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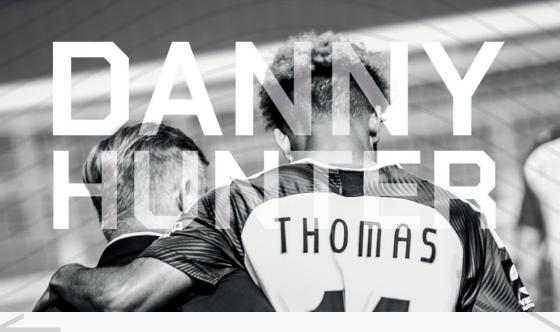
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Tonight we welcome our very good friends from Aldershot Town, can I wish their Directors, Manager, players and supporters a pleasant stay with us and a safe journey home.

Well it's currently our best ever start to a National League season, as we presently average two points a game, sit fourth in the National League and have progressed seamlessly into the 2nd Round proper of the FA Cup having despatched Eastbourne Borough and Crawley Town 3-0 in both of those games.

Having had to write these notes on Sunday prior to the FA Cup draw on Monday night, we do not know yet who we've pulled out of the hat, but let's hope it's a winnable home fixture that might attract a bit of broadcast interest.

Our performances and I know it's still very early on in the season, has not only been enjoyable but really entertaining to watch and I feel I know many of the reasons for that and feel the quiet improvements we've made across the club are multiple since the end of last season and are at present there for all to see and Luke and the dressing are clearly enjoying themselves immensely and playing with real freedom

Our season though has been given lift off after a very patchy pre-season, by the current form, the growth and the improvement of our promotion winning players in Abdul Abdulmalik, Erico Souza, Nathan Ashmore, Charlie O'Connell, Chris Bush, Matt Rush, Cameron Coxe, Junior Dixon, Callum Reynolds, Charles Clayden and Femi llesanmi, who have made our squad from 1 to 21 strong, adaptable and cohesive.

Much of our on field improvements have also been down to a competitive budget used wisely by both Charlie Hunter and Luke Garrard and by them working together they've managed to bring in some very good players including Joe Newton, Jeff King, Tom White, Luke Norris, Lewis Richardson, Aaron Henry and secured the loans of Finn Herrick and our old friend Zac Brunt.

Our club re set has included some very honest meetings, followed by some tough decisions that were made back in January that saw us sell Lee Ndlovu to Barnet with just fourteen weeks of last season left. Lee had refused a new contract, he made it clear he wouldn't sign a new one and though I respected his decision I didn't want him to walk away at the end of the season on a free, so I nicked a few bob off Barnet in the transfer window and it worked out great for all parties.

That said, far tougher decisions would come in April/May after we had secured promotion via the play offs. As it meant with us being in a higher division, we would not offer new terms to a slightly injury prone Kwezi Appiah nor the equally injury prone David Agbontohoma. We also decided against taking Josh Hare, Mo Sagaf. Josef Yarney, Jayden Richardson, Mo Sagaf and the fantastic Tyrone Marsh who it was decided had run their final race at the club.

To clear up any present goalkeeper questions for those who don't know, Finn Herrick's successful recent loan here was ended a week ago with an out of the blue recall phone call from his parent club West Ham United. That in turn meant our goalkeeper Nathan Ashmore had his loan cut short at Bedford Town and Ash returned to us last Thursday.

For those not at the game on Saturday, Nathan went straight back into the team seamlessly and his performance was exactly what we've come to expect of him over the years, as we battered Crawley Town 3-0 to thankfully book our place in the FA Cup 2nd Round.

Anyway, back to tonight's game, where we will face a very high scoring Aldershot team with a new manager at the helm in the vastly experienced John Coleman. Johns' appointment came after previous manager Tommy Widdrington walked out on the Shots a few weeks ago and seemingly put himself on the dole. Surprise, surprise, he turned up a few days later at Eastbourne Borough to take a job in the division below.... that as they say is football but in truth it's not for me.

Of course, the above is none of my business, but it does show you how quickly things can change and how quick things become unsettled for Clubs, Owners, Chairman, Managers, Players and Supporters at any football club. When you think just 6 months ago, we were battling away in National South trying to win the play offs, while Aldershot were at Wembley Stadium lifting the FA Trophy with tens of thousands of Shots fans in glorious attendance.

