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# THE GAFFER

Welcome to Wordsworth Drive for our next two home fixtures as we host Weymouth and Aveley. My welcome extends to the officials, management, players and supporters joining us and also to the match officials for both matches.

We all know that the current situation is far from ideal but we continue to try our best on the field of play and that will be no different for these two very important home fixtures as we look to move away from the drop zone and retain our National League South status. We do still have games in hand, but we now need to make them count with some wins.

It was frustrating to have yet another of our fixtures postponed on Saturday at Braintree Town due to a frozen pitch and just another game we need to play catch up with.

The club really does need to be united from top to bottom if we are to get through this difficult situation and look to rebuild.

As always please get behind the players in these very important fixtures we have over the next week.

Up The Peacocks!!

Rob Dray  
Head of Football, Taunton Town FC

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# WEYMOUTH

Founded in 1890, Weymouth FC play their games at the Bob Lucas Stadium, north of the town centre of Weymouth in Dorset. The Bob Lucas Stadium has been the home stadium since 1987, as the club relocated from the Rec. Originally named the Wessex Stadium, the Bob Lucas Stadium is named after the late Bob Lucas, who was the club's president up until his death in August 2010, aged 85.

Weymouth FC were relegated last season to the National League South following a two-year spell in the National League. Weymouth achieved back-to-back promotions to the National League when they became Southern League champions in 2018-19 season and followed up with promotion from the National League South in 2019-20. Weymouth advanced through the play-offs and defeated Dartford on penalties to achieve promotion. Current Aldershot manager Mark Molesley was part of the double promotion achievement but departed for Southend United at the end of the 2019-20 season. In the 20-21 National League season,

Weymouth achieved an 18th placed finish under new manager Brian Stock. However, two seasons ago, despite a decent start to the league, Weymouth sacked manager Brian Stock in January 2022 after a run of

seven consecutive defeats. The Terras replaced Stock with Oxford City manager David Oldfield who couldn't quite turn fortunes around as the club were relegated to the National League South last season. Oldfield left the club by mutual consent on the 16th September. Former Bracknell Town manager Bobby Wilkinson became the club's new manager and has overseen Weymouth's progression to the First Round Stage of the FA Cup this season, with wins over Winchester City, Welling United and Havant & Waterlooville. Bobby Wilkinson also lead the club to what is known as "the great escape season" amongst Terras fans. As we stayed up on the final day on goal difference with a win against Dover. This was the first time the club had been outside of the relegation zone all season!







# TWO TO WATCH



**EZIO TOURAY**

A tall-pacy striker, Ezio Touray joined the Terras in September 2023. With five goals in his first three games, Touray made the dream start with the club. Netting twice against Dover and Highworth, and a goal against Chippenham.

Ezio was picked up by Watford, after being spotted playing for Basingstoke. He signed a pro contract in January. The Italian-Ghanaian joined Maidstone on loan in their season in the National League.



**CALVIN BROOKS**

Calvin started his career with local rival Dorchester Town in Conference South. The right-back joined the Terras on loan from Yeovil Town towards the start of 2014/15 season. His contract with the Glovers finished at the end of January whereon Calvin opted to join the club on a permanent basis.

Calvin has established himself as a highly-skilled composed defender who is also comfortable in midfield.

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**27** PLAYED

**7** WON

**11** DRAWN

**9** LOST

**-5** +/-

**32** POINTS

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



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## DAVE WEBSTER

### *View from the stands*

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Not the result either club wanted, but over the 90 minutes, a point a piece was a fair reflective of a game where missed opportunities and wasted chances were the order of the day....For both clubs, it has to be said! Emotions went haywire, with anger, frustration and disappointment at the forefront. Here were 2 clubs floundering near the foot of the division, desperately in search of maximum points, after between them witnessing 19 drawn league games!

Yes, along with Weymouth, these 3 clubs are the draw specialists.

