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We extend a very warm welcome to the CR MOT Centre Community Stadium at the Lamb for this evening's game against Peterborough Sportst. In particular we welcome the players, supporters and officials of our visitors. We do hope they enjoy the hospitality offered to them tonight and have a safe journey home following the game.

Tonight's match arrives on the back of a much improved performance on Saturday with the excellent 2 - 0 win over Royston Town. The players showed a lot more belief and displayed real commitment to the cause. The goals came from Bilal Yafai and Nyal Bell and we hope to see more of the same this evening!.

We travelled to Peterborough Sports earlier in the season in a first v second clash, in the knowledge that a win would have seen us go top of the league. It wasn't to be as the hosts won the game 2 - 0 in front of a crowd of 230. We first faced Sports in the 2019 - 20 season following their promotion to the Southern League Premier Central. A crowd of 563 witnessed a 3 - 1 win for the Lambs with the goals coming from Dan Creaney and Jordan Clement (2). The complete playing record between the clubs is P4 W1 D1 L2 F6 A8.

Sports are currently enjoying a more successful season than the Lambs. For a long time they were the team to beat as they led the pack at the top of the league from the start of season. However, a dip in form and the consistency displayed by Banbury has seen them slip to 3rd place and 20 points behind the Puritans, but do have 3 games in hand.

A new name on the team sheet on Saturday was Nicholas Kinina, a late signing from Alvechurch. Nicholas is a 20 years old midfielder, who was originally with Birmingham City and we welcome him to the Lamb.

On Saturday we venture into Leicestershire to take on high flying Coalville Town who currently sit 2nd in the table. Tickets for the clash are on sale now from the Coalville Town official website priced at £10 adults, concessions £7 and U16s £2. We do hope as many fans as possible can travel to get behind the lads.

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.

Enjoy the game today!

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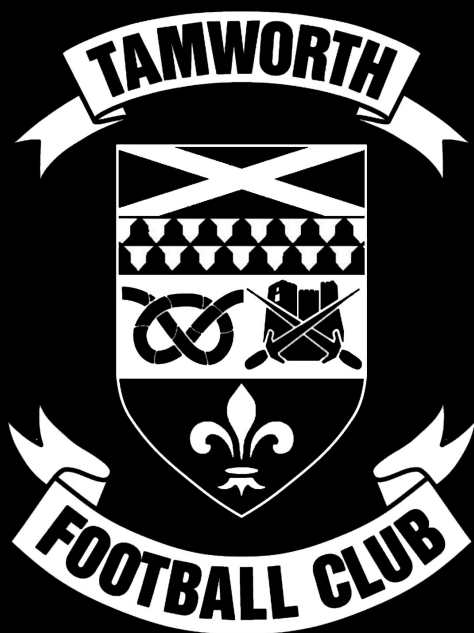
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Since the start of last season there have been some big changes at the Lamb which you can't help but spot. The 9 ageing and second hand floodlight columns have been replaced by 4 brand new state of the art LED floodlight towers. The lights are brighter 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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PETERBOROUGH SPORTS



Peterborough Sports football club was founded in 1908 and were initially known as Brotherhoods Engineering Works a non-competitive factory side for the company that was founded by Peter Brotherhood in 1867 that was famed for designing and manufacturing the first steam turbine engine in the world. The club honours its heritage to this day with the turbine engine featuring in the club badge and "The Turbines" as the club nickname. We were called Bearings Direct in the 1990's and then changed to Peterborough Sports all at the same Lincoln Road ground which has undergone a major revamp since 2012 funded by a combination of Parkway Social Club, the Football Foundation and former Manager & Chairman and now Managing Director Tommy Cooper.

The club started competitive life in the Northants League in 1919 (which became the UCL in 1934) winning the title in that first season before joining the Peterborough League in 1923. The club once entertained Tottenham Hotspur at Lincoln Road before the 2nd World War in front of a crowd of 4,000 at a time when a stand went down the whole length of the ground and drew over 3,000 for the visit of local rivals Peterborough & Fletton United (now Peterborough United).

Without doubt the clubs most famous player is Victor Watson (pictured) who played in the Northants League title winning team of 1919/20 before moving onto West Ham United for £50 via Wellingborough in March 1920. He remains the Hammers record goal scorer with 326 goals from 505 appearances. Watson played 5 times for England scoring 4 times between 1923 & 1930 including a brace against Scotland in 1930 and played in the first FA Cup Final at Wembley in front of 200,000 fans v Bolton

Much of the clubs early years were notably unsuccessful. The Northants League win in 1920 was followed 6 years later with a Peterborough League Division 3 title in 1926, with a gap then to the Peterborough Football Association Minor Cup win in 1940. The barren spell of success continued right up until 1976 when the Peterborough Division 3 title was secured again, which was repeated in 1981.

