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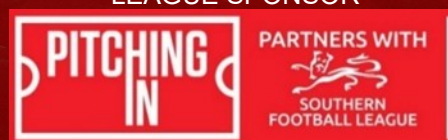
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Good afternoon everyone,

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the supporters, players, staff, and directors of Halesowen Town FC for today's match. We hope you have an enjoyable afternoon with us.

I want to thank all our fans, volunteers, and staff for their incredible support during our recent Emirates FA Cup run. The attendance and atmosphere last Saturday truly showed what this Club is capable of. Although Tuesday's match at St. Albans City didn't go as we had hoped, it was fantastic to see so many of you there cheering the team on. I am incredibly proud of the efforts by Kelvin, his staff, and all our players for reaching that stage of the competition. It clearly demonstrates the strength of our dressing room and what playing for our badge means to everyone involved.

Now, it's back to business for what promises to be a tough test against a very strong team. They have started the season well, and I anticipate a difficult encounter. We've shown so far this season that when we are at our best, we can challenge anyone, and I expect the same this afternoon. We have an exciting week ahead with some good testing fixtures, starting today. Let's get behind the boys as we have done all season and send everyone

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Langmead's

Lowdown...



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the Spencer Stadium powered by egg. I'd firstly like to extend a warm welcome to all the players, officials and supporters of Halesowen Town and hope you all had a safe journey here.

Today's game is at the start of another big week for us. Back-to-back home games followed by a first round tie in the Isuzu FA Trophy. And I'm pleased we have this kind of week ahead. No one can hide the disappointment of Tuesday night. But the only thing I'm disappointed with is the result. I couldn't be more proud of this group of players. They gave absolutely everything. And that's all

I'll ever ask of them. They did themselves, the Club and the town proud. It always felt like it would come down to one moment and that one goal would win it, and on this occasion it didn't fall to us. But we won't dwell on the disappointment, as a group, we'll use it to fuel us going forwards. This group is special and I still believe we will go on and achieve even more this season. And that starts with the week ahead.

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Halesowen Town History



Halesowen Town is one of the oldest teams in the country, claiming to have been formed in 1873. Local historian Norman Jones wrote: "There is evidence which shows that for the first 10 years of the team's existence it was the James Grove Button Factory team, and that it adopted the present name in the early 1880s. The earliest records that the Football Association have on file relating to Halesowen Town FC are dated 1882..."

When peacetime returned after World War II, the club reformed. In season 1951/52, it reached both Birmingham and Worcestershire Senior Cup Finals. In front of a 6,000 crowd at Stourbridge, Halesowen lost in the Birmingham final to Brierley Hill Alliance, but triumphed over Hednesford in the Worcestershire final, played at Bromsgrove. The same season saw them suffer their worst-ever post-war defeat when they travelled to Merthyr Tydfil in the Herefordshire Senior Cup and were soundly beaten 9-0.

1955 brought Halesowen their first major achievement when they reached the FA Cup First Round Proper but lost 4-2 at home to Hendon in front of a packed Grove. In March 1955, Ronnie Dugmore notched an incredible seven goals when The Yeltz won 10-0 at Dudley in a Birmingham League match. In August 1957, they achieved their highest post-war winning margin when they beat Coventry Amateurs 13-1 in the Birmingham Senior Cup.

The 1970s brought a period of struggle for The Yeltz. Twice out of three successive seasons they finished bottom of the West Midlands League. At times, the only thing keeping them running was the effort of "Mr Halesowen Town" – Harry Rudge. Before his untimely death in 1990, "H" filled every role in the club at one time or other, including player, manager, groundsman, secretary, and anything else you can think of.

Then, suddenly, something strange happened. The Yeltz got a decent team together and started winning things. Manager Paddy Page assembled a squad of promising youngsters, and in 1982/83 Halesowen had an unbelievable year. They won the West Midlands League for the first time, as well as winning the League Cup and reaching the final of the FA Vase at Wembley, where they lost narrowly 1-0 to VS Rugby.

Two years later, they were back at the home of football. This time there was no mistake: Halesowen beat Fleetwood 3-1 in the greatest day in the club's history. By the next year, they were getting a bit blasé about the whole thing: once again, Halesowen won the FA Vase by beating Southall 3-0 in front of over 17,000 people, most of whom had come down from Halesowen.

From 1985 to 1991, Halesowen reached the First Round of the FA Cup for seven consecutive years. On four occasions, they played professional teams, and each time were unlucky to lose. Southend United beat them 4-1, but were extremely flattered by that scoreline, breaking away in the last five minutes to clinch the game after Halesowen had been all over them in the second half. They lost 2-0 to Brentford, again in a very even game. Against Cardiff City they lost 1-0 to a hotly disputed penalty and were by far the better team, and they lost 2-1 to an excellent Tranmere Rovers side after taking the lead.

Season 2010/11 saw one of the poorest playing records in the club's history. Halesowen finished the season in bottom place, scoring only 24 goals and conceding 107. Shortly after the season ended, the club was taken over by businessman Steve Lynch. Under the new ownership, season 2011/12 brought an encouraging start with The Yeltz undefeated in the first five league games, including a 3-1 home win over eventual champions Bideford. However, September brought early FA Cup exit at Rocester which was soon followed by a morale shattering 5-4 reverse at Wimborne, where a 4-1 lead was squandered in the last half-hour. An October FA Trophy loss at home to Romulus led on to a bleak winter for Yeltz fans. In the autumn, Steve Lynch had

formed a management team to run the club on his behalf under the Chairmanship of club stalwart Colin Brookes and Vice-Chairman John Russell, a lifelong Yeltz fan of 60 years. This brought fruition – as the last three months of the season progressed, the club's improved off-field organisation led to Manager Shaun Cunnington being able to strengthen his squad. Neil Barnfield served an impressive spell on loan from Leamington while striker Ben Haseley arrived from Heath Hayes and soon won fans over with 10 goals in 17 games.

The 2013/14 season kicked off with an away win at Lincoln, quickly followed by two successive home defeats within seven days. All at Halesowen then couldn't envisage what the rest of the season would bring. Their leading goal scorer from the previous season, Ben Haseley, missed 11 games because of an eye injury. On his return against Brigg, he scored twice. As the season progressed, The Yeltz climbed the League table and went top. This position was held until the final week. With Coalville close behind and a game in hand, The Yeltz lost against Gresley, meaning their last fixture away at Belper was a must-win game if they were to be crowned League Champions. Two goals from Ben Haseley ensured the three points that crowned them League Champions and promotion to the Premier League. The Peter Swales Challenge Trophy was added the following week, with a 3-1 win against Curzon Ashton. John Hill added to his squad two players with League experience, Neil Mackenzie and Ilyseden Christie.

