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EDITOR'S NOTES

Good afternoon and welcome back to another edition of **SPARTANS!** Today, we host Alfreton Town in another National League North fixture as we look to continue our excellent run of form having gone four games unbeaten at home in the league this season. In this week's issue, we'll taking a look at some historical content from Graham Usher as he returns with another series of 'Green and White Colt Heroes', looking back at what happened this weekend in football in the past and more fun in our Junior Spartans page! Let's get behind Graham Fenton and the lads this afternoon and continue this great start to the season... **HOWAY BLYTH!**

HUGH HUTTON
PROGRAMME EDITOR



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PROUD OF OUR HISTORY

BLYTH SPARTANS WERE FOUNDED IN 1899 BY FRED STOKER WHO NAMED THE CLUB AFTER THE GREEK SPARTANS ARMY IN THE HOPE THAT THE PLAYERS WOULD GIVE THEIR ALL AS THEY WENT INTO "BATTLE" ON THE FIELD.

THE CLUB PLAYED FRIENDLY GAMES FOR THE FIRST FEW YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE BEFORE JOINING THE EAST NORTHUMBERLAND LEAGUE IN 1901 WHERE THEY WON THE LEAGUE ON THEIR FIRST ATTEMPT.

THE CLUB MOVED UPWARD JOINING THE RANKS OF THE SEMI-PROFESSIONALS IN THE NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL THE LEAGUE FOLDED IN 1958.

THE GREEN ARMY'S MOST FAMOUS SEASON IS UNDOUBTLY WHEN THEY REACHED THE FIFTH ROUND OF THE FA CUP DURING THE 1977-78 CAMPAIGN.

GOING UP AGAINST WREXHAM, SPARTANS DREW 1-1 IN THE FIRST LEG WITH A REPLAY TOOK PLACE AT NEWCASTLE UNITED'S ST JAMES' PARK, IN FRONT OF A CROWD OF 42,167 PEOPLE BEFORE EVENTUALLY BOWING OUT OF THE CUP LOSING 2-1 BUT WAS A TRULY HISTORIC DAY FOR THE CLUB.

IN OCTOBER 2004, SPARTANS APPOINTED HARRY DUNN AS MANAGER FOR THE SECOND TIME AND LED THE CLUB TO WIN THE NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION, GAINING PROMOTION INTO THE CONFERENCE NORTH (NOW KNOWN AS NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH).

IN THEIR FIRST SEASON IN THE CONFERENCE NORTH, BLYTH CEMENTED THEMSELVES IN THE TOP HALF OF THE TABLE WITH THE CLUB NARROWLY MISSING OUT ON A PLAY-OFF POSITION ON THE FINAL DAY AND FINISHING 7TH.

BLYTH STRUGGLED TO FIND SIMILAR FORM IN THE FOLLOWING FEW YEARS, WITH WINS TOWARDS THE END OF THE SEASON PRESERVING THEIR CONFERENCE NORTH STATUS FOR THE NEXT TWO SEASONS.

IN THE 2008-09 SEASON, BLYTH HIT ANOTHER CUP RUN WITH BLYTH GETTING THROUGH TO THE THIRD ROUND OF THE FA CUP WITH WINS AGAINST SHREWSBURY TOWN AND AFC BOURNEMOUTH PUT BLYTH THROUGH TO THE THIRD ROUND.

BLYTH'S FA CUP DREAM SOON ENDED IN THE THIRD ROUND AFTER COMING UP AGAINST PREMIER LEAGUE BLACKBURN ROVERS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE CLUBS HISTORY BEFORE BOWING OUT OF THE COMPETITION IN 1-0 DEFEAT.

HOWEVER, AFTER 113 YEARS THE GREEN ARMY SUFFERED THEIR FIRST EVER RELEGATION IN THE 2011-12 SEASON AND WERE RELEGATED FROM THE CONFERENCE NORTH AFTER A 1-0 HOME DEFEAT TO GLOUCESTER CITY.

THE CLUB APPOINTED TOM WADE AS MANAGER AND ONCE AGAIN HAD A FA CUP FAIRYTALE IN 2014 AFTER BEATING LEAGUE TWO SIDE HARTLEPOOL UNITED.

