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1ST ROUND:

1973/74, 1977/78, 1998/99, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018/19, 2023/24, 2024/25

2ND ROUND:

1996/97, 1997/98, 2017/18

3RD ROUND:

2020/21, 2022/23

5TH ROUND: 2021/22

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Today we welcome Brackley Town FC to the Mangata Developments Stadium for our Isuzu FA Trophy 3rd Round tie. May I welcome their Directors, Manager, players and supporters and hope they enjoy their stay with us and have a safe journey home.

Well it's been another fabulous month or so for our football club, town and our supporters both on and off the pitch. It's a period where we've continued to put points on the board in the league, progressed to the last eight of the National League Cup and beaten two EFL Clubs in Crawley Town and Newport County into the bargain to get ourselves to the 3rd Round Proper of the FA Cup.

Our performances have at times gone to another level and it's clear the squad strength and its quality when aligned with a hard work ethic is really paying off at present. Luke's new possession based style is also drawing plaudits from all corners (quite rightly) and we have now been drawn at home to Burton Albion in the FA Cup, though the date at the time of writing has not yet been officially confirmed.

Was I a tad disappointed with the FA Cup 3rd Round draw? In truth yes I was - but I always know when you are in the hands of the footballing gods and in all honesty the upside on this occasion, is that Burton Albion will be feeling the same as us.

That said, we both know this is a very winnable FA Cup tie and I know Burton will not enjoy coming here with all the pressure of being an EFL League 1 club and clear favourites, with everything that entails. Trust me they will already know we are a great underdog club with a great recent cup pedigree and we will be looking forward to the occasion and welcoming our third EFL Club this season to our humble abode.

Everyone knows we'll be ready on the day, so please make sure you buy your tickets early, buy in your numbers and let's get this place loud, noisy and bouncing once again as when you get at it early, we get at it on the day....

Today though is all about our only true route to Wembley,

other than a Play off final, and that means glory in the FA Trophy. This is a non league club's 'Wembley Way' and holy grail, as it's our non league version of the FA Cup and about realising that five wins can take you, your club and your town to Wembley Stadium and trust me it's the most magical of walks to go from Wembley Park station up Wembley Way.

That's a dream that both myself and Luke have shared for around a decade, we never seem to get to close in regards to the FA Trophy but it's a dream we still continue to share. For me every National League Club and the clubs in the North and South, really do have a chance of achieving something in this competition and to be walking out at Wembley Stadium with your town and community all present is something I'd love to do again before I retire......

I also know a lot of the bigger National League clubs will sack it off and treat the FA Trophy with a lack of respect to give their squad players more game time. That, trust me, will not be us, we will take the competition very seriously, which means whoever Luke picks in his starting XI this afternoon will have earned their shirt because "we're only in it to win it",

One downside however in the last few weeks and it's a very big one, has been the hamstring tear to our influential and in truth truly outstanding midfielder Tom White. The injury was a lot worse than we had perhaps expected and as such we've moved quickly to deal with scans and consultants to find the best possible solution for both player and club.

Tom has undergone an operation on Tuesday which I'm told has gone well, so we now hope after a period of rehab to have him back with us in and around March and ready for the run in.

Can I now thank everyone for your comments good or bad in regard to my recent programme notes regarding DAZN, its production quality and how I feel they are treating both fans and clubs alike, especially the bigger clubs with the bigger fanbases.

Of course, there are many other caveats which in my opinion will need honest and open communication and around the table discussion but that's not looking likely at present. As a quick update, I've now had respectful conversations with the National League Chairman Jack Pearce on three occasions and he has pragmatically told me that he understands my reasoning but the National League Board have refused to meet me as they are meeting with DAZN on the 16th December - make of that what you will?

I am of course slightly disappointed with that response but sort of expected it. However, I believe I have raised several relevant points, have 27 years experience of running a non league football club and I still believe all Club Chairmen and owners should already know the exact detail and small print of this new broadcast and streaming deal and should have had an input into any old or new discussions with DAZN.

I say that respectfully because I'm not trying to interfere but it's a fact that the National League Board did not consult with any of the member clubs before signing off on what appears to be a complex broadcast/streaming deal, which in any walk of life is quite ludicrous.

