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THE GAFFER

Good afternoon everyone and welcome back to National League South football for another season here in Taunton. It doesn't seem too long ago that we were saying goodbye to the 22-23 season, a rollercoaster season that saw us achieve the ultimate goal that we set the players at the start of that campaign and that was to remain in this division.

As with any off season the squad will be added too and there will be some players that won't return, so we would like to welcome all the new additions to the club and also say thank you and farewell to those who have departed.

We had a pretty good pre-season, but as we all know it isn't about the results it's about the process of getting the players ready for today, the start of a long hard season ahead. We feel as a management team we have got the lads into a good position physically and ready for today.

As ever we will need you, the Peacocks faithful to be right behind us on this latest 9 month journey, we know it won't be easy and there will be some bumps in the road, but together we can achieve good things and improve on last season and our final league position.

Here we go again.....**Up The Peacocks!!**

Rob Dray
Head of Football - Taunton Town

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BRAINTREE TOWN

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 which saw them finish a creditable seventh, earning them a play-off spot. Unfortunately Braintree lost the play-off eliminator match away to Worthing 2–1.





OPPOSITION INSIGHT

Today's opponents Braintree Town are once again tipped to be competing in the higher echelons of the Vanarama National League South this season.

Prior to last season, the Iron finished in 19th place and only escaped relegation by nine points. The curtailed 20/21 campaign also saw the Essex-based outfit finish in 19th.

However, under the leadership of Angelo Harrop, Braintree were a force to be reckoned with last season as they finished in 7th. They fell to a 2-1 defeat to Worthing in the play-off eliminator which ensured they would spend another season in the sixth tier.

Harrop has made a number of astute additions to his side this summer.

Prolific AFC Sudbury forward Nnamdi Nwachuku has arrived at Cressing Road after scoring on 43 occasions in the Isthmian North Division last season as they secured promotion. Nwachuku has already made an immediate impression in pre-season as at the time of writing, he has broken the record for the most pre-season goals scored by a Braintree player since Gary Bennett with seven in the 1994/95 season.

Another goal machine joined the Iron, Leiston striker Will Davies. He joined from the Southern League Central Division outfit, scoring over 30 goals as they finished in third.

As well as incomings, the Iron have kept hold of Chris Regis, Alfie Payne and Jack Sims.

Reggie Lambe and Joe Grimwood, likewise to Nwachuku, swapped Sudbury for Braintree.

Ex-Billerica Town full-back Toby Stevenson joined the Iron and former Sheffield Wednesday defender Josh Dawodu was next to arrive at Cressing Road.

John White will be staying for his second season with Braintree and so will last season's player of the year Leon Davies and captain Kyran Clements.

With these new signings and retentions, the Iron will be looking to build upon last season's play-off finish in the 2023/24 campaign.

PLAYER TO WATCH NNAMDI NWACHUKU

Recently joined after scoring 49 goals last season for AFC Sudbury, which was recognised with the "Non-League Golden Boot award". Nnamdi has previously played for Leiston, Maldon & Tiptree, Welling Utd, Marlow FC & Coggeshall Town.

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PLAYED **46**

WON **17**

DRAWN **10**

LOST **19**

+/- **-5**

POINTS **61**

LGE POS **14TH**

HOME POINTS% **49%**



PLAYED **46**

WON **20**

DRAWN **14**

LOST **12**

+/- **+11**

POINTS **74**

LGE POS **7TH**

AWAY POINTS% **39%**



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2023-2024 SEASON PREVIEW

With the Vanarama National League South campaign commencing today, Jack Patmore gives a brief insight into the other teams the Peacocks will be facing over the forthcoming season.

The distances from Wordsworth Drive have been taken from @TheStatsZone on Twitter.

