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THE GAFFER

Good afternoon and welcome to Wordsworth Drive for today's Vanarama National League South game as we welcome Mark Beard, the staff, board members, fans and players joining us today from Eastbourne Borough for this re-scheduled game. My welcome also extends to our match officials.

This game has come about due to both teams disappointingly not being in FA Cup action today due to early exits, but we do not dwell on the past and whilst I was slightly disappointed not to pick up 3 points here last Saturday against bottom club Havant & Waterlooville, it is also another point on the board and another game unbeaten in the league for us.

I am sure all at Eastbourne would have hoped for a better start to the season than they have had and we are well aware of the threat that they will bring today to us.

As always Peacocks fans, please get right behind us today from the first whistle to the final whistle.

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

Rob Dray

Head of Football - Taunton Town



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THE AWAY END



EASTBOURNE BOROUGH

Founded as Langney Football Club in 1965, the club initially joined the Eastbourne & District Football League. The team played on local recreation grounds before moving to Prince's Park, near the Eastbourne sea-front.

By 1973/74 the club had scaled the Eastbourne & Hastings League, and was beginning to look for a future beyond parks football. "They'll never be more than a parks team!" was the infamous comment of one very senior official in Sussex football – but they proved him wrong.

In 1983 Langney Sports were elected as a founder member of Division 3 of the Sussex County League, and swiftly moved up through the divisions, rarely finishing outside the top four in Division One, and respected as a force to be reckoned with. Finally after some closerun campaigns, the 1999/00 season, under management duo Garry Wilson and Nick Greenwood, saw the Sports take the Sussex County League title, gaining promotion to the Dr. Martens League (Eastern Division) where after a season of consolidation at the higher level, the Club finished a creditable ninth in the table.

Meanwhile, off the field, the Sports were laying sound physical foundations too. From those itinerant early years on local parks pitches, the club had always had the vision of a more permanent home, and audaciously they had approached the local council with the improbable project of turning Priory Lane – then a mere expanse of empty marshland into a proper stadium. The County League years saw those plans beginning to be realised. Then during 2000/01 the club received a £117,000 grant from the Football

Foundation to go towards further development of Priory Lane. At the end of the season the Football Committee made one of the most crucial decisions in the club's history: the change of name to Eastbourne Borough FC. Stalwarts had their reservations, but the new name reflected the club's status as ambassadors for the whole town, and not only the original Langney. But to loyal supporters, we are and always will be still The Sports!

Season 2002 saw the club win the Sussex Senior Cup for the first time, beating the holders Lewes 2-1, and within two seasons there was further promotion to the Dr Martens Premier Division. Within another year Borough were elevated to the newly inaugurated Conference South.

2004/05 proved to be a most successful season as Eastbourne Borough reached the Play-Off Final, Over 1.000 Borough supporters made the 500-mile round trip to Stoke City for the North v South Final against Altrincham, but it wasn't to be, losing 2-1 in an exciting encounter. The following campaign was disappointing, but the Club achieved another milestone reaching the 1st Round proper of the FA Cup for the first time, with the reward of a home tie against League Two club Oxford United. Cheered on by a record crowd of 3,770, and in front of the Match of the Day cameras, Borough dramatically forced a 1-1 draw with a twice-taken last-minute penalty. Story-book stuff! The replay, though, was lost 3-0 at the Kassam Stadium.

The 2006/07 season saw the squad adopt a change in direction with Garry Wilson placing an emphasis on "quality' not "quantity' and



finished in 7th place, 4 points off a play-off berth. Buoyed by the previous league season the club started the 2007/2008 season in high spirits and it was to prove a most successful campaign with Eastbourne Borough beating Hampton & Richmond Borough 2-0 in the Play-Off Final at Stevenage. The triumphant night had completed a remarkable rise from recreation ground football to the pinnacle of nonLeague, the Conference Premier.

The 2008/2009 season was another step into the unknown for the club, with the opening Premier fixture a home game with Rushden & Diamonds. Any doubts re: competitiveness of the squad, infrastructure of the club, the approach to only segregate when deemed appropriate, or the support of the Eastbourne public were dispelled by the end of the day.

