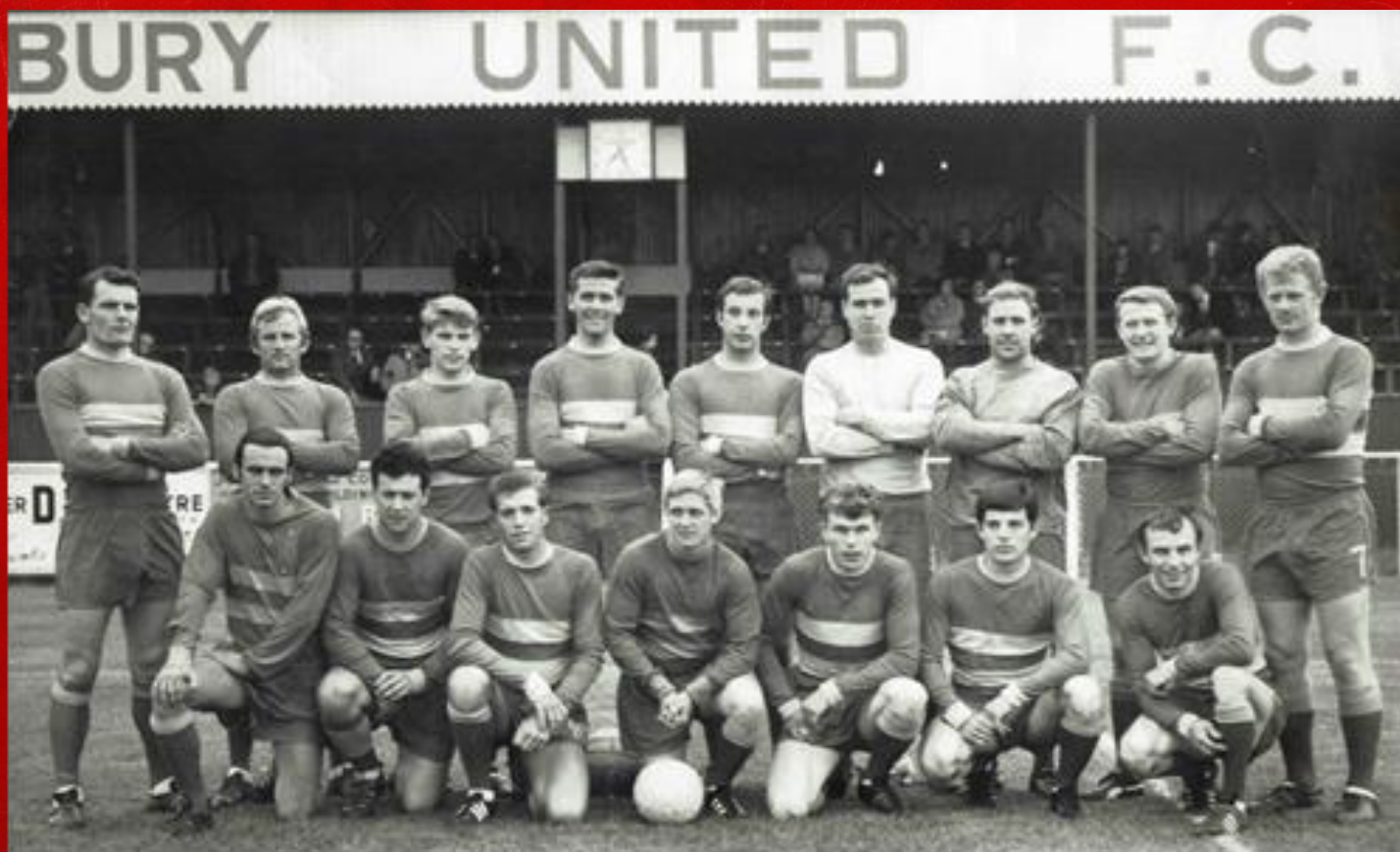


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Good afternoon everyone.

On behalf of Banbury United, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the supporters, players, staff, and directors of Stratford Town FC. Our previous game in September ended in a frustrating draw, despite a strong performance for much of the match. We anticipate another tough challenge today, in a fixture we've eagerly awaited since our last encounter.

We're coming into today's game with momentum from two very good wins, including a hard-fought victory at Bromsgrove Sporting. The players showed great determination, and we were happy to send our travelling fans home with a win. As we enter the crucial final stretch of the season with many points still up for grabs, I'm expecting another strong performance today as we aim for the highest possible finish. With only three home matches left, it's important for the team to put on a show and finish the season strongly, especially in front of our home support.

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Simon Says...



A Big Hello from The Dugout. We're always delighted to be back at home as we are today and are really looking forward to this game against Stratford Town. We last met Stratford, at Stratford, all the way back on Tuesday 24th September in what was a somewhat testy encounter between us and I'm sure today's game will be equally as competitive. We welcome Stratford players, management, directors and fans to Banbury today.

I am pleased with how things are progressing at the moment. Our performances have been growing steadily and positively since mid-December. Yes for sure, some of the results have had frustrating but by and large, we've been focused front and centre on building our performances through consistent quality improvements in all areas of the pitch and we're seeing these performances now producing some good solid results.

Away at Halesowen on Saturday 8th March, our first half performance was accepted to be amongst the best all season. Then we went on to draw at Stourbridge and picked up wins against Royston and Bromsgrove Sporting and it is in this context that today's game is very important to us.

I am wanting to see our steady performance improvement develop a little further today. Stratford are in form and have been playing consistently well most of the season. We drew 1-1 last September but we're more than capable of a good outcome today. The lads know we're capable of building on the positive momentum from the performances in the last few months.

We also continue to focus on small but important quality improvements per player which in itself raises the overall quality level expected across the squad. In addition, in the last week or so, we've been able to successfully address the 'top end' of the pitch adding long overdue

vital extra strength in that area as well as integrating Tim back in progressively, which I am very pleased about. We've made one release and also one loan out in order to secure those players more playing time.

We have a strong and very healthy competitive environment. All the lads know that there is no guarantee for a place on a Saturday afternoon, every position is fought for and well earned through recent game performances as well as training efforts that we see being applied. And we will continue with that approach for the foreseeable. We also are very aware of and fully focused on the number of games remaining and are looking to maximise our points tally accordingly and to nudge ourselves up the table as best we can based off the momentum we've achieved to date.

And so, it's in the context of all of these factors that we focus on starting well at 3pm today. We will be quietly aggressive, we will dominate, control and concentrate from the first to the final whistle and we will have the support from you guys shouting us on. Combining all of these factors together, we expect a quality result by 5pm so that we can focus on the next couple of games 'on the road' on Tuesday at Lowestoft and then next Saturday at Leiston as we go from strength to strength.

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STRATFORD TOWN HISTORY



Alan Hawkins - Town's Mr Stato has unearthed previously undocumented history of STFC



Although being first registered with the Birmingham County FA in 1944, the Club was formed under the name of Stratford Rangers in 1943 by Paul Bartlett with the original intention to give local serving players on leave during the Second World War the opportunity of a game as there was no organised football. From initially playing "friendly" games at a number of locations (including the Recreation Ground and a field off the Birmingham Road) to playing competitive football after the war, the team achieved rapid progress and became a successful junior club in its formative years. The team won 24 and lost six of their 35 games in season 1945/46. After winning the Alcester Nursing Home Cup and finishing Division 1 runners-up of the Stratford-upon-Avon & District

League in 1946/47, a suggested merger with champions and the longer established Stratford Men's SC did not materialise, but both clubs left the Stratford League for the 1947/48 season, MSC joined the Leamington & District League while Stratford Rangers joined the Birmingham Alliance.

During their seven seasons of membership in the senior division of this League, the Club won many trophies and, by the late 1940's, were playing on the Alcester Road Ground (which was adjacent to the present site) with the pitch being moved on at least one occasion. Off the field a strong committee was complemented by a thriving supporters club.

In their first season outside local football, 1947/48, Stratford Rangers finished in a good position in the League with the Club's record victory being achieved in an away game at Terrys Athletic, 19-0 ! The team also competed in the Birmingham Junior Cup while membership of the Stratford League was retained when the Club ran a Reserve side which replaced the first XI in Division 1.

In 1948/49, with the help of trainer Harry Shaw, the team finished eighth, entered the FA Amateur Cup and reached the semi-final of the Birmingham Junior Cup. Over 1,000 supporters travelled to Villa Park to see the team narrowly lose to Castle Rovers in the Aston Villa Cup Final. At the end of the season the Club, with approval from the town's council, changed name to the present title of Stratford Town, inheriting the town's crest for its badge and colours.

