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National League Promotion Final Runners-Up: 2017/18

Conference South Play-off Winners: 2014/15

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Premier Division Runners-up: 1997/98

Division One Champions: 1994/95, 2000/01

Division Two Champions: 1976/77

Full Members Cup Runners-up: 1994/95, 1995/96

League Cup Winners: 1996/97

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FA Challenge Cup First Round: 1973/74, 1977/78, 1998/99, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018/19

Second Round: 1996/97, 1997/98, 2017/18

Third Round: 2020/21

FA Challenge Trophy Semi-finalists: 2005/06

Charity Cup Winners: 1980/81, 1983/84, 1988/89, 1989/90

London FA Challenge Cup Winners: 1997/98

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# THE CHAIRMAN

## DANNY HUNTER

Over the next four days we will welcome Barnet and Stockport County to Meadow Park, can I wish their directors, managers, players and supporters a safe end to lockdown and, for those who are allowed to travel here to us, a safe journey home.

To save a bit on unnecessary production costs, while streaming and no fans in stadiums remain in place at present, as such we are producing a free double match programme to cover these two games. I hope that's ok and meets with your approval.

On a more serious note, and after working so hard to achieve our planning consent, I must sadly report to our supporters that due to this second lockdown, which has heavily affected both mine and the club's finances, that the fan zone project has out of necessity been put on hold.

It's nobody's fault as the pandemic, despite every effort, has finally beaten

me, in terms of what I had been working so hard to create here and had been planning for our supporters and residents for over two years. I'm so disappointed that I've had to shelve such an exciting new project, a personal vision that encompasses a new wider road/entrance into the club, plus new supporter walkways from Broughinge Road into the North End of the ground.

It was to include the enlargement of our home car park, plus a pathway from inside the park into our facility and a brand-new turnstiles block and the forming of an enlarged home fans and kiddies' zone for our home supporters.



I know by canvassing our community that you have loved the visuals set out above, but for now as I have a bit more time in terms of this projects start time, I'll tweak it a tad and improve it, so we're ready to go when our finances improve. As such, I'm looking at May 2022 as the next feasible build window.

Moving onto next season and our new season ticket and membership scheme .....new price bands are now being announced after further discussions with your self-appointed fans spokesman Grant Morris, haha, who also runs our Club Shop and Away Day Travel Club.

I've listened to Grant, and through him to a wide range of both new and old supporters, those conversations have resulted in the introduction of two new season ticket price bands, which means

for both Adults and OAPs, you have the option to buy a new price band season ticket, where you can see 22 league games next season for a tenner a game.

Any new under 16's applicants will also be offered a new band of season ticket and they can see 22 league games for less than a fiver a game. I hope these prices, along with all our other loyalty price freezes, new black card membership with the extra club facility discounts, now covers all things season ticket wise for 2021/22. I can now fully concentrate on ensuring not only our clubs' survival, as things were looking bleak, and I now need to refocus and help Luke Garrard and Charlie Hunter in terms of recruitment and support.



### NEW SEASON TICKET PRICES AFTER DISCUSSION WITH SUPPORTERS

Category	Season Ticket Price	Price Per Game
Adults	£220.00	£10.00
OAP	£220.00	£10.00
Under 16	£80.00	£4.54
Under 12	£50.00	£2.27

### LOYALTY SEASON TICKET PRICE (FROZEN AS PROMISED)

Category	Season Ticket Price
Adults & OAP	£149.00
Under 20	£80.00
Under 16	£50.00
Under 12	FREE



**NEW BLACK CARD MEMBERSHIP SCHEME £50.00 (CASUAL SUPPORTERS)**

Category	Black Card Member Price	Standard Price
Adults	£12.00	£20.00
OAP	£12.00	£18.00
Under 16	£5.00	£12.00
Under 12	FREE	£6.00

Please note season tickets and memberships will give our supporters access into the newly refurbished Gallery Suite (home supporters bar only). Season ticket holders and Black Card members will also receive other club shop and facility discounts.

On the football front things are difficult but still ticking along positively and, as such, during this next week, we are officially informing four very good players - Gus Mafuta, Kane Smith, Kabby Tshimanga and our skipper Mark Ricketts - that we are taking up their playing options for next season.

Those names will be added to a strong group of players already on contract for next season, which includes Nathan Ashmore, Kristian Pearce, Dave Stephens, Jamal Fyfield, Femi Ilesanmi and Tyrone Marsh, while offers could be made to others in the coming weeks.

In truth on the football front, we all

know we have not quite delivered on perhaps what myself, Charlie and Luke had hoped for this season and, without making too many excuses there have been so many reasons for that.

However, at my time of life and with my experience not just in football but in business, it means we must as a club learn from our deficiencies, we must re-look at our strengths and use that simple barometer to plan ahead. Very importantly, as a club we must stick together and re-address and reflect on things without emotion in the cold light of day. That includes how much negativity we'll put up with on our social media channels from fans who don't truly support the club.

For me this season has been more than tough both mentally, physically and medically, which in truth has not been helped by some longstanding staff of mine taking me to the cleaners and with others I trusted turning out to be more than a tad disingenuous....but as my old Dad would tell me "son wipe your mouth, dust yourself down and get on with it". I suppose that is the modern world but I'm not sure during a pandemic when I've tried to show care, kindness and loyalty, it is that easy to get over.

That said, I'm a realist and an experienced Chairman, and so in my opinion this season has not been a disaster or a season to forget in any way. If someone had in truth offered me our position when the pandemic hit us last March and that our Club and Academy would still be here, with our staff all alive and well, then I'd have probably snapped your hand off. Over the last year I've worked tirelessly on the club's health, well-being and safety and in those times spent many hours on

looking at the future of this club and on self-reflection.

In all honesty if anyone had offered me a wonderful come from behind 2-1 play-off victory against Halifax last July on my birthday, I'd have said you couldn't write it. If someone had offered me our up, down, and turn it around, crazy penalty shoot-out win against Southend United and a run to the Third Round of the FA Cup, I'd have snapped your hand off. Then when I've added in the wins at big ex-league clubs like Notts County and Hartlepool, plus the sale of our Academy graduate Sorba Thomas to Huddersfield Town, then I'm possibly more than content when I look at the last year sensibly.

Our problem, though, was that there was a real chance to do more, and it's unlike us not to over achieve, as we are always the underdog club that others love to hate but for some reason on the pitch, we've slightly underachieved at key times and in big moments.

That has manifestly been highlighted by our game management, it's been shown by us continually conceding late goals and even on occasion when giving up two goal leads. Perhaps we've dropped too deep when in winning positions, perhaps we've tried to defend and hold onto what we've got on too many occasions, whatever the reasons it has resulted in too many draws and even losses that slowly took our confidence away.

Those results became talking points, as there had been an uncomfortable number of games, without labouring the point, where points were simply thrown away and therein lies the problem - it doesn't really need me to over-analyse things, it just needs addressing

collectively - Luke, Charlie and myself know that and that's enough said by me on the subject haha.

On another note, as we come out of lockdown, hopefully for the last time and as we plan for a healthier and brighter future, I must remind myself that life is not ever just about a balance sheet and a League position. Life is also about keeping it real, it's about acknowledging that it is an unforgiving journey and these are simply incredibly difficult times.

We should not ever forget what we have all been through, what our supporters and others have all been through, as the fall out of this pandemic will be with us, trust me, for a generation. People's grief and losses are still so raw, they are still so real and the damage for some families, unless compassion is shown by us all, will be with them on a permanent basis.

So, let's try to understand exactly what these Covid deaths have done to so many families within our community, let's try understand the anguish and the mental health issues that this pandemic has brought to so many individuals, couples and households and let's occasionally take a moment to remember the truly wonderful and kind people who have left this world and our lives early, as their memories must be cherished as they are all we have.

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

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*Danny*

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**Good Evening. Firstly, I would like to welcome Simon Bassey and Simon Rusk and their Players and Staff to Meadow Park for our National League Fixture.**

With both Managers relatively new in their positions I feel Bas has already started to influence his group of players with an unbeaten start. Having taken the reigns just over two weeks ago he faced Maidenhead and Aldershot respectively getting a return of four points.

Simon at Stockport has hit the ground running and looks to have cemented Stockport County's position within the Play Offs, having not lost in their last ten fixtures prior to our game.

I know full well under Bassey Barnet will have a better structure, more understanding of their roles and responsibilities under his leadership. I was fortunate to play under Simon Bassey at AFC Wimbledon and having worked with him for six years I know exactly what and how he will be setting up his side this evening.

In my opinion Barnet will now start to see the ship settle and he will get consistency into this group for the remainder of the season.

For us it's Derby Day mode, we can't be in any way shape or form under prepared or have a lack of respect for the opposition we're facing tonight. I spoke with the group this week and told them they are a total different beast to the one we faced back in January, live on BT Sport.

We will need to ensure we are right at it from the off as they will want revenge from the scoreline we produced last time we met.

Having not come across Simon Rusk in the Football Community, I can only comment on his recent form and the performances they have delivered on over the last few weeks. I would have to say the style and manner of how he sets his teams up are very good and

will provide us with a tough test.

I would say Stockport were a pre-season favourite for the title and could still mathematically take the top spot. Looking at their squad and recent signing of Paddy Madden shows the intent for them to get out the National League this season.

We will need to be prepared for two types of fixtures in these next two games as they will provide different tests for sure.

Saturday for me was mixed emotions on a lot of fronts, obviously the result left me frustrated and very disappointed especially with the way in which we performed in the first 45 minutes. The second half we showed better quality and looked a better threat but we didn't manage to work the goalkeeper.

But an overriding emotion on the day was one of pride in the way in which the whole club, staff and players showed class throughout and I have to say that means so much to me as the manager of this football Club.

Tonight we need to get back to winning ways and really look to finish the season strong, we have a great squad available and have large portion of staff and players that will be with us next season, which will bode well if we can end this season on a high.

Let's hope for a positive performance and result.