Fast forward to 2018 and, following Steve Lynch's FA-imposed ban from all football activities, Club President and ex-Chairman Colin Brookes became the ultimate owner of the club, with his daughter and Chair Karen Brookes and Keith McKenna becoming Directors. The Yeltz narrowly avoided relegation and, for the 2018/19 season, they played in the newly formed Evo-Stik South Premier Division Central.

In November 2018, the new management team of Rob Smith and his assistant Larry Chambers were appointed to replace John Hill and Matt Clarke. Sadly, the 2018/19 season saw relegation to Step Four for the Yeltz, with Lee Hughes and Asa Charlton at the helm for the last 10 games.

Paul Smith took over as Manager in the summer of 2019. The Yeltz were looking at promotion back to Step Three when the Corona Virus pandemic stopped football and the world in its tracks, and the League results were expunged and declared null and void. The Yeltz had also reached the semi-final of the FA Trophy.

The following season lasted no more than a dozen games before being curtailed.

The 2021/22 season saw Halesowen reach the playoff semi-final where defeat to Chasetown saw them remain at Step Four. However, the 2022/23 season was quite different – the Yeltz never slipped below a playoff place all season and they gained promotion in a playoff final against Spalding United, in front of 3,250 fans at a sell-out Grove. Halesowen Town has held its own at Step Three following the club's return.

The club's return to step 3 in the 2023/24 after four seasons away, saw Halesowen hold their own in the Southern Premier Division Central and finish the season in eighth place. A status of which fans would have accepted before the season began. The first full season under current boss Russ Penn, the 2024/25 campaign, took the club to new heights in the English Non-League pyramid. The club were top of the League for a total of 19 days throughout the season, the fourth most of any club in the division. Penn's Yeltz recorded a run of seven wins in nine League games over a period of two months, having beforehand lost three league games in four during the month of September. Earlier this year, they went on an unbeaten run of 13 matches, until their eventual defeat against AFC Telford United in the semi-final of the playoffs.



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Russ PENN – Manager:

His father played 504 games for Halesowen during the successful period of the 1980's when three FA Vase finals at Wembley were achieved. In his playing days, Russ was a midfielder with Kidderminster Harriers, Cheltenham Town and York City. In 2019 he became interim manager at Kidderminster Harriers which led onto a permanent position until early 2024. In the 2022/23 campaign he took Kidderminster through the playoffs from the National League North to the National League. He joined Halesowen Town in February 2024 with a long term agreement.

Daniel PLATT – Goalkeeper:

First started his journey at the Yeltz in the summer of 2015, before he left at the end of the 2018/19 season for a new adventure. Rejoined the club ahead of the 2022/23 campaign, and in April of this year he broke the record for the most appearances as a goalkeeper at the club - 336 and counting.

Gael MFUAMBA – Goalkeeper:

Teenage 6'4" goalkeeper who joined the Yeltz first team for the 2025/26 campaign, having already featured in one matchday squad last season. Spent time studying a Sports Diploma at Halesowen College. Spent most of last season at Step 7 Tipton Town, where he made 18 appearances and kept five clean sheets.

Alex GUDGER – Defender:

A new arrival in the summer of 2025 signing from Brackley Town. Spent the whole of last season on loan firstly at AFC Telford United and then Kettering Town. Featured over 30 times in total combined across the two 2024/25 Southern Premier Division Central playoff finalists.

Ben CASSIDY – Defender:

Rose from the Alvechurch youth section where he played as striker but adapted to a role with their first team as full/wingback. Was one of two key defensive arrivals brought by the Yeltz in the summer of 2024. Missed just one of the club's 48 matches in all competitions last season.

Jak HICKMAN – Defender:

A 'starman playing on the right' for the Puritans, Jak joined the Yeltz towards the end of their 2022/23 promotion season where he made a couple of appearances. The two seasons that followed showcased Jak's full potential as a regular in a Yeltz shirt and he has now made over 70 appearances showing his qualities as an attacking fullback.

Reece MITCHELL – Defender:

Joined the Yeltz in the 2023 closed season from Rushall Olympic having previously made over 100 Pics appearances. As of the end of the 2024/25 campaign, Reece was on the verge of making a milestone 100th appearance for the Yeltz.

Ryan WOLLACOTT – Defender:

A centre half who started out at Stourport and had a spell playing for Aberystwyth before finding his way back to Stourport via Alvechurch. Spent two years at Redditch and proceeded to join Halesowen to bolster the defence for the 2024/25 campaign. Missed just three matches all season.

Joshua SMILE – Midfielder:

Another Spencer Stadium favourite, Josh started his football career with Fulham. Played at National League level making 50 appearances for Maidenhead and has also represented Chippenham Town and Gloucester City. Unsurprisingly named as the Manager's Player of the Season for 2024/25.

Kacy Milan BUTTERFIELD – Midfielder:

Joined the Yeltz initially on loan until the end of last season from Basford United to reunite with manager Russ Penn, having previously played for him at Kidderminster Harriers. At 6' 5" he is the club's tallest player. Lists Rushall Olympic, Alfreton Town, Nuneaton Borough and Stourbridge amongst some of his old clubs. The Bermuda international joins the Yeltz as a permanent signing for the 2025/26 campaign.

Todd PARKER – Midfielder:

Signed for the Yeltz in July 2023 from Hednesford Town having spent 10 years at the Wolverhampton Wanderers youth/academy. Missed just one game for the Yeltz from the date he signed until January 2025 spanning across 73 games in all competitions, and has been praised for his incredible fitness levels.

McKauley MANNING – Midfielder:

Joined the Yeltz in 2019 from Coventry United having previously played under old boss Paul Smith at Highgate United. A regular in the Yeltz squad featuring in over 150 matches for the club. Been known for his acrobatics when he scores.

Kyle FINN – Midfielder:

A return to the Yeltz was finalised ahead of the 2025/26 campaign. Previously played for the club in the 2021/22 season. Known for marauding around the attacking third. Featured 44 times in his only previous season at the club, scoring 11 goals helping the Yeltz reach the playoffs at Step 4. In the summer of 2022 Finn joined then Step 3 Tamworth, and after three seasons and two promotions at the Staffordshire club, he rejoined Halesowen.

