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# MANAGER THOUGHTS

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## PAUL DOSWELL

After our third isolation period in five weeks we find ourselves playing in the last 16 of the FA Trophy against a very good side in Notts County. It is a chance to pit our wits against a team that would expect to be in the melting pot for promotion this season in what is a competitive National League.

Clearly we are big underdogs for the game today, with the lack of not just games but training time and the disruptions we have faced the last six weeks sums up the whole season really.

As we sit here today we are unaware if the National League South season will continue and for me personally and the players that would be a second season in a row that would be disrupted and wasted. Let's hope that with new vaccinations in the next few months will see us return to the normality we're all craving and that next season is one where we can start a season in August and finish at the end of April with crowds.

Enjoy the game.  
Dos.



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# STORY SO FAR

## BRACKNELL TOWN (A)

The opening ten minutes were lively with both teams seeing the ball. It was the Hawks who struck first. A long ball forward by Joe Tupper was flicked on by Danny Kedwell to find Joe Iacofano who finished well at the near post.

The hosts reacted well after going a goal behind and threatened through Shamar Moore. The forward did well to evade several Hawks defenders before firing a low effort on goal. But the ball flew into the arms of Tupper who claimed at the second time of asking.

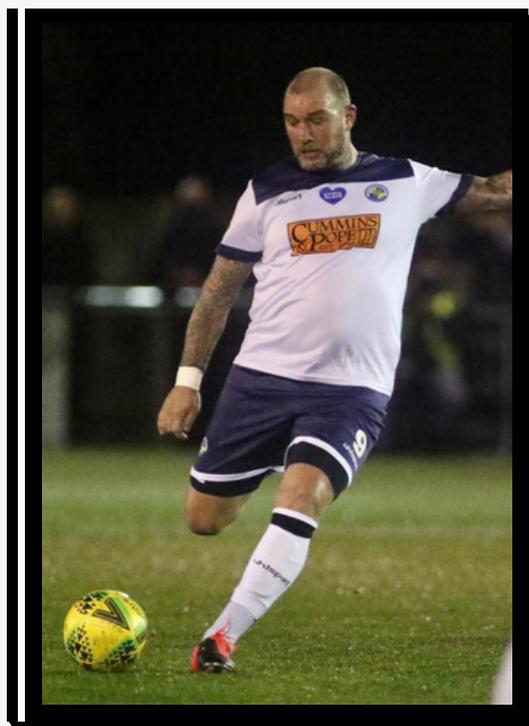
Kedwell went close moments later when he tried his luck from a 30-yard free-kick. Mark Scott was worried in the Bracknell goal as it curled just wide of the post. The complexion of the game changed in favour of the home side on 34 minutes when a deflected shot fell to Sebastian Bowerman inside the Havant box. The winger confidently drilled the ball past Tupper and into the net to level proceedings.

The momentum pendulum swung back into the Hawks as the game sparked into life moments later. Bracknell captain Max Herbert was shown a second yellow card after a late challenge on Anthony Straker.

Very much against the run of play the Hawks re-established their lead on 64 minutes. Josh Taylor's long range effort took a wicked deflection, before hitting the net, which left Mark Scott with no chance.

The Hawks got their third goal with 15 minutes left to play. Iacofano leapt highest to flick the ball through to an unmarked Tommy Wright who finished with aplomb after racing into the penalty area.

Bracknell did pull one back in stoppage time from the spot through Bowerman, but it was too little too late as the Hawks booked their place in the next round.



## BRAINTREE TOWN (H)

The opening exchanges were lively with the hosts seeing a lot of the ball, but they were unable to create anything to test Samuel Jackson in the Braintree goal.

As the blustering weather took its toll on the game, the closest any side came to taking the lead came on 35 minutes when Josh Taylor sent a low effort across goal from the edge of the penalty area. The Havant man dragged his shot just wide of the post but had Jackson scrambling.

The away side should have taken the lead shortly after the restart when Rondell Gordon's shot deflected into the path of Taofiq Olomewewe. But the defender could only redirect the ball wide of the post.

It was a moment of quality that pushed the Hawks in front on 73 minutes. Benny Read was unleashed down the right and the fullback drove at pace before picking out Danny Kedwell at the back post. Kedwell knocked it down for Roarie Deacon and the substitute fired home.

Doswell's men almost doubled their lead soon after when Tommy Wright raced through on goal. But the striker's shot trickled agonisingly past the far post.

The Hawks kept pushing for that two-goal cushion and almost got it in fantastic style late on. Good work from Wright to find Kedwell who was unmarked on the edge of the area. The striker let fly with the outside of his right boot, but it curled narrowly wide.