AVELEY

Manager: Danny Scopes
Stadium: Parkside
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 184 miles
Last season's position: 4th (Promoted from the Isthmian Premier Division via the p/o)
One to watch: Matt Rush

BATH CITY

Manager: Jerry Gill
Stadium: Twerton Park
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 51 miles
Last season's position: 11th
One to watch: Ewan Clark

BRAINTREE TOWN

Manager: Angelo Harrop
Stadium: Cressing Road
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 214 miles
Last season's position: 7th
One to watch: Nnamdi Nwachuku

CHELMSFORD CITY

Manager: Robbie Simpson
Stadium: Melbourne Stadium
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 204 miles
Last season's position: 5th
One to watch: Mohammad Dabre

CHIPPENHAM TOWN

Manager: Gary Horgan
Stadium: Hardenhuish Park
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 72 miles
Last season's position: 13th
One to watch: Aaron Amadi-Holloway

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Manager: Gary Horgan
Stadium: Hardenhuish Park
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 72 miles
Last season's position: 13th
One to watch: Aaron Amadi-Holloway

DARTFORD

Manager: Alan Dowson
Stadium: Princes Park
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 178 miles
Last season's position: 2nd
One to watch: Lewis Manor

DOVER ATHLETIC

Manager: Mitch Brundle
Stadium: Crabble Athletic Ground
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 224 miles
Last season's position: 20th
One to watch: Nick Dembele

EASTBOURNE BOROUGH

Manager: Matt Beard
Stadium: Priory Lane
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 178 miles
Last season's position: 8th
One to watch: Imran Uche

FARNBOROUGH

Manager: Spencer Day
Stadium: Saunders Transport Community
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 122 miles
Last season's position: 12th
One to watch: Michael Folivi

HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH

Manager: Mel Gwinnett
Stadium: Beveree Stadium
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 140 miles
Last season's position: 17th
One to watch: Jordan Cheadle

HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE

Manager: Jamie Collins
Stadium: Westleigh Park
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 115 miles
Last season's position: 10th
One to watch: Mo Faal

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN

Manager: Brad Quinton
Stadium: Vauxhall Road
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 171 miles
Last season's position: 15th
One to watch: Bilal Sayoud

MAIDSTONE UNITED

Manager: George Elokobi
Stadium: Gallagher Stadium
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 185 miles
Last season's position: 24th (Rel from Vanarama National League)
One to watch: Razzaq Coleman De-Graft

SLOUGH TOWN

Manager: Scott Davies
Stadium: Arbour Park
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 143 miles
Last season's position: 18th
One to watch: Hubert Graczyk

ST. ALBANS CITY

Manager: David Noble
Stadium: Clarence Park
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 173 miles
Last season's position: 6th
One to watch: Shaun Jeffers

TONBRIDGE ANGELS

Manager: Jay Saunders
Stadium: Longmead Stadium
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 172 miles
Last season's position: 9th
One to watch: Tommy Wood

TORQUAY UNITED

Manager: Gary Johnson
Stadium: Plainmoor
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 54 miles
Last season's position: 21st (Rel from VNL)
One to watch: Finlay Craske

TRURO CITY

Manager: Paul Wotton
Stadium: Bolitho Park
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 77 miles
Last season's position: 3rd (Promoted from the Southern League Premier South via the p/o)
One to watch: Rocky Neal

WELLING UNITED

Manager: Danny Bloor
Stadium: Park View Road
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 180 miles
Last season's position: 16th
One to watch: James Vaughan

WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Manager: Scott Bartlett
Stadium: The Optima Stadium
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 28 miles
Last season's position: 1st (Promoted from SLPS)
One to watch: Jamie Soule

WEYMOUTH

Manager: Bobby Wilkinson
Stadium: Bob Lucas Stadium
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 47 miles
Last season's position: 19th
One to watch: Tom Staggs

WORTHING

Manager: Adam Hinshelwood
Stadium: Woodside Road
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 144 miles
Last season's position: 4th
One to watch: Jake Robinson

YEOVIL TOWN

Manager: Mark Cooper
Stadium: Huish Park
Distance from Wordsworth Drive: 25 miles
Last season's position: 22nd (Rel from VNL)
One to watch: Rhys Murphy

DAVE WEBSTER

View from the stands

SWINDON SUPERMARINE 2 TAUNTON TOWN 1
Pre-Season Match

Okay, so we lost! But fear not, do not be disheartened by this result, for this patched up team did alright under the circumstances!

