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# THE GAFFER

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

A good Bank Holiday weekend for us picking up 4 points out of a possible 6 with a 3-2 home win against St Albans City on Saturday, followed by a 1-1 draw away at Maidstone United on Bank Holiday Monday, both results possible from late goals from us especially Ross Stearn's late late goal against St Albans to claim all 3 points.

Our visitors today by their own high standards started the campaign off slowly with no wins from the opening four games, but seem to have now got into their stride recording back to back wins in their last two outings. So we are fully aware of the task that awaits us today as they are a very good team, but we know we have what it takes to get a result today.

Your support so far this season has been fantastic, long may it continue and we will do what we can on the pitch to keep spirits high in the stands. Spread the word about us, bring family and friends as we can always do with some more coming through the turnstiles.

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Rob Dray  
Head of Football - Taunton Town

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## DARTFORD

Dartford Football Club was formed in 1888 by members of the Dartford Working Men's Club, initially playing only friendlies. The club soon was entering cup competitions, reaching the final of the Kent Senior Cup in 1894. Following this, Dartford were founder members of the Kent League for the 1894–95 season, and entered the FA Cup for the first time the season after.

Two seasons later, Dartford became founder members of the Southern League Division Two, winning the Championship at the first attempt.

For a decade and a half following the 1939–1945 war, Dartford had little to show for its efforts except for a sparkling win over Bromley in Kent Senior Cup in 1947. At the time, Bromley vied with Bishop Auckland as the premier amateur club in the land and the Lillywhites look a 2–0 lead in the final before Dartford struck back with three goals to lift the trophy. Included in the Dartford line-up that day was Ted Croker, later to become the Secretary of the Football Association. Soon after this win Dartford transferred Riley Cullum and Fred Alexander to Charlton Athletic for £6,000, which wiped out the club's debts entirely.

Dartford's first post-war manager had been Warney Cresswell (ex-Everton and England) but poor results led to him being rapidly

replaced by Bill Moss who gradually put some stability into the club's playing performances. In the late 1950s the Southern League was totally reorganised and Dartford spent most of the ensuing twenty seasons in the Premier Division. The key managers of the era were George Green, Alf Ackerman and Ernie Morgan, each of whom bring extensive Football League experience to the club resulting in a reasonable level of respectability to the playing side affairs.

In the early 1970s Dartford appeared in four successive Kent Senior Cup finals, winning the first and the last. Around this time, the club acquired the services of ex-Bolton Wanderers and England winger Doug Holden as manager. Doug laid down the foundations of the team, which won the Southern League Championship in 1973–74, though they failed to gain election to the Football League. This is their most recent serious attempt to gain Football League status.

Holden left before the start of that season and was replaced by Ernie Morgan who grafted three or four quality players on to Holden's squad and steered the Darts to the Southern League title and a place in the FA Trophy final at Wembley. For the next few seasons Dartford drifted along and just failed to clinch a spot in the newly formed Alliance Premier League (now the Football

Conference). Even though the period was barren by Dartford's standards, the club did win the Southern League Cup for the first time in 1976–77.

Then came the 1980s, a period dominated by two managers with contrasting styles: John Still and Peter Taylor. By winning the Southern Division of the Southern League in 1980–81 Dartford had gained a short-lived place in the Alliance Premier League. Relegated after just one season but having tasted life at the top of the semi-professional game Dartford wanted more. John Still who had led Leytonstone/Ilford to a clean sweep of trophies, was the man for the job, in 1983–84 he steered Dartford to a fourth Southern League Championship and a resultant return to the Alliance Premier League. This time Darts stayed two seasons finishing third in 1984–85. Another periodic crisis was looming, and with Still departing in February 1986, Dartford were relegated once again.

In the wake of the Bradford City stadium fire and the Hillsborough disaster, Dartford, like so many clubs, needed to either relocate or upgrade their current facilities with the Board going for the latter option. Large sums of money were spent on planning and design fees, which burdened a manageable financial deficit with crippling interest charges.

At the same time Maidstone United, who had sold their own ground, needed a suitable home to launch the ill-fated foray into the Football League and the Dartford board agreed to let Maidstone ground-share at Watling Street, the rent income providing a welcome boost for finances. The ground share began at the start of the 1988–89 season, at the end of which

Maidstone reached the Football League as Football Conference champions.

