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PAUL HOLLERAN



These notes have probably been among the most challenging I have had to pen in my time at Leamington - normally I would be welcoming you all back for the start of another eagerly anticipated season on a warm August afternoon, but this season starts in a somewhat different manner - It is October 3rd, our first fixture of the season is an FA Cup game, and we will not have our fantastic supporters on the Community Stadium terraces getting behind us.

Since my last notes, way back in March, a lot has happened! First and foremost I hope that the Leamington family is all well, and that your family and friends are all good. We have

been living in some extraordinarily difficult times which has led to football taking a back seat, and rightly so, but at the same time, as we start trying to get back to some kind of normality, football clubs, community clubs, are a massive part of some people's lives, and a massive release for people on and off the pitch. It is important that people have got that release because you can get bogged down with it all, so hopefully having your football team back in action will give you something to talk about or something to watch online or to read about, and will help everyone get through this difficult period.

If there is one thing that the football world has realised during this pandemic, it is that at any level of the game, without supporters, it's just not viable. It just doesn't work. These aren't ideal times for us, playing games behind closed doors, but we can still sort of offer a service, and as soon as we can get supporters back into stadiums in a safe and controlled way, the better it will be for everyone, so hopefully we will see you all again soon, but for the time being we will have to communicate this way.

I am sure that by now you will all be aware of the sad loss of Mick Brady last week. I first met Mick and his son Shaun on my second visit to the football club. I found Mick to be a very passionate man where Leamington FC was concerned. He was very helpful to me and I was well aware of his role in the club's history. Shaun was also very helpful to me in my early days at the club - a real supportive person and shoulder. I have nothing but fond memories of the Brady family, and even though I wasn't here when the club was mothballed and was reborn again I am well aware that without Mick Brady and his family, I wouldn't be the manager, and Leamington probably wouldn't have a football club. We extend our deepest sympathies to the family, and hope that by continuing to push the club forward we will carry on the tremendous legacy that Mick played a huge part in creating at the football club.

As for the football..... Where do we start? There have been a number of new players and players returning that were on loan last season. I think over the last few weeks everybody is aware of the new players - seven of them altogether I think - We are delighted to have them all here. They are all of a similar ilk - all of a similar age, and all with similar goals. We hope that they all enjoy their time at Leamington, and we hope that you enjoy watching them play.

Part of the recruitment process is trying to get the right kind of people to the football club. We know what they can do but most importantly we know they are good people who will work hard and will buy into the ethos of the football club on and off the pitch. We hope that we will have some good days together and we hope to give you supporters plenty to cheer.

We welcome back former player Ricky Johnson and his family this afternoon, along with everybody else from Banbury United. We wish their new management team of Andy Whing and James Constable good luck in their new venture. I'm sure they will be happy with the steady start they've made. As always, Leamington - Banbury fixtures are tough games - there's a bit of locality there - we've been quite closely matched in recent years. Our clashes have always been competitive and I am sure today will be no different.

Teams will react in different ways as we all get going again, but to start with an Emirates FA Cup game really does whet the appetite. We have prepared the best we can, and will see what the coming days and weeks bring, but we are delighted to be able to get back out on the pitch in a competitive manner, and will do everything we can to progress to the next round of the Emirates FA Cup.

Enjoy the game

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MAN OF THE MATCH

JOSH MARTIN

The last home game was a tough test against league champion contenders King's Lynn Town and there was a test for the defence to keep a clean sheet. The Match Sponsors Midshires chose Josh Martin for his determined performance as their Man of the Match.





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thank our fans for their wonderful support in the Boost Your Club initiative? We haven't forgotten you with regard to all the rewards, it's simply a case of other matters having to take priority. Our volunteers have faced a massive workload and we will update you in the coming weeks regarding the rewards and thank you for your patience.

With regard to maintaining a connection with fans, may I thank our media team for all their wonderful efforts these past six months on social media and it is looking like the next six months won't be any easier. Thinking ahead we made the decision three months ago to explore

A warm welcome to everyone is how I normally start my programme notes and that is aimed primarily at fans of both teams and of course our opponents for the day. Today's Emirates FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round fixture versus Banbury United is going to feel somewhat surreal taking place behind closed doors. Our guys have at least experienced it a number of times in pre-season, however Banbury ply their trade at Step 3 of the non-league football pyramid and have had fans in attendance at games this season, albeit in reduced numbers. I'm not sure what impact it is going to have on this game.

Quite simply football clubs without their fans have lost their soul and so the challenge for us has always been how do we retain our connection with the fans and how to secure our future in the face of extreme financial pressures. On the point of finances may I take a further opportunity to

the possibility of streaming games live from the ground and as many of you know our connectivity at our rural location is appalling. We have invested in a Wi-Fi system at a cost of £2000 that will provide upload speeds of 20 plus megabytes together with vastly improved download speeds. As soon as it became clear that games 'Behind Closed Doors' were a real possibility we invested a further £2000 in equipment necessary for our media team to deliver live stream broadcasts. This was tested for the first time on Wednesday evening and worked well. There is no doubt a possibility that we will have some unforeseen technical issues in the coming weeks but I am certain our media team will overcome any challenges and build upon their reputation for already delivering a very good product.

It is has been very difficult to establish what we would consider to be a fair

pricing level for this service, not knowing how many fans are going to use it. We eventually went with a starter price of £8.99 but will keep it under review. VAT, streaming provision and card payment costs account for 35% of income with payments to staff on top of that plus the aforementioned investment. The key fact is that this allows the fans to keep in connection with the team. The media team are excited at the prospect and I fully expect them to develop and enhance the service provided in the coming months, but as they say 'baby steps' at first.

I am not going to mention anything specifically about Covid-19 and all the challenges it presents for individuals, businesses and society as a whole. I think we have all had enough of that, but as I sit here late on Thursday evening we as club still have no detail on the financial package on offer to support clubs within the National League and without that, clubs across the leagues face a real dilemma in deciding whether to start the season on Saturday or not. There are varying views across clubs with everyone praying that clarity is provided on Friday. If not, I am not sure what the outcome will be with the potential for clubs withdrawing from this competition at late notice. I guess if you are reading this then we have made the decision to kick the season off.

Your continued backing will be vital to the season ahead and I for one can't wait to see you all coming back through the gates again. Come on you Brakes.

Jim Scott



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

JACK EDWARDS

It seems a little odd to be starting my first notes of the new season at the beginning of October, and also not to be welcoming our fans back for the first competitive match. To make it a hat trick of things that are odd, we are beginning with an Emirates FA Cup tie! Rest assured that the lads will be looking to get the season off to the kind of start we have been used to over the last few years. We have always done pretty well in our opening few games during my time here - I can only remember one opening day defeat and that was in my first season six years ago. We've had three wins and a couple of draws since then, so not too shabby. Obviously a draw today will mean penalties (I think? No extra time?), and that lottery is something we would like to avoid on the first day of our season! Nevertheless we are expecting a typically tough afternoon from our visitors Banbury United, who kicked off their season a couple of weeks back, and will be keen to put one over on us.

I'd like to welcome all the lads to the club - old and new. They have all settled in well so far and I think that we have a group that is more than capable of holding its own in this most competitive of leagues once again.

I must end by passing on deepest sympathies on behalf of the players to the family of Mick Brady, who sadly passed away last week. Mick was around the club long before my arrival here, but it is evident from reading the comments on our social media channels that he played a huge part in keeping the club alive and helping to give it the platform to achieve success again. Rest in Peace, Sir.

I hope that as many of you Brakes fans as possible will tune in to the Live Stream today - it is the only real avenue of income that the club has at this moment in time so it's vitally important to support it if you are able to. You will be with us in spirit I'm sure, and we will do our best to give you something to cheer again in this strangest of years.

Enjoy the game.

Jack



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THE LAST COMPETITIVE GAME



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Written by Paul Edwards

Vanarama National League North

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Saturday 7th March 2020

Goals either side of half time provided the catalyst for Guiseley to go on and record a comfortable win over Leamington, as their recent mini revival came to a halt at Nethermoor Park.

With half time approaching Brakes looked to be heading in level but a last gasp goal from Andrai Jones proved to be the turning point, and they finished the afternoon well beaten.

Paul Holleran made two changes from the side which started Tuesday's creditable draw against title chasing King's Lynn Town, Jake Weaver stepping back into the number one position while Kaiman Anderson replaced Dexter Walters.

There was an early setback for Leamington when they lost the services of James Mace inside the opening ten minutes. Jack Lane miscued his attempted shot from the first corner of the afternoon and the home side broke out swiftly. Mace's challenge held them up temporarily but he collapsed on the turf clutching his knee. After being looked at by physio Pete Denham he was able to walk from the pitch unaided but was immediately replaced by Dan Meredith. The manager reported afterwards that they believed he had twisted his knee, but it was too early to determine whether he had sustained any ligament damage or not.

Jake Weaver made the first save of the afternoon when he held the ball at close range as Chris Sang directed it towards goal from Guiseley's opening corner of the afternoon.



The closest Brakes came during the half was from a corner won by an inventive piece of play on the right from Anderson, who back heeled the ball over his head to beat Brad Nicholson, Lions skipper Hamza Bencherif putting the ball behind. From the flag kick Jack Storer rose well to head just over the bar.

Nicholson intercepted a pass out of defence to swing a left wing cross in for Gabriel Johnson to direct a header well wide of the target.

The game continued to be very stop start, the home fans becoming irate as Nicholson and Andrai Jones both went into the Referees' notebook while other challenges went unpunished, something which seemed to annoy Storer, who was perhaps fortunate not join them as tempers began to flare a little before half time.

A sturdy enough defensive display was ruined right on half time however when Jones rose bravely in front of Weaver to meet Johnson's swirling first time ball in from the left, taking a clattering from the goalkeeper for his trouble. Weaver was incandescent with his defenders, clearly believing they should have dealt with the cross.

