## TAMWORTH FOOTBALL CLUB MATCHDAY PROGRAMME













Saturday 31 October 2020
No. 07 v Banbury United
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Buildbase FA Trophy
3rd Qualifying Round

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#### FROM THE DUGOUT

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our FA Trophy tie with Banbury United. We head into the clash after Tuesday's trip to AFC Rushden and Diamonds was postponed for Covid-19 reasons.

We wanted to play, of course, and keep the momentum going after the 3-0 win over Biggleswade Town. It was a chance for us to get another three points on the board but there's nothing we can do in those circumstances. It's a mental as well as physical battle at times this season with Covid-19 and it takes a lot out of you. But the lads travelled in and we did a short, sharp session with them on Tuesday and we have prepare well for the weekend.

Going back to Biggleswade, I was really pleased with the performance. The boys have been suffering as much as anyone else and they are the ones we ask to cross that line and deliver for us. So I feel happy for them because it's been tough and the lads have shown good character and good spirit.

I thought we looked good defensively against Biggleswade and it was the first time we had been able to keep a settled back four. We have had to chop and change every week but fielding the same back four as we did the week before showed.

At the other end of the pitch, Jack Ryan has made a huge difference and that's obvious to everyone. We had not replaced someone in the mould of Dan Creaney. We had tried a couple of other options which hadn't worked out.

Jack came in on Tom Baillie's recommendation and he's proving a decent one and hopefully his goal will be the start of something. We are looking forward to Banbury in the FA Trophy now. We want to stay in cup competitions and this one is a great opportunity to put a run together and generate excitement for the fans, spotlight and revenue for the club.

It's nice to have something to take your mind off the bread and butter of the league for a week. It won't be easy. Banbury won't make it simple for us. We will

give them the respect as we always do, put a plan together and hopefully come out of the other side with a victory.

We also welcome back Janaii Gordon and I'm sure he'll come with a point to prove but I hope we can control him and stop him proving anything.





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## CLUB NEWS.

Good afternoon and welcome to the CR MOT Centre Community Stadium here at The Lamb for this afternoon's 3rd Qualifying Round tie in the Buildbase FA Trophy against our



Southern Football League Premier Central Division counterparts Banbury United.

We are delighted to welcome today's match sponsors Footsteps Treatment Clinic back to The Lamb. They will select the Man of the Match this

afternoon which we are equally delighted to confirm that Tamworth Brewing Co are

sponsoring the award once again.



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> If scores are level at full time today the tie will be decided on penalties and the prize fund for the round is: Winners receive £3,750, while the losers will receive £1,000.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Aram Soleman made his full debut for us last weekend after signing from Guiseley and is pictured in action tussling with one of the Bigglewade Town midfielders.

Congratulations go to Jack Ryan and Dexter Walters (right) too, who scored their first Lambs goals against The Waders. Hopefully it will be the first of many for both of them!

#### JOE'S THE MAN!

The Man of the Match recipient last Saturday versus Biggleswade Town was chosen by members of the press bench again and the worthy recipient was defender Joe Magunda (pictured).

#### THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

It is superb to be able to see everyone at The Lamb and we have nearly sold out our last two home games. It's also great to know that you are supporting us on social media as well, and hit 17,000 followers on Twitter at the weekend. With over 2,000 followers on Instagram and many more on Facebook and Snapchat there is no excuse not keep in MEDIA touch!





## CLUB NEWS..

#### READ ALL ABOUT IT on our new programme hosting service

Hopefully you are enjoying our new style matchday programmes, currently available free of charge online and have found the process of obtaining and reading our programme a smooth and painless one this afternoon.



We have linked up with MatchDayInfo to bring them to you - you may have already downloaded a matchday programme from MatchDayInfo when we played Oxford City, for 99p.

Other teams in our league are also using this app based platform to share their programmes, but are also charging for them however, our programmes will **remain Free Of Charge for the duration of the 2020-21 season.** 

Once you have downloaded the MatchDayInfo app via Google Play or the Apple store and signed up using an valid e-mail address, Facebook or Twitter account you will be able to access all of our programmes, whenever you want, from wherever you are, on your phone, tablet or PC / laptop.

