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THE GAFFER

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Wordsworth Drive as we host Welling United for this afternoon's Vanarama National League South encounter. My welcome extends to the officials, management, players and supporters joining us today from our visitors and also to the match officials.

It has been a mixed start results wise for us, following an opening day win here against Braintree Town we visited newly promoted Aveley and suffered a 4-1 loss before travelling to Weymouth on Tuesday night where we were happy to come away with a point as we came from behind to draw 1-1. It wasn't going to be an easy night with players missing and then more being withdrawn during the 90 minutes, but we dug deep and got a point that who knows could be vital for whatever reason come the end of the season.

Our opponents today would have been looking for a better start to their campaign too and will be looking to come here and claim their first points of the season, so we are very much aware it will be a difficult prospect today. A final shout out to you the fans who came down to Weymouth on Tuesday night in your numbers, it is very much appreciated by the club. More of the same today!!

As ever.....**Up The Peacocks!!**

Rob Dray

Head of Football - Taunton Town

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THE AWAY END



WELLING UNITED

Welling United Football Club were founded in 1963. An incredible journey in the early years has seen the club rise from an under-15 Sunday youth team to the heights of the Football Conference where the Wings remained for a remarkable 14 years. History has proved this to be one of the most astonishing journeys in the modern football era.

Originally formed in 1963 with just one youth team playing in local league football on a nearby park pitch, the club expanded its youth system before embarking on a period of Saturday football in the London Spartan League. Membership of the Athenian League and Southern League (South) followed. For the first fifteen years Welling played on a sports ground at nearby Butterfly Lane, Eltham, before taking their present ground at Park View Road, after the demise of Bexley United who at the time were members of the Southern League.

After progressing from park football to senior football in a relatively short space of time, success was to continue with three promotions within five years. Initially winning the Spartan League and then after three more seasons in the Athenian League, progression and election to Southern League rounded off a marvelous period of success. This continued after just one more season when promotion to the Southern League Premier Division was secured after the league was re-organised. In the Fifth season in this division the Wings romped to the title by a record 23 points after an incredibly exciting

season and were promptly promoted to the Conference.

Welling found life in the Conference much more of a challenge and although they were one of the most consistent sides during their fourteen year spell in non-league's top flight success in the Conference was limited to four County cup wins. Cup football produced many of the highlights during the late 80's and early 90's with six successive First Round FA cup appearances, and a Third Round appearance on one occasion at Park View Road, when Welling went out of the Cup by losing 0-1 to Blackburn Rovers.

The Wings dropped out of the top flight when they were relegated on the last day of the season in 1999/2000.

After four years back in the Southern League Premier, Welling finished just high enough to qualify for the inaugural season of the newly formed Conference South as the FA restructured the leagues so that two fed into the Conference which became Conference National.

Welling's first foray in the league in 2004 was a struggle under the guidance of former England defender Paul Parker. With the Wings languishing near the bottom for the first three months of the season Parker left the club by mutual consent.

Adrian Pennock took charge of the struggling Wings and guided the Wings to safety in 16th place. The next season was one where it was exciting to be following Welling again with

notable success in the FA Cup where they lost in the First Round away to Huddersfield Town. The FA Trophy also proved rewarding where Welling drew Woking away and after a thrilling match narrowly missed out on a place in the Fourth Round when they let a 2 goal lead slip and finally went down 3-2. The Wings spent most of the season in the play-off places but a succession of draws, and a few defeats at the end of the campaign saw Welling finish the season in ninth place.

They continued their improvement with an 8th place finish, missing out on a playoff spot by four points. In that season the Wings reached the Quarter Final of the FA Trophy, which had only been managed once before in the clubs history. Grays Athletic eventually knocked the Wings out with a win at Park View Road. The final game of the season was the last for the management team of Adrian Pennock and Phil Handford who both departed.

Neil Smith replaced Pennock as manager but struggled and Welling were once again at the wrong end of the table for the first half of the season. Smith left the club and was replaced by Andy Ford who managed to keep the Wings afloat in the league that year. 2008-2009 saw Welling United become a real force in the Blue Square South and they won the Kent Senior Cup with a 6-1 defeat of Whitstable Town in the final, the Wings' first trophy for ten years. Ford's side finished 7th, the highest ever for the Kent side in this division.

