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Today we welcome League 2 Crawley Town to the Mangata
Develoments Stadium for what we hope will be an exciting FA Cup 1st
Round Proper match up. Can I wish their Directors, Manager, players
and supporters a pleasant stay with us and a safe journey home.

When the draw was first made and I saw we'd drawn Crawley Town at home, my mind immediately went back to the 2005/6 season when we plied our trade way down in the Southern League Eastern Division and I remembered us causing a big shock back then by beating Crawley 2-0 at their place to book a place in the last 16 of the FA Trophy. Mr John Hollins of Chelsea, Arsenal and QPR fame was their manager back then and in truth Crawley were possibly the biggest non-league club out there at that time.

They certainly aspired to be a Football League club and achieved promotion in the 2010/11season. In truth both clubs have come a long way since 2006, so to be playing Crawley Town once again some 19 years later, even though we've won three promotions since, is quite ironic.

As we all do when a cup draw is made, you start looking at your opponents, you look at

their form, their squad, ex players if any, and I could clearly see that Crawley Town are in a period of transition, are still a well backed football club, have a new if ex-manager back in charge and have relatively new owners. That said, they will possibly feel they have not started the season in the manner they had hoped for and will no doubt look to today to get their season back on track. In truth if I was a Crawley supporter, I know I would have found drawing a poorly supported club like Boreham Wood away completely uninspiring.

As such I'm happy, because it feels just like it did some 19 years ago and we again get another free hit at todays' opponents with absolutely no pressure on us. This time though there is just one league between our two clubs instead of the three as it was back in 2005/6. Also, if there's a good omen for us from way back then, it's that we won that game and went on to win the league that season - I'm just saying haha.

This season we've started our league programme very well and after winning 3-0 away in the FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round down at Eastbourne Borough confidence is high. For me it's a great feeling just being able to say that as the two previous seasons to this one has felt like I'd been suffocated with pressure and self doubt for completely differing reasons.

The pressure two seasons ago for a local Chairman was almost unbearable as we were relegated and it felt like I'd let my friends, family, supporters and town down and that was soul destroying. The pressure on us last season continued, as it was all about redemption and righting the wrongs of the previous season and luckily we came good and capped off what was a crazy season with a memorable play off promotion win that in truth has lifted a huge weight off my shoulders.

As such, we started this season with no expectation or pressure on us and have played some great football to date. We've possibly surprised ourselves and certainly surprised others and it's meant we've played pressure free football and with a third of the season gone we are free flowing, exciting to watch and with no unrealistic expectations put on us. it feels great.

For a small community club with an average home attendance of around 1,100, it's mad to have the best home record within the National League at present. It's a very nice feeling of course but it's testament to the hard work of my staff, Luke Garrard and our dressing room.

For me even this early on, it's good to know that we're not going down this season, as we already sit very nicely in the play off places and again that means no pressure. So, In truth after 27 seasons in the Chair, I just feel energised and positive about everything we're doing at the moment, and I'm truly so thankful to my inner circle, loyal staff, dressing room, sponsors, long standing partners and of course you our supporters for sticking with us and for backing our

football club especially over the last two years.

Let's be honest, our progress over the past 6 months has surprised us all after our self destruct relegation just 18 months ago. Our recovery since has been painful at times, as our form last season was patchy in large parts but it ultimately came good and led to a successful if crazy late promotion charge.

In truth people often think it amusing [Chris Griggs] when I say "God loves a trier" but I've always had faith, and still have faith in what I'm doing here and if my prayers get answered, I believe you don't over analyse things, you just embrace the moment and thank your lucky stars for small mercies.

As a slightly cautious Chairman who wouldn't want to tempt fate, I'm quietly hoping that Lady Luck will again look kindly on us all today. and If that is the case, we just might just give our supporters another magic moment or two this afternoon, or even better deliver another FA Cup upset and with that another shared memory.

For that to happen our dressing room must understand we are still that same underdog football club that I took over in1999, and we need to be at it from minute one. After 27 seasons here often breaking the bank to fund a non league football club, you do learn to simply enjoy these type of FA Cup days. In truth success often comes down to the energy of the fans, the turn out of the town, the interest from the wider community and the belief and desire of the dressing room.

So I hope we take this opportunity to treat this game as if we're in the last chance saloon and collectively leave it all on the pitch. I hope we create the noise and atmosphere we'll need on the North Bank, because to overcome in the FA Cup and be in the hat on Saturday night is a truly joyous feeling, but you must earn the right to experience the glory that a cup upset gives you especially against football league opposition. I've learned as an underdog club that you must never fear defeat, as defeat is

part of the game. So let's put self doubt aside as doubt leads to negativity and negativity creates fear.

As an underdog club, we'll try to do what we always do for these type of games, we'll keep our emotions in check, we'll try to picture what victory might look like and we'll try to create a fearless culture for Luke and our dressing room to thrive, as it enables manager, players, staff and everyone to do their jobs with freedom and it creates an environment where cup upsets are possible.