The vitriol aimed at certain individuals during and after the match will only succeed in worsening the situation, it does not take a genius to work this out. It will sap confidence, which in turn will produce under-performances.

Now is the time to get behind ALL members of TTFC. The negativity around the stadium is spreading in a sheep-like manner, like a virus. I can only suspect, some are neither true supporters, or it is just in their nature to moan. Just imagine new fans coming along and listening to the toxic chants. Chances are they will not come back! And what about the young lads on the field? Heaven knows what they must be thinking!

Lets look at the bigger picture here. We ended the day one point higher from the relegation zone, we have games in hand, and we are gradually rebuilding a very much broken team. We are in the midst of a transition. One cannot expect new lads to fit in instantly. Rob is mixing young and old heads together. It is an impossible task to please everyone, there will always be critics.

Current form does not make pretty reading at all. Since the beginning of October, we have now played 13 league matches, winning just one, drawing 5 and losing 7. We seriously need to start getting victories under our belt. Can Rob do this? I truly believe with the squad he has, that he most definitely can. This is not the time to change managers, as so many would i am sure agree on! It would only cause yet more unsettlement and strife. Judge Rob, on where Taunton are come April 20th.

The game itself was in a way what one would expect

from 2 clubs that are struggling. We scored a decent goal from Ollie, who in all honesty did not hit the ball with the power we are used to seeing. Rabby did well to avoid contact as the ball beat the hapless Jinodu in goal. There were chances galore for both sides. Both Ollie and Zac had outstanding games. There can be no argument regarding the penalty, where Zac was clearly brought down by the keeper.

Up steps Ross, who by his standards struck the ball very tamely, making it an easy opportunity for the keeper to rectify his error. Oh, how we were to pay for this miss. But remember, even the best, Ronaldo, Messi, Shearer etc have all missed penalties. Going in with just the 1-0 lead at half time was always a touch "lffy" we certainly needed a cushion of a second goal.

Around 10 minutes in of the 2nd 45, Dover got their equaliser. It came from a free kick, fired into our box with one touch from Nikaj. Nothing less than Dover deserved after putting intense pressure on our defence. Taunton upped their attacks to no avail, the best chance falling to Jarvis, who saw his effort cleared off the line after the keeper was beaten. Substitutions were made with Slough, Rose, and Grubb replacing Chambo, Rabby and Ross.

Of these Grubb was to have 2 half-chances during his 20 minutes on the field. He found an hole through the Dover defence, but with just the keeper to beat, Jinodu read the situation perfectly, rushing from his line to smother Evander's effort. In the dying seconds following an almighty goal mouth scramble, the ball fell to Grubb, who attempted to lob the ball over the melee, which ended up going over the bar by inches. And so another chance gone!

We have the chance to redeem ourselves on Tuesday with the visit of Slough. We know how good they are on their 3g, but away from home they are most definitely beatable. I feel Grubb did enough v Dover to warrant a place in the starting line up v Slough.

There are others chomping at the bit for a start also, Louie Slough, Marley Rose and a fella i rate highly Marcus Day. Rob has to get his starting 11 spot on this time. We desperately need that win. We demand that win and i believe we will get that win. Have faith fellow Peacocks.

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## THE AWAY END



## AVELEY

Aveley Football Club was formed in 1927 and played in local leagues until 1939. Club activities were then suspended during the war years 1939/45. In 1946 the club was reformed and joined the Thurrock Combination. Aveley twice won the Essex Junior Cup, firstly in 1948, then retaining it the following year.

Aveley gained Senior League status in season 1949/50 and were elected into the London League, Division One. They were Division Champions in the 1951/52 season. In the same season they moved from Lodge Meadow to their present ground, Mill Field, and were promptly nicknamed The Millers. In season 1954/55 they were Division Champions once again which

was followed by election to The Delphian League in 1955/56. They competed in this league until 1962/63 with little success.

