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DANNY HUNTER

Tonight we welcome Chelmsford City to the Mangata Pay UK Stadium. May I wish their Directors, Manager, players and supporters an enjoyable stay with us and a safe journey home.

Well, after convincingly beating both Eastbourne Borough and local rivals St Albans City recently, we are hopefully edging our way back towards the top of the form guide and if we can do that, then it's perfect timing for the run-in and it would put us back in the title race, after having a very big wobble.

Recent results and performances show we are at times still a conundrum wrapped up in a question mark regarding our form, and we accept in recent weeks that we have at times not been quite good enough or consistent enough compared to just one short month ago.

Our injuries have not helped matters, of course, and when coupled with Chris Bush's suspension it had disrupted us, but with Josh Hare and Bushy now back, Luke has 18 very good players to choose from. So let's not make lame excuses for those

unexpected defeats, as our squad now has real strength and our recent player recruitment means we have incredible depth in all areas.

As I've said before, our players just need to re-focus, settle down, regain a little confidence and some simply needed to look at their game management in those tough in-game moments. These are just some of the factors that I feel will determine our title and promotion ambitions.

That said it does feel that reality is finally sinking in as the run-in approaches in regards to what is needed at this level, and thankfully we have got back to grinding out a few wins, winning ugly and thankfully we've stopped feeling like the world owes us a living.

As I keep saying our fitness levels, work ethic and togetherness have improved and

that has shown itself again over the last 10 days. Our recent loss of form came out of the blue and was not foreseen by me - that said, our wobble has been a real test of people's character and let's be honest it was far more than a blip.

Hopefully though, after two very big wins, we are about to embark on another unbeaten run so let's buckle up, trust in each other once again and trust in our quality. We know Luke loves to grind out wins but he also has the quality and players in his dressing room to find other pathways to promotion and I have faith that this squad can get our title ambitions back on track tonight by making it three unbeaten.

I felt we arrived here against Eastbourne Borough 10 days ago, looking a bit bruised and battered and so I reminded my staff, manager, dressing room and you supporters in my last programme notes that we either throw the towel in or come together and fight for the right to stay in this title race as we sat fifth that day in the league.....and we've done that.

Tonight we sit fourth and are only a few points adrift even after the wobble, as such we are still in the mix and with our senior injured players starting to return our squad strength is immense and I'm told our skipper Jack Payne is now almost ready to join the squad for the trip down to the West Country next weekend.

After tonight's must-win game, we need to get ready for two huge games at Torquay United on Saturday and then Truro next Tuesday. As such we will prepare on Thursday before travelling down there after training on Friday afternoon and stay down there for five days, to deal with both games in the most professional way possible.

As such this is a massive 8 days for us as we first meet a rejuvenated Chelmsford City, before taking on Torquay United and Truro who are both fighting for the right to lift this title or win the play-offs. I know in

comparison to some that our support base is small but it is very loyal. So I hope some of our supporters can find a way to make the sacrifices and do the journeys, as your support would be so appreciated by myself, the gaffer and the dressing room.

So as we near the run-in, in what has been an eye opening season for me, I know we have let ourselves down at times, I also know we have not quite fired at times, but let's not look back in anger and make excuses. Let's look forward together with optimism and hope in our hearts, as trust me our fight, spirit and belief are still strong and we know we still have everything to play for.

It feels like momentum is gathering at a great time, as most of our injured and suspended players are returning, and I refuse to accept any excuses or negativity, I refuse to give one inch or give way to thoughts of failure, as I believe from hereon in, yes there will be setbacks, but we will only get better.

Tonight I'm reliably informed that we'll also get Josh Hare back from injury and as I said above with Chris Bush also back on Saturday from his suspension, that is two very experienced players who will make us very strong in those defensive areas. On top of that Callum Reynolds who we recently signed from Bromley is also expected to return to full fitness within the next 14 days.

Trust me these are all top quality defenders who will add experience, game management and help our cause going into March and April.

As such our only long-term injuries are possibly Josef Yarney and Gus Mafuta..... however with Erico Sousa finally back and pain free, I now feel our defensive cover, coupled with our attacking strength will only improve us and these quality players will I hope have a lasting impact on the run in, on the title destination and the play-off race as a whole going forward.

I believe my investment in our new signings and in our attacking strength off the bench, will ultimately make a huge difference in March and April as the pressure builds. I genuinely feel we'll start to re-show our defensive strength and our fighting qualities in those pressure moments which can only improve our chances of finishing the season like potential champions.

So after what was a very difficult start to our season, I feel we have all shown tremendous character and unity to come again and that has only been achieved through investment, mental strength, togetherness, hard work and an inner determination to claw our way back into the promotion conversation.

I of course hope the recent extra investment in new signings, shows everyone what we are all trying to achieve here as a football club, as I hate this league and everything about it with a passion. As such I want us all to despise all things mediocrity, and double down on our ambition and I remind everyone to focus on us, and re-focus on our strengths, focus on our qualities and focus on enjoying the pressure of having the best squad in this promotion scrap.

