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# THE GAFFER

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Wordsworth Drive as we host Havant & Waterlooville 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.

Not a great week for the club as we drew with Merthyr Town in the FA Cup, before bowing out of this year's competition in the replay 1-2. It was an unfortunate result as every team likes to have a good cup run, but it wasn't to be for us this season and our attention returns to the league today and to continue our run of good results that have started our season.

Havant themselves exited the FA Cup last Saturday to Bracknell Town and will now want to kick start their season in the league as they have not had the start to the season they would have wanted and I am sure new manager Steve King will be hoping to change their fortunes today, so we need to be fully switched on from the outset.

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.

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

Rob Dray  
Head of Football - Taunton Town

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## THE AWAY END



# HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE

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

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

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

Meanwhile Waterlooville Football Club, who were established in 1905, had become firm

fixtures in the Southern League since 1971. They too had slowly progressed from humble beginnings moving through Waterlooville District, Portsmouth and Hampshire League Divisions.

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

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

On the 22nd August 1998, the new look team beat Chelmsford City 2-0 to begin a new era in the Club's history. The team duly won the Southern League Southern Division, earning promotion to the Premier Division at their

first attempt. With success came more financial backing and £500K was spent to bring the ground up to Conference standard. The Club had now improved both their Stadium and fan-base as the local community flocked to see their local heroes in action.

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

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

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

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

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

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

It is the Clubs impressive Cup exploits that has really captured both local and National attention as we have earned the un-official title of 'Cup Specialists'.

Despite starting the 2015-16 Conference South season as favourites, the Hawks were relegated on goal difference.

Placed into the Isthmian League following relegation, the Havant & Waterlooville board kept faith with manager Lee Bradbury, who led the team to the title on the final day of the season.

After being promoted the previous season, the Hawks won the 2017-18 National League South, winning it on the final day.

In the 2018-19 season, Havant & Waterlooville struggled to adjust to life in the National League and were relegated with three matches remaining. On 22 April 2019, Havant & Waterlooville released a statement confirming Lee Bradbury had left by mutual consent. On 29 April, it was announced that former Sutton United manager Paul Doswell had signed a three-year contract, bringing Ian Baird back to the club as his assistant.

=On 10th March 2023, Paul Doswell moved into a Director of Football role, with Jamie Collins becoming manager. However after a poor start to the 2023-24 National League South season, Collins was sacked on 8th September.



# TWO TO WATCH



**JAKE MCCARTHY**

Bournemouth academy product McCarthy sealed his return to the Hawks this summer after leaving Weymouth. The holding midfielder player, who had a spell on loan with the club back in the 2015/16 campaign, has since spent four successful years with the Terras where he won two promotions. He was also the recipient of Fans' Player of the Season in his first full season with the Hawks.



**CALLUM KEALY**

Callum Kealy joined the Hawks in February 2023 from National League South side Worthing FC. Kealy, 24, is no stranger in front of goal this season, scoring 9 goals in the league, with three of those a hat trick against the Hawks last year. Our new number nine came through the ranks at Brighton & Hove Albion.

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# THIS SEASON AT A GLANCE



PLAYED **9**

WON **5**

DRAWN **3**

LOST **1**

+/- **+4**

POINTS **18**

LGE POS **5<sup>TH</sup>**

HOME POINTS% **67%**



PLAYED **9**

WON **1**

DRAWN **1**

LOST **7**

+/- **-9**

POINTS **4**

LGE POS **24<sup>TH</sup>**

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## DAVE WEBSTER *View from the stands*

**TAUNTON TOWN 1 MERTHYR TOWN 2**  
**Emirates FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round Replay**



It was said by many after Friday nights 1-1 draw in Wales, that the result reflected the game perfectly. Many would probably agree that this 1-2 score-line, most definitely DID NOT reflect the game. In fact, to lose by just the one solitary goal, was indeed flattering for Taunton Town.

The reality is Merthyr were far superior on the night, and could, and probably should have had 4 or even 5 goals to their credit! They were outrageously good! Every move they made was done to precision and perfection. Their passing of the ball pretty to watch, the manner in which they used the width of the field, their man marking of Taunton players, but most of all, their determination to win.

Yes, their finishing at times had its flaws, but not a soul present can truly argue they did not deserve their victory, that has now left many Taunton supporters angry, frustrated and above all devastated.

Many saw the FA cup, has a means for our club to making some much needed big money!

What has made this result harder to take, is knowing that despite a terrific run of results in league games, we all know that our ground is not up to Conference standard, and so even if we made the play offs, we would not go up!

Which leaves us now with 2 other competitions to do well in...The FA Trophy and of course that trophy that we have won on many occasions, The Somerset Premier cup, our only real realistic chance of getting some silverware in the cabinet this season, regardless of how many believe it to be irrelevant!!!