Harry BURNS – Midfielder:

New to Halesowen this season. Last season he had spells at Gloucester City where starts were few due to the number of midfielders at the club. Moved to Bishops Cleeve for a time during the season. Cirencester was his previous club to Gloucester City.

James KELLERMANN – Midfielder:

At 14 years was signed by Wolverhampton Wanderers leaving them to sign for Aldershot Town. A two year contract at Scottish club St Mirren followed. Other clubs during his career include Kidderminster Harriers, AFC Flyde, Chesterfield, Woking and Ebsfleet.

Finley HOLMES – Forward:

In September 2025 he made the permanent move from Solihull Moors. Earlier this season he was on loan with Stourbridge and season 2024/2025 had loan spells with both Halesowen Town and Bromsgrove Sporting.

Jason COWLEY – Forward:

A prolific goalscorer who joined the Yeltz ahead of the 2025/26 campaign from Hereford. Scored 12 goals in 34 National League North appearances for Hereford in the 2023/24 campaign, but struggled through injury for chunks of last season. In his most recent season at Step 3, the 2022/23 campaign, scored 24 goals at Stourbridge, and finished as the Southern Premier Division Central's fourth highest scorer.

Charlie WRAGG – Forward:

A teenage striker from Walsall. Spent the first half of last season at Alvechurch and Bromsgrove, making 18 League appearances across the two clubs and scoring five goals. Joined the Yeltz on loan for the remainder of the season on Christmas Eve last year, and made 18 appearances, scoring twice. Re-joined the Yeltz this season on a work experience loan from parent club Walsall.

Luke POSTLE – Forward:

Came through the club's Academy and Youth set up. Made his debut when he came off the bench against Stamford in January this year. The young striker trained with the first team for large periods of the last 12 months, featured in 11 matchday squads last season and looks set for a third successive season around the first team.

Richard GREGORY – Forward:

Was at the Yeltz from 2020 through to end of season 2023/24. Joined Stamford for the 2024/25 season scoring some goals until injury interrupted his season. Returned to Halesowen for the start of 2025/26 season.

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Isuzu FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round



Banbury United progressed to the first round proper of the Isuzu FA Trophy with their fourth away Cup game of the season, with a fairly comfortable tie at Thame United. Whilst the squad welcomed back Alex Prosser, Nico Jones and Peter Abimbola from injury on the substitutes bench, they were without James Alabi through illness and Alex Worley who was cup-tied.

Banbury got off to a good start when they took an early lead. Harley Giles sent an eighth minute free-kick into the danger area where Josh Flanagan's header was deflected to Joel Anker. Anker tried a couple of shots that were blocked but the ball arrived at Yaw Ofosu's feet and he turned 180 degrees to hammer the ball home from within the six yard box to put the Puritans into the lead. Five minutes later, Connor Ferguson sent a fierce shot just over the crossbar from 20 yards as Banbury looked to extend their lead.

With little to do at the back, Ofosu was busy backing up his forwards and he went close when he forced Thame 'keeper John Pettitt into dropping the ball but the fortunate custodian was backed up by his over-worked defence and Aaron McCreadie was unlucky when his goal-bound shot was blocked on the line. However, in the 25th minute, Pettitt covered himself in glory when he made a fine full-length save from another McCreadie shot to push the ball around the post for a corner. Most of the sparse crowd were somewhat surprised that the hard working home side had succeeded in keeping the Banbury forwards down to one goal, such was the supremacy of Banbury's play. As the game wore on, play evened out and Thame became more and more involved in getting back into the game.

Marcel Guzynski had received a yellow card in the first half, so it seemed sensible to substitute him at half-time to guard against another yellow after the break which would have given him a suspension for the much anticipated Emirates FA Cup game against St Albans City. This brought the welcome sight of Nico Jones into the game and George Ball was replaced after 45 minutes to help his recovery from a recent injury. With Thame making a replacement on the hour to replace Harry Alexander, Banbury were never in a great deal of danger, though Thame started to look the better side with half an hour to go. With Banbury only a goal in front and therefore always being vulnerable to any break in concentration, the Puritans started to apply themselves again and in the 64th minute Reece Styche went close with a shot from the right which trickled a foot wide with Pettitt well beaten. The all-important second goal arrived in the 71st minute courtesy of a cross from the right which was collected by Joel Anker who took it inside and fired home from 12 yards on the right, to make things more comfortable for the visitors and put their name into the hat for the first round draw.

Thame United: John Pettitt, Callum Hall, Curtis Brown, Jack Tutton, Luke Tingey, Mark Riddick (captain), Louis Walsh (77 mins. Ethan Lack), Jenson Wright, Gregory Hackett, Daniel West, Harry Alexander (60 mins. Abuzar Khan. Subs. (not used) Lance Williams, Tyrae Njogu, Finlay Murray.

Banbury United: Jack Harding, Keegan Bloom, Marcel Guzynski (46 mins. Nico Jones), Harley Giles (79 mins. Alex Prosser), Yaw Ofosu (captain), Josh Flanagan, George Ball (46 mins. Connor Ferguson), Aaron McCreadie, Reece Styche (86 mins. Peter Abimbola), Luke Stokoe, Joel Anker (79 mins. Jonathan Lawson)

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Emirates FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round



For what had been billed Banbury's most important game for a while, the two teams fought out a typical FA Cup tie that all would have been proud of. In a rip-roaring start, United went close early on when, in their third corner in the opening four minutes, St. Albans 'keeper Magnus Norman managed to tip the ball onto the crossbar in an instinctive save that he knew little about, direct from the flagkick.

In an end-to-end encounter, the visitors then repeated the feat in the ninth minute when they hit the bar, again from a corner. It was all action and United forced another corner in the 17th minute which Yaw Ofosu headed wide, but he almost made amends one minute later when he headed just wide of the post from yet another corner.

However, slightly against the run of play, St. Albans took the lead in the 22nd minute when Jasper Mather crossed from the right and found Leo Sery, some eight yard out. He turned and shot home, through a crowded area to put the Saints ahead. Three minutes later, Luke Stokoe beat Norman, but also the far post, as the Puritans put their deficit behind them.

United needed to get back on terms, as the Saints started to look very confident but top-scorer Reece Styche had other ideas and when a lofted cross from the wide right looped over the central defence region Styche looped his header over everyone and into the far corner of the net for a very opportune effort that lit up the proceedings for the home side. Six minutes later, a confident Styche went very close when his audacious bicycle kick landed on the top of the net, beating Norman all ways up.