The club enjoyed a brief golden period at the start of the 1990's with promotion secured back to the Peterborough Premier Division and 2 Northants Lower Junior Cups being landed in 1994 & 1995 under the management of current Managing Director Stephen "Tommy" Cooper

The club again had some barren time before the Turbines suddenly became successful in the 2006/07 season when both the Peterborough Premier Division and Northants Junior Cup were secured for the first time in the clubs history under the management of Al Lenihan & Tommy Flynn. Unfortunately the club did not follow up on this success and in the ensuing years almost went out of existence. It was only the efforts of current life president Colin Day (who has been at Sports over half a century), Secretary Roger Martin & manager Chris Bartlett that kept the club running.

Tommy Cooper returned to the club in the role of Chairman in January 2011 and in that 2010/11 season the club secured its first PFA trophy since the 2nd world war when lifting the Challenge Cup and were promoted back to the Peterborough League Premier Division for a short 2 season stay.

Bartlett was replaced as manager by Seamus Morgan for the 2012/13 season and the former Peterborough Northern Star reserves manager steered the club into the United Counties League with a 3rd place position in 2012/13 when Netherton turned down their promotion having finished in 2nd.

The Reserves enjoyed 3 successive promotions after reforming at the start of the decade and are now in the Peterborough League Premier Division themselves, which they won in 2016/17.

The clubs 1st season at UCL level started well but ultimately ended in a disappointing 16th placed finish with Morgan replaced as manager by former QPR & England Under 21 manager Chris Plummer in January. The following season 2014/15 saw the side challenging for promotion right to the end of the season, but a run of 7 away games to finish, saw them eventually finish in 5th.

At the end of that season Plummer stood aside and his assistant Jimmy Dean took the reins for the 2015/16 campaign. In his first year the club won the title at a canter by a huge 21 points, helped by winning their first 23 games. The side also picked up the UCL League Cup, becoming the first side from Division 1 to ever do so, after a penalty shoot-out triumph against Premier Division Holbeach United. The side also added the Northants Junior Cup for a 2nd time and the prestigious Hinchingsbrooke Cup for the 1st time and were to be forever dubbed the Fourmidables.

That success was continued into the 2016/17 as the team won the UCL Premier Division with a league record points tally of 112 and were the top scorers in the top 11 levels of English football with 150 in the league and 205 in all competitions. The Hinchingsbrooke Cup was also retained with a 2-1 victory over 2nd placed Deeping Rangers and the side had its best ever run in the FA Vase reaching the 4th round.

The side entered the Northern Premier League for the 2017/18 season and initially found the going tough – indeed the side went into 2018 bottom of the table before a dramatic turnaround saw the Turbines finish a most respectable 12th with that summer seeing the side transfer across to the Southern League with Grant Biddle replacing Tom Cooper as Chairman and Paul Venters joining as Vice Chairman

With an additional step 4 league implemented for 2018/19 Sports were moved into the Southern League to play in the Division 1 Central section where the side duly won their 3rd title in 4 years under Dean. The side only lost 3 games all season (which included twice to runners up Bromsgrove Sporting) which was mark of their consistency. The side also had probably the best win in its history when beating National League North and former football league side Boston United 2-0 away in the FA Cup 2nd qualifying round. Their reward was a home tie with unbeaten National League North side Chorley with the game screened on the red button on the BBC which attracted a peak viewing figure of 240,000 and a club record 404 in attendance. Unfortunately Sports went out 3-0 on a stinking day weather wise, which was replaced with the glorious weather at Easter and the raising of the Championship, secured on the Saturday with a 2-0 win away at Kidlington with the trophy presented on the Monday before the derby win over Cambridge City. We then went onto beat the Southern title winners Blackfield & Langley 5-1 in the Championship Match

Season 2019/20 was to be spent in the Central Premier Division at Step 3 for the first time in the clubs centenary year and Sports were leading the way when the league for declared null and void due to COVID-19.

The 2020/21 season was again greatly affected by COVID-19 but this did not stop Sports progressing well in both the FA Cup (reached 3rd Qualifying Round) and the FA Trophy (Reached 5th Round).

