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GAFFER'S COLUMN

PAUL HOLLERAN

We welcome St Ives back to Harbury Lane for this evening's Buildbase FA Trophy tie. I believe this is only our third ever meeting with them, the previous two coming in our last season in the Southern League Premier Division back in 2016/17, which was also their first at that level.

Ricky Marheineke has done a great job in maintaining their status at Step 3 and I'm sure he was thrilled with their late victory at Grantham last Thursday in this competition, particularly as they hadn't played a game since October 31st. This has seen them have 11 fixtures fall by the wayside as football at Step 3 and below was brought to a halt due to the COVID pandemic that has caused chaos for our game throughout this year. We know all too well how heavy the schedule is at that level, so wish them all the best for the rest of the season,

after this evening, naturally! We also welcome back former player Nathan Hicks, who was with us for two spells during our first two years in the National League North.

As you will no doubt be aware, for both clubs there is the prospect of a trip to Wrexham on Saturday for the victors this evening. Although by then the situation regarding supporters being allowed back into stadiums in our area may have changed, the rules in Wales are different, so sadly whoever makes the journey will do so without the backing of their supporters. On that front, it would be fantastic if we were able to welcome our fans back here over Christmas and New Year, when we entertain Hereford and Gloucester City. It simply isn't the same without people inside the ground, and it is even more of a shame that you have only been able to watch our current good run from a distance, as the players are doing you proud.

Our most recent game was the 3-1 win at Bradford Park Avenue on Saturday. Our regular travelling fans will know only too well that the Horsfall Stadium has not been a happy hunting ground since our elevation to the National League North, but thanks to back-to-back victories there we can hopefully look forward to future visits without so much trepidation. It was another solid performance overall but Bradford could easily have hauled themselves level in the second half, and we were indebted to the magic boots of Sam Osborne as he scored

a tremendous goal soon after they had reduced the deficit, to settle our nerves. It was also great to see Simeon Maye get on the scoresheet as he has been outstanding in recent games.

One player who really deserves a goal for his efforts is Lance Smith, who is getting stronger by the game having been sidelined for so long with injury while at Hereford last season. He has been integral to our recent good run and I am confident it will only be a matter of time before he starts hitting the back of the net.

Enjoy the game, and as we will not play at home again before the 25th, a very Happy Christmas to you all.

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JIM SCOTT



We welcome everyone from St Ives Town to our Community Stadium for this evening's Second Round clash in the Buildbase FA Trophy. We hope that you enjoy our hospitality and wish you all a safe journey home to Cambridgeshire. The tie has the added spice of the winners travelling to National League Wrexham on Saturday but it will be a huge disappointment for fans of the lucky club that they are not allowed to attend.

On that front we await the government update on

announced in the coming week.

Work has been ongoing with regard to the installation of the new stand on the 'Sheepsid with the concrete base installed at the weekend and bases for the relocation of the dugouts to ensure full views for spectators in that stand. Work is unlikely to be completed for quite a few weeks. Covid 19 unfortunately affecting supplies of materials.

With the team on a great run of form at the moment

it is doubly disappointing that you cannot be there to witness their efforts. All the newcomers to the team this season are making a great contribution but none more so than young Sam Osborne who is not only scoring goals for fun but also an array of stunners. Long may it continue.

So for all you fans let's get behind the lads in spirit and hopefully we will see many of you on Monday 28th. In the meantime since I know we won't be seeing you before Christmas on behalf of the club I wish you all a Merry Christmas hoping that you all keep safe. Come on you Brakes.

Jim Scott



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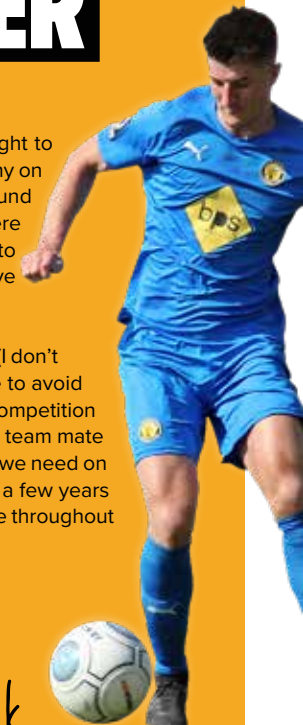
JACK EDWARDS

We get a break from league action this evening as we face St Ives Town for the right to travel to National League giants Wrexham in the next round of the Buildbase FA Trophy on Saturday. It's a great carrot for both sets of players - places like The Racecourse Ground are where you want to be stepping out in competitions like these, even if sadly there will be no fans present. It has been so disappointing that you have not been able to share in our good run with us - I'm pretty sure with all the late goals there would have been some pitch invasions - not that I condone them, you understand!

Of course, I am getting ahead of myself a little, as if we want to face the Red Dragons (I don't know whether you're aware, but Joe Clarke won the FA Trophy with them!) we have to avoid complacency this evening when facing St Ives. Facing a lower ranked team in a cup competition absolutely does not guarantee you progression to the next round. My former Brakes team mate Nathan Hicks, who will be on the opposing side this evening, is as much evidence as we need on that front, having been part of the Stamford side that knocked us out of the FA Cup a few years back. We have suffered enough upsets to know that we have to be on top of our game throughout tonight if we are to get through.

Enjoy the game, have a fantastic Christmas and fingers crossed we will see you over Christmas!

Jack



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LAST 90 MINUTES



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Vanarama National League North

The Horsfall Stadium

Saturday 12th December 2020

A visit to the Horsfall Stadium, though always looked forward to by Brakes fans due to the quality of the food on offer, had usually always ended in defeat in the past. No more though, as Paul Holleran's side won here for the second season in succession to firmly put an end to that hoodoo.

The manager made one change from the starting eleven against ST IVES in the previous game, starting Forest Green Rovers loanee Taylor Allen in place of Danny Waldron.

After an inauspicious opening few minutes the game was sparked into life by a moment of quality from the Vanarama National League North Player of the Month Sam Osborne. Bradford had attempted to force the early pace, but Leamington grabbed the early advantage with 9 minutes played when Jack Edwards nodded on a long kick forward from Jake Weaver into the path of Osborne, who killed the ball dead before turning back on himself and driving a low shot through a defender and the goalkeeper into the back of the net for his eighth goal in twelve games since joining the club.

There was another chance soon afterwards as a poor clearance inside the Avenue penalty area dropped very kindly for Simeon Maye, who was perhaps surprised that the ball reached him at all, and his first time shot lacked the power to beat Atkinson.

A training ground routine free kick saw Osborne swing the ball to the far post for Edwards to flash a header inches wide. Bradford forged their first opportunity of the game when Mark Ross was afforded a little too much space for comfort at the far post as a left wing corner was played in, somehow placing his close range volley wide of goal. The offside flag was raised to spare his blushes however.

As the clock ticked into one added minute of additional time Leamington doubled their advantage with another direct attack that

was laced with quality. Omar Sanyang saw a shot deflected behind at one end, Jake Weaver rising to claim the ball and set his side on the attack. Allen won the header deep inside the Bradford half and the tireless Lance Smith nudged the ball into the path of Maye, who strode on and confidently slotted low past Atkinson.

The second began in similar fashion to the first, with the hosts doing most of the pushing. However it was Maye who forged the first opportunity, seeing his shot blocked inside the box.

Avenue's leading scorer Lewis Knight attempted to bend a shot into the top corner from some 20 yards out but his aim was off on this occasion. The pacey frontman was in the thick of things again as he took advantage of a moment's hesitation from Weaver as he came off his line, taking the ball past the goalkeeper only to be forced too wide to shoot, his cross was headed well over by Jake Hibbs.

The same two players were at it again when Hibbs cut out a poor pass from Osborne to set Knight towards goal. Kyle Morrison kept pace with him and Weaver read his intentions well, saving superbly at his feet.

The goal Bradford's second half pressure had been threatening arrived with little over 20 minutes remaining. Weaver came off his line again but was beaten to the ball by Brad Dockerty, who clipped his shot past the stranded keeper into an empty net.

However, just when it looked like Leamington would be in for an almighty battle to hold on to their lead, Osborne, who had a relatively quiet afternoon by his high standards, popped up with an astonishing goal to settle the nerves. He was aided in full by some fantastic work from Smith, who did superbly to first keep the ball in play on the right touchline and then to play the ball forward for Osborne to run on to. He had to battle hard to stay goal side of his marker, but did so before unleashing a rocket of a



shot that flew past the startled Atkinson before he had a chance to move.

Smith was left hammering the turf in frustration again as he came so close to a well-deserved goal. He had done most of the hard work after tearing on to a pass down the left and rounding the goalkeeper, but saw his shot cleared off the line at the near post.

Morrison was then denied what would have been a tremendous goal as his overhead kick direct from a right wing corner was blocked on the goal line.

Avenue's debutant substitute Reagan Booty forced Weaver into another good save as he wound up a fierce strike from distance, the Brakes keeper palming it behind for a corner, but it was Leamington who threatened to add to their lead, substitute Kaiman Anderson racing clear down the left before cutting inside and driving over

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the bar. Joe Clarke then sent another strike off target before Hibbs saw red in injury time for a high challenge on Anderson, leaving Holleran's side to close out another satisfying afternoon on the road.

MANAGER'S REACTION

'I thought we were very controlled in the first half. It was a really good 4G surface. They had a couple of players missing and we looked at that in the first half and got the ball quickly in and around Lance and Jack, and got runners off them. The first goal was a great little out and in run from Sam, which causes full backs and centre halves loads of problems - great finish, and the second goal was a great flick from Taylor Allen, great instinct from Lance. Taylor and Sam really caused them problems all afternoon and it was their movement probably off that phase of play that opened it up for Simeon Maye.

'You always felt they were going to have a spell and they did. I think because of the way they play, which is so open and expansive, you've got to counter well, and we didn't. We kept giving the ball away cheaply and letting them on to us, and to be fair, good goalkeeping and poor finishing meant that the game didn't go to 2-2 when it probably should have done, but we found a way back into the game and then probably could have won at a canter in the last 20 minutes. On the counter attack we played really well then - we switched on to it, got people more organised. People say that 2-0 is the most dangerous lead in football and I think it probably is, but we showed great character at 2-1 and rally round again, and it's another moment of brilliance from Sam Osborne. That goal was just unbelievable. As the weeks go by and we work with him in training and watch him - it's mind boggling really. He's so talented and he's got the other bits to his game too. He does the dirty bits, he's got good game understanding - he's just got magic in his boots, it's as simple as that.