A month ago I was possibly just thankful to be back in a title race after our mediocre start. 10 days ago I was just thankful to still be in the play-offs after four losses in six. The truth is though, even after those four losses nobody got away and with all the twists and turns still to come, we are still bang in this title race and we're not going away.

I believe this promotion race has already become a helter-skelter of a ride and it will possibly go to the last day.....I have always been consistent though with my messaging and I repeat it again, "If any team or teams are better than us come the season's end, then there will no complaints or excuses from me",. That said, I need us to scrap for every point, every goal, every clean sheet, every point, and every win as I believe 88 points with our goal difference could well win this league.

As I've said many times, we do now genuinely have a very good squad that's also being built with one eye on the future. We see in training every day our quality, we know our fitness levels, we know our work ethic and we knew when we had the recent wobble that we must unite, come together and graft like never before, we can now picture the finishing line and we are convinced we can bring our supporters, our town and our community the success we all crave.

I again respectfully remind our players, my management team, my staff and you our loyal supporters, that we must mentally deal with the setbacks together and accept any pressure that comes with title and promotion ambitions. In truth, life taught me a long time ago, that to achieve success whether in family or business life you must be mentally strong.

Overall though if I want sustained success for my football club, for our town and for you loyal supporters, then I must trust my instincts, trust my key staff, trust my partners, my sponsors and continue to invest. Because I know if I can do that and continue to care about our community then we still have every chance of bringing promotion to our football club, our town and our community.

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

Take care.

Danny



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LIKE GARREARD



Good Afternoon, firstly I would like to welcome Robbie Simpson, his Staff and Players to The Mangata Pay UK Stadium for today's National South fixture.

The reverse fixture was very entertaining, especially having come back from a two-goal deficit to win the game late on 3-2 last time out.

That weekend was a huge catalyst in us starting a long winning streak and tonight we can continue the work we have done in our last two fixtures to hopefully get on another big run.

We know how important it is to get wins and having recently picked up too many losses, three points are even more important considering how tight it is at the top end of the table.

The result on Saturday was great, especially against your local rivals. We showed once again how much quality we have and when we turn it on, we can really open a side up.

The ruthlessness in the final third was very productive, and being clinical with our chances proved to be the difference.

Also scoring from two set plays was huge and the work the staff have done in getting better returns from our restarts has been evident as we currently top the pile on goals from corners and that stat will be massive in us having success from now until the end of the season.

We are a side that creates chances and can cause chaos in the opposition box, whether that's deliveries, combinations or set plays our return has been positive and we need to continue that offensive side of the game moving forward, but I want to have more control in the match.

Identifying when a side gets a foot hold in the game, how do we wrestle back

the ascendancy as there were some characteristics in the latter stages of the match on Saturday that we need to improve on.

We are now entering the business end of the season, and we will need everyone bringing value and positivity, especially with a group that is nearing full fitness they will need to understand and adopt their role within the side.

For us to have success they will need to remain a tight knit group where their togetherness will gain an edge.

I have spoken to them all and echoed how important everyone will be for the run in and that they all have to drive standards and push each other to bring that much needed quality which will aid us in having a successful finish to the Season.

Tonight is about continuing the run, building on back-to-back wins and getting three points by hook or by crook.

Get right behind the boys, your support and noise on Saturday was immense and played a massive part in the performance.

So let's have more of that energy Tonight so we can continue our winning streak.

Look forward to seeing you all

Enjoy the game

Luke



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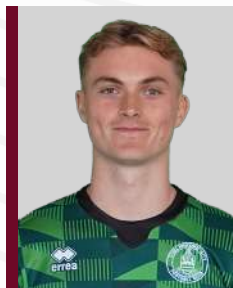
IN THE DUGOUT



Manager: Robbie SIMPSON

Robbie Simpson joined the Clarets as a player in August 2019 from MK Dons. The Chelmsford boss began his career at Cambridge City before moving to Cambridge United and later Coventry City, also going on to play for Oldham, Exeter, and Cambridge United again. Impressing with his work rate, versatility, and goal-scoring ability in his first season with the Clarets. Simpson became interim manager after Rod Stringer's departure in February 2020, and was appointed permanently the following month.

ONES TO WATCH



Ted COLLINS

Born: 28 January 2003

Position: Goalkeeper

The Clarets' number one joined the club in June 2024 after coming through Colchester United's academy with the Colchester-born keeper making his first team debut at just 19, coming on in a 1-1 draw with Swindon Town in January of 2022. Prior to his move to the Clarets, the young keeper picked up experience out on loan with sides such as Potters Bar and Maldon & Tiptree.



Charlie RUFF

Born: 15 August 1999

Position: Midfield

A highly experienced footballer in non-league, the 25-year-old midfielder rejoined Chelmsford City for the 2023/24 season after spells at Hornchurch and Havant & Waterlooville, winning the FA Trophy during his time with the Urchins, scoring in the final. Ruff netted 19 league goals last season, making him the club's top scorer and, in August of last year, he was named vice-captain and has skippered the Clarets on multiple occasions this season.