In their first season as Stratford Town, 1949/50, the team finished seventh in the League and became the first winners of the RAFA Cup.

The 1950/51 season saw the team finish runners-up under the guidance of manager Vic Manley. The highest scoring victory under the name of Stratford Town was achieved when Walsall Colts were beaten 14-1 in a home League game. The Town also became joint-holders of the League Cup (Alliance Senior Cup) after two drawn finals against Coventry Amateurs. The final of the Aston Villa Cup was again reached but The Town lost to Hall Green Amateurs.

However, in 1951/52 The Town gained revenge by beating Hall Green Amateurs in the League Cup final which was played at Lockheed Leamington FC. The team finished fourth in the League.

By the 1952/53 season the West Midland Alliance as it had become known (which incorporated the Birmingham Alliance in which The Town's Reserve team were members) had changed title to the Warwickshire & West Midland Alliance and Stratford Town finished runners-up under player-manager Len Livingstone who older supporters remembered as the best centre half to play for the Club. The Aston Villa Cup was won for the first and only time as was the Presidents Cup. A massive 164 goals were scored in all competitions of the campaign.

A prolific goal-scorer for The Town during their membership of the Alliance was Gordon Hillman and his 50 goals scored in the 1953/54 season contributed to the Club becoming League champions, the title being secured when Dudley Town Reserves were beaten 6-2 in front of a "record crowd". Stratford Town again lost to Castle Rovers in the Aston Villa Cup final and Birmingham City Colts beat them in the League Cup final which was played at St Andrews. A friendly against Pegasus attracted over 2,000 spectators at the Rugby Club and an end of season friendly against Evesham United attracted 1,000. The Reserves finished in a high position while Stratford Town Colts held their own scoring 126 goals in their inaugural season.

With further building development of what was becoming an industrial use area ongoing (the fire station had only opened in 1953), the pitch was moved northwards and enclosed with the installation of changing rooms and a stand. The ground, which initially had only a short lease, has changed very little until the move to the new stadium in Knights Lane.

With improved facilities the Club were accepted into the Midland Combination (then known as the Worcestershire Combination) for the 1954/55 season, replacing Kingswinford & Wallheath FC, although the original intention appears to have been joining the stronger semi-professional Birmingham Combination which had ceased at the end of the 1953/54 season. A new manager was also appointed, Allan Sands.

In their first season, Stratford finished fourth. In 1956 Stratford were runners-up and the following year they won the title by five points from Wolverhampton Wanderers. In 1955/56 Stratford reached the IChallenge Cup final, but were beaten by Bromsgrove Rovers. Between 1954 and 1957 the Club played 102 games, winning 65, drawing 15 and losing 21, scoring 313 goals and conceded 138. As a result Stratford decided to join the Birmingham and District League and were in Division 2 for three years, before the League was reorganised. It was a very strong League and Stratford's fortunes slipped, although they did win the Birmingham Senior Cup beating Lockheed Leamington in the Final 2-1 in 1963, the game was played at Moor Green, and Sid Keenan scored both goals.

In 1970/71 Stratford went back to the Midland Combination, where they stayed for five seasons before joining the Hellenic League. In their first season they finished 10th but the next year they finished bottom and they went back to the Midland Combination. However, lack of success continued as they finished with only 13 points and were relegated to Division 2. Being relegated gave the Club time to regroup and within three years they were back in the Premier Division. After winning the League in 1987, Stratford applied to join the Southern League, but the ground was not up to standard. A new clubhouse and changing rooms were built and floodlights were installed in 1990.

In 1994 Stratford were elected as a founder member of the Midland Football Alliance and finished third in their first season. To cap this, Andy Smith was voted MFA player of the season. In 1997/98 the Club suffered

severe financial problems, and a number of local businessmen got together and took over the Club to get it back on its feet.

Lennie Derby was brought in as manager, but it was not until the 1999/2000 that things improved when they were runners-up to Alliance new boys Oadby Town. The next two seasons saw Stratford setting the pace and sitting top of the table at Christmas. However, spells of bad weather and postponements led to a backlog of fixtures with Town failing to hold onto the top spot.

For the 2002/03 campaign, Stratford were in contention for most of the season with Stourbridge, Rushall Olympic and early pace setters Oadby Town who got to the semi-final of the FA Vase. Stourbridge won the League, but it was not until the last game of the season that Rushall pipped Stratford for second place. Stratford won the League Cup for the first time beating Causeway United 1-0, with Leon Mitchell getting the goal in extra time.

The 2003/04 season got off to a great start, Stratford winning their second trophy in three months, beating Stourbridge 1-0 to win the Joe McGorian Cup and Stratford were unbeaten after the first 12 games of the season, winning the team of the month for August. After three mid-season defeats Stratford only lost twice in the next 20 games to keep in the title race, suffering three more defeats Town came back with five wins. A win or a draw in the last game of the season against Willenhall at Masons Road, would secure second place and promotion but Willenhall won and gained the promotion spot.

The 2004/05 season got off to a great start when Stratford became the first team to retain the League Cup with a 3-1 win over Rushall Olympic in the rearranged final at Willenhall. However, it was the opposite in the League with Town losing their first four League games and they were in the relegation zone for the first half of the season. It was a shock when Lennie Derby resigned in January. In his six years at the Club he had been close to promotion several times. With his departure assistant manager Ian Britton took charge for the rest of the season.

After being reinstated in the FA Cup after Sutton Coldfield played an ineligible player, Stratford got to the third qualifying round the best they had ever done, but were beaten 3-0 at Masons Road by Southport. They were also beaten 3-0 by Sutton Town in the FA Vase.

Stratford striker Craig Pountney won the MFA Golden Boot award for the second time in four years, scoring 32 goals, and was the supporters' player of the year.

After a good pre-season build up to the 2005/06 season hopes were high, but this form was not transferred to the new League campaign. Despite winning the first two games, results were indifferent and again Stratford were fighting in the lower half of the table. With a good win against Stourport Swifts in the FA Cup it looked as if things might improve, but no, as Stratford went out of every other cup competition at the first hurdle. With results not improving and not being able to bring in new faces to strengthen the squad, manager Ian Britton resigned.

Former player Dennis Mulholland was appointed as the new manager. Bringing in a lot of new faces to try and improve results had little effect, as Stratford were still having a mixed bag of results and eventually finished 14th in the League at the end of the season, their lowest position for a number of years.

The 2006/07, season was a successful one for Stratford, finishing fourth in the League and having good runs in the FA Cup and the FA Vase. Going out to Conference South side Bishops Stortford away 2-0, in the third qualifying round and losing 2-1 to MFA rivals Quorn 2-1 at Sutton Park in the fourth round respectively.

The 2007/08 season saw the appointment of Micky Moore and Town riding high in the MFA until a disastrous post-Christmas run put an end to any promotion hopes.

The 2008/09 season was Town's first full one at its new Knights Lane facility and expectations were high for the season ahead. An historic run in the FA Vase ended in fifth round defeat to eventual winners Whitley Bay but again League form was inconsistent. Despite a great run in the last two months Town ended in sixth place having never threatened the top three and manager Micky Moore paid the price at the end of the season. New manager Rod Brown was appointed, with the task of bringing that elusive promotion top of his list of priorities. A first season finish in third place was followed by a dismal start to the 2010/11 season and, by September, Brown had left.

Former player Morton Titterton replaced Brown, once again a top six finish was gained, along with a fine end of season League Cup win over Boldmere St Michaels. The 2011/12 season was again disappointing and Carl Adams was brought in as co-manager for the 2012/13 campaign. Unfortunately, Morton Titterton had to relinquish his duties leaving Carl Adams in sole charge. Town went top of League in early September and remained there, at one point opening up a 19 point lead. But with the terrible winter causing fixture chaos Town secured the title with four games left to play thus ending their 19 season stay in the MFA and promotion to the Southern League Division 1 South & West.

The 2013/14 season saw Town finish in 10th position playing a brand of attacking football that produced 103 goals and the League's leading goal scorer in Richard Gregory with 39.

The 2014/15 season saw the majority of the previous year's squad re-signed and, together with some additional signings, Town made an impressive start hitting the top of the table after 10 consecutive wins. Despite a poor run of results around the turn of the year they produced a 12 match unbeaten run to secure a third place finish and reach the playoffs. Having overcome Taunton Town 2-1 in the semi-final they beat Lakhall Athletic in the final in front of a ground record crowd of 1054 supporters to gain promotion to the Evostik Southern Premier League.

After winning promotion to the Southern League Premier the 2015/16 season was all about consolidation. The previous season's end of season form continued with Town making a bright start to life at the highest level in their history.

By Christmas Town were comfortable in mid-table but a poor run of form into the new year meant a promising start turned into a 19th place finish. Mission accomplished and onto a tough second season in the Division.