After a disappointing start to the 09-10 campaign, with the Wings lying in 18th position after 12 games, Ford resigned and former Welling United player Jamie Day was appointed First Team Player-Manager in November 2009. Day selected another former Welling player Barry Ashby as his Assistant, with Dean Frost also joining from VCD Athletic as First Team Coach. He guided the Wings away from relegation and steered them to a final position of 9th in the Blue Square South table.

At the start of the 2010-11 season, the Wings were rocked by the news of a winding up order by HRMC on the 12th August. Given 14 weeks to pay the outstanding debt the Wings' fans showed their devotion to the club raising almost all the £60,000 needed to avoid the club going bust. Despite this they were still deducted five points by the Conference and were handed a transfer embargo lasting until March 2011.

Against all the odds, Day's side held a place in the playoff positions for the majority of the season playing wonderful attacking football. A fantastic run of results against the Wings' main rivals looked to have secured their place in the top five. However fatigue eventually caught up on the small squad and dropped points at the end of the season proved costly as the Wings missed out on the playoffs by one point. They still finished sixth, their highest position in the Conference South ever, and their highest league position for ten years.

2011/12 saw the Wings climb to their highest league position for 26 years finishing third in the table and earning their first ever venture into post-season football. After reaching the playoff final with a 2-1 aggregate win over Sutton United, the Wings were defeated by their arch rivals Dartford by a score of 1-0 at Princes Park meaning another year in the Conference South.

That Season saw Welling United finally regain their place in the Conference Premier after Jamie Day's team set a new Conference South league record of 12 consecutive wins and overcame a 10 point deficit by runaway leaders Salisbury City to win the league by four clear points.

In their first season back they enjoyed a comfortable season and would have finished higher had they not had a poor run at the end of the season with safety already guaranteed. However, that proved to be the pinnacle. After all seemed to be moving along nicely, a vacancy arose at Ebbsfleet and Day, along

with his management team, found the lure too great and departed.

Jody Brown came and went, then Loui Fazakerley took over the reins. Although Welling survived that season by the skin of their teeth there was no escape the following season and they finished rock bottom.

Towards the end of that season Mark Goldberg bought the majority share holding of the club and also took on the role as team manager. Back in the Conference South, but now known as the National League South, Welling again struggled and Goldberg stood down to concentrate on off field affairs as he looked to re-build the whole structure of the club.

Having finished a disappointing season but safe from relegation, and with Goldberg now chairman, former player Jamie Coyle was appointed manager. 2017-18 was an improvement although it tailed off towards the end and Welling missed out on a play-off position and Coyle departed.

Steve King was invited to be the manager for the following season and he led Welling to a third placed finish and a play-off final but defeat in a tight game at Woking meant that

there was to be no promotion.

Over the summer, another management overhaul saw King depart with Goldberg restoring himself as manager for the 2019-20 season however disappointing results caused him to stand down and Bradley Quinton was appointed as manager in January 2020. There was an immediate improvement before the season was curtailed with the club safely in mid-table.

Uncertainty before the 2020/21 season resulted in another squad overhaul and sadly the team failed to gel so one year and two days after joining, Quinton left the club to be replaced by experienced manager Steve Lovell. Covid-19 interrupted that season and with a National League restructure meaning that only the bottom team would go down in the following season, Welling reduced the budget and struggled.

They started poorly and Lovell left. Peter Taylor came and went before Warren Feeney guided the Wings to safety. Goldberg's ownership finished at the end of that season and Feeney stayed for the 2022-23 season before moving on. In June 2023, Danny Bloor was appointed as the new manager to form another new squad.



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TWO TO WATCH



DOMINIC ODUSANYA

The 24-year old arrives at Park View Road following a three-year stay at Maidstone United, where he was a key part of their National League South title-winning side of the 2021/22 season.

In total, he made 57 league appearances for Maidstone, including 30 outings in the National League last term, before spending a seven-game spell on loan with Dulwich Hamlet at the back end of the campaign.