Although the team emerged early from the dressing room they began the second half like they were still in there, and paid the ultimate price five minutes in as former Brakes midfielder Kaine Felix scored a stylish second for the hosts. Prince Ekpolo drove down the right wing before feeding Felix to drive a powerful shot across Weaver into the far corner of the net.

Leamington struggled to shake themselves out of their pedestrian start to the second half, Guiseley looking threatening every time they regained possession. Weaver did well to cut out a low cross towards Felix from Sang as the hosts broke quickly down the right from a Leamington corner.

Just past the hour mark Leamington forged their best efforts on goal of the afternoon. Anderson played Parker in for a fierce low drive which was saved by the legs of Brad Wade. The Guiseley keeper was beaten moments later however when the same two players combined again, but this time Parker's shot struck the post.

Brakes picked up three cautions as

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they began to become frustrated, and skipper Edwards spurned a chance that summed up their afternoon as with the goal apparently at his mercy as he rose at the far post to meet Joe Clarke's free kick only to head horribly wide.

Weaver kept the score down as Felix got past Martin, who being on a yellow card wisely opted not to try and challenge the Guiseley man, who tore towards goal and tried to clip the ball past the keeper, only to be denied by an outstretched glove.

Reiss McNally made an important block to deny Parker as he looked to despatch a knock down from Edwards from Meredith's cross, and late on substitute Connor Taylor cut in from the right only to hit a shot on target that lacked the power to trouble Wade.

Guiseley hammered the final nail in added time as Jamie Spencer won and scored a penalty, sending Weaver the wrong way to complete a miserable afternoon for Leamington.

PAUL HOLLERAN'S REACTION

Obviously we're very disappointed with the result. It was a lively pitch, the wind was blowing - it was a bit like playing at our place. Not much happened in the first half, we looked nice and solid and then we're 48 minutes into the half - we've probably had at least two chances to clear our lines and we haven't. It's a decent ball in and I think we've come out of our box a bit slowly, but it's a ball we should have dealt with and we're 1-0 down probably slightly against the run of play, and then it's taken us five minutes to get going in the second half and to be honest, certainly in the middle of the park, we looked leggy. There was periods of the game today where they



just had more energy than us. Don't get me wrong, we had spells, we had moments, we had several chances to get one back. It was never going to be a spectacle with the conditions today but you defend better either side of half time and you never know what might happen. It's disappointing after two encouraging performances. We just looked a bit flat.'

Attendance: 584

Referee: Mr Jonny Martin

Assistant Referees: Mr Martin Conroy & Mr Craig Chatten

Brakes Man of the Match: Joe Parker.

Photos by Paul Edwards

GUISELEY

Guiseley: Brad Wade, Reiss McNally, Brad Nicholson, Andrai Jones, Hamza Bencherif ©, Prince Ekpolo, Kaine Felix, George Cantrill, Chris Sang (17 Scott Smith, 68), Aram Soleman (16 Jamie Spencer, 79), Gabriel Johnson.

Subs not used: 12 Harry Sheppeard, 14 Paul Clayton, 15 Kennedy Digie.

LEAMINGTON

Leamington: Jake Weaver, Josh Martin, Stephan Morley, Joe Clarke (12 Callum Gittings, 81), James Mace (14 Dan Meredith, 8), Jack Lane, Kaiman Anderson, Callum Maycock (15 Connor Taylor, 82), Jack Storer, Jack Edwards ©, Joe Parker.

Subs not used: 16 Junior English, 17 Dexter Walters.



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HISTORY OF BANBURY

Banbury United's genesis is to be found in Spencer Villa, a works club formed in 1931. Friendly matches were played on a ground on the town's Middleton Road. The club joined the Banbury Junior League for the 1933-34 season and won the championship at their first attempt. They changed their name to Banbury Spencer in 1934 and moved to their current ground for the start of the 1934-35 season in which they competed in the Oxfordshire Senior League. This too they won at their first attempt. During the season they were elected to the Birmingham Combination for the start of the 1935-36 season.

After the war, Banbury resumed in the Birmingham Combination and turned professional for the 1946-47 season. In 1947-48, with attendances averaging 3,500, they finished runners-up in the league and reached the first round proper of the FA Cup for the first time, losing 2-1 at Colchester United, at that time a Southern League club. The next season the ground attendance record was broken when 7,160 turned up to see Banbury lose to Oxford City in the third qualifying round of the FA Cup. The same season also saw Banbury reach the final of the Birmingham Senior Cup, losing 2-1 to Nuneaton Borough. Banbury's manager at this time was Jimmy Cringan, who had joined them in 1936 and was to remain 'The Boss' for no less than 25 years until his retirement in 1961.

The status of the Birmingham Combination began to decline in the early 1950s. At the end of the 1953-54 season the league disbanded and, along with most

of its remaining clubs, Banbury joined the Birmingham League. In 1959-60 they reached the final of the Birmingham Senior Cup for the second time, again losing to Nuneaton, this time 1-0. In 1961-62, Banbury reached the first round of the FA Cup for the second time, travelling to Third Division Shrewsbury Town and losing 7-1.

The Birmingham League continued to expand and became the West Midlands League in 1962. This coincided with the effective independence of the football club, the Spencer Company having all but ended its association. The club name remained unchanged, however, until April 1965 when, with the club's finances suffering – attendances had fallen to a historical low – a group of local businessmen bought the club. Banbury Spencer became Banbury United.

The new owners were ambitious and were looking to a higher grade of football. Former Chelsea, West Ham, Arsenal and England player Len Goulden was installed as manager. During the summer of 1966 Banbury were elected to the Southern League. Significant improvements were made to the ground. Floodlights were installed and the famous old railway coaches that had been used as changing rooms were removed and replaced by a new clubhouse.

United then embarked on an unbroken 24-season run as members of the Southern League. They came close to league honours in 1967-68 when they finished in seventh place in the First Division, just two points and three places

behind Rugby Town who were promoted to the Premier Division. The first round of the FA Cup was reached twice more; in 1972-73, United lost 2-0 at home to Barnet, then a Southern League club, and the following season, after a 0-0 draw at home, they lost 3-2 away to Fourth Division Northampton Town in a replay. United twice reached the last sixteen of the FA Trophy, losing 1-0 in a replay to Hereford United in 1970-71 and, in 1973 74, by the same score in a second replay to eventual Southern League champions Dartford.

From the late 1970s United's fortunes declined sharply as debts mounted. The ownership of the ground was given up as security against the club's debts. On the field the team was also struggling, finishing in the top half of the table just twice in twelve seasons after 1978. In 1990, United finished 21st of 22 and were relegated for the first time in their history, starting season 1990-91 in the Hellenic League.

Those fans who expected a quick return to the Southern League were to be disappointed. However, from 1997 onwards a revived and expanded committee brought about such an improvement in financial circumstances that the club was ready to aim for promotion. Former Oxford, Newcastle and QPR player Kevin Brock was appointed first team manager for the 1999-2000 campaign.

United's form up to Christmas of 1999 was good but they entered the New Year no fewer than nineteen points behind leaders Highworth Town. In only eight weeks they overhauled their rivals with a run

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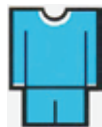
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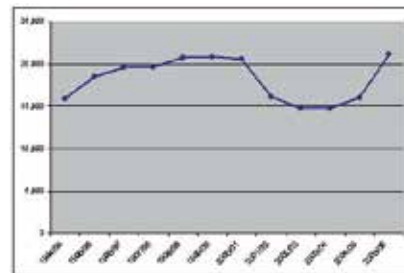


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of 13 consecutive victories and remained unbeaten for the rest of the season. A 3-1 victory at Wantage Town clinched the Hellenic League championship with two games remaining and Banbury United were back in the Southern League.

United took a couple of seasons to find their feet in the Eastern division, finishing 13th and 15th. Eighth place in 2003 was their best in the Southern League in 25 years. That was equalled the following season, enough to qualify for a play-off for a place in a reformed Premier division in the restructured non-League pyramid. Banbury beat Sutton Coldfield Town of the Western division, coming from behind to win in stoppage time in extra-time.

A difficult first season in the Premier division (2004-05) was followed by a much better second. Seventh place in season 2005-06 was an improvement of ten places but thirteenth in 2006-07 was a big disappointment. However, it was troubles off the field that made the headlines. Club accounts showed a large deficit and big cuts were made to the playing budget. Shortly after the season ended, manager Kevin Brock resigned, citing the cuts as his reason for leaving after eight years. His departure was the first of six changes of manager in the next eight years as United went into another decline.

Relegation was avoided in 2009 as the annual bout of resignations and demotions elsewhere in the Pyramid resulted in a reprieve. In 2012 a last-day victory ensured safety. Season 2013-14 began well

enough – United were eighth in the table in early February – but more drastic budget cuts were applied. Another player exodus resulted; there followed the most embarrassing run of defeats in the club's history as the team plummeted to 19th, conceding 43 goals in nine games. The dismal form continued into the 2014-15 season and the inevitable occurred. After 11 years in the Premier division level the club was relegated for only the second time in its history and was placed in the South & West division for the 2015-16 season.

Change, however, was on its way. For a year fans had been discreetly working on a takeover. Advised by Supporters Direct, the umbrella organisation for supporters' trusts, the supporters club launched its bid towards the end of the season.

Agreement was reached with the existing board and in May 2015 the club appointed a new team manager, ex-Oxford United player and Brackley Town and Oxford City manager Mike Ford. He had to assemble a new squad from scratch. Early form was moderate with only four wins from the first 12 games but the team hit form to win 24 of the next 30 and finish runners-up to Cinderford. A nervy victory in the play-off semi-final against Winchester set up a final showdown with third-placed Taunton. In front of more than 1,200 spectators, the club's biggest attendance for more than 21 years, United won 2-0 to regain their place in the Premier Division at the first attempt, a remarkable achievement for a club that had been on its knees a year earlier.

