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VS. ROYSTON TOWN

SATURDAY 8TH JANUARY 2022

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WELCOME

MATCH DAY THIRTY FOUR

We extend a very warm welcome to you all for our first game of 2022 at the CR MOT Centre Community Stadium at the Lamb. In particular we welcome the players, supporters and officials of Royston Town. We do hope they enjoy the hospitality offered to them this afternoon and have a safe journey home following the game.

The game also arrives at a time of change for Tamworth with Joint Manager Andrew Danylyszyn leaving last week and Gary Smith taking charge, supported by Head of First Team Football Tom Baillie and Gary Price, our Goalkeeping Coach. Royston was the destination for our first game of the season, which ended in a 3 - 0 home win for the Crows. An even first half saw the teams go in all square at the break, but the home side got the upper hand in the second half to grab all 3 points. The Crows currently sit in 7th place on 35 points, which is 10 points ahead of the Lambs but have played 5 games more. Last Saturday saw them claim a 2 - 1 away win at Biggleswade Town.

We are sorry that there was a late postponement of our derby against Hednesford Town last Saturday. The management were faced with an almost impossible situation on the morning of the game when only 11 players were available for the game after Covid, illness and injuries forced the majority of the squad out of the game. Refunds for tickets purchased in advance for the Hednesford game are in the process of automatically being credited to supporters accounts directly. Please allow up to 7 working days for payment to show on statements.

We are currently waiting for a decision to be made by the league and FA regarding the abandoned game against Biggleswade Town, which is still under investigation. Once we have been informed of the outcome we will notify supporters, Information about rearranged games will be posted on our official website - www.tamworthfc.co.uk

If Ryan Beswick is selected for the game today, then he will celebrate his 100th appearance for the club, scoring 24 goals in the process. We congratulate Ryan for reaching this landmark.

Since we last played at home we have signed Nyal Bell from Kidderminster Harriers on loan until the start of February. Nyal has played at a higher standard for most of his career, notably chalking up over 100 appearances for Stockport County before his move to Harriers in the summer. We welcome the striker to the Lamb and trust he has a successful spell with us. In addition, popular winger Ahmed Obeng has rejoined the club and we are delighted to welcome him back to the Lamb.

Jack Thomas will be available for selection today after completing his 3 games suspension. His recall was delayed due to two games being abandoned which did not count.

Shareholders are reminded that the AGM will be held in the VIP/Sponsors Lounge on Thursday 20 January at 7.30. All Shareholders are asked to collect a copy of the accounts form the main office on or after Friday 14 January.

Following today's game we will welcome Peterborough Sports on Tuesday evening (KO 7.45pm) then next Saturday we the short distance to play Coalville Town. Enjoy the game today!

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MANAGEMENT TEAM

GARY SMITH AND THOMAS BAILLIE

“ We have had two good sessions this week with the players digging deep. The spirit is good and we know that when that spirit is high, then we stand a good chance of winning football matches. We are now chomping at the bit and we want a game of football! ”

GARY SMITH

“ Tuesday night's training session was fantastic and is probably one of the best I have seen since I have been here. The players were happy and smiling, some of the players came out of their shells and were really enjoying it. It was great to see them joking and bonding with each other and we want to take that feeling into Saturday. We still need to rebuild confidence but If we can score first and get a win it will really boost the players. If we can have a good January we have a chance to do something and stand a chance of making the play offs.”

THOMAS BAILLIE



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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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ROYSTON TOWN



So when did it all begin? After some intensive research the evidence is that the club came into existence in 1875 making Royston the third oldest Club in Hertfordshire after Hitchin and Bishop Stortford.

The Club's very first honour came in 1911/12 when they won the Creak Charity Shield beating Wisbech 1-0 in extra time.

The Club's first major honour in more recent times came in the guise of promotion to the Herts County Premier League in 1969/70 and they went on to be champions in 1972/73 and 1976/77. In 1978 we rejoined the South Midlands League and won the Division One title at the first time of asking. Success continued with a final appearance in the Herts Charity Shield for the first time in 1979 and runners up spot in the South Midlands League Premier Division in 1980. The Herts Charity Shield was won in 1981/82 and two years later the Club joined the Isthmian League Division Two North where we remained for 10 seasons before returning to the South Midlands League in 1994.

After a period in the doldrums which culminated in relegation from the South Midlands League Premier Division at the end of 2006/07, Paul Attfield was appointed manager with ex Spurs favourite Tony Galvin returning to Garden Walk as 1st Team Coach in November 2007.

