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GAFFER'S COLUMN

PAUL HOLLERAN

Good afternoon Everybody and a Happy New Year to all of you reading. Let us hope that 2021 sees life return to something resembling normality. It would have been fantastic to be able to welcome fans into the ground today but sadly it is not to be and we will have to soldier on without you for a little while longer.

We picked up from the narrow defeat at Gloucester with a point from our clash with Hereford here on Monday. It was not the most memorable of games but the main thing was to get back on track and we did that.

Hopefully by the time you read these notes we will have some idea of the extent of Lance Smith's injury. We have certainly missed him in the last two games and hope that he will be able to return sooner rather than later.

Junior English also picked up a knock on Boxing Day and hopefully he will be fit to re-join the squad today.

The game at New Meadow Park was a close run affair and I thought we were worth a point, but Gloucester took one of the two chances they had and were well organised defensively. We will need to get back to our best today if we are to take something from the game.



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Additionally taken the team full-time and are clearly determined to take the club forward in a positive manner. I felt for them and their club with the change in Covid Tier on Boxing Day morning that prevented them getting much needed revenue from having supporters back in the ground. These are certainly challenging times.

Today is the return fixture from the Boxing Day clash which Gloucester edged one nil. I'm of the view that we probably should have come away with a share of the spoils in a tight fought encounter

but that's the nature of the game, you don't always get what you deserve. I can't see this afternoon's encounter being anything other than another tight fought affair.

I was pleased to see the team's positive reaction to that first loss in a long time on Boxing Day and whilst we didn't manage to gather the three points against Hereford it was another clean sheet for the lads. After conceding seven goals in our opening two games the team have become defensively very sound with only a further eleven goals conceded in the next eleven games, plus none conceded in the two FA Trophy games. Kyle Morrison has made the step up from Southern Premier league football and the biggest compliment I can pay him is that he looks like he has played at our level for some time. Josh Martin has settled in

at full back with the back four and goalkeeper having a look of stability. One of the strengths of the team is the way that they defend from the front with everyone playing their part.

Sadly we had a terrible loss on Christmas Day with the passing of community coach Nick Morgan from the Leamington Brakes who sadly passed away in his sleep overnight. It was a total shock and we are not aware of any underlying health problems. Nick and his son Louis who plays for the Brakes attended virtually every home match and I cannot even begin to think of the impact upon Louis and his family. Our heartfelt condolences are with them.

As I write this article to meet deadlines it is in advance of the next government announcement on Tier levels so I am not even going to second guess on the outcome of that. As I write this programme note on Tuesday evening I am even hearing that the Premier League are considering a two week break in the season. Quite simply, who knows? It pays not to get ahead of yourself in these difficult times.

For those who see the game on the 'live stream' we hope it is one that you enjoy. Come on you Brakes.

Jim Scott



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

JACK EDWARDS

Happy New Year to all Brakes fans! While 2020 has been a year to forget generally it will be one to remember for myself and my partner Nicola after the birth of our daughter Effie just before Christmas. Thank you to everybody who has sent their good wishes - mother and baby are both doing fine.

We will be looking to get 2021 off to the best possible start this afternoon with a win against the league leaders. We saw first-hand why Gloucester are in the position they are in on Boxing Day when they were clinical with one of the few chances they created against us and won the game with it. We certainly need to find our shooting boots again having failed to score in three games. The injury to Lance Smith certainly hasn't helped our cause but these things happen during the season and we need to learn to cope with it. We have spread the goals throughout the team in the past and need to start doing it again if we are to get on another good run.

Enjoy the game!

Jack



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LAST 90 MINUTES



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Written by Paul Edwards

Vanarama National League North

The Community Stadium

Monday 28th December 2020

The year 2020 will live in the memory for various reasons, the latter stages particularly from a Brakes perspective, but this game will be firmly filed in the 'one to forget' category.

It was an insipid, niggly affair throughout, played in freezing conditions with neither side ever able to gain the upper hand, and ultimately both were forced to settle for a point.

Paul Holleran named the same eleven that started at Gloucester on Boxing Day while welcoming Joe Clarke back into the squad. Lance Smith was unable to feature against his old club due to the injury he picked up at Wrexham, and is hoping to discover the extent of it after a scan on Wednesday.

The opening ten minutes were end to end but Leamington managed to create the first two opportunities of the afternoon. The first was of slightly unorthodox creation; Kyle Morrison's headed clearance turning into a great ball for Taylor Allen to chase down the right, the youngster cutting inside before curling a shot into the arms of Bulls keeper Brandon Hall.



Allen was set up by Sam Osborne and forced a save from Hall as he fired towards goal from a tight angle. With Callum Gittings and Danny Waldron rushing in to try and take advantage of any loose ball the keeper did well to push it away from goal. In between times Chris Camwell screwed Hereford's first effort of the afternoon high and horribly wide.

The visitors were a whisker away from taking the lead when Tom Owen Evans' left wing cross fizzed across the goalmouth with skipper Jared Hodgkiss inches from connecting as he slid in.

The game swung rapidly from end to end without any real quality. Both teams and benches seemed intent on getting the attention of Referee Dean Watson as loudly as possible every time a perceived wrong-doing went against them. This intensified towards half time, with the interval giving both sides a chance to calm down and refocus.

Camwell's second effort of the afternoon was an improvement on his first but was still wide of the target, while Waldron's shot to the near post was held easily by Hall. Owen-Evans then curled in a shot

from the left that Jake Weaver flung himself to his left to save as a forgettable first half drew to a close.

Hereford's recent signing from Halesowen George Forsyth headed just wide from the first corner of the second half, while an equally good opportunity came Kelsey Mooney's way when Camwell's cross found him unmarked and in space inside the box, his neat turn and shot saw the ball just clear the crossbar.

Defences were undoubtedly king in this contest, with Jack Lane and Kyle Morrison outstanding once more, while Jamie Grimes was impressive at the back for the visitors.

As an attacking force Brakes were practically non-existent in the second forty five minutes, but while Hereford largely bossed possession they failed to truly test Jake Weaver.

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Brakes will now need to rest and

regroup, ready to face leaders Gloucester again on Saturday.

Referee: Mr Dean Watson

Assistant Referees: Mr Andrew Ellis & Mr Ashley Clarke

Brakes Man of the Match: Jack Lane.



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Leamington: Jake Weaver, Josh Martin, Stephan Morley, Simeon Maye (16 Joe Clarke, 74), Kyle Morrison, Jack Lane, Sam Osborne (14 Dan Meredith, 90+1), Callum Gittings, Taylor Allen, Jack Edwards, Danny Waldron (12 Kaiman Anderson, 78).

Subs not used: 15 Connor Taylor 17 Junior English.

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Hereford: 20 Brandon Hall, 2 Jared Hodgkiss ©, 3 Luke Haines, 6 Jamie Grimes, 17 Ryan Lloyd, 5 George Forsyth (16 James McQuilkin, 76), 7 Chris Camwell, 8 Giles Coke, 10 Tom Owen-Evans (24 Dylan Jones, 87), 34 Kelsey Mooney, 11 Kyle Finn.

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HISTORY OF GLOUCESTER

Thomas H. Coleman sat down in his home in Littleton Villa, Brook Street, Tredworth and wrote a letter to the Editor of The Citizen on Saturday 27th January 1883 wondering why there was no football club playing under Association Rules in the City of Gloucester. As a result of the letter, thirty-seven days later the club was officially formed on March 5th 1883 as Gloucester Association Football Club and Thomas H. Coleman became the club's first ever captain in the inaugural season of 1883-84. Although formed on March 5th 1883, Gloucester AFC did not play their first game until 9th February 1884. Unfortunately, the first venture was to last only three seasons and folded in 1886.

A group of players keen to have a major team in Gloucester played eight fixtures in 1888-89 under the leadership of Algernon S. King and called themselves initially 'A.S. King's XI'. After two games they were known as 'Gloucester Nomads' due to the lack of a home venue. It was these players who passed the baton on to two enthusiasts of the game who re-formed the club in September 1889 as Gloucester AFC they being the Reverend Henry Lloyd Brereton, and Charles Poole, Assistant Headmaster at the Crypt Grammar School. Gloucester's first competitive game was on Saturday 26 October 1889.