Those supporters who had thought that after relegation and the takeover a season of consolidation was a realistic target saw their expectations exceeded but even the most optimistic followers might not have anticipated that upon their return to the Premier Division United would enter the last month of season 2016/17 challenging for a place in the play-offs. Only over the Easter weekend did their hopes disappear but a final position of sixth was the club's best in the post-2004 Pyramid. Though this was followed by a creditable ninth place finish in season 2017/18, season 2018/19 was rather a disappointment, albeit never in serious danger of relegation, with the club finishing down in 17th place. Last season the club were just outside the play-offs when the season was abandoned due to the coronavirus pandemic.

May 2020 would see Mike Ford leave the manager's post after five years, to be replaced by former Coventry City, Brighton & Hove Albion and Oxford United defender Andy Whing who immediately brought in former Oxford United striker James Constable as a player and Assistant Manager.

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was a regular in their U23 side that season. He joined North Leigh on loan in October 2019, a move made permanent when he was released by Oxford in January 2020. Joined Banbury in August 2020.

Giorgio Rasulo

23 year-old midfielder who came through the MK Dons academy, progressing to make his first team debut at the age of just 15 in an FA Cup tie against Cambridge City. He would go on to make his Football League debut, aged just 16, in the final game of the 2012/13 season. Whilst at MK Dons he had loan spells with Oxford United, Aldershot Town and Oldham Athletic. He was released by MK Dons at the end of season 2017/18 and joined Banbury in September 2018.

Jack Westbrook

25-year-old midfielder, who can also play in central defence, originally joined Banbury United at the start of season 2014/15 after spending three years with South Midlands League side Mursley United. After making 48 appearances for the Puritans he moved to Redditch United in the summer of 2015 but opted to return to Banbury just three months later in October 2015. Jack's second spell with the Puritans saw him make another 108 appearances before leaving in November 2017 to join AFC Rushden & Diamonds. Re-joined Banbury for his third spell in the summer of 2019.

Amer Awadh

23 year-old forward who came through the youth system at Oxford City, playing primarily for the Nomads sides though he progressed to make a few first team appearances. Had been playing for Fanja SC in Oman prior to joining Banbury in February 2018.

Pablo Haysham

28 year-old striker or attacking midfielder who was originally with Oxford City prior to joining Didcot Town in the summer of 2012. In three seasons with the Railwaymen, Pablo scored 36 goals, attracting the attention of phoenix club Hereford FC whom he joined in the summer of 2015. At Edgar Street he was part of the side that won three successive league championships as Hereford quickly moved up through the non-league pyramid. Pablo joined Southern League Premier Salisbury in the summer of 2018 before returning in February 2019 on loan to Didcot Town. Joined Banbury in the summer of 2019.

Ricky Johnson

32 year-old striker who joined the club for his third spell in the summer of 2015. Originally came through the Banbury United youth side and made a few first team appearances before going on to play for Easington Sports, Witney United, Hook Norton and Woodford United. Returned to Banbury in December 2011, scoring 19 goals in 42 appearances before leaving in September 2012 for Leamington, helping them

to win the Southern League Championship in 2012/13 and playing for them the following season in Conference North. He spent season 2014/15 playing for Hellenic League Premier Division side Ardley United before joining Banbury for his third spell in the summer of 2015. Has now made over 250 appearances and scored over 90 goals for the Puritans.

Henry Landers

20-year-old striker who joined the club in the summer of 2020. Played for Oxford City at youth level before moving to North Leigh, his 24 goals for them in 2018/19 was a key factor in them retaining their Southern League status. His goalscoring exploits earned him a move to National League Maidenhead United for season 2019/20. After a couple of substitute appearances for the Magpies he had a loan spell with Cheshunt before opting to move back to North Leigh in November 2019.

Ryan Macdonald

19 year-old striker who has come through the youth teams at Banbury United and after impressing in under 18 games moved up to the first team squad, making his first team debut against Hitchin in January 2018.

Jack Finch

24 year-old midfielder who progressed through the Coventry City academy to sign professional forms with them at the end of season 2013/14. After making 16 Football League appearances he was released at the end of season 2016/17 and after a short spell with Kidderminster Harriers he joined Banbury United in November 2017. Jack would make 46 appearances for the Puritans before spending last season with Daventry Town. Re-joined Banbury at the start of this season.

Josh Endall

Was on schoolboy forms with Walsall and Coventry City prior to joining the Solihull Moors academy, making his first team debut for them at the age of 16. He earned a move back to Coventry City in October 2017, playing for the Sky Blues U18 side and then for the U23s in season 2018/19. After being released, he joined Stratford Town for the start of last season before opting to move to Redditch United in November 2019. Josh can play as a central defender or at left back.

Jack Self

25-year-old midfielder who re-joined the club in September 2020. First joined Banbury in the summer of 2016 from Didcot Town and made 108 appearances for the Puritans and scored 13 goals before leaving for National League South side Oxford City in November 2018. After making 54 appearances for City, he joined Chippenham Town in February 2020. Jack was originally part of the Oxford United youth system, joining Oxford City on his release before moving to Didcot Town in the summer of 2014.

AWAY STATS

BANBURY

HOME STATS

Ranked	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
11	2	1	0	1	2	1	+1	3

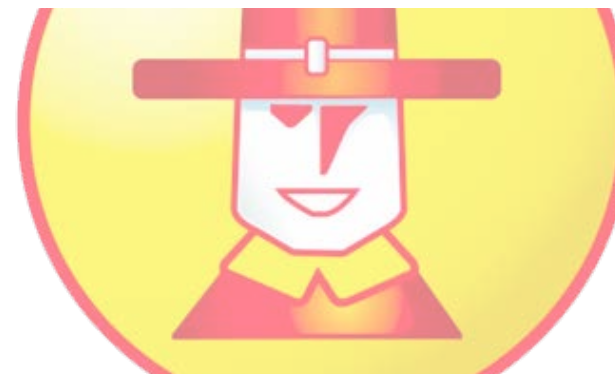
AWAY STATS

Ranked	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
7	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1



SEQUENCES

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



LAST MEETING



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Written by Paul Edwards

Birmingham Senior Cup

Second Round

Phillips 66 Community Stadium

Tuesday 19th November 2019

Brakes edged through to the next round of the Birmingham Senior Cup after a seesaw encounter with near neighbours Banbury United swung back in their favour thanks to a last minute winner from top scorer Josh March.

Their defence of the trophy they won last season looked in the balance as the high flying Southern League Puritans came from behind to lead at the break having been second best, but they failed to capitalise when they were on top, and were punished at the death by March, who only joined the action in the closing stages along with Kaiman Anderson and Jack Edwards as Paul Holleran looked to win the tie.

The manager had made changes from the victory at Bradford at the weekend, resting Junior English completely while Joe Clarke was on the bench. In came Jordan Murphy for his first game since early September, while Connor Taylor, Kieran Dunbar and Dexter Walters also started.

Walters was heavily involved in the first half action, driving in the first effort of the evening low, Puritans keeper Jack Harding watching the ball all the way.

The Sky Blues loan man then played in Taylor only for an offside flag to be raised. The two then swapped roles, Taylor slipping Walters in on the left, his cross to the far post finding Murphy, who opted to shoot when heading towards goal might have been the better option.



Walters fired a free kick wide of the target before Murphy squared for Dunbar to strike first time from the edge of the box, but straight at Harding.

Walters saw a shot blocked behind for a corner before engineering the opening goal of the night on 24 minutes, taking on and beating defenders on the left and benefitting from the run of the ball slightly before his shot struck the bar. Fortunately Murphy was perfectly placed to nod into an empty net.

The Solihull Moors man looked sharp despite his lack of game time, and dragged a shot across goal and just wide after taking on two defenders on the edge of the box.

The visitors hadn't threatened prior to this but Jaanai Gordon fired a warning shot across goal and wide. Walters fired another effort wide before driving a free kick into the arms of Harding, before Banbury equalised completely out of nothing on 40 minutes, a left wing corner headed into his own net by James Mace, who was under no pressure whatsoever.

Jake Weaver had barely had anything to do up until this point, but managed to hold a shot at the second attempt before he was picking the ball out of his net for a second time, Connor Roberts firing home at the far post following another corner right on half time to leave Leamington stunned.

Despite arguably taking the lead against the run of play, Mike Ford's side opened the second half with great appetite, forcing a hurried save from Weaver and winning a string of corners. However, Leamington turned the tables by levelling things up on the hour mark, Mace atoning for his own goal by picking up a knock down from Carline from a left wing corner to control and slam a shot under Harding.

The centre back came close to a second goal when he launched himself at Morley's deep free kick into the Banbury penalty area, the ball dropping past the far post.

Walters was heavily involved in the first half action, driving in the first effort of the evening low, Puritans keeper Jack Harding watching the ball all the way.

The visitors were not getting forward with the same frequency they had done in the early stages of the half, but as Brakes introduced March and Anderson to try and turn the screw Banbury's own substitute Mohammed

Ahmed darted down the right only for his inviting cross to be ballooned high over the bar by John Mills.

Morley drove a free kick over the bar as the contest edged towards stalemate and a penalty shoot-out, but a comedy of errors led to Kyanan Isaac needlessly conceding a corner, heading the ball behind from at least twenty yards. The initial ball into the box was harmless enough but it was recycled intelligently by March out to Dunbar, who drove it back in low. After a brief scramble Banbury could only clear it as far as March just outside the six yard box, and he rammed it straight back into the net to secure a second consecutive win for his side.