Notable results during the season included a double over Forest Green Rovers, a home win over ex-league club York City, success over Wrexham and an incredible 4-0 win at woking. The season proved to be most rewarding with an impressive mid-table finish, amongst the 'giants' of the non-league game. 2009/10 was a tough season after a bright start, AFC Wimbledon and eventual FA Trophy winners Barrow were defeated at Priory Lane. But a three and a half months drought for a league victory left the Sports needing victory over champions Oxford United in the final game of the campaign. With 6 minutes to go and the scores level at 0-0, and results going against them elsewhere, Borough appeared to be heading for the drop. Then a final minute penalty, coolly converted by Simon Weatherstone, sparked wild scenes and another season in the Premier was secured

The Sports' third season at National Conference level finally proved too much for the side and the club suffered its first ever relegation. Back in Conference South the Sports had the honour of kicking off the first ever match at the Amex Stadium, against Brighton and Hove Albion in a held-over Sussex Senior Cup Final. The 9.500 attendance remains the biggest crowd that the club has played in front of.

There was much optimism for the 2011/2012

season, but after a bright start the season became a struggle, and after only one league win in 12 outings the club parted company with Garry Wilson and Nick Greenwood. The decision for the club was difficult and painful. The decade (plus) of their tenure had seen unprecedented success but the decision was made, and Tommy Widdrington took the reins.

Tommy Widdrington was to oversee a new phase. He remained at the club for five seasons until April 2017 – a phase of mid-table stability in the National South. Equally important, the club's infrastructure was strengthening, with conversion to a Community Interest Club, the opening of an Academy, and a splendid new 3G pitch installed at Priory Lane. We have spent half a century building - building teams, building facilities, building friendships - and our proudest achievement of 2017/18 was the National League award as Community Club of the Year. On the pitch, Tommy moved on and Jamie Howell was appointed manager ahead of the 2017/18 season.

Jamie left the club in February 2019 on the back of a poor run of form after a good start to the 2018/19 season, and Mark McGhee was appointed as interim manager. Under the former Scotland Assistant Manager, the Sports secured their National League South status.

The Sports entered 2019/20 with a new figure at the helm, with former Havant & Waterlooville boss Lee Bradbury named the new manager at Priory Lane. However, he departed the Lane in November and was replaced by former assistant Danny Bloor. who alongside Sergio Torres looked to make his mark at the Sports. After the 2019/20 season was curtailed, the Sports had a great 2020/21 campaign, although it was in front of empty stadiums and the National League South was eventually declared null and void with the Sports sitting third in the table. On top of that, the club reached the Second Round of the FA Cup where they entertained League One side Blackpool in front of the BT Sport cameras. Although losing 3-0, the Sports could hold their heads up high on a memorable day for the club.



TWO TO WATCH



DAN QUICK

The 20-year-old centre back has previously worked with Mark Beard during his loan spell at Dorking Wanderers last season, and joins after being released from Crystal Palace this summer.

Quick is a versatile defender that is capable of playing anywhere across the defence.



JACK PAXMAN

Paxman, 29, is no stranger to the National League South and arrives at Priory Lane from Ebbsfleet United. And the former Southend United scholar has a wealth of experience at this level.

Assured, calm and confident on the ball, Paxman is regarded as one of the foremost technical players in the National League South.

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Vanarama National League South

History has shown us, particularly over the last 2 seasons that Taunton have a knack of coming back strong after a painful defeat. 2 seasons ago we came back with a big win after Weston Super Mare had stuffed us 5-1 in the FA cup. Last season we suffered big defeats at Ebbsfleet and MK Dons, but responded immediately with good wins. And even this season when Aveley put 4 past us, our team then went on a 8 match unbeaten run.

So many of us had visions of Taunton putting in a supreme performance after our disappointing exit from the FA cup just 4 days earlier. How wrong we were!!!

There is no nice way of sugar coating this match against the bottom of the league team from Hampshire. I, myself felt so confident, i even stuck a fiver on a 4-1 Taunton win!

