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The Gaffer

ROB DRAY

Good afternoon/evening and welcome to the Cygnet Healthcare Stadium for what is in effect a double header in league and cup against Dulwich Hamlet as we welcome them twice to Taunton in a matter of a few days. Safe journeys to Paul Barnes his management team, players and fans joining us here for one or both games.

These are two very important games for both teams, as I am sure Dulwich will want to progress as we do, as far as possible in any cup competition and also when we battle it out for what are three very valuable points in the league standings with us just three points ahead of them as it stands.

Last time out we got a deserved three points against Cheshunt although that game should have been much easier than the 1-0 scoreline suggests.

Be your usual vocal selves over the next two games in this season's journey with the claret and blue and be that extra man for us as we go in search of more wins.

Up The Peacocks!!

Rob

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The Away End

DULWICH HAMLET

Dulwich Hamlet Football Club has a long and distinguished history that goes back nearly one hundred and thirty years, but the past few seasons have been as eventful as any that went before.

Despite being locked out of their Champion Hill home in March 2018 in a well-publicised bitter dispute between their landlords and the local council, the club remained strong and on the field the team maintained their focus and push for promotion under long-serving manager Gavin Rose. They were rewarded two months later when Hendon were defeated in a dramatic penalty shoot-out before a 3,321 crowd at their temporary headquarters at Tooting in the Isthmian League Premier Division play-off final to secure promotion.

Dulwich had worked extremely hard for their promotion after an incredible one hundred and eleven seasons as members of the Isthmian League. Four play-off final defeats in seven seasons, including the last two in succession, had stiffened the Hamlet's resolve and backed by impressive crowds, few begrudged them their chance to have a crack at Step 2 football.

The first season in the Vanarama National League South was tough going, especially the first half of the campaign when continuing to ground-share. But, thankfully, they were allowed to return to Champion Hill in December 2018 and not only were the team able to secure their position in the National League South with a 14th-place finish, but the near 3,000 crowds that have attended matches regularly since their return home make them one of the best-supported clubs in Non-League Football.

League results in season 2019/20 failed to live up

to expectations and the team were hovering around the relegation zone when Coronavirus brought the campaign to a premature halt in mid-March. The highlight of the season was the club's FA Cup run which culminated in a First-Round clash with Carlisle United in front of a full house at Champion Hill, the tie being televised live on BBC's Match of the Day. Hamlet may have lost 1-4 but they gave a commendable performance against the League Two outfit. In 2020/21 the Coronavirus pandemic caused further disruption. The season began late, in October, but with the majority of matches played behind closed doors, clubs were placed in financial difficulties which gradually worsened. It came as little surprise when clubs eventually voted to curtail the National League South season, which was declared 'null and void'. Thankfully, last season was played to a conclusion and Gavin Rose's side achieved their highest placing (10th) so far in the National League South. But it could have been so much better. A play-off place beckoned for much of the campaign, but injuries and a loss of form combined to produce a disappointing second half of the season. Despite that, the team played in front of several capacity crowds at Champion Hill.

The Dulwich Hamlet story began way back in 1893, during the closing years of Queen Victoria's long reign. Towards the end of the summer that year, Lorraine Wilson was handed the princely sum of one shilling and eight pence (less than 10p in today's coinage) by a couple of keen young footballers and asked to start a Dulwich Hamlet Football Club. 'Pa', as Mr Wilson was affectionately known, tackled the task with great relish and over the next thirty years he helped to build Dulwich Hamlet into a powerful force in the world of amateur football.

Life in the early days was difficult. The club's original ground in Woodwarde Road had no changing facilities. On match days the players used to walk half a mile through the streets of Dulwich Village to get from their dressing room to the pitch. Usually they had to carry the goalposts, crossbars and corner flags with them. One consolation was that the players' route took them through the gardens of the local inn where no doubt they paused on their return journey for a post-match drink or two!

Dulwich made their debut in competitive soccer when they joined the local Camberwell League in 1894/95. The following season the championship of that League's 'B' Division became the first entry on what has proved to be a long list of honours. Achieving senior status in 1900, the club proceeded from strength to strength and in 1904/05 they won the Surrey Senior Cup for the first time. They have now won the Surrey Cup a record 16 times, most recently in 1974/75. In 1907 Dulwich gained election to the Isthmian League.

