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The Gaffer

# ROB DRAY



Good afternoon welcome to the Cygnet Healthcare Stadium for today's Vanarama National League South game as we host Angelo Harrop and his Braintree Town team to Somerset. We hope you and your travelling fans have had a safe journey.

We played out our 6th league draw of the season from 16 games played, I just feel that if we could have turned a couple of those draws into wins we would be in excellent shape now in the league table.

I have been absolutely delighted with how we have defended throughout this season to date, allowing on average just one goal against per game, which I can't imagine many clubs up and down the country in any leagues can boast.

However we cannot rely on our defensive record and performances to win us points, we need to be better and more ruthless in front of our opponents goals and in the final third of the pitch going for the remainder of the season, we will then begin to turn single points into 3 points.

Braintree themselves have been very good going forward and are the 5th highest goal scoring team in the National League South this season so defence for us today is key.

I hope everyone enjoys the game today.....Up The Peacocks!!

*Rob*

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## The Away End

# BRAINTREETOWN

The club was formed on 24 September 1898 as Manor Works, the works team of the Crittall Window Company, from which they gained their nickname Iron The new club took over the fixtures of the recently defunct Braintree F.C. in the North Essex League, and also took on most of the former club's players. They left the league in 1900 but returned in 1901. They won the title in 1905-06, 1910-11 and 1911-12, also winning the Mid-Essex League in 1909-10 and 1910-11. In 1911 they also joined Division 2A of the Essex & Suffolk Border League, remaining in the league until 1928.

In 1921 they were renamed Crittall Athletic to be more closely identified with their parent company. After winning Division Two (Western) in 1922-23 and 1923-24, they were promoted to the Senior Division of the Border League in 1925. In 1928 they joined the Spartan League, and in 1935 were founder members of the Eastern Counties League, although they also continued to play in the Border League. They won the Border League in 1935-36 and both the Border League and the Eastern Counties League in 1936-37, but then left the Eastern Counties League to join the newly established Essex County League. The new league folded after a single season (in which Crittall were runners-up) and the club returned to the Eastern Counties League.

After World War II the Eastern Counties League did not resume in 1945, so Crittall

joined the Eastern Division of the London League instead. After finishing second in their first season, they were promoted to the Premier Division. They were invited to re-join the Eastern Counties League in 1947, but turned the offer down and remained in the London League, where they won the League Cup twice before returning to the Eastern Counties League in 1952. In 1954 they turned professional, but financial problems forced them to revert to amateur status and drop back down into the Border League at the end of the 1954-55 season.

In 1959-60 they won the league and League Cup double. They switched to the Greater London League in 1964, and then to the Metropolitan League in 1966. They were renamed Braintree & Crittall Athletic in 1968, and after winning the League Cup in 1969-70, the club returned to the Eastern Counties League again. In 1981 all links with Crittall were severed and the club was renamed Braintree F.C., before adopting their current name a year later. They won their second Eastern Counties League title in 1983-84 and retained it the following season. In 1986-87 they won the Essex Senior Trophy and the following season they won the League Cup.

In 1991 Braintree moved up to the Southern Division of the Southern League. In 1996 the club asked the FA to switch leagues to reduce their travelling. After initially being refused, they were allowed to move to

Division Three of the Isthmian League, although it was an effective drop of two divisions. They were promoted as runners-up in their first season, and repeated the feat the following season. After three seasons in Division One they were promoted to the Premier Division with a third-place finish in 2000-01. They won the Premier Division in 2005-06 to earn promotion to the Conference South. The season also saw them reach the first round of the FA Cup for the first time, eventually losing 4-1 at Shrewsbury Town.

Braintree qualified for the promotion play-offs in their first season in the Conference South, but lost 1-0 to Salisbury City in the final. They also reached the play-offs the following season, but lost to Eastbourne Borough in the semi-finals. In 2010-11 they finished as Conference South champions, earning promotion to the Conference Premier. The next four seasons saw the club reach the FA Cup for the first round, losing to Tranmere Rovers, Newport County, Chesterfield and Oxford United in successive seasons. In 2015-16 they finished third in the renamed National League, qualifying for the promotion play-offs. Despite winning the first leg at Grimsby Town 1-0, they lost the home leg 2-0 after extra time. In 2016-17 the club reached the second round of the FA Cup for the first time after beating Eastbourne Borough in the first round; they eventually lost 5-2 to Millwall in the second round. They were relegated from the National League at the end of the season after finishing in the bottom four.