'There's been some big, big performances today, but for all our deeper players to play well, when you've got Lance Smith holding the ball up the way he does, that's the key thing - he's not scoring goals - how he hasn't



got two today I don't know - but the reason Sam and Simeon do so well to score those goals today is because of his link up play.

'I look at Lance Smith and Jack Edwards in the first half and think, wow. As a centre half you've really got to earn your money playing against those two. They know the game and they're good, honest and hard working. It was a good performance against a good team, and I'm delighted. The run goes on.'

Referee: Mr John Mulligan

Assistant Referees: Mr Ashley Royston & Mr Henry Naylor

Brakes Man of the Match: Lance Smith.

BRADFORD (PARK AVENUE)

Bradford (Park Avenue): Dan Atkinson, Mark Ross, Harry Boyes, Luke Lyons, Luca Havern ©, Jordan Windass (16 Tabish Hussain, 76), Omar Sanyang (14 Regan Booty, 46), Jake Hibbs, Brad Dockerty, Lewis Knight, Nicky Clee

Subs not used: 13 Will Huffer, 15 Matty Downing.

LEAMINGTON

Leamington: Jake Weaver, Josh Martin, Stephan Morley, Joe Clarke, Kyle Morrison, Jack Lane, Sam Osborne (12 Dan Meredith), Simeon Maye (14 Danny Waldron), Lance Smith, Jack Edwards ©, Taylor Allen (15 Kaiman Anderson, 82).

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HISTORY OF ST IVES TOWN

History of St Ives Town FC

St Ives Town FC was formed on Thursday 15th September 1887. About 40 people met at the Unicorn Hotel to "consider the desirability of forming a football club". It was unanimously decided to form a club, to be called St Ives Town FC under Association Rules. The membership subscription decided upon was 3 Shillings & Sixpence including an entrance fee of 1 Shilling to be paid in advance. The kit was chosen to be black with a white star.

The club rose to success by the turn of the century, collecting both Huntingdonshire Senior and Junior Cups in 1901. The Senior Cup was won again in 1912 but the club's most successful era was the twenties. The Cambridgeshire League was won on three successive occasions from 1923 to 1925, there were Hunts Senior Cup successes in 1923 and 1926 with the Scott-Gatty Cup won in 1923 and 1924. Honours continued to be won in the thirties with the Senior Cup (1930), Scott-Gatty Cup (1932) and Peterborough League championship (1938) all won.

In 1949 the Saints joined the far-flung Central Amateur League, However 12 months later the club decided to move into the much more local UCL 2nd Division. The team struggled and two years later they rejoined the Peterborough League.

The Scott-Gatty Cup was won in 1961 but league fortunes plummeted as the Saints slid down to the Peterborough League 3rd Division. They won that division in 1978 and then won speedy promotions in the following years. This culminated with a Division One title earning a Premier Division place in 1982. Three years later St Ives moved back into the UCL.

Huntingdonshire Senior Cup successes were recorded in 1982, 1987 and 1988 while the revival of the Premier Cup saw the Saints reach the first final in 1989, losing 3-0 to Cambridge United. They also

reached the Premier Cup final in 1997 and 1998, losing 5-4 to Potton and 2-1 to Biggleswade Town respectively. After finishing next to bottom in Division One in 2002, St Ives enjoyed improved fortunes under the management of Warren Everdell and Jez Hall. A memorable 2004-05 campaign saw the Saints finish third in Division One to win promotion to the top flight for the first time in their history.

Modern History

2007-08 Produced another record breaking season with the clubs highest pyramid finish, pushing for promotion but fell just short with a 5th place finish. The highlight of the season the run in the FA Vase which saw a 5th round tie at home to Needham Market produce a thrilling 3-3 draw which was witnessed by a then record 767 crowd. This was only beaten eight years later when it was almost doubled by the play-off final. Sadly the run ended in the replay a week later.

2008/09 was again a very successful season for the club, reaching the 5th round of the FA Vase for the second year running, coming 6th in the UCL Premier, and reaching the league cup semi final. The club reached all three county cup finals, but unlike 2006/07, the team picked up two winners trophies, in the Senior and Premier Cup, losing the final of the Hinchbrook Cup thus stopping another remarkable treble.

2009/10 saw the Saints once again getting to the fifth round of the FA Vase, before falling at the same hurdle for the third year running. On the domestic front, the Saints won the UCL League Cup for the first time in the clubs history beating Newport Pagnell Town 2-1 in the final. During the season Saints longstanding Co Managers Warren Everdell and Jez Hall reached their 400 game

milestones in charge at Westwood Road.

2010/11 the Saints once again progressed through to the Hunts Senior Cup final but were beaten by League champions; St Neots Town. Also for the second year running they appeared in the final of the League KO Cup but were beaten by the 'up and coming' Peterborough Northern Star. A final league position of 11th and one of the highlights in the FA Vase was beating last year's finalists Wroxham FC away from home with a late goal from Dan Moyes.

2011/12 saw the Saints record their most successful season to date with a third place finish in the UCL Premier Division. After reaching the UCL KO Cup Final for the third successive year, the Saints lifted the trophy for the second time after an impressive 4-1 victory over promoted Kings Lynn Town. Once again the Hunts Senior Challenge Cup was proudly lifted to round off an excellent season with arguably one of the best squads ever to grace Westwood Road. Conor Washington finished the UCL and Club top goal scorer with 52 goals from 50 games. Once again the Saints saw their FA Vase dream shattered but this time after reaching the Quarter Final.

2012/13 saw the Saints First Team once again make history and after a long season the club was promoted to Step 4 of the non-league pyramid for the first time club's 125-year history. The Saints finished in second place behind Holbeach United but secured promotion as the highest placed Club with the necessary ground grading. The Saints also reached the League Cup final for the fourth consecutive season, but lost out to third place Spalding United in the final match of the season. This season also saw the sale of Conor Washington in October, he also managed to secure promotion - to the Football League

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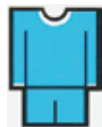
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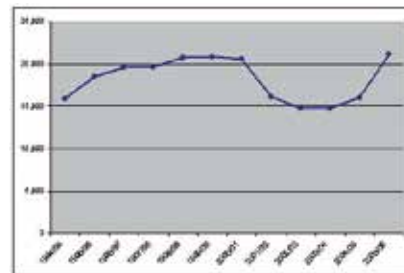


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HISTORY OF ST IVES TOWN

with Newport County. Our Reserves were also crowned Cambridgeshire Division 2B champions finishing 12 points clear of second place. During this season Warren Everdell & Jez Hall achieved their 500th game in charge together as Co-Managers and Will Fordham and Dan Newman also reached the magnificent milestone of 500 appearances in a Saints shirt.

2013/14 saw the Saints perform well in the Southern League Division One Central against some strong opposition and ended up a healthy 13th in the league. The fans deserve recognition during this season as the stats showed St Ives was the fourth highest attended team in the league. Away from the league the club reached the second qualifying round of the FA Cup, just losing out in a replay to Concord Rangers of the Conference South. In the Trophy, the club also reached the second qualifying round. Finally, the season finished with a trip to St Neots where we ran out runners-up in the Hunts Senior Cup final.

At the end of the season, Warren Everdell and Jez Hall announced they were stepping down from their managerial positions after 12 years at the helm. Most of the club's successes to date were during their tenure.

2014/15 saw the new management team of Ricky Marheineke, formerly of Huntingdon and Histon and Jack Cassidy, also from Histon take over the First Team squad. The duo reshuffled the squad bringing in new faces. During this adjustment results slipped, however the second half of the season saw the Saints climb the table and finished a very respectable 9th position. It was decided during this season that the current U18's team would be replaced by a Scholarship programme, led by assistant manager Jack Cassidy. A Ladies team would also be set up in the close season run by Darren Marjoram. A now fairly

settled First Team and two brand new teams will mean a very exciting time for the club for the 2015/16 season.

2015/16 saw the team exceed all expectations by achieving promotion to step 3 of the football pyramid for the first time in their history. The feat was achieved in the most exciting fashion possible via the play offs after finishing a creditable fourth place. Having won their play-off semi-final on penalties at Egham they followed up with a final victory against the mighty Rushden & Diamonds in front of a bumper crowd of over 1500 at the Pro-Edge Stadium. A late Danny Watson equalizer topped off by a winner from local lad Ben Seymour-Shove in extra time finished off a fantastic season in the best possible way.

2016/17 saw the team consolidate at step 3 with a creditable fifteenth place finish. This was topped off by a successful run in the League Challenge Cup where, an injury ravaged side, were unlucky to lose in the final to Hayes & Yeading United. The Ives were dumped out of the FA Cup at the first hurdle by the now famous Westfields. But they enjoyed their best ever run in the FA Trophy getting to the third qualifying round before falling to a single goal at Kings Lynn Town.

2017/18 turned out to be a tough season for the Ives with the team eventually finishing twenty second and only being saved from the drop by the reorganization of the Leagues. Early exits from the FA Cup and Trophy only added to the team's difficulties as on to many occasions they failed to turn promising displays into points. On a happier note the Ladies side of the Club continued their fantastic run of success with the first team winning the Cambridgeshire Women's Premier League to win themselves promotion into the Eastern Women's Regional League

2018/19 saw the Ives surprise a few as they enjoyed their most successful season ever finishing thirteenth in a very competitive Southern League Premier Division Central. League success was topped off with a best ever run in the FA Cup which culminated in a trip to the once mighty York City in third qualifying round. The Ladies success continued as they marched on to the Premier Division of Eastern Region Women's League one step from the National Leagues.

2019/20 turned into a season that did not exist after the Coronavirus pandemic lead the season being curtailed in early March with Ives just starting a run of results that looked likely to pull them away from their precarious position on the edge of the relegation zone. The Ladies first season in Premier Division also proved a tough one prior to the early conclusion.

Ricky and his new assistant Mitchell Austin have recruited well in the summer and Coronavirus allowing the coming season promises much.