Attendance: 162

Referee: Mr Ben Cooke

Assistant Referees: Mr Ian Croston & Mr Scott Postin

Brakes Man of the Match: Callum Maycock.

MANAGERS' REACTION

'I don't think you could argue that for the first forty minutes it was a good, controlled performance from us. It was missing goals, then all of a sudden we made some strange decisions and seemed to lose our way a little bit. Banbury were probably the better team either side of half time but we



settled down, started playing through the pitch again, started playing some decent football again and got our rewards at the end.

'It served its purpose in that we got Jordan (Murphy), we got Kieran Dunbar, Dexter Walters and Connor Taylor on the pitch and got some good minutes into them, and then we've been able to bring on a few of the boys who are normally on from the start and do all the hard work, and when the game is a bit stretched they've come on and made an impact, so yeah, it was a good night all round.'

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Leamington: Jake Weaver, George Carline, Stephan Morley, Callum Maycock, James Mace ©, Jack Lane, Jordan Murphy (15 Kaiman Anderson, 74), Callum Gittings, Connor Taylor (14 Josh March, 74), Kieran Dunbar, Dexter Walters (12 Jack Edwards, 79).

Subs not used: 13 Ben Newey, 16 Joe Clarke.

BANBURY

Banbury United: 1 Jack Harding, 2 Connor Roberts, 5 Kyanan Isaac, 6 Jack Westbrook, 7 Charlie Hawtin, 10 Pablo Haysham (4 Eddie Odhiambo, 86), 11 Claudio Dias, 14 Lee Henderson, 15 John Mills, 17 Morgan Roberts (16 Mohammed Ahmed, 70), 18 Jaanai Gordon.

Subs not used: 3 Gedeon Okito, 19 Craig Fasanmade.

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RIP SIR MICK

'MR LEAMINGTON' BRADY

We have unfortunately recently heard of the passing of the club's life president, known affectionately to Brakes fans as Sir Mick. During the club's period of abeyance, Mick kept the idea of the club going when it looked hopeless and almost everyone else had given up. Put simply, without Mick Brady there would be no Leamington FC.

Legend is a word used all too often in football, however in the case of Leamington FC, Mick Brady deserves that title. This gentleman made time to chat with everyone he met – regardless of any previous knowledge. I was always spoken to as an equal with my husband – something very unusual in the past when 'wives and girlfriends' were not meant to know about or attend football games.

Everyone at Leamington FC sends our condolences and best wishes to Jenny and the rest of Mick's family and friends during this incredibly tough time. This is one of the biggest losses for the club in a long time, he will never be forgotten for giving us the club we now know as a National League North club today.

RIP Sir Mick
'Mr Leamington' Brady.



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HISTORY

COUGHTON COURT

Coughton Court is a Tudor manor house located in Warwickshire, about 15 miles west of Leamington Spa. The estate has been owned by the Throckmorton family since 1409, and the manor was built by Sir George Throckmorton who dedicated the majority of his life to constructing the property.

The front of the house is a bolstered façade that gives the impression of a reinforced castle or stronghold, this design is anchored by a Tudor Gatehouse that is very much the main attraction of the property. Dating from 1530, the gatehouse sports hexagonal turrets and protruding oriel windows that were constructed in the English Renaissance style. The materials used were stones that came from Bordesley Abbey and Evesham Abbey in the fallout following the Dissolution of the Monasteries Act in 1536. The great gatehouse at Coughton was dedicated to King Henry VIII by Throckmorton, a favourite of the King. The Gatehouse is the oldest part of the house, the wings that accompany it were added at a later date, in a Gothic style.

Due to the family being practicing Catholics, it is believed that the house featured a Priest Hole at one point in its existence, something that has not been found to this day. A priest hole, of course, being a secret hiding place for priests during the period in which Catholics were persecuted by the law of England.



The court holds a place in English History for being involved in the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, as a handful of conspirators rode to the manor after the plan's discovery. Furthermore, the courtyard was closed on all four sides until 1651, when Parliamentary soldiers burnt the east wing of the property, along with many of the Throckmorton's family papers, during the English Civil War.

The house has been in the ownership of the National Trust since 1946 but was fully passed over by the family in 2007 for the National Trust to manage full time. Thanks to the National Trust's preservation of the property, it is open for the public to view.



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 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 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 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 motballs 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 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.



Paul Holleran (Manager)

Currently one of the longest serving managers in the game, Paul celebrated both 500 games and 10 years in charge at Leamington in the latter half of 2019, a truly remarkable achievement in the modern game.

Having been able to largely continue the sharp upward trajectory which the club set off on in 2000, Paul led us to a Play Off spot in his first full season before winning the Southern League Premier Division title in 2013, and with it promotion to Step 2 of the Pyramid.

Managing at this level for the first time, in 2013/14 Paul guided the club to a respectable thirteenth position. Sadly the following season we were relegated, but came incredibly close to bouncing straight back up in 2015/16 with defeat in the Play Off Final. This experience drove the team on, and 12 months later a return to what is now the National League North was secured through the Play Offs. The Birmingham Senior Cup was also added to the trophy cabinet for the first time in 45 years.

Paul has worked wonders over the last two seasons, steering Brakes to final day safety in 2017/18 and another thirteenth place finish in 2019, along with a second Senior Cup win in three years. Last season Brakes were clear of relegation danger when the season came to a premature end due to the COVID19 pandemic.

During his time at Leamington Paul has developed a reputation for helping strikers into the professional game, with several having successfully made the leap following goal laden spells with the Brakes.

Having begun his playing career as a scholar at Birmingham City, Paul turned out for Alvechurch and Solihull Borough before two knee operations brought early retirement and a move into coaching, where he is qualified to UEFA level. He was instrumental in setting up reserve and youth teams at Solihull Borough before taking his first managerial role at Kings Norton Town, taking them to runners up spot in the Midland Alliance and a cup win before he worked alongside David Bust with the first team at Solihull, eventually taking over the manager's role. He can lay claim to helping two clubs to promotion in the same season, as he left Solihull for Halesowen Town late in the 2003/2004 campaign, which saw both clubs go up! The Yeltz won the Worcestershire Senior Cup and reached the 1st round proper of the FA Cup under his stewardship.

Paul has also managed Rushall Olympic, taking them to two play off spots and the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup for the first time in their history.



Tim Holland (Coach)

Tim is hugely experienced having been involved playing and coaching in non-league football since 1972. Tim had a football career of 18 years which included playing for Solihull Borough, Paget Rangers and Highgate United, his zenith being for Bromsgrove Rovers in the old Southern League. A schoolteacher by profession he has successfully managed school, district and county teams. He was Youth team coach at Sutton Coldfield Town before progressing to the first team, and has been with the Brakes for several years now.



Martyn Naylor (Coach)

Signed initially on a short term loan deal in October 2012 to bolster the squad, Martyn is an experienced defender who has played for both Telford United clubs, in the Football League for Shrewsbury Town, and also spent a successful 6 year spell in Wales with The New Saints as part of Championship winning sides and also playing in European football. More recently he has played for Worcester City and Rushall Olympic. His experience was vital to a relatively young squad in our promotion season. Martyn unfortunately damaged his anterior cruciate ligament in training early 2013-14 season and was out for the rest of the campaign. However, he continued his association helping with coaching and is an important member of the coaching staff.



Chris Knott (First team coach)

Chris initially joined the club to assist in setting up the Academy, and while he is still involved in this arm of the club as Head of Youth and in coaching, he has now become Brakes First Team Coach.

Beginning his career as a 16 year old goalkeeper at Knowle in the Midland Combination, Chris went on to represent the league in the FA National League System Cup, reaching the final in 2007-08. He was unfortunately forced to retire at 26 but went on to become involved in management at Knowle, first with the Reserves and then as Assistant and Manager of their 1st Team before he decided to leave to focus on gaining his coaching qualifications. He gained his UEFA A Licence in April 2018 and worked as an Opposition Analyst at Lowestoft Town and First Team Coach at Heather St Johns before arriving at Leamington.



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BRAKES BIOS



Pete Denham (Physiotherapist)

A popular figure around the club, Pete begins his seventh season as our physiotherapist having linked up with Brakes after leaving Solihull Moors in Summer 2014. A supporter of Moor Green since childhood, he became their Assistant Physio in 1995, joining Tamworth in 1998 after becoming fully qualified. He spent 6 seasons with the Lambs as they won the Southern League and reached the FA Trophy final, before returning to Moor Green in 2004, remaining as the club merged with Solihull Borough in 2007. Then came a move to Halesowen Town in 2009 as Rob Elmes, who had been Assistant boss at Solihull, took Pete with him to The Grove, where he spent 4 seasons before returning to the Moors.



Barry Reeve (kitman)

After initially assisting Mark Davidson, Barry became kit man 5 years ago. Barry has been a supporter of Brakes in their various guises for around 60 years now, and has experienced plenty of highs and lows on and off the pitch in that time. He attended his first game with his father at 9 years old in 1956, and has been a fan ever since. He can recall printing the match programmes while working at AP, which was across the road from the old Windmill Ground, and then selling them at the games later on.



Kaiman Anderson (midfield/attack)

Kaiman joined Leamington from Stourbridge prior to the beginning of last season, making 40 appearances in his first season at National League North level. He scored four times - the late leveller at Kidderminster on his debut and the winning goal at Hereford among the highlights.

Beginning his career at Shrewsbury Town, Kaiman had loan spells in non league, most notably at Halesowen Town where he scored 26 goals in 56 games over two spells. Brief spells at Southport and Nantwich Town preceded his move to Stourbridge in 2017.