When you look how quickly things change in football, tonight we will play Aldershot just six months after their FA Trophy win, with their victorious manager having walked away without giving a days notice. While we as a club having won the National South Play Offs, now sit fourth in the National League and are in the 2nd Round of the FA Cup, how crazy is that?

Not that my opinion matters, but I do feel most problems at our level are

caused by rashness, ego, stupidity and money. Our level is not Premier League nor about lawyers or multimillion-pound contracts, it's more about communication, relationships, agreed wages and trust.

Sometimes at clubs like ours, there's just not enough 'old fashioned' communication anymore, not enough face to face contact anymore and not enough designated in room meetings anymore, especially with your key people and when that happens things can often be open to misrepresentation, interpretation and misunderstandings.

For me there is now far too much outside noise away from a club and I can see that good hard-working people have allowed themselves to get immersed in it. That means there are far too many opinions, distractions, misrepresentation and hurtful social media posts that are all to often listened too.

When you add in the woke world who also love an opinion when it suits them, then there are 'new school' layers of ill-informed social media abuse to deal with and most of that is built on half-truths, personal opinion, bull s*** and ignorance, which I feel gets in the way of 'old fashioned' relationships and perhaps a chat over a cup of tea or coffee to solve a problem or an issue is more helpful.

Club relationships if you allow them, can deteriorate quickly in the modern world, especially if people want to live in text, email or social media world. As you won't get the chance to build trust or a relationship that way and it's not something I would choose as a way of working here.

I favour having a face to face chat, perhaps a bit of lunch or supper and some eye contact with key staff instead of receiving a text, call or an email everyday, as it gets people into rooms together, it gets everyone knowing each other just a little bit better and I feel it's a more personal way of working on a more human level.

Most things in football are not rocket science, as with respect to the football industry at our level, it's perhaps the thickest industry I've ever been involved in and it's very different to the film industry which I grew up in and earned my living from ha-ha. I say that as I now have to deal with some ridiculous agents, intermediaries and player representatives with absolutely no qualifications other than them saying "can I have", "we want" and "me, me, me"...

I find if our club sticks to its "old school' values and if we simply treat a players signed contract as the rule book, then most people (perhaps not all the agents), are just normal and want to be valued, listened to, want to be relevant, want to play, want job security and at times they might just need a bit of 'old fashioned' support and communication on where they stand.

I think most of my long serving staff and dressing room like that and just want a bit of honesty from the top whether that's good, bad or ugly and will accept honesty even if it's not what they want to hear, as long as it's given without fear or favour. I feel that within a football club, it's when issues are ignored that small issues quickly become big issues, so here we try to communicate regularly, and I do have an open door policy within reason..

So, from the outside looking in, when I see a respectable manager like Tommy Widdrington suddenly walk away from a big club, we do make summations rightly or wrongly. In my experience these things normally happen because of issues left unanswered or unchecked and those factors are often unknown to the loyal club supporter but trust me when I say this, in my experience the Chairman is often the last to know the truth.

Of course, a club and chairman's reputation re stability is huge and a club's stability can often depend on the owners financial position, their cashflow and in truth depend on what financial commitment and investment a chairman or owner is willing to put into thier club in both the short and mid-term. They can decide to either build success or simply survive, as both options at this level are bloody expensive.

For me as an owner my job is always to do what I feel is right for my club, my town, my fans and my wider community, but first I must do my sums at operational level and ensure I firstly look after my staff. It's of course my job to factor in everything from projected future investment, to all current income and expenditure, and perhaps budget for growth and any club builds, while covering all player and management costs.

It's my job to create and foster our clubs overall work ethic and temper unrealistic goals and look at all secured future investment and any other possible funding opportunities. I do that long before I start balancing our books but in truth you must be unemotional and realistic regarding your expectations, as that especially

for new owners and chairman can often be their downfall and why they don't seem to last.

I'm far too long in the tooth to make those mistakes, but I still tend to look at my staff turnover on a yearly basis away from the dressing room numbers and I look very closely at my department managers, their working practices and their staff turnover which is often revealing. Whether that's in community, bar, cleaning, maintenance, grounds team, hospitality, stewarding, academy and all things in between.

I feel being a manager in whatever capacity at a club, is often more about nurturing loyalty and creating an environment that allows for happy staff. If your key staff can create a good environment for you it does help to build a community-based football club and it often tells me who are my senior key staff are and who out of them can lead.