Paul immediately set about building a new 1st Team squad and a run of 17 games undefeated saw the Club move from bottom of the table to finish in 5th place in the League.

The foundations had been laid for the 2008/09 season and the first team took the South Midlands Division One League title with one of the best set of stats for any Step 6 Club in the country W33, D4, L3, GF138, GA30, GD+108, PTS 103.

The 2011/2012 season will be seen as a watershed in our history with the winning of the South Midlands Premier Division title and promotion to Step 4 in the shape of the Evo-Stik Southern League Division One Central.

In our first season back at Step 4 after an absence of 19 years it was hard to know what to expect and how we would perform. Most of our supporters felt a mid-table position would be an acceptable target for the season, but we quickly found ourselves exceeding all expectations as our performances propelled us towards the top of the table. Four straight wins in the first four games set the tone and a run of nine wins with just one defeat between October and December saw us maintain a play-off position. In the very last game of the season a play-off was still a possibility and having gone 2-1 up away at AFC Hayes with just a few minutes of the game left it looked a near certainty. But it was not to be as Hayes scored an 87 minute equaliser and our play-off place was lost.

In our second season at this level our steady progress to claim a place in the play-off zone was given a severe jolt when, at the beginning of November, Paul Attfield announced his resignation as first team manager due to ill health. The search for his replacement began almost immediately and we were inundated with applications from some very well know and successful managers. After an exhaustive selection process the Board appointed Steve Castle at the end of November and on Boxing Day Steve officially took over securing a 0 – 0 draw against the League's form team and eventual champions Dunstable Town.

Our 2014/15 season opener was at home against one of the promotion favourites Rugby Town but an impressive team display ensured their threat was stifled and we ran out winners 2 -1. That victory really did set things buzzing but we were quickly brought back down to earth when on the following Tuesday night Bedworth United were the visitors winning the game 3 – 1.

As we all know consistency in performances provides the key to long term success and although the early stages of the season produced good results against the likes of Daventry Town and Beaconsfield these were punctuated by dismal performances against the likes of Aylesbury and Egham Town. From mid-November to mid-December we really lost our way with six defeats in seven games but our rollercoaster ride saw an incredible run of form

over the Christmas period and into the New Year with five straight wins which helped us maintain a position in the play off places.

On a miserable Tuesday evening in February we travelled to lowly AFC Hayes and after an abject performance we lost the game 2 – 0. This prompted our Chairman to tell Steve Castle that he had given up on this team making the play – offs and said that we should start preparing instead for next season. That message was conveyed to players and we witnessed a most remarkable transformation in our results with a 14 game unbeaten run during which we scored 29 goals and conceded just seven resulting in us achieving the runners up spot to league champions Kettering Town and securing our place in the play- off semi finals where we met local rivals Barton Rovers. After an incident packed 90 minutes and extra time the game ended in a goalless draw but it was not to be our night and we lost the shoot out 4-5 and had to suffer the agony of all the emotions which go with being defeated in this way.

We started the 2015/16 season strongly and between the end of December and the end of March we produced a rich vein of form with only one defeat in 14 games and this ensured we were sitting on top of the league with just 7 games to go and with the expectation that we could win promotion outright ran high throughout the whole club. However three games in succession proved our down fall when we could only draw 0 – 0 with Bedford and lost to Egham away 3- 1 and Godalming at home 1- 0 and once again we ended up in the play offs against AFC Rushden but we failed to turn up and went out tamely to our opponents 2 - 1.

Having finished runners up for two years in succession Steve Castle was determined to make it third time lucky and began to recruit some experienced new blood in the shape of John Frendo and Adam Murray whilst at the same time giving youngsters Gus Scott Morris and Josh C extended runs in the first team.

However the season didn't start well and after four games we'd only mustered five points whilst promotion rivals Farnborough just couldn't stop winning. Although results did improve, defeat in the FA Cup to Heybridge Swifts 4 – 1 and a thrashing by Barton Rovers at home 6 – 3 at the end of September didn't do a great of good for our confidence.