During the First World War, the legendary Edgar Kail joined Dulwich. In his brilliant fourteen-year career with the Hamlet after that war, Kail scored 427 goals (including a club record of 53 goals in the 1925/26 season). He also played three times for the FULL England International side, scoring twice on his debut against France. Kail helped Dulwich to the Isthmian League championship in 1919/20, 1925/26 and 1932/33, two FA Amateur Cup triumphs in 1919/20 and 1931/32, and the London Senior Cup in 1924/25. Another Hamlet legend of that era was goalkeeper Bert Coleman who gained a FULL England cap in 1921, keeping a clean sheet against Wales. Dulwich's other major successes during their heyday between the wars were two more FA Amateur Cup wins in 1933/34 and 1936/37, and another London Senior Cup victory in 1938/39; they were also runners-up in the Isthmian League five times. Incidentally, their 7-1 win over Marine (Liverpool) in 1931/32 equalled the record score for an FA Amateur Cup Final.

Dulwich were quickly into their stride after the Second World War and in 1948/49 they were

Isthmian League champions for a fourth time. In 1949/50 they lifted the London Senior Cup again, and it was in the same season that full-back Reg Merritt embarked upon a long career with the Hamlet during which he made a club record 576 appearances. One of the most popular players of the immediate post-war period was flying left-winger Tommy Jover whose career goals tally for Dulwich has only been bettered by Edgar Kail. Tommy completed more than seventy years magnificent service to the club, as player, official and latterly club President from 1985 until his death at the grand age of 91 in 2008. The club's main stand is now named in his honour.

Dulwich were runners-up to Wimbledon in the Isthmian League in 1958/59, but then went through a very lean spell which, apart from three good seasons in the mid 1970s, culminated in relegation from the top division. However, they bounced straight back under manager Alan Smith (who later managed Crystal Palace), winning the Division One championship at the first attempt in 1977/78. Midfield dynamo Chris Lewington was an ever-present that season and he repeated the feat in each of the next four seasons to complete a remarkable 290 consecutive appearances – another club record.

Since the phasing out of amateur football and the end of the FA Amateur Cup in 1974, Dulwich have been a semi-professional club and competed in the FA Trophy. Twice they have reached the quarter-finals, losing to Boston United in a replay in 1979/80, then to Macclesfield Town, again in a replay, in 2016/17.

After their return to the Premier Division in 1978, Dulwich were soon challenging for honours once more and in season 1979/80 they finished third. However, as the 1980s progressed, the club fell on hard times again and despite a London Senior Cup success in 1984 they struggled in the Isthmian League, being relegated to Division One at the end of 1989/90. This time it took them two years to get back to the top flight – an exciting finale to the 1991/92 campaign saw the Hamlet win their last seven league games to pip Boreham Wood

for a promotion place on the final day of the season.

An even higher spot seemed likely in 1996/97, but after Murphy resigned in February 1997 the team slipped down to mid-table and another lean spell followed. During his spell as manager, Dave Garland briefly raised spirits with some long overdue cup success in 1998/99. He guided the team to the first-round proper of the FA Cup for the first time in exactly fifty years (and the fourteenth time overall), before bowing out to an own goal at the hands of Southport. Then, at the season's end, the club celebrated a 2-1 victory over Uxbridge at Charlton Athletic in the final of the London Challenge Cup.

Dulwich finished bottom of the Premier Division in 2000/01 and there followed a long spell in Division One. During his period as chairman/manager, Martin Eede brought some stability back to the club and in 2003/04 they came within a coat of paint of regaining a Premier Division spot when they lost 4-5 on penalties to Wealdstone in a promotion play-off. Somehow, after such a heartbreaking experience, the team raised themselves just three days later to win the London Senior Cup, when two goals from Omari Coleman gave them a 2-0 victory over old rivals Tooting & Mitcham United at Hendon. The following season was generally disappointing, but veteran defender Lee Akers joined a select band of players who have reached 500 appearances for the Hamlet. In 2005/06, goalkeeper Paul Seuke became the first player since the late 1980s to appear in every First Team game, although that record was nearly snatched from his grasp until a late substitute appearance in the final fixture, as a forward!

Wayne Burnett succeeded Eede as manager and took Dulwich to the top of Division One South during 2006/07 but after prolific marksman Chris Dickson was sold to Charlton Athletic the goals dried up and the team even failed to make the play-offs. It was all-change at Champion Hill during the summer of 2007. Jack Payne replaced Eede as chairman and Craig Edwards took over as manager. Edwards had two seasons as

manager, narrowly missing a play-off spot in 2007/08, before being replaced by Gavin Rose and his assistant Junior Kadi, both former Hamlet players.