1963/64 saw Millers join the Athenian League. Full membership of the Football Association was granted in 1964/65. Season 1970/71 was probably the clubs most successful one. The first round proper of the FA Cup was reached along with the FA Amateur Cup quarter-finals, they were also Champions of the Athenian League.

Aveley were elected to the Isthmian League in season 1973/74. Here they competed without success in Division One until they were relegated to Division Two North at the end of the 1985/86 season. Millers did however achieve two cup successes during this time. The Essex

Thames-Side Challenge Trophy was won in 1979/80 and the Hornchurch Charity Cup in 1982/83.

The 1989/90 campaign was a memorable one for The Millers. Promotion back to Division One was gained with a tremendous end of season run-in to finish second to Heybridge Swifts by two points. This was followed by a 3-0 victory over Premier Division St.Albans in the final of the AC Delco (League) Cup. This made Aveley the first team from the lowest division to win this competition. After this the club slipped down to Division Three and cup successes were limited to appearances in the finals of both the East Anglian Cup and the The Essex Thames-Side Challenge Trophy in 1997/98.

The 1999/2000 season started well with Aveley being un-beaten in the League at Christmas. However a turn in fortunes saw them slip and eventually finish 9th. This was followed by 6<sup>th</sup> place in season 2000/01.

A roller-coaster season 2001/02 saw the club finish third behind Hornchurch and champions Croydon Athletic and gain promotion to Division 1 North.

An excellent season for the Millers in 2002/03. Good runs in the FA Cup and Bryco Cup were capped by an appearance in the Essex Senior Cup Final. This did not go Millers way however with Chelmsford City winning 5-0. The Third Qualifying Round of the FA Cup was reached, eventually losing out to Canvey Island 2-0. A good run-in saw Millers finish in sixth place in

the League.

The 2003/04 campaign saw the club eventually finish in 14th place. Millers matched the previous season's performance and reached the final of the Essex Senior Cup. This time a much improved display saw them go down 3-1 to local rivals Thurrock. The final game of the season was another cup final. This time in the East Anglian Cup, and a visit to Spalding United. This also finished in a 3-1 defeat for the Millers.

2004/05 was a disappointing one for Millers first season in the Southern League, the club finishing in 15th place. Compensation however, came in the form of the Essex Thames-Side Challenge Trophy. Romford were beaten 1-0 in the final at The Mill Field. Simon Thomas scoring the only goal of the game. Another difficult season followed, on and off the pitch. Millers ended the season with their third manager, Steve Browne, steering them just clear of the relegation places.

A poor League season in 2006/07 was again compensated for by winning the Essex Thames-Side Challenge Trophy for the second time in three seasons.

After a disappointing start to the 2007/08 campaign, November saw the arrival of Rod Stringer as Manager, and fortunes turned with the Millers putting a string of impressive results together to finish the season in Mid-Table. 2008/09 saw the foundations that were laid the previous season, bare its fruit as the Ryman League Division One North Championship was won on the last day of the season in dramatic fashion at East Thurrock United. In a tense finish to the season, Millers created a club record of 11 straight away league wins, and Rod Stringer was duly judged as the Manager of the Season for the Division.

2009/10 our first in the Isthmian Premier Division saw a great finish to the season, with 12 wins from the last 14 games, taking us into 3rd position and a home semi-final play-off against Boreham Wood. Unfortunately it was one step too far, and a 1-0 defeat saw the end of a fantastic season.

During the close season Rod Stringer departed for Braintree Town, taking with him his management team, and the whole playing squad. A difficult season was endured with a last day

3-2 win at Hastings being significant as he club survived relegation by virtue of a reprieve despite finishing 4th from bottom of the table.

2011/12 was much of the same, and relegation was confirmed after a poor season. Justin Gardner took over the reins in February of 2012, and has this season assembled a strong playing squad that is currently challenging for an immediate return to the Premier Division. 2012/13 was a successful season with the team occupying a play off positions all season. Unfortunately we lost out in the semi-final at Maldon & Tiptree. After many years of trying, the Millers were granted the green light on the 13th May 2016 allowing the club to start building as soon as possible, with Parkside due to be completed for the 2017/18 season.