2016/17 saw Town achieve their highest League position. A young developing side finished 14th and but for 14 drawn games could have been higher.

Season 2017/18 saw a 15th place finish highlighted with a good run in the FA Cup with Town being beaten in a replay in the third qualifying round by Scarborough.

2018/19 was a year of changes with a new board taking over the running of the Club. Carl Adams' 300 match reign as manager ended with the appointment of Darren Byfield as manager but, after an indifferent start, he was replaced by former Kettering boss Thomas Baillie. It proved to be Town's most successful season reaching the first round of the FA Trophy, winning the Southern League Cup and finishing fifth in the League, losing to King's Lynn in the play off semi-final.

2019/20 saw Thomas Baillie depart to Tamworth and Town appointed former Darlington and Corby manager Tommy Wright. In what proved to be a difficulty season he was replaced by Paul Davis and Town struggled to emulate the form of the previous year. The Covid pandemic cut the season short with nine games left play with them lying in 18th place.

The 2020/21 season was officially ended on 19th March 2021, with the last matches being played on Wednesday, 4th November 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. All results were expunged. The Bards were in third spot when the season came to an end after just eight games.

The 2021/22 season saw The Bards reach the first round proper of the Emirates FA Cup on the 150th Anniversary of this competition, for the first time in the Club's history, defeating National League side Boston United 3-2 in the fourth qualifying round replay after gaining a creditable draw at the Boston Community Stadium. The Bards were drawn at home to Shrewsbury Town, with the game televised on ITV4. Despite Will Grocott opening the scoring, Stratford were eventually defeated 5-1 in front of a sell-out crowd of 2,800 spectators at the Arden Garages Stadium.

But the League form dipped after the excitement of the FA Cup and they flirted with relegation before finishing in 13th place. Paul Davis was replaced by Tim Flowers and later he was replaced by Ian King.

2022/23 saw the appointment of a new management pairing of Dean Holdsworth and Gavin Hurren. Gav Hurren took sole charge from the start of 2023 and the team just missed out on the playoffs on goal difference.

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TIME flies when you're having fun and that's certainly the case here at The NLP.

On Wednesday, 26th March we celebrated our 25th anniversary since the paper hit the newsstands. In the years since, we've been lucky enough to have a front row seat to the heartbeat of English football. We've seen an increased profile of this level of the game, a jump in professionalism, more than one restructure of the Pyramid and written about countless teams, players, managers, clubs, grounds – and results!

Stuart Pearce implored top clubs to unearth Non-League treasures on the front cover of The NLP's first ever edition – and what good advice it has proved! The England legend famously took that path himself, beginning at Wealdstone before going onto have a decorated career at the very top of the English game.

Pearce joined the Essex Senior League's Non-League Day groundhop last weekend to see the impact of the Premier League's Stadium Fund, which has distributed more than £207 million in grants to over 1,000 men's and women's clubs throughout the English Football League, National League and football pyramid. The fund, like The NLP, is celebrating its 25th anniversary and Pearce smiled when looking back at issue one of The Non-League Paper.

"It's incredible – and 25 years later Dan Burn walks out in an England shirt," Pearce told The NLP. "That's a great point in case. A lot of players get released from academies and it can diminish their spirit but it shouldn't necessarily do that. In fact – and I got released from QPR as a 13-year-old – it should inspire you to prove people wrong.

"I think all of football was delighted to see Dan Burn arrive in an England shirt. For what he's doing for his club, a hometown boy if you like, and his pathway, it sends a great message out to youngsters that you don't have to be a superstar to start with. If you're determined, dogged, then you've got every opportunity."

Kevin Ellison was on target the weekend *The Non-League Paper* was launched...and he's still doing the business for Step 4 Vauxhall Motors now at the age of 46! The then-winger was on target for the Robins in a 1-1 draw with Kettering Town, one of the final points they picked up that season. Ellison excelled, earning a move to Premier League Leicester City a year later, but a late slump saw Alty relegated after a season back in the Nationwide Conference.

"I'd have rather not had a good season and we stayed up," Ellison told *The NLP*. "Getting back into the English pyramid was a big thing for me then, I'd been playing in the League of Wales. Altrincham gave me that great opportunity to go pro. I owe them a lot. You dream of it as a little boy. It didn't

happen for me when I was younger because clubs were telling me I wasn't good enough, then five or six years ago they were bidding for me when they could have had me for free!"

Ellison recalls how keeping track of his career was a bit different at the turn of the century. "I used to get the *Manchester Pink* and the *Liverpool Echo*, my regional North West papers," he said. "My mum used to cut out write-ups on me. It was probably harder then for your ability to get recognised. Look at how many lads are uploading YouTube clips now. We didn't have that then, but that's not a negative. I'm fortunate to have played in old school football and the fast paced tempo game now. People will say the game was a bit slower then but it felt like it was more 'proper' football. Has the game changed for the better? Who knows. You should never forget your roots, even when I was in League Two I was still picking up my copy of *The Non-League Paper*."

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Paul Davis – Head Coach:

Returned to the club as coach having been the manager when The Bards experienced their most exciting FA Cup run in their history. Paul brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the club.

Dale Belford – First Team Coach:

Returned to The Bards in January 2025 to renew the management partnership with Paul Davis from back in 2020. Moved to The Bards from Stafford Rangers where he was assistant manager and then the manager at the start of the 2024/25 season.

Tom Sheppard – Coach:

Full-time coach with the Bards Academy and continues to develop his coaching badges.

Jake Weaver – Goalkeeper:

Joined the Bards on dual registration with Rushall Olympic. A very experienced keeper who enjoyed promotion with Rushall and was a fans' favourite during his time at Leamington.

Max Clutterbuck – Goalkeeper:

A young goalkeeper from the Stratford Town academy who has come through the ranks.

Paul McCone – Defender:

Club captain this season, a role he is accustomed to taking after successful cup campaigns in that role with Stourbridge and Halesowen. The no nonsense centre back can be heard all over the field and leads by example. Previous clubs include Stourbridge, Leamington Hednesford Telford United and Halesowen.

Dan Vann – Defender:

Joined from Walsall where he started in youth team football and progressed to the first team. Had a few loan spells away from the Saddlers and this brought him to Stratford where the versatile defender has been an inspiration to the dressing room. Previous clubs include Walsall, Stafford Rangers, Chasetown, Matlock

Finlay Brennan – Defender:

Accomplished left back who joined The Bards this season. Started his career at Milton Keynes Dons and progressed through their Academy to make two appearances in the EFL Trophy in 2019/20. Also played for Luton Town and Leighton Town.

Harry Leeson – Defender:

A young full back whose career developed through Bristol City playing regularly for their U21s and making the bench four times with the Championship side under Nigel Pearson. Also featured for the Welsh National side at U18, U19 and U21. Had a brief spell with Redditch United, before moving to The Bards. Currently out on loan.

Alex Worley – Defender:

Went through the youth system at Walsall being loaned to Welsh outfit Haverfordwest for senior football experience, before joining Stourbridge. Was an important part of the Bards set up last season but moved back to Stourbridge mid-season before returning to The Bards in March.

Kevin Joshua – Defender:

Joined The Bards in January and is a solid left sided defender. Started his career at Dublin based Johnstown FC before moving to Solihull Moors. Was signed by West Bromwich Albion and was a regular in the Premier League 2 Development side. He then signed for York City in July 2023 and has had loan spells at Kettering Town and Waterford. Also played for Peterhead in the third tier of Scottish football.

Aaron Lacey – Defender:

An accomplished centre half who plays for Oxford United. Joined the Bards on work experience.

Dan Lafferty – Midfielder:

Joined Stratford from Coventry City where he went through their youth system, he also gained Northern Ireland youth caps at U17 level. The midfielder showed his true passion for the club when he admirably switched to full back for most of the latter end of last season.

Lewis Ludford-Ison – Midfielder:

Former Hednesford club captain who joined The Bards in February last year and instantly added the foundation to the midfield. His all-action style made him an instant fans' favourite who can score spectacular goals. The 25-year-old had a couple of years in the Bristol Rovers academy before injury stopped his progress. Also played for Coventry United.

Tom Solanke – Midfielder:

Came through the youth ranks at West Brom before moving into senior football at Stourbridge. Has risen through the divisions and last year was at Boston. The rock-solid tenacious midfielder was the interest of several higher League clubs this summer, but he chose The Bards. Also played for Weymouth, Alvechurch and Ilkeston.

Josh Hawker – Midfielder:

Midfield general who has returned to Stratford from Halesowen, Was joint top scorer for The Bards last season. His career started in the Birmingham youth set up and he has played at higher levels with Hereford, Leamington, and Solihull Moors.