In May 1996, Dartford gained promotion to the Southern League, exactly one hundred years after the club first entered that competition. Manager Tony Burman was forced to resign in December due to business commitments but the club quickly promoted reserve team manager Gary Julians to the role.

The 1999–2000 season saw the Darts reach the semi-final of the Kent Senior Cup and the reserves reach the same stage of the Kent Intermediate cup. The club remained in the Southern League for the following three seasons, with the best performance in 1999–2000 when the club finished eighth.

In the 2017–18 season, Dartford narrowly missed out on automatic promotion via goal difference to Havant & Waterlooville. They played Braintree Town in the play-off semi-final and lost 1–0. It was announced after the play-off that Tony Burman and his management team would step down from their managerial positions. A few days later ex-players Adam Flanagan and Jamie Coyle were confirmed as the new Dartford joint-managers. The 2019–20 season saw managers Adam Flanagan and Jamie Coyle removed from their position. On 10 October, Steve King was announced as the new manager of the club on a three-year deal. Having taken the job with the team in the bottom four, King went on to guide Dartford to the play-off final, which saw Dartford lose on penalties to Weymouth.

In the 2022–23 season, Dartford finished as runners-up in the National League South, but lost on penalties in the play-off semi-finals against St Albans.



# TWO TO WATCH



**PAUL ROONEY**

During his Millwall career Paul had a loan move to Torquay United and then joined Colchester United on a permanent deal.

Loan moves to Billericay Town and Bromley before joining Dover Athletic. Due to the curtailment of the football season to Covid Paul then joined Havant & Waterlooville from where he has joined the Darts



**ALEX WALL**

Alex Wall is back for the Darts after signing for the 2022/23 season. Wall is familiar with the Dartford set up after having two spells for the club, once in 2014 on loan making 11 appearances and 6 goals and again in 2018. The 31-year-old striker has scored 84 goals in his career and had a great season at Concord Rangers in 2018/19 where he scored 21 goals and made 33 appearances.

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PLAYED **6**

**6** PLAYED

WON **3**

**2** WON

DRAWN **2**

**3** DRAWN

LOST **1**

**1** LOST

+/- **0**

**+2** +/-

POINTS **11**

**9** POINTS

LGE POS **6<sup>TH</sup>**

**11<sup>TH</sup>** LGE POS

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## DAVE WEBSTER

### *View from the stands*

**MAIDSTONE UNITED 1 TAUNTON TOWN 1**  
**Vanarama National League South**

A point won, or a 2 points lost? Judge for yourselves! Personally, I was absolutely delighted to come away with the draw from a full time club that were in the Conference last season.

Playing Maidstone for the first time ever, the first half was on a par with 2 boxers weighing each other up. Taunton, having made 5 changes from the team that performed so gallantly 2 days earlier, played very deep, with just Nat Jarvis up front. Guessing the plan was to catch Maidstone on the counter attack, and maybe score from a set piece. It did not work!

The entertainment value for the first 45 was zero, where the only shot on target from either club, led to Maidstone going 1-0 up. The goal coming about when their lanky number 9, beat Nick Grimes in the air, and then went round our captain with ease, before blasting the ball past Lavercombe. Yes, we had a couple of free kicks awarded from dangerous positions, which came to nothing, but that was it. If tactics and formation were not changed, I feel we could have been heading for a heavy defeat.

And so, changes were indeed made at half time, with Stearn replacing Smith, who was treated for a injury as the first half fizzled out like a damp squib. The difference was massive, as Taunton at last began to attack with more oomph. The introduction of Ross made a huge impact to the game. And yet, it could so easily have been 1-1 but for Ross, after a jinky run from Morgan ended with Dyls goal-bound effort, smashing against the back of Ross. I have no doubt it would have been another Morgan special but for this mishap.

We were completely different gravy in the second half as the attacks continued. Ollie Chamberlain had a shot that hit the post, and for the first time the Maidstone defence were forced to work for their bread. It seemed only a matter of time before our equaliser came. Both Simmo and McCootie were brought on for Day and Jarvis as the game reached its climax, adding more strength to the Taunton attack.

In the 85th minute, came the turning point when Chamberlain was clattered to the ground, resulting in a red card for the perpetrator. From the resulting free kick, floated into the danger zone from Ollie, came Nick Grimes to jab the ball home for his 3rd goal of the season. Wow, did we deserve that one. Taunton now sensed that victory was on the cards against the 10 men, as Maidstone were forced to defend. With 9 extra minutes to play, there was certainly time to nick a winner. Could this possibly be a repeat of Saturdays late goal?