In 2018/19 season, the Millers had a successful season and finished 2nd, with a month left of the season to go manager James Webster resigned and Aveley moved quickly to bring in Danny Dafter who came in with five games left and won every game to help Aveley to finish 2nd, behind Bowers & Pitsea in the Bostik North. However, that winning run ended with defeat in the Play-Off Semi Final against Heybridge Swifts, 2-0.

In preparation for the 2019/20 season Danny Dafter was appointed as full time manager. Two games in the 2019/20 season and Danny Dafter resigned as Aveley manager, and a few weeks later he was replaced by Keith Rowland, the former West Ham United defender and Northern Ireland international. Keith took The Millers to a historic 2019/20 which was cut short due to the Corona-Virus outbreak.

Aveley made it to the Quarter Final of the FA Trophy and were second in the Isthmian North, although PPG would've seen Aveley promoted, they were denied promotion after the season was decided and later announced to be null and void.

In 2021-22 Aveley were Division One North champions and were promoted to the Premier Division. The following season saw the club win the League Cup, defeating Potters Bar Town 3-0 in the final. They went on to finish fourth in the league, and after beating Canvey Island in the play-off semi-finals, defeated Hornchurch 1-0 in the final





# TWO TO WATCH



## NANA KYEI

Nana started his youth career at Barnet and made his debut for The Bees in the football league against Crawley Town in the last game of the 2015/16 season. Kyei went on to make 20 appearances for Barney, the majority coming in Sky Bet League Two, before a couple of loan moves to Potters Bar Town, Concord Rangers and Hampton & Richmond Borough. Nana then joined Chelmsford City on a permanent basis after a spell at Maidstone United. The following season, Nana joined Concord Rangers for the 2022/23 season, and made 43 appearances in the National South, scoring four times.



## CHARLEE HUGHES

Hughes joins The Millers from Hemel Hempstead after joining fellow National south side in December 2021 where he scored 6 goals in 8 games. Last season Charlee had an injury affected season but scored 4 goals in 5 starts to help The Tudors to a comfortable mid-table finish. Prior to his move to Hemel, Charlee was Brentwood and Maldon & Tiptree top goalscorers in back to back seasons with 20 in 33 for The Blues and 30 in 45 games for The Jammers earning him a move to National League side Wealdstone.

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**12** WON

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**+6** +/-

**42** POINTS

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

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We have reached the stage of both the Isuzu FA Trophy and FA Vase where we can officially declare: Wembley's arch is about to peek over the horizon.

The Road to Wembley in both of Non-League's top cup competitions remains a long one that promises plenty of potholes, traffic and - judging by the current road network in this country - diversions.

Only 16 teams are still standing in each competition. In the Trophy, that means three more wins for a Wembley trip and three ties in the Vase, where the semis have returned to two-legged affairs.

Of the 16 in the Trophy, just six are in the National League's top flight. Step 2 accounts for seven, while there is a Step 3 trio completing the fifth round run down.

Southern League Premier South Hendon are on a dream journey and stunned Oldham Athletic last Saturday.

They led at the Latics only to concede a stoppage-time penalty that James Norwood duly finished to level at 1-1. A shoot-out looked on the cards until Niko Muir prodded home to send the travelling supporters barmy.

Manager Lee Allinson told us recently how much the tie itself meant to the club, let alone victory. Their reward is a tasty derby

with National League Wealdstone.

The six National League clubs have all avoided each other. High-flying Bromley - winners in 2022 - will host Aveley.

The Millers, who beat AFC Fylde to get to this stage, are managed by Danny Scopes, who guided to Concord Rangers to Wembley in the delayed 2020 final that was eventually played in front of an empty house in 2021.

Barnet are off to National League South Welling United, who last weekend dumped out Chesterfield, albeit a very young squad side.

