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We welcome you all to the CR MOT Centre Community Stadium today for this important Pitching In Southern League Premier Central fixture against Bromsgrove Sporting. In particular we extend our welcome to the supporters, players and officials of our visitors today and trust you enjoy the hospitality offered, and that you have a safe journey home following the game.

It has been quite a start for new Manager Andy Peaks. Last Saturday we were entertained to an excellent 6 - 0 win over Barwell, which was quickly followed up with a well deserved point at Hitchin Town in the rain on Monday night. It has also been a good couple of games for defender James Hurst who bagged 3 goals in 2 games. One player who has impressed in both games is Gift Mussa, who was signed last Friday from Nuneaton Borough. We wish Gift every success at the Lamb and give him a warm welcome to the club.

Most pundits would probably have been looking at today's game to have been played between two teams battling it out for a promotion place, rather than a game where the points are important to move away from the wrong end of the table!

Sporting and the Lambs have played each other 4 times and the Lambs are yet to taste victory. Earlier in the season we travelled to the Victoria Ground and came away with a point in a 1 - 1 draw and you can read more about that game later in the programme.

Before Sporting took over the mantle of keeping non league football alive in Bromsgrove, we had a long history of playing the former tenants of the Victoria Ground - Bromsgrove Rovers. The teams faced each other over 100 times with the first encounter back in 1933!

Following today's game we welcome near neighbours Hednesford Town to the Lamb in the rearranged game that was called off on New Year's Day following Covid running rampant through the Tamworth camp. We do expect a large attendance on the night and the game will be segregated for supporters, so please do purchase your tickets in advance to save queuing at the ticket office. Hednesford are currently fighting to grab one of the play off places and we expect a great encounter, as we do in today's game.

If you are free on Sunday afternoon, Tamworth Women are scheduled to be back in action at the Lamb tomorrow in a league fixture. Kidderminster Harriers Women are the visitors in a game that kicks off at 2.00pm.

Enjoy the game today!

*Cover photos from our 6-0 win over Barwell by Dave Brown and Richard Bowcott*

# PEAKS SPEAKS

Lambs Media caught up with Andy Peaks to chat about his reflections on his first 2 games in charge. "Saturday was great, but it didn't teach me anything that I didn't know about the quality of the players we have here. "Monday was different and I did learn more about them for the future. "They were a little tired after a quick turn round from Saturday, the conditions weren't great and Hitchin were playing for their lives.

"It is always a tough place to go, but we battled hard, kept going after we went a goal down and put in a shift to get a deserved point. "Ideally we would have rested one or two with 25 mins to go on Saturday to prepare, but some knocks to players prevented that. "We are 4 points better off after the first two games and heading in the right direction."



Andy is keen not to get carried away; "We have made a start and are edging in the right direction, but the first priority is to get to a place of safety. "When we are safe we can look at what we can achieve as we build for next season."

However, the immediate task is to get a result today. Bromsgrove and Tamworth are two teams at the wrong end of the table. "Sporting are a big club and like us are not achieving what was expected this season. "We need to prepare well, train hard and hopefully pick up another three points. It will be a hard game."

One player that has impressed in the first two games is new signing Gift Mussa.

"I did my homework on how Gift would fit in. "I wanted somebody who would not only perform well on the pitch, but would also not be disruptive, be good in the dressing room and play with a smile on his face. "He has put in a shift in and on Monday, although a little sore from coming back from an injury, he kept going and I was delighted for him."

James Hurst has surprised Andy; "I didn't expect Hurst to pop up with 3 goals in two games! "He has shown a real desire to get on the end of set pieces and on Monday he was really driving us forward from the back. "Although we have not had time to work a lot on set pieces yet, we have had some great deliveries from Bez and Clem and we are keen to develop this. "We need to be ruthless in both boxes - defending and attacking."

Andy is pleased that some of the players injured are making good progress and may be fighting for a shirt soon. "How soon I don't know yet, but the players who have the shirts at the moment are doing well. "But I have always said that we will need the whole squad for the run-in. "There will be times when we need to play a different shape or use different tactics. - all of them will play their part."

The new manager was particularly impressed with the Tamworth fans too.

"They gave us a great reception on Saturday but for them to travel as they did to Hitchin on Monday was fantastic.

"The noisy vocal support was fantastic which we really appreciated - it was great"

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# CLUB NEWS

## WELCOME GIFT

Andy Peaks made his first signing 48 hours ahead of the 6-0 demolition of Barwell last weekend and we would like to welcome Gift Mussa to The Lamb after signing from Nuneaton Borough, who made his full debut in the victory.



## FAREWELL FORDEE!

Moving in the other direction was Aaron Forde who started his Borough career from the bench coming on after 72 mins in their 1-0 away win over Bromsgrove Sporting. In a strange twist of fate, one of the referee's assistants in our game v Barwell was Aaron Ford (without the 'e' though!)

## MASCOTS v BARWELL

There were lots of proud parents and relatives in the crowd on Saturday when youngsters from our boys and girls Academies walked out with the players and lined up with the match officials and captains before kick off. If you would like to get involved please get in touch with Scott Rickards for more information



## 50 UP for JACK

Congratulations to Jack Concannon for making his 50th appearance, coming on as a substitute in the 79th minute against Barwell last Saturday. Jack initially joined us in December 2018 on loan from Birmingham City and after returning to St Andrews for one season, came back to The Lamb.



## LATEST NEWS



Don't forget that you can catch all the latest news on our official website - just visit [www.tamworthfc.co.uk](http://www.tamworthfc.co.uk) - you'll also find links to our ticketing website and much more!

# CLUB NEWS

## SUBSTITUTE KIT-MEN and WOMEN!

With Buster Belford and Degsy Bond unable to travel to Hitchin Town on Monday night we would like to thank Mat Hilton and Archie Baynham for helping organise the playing kit and the usual matchday equipment that travels with the first team too.

And it didn't end there as we would also like to thank Paula Clayton for getting it all washed and ready for today's game too!

It just goes to show how much work goes in behind the scenes on a matchday for 90 minutes of football!

*Archie and Mat are pictured, after clearing Hitchin's away changing room following the final whistle after our 1-1 draw at Top Field.*



## A WINNING START

It will probably come as little surprise, but a quick check of The Lambs stats confirmed that Andy Peaks' 6-0 first game win is the best opening game for a new manager in the club's history.

Of the 50 managerial appointments since our first game in 1933 was taken charge of by Committee, only 19 have enjoyed a winning start, with the previous highest score-line being enjoyed in the latter half of the 1971-1972 season. Anthony Foster (*pictured*) took charge of the final 31 games of the season as player-manager having signed from Banbury at the start of the season and his first game in charge saw his side defeat Darlaston 4-0 here at The Lamb in the West Midlands League Cup with goals from Billy Millard, Ray , Holmes, Tommy Morrow and assistant player-manager, Sid Hall.



## GROUND INSPECTIONS

Thanks to everyone who worked behind the scenes to help maintain and prepare The Lamb for a couple of inspections recently.

We had visits planned by Tamworth Council and the FA to ensure that we continued to meet their ongoing expectations for football at all levels at The Lamb.

# 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 floodlighting and improved provision for disabled supporters.

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# TODAY'S VISITORS



Bromsgrove Sporting Football Club was formed in 2009 by a group of former Bromsgrove Rovers directors and supporters when the latter was facing closure. That would have meant the town having no football club playing at a serious non-league level. The Club has an unusual constitution that no one person can control more than 10% of the shares. In addition, the Bromsgrove Sporting Supporters Society has a stake in the Club and appoints three directors. With Rovers' difficulties deepening, Sporting were offered the tenancy of the town's Victoria Ground by the District Council but had to play all home matches at Studley FC, until the home pitch had been put into a playable condition.