With many players unable to make it to Swindon due to the ever growing traffic problems in the UK, it had a very unusual look about it, giving us a opportunity to see Tabu, Day, Dolman and brother of Cam Evans, Jack, beginning a game. More unusual, was the appearance of C.S.A between the sticks, and a different Captain Nick wearing the armband.

The first half swung from end to end, with Taunton opening the scoring just before 15 minutes were played. Dylan "I don't score tap in's" Morgan once again hitting an absolute belter into the net. Simmo almost got a second when he burst through the Marine defence, only to be thwarted by the keeper. We had Tabu and Day both playing as defenders tonight, which was unfortunate, as in my opinion they are more suited up front. But hell, what do i know? I just wonder now if we will see these lads again! I hope so, as both excite me. Jack Evans came off after what looked an innocuous challenge from the Swindon man, to be replaced by Guesty.

The subs bench for Taunton actually looked quite tasty, i can only assume those on the bench had made it to Swindon too late to begin the game. And so we went in at h/t leading 0-1. There then followed a mass substitution for the 2nd 45, with the arrival of the big guns. In all honesty, on another day Taunton could have scored an hat-full, given the amount of shots that went wide of the posts by inches. Nat, Ollie, Malachi and Cam

all fired from distance to see their efforts go slightly wide. In fairness, Marine scored 2 fantastic goals of their own, giving Connor in goal very little chance of keeping out.

Their 2nd, which proved to be the winner, was practically the last kick of the game, so let's not get despondent over this defeat. We witnessed a lot of positive play tonight, which we should take much satisfaction from.

On a personal note, i have thoroughly enjoyed the 7 friendlies we have played. I think our team have looked fit, keen, and ready to go for next Saturdays big game. Our passing has looked good with the new lads, Dan, Austin [Both missing last night] Malachi and Callum Dolman, all fitting in extremely well.

The main aim i guess, was to come through these friendlies injury free, which has meant playing with an element of caution. That caution will, i suspect go out of the window once the season begins, with more passion and indeed risks involved. Saturday cannot come quick enough, lets go one further than our draw we had with Braintree last season and be 3 points to the good come 5 o'clock. UTP.



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PRE-SEASON MATCH REPORT

SWINDON SUPERMARINE 2 TAUNTON TOWN 1

The Peacocks concluded their pre-season programme for another year as they lost out to a last minute goal at the Webbwood Stadium. A competitive 90 minutes against the Southern Premier side proved just the ticket ahead of the impending National League campaign, Dylan Morgan with one of his trademark 'specials' giving Town lead at the break before the hosts fought back in the second half to grab a late winner.

With the M5 behaving even worse than usual for a summer Friday, Town were forced to reshuffle the pack with Nick Grimes, Austen Booth and keeper Dan Lavercombe all absent due to being stuck in the congestion, resulting in an unfamiliar-looking backline and a rare appearance between the sticks for coach Connor Sidley-Adams who was soon called into action when he palmed wide a Henry Spalding strike from the left side of the box after three minutes. Town settled and first threatened when trialist Jack Evans, brother of Cameron, found Ross Stearn whose shot deflected for his side's opening corner.

George Dowling fired against the post for Marine following a cross from the right, but an offside flag would have negated it anyway before the visitors began to get on top, stretching the hosts with some promising attacks. After Nick McCootie's appeals for a penalty were dismissed following a Luke Cooper challenge, the Peacocks broke the deadlock in impressive fashion after 17 minutes. McCootie failed to connect with Ollie Chamberlain's centre which found its way to Morgan who gained a yard just outside the area to drill a beauty into the corner of Charlie Searle's net.

Despite their possession, there were few chances for Town during the remainder of the half. Dave Sims-Burgess flicked a header into Searle's arms from a Lee Lucas free kick while a strong run from Sims-Burgess deep into the box earned a late corner from which Rabby

Tabu planted a header high and wide.