A small club like ours cannot rely only on dressing room performances, though in recent years the dressing room is where most of my money gets spent. Though it's where you the supporters and the wider community judge me as both an owner and as chairman. In truth I now accept that judgement and expectation now comes with the territory through social media.

As I've got older, I think I've mellowed a bit in terms of how I run my home life, business life and football life, and I do try to have a life work balance but in simple terms I'm just not very good at it. In truth this club is my life, and I do need to complete the build at the South end of the ground while I'm young enough to enjoy it.

I'm also trying to be a tad more open with you all and have an open communication policy with my partners, manager, key staff and even the players if they ever need me. I do believe as I've got older that my experience to run the football club, pay the wages, pay the bills on time and look to the future and balance the books is now water off a ducks back and I find that part of the job easy.

What's not so easy is to provide genuine guidance, advice and care to those who work for me and not just be an employer who pays for a service with no human element or care included. Putting people on my payroll certainly doesn't entitle me to treat people with disrespect but that's also a two-way street and at present the feeling around the club with my staff and dressing room is excellent and as good as it's ever been.

Most of my key people have been with me for over twenty years, they are in truth not just my work colleagues they are more like family members and even though I chose a long time ago to be the captain of this particular ship, I know I cannot progress anything here without those key staff around me.

I firmly believe we will achieve great things over the next two or three years, but these very special people will need to be at my side when the stadium is finally built. I hope at 63 years old that I've matured a bit, as I took over here when I was just 36 years old, which means I've given more than half my adult life to our football club. I must accept that I'm not the easiest owner to work with especially if your not totally committed to this football club, as I expect things.

In truth the younger generation don't seem to like a dress code, punctuality, and governance.

I expect my staff and dressing room to work well together and in tandem. Mostly though I want a club that always has each other's back in both the good and bad times and will always try and work to its maximum every day of the week and twice on Sundays.

In return, my staff and dressing room can expect their wages to be paid on time and their owner to be a man of his word as those things should be a given. My staff and dressing room has every right to expect high standards from me and the club, as we are now a professional football club and as such we must act accordingly at all times.

It's important we provide them with good onsite facilities, including good training pitches and shower facilities, ensure we feed them and care for them while onsite, provide them with a good manager and good coaching staff, we will provide them with good strength and conditioning staff, provide them with fit for purpose gym facility and provide them with good medical staff and top class consultants.

We also provide them with all things analysis and if required we provide them with assessment equipment for a player's rehab, alongside the vests for their fitness metrics. These innovations are now required in the modern game, required for the modern player and required for the modern manager. In truth these things are now a vital part of what you need to do to keep a happy dressing room.

After relegation just a season and a half ago, we have slowly re set and rebuilt ourselves and that started firstly with us finding more mental resilience as without that, doubt, fear, failure and suffocation would have taken over. We have worked hard to go again, and I feel we've earned each other's respect and perhaps learned you cannot demand respect by title, respect is only earned by actions, leadership and deed.

Like all clubs at our level, we ensure we travel correctly and from top to bottom we only ask that everyone adhere's to our club's code of conduct. I firmly believe that our processes, procedures, structures, club rules and the clubs code of conduct really does work, especially if we want sustained success as we have "no different rules for different schools" here.

As an aside we also provide our players with additional personal insurance cover, as this leagues insurance cover (which you cannot opt out of) is in my opinion a disgrace to our level of football in terms of how it looks after our players and that's completely unfair to all the talented players who ply their trade at our level.

The National League Board in my opinion should be ashamed of themselves in forcing us to take up and pay for what is an unfit insurance policy, as it is not fit for purpose.

They should remember that it's the players and only the players who are the stars of their show and for me the board should provide all dressing rooms with the very best injury and player care insurance policies available....

Unfortunately, the National League never has seen things my way and after years and years of trying to implement better cover, I've long since given up hope that this league will ever have a change of heart and provide the adequate insurance cover desperately needed for all dressing rooms at our level.

For me it's now up to the clubs (on top of what the National League automatically take out from central funding) to create its own care programmes for all its players in the best way we can but that's another story for another day.

Anyway, let's get back to tonight and the very difficult task of overcoming a John Coleman led Aldershot team. Last time if memory serves me, Aldershot beat us here quite emphatically just two seasons ago in the league? They certainly gave us a real chasing and knocked us out of last season's FA Trophy at their place on their way to lifting the FA Trophy. So I hope we can nick a win and try to turn the tables on them tonight.