Their first ever match (a pre-season friendly) was away to Stratford Town in July 2010 then a month later the season started in the Midland Combination Division Two away to Young Warriors in Coventry. After a lot of work and expenditure, Sporting played their first match in Bromsgrove on 6th November in front of a crowd of 458 and ran up an unforgettable 7-0 win against Greenhill.

Up to that point Myles Day had been the manager but he resigned due to family and work commitments and was replaced by Rovers legend Stewart Brighton. Sporting missed out on promotion but a reorganisation of the Midland Combination saw them move into Division One for season 2011/12. Not long after the start, Brighton stood down as manager owing to work commitments and was replaced by Keith Draper with Ron Mellor as assistant. They finished 3rd and played their first cup final losing the Evesham Hospital Junior Cup to Littleton on penalties. Although missing out on automatic promotion, Sporting were promoted to the Midland Combination Premier Division when the number of teams was increased.

For season 2012/13, Graham Scott was appointed joint manager but Draper stepped down at the end of March leaving Scott assisted by Ron Mellor in charge eventually finishing 6th. Sporting also claimed their first pieces of silverware with the Reserves winning the Midland Combination Reserve Division Two and the Under 18's claiming success in the Worcestershire FA Youth Cup.

Season 2013/14 saw Adrian Mander as joint manager with Scott assisted by coaches Les Palmer, Duane Darby and Matt Lowe, former Rovers stalwarts. Scott stepped down in October 2013, leaving Mander in charge of the first team.

Sporting ended the season 2nd to Brocton and gained their first trophy success winning the Smedley Croke Memorial Challenge Cup beating Paget Rangers. Season 2013/14 also saw Sporting enter the FA Vase for the first time but bowed out to Westfields after wins against Lye Town and Stafford Town.

After 2 games of the 2014/15 season Adrian Mander resigned as manager and Paul Smith was appointed his successor with Martin Sockett and Nick Smith as his coaches.

Smith guided "The Rouslers" to runners-up in the league for the second season. They also lifted the League Cup at Walsall's Bescot Stadium beating Southam United 3-2 in the final. Sporting also competed in the FA Cup for the first time but lost to Coleshill Town after a replay. In the FA Vase Sporting progressed to the 3rd. Round before losing to Thurnby Nirvana.

2015/16 saw "The Rouslers" as the bridesmaids again; finishing second in the Midland Football League Division One to Coventry United, despite a club record 91 points. In both the Worcestershire Senior Urn and the Smedley Crooke Memorial Challenge Cup, Sporting were losing finalists.



Season 2016/17 was Sporting's most successful to date winning the league with 104 points (19 ahead of their nearest rivals Hinckley AFC) and remaining undefeated for the whole campaign. In addition, they reached the semi-finals of the FA Vase before losing narrowly 2-1 on aggregate to Cleethorpes Town. They were also awarded the Worcestershire Senior Urn for the first time despite losing the final on penalties to Highgate United who were subsequently disqualified.

The season also saw a vast increase in the support for Sporting with several crowds of over 1000 including a record 3349 for the home match against Cleethorpes.

Season 2017/18 saw Sporting playing in the Midland Football League Premier Division for the first time. Paul Smith, who guided the Rouslers to the Premier Division, stepped down as Manager in February 2018 and assistant Brendan Kelly took over as manager, whilst Andy Mason became his assistant.

Kelly and Mason brought in experienced first team coach, Kevin Barry, who was also the manager of the RAF Senior Representative Football Team.

Despite the managerial changes the club won the Midland Football League Premier Division title losing just 6 of their 42 league fixtures and scoring 110 goals in the process and earning a place in the Southern League Division One Central.

Sporting's FA Vase run came to an end at the hands of eventual winners Thatcham Town but the club did run out winners of the Worcestershire Senior Urn after a penalty shoot-out victory over Lye Town.

Season 2018/19 saw Sporting face a new challenge with their first encounter of step 4 football. This proved to be another successful season finishing runners-up and a place in the play-offs. Sutton Coldfield Town were beaten by a single goal in extra time of a tense semi-final then extra time was also needed to beat Corby town in the final ensuring a third successive promotion.

Two years ago Sporting debuted in the Southern League Premier Division Central and when the COVID-19 crisis forced an early end to the season, Sporting were in 4th place and hopeful of at least a play-off place.

Last season was curtailed with just 8 matches played though a few friendly matches were played against local teams. So far this campaign it has been mixed fortunes with the best ever run in the FA Cup before losing at home to former league club Grimsby Town. However league form had dipped significantly and as a result manager Brendan Kelly parted company with the Club by mutual consent in October. Gavin Hurren was appointed interim manager then his position was made permanent after a short run of successful results.



*Picture - Sporting and The Lambs emerge at The Victoria Ground earlier this season - pic: Richard Bowcott*

## WE'VE MET BEFORE!



Today will be just the second time that a team from Bromsgrove have visited The Lamb under the 'Sporting' name.

Between 1933 and 2002 there had been 101 contests between ourselves and 'Rovers'. Tamworth won 42 of the games, while Rovers won 46, but since the formation of Sporting the playing record is slightly less extensive and starting with the first meeting here at The Lamb in August 2019 the tally amounts to just four games between us. From our perspective it reads as W0 D2 L2 F4 A7 so hopefully that will change in our favour this afternoon!

Earlier this season we travelled to the Victoria Ground and shared the spoils with a point a piece. An audacious lob-come-shot from Jack Thomas on 16 minutes dropped over Onodi and into the back of the net to give us the lead.



Early in the second half after a corner for The Lambs, Sporting broke to the other end and forced the equaliser. The run of Jamie Molyneux into the right of the box saw him drill a low ball into the area and it was turned home by former Lamb Connor Taylor (*pictured*) from close range (1-1, 55 mins) and that's how it ended.

The two sides lined up as follows;

### BROMSGROVE:

Onodi, Dugmore, Bloomer, Hayward, Mace, Cole, Pais, Masidi, Brown (Molyneux 38), Taylor, Ebbutt (Zazi 80)

Subs: Hallahan, Clayton, Nchaso      YC: none

### TAMWORTH:

Singh, Cox, Wilder, Beswick (c.), Pendley, Riley, McDonald, Forde (Shaw 65), Taylor (Jones 65), Thomas, Waite (Tait 86)

Subs: Cockerill-Mollett, Howkins      YC: Pendley 90



Referee: Mr. R. Watson

Attendance: 605

*Pictured: One time Sporting favourite Mikey Taylor was in action for The Lambs in the 1-1 draw.*



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# IN OPPOSITION



## **Gavin Hurren - Manager**

Gavin was appointed manager in October. He brings in a vast amount of experience having played over 10 years as a professional and having been involved with a number of clubs as a player and coach in England and Australia as well as gaining international honours at under 17 and under 19 level playing for Wales. Gavin has an MSc in Sporting Directorship and holds a UEFA B licence.

## **Gary Birch - Assistant Manager**

As a coach, he has teamed up with Gavin having had previous spells together at Hednesford Town and Walsall Wood. As a striker played for Walsall, Kidderminster Harriers, Lincoln City, Chasetown and Solihull Moors.

## **Adam Marusiak - Goalkeeping Coach**

Adam played for Worcester City, Bromsgrove Rovers and Tivdale amongst other clubs. Spent 2 years working with the goalkeepers for Wolverhampton Wanderers development centre before moving to America for 4 years. Continued his coaching career back in England with Redditch United and more recently Alvechurch.

## **Faye Westlake - Therapist**

Much respected member of Brendan Kelly's staff now in her fourth season at the Club sorting out players' aches and pains.

## **Leigh Woodall - Kitman**

Valuable member of the management team in the changing room and the dugout. Previously worked at Sporting Khalsa, Worcester City, Evesham United, Brentford, England C, Wales' under 17s, under 21s and Swindon Town

## **Jake Bloomer - Defender**

DoB 29/03/02, age 19, 5' 11", 12st 6lb

Jake is another product of our under 18s set-up who has featured with the first team. He has also been out and got games at Fairfield Villa and Sutton Coldfield Town. Currently out on loan at Studley to get game time and match fitness.