My conversations with Jack shall in the interim remain private, but I do hope after the Board have had their DAZN meeting, that they will perhaps seek a working party of Chairmen and Owners (not club employees) to work through these 'live' match scheduling issues, fire sticks issues, away fan travel issues, and all or any other club concerns.

By the Board refusing to meet me, it does smack of a god like attitude where there is a "we know better than you" stance already taken but most on the Board are not Chairmen or Owners who pay the bills or who underwrite their football clubs, they are mostly paid employees of clubs, yet they apparently know better than us mere mortals who have long track records in business and who run very successful companies.

Anyway, let me wrap these notes up by thanking my supporters, partners and sponsors for creating such a positive environment across the club and to thank Luke, the staff, the dressing room and of course the players for what has been an amazing period in the clubs recent' history.

Today is a day when I'd like to be a little greedy and see us in the last 32 of the FA Trophy, so here's hoping for a win no matter how it comes. We know Brackley Town will provide stern opposition but if you want to get to Wembley you must meet whoever stands in front of you.

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

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Good afternoon, firstly I would like to welcome Gavin Cowan, his Staff and Players to Mangata Developments Stadium for today Isuzu FA Trophy fixture.

With us both only facing each other last month, I can imagine the preparations has not changed that much in the lead up to this game.

Having gone and watched them live on Monday in anticipation for our match today, I was also fortunate to witness the FA Cup draw prior to the game and for us to then to be drawn to face them potentially in the FA Cup Third Round made my trip even more worthwhile.

Brackley were definitely good value within the game and deservedly went in at the break level, unfortunately for them Tyrese Shade showed his class completing his hat trick and ending the journey for Brackley in the Cup.

Our visitors have had great success in this competition, previously winning the Trophy back in 2018 and no doubt they will want to repeat that feat again this term.

For us this Cup has always been one we have targeted and have big ambitions of winning, we know how much of a task that would be to achieve but with our squad and personnel available we feel we owe it to ourselves to give it our full commitment, with an opportunity of walking up Wembley way how can you not want to progress as far as possible.

We are very appreciative of engaging the group and giving opportunities to as many as possible, but I am also considerate of the run we currently find ourselves in and the rhythm we currently have within the group.

We also had an in depth look into the amount of time we have had between fixtures, this year has been very accommodating in terms of our schedule and how we have been fortunate with games being six and seven days a part. We faced Newport County here 6 days ago and don't then play again until 7 day's time against Carlisle United here next Sunday.

So overplaying players at this stage of the season isn't something that concerns me, I also have to understand we have new relationships and partnerships within the starting 11 and giving them even more opportunity to gel and get a better understanding of each other is key.

If we are to be successful this Afternoon, that would be us fighting on all fronts going into the New Year, with an FA Cup Third Round Tie, FA Trophy 4th Round tie and a National Cup Quarter Final all to look forward to.

That's full credit to everyone involved at the Club, to be in the position we currently find ourselves has been one of excitement, these Seasons don't often

come around and when they do, they should be enjoyed.

The boys have been excellent in the way they have been playing, some of the football on display has been great to watch and to see them delivering on this especially against higher opposition shows everyone what actually can be achieved this Season.

Sunday's performance against Newport County was great, having rode our luck in the early stages to go on and dominate across all areas of the pitch shows the potential this squad possesses.

We are now seeing a level of performance on a consistent basis, playing with a swagger and style that I'm very proud of.

I keep saying it, we have so much more to come. The players are constantly improving and seeing this develop in such a short space of time has been pleasing.

We are always repeating and delivering a constant message about our expectations and how we see us evolving, this is done on a day to day, and we are now at a stage where we can kick on again.

The metrics we are currently recording shows longevity, shows we are regularly hitting landmarks that are required to fulfil what we want to fulfil.

The players are always updated on this and the areas we are doing good, this is important if you want to see growth and gain an understanding from a group.

Yes we have a lot of improving to do, yes we are nowhere near the finished article but early indications show we can really have an impact of this campaign if we continue doing this good work.