The club became members of the Bristol and District League, which subsequently became the Western League. During this era the club was noted as 'The Gloucesterians' and 'The Citizens' in local media. In 1897 Gloucester AFC entered the Gloucester and District League. The first time 'City' was officially added to the Gloucester title was in 1902.

In 1906 the club amalgamated with the Hempsted team of St. Michael's and entered the North Gloucestershire League in 1907. The club disbanded in September 1910 but coincidentally, the Gloucester YMCA was formed at the same time and many of the players who had been with City joined Gloucester YMCA. The YMCA club continued in the lesser Gloucester and District Thursday League until 1913 when it was decided to enter a team in the North Gloucestershire League. Based on the criteria of a continuous link on a seasonal basis the current club could claim they were formed in 1910. However,

the link with all clubs going back to the 1883 formation is irrefutable. By 1925 they had assumed the name of Gloucester City once more and become founder members of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League. In 1934-35, after winning both the Cup and League, City turned semi-professional, joined the Birmingham Combination and moved to a new stadium in Longlevens in which the club stayed for the next 26 years. They won the Tillotson Cup for being the best club in the Combination.

In 1939 the club played in the Southern Football League for the very first time, albeit in a restricted wartime competition as they took part in the west section. After the war City rejoined the Southern League and went on to become the League's longest serving members. For three consecutive seasons, 1948-51, the club reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup, each time losing to League opponents.

In the early years the competition was fierce and it was no surprise that it took until the 1955-56 season for Gloucester to taste success. A famous Southern League Cup final win against Yeovil Town was their first Southern League honour.

In 1964 the club moved grounds again, from Longlevens to the massive Horton Road stadium, closer to the centre of Gloucester, which could possibly hold over 30,000 people if full. Although Gloucester City were promoted to the Southern Football League Premier Division in the 1968-69 season, it was generally a barren spell in the club's history.

In the 1981-82 season a sixth place finish was enough to clinch a place in the reformed Premier Division. They were also runners-up in the League Cup. Despite Kim Kasey scoring 40 goals, the club were relegated to the Midland Division in 1984-85, after 3 seasons in the Premier Division. It is generally seen as one of the lowest moments in the club's history.

In 1986 the club moved grounds again, this time to the Hempsted area and Meadow Park. The Horton Road ground became a housing estate which now boasts the names of City legends: (Stan) Myers Road, (Dicky) Etheridge Place and

(Ron) Coltman Close amongst others.

In 1988 chairman Geoff Hester wanted to appoint a new manager: former Aston Villa and Wales's player Brian Godfrey. Players such as Lance Morrison, Steve Tailboys, Wayne Noble and Brian Hughes were among those who walked to the Championship, but the most important signing was Chris Townsend from Cheltenham Town. Being a very competitive league it was the penultimate game of the season at King's Lynn that saw them crowned Champions.

The next big achievement of the Godfrey years was the famous FA Cup run to Cardiff City. In the winter of 1990, Gloucester saw its worst snow in many years and when the thaw came the River Severn overwhelmed all the local flood plains. The knock-on effect of the flood saw incredible scenes at Meadow Park as the pitch was submerged under four feet of water, and the whole ground was out of commission for over a month.

The 1990-91 season was one of the most exciting ever seen at the club. It all started when Geoff Hester stepped down as Chairman and was replaced by Les Alderman. Godfrey had held on to most of his squad from the previous season, and had been able to add several quality players to it.

Due to the previous season's Cup exploits City had been made exempt until the fourth qualifying round where they faced Farnborough Town away and lost heavily 1-4. Little did they know then what an important part Farnborough would play in the season.

As the season climaxed, City fans were on the pitch celebrating the Championship and promotion to the Conference, but all they had heard were premature radio reports from Atherstone; Farnborough had actually scored a winner three minutes before the end of the game and they were promoted instead of Gloucester City.

Into the 1991-92 season, and the bombshell hit City that Les Alderman had left the club. The squad was ripped apart. Brian Godfrey was sacked and replaced by his assistant Steve Millard. Millard only lasted three months in what was a disastrous spell. In February Godfrey was re-appointed and the club survived the next few seasons under the guidance of Chairman George Irvine. The club had

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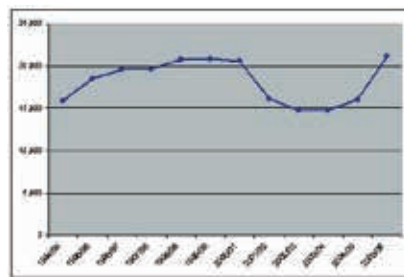


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crippling debts and were about to fold when former Moreton Town owner Keith Gardner stepped in.

Gardner appointed John Murphy as the club entered the most exciting period in their history. Gardner turned the whole 'Meadow Park' area into a footballing centre, and he had a great idea to develop the ground into an all-seater stadium and add a leisure centre, ice rink and all weather pitch. However it soon became apparent that Murphy didn't have what it took to turn a good side into Champions and was sacked in March 1996. Leroy Rosenior took over and had to virtually rebuild the team from scratch.

City struggled to keep their heads above water and the club's weekly playing budget was slashed. The club had seen just four different managers in the 1990s, the turn of the century saw another three come and go. First Brian Hughes tried his luck in a move that was very popular among the majority of the supporters. He didn't last as the playing budget was cut and this proved to be the catalyst that saw the club relegated.

Then Tommy Callinan took over in a player-manager role, and left at the end of the 2000-01 season. The third to try his hand was Chris Burns, who remained manager until January 2006. It took the side a while to find its feet, and they had some real setbacks too but gradually began to look the part.

As the management bandwagon rolled on, just before Christmas 2000 Meadow Park was struck another hammer blow when the River Severn burst its banks for the second time in a decade. This time the flood water did more damage than before because it reached just under seven feet high, and also managed to get inside the changing rooms ruining whatever stood in its way.

The club was unable to hold matches at the ground for more than six weeks. The lack of revenue for the club almost saw it go under. This was added to a contract dispute with ex-squad-members, and meant that the club couldn't offer contracts to players.

However, in November 2001 ex-director Colin Gardner returned to the club to take over the chairmanship. Working hand in

hand with the Supporters' Club, together they settled with ex-players and lifted the contract restraints imposed by the FA. On the pitch things were looking up with new manager Chris Burns. A mid table finish surprised many, especially those that had suggested that City would finish in the bottom two.

If ever the feeling that the club was bouncing back, then the 2002-03 season proved it. Off the field, a deal was struck between the club and Eamonn McGurk, where the latter bought the ground and took on the majority of the clubs debts. Financially, the club made a trading profit for the first time and were within reach of wiping out all of the historical debts. To add to the upturn, on the field Burns' reached the quarter finals of the FA Trophy. In the league, a fifth placed finish was a remarkable achievement.

The 2003-04 season saw further progress with the Tigers finishing second in the Western Division and gaining promotion to the Premier Division. At the end of the season, Colin Gardner stepped down as the highly respected chairman, and Ken Turner took over in an acting capacity. Chris Burns resigned as manager in January 2006, Neil Mustoe took over as caretaker-manager until the permanent appointment of Tim Harris from Merthyr Tydfil was made.

In July 2007, Gloucester City's home, Meadow Park, was affected by the Gloucestershire flooding that engulfed the county. The club was hit with almost 8 feet of water, almost submerging the crossbar. The astonishing picture, featured in The Sun, Sky News and the BBC shot the club to national attention both in the media and football supporters across the Country. This caused many of the club's supporters to start a donation fund to help the club. In the first game after the flooding occurred, Western League side Frome Town donated £300 to the fund. The club's home friendly against Bath City was changed to Bath's Twerton Park with all gate receipts going to the fund. The club's first season of exile was at Forest Green Rovers New Lawn Stadium, despite the loss of a stadium and revenue stream the club finished a creditable 6th in the league, just outside the Playoffs. The club's second season of exile at

Cirencester Town finished with the club third in the Southern Premier League thus qualifying for the Playoffs. In the Southern League Playoff semi-final Cambridge City were beaten 3-1. They went on to play Farnborough in the final at Cherywood Road and won 1-0, ending a 70 year continuous association with the Southern Football League, and gaining promotion to Conference Football for the first time. A quite remarkable achievement considering the club's predicament.