Kane CRICHLAW

Born: 21 August 2000

Position: Midfield

Crichlow joined the Clarets after a spell with Bishops Cleeve in the Vanarama National League North last season. The midfielder started at AFC Wimbledon before moving to Watford, where he debuted in the EFL Cup. Since then, the Bermudian midfielder has racked up many international appearances and after a stint in Greece, he joined Stortford, notably scoring five goals in a 6-1 FA Trophy win over Aldershot prior to his move to the Clarets.

CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

CHELMSFORD CITY

Football historian **LEIGH EDWARDS** selects ten post-war Chelmsford City 'Classic Campaigns'

1945/46

Chelmsford City won the Southern League and Cup 'double' in 1945/46. After losing their opening match 2-1 at home to Colchester United, Arthur Rowe's side won all but two of their remaining Southern League games and overtook Hereford United to clinch the title with two matches unplayed. City also won the Southern League Cup. A late rally enabled them to draw 3-3 at Worcester City in the first-leg of the final and they swept to a 6-1 win in the second-leg to triumph 9-4 on aggregate. Key players in Chelmsford's 'double' side included skipper Bill Parry, local goalscoring favourite Denny Foreman and former Spurs pair Fred Sargent and Andy Duncan.

1959/60

Chelmsford City won the Southern League Cup again in 1959/60. Harry Ferrier's side beat Clacton Town 6-1, Headington United 1-0, Dartford 1-0 after a 2-2 draw and Bexleyheath & Welling 4-0 after a 3-3 draw to set up a third Southern League Cup final meeting with Worcester City. Both clubs had previously won once. Footballing-cricketer Mike Barnard scored twice as City won 4-2 on aggregate. Another notable player was former England international Len Phillips. City finished sixth in the Southern League Premier Division, trouncing Gravesend & Northfleet 7-1, Boston United 6-1 and Wisbech Town 5-1 at New Writtle Street.

1967/68

Chelmsford City won the Southern League title in 1967/68. Only 11 points separated the top 14 clubs at the beginning of March as Chelmsford kept the title in Essex with a powerful finish. With

Bill Cassidy and Tony Butcher forming a deadly partnership, City achieved an excellent Easter double over title rivals Cambridge United with 15,327 watching the two matches. They won 25 of their 42 games and gained 57 points, finishing two ahead of runners-up Wimbledon. Harry Ferrier's side had two 3-3 draws with Oxford United in the FA Cup first round, winning 1-0 in the second replay. They lost 2-0 at home to Colchester United in the second round.

1971/72

Chelmsford City won the Southern League title for the second time in five seasons in 1971/72. They overtook FA Cup giantkillers Hereford United during January and held on to win the title with 62 points, finishing two ahead of runners-up Hereford. City had lost 3-1 at eventual finalists Hereford in the Southern League Cup second round replay. Dave Bumpstead's squad included a number of former Brentwood players in Frank Peterson, Eddie Dilsworth, Jim Stevenson, Paul Delea and Mick Loughton. City won the Merit Cup with 109 goals and Colin Grant finished joint top scorer in the Southern League with Telford United's Jack Bentley.

1988/89

Chelmsford City made an immediate return to the Southern League Premier Division after winning the Southern Division title in 1988/89. Chris Symes' side won 30 of their 42 games, gaining a record 9-0 victory at Ruislip in December. They won 8-0 at home to Erith & Belvedere, also hammering Sheppey United 6-0 and Tonbridge 5-0 at New Writtle Street. City won the Merit Cup with 106 goals and swept to the title with 95 points, finishing eight ahead of runners-up Gravesend & Northfleet. Key figures in their

Golden Jubilee season included 'Player of the Year' goalkeeper Paul Casey, leading marksman Mitchell Springett, Gary Nash and Gary Harvey.

2000/01

Chelmsford City won promotion back to the Southern League Premier Division in 2000/01. Gary Bellamy's side made a 14 match unbeaten start, with Steve Portway scoring four times in their 5-1 victory at Burnham. They led the Southern League Eastern Division table from early November but Newport IOW surged to the top during the closing weeks as they played matches in hand. Chelmsford faced Newport IOW in a title decider on the final day and the visitors won 1-0 in front of a 1,441 crowd to clinch the title. City finished runners-up, winning 27 of their 42 games and gaining 90 points. Steve Portway was leading marksman with 38 goals.

2007/08

Chelmsford City stormed to the Isthmian League Premier Division title in 2007/08. City had lost in the play-offs the previous season and were favourites to gain automatic promotion. Bertie Brayley scored four goals in their 5-1 win at home to Margate just before Christmas. The Clarets' first home defeat wasn't until AFC Hornchurch won 4-0 in early February and that was the only defeat from mid-December through to April after they had clinched the title with a 1-1 draw at home to Ramsgate. Jeff King's side won 26 of their 42 games and gained 87 points, finishing nine ahead of runners-up Staines Town. They earned promotion to the Conference South.