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know him a little better for his spell with St Neots Town in 2019-20 where he played out the latter stages of that campaign prior to its early conclusion. He commenced his playing career in the youth set up at National League South outfit St Albans City and his other previous clubs include Ware, Mildenhall Town, Nothwood, Cockfosters, Potters Bar Town, Hatfield Town and Hoddesdon Town.

Luke Howell
Position Defender/Midfielder
Experienced defender/midfielder Luke has recently joined the Ives from Hemel Hempstead Town. He started his career as a scholar at Gillingham and earned himself a professional contract with the Gills playing one game before being released at end 2006/7 season when he joined MK Dons. He then enjoyed a brief spell with Lincoln City before moving on to Dagenham & Redbridge where he made 127 appearances. After a season at Boreham Wood Luke rejoined the Daggers for another two year spell leaving to join Aldershot in 2018. Prior to joining Ives he spent a brief spell with the Tudors in National League South.

Jordan Patrick
Position Defender/Midfield
Former Cambridge United professional Jordan who can operate as a wide player or full back has a wealth of knowledge at our level and brings valuable experience both on and off the pitch. He is another player to follow Craig Adams from Biggleswade Town. His other former Clubs include Bury Town, Bedford Town, Needham Market and St Neots Town.

Dylan Williams
Position Midfield
Cambridgeshire lad Dylan spent his formative years in the academy at Cambridge United eventually winning himself a professional contract with the U's. During his time with Cambridge he also enjoyed successful loan spells at Wealdstone and Soham Town Rangers. Released by the U's in summer 2017 he joined Ives local Southern League rivals St Neots Town. Since then he has had spells at Lowestoft Town and Biggleswade Town where he finished last season.

Nathan Hicks
Position Midfield
Exciting midfielder Nathan learnt his trade at Leicester City and has more recently been an integral part of the rise of AFC Rushden & Diamonds. He also has a wealth of National League experiences listing Histon, Leamington and Alfreton Town amongst his former clubs. Closer to home he has also enjoyed successful spells at Kettering Town and Biggleswade Town.

Robbie Parker
Position Midfield
Robbie joined the Ives in the summer of 2018 from Biggleswade Town. The hard working and energetic midfield player was quickly made club captain and we instantly saw why as he showed an amazing level of consistency and always lead by example only missing one game throughout 2018/19 season's highly successful campaign. He is very much the engine of the side.

Edmund Hottor
Position Midfield
Edmund is a 27 year-old Ghanaian midfielder who made three senior appearances for Italian side Triestina before joining AC Milan in January 2010. He had loan spells with lower level Italian sides Lanciano, Nocera and Venezia. In January 2016 he signed for Inter Milan and again had loan spells with Portuguese sides Atletico CP and AD Fafe before playing 2017/18 season for Maltese club Sliema Wanderers. Had a brief spell with Kettering Town in 2018/19 before joining Banbury United in November 2018. He has been out of the game for while with injury but now fit again.

Seth Patrick
Position Midfield
20 year old Seth has recently returned to the UK from Germany where

he was playing for fourth tier side Phonix Lubeck. He began his career at Northampton Town before moving to Germany in October 2018 where he played in the under 19 sides at both Germania Schwanheim and VfB Lubeck. During his time with the latter club he received the honor of being called up to represent his country of birth Zimbabwe in an Africa Cup of Nations under 23 tie with Mozambique.

Dan Clifton
Position Midfielder
Dan joined the Ives in summer 2019. The 23 year old former Northampton Town professional joined from Rushden & Diamonds. He has also previously appeared for Hitchin Town, Harefield United, Biggleswade Town and AFC Kempston Rovers.

Ben Seymour-Shove
Position Winger
Ben returned to his home town Club having left in the latter stages of 2017/18. He is now entering his sixth season with the club, having previously worked with the manager at Huntingdon Town following his Scholarship with Peterborough United. He continues to have a happy knack of coming up with vital goals just when they are needed

Nabil Shariff
Position Striker
Prolific striker Nabil began his career at the now defunct Rushden & Diamonds. Since his departure he has moved around a number of clubs at National League and Southern League level scoring goals wherever he has gone including AFC Rushden & Diamonds, St Neots Town, Alfreton Town, Kettering Town, Oxford City, Banbury United, Tamworth and Stratford Town amongst his former clubs.

Marc Richards
Position Striker
Veteran striker Marc has over 600 football league appearances to his with the excellent return of over 180 goals during that period. The ex-England under 18 and under 20 international started his professional career with Blackburn Rovers and can also Northampton Town, Chesterfield, Barnsley, Port Vale, Swindon Town and Cambridge United amongst his list of clubs. He joined the Ives after a brief spell just before the premature close of last season at Yeovil Town.

Michael Gyasi
Position Striker
German born Michael spent his initial development years in the Northampton Town Centre of Excellence before being plucked from the Cobblers by Chelsea to join their academy aged eleven. He then moved on to the Premier League academy at Leicester City. He then moved into non-league football initially at Nuneaton Borough before eventually moving back towards his roots in Northamptonshire where he has more recently represented Bedford Town, Barton Rovers and Daventry Town.

Michael Harding
Position Striker
19 year old American striker Michael joined Northampton Town Academy as a 16 year old. He joined Kettering Town on a work experience loan in January 2020 only for the Covid-19 pandemic to end his season after one appearance for the Poppies. Released from Northampton at the end of the season he is now looking to realise his potential at Westwood Road.



AWAY STATS

ST IVES TOWN

HOME STATS

Ranked	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
4	3	3	0	0	5	1	+4	9

AWAY STATS

Ranked	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
21	3	0	1	2	6	12	-6	1

SEQUENCES

	Home matches/ Current	Home matches/ Season	Away matches/ Current	Away matches/ Season	All matches/ Current	All matches/ Season
Consecutive wins	3	3	1	1	2	2
Consecutive draws				1		1
Consecutive defeats				2		2
Games without a win				4		3
Games without a draw	3	3	2	2	4	4
Games without a defeat	3	3	1	1	2	2
Consecutive scoring	3	3	4	4	6	6
Consecutive conceding		1	5	5	1	5
Games without scoring				1		1
Games without conceding	1	1				1



LAST MEETING



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Written by Paul Edwards

Evostik Southern League Premier Division

Phillips 66 Community Stadium

Saturday 14th January 2017

Brakes took full advantage of the inactivity of some of their promotion rivals by returning to winning ways at the Phillips 66 Community Stadium. With Chippenham the only other side in the top five in action, second half strikes from Courtney Baker-Richardson and Ahmed Obeng ensured that Paul Holleran's men edged ahead once more in the race for the coveted automatic promotion place.

St Ives arrived having improved considerably since the reverse fixture back in September, in which Leamington hit five goals without reply. The newly promoted side appeared to be struggling to adapt to life in their first ever campaign at Step 3 but have steadily turned things round to move comfortably clear of the bottom four and picking up some impressive results along the way, not least the 2-0 defeat of Slough Town.

Brakes began fully on the front foot and set about their visitors from the kick off. Richard Gregory was only denied by a timely challenge to poke the ball clear as he chested down a good

cross from Connor Gudger and prepared to shoot.

Gudger himself had the next opportunity, putting his boot fully through a half clearance from Rob Thompson-Brown's cross and forcing a save from Ives' keeper Tim Trebes. Callum Gittings then drove low and wide after a jinking run towards the edge of the box.

Some intricate passing carved out a chance for Thompson-Brown which was saved, while at the other end the visitors' Josh Dawkin missed his kick when well placed. Ben Seymour-Shove then found himself in the Referee's notebook for protesting rather too vehemently over the non-award of a penalty kick.

St Ives barely got out of their own half in the opening 20 minutes or so, but slowly began to impose themselves on the game, forcing a number of corners. Morgan Penfold almost surprised Tony Breeden with a vicious drive from almost out on the left touchline which the Brakes skipper just managed to hold under his crossbar.



Thompson-Brown drove across goal and wide, while Gregory chested down a Gudger cross for Baker-Richardson to fire over the bar. Gregory then had the ball in the net but from an offside position, while Baker-Richardson showed his aerial prowess once more with a powerful header that whistled just over the bar from a left wing corner.

Thompson-Brown felt he had a shout for a penalty when Jordan Jarrold appeared to foul him after he had played the ball,

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but again the officials were not interested. Penfold then came mightily close once more for the visitors, curling a half clearance from a corner just past the angle

of post and bar. Jack Higgs saw a low free kick saved by Breeden before skipper Lee Chaffey went very close with a header from another corner. Despite tailing off a little towards the end of the first half, Leamington came out with their tails up and quickly moved in front, Baker-Richardson looping a header over a stranded Trebes from Richard Taundry's cross to bag his 13th goal of the season.

Within ten minutes Obeng had scored a deserved second, picking up a good ball down the left from Gittings before cutting in, beating Harry O'Malley and driving a low effort between Trebes and his near post.

Obeng caused problems all afternoon for the St Ives defence before being withdrawn late on for the returning Jordan Goddard, and his blocked shot set up Gudger for a deflected effort. From the corner kick Gittings came within a whisker of registering his first goal for Leamington with a vicious low drive that flashed past the post.



Trebes then came off his line well to deny Baker-Richardson as he threatened to break through on the right just inside the box, while Jordan Goddard was given a raucous welcome back in Leamington colours in the closing stages, helping Brakes to see out the game.

Attendance: 525

Referee: Mr Neil Pratt

Assistant Referees: Mr Richard Walker & Mr Ryan McIlravey

Brakes Man of the Match: Ahmed Obeng.

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Leamington: Tony Breeden ©, Richard Taundry, Connor Gudger, Callum Gittings, Joe Magunda, James Mace, Courtney Baker-Richardson (16 Tom James, 86), Jack Edwards, Richard Gregory (12 Ryan Rowe, 75), Rob Thompson-Brown, Ahmed Obeng (15 Jordan Goddard, 81).

Subs not used: 14 Ben George, 17 Darren Pond.

ST IVES TOWN

St Ives Town: Tim Trebes, Harry O'Malley, Jordan Jarrold, Lee Chaffey ©, Liam McDevitt, Jack Higgs, Ben Seymour-Shove (16 Scott Sinclair, 86), Tom McGowan (15 Jack Bradshaw, 7), Jared Cunliff, Josh Dawkin, Morgan Penfold (17 Danny Kelly, 67).