In a controversial decision, the F.A. placed Gloucester City in the Conference North for the 2009-10 season. The reason given was that Worcester City, despite being considerably further north than both Gloucester and Cirencester, was given a guarantee after being moved to the Conference South the previous year against its will that it would not be moved back to the North for three seasons without its consent. Worcester City refused to consent to an early move back to the North, thus forcing Gloucester to take their place. The club finished 18th in its maiden Conference North season. Near the end of the club's maiden Conference North season, new F.A. ground regulations meant that Cirencester Town's Corinium Stadium would not be suitable for use in the following season meaning if the club failed to find a suitable new home, it would be forcibly relegated. It was announced in March 2010 that the club would be groundsharing with major rivals Cheltenham Town for the forthcoming two seasons. Gloucester City Council provided £20,000 towards helping this agreement, heralding a new era in co-operation between the club and the council, and with Cheltenham Town. The 2019-20 was cut short in March 2020 and at the time of the decision, City were lying in 19th position but would eventually jump up to 17th as the season was decided on points per game. After 13 years in exile, City returned to Gloucester in time for the 2020-21 season.

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Goalkeepers

Louie Moulden

The 18-year-old promising shot stopper, who is an England Under-18 International, joins the club on loan from Manchester City until the end of January.

He was a mainstay of Man City's Under-18's Premier League cup triumph as well as the club's progress through to the FA youth cup final. He has been capped at every England youth level since the age of 15.

Rhys Lovett

23-year-old who joined from local rivals Cheltenham Town. Lovett made two first team appearances for Cheltenham along with loan spells at Tiverton Town (twice), Shepton Mallett and Shortwood United before signing for the Tigers in October.

Niall Maher

Maher arrived last season from Weston-super-Mare and instantly made an impression with some impressive keeper performances leading to being named man of the match on several occasions. Dual registered with Alvechurch.

Defenders:

Josh Thomas

Young right back/midfielder who signed for the club in 2018 from Cheltenham Town. Some strong performances during the latter half of the National South season saw him become a regular addition to the first team squad before a long term injury saw him spend the latter half of the National League north campaign on the sidelines.

Liam Daly

Experienced Centre-Half signed after his release from Solihull Moors. Daly, who is 33, is vastly experienced in the Non-League pyramid after spells at Evesham United, Leamington, Kidderminster Harriers and had made over 250 appearances for Solihull Moors including 14 National League appearances this season. He was an integral part of a Leamington team that won the Southern Premier League title and was instrumental in Solihull's first ever promotion into the National League in 2016.

Jack James

The 19-year-old Republic of Ireland Under-19 International defender joined City from National League South club Braintree Town. James was previously on the books of Luton Town and whilst with the Hatters, spent two terms out on loan. His first loan experience was at Hitchin Town in the Southern Premier League where he made six appearances in 2018.

This was followed with a loan in the National League last season with Havant & Waterlooville, making 7 appearances there before signing for Braintree at the beginning of October and becoming a regular in the Irons starting eleven.

The young right-back played in all three qualifying games for the Republic of Ireland's 2019 UEFA European Championship campaign – facing Bosnia, the Faroe Islands and the Netherlands.

Alex Whittle

Whittle started his youth career at Liverpool and spent 11 years at Anfield before leaving to join Scottish League side Dunfermline Athletic in 2012. He went on to make 78 appearances there before returning to England where he signed for AFC Fylde.

After seven months with the Coasters he joined rivals Southport until the end of the 2015/16 campaign. In May 2016 he moved to York City and was a ever-present member of the first team for 2 seasons. His performances caught the eye of League clubs again and in December 2017 he was signed by League Two's Forest Green Rovers.

After another spell at Southport, this time on loan, Whittle transferred to Warrington Town after being released by FGR. After one season and impressing, he joined Boston where he has been first choice left-back.

Ben Morgan

The 22 year old defender signs for the Tigers after impressing on trial. After starting his career with Swansea City, Ben later signed professional forms for Bristol Rovers. He spent time on loan with fellow National League North club Brackley Town in the 2018/19 season.

Jamie Bremner

Young defender who originally signed for City two seasons ago from Bristol Rovers but spent the majority of the campaign in the Hellenic League with Briscombe & Thrupp.

Midfielders

Fabien Robert

A former French Under 20 International, Robert had spent the majority of his younger years playing in Ligue 1 for Lorient before moving to England. Originally moving to Doncaster Rovers on loan in the Championship, Fabien then spent time at Swindon Town before moving to Forest Green Rovers. He was loaned out to Aldershot on two occasions, before doing the same at Gloucester. The second spell at Gloucester seeing him have an incredibly successful few months where his spectacular goals were rewarded with City avoiding relegation, winning Non-League goal of the season for a wonder strike at Truro and being named in the National South team of the year.

Alex Hainault

Canadian Hainault signed two seasons ago from Westfields. Dual registered with Slimbridge, Hainault is a committed, versatile player who is capable of covering several positions within the team.

Kevin Dawson

Dawson started his career in Ireland, first with Sporting Fingal before being signed by Shelbourne. In a two year stint there, he appeared almost 70 times and was an integral part of their promotion winning side.

In January 2013, he moved to England after signing terms with Yeovil. After a five season stint at Huish park with appearances in the Championship, League One and Two – he moved to Gloucestershire, signing for Cheltenham for the 2017/18 campaign.

He was a regular in the Robins first team in his two season stay, making 72 appearances and scoring 11 times. For the 2019/20 season he then made the short switch to the New Lawn after agreeing terms with Forest Green.

Dan King

Defender/Midfielder King re-joined City after a season away playing locally with Slimbridge. Dan came through the City youth set-up and remains dual registered with Slimbridge, making his return in the 4-1 victory over Telford United.

Bernard Mensah

Bernard began his career at Watford, Middlesex-born but of Ghanaian heritage, he trained with the Ghana national side prior to their friendly against Nigeria at Vicarage Road in 2011.

He scored 14 goals in 19 appearances for Watford's U-18 side during the 2012/13 season before becoming a full professional at the end of that campaign.

His full Watford debut came against Bolton Wanderers. In January 2014 he joined Conference side Braintree Town in a one month loan

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deal, which was later extended two times, taking him up until the end of the season.

After further loans with Barnet and again with Braintree in between another League appearance for the Hornets, he was released by Watford in the summer of 2016 and signed for National League side Aldershot Town. In his time with The Shots, he scored 17 goals in 63 league games including a stunning strike at Tranmere Rovers in the National League Promotion Semi-Final.

His impressive performances in the National League saw him snapped up by Bristol Rovers in 2017. He made nine appearances for the Pirates in League One before moving to Lincoln City on loan. Mensah played four times for the Imps in League Two and returned after his loan period had completed to former club Aldershot in another loan deal. He played 16 times for the Shots, scoring four times before signing for City, where he scored 3 goals in 3 games before the season was curtailed.

Tommy O'Sullivan

O'Sullivan started his career at Cardiff City, progressing through the Academy and making first team appearances for the Bluebirds in both the League cup and FA cup. He spent the latter stage of the 2014-15 season on loan at Port Vale in League One.

In October 2015 he was named young Welsh player of the year by the Welsh FA. He then signed for Newport County, playing 22 times for the Exiles in League Two and scoring 1 goal in their 4-1 win at Bristol Rovers.

In January 2017 he signed for an undisclosed fee for Colchester United before moving out on loan to Torquay United. After seven appearances in the National League with the Gulls, he returned to Colchester before leaving the U's and signing for Hereford where he has been a first team regular.

He has been capped for Wales at under 17, 19 and 21 levels.

Lewis Brunt

On loan Aston Villa midfielder, Lewis had a spell on loan last season with City just before it was curtailed and made an instant impact, scoring twice both from free kicks and winning the man of the match award at Bradford (Park Avenue).

The 19-year-old has played in the majority of Villa's Under 23 matches this season before re-joining the Tigers.

Forwards

Matt McClure

McClure, who is 28 and has been capped at Northern Ireland U-21 level started his career at Wycombe Wanderer making his first team debut as a substitute against Shrewsbury in 2010. He later went on to make 110 Football League appearances for the Chairboys, scoring 24 times.

In the summer of 2015, McClure signed for fellow League Two side DagenhamRedbridge, scoring four times in 20 games. He ended his stay at the Daggers after one season and moved to Aldershot Town in the National League. Matt spent three seasons there, playing 100 games and finding the net 18 times.