Ashley Sammons – Midfielder:

Returned to The Bards in December 2024 from Racing Club Warwick. An experienced midfielder who started his career at Birmingham City where he captained the U18s in the semi-final of the FA Youth Cup and scored Birmingham's only goal. As a 15-year-old, he played three matches for England U17s. Has plenty of experience at Non-League level and has been known to score the odd 'special' goal. Previous Clubs also include Hereford United, Worcester City, Redditch United, Corby Town, Hednesford Town and Solihull Moors.

Charlie Williams – Midfielder:

A product of the Burton Albion youth system and had loan spells at Leamington and Banbury United before signing for Stratford last season. Made an immediate impression for The Bards in his debut coming on as substitute against the then League leaders Leiston. With his first possession he beat three players with his dipping shot hitting the bar and then scoring an injury time equaliser for The Bards.

Callum Ebanks – Forward:

Signed for his second season with The Bards despite lots of close season interest. Previous clubs include Cheltenham Town, Evesham, Bromsgrove Sporting, Eastleigh and Bath City.

Andre Wright – Forward:

Moved to The Bards for a second spell from Mickleover where he missed much of last season due to a nasty injury, before which he was leading the Golden Boot charts. A product of West Brom Academy, he has featured for West Brom and Coventry City. Also played for Torquay United, Kidderminster Harriers, Gloucester City, Hereford and Kettering Town. Currently out on loan.

Cyrus Bruce – Forward:

An exciting forward with an eye for goal who has been scoring for fun at lower levels. Joined the Bards in January and is already a fans' favourite. Previous clubs include Redditch United and Daventry.

Lewis Wilson – Forward:

Back for a sixth spell with The Bards. A versatile player who can play anywhere other than goalkeeper. Starting his career in the Rushden & Diamonds youth system, the 30-year-old has played over 230 senior games scoring over 120 goals. Is the longest serving player with The Bards amassing more than 150 appearances. Previous clubs also include Newport Pagnell, Northampton Town, Kettering Town, Oxford City and Banbury United.

Jamie Molyneux – Forward:

A big favourite in The Bards dressing room, the tricky forward/winger has the moves to put the opposition in a spin and his career at Hereford shows he also has an eye for goal. Also played for Redditch, Highgate, Bromsgrove Sporting and Bedworth United.

Owen James – Forward:

A quick winger who has returned to The Bards this season. Started his career at Oxford United at the age of 14 and made his senior debut in May 2018. Was part of The Bards' successful FA Cup side in 2012/22. Also played for Oxford City, Bracknell Town and Chalfont St Peter.

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One of the most well-known fun facts about Stratford-upon-Avon is that it's the birthplace of William Shakespeare, arguably the most famous playwright in history. Born in 1564, Shakespeare's home at Henley Street is now a museum, allowing visitors to step back in time and experience the early life of the Bard. This humble abode is where Shakespeare's journey began, making it a pilgrimage site for literature enthusiasts from around the world.



Stratford-upon-Avon is home to the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC), one of the world's most prestigious theater companies. The RSC performs Shakespeare's plays in their original glory, offering a truly authentic experience. The company's main theater, the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, is a modern architectural marvel that blends seamlessly with the town's historic charm. Visitors can enjoy performances, take guided tours, and even participate in workshops to delve deeper into the world of Shakespeare.



Stratford-upon-Avon isn't just about Shakespeare, it is also home to one of the oldest surviving buildings in England—The Guild Chapel. Built in the 13th century, this chapel has withstood the test of time, surviving wars, plagues, and the Reformation. It is renowned for its medieval wall paintings, which were whitewashed during the Reformation and only rediscovered in the 19th century. The Guild Chapel offers a glimpse into the town's rich medieval history, standing as a testament to its enduring past.

Among the more mysterious fun facts about Stratford-upon-Avon is the legend of Shakespeare's curse. According to local lore, Shakespeare himself penned a curse on his gravestone to deter grave robbers. The epitaph reads: *"Good friend for Jesus' sake forbear, To dig the dust enclosed here! Blest be the man that spares these stones, And cursed be he that moves my bones."* Interestingly, this curse may have worked as Shakespeare's grave, located in the Holy Trinity Church, remains untouched to this day, and no one has dared to disturb his final resting place.



Stratford-upon-Avon is named after the River Avon, which runs through the town and adds to its scenic beauty. The river has played a crucial role in the town's history, serving as a vital trade route in medieval times. Today, the River Avon is a popular spot for leisure activities, including boating, rowing, and riverside picnics. The riverbank is also home to the picturesque Bancroft Gardens, where visitors can relax and enjoy views of the iconic Clopton Bridge, another historic landmark dating back to the 15th century.

Stratford-upon-Avon is home to one of England's oldest pubs. The Garrick Inn, which dates back to at least 1594 and has a history as rich as the town itself. This historic tavern has seen centuries of patrons, from weary travelers to local residents, all of whom have enjoyed its warm atmosphere and traditional fare. The inn's timber-framed structure and period interiors make it a must-visit spot for anyone looking to soak up some authentic English charm.



Swans are a common sight in Stratford-upon-Avon, particularly along the River Avon and these elegant birds have become symbolic of the town. The swans are protected by law, and their presence adds to the idyllic atmosphere of the riverside. There's even an annual Swan Census, where each swan on the River Avon is counted, weighed, and checked to ensure their well-being. This tradition highlights the town's commitment to preserving its natural beauty and wildlife.



As you stroll through Stratford-upon-Avon, you'll notice the abundance of timber-framed buildings, many of which date back to the Tudor period. These buildings have been meticulously preserved, giving the town its distinctive old-world charm. Notable examples include Hall's Croft, the former home of Shakespeare's daughter Susanna, and Harvard House, which was built by the grandfather of John Harvard, the founder of Harvard University. These buildings offer a glimpse into the town's rich history and architectural heritage.

Among the more dramatic fun facts about Stratford-upon-Avon is its connection to the infamous Gunpowder Plot of 1605. Robert Catesby, one of the plot's leaders, was born in nearby Lapworth and had strong ties to the area. The conspirators are said to have used the nearby Coughton Court, a historic house, as a meeting place while planning their attempt to assassinate King James I. The plot's failure is commemorated annually on November 5th with Bonfire Night celebrations across the UK.


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Banbury United 1972/73



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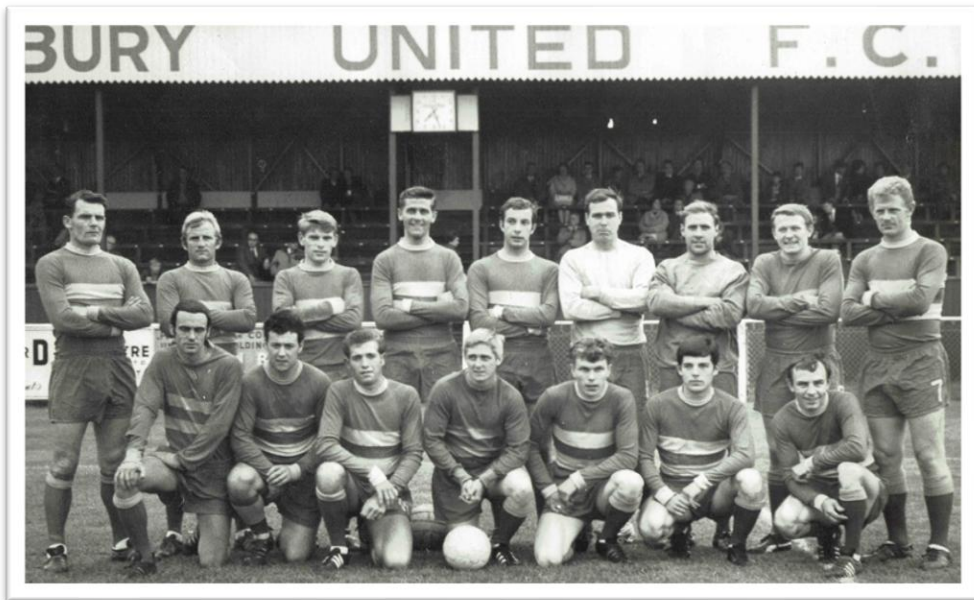
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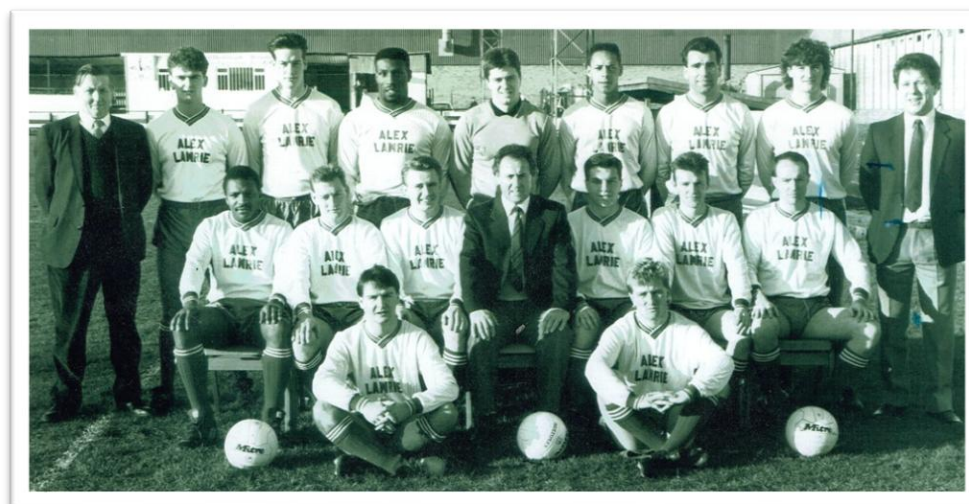
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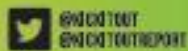
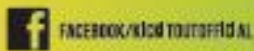


