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# DANNY HUNTER

*Today we welcome Aveley 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 a productive if slightly unrewarding two match, 5 day training camp at my very good friend John Brend's 'Carlyon Bay' Hotel down in the South West of England. I believe my professional investment made in our staff, manager and players regarding their stay in Cornwall was money well spent.

After four defeats in six games in February, I felt Luke and the dressing room were tired. As such I felt they needed my backing, they needed a boost and I felt them just knowing that I would invest in the dressing room and associate staff by staying at a top hotel and allowing them to prepare properly and professionally for both the Torquay and Truro games, would give Luke, the players and staff the boost they needed to go again in the league....

I say that because in the 14 days prior to the Cornwall trip, the dressing room had rallied, they had turned around the 4 defeats in 6. They had come together and worked their socks off in a 10 period prior to Cornwall, where they recorded three very big wins against Eastbourne Borough, St Albans City and Chelmsford City to re-ignite our promotion challenge.

As a Chairman I believe that people on occasion do need gentle reminders about what's expected of them. On occasion they might also need a good kick up the back side, but equally when you have honest people, good players and honest staff they also need backing at the right time and for me this was a 'right time' moment....

Unfortunately, the dressing room has not followed up on those three big wins or managed a decent points return on my financial outlay in Cornwall but that's football I'm afraid.

So, after a hard fought late draw at Torquay United, we were disappointing in the 2-1 defeat at Truro City. As such Luke and the boys now have to show the character, and resilience needed to see our promotion campaign through to the very end.

To get ourselves back in the title race we must beat Aveley this afternoon and begin another unbeaten run, and we must be brutally honest with each other as the 1 point in 6 at Torquay and Truro is not good enough and has affected things, as I feel we must now remain unbeaten in our last 10 games if we want a chance of the title.

If we can begin another unbeaten starting this afternoon. I feel we can at least regain some momentum and show the characteristics of a promotion team. Our recent resilience is a Luke Garrard trait and that had perhaps put us back in the title race, but very importantly our long-term injured players are now thankfully fit and available today.

Those injuries obviously had an adverse effect on our February form, after we had previously been unbeaten in 14, but to have senior players back for the run in is a huge bonus. Having Chris Bush, Josh Hare, Jack Payne, Callum Reynolds and Erico Souza now available and all ready to play their part is a massive boost to our promotion chances..

We all know we cannot afford any more of those unfathomable defeats that we've witnessed all season, especially away at places like Salisbury, Aveley, Hornchurch and even at home to Chippenham to name but four. Not with this squad who for me are arguably better than last years National League squad. So I don't want to hear anymore lame excuses, as we really do have quality, leadership, strength and depth.

Our recent player recruitment also means we have incredible quality in most areas and that is something we can take into next season. As I've said before, our staff and players now need to look at themselves, re-focus, be confident in their ability, while some need to look a lot closer at their game management in those tough in-game moments.

Throughout my long tenure here, I've always tried to be a 'rainy day' type of Chairman who knows himself, this town and this football club. As such I will try to be pragmatic, supportive where possible, tough when required and always straight forward in my business dealings.

That disposition coupled with honesty must equally apply when I'm dealing with our staff, players, manager, supporters, sponsors, town and community but also with myself, my club and business partners. As such with the run-in upon us, we do not have time for any more self-doubt, any more of the weak mentalities nor any more "what ifs" and "if only's"....

Negativity and self-doubt within the dressing room must now be kept in check, as only wins and picturing the finishing line are the orders of the day if we want to win this title. That said after February wobble, I thought we had quietly addressed performances, attitudes, discipline, hopes, fears and ambitions, which was done

with calmness, experience, nous, sensibility and intelligence - perhaps I was wrong?

In recent weeks we continued to address all manner of things and I had hoped we'd turned a corner by grinding out a few recent wins and I was thrilled when we nicked a late point with a late 98th minute equaliser down at Torquay Utd (thanks to Abdul and Junior).... Unfortunately, we returned to being mediocre at Truro on Tuesday night and we got what we deserved.

I do feel lessons were learnt last season by me, our staff and our players, and thankfully most have stopped feeling like me, the world and this football club owes them a living. As such if they want employment, they know they must work their socks off, embrace both the highs and lows of a season and embrace the pressures that only they can control if we are to enjoy a promotion winning season.

Hopefully after those three recent wins, we can shrug off the disappointment of 1 point in 6 in Cornwall and embark on another unbeaten run? I know Luke loves to grind out wins, but as I keep reminding him, he also has great options, great players and great quality within his dressing room to find other pathways to promotion and I still have faith that Luke and the squad can deliver on our promotion ambitions.