We began the game with more attacks on goal in the first 5 minutes, than we had in the entire first half the previous Tuesday! Stearn smashed one into the side netting. Lucas hit a piledriver that the keeper managed to punch clear. It was all looking good. But then we went all defensive, allowing H&W to attack. They had a golden opportunity in fact, to go one up, but for a very good save from Dan Lavercombe.

Many times our defence were to come to the rescue. I could see perfectly why our opposition are languishing at the bottom of the table, they simply were not very good. Taunton were back to old habits of pumping high balls up the field, seemingly oblivious to the fact that H&W were full of players 6 foot plus! We were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box late in the half, for which Jay Foulston stood up, to the delight of many. Unfortunately the effort went wide.

The 2nd half really was not much different from the first. We huffed and puffed but just could not threaten the away teams goal. It seemed to be Havant & Waterlooville that were to be the team to break the deadlock, i really did lose count of the corners they were awarded, which, with so

many tall players was always going to be risky. Yes, Taunton did have chances to secure all 3 points. None moreso than when we were awarded a late penalty, after new lad Dugan was brought down. With our regular penalty taker Ross Stearn having already been substituted. Nick McCootie, who has been rejuvenated this season, stood up. He hit the ball low, and he hit it hard, alas it was to go just inches wide of the post.

Now Nick has been a revelation of late, so it would be bang out of order to blame him for any fault in the performance. After all, even the best penalty takers in the world have missed from the spot, thinking Ronaldo, Messi and Shearer. So no shame there Nick. H&W were to end the game a man down, when Janneh was shown a second yellow deep in injury time, for a clumsy tackle on Chambo, resulting in James hitting the free kick into the danger zone, where Nick hit the ball high over the bar. It was just one of them days.

In fairness this was Taunton's first game this season where we have not scored, compare that stat to last season, where at this stage, there had been 6 games where we had failed to hit the net, with 3 of them games ending in 0-0 score-lines. So on that note, big progress has been made.

There were positives to be taken from this game, i thought new lad Elliott Dugan looked promising for the short time he was on the field, Jay had a good game, and Ollie stood out. But most of all the fact that we did not lose!

There is talk of the Eastbourne home match being brought forward to next Saturday. On a day when the big guns are involved in the FA cup, a victory would see us go top of the league.

Yes, it would no doubt be brief, but just take it in, that our club could actually make it to the top of the division. Who would have imagined that happening 3 or 4 seasons ago? Pretty amazing i would say. For that we must applaud Rob Dray. UTP.

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TAUNTON







Mention 'FA Cup fairytales' and your minds naturally think back to the magic produced on the field over the years; Wimbledon's historic win in '88, Luton Town beating Premier League Norwich on the road, or Lincoln City's mesmerising run to the quarter-finals in 2016-17.

But every year The NLP takes great delight in revealing the stories the fans don't see that the FA Cup never fails to conjure up.

This week, ahead of the third qualifying round we met three more unsung cup heroes who have their own particular reason to be glues to the action.

James Connor was cruelly denied a chance of fulfilling an FA Cup dream as a player.

Teenage midfielder had turned heads as a teenage midfielder at Aldershot FC when the then Division Four club were liquidated in the early 90s.

Labelled one of London's top young talents at the time, Mick McCarthy swooped to offer him an almost unheard-of five-year deal at Millwall, but just two months and 10 games into his fledgling career, a knee injury forced the young Lion to hang up his boots and set his sights on a different career at the ripe age of just 22.

These days, Connor now runs his own

successful wealth management firm and, through choice, has had no dealings with football – until recently that is.

After agreeing to run his son's Under 9s at Hanworth Villa, Connor rediscovered his love for the game and is now very much back in the hotseat having taken over the chairmanship of the Isthmian League South Central club from his father Jim, who himself founded the Villains back in 1976

This weekend, Connor turns their attentions to the FA Cup where victory at Horsham this afternoon will see them reach the fourth qualifying round for only the second time in the club's history.