Subs not used: 12 Mark Coulson, 14 Charlie De'ath.

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LEAMINGTON BRAKES

Welcome to the players and staff of St Ives Town Football Club at the ground, and their supporters who may be joining us on the live feed (weather and COVID permitting!) A great fixture for improving UK geographical knowledge of young and old alike. Leamington Brakes are a Junior Football Community Club that have over 200 players and we are affiliated to the main club. Apart from playing football we also encourage players to take part in community activities and to also participate in activities outside of football together.

As we explained previously, COVID has seen that there have been few home games so far for the Men's team, so there is a bit of catching up to do with results and updates for the junior teams. Today we are going to look at the Under 14s Gold team who play in Division B of the John Bryan Coventry & Warwickshire Youth League. Managed by Danny Hood and assisted by Chris Walden and Simmon Guest,, the squad is made up Butler, Careless, Clarke, Hall, Height-Felton, O Hight-Felton, Hill, Hruska, Jeffrey, Kelleher, McLintock, Myers, Rihtman, Shearsby, Wagstaff, and Walden.

It has not been an easy season so far, but the team continues to keep working on different aspects of the game, and as

with all our teams, just playing some football and learning new things is a positive this season. Currently propping up the table, the team's top scorer, M Height-Felton is doing well in the league goal scorers table and we have seen player of the match performances from across the squad. Taking us to the start of the second lockdown, here are their results, goal scorers and player of the match nominees.

- 6th Sept. No fixture
- 13th Sept. Home to Coventry Sphinx Juniors L 0-5 POM Glass POM Clarke
- 20th Sept. No fixture
- 27th Sept. Home to Alvis Junior Eagles L2-4 (M Height-Feltham, McLintock) POM Rihtman
- 4th Oct. Away to Bedworth United FC Juniors L 9-3 (Myers, O Height-Felton, M Height Felton) POM Butler
- 11th Oct. Away to Racing Club Warwick Black L 2-4 (M Height-Felton, Rihtman) POM Walden
- 18th Oct. No fixture
- 1st Nov. Away to Mount Nod Junior Colts L6-2 (Hall, M Height-Felton) POM Waldon

The good news is that fixtures have resumed, but with the weather not being at its best, and possible changes to school closing dates, we need to keep our fingers crossed that teams will manage to get their fixtures in before the Christmas shutdown. Whilst it would be

nice to use the holidays to catch up on games, many clubs use school and council facilities which are closed down over the period, so sadly that can't happen.

We are always open to new players, and all abilities are welcome. If a squad is full (the league impose squad size limits, not us) then we won't turn you away, you will be welcome to train with a team. Training session times and locations vary depending on age group over the autumn and winter periods. For more information contact Matt Turner, our chairman, on 07713 156601 or info@leambrakes.co.uk He can keep you fully informed with what is happening and when changes to training are made throughout the pandemic situation.

Best of luck to our teams in their matches this week, With the next home game due to be the 28th it seems a bit early to be saying it, but every good wish for a Happy Christmas, and the chance to share memories of those with whom we can't be with, or are no longer with us, to share in the festivities after the most surreal and crazy year. Keep the faith, the football family will be reunited in the future.

HISTORY

OF LEAMINGTON F.C

Leamington Football Club History - REVISED!

Extensive research of our clubs history by club historian Paul Vanes has led to the discovery that there is NO connection between our club and that of Leamington Town - they were two separate entities. The Windmill Ground where both clubs once played provided a link between the two, but that is where it ends. As a club we respect and appreciate the fact that Leamington Town were the pioneers of the game in our great town, but we cannot claim a history that is not ours, hence the decision to re-evaluate.

There is a common misconception that Lockhead/AP Leamington are not the same club as Leamington FC because of the 12 year gap in our playing record, which is emphatically NOT the case.

The origins of Leamington FC are ingrained in Tachbrook Road, with the enormous Lockhead car parts factory that employed so many of the townfolk and would become the driving force behind the football club until things unfortunately turned sour in the 1980's. It is here that our club was born, in 1933, as Lockhead, Borg & Beck.

The team first competed in the Warwick & District League in the 1933/34 season, moving into the Coventry Works League the following campaign, where they spent six seasons before a move to the Leamington & District League in 1940/41. It was back to the Coventry Works League two years later before a switch to the Coventry & North Warwickshire League, where they spent three seasons before being accepted into the short lived Central Amateur League in 1947. It was around this time that the Lockhead Company purchased the Windmill Ground from Coventry City, who had themselves brought the stadium in 1937 for use by their 'A' team after Leamington Town had folded. Also during this time the club name was adjusted to Lockhead - Leamington. After two seasons the club successfully applied to join the Birmingham Combination. It was whilst in this league, early in the 1949/50 season, after signing Les Latham as player/manager the club embraced semi-professional football.

At this time the nickname 'The Brakes' was adopted by virtue of the car products the company manufactured. It was also around this time that the original club colours evolved - Gold trimmed Royal Blue shirts, Royal Blue shorts, and Gold socks. It was not until the early 1970's - that our current colours originated. Apparently somebody at the club made an error when ordering new kit, and from then on we played predominantly in Gold and Black.

It was during their five seasons in this league that Brakes won the Birmingham Senior Challenge Cup for the first time with victory against Hereford United in 1950/51. In 1956/57, with the club now in the Birmingham and District League the Senior Cup was won for a second time with victory over Redditch United.

The 1960's proved to be ground-breaking for the club. They began by winning the Senior Cup, thrashing local rivals Rugby Town, and winning the Birmingham and District League before becoming the first to win the renamed West Midlands Regional League the following season. 1963/64 saw a move to the Midland Counties League, where the Championship was won in only their second season.

After eight seasons the club was on the move once more - this time into the Southern League, which at the time was arguably the strongest, most established league outside the professional game. The Birmingham Senior Challenge Cup was captured for a fourth time in 1969/70.

The club underwent a name change in 1973 as Lockhead became Automotive Products, and AP Leamington, entered another boom period in their history. The

Birmingham Senior Challenge Cup had been won for the fifth time in 1972, and the Southern League Cup and the Southern League Championship Cup followed in 1974, both over Premier Division opposition. Progression to the First Round of the FA Cup was achieved for the first time this year. Brakes went on to reach the competition proper five times in six seasons, reaching the second round twice.

1975/76 saw promotion to the Southern League Premier Division for the first time, and Brakes established themselves in a highly competitive league before becoming founder members of the Alliance Premier League (now the National League) in 1979.

Leamington spent three seasons in this new league before being relegated in 1982, but under young manager Graham Allner, the seeds had been sown for further success, and the following season saw them win the Southern League Championship and with it promotion back to the APL, or so they thought.

Promotion was refused by the APL on supposed ground grading issues, while with the club at its playing pinnacle, Automotive Products decided to sell the club's Windmill Ground on Tachbrook Road for housing, leading to the break-up of one of the most exciting teams in non-league football and the departure of manager Allner, but not before he had led his team to another Southern League Championship Cup, and into the FA Cup 1st Round.

Under new manager Jim Watson, Brakes won the Southern League Cup for a second time, making them the first club to hold all three of the League's trophies at once.

The fight to find a new stadium for the club dominated the next few years as the club tumbled down and out of the Southern League. Leamington FC Limited was formed on September 6th 1983 with the intention of purchasing the Windmill Ground. Our association with Automotive Products ended on July 1st 1985, and the name of the club reverted to Leamington FC. A simple club crest, the first in our history, was created as the club battled to stay alive, but by 1988, now in the Midland Combination and at its lowest ebb, the decision was made to place the club in mothballs while the search for a new stadium site continued. A small but determined band of supporters continued to raise money and kept the club's registration with the FA each year.

In 1990 a field was purchased in Harbury Lane and the club was re-launched in 2000, playing at what was called the New Windmill Ground, Leamington FC did not look back. The first two seasons saw successive promotions: the Midland Combination Division Two title in the first year and as runners-up in Division One a year later.

Brakes finished third in the Midland Combination Premier in 2002-03, and were promoted as champions to the Midland Football Alliance in 2004-05 with a league record 109 points.

In 2005-06 Leamington reached the 1st Round Proper of the FA Cup, their first time in the competition since reforming, losing heroically at Colchester United. The cup run enabled the club to move forward its planned infrastructure development. The ground has more recently undergone further improvement ensuring it satisfied Football Conference guidelines.

Brakes completed a magnificent season in 2006-07, returning to the Southern League after 20 years by winning the Midland Football Alliance title and the League Cup, becoming the first club in the League's history to complete the double, also reaching the quarter-finals of the FA Vase.

2007-8 saw Leamington narrowly fail to be promoted again, slipping out to Stourbridge in the Southern Football League Midland Division promotion play-off final.

The 2008-09 campaign saw the team build upon their experience of the previous season by winning the title by 9 points and returning to the Southern League Premier Division after a gap of 24 years.

The club's first season in the Premier Division saw a managerial change with Paul Holleran leading the team to a comfortable 10th position. 2010-2011 saw a strong finish securing fifth place in a play-off semi-final defeat at Hednesford.

2011-2012 saw a top of the league position at Christmas. However, two months without a win in the New Year saw Brakes slip out of the play-offs, despite finishing with a twelve match unbeaten run. The start of 2012-13 saw a further 14 matches unbeaten and despite some fierce competition, Brakes won the Southern League Premier Division for the second time, 30 years after their previous triumph. The return back to the Football Conference, presented a brand new set of challenges for the club.

The inaugural season in the Conference North contained many highlights. Although the season started well it was tempered by several lengthy injuries, which ruled players out for the rest of the season. But the fans' relegation concerns were quieted by a fantastic festive period and a competent 13th place achieved by the end of the season.

The second season in a new league is often difficult, and Leamington found this to be very true. A 'reasonable' position halfway through the season was not sufficient, and the loss of players (especially goalkeepers) throughout the season meant relegation became a reality.

The 2015-16 season in the Southern League Premier Division saw a strong finish, resulting in a play-off place, and a win over Redditch United in the semi-final. However, the final was a game too far with a 2-1 loss away at Hungerford Town.