Solihull Moors have been going well this season under new boss Andy Whing. They face a trip to Chorley, who navigated past their own banana skin in round four away at Step 4 Hythe Town.

Gateshead were beaten at Wembley last season in a tense final with FC Halifax. Can the Heed get back on the hallowed turf? They are away to another side who also know what it's like to fall at the very last hurdle. Hereford were beaten by Step 3 Hornchurch in 2021.

Without wishing to turn this column into a pity party, Kidderminster Harriers lost the first ever FA Trophy final at the new Wembley way back in 2007.

With new manager Phil Brown now at the helm, they are off to Peterborough Sports, whose joint-manager Michael Gash used to play for Kiddy.

Bishop's Stortford's 6-1 hammering of Aldershot Town was one of the results of the fourth round. They're at home to Coalville Town, who upset Bath City last time out.

National League South Hampton & Richmond caused a shock at Hartlepool United. They face NPL Premier big guns Macclesfield - who won the competition twice in their previous guise of Macclesfield Town - fresh from a 5-0 thumping of Dorking Wanderers.

Non-League Finals Day has become a much-anticipated part of the calendar, with both finals played on the same day.

The Isuzu FA Vase is always considered to be wide open with a large number of clubs capable of going all the way.

One such outfit was Farnham Town. Boasting a 100 per cent winning record in the Combined Counties Premier South, they were fancied by many.

That was until Bridgwater United came into their back yard and won 2-1.

That's the beauty of the competition - it's all what happens on the day.

Up next for Bridgwater will be former FA Vase winners Deal Town, the Southern Counties East League side dreaming of more success 24 years on from their triumph at the old Wembley Stadium.

Channel Islanders Jersey Bulls march on and will host Falmouth Town.

Combined Counties Premier North duo

North Greenford United and Hilltop are away to an Essex Senior League pair.

Leaders Tilbury host the former, while Romford will welcome the latter.

Also representing the Essex Senior League are Great Wakering Rovers and they're at Highworth Town.

In the North section, there is a very tasty all-ticket derby when Stourport Swifts host Worcester City.

Hallam - the second oldest association club in the world - will take on Lincoln United and Northern League Whickham make the trip to Northern Counties East title chasers Emley.

The games are scheduled for the weekend of February 10. The eight teams who make it through in each competition will have an ever better glimpse of the arch. It's all to play for.



Bridgwater United v Farnham Town

## OFFICIAL MATCH REPORT

# TAUNTON TOWN I DOVER ATHLETIC I

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Despite the springboard of an early goal, the Peacocks were unable to press on and convert a number of other opportunities which proved costly as a second half equaliser secured a draw for the men from Kent. Whether this point for Town against a team which had registered a meagre two wins in 26 previous fixtures will have any bearing come the end of the season is open to question but when all is said and done the result still remains well below expectation.

The Taunton side showed just the one change from the midweek derby with Yeovil, Zac Smith returning from injury to replace Marcus Day who dropped to the bench, featuring five outfield players for only the second time in ten games since the FA Trophy defeat to Welling in late November.

An open start to the contest saw both sides on the offensive, an early run from George Wilkinson into the box being dealt with before Town grabbed the advantage on six minutes. Smith's lay-off to Ross Stearn saw his shot blocked and when Dover failed to clear their lines, Ollie Chamberlain latched onto the stray ball to lance a strike into the bottom corner from the edge of the area. There was an aura of suspended animation as the shot nestled in the net with the effort having

not been struck with too much venom (well, not as much as some of Chambo's repertoire) which was then heightened by referee Crofts consulting his assistant with offside seemingly about to cancel the goal out. No, as you were, and the Peacocks were one up.

The visitors set about trying to restore equilibrium as both teams created openings for the remainder of the first half. A quick break from Bailey Akehurst found Nick Dembele whose shot was blocked for a corner and the Dover forward had a similar outcome when another effort was cleared from the line by Nick Grimes. Zac Bell's low cross was claimed by Whites' debutant keeper Daniel Jinadu at the second attempt at the other end as Town were finding plenty of room in the final third, with Chamberlain prominent in the good stuff, one such example when his pass to Cameron Evans was then touched onto Nat Jarvis but Jinadu smothered the shot from the Town No 9.