STEPHEN TURNBULL'S MAGNIFICENT FREE-KICK AND A LATE WINNER FROM JARRETT RIVERS STAGED A DRAMATIC AND HISTORIC COMEBACK FOR SPARTANS AND THE GAME WAS SHOWN LIVE ON THE BBC.

ONCE AGAIN, THE GREEN ARMY BOWED OUT OF THE CUP IN THE THIRD ROUND AFTER ROBBIE DALE'S FIRST HALF BRACE WASN'T ENOUGH AS BIRMINGHAM CITY SCORED THREE GOALS IN SIX MINUTES TO END THE NORTH EAST SIDES HOPES OF REACHING THE FOURTH ROUND.

IN THE 2015-16, SPARTANS NARROWLY MISSED OUT ON PROMOTION AFTER FINISHING SECOND IN THE NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION BEFORE BEING DEFEATED BY WORKINGTON AFC IN THE PLAY-OFFS.

BLYTH APPOINTED ALUN ARMSTRONG AS MANAGER AND THAT FOLLOWING SEASON WITH ARMSTRONG LEADING BLYTH TO THE NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE TITLE WITH 101 POINTS.

IN THE 2018-19 SEASON, BLYTH FINISHED IN THEIR HIGHEST EVER NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH POSITION IN SIXTH PLACE AND IN A PLAY-OFF SPOT. HOWEVER, THE GREEN ARMY WERE DEFEATED IN THE PLAY-OFFS AFTER LOSING 7-6 ON PENALTIES TO ALTRINCHAM.

THE CLUB ARE NOW UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF GRAHAM FENTON FOR THE 2023/24 SEASON AND ARE CURRENTLY COMPETING IN THE VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH.



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THE MANAGER GRAHAM FENTON



Hello everyone and welcome back to Croft Park for this afternoon's National League North fixture against Alfreton Town.

I thought that the Monday night game against Bradford (Park Avenue) gave the lads a good test, we're a very young side and I thought the lads showed a lot of character in that game.

I thought that, especially in the first leg, some didn't show the character and personality that I wanted to see.

The lads showed more of what they're about in the second half of the replay so I was pleased with that.

The first half of the replay I thought we didn't move the ball around quick enough and we weren't at our best but I thought the lads showed good character to not just get the win, but to get a goal straight after going a goal down in the first half.

I think it's important that we build on the (Bradford) win and continue our unbeaten run at home. I also think it's important the lads take on board the lessons they've learned from the away defeats and the home draw against Bradford (Park Avenue).

The away game at Chester we weren't necessarily bad, we just didn't get to the levels we needed to in order to deserve a win.

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Looking back on Farsley Celtic game, I was really impressed. We moved the ball around really well and created some great chances. Although it's nice to score four goals, I was mostly impressed with how defensively solid we were.

If we can build on the Bradford (Park Avenue) victory and get to a similar performance we had against Farsley then I have no doubt the lads will get the win.

Enjoy the game!

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**NEW SEASON.
NEW LOOK.**



MATCH PREVIEW



Blyth Spartans are set to host Alfreton Town in another National League North fixture at Croft Park.

Graham Fenton's side go into today's game after winning their Monday night FA Cup replay against Northern Premier League Premier Division side Bradford (Park Avenue).

Alfreton go into today's game on the back of a defeat to Cleethorpes Town in their FA Cup Second Qualifying Round fixture. However, Alfreton's last National League North fixture was a 4-0 home victory against Boston United.

Spartans' last game was an away 2-1

defeat to Chester at the Deva Stadium, but Blyth's home record may prove to be a potential advantage having yet to lose a fixture at Croft Park this season.

Blyth have played five games at Croft Park this season winning four and one draw; however, the draw was against Bradford (Park Avenue) in the FA Cup Second Qualifying Round.

With Blyth's immaculate home league form this season, Alfreton's away form is the complete opposite with Billy Heath's side yet to win on the road this season.

The Derbyshire-based club have played four away games in the National League North so far this season having lost three and drawn

one game against Banbury United at the start of September.

Despite Alfreton's bad away form this season, the Derbyshire-based club have won three times out of the nine fixtures played at Croft Park. While Blyth have only managed to beat Alfreton on two occasions.