The Peacocks kicked off the second half having made five changes at the break and play started to even out more as Town's fluency became more fragmented with midfield commander Lucas dropping back to defence. Sidley-Adams, despite his lack of match practice, was proving a safe pair of hands though, clutching a far post header from Cooper and claiming a cross from Ryan Campbell while half time sub Nat Jarvis imposed at the opposite end, firing against the post after Chamberlain had nodded down a cross although again a flag was raised and then turning in space to see his low shot from distance held by Searle.

Marine were certainly posing more of a threat after the break and drew level on 69 minutes. Spalding's effort was blocked for a corner which Town were unable to properly clear and Campbell's deep cross returned from the left found a home trialist who brought the ball inside and curled a lovely finish inside Sidley-Adams right-hand post.

Town responded with a number of efforts at goal, but all just missed the target. Evans rifled a 25 yarder inches wide, then Lloyd James released Chamberlain whose drive stroked the side netting. Jarvis fired another attempt just wide from the edge of the box before Linton embarked on a powerful run from his own half to see his strike loop off a defender at close quarters for another corner. Supermarine meanwhile were also pressing for a clincher, Joe Tumelty shooting the wrong side of the post which Linton repeated at the other end. With a draw seemingly the outcome, the home side grabbed a last minute goal to claim the win. A crossfield pass found Liban Ibrahim on the right and he surged inside to lift a shot over Sidley-Adams from 16 yards. There was no time for Town to respond but not to worry..... now let the important stuff begin.

PEACOCKS PRE-SEASON

JULY 7TH 2023
CLEVEDON TOWN 0 TAUNTON TOWN 3



JULY 11TH 2023
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TAUNTON TOWN 1



JULY 14TH 2023
TAUNTON TOWN 2
WILLAND ROVERS 0



JULY 18TH 2023
TAUNTON TOWN 0
EXETER CITY 3



JULY 21ST 2023
TAUNTON TOWN 1
PLYMOUTH PARKWAY 1



JULY 25TH 2023
TAUNTON TOWN 1
TIVERTON TOWN 0



JULY 28TH 2023
SWINDON SUPERMARINE 2
TAUNTON TOWN 1



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P	Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	+/_	PTS
1	Aveley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Bath City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	BRAINTREE TOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Chelmsford City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Chippenham Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Dartford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Dover Athletic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Eastbourne Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Farnborough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Hampton & Richmond	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Havant & Waterlooville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Hemel Hempstead Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Maidstone United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Slough Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	St Albans City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	TAUNTON TOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Tonbridge Angels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Torquay United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Truro City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Welling United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Weston-super-Mare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Weymouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Worthing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Yeovil Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Saturday 5th August 2023

3pm	Chelmsford City v Farnborough
3pm	Chippenham Town v Aveley
3pm	Dartford v Bath City
3pm	Dover Athletic v Torquay United
3pm	Eastbourne Borough v Hampton & Richmond
3pm	Hemel Hempstead Town v Yeovil Town
3pm	Maidstone United v Slough Town
3pm	St Albans City v Weymouth
3pm	Taunton Town v Braintree Town
3pm	Truro City v Welling United
3pm	Weston-super-Mare v Havant & Waterlooville
3pm	Worthing v Tonbridge Angels

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Saturday 12th August 2023

3pm	Aveley v Taunton Town
3pm	Bath City v Maidstone United
3pm	Braintree Town v Truro City
3pm	Farnborough v Eastbourne Borough
3pm	Hampton & Richmond v Chelmsford City
3pm	Havant & Waterlooville v Chippenham Town
3pm	Slough Town v Dover Athletic
3pm	Tonbridge Angels v Weston-super-Mare
3pm	Torquay United v Worthing
3pm	Welling United v Hemel Hempstead Town
3pm	Weymouth v Dartford
3pm	Yeovil Town v St Albans City


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The King of the Copa

When you think of the greats of South America football, a few obvious names spring to mind. Pelè, Maradona, Di Stefano. All legends in their time. But while they made their mark on the global and, in the Argentinians' case, the European game, one name stands out above all others in their home continent. It is a name unfamiliar to Europeans. The Ecuadorian born son of a Jamaican oil worker, and at one time potential England international, Alberto Pedro Spencer Herrera spent the 1960s dominating South America's premier club competition, and building himself a legacy that has lasted ever since.