## **Mitch Candlin - Striker**

DoB 8/06/00, Stafford, age 21, 6' 1"

Recently joined us from Alvechurch. Started at Walsall, also played for Hyde United, Nuneaton Borough, Stafford Rangers. Also had a short spell at Blackburn Rovers.

## **Aaron Clayton - Goalkeeper**

DoB 22/11/02, age 19, 6' 1", 85kg

Previously on Birmingham City's books, Aaron was signed earlier this season. He has good pedigree and has had a fantastic footballing education.

**Joe "JJ" Cole - Central defender**

DoB: 23/10/84, Birmingham, age 37, 6' 0", 70kg

Previously played for Sporting season 2013/4 in the Midland Combination Premier Division and re-signed this summer. He has been in great shape and performed really well in our friendlies. He's popular amongst the group and has stood out when he has played. He has a great footballing brain and is extremely calm on the ball. A valued addition to the squad.

**Josh Dugmore - Full back**

DoB: 26/11/02, Birmingham, age 19, 5' 7", 72kg

Previously of Walsall, Everton and Birmingham City. Josh has come in and trained brilliantly. His maturity on the ball for a young lad is very impressive and he has a fantastic engine. He is a passionate attacking full-back who likes to get forward and create chances. He also knows all about the club as he is the nephew of former Sporting favourite, Luke Dugmore.

**Kieran Dunbar - Right back or right wing**

DoB 14/9/96, Birmingham, age 25, 5' 11", 74kg

Kieran is an intelligent, attacking midfielder who can operate in several positions. He joins with lots of experience from his previous clubs such as Fleetwood Town, Stalybridge, Leamington and most recently Redditch United. He is a hard working, versatile midfield player. Tidy in possession with an eye for a pass. He enjoys getting up and down the pitch and doing both sides of the game, though currently out of action after breaking his fibula in October.#

**Callum Ebanks - Striker**

DoB: 8/10/02 Age 19

Signed on loan from Cheltenham Town. Callum has impressed in the Robins' youth set-up, with outstanding performances for the under-18s seeing him elevated into the first team squad. Also impressed during a loan spell with Evesham United this season where he netted 9 goals in 12 appearances.

**Cody Fisher - Left sided defender**

DoB: 23/09/99, Redditch, age 22

Previously at Stratford Town, Stourbridge, Walsall and Birmingham City and played against us for Stourbridge. Cody adds to the depth of the squad. A very good player who has Step Three experience

**Jordan Goddard - Midfield**

DoB: 9/9/93, Wolverhampton, age 28, 5' 10"

Recently been playing at Halesowen Town, counting AFC Telford United, Leamington and Nuneaton Borough amongst his previous clubs too. He is a player with great ability and loads of experience at this level and higher. A really strong addition to the squad.

**Nathan Hayward - Centre Midfield**

DoB 8/11/91, Worcester, age 30, 6' 0", 86kg

Joined Sporting 4 seasons ago after signing from Worcester City. Moved to Stourbridge for a while but now returned to Bromsgrove. A tenacious hard working midfielder with lots of energy.



### **Joel Kettle - Centre back**

DoB 8/1/91, West Bromwich, age 31, 6' 3", 93kg

Formerly at Tamworth, Solihull Moors and Sutton Coldfield Town.

Joel is a very experienced centre back and has attributes needed in the squad at this level. He is excellent in both boxes and a big character. Recently made both the Club and team captain.



### **Jon Letford - Striker**

DoB 19/4/94, age 27

Recent arrival from Rushall Olympic. A proven, fantastic player, who is always a threat.

A strong addition to the dressing room, which will be important towards the back end of the season.

### **Jamie Molyneux - Striker, Left wing**

DoB 7/10/94 (age 27), Birmingham, 6' 2½", 13st

Recent arrival at the Victoria Ground from neighbours Halesowen Town having had good offers from other local clubs. Previously played at Hereford, Redditch United, Stratford Town, Walsall and West Bromwich Albion. A proven goal scorer and presence in the penalty area.

### **Roque Nchosu - Striker**

DoB: 27/8/99, Madrid, Spain, age 22

A former West Ham United academy player. Previously at Bowers & Pitsea, Carshalton Athletic, Wisbech Town and Biggleswade Town as well as spells in Romania and Croatia. He is also an Equatorial Guinea international player.

### **Jack Newell - Centre midfield**

DoB - 22/01/01, Kingston, London, age 21, 6' 2", 80kg

Jack spent 10 years at Northampton since he was a small boy and had had a fantastic football education, with interest from other clubs in our division. He is a type of midfielder we have never had before and will be a very good addition. A technical midfielder who is reliable and composed on the ball, helping the team tick over in the middle of the pitch. Had loan spells with Redditch United and Corby Town when he played in the play-off final so no stranger to the Victoria Ground.

### **Vladimiro Granjal Martins (Miro) Pais - Left wing/Midfield**

DoB 8/1/02, Guarda, Portugal, Age 20, 5' 11", 75kg

A product of the Sporting under 18s team. Caught the eye of the management two seasons ago when added to the first team squad. Miro is an exciting talent and eager to learn. He is a direct winger who likes to beat players with his pace and power. He's quick, strong, got really good balance and an eye for goal. He will get better so a really good signing.

### **Dominic Perkins - Defender**

DoB 21/2/95, Age 26

Most recently played at Coventry United. A strong and physical lad who will bolster the squad nicely. Also played for AFC Hinckley and Romulus.

### **Toby Raison - Defender**

DoB 18/2/02, Hereford, Age 19, 6' 5"

Signed on a month's long loan from Hereford FC

Recently been on loan at Southern League Premier Division South side Merthyr Tydfil. A strong, hungry centre half who will add strength to the squad who will strengthen the squad defensively.



### **Josh Quaynor - Left-back, Midfield**

DoB 16/11/91, Birmingham, age 30, 5' 10", 83 kg

Starts his fourth full season at the Victoria Ground having joined from Coleshill Town. Originally signed as a left back but can also play as a central midfielder. Played over 100 times for the Club and recently returned after a long-term injury. Been incredible since day one, never misses training or games and gives every ounce he has. Loyal to the Club and excellent footballer.

### **Will Shorrock - Winger / midfield**

DoB 30/1/99, Stockport, age 22, 5' 8", 65kg

Signed in the close season of 2018/19 season from Walsall FC where he was involved in the first team squad on 16 occasions. Great feet and can play in a number of positions, also has an eye for goal.



### **Liam Spink - Midfield / right-back**

DoB: 29/11/93, Birmingham, age 28

Now in his 5th season at Sporting having had previous spells with Redditch United and Rushall Olympic. A box to box all round midfielder who chips in with his fair share of goals but recently been playing at right-back, his favoured position. Currently out on loan at Boldmere St Michaels

### **Connor Taylor - Striker/winger**

DoB 5/9/92, Coventry, age 29, 5' 11", 80kg

Been at Leamington since 2018, prior to that he played at Walsall, Nuneaton with and over 100 games for Tamworth. A hardworking, pacey, all rounder with an eye for goal but chip in with assists. He is strong, powerful and has really good all round play with bags of experience; he should be hitting his prime.

### **Ollie Taylor - Goalkeeper**

Age 22

Son of legendary Birmingham City goalkeeper Maik Taylor, moved from Alvechurch previously had a stint at Redditch United. Very highly rated 'keeper.

### **Tom Taylor - Central defender**

DoB 6/2/91, Shrewsbury, age 30

Joined Sporting in 2018, moved to Stourbridge last season but now returned.