2010/11

Chelmsford City qualified for the Conference South play-offs for the third successive season in 2010/11. They were early pacesetters after winning their opening three games, then overcame two consecutive defeats to lose just once in their next 13 matches including a 6-1 victory at home to Thurrock. The Clarets defeated Chertsey Town, Bromley and Carshalton Athletic to reach the FA Cup first round proper. Glenn Pennyfather's side won 1-0 at home to Hendon before losing 3-1 at Wycombe Wanderers in the second round. They

qualified for the Conference South play-offs in fourth place with 77 points but lost 6-2 to Ebbsfleet United in the semi-finals.



2012/13

Chelmsford City qualified for the Conference South play-offs for the fourth time in five years in 2012/13. Glenn Pennyfather's side lost only three of their first 14 games and also beat Leatherhead, Cray Wanderers and East Thurrock in the FA Cup before two goals by Donovan Simmonds plus another from Jamie Slabber secured a 3-1 first round win over Colchester United in front of 3,012 at Melbourne Park. The Clarets lost 3-0 at Crawley Town in their third successive appearance in the second round. They qualified for the Conference South play-offs in fifth place, winning 22 of their 42 matches, but lost 2-1 on aggregate to Salisbury City in the semi-finals.

2016/17

Chelmsford City reached the Conference South play-off final in 2016/17. Rod Stringer's side started slowly but soared up the table with seven wins in eight matches, culminating in a 6-0 victory at Gosport Borough. The Clarets remained in the promotion frame with just one defeat in 14 games. Chris Dickson scored four times in their 5-1 victory at home to Eastbourne Borough and they also triumphed 5-1 in the return match at home to Gosport. They qualified for the play-offs in fourth place, winning 23 of their 42 games and gaining 82 points. City defeated Dartford 2-1 on aggregate in the semi-finals but lost 2-1 to Ebbsfleet United in the play-off final.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

CHELMSFORD CITY



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Ruff [26'], Crichlow [32']



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Richardson [48'], Ndlovu [74'], [85']

25 November 2024 // 19:45 // National League South

Wood staged a remarkable second-half comeback to win 3-2 at Chelmsford City, securing their second away victory in three days.

After a commanding first half in which the hosts missed several chances, Chelmsford took control with two quick goals. Will Duff scored on 26 minutes, followed by Kane Crichlow's header on 32 minutes.

Wood struggled but found their form after the break. Richardson halved the deficit with a well-taken goal just three minutes into the second half. Manager Luke Garrard made key substitutions, introducing Lee Ndlovu and Abdul Abdulmalik, which unsettled Chelmsford's defence.

Ndlovu equalised on 74 minutes with a header, before scoring the winner five minutes from time with a superb volley from Abdulmalik's cross. The thrilling fightback earned Boreham Wood all three points, delighting their travelling supporters.