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

Take care

Danny

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Good evening, firstly I would like to welcome John Coleman, his Staff and Players to Mangata Developments Stadium for tonights National League fixture.

John has only recent taken the role as Manager and will no doubt in the coming weeks put his stamp on the side, his first game was a tough away day against Weston-Super-Mare in the FA Cup to only lose after extra time.

He will know exactly what is required and with his experience and understanding of the game in my opinion will have Aldershot competing nearer the top of the table come the seasons end.

They are a side that is involved in some really entertaining matches, with four or more goals being seen in an impressive 12 fixtures this term.

They currently have the 5th best return for goals scored and sit 2nd bottom for goals conceded, we need to appreciate their threats going forward and guard against this but have a real attitude to getting at them with our offensive players and putting them to the sword.

We have been really productive in front of goal averaging over two goals a game in our recent matches, this is an area I still believe we can improve on.

Our data is showing how dominate we are, whether that's touches in opposition box, final third entries, XG and possession.

But I have drilled the group in being better in front of goal, we have had opportunities to be way more clinical, and I want us to have that ruthlessness to kill off the opposition.

We are continuously reviewing our work and looking for ways to improve, this squad is one that wants to learn and get better. For me as a manager that is important and the way I get constantly challenged to deliver on game plans is good for me as it keeps me consistent and insures I can't leave any stone unturned.

I felt on Saturday in the FA Cup was evidence of this, the way the players delivered on what was asked of them was incredible.

Crawley are a side that look to take control of the ball and the way in which the boys pressed and hunted in packs showed great understanding of what was required.

That performance for me was up there for a near complete display, the way in which we played through their press, created many opportunities on the transition and then being clinical when it came to the finish was extremely pleasing.

To convincingly beat a League 2 side in the manner we did will give us even more confidence, the group has shown consistently they can deliver and it's now for myself and the management to keep driving standards daily for them to stay humble and hungry to continue to wanting to be better.

We now turn our focus back to the League where we want to get maximum points tonight, to stay with the chasing pack.

We know this is our bread and butter and the memories and moments in the FA Cup is great, but we have an ambition and agenda this season and tonight is all about winning.

The supporters were amazing again on Saturday and we are going to need you more than ever, so continue to get right behind the boys and lift the energy in the ground tonight.