The 2017-18 season saw Braintree finish sixth in the National League South. In the play-offs they defeated Hemel Hempstead Town and Dartford to reach the final, in which they

beat Hampton & Richmond Borough 4-3 on penalties to earn promotion back to the National League. However, they were relegated to the National League South the following season after finishing second-from-bottom of the National League. 2 seasons that followed saw major disruption owing to the covid pandemic, 2021-22 season was played to a finish and despite a tough period with 11 straight defeats the team with an increased playing budget were able to secure their place in the National League for this season. Angelo Harrop was appointed as replacement for the departed Ryan Maxwell, and has had to practically rebuild the whole squad ahead of the season.







# ONES TO WATCH



**John White**

John Alan White (born 26 July 1986) is an English footballer who plays as a defender for Braintree Town. He previously played in the Football League for Colchester United and Southend United, where he made over 200 league appearances for both sides.



**Kyron Farrell**

Farrell began his career with Millwall, signing a professional contract in May 2016. He moved on loan to Braintree Town in January 2017. On 15 June 2017, it was announced that

Farrell would join National League South side Concord Rangers following his release from Millwall. He moved to Cray Wanderers in March 2018. He the 2018-19 season with Walton Casuals. Following a three-year spell with Hampton & Richmond Borough, Farrell returned to Braintree Town in August 2022.



## VIEW FROM THE STANDS - by Dave Webster

If there is one thing we have learned from our 16 games played so far, in the National Southern League, it is that its much tighter than many expected. Indeed, the only game where we have been played off the park, was at Ebbsfleet. The standard of football from almost every club is pretty much the same all round. There really are very small margins between ending with all 3 points or zero points.

Yesterday was a prime example! The first half was almost like a boxer weighing up his opponent in the early rounds. The Tudors having the bulk of possession, but not giving Bycroft much to do. I cannot recall either keeper having a save to make throughout the first 45. In fact, their only duty was to retrieve the ball from the backs of their nets.

Taunton went 0-1 up when Lloyd flung in a very dangerous corner. There was a almighty scuffle involving Ball and Lucas, ending with Grimes tapping the ball home. The lead was not to last very long, when our defence were caught napping, when an unmarked Hemel man had the simple task of putting the ball beyond Jacks reach. And so the half juddered to a halt, with the scores level.

The game livened up in the 2nd half with both clubs believing they were capable of securing all 3 points. The Hemel keeper had to pull off a couple of fingertip saves. But our best chance of winning fell late in the game, when Guesty, who came on as a sub, broke through with just the keeper to deal with. Would have bet my Panini World Cup 22 collection, that he would have blasted the ball home, winning me £60 in my 2-1 bet i had put on. But no, he put the ball across the box for Ollie, whose scuffed shot was saved easily.

Hemel too, had chances to win, when Jack came racing out of his box like a Gazelle, only for the speedy Ogo Obi to zip past our hapless keeper stuck in no mans land, to fire for goal from an

acute angle. Fortunately Zac was on top of the situation to head to safety from the goal line. I do feel the 1-1 scoreline reflected the game, don't think anyone could argue on a point apiece not being fair.

Now heres a funny thing, the point moved us up the division one place to 16th. Yet it moved Hemel down one place to 14th!!!! I don't feel we have anything to worry about at TTFC, we are holding our own in this league. In the words of that great Soul singer Gloria Gaynor "I [we] will survive". Next up is another real tester for our Cygnet supremacy, a home game verses 5th placed Braintree [KO 12-30]. Now this could be tough, i feel a bit of a goal fest coming on here, with the Peacocks to nick it 3-2. UTP.



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# HEAD 2 HEAD



**16**  
GAMES PLAYED

**5**  
WON

**6**  
DRAWN

**5**  
LOST

**21**  
POINTS

**19**  
GAMES PLAYED

**10**  
WON

**3**  
DRAWN

**6**  
LOST

**33**  
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## Last Time Out

# HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN 1 TAUNTON TOWN 1

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH - SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

VENUE: VAUXHALL ROAD - ATTENDANCE: 452

The common National League template of well-organised teams largely cancelling each other out was again in evidence at Vauxhall Road as stalemate ensued. A draw was a fair result over a scrappy 90 minutes although one couldn't help feel that this may have been an opportunity missed to gain all three. After Nick Grimes had given the Peacocks the lead, the home side drew level before the break and even though home keeper Dave Saunders was busier than his opposite number Jack Bycroft in the second half, Town were also forced to man the pumps at the back on several occasions as the Tudors looked to bounce back from their midweek reverse to Eastbourne.