Played in Shropshire and was at Shrewsbury Town as a youngster, then moved around North Wales playing for Porthmadog. Caernarfon Town, Pentraeth, Glantraeth, Holyhead Hotspur and Llangefni Town. Formerly a striker netting 58 goals for Pentraeth in 2012/13, injuries forced him to convert into a defender. Outstanding player despite having to cope with Type 1 Diabetes.

### Joe Willis - Striker

DoB 3/10/01, Walsall, age 20

Signed on loan from Walsall and set to run until January 2022. The 20 year old came through the Academy at the Bescot Stadium, and made his debut for the Saddlers in a Football League Trophy game in January last year. He signed his first professional contract in May 2020, before making his league debut towards the back end of 2020/21 season. Most recently spent time on loan at National League North side Leamington.



### Jordan Wilson - Striker

Age 24

Recently signed from Ashby Ivanhoe. Has been in fine form this season, netting 30 goals in 21 games. Started off at Shrewsbury Town academy, also played for Kettering Town, Mickleover Sports, Carlton Town as well as a spell in Sweden. Signed for Sporting despite interest from a number of other clubs. Currently out on loan at Quorn FC.

### Charlie Wise - Defender

DoB 27/9/95, Banbury, age 26, 6' 6", 104kg New signing from Brackley Town and former Banbury United and Corby Town defender. Admired at Sporting since playing against us for Corby Town.



Pictures from our meeting earlier this season by Richard Bowcott

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# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

IF YOU caught any of the League Cup final from Wembley last Sunday, you will already know the story well.

Chelsea keeper Edouard Mendy had a fantastic game against Liverpool but with a few minutes of extra-time to go, the TV cameras had already picked up on Thomas Tuchel's masterplan for the penalty shoot-out.

Reaching himself on the bench was stopper Kepa Arrizabalaga, who then came on before time ran out with the theory his penalty saving record would tip the balance in the Blues' favour.

Of course, we are familiar with strikers coming off the bench in the final minutes of games to specifically take a spot-kick. As England found out in the European Championship final, it doesn't always work.

And, as events would have it, the move also backfired for Chelsea. Kepa couldn't keep out any of Liverpool's 11 penalties and then blazed his over the bar to hand Jurgen Klopp's team victory.

It seemed, with the hindsight factor we all love to ignore, a crazy decision. Who knows... Mendy staying on may have yielded the same result. But the decision was a big post-match talking point. We've seen managers try it a few times over the years. There was even a moment in this season's FA Vase when it worked to perfection for Wallingford.

Lawrie Aitchison is usually a defender by trade but had to pull on the gloves in the second round qualifying when regular stopper Sam Baldock was ruled out in the warm-up as a precautionary measure while still feeling the effects of a suspected concussion in a previous game.

After a 4-4 thriller with Bishops Cleeve, Aitchison saved two penalty shoot-out kicks and his side advanced.

It set the cogs whirring in boss Lee Matthews brain. So when the 21-year-old centre-back woke up on the morning of their first round game against Ascot United, he had a message from the gaffer telling him to bring his gloves. And not to tell anyone!

Now this story wouldn't be told if the game had ended with one side winning after the 90 minutes.

Again, Wallingford staged a comeback to draw 2-2 and send the game to penalty kicks.

Aitchison swapped his outfield jersey for a spare keeper's one and got ready to stare down his opponents.

And he went even better for the Step 6 outfit, saving three times to help his side continue their Vase run.

So thinking differently and trying to be clever can work.

Not that it will help Chelsea fans feel any better!

Date	Opponents	H / A	Venue	Competition	Round	F	-	A	Att	Goalscorers
Sat 14 Aug 21	Royston Town	A	Garden Walk	SLPC	Lg 01	0	-	3	427	
Tue 17 Aug 21	Coalville Town	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 02	1	-	1	604	Concannon
Sat 21 Aug 21	Lowestoft Town	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 03	6	-	1	568	Creaney 3, Beswick, Kellerman, Taylor
Sat 28 Aug 21	Redditch United	A	The Valley	SLPC	Lg 04	2	-	0	490	Creaney, Wilder
Mon 30 Aug 21	Nuneaton Borough	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 05	3	-	0	1175	Creaney 3
Sat 04 Sep 21	Alvechurch	H	The Lamb	FA Cup	1Q	3	-	1	597	Creaney, Pendley, Waite
Tue 07 Sep 21	Coalville Town	H	The Lamb	SL Cup	Prelim	1	-	3	208	Walters
Sat 11 Sep 21	St Ives Town	A	Westwood Road	SLPC	Lg 06	2	-	1	214	Forde, Kellerman
Tue 14 Sep 21	Peterborough Sports	A	Lincoln Road	SLPC	Lg 07	0	-	2	230	
Sat 18 Sep 21	Belper Town	A	Christchurch Meadows	FA Cup	2Q	5	-	0	820	Taylor 2, Walters 2, Tait-Moran
Sat 02 Oct 21	Leiston	A	Victory Road	FA Cup	3Q	3	-	1	225	Creaney, Taylor, Waite
Sat 09 Oct 21	Rushall Olympic	A	Dales Lane	SLPC	Lg 08	2	-	1	582	Creaney 2
Tue 12 Oct 21	Stourbridge	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 09	4	-	0	656	Waite 2, Creaney, o.g. Rowe-Turner
Sat 16 Oct 21	Notts County	H	The Lamb	FA Cup	4Q	0	-	0	1813	-
Tue 19 Oct 21	Notts County	A	Meadow Street	FA Cup	4Qr	0	-	4	2594	-
Sat 23 Oct 21	Leiston	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 10	1	-	3	513	McDonald
Tue 26 Oct 21	Hitchin Town	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 11	0	-	0	547	-
Sat 30 Oct 21	Spalding United	A	Sir Halley Stewart Field	FAT	3Q	1	-	1	310	McDonald - won 4-2 on pens
Tue 02 Nov 21	Lye Town	A	Sport Ground	B'SC	2	3	-	0	100*	Forde, Shaw, Waite
Sat 06 Nov 21	Barwell	A	Kirby Road Sports Ground	SLPC	Lg 12	1	-	0	504	Waite
Tue 09 Nov 21	Bromsgrove Sporting	A	Victoria Ground	SLPC	Lg 13	1	-	1	605	Thomas
Sat 13 Nov 21	Colne	A	Harrison Drive	FAT	1R	1	-	1	294	Waite - won 4-3 on pens
Tue 16 Nov 21	Banbury United	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 14	0	-	4	526	-
Sat 20 Nov 21	Needham Market	A	Bloomfields	SLPC	Lg 15	0	-	1	288	-
Tue 23 Nov 21	Stratford Town	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 16	0	-	2	323	-
Sat 27 Nov 21	Radcliffe	A	Stainton Park	FAT	2R	1	-	5	384	McDonald
Tue 30 Nov 21	Biggleswade Town	A	Langford Road	SLPC	Lg 17	2	-	2	120	Stenson, Waite
Tue 07 Dec 21	Alvechurch	A	Lye Meadow	SLPC	Lg 18	1	-	2	224	Stenson
Tue 14 Dec 21	AFC Rushden & D's	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 19	0	-	1	421	-
Mon 27 Dec 21	Nuneaton Borough	A	Liberty Way	SLPC	Lg 20	0	-	2	962	-
Sat 08 Jan 22	Royston Town	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 21	2	-	0	536	Bell, Yafai
Tue 11 Jan 22	Peterborough Sports	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 22	0	-	2	380	-
Sat 15 Jan 22	Coalville Town	A	Owen Street Sports Ground	SLPC	Lg 23	0	-	4	697	-
Tue 18 Jan 22	Leamington	A	New Windmill Ground	BSC	3 (QF)	1	-	3	202	Bell
Sat 22 Jan 22	Stratford Town	A	Knights Lane	SLPC	Lg 24	0	-	1	461	-
Sat 29 Jan 22	Rushall Olympic	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 25	0	-	4	675	-
Sat 05 Feb 22	Stourbridge	A	War Memorial Athletic Ground	SLPC	Lg 26	0	-	4	725	-
Sat 12 Feb 22	Alvechurch	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 27	1	-	1	608	Clement
Sat 26 Feb 22	Barwell	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 28	6	-	0	582	Hurst 2, Thomas, Beswick, Creaney, Clement
Mon 28 Feb 22	Hitchin Town	A	Top Field	SLPC	Lg 29	1	-	1	412	Hurst
Sat 05 Mar 22	Bromsgrove Sporting	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 30	-				
Tues 08 Mar 22	Hednesford Town	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 31	-				
Tues 15 Mar 22	Leiston	A	Victory Road	SLPC	Lg 32	-				
Sat 19 Mar 22	AFC Rushden and D's	A	Hayden Road	SLPC	Lg 33	-				
Sat 26 Mar 22	Needham Market	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 34	-				
Sat 02 Apr 22	Banbury United	A	Spencer Stadium	SLPC	Lg 35	-				
Sat 09 Apr 22	Lowestoft Town	A	Crown Meadow	SLPC	Lg 36	-				
Sat 16 Apr 22	Redditch United	H	The Lamb	SLPC	Lg 37	-				
Mon 18 Apr 22	Hednesford Town	A	Keys Park	SLPC	Lg 38	-				
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# TAMWORTH 6 - 0 BARWELL