For much of the 2010/11 campaign, Dulwich appeared to be drifting towards a third successive mid-table finish, but during the closing weeks they won eight and drew one of their last eleven games to surge up the table and claim the final play-off spot. In the play-off semi-finals, fifth-placed Hamlet upset the form book with an impressive 3-1 win away to second-placed Bognor Regis Town, who had finished a mere 31 points above them! In the final, away to Leatherhead, Gavin Rose's team were within touching distance of promotion to the Premier Division when they led 3-1 with only minutes remaining; unfortunately, the home side produced a storming finish to draw level deep into stoppage time and then run out 4-3 winners in extra-time.

In 2011/12, Hamlet enjoyed their best season for many a year and were in pole position with three games remaining. Unfortunately, a rare home defeat at the hands of eventual champions Whitehawk proved crucial and they had to settle for a final placing of third. In the play-offs, they defeated Folkestone Invicta 2-1 in the semi-finals, but lost by the only goal in the final away to Bognor Regis Town where a missed penalty sealed their fate.

After the heartbreak of defeat in successive play-off finals, Gavin Rose and his squad had another crack at promotion in 2012/13 and this time they displayed real mental strength, pipping a well-supported and talented Maidstone United outfit to the Division One South title. In an exciting finale to the season, Dulwich drew 1-1 with Burgess Hill Town to finish top of the table, one point clear of rivals Maidstone. The team also reached the League Cup Final, but for the second time in three years fell at the final hurdle, losing 2-3 in extra-time to Concord Rangers.



ONES TO WATCH



Sam Deadfield

Agile midfielder, aged 25, with a great passing range. He started his career with hometown club Reading before joining Birmingham City for whom he played in the FA Youth Cup quarter-finals. He later had spells with Beaconsfield SYCOB and Basingstoke Town before joining Hampton & Richmond Borough where he featured regularly during the past three seasons.



Kreshnic Krasniqi

Signed in the off-season after a year with Ebbsfleet United. Born in Kosova, he began his football career in Cyprus where he progressed to playing in the First Division there for Ethnikos Achna. He moved to England where he enjoyed two seasons with Heybridge Swifts. He then had spells with Concord Rangers, Wealdstone and Maidstone United before joining Ebbsfleet.

VIEW FROM THE STANDS - by Dave Webster

Well we did what was needed in securing the 3 points, but it sure as hell wasn't pretty. Downright frustrating at times to be honest. In a game where we could have been 3 or 4 nil up by half time, we went in with a very slender 1-0 lead, courtesy of a diving header from Jarvis, after Lucas and Smith had combined to set our striker up. The biggest mysteries of today, are surely; How was there only one goal? How there was only one yellow card gave? and Where were all the fans that made the trip to Milton Keynes last week? It would be obtuse of me to dwell on what could have been, when the most important factor was getting the win at all costs.

What is worrying, is the list of injuries building up. Today saw injuries to Chambo and DSB, which we most definitely did not need, after both Wannell and Stearn have been side-lined. Although lacking in skill, what Cheshunt had in abundance was a tendency to push, pull and generally irritate our players with niggly challenges! Hence why I am baffled as to the amount of yellow cards shown! Although Taunton were dominant throughout, there was a moment when Cheshunt may well have pulled off an undeserved equaliser, when a deflection off Lucas, [I believe] forced our keeper into yet another miraculous save. Which was unquestionably a huge relief to Lee, who rarely put a foot wrong all afternoon. Almost scoring himself, when his thunderous effort in the second half, went wide of the post by inches. The man of the match award went to Zac Smith, who quite honestly is having the season of his life. His work rate phenomenal, today no exception!

With Weymouth, Hungerford, Hampton & Richmond and Farnborough all winning today, it was vital we also won! Our home form has been nothing short of exceptional, with the Cygnet becoming the fortress it now is. Much of this, many of us would like to believe, is down to our fans, who once again were on form with a crescendo of noise! Long may this volume

continue.

We now have a 2 match break from league action, with an away at Yeovil in the Somerset Premier cup on Tuesday. Followed by next Saturdays FA Trophy clash verses Dulwich Hamlet at the Cygnet. Then its back to league action on 22 November with our 2nd clash in 3 days verses Dulwich in the league. All exciting stuff!!! Lets stay positive and enjoy todays victory. UTP.