The app also gives you links to our website, our ticketing portal, the Macron Tamworth FC store and twitter account so we think this is a fantastic service to bring to you, especially at this present time.

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E-commerce Solutions, Content Management Systems, Digital Marketing, New Media and more... over the summer we have be busy behind the scenes getting ready to launch our new website.

You can visit it at www.tamworthfc.co.uk

It replaces our old website www.thelambs.co.uk which we have been updating, in it's current guise, since 2004-5 although it existed prior to that too. And we'd like to thank Lambs fan and his web-team Steven Day for all their help over the years.

Our new website has a fresh new design and looks great on a PC or laptop, as well as being mobile device friendly which is a must in this day and age.

We hope that you enjoy our new website and if you have any feedback please don't hesitate to get in touch via the usual methods.



## CLUB NEWS....

#### Moving to a Cashless Stadium

The Covid pandemic has seen many changes to the way we go about our daily lives. One area that has changed quite drastically is our use of cash. There are now many places that will only accept the use of a card or your mobile device in order to reduce the spread of the virus. It is no different for us here at the Lamb, however, with the guidelines that have been enforced on us to enable a maximum of 600 supporters to return to the Lamb, there is plenty of work for us to do.



The technology required to enable a totally cashless stadium requires an online ticket portal, a high quality broadband connection and point to point wifi across the ground linking the offices, advanced QR readers at the turnstiles, offices, community areas and card readers.

We have made the first move with the online ticket portal. This provides supporters with the convenience of purchasing tickets in advance to secure their place at the game and also ensure the club has all the details required for the Government's track and trace programme. It is our intention to open a matchday ticket office, hopefully this weekend, and once we have completed the installation of the new technologies we will we will be selling tickets and asking supporters to install the NHS, or our own, app or supply their details to ensure track and trace.

Card payments will then also become the preferred payment method for the VIP lounge, clubhouse and food outlets around the ground.

Buying tickets online is a simple process at https://thelambs.ktckts.com Purchasing match tickets takes less than 2 minutes, with e-tickets delivered in PDF format via email, which you can either print off and just use your smartphone for scanning at the turnstiles.

You will need to create an account on the ticketing portal to purchase your tickets If purchasing a ticket on the site on behalf of another family member/friend etc. after clicking on ASSIGN ATTENDEES, then click on EDIT DETAILS to provide the name of the person using the other ticket for track and trace purposes.

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We will keep supporters updated via the program and website about our continued move to a cashless stadium. The new broadband system will also bring match day benefits for supporters too - watch this space for future announcements!

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to our new floodlight fundraising scheme over the summer:

Mario Gouci, Gordan Hargrave, Martin Leckie, Jim McCarthy, Tom Pegg, Jack Smith, Andrew Turland

## DEX IS THE ONE TO WATCH

#### We've all got a box set or movie we'd put on repeat.

For Dexter Walters, that must-watch action he's currently watching on loop came courtesy of Lambs Media, who filmed his stunning solo effort against Biggleswade Town.

Dexter's stunning stoppage-time goal put the gloss on a convincing Tamworth victory, goals from Jack Ryan and Ryan Beswick completing a 3-0 win.

"I was buzzing after that," he said. "It was a relief because I have had a lot of chances but haven't scored.

"So it was a good way to come back from injury to show what I can do and

hopefully it can kick start my season, scoring more goals and helping the team

"It felt so good, how the goal went in. I can't stop watching it! I can't believe it. "I always like making runs and stuff but I don't score at the end, it's deflected for a corner or something.

"So to watch it go in was a mad feeling."

Dexter is now hoping the team's performance can kickstart a good run in the league as the Lambs look to build on their current third place in the Southern Premier Central.

"We have been working on a new shape for a while," he said. "We are trying to get the wingers and the striker to link up more.

"You could see in the first half, the interchanges with Shaq (McDonald) and

Dexter WALTERS

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Jack Ryan. It was good. And we looked solid all around so hopefully we can push on.