**SAT 26 FEB - SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER CENTRAL**

## **Matchday 39:**

After the trip to Leiston the previous weekend had proved to be a non-starter due to storm Eustice, new boss Andy Peaks had to wait 7 more days to see his new side in competitive action, in a strange twist of fate it was against the last side his previous club, Rushden and Diamonds had played – Barwell.

To give the Lambs managerial appointment and perhaps predicament some context, Tamworth started the match in 18th place with 29 points from 27 games - three points above Lowestoft in the drop zone, while the Canaries started the afternoon in 13th position with 32 from 34 themselves 15 points behind new boss Peak's former club, AFC Rushden and Diamonds who sat in the last play-off position.

Peaks made one signing in midweek - Gift Mussa arrived from Nuneaton Borough while Aaron Forde travelled in the opposite direction - and for his first team selection, after midweek training sessions, Peaks, his assistant Neil Champelovier and coach Tom Chapman made three changes to the eleven that started the game against Alvechurch a fortnight previously with Jack Thomas and Dexter Walters coming in, and Mussa making his debut.

Barwell playing away from home for the first time in some time, got the action underway with former Lamb Stabana at right back but it was the midfield that worked hardest in the opening exchanges with the visitors being awarded freekicks for niggly fouls in the centre circle as both teams tried to exert themselves on the game early on.

A cross from Whittingham on the right on 8 minutes found the head of Creaney in front of the Meadow Street goal but it was easy for Bramley to catch at head height and a minute later Mussa and Walters linked into the box, with the latter striking at the keeper and the former unable to keep his shot down on the rebound.

Good interlinking play down the left on 12 eventually saw Creaney with the ball at his feet in the area but he was too wide of the post to get his first shot away and on the turn rifled it over the target much to his own personal annoyance.

A loaded ball in from the right on 14 was headed on by Hurst and met by Walters but Barwell survived the attacking intention of The Lambs which continued through Thomas who forced a right sided corner on 15 and Beswick's deadball fell to Bailey at the back of the box but despite having two bites of the cherry he was unable to force the chance home with his head or boot.

A Beswick freekick in the right channel ended with Creaney firing home at the far post, but Cox, who put the header back across the box into his path, was adjudged to have strayed offside.

Walters was upended by Edwards on the half way line on 26 and there was no card for the Barwell man but a foul on Thomas by Hickey on 27 did not go unpunished and from Beswick's freekick The Lambs took a deserved lead with Creaney heading the ball back into the box for Hurst to volley home from 12 yards (1-0, 28 mins)

A strong challenge on Beswick in the centre circle did not cause play to stop on the half hour and it took a last ditch tackle from Walters to put the ball out for a corner while Barwell played on before the Lambs captain could get treatment on the field. Beswick was OK to continue and Creaney cleared the low corner at the near post with ease.

Whittingham smashed a right sided shot against the right hand upright on 35 but within a minute the ball was in the back of the net when Hurst made a textbook run into the box and turned the ball past Bramley for his second of the afternoon and doubled The Lambs lead in the process (2-0, 36 mins)

Another foul in the centre of the pitch handed Beswick the deadball on 38 and Tamworth continued to press but were unable to test Bramley as Barwell defended in numbers and in a rare attack Tamworth loanee Brogan went through into Singh's box but was denied by Cox. In added time at the end of the first half Thomas threaded his way through and forced a left sided corner which was headed behind for another on the opposite side and fell to Cox and then Creaney but neither could get their efforts on target before the whistle blew on a fine first half performance.

## **HT 2-0**

The Lambs restarted proceedings after the visitors had made a change and immediately went on the offensive and it paid off in the 53rd minute when Thomas found himself in space on the left channel to pick up the ball from a centre from Whittingham and power home an angled finish past Bramley. (3-0, 51 mins)

And it was 4 on 57 when Whittingham and Thomas overlapped down the right and the latter whipped the ball into the path of Creaney, and Beswick took it on and fired home his 25th Lambs goal. (4-0, 57 mins)

Walters nearly added a fifth on the hour but his low strike from the left of the box whistled past the far post and out and he was involved again on 63 taking the ball almost the length of the pitch down the left past Stabana before finding in Hickey in his way in the box.

Not wating to be left out, Creaney notched his 29th of his Lambs career with a low close range header from Hurst's flick on off a Walters corner on 66 to lift the roof on The Lamb for a fifth time! (5-0, 66 mins)

Concannon forced a corner on the left on 86 which Bramley punched away but a foul on Whittingham in the ensuing play saw Stephens booked.

Brown-Hill met a corner with a deft shot on 89 which went just over the bar, but it was left to Tamworth to round things off when Creaney burst through down the right and squared for Clement to make it six with a tidy finish from a couple of yards out (6-0, 90 mins)

Four minutes of added time were shown at the end of the game and Whittingham tried his luck with a low strike which turned out to be easy for Bramley to gather and the final whistle blew on a superb start for Peaks – perhaps too cheesy to call it a Peaky Blinder but it wasn't far off!

### **Tamworth**

Singh, Hurst, Wilder, Beswick (c.) (Clement 69) Cox (Brown 85), Bailey, Thomas, Mussa, Creaney, Whittingham, Walters (Concannon 79)

Subs: Yeomans, Tahra

YC: Thomas 83

### **Barwell**

Bramley, Stabana, Powell, Pepe-Ngoma, Edjenguele, Rowland (Brown-Hill 46), Edwards, Brogan, Stephens, Hickey (c.), Warren (Haddow 70)

Subs: Castle, Dunkley, Painter

YC: Hickey 27, Stephens 86

**Referee:** Mr W. Booth

**Attendance:** 582

**MOM:** Josh Green and Chloe Henwood chose Ben Bailey and James Hurst (pictured)



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# HITCHIN 1 - 1 TAMWORTH

## MON 28 FEB - SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER CENTRAL



### Matchday 40:

After smashing Barwell off the park for six of the best a little over 48 hours previously, Andy Peaks took his squad to Top Field for his second game at the helm, hopeful of another 3 points against Mark Burke's Hitchin Town side which would move them up to 13th if successful.

The game was, of course, a rearrangement due to it having been abandoned on 18 December in the first half following injury to Bilal Yafai. Thankfully Yafai was OK, but, and since then, there had been a lot of comings and goings at The Lamb with no less than 6 of the squad named for that game no longer at the club, including Yafai himself.

