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The Gaffer

# ROB DRAY

Good afternoon and evening and welcome to the Cygnet Health Care Stadium for our Vanarama National League South games with St Albans City and Havant & Waterlooville.

With any luck you are finally reading these notes, as we have not played at home now since the goalless draw with Braintree Town on 3rd December due to the wet and cold weather we have experienced in this part of the country.

With numerous League fixtures being postponed for us in the first half of the season, we now have as many as eight and nine games in hand over some of the team in the division which will mean having to fulfil a lot of games in a shorter time frame during the coming months, so we have to hope we can stay fit and healthy to help us get the best possible reward from these games.

Our trip to National League Torquay United which was our last match we played saw us bow out of the FA Trophy for this season after a 4-2 defeat. The turning point was definitely the red card shown to Jake Wannell which happened very close to us in the dugout. For me it is never a red card and that decision ultimately cost us at the end of the day but it is now back to the National League and full focus on the job in hand.

With plenty of games to play and points to play for we will need your support more than ever before.

Enjoy the game and.....UP THE PEACOCKS!

Rob

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## The Away End

# ST ALBANS CITY

Serving its 114th year in existence, St Albans City FC currently occupy a spot in the Vanarama National League South, England's Sixth Tier.

Throughout its history, the club has never ventured beyond the non-league system in English football. However, The Saints reached an all-time best during the 2006-07 campaign by reaching England's fifth tier, just one division off the country's professional game.

The 21st century has seen the club feature from the seventh to the fifth tier but after the highs of the 06-7 season, St Albans dropped down to the Southern League Premier Division (Tier Seven) in 2011. A new low for the club after a promising few years before, The Saints dropped out of the Conference scene for the first time in 20 years. However, a return to the National League South was secured through Play-off glory with a 3-1 win over Chesham United.

Every club has at least one name that they all hold dear to their heart, and for St Albans City, that name is Wilfred Minter. Representing the club during the 1920's, Minter scored a remarkable 356 goals in 362 games. His name can also be found in the record books after making FA Cup history in the 1922 Fourth Qualifying Round tie against local rivals Dulwich Hamlet. Whilst staring down the barrel of defeat after conceding eight goals, Minter provided a

glimmer of hope for The Saints by netting seven to become the only player in FA Cup history to score that number of goals whilst remaining on the losing team.

A time in history that provided a staggering record which is still to this day held by Minter, the 1920's were a special period for The Saints. First of all, St Albans lifted the Isthmian League Premier Division title on three separate occasions. Building on from the league success, the club saw its name in the draw for the Amateur Cup Semi Final in three of the years during the decade but a chance at silverware proving to be a step too far on each occasion.

As for the FA Cup, St Albans have reached the Second Round of the world's oldest cup competition on five occasions. This includes the seven-mile journey this year to face Boreham Wood, where the 2nd placed National League side would cruise to a 4-0 victory. On the way to meeting The Wood, St Albans caused a major shock by overcoming a deficit to knock out League Two leaders Forest Green Rovers. A game that will go down in folklore for the people of St Albans with Mitchell Weiss, Zane Banton, and eventual game-winner Shaun Jeffers on hand to complete the turnaround.

Creating the foundations for the club we know today, St Albans now set their sights on a promotion push back to the National League.





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## ONESTO WATCH



**Shaun Jeffers**

Shaun signed for the Saints in the summer of 2020. Shaun has been on goal scoring form since joining the Saints across the last two seasons, this season sees him top of the Vanarama National League South goalscorers.

Shaun has become the talisman of The Saints' strike force over the last two seasons since joining from Chelmsford City in 2020. Integral to the side, contributing 45 goals in 70 appearances across all competitions during that spell.



**Zane Banton**

Zane is an exciting winger who made four first-team appearances for Luton Town during the 2016/2017 season, all in the Checkatrade Trophy with starts against Gillingham and West Brom, then as a substitute against Millwall and Swindon.

Now entering his sixth campaign with City, he has accumulated 186 appearances to date.