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SAT 17	AWAY	15:00	CHESHAM UNITED	NLS	2-1	912	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN
TUES 20	AWAY	19:45	DORKING WANDERERS	NLS	2-2	1,274	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN
SAT 24	HOME	15:00	WEYMOUTH	NLS	3-0	701	ASHMORE	PAYNE ▼	BUSH	WHELAN	MARSH
MON 26	AWAY	15:00	SALISBURY	NLS	1-2	1,109	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	PAYNE	AGBONTOHOMA	WHELAN
SAT 31	HOME	15:00	MAIDSTONE UNITED	NLS	1-1	909	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN ▼
SEPTEMBER											
MON 2	HOME	19:45	WORTHING	NLS	1-2	715	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	PAYNE	BUSH	AGBONTOHOMA
SAT 7	AWAY	15:00	HAMPTON & RICHMOND	NLS	1-1	937	ASHMORE	COXE	PAYNE	BUSH	AGBONTOHOMA
SAT 14	AWAY	15:00	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	FAC	1-0	773	ASHMORE	COXE	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH
SAT 21	HOME	15:00	WELLING UNITED	NLS	6-0	803	ASHMORE	COXE ▼	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH
SAT 27	HOME	15:00	LARKHALL ATHLETIC	FAC	2-1	504	ASHMORE	COXE ▼	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH
OCTOBER											
SAT 5	AWAY	15:00	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	NLS	1-0	702	ASHMORE	COXE ▼	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH
SAT 12	HOME	15:00	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC	FAC	4-0	632	ASHMORE	COXE ▼	ILESANMI	PAYNE ▼	BUSH
SAT 19	AWAY	15:00	WESTON-SUPER-MARE	NLS	0-0	1,258	ASHMORE	COXE ▼	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH
WEDS 23	HOME	19:45	HORNCHURCH	NLS	1-1	757	ASHMORE	COXE	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH
SAT 26	AWAY	15:00	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	NLS	1-2	1,001	ASHMORE	COXE	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH
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SUN 3	HOME	14:00	LEYTON ORIENT	FAC	2-2 (3-2 Pen)	2,101	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	PAYNE ▼	BUSH	AGBONTOHOMA
WEDS 6	HOME	19:45	FARNBOROUGH	NLS	3-1	622	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	BUSH	AGBONTOHOMA	SAGAF ▼
SAT 9	AWAY	15:00	AVELEY	NLS	0-1	451	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	BUSH	AGBONTOHOMA	WHELAN
TUE 12	HOME	19:45	TRURO CITY	NLS	1-0	601	ASHMORE	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN	SAGAF ▼
SAT 16	HOME	15:00	FELIXSTOWE & WALTON UTD	FAT	1-1 (3-1 Pen)	401	ASHMORE	BUSH	SAGAF ▼	NDLOVU	BENTON ▼
WED 20	AWAY	19:45	ENFIELD FC	HSC	5-1	86	BUSSE	MORLEY	ILESANMI	MAFUTA	ISAC ▼
SAT 23	HOME	15:00	TORQUAY UNITED	NLS	0-0	925	ASHMORE	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN	NDLOVU
SAT 30	AWAY	15:00	BATH CITY	NLS	2-1	1,020	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN
DECEMBER											
MON 2	AWAY	19:45	CHELMSFORD CITY	NLS	3-2	668	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN
SAT 7	HOME	15:00	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	FAT	1-0	430	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	BUSH	AGBONTOHOMA	SAGAF ▼
TUE 10	HOME	15:00	ST ALBANS CITY	NLS	3-0	1,308	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN
SAT 14	HOME	15:00	CHESHAM UNITED	NLS	3-0	643	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	PAYNE ▼	BUSH	WHELAN ▼
SAT 21	HOME	15:00	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	NLS	1-1	717	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN
THURS 26	AWAY	15:00	ENFIELD TOWN	NLS	2-0	1,092	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN ▼
JANUARY											
WEDS 1	HOME	15:00	SLOUGH TOWN	NLS	5-1	855	ASHMORE	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN	NDLOVU ▼
SAT 4	AWAY	15:00	WEYMOUTH	FAT	2-1	624	ASHMORE	BUSH	AGBONTOHOMA	SAGAF ▼	NDLOVU
TUE 14	AWAY	19:45	WORMLEY ROVERS	HSC	1-4	94	BUSSE	MORLEY	ILESANMI ▼	MAFUTA	ISAC ▼
SAT 18	AWAY	15:00	WELLING UNITED	NLS	1-0	836	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	PAYNE ▼	BUSH	WHELAN
TUE 21	HOME	15:00	HAMPTON & RICHMOND	NLS	3-1	612	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	BUSH	WHELAN	BENTON ▼
SAT 25	HOME	15:00	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	NLS	1-4	889	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	BUSH	WHELAN	BENTON ▼
TUES 28	AWAY	19:45	WORTHING	NLS	1-2	1,565	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	BUSH	WHELAN	BENTON ▼
FEBRUARY											
SAT 1	AWAY	15:00	ALDERSHOT TOWN	FAT	0-2	1,647	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	BUSH	WHELAN	BENTON ▼
MON 3	AWAY	19:45	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	NLS	4-3	681	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	BUSH	WHELAN	BENTON ▼
SAT 8	HOME	15:00	WESTON-SUPER-MARE	NLS	0-1	710	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	AGBONTOHOMA ▼	WHELAN	BENTON
TUES 11	AWAY	19:45	HORNCHURCH	NLS	1-2	344	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	WHELAN	SAGAF ▼	BENTON ▼
SAT 15	HOME	15:00	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	NLS	3-0	810	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	AGBONTOHOMA	WHELAN	SAGAF
SAT 22	AWAY	15:00	ST ALBANS CITY	NLS	3-1	2,648	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	BUSH	WHELAN	SAGAF
TUES 25	HOME	19:45	CHELMSFORD CITY	NLS							
MARCH											
SAT 1	AWAY	15:00	TORQUAY UNITED	NLS							
TUE 4	AWAY	19:45	TRURO CITY	NLS							
SAT 8	HOME	15:00	AVELEY	NLS							
TUES 11	AWAY	19:45	FARNBOROUGH	NLS							
SAT 15	AWAY	15:00	WEYMOUTH	NLS							
SAT 22	HOME	15:00	DORKING WANDERERS	NLS							
SAT 29	AWAY	15:00	MAIDSTONE UNITED	NLS							
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SAT 5	HOME	15:00	SALISBURY	NLS							
SAT 12	HOME	15:00	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	NLS							
FRI 18	AWAY	15:00	SLOUGH TOWN	NLS							
MON 21	HOME	15:00	ENFIELD TOWN	NLS							
SAT 26	AWAY	15:00	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	NLS							

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TONIGHTS MASCOTS



ABIGAIL COWAN

Age: 11

Favourite Team(s):

Arsenal & Boreham Wood

Favourite Player(s):

Bukayo Saka & Erico Sousa

Score Prediction: 4-1 to The Wood



AVI TAJTELBAUM

Age: 10

Favourite Team(s):

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Favourite Player(s): Gabriel Martenelli,

Kwesi Appiah & Nathan Ashmore

Score Prediction: 3-1 to The Wood

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MATCH ACTION



3

Appiah (53'), (58'), Rush (56')



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15 February 2025 // 15:00 // National League South

Boreham Wood secured a vital 3-0 win against promotion rivals Eastbourne Borough, with a key penalty save and three quick goals in the second half.