All of us that made the journey to Merthyr last Friday, were aware of just how good the opposition were. We knew that they were going to come out of the traps all guns blazing, and by jove, that's exactly what they did, with almost all the action taking place in the Taunton half. Taunton were like rabbits caught in a headlight, as the ferocity of the Merthyr attacks suited us in our tracks.

Their opening goal came after a series of passes that opened the Taunton defence like a can of beans, ending with an header that beat Lavercombe. The goal woke Taunton up as we finished the half with a flourish. Morgan put in a

cross that brought a collision between Jarvis and the keeper, resulting in an unjust yellow card for Nat.

It took Taunton until almost 40 minutes of play before we had a shot on goal, when Lee Lucas blasted one high over the crossbar. Then with minutes of the half remaining, we were awarded a free kick just outside the box after Nat had been hacked down. It was a tame effort from Lee that the keeper saved easily. Our first shot on target! The attacks continued, the referee missed an handball from a Merthyr man. Oh how we so could have done with VAR, as it was most definitely a nailed on penalty. Instead, Taunton were awarded a corner, from which Ross Stearn hammered it home. Our joy was short lived as the goal was disallowed for offside. And so we went in at halftime just 0-1 down.

If we assumed the last 10 minutes of the first half were to be the catalyst needed to ignite our game, then we would be mightily wrong, as the 2nd half again continued with Taunton under the cosh. Our attacks on goal few and far between. Substitutions were then made with Stearn and Guest replaced by James and McCootie, to the disgruntlement of many.

It was only a matter of time before Merthyr went 2 up. A odd goal if ever there was one. The ball being crossed along the Taunton box making it easy for a simple tap in from the Merthyr man. The Taunton fans were stunned in disbelief as the chants became more isolated and subdued. Defeat not something we have become accustomed to.

A massive cheer went up when Jay Foulston was introduced on to the field, after such a long time missing through injury. Jay was to make an instant impact as he spurred his team mates on. A 2nd penalty shout, again for an hand ball was waved away by the officials. The decisions not going our way at all. We managed to score a consolation goal deep into injury time, when the 2 subs combined, with a cross from Jay, which was then headed into the net from Nick McCootie.

Unfortunately it was a case of too little, too late as the referee's whistle ended the game, ending all hopes of a FA cup run. By all accounts there were a few sporadic shouts and boos of disenchantment. I personally never heard them.

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# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

The FA Cup first round proper will always be the Holy Grail for the majority of Non-League clubs.

Yes, of course, the third round proper can be - and often is - the stuff of fairytales.

But, for most, getting to the first round would be something talked about for years to come - especially if that ideal draw comes out.

It's not just about the finances, although they are huge and can help a club immeasurably. But it's also the profile it can bring to a small town or village, the increased interest and, ultimately, the memories for the hard-working volunteers who give their time and energy.

The dream is already on hold for another year at least for hundreds of clubs. The cards of defeat dealt while the summer evenings are still with us.

For others, it inched that bit closer last weekend - and in midweek - following the second round qualifying games.

The third round qualifying draw was released on Monday lunchtime with just two wins required to get into that famous first round proper hat in front of the live TV cameras.

But perhaps that doesn't tell the full depth of story in the FA Cup. With so many former ex-Football League clubs now in Non-League, these days the

fourth round qualifying almost has the same feel of the first round proper.

Take last season when Anstey Nomads welcomed Chesterfield at that stage. Not many people at Coalville Town will forget their upset of Notts County on the same day South Shields stunned then-Step 1 Scunthorpe United and Southern League Needham Market beat Maidstone United, also plying their trade in Non-League's top flight at the time.

Notts obviously ended up back in the Football League while Scunthorpe and the Stones dropped down - making them big draws in these two qualifying rounds before the Step 1 clubs enter.

Maidstone travelled to Southern Combination side Steyning Town last Saturday in the second round qualifying - a huge day for the Step 5 club that may have ended in defeat, but was rewarded with a 1,000-plus gate and a will only boost the club's standing in the community. As manager Kev Green told us in the build-up to the Maidstone last week, it was a day to savour for the whole club.

"We've got 400 youth players, boys and girls, a fantastic women's section," he said. "The players and staff are all getting loads of messages saying, unbelievable, well done."

"I dropped a message to the chairman to say, 'You guys deserve as much praise as

anyone else for this. You've put it together'. They deserve a lot of credit. Let's enjoy it."

Throw in AFC Stoneham taking on Yeovil Town, Larkhall Athletic welcoming city

neighbours Bath City and Tadcaster Albion giving Chester a scare on the BBC's red button.

The feel-good stories come long before the first round proper.