After leaving the Shots, he opted to move to Maidstone United in the National League South, scoring an impressive ten times in 21 appearances including a hat-trick against St Albans, making him one of the National South's top marksmen this season. As it stands he is the League's top goal scorer and won the National League North player of the month award for October.

Tahvon Campbell

Campbell joined on loan from Cheltenham Town until January and the highly rated forward/winger scored on his Tigers debut. The 23 year old, who can also operate as a winger, has appeared for the Robins first team 14 times in all competitions. Prior to moving to Whaddon Road, Tahvon spent two seasons at Forest Green Rovers, making 32 appearances and scoring 5 goals before moving up into League One with a loan spell at Gillingham.

Manager

Paul Groves

Groves arrives at Gloucester City after leaving his Assistant Manager role at Israeli Premier League side Maccabi Haifa.

After a distinguished playing career spanning almost 20 years with over 700 professional appearances for clubs including Leicester, Blackpool, Grimsby and West Bromwich Albion, Groves first step into management was as Player/Coach at Grimsby under Lennie Lawrence. He eventually took over as Player/Manager after Lawrence left the club, overseeing more than 100 matches and steering the Mariners away from what is now the Championship relegation zone in his first season.

After leaving Grimsby, he became Assistant Manager at Stafford Rangers, winning promotion to the Conference in the first season. He joined Portsmouth originally as First Team Coach before being appointed as caretaker Manager. With the arrival of Avram Grant, he returned to his coaching duties with the season culminating in an FA Cup final appearance for Pompey and later UEFA Cup European football.

Following Grant's resignation at Portsmouth, Groves linked up again with the Israeli this time joining West Ham United as Senior Coach before joining Bournemouth as Youth Team Manager.

After the departure of Lee Bradbury, Groves took temporary charge of the Cherries, overseeing their last eight games of the season. Bournemouth lost just twice in the process and as a result finished safely in mid-table. He was subsequently appointed as Bournemouth Manager on a permanent basis where he remained in charge until Eddie Howe's appointment, reverting back to Youth Team Manager.

Further roles followed at Crawley, Bristol City and Birmingham City - where he was First Team Coach to Harry Redknapp and saw the Blues successfully remain in the Championship. After leaving St Andrews he opted to move overseas, first with Indian Super League side Chennaiyin FC as assistant to John Gregory, where they won the ISL title in their first season.

After the spell in India, he moved to Israel as Assistant Manager of Premier League club Maccabi Haifa. Haifa finished second in the League, qualifying for the Europa League in the process which saw a surprise victory this season over Russian Premier League side FK Rostov before bowing out to Tottenham.



AWAY STATS

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HOME STATS

Ranked	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	8	5	2	1	21	10	+11	17

AWAY STATS

Ranked	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
3	7	4	1	2	10	8	+2	13

SEQUENCES

	Home matches/ Current	Home matches/ Season	Away matches/ Current	Away matches/ Season	All matches/ Current	All matches/ Season
Consecutive wins	2	6		2		4
Consecutive draws		1		1		1
Consecutive defeats		1	1	1	1	2
Games without a win		3	1	1	1	3
Games without a draw	2	6	6	7	5	9
Games without a defeat	3	8		4		9
Consecutive scoring	2	8	3	7	5	14
Consecutive conceding		6	2	4	1	8
Games without scoring		1		1		1
Games without conceding	1	1		1		2



12 MONTHS AGO



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Written by Paul Edwards

Vanarama National League North

Spiers & Hartwell Jubilee Stadium,

Evesham

Wednesday 1st January 2020

On a cold and cloudy afternoon in Worcestershire, Brakes kicked off a new year and a new decade with a narrow defeat against Gloucester City, who ended a run of over two months without a win in the process.

Paul Holleran kept faith with the same starting eleven from the Hereford game, while bringing in Callum Gittings and young keeper Josh Allen on the substitutes bench.

Gloucester looked eager and hungry to both avenge their Boxing Day defeat and pick up their first win under new manager and former Brakes striker James Rowe, and were well on top in the opening exchanges, forcing three early corners that came to nothing. Zac Kotwica drove a dangerous ball across the face of goal with nobody in a red shirt able to capitalise. The striker worked himself into a good position moments later but blazed his shot high over the bar. Brakes first corner of the afternoon saw goalkeeper Niall Maher fail to claim the ball, but they were similarly unable to take advantage. Liam Daly came close to a goal against one of his former clubs as Gloucester continued

to force the pace, meeting a corner with a powerful header that whistled just over the bar.

Callum Maycock continued to show his recent good form as he was involved in what looked like a perfectly good opening goal of the afternoon for the visitors, recycling possession on the left for fellow Coventry City loan man Dexter Walters to cross to the far post for skipper Jack Edwards to fire home, but the officials deemed him to be offside - something that both players and supporters vehemently disagreed with.

Gloucester's front two looked lively as they had done in spells on Boxing Day, and Marlon Jackson did well to keep the ball in play on the left, bending in a cross from which Josh Thomas thumped in a header that Jake Weaver needed to get his body behind well to block.

The sense of injustice at the disallowed goal deepened moments later when the hosts took the lead. Junior English had a free kick right given surprisingly against him on the edge of the box on the left, and it was from the dead ball that Jack James curled in off the far post to give his side the lead.



Nine minutes before half time Gloucester doubled their advantage when Jackson lifted the ball over the advancing Weaver inside the box before stabbing it home despite there being defenders back trying to cover.

There were further chances for goals at both ends before half time, Jordan Murphy presented with two in quick succession. His first effort was blocked, and when the ball was delivered back to him at the far post he was only able to direct it into the grateful arms of Maher.

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Thomas then stole into the box unchallenged at the other end from a corner to hit a first time volley over the bar.

English missed an early chance to halve the deficit for Leamington

in the second half, scooping his shot over the bar following a corner, but the hosts continued to look more likely to add to their tally. Joe Hanks forced another save from Weaver with a powerfully struck free kick from distance, while Jack Senior crashed in a fierce first time drive from Kotwica's half cleared right wing cross that the Brakes keeper got down well to push away from danger.

Kotwica headed Senior's left wing cross over the bar, but just when it was starting to look like it might be an afternoon to write off for Leamington they hauled themselves back into the game. Walters laid the ball back for Steph Morley to cross to the far post and Edwards was not going to be denied this time, powering his header past Maher.

Brakes were immediately back on the offensive, Walters forcing Maher into a save from a shot inside the penalty area, but their momentum was short lived and the home side were soon back on the offensive, Kotwica again firing wide as he was played into space by Senior on the left.

Edwards saw a second goal chalked off when the offside flag was raised once more as



he turned to fire home inside the box.

English was denied by a superb block when he looked odds on the level things up in the closing stages, but up against a side determined to see the game out and claim the win Leamington were simply unable to create another opportunity.

Attendance: 370

Referee: Mr Peter Shacklady
Assistant Referees: Mr James Cook & Mr Mark Pearson

Brakes Man of the Match: Jake Weaver.

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Gloucester City: Niall Maher, Jack James, Jack Senior, Josh Thomas, Spencer Hamilton ©, Liam Daly, Joe Parker (16 Fabien Robert, 75), Joe Hanks (15 Sam Avery, 79), Marlon Jackson, Zac Kotwica, Luke Maxwell.

Subs not used: 12 Cameron Ebbutt, 14 Dan Sweeney, 18 Ross Johnstone.

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Leamington: Jake Weaver, Junior English, Stephan Morley, Callum Maycock (14 Callum Gittings, 84), James Mace, Jack Lane, Jordan Murphy (12 Kieran Dunbar, 69), Joe Clarke, Kaiman Anderson (16 Connor Taylor, 69), Jack Edwards ©, Dexter Walters.

Subs not used: 15 Josh Martin, 17 Josh Allen (GK)

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Welcome to the players and staff of Gloucester City Football Club at the ground, and their supporters who may be joining us on the live feed. (Weather and COVID permitting!) Happy New Year! At the time of writing this report we are seeing an upsurge in cases which threatens to blight the season for many "non-elite" teams, both adult and junior. We are thinking of you all and hoping that the season will be completed. In the meantime we still have some results to catch up on from the games which have been completed so far.

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.

Today we are going to look at the Under 15s Gold team who play in Division B of the John Bryan Coventry & Warwickshire Youth League. Managed by Jon Eales and assisted by Martin Reynolds, the squad is made up of Borracha, Careless, Crane, Eales, Hastings, Jobling, Malcolm, Martin, Reynolds, Robson, Stephenson, Weeks and Wye.