LEWIS WHITE

Lewis White joined the Wings in May 2023.

The 24-year-old enjoyed a successful campaign with Worthing in 2022/23, playing a key part in their march to the play-offs.

The tricky wide man netted five goals in 28 league appearances in Worthing's debut campaign in Vanarama National League South, before a hamstring injury curtailed his season in March.

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PLAYED **3**

WON **1**

DRAWN **1**

LOST **1**

+/- **-2**

POINTS **4**

LGE POS **14TH**

HOME POINTS% **75%**



3 PLAYED

0 WON

0 DRAWN

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-5 +/-

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Vanarama National League South

It was always going to be a huge test of Taunton's character as to how our team would perform after such a lacklustre display at Aveyley just 3 days previous.

To coin a phrase from that epic movie Zulu "Its not good to have 2 defeats so close together, the people don't like it". With Linton and Guesty missing, along with Jay and Dan Ball, things didn't look grand. But we did have Lee Lucas back, who indeed made a massive difference. I like Lees style a lot, he is a real battler, just what Taunton needed.

The first half was a tedious affair, i must say. A half where we had just one effort on target. A free kick from Lucas that forced a good save. Our only other real attempt was when Lee put the ball across the Weymouth goal line, only for Simmo's sliding in boot to miss connection by millimetres. No complaints about the Weymouth goal, a header that the outstretched hands of Dan just failed to get his fingers to.

Apart from that Dan had very little to deal with, where much of the play was concentrated around the middle of the field. Although Weymouth did clip the post with another shot. And so we went in at half time 1-0 down.

We were to witness a more exciting 2nd half, where for the first 15 minutes, the Taunton goal was under complete siege, with our defenders working overtime. Standing behind the attacking goal, its sometimes difficult to give our tireless defence the credit they so obviously deserve. Tonight they worked like trojans to keep out the relentless surges of the Weymouth attack.

Taunton were relying on counter-attacking, which we did very well. Lloyd James forced the

keeper into a second save of the game with a pile driver. And then around 20 minutes into the half, Dylan at last found the back of the net. Not one of Dyls usual missile type goals, this was a completely different styled goal from this exciting players bag of tricks. With the defender breathing down his neck he managed to accelerate around the oncoming keeper, and tap the ball home into the empty net. You want to see passion, then look no further than Dylans face as he celebrated, he wanted this goal badly. Superb stuff!!!

With our tail feathers up, this goal ignited the Peacocks no end, as we hit a purple patch, with us, and not Weymouth doing the attacking for the next 15 minutes. Ross had the ball in the net, which unfortunately was ruled offside. Big questions asked over this one.

With about 10 minutes remaining, Weymouth once again took control, as they went in search of a winner. The pressure very much on our keeper and defenders. Dan pulled off a couple of terrific saves, one many of us thought was in, as the ball was turned into the side netting. We were hanging on for dear life, as attack after attack was dealt with. And so it ended 1-1. A very hard earned point if ever there was one.

The Taunton fans turned up in their droves tonight, which is always good to see. The attendance was over 1,200. Not bad at all for a midweek clash. The only real sour points of the game was seeing Ollie limping off in the first half, to be replaced by new signing Marcus Day, who played well. I do hope Ollie is well enough to play today.



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TAUNTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB 2023/24

Up the Peacocks



STANDING: Karl Lindsay, Paul Edwards, Malachi Linton, Cameron Evans, Dan Ball, Jay Foulston, Dave Sims-Burgess, Nick McCootie
Dan Lavercombe, Austen Booth, Nat Jarvis, Callum Dolman, Ollie Chamberlain, Phil Mendonca, Jordan Barrow, Adam White.

SEATED: Joe Guest, Dylan Morgan, Zac Smith, Lloyd James, Matt Villis, Rob Dray, Connor Sidley-Adams, Nick Grimes, Marcus Day, Rabby Tabu Minzamba, Ross Stearn.

THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

Barely 90 minutes (or should that be 110) into the new season and already football has found itself in the centre of a new storm.

Strict instructions from the International Football Association Board (IFAB) to get tough on time wasting and tot up the exact minutes for substitutions, goal celebrations, injuries etc have gone down like a lead balloon among the professional game with stars such as Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne and Manchester United defender Raphael Varane fearing that player welfare is at risk.