Born in the Ecuadorian city of Ancón, he spent most of his childhood idly playing in the streets, embarrassing players much older than him. At 15 he was snapped up by local club Everest and immediately introduced to the first team. Not that Alberto found this daunting. Quick, powerful, two-footed with a great leap, he made light work of more experienced defenders. By 21, he had played almost 93 games, and scored 101 goals. The continent's giants were beginning to take notice.

He was initially loaned to Barcelona SC, the biggest club in Ecuador, but he had

barely kicked a ball before Uruguayan royalty Peñarol, signing him after a friendly. In the fiery atmosphere of the Uruguayan Primera División, Spencer carved his name into the bedrock of South America football. Peñarol won the league at a canter, scoring 44 goals in just 18 games and with the Ecuadorian leading the charts. More importantly, they secured qualification for the inaugural Copa Libertadores, South America's answer to the European Cup.

Spencer took to the competition like a duck to water. Peñarol began their campaign with the 7-1 demolition of Bolivian champions Jorge Wilstermann, the Ecuadorian netting four times, the first four of an unbroken record of 54 goals over the next decade. With the competition in its infancy, Peñarol advanced immediately to the semi-finals, where they met Argentinian champions San Lorenzo. After a draw in the first leg, Spencer dominated the second leg, scoring twice to fire his side into the final, where they met Paraguayan's Olimpia. Again, he scored the match-winning goal, and Peñarol were continental champions. A heavy defeat to Real Madrid in the continental cup didn't sour the achievement, although revenge was vowed.

Peñarol won the league and retained the Copa the following year. Real Madrid had lost their European, meaning the Uruguayans would first travel to Lisbon to take on Eusebio-inspired Benfica. A 1-0 first leg defeat was of little concern, and when the Portuguese turned up in Montevideo it was to a cacophony of noise. The European champions fell to a 5-0 defeat, Spencer scoring twice. But with the rules of the intercontinental cup not quite set (and, presumably, Europe unwilling to lose its dominance), the tie was balanced at one victory each. A deciding playoff was hastily arranged. Peñarol came out on top, and with no excuses this time, they were champions of the world.

Spencer's record in the intercontinental cup - he would score three goals in 1966 as Peñarol secured a third Copa and then extracted revenge from Real Madrid - makes him the second highest goalscorer in that competition as well, one goal behind Pelè. The Uruguayan's would win their own league eight times in the ten seasons that Spencer led their line, as he amassed 326 goals to become their (still) record goalscorer. Peñarol were named the best South American team of the twentieth century, to put that achievement into context.

By 1970, with his pace beginning to desert him and his body beginning to slow down, Spencer moved back to Ecuador and Barcelona SC. He helped them to the title in his first season, and added the final of his goals in the Copa. He finished his career with more than 500 goals, but only 17 caps because of Ecuador's poor quality on the international stage. He did play five times for Uruguay, during which time he

became the only Ecuadorian to score at Wembley against England, quite a feat consider Ecuador have never played England at Wembley.

His place in history seemingly secure, Alberto Spencer retired to the United States. His shock - and the anger of South American football - was provoked when he was left out of both FIFA and Pelè's 100 greatest players of the twentieth century. Perhaps if he had been born in a better footballing nation, he would be held in similar regard to the great Brazilian.





2023-24 FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Competition	Opponents	KO/Score	Att	Lge Pos
AUGUST					
Sat 5th	League	BRAINTREE TOWN (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 12th	League	Aveley (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Tues 15th	League	Weymouth (A)	7:45pm	-	-
Sat 19th	League	WELLING UNITED (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 26th	League	ST ALBANS CITY (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Mon 28th	League	Maidstone United (A)	3:00pm	-	-
SEPTEMBER					
Sat 2nd	League	DARTFORD (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Tues 5th	League	Chippenham Town (A)	7:45pm	-	-
Sat 9th	League	Tonbridge Angels (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 23rd	League	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE (H)	3:00pm	-	-
OCTOBER					
Sat 7th	League	Dover Athletic (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 14th	League	SLOUGH TOWN (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 21st	League	HAMPTON & RICHMOND (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Tues 24th	League	Bath City (A)	7:45pm	-	-
Sat 28th	League	Chelmsford City (A)	3:00pm	-	-
NOVEMBER					
Sat 4th	League	FARNBOROUGH (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Tues 7th	League	WESTON-SUPER-MARE (H)	7:45pm	-	-
Sat 11th	League	Hemel Hempstead Town (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Tues 14th	League	Truro City (A)	7:45pm	-	-
Tues 21st	League	TORQUAY UNITED (H)	7:45pm	-	-
Sat 25th	League	WORTHING (H)	3:00pm	-	-