Today though we sit fifth in the table, still just four points adrift of league leaders Dorking Wanderers who have to come Meadow Park. So along with perhaps four or five other clubs, we are amazingly still very much in the promotion mix. However as I've said before we now have no excuses and have the added bonus of having our senior players back which means our squad depth is immense.

In my experience when your in pressure situations over a period of time, you must enjoy the theatre of it all, enjoy the big moments as they might not ever come again. You must feed off your own ambitions, your supporters energy, your own experience and feed off your own expectations.

You must NEVER go into yourself or become insular and you can NEVER fear match-days just because they become must-win games at this time of year. Pressure at the bottom for me is where the real pressure sits, as it's very different, and if you allow it, it will consume and strangle you.

Pressure at the top though is very different, because it's a pressure that is much easier to control and once controlled, it's to be enjoyed. Remember promotion campaigns and the play off's are only for the better clubs, only for the better teams and only for the better players as your performances and success is judged over a whole season.

I believe our club, our players and supporters because of the strength of this club and it's investment, will get to enjoy themselves at the back end of this season. We are still very much in the promotion conversation and our manager and players now get to experience a shot at the title or enjoy the lottery of the play offs....

Trust me with my continued investment, we are always going to be one of the clubs at this level who's ambition is only ever promotion. promotion, promotion. I know we let ourselves down by wasting our pre season and the first eight games of the season. That is why I changed track very quickly, why I changed managers quickly and why I re-opened the purse strings yet again to allow Luke and Charlie Hunter to strengthen this squad in key areas.

As such It's probable that up to 40% of our outfield starting XI today, will be players that we've have needed to sign in mid-season. That type of investment is not cheap and shows everyone that my ambition, my staffs ambition and this club's ambition is still to get promoted this season and all I ask is, that WE DO NOT fear pressure and WE DO NOT make excuses if we fail.

If we fail then we fail together, but let's not concentrate on the negatives or waste our time on people with negative energy, as trust me they will drain the life out of both me and you.... I'd rather shrug off the doubters and look forward to the next six weeks with hope, faith and optimism. I'd rather we trust in our club investment, trust in each other, trust in our squad and trust in our quality.

Let's just be thankful that after a very mediocre start, we were brave enough to start our season again and because we were brave after just eight games, we still have everything to play for and every chance of success in the weeks ahead.

Today defender Callum Reynolds is back from his concussion protocol lay off. As you know we recently re-signed Callum from Bromley who now ply their trade in the EFL. For me Cal is a fantastic addition to our squad, he is money well spent and is a top, top bloke, defender and winner. Callum will add great experience, game

management and leadership to our ranks going into the business end of the season and the last time we won the play offs it was Cal who lifted the trophy....

As such I continue to remind myself that our work ethic and squad strength will make a difference in March, April and I believe it will make a big difference if as looks likely, we need to go deep into the Play Offs in May.

We have already seen at Torquay United and Truro, that Bushy, Josh Hare, Jack Payne and Erico are back and ready to play their part. On top of those lads, the in-season signings of Jayden Richardson, Jon Benton, Matt Rush, Callum Reynolds and Josef Yarney will make us stronger as the pressure builds. These are all quality additions who I believe will step up in those pressure moments, as we look to finish the season like potential champions or play off winners.

I repeat again, "If any team or teams are better than us come the season's end, then there will be no complaints or excuses from me", That said, I want us to scrap for every point, scrap for every goal, scrap for every clean sheet, scrap for every point, and scrap for every win.... As I still believe 88 points with our goal difference could well win this crazy league.

Finally can I thank our very loyal supporters who travelled down to Torquay United and Truro. Trust me your financial sacrifice, energy, loyalty and voices never go unnoticed and deserved better. On behalf of myself, Luke Garrard, the staff and the dressing room, your football club and town salutes you and we'll be doing everything we can until the seasons end to give you, our town and our wider community the promotion we all crave.

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 GARD





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

The last time we faced Aveley back in November was a pivotal moment in our season, leaving the ground having just been beaten 1-0, I had an open and honest conversation with the Chairman about our views and how we needed to realign ourselves to go on a run worthy of competing at the top end of the table.

We were fortunate enough to record 12 wins during a 14 game period and remained unbeaten along the way.

That was the catalyst to propelling us into the play-off positions and giving us the opportunity to finish the season with it all to play for.

We discussed who we felt we needed to add to the group and who would bring value to our already very competitive squad and you could see with our in season signings that has also played a huge part to our success in our results.

Today is another marker for us, with ten fixtures to go this leads us into what can be a huge six weeks for the Club. The task was always to bounce back at the first time of asking and I believe that will be achieved with this group.