**Enjoy the game.**

**Regards,  
Luke**



**THE GAFFER**

**LUKE GARRARD**



**The BW PASE Academy was delighted this weekend that two current Academy players received call ups into the first team match day squad by Manager Luke Garrard ahead of our Vanarama National League fixture against Wealdstone at Meadow Park on Saturday afternoon.**

In truth it was an afternoon littered by BW PASE Academy association with Academy graduate Corey Whitely putting on another dominating performance down the left flank, whilst Academy Head Coach Connor Smith featured in the heart of Wealdstone's midfield and the Wood match day squad including Academy coaches in Tom Champion, Jamal Fyfield, Femi Ilesanmi, Kane Smith, David Stephens and Danny Woodards.

In addition to this, Garrard added two fresh BW PASE Academy faces to his first team squad in the form of Academy keeper Donnabhan Green and Academy talisman Momodou Jallow. The call ups came after onsite COVID-19 protocols were eased slightly, allowing a handful of Academy prospects to enter the first team training bubble

at Meadow Park. After some eye-catching training performances, the Gaffer rewarded Green and Jallow with squad numbers and match day squad inclusions after what has been a difficult year for our Academy players both on and off the pitch.

Green had already left an impression with First Team Manager Luke Garrard after featuring during our 2020/21 pre-season campaign, backing up Wood's number 1 Nathan Ashmore throughout the 2020 off-season.

However, it was very different for Momodou Jallow, as this was his first experience of being amongst the First Team at Meadow Park after impressive performances in a stop/start Academy campaign backed up with a productive week's training amongst the senior pros at Meadow Park.

**On behalf of everyone at Boreham Wood FC, in particular our Academy staff, we would like to congratulate both Donnabhan and Momodou on what is a fantastic achievement for two young players starting out in the game. Well done, lads!**



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1	<b>Hartlepool United</b>	36	19	10	7	21	67
2	Sutton United	33	19	9	5	28	66
3	Torquay United	33	19	6	8	22	63
4	Stockport County	34	16	11	7	24	59
5	Wrexham	34	15	8	11	15	53
6	FC Halifax Town	33	15	8	10	10	53
7	Chesterfield	32	16	4	12	13	52
8	Notts County	32	15	7	10	12	52
9	Bromley	34	14	10	10	6	52
10	Eastleigh	34	13	11	10	4	50
11	<b>Boreham Wood</b>	34	10	15	9	5	45
12	Aldershot Town	33	13	5	15	-3	44
13	Dagenham & Redbridge	34	12	7	15	-9	43
14	Solihull Moors	32	12	6	14	-2	42
15	Yeovil Town	32	12	6	14	-3	42
16	Maidenhead United	30	11	8	11	1	41
17	Altrincham	35	11	8	16	-9	41
18	Wealdstone	33	9	6	18	-29	33
19	Woking	32	8	8	16	-12	32
20	Weymouth	33	8	6	19	-16	30
21	King's Lynn Town	32	7	6	19	-30	27
22	Barnet	31	4	5	22	-48	17
23	<b>Dover Athletic</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	<b>Maccelsfield Town</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2021

Dagenham & Redbridge 2 - 0 Eastleigh  
 FC Halifax Town 0 - 4 Wrexham  
 Solihull Moors 2 - 1 Notts County  
 Stockport County 4 - 0 King's Lynn Town  
 Sutton United 0 - 1 Torquay United  
 Chesterfield 0 - 0 Boreham Wood  
 Weymouth 0 - 3 Aldershot Town  
 Woking 3 - 4 Bromley

SATURDAY 17 APRIL 2021

FC Halifax Town 4 - 2 King's Lynn Town  
 Barnet 3 - 1 Aldershot Town  
 Chesterfield 1 - 2 Bromley  
 Dagenham & Redbridge 3 - 2 Solihull Moors  
 Notts County 0 - 1 Eastleigh  
 Stockport County 2 - 2 Maidenhead United  
 Wealdstone 2 - 7 Hartlepool United  
 Woking 0 - 4 Wrexham  
 Yeovil Town 1 - 0 Boreham Wood  
 Altrincham 0 - 4 Sutton United

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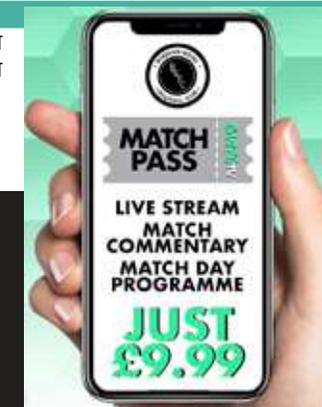
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OCTOBER																							
SAT 3	WREXHAM	NL	A	L 2-1	BCD	ASHMORE	CHAMPION	FYFIELD	ILESANMI	MURTAGH	RICKETTS	WHITELY	THOMAS	SMITH	RHEAD	TSHIMANGA	STEPHENS	MINGOIA	FRANCIS-ANGOL	MAFUTA	COULTHIRST		
TUE 6	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	NL	H																				
SAT 10	FC HALIFAX TOWN	NL	H	D 0-0	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	RICKETTS	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MURTAGH	MINGOIA	FYFIELD	THOMAS	COULTHIRST	SMITH	STEPHENS	WHITELY	MAFUTA	FRANCIS-ANGOL	RHEAD		
TUE 13	KING'S LYNN TOWN	NL	A	W 3-0	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	RICKETTS	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	WHITELY	FYFIELD	FRANCIS-ANGOL	RHEAD	SMITH	STEPHENS	MINGOIA	MCDONNELL	WOODARDS	COULTHIRST		
SAT 17	SOLIHULL MOORS	NL	A	L 0-1	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	RICKETTS	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	WHITELY	FYFIELD	FRANCIS-ANGOL	RHEAD	SMITH	STEPHENS	MINGOIA	MCDONNELL	WOODARDS	COULTHIRST		
SAT 24	WIMBORNE TOWN FC	FA CUP	H	W 2-0	BCD	ASHMORE	STEPHENS	RICKETTS	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	MINGOIA	FYFIELD	FRANCIS-ANGOL	COULTHIRST	SMITH	ILESANMI	THOMAS	MCDONNELL	WHITELY	RHEAD	MURTAGH	HUDDART
TUE 27	WOKING	NL	H	W 1-0	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	RICKETTS	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	WHITELY	FYFIELD	THOMAS	RHEAD	SMITH	STEPHENS	MINGOIA	HUDDART	MURTAGH	COULTHIRST		
NOVEMBER																							
SAT 7	SOUTHEND UNITED	FA CUP	H	W 3-1	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	RICKETTS	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	WHITELY	FYFIELD	THOMAS	RHEAD	SMITH	STEPHENS	MINGOIA	HUDDART	WOODARDS	COULTHIRST	MCDONNELL	FRANCIS-ANGOL
TUE 10	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	NL	H	L 0-1	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	MCDONNELL	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	MINGOIA	FYFIELD	THOMAS	COULTHIRST	SMITH	STEPHENS	RHEAD	HUDDART	WOODARDS	FRANCIS-ANGOL		
SAT 14	TORQUAY UNITED	NL	A	D 1-1	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	MCDONNELL	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	MINGOIA	FYFIELD	THOMAS	RHEAD	SMITH	STEPHENS	COULTHIRST	HUDDART	WOODARDS	FRANCIS-ANGOL		
TUE 17	BROMLEY	NL	A	D 1-1	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	MCDONNELL	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	MINGOIA	FYFIELD	THOMAS	RHEAD	SMITH	STEPHENS	COULTHIRST	HUDDART	WOODARDS	FRANCIS-ANGOL		
SAT 21	ALTRINCHAM	NL	H	L 0-1	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	MCDONNELL	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	MINGOIA	FYFIELD	THOMAS	RHEAD	SMITH	STEPHENS	COULTHIRST	HUDDART	WOODARDS	FRANCIS-ANGOL		
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DECEMBER																							
SAT 5	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	NL	A	W 2-1	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	FRANCIS-ANGOL	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	MURTAGH	FYFIELD	THOMAS	RHEAD	SMITH	STEPHENS	COULTHIRST	HUDDART	MCDONNELL	MINGOIA		
TUE 8	NOTTS COUNTY	NL	A	W 1-0	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	FRANCIS-ANGOL	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	MURTAGH	FYFIELD	THOMAS	RHEAD	SMITH	STEPHENS	COULTHIRST	BRENNAN	WOODARDS	MINGOIA		
SAT 12	ALDRSHOT TOWN	NL	H	W 3-2	650	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	FRANCIS-ANGOL	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	MURTAGH	FYFIELD	THOMAS	RHEAD	SMITH	STEPHENS	COULTHIRST	MCDONNELL	WOODARDS	MINGOIA		
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SAT 2	BARNET	NL	A	W 3-0	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	MURTAGH	FYFIELD	MINGOIA	RHEAD	SMITH	STEPHENS	COULTHIRST	MCDONNELL	WOODARDS	HUDDART		
SAT 9	MILLWALL	FA CUP	H	L 0-2	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	MORIAS	STEPHENS	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	MURTAGH	FYFIELD	THOMAS	RHEAD	SMITH	MINGOIA	COULTHIRST	MCDONNELL	WOODARDS	HUDDART	WHITELY	
TUE 12	DOVER ATHLETIC	NL	A	D 1-1	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	MORIAS	STEPHENS	TSHIMANGA	MAFUTA	MURTAGH	FYFIELD	MINGOIA	WHITELY	SMITH	RHEAD	COULTHIRST	MCDONNELL	WOODARDS	HUDDART		
TUE 19	TORQUAY UNITED	FA CUP	H	L 0-4	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	MORIAS	STEPHENS	TSHIMANGA	RICKETTS	MURTAGH	FYFIELD	WHITELY	RHEAD	SMITH	MINGOIA	COULTHIRST	FRANCIS-ANGOL	WOODARDS	HUDDART		
SAT 23	STOCKPORT COUNTY	NL	A	D 1-1	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	MORIAS	PEARCE	TSHIMANGA	RICKETTS	MURTAGH	FYFIELD	FRANCIS-ANGOL	MAFUTA	SMITH	RHEAD	COULTHIRST	CHAMPION	WHITELY	HUDDART		
TUE 26	CHESTERFIELD	NL	H	D 0-0	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	MORIAS	PEARCE	TSHIMANGA	RICKETTS	MURTAGH	FYFIELD	FRANCIS-ANGOL	MAFUTA	SMITH	RHEAD	COULTHIRST	CHAMPION	WHITELY	HUDDART		
SAT 30	EASTLEIGH	NL	H	L 1-2	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	MORIAS	PEARCE	RHEAD	RICKETTS	WHITELY	FYFIELD	FRANCIS-ANGOL	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS	COULTHIRST	TSHIMANGA	MURTAGH	HUDDART		
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TUE 2	WEYMOUTH	NL	H	W 1-0	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	MORIAS	PEARCE	TSHIMANGA	CHAMPION	WHITELY	FYFIELD	MURTAGH	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS	COULTHIRST	FRANCIS-ANGOL	RHEAD	HUDDART		
SAT 6	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	NL	A	W 1-0	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	MORIAS	PEARCE	TSHIMANGA	FRANCIS-ANGOL	MARSH	FYFIELD	MURTAGH	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS	WHITELY	MCDONNELL	RHEAD	HUDDART		
SAT 13	SUTTON UNITED	NL	H	L 0-2	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	MORIAS	PEARCE	TSHIMANGA	FRANCIS-ANGOL	MARSH	FYFIELD	MURTAGH	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS	WHITELY	COULTHIRST	RHEAD	HUDDART		
TUE 16	YEOVIL TOWN	NL	H	L 2-3	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	PEARCE	TSHIMANGA	RHEAD	MARSH	FYFIELD	MURTAGH	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS	WOODARDS	COULTHIRST	MORIAS	HUDDART		
SAT 20	ALTRINCHAM	NL	A	W 3-2	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	PEARCE	TSHIMANGA	MORIAS	MARSH	FYFIELD	MURTAGH	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS	WOODARDS	COULTHIRST	HUDDART			
TUE 23	BROMLEY	NL	H	D 1-1	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	PEARCE	TSHIMANGA	MORIAS	MARSH	FYFIELD	MURTAGH	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS	MCDONNELL	COULTHIRST	FRANCIS-ANGOL	HUDDART		
SAT 27	SOLIHULL MOORS	NL	H	D 2-2	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	PEARCE	TSHIMANGA	MORIAS	MARSH	FYFIELD	MURTAGH	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS	MCDONNELL	WOODARDS	FRANCIS-ANGOL	HUDDART		
MARCH																							
TUE 2	WEALDSTONE	NL	A	L 0-1	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	PEARCE	TSHIMANGA	MORIAS	MARSH	FYFIELD	MURTAGH	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS	RICKETTS	COULTHIRST	FRANCIS-ANGOL	HUDDART		
SAT 6	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	NL	A	D 2-2	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	PEARCE	TSHIMANGA	COULTHIRST	MARSH	FYFIELD	RICKETTS	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS	RHEAD	MORIAS	FRANCIS-ANGOL	MURTAGH		
TUE 9	WOKING	NL	A	D 0-0	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	STEPHENS	TSHIMANGA	MURTAGH	MARSH	FYFIELD	RICKETTS	MAFUTA	SMITH	PEARCE	COULTHIRST	MORIAS	FRANCIS-ANGOL	HUDDART		
SAT 13	TORQUAY UNITED	NL	H	D 0-0	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	PEARCE	TSHIMANGA	MURTAGH	MARSH	FYFIELD	RICKETTS	MAFUTA	SMITH	WOODARDS	COULTHIRST	MORIAS	FRANCIS-ANGOL	HUDDART		
TUE 16	NOTTS COUNTY	NL	H	D 2-2	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	PEARCE	TSHIMANGA	MURTAGH	MARSH	FYFIELD	RICKETTS	MAFUTA	SMITH	WOODARDS	COULTHIRST	MINGOIA	FRANCIS-ANGOL	HUDDART		
SAT 20	ALDRSHOT TOWN	NL	A	D 3-3	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	PEARCE	TSHIMANGA	MURTAGH	MARSH	FYFIELD	RICKETTS	MAFUTA	SMITH	WOODARDS	RHEAD	MINGOIA	FRANCIS-ANGOL	HUDDART		
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FRI 2	SUTTON UNITED	NL	H	D 0-0	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MURTAGH	MARSH	FYFIELD	RICKETTS	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS	RHEAD	MINGOIA	MCDONNELL	HUDDART		
MON 5	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	NL	H	D 2-2	BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MURTAGH	MARSH	FYFIELD	RICKETTS	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS	RHEAD	MINGOIA	MCDONNELL	HUDDART		
SAT 10	WEALDSTONE	NL	H		BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA 2	MURTAGH	MARSH	FYFIELD 1	RICKETTS	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS	RHEAD	PEARCE	JALLOW	GREEN		
TUE 13	CHESTERFIELD	NL	A		BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MURTAGH*	MARSH	FYFIELD	RICKETTS	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS	RHEAD*	PEARCE	JALLOW	GREEN		
SAT 17	YEOVIL TOWN	NL	A		BCD	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHITELY	CHAMPION	TSHIMANGA	MURTAGH*	MARSH**	FYFIELD	RICKETTS	MAFUTA	SMITH	STEPHENS***	RHEAD*	PEARCE	WOODARDS	GREEN		
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MON 3	KING'S LYNN TOWN	NL	H																				
SAT 8	FC HALIFAX TOWN	NL	A																				
SAT 15	WREXHAM	NL	H																				
TUE 18	WEYMOUTH	NL	A																				
SAT 22	EASTLEIGH	NL	A																				
SAT 29	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	NL	H																				

