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THE GAFFER

SIMON WEAVER

It's a great feeling to be heading back along Wetherby Road for some matchday action at The EnviroVent Stadium. It seems like so long ago that we celebrated what was a strong end to the last campaign.

In this time, there has been a lot of change to the playing squad. Saturday's victory against Doncaster really set the standard for what we expect as a group of staff.

Five of our starters are new to this club. However, the energy and intensity they and the rest of the squad brought was great to see. It's important to remember how tough it can be going away to face Doncaster, especially in that first game where their fans were right behind a new manager.

To the credit of the players though, they turned in a proper grown up performance. We looked after the ball well, worked well as a unit defensively and ultimately got what we deserved. With so many of our fans making the journey to cheer the lads on I'm glad we got to send them home happy.

Despite the buzz around that performance, everyone returned to training on Monday keen to back it up against Carlisle in mid-week. Having just won promotion, as a side you could see the confidence which they possessed.

As a club, we set out a target of being one of the fittest teams in the league this season. Looking at the player's stats for those two matches, we are pleased with what we are seeing.

Whoever has come in, they have shown a commitment to run through brick walls for this club. That is something which we set out to deliver to our supporters at the beginning of pre-season.



Forest Green present another fantastic opportunity to test ourselves. Like us, they have recruited well in the transfer market and with a new manager in place they will be keen to impress.

However, if our previous encounters are anything to go by then we know that we'll be in for a tough battle and with the characters we have in the group it's definitely one which we are looking forward to.

Enjoy the game...

Simon

WELCOME BACK...

FOR OUR FIRST HOME SKY BET LEAGUE TWO GAME OF THE 2023/24 SEASON, SARAH BARRY UPDATES US ON WHAT HAS BEEN A BUSY SUMMER IN AND AROUND THE ENVIROVENT STADIUM



It's been a cracking start to our fourth season in the EFL with a great win at Doncaster last weekend and though it's early days, we're feeling positive throughout the club, with the calibre of new players added, we now have a fantastic squad to compete with.

Our Academy also started well last Saturday in defense of their title victory last season with a 2-0 win over Notts County. We have a newly formed Academy Management team with Josh Law appointed as Academy Manager, making the step up from Professional Development Phase Coach and Rory McArdle, stepping into this role having retired from his playing career.

Our Womens team has also grown. We've added more players to the squad forming two teams and the squad are getting ready for the new season starting next month.

Our PDC (Player Development Centres) are also growing! More on that to follow but I'm delighted to share the news that Josh Falkingham will join the coaching team on a regular basis alongside Josh Law and Rory McArdle when we come back in September.

Off the field, we've also added to our team with several new roles created as we continue to grow. We welcome Will MacGregor to the role of Strength & Conditioning Coach for

the Academy, Stuart Thompson - First Team Performance Analyst; Tom Hullock - Lead PDC Coach; Mary Lally - new Club Secretary; Ericka Williams - EDI/HR Manager and Brody Pattison - Content Creator.

During the football break, we've been busy behind the scenes working on our new website, now part of the EFL Digital collection which includes video via i-follow. We hope to deliver a more user-friendly site with this as well as our new e-commerce site.

Our ticket team have also been working really hard. We've sold a record number of season tickets which are still available to buy and Flexi-Tickets are proving to be a



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hit for those who can't make every game - as always, we sincerely appreciate your support.

The same goes for our Commercial team, the new kit launch was a huge success with a new home and third kit, the pink shirts have been very popular and our new PDC kit is out now. We will have a new club shop within the stadium for matchdays very soon as well as our official store on Commercial Street.

We also launched our very first Junior Supporters Club for anyone up to age 17. Its free to join and you receive a complimentary goody bag when you sign up. Members will benefit from a monthly newsletter, exclusive content, competitions and prizes as well as 10% discount on all merchandise and more. You can sign up now via our website.

Within the ground, you may have noticed a few developments. The new South Stand is well underway and a new home seated stand and away standing terrace is due to be completed this Autumn with new refreshment facilities to follow soon after. We're also giving our changing rooms a big revamp and will reveal these as soon as they are ready - we're just completing the finishing touches.

Its safe to say, there is a lot going on, thank you for your support and patience whilst we work on developing the stadium. We aim to deliver a fantastic match day experience with more entertainment, more facilities and more supporters for the season ahead.

Sarah

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THE SKIPPER

JOSH FALKINGHAM

It's fantastic to be back to League football this weekend, especially after two great wins and fantastic displays to kick start the season.

To start with the performance which we put in, it was great not just for us as players but for the management, the staff and most importantly the fans. That feeling of sending everyone connected with this club home happy is great.

On Monday, there was definitely a buzz around the dressing room but we are all focused on building a bit of momentum. You can only do that by winning football matches, we know how difficult it's going to be but playing in front of our home fans, hopefully we can create a really good atmosphere.

We have brought in a number of quality players so far in this transfer window but as a group we have stuck to our principles and beliefs. Regardless of quality or ability, as part of this group you are expected to work hard, you are expected to graft and I thought we did that brilliantly against Doncaster.

Playing away from home, we didn't allow Doncaster to settle. You could see they wanted to get the ball down and build confidence but all day long we didn't allow that. That's why we deserved the result.

Tuesday against Carlisle was another fine example of what this group is capable of. We dominated a match against a League One opponent. As a group we got on the ball, and made things happen.

When teams come to The EnviroVent this season, we want to stamp our authority. We want to stop them from playing their game and to showcase the quality we have. Reflecting on the performance, I believe we did that.



Looking at today's opponent, Forest Green are a team who had a couple of unbelievable seasons at this level. Going up against them, you always know you're going to be in for a game.

They are a team dropping down from a level above and obviously with that, they'll be looking to have a strong season but we are looking forward to the opportunity to test ourselves.

We have to start fast, we want to stop any team we come up against from settling into a rhythm. Everyone is desperate to hit that consistent run when the season starts to settle and for us we want to stamp our authority at home.

Coming into this season, the aim was to make a strong start, you do that by picking up results because that undoubtedly builds confidence and momentum. We will be looking to continue that here against Forest Green.

As a group, we all know how important the backing from our supporters can be. When we are on the top of our game and the supporters are behind us there is a great feeling of unity around the club.

I hope you enjoy the game this afternoon...

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THE TEAMS

Doncaster Rovers:

Lawlor #, Sterry, Olowu, Wood, Senior, Broadbent, Bailey, Rowe (Sotona 68'), Molyneux (Biggins 85'), Ironside (Miller 72'), Taylor (Roberts 68')

Unused Subs: Maxwell, Anderson, Bottomley

Harrogate Town:

Oxley, Sims, Foulds, MacDonald (Mattock 57'), O'Connor #, Cornelius (Burrell 89'), Gibson # (Sutton 88'), J. Daly, Muldoon, Folarin # (M. Daly 68'), Odoh #

Unused Subs: Thomas, Falkingham, Thomson

Referee: Scott Tallis

POSSESSION %	
56	44
TOTAL SHOTS	
12	7
SHOTS ON TARGET	
3	6
CORNERS	
6	5
FOULS	
7	20






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FANZONE

A WORD FROM OUR FAN ENGAGEMENT MANAGER, HAMILTON MATTOCK...

As the fan engagement manager, it brings me immense joy and excitement to welcome every one of you back to the EnviroVent stadium for the start of the new season!

This season marks a milestone in our commitment to inclusivity and diversity. We are proud to announce significant improvements to our disabled facilities, ensuring that every fan can enjoy the magic of matchday to the fullest. Our efforts to make the matchday experience accessible and enjoyable for all. Our commitment to making football accessible to all has always been a top priority, and we are delighted to announce the appointment of our very own Accessibility Liaison Officer, Maggie Pattison.