Having returned from Cornwall with only 1 point it was hugely frustrating, especially having prepared in the manner in which we did.

The Chairman and the Club done everything they possibly could, with us staying down in Cornwall for the whole 5 days giving the optimum opportunity for us to get the best results.

We have to take full responsibility, we knew the task in hand and unfortunately we failed.

We now have to move on and move on quick as we need to get back to winning ways and start to gain momentum for

the remainder of the season if we are to achieve what we all set out to at the start of the season.

The focus now turns back to today and making sure we get three points, consistency is going to be the order of the day for this run in and controlling our own destiny with performing to the level we know we can and winning as many matches as possible to give us the best chance of the success we all crave.

We are nearing a fully fit squad with the return of our skipper Jack Payne and one of our in season signings Callum Reynolds, which only leaves Gus Mafuta and Josef Yarne not available for selection.

That strength and depth for our run in will give us all the belief and confidence to have a real go now until the end of the season.

We are all going to need to continue to give everything and take nothing out. That mentality is a minimum requirement for us to achieve our goals.

Lastly I want to thank the fans that made the long journeys down to Torquay and Truro, your support was amazing and we all thank you for your efforts.

Let's now get right behind the boys and give them all the energy they need to win

Look forward to seeing you all

Enjoy the game

*Luke*



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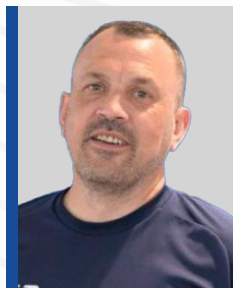
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# IN THE DUGOUT



## **Manager: Danny SCOPES**

Aveley boss Danny Scopes, former Concord Rangers Manager in the Vanarama National League South, guided the Beach Boys to the FA Trophy final where they took on Football League side Harrogate Town in May of 2021 before landing his role in the dugout with the Millers later that year. Scopes is also well known for assisting the Cowley Brothers in Concord Rangers' rise from the Essex Senior League to the Vanarama National League South before becoming first team manager in 2019.

# ONES TO WATCH



## **Jason RING**

**Born:** 29 March 1997

**Position:** Defender

Aveley's skipper joined the club in 2020, debuting in a 3-0 Emirates FA Cup win at Harpenden Town, making 11 appearances before the season was cut short. Notably, in the Millers' title-winning Isthmian North campaign, Ring played 31 games before injury sidelined him. After recovering and helping secure promotion and a Velocity Trophy win, 'Ringo' was ever-present in the Millers' debut National South season, making 44 appearances.



## **Manny OGUNRINDE**

**Born:** 12 November 1999

**Position:** Midfield

The 25-year-old midfielder joined the Millers in 2020 from Grays Athletic, scored on his debut and went onto play a key role in their 2021 Isthmian North title win, contributing nine goals and eight assists. Despite suffering injuries in 2022/23, he helped the Millers secure promotion and, after a loan spell at Brightlingsea Regent, he returned to score more crucial goals, including a dramatic FA Trophy double and play-off eliminator strike.



## **Charlee HUGHES**

**Born:** 17 May 1996

**Position:** Forward

Charlee Hughes joined the Millers in July 2023, making 48 appearances, scoring 14 goals and providing four assists last season, including a hat-trick against his former club, Hemel Hempstead Town. Previously, 'Hughesy' had topped scoring charts for Brentwood Town and Maldon & Tiptree, leading to moves to Wealdstone and Hemel, helping Aveley secure a seventh-placed finish after his stint with the Tudors.

# CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

# AVELEY

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

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## 1954/55

Aveley won the London League Premier Division title in 1954/55. The Millers won their opening three games, with Arthur Wilks grabbing a hat-trick in their 6-0 victory at West Thurrock. They bounced back from a 3-2 defeat at Cray Wanderers to gain five straight wins, with Wilks netting further hat-tricks in a 6-0 win at home to Harlow and 7-1 victory at Storey Athletic. Aveley surprisingly lost 2-0 in the return match at home to Storey Athletic three weeks later but won all except two of their final 11 games to pip Cray Wanderers to the title with 36 points. Arthur Wilks was top scorer with 21 goals and he was one of seven players who were ever-present.

## 1968/69

Aveley were promoted to the Athenian League First Division in 1968/69. New manager Terry Matthews made numerous summer signings and Dave Pellicci scored a hat-trick as they kicked-off with a 6-2 victory at home to Horsham. The Millers had a big leeway to make up after early successes in Cup ties. Dave Pellicci netted another hat-trick as they triumphed 6-0 at Uxbridge in mid-November and scored again in their 8-1 win over Worthing at the start of March. Aveley won 20 of their 30 games, losing just four times as they were Athenian League Second Division runners-up with 46 points, pipped to the title on goal average by Boreham Wood.