Just like the Under 14s Blue team, if you want to watch goals,

then this has been a team to watch this season. A special mention to 5 goals for Malcolm in the game against Kenilworth Wardens Juniors (always nice to score five in a local derby!), and 4 for Stephenson at Alvis Junior Colts. The goals have been spread around the squad so no one features in the leading scorers table for the league, but that is no bad thing. This team does not have player of the match nominations. Taking us to the start of the second lockdown, here are their results, goal scorers and player of the match nominees.

6th Sept. Away to Coventry Sphinx Juniors Blues D 2-2 (Reynolds, Robson)
13th Sept No fixture
20th Sept Away to Kenilworth Wardens Junior (Juniors) W 6-2 (Malcolm 5, Reynolds)
27th Sept. Away to Alvis Juniors Colts W 8-0 (Stephenson 4, Reynolds 2, Crane Robson)
4th Oct. No Fixture
11th Oct. No Fixture
18th Oct. Home to Stratford Town Colts L 3-0
1st Nov. Home to Gurdwara GNP Minor L 6-3 - goal scorers not available.

Despite the weather not being at its best, we have made it to the Christmas and New Year break. 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 is not an option.

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 today. Every good wish for a Happy New Year as we kick 2020 into touch. Fingers crossed by this time next year things will be a bit more normal and 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 Vane 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 Lockheed/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 Lockheed car parts factory that employed so many of the townsfolk 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 Lockheed, 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 Lockheed 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 Lockheed - 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 Lockheed 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 up 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 eventful 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.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA

OUT & ABOUT

VICTORIA PARK

Victoria Park is a public park in Leamington Spa. It is situated about half a mile (800 m) west of the town centre and is on the south bank of the River Leam. The total area of the park as it stands today is 18.5 acres (7.5 ha).

Up until the 1830s the park was just part of farmland on the edge of the growing spa town. It was at that time that one of the local land owning families, the Willes, began to hold archery competitions on the land. In the middle of the nineteenth century Leamington Cricket club made their first home there and in the 1860s the New Riverside Walk was opened. The park was extensively landscaped and redesigned in 1899 to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Before the Royal Show moved to Stoneleigh Park one of its venues was Victoria Park.



The bowling greens are amongst the best in England, hosting the English Men's and Women's Bowling Championships annually as well as the Women's World Bowling Championships in 1996 and 2004. The bowling greens will host the lawn bowls event at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Most of Leamington's municipal tennis courts are located in the park (more are located at the top of The Parade) as well as extensive children's play areas, a skate park and a cafe. The park was chosen to host the 2007 European Race Walking Cup. (Wording from Wikipedia) years later. In 1989 the swimming pool was closed and relocated to a new leisure centre building in Newbold Comyn.

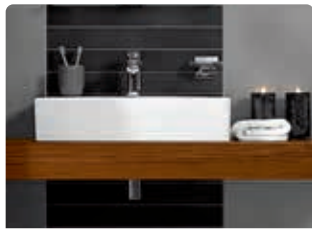
After a number of different schemes to redevelop the Royal Pump Rooms had been considered, in 1997 work began on a major project to reuse it as

a cultural complex. This opened after two years of redevelopment. The Leamington public library and public art gallery were relocated here from their former "Old Library" and annexe site on Avenue Road. The main swimming hall was used to house the library, the smaller swimming hall and Turkish Baths converted to house Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum. (Wording from Wikipedia)

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TABLE & RESULTS

		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Gloucester City	15	9	3	3	31	18	13	30
2	Kidderminster Harriers	12	7	2	3	19	11	8	23
3	Boston United	11	6	3	2	17	7	10	21
4	York City	11	6	3	2	19	12	7	21
5	Chester	14	6	3	5	25	21	4	21
6	AFC Fylde	12	6	3	3	17	15	2	21
7	Spennymoor Town	13	5	5	3	18	14	4	20
8	Brackley Town	12	5	5	2	17	15	2	20
9	Chorley	13	5	4	4	15	14	1	19
10	Leamington	13	4	6	3	19	18	1	18
11	Gateshead	13	5	3	5	16	15	1	18
12	AFC Telford United	14	5	3	6	16	17	-1	18
13	Farsley Celtic	15	4	6	5	18	23	-5	18
14	Hereford	11	4	4	3	17	15	2	16
15	Southport	14	4	4	6	16	19	-3	16
16	Bradford (Park Avenue)	14	4	4	6	22	26	-4	16
17	Curzon Ashton	16	4	4	8	17	25	-8	16
18	Darlington	9	4	1	4	17	8	9	13
19	Kettering Town	12	3	4	5	18	20	-2	13
20	Guisley	13	3	3	7	17	20	-3	12
21	Alfreton Town	15	2	6	7	15	27	-12	12
22	Blyth Spartans	14	1	3	10	10	36	-26	6

MONDAY 28TH DEC

Alfreton Town
3-3
Kettering Town

Brackley Town
3-2
Gloucester City

Chester
1-2
Chorley

Curzon Ashton
3-0
Bradford (Park Avenue)

Darlington
6-0
Blyth Spartans

Farsley Celtic
0-4
Boston United

Gateshead
1-3
Spennymoor Town

Leamington
0-0
Hereford

York City
1-0
Guisley

LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR 2ND JANUARY

AFC Fylde	v	Chorley
Alfreton Town	v	Boston United
Brackley Town	v	Kettering Town
Chester	v	AFC Telford United
Curzon Ashton	v	Southport
Gateshead	v	Blyth Spartans
Kidderminster Harriers	v	Hereford
Leamington	v	Gloucester City
Spennymoor Town	v	Darlington
York City	v	Bradford (Park Avenue)

NEXT HOME GAME



A.F.C. TELFORD
Saturday 30th January 2021
3.00pm KO



PLAYER

STATS

2020-21	Season					Career						
	Start	Sub	Unused Sub	Total	Goals	Start	Sub	Total	Goals	Joined	Left	Returned
Josh Allen	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Taylor Allen	3	3	0	6	0	3	3	6	0	Nov-20		
Kaiman Anderson	3	9	0	12	1	35	19	54	5			
Richard Batchelor	0	1	1	1	0	151	17	168	25		Apr-17	Nov-20
Joe Clarke	13	1	0	14	0	119	15	134	1			
Kieran Dunbar	0	0	1	0	0	83	17	100	89		Sep-20	Nov-20
Jack Edwards	12	1	0	13	2	256	30	286	53			
Junior English	7	7	2	14	3	128	10	138	13			
Callum Gittings	6	3	3	9	0	139	35	174	8			
Chris Knott	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sep-20		
Jack Lane	16	0	0	16	1	83	7	90	3			
Josh Martin	12	0	4	12	0	12	0	12	0			
Simeon Maye	13	1	0	14	1	13	1	14	1	Aug-20		
Ben Maxwell	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dec-20		
Dan Meredith	1	10	5	11	1	1	12	13	1			
Stephan Morley	16	0	0	16	0	239	8	220	16			
Kyle Morrison	16	0	0	16	0	16	0	16	0	Jun-20		
Ben Newey	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0			
Sam Osborne	15	1	0	16	9	15	1	16	9	Sep-20		
Joe Parker	2	0	0	2	0	9	1	10	1			
Lance Smith	11	2	1	13	4	11	2	13	4	Jul-20		
Connor Taylor	2	3	11	5	0	34	37	71	3			
Danny Waldron	12	3	1	15	2	12	3	15	2	Aug-20		
Jake Weaver	16	0	0	16	0	58	0	58	0			

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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 PROFILE

CALLUM GITTINGS (MIDFIELD)

'Gitto' continues to be an important member of the Brakes squad. Having initially joined us on loan from Solihull Moors towards the back end of the 2015/16 campaign, he returned on a permanent basis early the following season and has racked up over 150 games in the centre of midfield in the following four seasons. He showed his versatility by playing over 85 minutes in goal at Alfreton Town after Jake Weaver had been sent off, only conceding a single goal in an impressive display.

Began his career at Boldmere St Michaels and Alvechurch before spending several seasons in the National League with Kidderminster Harriers.