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## VIEW FROM THE STANDS - by Dave Webster

### Torquay United 4-2 Taunton Town

Where else to begin than with the dismissal of Jake Wannell! Because, make no mistake, this was the incident that without doubt, changed the game. Coming just 5 minutes after Jake had scored the equaliser, that resurrected our belief of victory, after coming back from 2-0 down. The referee dealt us a kick straight in the Maris Pipers! With 10 men, the best we could have dreamt of, was holding on to the draw, and then facing the lottery of a penalty shootout. I didn't get a good view of the sending off incident, but those that did will argue it was a very harsh decision. To lose such a key player as Jake was always going to have a calamitous effect on Taunton, as it did at Ebbsfleet earlier in the season. Jake is an old style kind of player, in the same mode as 70s hardmen Stiles, McKay and Tommy Smith. Unfortunately, in this era of cheating, because that's what it is, when players roll about on the ground as if they have been walloped by a knoberry, players such as Jake don't stand a chance. Take earlier incidents this season, the red gave to Nat Jarvis at Slough, which was later rescinded, and more recently the incident at Weymouth where the cheat in the Weymouth shirt rolled about in his pathetic attempt to get Nick McCootie red carded. The hoodwinking of officials is rife in this current era, from Premiership down to the lower non leagues. A problem that does not seem to have a solution!!! An issue where Taunton will have to learn to play others at their own game.

Anyway, enough of that. It was always going to be tough, against a club that have previously played third-tier football. From a spectators view, its always a buzz to visit a stadium of a club that have played at such a level. The game kicked off at a ferocious pace, with end to end play. No one can deny it was exciting to observe. Such a contrast from the previous game at Dover. Both opening goals for Torquay came from preventable errors, where the pace of Torquay caught us out. Many Peacocks fans had visions of another MK Dons annihilation. But Ross Stearn and

Nick McCootie thought otherwise. I don't know if it were a cross or a shot from Ross, either way Nick was on the other end to bang it home. Then within minutes Wannell scored, resulting in mass hysteria amongst the travelling 150 or so Taunton fans. Our tail feathers were up as we sensed the much needed win. The joy was short lived with the red, with still about 50 minutes to play! And yet, for the first 10 minutes or so of the 2nd half, our team still attacked in search of a 3rd goal. We were awarded 4 free kicks in quick succession, unfortunately all coming to nothing. Then Torquay took over, as Taunton struggled to get out of their box. It was only a matter of time before they took the lead again. And so it came. At 3-2 down and a man down, it truly was a uphill task. The ref once again put a final nail in our coffin when Torquay were awarded a penalty. Again i could not get a decent view of the incident. But Lloyd James was down and having treatment for a lengthy period before the kick was fired home to make the score 4-2. This really was the end of our FA Trophy run now. All hope gone! But even in the dying minutes we had another opportunity of scoring, when Gusty's header went inches wide of the post.



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**6**  
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**7**  
DRAWN

**6**  
LOST

**25**  
POINTS



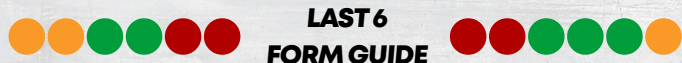
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GAMES PLAYED

**12**  
WON

**6**  
DRAWN

**8**  
LOST

**42**  
POINTS



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# MEET THE TEAMS

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - KickOff 3:00pm



Head of Football: Rob Dray

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	●
Ross Stearn	13	●
Zac Smith	16	●
Ross Staley	18	●
Dave Sims-Burgess	20	●
Lloyd Irish - GK	21	●
Dylan Morgan	22	●
Lee Lucas	31	●

Manager: David Noble

1	Michael Johnson (GK)
2	Devante Stanley
4	Kyran Wiltshire
5	Callum Adebisi
6	Michael Clark
7	Romeo Akinola
8	Ryan Blackman
9	Shaun Jeffers
10	Liam Sole
11	Zane Banton
13	Dylan Berry (GK)
14	David Noble
15	Huw Dawson
16	Mitchell Weiss
17	George Morrall
18	Munashe Sundire
19	Joy Mukena
20	Chris Paul
21	Lorenzo Johnson
22	Tafari Moore
23	Ricardo Di Trollo
24	Ben Smith
27	Glenn McConnell
28	Joe Neal
30	Mamadou Jobe
66	Loris Marcimain (GK)


## Match Officials

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# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

As part of our extensive coverage of the National League in The Non-League Paper, we include a statistics box, detailing significant moments of a game to give you, the reader, some kind of idea as to how the end result was determined.