Maggie brings with her a wealth of experience and passion for making sports accessible and inclusive for everyone, her role as Accessibility Liaison Officer will be to ensure that all aspects of our football club, from the stadium facilities to matchday experiences, are fully inclusive and accommodating to fans with disabilities. Whether it's improving wheelchair access, providing audio

commentary for visually impaired fans, or helping throughout the matchday, working alongside Phill Holdworth and his Team (supporter Liaison Team). But our commitment to accessibility doesn't stop there. We will continuously strive to make further enhancements, listening to feedback from our fans and seeking innovative ways to make the stadium an inclusive space for all.

I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support and passion our fans demonstrate time and again. Together, we create an electric atmosphere that fuels our team on the field and leaves a lasting impression on everyone who walks through our gates.

Together, we will create an atmosphere that not only motivates our team but also showcases the true spirit of Harrogate Town

Enjoy the game!

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GOALS FOR KILLINGHALL NOMADS JFC AS PART OF OUR KICK-BACK SCHEME



As part of our Kick-Back scheme all Junior Clubs had a chance to win a pair of goals that we no longer need. Killinghall Nomads JFC won them, and Darren Casey from the Club had this to say "We are grateful to Harrogate Town for the goals - they will help enormously on match days and during training. Thank you Harrogate Town for supporting local grassroots football"



FIRST HOME GAME

Lily Smith is 7 and lives in Kent, but likes Town because her dad Neil has supported them since the '80s and he goes to lots of away games when the team play in the South East. Her favourite player is Harry Gator, but that's only because she hasn't been to a match yet. She thinks Town are going to win 1-0, and is excited about going to her first match.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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As a member, you will have the chance to win fantastic prizes every month and take part in exclusive events throughout the season. Members will get the opportunity to rub shoulders with the players, meet the manager, and experience unforgettable moments at Town.

Members will also receive a 10% discount in our official store as well as a monthly newsletter packed with exciting news, updates, and exclusive content just for our Junior members.

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THE TEAMS

Harrogate Town:

Oxley, Ramsay, Foulds, Mattock, Burrell, Falkingham (Cornelius 78'), Thomson, Sutton (Gibson 78'), M. Daly, Folarin (Muldoon 69'), Odoh (J. Daly 69')

Unused Subs: Thomas, Sims, O'Connor, Horbury, Ilesanmi

Carlisle United:

Holy, Barclay, Lavelle (Guy 45'), Mellish, Ellis, Charters, McCalmont, McGeouch (Edmondson 45'), Armer (Robinson 45'), Plange (Butterworth 71'), Gibson (Maguire 45')

Unused Subs: Breeze, Garner, Harris, Whelan

Referee: Matthew Corlett

POSSESSION %	
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TOTAL SHOTS	
13	15
SHOTS ON TARGET	
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CORNERS	
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FOULS	
7	6



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ROD MCDONALD

EIGHTEEN MONTHS, IT'S A LONG TIME IN FOOTBALL AND FOR ROD MCDONALD A PERIOD OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS WAS ENOUGH FOR HIM TO GO FROM THE LOWEST OF LOWS TO THE HIGHEST OF HIGHS.

AFTER 12 YEARS TRYING TO REACH THE EFL, MCDONALD HAD NOT YET MANAGED TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE IN THE PROFESSIONAL GAME, THEN SHORTLY AFTER JOINING AFC TELFORD, ROD AND HIS PARTNER LOST THEIR NEW BORN SON, IN AN INCIDENT THAT HAD A MONUMENTAL IMPACT ON HIS LIFE...

INTERVIEW BY NICKOLAS MCINALLY



Speaking on the period, Town's number 16 said: "The year I went to Telford my partner fell pregnant with my son but he passed away in the January and that sort of de-railed my season to be honest. I broke my nose earlier in the season and suffered a setback around the same time.

"We experienced a lot of pain but I threw myself into training from the April until the start of the next pre-season and that's where I got the chance to go and train with Northampton."

It was with Northampton where the defender would cross paths with Chris Wilder, the man who would later take Sheffield United to the Premier League.

Discussing their time together, the 31-year-old believes his calibre as a coach was clear.

"I went there and got to work with Chris Wilder and Alan Knill, they gave me a year contract and I kicked on from there. They were brilliant with me, I know now if I picked up the phone to either of them that they would answer because that is the type of people they are.

"Obviously, the quality they had as coaches was there for all to see. Chris is unbelievable but the work Alan does probably flew under the radar for a number of years but they bounced off each other brilliantly.

"You have ups and downs in life but 18 months after going through that, we got promoted and I was playing regularly in that season."



This opportunity to play in the Football League is one which had proved to be a long time coming for the central defender. Having began his career in the Manchester City academy, it would be with Stoke City where the 31-year-old found a serious love for football.

"My brother was at Man City from the age of seven or eight and played there until he was 21. Obviously, I followed in his footsteps but at that age I think I was just playing because my brother did.

"I don't think I really had the enjoyment at that stage. I found the enjoyment later on in life, when I left City I ended up playing local for four or five years. I wouldn't say it was on my mind to get back into academy football. My brother and dad also played football so it wasn't like I was finished with it, it was there in the background and I knew I could always give it another go if I wanted to.

"From there it got to the stage that I found that passion again, I signed for Stoke and ended up doing my scholarship there. I signed the year they got promoted and there was a lot of great leaders around the club.

"Tony Pulis was the manager, Ricardo Fuller, Andy Griffin etc were all great people to be around. It was an unbelievable environment to be a part of. Riccardo Fuller was class for me, he still lives local to me and any time I see him we stop and chat. Another big help for me was Leon Cort the centre-back, he was a top guy and helped me a lot both on and off the pitch.

"I think that was a large part of the success the club experienced. I have been around a while now and I believe that a great environment like that can lift a team up a number of levels."

However, despite spells with the



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Richard McDonald at Crewe Alexandra last season

Potters and Oldham Athletic, McDonald would have to make the move to Nanwich Town for regular first-team football.

Having spent some time on loan with the non-league club, the defender believes he made the right call amid interest from League Two clubs.

"When I left Oldham, my mum and dad sat me down to discuss my options. Obviously, they were League One at the time and I think there was interest from a few League Two clubs but there was no guarantee that I would play.

"I went to Nanwich and enjoyed my time there. That was my first prolonged taste of first-team action and it taught me a lot. Playing alongside lads who are probably in a similar position to I am now gave me an opportunity to learn.

"My options were to play close to 50 games at non-league level or play 10 max at League Two and I think making the decision to drop down to non-league worked for me."

After a successful spell with Nanwich, Town's number 16 joined Hereford United on an original six-month deal. However, after signing a new contract at the end of that campaign, his time with Hereford would end in heart ache as the club entered liquidation.

"We didn't get paid for three months but we ended up staying up on the last day. We all thought that doing that would save the club but a couple of days after that game we got a phone call to say it was going under. That was tough, obviously as players the PFA stepped in and paid 80% of our wages but you felt for the staff around the club who also had to go through that."

After impressing on trial with Northampton, McDonald went on to feature in the side which went on to win the League Two title in the 2015/16 season.

Reflecting on his time with The Cobblers, the defender said: "I absolutely loved my time there and the club will always hold a special place in my heart because of what we achieved there. I still speak to some of the lads there now, they were great lads and it was a great club to play for.

"There was a stage that I wasn't playing but I felt like I had proved myself at the level. If I am not going to play for Northampton I wanted to go somewhere to play.

"I was 23, 24 at the time and was desperate to get as many football league matches under my belt as possible. In my second year, I wasn't

playing but to be fair the manager Justin Edinburgh he was honest with me and I ended up moving to Coventry."

After sitting down with manager Mark Robins, the 31-year-old admits he was impressed by his vision for the club.

"My first meeting with Mark Robins I was almost blown away. We sat down and he discussed his aims of getting the club back to the Championship and maybe even further. Now you can see he has done that.

"He was a top guy, honest as they come, I have nothing but respect for the place and the supporters because I thoroughly enjoyed my time there."

After achieving another promotion, McDonald admits he should have done more to enjoy the occasion.