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Come along on the night to find out more. If you have any questions in advance, please contact Carl Parton General Manager at carlparton@banburyunitedfc.co.uk

Let's work together to make Banbury United FC even stronger! We look forward to seeing you there.



UPCOMING MATCHES



Lowestoft Town v Banbury United – Tuesday, 1st April 2025 K.O. 7.45pm Crown Meadow, Love Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 2PA

The Puritans will face their two longest trips of the season in the next week with back-to-back visits to the Suffolk coast with the first of these being the rearranged trip to Crown Meadow to take on Lowestoft Town. Many Puritans were already en route when the fixture was postponed back in February but hopefully the weather will be on our side for this trip. The Puritans have enjoyed recent success on their travels picking up four points from their last two away games including a very impressive 2-1 away win at Bromsgrove Sporting last week. And they will be looking to continue this rich vein of form. The Puritans will be well aware of the quality Lowestoft possess as the Suffolk outfit took all three points home with them following their visit to the Spencer Stadium earlier in the season. Not an easy trip for a Tuesday evening, therefore Simon and the boys will be even more appreciative of those that are able to make the trip to the Crown Ground.

Tickets:

- Adults - £13
- Seniors - £9
- Students - £9
- Juniors - £3
- Carer – free

Travel:

There is minimal parking available at the stadium, however, however there is plenty of street parking. As always, please be considerate of the neighbours when parking near to the ground. For those travelling by train, Lowestoft Railway Station is a 0.5 mile walk from the stadium. Lowestoft is served by local trains from both Norwich and Ipswich.



Leiston v Banbury United – Saturday, 5th April 2025 K.O. 3.00pm The Watson & Hillhouse Stadium, Victory Road, Leiston, Suffolk IP16 4DQ

The Puritans will return to Suffolk next Saturday when they take on Leiston. The playoff chasing Blues have climbed the table after a disappointing opening month to the campaign which included a 1-0 victory for the Puritans at the Spencer Stadium courtesy of a 10th minute strike from Prince Henry. Leiston have improved massively since then and will be a completely different proposition to the one posed when the sides met back in August. With a tricky test awaiting Simon Hollyhead's side, your support could make all the difference so it would be great to see a healthy travelling contingent from North Oxfordshire to cheer on the Reds.

Tickets:

- Adults - £12
- Concession - £9
- Students - £7
- Under 16s - £3
- Under 5s – Free

Travel:

There are a number of car parks within walking distance of the ground however you are advised not to try and drive down Victory Road itself. For any supporters wishing to travel on public transport, the nearest railway

station is Saxmundham. This is 4.5 miles away from the ground. There are a couple of buses that depart from Street Farm Road near Saxmundham station heading for Leiston.



Banbury United v AFC Telford United – Saturday, 12th April 2025 K.O. 3.00pm
The Spencer Stadium powered by egg

AFC Telford United are the next visitors to the Spencer Stadium powered by egg. The Bucks will make the trip from Shropshire high on confidence having not tasted defeat since Saturday 25th January when they were beaten by 3-1 at Lye Meadow by Alvechurch. No side has lost less games than Telford however draws have held them back resulting in them sitting two points behind Halesowen and Bedford at the top of the Southern League Premier Division Central Table. The Puritans have claimed a number of high profile victories when the division's "big boys" have come to town and, after getting a draw at New Bucks Head late last year, they will fancy their chances of adding another name to the list of promotional hopefuls who have fallen to United.

Tickets:

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Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central LEAGUE TABLE

(last updated 22nd March at 17:28 hours)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Halesowen Town	36	20	6	10	58	42	+16	66
	2 Bedford Town	36	20	6	10	67	53	+14	66
	3 Kettering Town	36	19	8	9	64	39	+25	65
	4 AFC Telford United	36	17	13	6	69	56	+13	64
	5 Stratford Town	36	17	9	10	53	37	+16	60
	6 Stamford	36	18	6	12	46	42	+4	60
	7 Harborough Town	35	17	8	10	54	36	+18	59
	8 Leiston	36	15	11	10	51	48	+3	56
	9 Spalding United	36	17	5	14	52	52	0	56
	10 Stourbridge	36	14	9	13	51	43	+8	51
	11 Alvechurch	35	14	6	15	40	36	+4	48
	12 Royston Town	36	12	12	12	44	44	0	48
	13 Banbury United	35	12	12	11	29	31	-2	48
	14 Bromsgrove Sporting	35	13	5	17	45	49	-4	44
	15 Bishop's Stortford	36	12	8	16	45	53	-8	44
	16 St Ives Town	36	12	7	17	52	53	-1	43
	17 Barwell	36	12	6	18	52	61	-9	42
	18 Redditch United	36	11	8	17	43	51	-8	41
	19 AFC Sudbury	35	9	9	17	42	50	-8	36
	20 Lowestoft Town	34	10	6	18	47	79	-32	36
	21 Hitchin Town	36	8	8	20	48	69	-21	32
	22 Biggleswade Town	35	3	12	20	36	64	-28	21