Things took a dramatic turn thereafter with 12 successive league wins which ended with defeat 2-1 at Kidlington in early January 2017, interspersed by a magnificent run in the FA Trophy including victory against Step 2 outfit Hampton and Richmond Borough before in the replay against Dulwich Hamlet we eventually went down 1 -0. With cup football out of the way the team put together an incredible run of 16 league games undefeated, including a 5 – 0 thrashing of closest rivals Farnborough which saw us maintain the top spot until the end of the season by a margin of 12 points and the highest number of goals scored, 120, across all three Evostik Leagues.

Promotion to the Southern League Premier Division Central at the end of season 2016/17 meant that the Club was playing at its highest level in its 142 year history!

Season 2017/18 saw The Crows exceeded all expectations in our first season at Step 3. Throughout the season we managed to maintain our hopes of a play-off place until they were finally put to bed with two successive defeats against the eventually play-off winners Slough Town and we had to be satisfied with a seventh place finish. The signing of Adam Marriott, a proven goal scorer who had played for Lincoln City, Stevenage and Cambridge United was without a doubt a real coup and he was to play a key role in the progress made by the Club by becoming our leading marksman with 31 goals. A good run in the FA Trophy with wins against Enfield Town and Leatherhead came to an end against Eastbourne Borough when having managed to draw at their place we lost the replay on penalties. We managed to get to the final of the Herts Senior Cup where we played Boreham Wood from Step 2 and in spite of a brave performance we never really had the power to compete and lost 2 – 1.

Season 2018/19 saw us finishing in a respectable 9th position in what proved to be a very strong Premier Division Central. During February/March we recorded six wins out of seven league games to give us a faint hope of a play-off spot, but three straight defeats in April put paid to our chances. We suffered another early at AFC Sudbury in the FA Cup and in the FA Trophy we progressed through two rounds before being beaten in a replay at Needham Market.

During the 'Null & Void' seasons of 2019/20 and 2020/21 the Crows were always strongly placed in the league table, but to no avail sadly. In season 2019/20 we recorded our best ever finish in the FA Trophy (which ran through to completion), overcoming four higher-league opponents to reach the quarter-finals where we were defeated at Concord Rangers.

ROUPTON TOWN PLAYERS:

JOE WELCH

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TAMWORTH FC SHAREHOLDERS AGM

Notice has been given that the Annual General Meeting for Shareholders of Tamworth FC will take place on

Date: Thursday 20 January

Venue: The Sponsors/VIP Lounge, Tamworth FC

Time: 7.30pm

Shareholders will be able to collect a copy of the accounts from reception at the Lamb ground on and after Friday 14 January.

FIXTURES UPDATE

We have arranged the following two fixtures:

Tue 11 January, 7.45 - Peterborough Sports FC (H). Pitching In Southern League Premier Central.

Tue 18 January, 7.45 - Leamington FC (A). Birmingham Senior Cup QF.

MATCH HIGHLIGHTS

We are delighted to be able to post our 2021/22 season match highlights.

We have currently posted Royston Town, Coalville Town, Lowestoft Town, Redditch United, Nuneaton Borough.

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NUNEATON BOROUGH 2-0 TAMWORTH FC