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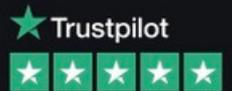
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**GK - Ross Worner**  
 Worner joined the club before the 2019/20 season from Sutton United. The number one was quick to impress and has become a crucial member of the first team. Worner has experience in both League Two and League One.

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**DF - Benny Read**  
 Read joined the club in 2019, and was part of the first team immediately, his electric pace is key in defence as well as attack. The right back is a fan favourite at Draper Tools Community Stadium after only his first season since joining from Horndean.

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**DF - Anthony Straker**  
 Straker who was formerly part of Premier League side Crystal Palace's youth set up joined the club in 2019. The left-back has an abundance of Football League experience under his belt racking up just under 250 appearances in League Two.

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**DF - Simon Walton**  
 Our number fourteen made his name at Leeds United who was a successful product of their academy. Walton scored three times for the Yorkshire club. The 33 year old has made 88 appearances in the Championship as well as experience in league One and Two.

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**DF - Sam Magri**  
 Magri joined The Hawks in 2019 from Ebbsfleet United, and the Malta international has since become a regular feature. The 26-year-old has made over 150 appearances in the National League for both Ebbsfleet and Dover Athletic.

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**MF - Roarie Deacon**  
 Deacon showcased his early talent at the world-famous Arsenal academy. The England under-21 international joined the club in 2019 from Sutton United, his wicked trickery on the wing makes him a handful for defenders and is one of the clubs most dangerous attackers.

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**FW - Josh Taylor**  
 In the early stages of his career, Taylor played for Crystal Palace's youth teams before moving into non-league. The attacker was at Sutton United before being welcomed to Draper Tools Community Stadium in 2019. Taylor has represented the England C team and made his debut in October last year.

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**MF - Craig Robson**  
 Midfielder Robson joined The Hawks after leaving Billericay Town last year, to start his second spell at Draper Tools Community Stadium. After graduating the club's academy system he left to play in Australia for Sorrento FC but returned to England in 2014 with Bognor Regis.

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**MF - Bed sente Gomis**  
 The Frenchman joined the club in January 2020 from Dover Athletic. The box-to-box midfielder was a youth player in France with Lens before starting his professional career. He has made over 100 appearances in the National League.

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**GK - Joe Tupper**  
 Goalkeeper Tupper came through the youth setups at both Chelsea and Reading before moving onto the Under 23 setup at Crystal Palace. He joined Margate on loan in the 2019/20 season before penning a contract with the club in August 2020.

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**MF - Theo Widdrington**  
 Former Portsmouth hopeful Widdrington joined the club for the second time in the summer, but this time on a permanent basis. The hard-hitting midfield maestro who possesses a wealth of experience in the game, comes here in the hope of getting promoted with the Hawks.

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**MF - Billy Clifford**  
 Creative midfielder Clifford joined the Hawks this summer after spending the 19/20 campaign at Wealdstone. The 27-year-old, who came through the ranks at Chelsea has plenty of football league experience having played for Colchester United, Walsall and Crawley Town respectively.

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**MF - Godfrey Poku**  
 Tenacious holding midfielder Poku was named club captain by manager Paul Doswell following his summer arrival. This being his second stint at Westleigh Park after spending a short loan spell here back in 2015, but this time around it's a permanent move after he left Woking.

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**ST - Joe Iacofano**  
 After finishing joint-top goalscorer last term with St Albans, Iacofano joined the Hawks in the summer to fill the void left by Jonah Ayunga. The 22-year-old who started his career at League 1 side Northampton has built up quite the reputation already, after bursting onto the scene last campaign.

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**MF - Daniel Ajakaiye**  
 Highly rated Ajakaiye joined the club in the summer from Hastings United. The forward thinking midfield player who can also operate out wide or upfront comes to the club having gained experience with National League outfit Bromley and West Ham United in their academy.

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**ST - Tommy Wright**  
 England 'C' International Wright has reunited with manager Paul Doswell following his departure from Sutton United in the summer. The forward penned a three-year-contract and will be looking to help guide the Hawks to the league he's just left behind.

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### DF - George McLennan

Left sided defender McLennan joined the Hawks following a spell at Wealdstone. Having graduated through the Reading academy he then gained EFL experience at Cheltenham Town. Following that he enjoyed spells at Sutton, and Maidstone before joining the South London Stones at the start of the 2019/20 season.



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### MF - Christian Rowe

Having had trials at clubs in the EFL Championship in the Summer of 2020, Rowe has joined the Hawks to aid his development as a player. It's his first real taste of men's football and he can't wait to go and enjoy the thrills and spills of first team action.



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### FW - Danny Kedwell

Kedwell rejoined the Hawks in November 2020 following a stellar first season at the Club as he fired Paul Doswell's team into second spot in The National League South.



