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FOOTBALL CLUB

VS. STRATFORD TOWN

TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2021

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WELCOME

MATCH DAY TWENTY FIVE

We offer a very warm welcome to everybody here at the CR MOT Centre Community Stadium at the Lamb tonight for this Pitching In Southern League Premier Central fixture. In particular we trust the players, supporters and officials from our visitors Stratford Town enjoy the hospitality offered to them and they have a safe journey back down the M42 and M40 following the game.

Both teams have tasted FA Cup success this season and go into this evening's game with one thing in common - we are both in the middle of an FA Cup hangover! The Lambs have experienced indifferent form since going out to Notts County, whilst Stratford Town have lost their last 6 games. In addition, The Lambs have not won a home game since Stourbridge visited the Lamb on 12 October, and are determined to get back to winning ways in front of their own fans tonight!

There are a number of connections between the two teams tonight - notably former players Jimmy Fry, Ahmed Obeng, Mikey Taylor and Joe Magunda have all pulled on a Lambs shirt in the last couple of seasons. While for Tamworth, Head of Senior Football Tom Bailey is a former Bards manager while Chirs Cox, Aaron Forde and Dan Creaney have played for Stratford.

The last time the Lambs and Bards faced each other was on 20 March 2020 when Tamworth won 4 - 1 (in fact this was the final game before lock down). Goal scorers for the Lambs on the day were Ryan Beswick, Tyrelle Waite, Ahmend Obeng and Joel Carta, with an attendance of 688. We have played each other a total of 25 times in all competitions with the Lambs winning 16, Stratford winning 4 and 5 games being drawn.

Following tonight's game we are back in Buildbase FA Trophy 2nd Round action at Radcliffe on Saturday (KO 3.00pm). We don't seem to have done too well with our FA competition draws this season with the vast majority of ties being played away from home. No doubt Buster Belford will be looking forward to the game as his grandson and former Lambs 'keeper Cameron Belford plays for the Greater Manchester based outfit (no giving secrets away Buster!!). Journey time from the Lamb by car is around 2 hours for the 99 miles journey. For those travelling by train the ground is 1 mile from the station.

Since our last home game we have released Max Brogan who has signed for Barwell, while Cam Howkins has moved to Sporting Khalsa on loan and Michael Tait has also had a loan move arranged for Stafford Rangers. Both loan players will be back on 17 January and we wish all 3 players every success at their new clubs. It was good to see Dexter Walters doing well for Mickleover in his loan spell on Saturday, scoring 2 goals in their 2 - 2 draw at home to Warrington Town.

In other club news we are excited to be hosting an evening with Ron Atkinson in the newly refurbished clubhouse at the Lamb on Friday 3 December. Tickets priced at £16 are now on sale on our online ticket site. Big Ron will be telling stories from his glittering career in football both as a player, manager and football pundit. The evening is presented in association with Leisure Leagues and will also feature Comedian Ollie Spencer and host Harry Hanslow.

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THOMAS BAILLIE

HEAD OF SENIOR FOOTBALL

“ I think we done enough to win the game on Saturday, we have plenty of chances to win the game. They had one chance where they’ve done a bit of magic and gone and scored and later had a shot and Jas has made a great save. We’ve done enough to win the game but it’s just our luck at the moment, and has followed on from what’s gone on over the past couple of weeks. The players over the last six seven weeks have done everything. Their working hard, throwing their bodies on the line, and working their socks off. The problems we’ve had over the last couple of weeks isn’t down to one player or players, it’s something we have to sort out for ourselves but nobody can question the work rate for the players. We done something new today with a new formation, because realistically over the last six weeks we haven’t done enough in the final third. We haven’t had enough chances on goal, enough shots, haven’t created enough in the final third. We changed something today and created something different, we probably created enough chances to win. That’s the positive side of it, the down side is that we’ve lost another game of football.

This one we deserve to win with some games we haven’t deserved. We’ve got some thinking to do, the players are doing everything they can, it’d now up to us to find whatever that missing piece of the jigsaw is. There’s some great guys at Stratford Town, two teams who are out of the cup are struggling for results, we’re both putting in some good performances that we’ve deserved more and some that we haven’t. It will be an interesting game Tuesday night a game that both teams desperately need to win and teams that are thinking given the recent record of both sides that they deserve it.”