Not today unfortunately! In fact it was Maidstone that came closest in the dying minutes, forcing Lavercombe into his first proper save of the day, as Maidstone made a counter attack. And so the final whistle blew. I feel the point apiece reflected the game, don't think anyone can argue that Maidstone were the better team in the first half, and Taunton the more dominant in the 2nd.

Personally I enjoyed my first ever visit to the Gallagher stadium, I found the fans I spoke to a likeable bunch. So yeah, it's all good as I look at the league table and see us in a respectable 6th place.



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CAPTAIN  
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# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

Barely three weeks into the new season and already the managerial merry-go-round is gathering momentum.

We're not even into September yet two National League bosses have lost their jobs – an ever-growing trend which has sadly been set year-on-year, whatever the level.

Friday night's defeat by Southend United spelt the end of the road for Eastleigh boss Lee Bradbury, whose side, despite heavy investment and much strengthening over the summer, had failed to hit the ground running.

And, a little over 48 hours later, it was a similar tale for York City's Mikey Morton as a 3-1 home defeat by Rochdale saw him follow the same path through the exit door and into the pool of the unemployed.

Sadly, given the re-structures, growth and ambition of the two football clubs they represented, Bradbury and Morton were sitting ducks. As will their successors be.

Such is the high-octane nature and pressure cooker landscape of the game these days, even in the fifth tier of the English game, not a shred of leniency or empathy is afforded to the man in the hotseat. It's dog eat dog from the very first whistle.

Three draws from their opening five

games was deemed insufficient for Bradbury as the Spitfires, under returning owner and chairman Stewart Donald and director of football Richard Hill back at the helm, had brought in the likes of Scott Quigley, Paul McCallum, Enzo Boldewijn and Chris Maguire to bolster the Spitfires' chances of finally fulfilling their Football League dream.

At York, Morton was at least given six games of the new season to save his skin, but the Minstermen didn't win any of them and would be bottom of the table but for Southend's 10-point deduction.

That, sadly, is just not good enough for a club who have spent big over the summer with new owner Matt Uggle rubber-stamping deals for the likes of David Stockdale, Tyler Corder, Dipo Akinyemi and Alex Woodyard.

Lower down the pyramid, it's even less forgiving. While The NLP have continued through the summer bringing you all the latest, not many weeks have passed when there hasn't been one managerial casualty somewhere or another.

Take Jamie Ward for example. The former Northern Ireland international was in the final throws of preparing for the start of the new season at Ilkeston Town when a decision to 'mutually' end his contract came.

Despite being described as "a great

manager" by Robins chairman Andrew Nally, opted to recommence his playing career at Nuneaton Borough where, guess what, another manager is under pressure.

A 7-0 defeat at AFC Telford United forced the club to issue a lengthy statement apologising to disillusioned fans and calling for unity, while manager Jimmy Ginnelly offered those who made the trip to the New Bucks Head free entry for their new home game, against AFC

Sudbury.

Ginnelly's got some work to do to appease fans at Liberty Way but it's a situation that he, along with any other every football manager, will be well used to.

He's thick-skinned enough to know that, one day, the axe will eventually fall and he'll be back on the managerial merry-go-round seeking an new opportunity. It's such a brutal industry.





## OFFICIAL MATCH REPORT

MAIDSTONE UNITED 1  
TAUNTON TOWN 1

28.8.2023 | VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH | ATT: 2,014

Nick Grimes notched his third goal of the campaign to ensure the Peacocks shared the spoils on their first ever visit to the Gallagher Stadium. My disappointment at not being able to travel to Kent due to illness was partially alleviated by an excellent result for Town against a full-time outfit just down from the National League and based on what unfolded on the live stream there is no disputing a point is the least the visitors deserved.

The Peacocks showed four changes from the game against St Albans two days previously, with Ross Stearn, Nick McCootie and Lee Lucas reverting to the bench while Joe Guest was unavailable. In came Lloyd James, Nat Jarvis and the returning Ollie Chamberlain while Callum Dolman enjoyed a fine debut in midfield. The early exchanges saw both sides feel their way in with corners for both along with some overhit long balls before Town posted what turned out to be their best effort of the half when good work from Dylan Morgan saw the ball run loose to James who flashed a 20 yard strike just wide.