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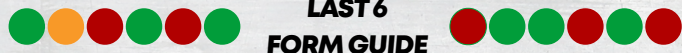
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Last Time Out

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH - SATURDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2022

VENUE: CYGNET HEALTHCARE STADIUM - ATTENDANCE: 720

The Peacocks extended their sequence of unbeaten League matches at the Cygnet Health Care Stadium to 26 with a deserved albeit unmemorable win. Not since Metropolitan Police escaped with the spoils in August 2021 had Town lost out on home turf and they rarely looked like having that record upset by an Ambers side also making their debut this season in the National League, but the hosts didn't make it easy for themselves after going off the boil in the second half.

There were no changes to the Town starting line-up from the one that had exited the FA Cup a week earlier, with the only squad absentee being Ross Stearn whose vehicle had broken down en route to the ground. After two minutes silence for Remembrance Day and in memory of Elsie Harris, wife of Club President Tom, the game began with early exchanges very much in the Peacocks' favour, winning the first corner of the game after two minutes which Jay Foulston delivered, and Nick Grimes headed over. Following a bout of applause after seven minutes to show support for critically injured Bath City striker Alex Fletcher, Town passed by another chance on the quarter hour, Nick McCootie meeting Foulston's cross from the left but sending his header over the bar.

The Ambers first attempt came from Reece Beckles-Richards whose shot from distance deflected wide while Emmanuel Maja sliced an effort over the terrace roof, but it was the hosts

who were very much dominating as the half progressed. McCootie got behind the visitor's defence to move inside and test Cheshunt keeper Preston Edwards with a shot which he saved low down, the pressure being maintained with Zac Smith having a shot blocked before another opportunity went begging when Foulston swung a cross to the far post where Nat Jarvis directed his header wide of the target.

Town were forced to make a change just before the half hour when Ollie Chamberlain retired with a groin twinge, being replaced by Joe Budd but this did little to disrupt the flow as the home side remained on top. Foulston's free kick flew across the face of goal without anyone able to get a final touch and Budd volleyed over after a Lloyd James' corner had been flicked on while a Lee Lucas pass across the edge of the box was drilled wide by McCootie.

Peacocks' keeper Jack Bycroft made his only real save of the half when a Cheshunt corner looped off a group of players and he was forced to scoop the ball over the bar for another corner which led to a penalty appeal for handball. Nothing doing though and the danger fizzled out. The best moment of quality in the whole game arrived a minute before the break. Budd's cross from the right was sublimely laid off by Lucas for Smith to chip into the middle where Jarvis steered his header over the line into an unguarded net to provide Town with an interval lead and Jarvis with

his second goal of the campaign.

The second half was pretty hard going in comparison. The Ambers nearly had the perfect start when Lewis Hobbs' pass downfield into space found Ken Charles free, but Bycroft comfortably pouched the 18 yard shot. The biggest threat to Town's advantage though was their lack of efficiency in front of goal which always meant the visitors were in with a shout. Foulston drifted a shot over and Dan Ball flicked a header wide before Town's best attempt of the half came when the ball fell free for Lucas who rifled a half volley inches wide of the post. Grimes' header from a James free kick also missed the target while a Charles snapshot at the other end proved a routine stop for Bycroft.

The Peacocks had Bycroft to thank after 78 minutes when he pulled off a brilliant save to keep the lead intact, Cheshunt sub Josh Shonibare scurrying down the right to cross from the byeline and Lucas so nearly diverting the ball into his own net until Bycroft showed razor sharp reaction to

parry the ball away. The visitors again had a sniff when Joe Re slipped a pass through to Charles, but Ball's challenge did enough to divert the attempt for a corner which Hobbs headed over.

There had been little threat from Town in the final third in the latter stages of the game until James' ball into the centre missed sub Dylan Morgan as the hosts looked to manage the remainder of time left. This was extended by seven minutes of stoppage time due to treatment for Ambers' keeper Edwards who collided with his own player Raul Da Silva. Edwards eventually had to go off and with all three substitutes already used, Beckles-Richards donned the gloves, and his side were down to ten men for the last few minutes.

The last opening came and went for Cheshunt when Charles saw his shot deflected for a corner which came to nothing as the Peacocks thankfully got the job done. Not easy on the eye in the second half but a vital victory nevertheless with several sides below them also picking up points.





VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
2022-23 LEAGUE STANDINGS
 as at 17th November 2022

P	Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Ebbsfleet United	17	13	3	1	41	15	+26	42
2	Havant & Waterlooville	18	13	3	2	43	20	+23	42
3	Dartford	19	13	1	5	39	20	+19	40
4	Chelmsford City	17	10	4	3	24	11	+13	34
5	Braintree Town	18	9	3	6	31	24	+7	30
6	St Albans City	19	8	5	6	27	18	+9	29
7	Worthing	17	7	8	2	24	16	+8	29
8	Bath City	17	8	4	5	30	24	+6	28
9	Oxford City	18	8	4	6	28	23	+5	28
10	Tonbridge Angels	18	8	2	8	26	29	-3	26
11	Welling United	18	6	7	5	25	28	-3	25
12	Eastbourne Borough	17	7	2	8	29	27	+2	23
13	Dover Athletic	18	6	5	7	24	26	-2	23
14	Hemel Hempstead Town	18	6	5	7	20	25	-5	23
15	Farnborough	17	6	4	7	16	17	-1	22
16	Hampton & Richmond Borough	18	6	3	9	24	30	-6	21
17	TAUNTON TOWN	15	5	5	5	14	15	-1	20
18	Slough Town	18	5	4	9	20	32	-12	19
19	Concord Rangers	17	5	3	9	16	27	-11	18
20	DULWICH HAMLET	16	5	2	9	22	29	-7	17
21	Chippenham Town	17	4	4	9	12	24	-12	16
22	Hungerford Town	19	3	3	13	13	26	-13	12
23	Cheshunt	18	4	0	14	20	40	-20	12
24	Weymouth	16	2	2	12	13	35	-22	8

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

Today's Other Fixtures - Saturday 26th November

3pm	Braintree Town v Hungerford Town
3pm	Cheshunt v Oxford City
3pm	Dartford v Concord Rangers
3pm	Hampton & Richmond Borough v Dover Athletic
3pm	Hemel Hempstead Town v Taunton Town
1pm	Slough Town v Eastbourne Borough
3pm	St Albans City v Bath City
3pm	Tonbridge Angels v Havant & Waterlooville
3pm	Welling United v Weymouth
3pm	Worthing v Chelmsford City

Upcoming Fixtures - Saturday 3rd December

12.30pm	Chelmsford City v Dartford
12.30pm	Concord Rangers v Hemel Hempstead Town
12.30pm	Dover Athletic v St Albans City
12.30pm	Eastbourne Borough v Chippenham Town
12.30pm	Ebbsfleet United v Slough Town
12.30pm	Farnborough v Hampton & Richmond Borough
12.30pm	Havant & Waterlooville v Worthing
12.30pm	Hungerford Town v Tonbridge Angels
12.30pm	Oxford City v Dulwich Hamlet
12.30pm	Taunton Town v Braintree Town
12.30pm	Weymouth v Cheshunt



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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	374
29th	HOME	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	VNLS	4-1 W	872

NOVEMBER '22

5th	AWAY	MILTON KEYNES DONS	FAC 1	6-0 L	2,739
8th	HOME	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	VNLS	P-P	N/A
12th	HOME	CHESHUNT	VNLS	1-0 W	720
15th	AWAY	YEOVIL TOWN	SPC	P-P	N/A
19th	HOME	DULWICH HAMLET	FAT 2	3:00pm	-
22nd	HOME	DULWICH HAMLET	VNLS	7:45pm	-
26th	AWAY	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	VNLS	3:00pm	-

DECEMBER '22

3rd	HOME	BRAINTREE TOWN	VNLS	12:30pm	-
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

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

- The Maracanazo -

Football in Brazil is a religion. Perhaps more so than in any other nation. In the aftermath of the Second World War, FIFA was determined to bring back a nascent World Cup that had seen just three iterations and needed somewhere to relaunch the competition, the entire sport, after the ravages of conflict. That place would have to be outside Europe, both because of the cost of hosting in a war-torn country, and because the previous two tournaments had been held in Italy and France. Brazil was the obvious place. And once they had been awarded the tournament, they began construction of a cathedral to their religion; the Maracanã. Nobody conceived that it would host what Brazilian playwright Nelson Rodrigues would describe as his nation's Hiroshima.

It's difficult to imagine a time when Brazil were not considered among the best teams in the world. But in the early years of the World Cup they had struggled, being knocked out in the first round of both the 1930 and 1934 World Cups, before improving to finish third in 1938. They were overshadowed in South America by Argentina, who developed a fierce footballing rivalry with Uruguay, who had beaten them to win the competition in 1930. Uruguay would play the role of villains in Brazil's national tragedy, shattering the dreams of a nation.