The three points against The Canaries of Barwell on Saturday had moved Tamworth up to 16th in the table five points ahead of their hosts, and The Canaries of Hitchin had themselves recorded a much-needed victory at the weekend over local rivals and relegation threatened Biggleswade, their first in 5 games, but found themselves still in the relegation zone four points behind Bromsgrove Sporting who would visit The Lamb on Saturday.

And so, on a very damp rainy night in Hertfordshire Peaks made no changes to the starting eleven that ran out against Barwell with the same substitutes as well.

Hitchin got the game underway and both sides moved the ball around quickly in the seemingly never ending and increasing rain showers that soaked the well maintained pitch which was holding up superbly under the conditions.

The first ten minutes proved to be a frustrating affair with it difficult to take or control possession until 11 when Singh was put under pressure from a Canaries corner on the right which caused some problems and Wilder was forced to acrobatically head it away from danger.

A flowing passing move which linked a seemingly endless number of passes by The Lambs ended with Hurst driving a low ball into the box which Creaney got a touch onto, but he was unable to control it sufficiently to set himself and the home defence cleared.

A foul on Beswick set the captain up with a right sided freekick on 22 and it went over the top of Bailey at the far post.

Hitchin's Green made good work of the ball down the right on 27 and loaded his cross into the box which The Lambs dealt with.

Singh and Horlock had to be quick on their guard when defensive clearances went astray due to the conditions, and a slip in the middle of the park on 38 allowed Creaney to load a cross from the right but it was cut out before Beswick could get onto the end of it.

Hurst picked up the ball on the right after a neat passing move and fired low at Horlock and the keeper dropped to smother it at his near post.

Hutchinson received the ball on the right on 42, and whipped a right footed cross in which Singh took before it caused too many problems and The Lambs broke from a Hitchin freekick on 45 but the final ball from Creaney was cut out shortly before the half time whistle blew.

## HT 0-0

The Lambs restarted proceedings but it was the home side that had a couple of chances with shots on and off target from Hutchinson.

Whittingham found space to cross low into the box from the right on 53 and forced a corner which Beswick planted onto the head of Creaney and he forced Horlock to smother the chance.

But the home side took the lead on 55 when a header out of midfield sprayed back towards the Lambs defence and allowed Hutchinson to run through and lift a shot over Singh and into the back of the net from 25 yards (0-1, 55 mins)

The Lambs heads did not drop as they may have done previously, and a freekick from Beswick on the left found Creaney once again who headed wide of the mark in amongst a crowd of players.

Cawley picked up the first booking for a foul on the half way line on the hour but there was no foul for a pull on Mussa on 64 which perhaps looked more punishable and Hitchin pushed forwards but Tamworth responded and Black was booked for kicking the ball away on 63. After a couple of changes, The Lambs called on Singh to deny Hutchinson who ran through under pressure and the keeper cleared the ball away from the edge of the box.

Mussa, Beswick, and Concannon combined on 73 and the latter whipped it into the box but Creaney was unable to get around his marker before Horlock caught the bouncing ball.

Whittingham spotted a gap in the Hitchin defence on 78 but fired wide of the mark from 25 yards, and in the next move, after Clement had replaced Beswick, saw Hurst feed

Whittingham and his chip was dangerous but cleared until a foul on Thomas set Clement up with the freekick. And

from it Hurst headed home in a packed out box to give the travelling faithful a reason to lift the roof of the stand behind the goal (1-1, 82 mins).



Thomas ran half the length of the pitch and forced a corner which Creaney met but Hitchin defended and forced a corner on the right as the minutes ticked down. Cox conceded a freekick on the right on 90 and Tamworth needed to defend strongly as four minutes added time was shown but nothing could separate the two sides who enjoyed a point a piece in what was a great game to watch, full of pride, passion and belief.

### **Hitchin Town**

Horlock, Green, Brown, Gleeson (Coldicott-Stevens 68), Webb (c.), Jones, Georgiou, Barker, Hutchinson, Cawley (Dasilva 82), Black  
Subs: Stevens, Conlon YC: Cawley 60, Black 63

### **Tamworth**

Singh, Hurst, Wilder, Beswick (c.) (Clement 79), Cox, Bailey, Thomas, Mussa, Creaney, Whittingham, Walters (Concannon 68)  
Subs: Brown, Yeomans, Tahra

**Referee:** Mr. Swanton

**Attendance:** 412



*Pictures from Hitchin by Dave Brown*

2021-22  
**APPEARANCES AND GOALS**

SEASON TOTAL: Matches played =

40

LAMBS CAREER

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
BAILEY	Ben	4	0	+	1	0	0	0	4	+	1	0
BESWICK	Ryan	28	3	+	1	2	0	2	107	+	2	25
BRADLEY	Dan	2	0		0	0	0	0	67	+	3	5
BROWN	Jordaan	12	3	+	2	0	0	0	15	+	2	0
CLEMENT	Jordan	11	11	+	5	0	2	2	79	+	16	10
COCKERILL-MOLLETT	Callum	6	1	+	12	0	0	0	7	+	12	0
CONCANNON	Jack	24	6	+	6	1	0	1	51	+	8	7
COX	Chris	21	3	+	3	0	0	0	42	+	4	1
CREANEY	Dan	21	5	+	2	13	0	13	63	+	4	29
FALLOWS	Keelan	3	0	+	8	0	0	0	3	+	8	0
HART	Ben	12	1	+	1	0	0	0	18	+	2	0
HOWKINS	Cameron	2	1	+	3	0	0	0	9	+	10	0
HURST	James	6	0		0	3	0	3	6		0	3
JONES	Alex	5	3		0	0	0	0	8		0	0
KININA	Nicholas	0	1	+	3	0	0	0	1	+	3	0
McKEOWN	Eoin	2	0		0	0	0	0	2		0	0
MORRISON	Taylor	0	1		0	0	0	0	1		0	0
MUSSA	Gift	2	0		0	0	0	0	2		0	0
PENDLEY	Orin	30	1	+	1	1	0	1	31	+	1	1
SHAW	Charlie	6	5	+	4	1	0	1	38	+	39	1
SINGH	Jasbir	37	0		0	0	0	0	127	+	1	0
TAHRA	Wahib	0	2	+	2	0	0	0	2	+	2	0
TAIT-MORAN	Michael	4	3	+	8	0	1	1	7	+	8	1
THOMAS	Jack	28	3	+	5	2	0	2	34	+	7	2
WALTERS	Dexter	14	11	+	2	3	0	3	35	+	19	4
WHITTINGHAM	Shaquille	3	1	+	2	0	0	0	4	+	2	0
WILDER	Henri	39	0		0	1	0	1	82	+	9	4
YEOMANS	Lucas	17	5	+	2	0	0	0	23	+	2	0
GRIFFIN	Callum	0	1	+	2	0	0	0	1	+	2	0
PARKER	Tom	1	1	+	1	0	0	0	2	+	1	0
PLAYERS NO LONGER AT THE CLUB												
BELL	Nyal	6	0		0	2	0	2	6		0	2
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
FORDE	Aaron	23	4	+	2	2	0	2	64	+	3	3
KELLERMANN	James	6	0		0	2	0	2	6		0	2
LISSIMORE	Kai	1	4	+	1	0	0	0	5	+	1	0
MALANDJOU-KONDJO	Louis-Augustin	2	3		0	0	0	0	5		0	0
McDONALD	Shaquille	9	4	+	2	1	2	3	24	+	3	10
OBENG	Ahmed	1	1		0	0	0	0	33	+	8	7
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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
YAFAI	Bilal	2	0		0	1	0	1	43	+	2	7
LEFT WITHOUT MAKING AN APPEARANCE												
BASTOS	Kevin Da Silva	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	0
MANCINELLI	Prince	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	0

# NON LEAGUE ROUND-UP

*with Mark Maybury*

## **A look back on the action from last Saturday and Midweek in the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central**

As we look at the table going into March, Banbury United appear to have the title wrapped up with Rushall Olympic and Coalville virtually cementing their place in the play offs. Alvechurch, Peterborough Sports and Andy Peaks' previous outfit AFC Rushden and Diamonds are fighting for the other two play off spots. The league is then very tight with just 9 points separating Leiston in 7th place and the Lambs in 16th.