Shots on target, Shots off target, Corners, Offsides, Free-Kicks Conceded, Yellow Cards and Red Cards are the seven categories featured and, when collaborated, usually offers a relatively accurate reflection and insight into the balance of play.

The key word in the above paragraph, however, is usually 'as', quite often, this is not the case. In fact, it can also portray the exact opposite.

Take my team, Ipswich Town, for example. Now, under manager Kieran McKenna this season, Ipswich are League One's stats kings. Top of the possession charts, most passes completed and chances created, they own the lot.

However, there is one quite important stat that Ipswich do not top, the points column. Defeat at Oxford United on Saturday left them third in the table, 10 points behind leaders Plymouth Argyle and seven adrift of second placed Sheffield Wednesday.

Indeed, in one game, at home to Lincoln City on October 15, the Tractor Boys enjoyed 76.7% possession and had 33 shots to Lincoln's three. They lost 1-0 to a goal from former Eastleigh striker Ben House.

In the Champions League of 2012-13, Barcelona had 89 per cent possession and 14 shots on target against Celtic, but still lost 2-1.

To modern-day managers like McKenna – the Football League's youngest boss at the age of 35 – data analysis has become a vital part of their make-up. The philosophy of possession based football, building from the back and 'putting numbers on the board' is seen as key to producing an attractive brand of football.

Call me old school, but I would suggest that the best brand of football is winning football and traits such as wingers booming long, high crosses into the box for a good old-fashioned centre forward to power into the net will always prevail.

A great deal of emphasis is also put these days on 'assists'. For me, though, statistics showing

the number of 'assists' a player has accumulated (or numbers as the statisticians call them) are often also misleading and don't give a true reflection of a player's overall performance. Midfield players these days are often judged by these 'numbers', in my day, it was simply a midfielder's job to assist the strikers and create opportunities to score.

And this new age terminology doesn't stop there. Recently, I heard a player described as "one of the best assist assists in the league". For those of you as baffled by this as me, an assist assist is the player who passes to the player who then assists a goal. Apparently that's a thing!

And my favourite thing right now is 'Expected Goals' and 'Expected Assists' (or xG and xA as they are called). This is a new revolutionary football metric designed to measure the probability of a shot resulting in a goal or a pass that will lead to a goal.

According to their descriptions, the xG model uses historical information from thousands of shots with similar characteristics to estimate the likelihood of a goal on a scale between 0 and 1. For assists, it considers several factors including the type of pass, pass end-point and length of pass that leads to a goal.

Years and years of data analysis, compiled by some very clever people, has gone into devising this system but, I'm sorry, I just don't get it. Unsurprisingly, Ipswich are regularly 'expected' to score three or four goals a game so surely they should winning every week and sitting on top of the table, shouldn't they?

Thankfully, Non-League football is that bit purer so such factors don't come into play. 'Expected Goals and Expected Assists' will have precious little bearing on the North West Counties League, for instance.

The only stat that really matters is the one stated in the scoreboard – and The NLP highlights that quite prominently too.

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## Last Time Out

# TORQUAY UNITED TAUNTON TOWN

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ISUZU FA TROPHY, 4<sup>th</sup> ROUND - TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023

VENUE: PLAINMOOR - ATTENDANCE: 1,411

Another controversial refereeing decision proved pivotal in this well-contested FA Trophy tie which represented the first ever competitive meeting between the clubs. After going two down to the National League outfit inside the opening 20 minutes or so, prospects appeared grim for the Peacocks, but they showed fantastic spirit to fight back and draw level. However the dismissal of Jake Wannell minutes before the interval left Town with an uphill battle for the second half which ultimately proved a step too far against their full-time opponents.

There was one change for the visitors from the Dover game seven days previously, Nick McCootie coming in for Dylan Morgan, and all began well enough, with Town winning the opening corner of the game from Lloyd James which Gulls' keeper Mark Halstead safely caught. The hosts though soon started to test the Peacocks' defence which blocked off a Nico Lawrence shot and then saw Ben Wyatt bundle wide at the back post from Dillon De Silva's cross.