## 1970/71

Aveley won the Athenian League First Division title in 1970/71. They made a seven-match unbeaten start, with Micky Aylett scoring 12 times during that period. The Millers won 18 of

their 30 games, losing just four times as they gained 44 points and pipped Erith & Belvedere to the title on goal average. They slammed five goals past Eastbourne United and Hounslow, then trounced Aylesbury 7-0 in their final home match. Aveley also reached the FA Cup first round proper for the first time, beating Braintree & Crittall Athletic 2-1, Boreham Wood 3-0 after a 3-3 draw, Hayes 3-2 and Leytonstone 3-2 after a 0-0 draw before losing 1-0 at Yeovil Town.

## 1989/90

Aveley won promotion and the Isthmian League Cup in 1989/90. Gary Calder's side finished Isthmian League Second Division North runners-up, winning 23 of their 42 games and gaining 85 points, just two behind champions Heybridge Swifts. Alan Brett was leading marksman and 'Player of the Year'. The Millers also became the first club from the bottom division to win the League Cup. Skippered by Dave Annetts, they beat Malden Vale 3-1, Chertsey Town 1-0, Windsor & Eton 1-0, Hendon 2-1 after a 1-1 draw, Uxbridge 3-0 and Wokingham Town 2-1 on aggregate before defeating St Albans City 3-0 in the final at Victoria Road.

## 2008/09

Aveley won the Isthmian League First Division (North) title in 2008/09. Rod Stringer's side made a thrilling 19 match unbeaten start, with Joao Carlos and Petrit Elbi both scoring hat-tricks in their remarkable 7-4 victory at Enfield Town in November. They gained a club record 11 straight wins. The unbeaten run ended with a 1-0 defeat at Maldon Town in early December but Aveley lost only three more times that season and won the title with 96 points, finishing just one ahead of East Thurrock United

after a dramatic 3-2 win at their title rivals on the final day. Goalkeeper James Marrable missed just one match, while Petrit Elbi was leading marksman.

## 2009/10

Aveley qualified for the Isthmian League Premier Division play-offs in 2009/10. Martin Tuohy grabbed a hat-trick as Rod Stringer's side gained an early 6-1 victory at Kingstonian but they plummeted with just four wins in 18 matches. They soared with 12 wins in 15 games and drew 2-2 at champions Dartford. Martin Tuohy was top scorer with 24 goals as Aveley qualified for the play-offs in third place but lost 1-0 in the semi-finals at home to Boreham Wood. The Millers beat Folkestone Invicta 4-0, Dartford 5-4, AFC Hornchurch 3-1 and Canvey Island 2-1 in the Isthmian League Cup before losing on penalties after a 1-1 draw at Leatherhead in the semi-finals.

## 2012/13

Aveley qualified for the Isthmian League First Division North play-offs in 2012/13. They had been relegated the previous season and went close to bouncing straight back. Justin Gardner's side secured early four-goal wins over Harlow Town, Redbridge, Ware, AFC Sudbury and Soham Town Rangers, then Shane Oakley grabbed a hat-trick in their 5-0 win at Potters Bar Town. Junior Dadson scored a hat-trick in their 5-1 victory at home to Chatham Town and another two goals in their 5-0 win at Ilford. Jordan Cox was leading marksman with 25 goals as the Millers qualified for the play-offs in fifth place but lost 3-1 to Maldon & Tiptree in the semi-finals.

## 2019/20

Aveley reached the FA Trophy quarter-finals for the first time in 2019/20. The Millers triumphed 5-0 at East Grinstead Town in the preliminary round, then beat Bowers & Pitsea 3-0 and Taunton Town 2-1 after a 3-3 draw. They won 4-1 at Biggleswade in the third qualifying round, then defeated Carshalton 2-0 after a 3-3 draw in the first round and won 2-1 at Hornchurch in the second round. Aveley won 3-1 at home to Chelmsford City 3-1 in the third round before losing 5-0 at Notts County in the fourth round.

They were second in the Isthmian League First Division North when the competition was abandoned as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## 2021/22

Aveley won the Isthmian League First Division North title in 2021/22. The Millers started slowly under Keith Rowland and had just started putting a run together, including a 5-3 win over Maldon & Tiptree, when Danny Scopes replaced him as manager in November. They stormed to a 7-0 victory at home to Romford in early January and lost just one of their final 22 matches, 2-1 at home to Hashtag United in April, slamming five goals past Coggeshall and Witham Town during the closing weeks. Alexander Akrofi was top scorer with 24 goals as they won 24 of their 38 games. Aveley gained 80 points, finishing two ahead of runners-up Canvey Island.