Key players were added to a mixture of youth and experience for 2016-17, and barring early exits from the national cup competitions, the team made a very good start, securing runners-up spot. Home advantage was key as Slough Town were defeated in the play-off semi-final, before an eventual final in front of a new record crowd of 2,102 saw Brakes finally taste play off glory with a 2-1 victory over Hitchin Town, a late equaliser and a red card for the visitors taking the game to extra time before a spectacular winner from Courtney Baker-Richardson, who went on to sign for Swansea City. The Birmingham Senior Challenge Cup was also added to the trophy cabinet for the first time in 45 years, a young Wolverhampton Wanderers side were beaten on penalties at their Molineux stadium after a 1-1 draw. Competing in the National League North once more in 2017/18, Brakes achieved safety by a single point, defying their tag as relegation favourites.

'Second season syndrome' did not materialise last time out as a storming start kept us away from the bottom three, and despite a wobble mid-season, the sparkling form of striker Colby Bishop returning from injury in October helped Leamington to a comfortable 13th place finish once more, and a second Birmingham Senior Challenge Cup win in three seasons. The young striker then sealed a move back to the Football League with Accrington Stanley. Paul Holleran, who celebrated 500 games and 10 years in charge at the club in 2019, replaced him with Josh March from Alvechurch, and the latest young striker surpassed all expectations - 24 goals in 27 games securing him a move to the professional ranks with Forest Green Rovers by the turn of the year. Despite this Brakes were always clear of relegation danger, finishing in 18th place by the Points per Game system after the 2019/20 season ended prematurely in March due to the outbreak of COVID 19. With the football landscape set to look markedly different due to the pandemic, Leamington will kick off a fourth consecutive season in the National League North with their aims unchanged - to compete and consolidate.

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OUT & ABOUT

THE JEPHSON GARDENS

The Jephson Gardens are formal gardens, together with a grassed park, in Leamington Spa. The gardens, once a place for the wealthy to 'take the air' and 'be seen', are found in the centre of the town on the Parade, with the River Leam flowing to the south of them. One of the town's most popular tourist attractions, they have facilities such as cafes and floral displays. The gardens are often marketed in tandem with the nearby all-grassed Mill Gardens on the south side of the river.

The gardens began as farmland which belonged to Edward Willes, a member of the Willes family who played an important part in the shaping of early Leamington. The original gardens, covering just under 10.5 acres (42,000 m²), were laid out in 1834 at the request of the landowner with free entry to anyone between 7 am and 10 am. For the remainder of the day the gardens were open only to paying customers and patrons of a nearby spa bath house. The gardens were soon expanded to their current size and a right of way passing through them was sunk down so it could be used without walking through the gardens. In 1836, two years after starting the project, Willes leased the land to a local consortium for £30 a year.

In 1843, the gardens were improved, the ground being levelled and an ornamental lake being excavated. In 1846 a local committee meeting declared that the gardens be renamed The Jephson Gardens in honour of Dr Henry Jephson who had helped to promote the healing properties of the town's spa waters and built houses for the town's poor residents.

The twentieth century saw yet more development in the park. Tea rooms were opened in the centre of the gardens in 1899 and were later used as an aviary. From 1901 to 1903, Mill Gardens, Mill Bridge and the boathouse were developed. The year 1926 saw two further additions to the gardens. The first was a clock tower in the eastern half of the gardens and the second was a fountain for the lake. A second fountain was added in 1927.

Since the end of the Second World War, investment in the gardens had fallen and the task of running them had passed to the Warwick District Council rather than private individuals. In the 1990s, many people felt that the gardens had lost their shine. For this reason the council began major work on the gardens in 1999 and eventually won a £3 million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. One of the first jobs to be completed was the removal of a children's play area by the river which was looking outdated. It was replaced by a new one in Mill Gardens near the boathouse. The aviary, which had long been disused, was turned into a cafe, and the Czech War and Jephson memorials were given a well-needed clean. The flagship development however was a sub-tropical glasshouse which contains exotic plant life, The Restaurant In The Park and a teaching studio used by Warwickshire College students. In addition to these the public toilets were upgraded, the paths were resurfaced and a sensory garden was created.

In 2010, the Grade II listed building, East Lodge, at the Willes Road entrance to the park, originally built in 1846/7, was redeveloped into a sustainability visitor centre.

(Words and photos from Wikipedia and WDC website)





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Building Materials
Bricks, blocks, roofing and more



Bathrooms
Suites, showers, tiles and more



Timber
Soft and hardwood supplies



Ironmongery
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TABLE & RESULTS

		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Gloucester City	13	8	3	2	28	15	13	27
2	Kidderminster Harriers	11	7	2	2	18	8	10	23
3	AFC Fylde	11	6	3	2	16	12	4	21
4	York City	9	5	3	1	16	8	8	18
5	Chester	12	5	3	4	22	18	4	18
6	AFC Telford United	13	5	3	5	15	15	0	18
7	Gateshead	11	5	2	4	13	10	3	17
8	Leamington	11	4	5	2	19	17	2	17
9	Brackley Town	11	4	5	2	14	13	1	17
10	Farsley Celtic	13	4	5	4	16	17	-1	17
11	Spennymoor Town	11	4	4	3	15	13	2	16
12	Boston United	9	4	3	2	11	7	4	15
13	Southport	13	4	3	6	14	17	-3	15
14	Chorley	11	3	4	4	10	12	-2	13
15	Bradford (Park Avenue)	12	3	4	5	18	21	-3	13
16	Hereford	9	3	3	3	14	14	0	12
17	Kettering Town	11	3	3	5	15	17	-2	12
18	Curzon Ashton	14	3	3	8	12	23	-11	12
19	Guisley	11	3	2	6	15	17	-2	11
20	Alfreton Town	13	2	5	6	12	22	-10	11
21	Darlington	7	3	0	4	11	8	3	9
22	Blyth Spartans	12	1	2	9	8	28	-20	5

SATURDAY 12TH DEC

- Alfreton Town 1-1
Chorley
- Boston United 0-0
Chester
- Brackley Town 2-1
Blyth Spartans
- Bradford (Park Avenue) 1-3
Leamington
- Curzon Ashton 0-1
Gloucester City
- Gateshead 0-1
Kidderminster Harriers
- Guisley 4-2
Southport
- Hereford 2-1
AFC Fylde
- Kettering Town 0-0
AFC Telford United
- York City 1-1
Spennymoor Town



NEXT HOME GAME



HEREFORD

Monday 28th December 2020

3.00pm KO



CHARLIE FOGARTY

Charlie Fogarty MBE an aspiring footballer and bright school pupil had the world at his feet when in March 2012, Charlie suffered a severe brain injury after being hit by an overtaking car whilst crossing the road. Following the accident Charlie was rushed to Birmingham Children's hospital, placed in an induced coma and spent 11 uncertain days in intensive care. He then was transferred on to a Neuro ward where he spent the next four months in the early stages of recovery. Charlie then went on to complete an intense six-month rehabilitation programme ran by The Children's Trust in Surrey where he learned to eat, walk and talk again. He finally returned home in February 2013, from there, he began his inspiring journey to recovery.

Shortly before the accident Charlie had finished a four-year contract at Birmingham City FC's Academy and was trialling for Milton Keynes Dons. Nothing was going to stop Charlie get back on that pitch where he belongs, he is now back playing football for his local Solihull Moors FC Community team and his beloved Northern Ireland CP team as well.

Playing for Northern Ireland has seen Charlie gain 5 International caps and play in two CP World Cups; one in England and one in Argentina.

Alongside his footballing achievements, Charlie also continued his education. Shortly after the accident Charlie's educational memory in some subjects had dropped to level one / two – the equivalent to a year one child at the age of seven. With one-to-one support Charlie has remarkably gone on to achieve a degree in Sports Science programme and graduated in late 2018.

Charlie's inspirational story and never give up attitude has been recognised by him being awarded an MBE for services to Young People in Solihull, West Midlands.

Charlie's dream is to tell his story to the masses, inspiring individuals from all walks of life. Charlie has inspired people throughout the UK and the world, delivering his renowned inspirational speeches. Charlie's speeches transcend age, professions, gender and background; encourage each and every individual that giving up never has to be an option, no matter what.

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Player: Sam Osborne (Leamington)
Volunteer: Janelle Howell (Chester)

Christmas may be coming, but we've got the second month of the National League North season on our minds as we reveal the stand-out stars from November.

We're thrilled to present the Manager, Player and the Volunteer of the Month to you - and there are some very worthy winners.

Leamington had a month they will always remember - even if their fans weren't there to see it all unfold.

The Brakes were unbeaten in November - wins over York City and Curzon Ashton were good - but coming from 3-0 down to defeat Alfreton Town was one of their best ever displays.

Midfielder Sam Osborne has played a crucial part in that.

He notched a pair of very juicy doubles in those wins - and also got a late leveller against title-chasing AFC Fylde. (Editor - This has continued with even more classy teamwork and goals in December!)

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR FANTASTIC WINNERS!



ED BLACKABY INTERVIEW

CRAIG BARNES

Craig is a Leamington fan who has had a successful career in sports journalism. I contacted Craig on twitter and email to ask him about his career and watching Leamington FC over the years.

HOW DID YOU GET INTO SPORTS JOURNALISM?

I produced my own sports show for hospital radio when at university. I also got involved with Leamington FC when we restarted in 2000, both as the PA announcer and occasional match reporter for local radio. From there I became a commentator for Crystal Palace's official radio station. I also wrote for several local newspapers over the years.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED FOR THE BBC?

I started at BBC Sport in 2006 and have worked as a broadcast journalist for them since 2007. I work behind the scenes and the role sees me support BBC Sport's flagship programmes at weekends and also cover live outside broadcasts, both home and abroad. I have worked on events ranging from the 2014 World Cup in Brazil to Maldon & Tiptree against Newport in the FA Cup during the 2019-20 season.

WHEN DID YOU START GOING TO WATCH THE BRAKES?

I was only nine when the club mothballed in 1988 so my memories of the old Brakes are limited. My dad used to watch them, and still does, so the club was always discussed in family chats and I always took an interest. When we restarted in 2000 I began going both home and away with my younger brother in tow.

HOW DO YOU FOLLOW LEAMINGTON WHEN YOU'RE WORKING?