Clearly unaware of the storm that was to follow, National League clubs voted against increasing the number of substitutes used from three to five in the AGM of 2022, and again this summer.

As it stands, Steps 1-4 can only make three changes while Step 5 and 6 clubs are in line with the higher reaches of the game in being allowed five, in three windows.

In retrospect, by voting against an increase in subs, the National League clubs have made their bed, so to speak, but in last Sunday's NLP, Chorley manager Andy Preece, Eastleigh boss Lee Bradbury and Dorking Wanderers striker Jason Prior all expressed the need for a rethink, and the opportunity to vote again – this time with the benefit of hindsight.

"If you're going to play an extra 20 minutes a game then our levels have to wake up," the vastly experienced Preece told us.

"Premier League players are moaning but they've got five subs – we've only got three. I don't get it anyway, but now I really just do not get it. It will lead to injuries. You're going to have to change the way you train so that players last that bit longer.

"But you can't just do that. You've got to have a long-term strategy with planning through pre-season.

"I just think for this season it could be dangerous for the players and put extra stress on them. With three subs you don't have that chance to take players off and rest.

When it's Saturday-Tuesday, that's when you're going to see the difference. If you're effectively playing another half of football in a few days it's going to take its toll. We've got to change it so that five subs can come on.

"The Premier League lads have got everything at their disposal – sports scientists and all things like that. If they're talking about it and they're worried about it, what chance have we got with only three subs?

"The sooner they look at it and do it, the safer it will be, the better it will be.



OFFICIAL MATCH REPORT

WEYMOUTH 1 TAUNTON TOWN 1

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Dylan Morgan's second half goal steered the Peacocks to a hard-earned point on the Dorset coast. A full-blooded encounter in one of Town's more local games this season saw the Terras ahead at the break and given the complexion of the first half it was hard to argue the lead wasn't deserved. However the Peacocks improved after the interval, enjoying their best spell midway through the half before manning the defences to repel a final Weymouth charge.

Still missing the injured Dan Ball and long-term absentee Jay Foulston, Town emerged onto the Bob Lucas Stadium pitch without two more key players, with both Joe Guest and Malachi Linton not fit to play following the weekend match at Aveley. Lee Lucas stepped back in for his first game of the season after returning from holiday while Dave Sims-Burgess came in for Linton.

The opening quarter passed by with neither side able to make any real inroads in front of a 1252 crowd. Town were first to show when an Ollie Chamberlain cross fell to Morgan whose shot from a tight angle found the side netting inside two minutes before a succession of deliveries from both teams

only succeeded in finding the opposition goalkeeper over the next twenty minutes or so. Peacocks' No 1 Dan Lavercombe fielded a cross from Calvin Brooks and then launched himself to punch away a Joel Rollinson free kick while Terras' custodian Gerard Benfield safely claimed Town's opening corner from Lloyd James and a Cameron Evans centre before snaffling a Nat Jarvis cross.

With play scrappy at times, defences remained on top as chances remained limited. Town briefly menaced when a promising break from Morgan led to Sims-Burgess and Chamberlain having successive efforts blocked while Benfield parried a 25 yard Lucas free kick and Morgan flashed a strike across the face of goal, mixed in with the frustratingly hopeful long ball. Much of Weymouth's threat was instigated by summer signing Rollinson who linked up well with his new teammates as they probed for a way through. One such break led to Lavercombe diving to clutch a Rollinson cross who then fired a free kick from the right flank straight into the keeper's arms.

Lavercombe produced another solid save to hold a Brandon Goodship effort

from just outside the box before finally being beaten after 36 minutes, a Rollinson corner from the left being deftly headed inside the post by close season recruit signing Dan Roberts. Lucas blasted high and wide following a cleared James' free kick, however the Terras had the game in their grip as half time approached. Goodship got on the end of David Sesay's low driven cross to fire over before Sesay demonstrated how to deliver a long ball, a superb diagonal pass finding Rollinson who cut inside to drill a shot off the post, the follow-up from Brooks deflecting for a corner.