"To be honest, I was never a huge football fan and never really understood the mentality of a football fan, until now," he told us. "I've been back in football now for two years and I'm loving every minute of it. The Non-League scene is such an exciting place to be. It's where it's at.

"When we played Hythe Town in the first qualifying road, we took the kids swimming in the sea. Those are the stories to the 'Road to Wembley' that supporters of the bigger clubs don't see.

"We've got a really tough game to come against Horsham and we'll be playing as the underdog. But giant-killings do happen in the FA Cup, it's what makes it

such a special competition, so we're just really looking forward to it."

Someone far more used to the thrills and spills of a cup campaign is Paul Carden.

He returns to the scene of his greatest triumph this afternoon when he takes his Nantwich Town side to face his old club Chester.

Dabbers boss Carden, 44, spent five years at the Deva during his days as an all-action midfielder, racking up more than 200 appearances across two separate spells. Relegated from the Football League shortly after joining the club in 2000, Carden briefly joined Doncaster but returned within months and in 2003-04 captained the Blues to the Conference title.

"I've got a lot of brilliant memories of Chester but that was the highlight," says Carden, whose Nantwich side who off Shifnal Town, Liversedge and Step 2 Banbury United on route to the Chester clash.

"But are we a banana skin for Chester? Do they get complacent thinking, 'It's a night game, we're at home to a side a couple of leagues below'. "Who knows? "We've just got to hope the stars align."

The last remaining Step 5 side left in the draw are Emley AFC – and there's plenty of cup magic around the Welfare Ground too.

After Andrew Painten went to watch Emley for the first time with his dad as a boy, he often asked when they could go back.

Now, as chairman, he hopes his own son is savouring the moment – just like he did – with the West Yorkshire outfit on the up again.

"I've been a fan for long enough to recall we've often been the bridesmaid, never a bride," Painten said of the Northern Counties East League Premier Division side.

"I reckon we might just now be ready to get our glad rags on."

The Pewits' best FA Cup run for more than 20 years is inspired in part by wanting to make the most of a second chance after they were reinstated when Avro, their conquerors in the extra preliminary round, were removed from the competition as punishment fielding an ineligible player.

This week, they make the trip to National League North side Alfreton Town – a team ranked 70 places higher than them in the Pyramid – but boss Richard Tracey won't be daunted after eliminating two higher-ranked foes to reach this stage.

Painten said: "We've done it the hard way after being drawn away each time since coming back in.

"It's a big ask to win the next one – just look at the league tables – but football has a funny way of defying what you think will happen."



OFFICIAL MATCH REPORT

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Let's start with the positive. Another point gained by the Peacocks towards the 'safe' tally of 50 and a result which still keeps them in 5th place. However it could have been a maximum haul had the hosts accepted a gilt-edged opportunity in the final minute of the game, but Nick McCootie's penalty missed the target. Whether such a tepid game deserved a winner is another matter

A calf complaint ruled out Cameron Evans while Nick Grimes was serving a one game suspension, resulting in Lloyd James stepping back in and a first start in six months for Jay Foulston (welcome back Jay!), the only two changes from the side which had been dumped out of the FA Cup in midweek. With thoughts of that cheerless evening still fresh in the memory, Town were looking to get back on track against the division's current basement dwellers who had harvested just four points from their opening nine fixtures.

Early signs gave promise, Ross Stearn latching onto a downfield ball to lash an effort into the side netting from a tight angle, and Dylan Morgan finding Lee Lucas whose strike from the edge of the box was parried by Hawks' keeper Ross Worner. Those two early attempts sandwiched an opening for the visitors when Joe Guest lost the ball on the right and James Roberts weaved his way past some static defending to offer himself a clear sight of goal, but thankfully keeper Dan Lavercombe stood firm to make the save.