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TOM  
CHAMPION

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**So Tom, you used play at Barnet and a Barnet boy yourself, how does it feel playing in a derby against a former club?**

It's always a game you look out for and get excited about, playing against your old team there's always an added incentive to try to win the game.

Of course being born and raised in Barnet only adds to that!

**As mentioned tonight we are taking on a former side of yours, Barnet, that must be a strange feeling for any player to play against an old club?**

Yes, however there has been lots of change at Barnet since I was there. I left off the back of a solid season in League 2 and there's been a lot of change since then- for both management and players. There's only one player left now from my time there.

**The strength in depth is huge in this team, you and Krystian Pearce are proof of that, how important is that for the team?**

This season we've had such a good squad and there's been more competition than ever before, so it's a real frustration that we haven't been able to fulfil that potential up to now. We have to hold our hands up and say we've underachieved when you look at the squad we have.

**What is your best memory as a Boreham Wood player so far?**

Best memory has to be the playoff game against Sutton , hearing the final whistle and the ecstasy of

making the final at Wembley knowing we were one game away from what we wanted to achieve. Unfortunately, we didn't get over the line but those memories will still live long!

**Who do you hate playing against in training?**

Rheady is so difficult to play against in training. If you're marking him and the delivery is right there is literally nothing you can do to prevent him winning the ball!

**Who is the biggest joker in the dressing room?**

There's a few jokey characters. Dave Stephen's makes me laugh every day without fail!

**Who's the best player you've played with?**

Best player I've played with is so tough. Maybe Luke Berry from my time at Cambridge. We had a great partnership together and he's now playing in the Championship with Luton.

**What is the best ground you've played at?**

Best ground, I mean Wembley is the best stadium I've played in but playing at Old Trafford has to be the best experience for the history involved with that ground and the fact that it was a sell-out crowd!