“There’s no excuses at the end of the day pitches are the same for everyone, the refs are the same for everyone, the injuries are the same for everybody. We’ve got to find what the missing spark is at the moment, because it’s been missing for the past six weeks. So we just need to work out what that is and get back to it.”

THE CHANGING FACE OF THE LAMB



Since the start of last season there have been some big changes at the Lamb which you can't help but spot. The 9 ageing and second hand floodlight columns have been replaced by 4 brand new state of the art LED floodlight towers. The lights are brighter and cheaper to run, and with the facility to dim them, they are suitable for use in a number of different situations.

Another major change is the investment in the clubhouse, identifiable by the refurbished roof and a redeveloped internal space following considerable damage caused by the winter weather. All in all just over £250,000 has been invested in the ground with a substantial amount provided by grants from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund and the generosity of supporters and backers of the club.



Since 2016 the Lamb has moved from a facility that was used two nights a week and a Saturday afternoon to a seven-days-a-week all year-round operation. The club has grown from one competitive team to 25 teams ranging from under-7s to the first team. There is also a full-time scholarship programme for 60 students aged 16-19. A women's section has been introduced with junior and adult teams. As a result, Tamworth FC is now the largest multi-team football club in the area with our academy in a partnership with Derby County.

The Football Stadia Improvement Fund (FSIF) is the largest funder of non-league football in the country. The FSIF is the sister organisation of the Football Foundation and is solely funded by the Premier League. It is the country's largest provider of grants towards projects that help improve the comfort and safety of lower-league football grounds in both the professional and amateur game. These improvements range from new football stands and turnstiles to flood-lighting and improved provision for disabled supporters.

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STRATFORD TOWN

Stratford Town were formed in 1941, but it was not until the mid 50's when they joined the Worcestershire Combination (later to become the Midland Combination in 1954), that they had any success on the pitch.

In their first season, Stratford finished 4th. In 1956 Stratford were runners-up and the following year they won the title by 5 points from Wolverhampton Wanderers. In 1955-56 Stratford reached the Challenge Cup Final, but were beaten by Bromsgrove Rovers. Between 1954 and 1957 the club played 102 games, winning 65, drawing 15 and losing 21, scoring 313 goals and conceded 138. As a result, Stratford decided to join the Birmingham and District League and were in Div. 2 for 3 years, before the League was reorganised. It was a very strong League and Stratford's fortunes slipped, although they did win the Birmingham Senior Cup beating Lockhead Leamington in the Final 2-1 in 1963, the game was played at Moor Green, and Sid Keenan scored both goals.

In 1970-71 Stratford went back to the Midland Combination, where they stayed for 5 seasons before joining the Hellenic League. In their first season, they finished 10th but the next year they finished bottom and they went back to the Midland Combination. However, lack of success continued as they finished with only 13 points and were relegated to Div.2. Being relegated gave the Club time to regroup and within 3 years they were back in the premier Division. After winning the League in 1987, Stratford applied to join the southern League, but the Ground was not up to standard. A new Club House and Changing Rooms were built and floodlights were installed in 1990.

In 1994 Stratford were elected as a founder member of the Midland Football Alliance and finished 3rd in their first season. To cap this, Andy Smith was voted MFA player of the season. In 1997-98 the Club suffered severe financial problems, and a number of local business men got together and took over the Club to get it back on its feet.

The 2003-04 season got off to a great start, Stratford winning their 2nd trophy in 3 months, beating Stourbridge 1-0 to win the Joe McGorian Cup and Stratford were unbeaten after the first 12 games of the season, winning the Team of the month for August. After 3 mid-season defeats Stratford only lost twice in the next 20 games to keep in the title race, suffering 3 more defeats Town Came back with 5 wins. A win or a draw in the last game of the season against Willenhall at Masons Road, would secure 2nd place and promotion but Willenhall won and gained the promotion spot.

The 2004-05 season got off to a great start when Stratford became the first team to retain the League Cup with a 3-1 win over Rushall Olympic in the rearranged Final at Willenhall. However, it was the opposite in the League with Town losing their first 4 League games and were in the relegation zone for the first half of the season. It was a shock when Lennie Derby resigned in January. In his 6 years at the club he had been close to promotion several times. With his departure Assistant Manager Ian Britton took charge for the rest of the season.

After being reinstated in the FA Cup after Sutton Coldfield played an ineligible player, Stratford got to the 3rd qualifying round the best they have ever done, but they were beaten 3-0 at Masons Road by Southport and were beaten 3-0 by Sutton Town in the F A Vase.