ED BLACKABY INTERVIEW

MATT DODD

A popular wide midfielder, Matt made 132 appearances scoring 28 goals over two spells with The Brakes. Matt played a big part in the Southern League title winning season, one of Hollers best ever signings. Joining us again in the 2017/18 season he helped us secure National League North safety and of course that great header away at York.



Matt has also played for Stourbridge, Hednesford Town, Evesham United, Sutton Coldfield Town, Halesowen Town, and Worcester City

HOW DID YOU GET INTO FOOTBALL WHAT JUNIOR TEAMS DID YOU PLAY FOR?

There were two routes I could have taken as a teenager. Athletics or my passion football. As you all know I took football "No Brainer". My football career started at Sutton Coldfield Town, I quickly progressed through the youth team to become a first team regular, and this gave me a platform to represent Birmingham County and gaining a Cap.

DID YOU PLAY FOR HOLLERS BEFORE JOINING LEAMINGTON?

Yeah. Hollers came in as an assistant manager at Sutton for a short while when I was there, which was the first time we met. Top Man!

HAVE YOU GOT A FAVOURITE MATCH FOR THE BRAKES?

It has to be York away in 2018. Returning to The Brakes and to be able to play a part in keeping the club in the Conference North was an unreal feeling!

THE 2014/15 WAS A MEMORABLE SEASON WOULD YOU SAY THAT

TEAM WAS ONE OF THE BEST TEAMS YOU HAVE PLAYED IN?

Most definitely. I think when you take stock, and look back on what squad we had, no wonder we won the league as early as we did. Gutted that we couldn't have kept hold of that squad for longer.

NOT MANY PLAYERS HAVE SCORED A HAT RICK OF PENALTIES, WHAT ARE YOUR MEMORIES OF THAT MATCH AGAINST CAMBRIDGE CITY?

What a day!! Unreal when you think about it, for a ref to even give three pens in 1 game is crazy let alone scoring all three! The fans and players reaction was unbelievable.

DO YOU KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ANY OF THE BRAKES LADS?

Yeah. I still keep in contact with Batch, Chilly, Steph Morley, Fendog and occasionally I see Daly at functions. A wicked group!

DID YOU HAVE ANY TRIALS AT ANY PROFESSIONAL CLUBS?

I had trials for West Bromwich Albion and Crewe but nothing materialised from them unfortunately.

MEMORABLE MATCH

York City 2.2 Leamington - Vanarama National League North 21st April 2018
Super sub Matt Dodd got Leamington's equaliser to ensure safety. The Brakes

took the lead through an own goal but York fought back to lead 2.1 until Liam Canavan crossed for Matt to head home at the end. It was a superb headed goal and you can tell by the celebration what it meant to him.

York City: Adam Bartlett, Connor Brown (Jonny Burn,), David Ferguson, Hamza Bencherif, Daniel Parslow, Adriano Moke, Sean Newton ©, Simon Heslop, Alex Kempster (Connor Smith), Josh Law, Aidan Connolly.

Leamington: Tony Breedon ©, Junior English, Connor Gudger, Joe Magunda (Matt Dodd), Jamie Hood, James Mace, Kieran Dunbar, Callum Gittings, Daniel Udoh, Jack Edwards (Kurtis Revan), Ahmed Obeng (Liam Canavan).

Thanks for your time Matt and the great memories of you playing for Leamington. You never know we might see you play for us again if not it would be great to see you at The Windmill.

By Ed Blackaby



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UP & COMING

The games continue to come thick and fast. Next Saturday we are away at Spennymoor Town with the rescheduled game away at Chorley the following Tuesday, 12th January. The next Saturday we will not be hosting Guiseley but will be travelling to Kettering Town for the 4th Round of the Buildbase FA Trophy. This is followed by a Saturday visit to Southport before returning home for the visit of AFC Telford United on Saturday 30th January.

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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LATEST DRAW

Last Draw Date: 26 Dec 2020

1st Number drawn

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2nd Number drawn:

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Rollover

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NOTICE BOARD

Please note that the Leamington Brakes report (Page 21) was written before Christmas and so does not reflect the shock of the passing of one of their coaches, Nick Morgan on Christmas Day. Everyone's heartfelt sympathy goes to his family and friends. A GoFundMe page has been set up to raise funds for a memorial – to donate go to <https://uk.gofundme.com/f/nick-morgan-memorial-fund>.

I see that the new Gloucester City manager was busy with changes in his squad before Christmas. Jack Burrows and Jordan King arrived on a month's loan from Coventry City and Keanu Marsh-Brown has joined since returning from America.

If you are reading this, the changes in Covid-19 restrictions have yet to curtail our 'elite' sport, although our visitors today

may be ruing the return to no-spectator games. Meanwhile, stay safe until you can get one of the now two available vaccines.

Any Gloucester City readers who purchased a programme way back in December 2019 may like to know that the missing word from the Word Search was 'Gloucestershire'.

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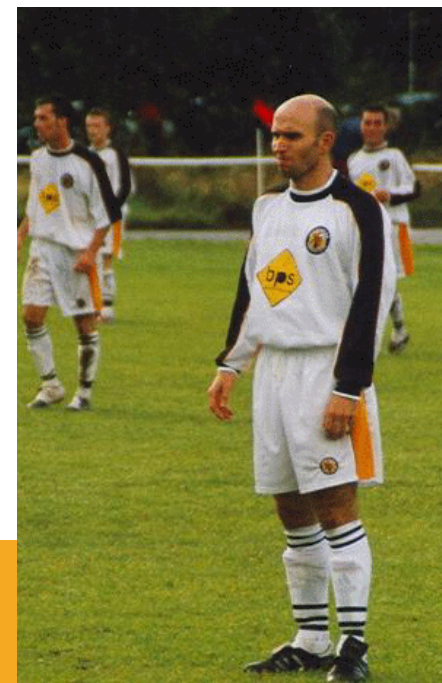
E is for...

Paul Eden

Signed from: Racing Club Warwick
Brakes Debut: 22/09/01 @ Dudley Sports -
Midland Combination Division 1 - Won 5-3
Appearances: 45
Goals: 15
2001/02: 9 starts, 3 sub appearances, 11 goals
2002/03: 6 starts, 3 sub appearances, 1 goal
2004/05: 4 sub appearances, 1 goal
2005/06: 5 starts, 15 sub appearances, 2 goals

Known to all as Sniffer, Paul Eden joined Brakes initially in the 2001/02 season from near neighbours Racing Club Warwick. Having been plying his trade a few levels up the pyramid over at Racing Club, Sniffer did not take long to get on the goal trail for Leamington, scoring a hat trick on his home debut against Mile Oak Rovers. He scored a further four goals in his first eight game for the club, all in the same game, a 7-2 win over Bedworth United Reserves in the Coventry Telegraph Cup. He was then lured away to Rugby United, but returned to Leamington before the end of the season, notching another three goals, a hat trick in our final home league game against Polesworth North Warwicks.

Paul only made a total of 45 appearances for Brakes over four seasons, but became a valued member of the coaching staff for several years, right up until Jason Cadden's departure from the club in October 2009.

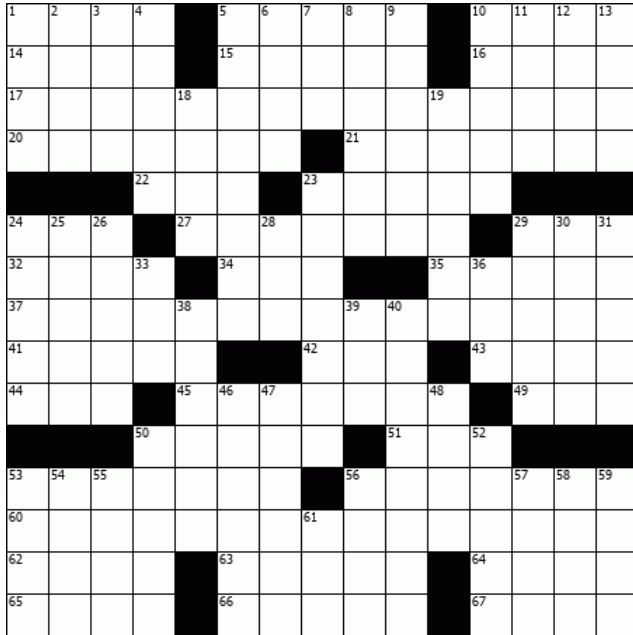


THE BRAIN CELL TESTING SECTION

CROSSWORD

Across

- 1. Bus start
- 5. News briefs
- 10. Factory fallout
- 14. Football Hall-of-Famer Page
- 15. Make more lean
- 16. Volcano top
- 17. Bisected Rodgers and Hart hit?
- 20. California mountains
- 21. Grunted
- 22. Mikhail of chess
- 23. Condemn openly
- 24. Jazz form
- 27. Employs wrongly
- 29. Actress Lupino
- 32. Small particle
- 34. Pouch
- 35. Artist's stand
- 37. Bisected Beatles hit?
- 41. Edsel, to many
- 42. Tarzan portrayer
- 43. Verve
- 44. Alums to be
- 45. Disheveled
- 49. Unit of energy
- 50. Dawns
- 51. __, Daman and Diu
- 53. Check marks?
- 56. Tied up
- 60. Bisected 17th century conflict?
- 62. Landed
- 63. Strides
- 64. Merit
- 65. Goes to seed
- 66. "___ of God" (1985)
- 67. WWII battle site