PETERBOROUGH SPORTS PLAYERS

LEWIS MOAT

Imposing young keeper signed in October 2016 from Peterborough League side Whittlesey Athletic – Born 6th July 1993.

PAUL WHITE

Paul is a competent goalkeeper and has recently joined sports from St Ives Town and has good pedigree and made his name at Forest Green where he was a regular for a few seasons, has recently had a spell at Kettering town before joining St Ives Town and we hope he enjoys his time with sports and helps us try and win promotion.

LEWIS ELSOM

Lewis is a young keeper who served an apprenticeship at Posh, after leaving Posh he had a spell as Kettering number two before moving to Deeping rangers and establishing himself as number 1. He carries himself with great professionalism and with bit of experience will become a top goalkeeper.

MATTY MILES

Matty captained the Leicester city u21 team and comes with great pedigree. He can play in a variety of positions and is very cultured with a football. Manager Jimmy dean holds Matty in a very high regard and since joining last season Matty has been a mainstay in the Peterborough sports team.

JOHNNY HERD

Jonny is an experienced full back with a fantastic footballing cv, he has played league football for Southend utd, in the national league for Ebbsfleet, in the Conference north for Bishop Stortford and in the Southern central premier for ST NEOTS. He has been very unfortunate with injuries the last 18 months but if he can beat them he will undoubtedly have a big part to play for Sports this season.

LUKE WARNER ELEY

Luke is a player who can play anywhere down the left side but is definitely a LB, he first caught our eye playing against us for Barton rovers at step 4 and has since gone on to play for numerous teams at step 2 and 3. He's someone who adds certain

quality to our squad and we are delighted to have him.

ISAIAH BAZELY

Isaiah is an ex Aston villa scholar and that shows in his technical ability. Its his first real season in mens football and manager Jimmy dean has real belief that he can really kick on over the next few years. Equally happy at playing Centre back or right back he is another who definitely lifts the quality in the Sports squad.

RYAN FRYATT

Ryan comes with proven pedigree, having played for Kings Lynn for the best part of a decade and securing 4 promotions with them to the National league Premier. He subsequently left Lynn last summer and then went on to have short but successful spell at Kettering Town. He adds fantastic quality/competition to the Centre Back position and will be a huge part of any success we might have over the next few years.

RICHARD JONES

Centre half Jones made his name at PNS and was in the 2012 side that made the FA Vase Quarter Final before securing a move to Stamford Town & then Boston United. Jones joined Sports in the summer of 2016 – Born 27th January 1988.

BRAD MCGOWAN

Brad is an assured defender with a very good pedigree. His previous clubs include Notts county, Grantham, Alfreton town, Boston united & Frickley ath. After a terrible injury and a long lay off Brad has the bit between his teeth and is looking to make a big impact at sports this year.

DAN JARVIS

After serving an apprenticeship at POSH DJ has spent a few years in non league with local clubs Deeping and Yaxley. He can play a variety of positions and from the 1st training session in pre season he has impressed the management and team mates with his ability.

He a young local boy and is tipped to have a big impact for sports this year.

JIM STEVENSON

Midfielder Stevenson joined Sports in October 2018 having most recently played for Chelmsford City. He began his senior career at Histon in the Conference North before moving to Luton Town. He appeared in the football league, firstly on loan and then on a permanent deal with Aldershot Town. He moved to National League club Dover Athletic in 2016 and onto Chelmsford in 2017 – Born 17th May 1992.

PAUL MALONE

Another centre half with a wealth of experience and signed for Sports at the start of the 2018/19 season – Born 27th March 1990.

LEWIS HILLIARD

Peterborough based midfielder Hilliard joined Sports on-loan from Southern League prem side St Ives Town in October 2017 and names St Neots Town as a former club – Born 2nd October 1990.

DAN LAWLOR

Former Peterborough United graduate Lawlor is a midfielder with a vast array of passing skills and joined Sports in the spring of 2016 from higher grade Spalding United in time to play in the UCL League Cup & Hinchingsbrooke Cup winning sides – Born 10th September 1994.

JOSHUA MCCAMMON

Young midfielder McCammon joined Sports in August 2017 from Northampton Town following a trial at Watford – Born 7th July 1999.