In the build up to the tournament, Argentina's FA fell out with Brazil's

Federation, so refused to take part. Germany were banned from the competition because of the war. Scotland refused to take up the second Home Nations qualifying spot after losing to England. Japan, India, and Turkey all withdrew. In all, just thirteen teams made their way to South America for the tournament. A little embarrassing for FIFA, it did open the way for Brazil to win their first tournament, reducing the number of games and the number of big rivals. Things seemed to be falling into place for a heroic home victory.

The small number of teams meant a reorganisation of the tournament, which would now consist of two group stages and no knockout rounds. Four first round group winners would qualify for the second group round, and the winner of that group would lift the trophy. Brazil started like a train, roared on by feverish home fans, beating Mexico 4-0. They drew with Switzerland, and then beat Yugoslavia to qualify from their group with ease. They were joined by Spain, Sweden, and of course, Uruguay. They saw off Spain 6-1, and then Sweden 7-1, while Uruguay slipped up. Brazil went into their final game of the tournament against their South American neighbours knowing that they just needed to avoid defeat to win the World Cup for the first time.

'These are the World Champions', declared Brazilian newspaper O Mundo before the

game. Victory for the hosts was so certain that FIFA President Jules Rimet had already prepared his congratulations in Portuguese. 'Brazil was about to beat Uruguay and win it's first World Cup,' reported the Wall Street Journal. 'They knew it.' Uruguay had other ideas.

Brazil started the game brightly, but despite seventeen first half efforts they had to wait until the second period to break the deadlock. Just after half time, Friaca scored an archetypal Brazilian goal dribbling past two defender and firing in. The Maracana went berserk, and a fog of flare smoke descended onto the pitch. Uruguay captain Obdulio Varela feared that the atmosphere would drive the hosts on, so decided to remonstrate with the linesman that the goal was offside, for several minutes. This allowed his teammates to regroup, and begin to assert themselves of the game. In the 66th minute they found an equaliser, Schiaffino turning home a cross. The Maracana went from a cacophony of noise to deathly silence, in an instant. With the atmosphere sucked out of the game, there was only one side that would go on to win. In the 79th minute, Brazil goalkeeper Moacir Barbosa misjudged a long shot and it snuck in. He would later burn the goalposts from that day, such was his disappointment.

The national fallout was on a level unseen before or since. A fan collapsed in his home after hearing the result. Two are reported to have committed suicide in the stadium. The Seleção could not bring themselves to play another game for two years, and didn't play at their cathedral, the Maracana, for four. It was as close as possible to a national mourning. Maracanazo, now in common use in Brazil, means the Maracana blow.

And yet, the most visible change was to the shirts. White was replaced with yellow. And then, using the tactical innovations of Hungarian Bela Guttmann, they switched to a 4-2-4 formation. By the end of the decade, they had indeed won their first World Cup. They were the last team to retain it, in 1962. They are the team we dream of when we think of O Jogo Bonito: the beautiful game.

Out of the lowest low, came the greatest of all.

Enjoy the game.

Martyn

Martyn Green





CYGNET HEALTHCARE STADIUM REGULATIONS

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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.
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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.
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17. Umbrellas are permitted within the stadium but must not be used if obstructing the view of other spectators.

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- 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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19th & 22nd November 2022 - KickOff 3:00pm & 7:45pm



Head of Football: Rob Dray



Manager: Paul Barnes

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	●
		●
		●

1	Charlie Grainger - GK
2	Sanchez Ming
3	Will Wood
4	James Comley
5	Josh Hill
6	Jack Holland
7	Kalvin Kalala
8	Frankie Raymond
9	Danny Mills
10	Sam Deadfield
11	Nana Owusu
13	Joe Osaghae - GK
15	Quade Taylor
16	Andre Blackman
18	George Porter
19	Dan Smith
20	Jamie Splatt
21	Jayden Clarke
23	Joe Felix
25	Ronnie Vint
26	Kreshnic Krasniqi

Match Officials - FA Trophy

Referee: Robert Ablitt
Assistant Referee: George Enever
Assistant Referee: Martin Bloor

Match Officials - League

Referee: Craig Scriven
Assistant Referee: Ryan Saward
Assistant Referee: Ollie Taylor