"I ended up playing 40 plus games for the club and in that season we ended up going to Wembley and getting promoted so it was another brilliant season. We went 3-0 up and were cruising and looking back I kind of regret not taking in the moment. We were winning at Wembley, it was a great day and we had worked all season for that moment but I was more focused on what's next."

A move to then League One side AFC Wimbledon was the next on the horizon. Despite the challenge of moving away from family, the 31-year-old enjoyed his spell with the club.

"It was a big step to make that move south. My family ended up staying North so I was there on my own but as the season goes on you kind of get used to it. Again, the main thing for me was to play regularly which I did and I enjoyed my time there. It was a great club full of good people. I wish them nothing but the best because the work which the club have done down there is tremendous."

However, after spending a two-year spell with Carlisle, McDonald would return to sign for his home town club in Crewe and the defender admits the opportunity to play in-front of friends and family helped him to consistently perform at his best.



"I am from Crewe and it was a massive pull for me to go back home and represent the club. Looking back, I absolutely loved every single minute of it. My friends and family were watching every week and I think that helped get the very best out of me.

"I have always loved playing in-front of big crowds. I like the pressure and playing with our backs against the wall. Some don't but for me that's the job we are in. Every week I stepped on to the pitch knowing that I would want to perform for them.

"Being back home also takes the stress away of child care etc and you get more time with the kids."

A move to Town would materialise during the summer transfer window and after 18 months of interest, McDonald believes this was key in his decision to join the club.

"There has been interest for about 18 months, it has been going on in the background since then. There was a chance last season but for whatever reason it didn't happen.

"I definitely think that consistency of interest helps. Coming here I know

how much the Manager had watched me and I know he believes in me to do what I can to help the club."

Despite having spent less than three months with the club, McDonald revealed he is doing all he can to help his new team mates to improve.

"I'd like to think I've come in and showed a little bit of leadership already. I have spoken to a few of the lads and tried to help them. I will always be here to try and help anyone improve. It's a great dressing room to be a part of, it's a great club to represent and I am really enjoying my time here."

Saturday's victory over Doncaster saw McDonald suffer a deep laceration to the face. However, McDonald believes he is in a good place ahead of his return.

"It was a bit frustrating to miss around 10 days of training. Thankfully, I got a couple of tough days training in before playing against Hartlepool. Again, I picked up a cut to the face against Doncaster. That has ruled me out of the match on Tuesday but out with that I feel good."

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CLUB HISTORIAN PHIL HARRISON LOOKS BACK AT SOME BIG GAMES FOR THE CLUB OVER THE YEARS...

Harrogate AFC were the forerunners to Harrogate Town and played at then named Wetherby Lane in the Yorkshire League.

They were a very successful team under Manager Mr. Sixton and local man Captain Ernest Baines, having won the 1925 West Riding County Cup and finished Champions of Yorkshire League for 1926/27. They were the first Yorkshire league side to complete the double when they also won the WRC Cup again.

In the first round they beat the holders Castleford & Allerton United 5-1 before beating Barnoldswick 2-0 at home in the second round. In the third round they beat Guiseley 3-0 victory before a 3-2 semi-final victory over Altofts at Guiseley.

The Final against Selby Town was played on Easter Monday at the Rugby Union ground at Green Cross, Otley and ended in a 0-0 draw when a crowd of 6,000 were present with 2,000 from Harrogate, 1,400 of those travelled by special trains. The supporters club again arranged the Rail excursion which cost 1s 6d.

The replay was on Saturday 14 May at Elland Road and after Harrogate went 1-0 behind during the first half, they came back to win 2-1 with both goals from Bob Morphet - the winning goal described admirably by the Herald reporter that day, 'as Morphet gathered a pass by Jack Smith and crashed the ball home hats, sticks and umbrellas were flung in the air while respectable law abiding citizens became raving lunatics for the moment.' Classic.

Harrogate's WRC Cup Final replay winning team were: Waite, Sever,



Below: Ernest Baines leading out the team at Elland Road for the 1926/27 West Riding County Cup replay when Harrogate beat Selby Town 2-1.

Pictures Ackrill's Annual (Harrogate Herald)

Buck, Horsfall, E. Baines, Whitehead, Watmough, J. Smith, Morphet, H. Smith, W. Jackson. Horace (Bob)

Morphet finished top scorer with 44 league and cup goals from 33 games that season and from 1923-28 scored 64 goals in 48 games.

Morphet worked in the family business at Morphet & Morphet Estate Agents in the Town presently Morphet Auctioneers. He was approached to play top flight football but decided to stay with his business interests as money in those days was not what it is today. He also played cricket for Harrogate and has recently been inducted into the Hall of Fame - his two sons Richard and Chris will be invited to a future game to pick up the award.





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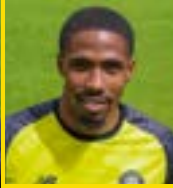
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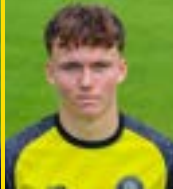
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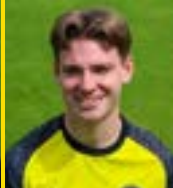
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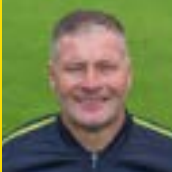
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U18S ACADEMY...



TITLE DEFENCE BEGINS WITH SOLID WIN OVER NOTTS COUNTY

EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE – NORTH EAST

05.08.23



HARROGATE TOWN

Brodella (18, 27)

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NOTTS COUNTY

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The U18s kicked off their EFL Youth Alliance campaign against Notts County last Saturday at York St. Johns. A brace from Josh Brodella ensured Town got off to a winning start in defence of their title winning season last term.

After a fast start from both sides, Notts should have gone ahead on the counter, where some good skill from the attacker lead to a 1v1 which

Goalkeeper Alex Mooney who raced out to make a smart save.

From the 15-minute mark, Town started to take control of the game and create a lot of chances, firstly a good turn and driving run from Josh Brodella and then a composed through ball for Finn O'Boyle to go 1v1 with the keeper, but O'Boyle elected to try and finish across the keeper into the far post but narrowly missed. Not

long after, good pressing high up the pitch from O'Boyle won possession and he raced through 1v1 again with the Notts keeper, but the Magpies stopper raced out and managed to smother the ball as O'Boyle tried to round the keeper.

Notts County continued to carry a threat in counter situations and had a penalty shout turned down when the attacker looked to have been brought down, but the referee was unmoved. Back at the other end, Josh Brodella also raced through on goal and looked to have been felled by the goalkeeper, but again the referee waved play on.

In the 18th-minute, following a really well worked move, Josh Brodella opened the scoring for Town. The ball was worked to Alfie Lee who fired a pass into Manny Illesanmi who neatly flicked the ball into the path of the onrushing Josh Brodella who composed himself to place the ball into the bottom left corner to give Town a 1-0 advantage.

Soon afterwards, Town had a great chance to double their lead when Ollie Nicholson delivered a pinpoint corner kick to the unmarked Cadarn Taylor but he was unable to guide his header on target. Shortly after, however, in the 27th-minute, Town did go two up when Lewis Mooney elected to go long with a goal kick towards Illesanmi who was causing a lot of problems for County. He attracted two defenders to him as they competed for a header, and feeding off the second ball, O'Boyle raced through 1v1 again and showed great composure to draw the Notts keeper and square the ball for Brodella to pass the ball into the empty net.

Just before half time, a really well worked move from left to right then released Lucas Barnes to slide a pass through to Brodella into the box who produced a great piece of skill to get to the byline before picking out Illesanmi on the six yard box who made too much contact with the finish and lofted his shot over the bar.

The first ten minutes of the second half started at a frantic pace as the visitors looked to try and force their way back into the game and Mooney had to be alert to keep an early chance out from the left hand side.

From then on in Harrogate took complete control again for the hour and sustained good possession throughout. Barnes, who was full of energy all game down the right, won the ball high up once again and pulled back to Illesanmi who just couldn't keep his effort down as it whistled over the bar. Another big chance then fell to Elijah Samuels who was released by Jack Bray but his effort just rolled past the post as he tried to steer the ball into the far corner.