In 18 matches that the two sides have faced each other, Alfreton come out on top over Spartans having won nine times compared to Blyth's four. However, Alfreton have not beaten Blyth at Croft Park since 2018.

Blyth's excellent home form and Alfreton's poor away form this season may prove to hold a psychological advantage over today's visitors.

PREVIOUSLY AT CROFT PARK

GRAHAM FENTON'S SIDE STARTED THEIR EMIRATES FA CUP JOURNEY THE HARD WAY AFTER THEY WERE PEGGED TO A 1-1 DRAW AGAINST BRADFORD (PARK AVENUE) AT CROFT PARK WHICH FORCED A SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND REPLAY AT THE HORSFALL STADIUM. ASSISTANT MEDIA MANAGER JACOB EMERY TAKES US THROUGH THE FIRST LEG FIXTURE...



Graham Fenton's side were pegged back to a 1-1 draw by Bradford (Park Avenue) last Saturday at Croft Park.

Jack Bodenham broke the deadlock just before the half hour mark with a sumptuous left-footed finish, however, Harry Colville would ultimately have the final say in the FA Cup clash as he looped an effort over Alex Mitchell with less than 10 minutes on the clock to take the tie back to West Yorkshire.

Spartans kickstarted the first half with the intention of getting on the

front foot, seeing Will McGowan's involvement be instrumental in carving out two attacks in the opening 10 minutes which unfortunately, led to no real threat on George Skyes-Kenworthy's goal.

Just after 22 minutes on the clock, persistent work from Elliot Forbes on the right flank saw him breeze past Will Lancaster to deliver an enticing cross; the ball bundled around the penalty area, causing a scramble before defender Bodenham struck a venomous effort into the bottom left corner past the helpless Sykes-Kenworthy to break the deadlock.

On the half-hour mark, JJ Hooper

was presented with an excellent opportunity to fire a header on target from close range.

However, he rose just under Michael Little's in-swinging cross and could only divert his attempt just over the crossbar.

Will Longbottom was set beyond the defensive line of Spartans on 34 minutes and forced Alex Mitchell into a terrific point-blank save to push the ball out for a corner.

On 39 minutes, Cedric Main was set to the byline by McGowan, he seamlessly combined with a swift pass back to Hooper whose strike narrowly missed the target.



1-1



As half-time neared, Main once again took up a similar position on the left and drove into the penalty area with purpose following Jordan Hickey's quick free-kick, he created a yard of space to unleash a strike, however, the eventual effort blazed over the crossbar.

A flowing move inside the first two minutes of the second half found Main who, unfortunately, couldn't connect cleanly with his strike, seeing the ball spiral out of play.

The first dangerous attempt of the second half for Park Avenue saw Brad Dockerty ripple the side netting from an acute angle in the penalty area just two minutes later.

Approaching the final 20 minutes, the momentum switched in favour of the visitors with Spartans' keeper Mitchell struggled to grasp a cross under pressure before making a sharp low save to deny Preston before he had to be alert again at his near post to keep out the Park Avenue number 10 once more moment later.



On 82 minutes, Park Avenue got their reward, albeit in unconventional fashion as a first-time cross-cum-shot from Colville looped over Mitchell from 35-yards on the right-hand side to level the score line.

With the tie concluding, both Main and substitute Harry Arnison had golden chances to test Sykes-Kenworthy as they both combined with one another, however, they both failed to hit the target and the encounter finished all square.

Blyth were then forced into a replay on Monday evening at the Horsfall Stadium where they ran out 3-1 winners to progress into the next round of the Emirates FA Cup.



GREEN & WHITE

CULT HEROES

GRAHAM USHER RETURNS TO BRING US ANOTHER FEATURE FOR THIS WEEK'S EDITION OF SPARTANS! THIS SERIES FEATURES PLAYERS OF THE PAST WITH THE ICONIC STATUS OF BECOMING 'CULT HEROES' TO SUPPORTERS...

THE TERM LEGEND IS BANDIED ABOUT RATHER TOO FREELY WHEN SUPPORTERS FONDLY RECALL THEIR FAVOURITE PLAYER, BUT FEW ACTUALLY TRULY DESERVE THE ACCOLADE.