In recent years that no fear recipe has brought us incredible memories and a lot of cup success. It's also brought big cup upsets against a host of league clubs including Bristol Rovers and AFC Bournemouth away from home. On top of that we've also beaten very good teams like Blackpool, Southend United (when they were a league club) and AFC Wimbledon here.

Those type of cup wins have rightly earned us a reputation for being a hard working football club who on occasion rise to the challenge. In truth we simply embrace the FA Cup because we love what the FA Cup has given our football club, our fans, our town and our community. It's why we honestly don't fear losing anymore and today will be no exception.

For context though, we do know how to lose with good grace, as we've also been on the end of some really tough losses over the last decade or so and I feel that pain has helped shape us. Those defeats over the years include some late replay defeats at some very tough places like Notts County, Accrington Stanley and Carlisle United, and a painful penalty shoot out defeat last season against Leuton Orient...

The games mentioned above have all occurred with me in the Chair here and with Luke Garrard at my side, either as manager, assistant manager or as a player. So trust me when I say, we will look forward to today with belief and if on the day we're not quite good enough then so be it, we'll simply wipe

our mouths and wish Crawley Town and their supporters huge good luck in the next round.

Luke will no doubt have game plan A, B and C in his mind, that said he can also use his vast cup experience and recall our incredible 1-0 win a few years back at a great football club like AFC Bournemouth. That win led to our amazing FA Cup 5th Round trip to Everton at Goodison Park, where we lost 2-0 under the lights in front of 40,000 supporters.

Those big community moments are one of the ingredients that create the magic of the FA Cup and it shows everyone what a united club and its town can bring to the table. Our recent relegation of course was a huge setback to us after almost two decades of progress and for me that acted as a huge wake up call.

I'm just very grateful that so many of the very loyal 'Wood Army' gave us your support and understanding over the last two seasons. That allowed me, Ciara Dyer, Luke Garrard, Charlie Hunter, Billy Hunter, Mandee Morris, Grant Morris, Loretta Browne, my inner circle, my loyal staff, our sponsors and my partners to re-set our football club and over the last 12 months our work ethic and underdog mentality returned and your patience was thankfully rewarded.

If I'm being honest your patience allowed us to start again and along with Luke and Charlie Hunter over the last 18 months we quietly started to rebuild the dressing room and its staff into what we hoped would be another talented, hard working group, with a good mix of exciting players both young and experienced and we feel the squad is now strong.

So whether we win or lose today, let's thank our lucky stars for where we are, let's fear nothing, let's fight the good fight and if my prayers are answered (Chris Griggs) and Lady Luck shines down on us, I'll no doubt see you in the Glass House for a cold beer and we can enjoy yet another shared memory.

If we've lost then lets accept it with good

grace and I ask that you show our players and our opponents your respect and appreciation at the end of the game for their efforts, as that's what the FA Cup is all about.

## **CLUB NEWS:**

Our EFL ambitions are of course very real and that means we must complete the South end of the ground in a timely fashion (visuals are attached to these notes). This means we will need to agree boundary lines with HBC and start the new away entrance and fan zone groundworks before the end of this season. With that in mind I have already started to finalise a provisional works programme and schedule but it's already clear to me that we must look at phase 1 (fan zone and fans access) and phase 2 (South Stand and Grounds Building) as two separate projects.

This in truth will take us a little longer to complete but it might be the most logical, cost effective and affordable way for us to move forward. So, If we can get our pre-build programme, reports and consultants on point quickly and get our funding bids completed before Christmas, then we might be back on schedule, but that's a very tall order and is at present looking very unlikely.

That said, if we can get the HBC planners to inform us early about any of their concerns, then we can prepare for any setbacks or time delays with some behind closed door meetings to positively work through any issues. Of course, we'll need everyone's support on this and that will include HBC's Chief Executive, the Leader of the Council and all Councillors across the aisle. Only if we are united off the pitch can we achieve our ambitions on it.....our ambitions are simple, we wish to build a covered four sided stadium and away fan zone ready for us to one day enter the Football League and while doing that we want to build ourselves a football team that's good enough to take us there.

Anyway that's enough of new build talk, let's get back to the job in hand and that means

picturing the glory of an FA Cup 1st Round Proper victory and the small matter of trying to overcome a very good Crawley Town team. Today gives both clubs the chance of making memories, of making club history and the chance to create more FA Cup magic for their supporters.

So I say "to the victor the spoils". We as a club go into this game today knowing we have everything to gain and absolutely nothing to lose and I genuinely believe if our town turns out this afternoon and backs its football club, then it's a game we can win.

Myself, Luke and our supporters have been in these situations many times and we know how much we love these FA Cup occasions. We know we'll need our supporters with us from minute one. We know we'll need the drum, your energy and the noise. We also know we'll need the North Bank to create a cup atmosphere before kick off and we know if the 'Wood Army' turn up and fill the North Bank, if the Town turns out and fills the West and East Stand then you've given us a fantastic platform to win a football match.