As the game approached the final whistle O'Boyle made a mazy run across the pitch beating three players, before releasing James Moorby but once again the ball flew just over the bar in the last meaningful action of the game.

On the whole a good performance to start the season for Town, with a lot of chances created on the day.

Town: Mooney, Barnes, Moorby, Lee, Smalley, Taylor, Bordella (Samuels), Nicholson (McClarín), Illesanmi (Obaritimi), O'Boyle (Bray), Tweed (Pow)

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/24

Date	Opposition	Comp	Res	Scorers
August				
Sat 05	Notts County	YA	2-0	Brodella (2)
Sat 12	Mansfield Town	YA		
Sat 26	Hartlepool United	YA		
September				
Sat 16	Lincoln City	YA		
Sat 23	Burton Albion	YA		
Sat 30	Doncaster Rovers	YA		
October				
Sat 07	Scunthorpe United	YA		
Sat 28	Huddersfield Town	YA		
November				
Fri 03	Bradford City	YA		
Sat 18	Rotherham United	YA		
December				
Sat 02	Grimsby Town	YA		
Tue 19	Burton Albion	YA		
January				
Sat 06	Lincoln City	YA		
Sat 13	Huddersfield Town	YA		
Sat 20	Mansfield Town	YA		
February				
Sat 03	Grimsby Town	YA		
Sat 10	Scunthorpe United	YA		
Sat 17	Doncaster Rovers	YA		
March				
Sat 02	Notts County	YA		
Sat 09	Rotherham United	YA		
Sat 16	Hartlepool United	YA		
Sat 23	Bradford City	YA		

YOUTH ALLIANCE NORTH EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Hartlepool United	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
2 Doncaster Rovers	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
3 Burton Albion	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
4 Harrogate Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
5 Huddersfield Town	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
6 Mansfield Town	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
7 Grimsby Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Lincoln City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Bradford City	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
10 Notts County	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
11 Scunthorpe United	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0
12 Rotherham United	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0

Town score shown first. Home games in Bold

YA Youth Alliance North East YC Youth Alliance Cup FAY FA Youth Cup



Two goal man, Josh Brodella

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TOWN WOMEN...



WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM MANAGER, JASON BARKER UPDATES US ON WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN THE CAMP DURING THE OFF-SEASON AND HOW PREPARATIONS ARE GOING FOR THE UPCOMING CAMPAIGN...

Harrogate Town Ladies have had a positive summer with successful trials which have lead to the club being able to field a first team and a reserve team for the season ahead.

We also launched and APDC squad in the girls section for the first time providing the girls with a genuine pathway to the first team.

During the Pre season schedule we have been fielding a mix of first team and reserve team players allowing us to look at all players signed with the club and the results have been much more positive based on last season. We've three more pre season fixtures before we name the first team squad to play York City in the League Cup.

Pre-season has been really positive - up to now we have set challenges for the squads each week that we want to work towards and the squads are delivering each week.

Everyone in the camp is really looking forward to the new season.

Jason

FIXTURES 2023/24

Date	Opposition	Comp
August		
Sun 27	York City Devs	LC
September		
Sun 03	Sunderland West End	LGE
Sun 10	Wakefield AFC	LGE
Sun 17	Alnwick Town	LGE
Sun 24	Barnsley	LGE
October		
Sun 01	Bradford City	LGE
Sun 08	Wallsend B.C	LGE
Sun 15	Hartlepool United	LGE
Sun 22	Hull United	LGE
Sun 29	Redcar Town	LGE
November		
Sun 05	South Shields	LGE
Sun 12	Spennymoor Town	LGE
Sun 19	Spennymoor Town	LGE
Sun 26	Sunderland West End	LGE
December		
Sun 03	Wakefield AFC	LGE
Sun 10	Alnwick Town	LGE
Sun 17	Barnsley	LGE



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INTRODUCING FOREST GREEN ROVERS



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IN THE DUGOUT DAVID HORSEMAN

APPOINTED: JULY 2023 AGE: 39

Forest Green Rovers announce the appointment of David Horseman as their new Head Coach in July.

The 39-year-old joined from Southampton, where he had been leading the Saints' B team as Head Coach. Last season, David assisted former Southampton interim first-team boss Ruben Selles in the Premier League, acting as a First-Team Coach

Despite his first-team duties, he also continued to lead the B team last term - and won the Premier League 2 Division 2 title on goal difference.

Previously, David spent over 10 years at Bristol City in a number of different roles across two spells, as well as nearly three years at Watford as Lead Pro Development Phase Coach.

TEAM LEAGUE STATS 2023/24

Position	Points	Goals For	Against
22	0 H 0 A 0	0 H 0 A 0	2 H 2 A 0
Clean Sheets	Failed to Score	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
0	1	3	0
		Average Possession	
		50%	

GOAL TIMINGS

MINUTE	FOR	AGAINST
0-15	5	9
16-30	6	5
31-45	8	8
46-60	10	4
61-75	6	4
76-90	7	12

FORM GUIDE

CAMBRIDGE (AWAY) LOST	SALFORD CITY (HOME) LOST	PORTSMOUTH (HOME) LOST
0-2 7 MAY	0-2 5 AUG	1-3 8 AUG

KEY PLAYERS FOR ROVERS

JORDAN MOORE-TAYLOR

DEFENDER

Signed before the start of the 2020/21 campaign, Jordan is in his 13th season of League football and has made over 300 senior appearances. Moving from Exeter City to Milton Keynes in 2018, Jordy previously helped the Dons secure promotion to League One in his first season with the club. During the 2021/22 season, the 29-year-old was instrumental in helping Rovers win the League Two title. Across 40 league appearances, and with two goals, he gave the club the defensive platform it needed to build an outstanding away record.

A central defender who is strong in the air and reads the game well, Jordan Moore-Taylor has a physical presence in defence. Whether he's coming out to meet long forward balls, making critical tackles or showing opponents away from goal, his defensive skills give FGR steel at the back.

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MATTY STEVENS

FORWARD

The 25-year-old signed for FGR in 2019 from Peterborough United, but it took until the 2021/22 campaign for Matty to really come alive, scoring 27 goals across all competitions as he helped catapult Rovers to the League Two title, forming a lethal partnership with Jamille Matt.

After a youth career at Aldershot Town, Farnborough and Reading, he joined Barnet in 2014 and went on to play 15 times for the Bees in the Conference Premier and League Two before signing for the Posh in July 2016. Loan spells followed at Cambridge City, Sligo Rovers, Kettering Town and Slough Town before he headed to Rovers.

A true fox in the box, Matty comes alive in the box and more often than not, when it lands at his feet, he puts it away.



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CHARLIE MCCANN

MIDFIELDER

Joining Forest Green Rovers in the January transfer window in 2023 in pursuit of first team football, McCann has an impressive football CV. Born in Coventry, he was part of the Coventry City youth setup until he was spotted by Manchester United in 2017. Honing his technical skills as a midfielder in the Red Devils academy, he represented the side in Premier League 2 before moving to Rangers in 2021 and going on to make his pro debut for the Gers.

Quick thinking and skilful, Charlie's a player who always wants the ball and can produce moments of magic out of nothing. After representing England and the Republic of Ireland as youth player, he switched to Northern Ireland as a senior player, gaining two caps in 2022.

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THE BOYS ARE BACK

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN **LEIGH EDWARDS** PROFILES TEN PLAYERS WHO HAD MORE THAN ONE SPELL AT **FOREST GREEN ROVERS**

ROB COOK

Midfielder Rob Cook had two spells at Forest Green Rovers. He began with Shortwood United under Steve Doughty before initially joining Forest Green in August 1994. Returning from a loan spell at neighbours Cinderford Town, he helped Forest Green to win the Southern League Southern Division title in 1996-97 and Southern League Premier Division title in 1997-98. He was an FA Trophy finalist in 1999 and moved to Basingstoke Town in July 2000. Rejoining Forest Green in August 2002, he netted seven goals in 74 Conference games overall while at The Lawn, then played in Australia and for Chippenham Town.