Joe Clarke (midfield)

An experienced midfield player who loves to regale his team mates with tales of the time he played at Wembley, Joe joined Brakes on our return to the National League North in 2017, signing from Tamworth, and has been a mainstay in midfield ever since. He passed a century of appearances for Brakes last season, and is something of an unsung hero, his best work often going unnoticed as the link between defence and attack, but he remains an important member of the team. Turned out for Solihull Borough, Evesham United, Redditch United and Solihull Moors earlier in his career before going full time with Darlington, and is one of few players who can claim the distinction of having a fanzine named after him, while playing for Wrexham, where he was an FA Trophy winner.



Jack Edwards (defence/midfield/attack)

Jack has become one of the most influential figures at Leamington since returning from a brief spell at Solihull Moors in 2017. He was named Club Captain last season after Jamie Hood left the club, and underlined his importance to the team by scooping both the Managers' and the Players' Player of the Year Awards in May.

One of the most versatile members of the Brakes squad, Jack can operate in defence and attack but is most at home in central midfield, and has played a major part in the club's success since first arriving from Barwell in summer 2014. He has steadily worked his way up the Non League Pyramid, having previously played for Studley and Coventry Sphinx, and should hit half a century of goals and pass 300 appearances in Brakes colours this season.



Junior English (defence/midfield)

Arriving in the summer of 2017 as Leamington returned to the National League North, Junior underlined his versatility by seamlessly switching from midfield to right back during the campaign. He has been one of the most consistent performers in the squad over the last three seasons, a statistic borne out by the fact that he scooped the Players Player of the Year and the Managers' Player of the Year in his first two seasons with us.

Prior to joining Leamington Junior spent a season with Worcester City. He has played his entire career at Step 2 of the Pyramid having started out at Moor Green, who later merged with Solihull Borough to become Solihull Moors. Junior made over 300 appearances, playing in every position but goalkeeper, and was part of their National League North title winning squad in 2016. He passed a century of appearances in a Brakes shirt last season.

BRAKES PLAYER BIOS



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.



Jack Lane (defence)

Jack begins his third season at Leamington now fully established in the centre of defence, having joined us from Alfreton Town early in the 2018/19 campaign. He can also operate at left back, and impressed in breaking into the team alongside experienced campaigners James Mace and Jamie Hood. He also added goals to his tally last season, scoring the winner in an FA Cup replay at Chasetown.



Josh Martin (defence)

Josh signed for Leamington in early December 2019, and waited patiently for his chance to break into the team, establishing himself in the final four games of last season before it came to a premature end. His form was such that he was tied down on a contract for the 2020/21 season.

The 21 year old began his career at Birmingham City, rising to the fringes of the first team squad before spending time on loan at Hungerford Town. He has also recently captained Redditch United.



Simeon Maye (midfield)

Simeon joined the Brakes in August 2020. The 25 year old midfielder has plenty of experience of the National League at both levels, having featured for the likes of Solihull Moors and last season Hereford and Brackley Town.

He began his career as a youngster at Birmingham City, getting his first taste of the non league game at Tamworth and Stratford Town before starting to establish himself at Boldmere St Michaels. He then moved to Redditch United, playing under Liam McDonald at the Valley Stadium before following him to Hednesford Town, Solihull and later Rushall Olympic.



Dan Meredith (defence/midfield)

Dan returned to Leamington on a permanent basis in August 2020 having spent a brief loan spell with us at the end of the unfinished 2019/20 campaign. Paul Holleran moved quickly to get him back on board after he left West Bromwich Albion, where he had progressed through the ranks and featured regularly for their Under 23 side.

Having also represented Scotland at Youth level, Dan spent a spell on loan in the National League at Maidstone United in 2019. He has produced some impressive performances in our pre season fixtures to suggest that he will be a key figure for Brakes this season.



Stephan Morley (defence)

Steph returned to Leamington in November 2019 after a gap of almost five years, slotting seamlessly back into the left side of defence like he had never been away. His experience was vital as Brakes collected the points required to keep them safely in the National League North for another season.

Joining us initially from Halesowen Town, Morley moved on to Corby and then Brackley Town in 2015, later appearing for Tamworth and AFC Telford United before returning to Leamington.

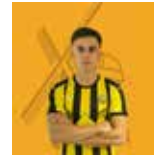
Having made well over 200 appearances for the club now, he will be a vital part of the backline again this season.



Kyle Morrison (defence)

Kyle signed for Leamington in the summer of 2020 from Southern League Premier Division side Alvechurch. He can operate on the right side or in central defence and already has a wealth of experience on relatively young shoulders at the age of 24, having started his career in the Midland League with the 'Church before spending three seasons at Halesowen Town in the Northern Premier League. Kyle then returned to Alvechurch and was part of the side that reached the play off final in 2019 before captaining the side last season. He is looking forward to the challenge of testing himself at Step 2.

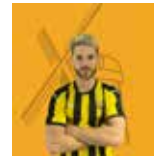
BRAKES PLAYER BIOS



Sam Osborne (midfield/attack)

Sam joined Leamington in September 2020 having made the decision to leave Notts County, where he was named Young Player of the Year for two consecutive seasons, in order to get regular game time. The persuasive words of Paul Holleran and a glowing recommendation from former Brakes and Magpies striker Colby Bishop convinced him that Leamington was the place to further his career.

Sam began his career at local club Dunkirk in Nottingham, also featuring for Burton Albion before getting his first taste of senior football in Dunkirk's first team in the Midland League. Notts picked him up in 2016 and he quickly impressed, making his first team debut early in 2017 before successful loan spells at Basford United and Grantham Town. He made 28 appearances and scored three goals across two seasons in the County first team.



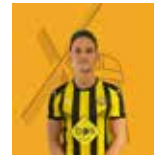
Joe Parker (midfield)

Joe joined Leamington in January 2020 from our National League North rivals Gloucester City and quickly impressed the Brakes support with his pacy displays and eye for goal. Paul Holleran paid an undisclosed fee for the Tigers' fans favourite to bring him to the club after making over 250 appearances over three spells with his home town side. Joe has also played in the Football League with Newport County, and will be looking to make his mark in his first full season at Leamington.



Lance Smith (striker)

Lance finally signed for Leamington in the summer of 2020, having been tracked by Paul Holleran for a number of years. He burst onto the Midland Non League scene when starting his career at Littleton and Badsey Rangers, but it was his goal scoring exploits at home town club Evesham United which earned him a move to Hereford, where his net bursting form continued, helping the Bulls to the Southern League Championship. Last season was a frustrating one for Lance as injury curtailed his progress, but he is fully fit and raring to go as he starts a new challenge with the Brakes.



Connor Taylor (midfield/attack)

Connor signed for his hometown club in the summer of 2018, having left Tamworth as the supporters player of the season after 5 years at the club, having joined initially on loan before signing permanently after spells with Walsall and Nuneaton Town, making over 150 appearances. He began his career at Aston Villa before spending a season at the Bescot Stadium, making a single appearance for their first team during the 2012/13 season, when he spent his first spell on loan at Tamworth. Impressed in his appearances in the strikers' role last season, scoring one of the goals of the season at Gateshead.



Danny Waldron (midfield/attack)

Danny signed for Leamington in August 2020 from Southern League Rushall Olympic. Having established himself at Step 3 in his three years at Dales Lane, scoring almost half a century of goals in around 125 games for the Pics, Danny took the chance to make the step up to the National League North with Brakes and immediately impressed with his work rate and eye for goal.

Able to play in any of the front three positions, Danny began his career at Halesowen Town where he scored freely in their Youth Team before progressing to the First Team. He then spent time playing for Liverpool's John Moores University team while also turning out for Smethwick in the West Midlands Regional League, before being snapped up by Rushall in 2017.



Jake Weaver (goalkeeper)

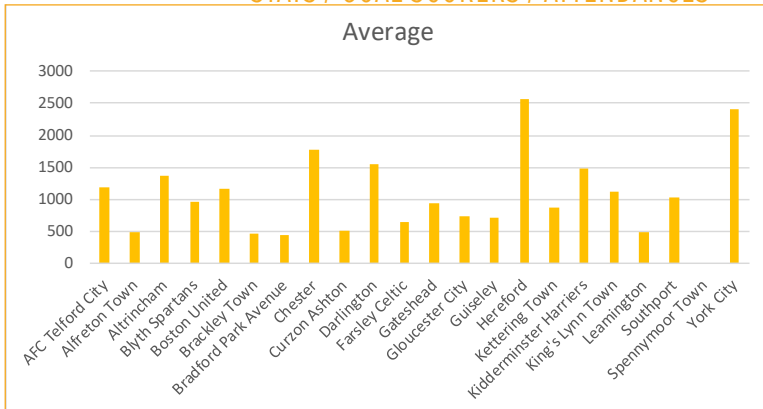
Jake spent the 2019/2020 campaign on loan with us from Championship side Birmingham City, having signed on the eve of the season after playing in the final warm up fixture following the departure of Tony Breeden.

He went on to make 42 appearances before the season was cut short in early March, and proved himself to be a competent, reliable keeper who was well capable of adapting to life in the National League North.

After his release from Birmingham in the summer of 2020 Jake had several offers but decided to return to Leamington on a permanent basis, having already proved a hit with the Brakes supporters, who voted him their player of the season last May.