This initial flurry soon died out with the game halted after 17 minutes when Yoan Zouma collided with Lavercombe challenging for Jack Jebb's free kick from the right. Thankfully the Havant player was stable enough to walk off the pitch following five minutes of treatment. There was little to inspire for the rest of the first half as both sides looked unconvincing in the final third. The Hawks' Muhammadu Faal did threaten with an incursion into the box, losing the ball before regaining to see his shot deflected for one of many Havant corners earned during the game. From another corner, the Peacocks broke through Ollie Chamberlain, but his cross was just too high for Morgan, then Morgan's low delivery was knocked down by Chamberlain for Stearn to turn and try to find Nat Jarvis, but Worner was out to smother quickly. Foulston sent

a free kick onto the roof of the net and Morgan fired well over the top as the hosts tried to prise the door open while Jebb's corner evaded all until finding Brendan Willson who prodded wide at the far post as the half laboured to its end.

Havant began the second half much the brighter as they sought to improve on their meagre pickings in the season thus far. Jebb's cross fell to Callum Kealy whose effort was blocked by Guest and Kai Innocent's low centre was swept over the top from close range by Roberts. Town made their first switch with Marcus Day replacing Morgan as the Hampshire outfit continued on the front foot, Jake McCarthy's cross being cleared into the pathway of Jebb whose blistering shot fizzed inches over the bar. Missing three recognized faces though, the Peacocks' defence, ably marshalled by stand-in centre half and Man of the Match James, were doing a good job.

McCootie replaced Jarvis for the home side, but it was Havant again who pressured, Jacob Agyepong covering ground out to the right, then back inside before unleashing a strike over the angle of the woodwork. Town had been conspicuous by their absence in the opposition box until the match entered the final 20 minutes or so but with McCootie's presence starting to take effect the hosts started to fashion some openings. Stearn's cross deflected loose to Chamberlain whose momentary surprise caused him to rush his attempt and it sailed over the top before a lunge on Lucas from Ansu Janneh earnt the Peacocks a free kick and the Hawks' man a yellow card. The set piece saw James deliver and Austen Booths' diving

header find the arms of Worner before getting his head on another free kick from Lucas with the same outcome.

New recruit Elliott Dugan replaced Stearn with eight minutes remaining with Town maintaining their intent but requiring a cutting edge. A Lucas corner came back out to him, and he moved inside to rifle a drive just wide of the far post while crosses from Zac Smith and Day were defended as the minutes ticked away. With two minutes to go they were presented with the golden ticket when Worner pushed over Dugan on the goal line as they challenged for the ball and referee Robertson-Tant had no second thoughts in pointing to the spot. With regular penalty take Stearn not available, the responsibility fell to McCootie who fired his effort wide of Worner's right-hand post to the frustration of the home faithful.

Five minutes of stoppage time produced a second caution and a red for Janneh after a foul on Chamberlain although this was far too late to impact the destiny of the game. A ball into the middle saw McCootie get his foot on it but sending it over with the full time whistle soon following. The visitors will no doubt be happier with the point after recording their first clean sheet since mid-February while the Peacocks will contemplate one that got away.





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Р	Team	GP	W	D	L	F	Α	+/_	PTS
_1	Bath City	10	6	3	1	21	14	+7	21
2	Yeovil Town	10	6	2	2	19	14	+5	20
3	Aveley	10	6	1	3	15	8	+7	19
4	TAUNTON TOWN	10	5	4	1	16	12	+4	19
5	Worthing	10	6	1	3	16	12	+4	19
6	Torquay United	10	6	1	3	17	14	+3	19
7	Maidstone United	10	5	3	2	16	11	+5	18
8	Hemel Hempstead Town	10	4	4	2	12	10	+2	16
9	St Albans City	10	5	1	4	12	10	+2	16
10	Chelmsford City	10	4	3	3	12	10	+2	15
11	Truro City	10	4	2	4	17	13	+4	14
12	Weston-super-Mare	10	4	2	4	14	15	-1	14
13	Chippenham Town	10	3	4	3	14	14	0	13
14	Farnborough	10	3	4	3	14	14	0	13
15	Dartford	10	3	3	4	10	10	0	12
16	Braintree Town	10	2	5	3	13	11	+2	11
17	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	10	3	2	5	11	14	-3	11
18	Weymouth	10	3	2	5	11	15	-4	11
19	Slough Town	10	3	1	6	16	20	-4	10
20	Tonbridge Angels	10	3	1	6	8	12	-4	10
21	Hampton & Richmond	10	2	3	5	9	16	-7	9
22	Welling United	10	2	2	6	9	16	-7	8
23	Dover Athletic	10	1	4	5	9	17	-8	7
24	Havant & Waterlooville	10	1	2	7	12	21	-9	5