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| SAT 9 | HOME | 15.00 | ROCHDALE | NL | 0-2 | 1,151 | ASHMORE | COXE V | ILESANMI | BUSH | O'CONNELL |
| TUE 12 | HOME | 19.00 | NOTTINGHAM FOREST U21 | NLC | 2-0 | 418 | ASHMORE | ILESANMI ▼ | O'CONNELL | SOUSA V | WHELAN |
| SAT 16 | AWAY HOME | 15.00 19:45 | CARLISLE UNITED BRAINTREE TOWN | NL | 3-3 | 8,741 | ASHMORE ASHMORE | COXE | ILESANMI ▼ | BUSH | O'CONNELL : |
| WED 20 MON 25 | HOME | 19:45 | TRURO CITY | NL NL | 2-1 | 974 958 | ASHMORE | COXE V | ILESANMI | BUSH | O'CONNELL |
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| WED 3 | AWAY | 19:45 | SUTTON UNITED | NL | 4-3 | 1,852 | ASHMORE | ILESANMI | BUSH | O'CONNELL | SOUSA @ |
| SAT 6 | HOME | 15:00 | MORECAMBE | NL | 3-0 | 1,035 | HERRICK | ILESANMI V | BUSH | O'CONNELL | SOUSA |
| TUE 9 | HOME | 19:00 | WEST BROMWICH ALBION U21 | NLC | 3-1 | 443 | ASHMORE | COXE | ILESANMI V | BUSH | O'CONNELL |
| SAT 13 | HOME | 15:00 | ALTRINCHAM | NL | 3-1 | 921 | HERRICK | ILESANMI | BUSH | O'CONNELL - | SOUSA ⊕⊕ ▼ |
| SAT 20 | AWAY | 15:00 | BOSTON UNITED | NL | 2-0 | 1,812 | HERRICK | ILESANMI | BUSH | O'CONNELL | BRUNT @ |
| WED 24 | AWAY | 19:45 | SCUNTHORPE UNITED | NL | 1-1 | 3,602 | HERRICK | ILESANMI | BUSH | O'CONNELL | BRUNT |
| SAT 27 | HOME | 15:00 | WOKING | NL | 1-0 | 1,208 | HERRICK | BUSH | O'CONNELL | BRUNT ▼ | ABDULMALIK ▼ |
| TUE 30 | HOME | 19:45 | SOUTHEND UNITED | NL | 1-1 | 1,839 | HERRICK | ILESANMI - | BUSH - | O'CONNELL | BRUNT ■ ▼ |
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| SAT 4 | AWAY | 15:00 | YEOVIL TOWN | NL | 3-0 | | HERRICK | ILESANMI © ▼ | BUSH | O'CONNELL | BRUNT |
| SAT 11 | AWAY | 15:00 | EASTBOURNE BOROUGH | FAC | 3-0 | 1,019 | HERRICK | BUSH | O'CONNELL | BRUNT ▼ | ABDULMALIK ↔ ▼ |
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| SAT 25 | AWAY | 15:00 | FOREST GREEN ROVERS | NL NL | 1-2 | 1,825 | HERRICK | ILESANMI | BUSH | O'CONNELL | SOUSA ▼ |
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| SAT 1 | HOME | 15:00 | CRAWLEY TOWN | FAC | 3-0 | 1.536 | ASHMORE | BUSH | O'CONNELL | SOUSA | BRUNT ⊕ ■ ▼ |
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| SAT 15 | HOME | 15:00 | TAMWORTH | NL | | | | | | | |
| SAT 22 | AWAY | 15:00 | GATESHEAD | NL | | | | | | | |
| TUE 25 | HOME | 19:00 | LEICESTER CITY U21 | NLC | | | | | | | |
| SAT 29 | HOME | 17:30 | FC HALIFAX TOWN | NL | | | | | | | |
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| TUE 2 | HOME | 19:00 | WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS U21 | NLC | | | | | | | |
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| SAT 3 | HOME | 15:00 | YORK CITY | NL | | | | | | | |
| SAT 17 | AWAY | 15:00 | BRAINTREE TOWN | NL | | | | | | | |
| WED 21 | HOME | 19:45 | SCUNTHORPE UNITED | NL | | | | | | | |
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| SAT 31 | HOME | 15:00 | BOSTON UNITED | NL | | | | | | | |
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| SAT 28 | HOME | 15:00 | TRURO CITY | NL | | | | | | | |
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| SAT 25 | HOME | 15:00 | SUTTON UNITED | NL | | | | | | | |
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IN THE DUGOUT



Manager: John COLEMAN

Coleman began his managerial career as player-manager at Ashton United in 1997 before joining Accrington Stanley, leading them from the Northern Premier League to the Football League during a remarkable 12-year spell. After brief tenures with Rochdale, Southport, and Sligo Rovers, he returned to Accrington, guiding them to the League Two title in 2018. Following later stints with Gillingham and Waterford, Coleman recently became Shots manager after the departure of Tommy Widdrington.

ONES TO WATCH



James CLARRIDGE

Born: 8 May 2004 Position: Defender

James Clarridge is a 21-year-old defender on loan at Aldershot Town from Watford until January 1st. A former England youth international up to Under-18 level, he began his career at Nottingham Forest before joining Watford in February last year. Clarridge gained senior experience last season with St Albans City, making 21 National League South appearances. Known for his composure on the ball, mobility, and physical strength, the centre-back has made a big impact at Aldershot.



Hady **GHANDOUR**

Born: 27 January 2000 Position: Forward

Hady Ghandour is a forward known for his strength, finishing, and versatility in attack. Born in Westminster in 2000, he began his career with Tooting & Mitcham United before joining Charlton Athletic in 2020, where he gained EFL experience and had loan spells with Maidstone United and Chelmsford City. After a permanent move to Maidstone, Ghandour signed for Aldershot in 2023. Of Lebanese descent, he has represented Lebanon at both youth and senior international levels.