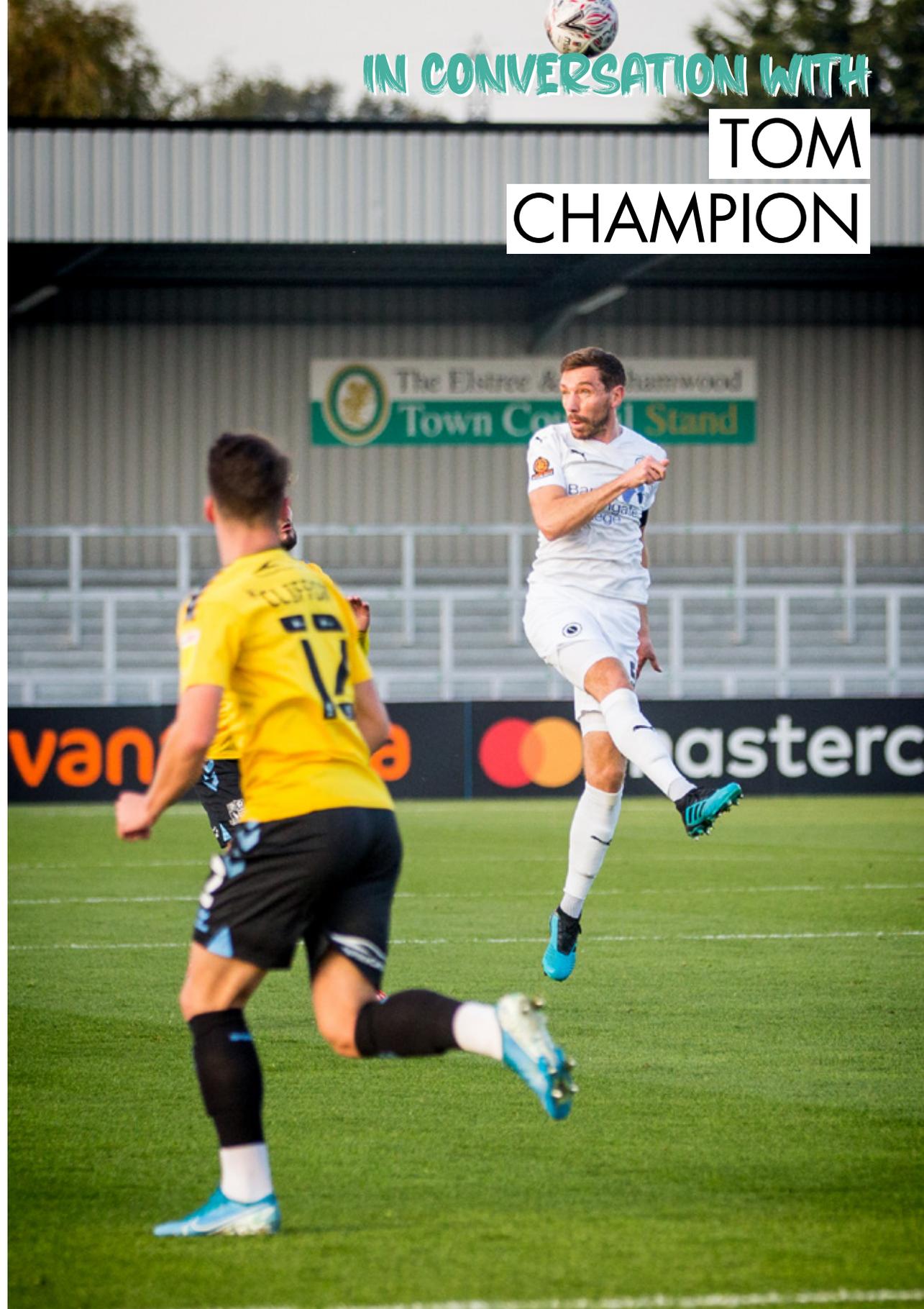
**Messi or Ronaldo? And why?**

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# MATCHDAY CENTRE



## THE WOOD



**LAST TIME OUT**  
**YEOVIL TOWN 1**  
**BOREHAM WOOD 0**  
 17/4/2021 | Huish Park  
 National League

**LAST TIME OUT**  
**3 BARNET**  
**1 ALDERSHOT TOWN**  
 17/4/2021 | The Hive  
 National League



## THE BEES

### CURRENT FORM / LAST 5 GAMES



**D 3-3**

**ALDERSHOT TOWN**

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
20/3/2021 | AWAY



**D 0-0**

**SUTTON UNITED**

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
2/4/2021 | HOME



**D 2-2**

**HARTLEPOOL UNITED**

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
5/4/2021 | HOME



**W 3-1**

**WEALDSTONE FC**

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
10/4/2021 | HOME



**D 0-0**

**CHESTERFIELD FC**

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
13/4/2021 | AWAY

### CURRENT FORM / LAST 5 GAMES



**D 0-0**

**MAIDENHEAD UNITED**

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
10/4/2021 | AWAY



**L 5-1**

**WEALDSTONE FC**

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
5/4/2021 | AWAY



**L 0-2**

**SOLIHULL MOORS**

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
2/4/2021 | HOME



**L 3-1**

**YEOVIL TOWN**

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
27/3/2021 | AWAY



**L 0-2**

**CHESTERFIELD FC**

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
20/3/2021 | HOME

### LAST TIME OUT

**BARNET**  
**BOREHAM WOOD**

**0**  
**3**

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
1ST JANUARY 2021  
THE HIVE

Two goals by Kabs Tshimanga and a spectacular volley by skipper Tom Champion ensured that Boreham Wood started 2021 in the best possible way by thrashing local rivals Barnet in the first "292 el classi co" of the season. This also secures their fifth victory in a row from all competitions.



# THE OPPOSITION

## BARNET



### THE GAFFER

## SIMON BASSEY

Following a playing career that saw Bassey represent the likes of Aldershot Town, Crawley Town and AFC Wimbledon, the 45-year-old retired from the playing side due to injury. Bassey then stepped into the coaching side at the Dons, where he spent 14 years as firstly Reserve Team Manager before taking on the role of First Team Coach, playing an instrumental part in the Dons meteoric rise through the leagues before they established themselves within the English Football League.

Bassey worked under a variety of different managers during his time with AFC Wimbledon, before departing at the end of the 2018-19 season. Bassey also took over as caretaker at AFC Wimbledon on two occasions but is hailed as a Club Legend at the League One side for his fantastic work in ensuring the development of the Club formed back in the early 2000s.

# THE STAND OUTS



### THE DESTROYER

## BEN NUGENT

No nonsense centre-half, Ben Nugent was Barnet's first signing of the summer.

27-year-old, Nugent has Football League pedigree having played his trade with: Cardiff City, Brentford, Peterborough United, Gillingham and Stevenage Town.

After starting his career in non-league football, Nugent secured a move to Welsh giants, Cardiff City and was part of the Bluebirds side that was promoted to the Premier League in the 2012/13 season.

Following his experience in the Football League, Nugent is now looking to make a home for himself with Barnet.



### THE PLAYMAKER

## ANTHONY WORDSWORTH

The 31-year-old central midfielder has vast amounts of experience in the Football League at both League One and Championship level.

Wordsworth has made over 380 appearances scoring 67 goals in all competitions.

Wordsworth started his career in Essex with Colchester United where he enjoyed a six-year spell.

Since then, he's played for: Ipswich Town, Rotherham Town, Crawley Town, Southend United, AFC Wimbledon and is now with Barnet.



### THE FINISHER

## JJ HOOPER

The strong forward also joined the Bees this summer. He started his career in the academy of Newcastle United, but he first made his name with Havant and Waterlooville where he scored 20 goals in all competitions as he fired the Hawks to a play-off spot.

A move to the Football League then beckoned for Hooper as he switched to Port Vale.

Despite his Football League pedigree, the forward has no problem finding the net in the National League having scored 14 goals in 22 appearances for Bromley before moving onto Wrexham.



## GOALKEEPERS

### SCOTT LOACH

English goalkeeper Scott Loach arrived at Barnet in the summer of 2019 following his contract expiring at Hartlepool United. Loach arrived at The Hive London with a wealth of experience having represented a plethora of clubs across the Football League and National League.

The 31-year-old 'keeper's career began with Lincoln City, though he never went onto represent the Imps having spent the majority of his time there out on loan. Eventually leaving Lincoln in 2006, Loach joined Watford where he would stay for a further six years.

Having impressed early on, he became a mainstay in the Watford net and went onto make over 150 appearances for the Hornets. His performances during his time at the club earned him England recognition at Under-21 level as well as a full international call-up during qualification for Euro 2012. In 2012, Loach joined Ipswich Town before brief spells with Rotherham United and Notts County.

Signing for Hartlepool in 2017, the English stopper never missed a league game during his time up north and went onto rack up 100 consecutive appearances for the club. Loach also earned the club's Player's Player of the Season award last term.

Loach's first season with the Bees in 2019/20 was a superb one at that, he went on to surpass 150 consecutive National League appearances. He also picked up the fans player of the season award, before playing a key role in ensuring the Bees progressed to the play-off semi-final.

### AYMEN AZAZE

Young Belgian shot stopper, Aymen Azaze is a first team player after he signed his professional contract in December 2018 whilst a scholar with the Bees.

Aymen caught the eye of the management staff in pre-season, after several great performances including two penalty saves in three days.

Since signing his first pro deal in December 2018, Aymen has regularly featured as the substitute goalkeeper within the First Team. The highly-rated shot stopper also played a key role in our historic run in the FA Youth Cup in the 2019/20 campaign.

He will now be hoping to impress in the 2020/21 campaign and push for a spot as the Bees number one.

### JAMES CALLAN

A young goalkeeper who has been developed through the Barnet Academy system, James is certainly one to keep an eye on in the future.

## DEFENDERS

### DWIGHT PASCAL

The 19-year-old rose through the ranks at The Hive London as a scholar, where he went onto to make his First Team debut, aged just 15 when we took on Peterborough United in the EFL Trophy.

The full-back went on to make further appearances for the Club before departing in 2019 but returned a year later ahead of the 2020/21 season after a spell at Potters Bar Town.

### JACK CONNORS

The former Ebbsfleet full-back trained with Beadle's side throughout the latter parts of the summer before joining in October 2020.

Connors joined the Bees with plenty of experience at non-league level, having featured for the likes of Hampton and Richmond, Dagenham and Redbridge and Dover Athletic.

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### MATT PRESTON

The 25-year-old started his playing days as a youth player at Walsall, where he captained their under-18 side before signing a professional deal in 2014. He went on to make 41 senior appearances for the Saddlers before making a move to Swindon Town in 2017.

The 6ft centre half made a further 21 appearances in his first season with the Robins, scoring on two occasions. Preston's inaugural and only season with the Wiltshire Club was cut short after he received a serious knee injury which ruled him out for the rest of the campaign.

Preston moved closer to home when he joined his former club Mansfield Town in 2018. He spent two seasons with Mansfield, where he made 68 appearances during his time with the Club.

### ALEX MCQUEEN

Alexander McQueen joined the Bees in the summer of 2020 following a successful trial period with the Club.

McQueen most recently featured for fellow National League side Dagenham and Redbridge where he made 58 appearances during his two years with the Club. The fullback also scored on six occasions for the Daggers and joins having recently impressed Peter Beadle with his performances in pre-season.

The 25-year-old started his career as a youth player at Premier League side Tottenham Hotspur, before moving to Carlisle United where he made 25 senior appearances in his 18-month stay.

A move abroad soon followed for McQueen where he went on to feature for Finnish side Vaasan Palloseura, making 10 appearances before moving back to England where he began his spell with Dagenham and Redbridge.

### THEMIS KEFALAS

Themis is currently on loan from Championship side QPR on a deal until the end of February. The defender joined the Super Hoops in 2018 and has since spent time on loan at Billericay Town of the National League South.

### HARRY TAYLOR

Harry Taylor's career started as part of the Chelsea youth system in 2005, where he left in 2012 to join Barnet along with his brother Jack.

After graduating from Barnet's academy in 2014, the defender has since gone on to make 75 appearances in all competitions.

Born in 1997, the young right-back has had the opportunity to make himself known out on loan, making 21 appearances across two loan spell for Hampton and Richmond Borough and Staines Town. However, he's had plenty of success at Barnet, making his first-team debut in the FA Trophy in December 2014, which led to him being named the Barnet Youth Player of the Year for the 2014/15 season.

Taylor can play both in defence and midfield in both wide and central positions. He commands the midfield when in the centre of the pitch and has an eye for a pass and breaks up play well. He also is superb positionally in the defensive unit and puts his body on the line to stop shots

Harry is an extremely versatile player who can play centre-midfield one week and rightback the next, putting in a great shift regardless. Taylor had a very impressive 2019/20 campaign, which culminated in a man of the match performance in the Bees playoff eliminator victory over Yeovil Town.