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

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Saturday 30th September 2023

3pm Taunton Town v Eastbourne Borough

3pm Truro City 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

3pm Welling United v Farnborough

3pm Weston-super-Mare v Chelmsford City

3pm Worthing v Truro City3pm Yeovil Town v Aveley

Saturday 14th October 2023

3pm Aveley v Welling United

3pm Bath City v Yeovil Town

3pm Chelmsford City v Worthing

3pm Dartford v Weston-super-Mare

3pm Eastbourne Borough v Torquay United

3pm Farnborough v St Albans City

3pm Hampton & Richmond v Braintree Town

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'I believe, and I honestly believe, that I am one of the best coaches in this country, and parts of the world anywhere. I've been around the world, I've got more experience than anybody else.' If you're unfamiliar with Danny Bergara, this introduction to the man might come as a shock. It is downright ludicrous, when you realise that this was his belief as he led Doncaster Rovers to the worst season in the history of the Football League, in 1998. But Danny Bergara was a character. A Uruguayan youth international who made England his home, and while the level of confidence was perhaps misplaced, he doesn't deserve to be remembered as the worst Football League manager either.

The events surrounding Bergara's time at Doncaster are well documented. A few years after owner Ken Richardson was charged with arson, or attempting to burn down Doncaster's stadium, and still awaiting his trial, the team was in disarray. Training had become voluntary, because players wages couldn't be guaranteed. Youth players were filling in for seniors who left for a more secure paycheque. Heavy defeats were commonplace. And,

behind the scenes, was Bergara. Doing everything from first team manager to youth team scout. Doncaster were relegated from the Football League, with the worst record in its history.

But, long before Bergara turned up at Belle Vue, he was a star in Spain. He had started his career at 16 with local Montevideo side Racing Club, and earned himself a few youth call ups before Real Mallorca took notice. They took the then 20 year old to Spain. where he looked good. He scored nearly a hundred goals in the Iberian peninsula, across spells at Mallorca, Sevilla and Tenerife. Barcelona even came sniffing around, more than once, but nothing ever came of the interest. In 1972, with his goalscoring, and his legs, slowing, he retired. He moved with his English wife to St. Albans, but he couldn't keep himself out of the game for long.

Bergara was an amiable personality in the local area, and made friends with, among others, Paddy Sowden, who happened to be chief scout at Luton Town. After being shown some newspaper clippings of Bergara's time in Spain, he approached the Uruguayan first as a player, and when he was turned down, as a coach. Bergara took charge of the youth side.

He was ahead of his time, in many ways, in the 1970s. Sessions focused heavily on technical quality, and the different style saw first team players coming to watch, to see what they could learn from the Uruguayan. It was no surprise that his services became so in demand. First, he moved to Sheffield United to help with their youngsters, in 1978, before he earned another international call-up in 1980. This time it was from Ron Greenwood, and Bergara was brought into the England youth setup. He was described as a 'revelation' by similarly pioneering Technical Director Charles Hughes, and oversaw the development of the likes of Danny Wallance and Neil Webb. With so many accolades, one would have thought a managerial role was in the near future, but instead Bergara found himself unemployed by 1983, a victim of Sheffield United's relegation to the fourth tier. His nationality was widely regarded as significant.

In fact, it took until 1988 for Bergara to finally get a top job, via stints in Brunei and at Middlesbrough. Taking up the reins at Rochdale, he became the first foreign-speaking coach in the Football League, a real pioneer given the prevalence of foreign coaches today. He didn't hang around long though, moving to close rivals Stockport a few months later. Finally, Danny Bergara was somewhere he could show off his talents.