I have followed so many matches over the years via the Brakes Live Twitter feed, including the play-off final win over Hitchin and the 3-2 league victory at Salford. I also watch Nick Leek's excellent highlights package of games and have listened to Matt Joseph's brilliant live commentaries on Mixlr several times in 2019-20. I doff my cap to everyone behind the scenes who put in so many hours on a voluntary basis and thank them all. It all plays such an important role and makes me feel part of the wider Brakes family. It's great to see the club continue to grow both on and off the pitch and explore new technologies for us fans.

I SEE THAT YOU ALSO SUPPORT CRYSTAL PALACE, HAS YOUR JOB TOOK YOU TO MANY MATCHES, IF SO WHAT MATCHES STAND OUT THE MOST?

I have an affinity with Palace because my dad is an athletics track judge and every year as I child I used to



get taken to a major athletics meeting down there. With no local team to support, I adopted Palace. I rarely see them these days, indeed have not seen them since the 2016 FA Cup final and have not had the opportunity to work on any of their games.

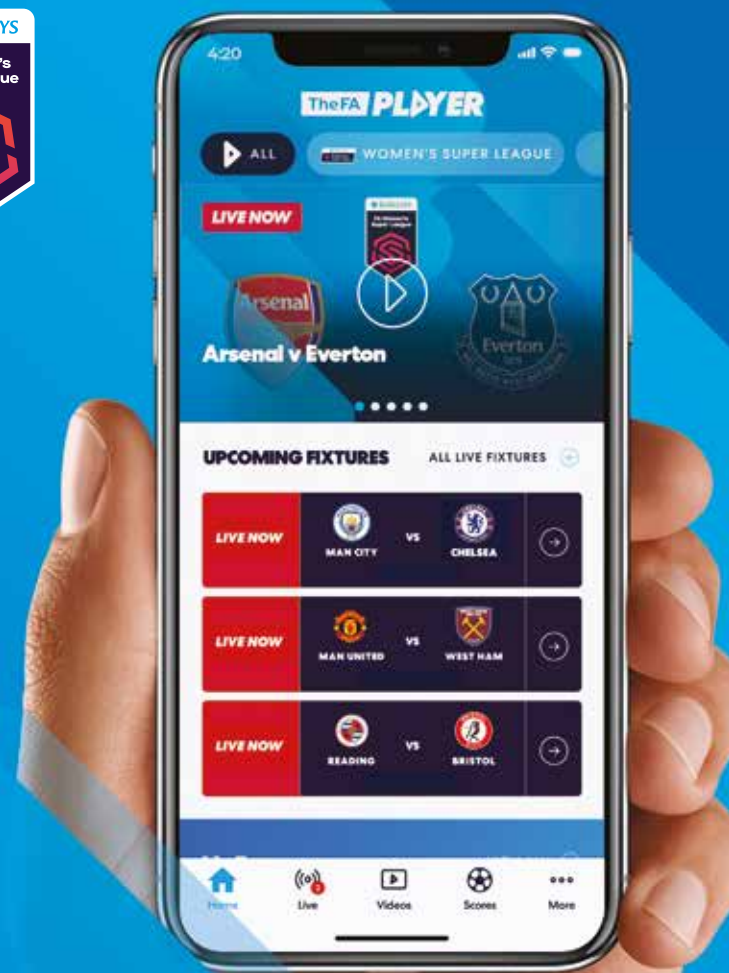
DO YOU GET THE CHANCE TO COME TO THE NEW WINDMILL MUCH NOW?

I am a season ticket holder at Leamington but as I work a lot of weekends I only get to see them about 8-10 games each year. Both my daughters were mascots during the 2018-19 season and my oldest child in particular enjoys watching the Brakes with me, of course helped by a bag of sweets from Debbie's tuck shop each time.

Craig wasn't aware that The Brakes had played Crystal Palace! I sent him the match report from our famous win over The Eagles. In December 1983 AP Leamington's fine youth team beat Crystal Palace 2.0 in the FA Youth Cup. Mark Rosegreen and Darren Deeley scored the goals in that famous night at the Old Windmill.

Thank you for your time Craig, hopefully see you at a match.

By Ed Blackaby



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UP & COMING

The Buildbase FA Trophy Third Round is meant to be taking place this Saturday and the winner of this tie will be travelling to Wrexham. As Wales are under stricter Covid measures there will be no fans allowed at this game, but it should be streamed.

At the moment it would appear that away fans may not be allowed at the Gloucester City Boxing Day match. This may change if our Tier is lowered later this week but will almost certainly be ticket only, so please check their website for updates. Our game against Hereford on Monday 28th December is also waiting for the Tier decision

to be made. Number will be severely limited so again, please check the official website for updates.

Fans may not be allowed to attend in person yet, but you have the opportunity of supporting Leamington FC by buying 50/50 tickets for each game and so show your support from the comfort of your own home. Check the club website and social media for updated details.

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1st Number drawn

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2nd Number drawn:

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Next draw: 19 Dec 2020

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SO, it's Marine against Mourinho. Who says the magic has gone from the FA Cup?

Last week's glamour third round tie, which pitted the Northern Premier League Division One North West Mariners with Premier League leaders Tottenham Hotspur – a difference of 166 league places to be precise – is a Christmas fairytale come true for Neil Young's men and indeed for all the football purists who vigorously defend the FA Cup's proud stance as the greatest cup competition in the world.

Who would've believed that Marine's modest Rossett Park - backdrop of the BBC live broadcast where presenter Mark Chapman chatted by Turner and other FA Cup heroes from Chorley and Stockport County - would soon play host to 'The Special One' and his star-studded Spurs side in one of the ties of the century?

And the wasn't just the Mariners being looked after by the FA Gods. Stockport were also pitted against Premier League opposition in West Ham United, Chorley were drawn with Wayne Rooney's Derby County and Boreham Wood got 2004 finalists Millwall. All at home, all undoubtedly in front of the TV cameras. It was stuff that dreams are made of.

With five promotions as a manager under his belt – including three at former club Chester – not a lot fazes the wily Young in the world of football. But the humble surroundings at his new home at Rossett Park, however, clearly hold a place in his heart.

Young talks openly of regularly bumping into the assistant referee

as he leaps out of his manager's dugout and watching neighbours peer through the wire fence from adjoining gardens as his team take to the field.

Indeed, tied to one of the aforementioned wire fences in a sign with '29' on it, indicating which house to retrieve the ball from should it be hoofed over in that direction.

Imagine dear old Mrs Smith wrapped up in front of the fire and enjoying a peaceful afternoon's telly only to be disturbed by a fully-kitted Harry Kane knocking at her door and asking for his ball back!

The draw reminded me of my days as a cub reporter covering Farnborough Town and the year when they locked horns with the mighty Arsenal in a fourth round clash in 2003.

The tie was switched – and rightly so in my opinion – from Farnborough's humble Cherrywood Road stadium to Highbury on safety grounds, allowing around 9,000 fans (still not sure where they got them all from) to make the trip up from Hampshire to north London to cheer on the minnows against the likes of Patrick Vieira, Sol Campbell and Dennis Bergkamp et al.

To this day, Farnborough's solitary goal in a 5-1 defeat, scored by Rocky Baptiste, remains the club's most famous ever, while full-back Michael Warner talks of the moment he gleefully upended flying French winger Robert Pires. A day never to be forgotten by all involved.

Arsenal, and boss Arsene Wenger, did visit humble surroundings several years later when they were drawn against all-conquering Sutton United in a fifth-round tie in 2017.

Anyone who has seen the away dressing room at Gander Green Lane could understand what a humble experience it must have been for

the likes of Wenger, Theo Walcott, Alex Iwobi and Granit Xhaka but the Gunners oozed professionalism and class throughout, both on and off the field, to come away with a 2-0 victory.

And how about Burton Albion, who welcomed the mighty Manchester United to their old Pirelli Stadium as a Non-League club back in 2006, holding them to a 0-0 draw despite coming up against the likes of Rooney, Cristiano Ronaldo and Gerard Pique.

Those two matches with United – the replay ending in a 4-1 defeat at Old Trafford - were heralded as the catalyst for Burton's meteoric rise up the football pyramid, while etched firmly in the memories of Brewers fans both young and old.

While the probability is that the likes of Kane maybe afforded the weekend off with Marine's centre-halves desperate to lock horns with the England captain, other star names will be called upon to get the job done.

Dele Ali, Lucas Moura, Harry Winks... all are likely to play a part in an occasion to remember for the Marine faithful on Merseyside. You can bet your bottom dollar, however, that the Spurs boys are not looking forward to it one little bit!

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The Darlington home game that has twice fallen foul to Covid-19 has got a new date – Tuesday 2nd February 2021. We wait to see if the new date proves successful...

Can you come to the next home game? At the moment, no. But this may change if the Tier level is reduced to Tier 2 this week. So the only way to find out is to watch the media and keep your fingers crossed. With London due to go from Level 2 to 3 it is probably unlikely that our

district will be reduced. If it does happen you must not 'just turn up' at the ground. Tickets will be severely limited and therefore will need to be purchased in advance. So clue up on on-line wizardry to be prepared. Meanwhile, the streaming services will continue to allow you to see the games.

After what has been a terribly hard year for most people, it will be after Christmas before there is another programme for me to edit. Therefore, I

will wish everyone a happy (if different) Christmas and thank all the people who have helped me to get this far – stay safe and keep everyone else safe. Any St Ives Town readers who purchased a programme way back in January 2017 may like to know that the missing word from the Word Search was 'Corwall'.

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C is for...

George Carline

Signed from: Solihull Moors (loan)

Brakes debut: 24/08/19 v Kettering Town - National League North - Won 3-1

Appearances: 18

Goals: 3

2019/20: 18 starts, 3 goals

George Carline spent two productive loan spells with Brakes during the 2019/20 season, and contributed a great deal to our successes during

that ultimately unfinished season. He joined initially in the August to help cover for the suspended Junior English, playing six games before returning to Solihull, but his impact was such that Paul Holleran managed to get him back for a second spell two weeks later.

George played in several positions for Brakes and made a big difference to the team; one of his best performances coming in the stunning 5-0 success at AFC Telford United in the FA Trophy. His final game for us came in the 3-0 win over Gloucester City on Boxing Day. He would go on to join the Tigers in the summer of 2020 after being released by Solihull, despite breaking back into their first team after his early recall from his second spell with us, and impressing. He has recently moved with their manager to Chesterfield.