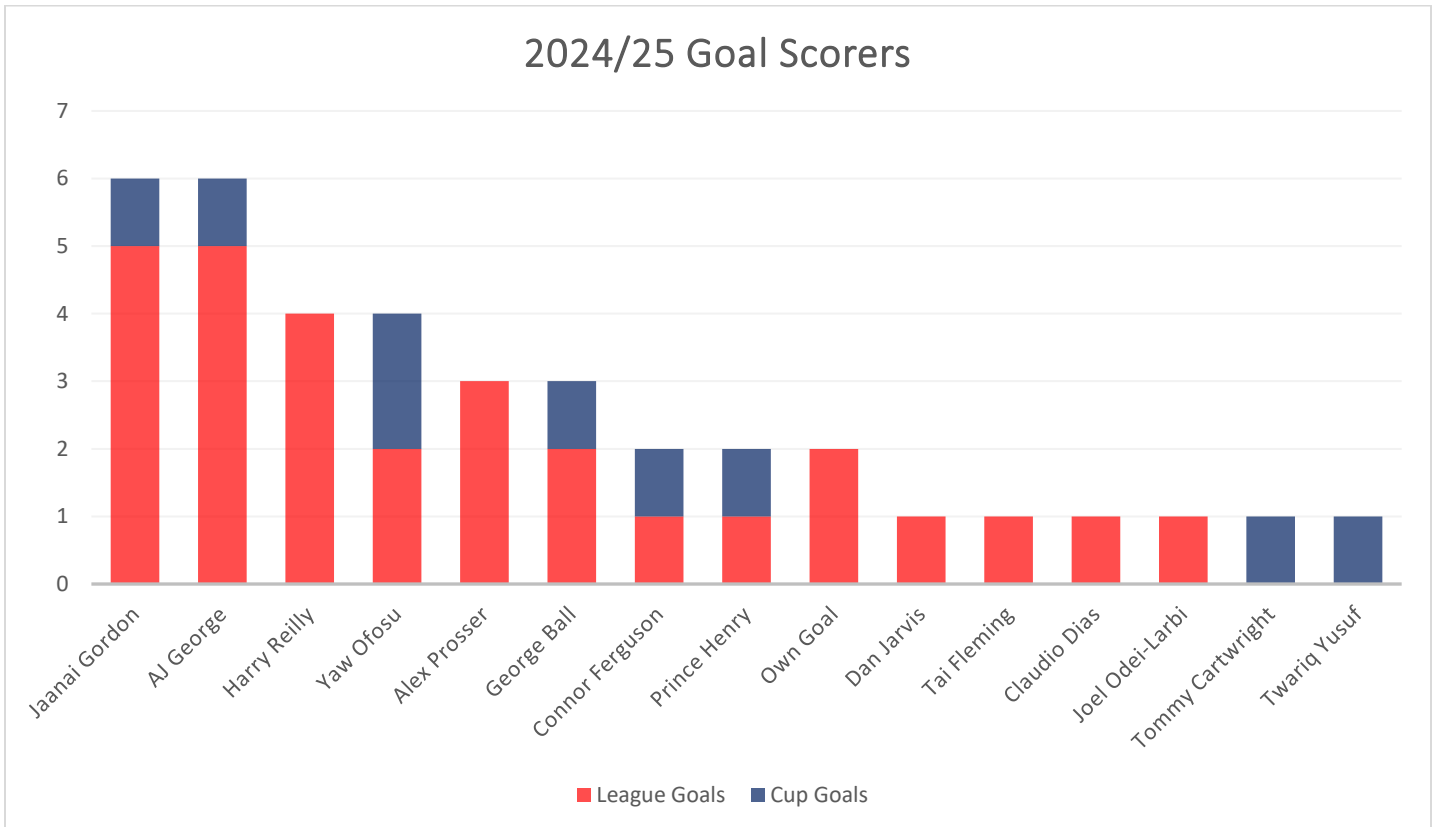
STAT ATTACK - SEASON 2024/25

Appearances:

	League				Cup				Total				Total Career Appearances		
	Full	Used Sub	Total		Full	Used Sub	Total		Full	Used Sub	Total		League	Cup	Total
Tyra Aitkin	0	0	0		0	1	1		0	1	1		0	1	1
Axel Ampedu	3	1	4		0	0	0		3	1	4		4	0	4
George Ball	25	7	32		4	0	4		29	7	36		32	4	36
Tommy Cartwright	5	3	8		3	2	5		8	5	13		8	5	13
Ike Chipachini-Okereke	0	0	0		0	1	1		0	1	1		0	1	1
Brooklyn Da Silva	0	0	0		0	1	1		0	1	1		0	1	1
Claudio Dias	7	13	20		2	1	3		9	14	23		59	13	72
Neo Dobson	0	2	2		0	1	1		0	3	3		2	1	3
Charlie Donaldson	3	7	10		4	2	6		7	9	16		10	6	16
Matty Donaldson	3	8	11		3	1	4		6	9	15		11	4	15
Logan Elliott	0	0	0		1	0	1		1	0	1		0	1	1
Connor Ferguson	11	16	27		2	2	4		13	18	31		27	4	31
Tai Fleming	32	0	32		4	0	4		36	0	36		78	7	85
George Forsyth	20	0	20		0	0	0		20	0	20		20	0	20
Max Fuller	0	0	0		0	1	1		0	1	1		0	1	1
A J George	23	5	28		5	0	5		28	5	33		32	5	37
Jaana Gordon	19	4	23		1	0	1		20	4	24		51	10	61
Jack Harding	35	0	35		4	0	4		39	0	39		326	75	401
Prince Henry	4	4	8		3	0	3		7	4	11		8	3	11
Archie Hollyhead	6	0	6		5	0	5		11	0	11		6	5	11
Jacob Humphries	0	0	0		1	0	1		1	0	1		0	1	1
Matty Ireland	2	3	5		2	1	3		4	4	8		5	3	8
Lennon Ison	0	0	0		0	2	2		0	2	2		0	2	2
Dan Jarvis	13	0	13		0	0	0		13	0	13		13	0	13
Nico Jones	20	3	23		3	0	3		23	3	26		23	3	26
Jack Kimber	0	0	0		0	1	1		0	1	1		0	1	1
Tim King	3	3	6		0	0	0		3	3	6		6	0	6
Seb Kola	0	0	0		0	1	1		0	1	1		0	1	1
Keon Lewis-Burgess	4	1	5		0	0	0		4	1	5		5	0	5
Chase Medwynter	1	3	4		0	0	0		1	3	4		4	0	4
Ramello Mitchell	2	2	4		1	1	2		3	3	6		4	2	6
Gift Mussa	8	2	10		4	0	4		12	2	14		10	4	14
Kgosi Ntthe	4	1	5		0	1	1		4	2	6		5	1	6
Joel Odei-Larbi	0	6	6		0	0	0		0	6	6		6	0	6
Yaw Ofosu	32	0	32		4	0	4		36	0	36		32	4	36
Gedeon Okito	18	3	21		3	0	3		21	3	24		32	11	43
Alex Prosser	25	0	25		0	0	0		25	0	25		25	0	25
Dylan Reason	2	1	3		0	0	0		2	1	3		3	0	3
Harry Reilly	31	0	31		4	0	4		35	0	35		52	15	67
Teddy Rowe	6	5	11		0	0	0		6	5	11		11	0	11
Connor Stanley	17	2	19		0	0	0		17	2	19		19	0	19
Lukas Wahlen	0	0	0		0	1	1		0	1	1		0	1	1
Harvey Westwood	1	7	8		1	3	4		2	10	12		8	4	12
Twariq Yusuf	0	5	5		2		2		2	5	7		5	2	7

Goal Scorers:

Name	Season 2024/25			Banbury United Career Totals		
	League	Cup	Total	League	Cup	Total
George Ball	2	1	3	2	1	3
Tommy Cartwright		1	1		1	1
Claudio Dias	1		1	7		7
Connor Ferguson	1	1	2	1	1	2
Tai Fleming	1		1	3	1	4
AJ George	5	1	6	5	1	6
Jaanai Gordon	5	1	6	17	6	23
Jack Harding					1	1
Prince Henry	1	1	2	1	1	2
Dan Jarvis	1		1	1		1
Joel Odei-Larbi	1		1	1		1
Yaw Ofosu	2	2	4	2	2	4
Alex Prosser	3		3	3		3
Harry Riley	4		4	5		5
Twariq Yusuf		1	1		1	1
Own Goal	2		2			
Totals	29	9	38			



Match Facts:

Date		Opponents	Result	H/T	Pos	Banbury United Goal Scorers	Opp Goal Times	Att
LEAGUE GAMES								
10 Aug	H	AFC Sudbury	D 1-1	1-0	12	George (42 pen)	53	440
12 Aug	A	Barwell	W 1-0	0-0	3	George (56 pen)		477
17 Aug	A	St Ives Town	L 1-2	0-0	11	George (90+7)	86, 89	274
24 Aug	H	Leiston	W 1-0	1-0	7	Henry (10)		550
26 Aug	A	Alvechurch	W 1-0	1-0	3	Own Goal (45+1)		502
07 Sep	H	Stamford	W1-0	0-0	4	Reilly (90+4)		778
10 Sep	H	Halesowen Town	L0-1	0-0	7		81	568
21 Sep	A	Royston Town	L0-1	0-1	9		24	357
24 Sep	A	Stratford Town	D1-1	0-0	9	Gordon (52)	86	864
12 Oct	H	Bromsgrove Sporting	D0-0	0-0	11			691
15 Oct	H	Bedford Town	W2-0	1-0	7	Gordon (20); George (77)		518
19 Oct	A	Spalding United	L0-2	0-1	10		30, 90+4	440
22 Oct	A	Biggleswade Town	W2-0	1-0	7	Fleming (19); Gordon (68)		150
02 Nov	H	Hitchin Town	L1-2	1-0	9	Ball (35)	72, 88	709
09 Nov	A	Bishop's Stortford	D1-1	1-1	10	Ofosu (32)	7	390
16 Nov	H	Stourbridge	D0-0	0-0	11			734
23 Nov	A	Harborough Town	L1-4	0-2	12	Own Goal (52)	8, 42, 58, 90+3	305
30 Nov	H	Lowestoft Town	L0-2	0-1	14		9, 90+4	441
14 Dec	A	Telford United	D1-1	0-0	16	Ball (67)	71	1249
21 Dec	H	Barwell	L1-2	0-2	17	Prosser (69)	9, 14	451
26 Dec	A	Redditch United	D0-0	0-0	17			700
28 Dec	H	St. Ives Town	W1-0	0-0	14	Prosser (71)		631
04 Jan	A	AFC Sudbury	W2-1	2-0	14	Ofosu (14); Jarvis (42)	90	297
18 Jan	H	Bishop's Stortford	D0-0	0-0	15			544
25 Jan	A	Bedford Town	D2-2	1-0	15	Dias (16); Gordon (62)	47, 51	762
01 Feb	H	Spalding United	W2-1	1-1	14	Gordon (10); Prosser (77)	45+3	566
04 Feb	H	Kettering Town	W1-0	1-0	13	Reilly (19)		602
08 Feb	A	Hitchin Town	L0-1	0-1	13		15	672
15 Feb	H	Biggleswade Town	L0-2	0-2	14		20, 43	464
18 Feb	H	Alvechurch	D0-0	0-0	13			403
01 Mar	H	Harborough Town	D2-2	0-1	13	Ferguson (59) (Pen); Odei-Larbi (85)	16, 90	559
08 Mar	A	Halesowen Town	L0-1	0-0	16		56	1046
11 Mar	A	Stourbridge	D0-0	0-0	15			352
15 Mar	H	Royston Town	W1-0	0-0	13	Reilly (47)		415
22 Mar	A	Bromsgrove Sporting	W2-1	1-1	13	Reilly (15); George (53)	30	1012
29 Mar	H	Stratford Town						
01 Apr	A	Lowestoft Town						
05 Apr	A	Leiston						
12 Apr	H	AFC Telford United						