Stratford striker Craig Pountney won the MFA Golden Boot award for the 2nd time in 4 years, scoring 32 goals, and was supporter's player of the year.

After a good pre-season build up to the 2005/06 season hopes were high, but this form was not transferred to the new League campaign, despite winning the first two games, results were indifferent and again Stratford were fighting in the lower half of the table. With a good win against Stourport Swifts in the F A Cup it looked as if things might improve, but no, as Stratford went out of every other cup competition at the first hurdle. With results not improving and not being able to bring in new faces to strengthen the Squad, manager Ian Britton resigned. Former player Dennis Mulholland was appointed as the new manager. Bringing in a lot of new faces to try and improve results had little effect, as Stratford were still having a mixed bag of results and eventually finished 14th in the League at the end of the season, their lowest position for a number of years.

The 2008 / 2009 season was Town's first full one at its new Knights Lane facility and expectations were high for the season ahead. An historic run in the FA Vase ended in 5th round defeat to eventual winners Whitley Bay but again league form was inconsistent. Despite a great run in the last two months Town ended in 6th place having never threatened the top three and manager Micky Moore paid the price at the end of the season. New manager Rod Brown was appointed, with the task of bringing that elusive promotion top of his list of priorities. A first season finish in third place was followed by a dismal start to the 2010 / 2011 season and by September Brown had left.

Former player Morton Titterton replaced Brown, once again a top six finish was gained, along with a fine end of season league cup win over Boldmere St Michaels. The 2011 / 2012 season was again disappointing and Carl Adams was brought in as co-manager for the 2012 / 2013 campaign. Unfortunately, Morton Titterton had to relinquish his duties leaving Carl Adams in sole charge. Town went top of league in early September and remained there, at one point opening up a 19 point lead. But with the terrible winter causing fixture chaos Town secured the title with 4 games left to play thus ending their 19 season stay in the MFA and promotion to the Southern League Div 1 South & West.

After winning promotion to the Southern League Premier the 2015/16 season was all about survival. The previous season's end of season form continued with Town making a bright start to life at the highest level in their history. By Christmas Town were comfortable in mid table but a poor run of form into the new year meant a promising start turned into a 19th place finish. Mission accomplished and onto a tough second season in the Division

Season 2016-17 saw Town finish in 14th place and but for 17 drawn games could have a lot higher. Most of the squad have re-signed for the coming season which in addition to six new signings will hopefully see Town consolidate their position at this level.

Season 2017-18 Town finished in 15th place and at the end of the season Carl Adams decided to move onto Rugby Town. With new investors joining the club former Aston Villa striker Darren Byfield was appointed as the new manager. Unfortunately, his tenure was short lived and former Kettering Town boss Thomas Baillie took over.

Season 2018-19 was their most successful, finishing 5th. making the play offs but losing to Kings Lynn. They also reached the 1st Round of the FA Trophy for the first time and won the CSS League Cup. At the start of season 2019-20 Tommy Wright took over following the departure of manager Thomas Baillie to Tamworth.

STRATFORD TOWN PLAYERS

LIAM O'BRIEN

Former England U19 international and had trials with clubs including Manchester United and Arsenal before joining Pompey. Spells at Barnet, Brentford and Dagenham & Redbridge followed. Liam then joined Coventry City and made 11 appearances during the 2017/18 season, with a highlight coming in the FA Cup Third Round as he helped the Sky Blues to beat Premier League side Stoke City at the Ricoh Arena.

KYNAN ISAAC

With Reading as a youth before joining Oxford City in February 2011. Had been playing for North Leigh last season prior to returning to Banbury.

LEWIS WILSON

Experienced player having played for Northampton Town, Macclesfield Town, Kettering Town and Oxford City. Exceptionally versatile player, equally comfortable in defence, midfield or as a striker. Was a key member of the highly successful League cup winning side in the 18/19 season.

DAN VANN

Joined from Walsall last season. All action versatile defender.

JACK TURNER

Cardiff-born centre-back Jack spent eight years on the books at Championship side Bristol City. He captained the under-16 and under-18 sides. After leaving the Robins, he went to Loughborough University and played for the

university side in the United winning, and play off making team in the 18/19 season. Counties League Premier Division. Signed for National League North side Kettering Town in October 2020.