Down

- 1. Buffoons
- 2. 1052, to Cato
- 3. Church section
- 4. Not active
- 5. Utopian's vision
- 6. Counting method
- 7. Newt wannabe
- 8. Propaganda target
- 9. Posture
- 10. Menacing
- 11. Blanc, e.g.
- 12. "Going __, going ..."
- 13. Commanded right
- 18. Overstuff
- 19. Hardy novel setting
- 23. Wife of a duke
- 24. Cries lustily
- 25. Besides what's here
- 26. Frost output
- 28. Did nothing
- 29. Basketry material
- 30. Kind of flask
- 31. On the way
- 33. Dialer's 6
- 36. Parliamentary position
- 38. Cantillate
- 39. Type of wind
- 40. Darnel
- 46. Nicaraguan revolutionary
- 47. Get out the knots
- 48. Hardly upbeat
- 50. Mongrels
- 52. They may carry burdens
- 53. At a distance
- 54. "Venus de ___"
- 55. Think nothing ___
- 56. A head of France
- 57. Flatten a fly
- 58. British nobleman
- 59. 007 nemesis
- 61. Yang's partner

THE BRAIN CELL TESTING SECTION

WORD SEARCH

V	J	S	L	E	A	G	U	E	N	F	I	N	A	N
A	W	E	Q	A	S	K	F	O	S	S	E	S	M	O
N	V	H	C	U	R	T	I	J	M	Y	R	J	W	R
A	I	M	E	A	A	T	U	U	B	E	N	E	I	T
R	Y	F	P	M	A	R	I	B	G	W	C	L	L	H
A	K	I	M	I	P	N	E	I	A	N	A	I	L	W
M	I	N	V	A	I	S	T	L	R	R	L	C	T	A
A	A	A	K	R	S	R	T	E	D	L	D	O	W	Y
M	V	N	O	G	W	K	V	E	A	B	B	E	Y	S
E	I	C	N	O	W	E	H	G	D	W	I	N	A	Y
A	A	I	D	E	S	T	U	A	R	Y	V	E	R	N
D	K	A	N	O	A	F	I	N	F	O	R	E	S	T
O	E	L	C	C	O	T	S	W	O	L	D	S	G	E
M	Y	E	L	L	O	W	S	C	O	R	I	M	S	R
N	A	T	I	O	N	A	L	H	E	M	S	T	E	D

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 (Hereford) was 'Supporters'.

Square

Jelicoe

New

Meadow

Financial

Aviation

Park

Tigers

Market

Kings

Yellows

City

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THE BRAIN CELL TESTING SECTION

SPORTS QUIZ

DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THESE FOOTBALL BASED QUESTIONS?

- 1 Which League One side play their football at the Pirelli Stadium?
8 Arsenal won the 2003/04 premier League at White Hart Lane, but what was the score?
- 2 Who is the manager of Doncaster Rovers?
a. 2-1
- 3 Which Real Madrid striker joined Messi and Ronaldo as being a player to score 50 goals in the group stage of the Champions League?
b. 1-0
- 4 Which Scottish Premier League side are nicknamed 'The Buddies'?
c. 2-2
- 5 Which manager won the Premier League manager of the month award for November?
9 Where do Fulham play their home games?
- 6 Which manager won the National League North Manager of the Month for November?
10 Harry Kewell is the manager of which League Two side?
- 7 What does the 'P P' on championship side Preston's badge stand for?

GUESS WHO?



WHERE IS THE BALL?



(Answers can be found on page 54)

SPORTS CONNECTIONS

ON THIS DAY

1865 - Welterweight Con Orem & heavyweight Hugh O'Neill brawl for 185 rounds before darkness ends legendary bare knuckle boxing match in Virginia City, Montana.



1879 - First Test match hat-trick by Fred Spofforth took place at the MCG in Australia. Cricketer Fred Spofforth

1933 - Don Bradman holds off England's hostile pace bowling to score an unbeaten 103 leading Australia to a 111 run victory in the 2nd 'Bodyline' Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

1957 - In the first of four meetings between the fighters, Gene Fullmer wins the world middleweight boxing title with a 15-round unanimous decision over Sugar Ray Robinson at New York's Madison Square Gardens.



1965 - World of Sport was a British television sport anthology programme which ran on ITV between 2 January 1965 and 28 September 1985 in competition with the BBC's Grandstand. Like Grandstand, the programme ran for several hours every Saturday afternoon.

1969 - William Fox-Pitt was born on this day. He is a three-day eventer who is a two-time Olympic silver medalist. He began riding horses at age 4 and began competing at age 15. He became Britain's first rider to win five different four-star events in 2011. William is married to Alice Plunkett and he has two sons named Oliver and Thomas Fox-Pitt. He was raised with two sisters and a brother.

1971 - The 1971 Ibrox disaster was a crush among the crowd at an Old Firm football game, which led to 66 deaths and more than 200 injuries. It happened on 2 January 1971 in an exit stairway at Ibrox Park (now Ibrox Stadium) in Glasgow, Scotland when a barrier collapsed at the end of a soccer match in Glasgow

Scotland. It was the worst British football disaster until the Hillsborough disaster in Sheffield, England, in 1989.

1979 - Gavaskar gets twin tons for India for the third time (v WI).

1980 - Australian Open Men's Tennis: Guillermo Vilas retains title for fourth and last Grand Slam win; beating American John Sadri 7-6, 6-3, 6-2.



1982 - 70th Australian Men's Tennis: Johan Kriek beats S Denton (6-2 7-6 6-7 6-4).

1985 - The Rebels of UNLV beat Utah State in three overtime periods. The final score of 142-140 set a new NCAA record for total points in a basketball game (282). The game took over three hours to play.

1989 - Chris Hussey is a soccer player born on January 2, 1989 born in Hammersmith, London, England. He is a defender who made his professional debut in 2007 for AFC Wimbledon, signing with Coventry City from 2010-2013 before re-joining AFC Wimbledon in 2013. He played youth soccer for Woking in 2005-2006 and played on loan for Windsor & Eton in 2007.

1992 - Test debut of Shane Warne, vs. India at Sydney.

2012 - Englishman Adrian Lewis retains his PDC World Darts Championship with a 7-3 win over Andy Hamilton at the Alexandra Palace, London.

2017 - Jean Vuarnet, French alpine skier (Olympic gold downhill 1960; World C'ship gold 1960), dies after a stroke at 83.

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ON THIS DAY

WHO ARE YA?

Who Are Ya...

The club plays in the National League North. Prior to that, it spent a record 70 years within the Southern Football League from 1939 until 2009. The club secured promotion after a playoff final win against Farnborough.

Famous Folk...

Tom Kerridge (b. 1973), chef and media personality, Marcel Garvey (b. 1983), rugby player and Tyler Roberts (b. 1999), Leeds United football player all have connections with Gloucester.

Pointless...

'Its Recycle Gout' and 'Gusty Toe Cleric' are anagrams.

On This Day... 2nd January

Events: 1833 – British sovereignty claimed in the Falkland Islands. 1976 – The Gale of January 1976 begins. 1981 – Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, is arrested.

Births: 1938 – David Bailey, English photographer and painter. 1947 – David Shapiro, American poet, historian, and critic. 1969 – William Fox-Pitt, English horse rider and journalist.