Chamberlain retired with a tight hamstring during four minutes of added time, being replaced by Marcus Day making his competitive debut for the Peacocks while some spice was added to proceedings when a challenge between Evans and Josh McQuoid sparked raised temperatures on the benches, the outcome of which resulted in yellow cards for both managers. Jarvis also failed to reappear for the second half, with Nick McCootie taking over before Town used up their quota of subs within five minutes when Ross Stearn took over from Sims-Burgess.

The opening 15 minutes witnessed no real chances, with the hosts having most of the possession before the momentum began to swing after the hour. Town's best move to date saw Lucas chip a pass to Zac Smith who made ground inside and squared to James whose first time strike from the edge of the box was blocked by Benfield, the rebound landing for McCootie who set up Day to find the far corner of the net, but the flag had long been raised for offside. The

equaliser wasn't far away though. Benfield's drop kick was headed back upfield by Nick Grimes, Stearn flicked on and suddenly Morgan was through, keeping clear of the Terras defender breathing down his neck to dart round Benfield and roll the ball home into the empty net. 65 minutes played and game on.

Weymouth responded with a bout of pressure as they injected some fresh legs with a trio of substitutions in the space of five minutes, but Town remained defiant in defence and thought they had taken the lead with just under ten minutes to play. Great work from Smith on the left gave him a chance for a pop at goal which found Stearn who turned to rifle home into the roof of the net. Offside Flag 2 Peacocks 0.

A deep free kick found Austen Booth, but his knockdown was just too far in front of McCootie, the last real opening for the visitors who were forced to man the pumps for the final stages. Frankie Monk's cross was cleared as far as Leo Hamblin who saw his shot deflect for a corner while Lavercombe punched clear a Rollinson free kick and then pushed aside Monk's effort as it threatened to creep in at his near post, the resultant corner nearly producing a late winner when Anthony Cheshire's flick hit the post. A free kick into the box caused further stress as four minutes of stoppage actually translated into six and a half, but Lavercombe and the Peacocks defence answered all the questions to hold firm and secure a creditable draw.



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

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

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Saturday 19th August 2023

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

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Saturday 26th August 2023

3pm	Aveley v Dartford
3pm	Bath City v Hampton & Richmond Borough
3pm	Braintree Town v Chippenham Town
3pm	Dover Athletic v Worthing
3pm	Eastbourne Borough v Truro City
3pm	Farnborough v Weston-super-Mare
3pm	Hemel Hempstead Town v Maidstone United
3pm	Slough Town v Torquay United
3pm	Taunton Town v St Albans City
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The Untold Game

From Villains to Villain

When Aston Villa won the league title in 1981, the future at Villa Park looked very bright indeed. In manager Ron Saunders they had an enigmatic tactical mastermind who took his responsibilities as seriously as anybody, and he had achieved success using just 14 players, and one of England's most successful clubs had returned to the summit for the first time in over seven decades. By February, the title defence wasn't going to plan, but the club were in the last eight of the European Cup and genuine contenders to replace Nottingham Forest at the top of the European game. So when Saunders handed in his resignation, it was a shock to everybody. And shock turned to outrage just a few days later when the former Villan played the part for real, joining arch-rivals Birmingham.

In truth, Ron Saunders resignation was being rumoured in the press for days before it happened. A man of strong principles, Saunders was willing to burn bridges where he thought he had been wronged, and in Aston Villa chairman Ron Bendall, he felt he had been let down. Winning the league with just 14 players was a phenomenal

achievement, and Saunders expected that achievement to be matched by ambition. With the added pressures of the European Cup, he requested an array of reinforcements. But Bendall, with an eye on the bottom line, argued that the club had paid out over £1 million in wages in the title winning season, and consequently were £800,000 in the red. Over the summer, only Andy Blair was brought in. Saunders was not happy.

On top of this, Bendall decided to change Saunders contract. The manager had enjoyed a three-year rolling deal, and had made no secret of his desire to spend his entire managerial career at Villa Park. Bendall didn't like the level of compensation such a deal would require were he to change managers, so proposed a straight three year deal, to be renewed in 1984. Saunders, unsurprisingly, took it poorly, and argued in the press that it showed a lack of faith in his ability. A 4-1 defeat to Manchester United a few days later would be his final game, and he handed in his resignation.