ALEX SYKES

Attacking midfielder Alex Sykes played for Forest Green Rovers in the 1999 FA Trophy final. Initially with Westfields, he joined Mansfield Town in 1992 and scored on his League debut. He moved to Forest Green in March 1996 and starred in their rise to the Conference. Joining Nuneaton Borough in July 2000, he featured in their 2000-01 FA Cup win over Stoke City and returned to Forest Green in exchange for Lee Howey in January 2002 after a loan spell. He netted 53 goals in 240 League games overall before joining Bath City in September 2004, helping them and Gloucester to promotion before coaching Bishop's Cleeve, Shortwood and Redditch.

MATT COUPE

Ex-England Schoolboy central defender Matt Coupe featured

in Forest Green Rovers' 1997-98 Southern League Premier Division title triumph. Starting with Bristol City, he joined Forest Green in August 1997 and appeared in the 1999 FA Trophy final. He moved to Gloucester City in August 1999, then had spells with Clevedon Town and Aberystwyth Town before returning to Forest Green in January 2002. Scoring twice in 81 games overall while at The Lawn prior to joining Bath City in February 2003, he then had spells playing for Gloucester again, Chippenham Town, Bath City again, Mangotsfield United, Cirencester Town and Swindon Supermarine.

DANNY BAILEY

Much-travelled midfielder Danny Bailey played for Forest Green Rovers in the 1999 FA Trophy final. A former AFC Bournemouth apprentice, he had spells with Walthamstow, Torquay and Wealdstone prior to joining Exeter City in August 1989, starring in their 1989-90 Fourth Division title triumph. He returned to Exeter in December 1992 after two years at Reading and joined Forest Green from Telford in September 1998. Briefly rejoining Rovers from Welling United, he made 31 Conference appearances overall before moving to Aylesbury in December 2000. He then became Waltham Forest's player-coach and has since held Academy coaching posts.

ALEX MEECHAN

Striker Alex Meechan had three spells at Forest Green Rovers. Initially with Swindon Town, he joined Bristol City in July 1998 and moved to Forest

Green in January 2001. He was an FA Trophy finalist that season and joined Dagenham & Redbridge in June 2003, returning to Forest Green in five months later. Following spells with Leigh RMI and Halifax Town, he played for Forest Green again before moving to Chester City in January 2007. He later appeared for York City, Stalybridge, Altrincham, Droylsden, Telford, Harrogate, Worcester City, Witton Albion, Colwyn Bay, Telford again and Barrow prior to becoming Bradford PA's Academy coach.

CHARLIE GRIFFIN

Striker Charlie Griffin was Forest Green Rovers' leading marksman in 2004-05. Moving from Chippenham Town to Swindon Town in February 1999, he had spells at Woking and Chippenham again before joining Forest Green in May 2004. He joined Wycombe Wanderers in May 2005 and was loaned back to Forest Green before joining Newport County in February 2007. Top scorer in 2007-08, he moved via Salisbury to Stevenage and featured in their 2009-10 Conference title triumph, then rejoined Forest Green in July 2001 and scored 24 goals in 78 games overall. He then played for Bath City, Brackley, Gloucester, Chippenham and Cirencester.

STUART FLEETWOOD

Former Welsh U-21 striker Stuart Fleetwood was Forest Green Rovers' top scorer in 2007-08. He began with Cardiff City and joined Hereford United in January 2006, featuring in that season's Conference play-off final triumph. Moving to Forest Green in June 2007, he scored as they

IN TOWN...



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Curtis McDonald clears the ball

beat Rotherham in the 2007-08 FA Cup first round replay and netted 28 goals in 41 Conference games prior to joining Charlton Athletic in June 2008. He was loaned to several clubs, returning to Hereford in July 2010, then joined Luton Town. Loaned back to Forest Green in January 2015, he has since played for Sutton United, Bath, Redditch, Swindon Supermarine and Yate.

ANDREW MANGAN

England Semi-Pro striker Andrew Mangan was Forest Green Rovers' leading scorer in 2008-09. Initially with Blackpool, he joined Accrington Stanley in August 2005 and featured prominently in their 2005-06 Conference title triumph. He moved via Bury to Forest Green in July 2008 and netted 26 goals in 41 Conference games. Following a spell at Wrexham, he joined Fleetwood in June 2011 and starred as they won the Conference title in

2011-12. He returned to Forest Green in May 2013 and has since had two spells at both Shrewsbury Town and Tranmere Rovers, under Micky Mellon, helping both to win promotion, then appeared for Accrington Stanley.

CURTIS McDONALD

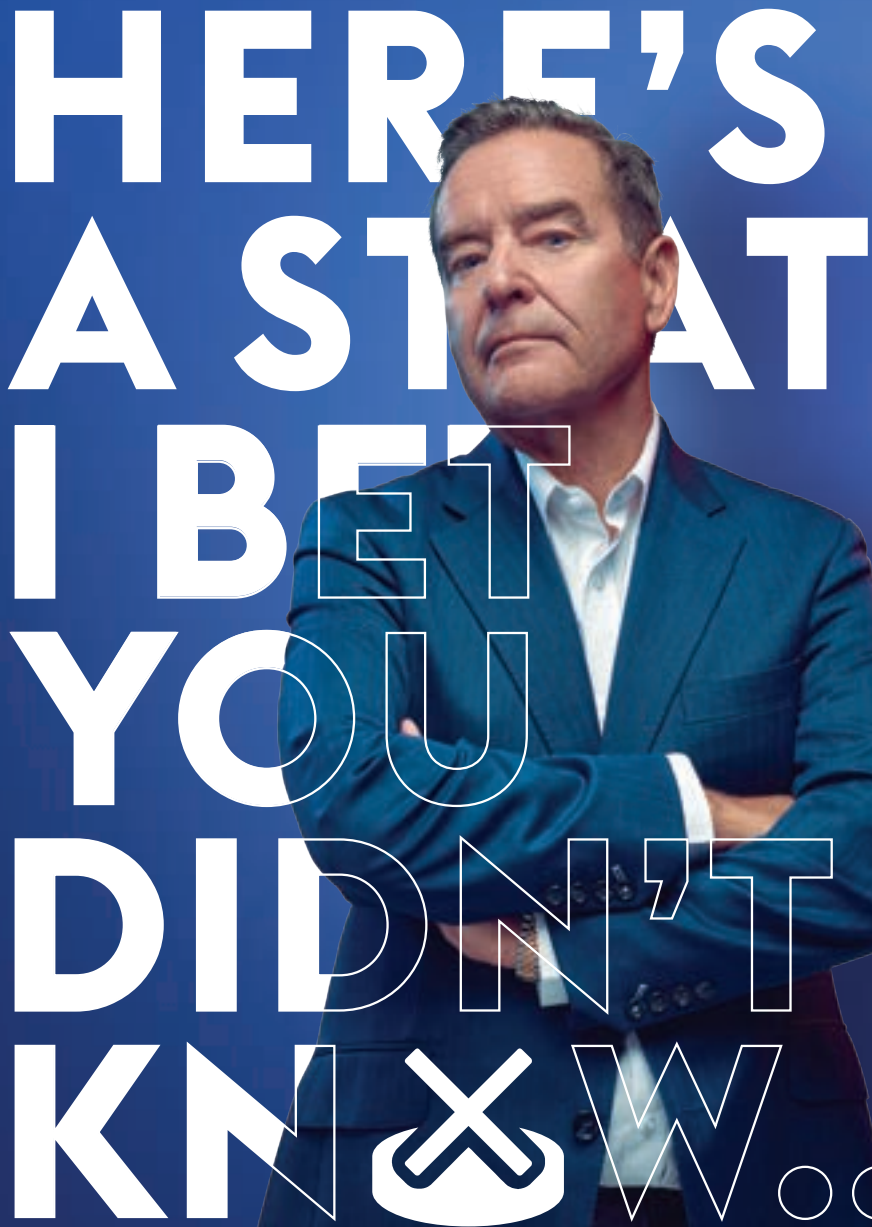
Former Forest Green Rovers defender Curtis McDonald gained Welsh U-21 and Semi-Pro international honours. Initially with hometown Cardiff City, he had spells with Carmarthen and Polish side MKS Swit before joining Forest Green in July 2008. He moved to Newport County in December 2010 but rejoined Forest Green initially on loan in March 2011 and scored three times in 70 games overall while at The New Lawn. Following injury, he moved to Brackley Town in March 2012 and helped them to clinch the Southern League Premier Division title. He joined Merthyr Town in July 2016, since playing for Chippenham and Barry Town United.