Both sides continued to find opportunities hard to come by as the

half progressed. Town keeper Dan Lavercombe was proving a safe pair of hands as he fielded a cross from Chi Ezennolim and then easily held a free kick from Sam Corne while Morgan's set piece struck the wall at the opposite end before he chanced his arm from the halfway line following a break from a Maidstone corner, however his attempt sailed harmlessly over.

The Stones found another gear in the final 15 minutes of the opening period as they searched for a breakthrough. Ezennolim and Liam Sole linked up well down the left in one threatening foray while Devonte Aransibia's cross deflected into the arms of Lavercombe before another Aransibia cross found Bivesh Gurung who turned to see his strike hit a defender and end up in Lavercombe's arms. The Town defence were coping until the 38th minute when the powerful Levi Amantchi, a summer signing from Brackley Town, received a long ball inside the box and brushed off Grimes to gain space and fire past Lavercombe into the left-hand corner from 10 yards to give Maidstone the advantage.

A strong run from Ezennolim saw his

cross cleared as far as Aransibia who shot high and wide as the hosts ended the first half on top and Town knew they had work to do after the break. Stearn took over from Zac Smith when play resumed after the Town No 16 had suffered a twinge during the first half but initially it was the Stones who carried on as they had left off. Amantchi's volley from an Aransibia cross deflected for a corner before Aransibia also had an effort blocked after George Fowler had flicked on.

Gradually though the Peacocks responded. James fed Morgan who advanced, only to see his strike hit teammate Stearn and travel wide before a golden chance came and went with 20 minutes remaining. Marcus Day patiently bided his time on the left before getting the ball across, Stearn missed his connection, but Chamberlain was there at the back stick to prod wide off the outside of the post when he would have hoped to do better. A double substitution for Town soon followed, with Day and Jarvis making way for Dave Sims-Burgess and McCootie. The Peacocks were now having the bulk of possession, with Dolman, justifiably winning the Town Man of the Match award, doing well to find Cam Evans out wide but frustratingly his cross sailed out for a throw.

Was that missed chance earlier going to prove costly? Thankfully not. Maidstone were reduced to ten men six minutes from time when Razzaq Coleman De-Graft was shown a straight red card for a high challenge on Chamberlain out on the left and when James floated the free kick into the middle, McCootie and a defender went to challenge for the ball

which eluded them to reach Grimes who nicked in to slot past Lucas Covolan for the equaliser with four minutes remaining.

Nine minutes of stoppage time failed to produce a clear winner and although Town had more of the ball, it was the Stones who came closest three minutes in when a marauding run from Ezennolim gave Sole a shooting chance, but Lavercombe did what was necessary as he saved the strike at his post with the ball eventually cleared. Dolman eyed glory for Town when he met the ball on the edge of the box, but his shot went wayward, and a late corner came to nothing while a tame attempt from Aransibia concluded the contest at the other end. A creditable point for the Peacocks which sees them lie in 6th spot in the table with only one defeat from their opening six games. Hopefully the public of Taunton will wake up and come and support their local club in bigger numbers starting with the visit of Dartford today.





## VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH 2023-24 LEAGUE STANDINGS

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

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

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

### Saturday 2nd September 2023

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

## UPCOMING FIXTURES

### Monday 4th September 2023

7.45pm	Chelmsford City v Hemel Hempstead Town
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### Tuesday 5th September 2023

7.45pm	Chippenham Town v Taunton Town
7.45pm	Dartford v Slough Town
7.45pm	Hampton & Richmond v Weymouth
7.45pm	Maidstone United v Aveley
7.45pm	St Albans City v Dover Athletic
7.45pm	Tonbridge Angels v Braintree Town
7.45pm	Torquay United v Farnborough
7.45pm	Truro City v Bath City
7.45pm	Weston-super-Mare v Yeovil Town
7.45pm	Worthing v Welling United

### Wednesday 6th September 2023

7.45pm	Havant & Waterlooville v Eastbourne Borough
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## The Bolt

Most people are aware of the Catenaccio. Helenio Herrera's creation, an exceptional defensive system, came to dominate European football in the 1960s, and defined Italian football for half a century. But, as with all great ideas, Herrera was building on what came before. While everyone from World Cup winners Brazil to the Hungarian Golden Team - statistically the greatest team to have ever played the game - were trying to find a way to score more goals, Karl Rappan was working out a way to prevent them. The Austrian's impact on the game can still be felt, nearly ninety years after he invented the Verrou.