Still Banbury pushed forward and in the first minute of first-half time-added-on, Norman parried an effort from Stokoe and the ball was hacked clear by a defender, a fraction before Josh Flanagan could get a toe from it.

Five minutes after the break, Yaw Ofosu had wicked luck when he went up for yet another corner and his close in header hit the post with Norman just a spectator. Three minutes later Lewis Page managed to clear the ball off the line to prevent an own goal. Then, in the 59th minute, Peter Ambibola went close with a terrific shot from the edge of the box.

The final thirty minutes saw both sides play some good football but realising the pressure of wanting to get in the hat for the first round proper draw, the game headed for the inevitable stalemate, and a replay on Tuesday at Clarence Park.

The football on show this season is special and the Banbury spectators must be very grateful for the performances they have witnessed at the Spencer Stadium, powered by egg.

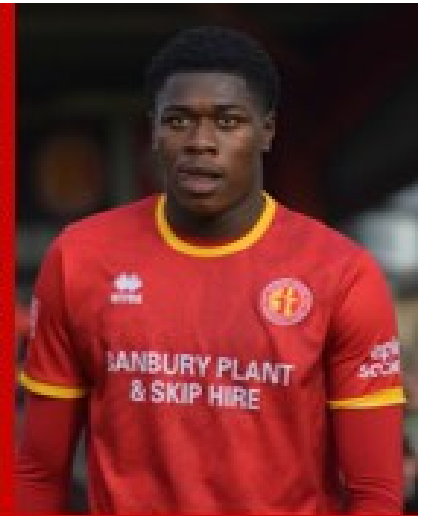
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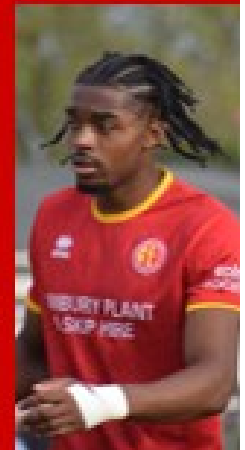
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3. Who was Halesown Town's Manager's Player of the Season for 2024/25
4. Who has Alex Worley joined on dual-registration terms?
5. Who knocked Halesowen Town out of this season's Isuzu FA Trophy?
6. Who is the following song about: "When the Samba rhythm starts to play, dance with me, make me sway, ***** running down the wing, scoring goals, makes the Banbury sing"
7. What is Halesowen Town's nickname?
8. Rearrange these letters to identify a 2025/26 Banbury United squad player:

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The First Time We Met

Saturday 28th December 1935 - Birmingham Combination Halesowen Town 5 Banbury United 1

Without a League win since mid-September, Banbury Spencer travelled to the Grove more in hope than expectation and indeed they were no match for the Yeltz.

Four goals by Bradley, the home side's inside left, dashed whatever hope they had of winning this game. Though Spencer did not play badly, in front of a crowd of around 1,000, the fact remains that but for the brilliance and fearlessness of goalkeeper Tommy Bott, Halesowen might easily have doubled their score. The defence was too easily spreadeagled by the rapid attacks of the Halesowen forwards – Kenny Kendrick their centre forward being a professional runner!

After around five minutes, Halesowen's Kendrick hit the foot of the upright with Bott well beaten but when the ball rebounded into play Homer put in a shot which Dai Jones standing on the goal-line punched out to save a certain goal. From the penalty, Jack Bradley shot straight at Bott who saved well before scrambling Rooke's follow up attempt around the post. Several scrambles followed in the Spencer goalmouth but after 10 minutes Halesowen went in front when Kendrick netted just inside the post.

Twenty minutes had past when Reg Wallis equalised for Spencer when he fastened on to a through pass, evaded Ballard and with a fast rising shot planted the ball into the top of the net.

The individual work of the Spencer forwards was good though teamwork was at a premium. Wilf Walsh's masterly dribbling often took the ball half the length of the field, opponents being left behind with ease. Bob Kinder was as tricky as ever on the wing and Reg Wallis added thrust to the front line. Dick Pike played a sound game in his unaccustomed position on the right wing.

However, Halesowen took the lead once more five minutes before half time, Bradley securing the first of his quartette with a good shot from close in.

In the second half Halesowen took control of the game. After 15 minutes Bradley beat Bott from about two yards range after receiving the ball from Humpage. Bott saved well a similar shot from Bradley and a minute later Brooks shot over from five yards range. But nothing could keep Bradley out and he scored twice more before the end to make the final score 5-1 to Halesowen.

Halesowen Town: Pick, Ballard, Cole, Humpage, Homer, Cooper, Brooks, Harvey, Kendrick, Bradley, Hayward.

Banbury Spencer: Tommy Bott, Dai Jones, Aubrey "Cobbler" Grant, Eric Lowe, Norman Walls, J. Moore, Dick Pike, Johnnie "Jock" Wilson, Reg Wallis, Wilf Walsh, Bob Kinder.

Playing for Banbury Spencer that afternoon at inside left was Wilf Walsh who would go on to play in the Football League for Arsenal, Derby County and Walsall.

Wilf was born in Pontlottyn, South Wales in 1917. He was an amateur on the books of Arsenal when he signed for Banbury Spencer in October 1935. Wilf made his debut for the club away to Slough in an FA Amateur Cup game on 12th October 1935. He played at inside left and scored both the Banbury goals as Spencer lost 4-2.

Wilf went on to make 34 appearances for Spencer in season 1935/36, usually as an inside forward, scoring 13 goals. His last game for Spencer was the Oxfordshire Senior Cup Final at Oxford City's ground against Headington United on Saturday 2nd May 1936 which Spencer lost 1-0, after which he signed professionally for Arsenal.



Wilf was then sent out for a couple of seasons on loan to Arsenal's official professional "nursery club" Margate and was their top goalscorer in season 1937/38 with 31 goals. He eventually made his Football League debut at Highbury in front of a crowd of 40,296 playing at outside right against Preston North End on October 22nd 1938, a match that Arsenal won 1-0. He kept his place in the Arsenal side for the next two games, away to Bolton Wanderers and a home game against Leeds United. He did not score in those three games and these turned out to be Walsh's only three appearances for the club and he was transferred to Derby County in the summer of 1939.

Wilf played, without scoring, in the Rams opening three League games of the 1939/40 season prior to the competition being cancelled due to the outbreak of War. He played for both Derby County and as a guest for Notts County in War Time football. Though he did not play for Derby in the post War regionalised competitions of season 1945/46, he was certainly with them at the start of season 1946/47 as he played in their first official post War Football League game away to Sunderland on Saturday 31st August 1946. Oddly this was his only official Football League appearance for Derby, the three games at the start of season 1939/40 being expunged from the record books due to the abandonment of the competition, and he eventually moved to Walsall in March 1947.