### BEN RICHARDS-EVERTON

Richards-Everton joined in January 2020 on a free transfer from League Two side Bradford City.

Richards-Everton moved to The Hive London with a vast amount of experience in the EFL, where he made close to 100 appearances between spells with Bradford City and Accrington Stanley.

### SAM BEARD

Beard joined the Bees on loan from Dorking Wanderers in April. The left-back previously spent five years at the Wanderers, playing a vital part in their rise towards The National League.



## JEROME BINNOM-WILLIAMS

The full-back who can also play in the centre of defence joined the Bees having most recently played for fellow National League side FC Halifax Town.

Binnom-Williams played 25 times for the Shaymen last season, as the Yorkshire based Club finished in the Vanarama National League play-off places, losing out to Boreham Wood in their play-off eliminator.

Jerome played for Crystal Palace as a youth player after growing up in his hometown of Croydon.

During his time with the Eagles, the defender spent time on loan at Football League clubs including Southend United, Burton Albion and Leyton Orient. Between those three loan spells, Binnom-Williams racked up almost 50 appearances, highlighting the Football League experience he will bring to the Bees.

A move to Peterborough United followed, before a move to Chesterfield where our new defender made 52 appearances for the Spirites in a two-year spell.

His move to former Club Halifax Town followed where he spent one season, before making the move back to London, to join up with the Bees. Binnom-Williams has significant experience at the tender age of 26 and has also represented the Three Lions at u18, u19 and England 'C' level.

## BEN NUGENT

Ben Nugent became Peter Beadle's first signing of the summer when he joined in September 2020.

The 6ft 5 inches defender came to the Club with Football League pedigree, having made 222 senior career appearances to date.

The 27-year-old has played for the likes of Cardiff City, Brentford, Peterborough United, Gillingham and Stevenage, he will be hoping to use that previous experience to the benefit of Beadle's side.

After starting his career in non-league football, Nugent made a move to the Welsh capital as he joined

Cardiff City. He was part of the Bluebirds side that secured promotion to the Premier League in the 2012-13 season.

After tallying up significant Football League experience, Nugent joined the Bees following a successful trial period, following his departure from Stevenage at the end of the 2019-20 season.

## LOIC HERNANDEZ

Hernandez, another product of the youth academy, signed his first professional deal at The Hive in the summer of 2018.

In search of first-team football, Loic enjoyed a one-month loan spell with Wingate and Finchley in September 2018 and continues to provide stiff competition for a place in the Barnet defensive line.

Loic made his senior Bees league debut in September 2019, as he kept a clean sheet in a 1-0 win over Maidenhead United at The Hive London. He went on to make three league appearances in total.

In the summer of 2020, Loic committed his future to the Club by signing a new contract.

## LIAM DALY

Liam joined the Bees in January in 2021 from National League North side Gloucester City. The powerful defender who stands at 6 feet 6 inches tall, brings a vast amount of experience to the Bees backline, as boss Tim Flowers looked to shore up the defence.

Flowers and Daly are already well accustomed to one another, with the pair working together at Solihull Moors, where Daly played an instrumental part in the Moors secondplace finish. Daly also captained the Moors during his time with the Club and is held in high regard by the supporters.

Under Flowers in the 2018/19 season, Daly made 48 appearances in all competitions as the Moors reached the National League play-offs before narrowly missing out to AFC Fylde in the semi-finals.

## MIDFIELDERS

### TYRONE DUFFUS

Duffus is primarily a midfield player but also has the ability to play in defensive positions too.

The 23-year-old rose through the ranks of Premier League side Everton as a youngster, before making a switch to continue his development with Cardiff City.

During his time with the Bluebirds, Duffus joined up with current Bees boss Peter Beadle as he joined Hereford on loan. Our newest addition has most recently played further down the leagues for Warrington Town.

Tyrone's versatility will be absolutely crucial when games come thick and fast throughout the 2020/21 campaign. He's energetic and a determined box to box player, who likes to break up the play.

### JAMES DUNNE

James Dunne is a box-to-box midfielder who signed for the Bees in July 2019. James' career began in North London with Arsenal's Academy setup, however, in search of first-team football, he signed for Exeter City.

With the Grecians, Dunne found the grounding for his career and went onto make over 100 appearances in a red and white shirt.

Stevenage came next before moves to Portsmouth and Cambridge United ensured James became an established player in the Football League.

For the past two seasons, Dunne has represented Swindon Town before making the switch to The Hive in July 2019. As a hardworking centre midfielder, James has fit into the Barnet system seamlessly. He now also captains the Bees.

### ELIOT RICHARDS

The 28-year-old can play anywhere in the forward areas but primarily plays in the number 10 role and has racked up over 150 Football League appearances playing for the likes of Bristol Rovers, Exeter City and Tranmere Rovers.

Richards will be no stranger to his boss either, having previously played under current Bees manager Peter Beadle at Hereford back in 2017. The attacker has represented Wales at both under 19 and under 21 level earlier in his career. During his time with Bristol Rovers where he made over 100 appearances for the Pirates.

Moves to Exeter City, Tranmere Rovers and Cheltenham Town followed before Richards was forced to take a short time out of the game due to an illness. Richards then rebuilt his career starting with a brief spell in Tampa, USA, before moving back home to play for Merthyr Town. He then joined Beadle at Hereford, where helped the Club secure promotion to the National League South.

### MICHAEL PETRASSO

Canadian international winger Michael Petrasso joined the Bees on a season long loan deal from Canadian Premier League side York9 FC.

Petrasso makes the move to The Hive London, having already had the experience of playing in the Football League for the likes of QPR, Oldham Athletic and Leyton Orient.

The 25-year-old has enjoyed an exciting playing career to date, having represented his country at senior level on nine occasions. He made his international debut back in 2016 in a friendly against Azerbaijan and has represented Canada at various youth levels.

### WES FONGUCK

Midfielder Wesley Fonguck was a youth talent picked up by Barnet from local side Croydon and went on to graduate from the youth academy, making his first-team debut as a substitute in May 2016 against Crawley Town.

Originally training with Crystal Palace, he's always stayed local to London, enjoying loan spells at Hendon and Hampton and Richmond Borough. Despite first-team opportunities being limited after his loans, he did make his first start in the Football League against Grimsby in the penultimate game of the 2016/17 season.



Fonguck has been all but ever-present in the Bees squad since his debut and can be a crucial player in the creative role. Wes also has featured for the England 'C' team and will be looking to gain more international recognition, as well as continuing to impress in a Bees shirt.

### XANDER MCBURNIE

Xander McBurnie joined the Bees in January 2020 after a long spell playing abroad in Sweden.

The creative midfielder came through the ranks at Bradford City before moving abroad to ply his trade in Sweden. He most recently played for Ytterhogdals IK (YIK) before moving back to England to join up with the Bees.

McBurnie can play anywhere within the centre of the park and will look to be the Bees creative spark.

### SAM SKEFFINGTON

The promising Millwall youngster joined the Bees in April 2021. Sam made his full senior debut in the draw against Maidenhead United and is considered to be one of the Lions hottest prospects.

### EPHRON MASON-CLARK

Ephron Mason-Clark, born in 1999, signed his first professional deal with Barnet in July 2016 after graduating from the youth academy.

Possessing the skill to play either as a striker or on the left-wing, he made his debut for the club as a substitute in the Checkatrade Trophy against Norwich Under 23's.

A loan spell at Metropolitan Police from October to November got Mason-Clark his first taste of league football. He wouldn't have to wait long until his Football League debut though, coming on as a substitute against Crewe Alexandra just a week later.

Mason-Clark has established himself as a first-team regular and is a fan favourite at The Hive London. He pace, power and goals to his games, the future is certainly bright for the winger.

### JACK TOMPKINS

Jack signed his first professional deal in December 2018, following a successful progression through the Bees Academy system.

He spent the 2019/20 season on loan with Staines Town, where he grabbed a taste of senior First Team football.

### ANTONIS VASILIOU

Vasiliou signed his first professional deal with the Bees in the summer of 2019, after he broke into the first team at the back end of the 2018/19 season.

The Cypriot midfielder made several appearances in pre-season for the Bees and largely impressed manager Darren Currie.

The youngster will hope to make some more appearances this season and stake his claim for a starting spot. The tricky midfielder has also represented his country at youth level already. He featured on a few occasions in the 19/20 campaign and will hope to kick on in the 2020/21 season.

### ANTHONY WORDSWORTH

The 31-year-old Centre Midfielder has vast experience at League One and Championship level and joined the Bees in November having most recently played for AFC Wimbledon.

Wordsworth made 56 appearances during his time with The Dons in a two year period before his contract ran out at the close of last season.

Wordsworth has made over 380 senior appearances across the Championship and League One, scoring 67 goals in all competitions. His move to The Hive London becomes his first outside of League One and he brings a vast amount of quality and experience to Peter Beadle's side. The Camden born player is strong in both boxes and has an eye for goal.

## FORWARDS

### ALFIE PAVEY

The Bees number 9 joined in September 2019 from Dover Athletic to bolster Darren Currie's striking options.

Pavey has played for a number of clubs at Football League and National League level, representing the likes of Millwall, Havant and Waterlooville, Dartford where has enjoyed great success for a striker who is only 23 years of age.

Pavey is tall and strong in the air, with the ability to hold up the ball and bring other players around him into the game. He suffered a serious injury in October 2019 that kept him out for the rest of the campaign, so will be hoping that the 20/21 season is his year.

### JJ HOOPER

JJ's early career saw him develop through the youth academy at Premier League side Newcastle United, but his first big season would come with Havant and Waterlooville as he fired 20 goals in all competitions as the Hawks reached the play-offs.

A move to the Football League soon followed as he joined then League One side Port Vale, where he scored 10 goals during his time with the Valiants. After a brief stint on loan at Northampton Town, a move to Grimsby Town followed where he scored a further seven goals.