Today we want to continue our current form having won eight of our last nine matches, that winning habit is so important to harness and remaining consistent is very important.

Continue to get behind the boys, your support has been immense, and they are definitely responding to your noise and the atmosphere you are all creating.

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TUE 12	HOME	19.00	NOTTINGHAM FOREST U21	NLC	2-0	418	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	O'CONNELL	SOUSA ▼	WHELAN
SAT 16	AWAY	15.00	CARLISLE UNITED	NL	3-3	8,741	ASHMORE	COXE	ILESANMI ▼	BUSH	O'CONNELL :
WED 20	HOME	19:45	BRAINTREE TOWN	NL 	2-1	974	ASHMORE	COXE -	ILESANMI	BUSH	O'CONNELL
MON 25 SAT 30	HOME	15:00 15:00	TRURO CITY HARTLEPOOL UNITED	NL NL	2-1 0-0	958 3.612	ASHMORE ASHMORE	COXE V	ILESANMI BUSH	BUSH	O'CONNELL SOUSA
SEPTEMBER	AWAY	15:00	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	NL	U-U	3,612	ASHMURE	ILESANMI ▼	BUSH	O'CONNELL -	SUUSA
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		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 ■ ▼
OCTOBER											
SAT 4	AWAY	15:00	YEOVIL TOWN	NL	3-0	2,660	HERRICK	ILESANMI ⊕ ▼	BUSH	O'CONNELL	BRUNT
SAT 11	AWAY	15:00	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	FAC	3-0	1,019	HERRICK	BUSH	O'CONNELL	BRUNT ▼	ABDULMALIK ≎ ▼
SAT 18	HOME	15:00	EASTLEIGH	NL	1-0	1,021	HERRICK	BUSH _	O'CONNELL	SOUSA ▼	BRUNT ▼
TUE 21	AWAY	19:45	YORK CITY	NL	2-2	5,193	HERRICK	COXE	BUSH	O'CONNELL	SOUSA ■ ▼
SAT 25	AWAY	15:00	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	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 ⊕ ■ ▼
TUE 4	HOME	19:45	ALDERSHOT TOWN	NL	1-0	931	ASHMORE	BUSH	O'CONNELL	SOUSA V	BRUNT ▼
SAT 8	AWAY	15:00	BRACKLEY TOWN	NL	3-1	1,050	ASHMORE	BUSH	O'CONNELL	SOUSA 😌	BRUNT
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OUR VISITORS

BRACKLEY TOWN



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IN THE DUGOUT



Manager: Gavin COWAN

Cowan's playing career began as a defender with clubs including Braintree Town, Shrewsbury Town, and multiple spells at Nuneaton. Transitioning into coaching after earning sports science and FA qualifications, he served as player-coach at Solihull Moors before moving fully into management. Appointed Brackley Town Gaffer in 2023, Cowan led the club through consecutive play-off finals before securing the 2024–25 National League North title with his achievement earning him the league's Manager of the Season award.

ONES TO WATCH



Jonny MAXTED Born: 26 October 1993 Position: Goalkeeper

Maxted joined the Saints ahead of last season following the retirement of Danny Lewis. The former Doncaster Rovers keeper built experience with Forest Green, Guiseley, Accrington and Exeter before two years under ex-Brackley boss Jon Brady at Northampton. Signed from Newport County, where he debuted in the EFL Cup against Premier League Brentford, Maxted proved a reliable presence, featuring in every game for Gavin Cowan's side last season as they won the National League North title.



Gareth DEAN
Born: 25 January 1990
Position: Defender

The Saints' skipper and stalwart defender Gareth Dean, formerly of Nuneaton Town and Solihull Moors, has over 400 Brackley appearances. The number six at St James Park famously scored the added-time equaliser at Wembley in the 2018 FA Trophy final and has been a regular in the National League North Team of the Season prior to promotion to step one. Dean served as interim manager in 2022–23, leading Brackley to a play-off final, and later captained Gavin Cowan's side to last season's title triumph.