Eastbourne had early chances, including a penalty on 33 minutes after a handball by Kwesi Appiah, but Nathan Ashmore made an outstanding save to keep the score level. Boreham Wood grew into the game, dominating possession and coming close to scoring. The breakthrough came on 53 minutes when Appiah netted his 21st league goal. Just two minutes later, Matt Rush scored from outside the area, and Appiah added a third on 58 minutes.

Despite several chances for both sides, including a fine save from Wright to deny Appiah a hat-trick, Boreham Wood remained in control. Eastbourne threatened late, but Ashmore produced another excellent save in stoppage time to preserve the clean sheet, securing all three points for Boreham Wood.





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MATCH ACTION



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Banton [75']



3

O'Connell [43'], Appiah [48'], Rush [49']

22 February 2025 // 15:00 // National League South

Wood secured a 3-1 win over local rivals St Albans City, keeping their Vanarama National League South promotion push on track.

The hosts created several chances in the first half, but it was Luke Garrard's men who struck first just before the half-time interval when Charlie O'Connell tapped in after a goalkeeping error. Buoyed by the lead, Wood took control early in the second half with Kwesi Appiah doubling the advantage three minutes after the restart, before setting up Matt Rush for a third moments later.

St Albans struggled to respond but finally pulled one back on 75 minutes through Zane Banton's well-taken strike. The Saints pushed late on, but the Wood defence held firm. Despite not being at their best, Wood did enough to claim all three points on derby day. With Chelmsford next up, Luke Garrard's side will hope to keep this momentum going.





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LEAGUE NEWS



COVOLAN RETURNS

Promotion-chasing Worthing announced the signing of goalkeeper Lucas Covolan. A fan favourite from his previous stint, Covolan won the Supporters' Player of the Season in his first year at the club.

The 33-year-old, originally signed in 2017, has since played for Port Vale, Chesterfield, and Torquay United, famously scoring in the 2021 National League play-off final. After a successful season at Maidstone United, including a key role in their FA Cup run, Covolan briefly played for Braintree Town before joining Ebbsfleet United. When asked about the signing, manager Chris Agutter highlighted his experience and quality, adding valuable competition for the goalkeeper spot.



WELLING BOOST FRONTLINE

28-year-old Scott Kashket re-joins Welling United for a second spell with the club, having previously spent time on loan from Leyton Orient in 2016.

Since then, Kashket has gained extensive EFL experience with 284 league appearances, including stints at Wycombe Wanderers, where he helped secure promotion to the Championship in 2020, and at Crewe Alexandra, Gillingham, and Sutton United. After a brief spell with Hornchurch, Kashket returns to Park View Road to strengthen the Wings' attack for the remainder of the season.



FEENEY CALLS FOR CHANGE

Weymouth manager Warren Feeney praised his side's performance despite a 3-0 defeat to Farnborough, which marked their 20th loss this season.

The team went 1-0 down after a disputed corner goal, followed by a sloppy second and a stunning third. Feeney noted good individual performances but criticised missed chances, including a penalty. With the club now 13 points adrift of safety, Feeney acknowledged the need to plan for next season, likely in the Southern League. He hopes to bring in new players and keep morale high, with a crucial game against Aveley next, where they must win to avoid relegation.

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		P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	DORKING WANDERERS	18	9	6	3	17	10	3	4	35	19	9	7	70	43	27	66
2	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	17	9	8	0	18	8	3	7	35	17	11	7	48	37	11	62
3	WORTHING	15	9	5	1	17	9	3	5	32	18	8	6	51	44	7	62
4	BOREHAM WOOD	17	10	4	3	16	8	3	5	33	18	7	8	61	33	28	61
5	TRURO CITY	17	10	4	3	16	7	5	4	33	17	9	7	47	29	18	60
6	MAIDSTONE UNITED	17	8	4	5	17	8	7	2	34	16	11	7	49	28	21	59
7	TORQUAY UNITED	17	11	5	1	16	5	6	5	33	16	11	6	50	33	17	59
8	WESTON-SUPER-MARE	17	6	6	5	17	10	3	4	34	16	9	9	51	41	10	57
9	CHELMSFORD CITY	17	7	7	3	17	5	5	7	34	12	12	10	55	48	7	48
10	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	17	9	3	5	17	3	8	6	34	12	11	11	43	41	2	47
11	FARNBOROUGH	17	11	2	4	16	2	5	9	33	13	7	13	47	47	0	46
12	HAMPTON & RICHMOND	17	7	4	6	16	5	5	6	33	12	9	12	46	42	4	45
13	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	16	5	3	8	17	8	3	6	33	13	6	14	47	45	2	45
14	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	17	7	5	5	17	5	3	9	34	12	8	14	50	59	-9	44
15	HORNCHURCH	16	7	5	4	16	4	5	7	32	11	10	11	37	36	1	43
16	CHESHAM UNITED	17	7	3	7	17	4	7	6	34	11	10	13	47	53	-6	43
17	SLOUGH TOWN	17	8	6	3	17	3	3	11	34	11	9	14	53	53	0	42
18	BATH CITY	17	7	3	7	16	3	4	9	33	10	7	16	29	39	-10	37
19	SALISBURY	17	5	5	7	16	3	7	6	33	8	12	13	41	47	-6	36
20	WELLING UNITED	17	6	2	9	17	3	3	11	34	9	5	20	36	61	-25	32
21	ENFIELD TOWN	17	5	2	10	17	4	3	10	34	9	5	20	35	67	-32	32
22	ST ALBANS CITY	15	3	5	7	18	2	8	8	33	5	13	15	32	49	-17	28
23	AVELEY	16	4	4	8	17	2	1	14	33	6	5	22	35	60	-25	23
24	WEYMOUTH	17	2	6	9	17	2	4	11	34	4	10	20	28	53	-25	22