## 2022/23

Aveley won promotion for the second consecutive season in 2022/23. Danny Scopes' side won five of their opening six Isthmian League Premier Division games but crashed to a 6-1 defeat at home to Bognor Regis. They triumphed 6-0 at Brightlingsea Regent in late October and lost just once in 17 games after Christmas. The Millers won 23 of their 42 games and qualified for the play-offs in fourth place with 78 points. They won 4-2 on penalties after a 0-0 draw at Canvey Island in the semi-finals and Ryan Scott scored to clinch a 1-0 victory at Hornchurch in the play-off final. Aveley also won the Isthmian League Cup, beating Potters Bar 3-0 in the final.

# HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

# AVELEY



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9 November 2024 // 15:00 // National League South

**Luke Garrard's side fell to a narrow 1-0 defeat against relegation-battling Aveley despite having a multitude of big chances.**

Wood started brightly, pressing early, with Lee Ndlovu winning a free kick and Charles Clayden driving into the Millers' box before being halted. Kwesi Appiah's header and Tyrone Marsh's long-range strike were then both stopped by Aveley number one, Carey Bloedorn. Aveley would then find a rare first-half chance when Imran Uche fired over, while the Wood saw a penalty appeal waved away and an offside call cancel a promising attack.

The breakthrough came in the 52nd minute as David Kawa slotted past Nathan Ashmore to give the home side the advantage. The Wood then pushed for an equaliser, with Charlie O'Connell and Mo Sagaf testing Bloedorn, but to no avail. In stoppage time, Ndlovu and Appiah came close, but Aveley's defence held firm to secure the win. Despite their efforts, Wood left empty-handed.





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# 24/25 FIXTURES & RESULTS

| DATE      | H/A  | KD    | OPPOSITION             | COMP. | F-A               | ATT.  | STARTING XI |            |               |             |             |
|-----------|------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| AUGUST    |      |       |                        |       |                   |       |             |            |               |             |             |
| SAT 10    | HOME | 15:00 | BATH CITY              | NLS   | 1-0               | 732   | ASHMORE     | PAYNE      | BUSH          | WHELAN      | SAGAF ▼     |
| 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        |
| NOVEMBER  |      |       |                        |       |                   |       |             |            |               |             |             |
| SUN 3     | HOME | 14:00 | LEYTON ORIENT          | FAC   | 2-2<br>(3-2 pens) | 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 | FELXSTOWE & WALTON UTD | FAT   | 1-1<br>(3-1 pens) | 401   | ASHMORE     | BUSH       | SAGAF ▼       | NDLOVU      | BENTON ▼    |
| WED 20    | AWAY | 19:45 | ENFIELD FC             | HSC   | 5-1               | 86    | BUSSE       | MORLEY     | ILESANMI      | MAFUTA      | ISAAC ▼     |
| 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     | FAC   | 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      | ISAAC ▼     |
| 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   | 1-0               | 701   | ASHMORE     | ILESANMI ▼ | BUSH          | AGBONTOHOMA | WHELAN      |
| MARCH     |      |       |                        |       |                   |       |             |            |               |             |             |
| SAT 1     | AWAY | 15:00 | TORQUAY UNITED         | NLS   | 1-1               | 3,753 | ASHMORE     | ILESANMI ▼ | BUSH          | WHELAN      | SAGAF ▼     |
| TUE 4     | AWAY | 19:45 | TRURO CITY             | NLS   | 1-2               | 1,337 | ASHMORE     | ILESANMI ▼ | BUSH          | WHELAN      | SAGAF ▼     |
| 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   |                   |       |             |            |               |             |             |
| APRIL     |      |       |                        |       |                   |       |             |            |               |             |             |
| 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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Available



**14**  
Kwesi  
**APIAH**  
The Weinbergs



**15**  
Charlie  
**O'CONNELL**  
Leonie Citron



**16**  
Callum  
**REYNOLDS**  
Available



**17**  
Charles  
**CLAYDEN**  
 Beech Tree  
PRIVATE EQUITY



**18**  
Junior  
**DIXON**  
The Haffners



**19**  
Erico  
**SOSA**  
**rise**  
LTD



**20**  
Abdul  
**ABDULMALIK**  




**21**  
Gus  
**MAFUTA**  
Available



**26**  
Jayden  
**RICHARDSON**  
GLAMAR



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# MATCH ACTION



2

Young (9'), Jay (41')



2

Abdulmalik (82'), Dixon (90+8')

1 March 2025 // 15:00 // National League South

**A 98th-minute equaliser from Junior Dixon secured a dramatic point for the Wood against promotion rivals, Torquay United.**

The hosts took an early lead when Chris Bush's misplaced pass allowed Matt Jay to set up Jordan Young, who finished past Nathan Ashmore. Wood would then respond well but struggled to convert chances, with Kwesi Appiah, Tom Whelan, and Matt Rush all going close. Despite their pressure, Torquay doubled their lead before halftime through Matt Jay after a dispossession of Tom Whelan.