League Goal Scorers: AJ George 5 (2 pen); Jannai Gordon 5; Harry Reilly 4; Alex Prosser 3; George Ball 2; Yaw Ofosu 2; Prince Henry 1; Tai Fleming 1; Dan Jarvis 1; Claudio Dias 1; Connor Ferguson 1; Joel Odei-Larbi 1; Own Goals 2

CUP GAMES

31 Aug	H	Dorchester Town	W2-0	1-0	FAC1Q	Ofosu (5), Ball (79)		458
14 Sep	A	Melksham Town	D1-1	1-0	FAC2Q	George (41 pen)	53	357
17 Sep	H	Melksham Town	L2-3	1-1	FAC2QR	Henry (11) Ofosu (89)	38, 55, 87	478
05 Oct	A	Plymouth Parkway	L2-3	1-2	FAT3Q	Gordon (32) Ferguson (73)	11, 40, 50	253
12 Nov	H	Henley Town	W2-0	2-0	OSC2	Yusuf (7), Cartwright (23)		169
21 Jan	H	Oxford United	L6-0	0-3	OSC3		10, 16, 23, 46, 52, 87	272

Cup Goal Scorers: Yaw Ofosu 2; George Ball 1; AJ George 1 (pen), Prince Henry 1; Jaanai Gordon 1; Connor Ferguson 1; Tommy Cartwright 1; Twariq Yusuf 1