The lively George Nikaj then caught a Town shirt in possession and opened up for a strike which sailed over the stand roof while Akehurst fired across the face of goal with no-one able to connect as Dover kept the hosts on their toes. Play became scrappy before the home side missed an ideal chance to extend their

lead. Grimes strode downfield, laid off to Chamberlain and his pass put Smith free on the left side of the box and Jinadu brought him down as he looked to get around him. There was no hesitation in a penalty being awarded but Stearn, normally so clinical from the spot, delivered an unconvincing effort and Jinadu got down to his left to push aside.

The Peacocks were forced into a change for the second half, Chamberlain having retired with a muscle niggle and being replaced by Louie Slough. The newcomer was soon involved, putting in a cross for Stearn to see his effort held by Jinadu who also clutched Smith's goalbound lob after Bell's long throw had been headed clear. Slough then skewed a volley over the top following a bout of head tennis in the box before the visitors drew level after 56 minutes. A free kick was swung in by Akehurst from the right side and Nikaj glanced a header home ahead of the post. This galvanized the Whites for a while as they threatened to add a second. John Oyenuga latched onto a flicked throw to plant a shot into the side netting and Wilkinson managed to squeeze in an attempt which Dan Lavercombe held at his near post before Wilkinson again fired a strike narrowly wide of the target from the left.

Evander Grubb took over from Stearn for the final 20 minutes or so, Town's final substitution after Marley Rose had replaced Rabby Tabu Minzamba minutes earlier. This sparked a more potent offering from the Peacocks but despite carving out a number of openings, none were taken. Jinadu came off his line to claim Bell's throw but got nowhere near as Jarvis headed towards the open net, but Jacob Mensah was there to hack away. Grubb was starting to make an impact and had a great chance to snatch the

winner when he got goalside of a defender and was through with Jinadu to beat. However the Dover keeper did well to make the block. An Evans header skimmed the far post from Lloyd James' free kick with the ball scrambled away for another corner as four minutes of added time loomed. Stoppage witnessed one more opportunity to grab a first ever victory over a Dover team, Jinadu advancing to punch away a James corner as far as Grubb who volleyed the clearance back towards the open net but agonizingly just over the bar, concluding an afternoon which showed some positives on an individual basis but which were overshadowed by the overall outcome.







## VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH 2023-24 LEAGUE STANDINGS

P	Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Yeovil Town	27	19	5	3	52	27	+25	62
2	Worthing	28	15	4	9	58	41	+17	49
3	Hampton & Richmond	26	13	7	6	42	35	+7	46
4	Maidstone United	28	13	7	8	40	35	+5	46
5	Chelmsford City	26	12	8	6	41	27	+14	44
6	Torquay United	26	14	2	10	44	38	+6	44
<b>7</b>	<b>AVELEY</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>42</b>
8	Bath City	27	11	8	8	46	33	+13	41
9	St Albans City	27	13	2	12	43	43	0	41
10	Hemel Hempstead Town	29	11	7	11	36	39	-3	40
11	Slough Town	27	11	6	10	50	43	+7	39
12	Tonbridge Angels	29	10	8	11	40	39	+1	38
13	Braintree Town	26	10	7	9	38	31	+7	37
14	Farnborough	27	9	9	9	44	46	-2	36
15	Weston-super-Mare	26	10	5	11	42	45	-3	35
16	Dartford	27	9	7	11	40	41	-1	34
17	Chippenham Town	27	8	10	9	38	39	-1	34
18	Truro City	24	10	4	10	35	36	-1	34
<b>19</b>	<b>WEYMOUTH</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>TAUNTON TOWN</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>30</b>
21	Eastbourne Borough	28	6	6	16	32	53	-21	24
22	Welling United	26	4	9	13	30	51	-21	21
23	Havant & Waterlooville	28	6	3	19	35	58	-23	21
24	Dover Athletic	28	2	12	14	27	48	-21	18