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JOE MAGUNDA

Highly experienced, strong and commanding central defender. Started out at Leicester City and also played for King's Lynn, Brackley Town, Leamington and Tamworth.

MICHAEL O'REGAN

Versatile young defender, started out in the Stratford Town Colts, and played right through the age ranges. Successful youth team player who has also graduated from our Academy programme.

ENOCH ANDOH

Pacey winger who began his career in his native Ghana with Hearts of Oak and King Faisal Babes, before being signed up by Portuguese club FC Porto.

Signed for Macclesfield Town in January 2019, and then went years. Released by City at the age of 21 following an injury. This led to an 18-month lay-off before on to play for Hednesford Town, Wealdstone and Nuneaton Borough.

BRADLEY JOHNSON

Started football journey at Newcastle United. Joined Leeds United until he was 17, and then went on to join Manchester City for four

Johnson enjoyed a two-year spell in Australia and New Zealand.

JIMMY FRY

Hugely popular Jimmy played a major part in the club's record breaking 18-19 season which saw us reach the Southern Premier league play offs and win the prestigious Southern League Challenge Cup.

WILL DAWES

Signed on a two-year scholarship by League Two side Cheltenham Town after starting out with Hellenic League Premier Division side Tuffley Rovers. Then moved to Loughborough University to study maths and played for their side in UCL Premier Division, scoring 12 goals in 32 games.

WILL GROCOTT

Classy, creative midfielder with an eye for goal. Previous clubs include Aston Villa, Tamworth, KW Utd (Canada), Rugby Town, Kettering Town & Stourbridge.

DAN LAFFERTY

Played for Championship side Coventry City during the 2020/21 campaign. The third-year scholar had been with the Sky Blues since a young age and progressed to become a regular in the under-18s. Showed determination to recover from serious injury and feature for the under 23's last season.

CAINE ELLIOTT

Previously played for Stratford Town youth team before joining the Rugby Town academy at Butlin Road. Progressed through the ranks and played for Rugby Town in United Counties League Premier Division South.

ASH SAMMONS

Represented England at under 17, 18 & 19. Ball playing centre midfielder. Previous clubs include Solihull Moors, Birmingham City and most recently Halesowen Town.

MICHAEL TAYLOR

A powerful goalscoring striker adored by the Stratford fans, Stratford legend Mikey Taylor left the club in December 2018 "with a heavy heart" after scoring 43 goals in 118 club appearances.

ADAM MCGURK

Hailing from Northern Ireland, striker who began his career at Aston Villa's Academy before leaving after six years in 2010. Won Northern Ireland caps at U16, U17 and U21 levels and was called up to the senior squad in early 2013 for pre-World Cup qualifying friendly matches. Made a combined 94 appearances across League's One and Two for Tranmere Rovers, Burton Albion, Portsmouth, Cambridge United and Morecambe scoring 28 league goals in the professional

ranks.

OWEN JAMES

Played for MK Dons before joining Oxford United, for whom he made one senior appearance. Spent time on loan with Chalfont in 2019/20 and also had temporary stints with Oxford City and Bracknell Town.

AHMED OBENG

Energetic forward joined Tamworth on a season-long loan from Leamington in 2020 making 20 appearances. Previous clubs also include Kidderminster Harriers and Hednesford Town.

HARRY WAKEFIELD

Previously played for Loughborough Dynamo and United Counties League sides Oadby Town and Harborough Town. The 22-year-old then went on to join Nuneaton Borough from Northern Premier League Premier Division side Basford United.

TAMWORTH SUPPORTERS CLUB

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TEAM BUILDER

Tamworth FC Team Builder enjoyed a successful AGM in the Clubhouse on Wednesday evening with around 60 supporters attending the meeting. The outgoing committee were thanked for all their hard work in raising tens of thousands of pounds to support the management in the recruitment of players over a number of years. It was reported that the committee had recently been able to support the club with a gift of £10,000. This money had been raised from supporters who had given generously from their bank accounts in the form of standing orders or one off gifts, together with bucket collections at home games.

The committee had decided to stand down to make way for a younger generation of people to take over the mantle. The members leaving their positions were:

Clive Tomlinson
Brian Whitehouse
Teresa Whitehouse
Dave Gould
Andrew Turland.

The incoming members who were accepted by the people attending are:

Paul Horobin
Matt Kirkby
Jeremy Pearce
Janet Pearce
Jim Beestone
Kevin Harvey.