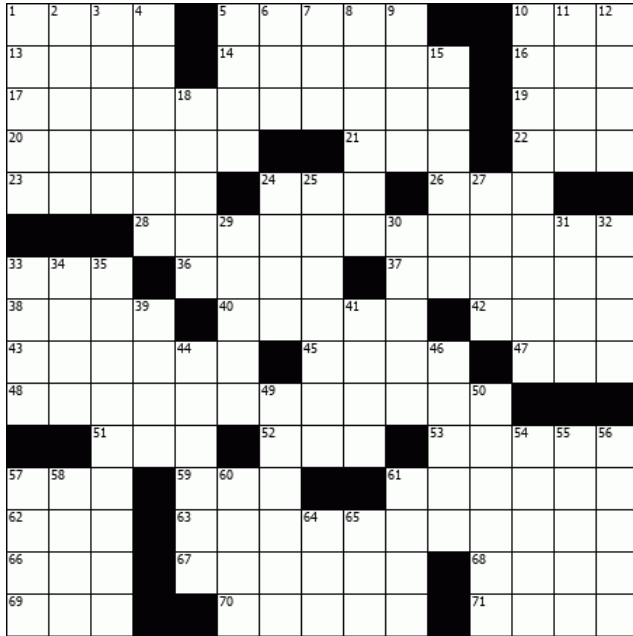


THE BRAIN CELL TESTING SECTION

CROSSWORD

Across

- 1. French painter Bonheur
- 5. Fury
- 10. End of a Cuban countdown
- 13. Holidays, almost
- 14. Bona fide
- 16. Part of wpm
- 17. Frenzied rush
- 19. Globe-trotting journalist Nellie
- 20. Swore off cooking
- 21. Happened upon
- 22. T. follower
- 23. Reform Party founder
- 24. Org. for Rehnquist
- 26. "___ Loves You" (Beatles hit)
- 28. Nitty-gritty
- 33. Trendy
- 36. Pressure source, sometimes
- 37. Fan's second look
- 38. Declare
- 40. Endangered giant
- 42. Net
- 43. Edit
- 45. Floorboard suppliers
- 47. Pocketlike structure
- 48. Bulgur
- 51. Snowboard cousin
- 52. Kay chaser
- 53. Tear apart
- 57. WWII figure
- 59. Basketball hoop
- 61. Navy builder
- 62. Eco-friendly feds
- 63. Landed
- 66. Creative endeavor
- 67. Flashing light
- 68. Hemingway's posthumous "The Garden of ___"
- 69. Colorful compound
- 70. Fabled storyteller
- 71. Word sung twice after "Que"

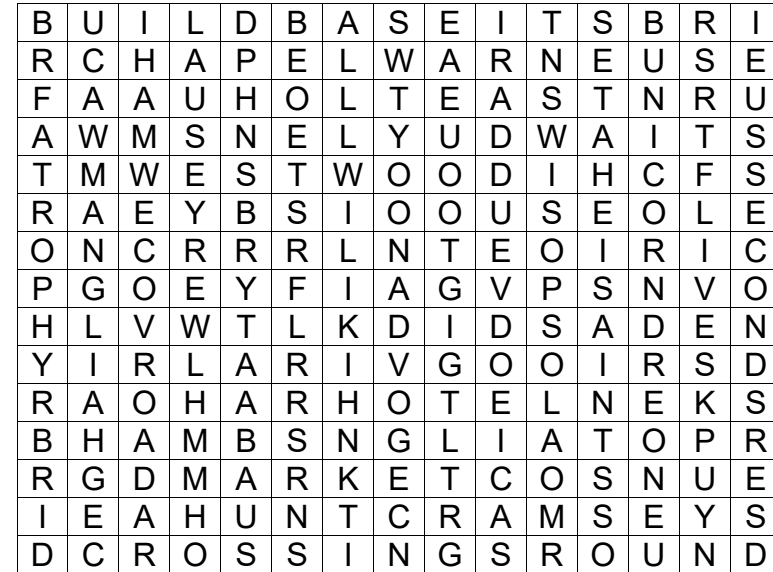


Down

- 1. Plot differently
- 2. Like Humpty Dumpty
- 3. Passover event
- 4. Part of ASAP
- 5. Toad-handling consequence, in folklore
- 6. VCR maker
- 7. Source of ready money
- 8. Underground Railroad leader
- 9. Vigorous
- 10. Beach sights
- 11. Its branches are White and Blue
- 12. Jewelry stone
- 15. Refrains from bothering
- 18. Clown around
- 24. Like the Owl and the Pussy-cat
- 25. Farm's rat catcher
- 27. Great expectations
- 29. Cheyenne shelter
- 30. Mallard male
- 31. Setting for 1939 Best Picture
- 32. Lip-___ (mouth the words)
- 33. Arthur the aardvark's creator Brown
- 34. Kaput
- 35. Lay waste
- 39. Nelson or Mears
- 41. "James and the Giant Peach" author
- 44. Avoids, as an issue
- 46. Stuffed
- 49. Shyly modest
- 50. Wall Street activities
- 54. Residence
- 55. Underground channel
- 56. Auburn
- 57. Cabbage unit
- 58. Agile
- 60. Teeny bit
- 61. Ooze
- 64. Trig ratio
- 65. Premium cable channel

THE BRAIN CELL TESTING SECTION

WORD SEARCH



The words below are included in the table, horizontally, diagonally, or vertically.

However, there is one word listed that is not included – which one is it? Result will be given with the next Word Search.

The missing word in the previous Word Search (Gateshead) was 'Adelaide'.

Chapel

Holt

Saints

Ives

Park

Bridge

Westwood

Road

Merryland

Warners

Cambridgeshire

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THE BRAIN CELL TESTING SECTION

SPORTS QUIZ

DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THESE FOOTBALL BASED QUESTIONS?

1. In what league do the Scottish side Stirling Albion play?
2. Who is the all-time leading goal scorer in Manchester derby games?
3. Which player currently holds the record transfer fee in world football?
4. Which midlands Championship club is nicknamed 'The Tykes'?
5. When does Gareth Southgate's contract with England run out?
a. 2024
b. 2022
c. 2021
6. Which current London-based National League side did Harry Kane have a loan spell with at the start of the 2010/2011 season?
7. Thierry Henry is the manager of which MLS side?
8. Which Nigerian striker has scored hat-tricks for Blackburn, Everton and Middlesbrough in the Premier League?
9. Which retail billionaire became the owner of Newcastle United in 2007?
10. What is the name of League Two club Southend United's home ground?
a. Ground Hall
b. Roots Hall
c. Branch Hall

GUESS WHO?



(Answers can be found on page 54)

WHERE IS THE BALL?



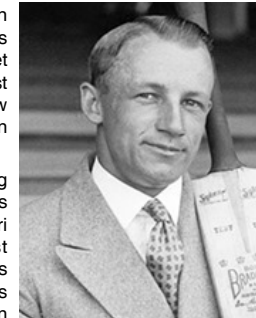
SPORTS CONNECTIONS

ON THIS DAY

1894- Day 2 of the first cricket test between Australia and England takes place in Sydney. Australia score 586 runs with England ending the day with 130-3. A total of 5 test matches were played on England's tour, England came out 3-2 winners, but not before Australia pulled two matches back after being 2-0 down.

This was just the second occasion that the test between the two teams was known as 'The Ashes'. England and Australia first played in 1877 in Melbourne but the series had no set name. 'The Ashes' competition began in 1882 after the ninth test between the two sides and has continued to be a tradition to this day.

1930 Occasional leg-spin bowler Don Bradman takes his first of only 2 Test cricket wickets when he traps West Indian batsman Ivan Barrow lbw for 27 in the 1st Test in Adelaide.



1970- Italian horse-racing Jockey Frankie Dettori is born in Milan, Italy. Dettori is one of the most decorated racing jockeys of the modern era. He has been Champion Jockey on three occasions (the jockey who has ridden the most winning horses during a single season. The Italian's greatest achievement is riding all 7 winners on British Champions' Day at Ascot in 1996.

Dettori's career hasn't been without controversy however, in December 2012 he was suspended from racing for 12 months after being spotted interacting with a suspicious substance, in that period, he appeared on Channel 5's Celebrity Big Brother, finishing 7th.

1973- Canadian Sandy Hawley becomes the first Jockey to win 500 races in a single year, breaking the record previously held by Bill Shoemaker. The Canadian made career earnings of over \$88.6 million and is deemed to be one of the greatest jockeys of his generation.

1974 - Guillermo Vilas of Argentina beats defending champion Ilie Năstase 7-6, 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 6-4 to win his first and only season-ending ATP Masters Grand Prix tennis final in Melbourne, Australia.



1981- Russian footballer Roman Pavlyuchenko is born. Roman is most well-known in Britain for the 3 seasons he spent at Tottenham Hotspur. The Russian joined the London-based club in September 2008 from Spartak

Moscow for £13.7 million, under Harry Redknapp he made 113 appearances, scoring 42 goals. Despite his good form, players such as Jermaine Defoe and Peter Crouch were consistently preferred to the Russian in the pecking order. In January 2012, reports claim that Pavlyuchenko was involved in a training ground scrap with Spurs coach Kevin Bond, leading him to leave the club in the mid-season transfer window, making a move to Lokomotiv Moscow for £8 million.

1984- The Slovakian centre-back Martin Škrtel is born in Handlová, Czechoslovakia. Škrtel joined Liverpool from Zenit St Petersburg for £6.5 million, the centre back would go onto spend eight and a half years in Merseyside, playing 316 games for the Reds and scoring 18 goals before joining Fenerbahçe in 2016. Upon joining Liverpool, Rafael Benitez compared the Slovakian to Jamie Carragher, complementing his 'aggressive and quick' nature as well as his excellent heading ability. Škrtel helped Liverpool to lift the League Cup in 2011 at Wembley his only silverware with the club.



1995- European Communities Court of Justice passes the 'Bosman Ruling'. Allowing EU footballers the right to a free transfer at the end of their contracts, with the provision that they are transferring from one UEFA Federation to another. In today's game this is a significant bill to have been passed, with free transfers become more and more common in modern football.