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

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

7.45pm	Chippenham Town v Torquay United
7.45pm	Dover Athletic v Tonbridge Angels
7.45pm	Eastbourne Borough v Aveley
7.45pm	Hemel Hempstead Town v Farnborough
7.45pm	Maidstone United v Braintree Town
7.45pm	St Albans City v Havant & Waterlooville
7.45pm	Taunton Town v Weymouth
7.45pm	Truro City v Yeovil Town
7.45pm	Weston-super-Mare v Bath City
7.45pm	Worthing v Slough Town

## UPCOMING FIXTURES

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

7.45pm	Chelmsford City v Weston-super-Mare
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### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

7.45pm	Welling United v Hampton & Richmond Boro'
7.45pm	Yeovil Town v Slough Town

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# The Untold Game

## As a Player and a Manager

A pair of deaths at the beginning of this year remind us just how difficult it is to succeed at the highest pinnacle of the footballing world. Der Kaiser, Franz Beckenbauer, was the most successful European in World Cup history, winning as a player in 1974 (after heartbreak in 1966 spurred his career and introduced The Curse of Der Kaiser to break English hearts for nearly 60 years... so far). He added a second winner's medal as a manager in 1990, his first managerial role. More recently, Didier Deschamps has joined him in that rarified position, winning as a player in 1998, and a manager in 2018. But neither quite managed to reach the heights of Mario Zagallo, the Brazilian who won twice as a player, and then as a manager, and passed on 5th January.

Zagallo had a brush with the World Cup almost before his career had even began. Joining America FC in Rio de Janeiro when he was 17, his early training was interrupted by the military service he was required to undertake. As a young, new soldier, he was deployed as part of the security force to the Maracana Stadium to witness Brazil's 1950 World Cup final defeat to Uruguay, a defeat that saw devastation across the nation, with the goalkeeper on the day burning the

goalposts, and suicides recorded as being caused by the defeat. It certainly left a mark on Zagallo.

He rejoined America but was quickly snapped up by Brazilian giants Flamengo, where he would spend the first half of his career. A tough, tricky inside-left, he made his debut in 1951, and made over 200 appearances throughout the 1950s, culminating in a callup to the 1958 World Cup side. It was a chance for Brazil to put the ghosts of 1950 to rest, with an exciting team, the undisputed star of which was a 17 year old Pele. He and Garrincha were the driving force of the side, but Zagallo played his part. In the final, which Pele made his own, he added a goal to the 5-2 victory. Four years later, he played in every game as Brazil became the last team to retain the World Cup. But, unusually for a footballer, winning two World Cup medals as a player was only the beginning of his success.

Zagallo retired as a player in 1965, and became the manager of Botafogo where he had seen out his playing days. He saw immediate success, winning the Brazilian championship, just as the national side were struggling in England. For all their talent, they were unable to cope with such

a physical approach to their ability, and were kicked and pushed out of the World Cup in the Group Stage, only beating Bulgaria. Despite the injustice, there was a feeling in Brazil that the best team in the world shouldn't have been daunted by those kinds of tactics. They turned to Zagallo, who could combine the flair of yesteryear with the gritty determination required in the 1960s.

He had been part of the revolutionary introduction of a 4-2-4 as a player, but it was time for a revolution of his own. That formation, he decided, was too brittle, so he dropped a forward back into midfield. Rivellino, who had struggled to find a place in the side before, was the lucky player this opened a door for. He repaid Zagallo handsomely.