MARK COOPER

Mark Cooper managed Forest Green Rovers into the Football League in 2016-17. Initially with Bristol City, the midfielder followed his father Terry to Exeter in October 1989, then Birmingham. He had spells at Fulham, Huddersfield, Wycombe, Exeter again, Hartlepool, Macclesfield, Orient, Rushden & Diamonds and Hednesford. Moving to Forest Green in March 2001, he netted 18 goals in 48 Conference games before joining Tamworth in May 2002, becoming player-boss. He managed Kettering, Peterborough, Darlington, Telford, Swindon and Notts County, rejoining Forest Green as manager from May 2016 until April 2021, then Barrow and Yeovil.



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VOLUNTEER TRIO PICK UP HIGHLY ACCLAIMED HIGH SHERIFF AWARD

Clare Granger, High Sheriff of North Yorkshire presented High Sheriff Awards in recognition of the outstanding contributions our volunteer trio have made to Harrogate Town AFC Community Foundation, and specifically on the Walking Football Programme.

Rod Clifton, Bernie O'Brien and Tom Robinson form the Volunteer Committee responsible for overseeing our Walking Football sessions, fixtures & competition entries with help and support provided by the Community Foundation's Health & Well-being Officer, Steve Pattison.

Rod: "I was extremely honoured to receive this award from the High Sheriff, in recognition of the work that Bernie, Tom and I contribute towards the successful running of Harrogate Town Community Foundation's walking football programme. I don't think any of us were expecting this, but we are proud of how our numbers have grown, with 89 players now on our 'books'!!

The trio have been involved in the programme since its inception in 2018 and have been the driving force in the continued growth and success of the sessions which started with just a handful of men taking part, to now



having over 70 players participating weekly, three teams competing regularly and the recent addition of a Women's session, which has proved very popular.

Bernie: "Organising walking football for players of different ages and abilities is challenging but massively rewarding - they get real enjoyment from the activities we arrange, whether competitive or more socially focused."

Providing a warm welcome, rich in information and support the aim of the sessions is to provide a way for local residents aged 50+ to stay engaged in the sport they love, ensure they stay physical active whilst fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie that physical activity, competition and representing Harrogate Town AFC brings. This coupled with social events organised through the season proving a chance to get together off the pitch too, helps to reduce social isolation and loneliness that can sometimes be experienced.

Tom: "As I grew older I thought that the game that I love to play had well and truly passed me by, as I suspect it did for a lot of our players and so when walking football came along I

jumped at the chance not only to play but also to help out by volunteering to organise and deliver some of our weekly sessions. For many of our players playing football and meeting up with friends is the highlight of their week with the added bonus of keeping fit and active. It's a real pleasure being involved in helping the local community maintain their health and fitness, working alongside members of the HTAFC Community Foundation."

Head of Foundation, Jill Stacey added "We are very proud of the work our volunteers undertake within the local community. We would like to place on record our thanks to Tom, Rod and Bernie for their continued commitment to the positive and welcoming environment they have created at Walking Football. Their dedication and hard work to the growth of this programme is remarkable and all three fully deserve the recognition in the form of the High Sheriff Award. Congratulations! We are always looking for others who want to make a difference to the lives of those within the Harrogate & District area.

If you are interested in volunteering within any of our programmes please get in touch via community@harrogatetownafc.com

SUMMER ACTIVITY CLUBS HAVE KICKED OFF!

Our Summer Activity Camp across the Harrogate District kicked off at Saltergate Primary School, delivering engaging multisport activities, crafts & nutritional education workshops.

As part of our FEAST funding from North Yorkshire Together, across our first four days of delivery we provided packed lunches for 120 children who are eligible for free school meals. With a massive thank you to Mike Addyman at local company Eat at the Park for working with us on these!

Some lucky participants were highlighting as our 'Players of the Day' across the week, while some very lucky participants won tickets to today's game!



FREE PLAY FOOTBALL HAS ARRIVED IN RIPON!!

Over 30 young people took part in our first Free Play Football session of the Summer, based at Ripon City Panther JFC. Young people spent the day playing football activities and understanding the importance of nutrition in sport through an educational workshop.

If you be interested in our next two session in August, please contact community@harrogatetownafc.com

We are always looking for others who want to make a difference to the lives of those within the Harrogate & District area. If you are interested in volunteering within any of our programmes please get in touch via community@harrogatetownafc.com

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Walking Football

Kearsely Road, Ripon / 12am-1pm

Man v Fat

King James School, Knaresborough / 6.30-9pm

Walking Football

King James School, Knaresborough / 8-9pm

TUESDAY

Free Play Football

Ripon City Panther JFC / 1-5pm

Town Runners

Meet at Stray Rein / 6-7pm

THURSDAY

Women's Walking Football

Rossett Sports Centre MUGA / 8-9pm

Pitch Positive

Rossett Sports Centre / 7-9pm

Walking Football

Rossett Sports Centre MUGA / 7-8pm & 8-9pm

FRIDAY

HarryGator Funday

St John Fishers High School / 9.30am-3.30pm

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE UPDATE



It's exciting times at Town's Player Development Centre (PDC) and the 2022/23 season was a fantastic year for everyone involved.

The games programme was a success for the PDC and Advanced PDC groups, one which we are looking to expand even further this season. Competing against established Academy sides whilst playing our style and brand of football has been a massive positive for everyone at the club.

The U16's going over to play Liverpool at their impressive Melwood complex was a real highlight, narrowly losing 2-1 but putting in a fantastic performance against one of the best academies in the world. Our U10's were invited to play in a tournament hosted by Rotherham United, involving Sheffield United, Peterborough and Rochdale, competing and holding our own against some very good sides.

We opened up our very first satellite centre in Wakefield led by Woman's Director and First Team manager, Jason Barker.

Over the summer we have held open trials for the U15's and U16's age groups and the squads are now in pre-season getting ready to embark on what will be an exciting season for all involved.

NEW FOR 2023/24

Individual Age APDC Groups

For the 2023/24 season we will be introducing individual APDC age groups. We have listened to parent feedback in that some of the younger bracketed players in combined age groups often struggle to compete against bigger, older players and may not get looked at to be in the APDC due to the limited number of places. We believe this change will address that so everyone returning to the PDC in September will have the opportunity to move into the APDC throughout the month.

Junior PDC Returns

We are ready to expand our age groups to U5's upwards. Having successfully run this in the past when we ran the PDC from The EnviroVent Stadium and having to stop due to COVID and the facility changing, it's something we have been keen to bring back and we now have the resources to do it. The sessions will be on Tuesdays from 4pm at Rossett Sports Centre.

U9/10s move to Rossett

Following the news of the launch of our JPDC, we will also be moving the U9/10's PDC and APDC weekly training

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to the newly opened Rossett Sports Centre 3G. This will show a clear pathway for the JPDC into the PDC whilst also having a more monitored environment for our younger players. The Rossett site has better indoor facilities such as toilets and refreshments.

U15's enter JPL

We will be entering our U15's APDC into the Junior Premier League (JPL) for the new season. One of our aims of the PDC is to get as many local footballers progressing into the CAT 4 Scholarship programme as possible. After successfully running the U16's programme for the last two years where they get training twice a week and a regular games programme on a weekend, we've managed to get four players through the system, receiving a scholarship. We feel starting this at U15 will give the boys an extra year of this model, getting more contact time with the coaches, giving them a better chance to receive a scholarship.