Wilf made a total of 33 Football League appearances for the Saddlers and scored four goals before moving in July 1948 to Non-League Hednesford Town. Between 1949 and 1952 Wilf returned regularly to the Spencer Stadium playing for Hednesford in Birmingham Combination games. He later had spells managing both Hednesford and Redditch. Wilf died in 1977.

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You'll find all of our pre- and post-match interviews on Facebook, as well as at www.puritansradio.com and on Banbury United's website.

Throughout the week, Puritans Radio provides a diverse mixture of music, Community news, interviews and *What's On* announcements. Would you like us to promote *your* forthcoming event? Or even provide the Public Address for it?

Contact us at studio@puritansradio.com – or pop over to our studio while you're here today, and have a chat with one of our team. We'd love to hear from you!

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If today is your first sampling of Banbury United's hospitality, or the first time you have come across Puritans Radio, we hope that you have had an enjoyable experience. Please stay tuned: tell friends and family about Banbury's Community Radio Station... and invite them to join you on your next visit to watch the Club's football teams!

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Presenter and Stadium Announcer Richard Hamilton with Commentator Dave England

Banbury United Women v Milton Keynes City

Banbury started well against visitors MK City and for the first 30 minutes of the game honours were even. Melissa Tovey had a shot saved on 9 minutes and Ash Souter made a comfortable save when MK threatened the Banbury goal a few minutes later.

A sudden onset of indecision and lack of communication started a 9 minute spell from 29 to 38 minutes that saw MK secure a 3 goal lead going into half time. Unfortunately, just on half time, a late challenge left captain Rachel Aspinall sidelined for the remainder of the game and Annie Glover limped off with a hamstring strain.

Half time Banbury shuffled the pack seeing the introduction of Tasha Meadows, Connie Gilroy and Megan Stuart in goal.

Despite a couple of fine saves from Megan Stuart, MK extended their lead on 54 and 68 minutes.

Banbury showed no shortage of effort and commitment and battled through to see the game out holding firm for the last 20 minutes.

Next up is a break from the league as we take on Easington in the Oxfordshire County Cup at The Spencer Stadium. Come down and cheer us on - we would love your support! ❤️





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Leaders Week London



Last week Natalie, our Board Director and Head of Women's Football, attended Leaders Week London. There were powerful discussions about where the game is heading - from investment and fandom to how we make sure women's football doesn't just grow, but thrives.

She sat in on powerful sessions with Rugby World Cup winner Sarah Bern, Victoire Reynal (new owner of Bristol City Women and Como Women) and Holly Murdoch (COO, WSL) centered around the Women's game.

A few takeaways from the discussions were:

- More girls are playing football in this country than the total number of boys and girls playing rugby. The appetite is HUGE and it's only growing.
- Building fandom matters. Grassroots football and elite football are inseparable – one feeds the other. When the base is strong, the top thrives, and vice versa.

- Everyone has a role to play. Governing bodies, sponsors, clubs and communities all have to work together if the women's game is going to truly thrive.

At Banbury United Women, this is exactly what we're working towards: connecting grassroots opportunities with a bigger vision and mission, and making sure that young players can see a pathway from their first kickabout to the very highest levels of the game.

For us, true sustainability comes when every layer of the women's game is invested in – from playgrounds to packed stadiums. That's why we continue to play brave with ideas and in our thinking in order to build a strong foundation for women and girls. #PlayBrave

Banbury United Charity Golf Day raises £880 for Epilepsy Society



Seven teams of Banbury United players, directors and sponsors gathered at Cherwell Edge Golf Course last Thursday for a Banbury United Charity Golf Day. We were delighted to be joined by Martin Thornton and Ellie Thornton, representing the Epilepsy Society, who were there to congratulate the players and receive the £880 that had been raised.

Naturally, the golf was an incredibly competitive affair. A very smug Club Chairman was delighted to win his own trophy having beaten the Banbury United first team players by just one point! The “lost point” was attributed to Josh Flanagan, who, despite

winning the Nearest the Pin competition on the 13th hole, failed to sink the putt.

Players George Ball, Josh Flanagan and Jack Harding were joined by tree-loving team analyst, Christopher Charles. Manager, Kelvin Langmead, greeted them at the 18th hole to whisk them off to training ahead of Saturday’s FA Cup tie against St Albans City.

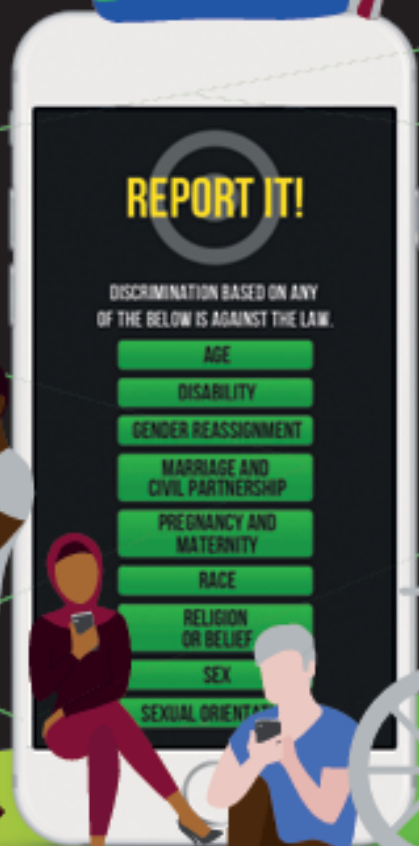
The final scoreboard was as follows:

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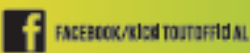
Congratulations to Ben Perry of Tech Professionals, who was Nearest the Pin winner on the 7th hole, and Craig Barry of Greene King (on the Banbury United team) for the Longest Drive on the 9th hole.

Thank you to Greene King for the free bar and prizes, and for the team at Cherwell Edge for putting on such a great day for us.

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30 Years Ago

Banbury United were away to Abingdon United on Tuesday 17th October 1995 in a Hellenic Floodlit Cup Second Round First Leg game.

Banbury fielded a much-changed team, in front of a crowd of just 28! The hosts went in front on eight minutes when Andy Ward netted from close range following a goalmouth scramble. Banbury had chances to equalise in the remainder of the first half. Paul Warrington making his first appearance of the season went round Geoff Morton in the Abingdon goal but was denied when a defender managed to get back and grab the ball off Warrington's feet for a timely interception. Morton then saved well from Banbury's Tim Rogers and Alistair Eden forced Morton to punch clear on three separate occasions.