The presence of Rivellino allowed Pele to demonstrate his prodigious talents, but that didn't mean it was an easy route to the final. A close victory over holders England saw them into the semi-final, where their 1950 conquerors Uruguay were waiting. Another close game saw Brazil run out 3-1 winner, exorcising any lingering ghosts. Their two most difficult games out of the way, the final was one of the most one-sided affairs in World Cup history, as Brazil ran riot. A pre-tournament bootcamp to get used to the altitude in Mexico City made them fitter and stronger than their opponents, and they won the game 4-1. Zagallo was the first person ever to win as both a player and a manager.

Relative malaise followed that success, despite Zagallo taking his World Champions to the semi-finals in 1974, and it would be a quarter of a century before

Brazil sat at the summit of world football again. The man they turned was Mario Zagallo.

He had enjoyed a peripatetic career after 1974, splitting his time between jobs in his homeland and jobs in the middle-east. But as the 1994 World Cup closed in, Carlos Alberto Parreira realised he needed more experience. He called up Brazil's last World Cup winning coach, and asked him to join as his assistant. Zagallo agreed, and the rest is (more) history.

He remains the only man in history with four World Cup winner's medals, and when he passed on 5th January he was the last remaining of the 1958 World Cup squad. The most successful man in World Cup history.







# 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)	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	4th
Sat 30th	League	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH (H)	2-1 W	670	3rd
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
Tue 3rd	SPC1	PORTISHEAD TOWN (H)	5-2 W	273	N/A
Sat 7th	League	Dover Athletic (A)	2-2 D	617	2nd
Sat 21st	League	HAMPTON & RICHMOND (H)	0-1 L	843	3rd
Tues 24th	League	Bath City (A)	3-0 L	1,537	5th
Sat 28th	League	Chelmsford City (A)	0-0 D	645	5th
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
Tues 7th	SPC2	STREET (H)	2-2 (4-3W Pens)	298	N/A
Sat 11th	League	Hemel Hempstead Town (A)	1-0 L	491	13th
Tues 21st	League	Truro City (A)	2-2 (8-7L Pens)	-	15th
Sat 25th	League	WORTHING (H)	1-1 D	765	15th

Date	Competition	Opponents	KO/Score	Att	Lge Pos
<b>DECEMBER</b>					
Sat 2nd	League	Eastbourne Borough (A)	A-A	N/A	15th
Sat 9th	League	FARNBOROUGH (H)	4-0 W	680	14th
Sat 16th	League	Havant & Waterlooville (A)	3-0 L	766	16th
Sat 23rd	League	TONBRIDGE ANGELS (H)	2-2 D	768	17th
Tues 26th	League	Yeovil Town (A)	4-1 L	6,301	19th
<b>JANUARY</b>					
Sat 6th	League	Slough Town (A)	3-0 L	947	19th
Tue 9th	League	YEOVIL TOWN (H)	0-1 L	3,001	19th
Sat 13th	League	DOVER ATHLETIC (H)	1-1 D	847	20th
Tues 23rd	League	WEYMOUTH (H)	7:45pm	-	-
Sat 27th	League	AVELEY (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Tue 30th	SPC QF	BRIDGWATER TOWN (H)	7:45pm	-	-
<b>FEBRUARY</b>					
Sat 3rd	League	Welling United (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Tues 6th	League	Truro City (A)	7:45pm	-	-
Sat 10th	League	St Albans City (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Tue 13th	League	TORQUAY UNITED (H)	7:45pm	-	-
Sat 17th	League	MAIDSTONE UNITED (H)	7:45pm	-	-
Tues 20th	League	CHIPPENHAM TOWN (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 24th	League	Dartford (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Tues 27th	League	WESTON-SUPER-MARE (H)	7:45pm	-	-
<b>MARCH</b>					
Sat 2nd	League	TRURO CITY (H)	3:00pm	-	-
Tue 5th	League	SLOUGH TOWN (H)	7:45pm	-	-
Sat 9th	League	Worthing (A)	7:45pm	-	-
Tues 12th	League	Torquay United (A)	3:00pm	-	-
Sat 16th	League	Eastbourne Borough (A)	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	-	-
TBA	League	Braintree Town (A)	TBA	-	-





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