The 26-year-old has had no problems finding the net at National League level either, having scored 14 goals in 22 appearances for Bromley in the 2018-19 season, before netting a further six strikes at Wrexham in the last campaign.

The 6ft 1 striker is powerful running with the ball and in the air, he can score a variety of different types of goals as well. The signing of Hooper gives Bees boss Peter Beadle more firepower at the top end of the pitch and he'll be hoping Hooper can link up well with last season's second-highest scorer Josh Walker.

### MUHAMMADU FAAL

Muhammadu Faal joined the Bees on loan in November

2020, as Peter Beadle looked to bolster his attacking options.

The 1.96m striker had his best spell at Enfield Town where he scored 24 goals in 25 appearances during his time with the Towners. That form attracted attention from various Football League clubs and eventually, Faal was snapped up by then League One side Bolton Wanderers.

### TOMI ADELOYE

Tomi Adedoye joined the Bees in March and comes with experience playing for the likes of Hartlepool United, Dagenham and Redbridge and Ebbsfleet United.

### JOSH WALKER

Striker Josh Walker penned a two-year deal with the Bees in the summer of 2018 following a successful trial period with the club.

The 21-year-old started off in the youth set-up at Tottenham before joining fellow London side Fulham where he progressed right through to Under 23 level. He became a regular for the Cottagers in Premier League 2 during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons. Walker then joined Wealdstone during his final year at Fulham before making a permanent switch to Hendon in September 2017 after being released by the Cottagers. He found himself on the score-sheet 17 times, accumulating 42 appearances for the Greens in the 2017-18 season.

Walker had an impressive 2019/20 season and was the Club's second top goalscorer in all competitions as he fired the Bees into the Vanarama National League play-offs.

### COURTNEY BAKER-RICHARDSON

Baker-Richardson is currently on loan from League Two side Barrow AFC. The tall and powerful striker is using this spell at The Hive to regain fitness following an injury during pre-season last year.



**The most recent success story of Non-League, 22-year-old Sorba Thomas is starting to make a real impression in the Championship just months after his departure from National League outfit Boreham Wood.**

Coming through the youth ranks at Boreham Wood, Huddersfield Town won the race to sign the coveted winger back in January, fending off interest from a handful of other Football League teams to capture Thomas who had been one of the star performers in the National League in the first half of the 2020-21 season.

The move to Huddersfield was perhaps the biggest story of January in the Non-League, with the Wood receiving "an undisclosed Club record fee" for the young winger.

A deserving reward for the National League side as they have a remarkable record of developing talent through their BW PASE Academy, alumni alongside Thomas includes the likes of Pelly Ruddock and Kyle Vassell.

An adored figure at Boreham Wood by both club personnel and supporters alike, the story of Sorba Thomas represents a magnificent achievement for the club and is a testament to the work being done in the academy to develop players with Football League pedigree as demonstrated by his start to life at his new home in West Yorkshire.

Still adjusting to life in West Yorkshire, Thomas has been utilised off the bench for Huddersfield Town

over the last couple of months but has made a real impression in his cameo appearances so far, which included a fine showing against Rotherham United earlier this month.

While it's clear that Thomas still has work to do to establish himself as a first-team regular with Huddersfield, he can take encouragement from his early showing for his new team, who were a Premier League outfit just a couple of years ago and are currently managed by highly regarded young coach Carlos Corberan.

Known for building character and providing a platform for success, there's something special when a player makes the leap from Non-League football to the higher levels of English football due to it being a rare feat and such a difficult task to accomplish.

It's clear from his start to life with Huddersfield and his displays at Boreham Wood over the past four years, that has propelled him to the Championship, that he isn't an ordinary player and he has the capabilities and talent needed to sparkle in the second tier.

So with Sorba starting to shine for his new team, everyone involved with Boreham Wood can take pride that one of their own has made it to the Championship, as Thomas has become the most recent example of just how much Non-League football can spearhead the development of young talent.

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# MATCHDAY CENTRE



## THE WOOD



**LAST TIME OUT**  
YEovil TOWN 1  
BOREHAM WOOD 0

17/4/2021 | Huish Park  
National League

**LAST TIME OUT**  
2 STOCKPORT COUNTY  
2 MAIDENHEAD UNITED

17/4/2021 | Edgeley Park  
National League

## THE HATTERS



### CURRENT FORM / LAST 5 GAMES



D 3-3

ALDERSHOT TOWN

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
20/3/2021 | AWAY



D 0-0

SUTTON UNITED

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
2/4/2021 | HOME



D 2-2

HARTLEPOOL UNITED

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
5/4/2021 | HOME



W 3-1

WEALDSTONE FC

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
10/4/2021 | HOME



D 0-0

CHESTERFIELD FC

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
13/4/2021 | AWAY



W 4-0

KING'S LYNN TOWN

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
13/4/2021 | HOME



W 0-3

WREXHAM FC

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
10/4/2021 | AWAY



D 0-0

BROMLEY FC

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
5/4/2021 | HOME



W 1-2

ALDERSHOT TOWN

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
2/4/2021 | AWAY



D 1-1

HARTLEPOOL UNITED

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
27/3/2021 | HOME

### CURRENT FORM / LAST 5 GAMES

#### LAST TIME OUT

STOCKPORT COUNTY  
BOREHAM WOOD

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
26TH JANUARY 2021  
EDGELEY PARK

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After a lively opening, Stockport's John Rooney gave the home side the lead from a trademark freekick after just six minutes of play, from then on it was pretty much all Boreham Wood and finally got their deserved equaliser when the excellent Tshimanga Hinchcliffe at the near post.



# THE OPPOSITION

## STOCKPORT COUNTY



### SR THE GAFFER

## SIMON RUSK

Simon was appointed as the new Club Manager on a three-and-a-half-year contract in January. He joined the Club from Brighton where he was Under-23s coach for six years, after three years as Under-18s coach.

During this time, he has developed several young players into Brighton's Premier League squad and top EFL clubs. He also enjoyed two spells as First Team coach under Chris Hughton.

# THE STAND OUTS



### THE DESTROYER

## SAM MINIHAN

Minihan started his senior career with Rochdale in League One and made his professional debut in 2012.

The right back then took an alternative route of heading to Loughborough University, a well-respected side who plays in the Midland Football League.

After graduating from University, Minihan signed for National League North side Worcester City, and made 34 appearances in his debut season whilst picking up Players Player and Young Player of the season awards.

After impressing at Worcester, Minihan signed a deal with Stockport in 2016 and has gone on to feature over 120 times since.

In the 2018/19 season, the attacking right back made 46 League appearances which helped the Hatters win the National League North.



### THE PLAYMAKER

## JOHN ROONEY

Rooney came through the youth system at Everton but was released, which saw Rooney sign for Macclesfield Town in 2008, where he spent two seasons featuring 41 times.

The attacking Midfielder then moved to the US where he played for New York Red Bulls and then Orlando City.

A return to England came in 2012 when he signed for Barnsley followed by a move to Bury and then onto Chester City where he made over 100 appearances.

Rooney enjoyed an immaculate 2019/20 campaign with National League champions Barrow where he scored 20 goals, picking up National League Player of the year award along the way.



### THE FINISHER

## ALEX REID

Reid began his career at Aston Villa in their academy before he joined the league Football Education's Player Placement Programme in Sweden in 2014.

The forward then moved back to England in 2016 and signed for Fleetwood Town, but soon after went on loan to Wrexham, Solihull Moors and Stevenage.

After impressing on loan with the Boro, Reid signed a permanent deal in 2018 and went on to make 11 first team appearances.

Reid spent the 2019/20 campaign on loan with National League clubs Dagenham & Redbridge and Ebbsfleet United, scoring 11 goals in 23 appearances which then caught the eye of the Hatters.

He has been clinical in front of goal so far this season and is the League's 3rd top goal scorer with thirteen goals so far.

## GOALKEEPERS

### BEN HINCHLIFFE

Ben has been described by manager Jim Gannon as 'probably the best goalkeeper in non-league'. He has kept 29 clean sheets in his first two seasons, having joined the Hatters in May 2016 after four very successful years with AFC Fylde, including four successive Play-Off campaigns and being named in the Divisional Team of the Year every season. He started his career under Billy Davies at Preston North End before following Davies to Derby County. He enjoyed a spell at Oxford United then moved back to Lancashire to play for Bamber Bridge before joining former County striker Andy Preece at Northwich Victoria, replacing James Spencer as Vic's number one.

### JOSH BARNES

Josh joined the Club over the summer after being released from Derby County, having come through the Academy at Pride Park. Goalkeeper Josh represented the U18s, U21s and U23s during his time at Derby, whilst also enjoying loan spells at Mickleover Sports, Eastleigh, Bedworth United and Farsley Celtic. Having originally been on trial at Edgeley Park, Josh featured in pre-season games against Fleetwood, Rochdale and Salford, doing enough to earn himself a one-year-deal at Edgeley Park.

### ROSS FITZSIMONS

Former Notts County goalkeeper Fitzsimons signed for County on a short-term contract. 26-year-old 'keeper Ross joined the Club from Boston United following the suspension of the National League North. He made the move to York Street last summer and has impressed during his time there, winning the National League North Player of the Month Award in December 2020.

## DEFENDERS

### ASH PALMER

Centre half Ash joined striker Frank Mulhern in making the move from Guiseley in the summer. Ash spent two years with the Lions, making more than 70 appearances and captaining the side.

He previously spent time with Barnsley FC, Scunthorpe and Buxton, but made his name as a highly-rated defender at North Ferriby United, helping them to win promotion from the National League North in 2016, winning the Player of the Year award in the same season.

In the 2018/19 season, Ash was a crucial part of County's defence that won the National League North, captaining the Hatters on certain occasions as well as proving a goal threat, even scoring the opener in the 3-0 win at Nuneaton which clinched promotion.

Following promotion to the National League, Palmer remained a crucial part of the defence, making 40 appearances and scoring six goals in 2019/20. Overall at his time at County, Palmer has only missed five games across two seasons.

### LIAM HOGAN

Central defender Liam joined the Club in February 2020, making the move from League Two Salford City, where he was captain, and signing for the club on a two-and-a-half year deal.