Matt LOWE Born: 11 March 1996 Position: Midfield

Matt Lowe is a talented midfielder who came through Cambridge United's youth system, gaining experience on loan at Cambridge City, Histon, and Wealdstone. Joining Brackley Town in 2015, he played a pivotal role in their survival fight and was part of the 2018 FA Trophy-winning squad. After two seasons with Accrington Stanley, Lowe returned to Brackley, making key contributions to last season's promotion-winning campaign and amassing over 200 appearances for the club.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

BRACKLEY TOWN



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Lowe (89



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Rush (45+1), Abdulmalik (61), Sousa (86)

8 November 2025 // 15:00 // National League

Last time out against Gavin Cowan's side, the Wood earned a deserved 3–1 win at St James Park, pairing control in possession with clinical finishing.

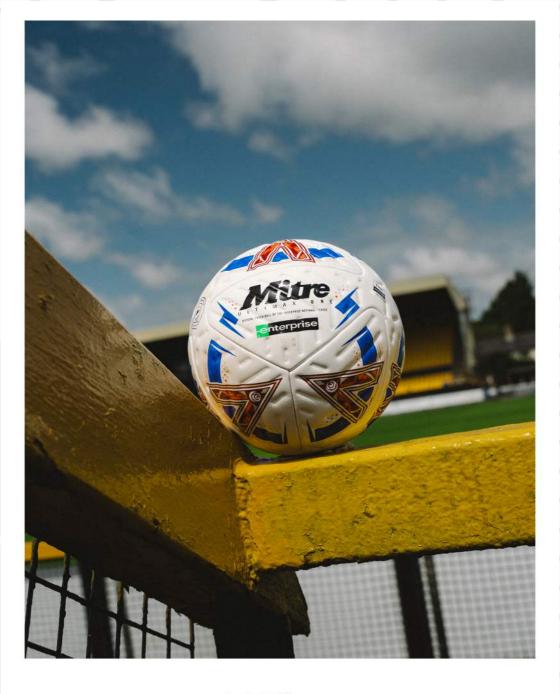
After a bright, open start, the Wood gradually imposed themselves, with Erico Sousa and Abdul Abdulmalik causing constant problems out wide. The pressure told just before the break when Zak Brunt released Matt Rush to fire Wood ahead and Brackley rallied briefly after half-time, but Abdulmalik doubled the lead on the hour, reacting quickly to fire home on the rebound after Maxted parried a Jeff King strike.

The Saints struck the post as they pushed forward, yet Wood's organisation held firm and Sousa sealed the points with a thunderous strike late in the game. Matt Lowe's stoppage-time header offered Brackley consolation, but Wood's composure and sharp attacking moments ensured a comfortable away victory that would keep Luke Garrard's side moving in the right direction.











MANAGING TO SUCCEED

BRACKLEY TOWN

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten leading Brackley Town managers

RAY STYLES

An influential figure in Brackley Town's history, Ray Styles managed Brackley during the club's first spell in the Hellenic League First Division. He plotted their 1983 Hellenic League First Division Cup success, then led them to the United Counties League First Division title at the first attempt in 1983-84, earning promotion to the United Counties League Premier Division. But arguably his most important contribution was helping to save the club from liquidation in February 1999. Together with Allan Leighton, the former chief executive of ASDA and chairman of The Co-operative Group, he became co-owner of Brackley Town, appointed chief executive.

TERRY MUCKELBERG

Former England Schoolboy defender Terry Muckelberg was a player and manager at Brackley Town. Starting with Oxford United, he joined Banbury United in August 1986, then Oxford City, Banbury again, Brackley, Buckingham Town, Daventry, Kettering Town and Worcester City. He helped Peter Foley's Marlow beat Oxford United in the 1994-95 FA Cup first round and moved via RC Warwick back to Brackley in July 1995. Returning to Banbury in July 1998, he rejoined Brackley in May 1999 and had a spell as player-manager, making a then club record 350 appearances overall. He later played for Banbury again and Hook Norton.