Ollie Chamberlain was restored to the starting line-up to replace Joe Guest, the only alteration to the Town side which had beaten Dulwich Hamlet seven days earlier. A chilly, grey afternoon greeted the teams as they emerged onto the 3G pitch, newly installed since Town's most recent visit six years previously, and early exchanges were equally as unremarkable. Speedy wide man Brooklyn Ilunga's run down the right earned the hosts the first corner of the game which was comfortably caught by Bycroft while Town appeared confident going forward without carving a clear opening until they made a breakthrough after 17 minutes. Joe Budd's cross was headed out for a corner from which Lloyd James' delivery squeezed through to the far post where Dan Ball got a touch to Grimes who tapped

home from on the goal line for his first goal of the campaign.

The game was brightened up by a triple bout of fancy footwork from the Peacocks midway through the half, backheeled passes from Zac Smith and Nick McCootie finding each other before Smith tried a shapely side heel pass. No Strictly judges were present so a 9 was awarded in their absence. Town's advantage was then cancelled out just past the half hour, a raking long pass from Kyle Ajayi finding Jernade Meade on the left and he got goalside of Budd to slide the ball across the box and find Josh Castiglione unmarked at the back post and he could hardly miss into an open net.

The equaliser gave the home side a shot in the arm as they had the better of it up until the interval. Ilunga had a shot blocked while Bycroft was not totally convincing from a couple of Hemel corners, managing to gather one at the second attempt before tamely pushing away another during stoppage time which fell to Tudors' captain Godfrey Poku who fired over the top. Saunders meanwhile showed a clean pair of hands to clutch Budd's cross at full stretch at the other end.

The Hemel keeper was forced into action again six minutes into the second half, Nat Jarvis holding the ball up well and laying off to Lee Lucas whose 20 yard strike was turned wide. The corner though came to nothing. A yellow card for James, the

second in a minute to follow one for McCootie, led to a free kick at the other end, however Meade's delivery travelled wide at the far post without anyone able to get a touch. Chamberlain then rode several challenges to fire in a left-footer from the edge of the box which Saunders touched wide, leading to two corners which again failed to produce while McCootie saw his effort also deflect for another flag kick, his last contribution before being replaced by Dave Sims-Burgess.

Neither side were able to get on top as the game entered the final quarter. Hemel sub Ogo Obi was having an impact though for his side, seeing a shot deflect goalwards but Bycroft, although wrong-footed, reacted to hold. A punt downfield by a Hemel defender then so nearly ended badly for the Peacocks, Bycroft racing out to clear but not

connecting, allowing Obi to curl his effort toward an open goal from the angle of the box. Smith popped up on the line though to superbly head away. Town were unable to clear the resultant set piece, Dominic Morgan-Griffiths firing over, while the visitors survived a further two corners as Hemel pressed down the slope.

The Peacocks missed a chance to snatch victory in the dying minutes. Joe Guest, who had replaced Lucas minutes earlier, was found in space on the right but instead of trying his luck he opted to pass to Chamberlain who scuffed his effort to Saunders. Town's Man of the Match Ball robbed Ethan Holt as he looked to capitalise on Meade's long pass as seven minutes of stoppage time began, during which Sims-Burgess saw his low drive safely held by Saunders. Little else of note as a forgettable encounter ended all square.







## VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH 2022-23 LEAGUE STANDINGS

as at 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

P	Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Dartford	21	14	2	5	43	22	+21	44
2	Havant & Waterlooville	19	13	4	2	44	21	+23	43
3	Ebbsfleet United	17	13	3	1	41	15	+26	42
4	Chelmsford City	18	11	4	3	27	12	+15	37
5	<b>BRAINTREE TOWN</b>	19	10	3	6	34	26	+8	33
6	St Albans City	20	9	5	6	30	18	+12	32
7	Worthing	19	8	8	3	28	21	+7	32
8	Oxford City	20	9	5	6	31	25	+6	32
9	Eastbourne Borough	19	9	2	8	36	29	+7	29
10	Bath City	18	8	4	6	30	27	+3	28
11	Tonbridge Angels	20	8	3	9	29	33	-4	27
12	Dover Athletic	19	7	5	7	26	26	0	26
13	Welling United	19	6	7	6	26	30	-4	25
14	Hemel Hempstead Town	20	6	6	8	22	28	-6	24
15	Farnborough	17	6	4	7	16	17	-1	22
16	<b>TAUNTON TOWN</b>	16	5	6	5	15	16	-1	21
17	Hampton & Richmond Borough	19	6	3	10	24	32	-8	21
18	Slough Town	19	5	4	10	21	37	-16	19
19	Concord Rangers	18	5	3	10	17	30	-13	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	20	3	3	14	15	29	-14	12
23	Cheshunt	19	4	0	15	21	42	-21	12
24	Weymouth	17	3	2	12	15	36	-21	11

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

### Today's Other Fixtures - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### Upcoming Fixtures - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

7.45pm	Braintree Town v Oxford City
7.45pm	Cheshunt v Dover Athletic
7.45pm	Chippenham Town v Weymouth
7.45pm	Dulwich Hamlet v Chelmsford City
7.45pm	Hemel Hempstead Town v Bath City
7.45pm	Slough Town v Concord Rangers
7.45pm	Tonbridge Angels v Eastbourne Borough
7.45pm	Welling United v Farnborough
7.45pm	Worthing v Ebbsfleet United



### NEXT UP

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# TAUNTON TOWN vs BRAINTREE TOWN

## 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	1-0W	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	2-1 W	661
22nd	HOME	DULWICH HAMLET	VNLS	P-P	N/A
26th	AWAY	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	VNLS	1-1 D	452

## DECEMBER '22

3rd	HOME	BRAINTREE TOWN	VNLS	12:30pm	-
6th	AWAY	YEOVIL TOWN	SPC	7:45pm	-
10th	AWAY	WELLING UNITED	VNLS	3:00pm	-
13th	HOME	FARNBOROUGH	VNLS	7:45pm	-
26th	HOME	WEYMOUTH	VNLS	3:00pm	-

# VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

## JANUARY '23

Date	Venue	Opposition	Competition	KickOff/Score	Attendance
1st	AWAY	WEYMOUTH	VNLS	3:00pm	-
7th	HOME	CONCORD RANGERS	VNLS	3:00pm	-
10th	AWAY	DOVER ATHLETIC	VNLS	7:45pm	-
14th	AWAY	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	VNLS	3:00pm	-
17th	HOME	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	VNLS	7:45pm	-
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	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	VNLS	TBC	-





# THE UNTOLD GAME

## - The Maracanazo -

The controversy surrounding this year's World Cup in Qatar rumbles on, and rightly so. A country with an appalling human right's record, where LGBTQI+ fans cannot and do not feel welcome, and where hundreds or thousands of migrant workers are believed to have died in the construction of the stadia, it's hosting of the World Cup is a stain on the game. But it is far from the first time that the competition has not lived up to the liberal image football likes to portray. In 1934, Mussolini believed the World Cup could unite and advertise his fascist Italy on the global stage. Even in 1966, England's sole victory, took place in a country where homosexuality was still illegal. But perhaps none of the controversial editions come close to 1978, where the Argentinian junta so brazenly, so blatantly, hosted the World Cup to prop up their own hated regime.

It is difficult to pin down exactly to whom FIFA awarded the World Cup in 1978. The country, obviously, was Argentina, but the decision was made in 1966. The bid to host the competition was made under the Presidency of Arturo Umberto Illia, the third centre-left President in a row, representing something like a stable democracy. But, eight days before the decision was made, a coup d'état removed Illia from office, replacing him with a military junta, who technically received the competition. Argentinian politics being as unstable as they were in the sixties and seventies, various other coups, before the return of popular Juan Peron and then his wife Isabel

(not Evita) and, eventually, another junta, which was in place when the tournament started in 1978. They had been in power for just two years, with a brutal crackdown on dissent, the removal of political liberties, and the disappearance of 30,000 people. Still, FIFA did what they do best, and concentrated on the football.