A serial promotion winner, Liam was a crucial part of Salford's recent rise through the Leagues, first helping them to the National League North title before lifting the National League play-off trophy at Wembley in 2018/19, helping them defeat AFC Fylde

3-0 in the final.

Liam actually started his senior career here in Stockport with Woodley Sports before being picked up by FC Halifax Town in 2010, where he won promotion to the Conference North in his first season, and went on to make 135 appearances in three seasons.

In the summer of 2013 he stepped up to the professional game with a move to League Two Fleetwood Town where again he won promotion in his first season, before spending time at Tranmere Rovers, Macclesfield Town and Gateshead before joining Salford.

The defender made an instant impression on the County faithful, scoring the winner on debut in a 1-0 win over Bromley at Edgeley Park. He ended up making five appearances before the 2019/20 season was cut short, with County unbeaten in all of them. Liam has since been named as Club Captain for the 2020/21 season.

### JAMES JENNINGS

Left-back James joined County this Summer after leaving Wrexham upon the expiration of his contract, following three years at the Racecourse ground where he made over 100 appearances for the Club.

He brings a vast amount of experience to the team, having started his career in the Manchester City youth system before playing for a number of successful National League Clubs, including Cambridge United, Forest Green Rovers and a promotion winning campaign with Mansfield.

James signed for the Hatters alongside his younger brother Connor, who joined from Tranmere Rovers, with both excited at the opportunity to play for their hometown Club.

### MARK KITCHING

Mark is a versatile defender signed from Hartlepool United in the Summer on a free transfer, after turning down a new contract at Victoria Park, as well as offers from several other Clubs in England and Scotland.

Born in the North East, he was a graduate of Middlesbrough's highly regarded Academy, gaining experience from loan spells at York City and Rochdale before joining the latter permanently in February 2017.

Predominantly playing at left-back, with the ability to play further forward in midfield, Mark made 78 appearances for Hartlepool over a two-year spell, impressing significantly under Dave Challinor in the second-half of the 19/20 season before making the move to Edgeley Park.

### JAMIE STOTT

Jamie joined the Hatters permanently in the Summer following three previous loan spells at Edgeley Park from Oldham Athletic, playing a key role during our 2018/19 title winning season in the National League North.

A left-sided centre-half, Jamie formed a formidable partnership alongside Ash Palmer at the back; playing his part in an incredible run of form that saw him on the losing side just once in 18 games, a run which culminated in him scoring a last-gasp winner at FC United of Manchester.

Jamie only took a few weeks away from Edgeley Park, returning for a third loan spell, making his third County debut in the 1-0 win over Spennymoor Town. Stott made 12 consecutive appearances in that loan spell, his final being the 2-0 home win over Curzon Ashton.

Jamie returned to Oldham last summer looking to secure a place in the first team, and memorably scored a late winner for the Latics against Liverpool U21s in the Football League Trophy, before injury brought a premature end to his season.

Following his release from Boundary Park, Jamie returns to the County already a firm fan favourite, signing a two-year deal at Edgeley Park.

### **MACAULEY SOUTHAM-HAYLES**

Right-back Macauley joined the Club over the Summer on a two-year-deal, signing from Fleetwood Town for an undisclosed fee.

Having spent 12 years as a junior in Cardiff City's academy, the 24-year old moved to Barry Town before joining Fleetwood in January 2019.

Macauley also enjoyed a loan spell Hartlepool United last season, making his debut against County, playing a key part in their 2-0 victory over us in February. Having impressed during his time in the North-East, he was identified as a key Summer transfer target by Pools boss Dave Challinor, before ultimately making the move to Edgeley Park.

### **FINLEY STANYER**

Centre-half Finley, 18, has risen through the ranks at the Stockport County Academy, signing a one-year professional contract with the Club in the Summer.

The highly-rated defender has been on the radar of the first-team for some time, with the 18-year-old named on the bench for last season's FA Trophy victory over Blyth Spartans at Edgeley Park.

He went on to make his maiden first-time appearance for the side this Summer, coming

on as a substitute in our pre-season defeat to Rochdale AFC at Edgeley Park.

## **MIDFIELDERS**

### **ADAM THOMAS**

Manager Jim Gannon signed winger Adam from relegated Hednesford Town in May 2016. The six-foot-three wide man spent 12 years in Everton's Academy alongside the likes of England star Ross Barkley before joining Stoke City for a three-year spell. He scored six goals for Hednesford and scooped five out of seven awards at their end-of-season presentations.

After several injury-hit seasons, Adam played a crucial role in the National League North title-winning season of 2018/19, as he established himself as one of the first names on the team-sheet down County's right-hand side, playing at right-back, right wing-back, right-wing and as a centre-forward at different stages of the season.

Throughout the title-winning season, Thomas scored eight goals in 48 appearances in all competitions, including the winner in a 2-1 win over Ashton United and the final goal of the season in the 3-0 win at Nuneaton which clinched the title.

Thomas continued to make himself one of the first names on the teamsheet once promotion was clinched, only missing two games as County returned to the National League. He scored five goals that season, including three league goals in three games in August, which helped him win County's Player of the Month.

### **JORDAN KEANE**

Versatile midfielder Jordan, who can also play at the back, joined County from National League North rivals Boston United

in the summer. He was ever-present for the Pilgrims in his last season, scoring six goals.

His previous clubs include Stoke City, Tamworth, Alfreton, Nuneaton and Worcester City. Jordan also attended the Jamie Vardy Academy in 2017. He was named the Players' Player of the Year at York Street last season.

During the 2018-19 National League North winning season, Keane was an integral part of the Hatters' midfield which helped lift the trophy, and he was one of the first players to sign on for the coming season, where he made 39 appearances and scored one goal, the second in a 3-2 win over eventual champions Barrow.

### **LOIS MAYNARD**

Lois Maynard signed a two-and-a-half year deal at Edgeley Park in February 2020. He only made one appearance for County in the 2019/20 season, away at Dagenham and Redbridge in a 1-1 draw.

Lois started his career in non-league for Daisy Hill, Chadderton, Flixton and Winsford United before getting his move to FC Halifax Town in 2013. After two years there he moved to Tranmere Rovers, making it to the Play-Off Final in 2017 before moving to Salford City.

At Salford City, he won the National League North in his first season and won promotion again as the Ammies beat AFC Fylde at Wembley in the 2018/19 National League Play-Off Final.

In 2019/20, Lois made 25 appearances for Salford in the Football League, scoring one goal (the winner in a 2-1 win away at Newport County), before making the move aged 31 to Edgeley Park.

### **RYAN CROASDALE**

Former Kidderminster and AFC Fylde midfielder Ryan signed a three-year deal at Edgeley Park over the Summer.

Ryan began his career coming through the academy at Preston North-End, making one competitive appearance for the Club, whilst also enjoying loan spells at non-league Tamworth and Stalybridge.

The England C international then spent two years at Sheffield Wednesday before moving to Kidderminster in 2016, scoring his first goal for the Harriers against County at Edgeley Park, in a 1-0 away win.

After being named Club Captain in his second year at Kidderminster, Ryan then moved on to AFC Fylde in 2018, for a fee of £50,000. He spent two years at Mill Farm, making over 50 appearances and helping them to the 2019 National League Play-Off final, and to victory in the FA Trophy at Wembley, scoring in their semi-final victory at Edgeley Park.

He was again on the scoresheet against County last season, but couldn't prevent his side from falling to a 2-1 defeat, in a season that would go on to see the Coasters relegated, before he made the move to SK3.

### **HARVEY GILMOUR**

Former Tranmere midfielder Harvey signed a short-term contract with the Club over the Summer following his release from Prenton Park after Rovers' relegation from League One.

The left-footed midfielder is a highly rated young prospect, having come through the ranks at Sheffield United before joining Tranmere, where he went on to make over 30 appearances for the Club, scoring three goals.

## **WILL COLLAR**

Defensive midfielder Will, 24, joined the Club in February on a free contract from Scottish Premier League side Hamilton Academical, signing until the end of the current season.

Collar has previously worked under manager Simon Rusk during his time in Brighton's Academy, going on to make his debut for the Premier League club in an EFL Cup tie against Southampton in 2018.

In the Summer of 2019, the midfielder made the move to Hamilton, making 25 appearances during his time in Scotland, helping the side retain their place in the top division in the 2019/20 season, scoring his one goal for the Club in a crucial 2-1 victory over relegation rivals Hearts.

## **TOM WALKER**

Attacking midfielder Tom rejoined County on loan from Harrogate Town until the end of the season. Former Bolton midfielder Tom, returned for his third spell at Edgeley Park, having first joined the Club in 2017, before enjoying a successful spell on loan from Salford City last season.

After short spells at County and FC United of Manchester, Walker made the move to Salford City, scoring six goals in 16 appearances to help them to the National League North title in 2018, earning an England C call-up in the process. He then followed that up by playing a key role in Salford making it back-to-back promotions, making 40 appearances in the National League during the 2018-19 season as The Ammies secured a place in the EFL at Wembley in the play-offs.

He then returned to Edgeley Park in October 2019 on a three-month loan deal, making an

instant impact as he scored and registered an assist on his debut in a 2-1 win against Hartlepool.

Over the course of his second spell at the Club, the Salford-born midfielder made 17 appearances, scoring six goals and helping the side move from 17th up to 5th in the National League table.

Following the end of his loan spell in January 2020, Tom signed permanently for struggling AFC Fylde where he impressed again, scoring four goals in just nine appearances for The Coasters, but he was unable to save the side from relegation to the National League North.

He moved on to League 2 Harrogate Town in the summer after the newly promoted side triggered a release clause in his contract. He has made seven appearances for the Yorkshire side so far this season, whilst also enjoying a loan spell at Notts County earlier in the season.