2019 - Presidents Cup Golf, Royal Melbourne GC: US wins 6 of the 12 final day singles with 4 tied to beat the International team, 16-14; 8th straight American victory.

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John Ruddy (Wolves goalkeeper), Claude Goldie (rower) and Theodore Watts-Dunton (poet) all have connections with St Ives.

Pointless...

'Vows It Nets' and 'Two In Vests' are anagrams.

On This Day... 15 December

Events: 1939 – Gone with the Wind premieres in the US. Leaning Tower of Pisa reopens after 11 year fortification closure, 2001; Boeing 787 Dreamliner make maiden flight, 2009

Births: Nero (Roman Emperor), 37AD; Gustave Eiffel (architect), 1832; Harold Abrahams (athlete), 1899

Deaths: Sitting Bull (American Indian tribal chief), 1890; Glenn Miller (big band leader), 1944; Walt Disney (animator), 1966
LFC: 2012 – 429 watch a closely fought game.

Leamington 2 Bideford 1

Written by Paul Edwards
Evostik League Southern Premier Division
New Windmill Ground

Brakes scraped a closely fought and full blooded encounter with Bideford at the New Windmill Ground to bounce back from their defeat at St Albans. With Hemel Hempstead Town recording a thumping win at the top of the table this was an important three points which keep Leamington right on the heels of the leaders. It came courtesy of James Husband's first goal of the season, turning the game on its head after the visiting Robins had plundered a first half lead which was then cancelled out by Matt Dodd's penalty.

Sean Joyce's side snatched the lead after 25 minutes when Kevin Squire latched on to the loose ball from a half cleared cross and stabbed his shot low through a crowded penalty area to beat Niall Cooper.

Tom Berwick sent a shot into the side netting following a free kick as Leamington tried to retaliate, but they were not being allowed to settle by the visitors, who were contesting every ball and decision made. The route

back into the game seven minutes before the interval came via the award of a penalty, defender Ian Sampson was penalised for an apparent handball as he went up for a cross with Berwick. The visiting players were clearly not in agreement, but the decision had been made, and Matt Dodd stepped up to calmly send Paul Hider the wrong way from the 12 yards for his sixth goal of the season.

There was another chance for Downing before half time as Leamington struggled to clear their lines again, but Cooper was able to claim the ball easily.

The second half contained far more incident to keep the 429 inside the New Windmill Ground entertained. Neat skill from Lee Chilton on the right saw the ball flashed across goal but with nobody to add the finishing touch Bideford broke quickly and once more Sean Downing was the man in front of goal, this time with an almost empty net to aim at, but from nowhere Liam Daly appeared to somehow divert the ball over the bar leaving the youngster with his head in his hands once more, unable to believe he hadn't scored.

Niall Cooper was called into action again when he saved smartly from Squire, who had latched on to a knock down from a team mate. The game was swinging from end to end at this point, and Chilton just failed to get over the ball enough to get his header on target from James Husband's cross. The next attack saw Brakes move in front however. Dodd's low ball across the edge of the penalty area was left by Berwick for Husband to collect and after taking a touch the long serving midfielder curled his shot around Hider into the far corner.

Richard Batchelor was unfortunate not to extend the lead when he connected first time to send the ball towards goal from a half clearance, but Aaron Harper-Penman was handily positioned to divert the ball over the bar.

The visitors, who had been happy to eat up seconds wherever they could while in front were now displaying somewhat more urgency, and continued to cause plenty of problems for Leamington. Cooper got down well to scramble a header round the post, and then to push another one away from the resulting corner kick.

There were a few niggly flashpoints leading to bookings before Cooper saved again from Downing's low shot, but Husband was desperately unlucky not to score again when he flicked the ball across goal from

the touchline at the near post only for it to strike the opposite post and bounce into the grateful arms of Paul Hider.

Downing blasted a shot well over for Bideford, but the visitors came much closer when a free kick flashed low through a crowded penalty area whistled just past the far post. Substitute Craig Owen almost made the closing minutes more comfortable for Leamington when he cracked a powerful shot towards goal from the edge of the area that took Hider by surprise, but the Robins' keeper did very well to adjust his footing and divert the ball over the bar.

So Brakes are back to winning ways, and face their second home game of the week on Tuesday when a buoyant Gosport Borough side will visit on the back of a thumping win over Kettering Town.

Leamington: Niall Cooper, James Mace, Stephan Morley, Joe Magunda, Jamie Hood, Liam Daly, Matt Dodd, James Husband (14 Alex Taylor, 78), Lee Chilton, Tom Berwick (12 Lee Moore, 76), Richard Batchelor (16 Craig Owen, 73).

Subs not used: 15 Martyn Naylor, 17 Dan Ward.

Bideford: Paul Hider, Ian Sampson, Nick Barker, Jack Furzer (14 Connor Clifford, 75), Rob Farkins, Aaron Harper-Penman, Matt Hockley, Sean Downing, Kevin Squire, Matt Andrew, Ellis Laight.

Subs not used: 12 Dominic Rivans, 15 James Richard, 16 Matt Rickard

Referee: Mr Dan Leach

Assistant Referees: Mr Ivan Gelov & Mr Andrew Armstrong

Brakes Man of the Match: Liam Daly.

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WAY BACK

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WYN GRANT

A refereeing controversy over time added on was prominent in the Courier in December 1920, first reported under the heading ‘Scenes at Southam, referee becomes heated at league meeting.’ The newspaper tried to take the moral high ground on the dispute, saying it did not wish to fan the flames of controversy while still finding the space to report what happened in some detail. Its initial report stated: ‘The disturbances at Southam on Saturday when “booing” took place owing to the tactics of the Long Itchington team, was considered by the Southam and District League at a meeting on Monday evening, when a protest was lodged on the ground that the time wasted was not allowed for. As the Chairman (Mr W. Rawbone) was the referee of this match, Mr Seely of Marton took the chair. Mr Plant, the secretary of the United, stated that in the second half of the game the ball was persistently and wilfully kicked out of play, and the time wasted was at least 20 minutes, for which no allowance was made by the referee. Mr Rawbone, in reply, said that if he had put down all the times the ball went out, he should have required a pile of paper. He allowed two and a half minutes for wasted time. Considerable

discussion ensued, during which Mr Rawbone made rather heated remarks, and eventually the matter was adjourned until the next League meeting for the attendance of witnesses as to time.’

Next week the Courier stated: ‘As we mentioned last week, differences have arisen in the Southam district concerning a referee’s decision. It is not our intention to enter into or fan the flames of controversy. Such methods do not promote good sportsmanship. Having given one side of the case, however, it is only fair to cite the other as stated by a Long Itchington correspondent. “To say the ball was kicked on fully 20 occasions into the adjoining field is, to say the least, much exaggerated. It may also be news to some that the Itchington goalie, instead of, as stated, taking a deliberate run and kicking into the next field, did not take a goal kick during the match. The game throughout consisted mainly of throwing in and goal kicks, the north-westerly gale across the Southam ground (which is situated on a bleak spot) altogether spoiling the game.”

‘Another writer from Bishops Itchington, where Southam United defeated the village 1-0 in the first round of a Stockton cup tie on Saturday, speaks of the same referee “just missing

a rough time.” We advise our correspondent to place his complaint before the League Committee. It only creates bad blood to air such grievances in newspaper columns.’ In which case why publish it, but it was evidently thought to be a good story.

Leamington Town beat Sowe Waste 3-1 at the Windmill Ground in a third round replay of the Coventry Nursing Cup. ‘The Spa forwards were in the pink of condition, and they had wonderful control over the ball considering its greasy condition.’ Evans ‘did not appear to relish the hard play of the visitors. Some of the homesters bore the marks of the struggle, Jonas sustained a very nasty cut above his ear, but he played his usually polished game in spite of this.’

FUN & GAMES

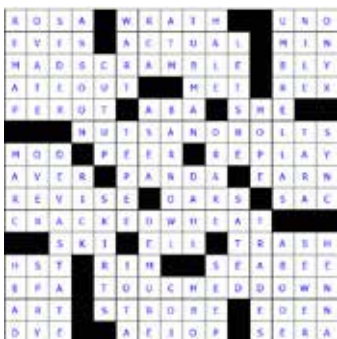
THESE ARE THE FOOTBALL QUESTION ANSWERS YOU WERE LOOKING FOR ON PAGE 47

Answers

1. Scottish League two
2. Wayne Rooney
3. Neymar Jr. (222m Euros)
4. Barnsley
5. b. 2022
6. Leyton Orient
7. Montreal Impact
8. Yakubu
9. Mike Ashley (Sports Direct)
10. b. Roots Hall

Guess Who? **JAMES MACE**

Where is the ball? **A**



THE FINAL WORD

THE FINAL WORD FROM THE GANTRY MATCHDAY COMMENTATOR

The Brakes continued their unbeaten run to 7 games and there was more disappointment rather than relief with the draw against Brackley – a vast improvement on previous seasons. ~The way the squad is working together with players fitting into different roles when needed (yes Junior!) shows a cohesion that should stand the Brakes in good stead

as they welcome another in form side with Gateshead to the Community Stadium today.

Gateshead seem to have settled down well since their loss in the play-offs for last season, which took place at the end of July. They are also on an unbeaten run, so the game should be very keen today.

After taking 13 point from their last 7 games, The Brakes have an undecided number of games between

now and the New Year as the relentless fixture list goes on, Tuesday's fixture might have been postponed again but there could be a further five games this month!

Up the Brakes,
Matt

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Stephan Morley	3	3	Ben Toseland
Joe Clarke	4	4	Michael Gyasi
Kyle Morrison	5	5	Oran Jackson
Jack Lane	6	6	Brett Solkhon
Sam Osborne	7	7	Michael Harding
Simeon Maye	8	8	Luke Howell
Lance Smith	9	9	Marc Richards
Jack Edwards ©	10	10	Dylan Williams
Taylor Allen	11	11	Nathan Hicks
Dan Meredith	12	12	Ben Seymour-Shove
Danny Waldron	14	14	Edmund Hottor
Kaiman Anderson	15	15	Tommy Boxer
Junior English	16	16	Seth Patrick
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