Lastly, whoever you support let's hope for an open, attacking game and may the best team win.

Take care

Tanny

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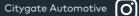


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## Good afternoon, firstly I would like to welcome Scott Lindsey, his Staff and Players to Mangata Developments Stadium for todays Emirates FA Cup first round fixture.

The magic of The FA Cup has been a very welcome tradition over the last few seasons and today is another opportunity to make even more memories.

Today we face a side that is currently finding themselves at the bottom end of the table, having only recorded one win in their last seven matches.

But when it comes to the FA Cup all form guides go out the window, even though we are on the back of a great run currently, only losing one game in our last eighteen. We know full well today we will have to play to our maximum to cause an upset come the final whistle.

Watching Crawley closely over the last few days they have personnel that can cause you problems with the likes of Harry McKirdy, Dion Perriera and most notably Kabby Tshimanga. The latter having a real positive spell with us before making his move to Chesterfield and then into the EFL.

We will have to be really aggressive with our play in and out of possession if we are to nullify their strengths as they are a side that is desperate to get their rhythm going and look to manipulate you with their passing game.

We have spoken at length about where we can hurt them and have had a really positive week in terms of our structure in our build to allow for us to take as much control of the game as we can.

A lot of the work we have done over the last few months will play a huge part in our success this afternoon, having the belief and confidence to go toe to toe with a League 2 team will show how far we have come as a group.

The mindset remains the same as it has done in our National League fixtures, we need to get our expressive players in positions high up the pitch in 1v1 scenarios to really effect and hurt the opposition.

We have been very conscious of how we can hurt a side and how we need to present them opportunities as many times as we possibly can to get a positive outcome.

I know we are going up against a side who only a year ago were playing in League One, so we will respect that and appreciate the talent they have in their dressing room. But for me it's about us showing the characteristics of an underdog and working to our maximum alongside having the same influence on this match as we have done all Season

We want to take the game to Crawley, and really stamp our authority in every duel.

We want to make more history, we want to create memories as a new dressing room and go on a run like we have done in previous years.

We are going to need the whole stadium to get right behind us, and have that Cup atmosphere from the off to give us a real chance of another big Cup upset.

Lastly I want to Thank Fin Herrick for his time here at the Club, he made an instant impact and played a huge part in our success and I wish him huge good luck as he returns to West Ham and I will follow his career with great interest.

With the news of Fin returning we actioned a recall on Club legend Nathan Ashmore who will be back in the squad today having played a huge part in Bedford Town climbing the table in the last few weeks.

His performances warranted him to get into team of the week several times and gained man of the match in three of his matches.

Welcome back Ash.

Let's get this place rocking and give us the energy to go and start another journey in this great competition.

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Tuke

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WED 24	AWAY	19:45	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	NL	1-1	3,602	HERRICK	ILESANMI	BUSH	O'CONNELL	BRUNT
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# IN THE DUGOUT



## Manager: Scott LINDSEY

Lindsey began his coaching career at Folkestone Invicta before joining Gillingham as Technical Development Coach. He later became first-team coach and caretaker manager at Lincoln City, then led Swindon Town's U18s and served as assistant at Forest Green Rovers. After returning to Swindon as assistant and head coach, he took charge of the Red Devils in 2023, guiding them to their first-ever promotion to League One via a Wembley play-off triumph. Following a brief spell at MK Dons, Lindsey returned to Crawley in March on a contract through to 2028.

# **ONES TO WATCH**



Jojo WOLLACOTT Born: 8 September 1996 Position: Goalkeeper

The Crawley shot stopper began at Bristol City, gaining experience through several loan spells before making his professional debut with Forest Green Rovers in 2019. He later impressed at Swindon Town, joined Charlton Athletic in 2022, and moved to Hibernian a year later. Returning to England with the Red Devils in 2024, Wollacott recently kept a clean sheet in a 4-0 thrashing of Bristol Rovers. Internationally, he made his senior debut for Ghana in 2021 and played between the sticks at AFCON that year.



Dion CONROY Born: 11 December 1995 Position: Defender

Red Devils skipper, Dion Conroy began his career at Chelsea, winning the FA Youth Cup and Under-21 Premier League before a loan spell at Aldershot Town. The defender joined Swindon Town in 2017, making over 100 appearances despite a serious ACL injury. After leaving Wiltshire in 2022, Conroy signed at the Broadfield Stadium, playing a key role in Crawley's 2024 League Two play-off triumph and promotion to League One. Conroy has since gone on to extend his contract with the Red Devils by two years.



Kabongo TSHIMANGA Born: 22 July 1997

Position: Forward

Ring any bells, Wood Fans? Kabongo Tshimanga began his career at MK Dons, enjoying several non-league loans before spells with Boston United and Oxford City, where he scored 29 goals in 2018/19. His prolific form with the Wood followed, netting 19 goals in his first season and helping drive Luke Garrard's men to the National League play-offs. After later stints with Chesterfield and Peterborough, Tshimanga returned to Meadow Park on loan near the back end of the 2023/24 season. 'Kabs' would eventually put pen to paper with the Red Devils in July.

## HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

# **CRAWLEY TOWN**

The Wood stunned, at the time, Conference side Crawley Town 2–0 to reach the FA Trophy quarter-finals for the first time.

Despite early pressure and a denied penalty, Wood's defence, led by Mark
Smith, Ryan Moran, and Marvin Samuel,
held firm and the Red Devils' top striker,
Daryl Clare was neutralized before injury forced him off.

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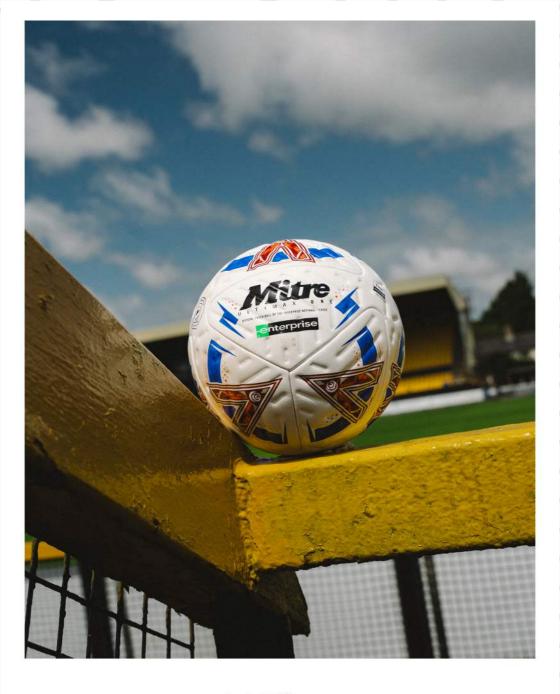


lan Cooper (74), Leon Archer (90

4 February 2006 // 15:00 // FA Trophy

lan Cooper's brilliant 74th-minute strike broke the deadlock after Leon Archer's earlier effort was cleared off the line. In stoppage time, Cooper won a penalty that Archer converted, sealing a famous victory.







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## SHOOTING STARS

# **CRAWLEY TOWN**

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten post-war Crawley Town goalscoring favourites

## **PHIL BASEY**

Welsh striker Phil Basey was Crawley Town's leading marksman in four successive seasons. A former Brentford junior, he spent a year with Gloucester City before moving to Crawley in August 1968. He starred in their 1968-69 promotion success and helped take Exeter City to an FA Cup first round replay in 1971-72. Scoring 75 goals in 135 Southern League games, he joined Maidstone United in August 1972 and was twice top scorer including their 1972-73 promotion campaign. He reunited with former Brentford players at Hillingdon Borough in July 1976 and later appeared for Tooting & Mitcham and Bromley.

## **ERIC WHITINGTON**

Ex-England Youth striker Eric Whitington helped Crawley Town take Exeter City to an FA Cup first round replay in 1971-72. Initially on Chelsea's groundstaff, he joined hometown Brighton in May 1964 and made his League debut at Hull City in February 1966. He was joint top scorer in 1966-67 and moved to South African side Highlands Park in May 1968, helping them to win the title. Joining Crawley in March 1971, he netted 42 goals in 62 Southern League games before moving to Folkestone in January 1973. He briefly rejoined Crawley from Horsham during the 1978-79 season. His son Craig also appeared for Crawley.

## **TERRY ROBBINS**

England Semi-Pro striker Terry Robbins was Crawley Town's leading scorer and 'Player of the Year' in 1984-85. A former Gillingham junior, he had a spell with Maidstone United before joining newly-promoted Crawley in July 1984. He was top scorer again in 1985-86, with a then record 33 goals, netting 60 times in 84 Southern League games prior to joining Welling United in October 1986. Topping their goalscoring charts in six successive seasons, he was twice 'Player of the Year' and became player-boss in November 1992. He moved to Barnet in July 1995, then Boreham Wood, Cambridge City, Wisbech and Enfield.

## **CHARLIE MACDONALD**

Striker Charlie Macdonald was leading marksman in Crawley Town's 2003-04 Southern League and Cup 'double' success. Initially with Charlton Athletic, he was loaned to Cheltenham, Torquay and Colchester before joining Margate in August 2002. He moved via Stevenage to Crawley in July 2003 and scored their first Conference goal. Joining Gravesend in May 2005, he moved to Southend in July 2007, then helped Brentford win the League Two title in 2008-09. He later played for MK Dons, Leyton Orient, Oldham Athletic, Barnet, Boreham Wood, Greenwich Borough, Cray Wanderers, VCD Athletic and Barking.