BOXING DAY DERBY

Nuneaton got the game underway with Tamworth attacking the home end in the first half and The Lambs pushed the home side back into the opening exchanges trying to get somewhere near to former Lamb Breeden's goal. As the travelling contingent raised the away end roof Yafai went down under a tame shoulder barge on 3 and no penalty as given, and then another former Lamb, Bradley, headed wide of the mark when well placed from a perfect centre from the left. Bradley's placed shot on 4 took a deflection off Pendley and dropped into Singh's arms in the next move. McWilliams was booked on 7 for upending Walters on the halfway line and Beswick's freekick eventually fell to the same player on the left of the box but his shot was smothered by Breeden. Walters then whipped the ball into the area and from the half clearance Forde tried his luck but curled his shot wide of the mark. Forde took the ball on his chest and tried a threaded pass to Concannon on 16 but it was too quick and Breeden got to it before the Lambs man, but Singh was unable to get to a deflected Forde clearance on 19 quick enough to prevent a corner although the flagkick was wasted. The next corner, from the opposite side on 22, looked like it had been batted away at the near post by Singh, but it fell invitingly for King 12 yards out and he rifled it home with a deft swing and cool finish (0-1, 22 mins) The goal against spurred The Lambs to attack and McDonald forced a corner on the right which dropped into the six yard box but was cleared by a hefty boot by Osbourne. Yafai, McDonald and Walters combined on 27 in the Borough area but their attempts to get a sight on goal were thwarted, and a long range effort from Yafai on 31 resulted in a corner on the right which was put behind for another on the right, then glanced behind for another on the opposite side. Walters ball was knocked over the line by a defender for another Breeden punched it away from danger before collecting the return shot from Beswick. King and Dwyer tangled with each other in the box on 34 when both tried to strike on target and King forced a left sided flagkick on 39 which Singh punched away with Pendley covering. An incisive ball into the area from Bradley on the right on 41 was met by King but he couldn't get it inside the near post and at the other end McDonald made headway down the left channel but dragged his shot across the box and out past the far post without troubling Breeden. McDonald was then presented with the best chance of the half, receiving the ball from Forde, to his feet on the edge of the area with just Breeden to beat but he couldn't get enough direction on it and it whistled past the right hand upright in the final action of the first half. Tamworth got the game back underway, with The Lambs kicking towards the away terrace, populated with an official figure of 217 vociferous travelling fans and kept the ball in the Nuneaton half in the opening exchanges, as they had in the first half. Nuneaton did get some time on the ball around 52 though and nearly made the most of it but Dwyer was unable to get his boot to the whipped in cross from the right and The Lambs cleared the danger and King then made headway from the left into the area, ultimately firing wide and high off target. Beswick picked up a booking for an apparently deliberate handball in the middle of the park on 56 and then brought King down midway into the Tamworth half on 58 but Clements freekick was easy for Singh to collect. The home side were now less under the cosh as they had been and put long balls into the final third for Tamworth to deal with, or try and get an advantage on the counter. Concannon received the ball from Yafai in the right of Breeden's box on 65 but fired past the far post with a low effort and then Beswick put a deadball in to the area and Nuneaton dug it out and raced to the other end. Dwyer was brought down by Wilder as he shaped to shoot from the right of the area, and there were no hesitations or protestations about the resulting penalty which Dwyer dispatched solidly past Singh. Both Wilder, for the foul, and Dwyer, for the celebration, were booked. (0-2, 66 mins) Singh had to come out of his area and head the all away from danger as Borough went in search of another and then a foul by Forde on the edge of the D set up Clements with a chance from a freekick which he put into the home terrace. The Lambs made a double change on 71 quickly followed by one for the home side, and it was from a Yeomans chipped cross into the area on 75 that Yafai nearly reduced the arrears but his header went out past the far post. Singh then pulled off a superb one handed save from Lita's header on 78 although it wouldn't have counted if it had gone in as the flag went up seconds after both sides of the crowd had finished applauding both the move and the keeper's stop. And on 81 Singh was called upon again to punch a Lita shot over the bar after the substitute found himself with a free shot on target from 18 yards and on 82 at the other end Clement hit Breeden's near post with a low driven effort. Borough substitute Chingoka was booked for a challenge on Forde which left the Lambs midfielder needing treatment on 88, and saw him replaced by Shaw for the final few minutes. Four minutes added time was shown at the end of the game and Walters nearly pulled one back on 93, but his shot was slid out for a corner on the left which was headed away before the final whistle blew.

NON LEAGUE ROUND UP WITH MARK MAYBURY

Banbury United moved a massive 14 points clear at the top of the league table on Monday after a late 2-0 win at a now fourth-bottom Redditch United. Playing their second game in 48 hours after winning at Alvechurch by the same scoreline on Saturday, the Puritans maintained a tremendous away record which has now brought them 31 points from a possible 36! However, struggling Redditch made it extremely difficult for Andy Whing's side and, in front of a crowd of 598 at the Trico Stadium, it looked as though the visitors were going to have to settle for just a point. But with 6 minutes remaining, recent signing Victor Sodeinde netted from close range to break the deadlock with his first goal since joining from Hereford FC. Then in the 88th minute, Banbury made sure the points went back to Oxfordshire when Lewis Johnson headed in number two.

Redditch dropped a place as neighbours Bromsgrove Sporting picked up a point from a 0-0 draw at Langford Road against Biggleswade Town, who slipped above Matt Clarke's side on goal difference. However, the Waders were grateful to New Zealand-born goalkeeper Josh Hill, who produced a string of fine saves to keep the scoreline blank. The point lifts the Rouslers to 12th in the table,

On Tuesday night the two teams immediately below Banbury in the table - Coalville Town and Peterborough Sports, were both held to 1-1 draws, so the gap at the top is 13 points, although the Turbines do possess two games in hand on both the leading two but trail the Puritans by a massive 17 points.