Deaths: 1946 – Joe Darling, Australian cricketer and politician. 1953 – Guccio Gucci, Italian businessman and fashion designer. 2017 – John Berger, English art critic, novelist and painter.

LFC: 2017 - 734 watched the Brakes struggle away at local rivals Banbury.

Banbury United 1 Leamington 0
Written by Paul Edwards
Evostik Southern League Premier Division
Banbury Plant Hire Community Stadium

2017 got off to the worst possible start for Leamington as they were defeated with almost the last kick of the game at Banbury United. Neither side had really done enough to merit winning a typically cagey local derby, but substitute Mark Bell capitalised on a moment's hesitation in the Brakes defence to stab home the injury time clincher in the first league meeting between the two sides for a little over 4 years.

Still missing the experience and influence of Jamie Hood and Darren Pond, Paul Holleran was able to bring

Callum Gittings back into his starting eleven as Brakes looked to get back to winning ways following the disappointing Boxing Day draw against Stratford Town.

Neither side provided much forward momentum in the opening exchanges, though Richard Gregory's shot was spilled by Puritans keeper Jack Harding, his team mate Luke Carnell slicing the ball behind for a corner.

The hosts forced a couple of corners, a hopeful ball being lifted back towards goal from the second one which Tony Breeden dealt with comfortably. Connor Gudger then fired in a cross from the left from which Jack Edwards directed a header towards goal which lacked the power to trouble Harding.

Banbury must have thought they were about to take the lead when a mis-hit shot from busy striker Martin Asiedu Ofosu found its way through to midfielder Callum White at the far post. He looked to have a decent chance to slide the ball past Breeden but Gudger slid in with a superb challenge to deny him.

The second half saw Leamington attempt to step up the pace in search of a winner, but too often passes were going astray and there were not enough attempts on the Banbury goal. Courtney Baker-Richardson came closest to scoring when he did well to hold off Marvin Martin on the right before cutting onto his left foot and crashing a low drive off the base of the post.

Asiedu Ofosu was causing problems for the Brakes defence with his pace, and almost engineered a chance for himself with a mazy run towards goal which was halted by a good challenge from James Mace.

Zac McEachran lashed a shot well over the bar for Banbury, while Andy Gunn blocked a goal bound effort from Leamington substitute Ryan Rowe. Richard Taundry curled a free kick into the arms of Harding after Ahmed Obeng had been brought down around 25 yards out, but just when the game looked like ending honours even Banbury worked their way in down the right, the ball was fizzed dangerously into the six yard box and Bell stabbed home at the second attempt to send the home fans into raptures, leaving the travelling Brakes support pondering what the new year would bring, with their lead now down to just two points at the top of the table.

With a tough run of fixtures to come in January they need to regain that winning habit once more, and quickly.

Banbury United: Jack Harding, Jack Westbrook, Andy Gunn, George Nash, Luke Carnell, Callum White (14 Eddie Odhiambo, 66), Conor McDonagh (16 Darius Browne, 84), Martin Asiedu Ofosu (12 Mark Bell, 74), Zac McEachran, Marvin Martin.

Subs not used: 15 Sam Humphreys, 17 Jacob Blackstock.

Leamington: Tony Breeden ©, Richard Taundry, Connor Gudger, Joe Magunda (15 Ben George, 80), Dan Preston, James Mace, Courtney Baker-Richardson (12 Rob Thompson-Brown, 61), Callum Gittings, Richard Gregory (14 Ryan Rowe, 73), Jack Edwards, Ahmed Obeng.

Subs not used: 16 Tom James, 17 Nathan Olukanmi.

Referee: Mr Daniel Lamport

Assistant Referees: Mr Ioannis Christodoulou & Mr Ireneos Christodoulou

Brakes Man of the Match: Connor Gudger.

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WAY BACK

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Tuesday December 27th 1920 was a bank holiday as Christmas Day had been on a Sunday. An 'abnormally large crowd of spectators' went to the Windmill Ground for the much anticipated second round of the Midland Daily Telegraph Challenge Cup between Leamington Town and Budbrooke. As on Boxing Day disruption to train services meant that one Town player turned up 20 minutes late. The referee didn't turn up at all, but a local referee Mr Fennell 'who took charge of the game, did splendidly, keeping very cool; he had a good grip of the game.' The Budbrooke side had a sergeant in charge with one corporal and two lance-corporals. 'Private Hopkins was too big and cumbersome in the mud. The rain spoilt the Budbrooke match. The way the players slipped about was very amusing, Rowlatt especially collecting more than his share of mud.'

Nevertheless, 'this was a very interesting test of strength, considering the heavy nature of the turf. The game throughout was wonderfully fast, neither set of players sparing themselves. It was early noticed that the soldiers were intent on knocking the Town out of the competition, and they played a very robust game in which

there were plenty of thrills, and which was worthy of the teams engaged. The homesters were in splendid form and the forwards showed an understanding which enabled heavy pressure to be sustained practically all through. They did not find the visiting defence anything which could be trifled with and the Budbrooke attack at times assumed an aggressive appearance. The game was very interesting to watch despite the torrential downpour of rain which hampered the early part of the second half.'

The winning goal was scored by the Leamington captain Jack Key and he was judged by the Courier to be worthy of a special feature article complete with photograph (rather rare in the Courier a hundred years ago). He 'is a Leamington lad in every sense of the word, having commenced his football career at Leicester Street School where he played in the school eleven who carried everything before them in the league for four seasons. At an early age he showed exceptional promise as a footballer. Key's first club of note was the old Spencer Street combination, at one time a power in junior football in the district. His play soon attracted the notice of Leamington Town officials and he made his first appearance for his present club in 1909. Perhaps his best season was 1912-13, when he

occupied the inside left position, his partner being Phil Gardner. When that player was injured he took the outside berth where his fine play brought him to the notice of Nuneaton Town. Towards the end of 1913-14 he was a regular player for that club, and at the close of the season he was induced to sign a professional form. Then came the war and Key was a gunner in the Warwickshire Horse Artillery and was serving with the battery in France in October 1914.' A battery team with seven former Town players won the Divisional Cup. He returned before the armistice and played for the Standard in war time football. Returning to the Town, he was elected captain. He did not do well at inside left 'and the croakers thought his career was finished.' However, a switch to outside left revitalised him at age 29, a 'two-footed player who takes the ball on the run.'

FUN & GAMES

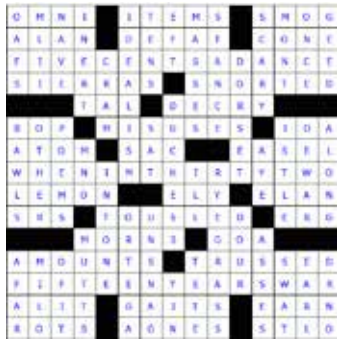
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Answers

- 1 Burton Albion
- 2 Darren Moore
- 3 Karim Benzema
- 4 St Mirren
- 5 Jose Mourinho
- 6 Jamie Vermiglio (Chorley)
- 7 Proud Preston
- 8 c. 2-2
- 9 Craven Cottage
- 10 Oldham Athletic

Guess Who? **JACK EDWARDS**

Where is the ball? **C**



THE FINAL WORD

THE FINAL WORD FROM THE GANTRY MATCHDAY COMMENTATOR

Well the Christmas hangover appeared to be on full show for both sets of players on bank holiday Monday as Leamington and Hereford saw out a largely uneventful 0-0 stalemate at the Community Stadium. The turkey and the Yorkshires were on display in a lacklustre and laboured 90 minutes that didn't do a lot for the advertisement of football. That said, a

point's a point at the end of the day and it's another tally on the board before the New Year albeit with an unceremonious game to end 2020.

Today's fixture sees an occasion of déjà vu for the Brakes and the first game of 2021 is a contest against Gloucester City, the side at the top of the table that ended Leamington's 11 game unbeaten run just a week ago. You can tune into the first LeamingtonFCTV stream of the year for

£8.99 to get full live and comprehensive coverage of today's match-up. The Tigers face off against the Brakes for the first time here at the Community Stadium since they were subject to a 3-0 hammering here on Boxing Day 2019. Today, with the stakes being different with Gloucester leading the pack and Leamington searching for their first win in 3 games, this one is shaping up nicely to kick off the New Year.

Enjoy the game,
Matt

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