## **ELLIOT NEWBY**

Attacking midfielder Newby began his career as a youth player at Bolton Wanderers, before joining Barrow in 2016. After successful spells at Altrincham and AFC Telford, Elliot made the move to Chorley in the Summer of 2018, playing a key role in the Magpies promotion to the National League via the play-offs in his first season. Whilst Chorley were unable to retain their place in the division last season Newby continued to impress, even scoring against County in a 3-0 win at Victory Park. In a season disrupted by postponements in the National League North, the midfielder has still has five goals to his name so far this campaign, scoring in his last two games of the season to help Chorley finish their now voided season in a play-off place.

## **FORWARDS**

### **RICHIE BENNETT**

Richard Bennett, christened "Richie" by Jim Gannon when the two worked together at Northwich Victoria, signed for County in March 2020, making one competitive appearance for the Hatters before the 2019/20 season was cut short.

This appearance was Maidenhead United away, in which he started and was substituted late on in the game for Festus Arthur. Previously, he had played in non-league with Curzon Ashton, Mossley and Northwich Victoria, where he and Jim Gannon made it to the FA Cup Second Round, where Richie scored in a 3-2 defeat to Northampton Town.

He then got his move to Barrow, scoring 16 goals in his only season at Holker Street before getting his Football League move to Carlisle United, spending two years there which included a loan spell at Morecambe before moving on to Port Vale prior to the 2019/20 season.

Bennett scored seven goals for Port Vale in 2019/20 before reuniting with Jim Gannon at County signing a two-year deal at Edgeley Park. Currently on loan at Hartlepool.

### **CONNOR JENNINGS**

Versatile forward Connor returned to Edgeley Park for a second spell this Summer, joining the Club after a hugely successful four-year spell at Tranmere Rovers. Capable of playing anywhere behind the striker, or up top himself, Connor first played for the Hatters in a loan spell from Scunthorpe United during the 2012/13 season, where he impressed with eight goals in 16 appearances, before returning to his parent Club.

Successful spells at Macclesfield and Wrexham followed before his move to Prenton Park, where he played a crucial role in back-to-back promotions for Rovers. Making a total of 140 appearances in his time there, Connor featured in three play-off finals, scoring in two of them and providing the assist or the winner in the other. His 119th minute winner in the League Two play-off final against Newport has immortalised him to many Tranmere supporters.

Connor signed for the Hatters alongside his older brother, James, with both brothers excited at the prospect of playing together for their hometown Club.

### **JORDAN WILLIAMS**

Jordan plays as a winger and signed in mid-August 2020 for County from AFC Fylde, after scoring 15 goals in 37 appearances in his only season at Mill Farm, including a goal at Edgeley Park in County's 2-1 win over the Coasters, and at Bramall Lane against Premier League Sheffield United in Fylde's 2-1 loss in the FA Cup Third Round.

Jordan has played under Jim Gannon before at Northwich Victoria, where the two enjoyed success together, making their way to the FA Cup Second Round in 2015, alongside former Hatter Jimmy Ball and current County striker Richie Bennett.

Jordan has also featured for Barrow, Rochdale and Lincoln City in his playing career which has seen him spend two years at Football League level before dropping back into the National League when he joined Fylde.

The Warrington-born winger signed a two-year deal at Edgeley Park when signing from AFC Fylde on August 14th.

### HARRY CARDWELL

Scottish striker Cardwell, 24, joined County on-loan along with Elliot Newby in a double deal until the rest of the season. The former Grimsby forward joined Chorley permanently in the summer, having had a loan spell at the Club in January 2020. Harry, who has one cap for Scotland Under-21s, has previously spent time in Reading and Brighton's academy before a three-year spell with Grimsby in the Football League. Cardwell impressed during Chorley's recent run to the Fourth Round of the Emirates FA Cup, finding the net in the Magpies' 3-2 win away at League One Wigan Athletic in the First Round.

### PADDY MADDEN

Paddy joined the Club on a three-year deal from Fleetwood Town.

Madden, 31, has had a prolific scoring record throughout his career in the Football League, with over 100 goals to his name whilst playing in League One.

Having started his career in Ireland with Bohemians, Paddy first made the move to English football in January 2011, signing for League One Carlisle United on a two-and-a-half year deal.

After struggling to break into the Cumbrians first team, he made the loan move to fellow League One Club Yeovil in October 2012 and had an immediate impact, scoring twice on his debut in a 3-1 win against Colchester United. After an impressive run of nine goals in 16 games for the Somerset Club, the deal was made permanent, signing for an undisclosed fee in January 2013.

From then on the Irishman went from strength to strength, with his 23 league goals helping to fire Yeovil into the play-off places, and

earn him the League One Golden Boot in the process. He then capped a magnificent season by scoring the winner in the Play-Off final against Brentford, to secure promotion to the Championship for the Glovers for the first time in their history.

His form whilst at Huish Park was enough to see him earn a cap for the Republic of Ireland national team, coming on as a sub in an international friendly against Wales in August 2013.



# YEOVIL TOWN (A)

## MATCH REPORT

BY BRETT LEWIS

**Yeovil Town 1-0 Boreham Wood**  
**Saturday 17th April 2021, 12.30pm**  
**Huish Park, Vanarama National League**

**It was the home side who registered a well-deserved and poignant victory and in the process inflicting Boreham Wood's first defeat in eleven matches.**

Boreham Wood were unchanged for the fifth match running but it was the home side who were very much in charge in the first half. Yeovil controlled possession early on and after fifteen minutes after an excellent cross by Albi Skendi it was well cleared by Tom Champion when it looked destined for Reuben Reid's head.

Following a Wood corner on twenty-three minutes an excellent break and run by the pacey Tom Knowles could have meant an opening goal for the home side but Nathan Ashmore scampered out of his goal to clear the danger. Three minutes later Ashmore was a hero again when he saved well and fortunately for Femi Ilesamni it denied him an own goal. The Glovers weren't to be denied and two minutes later they produced an excellent team goal to take a well-deserved lead. It started with an excellent run by Matt Worthington who played in Skendi before he in turn passed to Knowles who struck

a first time shot that gave Ashmore no chance. Knowles nearly doubled the lead two minutes later, but his well struck effort which went just wide. On the thirty-fifth minute, Boreham Wood created their best move of the half and after a good run by Gus Mafuta, he was denied by Glovers keeper Jimmy Smith.

Boreham Wood were much better in spells of the second half as they began to see a lot more of the ball. However, chances were at a premium. Tyrone Marsh should have scored on sixty-five minutes, but he cleared the crossbar with a free header. A minute later a fine Ashmore save denied Knowles' looping shot before a combination of Jamal Fyfield and Champion clearing the ball away. A fantastic Kane Smith cross would have presented a free header for Matt Rhead but to Yeovil's delight it was denied with some heroic defending from Michael Kelly. Four minutes later, Corey Whitely's well struck free kick was well saved by Smith in the Yeovil goal.

Yeovil Town held out for a well-deserved three points which would have pleased their late skipper. Boreham Wood, on the other hand, weren't at their best despite a better second half performance.



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## Boreham Wood

### Manager

Luke Garrard

- 1 [Nathan Ashmore](#)
- 2 Danny Woodards
- 3 Femi Ilesanmi
- 4 Mark Ricketts
- 5 Tom Champion
- 6 David Stephens
- 7 Piero Mingoia
- 8 Gus Mafuta
- 9 Kabongo Tshimanga
- 10 Keiran Murtagh
- 11 Corey Whitely
- 12 Jamal Fyfield
- 14 Krystian Pearce
- 15 Matt Rhead
- 16 Zaine Francis-Angol
- 18 Shaquile Coulthirst
- 19 Kane Smith
- 20 Adam McDonnell
- 23 Tyrone Marsh



## Barnet

### Manager

Simon Bassey

- 1 [Scott Loach](#)
- 2 Dwight Pascal
- 3 Jack Connors
- 4 Tyrone Duffus
- 5 Matt Preston
- 6 James Dunne
- 7 Alexander McQueen
- 8 Eliot Richards
- 9 Alfie Pavey
- 10 Michael Petrasso
- 11 JJ Hooper
- 12 [James Callan](#)
- 14 Muhammadu Faal
- 15 Themis Kefalas
- 16 Harry Taylor
- 17 Ben Richards-Everton
- 18 Wes Fonguck
- 19 Xander McBurnie
- 20 Courtney Baker-Richardson
- 21 Tomi Adeloje
- 22 Josh Walker
- 23 Sam Beard
- 24 [Aymen Azaze](#)
- 25 Sam Skeffington
- 26 Jerome Binnom-Williams
- 27 Ephron Mason-Clark
- 30 Lee Vaughan
- 31 Ben Nugent
- 32 Jack Tompkins
- 33 Antonis Vasilioiu
- 34 Sam Granville
- 35 Loic Hernandez
- 38 Liam Daly
- 40 Anthony Wordsworth



## Stockport County

### Manager

Simon Rusk

- 1 [Ben Hinchcliffe](#)
- 2 Sam Miniham
- 3 James Jennings
- 4 Liam Hogan
- 5 Ash Palmer
- 6 Lois Maynard
- 7 Adam Thomas
- 8 John Rooney
- 9 Richie Bennett
- 11 Jordan Williams
- 14 Mark Kitching
- 15 Jamie Stott
- 16 Jordan Keane
- 17 Macauley Southam-Hales
- 18 Ryan Croasdale
- 19 Alex Reid
- 21 [Josh Barnes](#)
- 22 Harvey Gilmour
- 26 [Ross Fitzsimmons](#)
- 28 Will Collar
- 29 Tom Walker
- 30 Harry Cardwell
- 31 Elliot Newby
- 32 Jack Stretton
- 33 Nathan Shaw
- 34 Paddy Madden

## MATCH OFFICIALS vs BARNET

**Referee**  
Elliott Swallow

**Assistant Referees**  
Marcus Carmichael  
Luke Scott

**Fourth Official**  
Hugh Gilroy

## MATCH OFFICIALS vs STOCKPORT

**Referee**  
Tom Reeves

**Assistant Referees**  
Mark Stevens  
Jonathon Block

**Fourth Official**  
Matthew Morrison

## NEXT AWAY



### vs. HALIFAX TOWN

8th May 2021

15:00pm

National League

## NEXT HOME



### vs. KINGS LYNN TOWN

3rd May 2021

19:45pm

National League



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