However, Abingdon increased their lead in the 64th minute following a free-kick when Steve Brierty was allowed to head home unchallenged. Abingdon then completed the scoring in the 83rd minute when a free kick from the right was not cut out and Willie Gardner was left unmarked at the far post to head home. Three minutes from time Banbury could have got a lifeline with the second leg to come but Warrington's shot was somehow tipped on to the underside of the bar by Morton from where the ball then hit the post and ran along the line before being scrambled clear. Banbury would subsequently lose the second leg played seven days later 5-0!

Banbury United: Dave Green, Jake Tyrrell, Andrew Kennedy, Darren Reynolds, Tim Rogers, Ian Bowyer, Paul Warrington, Alistair Eden (Adie Way 65), Ian Castle, Martin Singleton, James Coleman. Unused Sub: Richard Gardner

45 Years Ago

Saturday 16th October 1980 and Banbury United, following success over Alvechurch and VS Rugby, had reached the Third Qualifying Round of the FA Cup and were away to Midland Combination side Moor Green.

The first half saw Steve Slaughter's powerful drive just clear the bar, Nick Hunt shoot high over the top when well placed and David Woodland's chip well saved at full stretch before United finally opened their account a minute before the interval. Slaughter's sixth goal in five matches came when Woodland curled a corner kick to the far post and he competently headed the ball down to find the back of the net.

Banbury increased their lead on 63 minutes. Phil Emsden put Sean Barker away on the right and his cross was met by Woodland whose header brought him his first goal in United's senior side. United then defended solidly as Moor Green pushed forward in the closing stages. Their reward was an away tie with then Alliance Premier League club Kettering Town though the higher-level side would win that 3-0.

Banbury United: Alan Hyatt, Marin Allen, Wally Hastie, Dave Matthews, Derek Evans, Phil Lines, Phil Emsden, Mark Boyland, Steve Slaughter, Nick Hunt, David Woodland. Sub: Sean Barker.

75 Years Ago

Wednesday 18th October 1950 and Banbury Spencer had an FA Cup Second Qualifying Round replay at Slough Town, following a 1-1 draw at the Spencer Stadium on the previous Saturday.

The first 30 minutes were uneventful. In the 35th minute Frank McCormack saved smartly from the Slough left half. However, Spencer's escape was short-lived as in the 42nd minute a neat centre from the left wing was netted by Ron Clements for Slough. The second half provided five goals, a consolation goal being Spencer's only reward. Slough soon increased their lead when Clements headed in from a corner kick. Two goals in a short period of time with a quarter of an hour to go sealed the game for Slough. Joey Wilson pulled one back for Spencer in the 80th minute but Slough had the last word scoring again to make it 5-1.

Banbury Spencer: Frank McCormack, Jack Screen, Jesse Quinney, Gil Williams, Doug Woodward, Phil Zambra, Joey Wilson, Ralph Martin, Sam Gwynne, Horace Ball, Doug Saunders.

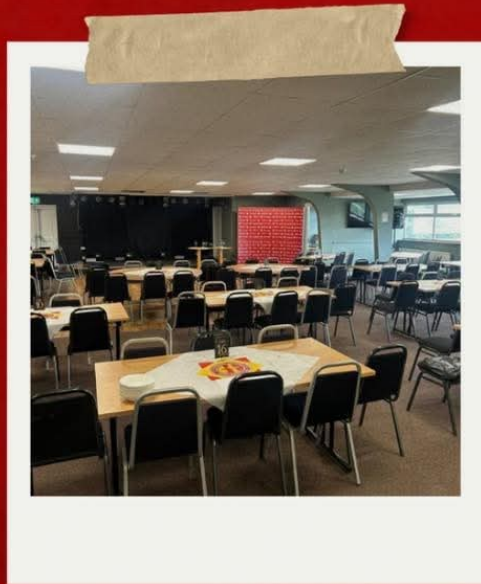
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Bracknell Town v Banbury United – Sunday, 26th October 2025 K.O. 3.00pm The SB Stadium, Bottom Meadow, Sandhurst, GU47 9BJ

The Puritans' Emirates FA Cup run may have come to a valiant end on Tuesday night, however, the dream of a cup run still lives on when the Puritans aim to right the wrongs of a few seasons ago when they return to Bracknell Town, this time for an Isuzu FA Trophy first round tie. The Puritans' last visited the Robins in 2022/23 season when Andy Whing's Puritans lost 2-1 in an FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round tie on an afternoon which many Puritans wish to forget. This season's Isuzu FA Trophy draw gives United an opportunity to right those wrongs. Whilst the Robins will be disappointed with this League form this season, they are going strong in the Cup and they will be tough opposition. So, cancel your Sunday dinner plans and make your way to Berkshire for what promises to be a tricky Cup clash for the Puritans. Your support does make a difference.