PLAYER

STATS / GOAL SCORERS / ATTENDANCES



2019-20	Season					Career				Goals	Joined	Left	Returned
	Start	Sub	Unused Sub	Total	Goals	Start	Sub	Total					
Kaiman Anderson	0	0	0	0	0	32	10	42	4				
Joe Clarke	0	0	0	0	0	106	14	120	1				
Jack Edwards	0	0	0	0	0	244	29	273	51				
Junior English	0	0	0	0	0	121	3	124	10				
Callum Gittings	0	0	0	0	0	133	32	165	8				
Jack Lane	0	0	0	0	0	67	7	74	2				
Josh Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Simeon Maye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Aug-20			
Dan Meredith	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0				
Stephan Morley	0	0	0	0	0	223	8	204	16				
Kyle Morrison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Jun-20			
Sam Osborne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sep-20			
Joe Parker	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	8	1				
Lance Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Jul-20			
Connor Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	32	34	66	3				
Danny Waldron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Aug-20			
Jake Weaver	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	42	0				

TOP 10 GOAL SCORERS

Adam Marriott	Kings Lynn Town	27
Aaron Martin	Guiseley	16
Akwasi Asante	Chester	16
Josh March	Leamington	16
Amari Morgan-Smith	Alfreton	14
Jordan Thewlis	Boston United	11
Joe Hanks	Gloucester City	10
Jordan Hulme	Altrincham	9
Glen Taylor	Spennymoor Town	9
Ashley Chambers	Kidderminster	9



SECOND ROUND QUALIFYING

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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.

Charlie Fogarty has been a keynote and headline speaker at many influential events, corporate conferences & premier league clubs.



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PLAYER PROFILE

LANCE SMITH

Lance Smith is a player many fans who have watched highlights of games will have missed since his nasty sholder injury at Alvechurch. However, hopefully his recovery has been quick and he will soon be featuring again for the Brakes.

Lance finally signed for Leamington in the summer of 2020, having been tracked by Paul Holleran for a number of years. He burst onto the Midland Non-League scene when starting his career at Littleton and Badsey Rangers, but it was his goal scoring exploits at home town club Evesham United which earned him a move to Hereford, where his net bursting form continued, helping the Bulls to the Southern League Championship. Last season was a frustrating one for Lance as injury curtailed his progress, but he is fully fit and raring to go as he starts a new challenge with the Brakes.



AN INTERVIEW WITH

IAN CLARKSON

I contacted Ian via Facebook and email and asked him a few questions about his career and time with Leamington. Ian played as a right back and made nearly 400 appearances in the football league for Birmingham City, Stoke City, Northampton Town and Kidderminster Harriers. Ian made his Blues debut aged seventeen against Aston Villa in the League Cup in 1988 and captained them to promotion to Division Two aged twenty one.

MY FIRST MEMORY OF YOU WAS WHEN YOU WERE PLAYING FOR BIRMINGHAM CITY ON ITV ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN THE EARLY 90S, PLENTY OF LOCAL DERBIES TOO. IT MUST HAVE BEEN ENJOYABLE TIMES?

It was fantastic. Honestly, it is/was the best job in the world. Getting paid for playing a game you love and keeping yourself fit and healthy in the bargain. We played the likes of Wolves/Albion/Stoke/Notts County/Leicester/Derby/Oxford/Swindon locally so there was always plenty of life in the fixtures! To play for the team I supported as a boy was also extra special.



LOVE IT OR HATE IT? THE FAMOUS BLUES KIT BELOW?

At the time I thought it was a shocker!! But, like most retro things, it has grown on me a bit in time. I still think the best thing we did was change the kit in about March of that season.



GREAT ASSIST BY YOU FOR THE FIRST GOAL AT WEMBLEY IN 1991, WHAT ARE YOUR MEMORIES?

What about the third one as well?!!! The build-up was long as it was two weeks after the end of the season. We played a friendly against Albion at The Hawthorns, who had just been relegated and Bobby Gould kept them in till the end of May as a punishment. We won 5-3 but it was a game where you could see they weren't happy at all!

We went to Reading University and the accommodation was Spartan to say the least... this was an era before 9K tuition fees so there wasn't as much cash spent on accommodation by the universities.

We basically ran our socks off for a week as Lou Macari was a big believer in fitness but it worked as we had a lot of young lads and it took the pressure off us.

The atmosphere on the day was unbelievable and it was a cracking game as well to make it even better. I particularly remember the next day when there was a civic reception and standing on top of the Council/Civic House next to the Town Hall in Brum and there thousands of people on the streets.

HOW DID YOUR MOVE TO LEAMINGTON COME ABOUT AND HOW MANY GAMES DID YOU PLAY FOR US?

I am definitely one of your nearly men! I knew Dave Draper as I trained with Nuneaton Borough for a while before signing for Kidderminster in the Football League. Dave got in touch once I'd finished in the Conference with Nuneaton and asked if I wanted to come along and have a look. I was impressed as the set up was terrific for the level they were playing at but it near quite worked out.

I then came and trained a couple of times when Richard Beale was assistant manager as I know him well and I thoroughly enjoyed it but work was taking priority by then But I hope they keep on developing as it is a great club with good traditions

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE SINCE RETIRING FROM FOOTBALL?

I've had a few jobs...I was journalist for five years for the Heartland Evening News, Birmingham Post, PFA and Sunday Mercury. I also coached at Solihull College in that time and delivered Level 1/FA Youth Mod 1 courses for the FA. I then ran a project for Solihull Council known as NS Fusion for three years, where sport was used to combat ASB. I was then an SSCo in the Bishop Challoner School Sports Partnership and worked for the NDCS (National Deaf Children's Society as a Sports Development Manager for six months before finally becoming a teacher. I have worked at Repton School in Derbyshire for the past nine years as a full time PE teacher and I also coach the ISFA U14 National squad.

WHO WOULD YOU SAY IS THE BEST PLAYER YOU PLAYED AGAINST?

There's been a few. I reckon either David Ginola or Gianluca Vialli who were terrific. A player I played against regularly who was always good for a battle was Robbie Dennison of Wolves.

MEMORABLE MATCH

Birmingham City 3.2 Tranmere Rovers – 26th May 1991 - Associate Members' Cup Final
A thrilling match at Wembley, John Gayle scored two goals for The Blues, Simon Sturridge the other goal. Cooper and Steel replied for Tranmere Rovers.

BIRMINGHAM CITY –

Thomas, Clarkson, Frain, Overson, Mathewson, Yates, Peer, Robinson, Gleghorn, Gayle, Sturridge (Bailey)

Many thanks for your time Ian and sharing memories of your great career with us.

By Ed Blackaby



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UP & COMING

Due to the inclement weather this winter and some cup exploits we have yet more mid-week games in the next fortnight. On Tuesday we welcome the revived Bradford Park Avenue to the Phillips 66 Community Stadium and then travel to St James' Park next Saturday for Brackley Town. This is capped with a Wednesday visit to Darlington on 25th March and then back here on Saturday 28th March for the visit of Boston United.

The Brakes Trust endeavours to organise transport to all home and away games, and as the minibus is back in action you can book for the away games and check the timetable for a lift to and from home games. Check at <https://brakestrust.com/minibus/> for details.

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Written by Matt Badcock

IF YOU'RE reading this, then it's good news – you're reading a football programme, an increasingly endangered species.

Like many things post-covid and in this 'new normal' there are lots of things different at our Non-League grounds now.

The National League have given their clubs the option of not running programmes this year and we've seen similar in the EFL.

In this digital world an increasing number of clubs are looking at those avenues rather than the printed page. Everyone will have their views on this traditional aspect of football match going.

But here we are, in a programme, talking about competitive Non-League football. Hopefully that is as good to read as it is good to write.

For many months now we've not had much competitive football to write about in The NLP. Yes, we had some play-off games, but the return this month of competitive football starting with the FA Cup has been most welcome.

Of course, everything around the game is different. We're all getting used to the added things we have to do. Book a ticket online beforehand, fill out a test and trace form, sanitise our hands as we enter the ground, follow one-way systems.

It's very different to what we left in March when the 2019-20 season stopped in its tracks. Players are turning up in kit, staying out at half-time for team talks – the current weather helps – and sitting apart on the bench.

But, when the whistle goes, it's back to the football we've all missed so much.

Crowds being allowed back in stadiums was a massive breakthrough. Now Steps 2 and above can follow (to some degree) that much needed money can come through the gate.

From a reporter's point of view, we've never covered such a fluid situation. Things changed literally by the hour. Sometimes even within ten minutes of being told one thing, another call would come through saying it was now something else. It's been a challenge!

Without crowds it would have been impossible to start the season. Then the fears for clubs as soon as the

pandemic broke out would have been multiplied.

I remember one week, way back in the summer, being told four different opinions on the start date for 2020-21. One said September/October, another ventured November, someone else thought January and another, informed person, feared not at all!

Thankfully the first person's guess was correct but we all are aware it's a fine line with cases on the rise again.

Already we're getting used to clubs withdrawing from the FA Cup at the last minute because of positive tests and there will no doubt be late cancellations of games throughout the season.

We can all play our part. Help clubs stick to the crucial social distancing rules that need to be adhered to. Fill out test and trace forms and throw a couple of extra quid into the coffers.

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SHOP

I wish we were actually back from our enforced hibernation, we hope that all of our friends, families and customers are all well and ok.

The pandemic sadly has meant that we have had to completely curtail our operation back and we will be operating in a different way to ensure everyone is safe.

When attendance can resume we will have to operate a 1 in 1 out policy and request all customers to wear a mask whilst in the shop, I will be in there to assist with any requests. Paul will be manning the door and will ensure that we maintain this process, whilst appreciating this will affect the customer experience it is the only reasonable approach we can take. Meanwhile, please be aware that we can be contacted via email and will try to help with any requests you have.

We have been speaking to friends who run other shops and many will simply not be opening this season, but with everyone's co-operation we will try our best.

With regards to programmes this will be a strange year as many clubs have decided at present to either go online or not issue them at all. This will no doubt impact our supply chain as to what extent we will see, we still intend to try and arrange swops with our regular sources and time will tell.

One interesting effect of this has been the rise of pirate programmes, one appeared on Ebay for the Worcester Raiders friendly involving Brakes. The sale price was £6 inc. postage for the basic 4 page

programme and was one of many created by the seller, personally not for me but there appears to be a market judging by the sales feedback!