## **JAMIE COOK**

Striker Jamie Cook was Crawley Town's leading scorer two consecutive seasons. Signing professional for Oxford United in July 1997, he appeared regularly in the Football League prior to joining Boston United in February 2001, helping them to clinch the Conference title. He had spells with Stevenage Borough, Bath City, hometown Witney and Rushden & Diamonds before reuniting with Steve Evans at Crawley in July

2007. He netted 33 goals in 78 Conference games, rejoining Oxford United in January 2009. Returning to Crawley in June 2010, he rejoined Bath City in May 2011, then played for Oxford City and North Leigh.

## **MATT TUBBS**

England Semi-Pro striker Matt Tubbs was leading marksman as Crawley Town won the Conference title in 2010-11. A former AFC Bournemouth trainee, he played for Dorchester Town before joining Salisbury in October 2003. He starred as they twice won promotion and moved to Crawley in July 2010. Also helping to reach the FA Cup fifth round in 2010-11, he appeared in their 2011-12 promotion campaign and rejoined Bournemouth in January 2012. He reunited with Steve Evans at Rotherham, then played for Wimbledon, Portsmouth, Eastleigh, Forest Green Rovers, Sutton, Eastleigh, Havant & Waterlooville and Gosport.

## **TYRONE BARNETT**

Tall striker Tyrone Barnett was top scorer in Crawley Town's 2011-12 promotion campaign. Initially with West Brom, he had spells with Rushall Olympic, Telford United, Willenhall and Hednesford before joining Macclesfield Town in May 2010. He was their 'Player of the Year' in 2010-11 and joined Crawley in June 2011, scoring their first-ever Football League goal against Port Vale. Netting 13 goals in 26 League games, he moved to Peterborough United for £1,100,000 in February 2012 and has since played for Shrewsbury, AFC Wimbledon, Port Vale, Cheltenham, Eastleigh, Hereford, Leamington, Alvechurch and Stourbridge.

## **IZALE McLEOD**

Former England U-21 striker Izale McLeod was Crawley Town's top scorer in 2014-15. Initially at Derby County, 'Izzy' joined MK Dons for £100,000 in August 2004 and was leading marksman three times. Sold to Charlton Athletic for £1,100,000 in August 2007, he was loaned to several clubs prior to joining Barnet in November 2010. He moved via Portsmouth back to MK Dons in January 2013 and set their club scoring record. Joining Crawley in June 2014, he netted 19 goals in 42 League

games, moving to Notts County in August 2015, then Yeovil, Corby and Wrexham. He became a business sales executive back at MK Dons.

## **JAMES COLLINS**

Striker James Collins was capped 13 times by Republic of Ireland after leaving Crawley Town. Starting with Aston Villa, he moved to Shrewsbury in January 2011 and was leading marksman in their 2011-12 promotion success. He joined Swindon Town in June 2012 and moved via Hibernian back to Shrewsbury in June 2014. Top scorer in their 2014-15 promotion campaign, he joined Crawley in July 2016 and was top scorer in 2016-17. He netted 20 goals in 45 League games before moving to Luton Town in June 2017, starring in two consecutive promotion campaigns, since playing for Cardiff, Derby County and Lincoln.

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## **CLASSIC FA CUP UPSETS**

# DAVID v GOLIATH

Football historian **LEIGH EDWARDS** looks at the eight most famous post-war FA Cup upsets where non-League clubs defeated top-flight opponents

## 1947/48 COLCHESTER 1 v HUDDERSFIELD 0

Southern League side Colchester United faced First Division Huddersfield Town in the FA Cup third round at Layer Road on 10th January 1948. Bob Curry's second-half goal gave the following Colchester team an epic 1-0 victory in front of 16,005: Harry Wright, Digger Kettle, Bob Allen, Harry Bearryman, Ted Fenton, Andy Brown, Dennis Hillman, Bob Curry, Arthur Turner, Fred Cutting, Len Cater. Colchester beat Bradford City 3-2 in the fourth round before losing 5-0 at eventual finalists Blackpool. Arthur Turner had played for Charlton in the 1946 FA Cup final. The U's were elected to the Football League two years later.

The Huddersfield team was: Bob Hesford, Bill Hayes, Jeff Barker, Les Smith, George Hepplewhite, Eddie Boot, Conway Smith, Jimmy Glazzard, Alf Whittingham, Peter Doherty, Vic Metcalfe

## 1948/49 YEOVIL 2 v SUNDERLAND 1

Southern League side Yeovil Town faced bigspending Sunderland in the FA Cup fourth round at the Huish on 29th January 1949. Player-manager Alec Stock's first-half goal was equalised by Sunderland's Jackie Robinson but Eric Bryant scored an extra-time winner for the following Yeovil team in front of 17,000: Dickie Dyke, Arthur Hickman, Ralph Davies, Bob Keeton, Les Blizzard, Nick Collins, Bobby Hamilton, Alec Stock, Eric Bryant, Ray Wright, Jack Hargreaves. The Glovers had already beaten Romford 4-0, Weymouth 4-0 and Bury 3-1 but lost 8-0 at Manchester United in the fifth round watched by 81,565.