As part of the evening Mark Maybury hosted a Q&A with joint managers Gary Smith and Andrew Danylyszyn. They both spoke of the value that Team Builder plays in the recruitment of players. In addition they answered a range of questions about the current injury situation, their reasoning behind team selections and hopes for the season.

As soon as the new committee have settled in we will release their plans for taking Team Builder forward and the fundraising ideas they have planned.

On the evening Team Builder were delighted that donations came in totalling £760 and 3 new members committed to making regular standing order payments which will bring in a further £40 per month. If you wish to set up a standing order or make a one off gift then you can do so using the following details

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Tamworth Football Club are incredibly grateful for the work and dedication of the retiring Team Builder committee members and thank them for all their hard work. We wish the new committee every success and thank them for volunteering for this important work.

NON LEAGUE ROUND UP WITH MARK MAYBURY

Leiston were the only team in the top five to lose on Saturday, so it's as you were, with Coalville Town still leading the table by three points. Adam Stevens' side were the ones to inflict defeat on Leiston, running out 4-1 winners at the Mander Cruickshank Solicitors Stadium. Connor Smith gave the home side a 31st-minute lead that Luke Shaw added to 5 minutes before half-time. Two minutes after the restart, Tim Berridge added a third and a Finlay Barnes own goal on the hour-mark finished the game off as a contest, although Kai Fletcher did manage an 87th minute consolation for the Suffolk side.

Second-placed Peterborough Sports took their goals-for column past the 50-mark in just 15 games after hammering third-bottom St Ives Town 7-2 at Westwood Road. The first half saw the sides go into the break all-square at 2-2 after Ryan Fryatt and Dion Sembie-Ferris' efforts were cancelled out by Ben Toseland in the 36th and 41st minutes. However, there was a goal rush from Sports in the second half with Nicholson (2), McCammon, Sani and Sheriff, all on target.

Banbury United made it 14 games unbeaten in the league as they won 3-0 at fourth-from-bottom Lowestoft Town. The Puritans found themselves three-up at the break in front of a crowd of 610 with a Henry Landers penalty for handball opening the account on 26 minutes, Kevin Langmead adding a second 4 minutes later and then Ben Acquaye immediately scoring a third. The Trawler-boys had the lions' share of the second half without managing to find a reply.

Rushall Olympic are fourth, four points behind Banbury, after a 3-0 success at tonight's visitors Stratford Town, who have lost their last four league games and have dropped down to 17th in the table. Callum Coyle gave the Pics a 32nd-minute lead that Tyler Little doubled with a fine free-kick 3 minutes later. Danny Glover added the third just past the hour-mark.

Alvechurch are sixth and Royston Town are now seventh after wins for both on Saturday. Ian Long's Church won 1-0 at Top Field against bottom side Hitchin Town, whose results had picked up of late. But, despite playing some good football, the Canaries were finally undone by a goal as early as the 8th minute from Tyrell Skeen-Hamilton.

Royston moved above Hednesford Town in the table after a 2-0 Garden Walk victory. However, the Pitmen did finish the game with only nine-men! The Crows led courtesy of a first-minute Ronnie Henry goal. Chay Tilt was shown a straight red card after 53 minutes, and then Josh Endall was dismissed on 63 minutes for deliberate handball, less than a minute after coming off the bench and Brandon Adams converted the resulting penalty to double the home side's lead. Stourbridge, Bromsgrove Sporting and Needham Market, who started the day in the bottom half, all won to move up to 15th, 14th and 12th respectively.

The Glassboys enjoyed a first league win under the new management team of Stuart Pierpoint and Leon Broadhurst with a 2-0 home success over Biggleswade Town in front of 668. Recent signing Reece Styche headed the opener to break the deadlock after 73 minutes and then added a second 6 minutes from after being played through.

There were 632 at the Victoria Ground to see Bromsgrove beat Barwell by the same scoreline. Joel Kettle was the one who bagged both the Rouslers goals in the 25th and 73rd minutes. Needham Market had a good 1-0 win at Bloomfields against a Tamworth side who began the day in sixth spot. Callum Page gave the Marketmen a 21st-minute lead. The Lambs' chances of getting back into the game took a severe blow when they had Alex Jones dismissed 9 minutes from time. However, it took a terrific save from Marcus Garnham to deny Lucas Yeomans a stoppage-time equaliser for the ten-men.