Born in Norfolk, Mick Dagless' family moved to Peterborough when he was aged 11 and his performances for his school team impressed scouts from Peterborough United.

He was soon representing 'The Posh' in youth sides and later played a couple of games for the Reserves as well as being capped by England Schoolboys.

However his academic interests put pay to his time at 'The Posh' when Mick moved to the North East at the age of 18 to study Chemistry at Newcastle University.

It was while playing for the University's first team in the Northern Combination League he first came to the attention of Blyth Spartans, in November 1968 the students came to Croft Park in the 1st Round of the Northumberland Senior Cup and caused a major upset.

Belaying their lowly league placing Mick starred as they



dumped the manager-less Spartans out of the cup with a shock 2-0 win.

Mick continued to attract attention with his performances and it was no surprise when he was snapped up by FA Amateur Cup winners and Northern League champions North Shields in summer of 1969.

His continued to impress and attracted the scouts of several league clubs to Appleby Park, most notably the best team in the land; Liverpool.



He turned down a chance to sign for Football League club Hartlepool United and it's said that he later regretted not giving the professional game a go during his playing days.

Mike became an established member in the North Shields side and his performances had caught the eye of recently appointed Spartans manager Billy Bell in the summer of 1972.

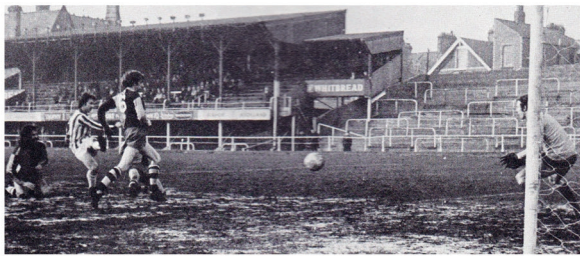
Mike didn't hesitate to move to the Spartans and when he signed in September 1972, arriving with the midfielder was a unique honour already in his trophy cabinet.

This honour was that Mick had played in and won the European Amateur Cup for North Shields in his first season!



Mick instantly established himself as a vital part of Billy Bell's Blyth Spartans side and his first season couldn't have gone much better with a League and Cup double.

Bell proved his undoubted Northern League pedigree guiding the Spartans to their first ever Northern League title and to the Northern League Cup Final that same season.



One of Mick's 33 goals that season gave him the honour of being the club's last ever goalscorer in the FA Amateur Cup when he scored in the 1-3 defeat to eventual winners Bishop Stortford.

During the 1974/75 season, Mick scored 19 goals from his midfield position with one of them being an important part of the Blyth Spartans' history.

That historic season seen Spartans draw Preston North End at home in an FA Cup Second Round tie, what made the tie even more special was that the North End player manager was World Cup winner Bobby Charlton and fellow 1966 hero Nobby Stiles also played for North End.

The game was played in front of an all ticket 8,500 crowd packed into Croft Park and it was barely three minutes into the game when Blyth were awarded a free kick which seen Mick lash a 25 yard rocket past North End keeper Ray Trunks.

Preston equalised through Mel Holden and went on to win the replay 5-1, however Blyth recovered from the defeat (which denied them a third round meeting with Arsenal) to the win the league without losing a single game all season and retaining the Northumberland Senior Cup.



During the summer of 1980 Mick decided it was time to move on and brought to an end a trophy laden eight year career at Croft Park, it was a shock to the supporters who had idolised the gifted midfielder.

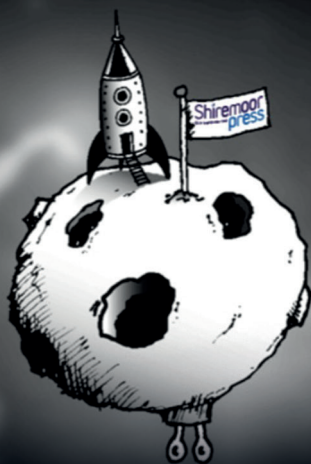
Mick was an extremely gifted footballer with the ability to produce things which were so unexpected is what made Mick a crowd favourite throughout the 70's.

A free scoring midfielder with an eye for a spectacular goal, he was the creative lynch-pin of the team who was attributed with the hardest shot in the Northern League.