The Sunderland team was: Johnny Mapson, Jack Stelling, Barney Ramsden, Willie Watson, Fred Hall, Arthur Wright, Len Duns, Jackie Robinson, Ronnie Turnbull, Len Shackleton, Tommy Reynolds.



## 1971/72 HEREFORD 2 v NEWCASTLE 1

Twelve days after Southern League side Hereford United drew 1-1 at Newcastle in the FA Cup third round, the two sides met again in the replay at Edgar Street on 5th February 1972. Malcolm Macdonald gave Newcastle the lead but Ronnie Radford grabbed a spectacular late equaliser and Ricky George the extratime winner: Fred Potter, Roger Griffiths (Ricky George), Ken Mallender, Alan Jones, Mick McLaughlin, Colin Addison, Tony Gough, Dudley Tyler, Billy Meadows, Brian Owen, Ronnie Radford. Hereford took Bobby Moore's West Ham to a fourth round replay and were elected to the Football League that summer.

The Newcastle team was: Willie McFaul, David Craig, Frank Clark, Irving Nattrass, Pat Howard, Bobby Moncur, Viv Busby, Tony Green, Malcolm Macdonald, John Tudor, Alex Reid.

## 1974/75 BURNLEY O v WIMBLEDON 1

Mick Mahon's goal early in the second-half gave Southern League Wimbledon a 1-0 FA Cup third round victory over First Division high-fliers Burnley in front of 19,683 at Turf Moor: Dickie Guy, Bob Stockley, Jeff Bryant, Dave Donaldson, Billy Edwards, Dave Bassett, Ian Cooke, Selwyn Rice, Roger Connell, Keiron Somers, Mick Mahon. It was the first time a non-League side had won away to top-flight opposition in the FA Cup since the war. The Dons held reigning League

Champions Leeds United to a 0-0 draw in the fourth round with Dickie Guy famously saving a Peter Lorimer penalty and narrowly lost 1-0 in the replay.

The Burnley team was: Alan Stevenson, Peter Noble, Keith Newton, Brian Flynn, Colin Waldron, Jim Thomson (Colin Morris), Billy Ingham, Ray Hankin, Paul Fletcher, Doug Collins, Leighton James.

## 1985/86 BIRMINGHAM 1 v ALTRINCHAM 2

Conference side Altrincham travelled to First Division Birmingham City in the FA Cup third round on 14th January 1986. Robert Hopkins scored at both ends during the second-half, with his own goal and Ronnie Ellis' volley giving the following Altrincham team a 2-1 win: Jeff Wealands, Phil Gardner, Peter Densmore, Jeff Johnson, Paul Cuddy, Peter Conning, Ronnie Ellis (Mike Farrelly), John Davison, Paul Reid, Colin Chesters, Gary Anderson. Altrincham had previously taken top-flight sides Everton and Spurs to FA Cup third round replays and were destined to win at Wembley in that season's FA Trophy final.

The Birmingham team was: David Seaman, Ray Ranson, Julian Dicks, Jim Hagan, Ken Armstrong, Martin Kuhl (Billy Wright), Des Bremner, Brian Roberts, Andy Kennedy, Nicky Platnauer, Robert Hopkins.

## 1988/89 SUTTON UTD 2 v COVENTRY 1

Coventry City had won the FA Cup two years earlier but were victims of a famous Cup upset in this third round tie at Gander Green Lane on 7th January 1989. Skipper Tony Rains' opener was equalised by Coventry's David Phillips but Matthew Hanlan's 58th minute goal gave the following Sutton United team a 2-1 win over the Sky Blues: Trevor Roffey, Robyn Jones, Tony Rains, Nigel Golley, Vernon Pratt, Paul Rogers, Micky Stephens, Phil Dawson, Lenny Dennis, Paul McKinnon, Matthew Hanlan. Coventry were lying fifth in the top-flight at the time. Sutton crashed to an 8-0 defeat at Norwich City in the fourth round.

The Coventry team was: Steve Ogrizovic, Brian Borrows, David Phillips, Steve Sedgley, Brian Kilcline, Trevor Peake, Dave Bennett, David Speedie, Cyrille Regis (Keith Houchen), Lloyd McGrath, David Smith.

## 2012/13 NORWICH 0 v LUTON 1

Conference side Luton Town stunned Premier League Norwich City at Carrow Road in the FA Cup fourth round on 26th January 2013. Norwich missed decent chances through Grant Holt and Leon Barnett before substitute Scott Rendell's 80th minute strike at the near post capped a monumental display by the following Luton team watched by 26,521: Mark Tyler, Ronnie Henry, Janos Kovacs, Lathaniel Rowe-Turner, Greg Taylor, Alex Lawless, Arnaud Mendy (JJ D'Donnell), Jonathan Smith, Jake Howells, Jon Shaw (Scott Rendell), Andre Gray (Stuart Fleetwood). The Hatters lost 3-0 at home to Millwall in the fifth round.

