing on either flank. He moved on to Parkgrove in 1874, where he also took up the position of match secretary, becoming the first black administrator in football. He stayed at Parkgrove for six years and continued to impress, eventually drawing the attention of one of Britain's, and the world's, biggest

clubs: Queens Park.

The Glasgow giants (as they were then) were the dominant force in football, having provided the entirety of the Scotland side in 1872, and developed the combination (passing) game that revolutionised the game that was mostly played with straight line running, a hangover from its evolution from rugby. He led the side to two Scottish Cups, becoming the first black player to win a major trophy, and The Scottish Football Annual of 1880-81 described Watson as 'one of the very best backs we have' recommending that he would be very worthy of a call up to an international side.

That call up wouldn't be long in coming, and Watson made his first appearance for the Scotland representative side in March 1881, captaining the side to a humiliating 6-1 win over the auld enemy, still a record defeat for England and a chastening lesson in the way football would develop over the following century and a half. He made his second appearance a few days later, in another dominant victory, this time over Wales. A year later he made his third appearance, again a 5-1 victory, against England again, before moving back to London. As the Scottish FA only picked players based in Scotland, this ended his international career.

One of the "Scotch Professors", a group of Scottish players who moved south of the border as English football professionalised,

he joined Slough side Swifts and became the first black player to play in the English FA Cup, helping the side to an 8-1 over holders Blackburn Rovers, as well as turning out for Clapton based Pilgrims, Brentwood, and London Caledonian, a side in the capital for Scottish players. Along with the other Professors, he introduced the passing game to England, despite the level of abuse and vitriol aimed at him. He moved back to Queen's Park in the middle of the decade but sadly was injured at the next opportunity for international representation. In 1887, he made one final move, to Bootle. Historian Tony Onslow described the move as 'the biggest coup in Merseyside' and, as Bootle paid him, Watson became the first professional player in England, predating Arthur Wharton by almost a decade. He retired five years later, and lived out his days in London.

Upon the opening of the Scottish Football Museum in 2001, the founder Ged O'Brien commemorated Watson as 'the most influential black footballer of all time. There is nobody who comes close.' The first black Scotland player, the first black football administrator, the first black player to win a major trophy, and the first black player to be paid to play. It's safe to say, Arthur Watson is deserving of that praise.

Enjoy the game.

Martyn

Martyn Green





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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.

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- 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

Saturday 29th October 2022 - KickOff 3:00pm



Head of Football: Rob Dray

Manager: Jay Saunders

Jack Bycroft - GK	1	●
Joe Budd	2	●
Jay Foulston	3	●
Nick Grimes	4	●
Dan Ball	5	●
Jake Wannell	6	●
Ollie Chamberlain	7	●
Lloyd James	8	●
Nat Jarvis	9	●
Nick McCootie	10	●
Joe Guest	11	●
Harry Warwick	12	●
Ross Stearn	13	●
Zac Smith	16	●
Ross Staley	18	●
Dave Sims-Burgess	20	●
Lloyd Irish - GK	21	●
Dylan Morgan	22	●
Lee Lucas	31	●
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1	Jonathan Henly - GK	●
2	Jaden Crowhurst	●
3	Craig Braham-Barrett	●
5	Sonny Miles	●
7	Lewis Gard	●
9	Louis Collins	●
11	Joe Turner	●
12	Fynley Rutherford	●
13	Kevin Manuel	●
14	Ruben Soares-Junior	●
16	Joe Tyrie	●
17	Tettwh-Quaya Addy	●
18	Scott Wagstaff	●
19	Dylan Gavin	●
20	Jeremy Santos	●
27	Thomas Fagg	●
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Match Officials

Referee: Daniel Lamport

Assistant Referee: Sean Rothwell Assistant Referee: Graham Pearce