A long ball from James gave McCootie the first real sight of goal for Town but his volley flashed across the box rather than at the target. However it was Torquay who were increasingly threatening and came close when Tom Lapslie advanced to fire a shot narrowly past Jack Bycroft's right-hand post. A minute later on the quarter hour mark the Gulls were ahead, De Silva gliding in from the right rather too easily and picking out the far corner

with a fine curling effort. And it took only six more minutes for United to double their advantage after Shaun Donnellan's free kick into the box found Lawrence who flicked on for Ali Omar to plant a routine header beyond the rooted Bycroft.

Two goals down with 75% of the contest to play did not bode well for the Peacocks, playing only their second game since Boxing Day. But just like a fighter put down twice in the early rounds, Town got to their feet and landed some punches of their own to leave it equal on the judges' scorecards. The deficit was reduced after 26 minutes when a ball from Nick Grimes was flicked on by Nat Jarvis to Stearn on the edge of the box and he squared across to the unmarked McCootie on the far post to slot home into the far corner.

The visitors menaced again when a low cross from Jarvis was parried away by Halstead and scrambled clear until Wannell took the spotlight in the final stages of the opening period. Firstly a great clearance prevented a nod-on from a free kick finding Ali Omar at the back post before the Peacocks' centre half brought the teams level seven minutes from half time. A James' free kick from deep found the head of Jarvis and fell to Wannell who took a touch and prodded past Halstead from ten yards to the euphoria of the travelling support at the opposite end.

A neat build-up nearly brought an immediate

response from Torquay, Lapslie seizing the ball inside the box to round Bycroft but finding the side netting before the turning point of the tie arrived on 43 minutes. Wannell's challenge for a high ball which caught Kieron Evans in the process was unbelievably deemed a red card offence by referee Tallis and to the disbelief of the Town camp they were down to ten men. Evans, who had made a very speedy recovery from the incident moments earlier, dragged a shot wide and sent another tame effort straight to Bycroft as the first half ended all square.

Despite their numerical disadvantage, the Peacocks opened on the front foot when play resumed but they were unable to carve out a clear chance. Several free kicks into the mix found the head of a Gulls' defender while Joe Guest's lofted pass found McCootie in space on the left, but his first-time lob was over the bar. The home side gradually got back into gear and began to up the ante on the Town defence who coped well with a number of deliveries into the box and blocked several attempts at goal. Morgan replaced Stearn on the hour to add some fresh legs, but this did little to shift the momentum, De Silva's strike caught by Bycroft who then dived to palm away a swerving drive from Ricky Aguiar. The pressure paid off on 65 minutes when United regained the lead, Wyatt beating his man down the left to cross for Aaron Jarvis to direct a header into the far corner. Six minutes on and the Torquay No 9 effectively sealed his side's progress to the next round and a home tie with Barnet. A penalty was awarded for handball by James as he tried to block a shot from Jarvis who stepped forward to send Bycroft the wrong way from the spot.

The remainder of the game proved fairly uneventful to what had gone before as Town stood firm. Dave Sims-Burgess and Lee Lucas took over from McCootie and Jarvis during the final 15 minutes while Bycroft held a shot from Evans. There was a late opportunity for the Peacocks to pull one back when Ollie Chamberlain's floated cross from the right found

Guest running in at the far post, but he placed his header wide.

A case of what might have been had Town played the whole game with a full complement but regardless they had put up a good fight against a seasoned team. The hunt for National League South points now becomes the primary focus as the Peacocks look to utilize their games in hand and climb the table.







***NATHANIEL JARVIS #9***



## The Away End

# HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE

Local football can be traced as far back as 1883 in the Borough of Havant, when Havant FC was formed, playing in the Portsmouth Football League. In the 1950's Bobby Tambling made the large jump from playing for Havant FC (youth team) to join Chelsea, followed by International recognition with England. On retirement Bobby returned to the Havant area opening a local sports shop. In 1969 Havant FC merged with local side Leigh Park United winning the Portsmouth Football League at their first attempt.