However, Mike's performances in a green and white shirt are still remembered fondly by those who saw his exquisite skills on the pitch of Croft Park.

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COMMERCIAL & MARKETING MANAGER GLEN LOWES BRINGS US AN UPDATE ON WHAT SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES BLYTH SPARTANS ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB ARE OFFERING FOR THE 2023/24 NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH CAMPAIGN...



Sponsors Ian Hertwick, his wife Karren and daughter Livy are presented with their certificate by Chairman Tony Platten.



Craig Richardson (left) of Club Travel Kit Sponsors M&C Roofing is presented with his sponsor's certificate by Chairman Tony Platten.

Good afternoon and welcome back to Croft Park!

We would like to take a moment to thank our sponsors for sponsoring our Emirates FA Cup tie against Bradford Park Avenue last Saturday.

For those interested in sponsoring future games, there are hospitality packages available for next weekend's clash with Worksop Town who visit Croft Park for an Emirates FA Cup third qualifying round tie.

We have a variety of matchday hospitality options in the Tommy Hedley suite available.

This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, commemorate an occasion, promote your business or even just simply upgrade your matchday experience!

Whatever the reason, everyone at the Club is infinitely grateful for your valued support.

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- **Seats in the Directors' area**

- **Promotion on the Club's social media pages before and after the match**

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- **Hot buffet after the match**

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OUR OPPOSITION THIS AFTERNOON...

ALFRETON TOWN FC



Alfreton Town Football Club are a club based in Derbyshire and were founded in 1959 following a merger with Alfreton Miners Welfare and Alfreton United.

The newly constituted club, playing on a new ground at North Street provided by the local council, was admitted directly to the Central Alliance Division One (North) and progressed sufficiently in the first two seasons to gain entry to the re-formed Midland Counties League.

The record attendance at North Street of 5,023 was recorded for the visit of Matlock Town in 1960.

After holding the wooden spoon in 1961/62 Alfreton seldom looked back and took the Midland League title in 1969/70 after several near misses.

After success, failure followed and the club was relegated from the Northern Premier League after two successful years, into the Northern Counties League.

The club was acquired in 1997 by local businessman, Wayne Bradley, who took up the role of Chairman.

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The 2001/02 campaign saw Chris Wilder, appointed Manager and unprecedented, success followed as the Reds landed four trophies - the Northern Counties (East) League Premier Division championship, League Cup, President's Cup and Derbyshire Senior Cup.

Promotion back to the Northern Premier League was followed by entering into the Conference (North).

The 2008/09 campaign was one of the most successful in the club's entire history despite no silverware being won.

Under manager Nicky Law, the Reds finished in their highest ever position of third in Conference North and competed in the play-offs for the first time ever, narrowly losing out in the semi-finals on a 5-4 aggregate against AFC Telford United who lost out in the final.

Season 2022/23 saw the team reach the playoffs of the National League North, only to lose to the winners, Kidderminster Harriers, who regained their place back into the National League for the Season 2023/24.

NICKNAME: THE REDS
STADIUM: NORTH STREET
CAPACITY: 3,600 (1,500 SEATED)
LEAGUE: NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH
LAST SEASON : 5TH



MANAGER:
BILLY HEATH

Billy Heath was appointed manager of Alfreton Town back in 2018. Heath has managed three other clubs starting of his career at Bridlington Town before joining Frickley Athletic and North Ferriby.

His time at North Ferriby was hugely successful guiding them to the National League in 2015 and winning the FA Trophy at Wembley.

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RECENT LEAGUE FORM

Alfreton 4 - 0 Boston United
Banbury United 0 - 0 Alfreton
Alfreton 2 - 2 Scunthorpe United
King's Lynn Town 2 - 1 Alfreton

PLAYERS TO WATCH

HERE ARE SIX PLAYERS TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR IN THE ALFRETON TOWN SQUAD
THIS AFTERNOON!



GEORGE WILLIS

George Willis progressed through the youth system at Sheffield United. He joined Boston United in May 2017 after opting to turn down an offer from Gainsborough Trinity. He penned new contracts with Boston United in 2018 and 2019 and was named player of the year.



JOSHUA CLACKSTONE

Joshua began his career with Hull City. In 2017 he joined Notts County on loan and Halifax Town in November 2017, where he played for Billy Heath. In July 2018 Hull released him and he was immediately signed by Alfreton Town.