"For me, I'm hoping my injuries are behind me. Before I got injured I was having a good time and I was playing well.

"I picked up an injury to my ankle and it just set me back. Now it's about getting that fitness back again and hopefully I'll be even sharper and better."

Dexter is looking forward to the FA Trophy clash with Banbury United this weekend.

"It's a good competition and we feel we can do well," he added. "There are National League teams in the cup but that doesn't scare us.

"With the football weplay, we have got confidence and don't shy away from anyone.

"Obviously, the focus right now is Banbury United and that's a tough tie. But if we can come through that there's no reason why we can't go on a run."

## NON LEAGUE NEWS.

#### with Mark Maybury

#### A Round up of the Midweek Action in the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central Division

Coalville Town and Needham Market have made a great start to the league season and both head the table with 17 points each, 4 points ahead of third placed Stratford Town. After a week off it was back to an almost full programme of midweek games, Two games were played on Monday evening and both were local derbies.

The first was between Stourbridge and Alvechurch and it ended goalless in front of a sell-out crowd of 600 at the War Memorial Ground. In a game of few chances, the Glassboys almost grabbed 3 points at the death when Alex Fletcher hit the crossbar 3 minutes from time. The result leaves the hosts in 6th place in the table and `Church in 14th.

The other derby was a Hertfordshire battle between Hitchin Town and Royston Town. A crowd of 600 witnessed an excellent game as the Canaries looked to make it three successive wins and a top three place. However, in the end the Crows, who had also won at the weekend, leap-frogged Hitchin into seventh spot after a 2-0 win. Brandon Adams opened the scoring with a neat finish in the 66th minute and 15 minutes from time the points were secured by a Isa Rotimi free kick.

Onto Tuesday, and during the afternoon the news came through that the games between AFC Rushden and Diamonds and Tamworth, and Biggleswade Town v Coalville Town were called off because of Covid 19 concerns.

Hednesford Town have not had a great start to the season but that was all put to bed with the visit of Bromsgrove Sporting. It looked like it was going to go the way of the visitors as they took a 32nd minute lead through Courtney Richards,

However, Louis Dodds levelled for the Pitmen just before half time and the sides went into the break all square. The second half was a goal fest for Hednesford as they stormed to a 5 - 1 win in front of a gate of 596. The goals came from Dan Turner (51), Louis Dodds (67), Kyle Rowley (81) and Ben Bailey (87).

Results at Stratford and Barwell meant that Tamworth dropped down to 5th place as they were without a game.

Stratford Town took on Redditch United and former Lamb Callum Powell gave them a 26th minute lead. Ashley Sammons made it 2 in the 37th minte to give the home side a 2 - 0 advantage at the break. Kyle Copp reduced the arrears in the 62nd minute but Redditch were unable to capitalise on the recent good form and returned home empty handed.

## NON LEAGUE NEWS..

#### with Mark Maybury

Lowly Barwell faced in form Rushall Olympic and continued their poor form with a 3 - 1 defeat. The visitors raced into a three goals lead at the break with Orrin Pendley (17), Tom Hewlett (17) and Ben Usher-Shipway (37) hitting the target. Brady Hickey gave Brawell hope when he scored early in the second half, but they made their fight an uphill task when they had Ricardo Dudley sent off.

Today's visitors Banbury United lost 2 - 1 at Kings Langley despite Henry Landers giving them the lead in just the 1st minute with an overhead kick. The hosts fought back and levelled in the 15th minute when Eduard Toiny-Pendred hit the target. Gary Connolly headed home the winner in the 81st minute.

The final game of the evening was between St Ives and Leiston. The crowd had to wait until the 91st minute to see the only goal of the game which was scored for the Saints by Michael Gyasi.

#### Other News

Stoke City have signed promising youngster Josh Waite from Rushall Olympic. Waite has earned a move to the Potters after impressing for Rushall's

Under-18s side. He has put pen to paper on a two-year deal with the Championship club.

Hednesford Town have announced that Midfielder Rhys Thompson has left the club along with on loan goalkeeper Cameron Gregory. Thompson, who had made 8 appearances this season joined the Pitmen from Kidsgrove Athletic and has departed the club by mutual consent. Gregory joined the club loan from League One Shrewsbury Town has recalled by the New Meadow side following injuries to other goalkeepers within their squad.