Tristan ABRAHAMS

Born: 22 July 1997 Position: Forward

A product of Leyton Orient's academy, Abrahams made his Football League debut in 2017 before spells with Norwich City, Newport County, Carlisle United, and Eastleigh. Abrahams also featured for Grimsby Town, helping them win promotion in 2022, and later played for Gillingham, Welling United, and Maidenhead United. The striker joined the Shots in the summer following Maidenhead United's relegation, bringing valuable EFL and National League experience to the EBB Stadium.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

ALDERSHOT TOWN





3

Ndlovu (10'), Souda (15'p), Tshimanga (67')

13 April 2024 // 15:00 // National League

In the last league meeting between the two sides, Wood produced a stunning performance in front of the TNT Sports cameras, sweeping aside Aldershot Town with a 3–0 win.

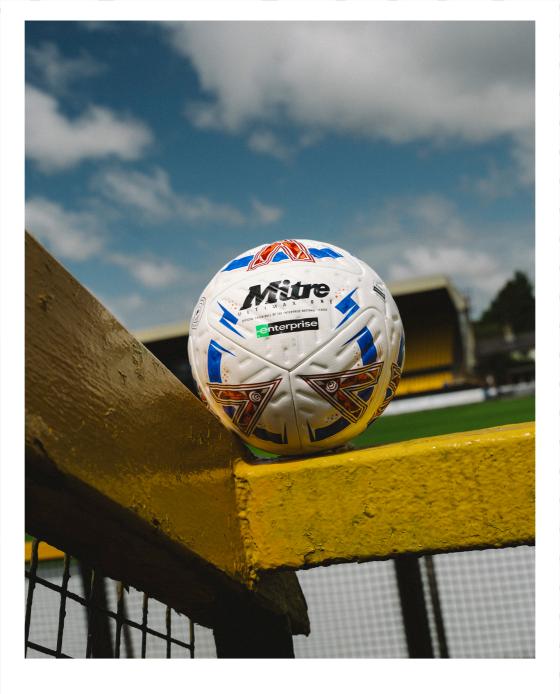
Luke Garrard's side attacked with intent from the outset and were two goals up inside 15 minutes. Lee Ndlovu opened the scoring with a composed finish after a driving run, before Erico Sousa calmly converted from the penalty spot after David Agbontohoma was brought down.

The Shots offered little response as the Wood's defence, led superbly by Chris Bush, stayed organised and composed. The hosts' faint hopes of a comeback were extinguished midway through the second half when Femi Ilesanmi threaded a perfect pass to Kabs Tshimanga, who slotted home the third. Ashmore would later deny Jack Barham to preserve a deserved clean sheet.











SHOOTING STARS

ALDERSHOT TOWN

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

NORMAN MENZIES

Scheming inside-left Norman Menzies topped Aldershot's goalscoring charts on four occasions. Initially with Hexham Hearts, he joined Barnsley in October 1949 but failed to make an impact and moved to the Recreation Ground in May 1950. He starred alongside Ken Flint as Aldershot reached the Southern Floodlit Cup final in 1956 and netted a then club record 91 goals in 221 Third Division (South) games before moving to Tonbridge in July 1958. Joining Yiewsley in June 1959, he played alongside Jackie Milburn in their attack, then had spells with Horsham YMCA and Fleet. He died in Rake, West Sussex. in June 2005.

JACK HOWARTH

Big striker Jack Howarth holds Aldershot's all-time goalscoring record. After failing to make the grade with Chelsea, he gained League experience with Swindon Town and moved to Aldershot in July 1965. He was leading marksman in five successive seasons including the 1969-70 FA Cup run and reunited with Dick Conner at Rochdale in January 1972. Rejoining Aldershot ten months later, he helped to clinch promotion in 1972-73 and was top scorer and 'Player of the Year' in 1973-74. He netted a club record 171 goals in 422 League games overall prior to joining AFC Bournemouth in January 1977, then Southport and Basingstoke.

MURRAY BRODIE

Long-serving favourite Murray Brodie holds Aldershot's appearance record. Initially with Cambernauld United, he joined Leicester City in October 1969 and scored on his League debut against Watford the following month. He joined Aldershot as part of the Joe Jopling deal in September 1970 and was leading marksman in 1971-72, then starred in their 1972-73 promotion success. Also featuring in successive promotion nearmisses and their 1978-79 FA Cup run, he netted 84 goals in 460 League games before moving to Basingstoke Town in July 1984. He later played for Camberley and became a policeman.