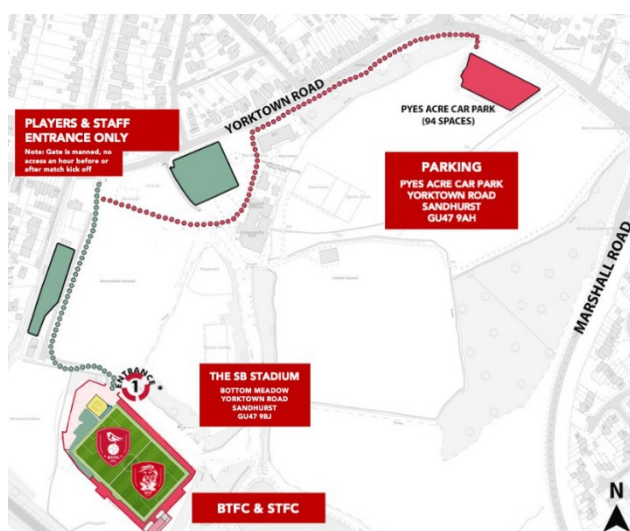
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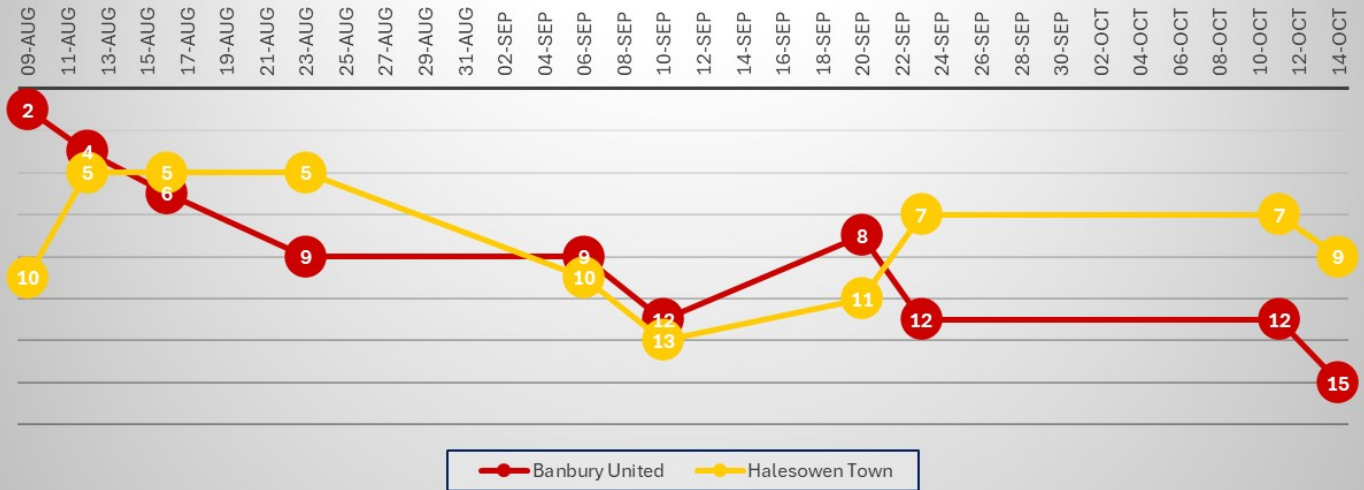
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| Alex Worley | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |



Match Facts:

| Date | | Opponents | Result | H/T | Pos | Banbury United Goal Scorers | Opp Goal Times | Att |
|--|---|---------------------|--------|-----|--------|--|----------------|------|
| LEAGUE GAMES | | | | | | | | |
| 09 Aug | A | Stratford Town | W 3-0 | 1-0 | 2 | Ofosu (2), Stokoe (54), (62) | - | 922 |
| 12 Aug | H | Worcester City | D 1-1 | 1-0 | 4 | Ferguson (25) | 47 | 722 |
| 16 Aug | H | Leiston | D 1-1 | 1-1 | 7 | Styche (23) | 22 | 551 |
| 23 Aug | A | Royston Town | D 2-2 | 0-1 | 9 | Styche 2 (75) (78 pen) | 42, 50 | 322 |
| 25 Aug | H | Stourbridge | W 3-2 | 2-1 | 6 | Styche 2 (12 pen) (45+4), Alabi (90+3) | 41, 67 | 671 |
| 06 Sept | A | AFC Sudbury | L 1-2 | 1-1 | 9 | Anker (44) | 16, 87 | 303 |
| 09 Sept | A | Bromsgrove Sporting | L 0-3 | 0-2 | 11 | | 29, 37, 88 | 520 |
| 20 Sept | H | Spalding United | W 4-1 | 2-0 | 8 | Lawson (5), Alabi (31), Flanagan (56), Styche (90+6) | 81 | 604 |
| 23 Sept | H | Real Bedford | L 1-4 | 1-2 | 12 | Ofosu (45) | 2, 9, 67, 77 | 520 |
| 18 Oct | H | Halesowen Town | | | | | | |
| 21 Oct | H | Kettering Town | | | | | | |
| 01 Nov | A | Bury | | | | | | |
| 08 Nov | A | Bishop's Stortford | | | | | | |
| 10 Nov | A | St. Ives Town | | | | | | |
| League Goalscorers: Reece Styche 6 (2 pen), Luke Stokoe 2, James Alabi 2, Yaw Ofosu 2, Connor Ferguson 1, Joel Anker 1, Jonathan Lawson 1, Josh Flanagan 1 | | | | | | | | |
| CUP GAMES | | | | | | | | |
| 30 Aug | A | Mangotsfield United | W 1-0 | 1-0 | FAC1Q | Styche (40 pen) | | 408 |
| 13 Sept | A | Chasetown | D 0-0 | 0-0 | FAC2Q | | | 557 |
| 16 Sept | H | Chasetown | D 1-1* | 1-1 | FAC2Qr | Stokoe (28) | 9 | 418 |
| 27 Sept | A | Leiston | W 3-0 | 2-0 | FAC3Q | Alabi (42), Ferguson (45), Ball (90+5) | | 236 |
| 04 Oct | A | Thame United | W 2-0 | 1-0 | FAT3Q | Ofosu (9), Anker (70) | | 190 |
| 11 Oct | H | St. Albans City | D 1-1 | 1-1 | FAC4Q | Styche (30) | 22 | 1598 |
| 14 Oct | A | St. Albans City | L 0-1^ | 0-0 | FAC4Qr | | 92 | 1851 |
| 26 Oct | A | Bracknell Town | | | FAT1R | | | |
| | | *won on penalties | | | | | | |
| | | ^after extra time | | | | | | |
| Cup Goalscorers: Reece Styche 2 (1 pen), Luke Stokoe 1, James Alabi 1, Connor Ferguson 1, George Ball 1, Yaw Ofosu 1, Joel Anker 1. | | | | | | | | |

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Goalscorers

| | Season 2025/26 | | | Banbury United Career Totals | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------|-----------|------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | League | Cup | Total | League | Cup | Total |
| James Alabi | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Joel Anker | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| George Ball | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Connor Ferguson | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Josh Flanagan | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Jack Harding | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Jonathan Lawson | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Yaw Ofosu | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Alex Prosser | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Luke Stokoe | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Reece Styche | 6 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 7 |
| Totals | 16 | 8 | 23 | | | |



Quiz answers: (1) Chris Wreh; (2) Alvechurch; (3) Josh Smile; (4) Racing Club Warwick; (5) Leek Town; (6) Jonathan Lawson; (7) The Yeltz; (8) George Ball, (9) Jason Cowley; (10) Seb Kola