AFC Rushden & Diamonds are now tenth after also winning 1-0 at their Hayden Road home against Redditch United. Nathan Tshikuna's goal after 16 minutes eventually proving enough for Diamonds.

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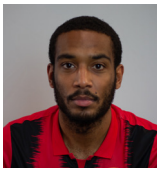
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RON ATKINSON

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We are delighted to welcome Big Ron to the Lamb on Friday 16 December alongside Comedian Ollie Spencer and host Harry Hanslow. Big Ron will be telling stories from his glittering career in Football both as a player, manager and football pundit.

As a player he started his career with Aston Villa before moving to play for Oxford United where he played 384 games, leading them as Captain from the Southern League to Division 2 of the Football League.

Ron moved onto management at the age of 32 with Kettering Town in 1971. It was while he was at Kettering that he brought his team to play Tamworth in a Southern League Cup fixture which the Lambs won 2 -1 in front of a gate of 819 on 29 Oct 1973.

In 1974 he moved onto Cambridge United where he stayed for 4 years. He led them to promotion in 1977 and they were on the verge of promotion to League 2 when he left to join West Bromwich Albion in 1978. A successful time at the Baggies with top 3 finishes in the first division and a UEFA QF spot attracted the attention of Manchester United who signed him as their manager in 1981. He remained at United until 1986 and in that time they won the FA Cup twice, achieved five successive top 4 finishes in the league, and semi final places in European competitions. making the most successful manager since Sir Matt Busby. After leaving United and having a short spell with the Baggies, Atletico Madrid and then Sheffield Wednesday where he won the Football League Cup and promotion to the First Division Aston Villa came knocking in June 1991. He led Villa to second place in the first season of the FA Premier League (the highest place achieved by an English Manager equalled only by Kevin Keegan) and then winning the League Cup at Wembley in 1994. Later in 1994 he was sacked and he then had spells managing Coventry City where he saved them from relegation from the Premier League and earned Premier League Manager of the Month in March 1995. In 1996 he became Director of Football before moving for a second time to Sheffield Wednesday. Ron retired from management following a short spell with Nottingham Forest in 1999

His complete football league Managerial record is: Games 1078, Won 464, Drawn 306 and losing 308 (43% win rate)

Following his retirement he has spent a lot of time in the media as a football pundit (ITV, and MUTV) and has also appeared on other celebrity programmes including Big Brother and Celebrity Wife Swap. Ron is an ambassador for Leisure Leagues, who we are delighted to be presenting the evening on 3rd December with.

THE **NON-LEAGUE** PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

THE RETURN of replays in the FA Cup showed its value to Non-League clubs this week.

The FA made the decision to scrap replays last season in order to ease fixture congestion in light of an adjusted schedule due to the pandemic.

Drawn ties went straight to extra time and then penalties, if needed, to avoid a midweek rematch.

There were fears among lower-league clubs that the change could become permanent but The FA reintroduced replays for this season's competition.

They were made mandatory in all rounds of the qualifying competition and up to and including the fourth round proper.

In 1991, penalties were introduced after the first replay to avoid a series of rematches.

It was 50 years ago last weekend when it took Alvechurch and Oxford City 17 days and six games to reach a conclusion.

Their five fourth round qualifying replays – 1-1, 1-1, 0-0, 0-0, 1-0 – after the initial tie finished 2-2 broke the previous record of nine hours, 40 minutes set in the 1924-25 season by Leyton and Ilford. The FA's eventual rule change was welcomed.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, the benefit of replays were laid bare.

Solihull Moors were picked for broadcast by ITV4 when they took on League One side Wigan Athletic in front of a sell-out crowd.

Stockport County didn't have a seat to spare either when over 10,000 packed into Edgeley Park on Wednesday night for their replay against Bolton Wanderers, with the BBC cameras in attendance.

Each club also received a healthy FA broadcast fee of £32,500 to go along with their bumper admission revenue.

Both nights promised to be memorable for new fans and old but the ties wouldn't have happened had it not been for replays.