Last Saturday a crowd of 939 saw the Peterborough Sports take a 17th-minute lead through Josh McCammon at Banbury United. However, the home side came back in the second half to claim all 3 points. Chris Wreh equalised on 65 minutes. Then, within 2 minutes, Banbury were in front with a terrific effort from James Golding.



Second-placed Rushall Olympic suffered a 3-1 defeat at play-off contenders, Alvechurch. Following a goalless first half, the Pics fell behind to a goal just 3 minutes into the second half from recent signing Tomiwa Solanke. Then on 57 minutes, Tyrell Skeen-Hamilton doubled the home side's advantage. Skeen-Hamilton made it 3-0 on 72 minutes, and although sub Rackeem Reid pulled one back 5 minutes from time, it was merely a consolation for the Pics.

Coalville Town are on level points with Rushall after they edged a five-goal thriller at Westwood Road against mid-table St Ives Town. The visitors took a 21st-minute lead when Billy Kee controlled the ball well before firing home. Tim Berridge then put the Ravens 2-0 ahead after 35 minutes. The home side responded well and pulled one back almost immediately through former Lamb Nabil Shariff. With 10 minutes gone into the second half, Coalville went 3-1 ahead with a far-post finish from Tom McGlinchey. A fine free-kick from Michael Richens pulled St Ives back into the game on the hour-mark, but the visitors held firm for three big points.

Andy Burgess' first game as interim manager of AFC Rushden & Diamonds was a winning one as his side remain in fifth spot following a hard-earned 1-0 success against mid-table Hednesford Town, who visit the Lamb on Tuesday evening. In front of 478, a header from skipper Alex Collard 15 minutes from time eventually proved enough for Diamonds.

Leiston are seventh, but lost 2-0 at the War Memorial Athletic Ground to Stourbridge. It was the substitutes who came up trumps for the Glassboys in front of 578, with Jason Cowley breaking the deadlock after 69 minutes and then Ethan Moran making the points safe 10 minutes from time.

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Needham Market moved into ninth spot after a comfortable 4-1 win against Stratford Town at Bloomfields. It took Kevin Horlock's side 36 minutes to make the breakthrough when Luke Ingram kept his cool when one-on-one with the Bards' keeper. Within seconds of the second half getting underway, Noah Collard fired the hosts into a 2-0 lead. It was virtually game over on 65 minutes when Harvey Sayer struck a beauty home from the corner of the edge of the area. Then on 77 minutes, Ben Fowkes made it 4-0 after a neat move involving Collard. Leroy Lita fired a consolation for Stratford 2 minutes into stoppage time.

It was a good day for Hitchin Town, who moved off the foot of the table after winning their 'six-pointer' at Top Field against neighbours Biggleswade Town. Steve Cawley got on the end of a punt forward to expertly lob the Waders' keeper for the only goal of the game.

Lowestoft Town sandwich the pair after they were beaten 4-2 at the Trico Stadium by a Redditch United side who are now 13th and eight points in front of Hitchin. Nuneaton Borough pulled themselves five points clear of Hitchin with a 1-0 win at today's visitors Bromsgrove Sporting side who have now dropped below Boro.

Of course, Andy Peaks had a dream start to his managerial career at Tamworth with a 6-0 win over Barwell at The Lamb. The win lifted us to 16th and above Nuneaton on goal difference.

There were two games in midweek which impacted life at the bottom of the table.

On Monday evening we travelled to Hitchin Town and returned with a deserved share of the points. The Canaries broke the deadlock in the 55th minute when a long punt up field by goalkeeper Charlie Horlock was flicked on for Jake Hutchinson to finish past Jas Singh. The hosts though weren't able to hold on to their lead, and 8 minutes from time, the Lambs were awarded a free-kick from which James Hurst headed home from Jordan Clement's excellent delivery.

On Tuesday evening Nuneaton Borough's unbeaten run came to an end with a 1 - 0 home defeat to Redditch United. The winning goal came from a Dan Sweeney header with the game just 4 mins old.

*With thanks to the Southern League website for match information*

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# SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER CENTRAL

League table following this week's midweek fixtures

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Banbury United	32	25	5	2	70	24	46	80
Rushall Olympic	31	18	9	4	69	34	35	63
Coalville Town	30	19	6	5	67	33	34	63
Peterborough Sports	29	17	3	9	72	38	34	54
AFC Rushden & Diamonds	30	16	4	10	41	34	7	52
Alvechurch	33	14	9	10	45	36	9	51
Leiston	30	13	3	14	46	55	-9	42
Royston Town	31	11	8	12	49	42	7	41
Needham Market	29	9	12	8	52	45	7	39
Stourbridge	29	11	5	13	42	53	-11	38
Hednesford Town	28	9	10	9	46	43	3	37
Stratford Town	30	10	7	13	36	49	-13	37
Redditch United	31	8	11	12	33	43	-10	35
Barwell	33	8	10	15	45	61	-16	34
St Ives Town	31	9	7	15	44	76	-32	34
Tamworth	29	9	6	14	36	44	-8	33
Nuneaton Borough	31	8	8	15	42	51	-9	32
Bromsgrove Sporting	29	7	10	12	27	47	-20	31
Hitchin Town	30	7	7	16	36	47	-11	28
Lowestoft Town	29	7	5	17	37	70	-33	26
Biggleswade Town	29	5	9	15	36	46	-10	24



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# SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER CENTRAL

## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

### Saturday 05 March

Barwell	v Royston Town
Biggleswade Town	v Coalville Town
Hednesford Town	v Stratford Town
Leiston	v Hitchin Town
Lowestoft Town	v AFC Rushden & Diamonds
Nuneaton Borough	v Stourbridge
Peterborough Sports	v Needham Market
Redditch United	v St Ives Town
Rushall Olympic	v Banbury United

**Tamworth**

**v Bromsgrove Sporting**

### Monday 07 March

Stourbridge	v Stratford Town
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### Tuesday 08 March

**Tamworth**

**v Hednesford Town**

### Saturday 12 March

Biggleswade Town	v Nuneaton Borough
Bromsgrove Sporting	v Coalville Town
Hitchin Town	v Peterborough Sports
Lowestoft Town	v Hednesford Town
Rushall Olympic	v Leiston