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## TODAY'S VISITORS.

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.

## TODAY'S VISITORS.

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 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.

## IN OPPOSITION.

**Jack Harding:** The 28-year-old goalkeeper came through the Banbury United youth side. After spells with Hellenic League sides Hook Norton and Ardley United, he returned to Banbury in the summer of 2015 and has now made more than 200 appearances for the club.

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**Charlie Barnett:** The 19-year-old goalkeeper has progressed through the United junior sides and after impressive displays in the under-18 and development teams made his first-team debut last season.

**Sam Brown:** The left back, 27, moved to AFC Rushden & Diamonds in the summer of 2012, playing in their first-ever senior match in the United Counties League. He was a regular for the Northamptonshire side for eight seasons, as the club climbed through the non-league pyramid to Southern League Premier Division status, making for them over 300 appearances. Joined Banbury in August.

**Charlie Hawtin:** The 22-year-old right back who joined Banbury in the summer of 2017 after being released by Oxford United on completion of his scholarship. Whilst at Oxford he had work experience spells with Burnham, Wantage Town and Aylesbury FC.

**Lee Henderson:** The 30-year-old central defender joined Banbury in the summer of 2018, having been at Oxford City since the summer of 2013. He has also played for Didcot Town, Bicester Town and Witney United.

**Kelvin Langmead:** The 35-year-old central defender began his career as a striker with Preston North End. He joined Shrewsbury permanently in 2004 and after making more than 80 appearances for them as a striker was converted to a central defender. Spells with Peterborough United and Northampton Town followed before, after making a career total of 375 Football League appearances, he dropped down to non-league playing for the likes of Kidderminster Harriers and Nuneaton Town prior to joining Banbury in August.

**Connor Roberts:** The central defender, 24, joined the Puritans in the summer of 2019, having returned to the area after spending four years at the University of Bath where he played for Southern League Frome Town. Was originally a product of the Northampton Town academy and has played for Biggleswade Town and St Albans City.

**Aaron Heap:** The 20-year-old midfielder completed his scholarship with Oxford United, being rewarded in the summer of 2018 with a professional contract. He made two appearances for Oxford in the Football League Trophy in season 2018/19. He moved to North Leigh and joined Banbury in the summer.

**Giorgio Rasulo:** A 23 year-old midfielder who came through the MK Dons academy, progressing to make his first -eam 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. He was later released by MK Dons and joined Banbury in September 2018.

**Jack Westbrook:** The 25-year-old midfielder, who can also play in central defence, originally joined Banbury United at the start of season 2014/15. 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, making another 108 appearances. He left in November 2017 to join AFC Rushden & Diamonds before returning for a third stint.

## IN OPPOSITION...

**Amer Awadh:** The 23 year-old forward 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:** The 28 year-old striker or attacking midfielderwas originally with Oxford City prior to joining Didcot Town in the summer of 2012. In three seasons with the Railwaymen, he scored 36 goals, before joining Hereford FC where he won three successive league championships. He joined Southern League Premier Salisbury in the summer of 2018 before arriving at Banbury in 2019.

**Ricky Johnson:** The 32-year-old striker joined the club 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:** The 20-year-old striker joined the club in the summer. He 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.

**Ryan Macdonald:** The 19-year-old striker 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:** The midfielder, 24, 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. He made 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 but after being released, had spells with Stratford Town and Redditch United.

**Jack Self:** The 25-year-old midfielder 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.

**Alex Henshall:** The 26-year-old winger joined the club last month. Spent eight years in the junior set-up at Swindon Town before joining Premier League side Manchester City in June 2010 at the age of 16 for a reported £250,000 fee. Spells with Chesterfield, Bristol Rovers, Ipswich Town, Blackpool, Kilmarnock,

Margate, Braintree Town, Nuneaton Town, Darlington, Nuneaton Borough, Swindon Supermarine and Stratford Town followed.