In his first season at Edgeley Park, with

the season coming to a close, he was able to stave off relegation out of the Football League. But that summer, with a full pre-season of his ideas behind them things started to change. Bergara's side played exciting, continental football, and reached the playoffs where they lost to Chesterfield. Confidence was never a problem for Bergara though, and it rubbed off on his team. The following season, they finished second, losing the title by a single point. They made the playoffs in the third tier, at the first time of askina. He also became the first overseas manager to lead an English side at Wembley, losing in both the playoffs and the Football League trophy. Wembley would prove to be an unhappy place for Bergara, losing finals over the next couple of years and unable to put the seal on a remarkable rise at Stockport.

In 1995, he parted company with the club after falling out with the chairman (there were reports of him throwing a punch), and took charge at Rotherham, before finding another home at the ailing Doncaster Rovers. In later years, he scouted for Sunderland.

When he passed away in 2007, Stockport arranged a 'Danny Day' friendly against Cardiff City. In 2012, they announced the naming of one stand after him, and still fly the Uruguayan flag at every home match.

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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)	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)	0-0 D	877	5th
Sat 30th	League	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH (H)	3:00pm	-	-
OCTOBER					
Tue 3rd	SPC	PORTISHEAD TOWN (H)	7:45pm	-	-
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
DECEMBE	R				
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 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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- 1. All persons must comply with any directions given by a Steward, Club Official or Police Officer
- 2. Encroachment onto the playing area, sterile area, or its adjoining parts is prohibited.
- 3. Climbing on any building, wall, fence or any other structure is prohibited.
- 4. Persons must not throw any object onto the pitch or within the spectator areas.
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- 10. Persons must not damage, deface or obstruct any notice or advertisement.
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- 13. Persons must not consume alcohol in any alcohol free designated areas.
- 14. There will be zero tolorance to alcohol abuse/misuse.
- 15. There will be zero tolorance to drug possession, use and abuse.
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- B) The Club is unable to accept any additional responsibility for minors attending matches beyond those matters covered by the Stadium Regulations.
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- DAN LAVERCOMBE (GK) | O
 - JAY FOULSTON 3 🔾
 - NICK GRIMES 4 O
 - DAN BALL 5 🔾
 - AUSTEN BOOTH 6 O
 - OLLIF CHAMBERLAIN 7 🔿
 - LLOYD JAMES 8 O
 - NAT JARVIS 9 🔾
 - NICK MCCOOTIF IO
 - JOE GUEST II O
- RABBY TABU MINZAMBA 12 🔾
 - ROSS STEARN 13 O
 - PHIL MENDONCA 15 O
 - THE MENDONOA TO
 - ZAC SMITH 16 🔾
 - CAMERON EVANS 17 🔾
 - MARCUS DAY 18 O
 - CALLUM DOLMAN 19 🔾
 - DAVE SIMS-BURGESS 20 〇
 - LLOYD IRISH (GK) 21 O
 - DYLAN MORGAN 22 O
 - FILIOTT DUGAN 23 O
 - MALACHILINTON **27** O
 - LEE LUCAS 31 O
 - FVANDER GRUBB 32 O







MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE:

DEAN SKIPPER

ASSISTANT REFEREE:

GEORGE LYNCH

ASSISTANT REFEREE:

PAUL BARBER



MANAGER: MARK BEARD

- O I BEN DUDZINSKI (GK)
- 2 SCOTT I FSLIF
- 3 ARCHIE PROCTOR
- 4 BRAD BARRY
- O 5 DAN OUICK
- 6 ALEX FINNEY
- O 7 SHILDH REMY
- O 8 JACK CLARKE
- O 9 STEFAN VIJKOJE
- O IO JACK PAXMAN
- O II DECARREY SHERIFF
- O 12 JAY BECKEORD
- O 13 HARRISON FOULKES (GK)
- O 14 YASER KASIM
- O 15 IMRAN LICHE
- O 16 FREDDIE CARTER
- O 17 ALFIE BRIDGMAN
- O 18 FLETCHER HOLMAN
- O 19 FINN HOLTER (GK)
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