GEORGE CANTRILL

George is a defender who started his career with Sheffield United in 2016 before moving onto Guiseley AFC where he was one of their outstanding performers before signing for Alfreton last season.



JAKE DAY

Striker Jake Day re-joins Alfreton Town having played for the club during the 2020/21 season before leaving to sign for Guiseley. He then played for the following clubs: Scarborough, Matlock, Whitby and Marske before signing for Spennymoor in March of last season.



KENNEDY DIGIE

Kennedy Digie signed for Alfreton at the start of the summer transfer window. Digie started his career at Kidderminster Harriers in 2015 before then going onto play for Guiseley, Hereford, Altrincham and last season Gloucester City.



HARRY PERRITT

Defender Harry Perritt started his career with Accrington Stanley where he made 11 appearances for the Football League club. The defender also had spells with Southport, Torquay United and Altrincham before joining Alfreton this summer.



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THIS WEEKEND IN FOOTBALL



BY PHIL CASTIAUX

1971

When the UEFA Cup replaced the Fairs Cup (which Newcastle United won back in 1969) UEFA invited the first and last winners of the Fairs Cup to play each other for the honour of keeping the trophy. This saw Barcelona (who won in 1958) and Leeds United (who won in 1971) play against each other which ended in a 2-1 victory for Barcelona at the Nou Camp.



1984

In a first division fixture at Loftus Road, visiting Newcastle United were 4-0 up at half-time. The result at the final whistle was 5-5!



1991

Arsenal paid Crystal Palace £2.5 million for forward Ian Wright with many doubting the club paying a, then, club transfer record for a player not far from his 28th birthday. But Wright scored a hat-trick on his Arsenal debut and went on to score 185 goals in 288 first team appearances for The Gunners.



2005

Jonathan Woodgate didn't have the best of debuts for Real Madrid following his move from Newcastle United. The defender scored an own goal and was sent off against Athletic Bilbao.



2006

Arsenal beat Sheffield United 3-0 in a Premier League match and all three goalscorers had the same birthday as each other: 17th August; William Gallas and Thierry Henry (born in 1977), plus Sheffield United defender Phil Jagielka (own goal) was born in 1982.





JUNIOR SPARTANS

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WHY NOT TEST YOUR FOOTBALL KNOWLEDGE WITH THIS QUIZ!

1. WHO SCORED THE THIRD GOAL IN BLYTH'S FA CUP VICTORY AGAINST BRADFORD (PARK AVENUE) ON MONDAY NIGHT?

2. WHICH CLUB ARE BLYTH SPARTANS PLAYING NEXT IN THE FA CUP THIRD QUALIFYING ROUND NEXT WEEKEND?

3. WHAT WAS THE SCORE FOR NEWCASTLE UNITED'S OPENING CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GAME AGAINST AC MILAN?

4. WHAT SQUAD NUMBER DOES MIDFIELDER WILL MCGOWAN WEAR FOR BLYTH SPARTANS?

5. WHICH CLUB WON THE 205/16 PREMIER LEAGUE TITLE?

6. WHO SCORED THE FINAL GOAL FOR SUNDERLAND IN THEIR EFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AGAINST QPR LAST WEEKEND?

7. WHAT YEAR DID NEWCASTLE WIN THE INTER-CITIES FAIRS CUP?

8. WHAT SEASON WAS THE LAST TIME MANCHESTER UNITED LAST WON THE PREMIER LEAGUE TITLE?

9. WHICH CLUB HOLDS THE PREMIER LEAGUE RECORD FOR THE FEWEST PREMIER LEAGUE WINS IN A SEASON?

10. WHICH CLUB HOLDS THE MOST CONSECUTIVE PREMIER LEAGUE DEFEATS?

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SPOT THE BALL!

Can you guess the correct position of the football on this image of Will McGowan?



+3

POSITION	POINTS
1ST PLACE	6 POINTS
2ND PLACE	5 POINTS
3RD PLACE	4 POINTS
4TH PLACE	3 POINTS
5TH PLACE	2 POINTS
6TH PLACE	1 POINT
7TH PLACE	0 POINTS



ANSWERS: GUESS WHO - CEBRIC MAIN, BRACKLEY TOWN
SPOT THE BALL - B



+2

Guess Who?