Date	Competition	Opponents	KO/Score	Att	Lge Pos
DECEMBER					
Sat 2nd	League	Eastbourne Borough (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 16th	League	Havant & Waterlooville (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 23rd	League	TONBRIDGE ANGELS (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Tues 26th	League	Yeovil Town (A)	3:00pm	-	-
JANUARY					
Tues 1st	League	YEOVIL TOWN (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 6th	League	Slough Town (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 13th	League	DOVER ATHLETIC (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 20th	League	Braintree Town (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Tues 23rd	League	WEYMOUTH (H)	7:45pm	-	-
Sat 27th	League	AVELEY (H)	3:00pm	-	-
FEBRUARY					
Sat 3rd	League	Welling United (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 10th	League	St Albans City (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 17th	League	MAIDSTONE UNITED (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Tues 20th	League	CHIPPENHAM TOWN (H)	7:45pm	-	-
Sat 24th	League	Dartford (A)	3:00pm	-	-
MARCH					
Sat 2nd	League	TRURO CITY (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 9th	League	Worthing (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Tues 12th	League	Torquay United (A)	7:45pm	-	-
Sat 16th	League	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 23rd	League	CHELMSFORD CITY (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Fri 29th	League	Weston-Super-Mare (A)	3:00pm	-	-
APRIL					
Mon 1st	League	BATH CITY (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 6th	League	Hampton & Richmond (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 13th	League	Farnborough (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 20th	League	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN (H)	3:00pm	-	-



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Persons entering this stadium must abide by the Stadium Regulations as printed in the matchday programme and displayed on posters inside the stadium. Failure to do so may result in ejection from the premises, a ban from attending any future events and also be the subject of a football banning order. Admission to and the right remain within the stadium is strictly on condition that any person attending will adhere to the Stadium Regulations as detailed below.

1. All persons must comply with any directions given by a Steward, Club Official or Police Officer
2. Encroachment onto the playing area, sterile area, or its adjoining parts is prohibited.
3. Climbing on any building, wall, fence or any other structure is prohibited.
4. Persons must not throw any object onto the pitch or within the spectator areas.
5. Persons must not be in possession of, and/or lighting any firework or flare.
6. Chanting or singing of an obscene, indecent, discriminatory or offensive nature is not permitted.
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9. Persons must not damage or deface Club and Stadium property.
10. Persons must not damage, deface or obstruct any notice or advertisement.
11. Alcohol must not be brought into the stadium.
12. Persons must not consume alcohol that has not been purchased at Taunton Town FC.
13. Persons must not consume alcohol in any alcohol free designated areas.
14. There will be zero tolerance to alcohol abuse/misuse.
15. There will be zero tolerance to drug possession, use and abuse.
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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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UCFB graduate, Assistant Producer at **talkSPORT**



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Dene Field
GIS graduate, First Team Analyst and Coaching Assistant at **Watford FC Women**



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DAN BALL 5
AUSTEN BOOTH 6
OLLY CHAMBERLAIN 7
LLOYD JAMES 8
NAT JARVIS 9
NICK MCCOOTIE 10
JOE GUEST 11
ROSS STEARN 13
PHIL MENDONCA 15
ZAC SMITH 16
CAMERON EVANS 17
CALLUM DOLMAN 19
DAVE SIMS-BURGESS 20
LLOYD IRISH (GK) 21
DYLAN MORGAN 22
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