The Norwich team was: Declan Rudd, Russell Martin, Leon Barnett, Ryan Bennett, Javier Garrido, Elliott Bennett (Anthony Pilkington), David Fox, Jonathan Howson, Andrew Surman (Wes Hoolahan), Simeon Jackson, Harry Kane (Grant Holt).



## 2016/17 BURNLEY O v LINCOLN 1

Conference leaders Lincoln City gained a shock FA Cup fifth round victory over top-flight Burnley at Turf Moor on 18th February 2017. Sean Raggett's last-minute header gave the following Lincoln team a dramatic 1-0 win in front of 19,185: Paul Farman, Bradley Wood, Luke Waterfall, Sean Raggett, Sam Habergham, Nathan Arnold, Alex Woodyard, Alan Power, Terry Hawkridge (Joe Ward), Jack Muldoon (Dayle Southwell), Matt Rhead (Jamie McCombe). It was the first time a non-League club had reached the FA Cup quarter-finals for 103 years. The Imps lost 5-0 at eventual winners Arsenal in the next round.

The Burnley team was: Tom Heaton, Tendayi Darikwa, Michael Keane, James Tarkowski, Jon Flanagan, Johann Berg Gudmundsson (George Boyd), Ashley Westwood, Joey Barton, Scott Arfield, Andre Gray, Sam Vokes (Ashley Barnes).



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# The Wood's impressive unbeaten run came to an end with a 2–1 defeat at Forest Green Rovers.

The hosts dominated the first half and went ahead on 34 minutes when Jili Buyabu's fine strike beat Finlay Herrick, with the Wood's only real chance before the break coming in the form of a Zak Brunt shot, hit straight at Rovers shot stopper, Luke McNicholas.

Robbie Savage's side continued to press after half-time, but Wood substitutes Luke Norris and Cameron Coxe helped shift the momentum. Within minutes, Coxe forced a save before Norris set up Matt Rush to level on 65 minutes, capitalising on a goalkeeping error. However, hopes of a comeback were dashed when Coxe was penalised for handball, and Harvey Bunker converted the resulting penalty on 75 minutes.









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York City twice came from behind to hold the Wood to a 2-2 draw at the LNER Community Stadium.

Matt Rush struck early for Luke Garrard's, firing home on the rebound inside two minutes after a brilliant Abdulmalik dribble and saved effort. However, Alex Newby levelled for the Minstermen on the stroke of half-time.

Rush restored the Wood lead in the second half with a close-range finish at the far post, putting him on a brace. However, York's persistence paid off late on when Ryan Fallowfield rose to head home an 89th-minute equaliser, ensuring the hosts claimed a point and halting the Wood's bid to move to the summit.









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3	CARLISLE UNITED	8	5	2	1	8	5	1	2	16	10	3	3	30	18	12	33
4	BOREHAM WOOD	8	6	1	1	8	3	4	1	16	9	5	2	30	17	13	32
5	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	8	5	2	1	8	4	3	1	16	9	5	2	25	13	12	32
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14	YEOVIL TOWN	8	3	2	3	8	3	0	5	16	6	2	8	18	24	-6	20
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19	ALTRINCHAM	8	3	0	5	8	1	2	5	16	4	2	10	18	25	-7	14
20	ALDERSHOT TOWN	8	2	2	4	8	1	2	5	16	3	4	9	29	35	-6	13
21	BRAINTREE TOWN	8	2	3	3	8	1	1	6	16	3	4	9	13	24	-11	13
22	TRURO CITY	8	3	1	4	8	0	2	6	16	3	3	10	17	27	-10	12
23	MORECAMBE	7	2	0	5	8	1	2	5	15	3	2	10	21	41	-20	11
24	SUTTON UNITED	8	1	3	4	8	0	3	5	16	1	6	9	20	32	-12	9

#### **FIXTURES**

#### **TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2025**

BOREHAM WOOD V ALDERSHOT TOWN CARLISLE UNITED V FC HALIFAX TOWN HARTLEPOOL UNITED V MORECAMBE ROCHDALE V SCUNTHORPE UNITED YEOVIL TOWN V WEALDSTONE

#### **WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2025**

ALTRINCHAM V BOSTON UNITED BRAINTREE TOWN V BRACKLEY TOWN SOLIHULL MOORS V TRURO CITY SUTTON UNITED V EASTLEIGH WOKING V SOUTHEND UNITED YORK CITY V GATESHEAD

#### **SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2025**

ALDERSHOT TOWN V FOREST GREEN ROVERS
BOSTON UNITED V ROCHDALE
BRACKLEY TOWN V BOREHAM WOOD
EASTLEIGH V YORK CITY
FC HALIFAX TOWN V HARTLEPOOL UNITED
GATESHEAD V SOLIHULL MOORS
MORECAMBE V SUTTON UNITED
SCUNTHORPE UNITED V YEOVIL TOWN
SOUTHEND UNITED V CARLISLE UNITED
TAMWORTH V WOKING
TRURO CITY V ALTRINCHAM
WEALDSTONE V BRAINTREE TOWN





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### **LEAGUE NEWS**



#### END OF AN ALTY ERA

Altrincham have parted ways with longserving manager Phil Parkinson and assistant Neil Sorvel after seven years in charge — the club's longest uninterrupted reign.