JORDAN NICHOLSON

Jordan joins sports with a great pedigree and at 26 is a very good age. After gaining league experience at POSH and Barnet he has had a very successful non league career with the likes of Nuneaton borough, Darlington and Hereford. Another local boy with a good personality, he is a versatile attacker and adds a different dimension to the playing squad.

MICHAEL GASH

GASHY is a major signing for us

player but its also worth praising his drive and personality which we seen on the pitch and in the changing room. He's a local lad too living In Orton and just comes as a perfect fit for Peterborough Sports.

MARK JONES

Whilst Jones also has PNS and Blackstones in his CV, he really came to prominence as a high level striker at Gainsborough Trinity, Spalding United and in 2015/16 Boston United in the Conference North before joining Sports in the summer of 2016 – Born 27th September 1989.

JOSHUA MOREMAN

Quality striker Josh Moreman joined Sports from Step 4 Spalding United in February 2016. He 1st burst onto the scene as a 16 year old at PNS and was part of the UCL Cup winning squad before trying his luck higher at Corby Town & Kettering Town after a spell with Deeping Rangers – Born 4th January 1992.

DION SEMBIE-FERRIS

Dion joined last season from St neots and had an instant and prolonged impact driving the club to winning a title last season, he is a Peterborough lad who wears his heart on his sleeve whilst still having fantastic technical ability. He has signed a long term contract with the club and we are delighted that he decided to do so. BORN 23RD MAY 1996.

ABDURAMANE MAMADU SANO SANI

Maniche (as he is known) joined midway through the last season after moving local from Portugal, despite speaking little English when he joined Sports he still caught manager Jimmy Deans eye with some eye catching performances and some important goals. Jimmy and the club expect play a bigger part this season.

CAMERON GOW

Cam has returned to the club after leaving a few years ago and never really getting close to fulfilling his undoubted potential. An ex posh youth who was tipped for stardom but for whatever reason this has not happened yet, now he has an opportunity kick on and show people what he is about.

PIERRE ANGE OMOMBE

Pierre played at a very decent level in France and came over with the intent of proving himself in the English game. Now having had time to adapt to English culture and the English game he is ready to show everyone what he is about. A skilful lively attacker who knows where the net is.

KYLE ROWELL

Kyle has come through the Peterborough sports youth section and has caught the managers eye with some good performances in training games and pre season. A young boy who is a Left Back and plays the game with a mature head, he is definitely one to watch over the next year or two.

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.