James Constable: The 35-year-old striker is also assistant manager. Began his career with Cirencester Town and Chippenham Town before earning a move to Football League side Walsall. Spells with Kidderminster Harriers and Shrewsbury Town followed before he joined Oxford United in 2008 where in six seasons he scored 106 goals.

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Date	Opponents	H/A	Played At	Competition	F	Α
Sat 19 Sep	Peterborough Sports	Α	Bee Arena	League	1	- 1
Tue 22 Sep	Stourbridge (5-4 pens)	Н	The Lamb	FA Cup 1RQ	3	- 3
Sat 26 Sep	St Ives Town	Н	The Lamb	League	4	- 2
Tues 29 Sep	Barwell	Н	The Lamb	League	2	- 1
Sat 03 Oct	Evesham United	Н	The Lamb	FA Cup 2QR	3	- 1
Tues 06 Oct	Bromsgrove Sporting	Α	Victoria Ground	League	2	- 2
Sat 10 Oct	Alvechurch	Α	Lye Meadow	League	0	- 1
Tues 13 Oct	Oxford City	Α	Marsh Lane	FA Cup 3QR	1	- 6
Sat 17 Oct	Royston Town	Н	The Lamb	League	1	- 1
Sat 24 Oct	Biggleswade Town	Н	The Lamb	League	3	- 0
Tues 27 Oct	Rushden & Diamonds	Α	Hayden Road	League	Р	- P



#### **NEXT GAMES FOR THE LAMBS**

WHO: STRATFORD TOWN (H)
WHEN: Tuesday 03 November

WHERE: The CR MOT Community Stadium at The Lamb

**AT:** 7.45 pm

WHO: NEEDHAM MARKET (A)
WHEN: Saturday 07 November

WHERE: Quinton Road, Needham Market, Suffolk, IP6 8DA

**AT:** 3 pm





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## STATTO'S CORNER.

#### SFLPDC: Tamworth 3 - 0 Biggleswade Town

#### Tamworth:

Singh, Cox, Wilder, Beswick, Magunda, Cullinane-Liburd, McDonald, Forde (Tonks 73), Ryan, O'Connor (Walters 66), Soleman (Meikle 82)

Subs: Graham, Hart YC: McDonald 38, Cox 60

#### **Biggleswade Town:**

Foster, Kerins, Farrell, Chambers-Parrillon, Hall, Bush (Short 42), Peter, Davies, Neal, Squire (Charles 62), Giles

Subs: McEwan, Reid YC: Forster 62

Attendance: 523

Man of the Match: Joe Magunda

Referee: Mr. Alan Cox





# SFLPDC: Rushden & Diamonds P - P Tamworth Once we have details of the rearranged fixture we will announce them on our new website and the usual social media outlets

## STATTO'S CORNER...

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BESWICK	Ryan	10	,	0		0	3	76		0	23	
COX	Chris	2	,	0		0	1	16	+	1	1	
CREANEY	Dan	0	,	0		0	0	36	+	2	16	
CULLINANE-LIBURD	Jordan	7	,	0		0	1	7		0	1	
FORDE	Aaron	5	,	0		0	0	36	+	1	1	
GORDON	Jaanai	4	,	3	+	1	2	38	+	2	3	
GOUGH	Jordan	4	,	0	+	2	1	70	+	6	3	
GRAHAM	Jordan	4	,	3	+	1	3	7	+	1	3	
HART	Ben	2	,	1	+	1	0	5	+	1	0	
HOWKINS	Cameron	1	,	0	+	3	0	5	+	7	0	
MAGUNDA	Joe	4	,	1	+	1	0	61	+	2	0	
McDONAGH	Gerry	2	,	5		0	1	8		0	1	
McDONALD	Shaquille	7	,	2	+	1	5	9	+	1	5	
MEIKLE	Lindon	8	,	2		0	0	10		0	0	
O'CONNOR	Aaron	3	,	3	+	2	0	6	+	2	0	
PARKER	Tom	0	,	0		0	0	0		0	0	
PEGG	Chandler	0	,	0		0	0	7	+	8	0	
RYAN	Jack	2	,	0		0	1	2		0	1	
ROWE-TURNER	Lathaniel	8	,	0	+	1	0	46	+	1	0	
SAMUELS	Corey	0	,	0	+	1	0	0	+	1	0	
SHAW	Charlie	0	,	0	+	1	0	27	+	34	0	
SINGH	Jas	10	,	0		0	0	89	+	1	0	
SOLEMAN	Aram	1	,	0		0	0	1		0	0	
STABANA	Kyron	5	,	0		0	0	14	+	2	0	
TAIT	Ryan	0	,	1	+	2	0	2	+	2	0	
TILT	Chay	2	,	1	+	1	0	3	+	1	0	
TONKS	Tom	5	,	4		0	0	9		0	0	
WAITE	Tyrell	1	,	0		0	0	85	+	2	24	
WALTERS	Dexter	2	,	2	+	1	1	9	+	17	1	
WILDER	Henri	6	,	1	+	2	0	42	+	9	3	
YAFAI	Bilal	5	,	0		0	1	41	+	2	6	