Fixtures, Results and Line Ups – Season 2025/26

| Date | Home / Away | Comp | Opposition | Result | Score | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | Subs: | | | | | |
|--------|-------------|------|---------------------|--------|-------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| 09-Aug | A | SLPC | Stratford Town | W | 3v0 | Harding | Bloom | Guzynski | Giles | Ofoosu (1) | Jones | Ferguson | McCreadie | Styche | Stokoe (2) | Alabi | Fuller* | Abimbola | Anker* | Solomon* | Whyman | |
| 12-Aug | H | SLPC | Worcester City | D | 1v1 | Harding | Abimbola | Guzynski | Giles | Ofoosu | Jones | Ferguson (1) | McCreadie | Styche | Stokoe | Alabi | Fuller* | Mirnam | Anker* | Solomon | Whyman | |
| 16-Aug | H | SLPC | Leiston | D | 1v1 | Harding | Flanagan | Guzynski | Giles | Ofoosu | Jones | Ferguson | McCreadie | Styche (1) | Stokoe | Alabi | Fuller | Abimbola* | Mirnam | Anker* | Whyman | |
| 23-Aug | A | SLPC | Royston Town | D | 2v2 | Harding | Flanagan | Guzynski | McCreadie | Ofoosu | Jones | Ferguson | Abimbola | Alabi | Stokoe | Anker | Bloom | Giles | Styche* (2) | Ball* | Lawson* | |
| 25-Aug | H | SLPC | Stourbridge | W | 3v2 | Harding | Flanagan | Guzynski | McCreadie | Ofoosu | Jones | Ferguson | Abimbola | Styche (2) | Stokoe | Anker | Bloom | Giles | Alabi* (1) | Ball* | Lawson* | |
| 30-Aug | A | FAC | Mangotsfield United | W | 1v0 | Harding | Bloom | Guzynski | McCreadie | Flanagan | Jones | Ferguson | Abimbola | Styche (1) | Stokoe | Anker | Fuller | Giles | Alabi* (1) | Mirnam | Lawson* | |
| 06-Sep | A | SLPC | AFC Sudbury | L | 1v2 | Harding | Flanagan | Guzynski | McCreadie | Ofoosu | Jones | Ferguson | Abimbola | Styche | Stokoe | Anker (1) | Bloom* | Giles | Alabi* | Ball* | Lawson* | |
| 09-Sep | A | SLPC | Bromsgrove Sporting | L | 0v3 | Harding | Bloom | Guzynski | McCreadie | Ofoosu | Flanagan | Ferguson | Abimbola | Styche | Stokoe | Anker | Giles* | Alabi* | Lawson* | Ball* | Whyman | |
| 13-Sep | A | FAC | Chasetown | D | 0v0 | Harding | Abimbola | Bloom | Giles | Ofoosu | Flanagan | Ferguson | McCreadie | Styche | Stokoe | Alabi | Fuller | Guzynski | Mirnam | Kola | Lawson* | |
| 16-Sep | H | FAC | Chasetown | D | 1v1^ | Harding | Abimbola | Bloom | Giles | Ofoosu | Flanagan | Ferguson | McCreadie | Alabi | Stokoe (1) | Lawson | Fuller | Mirnam | Kola | Ball* | Solomon | |
| 20-Sep | H | SLPC | Spalding United | W | 4v1 | Harding | Bloom | Worley | McCreadie | Ofoosu | Flanagan (1) | Ferguson | Abimbola | Alabi (1) | Stokoe | Lawson (1) | Guzynski | Styche* (1) | Ball* | Giles* | Whyman | |
| 23-Sep | H | SLPC | Real Bedford | L | 1v4 | Harding | Bloom | Worley | McCreadie | Ofoosu (1) | Flanagan | Ferguson | Abimbola | Alabi | Stokoe | Lawson | Guzynski | Anker* | Ball* | Giles* | Whyman | |
| 27-Sep | A | FAC | Leiston | W | 3v0 | Harding | Bloom | Guzynski | Giles | Ofoosu | Flanagan | Ferguson (1) | McCreadie | Alabi (1) | Stokoe | Lawson | Fuller | Anker* | Mirnam* | Ball* (1) | Styche* | |
| 04-Oct | | FAT | Thame United | W | 2v0 | Harding | Bloom | Guzynski | Giles | Ofoosu (1) | Flanagan | Ball | McCreadie | Styche | Stokoe | Anker (1) | Lawson* | Jones* | Prosser* | Ferguson* | Abimbola* | |
| 11-Oct | A | FAC | St. Albans City | D | 1v1 | Harding | Bloom | Guzynski | McCreadie | Ofoosu | Flanagan | Ferguson | Abimbola | Styche (1) | Stokoe | Lawson | Anker* | Jones | Giles | Ball* | Prosser* | |
| 14-Oct | A | FAC | St. Albans City | L | 0v1* | Harding | Bloom | Guzynski | McCreadie | Ofoosu | Flanagan | Lawson | Abimbola | Styche | Stokoe | Anker | Giles* | Jones* | Ferguson* | Ball* | Whyman | |
| 18-Oct | H | SLPC | Halesowen Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21-Oct | H | SLPC | Kettering Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26-Oct | A | FAT | Bracknell Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 01-Nov | A | SLPC | Bury Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 08-Nov | A | SLPC | Bishop's Stortford | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10-Nov | A | SLPC | St Ives Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-Nov | H | SLPC | Quorn | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18-Nov | H | SLPC | Bromsgrove Sporting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22-Nov | A | SLPC | Alvechurch | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25-Nov | A | SLPC | Real Bedford | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29-Nov | H | SLPC | Stamford | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 06-Dec | A | SLPC | Redditch United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13-Dec | H | SLPC | Needham Market | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20-Dec | H | SLPC | Stratford Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27-Dec | A | SLPC | Stourbridge | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03-Jan | H | SLPC | Harborough Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10-Jan | A | SLPC | Worcester City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17-Jan | H | SLPC | St Ives Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24-Jan | A | SLPC | Spalding United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31-Jan | H | SLPC | Barwell | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 07-Feb | A | ALPC | Halesowen Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14-Feb | H | SLPC | Bury Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21-Feb | A | SLPC | Kettering Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28-Feb | A | SLPC | Stamford | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 07-Mar | H | SLPC | Alvechurch | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14-Mar | A | SLPC | Quorn | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21-Mar | H | SLPC | Bishop's Stortford | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28-Mar | A | SLPC | Leiston | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03-Apr | H | SLPC | Royston Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 06-Apr | A | SLPC | Harborough Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 45758 | H | SLPC | AFC Sudbury | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18-Apr | H | SLPC | Redditch United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25-Apr | A | SLPC | Needham Market | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*substitute Used
^ won on penalties
^after extra time



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Tuesday, 21st October | 7.45 PM
Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central
- Banbury United v Quorn**
Saturday, 15th November | 3.00 PM
Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central