MATCH HIGHLIGHTS



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

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BACK TO WINNING WAYS

Bell was brought down by Murray on the left of the area on 4 so Walters lined up the deadball and struck the outside of the near post with his freekick. Walters hit a long range angled effort from the left on 9 and forced Kyriatzis into a low stop and Concannon's right footed strike from the other side on 11 curled high and wide of the right hand post. More good movement through the side from back to front ended on 12 with a low Concannon cross which tested the keeper's positioning at his near post. A 50/50 challenge on the edge Newman and Hart on 17 left the Tamworth man needing treatment on the field and help from both team's physios to leave the field, bringing Thomas in after 19 and it was later learned Hart had a double break in his ankle. The resulting freekick went Roystons way and Brighton struck it into the wall but The Lambs were forced to defend strongly to clear the danger in a couple of waves of attacking football. A handball by Thomas on the left set up Brighton with the freekick and Murray headed wide of the far post with a downward effort in the middle of a crowded box. Newman was also unable to continue and so was replaced on 27 as impending winter darkness required the floodlights to light up The Lamb. Walters, with the ball at his feet and with a half opportunity to get a shot away, was caught just off side on 32 and when Yafai caught Titchmarsh on 35 Royston were handed a deadball which Brighton lined up once again. The ball floated into the area and Bateman got his head onto it but looped it over the bar as well as Singh. Some last ditch tackles Concannon slotted the ball home under Kyriatzis on 41 after some great passing out of mid-field but the linesman's flag denied him in what was a tight call against the Lambs number 7. And he turned provider on 44 lifting the ball into the box from the left after beating his man, for Yafai to glance home a header inside the far post and lift the roof on The Lamb (1-0, 44 mins) Brighton was booked for his challenge on Clement on the right wing on 45 but the resulting freekick was cleared and Tamworth were forced to defend a corner until the end of the two minutes added time and the half time whistle blew. Royston got the game back underway and were quickly awarded a freekick on the left against Thomas which Forde cleared with a hefty boot and a hefty finish at the other end gave the visiting keeper no chance on 52 when Kidderminster loanee Bell received the ball a few yards out and smashed home a right footed finish on his Lambs debut to double the advantage (2-0, 52 mins) Yafai was then set up by Bell and his right footed low strike seemed to be sneaking in the base of the left hand post but Kyriatzis got down to it to prevent a Lambs third and Singh pulled off a fine save at the other end to push the goalbound effort of Adams away from danger on the hour. Some magic spray was required to assist Forde on 62, and when Bell was tripped Concannon lined up the deadball from the left wing but Bateman cleared and Royston advanced in the Lambs penalty area until Titchmarsh upended Wilder and earned himself a booking. Adams unleashed a shot from distance on the turn on 70 and although it was probably going out, Singh tipped it further around the post with a flying dive and the corner was dealt with by Wilder but a deflection off Forde gave the visitors another which Cox roe highest to head away. Tamworth raced to the other end and Concannon's ball from the right went through to Yafai who wrong footed his marker but found the covering defender in the way and the resulting corner from Walters was struck by Clement at the Crows keeper. More good work from Walters and Concannon on 73 resulted in another corner on the left by the clubhouse which the former took and Pendley nearly notched a rare goal but his header was cleared off the line. Bell made way for Creaney on 74 but it was Concannon who nearly bagged a third goal after he was released with the ball down the right channel and struck right footed but found the keeper in no mood to be beaten. Mensha was booked for a foul on Creaney in the build up and then Yafai was booked for a foul on the halfway line. Singh prevented a close range header from Murray with a reflex save and Creaney helped clear the danger from the corner, then nearly headed home at the other end from a Concannon freekick on the left but his effort went wide and the flag went up anyway. Thomas forged to the by-line on 84 and chipped towards the far post forcing the Royston defence to concede the flagkick and Walters nearly found Creaney but it was headed away before he could get to it. Clement made way for Lissimore for the final few minutes and a deep freekick from the left wing nearly found Creaney, but skipped out for a goalkick as The Lambs continued to push forwards. Concannon made space down the right on 89 and rifled a shot diagonally past Kyriatzis and the far post and Yafai let fly from 30 yards but couldn't test the keeper. Four minutes added time was shown and Walters was brought down in front of the shed by Newton who was booked for his efforts before the final whistle blew on the Lambs first league win since away at Barwell on 6th November.

NON LEAGUE ROUND UP WITH MARK MAYBURY

The league suffered five postponements on Saturday. However, leaders Banbury United did play and won 2-0 at Stourbridge to move a massive 16 points clear at the top of the table. But it was far from easy at the War Memorial Athletic Ground in front of a soaking wet crowd of 690. It was the Glassboys who started the better and twice Banbury had to clear efforts off the line, firstly from Connor Roberts and then Chris Wreh as it was all hands to the pump for the Puritans. So, it was against the run of play that the visitors took a 27th-minute lead with an unfortunate own goal from Joe Hull, who headed the ball past Charlie Price in the Stourbridge goal. It was Price's opposite number Ben Taylor who was the busier of the two and early in the second half, he made a fine save to deny Montel Gibson. Then, on 53 minutes, Banbury doubled their advantage when Lewis Johnson fired low past Price. Jack Finch then hit a post for the visitors' but the final quarter was almost all Stourbridge as they poured forward in search of a goal which never came, despite several close calls, and former Lamb Reece Styche heading against the woodwork. s.

There was an important game at the other end of the table where Lowestoft Town, bottom at start of play, made the trip to Barwell and achieved a terrific 4-1 win to lift themselves up to 19th and to within three points of their hosts, who are 15th. It took the Trawlerboys just 7 minutes to take the lead when Tai Fleming headed home a Jack Wilkinson free-kick. Then on 33 minutes, the visitors' doubled their lead when Ryan Jarvis converted a Kieran Higgs cross. Lowestoft took a 2-0 lead into half-time and the next goal was always going to be crucial – and it was Jamie Godbold's side who got it in the 64th minute when they were awarded a penalty which Higgs duly converted. It was 4-0 in the 75th minute when Ryan Hawkins took advantage of some poor defending from Barwell to score. Foreigner Tamworth youngster Max Brogan did manage to net an 83rd minute consolation for the Canaries but it was merely a consolation.