## OFFICIAL MATCH REPORT

# TAUNTON TOWN 1 MERTHYR TOWN 2

19.9.2023 | EMIRATES FA CUP 2<sup>ND</sup> QUALIFYING ROUND REPLAY | ATT: 774

The Peacocks were sent packing from this season's FA Cup competition at the first hurdle by a Merthyr side who were far superior on the night. Any notion that the hard work had been done in the first tie on Friday to bring the Southern League side back to Wordsworth Drive for a replay was blown apart as the visitors taught Town a footballing lesson, their crisp possession game being easy on the eye in comparison to the disjointed offerings of a home side defending an eight match unbeaten run.

Town showed two changes from the draw at Penyarden Park four days earlier, Joe Guest slotting in for Lloyd James while Dave Sims-Burgess who was carrying a knock was replaced by Ross Stearn. After winning all four of their National League home fixtures this season, the Peacocks would generally have been regarded as favourites to advance to the next round but the 90 minutes that followed made that assumption meaningless. The visitors showed the early impetus before a wayward pass out from Martyrs' keeper Jaimie Cogman went straight to Lee Lucas whose shot was blocked before a decent move down the right saw Austen Booth's cross cleared.

A dangerous curling cross from Tom Handley was well claimed by home keeper Dan Lavercombe as Ricardo Rees waited to pounce but chances remained scarce until Jack Evans found Rees inside and he made space to drive a 25 yard strike inches wide after 20 minutes. Five minutes later though and Merthyr were ahead, Aneurin Livermore in space down the right to cross to Rees and his effort deflected onwards to the unmarked Olly Mehew who guided into the net at the back post.

A break down the left nearly produced a quickfire second as Mehew, with more than a hint of offside, fed Alex John whose shot was kept out by a great block from Booth to allow Lavercombe to collect before the Peacocks' shotstopper palmed down Liam Angel's free kick. The hosts finally began to offer some hope for their fans during the final ten minutes of the half as they made some inroads. Guest released Ollie Chamberlain who was unable to pick out a claret shirt with his pull back before Lucas saw his shot deflect for a corner off Jack Evans, with appeals that it had glanced his hand ignored by referee Martin. From the corner that followed, Town celebrated what they thought

was an equaliser when Stearn controlled the ball in from Lucas and slotted past Cogman. A raised flag for offside meant the joy was short-lived.

Booth and Chamberlain combined down the flank and from the latter's pass Lucas arced a shot over the bar before firing a free kick straight into the arms of Cogman. Stearn was then denied by a lunging block from Angel to conclude an uninspiring 45 minutes from a home perspective but hope that the late spell of intent promised better things.

Unfortunately this proved a false dawn. Mehew's run was thwarted by Evans' fine tackle as the Martyrs pressed to add daylight to their lead and they came close to doing so when Keiran Evans threaded a pass through to Rees whose first time shot missed the far post by a whisker. A Taunton counter involving Stearn and Dylan Morgan ended with Zac Smith's cross going behind everyone with the hosts' forward play crying out for some cohesion, something the visitors were not lacking in.

A double switch just before the hour saw James and Nick McCootie replace Guest and Stearn, with James soon participating with his free kick being met by Nick Grimes' inbound header but Cameron Evans directed a follow-up header over from the angle. Merthyr responded by breaking down the right, Rees whipping the ball across the box and there was Mehew again at the far post to control and fire home for his second of the night after 66 minutes to leave Town with a Welsh mountain to climb.

A solitary positive note came when Jay Foulston, returning from a six month

injury lay-off, took over from Grimes with 18 minutes to go as the Peacocks laboured for an opening to attempt to save their cup campaign. The incisive stuff was coming at the other end though, with Rees being denied by Lavercombe after being played in by Jack Evans.

Into the final five minutes or so and Morgan received a Lucas pass to see his effort punched away by Cogman for a corner which led to a flurry of activity in the box. Evans had his close range header well saved by Cogman who then punched away a follow-up, Chamberlain seized on the loose ball and went down under a trailing leg but no penalty given, with Foulston then having a go by embarking on a run across the box without getting a shot away and Morgan having his effort blocked before a Lucas attempt was charged down for another corner as Merthyr threw bodies on the line.

Foulston's cross was steered home by the head of McCootie five minutes into added time to get the Peacocks on the scoresheet but all too late and to be brutally frank anything further would have been a steal of grandiose proportions. Merthyr were worthy winners on the night and their margin of victory flattered the Peacocks who will need to bounce back quickly from this major disappointment.





## VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH 2023-24 LEAGUE STANDINGS

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

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

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

### Saturday 23rd September 2023

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

## UPCOMING FIXTURES

### Saturday 7th October 2023

3pm	Braintree Town v Bath City
3pm	Chippenham Town v Dartford
3pm	Dover Athletic v Taunton Town
3pm	Havant & Waterlooville v Hampton & Rich'
3pm	Slough Town v Weymouth
3pm	St Albans City v Eastbourne Borough
3pm	Tonbridge Angels v Hemel Hempstead Town
3pm	Torquay United v Maidstone United
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# The Untold Game

## Mr. Libertadores

Looking every bit like an Argentinian Larry David, Carlos Bianchi could have been one of the all-time greats as a player. A teenage sensation, he burst onto the scene at Velez Sarsfield as a precocious 18 year old, topping the scoring charts in his first season as a professional as his boyhood club won their first ever league title in 1967. For many fans, this was the greatest Velez side ever to take the field, but despite Bianchi's unstoppable efforts, they never built on their success. He continued to score freely, and after 121 goals in 165 games, earned himself a move to Reims.

Seven years in France saw him win top goalscorer five times, with a switch to PSG in 1977, where he was by many considered their finest import before the Qatari takeover. He returned to Velez in 1980 and added another 85 goals to his tally, before returning to Reims once more for a final season before retirement.

For all his individual success, Bianchi's goals had yielded just a single trophy; that early title with Velez. Worse, his move to Europe had marked him as a selfish, egotistical player and had cost

him a career in the national side. It was an injustice that would drive him in his managerial career. A few years of struggle at Reims and a few more at Nice fed a reputation in Argentina that he was not capable of leading a side, but not at Velez, where he remained a legend in the truest sense of the word. In 1993, he was given his chance.

He transformed Velez, allowing his players the individual freedom to express themselves, within an unbreakable collective. The players loved their new mentor. In his debut season, just as when he was a player, he led Velez to the league title. But that was just the start.

The following season, they were irrepressible on the continental stage. They were drawn in the toughest group of the tournament, and won it at a canter. More pleasingly, local rivals Boca finished bottom. Bianchi would lead his charges all the way, however, and in one of the tightest finals in Libertadores history, defeated Sao Paulo on penalties. The retained their league title too. In two years of management in South America, Bianchi had three trophies.

Later that year, he went one better. The Club World Championship saw Velez take on European Champions Milan, the Fabio Capello variant that was so dogged that they won the league scoring just 34 goals, and beat them 2-0. More trophies followed in 1995 and 1996.

A brief, unsuccessful spell at Roma followed, before Bianchi returned to his homeland, this time with Boca. Success wasn't immediate this time though, it took Boca two years to win the title instead.

Bianchi inherited a squad already brimming with talent. Martin Palermo, Fabio Coloccini, Walter Samuel, and the mercurial Juan Roman Riquelme were individually brilliant, but had failed to come together as a unit. Bianchi instilled a fierce tactical discipline, except for allowing Riquelme to float between the lines, and Boca slowly began to dominate Argentinian football. Three titles followed, in 1998, 1999 and 2000, but this simply gave Bianchi a way into the competition that really mattered to him; the Copa Libertadores.

In 2000, Boca scythed their way through continental competition, with Riquelme cementing his reputation as South America's best player as his side put Palmeiras to the sword in the final. Once again, Bianchi would follow up his success on the global stage, beating a Real Madrid side that contained Hierro, Raul, Figo and Guti in the Club World Cup. It wasn't just the brilliance of his side, it was their flexibility.

Where some of the great coaches get stuck in a tactical style and find it difficult to adapt, Boca under Bianchi were like a different team every week. Against Vasco on the way to retaining the following season's Libertadores, they were an exceptional attacking side. In the next round against Palmeiras, they gave a dogged, determined defensive masterclass. The only thing all these different Boca sides had in common; they won. In 2003, with many of his stars sold to Europe, he led a young side to his fourth Libertadores title. A young Carlos Tevez led the scoring charts. Once more, he beat Milan in the Club World Cup. It was effectively a glorious coda on a remarkable managerial career.

Denied the chance to take charge of Argentina because of the reputation he had developed as a player, Mr. Libertadores had a couple of very brief stints in charge of Atletico Madrid and, later, Boca again. But he never took a long term job, and enjoyed his retirement. For such a short career, as his American doppelganger might say, he was pretty, pretty good.







# 2023-24 FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Competition	Opponents	KO/Score	Att	Lge Pos
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## 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)	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

## SEPTEMBER

Sat 2nd	League	DARTFORD (H)	1-0 W	902	5th
Tues 5th	League	Chippenham Town (A)	3-3 D	634	6th
Sat 9th	League	Tonbridge Angels (A)	0-3 W	852	5th
Fri 15th	FAC 2Q	Merthyr Town (A)	1-1 D	1,583	N/A
Tue 19th	FAC 2QR	MERTHYR TOWN (H)	1-2 L	774	N/A
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
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## 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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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 ○  
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