Across the city, Birmingham were

struggling. They had failed to adequately replace the goals of Trevor Francis, two years after selling him to Forest, and were in a relegation scrap. While protest groups were set up by Aston Villa fans to have Saunders reinstated, the Blues were forced to relieve Jim Smith of his duties. And with a title-winning manager sitting a few short miles away in Solihull without a job, there was one obvious thing to do.

Saunders took the reins, and tried to ingratiate himself with his new club. Birmingham were a sleeping giant, he declared, although his first job was to steer them to survival. Of course, this riled up Aston Villa supporters, and irony never being far away in football, the Second City Derby would be the first game after Saunders appointment at St. Andrews.

The new manager was in the stands, with everybody agreeing that taking on his old team just a few days into the job might be a step too far. But that didn't stop howls of abuse from Villa fans. If Saunders had taken the job to sleight his former chairman, it was a perfect opportunity. But instead it was his old employers who took the bragging rights, a Peter Withe goal securing the win. 'Saunders Saunders what's the score?' rang out around St. Andrews.

Saunders achieved his first ambition, keeping Birmingham in the First Division, but the achievement was overshadowed by his former

employers winning the ultimate prize in European football. And over the following seasons, the Blues continued to struggle, eventually being relegated in 1984. Despite leading them straight back to the top flight, Saunders resigned in 1986 after a chastening defeat to Altrincham in the FA Cup. He moved on to West Brom, who he was unable to save from relegation, dropping with Birmingham into the Second Division. A year later, Aston Villa would follow them, just six years after Saunders had led them to the title, and five years after his replacement had led them to the European Cup.

There have been others that have followed in Saunders' footsteps and managed both clubs in the Second City, but none have incurred such a dramatic intake of breath. To lead one side of the city to the league title, and set them up for European glory, only to take charge on the other before that task was complete. Truly, he became a villain.





2023-24 FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Competition	Opponents	KO/Score	Att	Lge Pos
AUGUST					
Sat 5th	League	BRAINTREE TOWN (H)	2-1 W	801	4th
Sat 12th	League	Aveley (A)	4-1 L	372	15th
Tues 15th	League	Weymouth (A)	1-1 D	1,252	14th
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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2. Encroachment onto the playing area, sterile area, or its adjoining parts is prohibited.
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Dene Field
GIS graduate, First Team Analyst and Coaching Assistant at **Watford FC Women**



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DAN LAVERCOMBE (GK)	1	○
JAY FOULSTON	3	○
NICK GRIMES	4	○
DAN BALL	5	○
AUSTEN BOOTH	6	○
OLLIE CHAMBERLAIN	7	○
LLOYD JAMES	8	○
NAT JARVIS	9	○
NICK MCCOOTIE	10	○
JOE GUEST	11	○
RABBY TABU-MINZAMBA	12	○
ROSS STEARN	13	○
PHIL MENDONCA	15	○
ZAC SMITH	16	○
CAMERON EVANS	17	○
MARCUS DAY	18	○
CALLUM DOLMAN	19	○
DAVE SIMS-BURGESS	20	○
LLOYD IRISH (GK)	21	○
DYLAN MORGAN	22	○
MALACHI LINTON	27	○
LEE LUCAS	31	○
EVANDER GRUBB	32	○
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REFEREE:
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ASSISTANT REFEREE:
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MANAGER: DANNY BLOOR

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○ 2	CROSSLEY LEMA
○ 3	CAMERON GREEN
○ 4	TAYLOR CURRAN
○ 4	WILL WOOD
○ 5	MITCHELL DICKENSON
○ 6	TAOFIQ OLOMOWEWE
○ 8	JAMES VAUGHAN
○ 9	ALEX MACALLISTER
○ 10	DOMINIC ODUSANYA
○ 11	LEWIS WHITE
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○ 14	ANTONY PAPADOPOULOS
○ 15	CAMERON ANDREWS
○ 16	TJ BRAMBLE
○ 18	JACK BURCHELL
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