PETER FOLEY

Former Republic of Ireland U-21 striker Peter Foley managed Brackley Town to Hellenic League Premier Division runners-up in 2000-01. Initially with Oxford United, he was ever-present in 1976-77 and top scorer three times. He netted twice in their 1981-82 FA Cup fourth round victory at top-flight Brighton. Later playing for Gillingham, Bulova, Aldershot and Exeter, he was Witney Town's player-coach, then player-manager of Iggesund HIF, Thame United and Oxford City. He managed Marlow's 1994-95 FA Cup first round win over Oxford United, then managed Brackley, Didcot Town, Ardley Town and Banbury side Easington Sports.

PHIL LINES

Phil Lines had several spells as Brackley Town's manager. A former player with hometown Banbury United, he became coach, then manager. He assisted Ray Styles at Brackley, then managed Buckingham and Worcester before returning to Brackley in July 1994 and guiding them to the Hellenic League Premier Division title in 1996-97. Briefly Banbury's manager again in 1998, he rejoined Brackley as director of football in June 2003, managing them to the Hellenic League Premier Division title in 2003-04 and Southern League First Division Midlands title in 2006-07. He was Brackley's boss again in 2008-09 and later became Banbury's chairman.

MIKE FORD

Mike Ford set Brackley Town on course for the Southern League First Division West play-off final in 2005-06. The son of Tony Ford, who played for both Bristol clubs, the left-back had spells at Leicester City and Devizes, moving to Cardiff in September 1984. He was a key figure in their 1987-88 promotion and Welsh Cup 'double' triumph and moved to Oxford United in June 1988. Captaining their 1995-96 promotion success,

he rejoined Cardiff in July 1998 and skippered promotion again in 1998-99. He rejoined Oxford United as player-coach in September 2000. Managing Brackley from October 2004 until February 2006, he was later Oxford City's boss.

ROGER ASHBY

Roger Ashby managed Brackley Town early in the 2007-08 campaign. Starting with Northampton Town, the right-back joined Kettering Town in July 1966, starring as they won the Southern League First Division (North) title in 1971-72 and Premier Division title in 1972-73. He also helped the Poppies twice reach the FA Cup third round and was an FA Trophy finalist in 1979, setting the club appearance record. Appointed Irthlingborough Diamonds' player-boss, he then managed Wolverton Town, Rushden Town, the newlyformed Rushden & Diamonds, Bedford Town, Grantham, Nuneaton Borough and Brackley before returning to Kettering as coach.

DAVID OLDFIELD

Former England U-21 midfielder David Oldfield had a spell as Brackley Town's manager. Initially with Luton Town, he helped reach the League Cup final in 1988-89 and joined Manchester City for £600,000 in March 1989. He helped clinch promotion and reunited with David Pleat at Leicester in January 1990, returning to Luton in July 1995. Moving to Stoke in July 1998, then Peterborough, Oxford United, Stafford and Brackley, scoring in the 2007 play-off final, he managed Brackley from December 2007 until June 2008. He then coached at Peterborough, West Brom, MK Dons, Burton Albion and QPR before managing Oxford City and Weymouth.

JON BRADY

Ex-Australia Youth winger Jon Brady managed Brackley Town's 2011-12 Southern League Premier Division title triumph. He played for Hayes before helping Rushden & Diamonds win the Conference title in 2000-01, then reach the Third Division play-off final in 2001-02. Briefly at Woking, he featured in Chester's 2003-04 Conference title campaign, then played for Stevenage, Hereford, Cambridge United and Kettering. He was Brackley's manager from March 2009 until September

2015, taking them to the Conference North play-off final in 2012-13 and FA Cup second round in 2013-14. Later Northampton's boss, he plotted promotion in 2022-23.

KEVIN WILKIN

Kevin Wilkin managed Brackley Town's 2018 FA Trophy final triumph. A former striker, he played for hometown Cambridge City prior to joining Northampton Town in August 1990. He later had spells with Rushden & Diamonds, Nuneaton Borough, Cambridge City again and Grantham before returning to Nuneaton as assistant-boss, then manager. Plotting three promotion successes, he became Wrexham's manager in March 2014 and led them to the 2015 FA Trophy final. He managed Brackley from September 2015 until September 2022, plotting their 2016-17 FA Cup first round win over Gillingham. Now managing AFC Telford United.