FIXTURES

TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2025

BOREHAM WOOD V CHELMSFORD CITY
 EASTBOURNE BOROUGH V MAIDSTONE UNITED
 HAMPTON & RICHMOND V CHESHAM UNITED
 HORNCHURCH V ENFIELD TOWN
 SALISBURY V BATH CITY
 SLOUGH TOWN V CHIPPENHAM TOWN
 ST ALBANS CITY V AVELEY
 TONBRIDGE ANGELS V WELLING UNITED
 TRURO CITY V WEYMOUTH
 WESTON-SUPER-MARE V TORQUAY UNITED
 WORTHING V FARNBOROUGH

SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 2025

AVELEY V HAMPTON & RICHMOND
 BATH CITY V EASTBOURNE BOROUGH
 CHELMSFORD CITY V WORTHING
 CHESHAM UNITED V TRURO CITY
 CHIPPENHAM TOWN V ST ALBANS CITY
 ENFIELD TOWN V DORKING WANDERERS
 FARNBOROUGH V WESTON-SUPER-MARE
 HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN V TONBRIDGE ANGELS
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FORM, GOAL SCORERS & ATTENDANCE AVERAGE

NATIONAL SOUTH

FORM - LAST 6 MATCHES

POS.	TEAM	FORM	F	A	PTS
1	DORKING WANDERERS	W D W W W D	11	5	14
2	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	W W L W W D	13	8	13
3	WESTON-SUPER-MARE	W D W L W W	11	6	13
4	WORTHING	W W W D L W	11	11	13
5	ENFIELD TOWN	W W W W L L	8	9	12
6	CHELMSFORD CITY	D L W D W W	12	9	11
7	HORNCHURCH	D D W W L W	10	7	11
8	TRURO CITY	L D W D W W	7	5	11
9	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	W L W L W D	13	10	10
10	BOREHAM WOOD	L W L L W W	12	9	9
11	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	L W D D W D	12	10	9
12	FARNBOROUGH	L W L D W D	11	9	8
13	MAIDSTONE UNITED	D W L L D W	4	3	8
14	ST ALBANS CITY	D D W W L L	6	7	8
15	TORQUAY UNITED	L L W D W L	8	8	7
16	BATH CITY	D W L W L L	5	7	7
17	SLOUGH TOWN	L L W L W L	7	9	6
18	WEYMOUTH	L W L L L W	10	13	6
19	SALISBURY	D L W L D L	8	12	5
20	WELLING UNITED	W L D L L D	7	11	5
21	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	L D L L L W	7	9	4
22	CHESHAM UNITED	L W L L D L	8	12	4
23	HAMPTON & RICHMOND	W D L L L L	8	13	4
24	AVELEY	L L L W L L	5	12	3

AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCE

POS.	TEAM	AVE
1	TORQUAY UNITED	3,677
2	MAIDSTONE UNITED	2,276
3	TRURO CITY	1,675
4	WORTHING	1,543
5	DORKING WANDERERS	1,478
6	ST ALBANS CITY	1,440
7	BATH CITY	1,213
8	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	1,094
9	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	1,044
10	FARNBOROUGH	996
11	WESTON-SUPER-MARE	971
12	WEYMOUTH	890
13	SLOUGH TOWN	872
14	SALISBURY	872
15	ENFIELD TOWN	855
16	CHESHAM UNITED	842
17	CHELMSFORD CITY	814
18	BOREHAM WOOD	781
19	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	779
20	HAMPTON & RICHMOND	736
21	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	713
22	HORNCHURCH	659
23	WELLING UNITED	658
24	AVELEY	496