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Ticket Prices:

Adult	£23
Concession	£16
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Young Adult (18-22)	£16
Under 18	£9
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Away fans are located in the Cowsheds Stand at one end of the ground.

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for two and a half miles and when Mount Road becomes Storeton Road, turn right onto Prenton Road West at the traffic lights. Prenton Park is on the right hand side in 200 yards..

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TRANMERE ROVERS

AWAY

TUE 15 AUGUST 2023 | 7.45PM
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ACCRINGTON STANLEY

AWAY

SAT 19 AUGUST 2023 | 3PM
SKY BET LEAGUE 2



MORECAMBE

HOME

SAT 26 AUGUST 2023 | 3PM
SKYBET LEAGUE 2



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Adult	£105	£17.50	£2.50	£15	12.50%	£120.50	£20.08	£2.92	£17.50	12.68%
Concession*	£84	£14	£2	£12	12.50%	£100	£16.67	£2.33	£14	12.28%
Under 18	£42	£7	£1	£6	12.50%	£58	£9.67	£1.33	£8	12.12%
Under 12	£31.50	£5.25	£0.75	£5	12.50%	£47	£7.83	£1.17	£7	12.96%

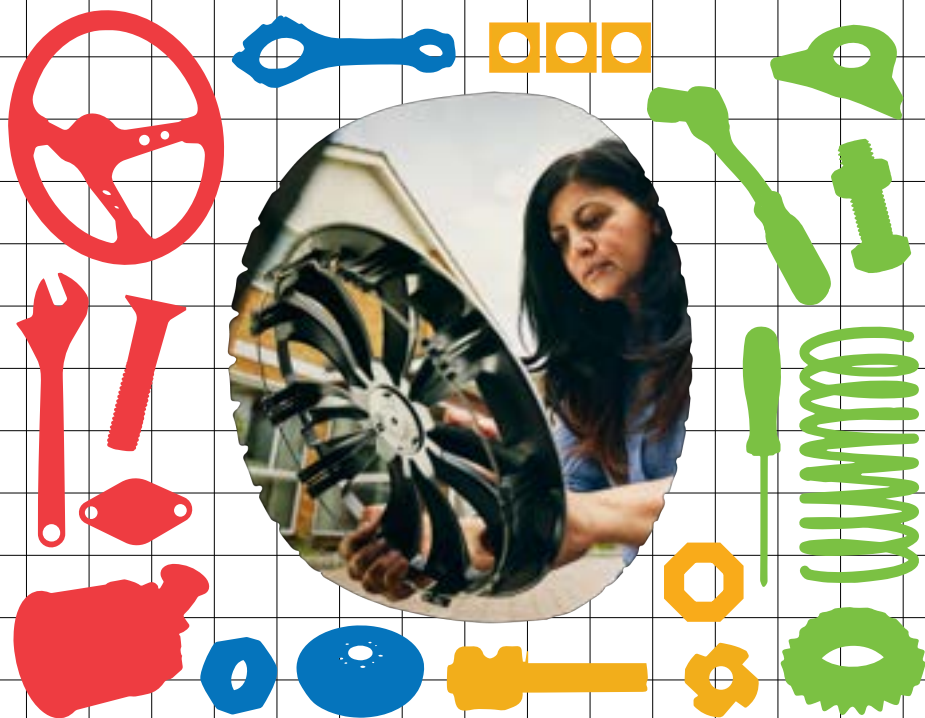
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Adult	£171.50	£17.15	£2.85	£29	14.25%	£197.50	£19.75	£3.25	£32.50	14.13%
Concession*	£137	£13.70	£2.30	£23	14.38%	£162.50	£16.25	£2.75	£27.50	14.47%
Under 18	£68.50	£6.85	£1.15	£11.50	14.38%	£94	£9.40	£1.60	£16	14.55%
Under 12	£51.25	£5.13	£0.88	£8.75	14.58%	£77	£7.70	£1.30	£13	14.44%

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LEAGUE TABLE 2023/24

POS	TEAM	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS	LAST 5	
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F				A
1	Sutton United	1	1	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	●
2	Accrington Stanley	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	●
3	MK Dons	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	3	2	3	●
4	Salford City	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	●
5	Barrow AFC	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	●
6	Morecambe	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	●
7	Gillingham	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	●
8	Harrogate Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	●
9	Crawley Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	●
10	Mansfield Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	●
11	Crewe Alexandra	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	●
12	AFC Wimbledon	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	●
13	Grimsby Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	●
14	Colchester United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
15	Swindon Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
16	Walsall	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0	●
17	Tranmere Rovers	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	●
18	Bradford City	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0	●
19	Doncaster Rovers	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	●
20	Stockport County	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	●
21	Wrexham	1	0	0	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	●
22	Forest Green Rovers	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	●
23	Newport County	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0	●
24	Notts County	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	-4	0	●

● Won ● Drawn ● Lost - Updated 10th August 2023

UPCOMING FIXTURES

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST 2023

AFC Wimbledon v Wrexham
 Barrow v Sutton United
 Bradford City v Colchester United
 Gillingham v Accrington Stanley
Harrogate Town v Forest Green Rovers
 Mansfield Town v Morecambe
 MK Dons v Tranmere Rovers
 Newport County v Doncaster Rovers
 Notts County v Grimsby Town
 Salford City v Crawley Town
 Swindon Town v Crewe Alexandra
 Walsall v Stockport County

TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST 2023

Accrington Stanley v Barrow
 Colchester United v AFC Wimbledon
 Crawley Town v MK Dons
 Crewe Alexandra v Newport County
 Doncaster Rovers v Mansfield Town
 Forest Green Rovers v Swindon Town
 Grimsby Town v Salford City
 Morecambe v Notts County
 Stockport County v Bradford City
 Sutton United v Gillingham
Tranmere Rovers v Harrogate Town
 Wrexham v Walsall

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST 2023

Accrington Stanley v Harrogate Town
 Colchester United v MK Dons
 Crawley Town v Gillingham
 Crewe Alexandra v Walsall
 Doncaster Rovers v Notts County
 Forest Green Rovers v Newport County
 Grimsby Town v Mansfield Town
 Morecambe v Bradford City
 Stockport County v Barrow
 Sutton United v AFC Wimbledon
 Tranmere Rovers v Salford City
 Wrexham v Swindon Town