Should we get any of our current season away programmes we will be selling these at £1 each, with regards to home programmes I will advise you once we are back in operation.

Our stock has grown over the summer and Paul has donated several bags of mixed programmes including some real 1970's gems, non-league at their best!

We will also have the usual badge board which has over 450 different club badges from around the country ranging from £2.50 to £3.50 each and I now have a list that can be requested by emailing crayghochkins@hotmail.com

The book pile remains very healthy with lots of new stock recently arrived, all are 50p so grab yourself a bargain, including many non-football books.

We hope you will soon be able to pop in and have a browse you will be pleasantly surprised!

Craig and Paul



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With the abrupt ending of last season and the delayed start to this, it won't come as a surprise that there are still some big thanks due to all the people who contribute to this programme – Ed Blackaby, Paul Edwards, Matt Delany, Wyn Grant, Craig Hochkins, Jim Scott, Sue Williams, and especially designer Steve Crisp of Minuteman Press Coventry. Without

your contributions this programme couldn't have been voted 'Best in League' and second in the 'Non-League' by the Soccer Club Swap Shop!

As you are reading this we have obviously been successful in working miracles with technology and the weather has relented! It may only be a small provider of revenue for the Brakes but the

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U is for...

Daniel Udoh!

This week we put a striker who now plays in the Football League under the microscope. Daniel Udoh was signed on loan from Crewe Alexandra by Paul Holleran in January 2018 to cover for the unfortunate loss of Colby Bishop to injury. He scored twice on his home debut, a 3-0 win over Gainsborough Trinity, notching five goals in his 17 games for the club as his loan was extended to the end of the season. His goalscoring attracted the attention of our National League North rivals AFC Telford United, and after signing for the Bucks following his release from Crewe Daniel enjoyed a goal filled season which ultimately earned him

a move back into the Football League just up the A5 at Shrewsbury Town. Udoh made a substitute appearance in Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool side earlier in the season, a milestone to mark just how far Daniel had come since netting for the Brakes.

Born in Nigeria, Daniel moved to England with his family at the age of 9 and spent time in the Youth system at Luton Town and Stevenage. He was also called up to play for the Nigeria Under 17 side.

Daniel has turned out for the likes of Kidderminster Harriers and Worcester City, but it was at Ilkeston that his form came to the attention of Crewe, who signed him on a two-year contract. He quickly made his debut for

the first team and scored his first goal early in the following campaign. During 2017/18 he also spent a successful loan spell at Halesowen Town where he scored 7 goals, including two in a Black Country derby win against Stourbridge. The Nigerian striker is one of many players that Paul Holleran's has helped make the step up to the football league, along with the likes of Colby Bishop, Josh March and Jacob Blyth.



THE BRAIN CELL TESTING SECTION

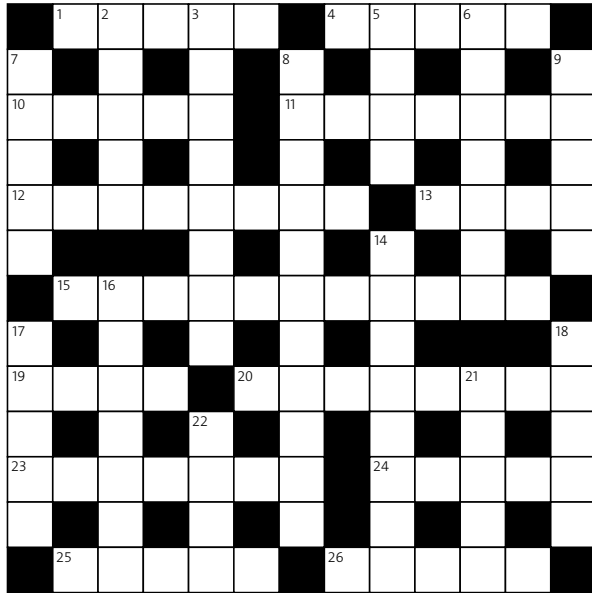
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Virgil Van Dyke's nationality (5)
- 4 Jim ---, Sky Sports presenter (5)
- 10 Loic Remy's current team (5)
- 11 Claudio ---, 'The Tinkerman' (7)
- 12 Ben ---, left back who played for Millwall, Wimbledon and Spurs (8)
- 13 Champions League body (inits)
- 15 Former Liverpool coach from the 'Boot Room' (6,5)
- 19 Ballon d'Or winner, --- Modric (4)
- 20 Barnsley FC? (3,5)
- 23 Billy ---, football legend (7)
- 24 Robbie ---, former member of the 'Crazy Gang' (5)
- 25 Arthur ---, referee who later appeared on TV's *It's a Knockout* (5)
- 26 Tony ---, Gunners legend (5)

DOWN

- 2 Leonardo ---, Leicester forward (14-18) (5)
- 3 Bootham ---, York's home turf (8)
- 5 Roger ---, part of England's 1966 World Cup squad (4)
- 6 Chester's ground (3,4)
- 7 National League North side, --- Spartans (5)
- 8 Everton striker (80-91) (6,5)
- 9 FA Cup winners of 2013, --- Athletic (5)
- 14 League One's The Shrimpers, --- United (8)
- 16 Home stadium of **20 ACROSS** (7)
- 17 Brechin City's ground, --- Park (5)
- 18 John ---, Man Utd defender (99-11) (5)
- 21 French forward, --- Benzema (5)
- 22 Arsenal's manager, --- Emery (4)



Solution:
Across: 1 Dutch; 4 White; 10 Lille; 11 Ranieri; 12 Thatcher; 13 UEFA; 15 Ronnie Moran; 19 Luka; 20 The Tykes; 23 Bremner; 24 Earle; 25 Ellis; 26 Adams.
Down: 2 Ulla; 3 Crescent; 5 Hunt; 6 The Deva; 7 Blyth; 8 Graeme Sharp; 9 Wigan; 14 Southend; 16 Oakwell; 17 Giebe; 18 O'Shea; 21 Karim; 22 Unai.

THE BRAIN CELL TESTING SECTION

WORD SEARCH

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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 (King's Lynn Town) was 'Wellstream'.

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THE BRAIN CELL TESTING SECTION

SPORTS QUIZ

DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THESE FOOTBALL BASED QUESTIONS?

1. What Is the only team in the English and Scottish leagues that has the letter 'J' in their name?
2. Which British team has won the European Cup more times than its own top league?
3. Which French player has played in the North London, Merseyside and Manchester derbies and has won the Premiership, FA Cup, Champions League and European Championship?
4. Which Englishman has had the most appearances in the English Premiership?
5. Which National League club are Hollywood stars Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney rumoured to be buying a stake in?
6. Which Frenchman scored the fastest ever FA Cup Final goal at the 2009 final? (25 Seconds)
7. Which side has won the Scottish Premier League the most times?
8. Who is the only player to have won silverware at both Manchester United and Liverpool?
9. Former Arsenal defender Tony Adams had a brief stint managing which Spanish Club?
10. Which Premier League club has this week taken the iTunes music charts by storm, beating artists such as Miley Cyrus and Justin Bieber to the Top 3 slots with 3 of their club songs?

GUESS WHO?



WHERE IS THE BALL?



(Answers can be found on page 54)

SPORTS CONNECTIONS

ON THIS DAY

1884 British Open Men's Golf, Prestwick GC: Jack Simpson wins in windy conditions by 4 strokes from fellow Scots Douglas Rolland and Willie Fernie.

1888 New Zealand Natives, a privately organised and mainly Māori rugby team, plays first game in UK; beats Surry 4-1; first national rugby team to wear all-black & perform the 'haka'.

1919 Cuban Dolf Luque becomes first Hispanic player to appear in Baseball World Series; pitches 1 inning of relief in Reds' 3-0 defeat to Chicago White Sox at Comiskey Park.

1926 English long distance runner Violet Piercy sets first recognised female marathon record in 3:40:22 on the Polytechnic Marathon course between Windsor and London.

1942 Triple Crown winner Whirlaway, ridden by George Woolf wins the Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont Park to become the first thoroughbred to amass more than \$500,000 in lifetime earnings.

1951 CBS-TV airs the first coast-to-coast telecast of a prize fight; Australian light-heavyweight Dave Sands outpoints Carl 'Bobo' Olson in 10 rounds at Chicago Stadium.

1953 Ryder Cup Golf, Wentworth: San Sneed wins 6 of 7 matches to lead US to 6th consecutive Cup win, 6½-5½ over Great Britain.

1965 Dual Melbourne Cup winning Australian jockey Pat Glennon rides French colt Sea Bird to victory in the Prix de l'Arc De Triomphe to claim an impressive double after the thoroughbred's English Derby win.

1971 American tennis star Billie Jean King becomes first female athlete to win \$100,000 in prize money in a single year; wins the \$4,000 Virginia Slams Tournament in Phoenix, Arizona.

1971 Scotsman Jackie Stewart finishes 5th in the season ending US Grand Prix at Watkins Glen to claim his second Formula 1 World Drivers Championship by 29 points from Swede Ronnie Peterson.

1999 Chelsea scores massive upset when they humble English Premiership champions Manchester United, 5-0 at Stamford Bridge; Gus Poyet sets the tone scoring after just 27 seconds; Nicky Butt is sent-off for United.

2007 South Africa's Mark Boucher breaks Ian Healy's record to become the wicketkeeper with most dismissals in Test cricket (395); stumps Umar Gul off Paul Harris in 2nd innings of 1st Test win v Pakistan in Karachi.

2012 Star Portuguese striker Cristiano Ronaldo scores his first Champions League hat-trick in Real Madrid's 4-1 win against Ajax in Amsterdam.