This witnessed a boom time in the Club's history as they joined the 4th Division of the Hampshire League. Between 1970-1977 the team progressed through to the 1st Division of the Hampshire League. This meant their home ground at Front Lawn would be unsuitable if the Club was to progress any further. The current home of Westleigh Park was acquired in 1980 and after two years of hard work and considerable cost opened in August 1982. The new club was rebranded Havant Town FC.

1986 saw Havant Town FC as founder members of the Wessex League. They finished runners up on three occasions before finally winning the title and moving into the Southern League in 1991.

Meanwhile Waterloooville Football Club, who were established in 1905, had become firm fixtures in the Southern League since 1971.

They too had slowly progressed from humble beginnings moving through Waterloooville District, Portsmouth and Hampshire League Divisions.

With the formation of the National Conference, the Southern League re-organised themselves. In 1981 the side from Jubilee Park nearly won the Championship but narrowly failed despite going 31 matches without defeat. Waterloooville then spent a lot of years proving too good for the Southern League but not quite up to the grade of the Premier one. 1993 witnessed an 11<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Premier, their highest ever placing.

Relegation and rising costs meant that the Club struggled to remain competitive and the talk of a merger with their fierce rivals was first mooted. Havant Town FC had their own problems as well. In 1997 Club Manager Tony Mount had left unexpectedly, taking the core of his talented squad with him. June 1998 saw the two rivals join forces. Jubilee Park was sold and the newly renamed Havant & Waterloooville FC was created.

On the 22nd August 1998, the new look team beat Chelmsford City 2-0 to begin a new era in the Club's history. The team duly won the Southern League Southern Division, earning promotion to the Premier Division at their first attempt. With success came more financial backing and £500K was spent to

Bring the ground up to Conference standard. The Club had now improved both their Stadium and fan-base as the local community flocked to see their local heroes in action.

In 2004 the Club were part of the new restructuring of the Conference South. They have remained in the Division ever since.

Season 2006-2007 witnessed the highest placing for the Club, earning a play-off spot. A hard fought Semi-final against Braintree Town ended with the Hawks remaining in the Division.

Season 2011-2012 witnessed excitement of a different kind as the Hawks escaped relegation by the skin of their teeth, an extra time 93rd minute goal was badly needed to ensure that Conference football remained at Westleigh Park.

The last 16 years have seen the Club consolidate as an established member of the Blue Square South. With the game of football changing in the past few years, mainly due to financial matters being tightened up at all levels, the business side of all Clubs has become paramount. Fortunately the Club has been very prudent in this area and any money that has been made has been carefully re-invested in the Club as a whole; not just on the playing staff.

The Club can now boast a public house, The Westleigh, situated next to the ground. The stadium still retains its Conference 'A' Standard and is often viewed jealousy by visiting directors. The Club is working towards making the Club fully self funding with long-term security the ultimate aim.

The philosophy of the playing squad has changed over the past couple of seasons. Younger talent was sought out, backed up by some quality experienced Older heads to help establish growth of the squad year on year. 2005-2006 saw the Club Launch its Academy in conjunction with South Downs College.

In the 2006-07 season, the Hawks qualified for the promotion play-offs but were beaten in the semi-final by Braintree Town. The club met a Football League club in a competitive match for the first time in the 2006-07 competition, losing 2-1 to Millwall in a 'home' match which was played at Fratton Park.

Baird resigned as manager on 1 October 2007 and was replaced by Shaun Gale. In the 2007-08 FA Cup, the Hawks beat Bognor Regis, Fleet Town, Leighton Town, Conference Premier team York City and League Two club Notts County, before causing an even bigger upset by defeating League One side Swansea City 4-2 in a third round replay. In the fourth round, they played Premier League Liverpool at Anfield and



caused a sensation by leading twice before eventually losing 5-2. Havant & Waterlooville player Alfie Potter, on loan at the time from Peterborough United, was voted 'Player of the Round'.

The Hawks were involved in a relegation battle in the 2008-09 season despite being among the favourites to win the league at the start of the season, but ultimately secured Conference South survival with three games remaining.

In 2009-10, Havant & Waterlooville made a late run that almost got them to the playoffs but Woking pipped them.