Their exit follows a dismal run of six defeats and a draw, capped by a cup exit to lower-league Winsford United. Parkinson's tenure transformed Alty from Northern Premier League strugglers to National League regulars, but recent results left the club near the relegation zone.

Chairman Mark Luby called it a "difficult but necessary decision," confirming a full search for a new boss. Former Wealdstone manager Neil Gibson takes interim charge alongside assistant Lee Jones.



#### MOORS LAND EXPERIENCED CHIEF

Solihull Moors have named former Coventry City CEO Dave Boddy as their new chief executive.

Boddy spent seven years guiding Coventry from League Two to the Championship before departing in 2024. He praised Solihull's infrastructure and training facilities, describing them as "the envy of most League One and Two clubs."

Promising to bring "experience, ideas and enthusiasm," Boddy aims to drive the National League side's growth on and off the pitch. The appointment signals Moors' ambition to build on recent progress and strengthen their push toward the Football League under a proven football administrator.

#### TYNE AND WEARY: TINNERS MAKE HISTORY



Truro City made history with a gruelling 914-mile round trip to Gateshead, the longest in the history of the English game.

The Cornish club led 2-0 through Dominic Johnson-Fisher and Christian Oxlade-Chamberlain before being held to 2-2 draw by the Heed, earning a hard-fought point and a free pint courtesy of Sky Bet's £920 bar tab for travelling fans.

Manager John Askey admitted the marathon bus ride was "not ideal" but said it underlines the club's toughness. Chairman Eric Perez noted that the miles help build team cohesion, while many long-time supporters accept the travel as part of life with one of England's most remote clubs.



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#### **ENTERPRISE NATIONAL LEAGUE**

## **FORM GUIDE**

#### **FORM - LAST 6 MATCHES**

POS.	TEAM			FO		F	A	PTS		
1	ROCHDALE	w	W	L	w	w	D	11	3	13
2	FC HALIFAX TOWN	w	W	W	W	L	D	12	7	13
3	BOREHAM WOOD	w	D	W	W	D	L	10	5	11
4	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	w	L	W	D	D	W	10	6	11
5	SOUTHEND UNITED	L	L	D	W	W	W	10	5	10
6	YEOVIL TOWN	w	W	W	L	L	D	8	9	10
7	CARLISLE UNITED	L	L	W	W	W	D	9	11	10
8	WOKING	D	L	W	D	W	D	9	5	9
9	YORK CITY	D	L	W	W	D	D	11	8	9
10	EASTLEIGH	D	W	D	L	D	W	6	5	9
11	BOSTON UNITED	D	D	W	D	L	W	8	8	9
12	TAMWORTH	D	D	W	D	W	L	8	8	9
13	WEALDSTONE	D	D	W	D	L	W	8	8	9
14	TRURO CITY	L	W	L	D	W	D	11	8	8
15	GATESHEAD	L	W	W	L	D	D	10	9	8
16	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	w	D	L	L	D	W	9	9	8
17	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	w	D	D	L	L	W	7	8	8
18	SOLIHULL MOORS	L	W	L	D	W	L	5	10	7
19	SUTTON UNITED	D	D	L	D	D	L	8	11	4
20	MORECAMBE	L	D	L	L	W	L	9	14	4
21	BRACKLEY TOWN	w	L	L	L	D	L	1	7	4
22	BRAINTREE TOWN	L	L	D	D	L	D	2	7	3
23	ALTRINCHAM	L	L	L	D	L	D	4	9	2
24	ALDERSHOT TOWN	L	L	D	L	L	L	6	16	1

#### TODAYS MASCOTS



#### LOUIS POSNER

Age: 8 Years Old Favourite Team(s): Spurs 8 Boreham Wood Favourite Player: Ronaldo Favourite Wood Player:

Favourite Wood Player:
Abdul Abdulmalik
Score Prediiction:
3-1 to The Wood



#### TOBY POSNER

Age: 5 Years Old Favourite Team(s): Spurs 8 Boreham Wood Favourite Player: Ronaldo Favourite Wood Player: Zac Brunt

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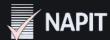
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- 5 Chris BUSH
- 6 Charlie O'CONNELL
- 7 Erico SOUSA
- 8 Zak BRUNT
- 9 Junior DIXON
- 10 Abdul ABDULMALIK
- 11 Jon BENTON
- 12 Joe NEWTON
- 14 Aaron HENRY
- 15 Jeff KING
- 16 Callum REYNOLDS
- 17 Charles CLAYDEN
- 18 Luke NORRIS
- 19 Tom WHITE
- 20 Lewis RICHARDSON
- 32 Matt RUSH



#### Manager

#### Scott LINDSEY

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- 4 Geraldo BAJRAMI
- 5 Charlie BAKER
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- 23 Fate KOTEY
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