The competition itself started relatively innocuously. England, Wales and Northern Ireland failed to qualify, meaning British hopes (or, at least, interests) were pinned on Scotland, who struggled to live up to their pre-tournament optimism. 1974 finalists West Germany and the Netherlands made it through, however, as did the hosts and their arch-rivals Brazil. Joining them was Peru, which wasn't especially noteworthy at the time, but by the end of the tournament would be one of the biggest talking points in football.

The second group stage saw Argentina drawn with Brazil, Poland and Peru. After seeing off Poland, they drew with their South American rivals and would need a strong win in their final group game to qualify. Argentina started their game suspiciously late and knew that they needed a four goal victory to qualify. Peru had enjoyed a strong start to the competition but waned in the second group stage, losing 3-0 to Brazil. But such a heavy defeat seemed out of the question, and Brazil prepared to move into the final. They had reckoned without the junta.

Both Argentina and Peru have always denied any kind of arrangement. But Peru's players have admitted to a pre-match visit from the Argentina President and Henry Kissinger (The United States supported the junta, and Kissinger was a master of inflaming and easing political tensions to aid his political ambitions). Only one player, Peruvian defensive midfielder and Ballon d'Or nominee Jose Velasquez, has ever claimed wrongdoing in the match.

With the benefit of this hindsight, Mario Kempes ran through a suspiciously open defence in the 21st minute to open the scoring. Rodolfo Manzo was accused to throwing the game to secure a transfer to Velez, and he left the gap. Early in the second half, he lost Kempes from a free-kick and the Argentine got his and the team's second. Suspicious, but not necessarily damning.

But two goals would not be enough, and time was running out. Suspicious again, then, when in the 51st minute Peru's best player, and the only one to have accused his teammates of corruption, was taken off. He was replaced by Raul Gorriti, who hadn't played a minute of the competition up to this point.

The goals flowed then. A third. A fourth. A fifth. And a sixth. Argentina qualified for the final ahead of Brazil, where they would meet the Total Football of the Netherlands. In an overly physical game, Argentina forced extra time, and Kempes and Daniel Bertoni won it for the hosts.

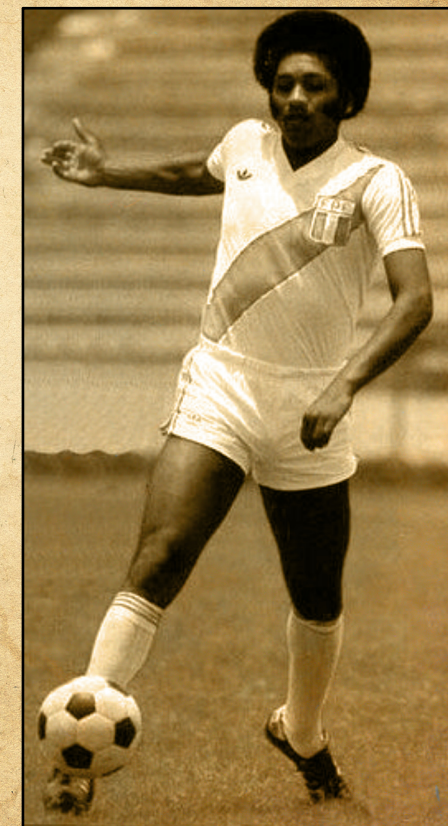
But it was the Peru game that was remembered, and the questions marks still remain. A Peruvian senator has admitted that his nation threw the game, and

Velasquez has accused some of his teammates, but there has never been any proof. The corruption always takes place behind closed doors, and it's always the football that suffers.

Enjoy the game.

*Martyn*

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# MEET THE TEAMS

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 - KickOff 12:30pm



Head of Football: Rob Dray



Manager: Angelo Harrop

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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		●

●	Jack Sims - GK
●	Damian Niemczycki - GK
●	Kyran Clements
●	John White
●	Baris Altintop
●	Jack Cawley
●	Leon Davies
●	Kyron Farrell
●	Joe Muscatt
●	Alfie Payne
●	Chris Regis
●	Willie Clemons
●	Joe Boachie
●	Jon Benton
●	Myles Cowling
●	Matt Rush
●	Alfie Matthews
●	Aaron Blair
●	Lamar Reynolds
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Assistant Referee: George Enever

Assistant Referee: Martin Bloor