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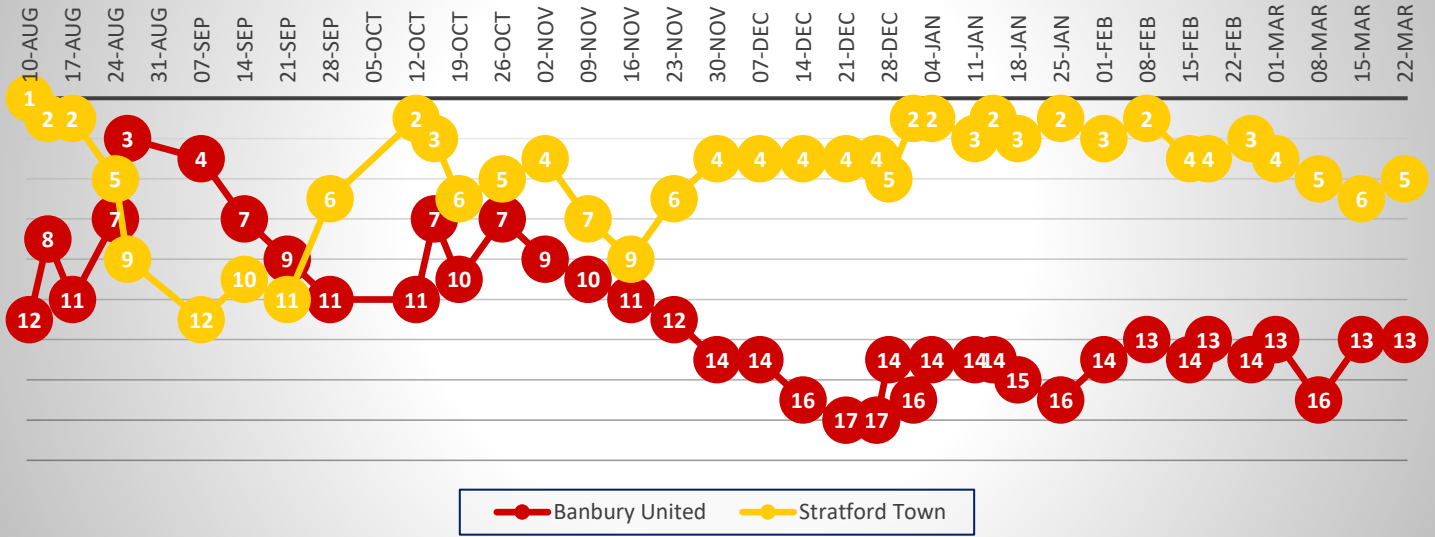
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Date	Home / Away	Comp	Opposition	Result	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Subs:					
10-Aug	H	SLPC	AFC Sudbury	D	1 v 1	Harding	Reilly	Nithe	Fleming	Ofoosu	Jones	Lewis-Burgess	Hollyhead	Westwood	George (1)	Ball	Donaldson M*	Dias*	Donaldson C*	Henry *	Reason	
12-Aug	A	SLPC	Barwell	W	1 v 0	Harding	Reilly	Nithe	Fleming	Ofoosu	Jones	Lewis-Burgess	Hollyhead	Reason	George (1)	Ball	Donaldson M*	Dias*	Donaldson C*	Ferguson*	Westwood*	
17-Aug	A	SLPC	St Ives Town	L	1 v 2	Harding	Reilly	Okito	Fleming	Ofoosu	Jones	Lewis-Burgess	Hollyhead	Reason	George (1)	Ball	Donaldson M*	Dias*	Ferguson	Donaldson C*	Westwood*	
24-Aug	H	SLPC	Leiston	W	1 v 0	Harding	Reilly	Okito	Mussa	Ofoosu	Jones	Fleming	Hollyhead	Henry (1)	George	Ball	Donaldson M*	Lewis-Burgess*	Ferguson*	Reason*	Westwood*	
26-Aug	A	SLPC	Avechurch	W	1 v 0	Harding	Reilly	Donaldson M	Fleming	Ofoosu	Jones	Dias	Lewis-Burgess	Henry	Ferguson	Ball	Ireland*	Mussa*	Donaldson C*	George*	Reason	
31-Aug	H	FAC1Q	Dorchester Town	W	2 v 0	Harding	Reilly	Ireland	Fleming	Ofoosu (1)	Jones	Mussa	Dias	Henry	George	Ball (1)	Donaldson M*	Cartwright*	Ferguson*	Donaldson C*	Reason	
07-Sep	H	SLPC	Stamford	W	1 v 0	Harding	Fleming	Ireland	Mussa	Ofoosu	Jones	Reilly (1)	Dias	Henry	George	Ball	Mitchell*	Donaldson M*	Donaldson C	Hollyhead	Westwood*	
10-Sep	H	SLPC	Halesowen Town	L	0 v 1	Harding	Fleming	Okito	Mussa	Ofoosu	Cartwright	Reilly	Hollyhead	Mitchell	George	Ball	Ireland*	Dias*	Donaldson C*	Henry*	Westwood*	
14-Sep	A	FAC2Q	Melksham Town	D	1 v 1	Harding	Fleming	Okito	Mussa	Ofoosu	Ireland	Reilly	Hollyhead	Henry	George (1)	Ball	Elliott	Donaldson M	Cartwright*	Mitchell*	Reason	
17-Sep	H	FAC2Qr	Melksham Town	L	2 v 3	Harding	Fleming	Okito	Donaldson C	Ofoosu (1)	Ferguson	Reilly	Hollyhead	Henry (1)	Mitchell	Ball	Ireland	Cartwright	Reason	Donaldson M	Westwood	
21-Sep	A	SLPC	Royston Town	L	0 v 1	Harding	Fleming	Okito	Dias	Ofoosu	Ireland	Reilly	Donaldson C	Gordon	Henry	George	Mitchell*	Donaldson M*	Ferguson*	Hollyhead	Dobson*	
24-Sep	A	SLPC	Stratford Town	D	1 v 1	Harding	Fleming	Cartwright	Dias	Ofoosu	Mitchell	Reilly	Hollyhead	Gordon (1)	Donaldson C	George	Okito*	Ireland*	Ferguson*	Dobson*	Henry	
05-Oct	A	FAT3Q	Plymouth Parkway	L	2 v 3	Harding	Fleming	Cartwright	Mussa	Okito	Donaldson M	Reilly	Hollyhead	Gordon (1)	Donaldson C	George	Ireland*	Dias*	Ferguson*(1)	Dobson*	Westwood*	
12-Oct	H	SLPC	Bromsgrove Sporting	D	0 v 0	Harding	Reilly	Okito	Prosser	Ofoosu	Jones	Cartwright	Mussa	Gordon	George	Ball	Donaldson M	Dias*	Donaldson C	Ferguson*	Henry	
15-Oct	H	SLPC	Bedford Town	W	2 v 0	Harding	Fleming	Mussa	Prosser	Ofoosu	Jones	Reilly	Ferguson	Gordon (1)	George (1)	Ball	Cartwright*	Okito*	Dias*	Donaldson C*	Henry*	
19-Oct	A	SLPC	Spalding United	L	0 v 2	Harding	Fleming	Mussa	Prosser	Ofoosu	Jones	Reilly	Ferguson	Gordon	George	Ball	Cartwright	Nithe*	Dias*	Donaldson C	Henry	
22-Oct	A	SLPC	Biggleswade Town	W	2 v 0	Harding	Fleming (1)	Mussa	Prosser	Ofoosu	Jones	Reilly	Donaldson M	Gordon (1)	George	Ball	Nithe	Dias*	Ferguson*	Donaldson C*	Henry*	
02-Nov	H	SLPC	Hitchin Town	L	1 v 2	Harding	Fleming	Prosser	Dias	Ofoosu	Jones	Reilly	Donaldson M	Gordon	George	Ball(1)	Nithe	Ferguson*	Donaldson C	Westwood*	Mussa*	
09-Nov	A	SLPC	Bishop's Stortford	D	1 v 1	Harding	Fleming	Nithe	Prosser	Ofoosu (1)	Jones	Reilly	Mussa	Gordon	George	Ball	Donaldson M*	Ferguson*	Donaldson C	Hollyhead	Westwood*	
12-Nov	H	OSC2	Henley Town	W	2 v 0	Elliott	Cartwright (1)	Donaldson M	Mussa	Ofoosu	Jones	Hollyhead	Donaldson C	Westwood	George	Triallist (1)	Nithe*	Ison*	Fuller*	Da Silva Lobato*	Aitken*	
16-Nov	H	SLPC	Stourbridge	D	0 v 0	Harding	Fleming	Nithe	Prosser	Ofoosu	Jones	Reilly	Forsyth	Gordon	George	Ball	Donaldson M*	Yusuf*	Ferguson	Hollyhead	Medwynter*	
23-Nov	A	SLPC	Harborough Town	L	1 v 4	Harding	Fleming	Cartwright	Prosser	Ofoosu	Stanley	Reilly	Forsyth	Gordon	George	Ball	Donaldson M	Yusuf*	Donaldson C	Hollyhead	Medwynter*	
30-Nov	H	SLPC	Lowestoft Town	L	0 v 2	Harding	Fleming	Jones	Prosser	Ofoosu	Forsyth	Donaldson C	Medwynter	Gordon	Stanley	George	Cartwright	Okito*	Dias	Ferguson*	Yusuf	
14-Dec	A	SLPC	AFC Telford United	D	1 v 1	Harding	Reilly	Okito	Prosser	Jones	Fleming	Stanley	Forsyth	Ferguson	George	Ball (1)	Cartwright*	Yusuf*	Dias	Gordon*	Medwynter*	
21-Dec	H	SLPC	Barwell	L	1 v 2	Harding	Fleming	Okito	Prosser (1)	Ofoosu	Jones	Reilly	Stanley	George	Forsyth	Ball	Ferguson	Yusuf*	Rowe*	Hollyhead	Gordon*	
26-Dec	A	SLPC	Redditch United	D	0 v 0	Harding	Reilly	Okito	Prosser	Ofoosu	Fleming	Forsyth	Stanley	King	Dias	Rowe	Ferguson	Ball*	George*	Hollyhead	Gordon*	
28-Dec	H	SLPC	St Ives Town	W	1 v 0	Harding	Reilly	Okito	Prosser (1)	Ofoosu	Fleming	Forsyth	Ball	George	Ferguson	Rowe	Stanley*	Hollyhead	Dias*	Donaldson M	Gordon*	
04-Jan	A	SLPC	AFC Sudbury	W	2 v 1	Harding	Reilly	Okito	Prosser	Ofoosu (1)	Fleming	Forsyth	Stanley	Gordon	Jarvis (1)	Rowe	Cartwright*	Dias*	Ball*	George*	Ferguson*	
18-Jan	H	SLPC	Bishop's Stortford	D	0 v 0	Harding	Reilly	Okito	Prosser	Ofoosu	Fleming	Forsyth	Stanley	Gordon	Jarvis	Rowe	Jones	Dias	Yusuf*	Ball*	Ferguson*	
21-Jan	H	OSCQ	Oxford United	L	0 v 6	Humphries	Donaldson C	Donaldson M	Dias	Cartwright	Jones	Hollyhead	Yusuf	Ferguson	George	Ball	Ison*	Kola*	Wahlen*	Chipachini*	Kimber*	
25-Jan	A	SLPC	Bedford Town	D	2 v 2	Harding	Reilly	Okito	Prosser	Ofoosu	Fleming	Forsyth	Stanley	Gordon (1)	Dias (1)	Jarvis	Jones	Hollyhead	George	Ferguson*	Ball*	
01-Feb	H	SLPC	Spalding United	W	2 v 1	Harding	Reilly	Okito	Prosser (1)	Ofoosu	Fleming	Forsyth	Stanley	Gordon (1)	King	Jarvis	Jones	Hollyhead	Ball*	Odei-Larbi*	Ferguson*	
04-Feb	H	SLPC	Kettering Town	W	1 v 0	Harding	Reilly (1)	Okito	Prosser	Ofoosu	Fleming	Forsyth	Ferguson	Gordon	King	Jarvis	Jones*	Hollyhead	Ball*	Stanley*	Odei-Larbi	
08-Feb	A	SLPC	Hitchin Town	L	0 v 1	Harding	Reilly	Okito	Prosser	Ofoosu	Fleming	Forsyth	Ferguson	Gordon	Jarvis	Stanley	Jones*	Hollyhead	Ball*	Odei-Larbi*	King*	
15-Feb	H	SLPC	Biggleswade Town	L	0 v 2	Harding	Cartwright	Okito	Prosser	Forsyth	Jones	Ferguson	Stanley	Gordon	Ball	Jarvis	Ampedu*	Donaldson M	Hollyhead	Rowe*	Odei-Larbi*	
18-Feb	H	SLPC	Avechurch	D	0 v 0	Harding	Ampedu	Okito	Prosser	Forsyth	Ferguson	Rowe	Stanley	Gordon	Ball	Jarvis	Humphrey	Donaldson M	Odei-Larbi*	Yusuf	Edmunds	
01-Mar	H	SLPC	Harborough Town	D	2 v 2	Harding	Ampedu	Okito	Forsyth	Ofoosu	Fleming	Rowe	Stanley	Ferguson (1)	Ball	Jarvis	Jones*	Hollyhead	Dias	George*	Odei-Larbi* (1)	
08-Mar	A	SLPC	Halesowen Town	L	0 v 1	Harding	Reilly	Ampedu	Prosser	Ofoosu	Fleming	Forsyth	Stanley	Ferguson	Ball	Jarvis	Dias	Hollyhead	Rowe*	George*	Odei-Larbi*	
11-Mar	A	SLPC	Stourbridge	D	0 v 0	Harding	Reilly	Jones	Prosser	Ofoosu	Fleming	Forsyth	Stanley	George	Ball	Jarvis	Ampedu	Dias*	Rowe*	Ferguson*	Odei-Larbi	
15-Mar	H	SLPC	Royston Town	W	1 v 0	Harding	Reilly (1)	Jones	Prosser	Ofoosu	Fleming	Forsyth	Stanley	George	Ball	Jarvis	Dias*	Hollyhead	Rowe	Ferguson*	King*	
22-Mar	A	SLPC	Bromsgrove Sporting	W	2 v 1	Harding	Reilly (1)	Jones	Prosser	Ofoosu	Fleming	Forsyth	Stanley	George (1)	Ball	Jarvis	Dias*	Hollyhead	Rowe*	Ferguson*	King*	
29-Mar	H	SLPC	Stratford Town																			
01-Apr	A	SLPC	Lowestoft Town																			
05-Apr	A	SLPC	Leiston																			
12-Apr	H	SLPC	AFC Telford United																			
19-Apr	A	SLPC	Stamford																			
21-Apr	H	SLPC	Redditch United																			
26-Apr	A	SLPC	Kettering Town																			



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