In July 2011, the club played a "once in a lifetime" game against La Liga side Real Betis, losing 7-0, after the Spanish club's original friendly opponents (Portsmouth) found themselves unable to play the game.

The 2011-12 season was a poor one for Havant & Waterlooville, and after dropping to second from bottom in the league following a defeat at Basingstoke Town, Shaun Gale was sacked on 1 April. Assistant manager Steve Johnson and stadium manager/fitness coach Adrian Aymes were placed in charge on a caretaker basis. In a tense finale, the Hawks avoided relegation with literally the last kick by a Havant & Waterlooville player in the entire season.

On 8 May 2012, the Hawks appointed Stuart Ritchie as manager and Sean New as his assistant, the combination having been very successful at AFC Totton.

On 9 October 2012, Lee Bradbury was appointed manager, leading the club to 10th place at the end of that 2012-13 season. He remained in charge until 22 April 2019, when

it was confirmed Lee Bradbury had left by mutual consent. On 29 April, it was announced that former Sutton United manager Paul Doswell had signed a three-year contract.

In 2019-20 National League South the Hawks switched to morning training, three days a week. As a result, the squad was transformed with only three players remaining from that which completed the previous season. The new look Hawks challenged at the top of the division until the season was curtailed in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

At first it appeared as though the League would only promote the leading club, given the extraordinary circumstances. As the Hawks stood second in the division they, along with the similarly placed York City of the National League North, started the #promote2 campaign for play-offs to take place or the second place club to be promoted. Eventually play-offs did take place but H&W lost 2-1 to Dartford in their home semi-final.

A similar situation in the 2020-21 season with the season coming to a premature end due to the ongoing Covi-19 pandemic after just 14 games.

Finally there was a completed season in 2021-22, with the Hawks missing the play-offs by just two points, finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> position, some 30 points behind eventual champions Maidstone United.

The Hawks have started this season well losing just one of our first 13 games and sitting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Vanarama National League South table.



# ONES TO WATCH



**Billy Clifford**

Creative midfielder Clifford joined the Hawks in 2020 after spending the 19/20 campaign at Wealdstone.

The 28 year old, who came through the ranks at Chelsea has plenty of football league experience having played for Colchester United, Walsall and Crawley Town respectively.



**Paul Rooney**

Rooney started his career in Ireland with St Patrick's Athletic before travelling to England to sign for Millwall in 2016.

The holding midfielder player who can also play in defence, has since had spells with Colchester and most recently Dover Athletic.

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# HEAD 2 HEAD



**19**  
GAMES PLAYED

**6**  
WON

**7**  
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**6**  
LOST

**25**  
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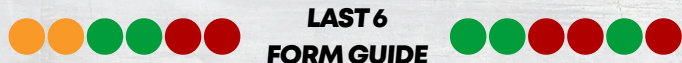
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# MEET THE TEAMS

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 - KickOff 7:45pm



Head of Football: Rob Dray

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	●
Ross Stearn	13	●
Zac Smith	16	●
Ross Staley	18	●
Dave Sims-Burgess	20	●
Lloyd Irish - GK	21	●
Dylan Morgan	22	●
Lee Lucas	31	●

Manager: Paul Doswell

1	Ross Worner -GK
2	Josh Passley
3	Joe Newton
4	Joe Oastler
5	Joash Nembhard
6	Sam Magri
7	Jake McCarthy
8	Paul Rooney
9	Jason Prior
10	Billy Clifford
11	Gianni Crichlow
12	Benny Read
13	Charlie Searle
15	Tomas Kalinauskas
16	Jamie Collins
18	Oscar Gobern
19	Danny Wright
20	Tommy Wright
21	James Roberts
22	Muhammadu Faal
24	Ethan Burnett
25	Soek-Jae Lee
35	Jake Andrews
45	Max Connolly

## Match Officials

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Asst Referee: Steven Swan  
Asst Referee: Ollie Taylor