TOWN PLAYER STATS 2023/24

#	Name	Age	Previous Club	Signed	Sky Bet League Two					Cups		Season		Town Career	
					Apps	Mins	Goals	Y	R	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
1	Mark Oxley	32	Southend United	07/21	1 (0)	90	0	-	-	1 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	71	0
3	Joe Mattock	33	Colchester United	06/22	0 (1)	33	0	-	-	1 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	28	0
4	Josh Falkingham	32	Darlington	07/17	0 (0)	0	0	-	-	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	266	8
5	Will Smith	24	Barnsley	06/19	0 (0)	0	0	-	-	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	102	6
6	Warren Burrell	33	Buxton	01/16	0 (1)	0	0	-	-	1 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	364	15
7	George Thomson	31	FC United of Manchester	05/17	0 (0)	0	0	-	-	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	270	39
8	Dean Cornelius	22	Motherwell	06/23	1 (0)	89	0	-	-	0 (1)	0	1 (1)	0	2	0
9	Abraham Odoh	23	Rochdale	07/23	1 (0)	90	0	1	-	1 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2	0
10	Matty Daly	22	Huddersfield Town	06/23	0 (1)	22	0	-	-	1 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	39	8
11	James Daly	23	Woking	06/23	1 (0)	90	0	-	-	0 (1)	0	1 (1)	0	2	0
12	Sam Folarin	22	Middlesbrough	08/22	1 (0)	68	0	1	-	1 (0)	1	2 (0)	1	32	5
13	Lewis Thomas	21	Burnley	06/23	0 (0)	0	0	-	-	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0
14	Toby Sims	25	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	01/23	1 (0)	90	0	-	-	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	18	1
15	Anthony O'Connor	30	Morecambe	01/23	1 (0)	90	0	1	-	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	21	2
16	Rod McDonald	31	Crewe Alexandra	06/23	1 (0)	57	0	-	-	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1	0
17	Levi Sutton	26	Bradford City	01/23	0 (1)	2	0	-	-	1 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	19	1
18	Jack Muldoon	34	AFC Fylde	06/18	1 (0)	90	1	-	-	0 (1)	0	1 (1)	0	244	66
20	Kayne Ramsay	22	Southampton	08/22	0 (0)	0	0	-	-	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	32	0
22	Stephen Dooley	31	Rochdale	06/22	0 (0)	0	0	-	-	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	8	0
23	Matty Foulds	25	Bradford City	06/23	1 (0)	90	0	-	-	1 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	23	0
24	George Horbury	19	HTAFC Academy	06/22	0 (0)	0	0	-	-	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	5	0
26	Emmanuel Ilesanmi	18	HTAFC Academy	06/22	0 (0)	0	0	-	-	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	6	0
30	Luke Armstrong	27	Salford City	06/21	0 (0)	0	0	-	-	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	101	30
32	Liam Gibson	26	Morecambe	06/23	1 (0)	88	0	1	-	0 (1)	0	1 (1)	0	2	0
34	Brad Williams	18	HTAFC Academy	06/23	0 (0)	0	0	-	-	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2	0
35	Ben Tweed	18	HTAFC Academy	06/23	0 (0)	0	0	-	-	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1	0
37	Finn O'Boyle	18	HTAFC Academy	06/23	0 (0)	0	0	-	-	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1	1

TOWN LEAGUE STATS 2023/24

Position 8	Points 3 H 0 A 3	Goals For 1 H 0 A 1	Against 0 H 0 A 0	Possession 44%
Clean Sheets 1	Failed to Score 0	Yellow Cards 4	Red Cards 0	

FORM GUIDE

MINUTE	FOR	AGAINST
0-15	5	9
16-30	6	5
31-45	8	8
46-60	10	4
61-75	6	4
76-90	7	12

ROCHDALE (HOME) DREW	DONCASTER ROVERS (AWAY) WON	CARLISLE UTD (HOME) WON
1-1 7 MAY	1-0 5 AUG	1-0 8 AUG

THE REFEREE - LEIGH DOUGHTY



An experienced official, Doughty started refereeing in 2006 and was promoted to the EFL in 2019.

Last season he officiated 33 games in total, showing 154 yellow cards and six reds.

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FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/24

DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	RES	ATT	STARTING XI					
AUGUST										
Sat 5	Doncaster Rovers	L2	● 1-0	7,126	Oxley	Sims	Foulds	O'Connor	McDonald	Cornelius
Tue 8	Carlisle United	CCR1	● 1-0	2,177	Oxley	Ramsay	Foulds	Mattock	Burrell	Falkingham
Sat 12	Forest Green Rovers	L2	15:00							
Tue 15	Tranmere Rovers	L2	19:45							
Sat 19	Accrington Stanley	L2	15:00							
Sat 26	Morecambe	L2	15:00							
TBC	Blackburn Rovers	CCR2	TBC							
SEPTEMBER										
Sat 2	Barrow AFC	L2	3pm							
Tue 5	Nottingham Forest U21	PPJG	7.45pm							
Sat 9	Gillingham	L2	3pm							
Sat 16	Bradford City	L2	3pm							
Sat 23	Salford City	L2	3pm							
Sat 30	MK Dons	L2	3pm							
OCTOBER										
Tue 3	AFC Wimbledon	L2	7.45pm							
Sat 7	Newport County	L2	3pm							
Tue 10	Accrington Stanley	PPJG	7.45pm							
Sat 14	Stockport County	L2	3pm							
Sat 21	Colchester United	L2	3pm							
Tue 24	Mansfield Town	L2	7.45pm							
Sat 28	Crewe Alexandra	L2	3pm							
NOVEMBER										
Sat 11	Walsall	L2	3pm							
Tue 14	Carlisle United	PPJG	7pm							
Sat 18	Swindon Town	L2	3pm							
Sat 25	Crawley Town	L2	3pm							
Tue 28	Wrexham	L2	7.45pm							
DECEMBER										
Sat 9	Sutton United	L2	3pm							
Sat 16	Notts County	L2	3pm							
Sat 23	Grimsby Town	L2	3pm							
Tue 26	Accrington Stanley	L2	7.45pm							
Fri 29	Tranmere Rovers	L2	3pm							
JANUARY										
Mon 1	Morecambe	L2	3pm							
Sat 6	Doncaster Rovers	L2	1pm							
Sat 13	Forest Green Rovers	L2	3pm							
Sat 20	Grimsby Town	L2	3pm							
Fri 26	Newport County	L2	7.45pm							
FEBRUARY										
Sat 3	Stockport County	L2	3pm							
Sat 10	Colchester United	L2	3pm							
Tue 13	Mansfield Town	L2	7.45pm							
Sat 17	Crewe Alexandra	L2	3pm							
Sat 24	Walsall	L2	3pm							
MARCH										
Sat 2	Swindon Town	L2	3pm							
Sat 9	Crawley Town	L2	3pm							
Tue 12	Wrexham	L2	7.45pm							
Sat 16	Barrow AFC	L2	3pm							
Sat 23	Bradford City	L2	1pm							
Fri 29	AFC Wimbledon	L2	3pm							
APRIL										
Mon 1	Gillingham	L2	3pm							
Sat 6	Notts County	L2	3pm							
Sat 13	Sutton United	L2	3pm							
Sat 20	MK Dons	L2	3pm							
Sat 27	Salford City	L2	3pm							

KEY: TOWN SCORE SHOWN FIRST ⚽ Goal / ⚽p Penalty;
 Sub 1 / Sub 2 / Sub 3 / Sub 4 / Sub 5; 🟡 Yellow Card / 🟠 Red Card



06 USED SUBSTITUTES

Gibson 🟡	Folarin 🟡	Muldoon ⚽p	Odoh 🟡	J. Daly	Mattock (57'), M. Daly (68'), Sutton (88'), Burrell (89')
Sutton	Folarin ⚽	Thomson	Odoh	M. Daly	Muldoon (69'), J. Daly (69'), Cornelius (78'), Gibson (78')



MANAGER:
SIMON WEAVER

- 1 **MARK OXLEY**
- 3 **JOE MATTOCK**
- 4 **JOSH FALKINGHAM**
- 5 **WILL SMITH**
- 6 **WARREN BURRELL**
- 7 **GEORGE THOMSON**
- 8 **DEAN CORNELIUS**
- 9 **ABRAHAM ODOH**
- 10 **MATTY DALY**
- 11 **JAMES DALY**
- 12 **SAM FOLARIN**
- 13 **LEWIS THOMAS**
- 14 **TOBY SIMS**
- 15 **ANTONY O'CONNOR**
- 16 **ROD MCDONALD**
- 17 **LEVI SUTTON**
- 18 **JACK MULDOON**
- 20 **KAYNE RAMSAY**
- 22 **STEPHEN DOOLEY**
- 23 **MATTY FOULDS**
- 26 **EMMANUEL ILESANMI**
- 29 **LUKE ARMSTRONG**
- 30 **LIAM GIBSON**
- 34 **BRAD WILLIAMS**
- 35 **BEN TWEED**
- 37 **FINN O'BOYLE**



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- 28 **CALLUM JONES**
- 29 **REECE BROWN**
- 32 **JACK CARTER**
- 34 **ZACH MCKENZIE**
- 40 **FINLAY BELL**
- 41 **FIACHRA PAGEL**
- 44 **MURPHY BENNETT**

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE:

LEIGH DOUGHTY

ASSISTANT REFEREES:

NIGEL LUGG & ALAN CLAYTON

FOURTH OFFICIAL:

DALE BAINES

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