Adam Stevens' Coalville side are going through a blip in form at present, and, although a point at fifth-placed Alvechurch's Lye Meadow isn't a bad outcome, it means the Ravens have only won once in their last five matches. In a game which at one point had a blizzard of snow blowing across the ground, it was the hosts who started the better before Coalville gradually got themselves into the game, with Luke Shaw hitting a post shortly before they took the lead in the 22nd minute when Billy Kee pounced on a loose ball in the area. However, the lead lasted barely 3 minutes as Nick Clayton-Phillips equalised after the visitors had failed to clear a corner.

Peterborough Sports headed to Needham Market having not played since December 21st when they lost at home to leaders Banbury. It had been a slightly longer break for Kevin Horlock's Marketmen, who hadn't taken the field since their fantastic 2-1 win against Vanarama National League outfit Wealdstone in the Buildbase FA Trophy on December 18th. The visitors twice went close early on with headers cleared off the line and then near the end of the half, Luke Ingram's cross found teenager Tyler Clark, whose effort was well saved by Paul White. Goalless at the break, it was Jimmy Dean's Sports who broke the deadlock after 53 minutes when Dan Jarvis forced his way through the home defence to fire past Marcus Garnham. The home side eventually pulled back on level terms in the 75th minute when Ben Fowkes smashed a fierce effort into the top corner. Sports went down to ten-men in the 92nd minute when Jarvis was dismissed for dissent, after his header had been disallowed.

There was another crucial game on Tuesday night involving relegation places as second-from-bottom Nuneaton Borough welcomed St Ives Town to Liberty Way. A crowd of 322 on a freezing cold night saw Boro come close to taking the lead through former Lambs Kyle Perry and Anthony Dwyer. After a goalless first half, it was the visitors who broke the deadlock within 6 minutes of the restart when a free-kick by Ben Toseland was deflected past Tony Breeden. It got worse for Nuneaton 5 minutes later when another former Lamb Nabil Shariff tapped past Breeden from close range. Borough grabbed a goal back 10 minutes from time when Dwyer slotted home at the far post following a corner.

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THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

HAPPY NEW Year and first we must ask: Is everything OK in the Premier League?

It's been difficult to open a newspaper, listen to the radio or watch the TV without hearing a top flight boss moaning about playing too many games over the festive period, bleating about a lack of players, not being able to use five subs in a game or even the League Cup schedule clogging up the calendar.

Apparently there is also concern about the fixture congestion after 18 games needed to be postponed in recent weeks. Although some welcome relief that UEFA will allow games to be played on the same nights as Champions League matches. Phew!

That sound you can hear is a collective laugh from Non-League as a whole, including fixture secretaries who might lose twice that amount of games to bad weather in the space of three days.

Look, it's easy to take pot shots at the whinging managers. When they are paid as well as they are, have access to the best facilities in elite sports and can rotate their squads far more easily than they let on, they probably deserve a bit of dig in the ribs.

Non-League managers and players will have a wry smile when thinking about the schedules their players, all while working proper day jobs around it, go through.

I've always felt that if those at the top of the game are concerned about player welfare, then it should be listened to. It should also be pointed out that the TV money they benefit from is based on the fact they have to play a lot of games, particularly around the Christmas period where demand is high.

But Christmas 2021 has also shown the interest for Non-League football, with crowds booming across the Pyramid. Four-figure crowds suddenly don't seem all that unusual at Steps 4, 5 and even 6.

And that's key for clubs to boost the coffers. Festive football is such an important money spinner for all Non-League clubs where the pounds across the turnstiles and the second spend in the bar is so crucial.

Fans flocking to grounds can probably be put down to a combination of factors. Apathy at the cost of higher football, thirst for live sport, people feeling comfortable in lower crowds are no doubt among a number of reasons.

Hopefully people have also seen enough that they want to return regularly. There are plenty of games to come this season. And after the last two seasons were hit by Covid, you won't hear much moaning about it down here.