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## VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH 2022-23 LEAGUE STANDINGS

as at 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

P	Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Ebbsfleet United	27	19	3	5	61	29	+32	60
2	Dartford	28	18	3	7	58	29	+29	57
3	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	25	16	4	5	56	34	+22	52
4	Chelmsford City	26	14	5	7	35	23	+12	47
5	Oxford City	29	12	10	7	47	39	+8	46
6	Worthing	27	12	10	5	45	38	+7	46
7	ST ALBANS CITY	26	12	6	8	42	26	+16	42
8	Eastbourne Borough	28	13	3	12	47	43	+4	42
9	Braintree Town	26	11	7	8	40	35	+5	40
10	Tonbridge Angels	28	12	4	12	44	46	-2	40
11	Bath City	26	9	8	9	37	36	+1	35
12	Farnborough	22	9	6	7	27	23	+4	33
13	Hemel Hempstead Town	26	9	6	11	31	36	-5	33
14	Welling United	25	8	8	9	35	41	-6	32
15	Dulwich Hamlet	25	9	4	12	40	47	-7	31
16	Dover Athletic	27	8	7	12	31	39	-8	31
17	Slough Town	26	7	7	12	34	51	-17	28
18	TAUNTON TOWN	19	6	7	6	18	18	0	25
19	Hampton & Richmond Borough	24	6	6	12	30	41	-11	24
20	Chippenham Town	23	6	6	11	21	33	-12	24
21	Concord Rangers	23	6	5	12	23	38	-15	23
22	Cheshunt	25	7	2	16	30	48	-18	23
23	Weymouth	24	5	3	16	26	48	-22	18
24	Hungerford Town	25	4	4	17	19	36	-17	16

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

### Today's Other Fixtures - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January

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

### Upcoming Fixtures - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

7.45pm	Braintree Town v Cheshunt
7.45pm	Dover Athletic v Worthing
7.45pm	Farnborough v Hemel Hempstead Town
7.45pm	Hungerford Town v Chelmsford City
7.45pm	Taunton Town v Havant & Waterlooville

### Upcoming Fixtures - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February

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

## NEXT UP

At The Cygnet Healthcare Stadium

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

## NOVEMBER '22

5th	AWAY	MILTON KEYNES DONS	FAC 1	6-0 L	2,739
12th	HOME	CHESHUNT	VNLS	1-0 W	720
19th	HOME	DULWICH HAMLET	FAT 2	2-1 W	661
26th	AWAY	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	VNLS	1-1 D	452

## DECEMBER '22

3rd	HOME	BRAINTREE TOWN	VNLS	0-0 D	624
6th	AWAY	YEOVIL TOWN	SPC	2-1 L	441
20th	AWAY	SLOUGH TOWN	FAT 3	0-1 W	299
26th	AWAY	WEYMOUTH	VNLS	1-3 W	1,488

## JANUARY '23

Date	Venue	Opposition	Competition	KickOff/Score	Attendance
10th	AWAY	DOVER ATHLETIC	VNLS	1-0 L	502
17th	AWAY	TORQUAY UNITED	FAT 4	4-2 L	1,411
28th	HOME	ST ALBANS CITY	VNLS	3:00pm	-
31st	HOME	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	VNLS	7:45pm	-

## FEBRUARY '23

4th	AWAY	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	VNLS	3:00pm	-
7th	HOME	DULWICH HAMLET	VNLS	7:45pm	-
11th	HOME	HUNGERFORD TOWN	VNLS	3:00pm	-
14th	HOME	FARNBOROUGH	VNLS	7:45pm	-
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	-
21st	AWAY	WELLING UNITED	VNLS	7:45pm	-
25th	AWAY	BRAINTREE TOWN	VNLS	3:00pm	-
28th	AWAY	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	VNLS	7:45pm	-

## 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	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	VNLS	TBC	-
TBC	HOME	WEYMOUTH	VNLS	TBC	-
TBC	HOME	CONCORD RANGERS	VNLS	TBC	-
TBC	HOME	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	VNLS	TBC	-
TBC	AWAY	DARTFORD	VNLS	TBC	-



# THE UNTOLD GAME

## - A Swedish Knight, An English Visionary -

It isn't even five minutes into the 1958 World Cup final when Nils Liedholm picks up the ball. He beats the first man, and then the second. Finding himself in space, he shoots, and the net billows. The Swedish home crowd erupts, and they lead Brazil. On the touchline, at the pinnacle of a remarkable career, stands an Englishman. George Raynor may not be much remembered in his homeland, but his services to football earned him a Swedish knighthood, and he could be the most consistently successful international manager England has ever produced.