Luke Garrard's second-half substitutions would prove pivotal as Wood dominated at Plainmoor. Jayden Richardson would see a shot hit the woodwork before Sousa fired wide, while Rush and Dixon forced saves. In the 82nd minute, Abdul Abdulmalik sparked hope with a stunning long-range strike and deep into stoppage time, he weaved through the Torquay defence, setting up Dixon to fire home and spark wild away end celebrations, salvaging a well-deserved 2-2 draw.







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# MATCH ACTION



2

Jephcott [64'], Kabia [84']



1

Bush [86']

4 March 2025 // 19:45 // National League South

**Wood suffered a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Truro City in Cornwall, with a late second goal from Jaze Kabia proving decisive. A late Chris Bush header gave Luke Garrard's men hope, but they couldn't replicate their Torquay comeback.**

Truro started brightly, with a defensive mixup nearly gifting Dominic Johnson-Fisher an opener. Matt Rush had Wood's first chance but fired straight at keeper Dan Lavercombe, while Nathan Ashmore produced a superb save to deny a volleyed effort from Connor Riley-Lowe. Wood would improve as the half progressed, but Rush missed a golden opportunity just before the interval.

The second half saw the hosts apply pressure with Jephcott breaking the deadlock in the 64th minute and Kabia doubling their advantage in the 84th after a defensive mix-up. Wood pulled one back through a Chris Bush header, but Luke Garrard's men were unable to find a leveller.







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LATEST NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

# LEAGUE NEWS



## BACK TO THE DEN

Millwall have recalled goalkeeper Dillon Addai from his loan at Chesham United after Liam Roberts' red card in the FA Cup defeat to Crystal Palace.

With Roberts suspended for three games, Millwall find themselves short on goalkeeping options, leaving Lukas Jensen as the only senior choice. Addai, who impressed during his 16 appearances for Chesham, returns to provide cover. The former Leicester City youngster has yet to feature for Millwall's first team but could be called upon if needed. Despite the shotstopper's loan at the Meadow being extended in February, the Lions opted to bring him back to the Den.



## CLARETS GET THEIR MAN

Angelo Harrop has been appointed as Chelmsford City's new manager, replacing Robbie Simpson, who announced his departure in January.

Harrop, formerly the boss at Braintree Town, has signed a two-year deal and will begin his role in May. He expressed excitement about joining the Clarets, citing shared ambitions with club chairman, Spencer Gore. Harrop previously led Braintree to National League promotion and won the Essex Senior Cup in 2023. Chelmsford chairman Gore praised Harrop as the standout candidate from over 100 applicants, highlighting his success at both National League South and higher levels.



## GULLS WIN AWAY!

Torquay United earned a crucial 3-1 victory at Chippenham Town to keep their National League South promotion hopes alive.

Torquay's Matt Carson opened the scoring early, but the hosts would equalise just before the half-time interval through Caine Bradbury's long-range strike. Despite a leveller for the Bluebirds, all three points were sealed for the Gulls with goals from Offrande Zanzala and Matt Jay, the latter with his fourth in as many matches. Despite some tense moments and near misses, the Gulls came away with their first win on the road since November.