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PLAYER STATISTICS SEASON 2021/22

TOTAL NUMBER OF MATCHES - 23

2021-22		SEASON TOTAL							LAMBS CAREER			
APPEARANCES AND GOALS		XI = starting eleven, PS = played sub, NPS = Non played sub XI-G = goals from starting eleven PS-G = goals from the bench										
		SURNAME	FIRST NAME	XI	PS	NPS	XI-PS-G	Total App	+ NPS	Goals		
own goals		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	161	
BESWICK	Ryan	17	1	0	1	0	1	94	+	1	24	
BROWN	Jordaan	6	2	0	0	0	0	8		0	0	
CLEMENT	Jordan	4	5	+	5	0	0	0	66	+	16	8
COCKERILL-MOLLETT	Callum	3	0	+	8	0	0	0	3	+	8	0
CONCANNON	Jack	15	4	+	3	1	0	1	40	+	5	7
COX	Chris	10	2	+	2	0	0	0	30	+	3	1
CREANEY	Dan	13	0	+	1	12	0	12	50	+	3	28
CURRIE	Isaac	2	2		0	0	0	0	4		0	0
FALLOWS	Keelan	2	0	+	3	0	0	0	2	+	3	0
FORDE	Aaron	16	3	+	2	2	0	2	56	+	3	3
HART	Ben	8	1	+	1	0	0	0	14	+	2	0
HOWKINS	Cameron	2	1	+	3	0	0	0	9	+	10	0
JONES	Alex	3	2		0	0	0	0	5		0	0
McDONALD	Shaquille	6	2	+	1	1	1	2	19	+	2	9
PENDLEY	Orrin	20	0		0	1	0	1	20		0	1
RILEY	Martin	8	2	+	3	0	0	0	10	+	3	0
SHAW	Charlie	3	1	+	2	1	0	1	31	+	37	1
SINGH	Jasbir	22	0		0	0	0	0	112	+	1	0
TAIT-MORAN	Michael	4	3	+	8	0	1	1	7	+	8	1
THOMAS	Jack	18	2	+	3	1	0	1	23	+	5	1
WAITE	Tyrell	21	1		0	6	1	7	108	+	2	31
WALTERS	Dexter	5	9	+	1	3	0	3	24	+	18	4
WILDER	Henri	23	0		0	1	0	1	66	+	9	4
YEOMANS	Lucas	12	3		0	0	0	0	16		0	0
GRIFFIN	Callum	0	1	+	1	0	0	0	1	+	1	0
PARKER	Tom	0	1	+	1	0	0	0	1	+	1	0
BASTOS	Kevin Da Silva	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	0
BIRCH	Bradley	2	2	+	2	0	0	0	4	+	2	0
BROGAN	Max	0	0	+	4	0	0	0	0	+	4	0
KELLERMANN	James	6	0		0	2	0	2	6		0	2
MALANDJOU-KONDJO	Louis-Augustin	2	3		0	0	0	0	5		0	0
MANCINELLI	Prince	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	0
OLUSEMO	Daniel	0	1	+	1	0	0	0	1	+	1	0
SOLEMAN	Aram	0	1	+	3	0	0	0	4	+	3	0
TAYLOR	Michael	6	9	+	3	2	2	4	23	+	3	6
WARD	Tom	5	2	+	1	0	0	0	7	+	1	0

LEAGUE TABLE

FROM SATURDAY

CLUB	P	W	D	L	PTS
COALVILLE TOWN	17	13	3	1	42
PETERBOROUGH SPORTS	15	13	0	2	39
BANBURY UNITED	14	12	2	0	38
RUSHALL OLYMPIC	17	10	4	3	34
LEISTON	18	10	1	7	31
ALVECHURCH	16	8	3	5	27
ROYSTON TOWN	17	7	4	6	25
TAMWORTH	15	7	3	5	24
HEDNESFORD TOWN	16	6	5	5	23
AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	17	6	4	7	22
BIGGLESWADE TOWN	16	5	4	7	19
NEEDHAM MARKET	15	4	6	5	18
BROMSGROVE SPORTING	15	5	3	7	18
BARWELL	18	4	5	9	17
STOURBRIDGE	17	4	5	8	17
NUNEATON BOROUGH	17	4	3	10	15
STRATFORD TOWN	14	5	0	9	15
LOWESTOFT TOWN	18	4	3	11	15
ST IVES TOWN	18	4	3	11	15
REDDITCH UNITED	16	3	5	8	14
HITCHIN TOWN	18	3	4	11	13

FIXTURES

TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2021

AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS VS. LOWESTOFT TOWN
COALVILLE TOWN VS. BANBURY UNITED
PETERBOROUGH SPORTS VS. ALVECHURCH
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AARON FORDE
ARAM SOLEMAN
JACK THOMAS
DEXTER WALTERS
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