GOALSCORERS

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
KWESI APPIAH	Boreham Wood	23
GEORGE ALEXANDER	Eastbourne Borough	18
TYLER HARVEY	Truro City	15
ALFIE RUTHERFORD	Dorking Wanderers	15
SAM YOUNGS	Enfield Town	15
AARON BLAIR	Maidstone United	14
LUKE COULSON	Weston-super-Mare	14
CODY COOKE	Torquay United	13

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
OSMAN FOYO	Chelmsford City	12
JAZE KABIA	Truro City	12
SALVI SPASOV	Slough Town	11
LIAM NASH	Worthing	11
BRANDON BAREZY	Hemel Hempstead	10
DANNY CASHMAN	Worthing	10
KANE CRICHLLOW	Chelmsford City	10
NATHAN MINHAS	Chesham United	10

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PUT FOOTBALL FIRST

NATIONAL LEAGUE LAUNCHES 3UP CAMPAIGN

- ALL 72 CLUBS UNITE IN PLEA TO THE EFL -

All 72 football clubs in the National League today took the unprecedented step of supporting a letter to the English Football League (EFL) Board requesting a vote to create three promotion places into their league. Specifically, the National League is calling for an amendment to the regulations to allow “two-up” to become “three-up” in line with the rest of the football pyramid. They are asking for this change in time for the forthcoming 2025-26 season.

This marks the start of a new, nationwide 3UP campaign which has been launched by the National League to help secure the future of the English football pyramid for generations to come. At present the National League is the only ‘Step’ in the higher echelons of the football pyramid that doesn’t have at least three promotion places.

During an Extraordinary General Meeting of National League clubs last week (Thursday 30 January 2025) senior representatives from across the three divisions (National League, National League North and National League South) unanimously agreed to collectively approach the EFL and launch a campaign

that will Put Football First. The EFL alone has the ability to facilitate this change, and the National League hopes that they will respond to 3UP by scheduling a vote of their clubs at their Annual General Meeting in June this year.

It was also decided by all 72 National League clubs that the timing is right for the game to Put Football First and it has to be immediate, given that 2025 is the year that the Independent Football Regulator (IFR) is scheduled to come into force. Whilst the IFR’s scope does not cover promotion and relegation matters, its overall remit does encompass the National League and EFL.

National League Chair Jack Pearce MBE said: “This Summer, the Independent Football Regulator is scheduled to be introduced. Their overall stated objectives include providing financial sustainability, economic resilience and preserving the heritage of the sport. “In terms of heritage, National League clubs are at the heart of towns and cities across the whole country. The majority of these clubs are over a century old and part of the fabric of their communities. An extra promotion place for

these Clubs into the EFL would create an invaluable aspiration for all these clubs and supporters - plus clubs in the leagues below. We simply can't wait any longer for parity within the game.

"As well as increased financial stability, 3UP would mean a fluid football pyramid where teams can win promotion from the bottom to the top fairly. It will give more opportunity to clubs relegated from EFL League 2 to 'bounce back'. We have consulted with the leagues below ours in Step 3 who are also supportive of this change - as their clubs could benefit from this change in the long term.

"We have been consistently told that the EFL support our 3UP position in principle but are reluctant to progress any changes whilst they are consulting with the IFR and Premier League (PL) regards their own redistribution of football income.

"However, we believe the 3UP campaign goal is vital to the overall health of the game and the government's objectives - therefore it should be as high on the agenda as any other matter this year. Otherwise, the National League's needs are being overlooked during the IFR process, not least because the specific issues between the EFL and PL could potentially take years to reach a conclusion.

"Whilst we recognise and respect the EFL's verbal support for the National League on three promotions, our clubs have now made it abundantly clear that they see no reason for a further delay on the official process. Rick Parry, the EFL Chair, has often said that 'the EFL should look down as well as up' so we'd now like that to actually happen."

National League CEO Mark Ives added:

"Since the Football Conference was formed in 1979, our clubs have seldom come together in such a unanimous way as they have done on this issue.

"The National League has had two promotional places since 2003, which have helped transform the fortunes of countless local football clubs

and enabled fairytale stories such as Luton Town's ascent from the National League - through the football pyramid - into the Premier League in 2023.

"Promotions have benefitted the vast majority of our clubs during this 21-year period, but a third spot - bringing the National League into line with the rest of the game - would be completely transformative.

"The National League currently has 15 clubs that are former EFL clubs. These 15 clubs, along with the other clubs in the league, are being disadvantaged by this unfair structure. They are being prevented promotion on sporting merit that they would otherwise deserve and benefit from under 3UP.

"Alongside the National League Trust, the EFL in the Community programme has done great work over many years making positive contributions across the country. We see 3UP as an obvious next step to inspire these communities. A new independent fiscal study has recently been commissioned which will underline the financial and social benefits to the clubs and their communities - should the National League gain three promotions. So, 3UP isn't just an important matter for our clubs but for the communities in which they serve.

"We are privileged to work together in the best football structure in the world and together we have the opportunity to make it even better. We are grateful to Rick Parry and the EFL for 'looking down as well as up' and hope they will now turn those words into action and support 3UP, so it passes the vote at their AGM this Summer."



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