2015 Host nation England crashes out of Rugby World Cup in pool stage; loses to Australia, 33-13 at Twickenham; Bernard Foley scores 2 tries and kicks 4 penalties & 3 conversions for the Wallabies.



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ON THIS DAY

WHO ARE YA?

Who Are Ya...

Banbury is a significant commercial and retail centre for the surrounding area of north Oxfordshire and southern parts of Warwickshire and Northamptonshire which are predominantly rural. Banbury's main industries are motorsport, car components, electrical goods, plastics, food processing, and printing. Banbury is home to the world's largest coffee-processing facility (Jacobs Douwe Egberts), built in 1964.

Famous Folk...

Television presenter John Craven, Chef and Hell's Kitchen star Gordon Ramsay and Larry Grayson all have connections with the town.

Pointless...

'Funny Bicarb Duet' and 'Fry Incubated Bun' are anagrams.

On This Day... 3 October

Events: 1932 – Iraq gains independence from the UK. 1985 – The Space Shuttle Atlantis makes its maiden flight. 2010 – The 19th Commonwealth Games commence in Delhi.

Births: 1938 – Eddie Cochran, singer-songwriter. 1957 – Tim Westwood, radio and television host. 1991 – Jenny McLoughlin, sprinter.

Deaths: 1226 – Francis of Assisi, Italian friar and saint. 1896 – William Morris, author and poet. 2005 – Ronnie Barker, actor and screenwriter.

LFC: In 2015 209 fans watched a goalless away draw at Frome. Frome Town 0 Leamington 0
Written by Paul Edwards
Evostik Southern League Premier Division
Blindmans Brewery Stadium

Goalkeepers were king in the October sunshine as Brakes recorded a third goalless draw of the season down in Somerset.

In an even contest against another side who belied their lowly position in the league table Brakes were indebted to Tony Breeden for a fantastic save to keep out a late header from the lively Liam Monelle that probably would have seen Frome snatch all the points. As it was a draw was a fair result, with neither side clinical enough in front of goal to break the deadlock despite plenty of industry and endeavour.

Ben Mackey was first to show for the visitors, turning on the right edge of the penalty area to sting the palms of Robins' keeper Darren Chitty with a powerful drive following good work by Ben George and Lee Moore to help work the opening.

Liam Monelle fired a shot straight at Tony Breeden, while Chitty claimed the ball ahead of Mackey inside his six yard box after Lee Chilton had opted to find his team mate from the left rather than try a shot at goal. He then set up Connor Gudger for a shot that was blocked.

Jack Edwards twisted to send an early second half header over the bar, while Chitty was forced into two smart saves in quick succession as he first denied a well struck effort from Mackey, and then Gudger as the ball was worked back towards goal.

Darren Jefferies looked to have a good chance to open the scoring for Frome when he went clean through, only to blaze his shot over. Monelle had probably the best opportunity of the game for either side however, his header from substitute Lewis Haldene's right wing cross looking destined for the top corner only for Breeden to fling himself across goal and claw the ball out for a corner.

Rob Hobbs wasted another clear cut opportunity for the home side when he fired high and wide after being played through, while Edwards and Gudger went close with late headed efforts for Leamington.

Results elsewhere saw Brakes replaced at the top of the table by Weymouth, but with the Terras having played a game more there will be the chance for a swift return with the game at Hitchin Town on Monday evening.

Frome Town: Darren Chitty, Jake Hutchings, Sam Teale ©, Chris Knowles, Jordy Nkunga, Ollie Knowles, Ricky Hulbert (15 Callum Thompson 64), Rob Hobbs, Tyler Sibbick (12 Lewis Haldene, 64), Liam Monelle, Darren Jefferies (16 Joe Tumelty, 85).

Subs not used: 14 Kris Miller, 17 Stuart Dickin.

Leamington: Tony Breeden ©, Ben George, Connor Gudger, Joe Magunda, Jamie Hood, James Mace, Lee Moore, Richard Taundry (14 Ross Oulton, 79), Ben Mackey (12 Will Green, 79), Jack Edwards, Lee Chilton.

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In the 1919/20 season Kidderminster Harriers were competing in the Birmingham and District League. Wellington town were top with 32 points, followed by West Brom Reserves on 30 points and then Coventry City. Brierley Hill A were bottom with just nine points. Kidderminster were fifth from bottom in between Birmingham Reserves and Stoke Reserves. They had won eight matches, lost nine and drawn five.

Of two home matches played by Kidderminster in March 1920, there was a goalless draw against Wrexham. It was reported that 'The players triumphed over the elements and the game was always interesting; the defences prevailed, but plenty of good shooting was done.' When Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves visited Kidderminster 'they achieved victory in an exciting game through a lucky goal by Lea. The game was a strenuous one but the Harriers lacked combination.' At least it was better than the game between Worcester City and Willenhall which was summed up 'as an exhibition of vigour, but very little of the finer points of football.' 5,000 people turned out to see Birmingham Reserves play Wednesday

Old Athletic and rewarded by seeing the home team score eight goals.

Back in Leamington 'The Town Team's Triumph' was a headline in the Courier. They played Birmingham Suburban League team Glendale Athletic in the semi-final of the Hospital Cup and won by a 4-0 margin. 'The visitors were an unknown quantity except that they held a principally unbeaten record in their own sphere. During the first half the homesters had the advantage of the wind and rain [suggesting that bad weather in the early spring is not an entirely new phenomenon]. Rain fell throughout and proved a considerable handicap, lashing, as it did, into the visitors' faces. Play was very even for a time and was significantly devoid of incident for 20 minutes, during which neither goalie was severely tested, although both sides pressed some chances. 'Then Rowlett badly missed a chance right in front of goal, but Bull was right behind him and made no mistake. This boosted home morale and the players surged round the visitors' goal, scoring a second from a converted free kick. Almost immediately, Rowlett got clean through to score a third to make the half time score 3-0.

The visitors now had the wind behind them, but it was of little help. 'The uneven ground was

now trampled into a mud pond, the heavy going had a very tiring effect, and the greasy ball, which now resembled a pudding, was scarcely adapted to smart, combined work, and stopped down when it touched the ground. The visitors, however, threw away several chances, chiefly due to a desire to shirk too close an acquaintance with the hefty home defenders, though Reynolds added a fourth for the Town.' Only the efforts of the Athletic defenders prevented an even bigger victory.

If any of the players needed reviving, they could consult an adjacent advert for Phosferine which was available in liquid and tablet form which was advertised as 'particularly convenient for sportsmen'. It was supposed to offer cures for a variety of conditions including malaria, insomnia and 'nerve disorders'. A photo of the 'celebrated actress' Elsie Denham showed her languidly staring into the distance and asserting that Phosferine had warded off more than one attack of influenza keeping her 'fit and well during periods of epidemic when others have had to give in'. Sadly this included my grandmother who died from the so-called Spanish 'flu in March 1920.

FUN & GAMES

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

Answers

1. St Johnstone
2. Notts Forest
3. Nicolas Anelka
4. Gareth Barry (653)
5. Wrexham AFC
6. Louis Saha
7. Celtic
8. Michael Owen
9. Grenada
10. Everton

Guess Who? **DEXTER WALTERS**

Where is the ball? **A**



THE FINAL WORD

THE FINAL WORD FROM THE GANTRY MATCHDAY COMMENTATOR

After 210 days (yes, two hundred and ten!) without competitive football, I am bursting with joy to welcome you back to the Community Stadium for this Emirates FA Cup 2nd Round Qualifying tie. I say welcome you back, it's more of a virtual welcome back due to the fact that people are apparently unable to gather at an outdoor venue, with social distancing measures in place, for a 90 minute football match but I'm allowed to sit in a cramped pub without a mask on until 10pm before Covid-19 decides it's time for us to go home. I guess fans of non-elite clubs are immune to Covid-19 while it targets supporters of elite clubs. Anyway, I'll leave my small rant there in fear of getting a slap on the wrist. This is the new normal and I'm afraid, for the time being, we just have to live with it.

While it would have been great to have at

least a few of you back for the unveiling of the new season, the football club have been working hard behind the scenes to devise ways for fans to continue to follow the Brakes away from the stands in line with these unprecedented measures.

It's a shame because Leamington have had a very positive and valuable pre-season fixture list, with 4 wins, a draw and 3 losses (against higher league opposition), there were plenty of lessons to take away from the practice campaign and an abundance of stand-out player performances to give gaffer Paul Holleran a headache with the 11 he is going to choose today. Striker Danny Waldron is undoubtedly the star of the new summer signings, with 5 goals in 8 pre-season games his pace, physicality and competence in front of goal will be the undoing of many National League North defences this season I'm sure. Another Dan has also caught my eye in the build up to the season, with Meredith impressing since putting pen to paper for the campaign from, I'm sure the 21 year old will be a focal

point in Holleran's midfield this season. But Meredith's place won't come easily with new signing Simeon Maye also catching eyes towards the end of pre-season. Maye, who has played for a multitude of clubs at this level, displayed traits of anticipation, perception and composure in the middle of the park, battling to win balls back and put the Brakes on the front foot on many occasions.

After spectating the pre-season I am excited to how this season will go, although it's not ideal with everything that's going on and it will be a season like no other, Leamington are playing with a spring in their step and I've got my fingers crossed with you at home that this season will bring a lot of memories to Harbury Lane.

Up the Brakes,

Matt.

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Jack Lane	4	4	Jack Westbrook
Josh Martin	5	5	Giorgio Rasulo
Simeon Maye	6	6	Pablo Haysham
Joe Clarke	7	7	James Constable
Connor Taylor	8	8	Amer Awadh
Danny Waldron	9	9	Jack Self
Jack Edwards ©	10	10	Alex Henshall
Sam Osborne	11	11	Jack Finch
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