By Matthew Badcock

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PLAYER STATISTICS SEASON 2021/22

TOTAL NUMBER OF MATCHES - 24

2021-22		SEA SON 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-G	PS-G	Total	App	+	NPS	Goals
own goals		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	161
BESWICK	Ryan	22	1		0	1	0	1	99	+	1	24
BROWN	Jordaan	10	2	+	1	0	0	0	12	+	1	0
CLEMENT	Jordan	5	7	+	5	0	0	0	69	+	16	8
COCKERILL-MOLLETT	Callum	3	0	+	9	0	0	0	3	+	9	0
CONCANNON	Jack	19	3	+	5	1	0	1	43	+	7	7
COX	Chris	13	3	+	3	0	0	0	34	+	4	1
CREANEY	Dan	16	2	+	2	12	0	12	55	+	4	28
FALLOWS	Keelan	2	0	+	8	0	0	0	2	+	8	0
FORDE	Aaron	20	3	+	2	2	0	2	60	+	3	3
GRIFFIN	Callum	0	1	+	2	0	0	0	1	+	2	0
HART	Ben	11	1	+	1	0	0	0	17	+	2	0
HOWKINS	Cameron	2	1	+	3	0	0	0	9	+	10	0
JONES	Alex	5	3		0	0	0	0	8		0	0
LISSMORE	Kai	0	1		0	0	0	0	1		0	0
MCDONALD	Shaquille	9	4	+	2	1	2	3	24	+	3	10
PARKER	Tom	1	1	+	1	0	0	0	2	+	1	0
PENDLEY	Orrin	25	0		0	1	0	1	25		0	1
SHAW	Charlie	5	4	+	3	1	0	1	36	+	38	1
SINGH	Jasbir	28	0		0	0	0	0	118	+	1	0
TAIT-MORAN	Michael	4	3	+	8	0	1	1	7	+	8	1
THOMAS	Jack	20	2	+	4	1	0	1	25	+	6	1
WALTERS	Dexter	6	10	+	1	3	0	3	26	+	18	4
WILDER	Henri	29	0		0	1	0	1	72	+	9	4
YAFAI	Blial	1	0		0	0	0	0	42	+	2	6
YEOMANS	Lucas	16	4		0	0	0	0	21		0	0
PLAYERS NO LONGER AT THE CLUB												
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	+	3	0	0	0	0	+	3	0
CROSS	Liam	1	0	+	1	0	0	0	1	+	1	0
CURRIE	Isaac	2	2		0	0	0	0	4		0	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
RILEY	Martin	8	4	+	4	0	0	0	12	+	4	0
SOLEMAN	Aram	0	1	+	3	0	0	0	4	+	3	0
STENSON	Matthew	2	0		0	2	0	2	2		0	2
TAYLOR	Michael	6	9	+	3	2	2	4	23	+	3	6
WAITE	Tyrell	24	3	+	1	7	1	8	113	+	3	32
WARD	Tom	5	2	+	1	0	0	0	7	+	1	0

LEAGUE TABLE

FROM TUESDAY

CLUB	P	W	D	L	PTS
BANBURY UNITED	24	20	3	1	63
COALVILLE TOWN	24	15	5	4	50
PETERBOROUGH SPORTS	22	15	1	6	46
RUSHALL OLYMPIC	23	12	8	3	44
ALVECHURCH	25	12	6	7	42
AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	23	11	4	8	37
ROYSTON TOWN	25	10	6	9	36
LEISTON	22	11	2	9	35
HEDNESFORD TOWN	22	7	8	7	29
STOURBIRGDE	23	8	5	10	29
ST IVES TOWN	26	8	5	13	29
STRATFORD TOWN	22	8	3	11	27
BROMSGROVE SPORTING	23	6	9	8	27
TAMWORTH	20	7	4	9	25
BARWELL	25	6	7	12	25
NEEDHAM MARKET	19	5	8	6	23
BIGGLESWADE TOWN	22	5	7	10	22
REDDITCH UNITED	24	5	7	12	22
HITCHIN TOWN	23	5	5	13	20
NUNEATON BOROUGH	25	5	5	15	20
LOWESTOFT TOWN	22	5	4	13	19

FIXTURES

SATURDAY 8TH JANUARY 2022

BARWELL VS. LOWESTOFT TOWN
BIGGLESWADE TOWN VS. NUNEATON BOROUGH
HITCHIN TOWN VS. REDDITCH UNITED
LEISTON VS. BROMSGROVE SPORTING
NEEDHAM MARKET VS. HEDNESFORD TOWN
RUSHALL OLYMPIC VS. PETERBOROUGH SPORTS
STOURBRIDGE VS. BANBURY UNITED
STRATFORD TOWN VS. COALVILLE TOWN
TAMWORTH VS. ROYSTON TOWN



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DANIEL CREANEY
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