We've warped one of our players, can you help identify who this member of Graham Fenton's side is?



+1

Guess Who?

We're not sure which club the badge above belongs to, can you identify which National League North club it is?

2023/24 FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	KO	OPPONENT	SCORE	SCORERS
Sat Aug 05	3:00pm	Gloucester City (H)	4 - 2	Hooper, Hickey, Deverdics, Knight
Sat Aug 12	3:00pm	Warrington Town (A)	0 - 2	O'Donnell, Hooper
Tue Aug 15	7:45pm	Scarborough Athletic (A)	1 - 0	
Sat Aug 19	3:00pm	Hereford (H)	2 - 1	Aitken, Liddle
Sat Aug 26	3:00pm	Buxton (A)	3 - 0	
Mon Aug 28	3:00pm	Spennymoor Town (H)	2 - 0	Deverdics, McGowan
Sat Sep 02	3:00pm	Boston United (A)	3 - 1	Main
Tue Sep 05	7:45pm	Farsley Celtic (H)	4 - 0	Main, Liddle, McGowan X2
Sat Sep 09	3:00pm	Chester (A)	2 - 1	Hooper
Sat Sep 16	3:00pm	Bradford Park Avenue (H)	1 - 1	Bodenham
Mon Sep 19	7:45pm	Bradford Park Avenue (A)	1 - 3	McGowan, Hooper, Main
Sat Sep 23	3:00pm	Alferton Town (H)		
Sat Sep 30	3:00pm	Worksop Town (H)		
Sat Oct 07	3:00pm	Banbury United (A)		
Sat Oct 14	3:00pm	Bishop's Stortford (H)		
Sat Oct 21	3:00pm	Tamworth (H)		
Tue Oct 24	7:45pm	Darlington (A)		
Sat Oct 28	3:00pm	King's Lynn Town (A)		
Sat Nov 04	3:00pm	Scunthorpe United (H)		
Tue Nov 07	7:45pm	Southport (H)		
Sat Nov 11	3:00pm	Brackley Town (A)		
Tue Nov 14	7:45pm	Curzon Ashton (A)		
Tue Nov 21	7:45pm	Chorley (H)		
Sat Nov 25	3:00pm	Peterborough Sports (H)		
Sat Dec 02	3:00pm	Rushall Olympic (A)		
Sat Dec 16	3:00pm	Alferton Town (A)		
Sat Dec 23	3:00pm	Chester (H)		
Tue Dec 26	3:00pm	South Shields (A)		
Sat Dec 30	3:00pm	South Shields (H)		
Sat Jan 06	3:00pm	Bishop's Stortford (A)		
Sat Jan 13	3:00pm	Banbury United (H)		
Sat Jan 20	3:00pm	Gloucester City (A)		
Tue Jan 23	7:45pm	Scarborough Athletic (H)		
Sat Jan 27	3:00pm	Warrington Town (H)		
Sat Feb 03	3:00pm	Hereford (A)		
Sat Feb 10	3:00pm	Buxton (H)		
Sat Feb 17	3:00pm	Spennymoor Town (A)		
Tue Feb 20	7:45pm	Farsley Celtic (A)		
Sat Feb 24	3:00pm	Boston United (H)		
Sat Mar 02	3:00pm	Tamworth (A)		
Sat Mar 09	3:00pm	King's Lynn Town (H)		
Tue Mar 12	7:45pm	Darlington (H)		
Sat Mar 16	3:00pm	Southport (A)		
Sat Mar 23	3:00pm	Peterborough Sports (A)		
Fri Mar 29	3:00pm	Curzon Ashton (H)		
Mon Apr 01	3:00pm	Chorley (A)		
Sat Apr 06	3:00pm	Rushall Olympic (H)		
Sat Apr 13	3:00pm	Scunthorpe United (A)		
Sat Apr 20	3:00pm	Brackley Town (H)		

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Dene Field

GIS graduate, First Team Analyst and Coaching Assistant at **Watford FC Women**



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Mya Graham,
UCFB graduate, Assistant Producer at **talkSPORT**



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