ROGER JOHNSON

Roger Johnson managed Brackley Town to the Conference North play-offs in 2022-23. A former central defender, he turned professional with Wycombe Wanderers in July 2001 and was 'Player of the Year' as they qualified for the League Two play-offs in 2005-06. Moving to Cardiff City in July 2006, he was a key figure as they reached the FA Cup final in 2008. He joined Birmingham City for £5,000,000 in June 2009 and featured in their 2011 League Cup final triumph. Later with Wolves, Charlton Athletic, Pune City and Charlton again, he played for Bromley in the 2018 FA Trophy final. He managed Brackley from September 2022 until April 2023.



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MATCH ACTION



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King (32), Booty (35), Rush (59)



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7 December 2025 // 14:30 // Emirates FA Cup

Luke Garrard's men powered into the FA Cup Third Round for the fourth time in six seasons with a superb 3–0 victory over League Two Newport County.

After a nervy opening spell in which the visitors hit the post and tested Ted Curd, Wood suddenly came alive. Jeff King struck first, lashing home after a loose clearance, before Regan Booty finished a flowing move to double the lead before the break. Wood emerged rampant in the second half and Matt Rush's cool finish on the hour sent the North Bank into delirium, sealing another magical cup win.

The Exiles battled but were simply overwhelmed by the Wood's tempo, width and relentless energy. By full-time, the Meadow Park crowd knew they had witnessed something special, another commanding victory over league opposition and another step deeper into the world's most storied cup competition. The dream of another magical FA Cup run burns brightly in WD6.









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MATCH ACTION



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Norris (1), Richardson (44), Benton (56), Booty (90+1)





2 December 2025 // 19:00 // National League Cup

The Wood cruised into the National League Cup quarter-finals with a dominant 4–0 win over Wolverhampton Wanderers U21s, maintaining their perfect record in the competition.

Luke Norris set the tone after just two minutes, finishing from close range before Wood took firm control of the first half. Despite a couple of warning signs from Wolves, Lewis Richardson doubled the lead shortly before the break with a composed strike after a superb Regan Booty pass.

Wood resumed on the front foot, and although Norris struck the bar from the penalty spot, Jon Benton soon made it 3–0, capitalising on a scramble in the box. Wolves enjoyed a brief spell of pressure but rarely threatened, and Wood regained control late on. In stoppage time, Booty capped the night with a crisp low finish to seal an emphatic victory. The win offered valuable minutes for fringe players as attention now shifts to Newport County.









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LEAGUE TABLE

			HOME AWAY					TOTAL									
POS	TEAM	Р	w	D	L	Р	w	D	L	Р	w	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	ROCHDALE	9	8	0	1	10	7	1	2	19	15	1	3	36	13	23	46
2	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	12	8	3	1	10	5	4	1	22	13	7	2	39	21	18	46
3	CARLISLE UNITED	12	7	3	2	10	7	1	2	22	14	4	4	40	25	15	46
4	YORK CITY	11	7	2	2	10	6	4	0	21	13	6	2	55	23	32	45
5	BOREHAM WOOD	11	8	1	2	10	5	4	1	21	13	5	3	40	21	19	44
6	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	11	7	3	1	10	4	4	2	21	11	7	3	35	23	12	40
7	SOUTHEND UNITED	10	5	3	2	10	5	2	3	20	10	5	5	32	16	16	35
8	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	12	4	6	2	10	4	3	3	22	8	9	5	26	18	8	33
9	WOKING	11	2	6	3	11	6	1	4	22	8	7	7	30	24	6	31
10	WEALDSTONE	11	5	4	2	10	3	3	4	21	8	7	6	30	27	3	31
11	FC HALIFAX TOWN	10	5	3	2	12	4	1	7	22	9	4	9	32	31	1	31
12	SOLIHULL MOORS	11	4	3	4	11	3	4	4	22	7	7	8	28	33	-5	28
13	TAMWORTH	10	3	3	4	12	5	1	6	22	8	4	10	27	35	-8	28
14	YEOVIL TOWN	11	4	2	5	11	4	1	6	22	8	3	11	22	29	-7	27
15	ALTRINCHAM	11	6	0	5	11	2	2	7	22	8	2	12	27	33	-6	26
16	BOSTON UNITED	10	2	2	6	12	4	4	4	22	6	6	10	25	32	-7	24
17	EASTLEIGH	10	4	2	4	11	2	3	6	21	6	5	10	22	30	-8	23
18	SUTTON UNITED	11	4	3	4	10	1	4	5	21	5	7	9	33	39	-6	22
19	BRACKLEY TOWN	10	4	2	4	11	1	3	7	21	5	5	11	15	27	-12	20
20	BRAINTREE TOWN	11	4	3	4	11	1	2	8	22	5	5	12	17	31	-14	20
21	GATESHEAD	10	1	2	7	11	4	2	5	21	5	4	12	27	50	-23	19
22	MORECAMBE	11	3	2	6	11	1	3	7	22	4	5	13	28	52	-24	17
23	ALDERSHOT TOWN	11	3	2	6	11	1	2	8	22	4	4	14	35	48	-13	16
24	TRURO CITY	10	3	1	6	11	0	2	9	21	3	3	15	20	40	-20	12