JOHN DUNGWORTH

Striker John Dungworth was leading marksman as Aldershot reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1978-79. Signing professional for Huddersfield Town in April 1972, he joined Oldham Athletic in March 1975 and was loaned to Rochdale before moving to Aldershot in September 1977. He starred as the Shots narrowly missed promotion in two consecutive seasons, netting 58 goals in 105 League outings prior to joining Shrewsbury Town for a record £100,000 in November 1979. He played for Mansfield Town, Rotherham United and Frickley Athletic, then coached at Sheffield United, Huddersfield and Sheffield Wednesday.

MARTIN FOYLE

Striker Martin Foyle was an important figure in Aldershot's 1986-87 promotion success and FA Cup run. Signing professional for Southampton in August 1980, he failed to secure a regular place in the top-flight and joined Aldershot in July 1984. He was leading marksman as the Shots took eventual winners Norwich City to a League Cup third round replay in 1984-85 and netted 35 goals in 98 League games before moving to Oxford

United in March 1987. Joining Port Vale in June 1991, he became their manager in February 2004, then managed York City, Northwich, Hereford and Southport. He has since held scouting posts.

BOBBY BARNES

Former England Youth winger Bobby Barnes scored twice in Aldershot's 1987 Fourth Division play-off final triumph. Signing professional for West Ham in September 1980, he helped win the FA Youth Cup in 1981 and gained top-flight experience before moving to Aldershot in March 1986. He also starred in their 1986-87 FA Cup run and netted 26 goals in 49 League games prior to joining Swindon Town in October 1987, then played for AFC Bournemouth and Northampton Town before helping Peterborough United clinch promotion in 1991-92. Later with Partick Thistle, he became a financial consultant with the PFA.

MARK BUTLER

Striker Mark Butler was leading marksman throughout Aldershot Town's early rise in non-League football. He had spells at Tongham, Ash United, Farnborough, Egham Town, Wycombe Wanderers, Chesham and Egham again before joining the newly reformed Aldershot in August 1992. Forming a lethal partnership with Steve Stairs, he starred as they won promotion three times in six seasons and were Isthmian League Cup finalists in 1996. He netted 155 goals in 303 games, moving to Staines in July 1998. Top scorer four times, he then played for Fleet and Chertsey. He rejoined Aldershot as commercial manager in July 2014.

GARY ABBOTT

England Semi-Pro striker Gary Abbott was Aldershot Town's top scorer in three successive seasons. Initially at Welling United, he starred in their 1985-86 Southern League Premier Division title triumph and joined Barnet in December 1987. He moved to Enfield in February 1989, then Welling again before joining Slough Town in June 1996. Moving to Aldershot in June 1998, he was 'Non-League Player of the Year' in 2000 and netted 120 goals in 156 games prior to rejoining Welling in May 2001. He then played for Grays Athletic,

Gravesend & Northfleet, Chesham and Welling again before spells as player-coach and manager.

TIM SILLS

England Semi-Pro striker Tim Sills starred as Aldershot Town twice qualified for the Conference play-offs. A former Millwall junior, he moved via Camberley to Basingstoke in March 1999 and was twice leading scorer. He joined Kingstonian in January 2002 and became Aldershot's first signing as a Conference club in May 2003. Partnering Roscoe D'Sane, he was twice top scorer, netting 42 goals in 98 games before joining Oxford United in January 2006. He then played for Hereford, Torquay, Stevenage, Aldershot, Basingstoke, Bashley, Gosport, Weymouth and Blackfield & Langley before managing Hamworthy and Wimborne.

JOHN GRANT

England Semi-Pro striker John Grant was leading marksman when Aldershot Town won the Conference National title in 2007-08. Signing professional for Crewe Alexandra in Julu 1999, he was loaned to Hude, Rushden &

Diamonds and Northwich before joining Hereford United in June 2002. He then had spells at Telford United. Shrewsburu and helped Halifax reach the 2006 Conference National play-off final. Moving to Aldershot in July 2006, he was top scorer and 'Plauer of the Year' as theu reached the FA Cup third round in 2006-07. netting 57 goals in 150 games. He later plaued for Barrow. Macclesfield and Droulsden.



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MATCH ACTION



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Rush (9'), Brunt (15'p), Abdulmalik (72')





1 November 2025 // 15:00 // Emirates FA Cup

The Wood cruised into the Emirates FA Cup Second Round Proper with a commanding 3–0 victory over EFL League Two side Crawley Town.