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## HOW IT STANDS

# LEAGUE TABLE

| POS | TEAM                 | HOME |    |   |    | AWAY |    |   |    | TOTAL |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |
|-----|----------------------|------|----|---|----|------|----|---|----|-------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
|     |                      | P    | W  | D | L  | P    | W  | D | L  | P     | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | GD  | PTS |
| 1   | DORKING WANDERERS    | 18   | 9  | 6 | 3  | 18   | 11 | 3 | 4  | 36    | 20 | 9  | 7  | 72 | 43 | 29  | 69  |
| 2   | WORTHING             | 17   | 10 | 5 | 2  | 18   | 10 | 3 | 5  | 35    | 20 | 8  | 7  | 56 | 48 | 8   | 68  |
| 3   | TRURO CITY           | 19   | 11 | 5 | 3  | 17   | 8  | 5 | 4  | 36    | 19 | 10 | 7  | 54 | 32 | 22  | 67  |
| 4   | EASTBOURNE BOROUGH   | 18   | 10 | 8 | 0  | 19   | 8  | 4 | 7  | 37    | 18 | 12 | 7  | 49 | 37 | 12  | 66  |
| 5   | BOREHAM WOOD         | 18   | 11 | 4 | 3  | 18   | 8  | 4 | 6  | 36    | 19 | 8  | 9  | 65 | 37 | 28  | 65  |
| 6   | TORQUAY UNITED       | 18   | 11 | 6 | 1  | 18   | 6  | 7 | 5  | 36    | 17 | 13 | 6  | 56 | 37 | 19  | 64  |
| 7   | MAIDSTONE UNITED     | 18   | 9  | 4 | 5  | 18   | 8  | 7 | 3  | 36    | 17 | 11 | 8  | 52 | 31 | 21  | 62  |
| 8   | WESTON-SUPER-MARE    | 18   | 6  | 7 | 5  | 18   | 10 | 3 | 5  | 36    | 16 | 10 | 10 | 53 | 44 | 9   | 58  |
| 9   | FARNBOROUGH          | 19   | 12 | 2 | 5  | 17   | 3  | 5 | 9  | 36    | 15 | 7  | 14 | 51 | 50 | 1   | 52  |
| 10  | HORNCHURCH           | 17   | 8  | 5 | 4  | 18   | 5  | 6 | 7  | 35    | 13 | 11 | 11 | 44 | 40 | 4   | 50  |
| 11  | TONBRIDGE ANGELS     | 18   | 10 | 3 | 5  | 18   | 3  | 8 | 7  | 36    | 13 | 11 | 12 | 45 | 43 | 2   | 50  |
| 12  | CHIPPENHAM TOWN      | 18   | 5  | 4 | 9  | 18   | 9  | 3 | 6  | 36    | 14 | 7  | 15 | 51 | 50 | 1   | 49  |
| 13  | CHELMSFORD CITY      | 18   | 7  | 7 | 4  | 18   | 5  | 5 | 8  | 36    | 12 | 12 | 12 | 56 | 51 | 5   | 48  |
| 14  | HAMPTON & RICHMOND   | 18   | 7  | 4 | 7  | 17   | 6  | 5 | 6  | 35    | 13 | 9  | 13 | 48 | 44 | 4   | 48  |
| 15  | HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN | 18   | 8  | 5 | 5  | 17   | 5  | 3 | 9  | 35    | 13 | 8  | 14 | 52 | 59 | -7  | 47  |
| 16  | CHESHAM UNITED       | 18   | 7  | 3 | 8  | 18   | 5  | 7 | 6  | 36    | 12 | 10 | 14 | 49 | 57 | -8  | 46  |
| 17  | SLOUGH TOWN          | 18   | 8  | 6 | 4  | 18   | 3  | 4 | 11 | 36    | 11 | 10 | 15 | 56 | 57 | -1  | 43  |
| 18  | BATH CITY            | 18   | 7  | 4 | 7  | 18   | 4  | 4 | 10 | 36    | 11 | 8  | 17 | 32 | 42 | -10 | 41  |
| 19  | SALISBURY            | 18   | 5  | 5 | 8  | 18   | 3  | 8 | 7  | 36    | 8  | 13 | 15 | 46 | 54 | -8  | 37  |
| 20  | WELLING UNITED       | 18   | 6  | 3 | 9  | 18   | 3  | 3 | 12 | 36    | 9  | 6  | 21 | 38 | 65 | -27 | 33  |
| 21  | ST ALBANS CITY       | 16   | 4  | 5 | 7  | 19   | 2  | 9 | 8  | 35    | 6  | 14 | 15 | 36 | 50 | -14 | 32  |
| 22  | ENFIELD TOWN         | 18   | 5  | 2 | 11 | 18   | 4  | 3 | 11 | 36    | 9  | 5  | 22 | 36 | 72 | -36 | 32  |
| 23  | WEYMOUTH             | 18   | 2  | 7 | 9  | 18   | 2  | 5 | 11 | 36    | 4  | 12 | 20 | 32 | 57 | -25 | 24  |
| 24  | AVELEY               | 18   | 4  | 5 | 9  | 18   | 2  | 1 | 15 | 36    | 6  | 6  | 24 | 38 | 67 | -29 | 24  |

## FIXTURES

### SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2025

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

### MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2025

AVELEY V WORTHING  
CHELMSFORD CITY V ST ALBANS CITY  
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN V HORNCHURCH

### TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2025

BATH CITY V SLOUGH TOWN  
CHESHAM UNITED V TONBRIDGE ANGELS  
CHIPPENHAM TOWN V TRURO CITY  
ENFIELD TOWN V HAMPTON & RICHMOND  
FARNBOROUGH V BOREHAM WOOD  
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## FORM, GOAL SCORERS & ATTENDANCE AVERAGE

# NATIONAL SOUTH

### FORM - LAST 6 MATCHES

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

### AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCE

| POS. | TEAM                 | AVE   |
|------|----------------------|-------|
| 1    | TORQUAY UNITED       | 3,682 |
| 2    | MAIDSTONE UNITED     | 2,277 |
| 3    | TRURO CITY           | 1,844 |
| 4    | WORTHING             | 1,499 |
| 5    | ST ALBANS CITY       | 1,489 |
| 6    | DORKING WANDERERS    | 1,478 |
| 7    | BATH CITY            | 1,216 |
| 8    | EASTBOURNE BOROUGH   | 1,090 |
| 9    | WESTON-SUPER-MARE    | 1,027 |
| 10   | TONBRIDGE ANGELS     | 1,027 |
| 11   | FARNBOROUGH          | 973   |
| 12   | WEYMOUTH             | 877   |
| 13   | ENFIELD TOWN         | 863   |
| 14   | SALISBURY            | 859   |
| 15   | SLOUGH TOWN          | 849   |
| 16   | CHESHAM UNITED       | 842   |
| 17   | CHELMSFORD CITY      | 832   |
| 18   | HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN | 778   |
| 19   | BOREHAM WOOD         | 777   |
| 20   | HAMPTON & RICHMOND   | 715   |
| 21   | CHIPPENHAM TOWN      | 710   |
| 22   | WELLING UNITED       | 664   |
| 23   | HORNCHURCH           | 646   |
| 24   | AVELEY               | 487   |

## GOALSCORERS



| NAME             | TEAM               | GOALS |
|------------------|--------------------|-------|
| KWESI APPIAH     | Boreham Wood       | 23    |
| GEORGE ALEXANDER | Eastbourne Borough | 19    |
| TYLER HARVEY     | Truro City         | 17    |
| LUKE COULSON     | Weston-super-Mare  | 15    |
| ALFIE RUTHERFORD | Dorking Wanderers  | 15    |
| SAM YOUNGS       | Enfield Town       | 15    |
| AARON BLAIR      | Maidstone United   | 14    |
| CODY COOKE       | Torquay United     | 13    |

| NAME           | TEAM              | GOALS |
|----------------|-------------------|-------|
| JAZE KABIA     | Truro City        | 13    |
| OSMAN FOYO     | Chelmsford City   | 12    |
| DANNY CASHMAN  | Worthing          | 11    |
| SALVI SPASOV   | Slough Town       | 11    |
| LIAM NASH      | Worthing          | 11    |
| JASON PRIOR    | Dorking Wanderers | 11    |
| BRANDON BAREZY | Hemel Hempstead   | 10    |
| KANE CRICHLAW  | Chelmsford City   | 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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- 18 Junior **DIXON**
- 19 Erico **SOUSA**
- 20 Abdul **ABDULMALIK**
- 21 Gus **MAFUTA**
- 26 Jayden **RICHARDSON**
- 29 Josef **YARNEY**
- 32 Matt **RUSH**



## Manager

Danny **SCOPES**

- 1 James **HOLDEN** <sup>GK</sup>
- 2 Jason **RING**
- 3 Hamza **SEMAKULA**
- 4 Imran **UCHE**
- 5 Brooklyn **KABONGOLO**
- 6 Tyrese **OWENS**
- 7 David **KAWA**
- 8 Adam **LEATHERS**
- 9 Charlee **HUGHES**
- 10 David **HICKS**
- 11 Jaxon **BROWN**
- 12 Manny **OGUNRINDE**
- 13 Jack **WEST-ASTUTI** <sup>GK</sup>
- 14 Harry **BEADLE**
- 15 Luke **HOLNESS**
- 16 Alfe **LEWIS**
- 17 Nathan **CARLYLE**
- 18 Jack **MCDOWELL**
- 19 Jake **LEAHY**

## Match Officials



Morgan **CONN**



Maros **VALKO**



Simon **PARBERY**



Joanne **HORWOOD**

# NEXT THREE



v **FARNBOROUGH**

TUE 11 MAR 2025 // 19:45 KO

AWAY // xxx

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH



v **WEYMOUTH**

SAT 15 MAR 2025 // 15:00 KO

AWAY // xxx

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH



v **DORKING WANDERERS**

SAT 22 MAR 2025 // 15:00 KO

HOME // MANGATA PAY UK STADIUM

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