FIXTURES

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2025
TRURO CITY V WEALDSTONE

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025 ALTRINCHAM V ROCHDALE

SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2025

BOSTON UNITED V ALDERSHOT TOWN TAMMORTH V SOUTHEND UNITED WOKING V SCUNTHORPE UNITED YEOVIL TOWN V FOREST GREEN ROVERS YORK CITY V TRURO CITY

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025

BOREHAM WOOD V CARLISLE UNITED BRACKLEY TOWN V MORECAMBE

BRAINTREE TOWN V HARTLEPOOL UNITED FC HALIFAX TOWN V WEALDSTONE GATESHEAD V EASTLEIGH SOLIHULL MOORS V SUTTON UNITED

FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2025

BRACKLEY TOWN V FOREST GREEN ROVERS
BRAINTREE TOWN V SOUTHEND UNITED
EASTLEIGH V WOKING
FC HALIFAX TOWN V ALTRINCHAM
GATESHEAD V CARLISLE UNITED
HARTLEPOOL UNITED V SCUNTHORPE UNITED
MORECAMBE V ROCHDALE
SOLIHULL MOORS V TAMWORTH
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LONG-SERVING LEADERS DEPART SHRIMPS

Morecambe's former co-chairmen Rod Taylor and Graham Howse have spoken publicly after their shock resignations, saying their positions had become "untenable."

The long-serving duo, central figures during the club's most successful era, cited being excluded from strategic and financial decision-making, as well as a worrying exodus of key staff.

Despite hopes of stability under new owners Panjab Warriors, turmoil has persisted. Taylor and Howse leave with decades of service behind them, insisting they will continue to support the Shrimps from the stands.



PITCH PROBLEMS HALT DALE REVIVAL

Rochdale's clash with Southend was abandoned in the 77th minute after torrential rain left the Crown Oil Arena surface unplayable.

The hosts had fought back from an early Oliver Coker strike, with Ryan East pouncing on a defensive mix-up to level. Tarryn Allarakhia then capitalised on another Southend error to edge Dale in front

However, as conditions worsened, referee Andrew Humphries withdrew the players and ultimately abandoned the match, leaving Rochdale's comeback, and the result, unresolved.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SIDES LEARN 3RD ROUND FATES



National League North side Macclesfield will host FA Cup holders Crystal Palace in a mouthwatering third-round tie, offering a rare chance for the step two side to shine on the national stage.

The draw features four all-Premier League clashes, including Tottenham vs Astor Villa and Manchester United vs Brighton, while Arsenal travel to Portsmouth and Manchester City welcome Exeter City.

Third Hound newcomers Weston-super-Mare face League Two Grimsby, and the Wood meet Burton Albion. Matches are set for the weekend of 10 January 2026, and with no replays this year, ties tied after 90 minutes will go to extra time and, if needed, penalties.



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FORM - LAST 6 MATCHES

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





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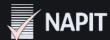
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