Sent to Iraq as a fitness instructor to the Ninth Army, the former footballer encouraged his sport. When Prime Minister Nuri Al-Said decided that his country needed a football team, there was one obvious candidate. Raynor became the first manager of the Iraq national side, overseeing exhibition matches against Lebanon and Syria, as well as representative teams from the British and Polish militaries.

Following the war, Raynor returned home, but his progressive style was difficult to implement. After losing his job at Aldershot, he met with another forward-thinker, Sir Stanley Rous, who suggested the Sweden needed a coach to prepare for the 1948 Olympics. Not an easy task for a country that still demanded amateur football. But Raynor was blessed, and Sweden were dripping with talent. Gunnar Gren and Nils Liedholm were the creative force, while

Gunnar Nordahl was an unbelievably prolific striker. Under Raynor, the Swedes scored a remarkable 22 goals in their four games as they romped to the gold medal. It is still Sweden's greatest footballing triumph.

Following that success, there was clearly a lot of European interest in Raynor's players, and Gren, Liedholm and Nordahl all moved to Milan, forming the famous Gre-No-Li. Nordahl's two brothers, also integral parts of the national team, went to Italy too. Unfortunately, this was the end of their international careers, as Raynor was unable to call up professional players.

Not for the last time, Raynor had to rebuild. Committed to the improvement of Swedish football he took charge at AIK alongside his international commitments, winning the Swedish Cup twice before turning his focus to Brazil in 1950.

Such were the limitations, Raynor's World Cup squad of 22 players included 14 who hadn't been good enough to make the Olympic squad just two years earlier. But after four years in charge, Raynor had his team purring. Their first match was against Italy, the nation that had deprived them of so many players and the reigning world champions. Sweden dispatched them, 3-2. It was the Azzurri's first loss at a World Cup. A draw with Paraguay saw them into the final group stage, but losses to Brazil and Uruguay cost them a chance at the big prize. Sweden ran out a creditable third.

Raynor would repeat his third place finish at the 1952 Olympics, despite ten more of his World Cup squad leaving for professional football, before the job of constantly rebuilding the side became too much. In 1954, to the dismay of Swedish football fans, he left for Juventus.

Unfortunately, his club career didn't match his international one. Quickly moved out of Turin, he initially did well to save Lazio from relegation. Sweden, catastrophically, failed to qualify for the 1954 World Cup without him, something that finally prompted the FA to consider professionalism. Suddenly a whole host of exceptional Swedish talent was available once more.

Raynor moved back to England and took charge of third division Coventry City as Sweden prepared to host the 1958 World Cup. But it was too strong a love affair, and when the Englishman was dismissed from his post in the Midlands, Scandinavia came calling again. One last shot at the big prize, with a home crowd and the cream of Swedish talent.

Raynor's Sweden looked every bit the force that surprised Europe for much of the

previous decade, beating Hungary and Mexico before drawing with Wales, with qualification secured. They saw off a strong Soviet side in the quarter finals and the reigning champions, West Germany, in the semi-final, setting up an exciting tie with Brazil. Sadly, for Swedish hopes, this was merely the swansong of their golden age, while their opponents were right at the start of theirs, which would eclipse all others. Vava equalised and then gave Brazil the lead, before Pele took charge as Brazil romped to their first World Cup victory. It was the last international match for Raynor, and he returned to his homeland.

Recognising his brilliance, and with English football desperately needing to evolve, the only work he could find was with non-league Skegness Town.

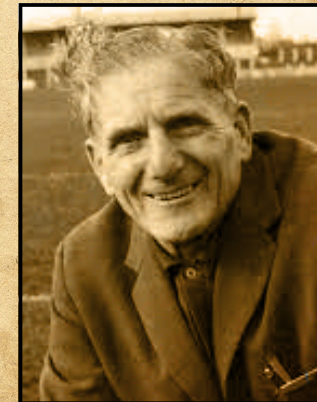
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George Raynor





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