Luke Garrard's men dominated from the outset, taking the lead inside 10 minutes when Zak Brunt pounced on a defensive error to set up Matt Rush for a composed finish. Brunt then doubled the advantage from the penalty spot after being fouled himself. Crawley's hopes would then fade further just before the break when Ryan Loft was sent off for violent conduct.

With a man advantage, Boreham Wood controlled the second half and sealed the win through a stunning 25-yard strike from Abdul Abdulmalik, who curled home a superb third. The Wood backline, marshalled by Chris Bush and Callum Reynolds, stood firm throughout, giving goalkeeper Nathan Ashmore a quiet afternoon on his return from loan. It was a statement win for Garrard's side, who advance.









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MATCH ACTION



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Buyabu (34'), Bunker (75'p)



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Rush (65

25 October 2025 // 15:00 // National League

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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| 2 | SCUNTHORPE UNITED | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 28 | 14 | 14 | 33 |
| 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 |
| 6 | SOUTHEND UNITED | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 25 | 11 | 14 | 28 |
| 7 | YORK CITY | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 31 | 15 | 16 | 27 |
| 8 | FC HALIFAX TOWN | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 24 | 24 | 0 | 25 |
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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

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ALDERSHOT TOWN V FOREST GREEN ROVERS
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MAHADY EXTENDS IRON LOAN STAY

Scunthorpe United have extended the loan of Leeds United goalkeeper Rory Mahady for another month.

The 19-year-old impressed on his professional debut in the Iron's 3–1 win at York City last month, having joined the day before the match. A former Celtic youth product, Mahady joined Leeds in 2022 and has since become one of their brightest prospects, signing a new three-year deal this summer.

Mahady made 17 appearances in Premier League 2 last campaign and helped the Leeds U21 side that defeated the Iron earlier in the season lift the National League Cup. He has previously represented Scotland at U19 level, winning eight caps, and received his first U21 call-up in March.



MINSTERMEN SUFFER BIG DEFENSIVE BLOW

York City defender Ash Palmer has been ruled out for around three months after picking up an injury in their recent 2–2 draw with the Wood.

The 32-year-old was forced off before half-time, prompting concerns over the Minstermen's defensive depth during a critical period. Managerial staff are expected to adjust tactics and explore the loan market to plug the gap during Palmer's absence.

His experience and leadership will be missed as Stuart Maynard's side navigate a congested Enterprise National League schedule, and his recovery timeline adds pressure to a squad facing key fixtures in the coming weeks.

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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FORM - LAST 6 MATCHES

| POS. | TEAM | | | FO | RM | | | 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



MILES HOWE

Age: 3 Years Old

Favourite Team(s):

Arsenal

Favourite Player:

Bukayo Saka

Favourite Wood Player:

Erico Sousa

Score Prediiction: 2-0 to The Wood



OLIVER HOWE

Age:

6 Years Old

Favourite Team(s):

Arsenal

Favourite Player:

William Saliba

Favourite Wood Player:

Chris Bush

Score Prediiction:

3-0 to The Wood



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- 3 Femi ILESANMI
- 4 Jack PAYNE
- 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

John COLEMAN

- 1 Marcus DEWHURST GK
- 2 Josh BROOKING
- 3 Ollie HARFIELD
- 4 Luke JENKINS
- 5 Ben JACKSON
- 6 Theo WIDDRINGTON
- 7 Cameron HARGREAVES
- 8 Tuler FROST
- 6 Kwame THOMAS
- 10 Josh BARRETT
- 11 Ryan JONES
- 12 Keane ANDERSON
- 14 Jed MEERHOLZ
- 15 Charlie PENMAN
- 16 Pat NASH GK
- 17 James HENRY
- 18 Kiban RAI
- 19 Ryan HILL
- 20 Haydon VAUGHAN
- 21 Ashley AKPAN
- 22 Olly SCOTT
- 23 Hady GHANDOUR
- 24 Maxwell MULLINS
- 25 Will NIGHTINGALE
- 26 Joe LEWIS-EVANS
- 28 Archy TAYLOR
- 30 Tristan ABRAHAMS32 James CLARRIDGE
- 34 Dejan TETEK
- 42 Matt PENNEY

Match Officials





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Matthew SCHOLES

Tom HOLDEN

Damith BANDARA

Jack BLOXHAM