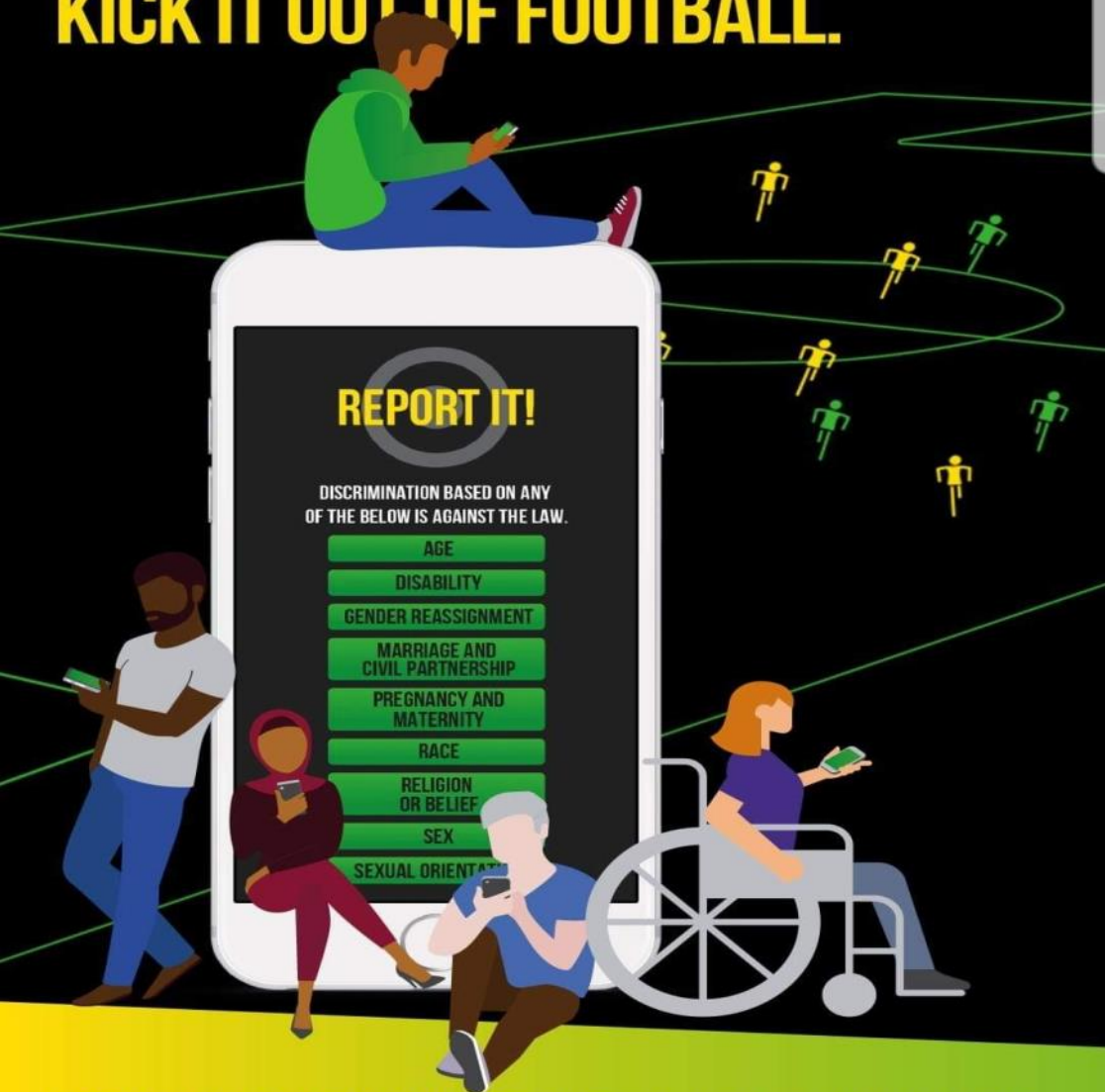
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# TAMWORTH FC WOMEN

## WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL LEAGUE

**LEAGUE TABLE** after matches played on Sunday 27 February

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Lichfield City FC Ladies	14	12	1	1	41	37
2	Sutton Coldfield Town FC Women	13	11	1	1	32	34
3	Stourbridge FC Women	11	10	0	1	53	30
4	Lye Town Ladies First	15	10	0	5	-2	30
5	Crusaders Women	13	7	1	5	10	22
6	Kidderminster Harriers FC Women	15	7	1	7	5	22
7	Worcester City Women FC First Team	17	7	2	8	-5	20 *
8	Coundon Court Ladies	16	5	2	9	-15	17
9	Redditch United FC Women	16	5	2	9	-25	17
10	Tamworth FC Women	15	5	0	10	-3	9 *
11	Coventry Sphinx Ladies First	15	1	3	11	-45	6
12	City of Stoke Women Football Club LFC	14	0	1	13	-46	-2 *

\* points adjusted

### FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

06 Mar 22 v Kidderminster Harriers (H) League

13 Mar 22 - no fixture

20 Mar 22 v Sutton Coldfield Town FC Women (A) League

27 Mar 22 v Worcester City Women FC First Team (A) League

10 Apr 22 v Crusaders Women (H) League

17 Apr 22 v Coventry Sphinx Ladies First (A) League

24 Apr 22 v Stourbridge Women (A) League

01 May 22 - City of Stoke Women (A) League

08 May 22 v Redditch United Women (H) League



League = West Midland Regional Women's League Division One North - Link to [The FA Full Time](#)

Cup = as stated



# TAMWORTH FC WOMEN

## 2021-22 RESULTS

- 05 Sep 21 v Coventry Sphinx Ladies First (H) League - 8-0  
/ Woolston 4, Dickens 2, Badach, Finn
- 12 Sep 21 v Crusaders Women (A) League - 4-3  
/ Milner, Woolston, Taylor, Martin
- 19 Sep 21 v Kidderminster Harriers FC Women (H) League - 3-7  
/ Martin 2, Woolston
- 26 Sep 21 v Lichfield City FC Ladies Firsts (A) League - 1-4 / Taylor
- 03 Oct 21 v Doveridge Ladies (H) Vitality FA Cup 2Q - 7-0  
/ Dickens 3, Taylor, Fisher, Cresswell, Kingston
- 10 Oct 21 v Redditch United FC Women (A) League - 1-2 / Woolston
- 17 Oct 21 v Stourbridge FC Ladies (H) League - 1-4 / Martin
- 24 Oct 21 v Northampton Town Ladies (H) Vitality FA Cup 3Q - 0-1
- 07 Nov 21 v City of Stoke Women Football Club LFC (H) League - 6-1  
/ Woolston 2, Dickens, Milner, Taylor, Aston
- 14 Nov 21 v Coundon Court Ladies (A) League - 5-2  
/ Dickens 2, Taylor, Cresswell, Woolston
- 21 Nov 21 v Solihull (A) Cup - 1-2 / Barnes
- 28 Nov 21 v Crusaders Women (H) League (Match abandoned due to snow)
- 05 Dec 21 v Kidderminster Harriers FC Women (A) League - 5-2  
/ Woolston 3, Barnes, Dickens
- 12 Dec 21 v Lichfield City FC Ladies Firsts (H) League - 1-2 / Wiggins
- 19 Dec 21 v Lye Town Ladies First (A) League - 2-3 / Woolston, Harris
- 30 Jan 22 v Sutton Coldfield Town FC Women (H) League - A-W / (not played)
- 06 Feb 22 v Worcester City Women FC First Team (H) League - 0-2
- 20 Feb 22 v Lye Town Ladies First (H) League - 0-1
- 27 Feb 22 v Coundon Court Ladies (H) League - 1-8 / Milsom

**NOTES:** Date (@ Time) v Opposition (H/A) Competition Score\* Scorers

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### **General Information**

The Committee meet once a month and an AGM for all Teambuilder contributors will take place in June.

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### **Committee - please contact us at a match or via e-mail / phone**

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Good afternoon everyone and it's good to be with you here on the Supporters Club page.

We would like to welcome the Bromsgrove Sporting supporters and hope they enjoy your time at The Lamb, but not enough to take the points home with you!

We would also like to welcome our new management team who have now played two games since they took over and it's great to see we are playing better football with four points from six. We would like each and everyone of the Tamworth fans here today to get behind the management team and hope the good form continues.

Looking ahead we are due to play Lowestoft away soon and we would like to think we could run a coach to the game, and also coaches to a few of the other remaining games before the end of the season. If you are interested in travelling please get in touch with us by contacting Dave Brown at home games in the clubhouse.

The Supporters Club committee are yet to organise a meeting but as soon as we have had our committee get together we will let every member know what our plans are for the remainder of the season.

We will be talking to the club very soon to see if we can organise an end of season party and of course our 2022 AGM will be coming up soon too.

We hope you will be able to join us at the AGM and we will be looking to our members to help keep the Supporters Club thriving as an ongoing member, or perhaps by joining as a committee member. More details on that will come in due course.

Until next time take care and stay safe, enjoy the game and please keep up with your fantastic support of the Football Club and the Supporters Club.

*The TFCSC Committee*

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