**KEY: SEASON:** XI = starting eleven, ps = played substitute, nps = non played substitute, g = goals **CAREER:** p = played, n = non playing sub, g = goals

## SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

Good afternoon to each and everyone of you for this FA Trophy Game at the CR MOT Centre Community Stadium here at the Lamb.

We would also like to welcome everyone from Banbury United and hope they enjoy their afternoon with us here at Staffordshire before a safe journey home after the game.

We hope we are in the hat for the next round come this evening and we would like to wish the players and the management team all the very best for this afternoon's game

The Supporters Club and the Football Club trust that you will continue to maintain your social distances in the ground as it is vital the we do so to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Let us all please help the club to keep the Lamb a safe place.

At our recent monthly committee meeting we talked about coaches and decided to cancel all transport for the foreseeable future due to Covid-19. It was a hard decision but, at the end of the day, we have done it for everyone's safety. For fans who want to go to an away game, we will see what we can do, moving forward but I hope you understand our decision.

We made a draw for two tickets to the game today. Well done if you were picked out of the hat. Please look out on our Facebook page for future winners.

We are also looking at setting up a new Supporters' Club Twitter page so please looking out for it over the coming months.

We are still looking for two more committee members to join our team. If you are interested please email tfcsc@mail.com

#### Committee members are

Chairman: Scott Farrington Vice Chairman: Graeme Phipps

Secretary: Sam Kinson Treasurer: Dave Brown

Members: Chantelle Wynn, David Bott, Jack Smith, Andy Jones

#### Membership:

There is still time for fans to renew Supporters Club membership or become a new member. Fees are £10 for adults, £5 OAPs and £2 for under-16s and members get 10% off in the club shop throughout the season.

To renew or become a member of the Supporters Club please contact Dave Brown.

Enjoy the game, stay safe, protect yourself and others. We look forward to seeing you again very soon.

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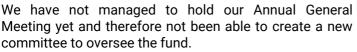


#### TEAMBUILDER

Hello everyone and welcome to our latest update on the TeamBuilder fund.

We hope you are all keeping safe and following the Covid rules for both your safety and the safety of others.

The pandemic has caused everyone a few headaches and problems with regard to fundraising and Team Builder is no exception.





Nevertheless the present committee, which comprises;

Clive Tomlinson, Dave Gould, Jim Beestone, Andrew Turland and Teresa and Brian Whitehouse, continues to operate the fund and we continue to support the First team management team with additional funds.

We have had a few new members join us since March which is good news but we were all saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend Chris Bradshaw. We are sure you all miss such a wonderful guy who was a great supporter of many aspects of club life, including Team Builder.

We are continuing to ask you the fans of Tamworth FC to join us in supporting the managerial team. You can do this in 3 different ways

- 1. Set up a standing order via you bank for £10 a month
- Make a one off donation to the fund by cheque or cash 2.
- Make a bank transfer to Team Builder you will need the funds bank details 3. to do this and they can be obtained by phoning 07973713494.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our contributors who have continued to support the Teambuilder fund despite us through the lockdown and into this new season;

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