Here at the Lamb Tamworth hadn't won in the league since beating Barwell away from home on November 6th and the last home win was back on October 12th when we beat Stourbridge. So, it was a massive relief to beat Royston Town 2-0 and move up to 12th in the table. The Crows made the journey up looking to close the gap on Alvechurch in fifth but were pinned back by the Lambs from the start and Jack Concannon was unlucky to see his 13th-minute cross-shot hit a post. The deadlock was broken a minute before the break, courtesy of Bilal Yafai. Within 7 minutes of the restart, the Lambs doubled the advantage when Kidderminster Loanee Nyal Bell smashed home from close range. Royston pushed to get back into the game and Jas Singh was forced into a couple of great saves before Concannon was unfortunate to see another shot hit a post on 75 minutes!

The only other game that went ahead on Saturday saw Needham Market and Hednesford Town share six goals at Bloomfields. The Marketmen, with games in hand on most around them due to their Buildbase FA Trophy run, had fallen down the table in recent weeks so needed something from the game ahead of their big clash with Yeovil Town in the Fourth Round of the Trophy this weekend. They got off to a good start when Harvey Sayer curled home a free-kick past Bradley Clarkson. But the Pitmen were back on level terms within a minute when Riley O'Sullivan squeezed a shot past Marcus Garnham in the home goal. The hosts were back in front in the 22nd minute when a Callum Page free-kick picked out Kyle Hammond, who tapped past Clarkson from close in. The Pitmen drew level again when a fine move was finished off neatly by Todd Parker. The visitors made it 3-2 in the 62nd minute when Garnham could only parry an effort straight to Reece Flanagan, who fired the ball back past him. But again, Kevin Horlock's side fought back and levelled within 6 minutes when Page's effort took a deflection off a Pitmen defender before beating Clarkson.

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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.

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TAMWORTH FC

PLAYER STATISTICS SEASON 2021/22

TOTAL NUMBER OF MATCHES - 24

2021-22		SEASON TOTAL: Matches played =						31	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	Goals	App	+	NPS	Goals
own goals		-	,	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	161
BELL	Nyal	1	,	0		0	1	0	1	1		0	1
BESWICK	Ryan	22	,	1		0	1	0	1	99	+	1	24
BROWN	Jordaan	10	,	2	+	1	0	0	0	12	+	1	0
CLEMENT	Jordan	6	,	7	+	5	0	0	0	70	+	16	8
COCKERILL-MOLLETT	Callum	3	,	0	+	9	0	0	0	3	+	9	0
CONCANNON	Jack	20	,	3	+	5	1	0	1	44	+	7	7
COX	Chris	14	,	3	+	3	0	0	0	35	+	4	1
CREANEY	Dan	16	,	3	+	2	12	0	12	56	+	4	28
FALLOWS	Keelan	2	,	0	+	8	0	0	0	2	+	8	0
FORDE	Aaron	21	,	3	+	2	2	0	2	61	+	3	3
GRIFFIN	Callum	0	,	1	+	2	0	0	0	1	+	2	0
HART	Ben	12	,	1	+	1	0	0	0	18	+	2	0
HOWKINS	Cameron	2	,	1	+	3	0	0	0	9	+	10	0
JONES	Alex	5	,	3		0	0	0	0	8		0	0
KININA	Nicholas	0	,	0	+	1	0	0	0	0	+	1	0
LISSIMORE	Kai	0	,	2		0	0	0	0	2		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	26	,	0		0	1	0	1	26		0	1
SHAW	Charlie	5	,	4	+	4	1	0	1	36	+	39	1
SINGH	Jasbir	29	,	0		0	0	0	0	119	+	1	0
TAIT-MORAN	Michael	4	,	3	+	8	0	1	1	7	+	8	1
THOMAS	Jack	20	,	3	+	4	1	0	1	26	+	6	1
WALTERS	Dexter	7	,	10	+	1	3	0	3	27	+	18	4
WILDER	Henri	30	,	0		0	1	0	1	73	+	9	4
YAFAI	Bilal	2	,	0		0	1	0	1	43	+	2	7
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

SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER CENTRAL



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

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TAMWORTH VS. PETERBOROUGH SPORTS



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JACK CONCANNON
AARON FORDE
JACK THOMAS
DEXTER WALTERS
DANIEL CREANEY
SHAQUILLE MCDONALD
CALLUM COCKERILL-MOLLETT
JORDAN CLEMENT
CHARLIE SHAW
LUCAS YEOMANS
ALEXANDER JONES
LIAM CROSS
AHMED OBENG

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Assistant Referees:
Alex Rolfet and
Richard Cattell.



Manager: Jimmy Dean
Colours: Blue and Yellow

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