Rappan was born in Vienna in 1905, and given an impeccable football upbringing. A promising forward, he initially signed for Wacker Vienna in 1924, where he stayed for four years, before joining Austria Wien. The team, still implementing the principles laid down by the legendary Hugo Meisl, was a perfect breeding ground for tactical innovation. When Rappan was called up to the national side, managed by Meisl himself, that footballing brain just grew bigger. In 1930, he crossed the Alps into

Switzerland, to take the reins as player-manager at Servette. As Meisl had done at Austria Wien, Rappan had found his petri dish, and his tactical experiments were greedily eaten up by an eager Swiss audience.

The early 1930s saw an explosion in technical ability across European football. Jimmy Hogan, and then Meisl, had introduced close ball control and high quality passing, and Herbert Chapman had given the world a system that was predicated on attack. For Rappan, this wouldn't do. What had come before was reliant upon individual talent, and as a relatively young, and amateur, footballing nation, Switzerland lagged behind in that respect. The Austrian realised that instead he would have to make his team greater than the sum of its parts, and that to do that, he would have to design a system that, rather than scoring as many goals as possible, prevented the opposition from finding the back of the net.

Rappan started by withdrawing his wing halves into a more defensive role, focused on stopping the opposition wingers, either side of a single centre

half. The verrou, or bolt, in the system, named after a door bolt, was in the use of a player behind the defensive line, who could mop up any attacks and with the freedom to move into the midfield when his side had the ball. In seeking a collective system for the prevention of goals, Rappan had invented the Libero.

The Verrou would serve Rappan well, leading Servette to two league titles under his leadership before he moved on to Grasshopper Zurich, where he won five more. Alongside this, he was invited to take charge of the Swiss national team, who had spent most of the 1930s getting soundly beaten by their more professional counterparts, and were looking for a way to become competitive. Rappan would lead them, first, into the 1938 World Cup.

Austria, as a separate entity, withdrew from the World Cup after Anschluss with Nazi Germany. All nationals were by that stage part of a 'Greater Germany', and expected to play under the Swastika, without Hugo Meisl. For Rappan, it was perhaps fate that the opening round for the Swiss would be against a German side who, with the inclusion of elements of the Austrian Wunderteam, were expected to go far. The Verrou stifled the German opposition, and despite falling behind Switzerland were able to hold them to a creditable draw. In the replay five days later, a powerhouse second half display dispatched the black-shirted German side 4-2. Switzerland would lose the following round to Hungary, but the Verrou had been announced on the biggest stage.

Rappan's World Cup was not quite over, however. Under the new German rules, he was now considered a German national who had embarrassed his country, and was ordered by the authorities to report to Munich. When he refused, he was ordered to take charge of the national side instead. The Austrian took the opportunity to get out of there, and made his way back to Switzerland, where he would stay throughout the war, and for most of his career.

Rappan took charge of Switzerland three more times over the following thirty years, as well as going back to both Grasshoppers and Servette. His legacy would be his system, however. First, at the 1950 World Cup, where a rampant Brazil were held to a 2-2 draw by the Swiss, implementing the Verrou. Witnessing this, Uruguay copied the system, and overcame the hosts in the final. The shock of this led to a national trauma in Brazil, with suicides, a change of kit colour, and a revolution of tactical understanding that led to their three World Cup successes. Following that, Herrera's catenaccio would become the Bolt's more famous descendant.







# 2023-24 FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Competition	Opponents	KO/Score	Att	Lge Pos
<b>AUGUST</b>					
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)	1-0 W	727	9th
Sat 26th	League	ST ALBANS CITY (H)	3-2 W	642	5th
Mon 28th	League	Maidstone United (A)	1-1 D	2,014	6th
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
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	-	-
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
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	-	-
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
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
<b>DECEMBER</b>					
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	-	-
<b>JANUARY</b>					
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	-	-
<b>FEBRUARY</b>					
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	-	-
<b>MARCH</b>					
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	-	-
<b>APRIL</b>					
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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NICK MCCOOTIE 10 ○  
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ROSS STEARN 13 ○  
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CAMERON EVANS 17 ○  
MARCUS DAY 18 ○  
CALLUM DOLMAN 19 ○  
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DYLAN MORGAN 22 ○  
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