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### MF - Leon Chambers Parillon

Leon joined the Hawks on Loan from EFL side Oxford United back in December 2020. Leon played for the U's in the 20/21 EFL Trophy and joins the Hawks in search for regular first team minutes. The 19 year-old also spent a loan spell at Southern League side Biggleswade last season.



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### MF - Moussa Bakayoko

The 24 year-old joins us following a spell at Dartford earlier this season. Bakayoko has played at International level during his career, playing for the Ivory Coast at the 2013 Under 17's FIFA World Cup - which included a start against Argentina. At club level he's won the Armenian Cup and Super Cup in a four year spell at Shirak before moving to the Republic of Ireland to play for Derry City.



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### Paul Doswell

Doswell came into the Draper Tools Community Stadium hotseat in 2019, bringing with him a wealth of experience in both The National League and National League South having previously been manager of both Eastleigh and Sutton United.

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**Ian Baird**  
Having been assistant under Paul Doswell at Sutton United, Ian Baird comes in to become Number two to Doswell here at The Draper Tools Community Stadium. The pair worked together at Gander Green Lane for the last five years at Sutton and enjoyed huge successes together.

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**Scott Munro**  
Performance analyst Munro oversees the scouting for the opposition as well as analyse how other teams lineup alongside clipping together the key moments from the Hawks' game to show to the players in preparation for a matchday.

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**Natasha Nolan**  
Tash is our lead physio and helps the players in their recovery from injuries and leading rehabilitation. She has a BSc in Applied Sports Science, and an MSc in Sports Therapy. Also as part of her role she leads 'core club' which helps players with their body strength and keeping them in the best possible condition for matchday.

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**Jordan Knight**  
Knight is the goalkeeper coach at the club, helping Ross and Joe prepare for matches and give them the specific training required to perform at the top level. As well as his role here he coaches at Crystal Palace youth setup.

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**Henry Deacon**  
Henry is the Clubs Head of Media and Communications, and has been in the role since 2017 leading the clubs digital and social media presence.

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**Richard Pope**  
Kitman at the Club, Rich is a stalwart at the Hawks going above and beyond the call of duty seven days of the week and has established himself as one of the leading kit people in Non-League football.

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# PLAYER INTERVIEW

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## **Why playing County is an opportunity to savour, and why this competition can make dreams come true.**

For a team in Non-League playing against Notts County is seen as an honour. For many years it was a symbol of making it through to the latter stages of the FA Cup, the chance to pit their wits against one of the all time names in English football. Since County's relegation from the EFL in 2019, playing them in the Trophy is still considered in the same light, facing a team with a history unparalleled in the non-league game. If anything the prestige they're held in has been heightened.

Josh Taylor has seen the big teams come and go in his short but distinguished career so far. Leyton Orient, Tranmere, Cheltenham Town and many others have flirted with the non-league game, for him facing them is an honour on each occasion.

In what has been one of the Hawks' best showings across the board in the Cup competitions, this tie will be the toughest yet on paper - but with it presents a major opportunity for the Club. The test is one Josh looks ahead to with huge pride, knowing how major a game it is for anyone at this level. He said, "Historically Notts County are a huge Club, and in the non-league game are off if not the biggest. For us to play them in the Trophy it is a massive opportunity and we're really looking forward to it."

For us we very much to test ourselves and see how we measure up against a team doing well in the division above, it will give the lads a good base to look at themselves and compare themselves to players in the league above, because ultimately that's been the aim the last couple of years to get promotion into The National League. "

If you look at the cup runs in terms of how far we have progressed, particularly the FA Cup, to get to the Second Round proper we would have taken that, if you look at the results before Marine they were all positive and then again in the Trophy at home against Braintree and away at Bracknell on a Tuesday night in tough conditions, tough surface, we showed the level we were at.

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“The FA Trophy has also been a good competition to get some of the young lads minutes and some performances under their belt.” Everyone at every level of the game will tell you it is one game at a time, and they rightly say it because it's true, but when you reach the latter stages of this competition the view of the Wembley Arch starts to come into the periphery. Every player's dream is to get there, Taylor is no different, he won't get carried away, but won't hide his childhood dream.

“You can't play in this competition, get to the latter stages and not think about the opportunity of getting to the final and playing at Wembley. It's very, very rare for players at this level to get the opportunity to get that day out.

That's a massive dream for so many footballers, and in particular with this season what a way it would be to end it if we could work our way there, get to Wembley and potentially have some kind of fan base - that would be the stuff dreams are made of.”

For better or for worse, depending which side you bat on, the role of social media within football has risen abundantly. Fans locked out of behind closed doors game see Twitter, Facebook and all other social media sites as they way to keep connected. Players feed off the fans, grounds like Selhurst Park - which are like cauldrons - are seen as one of the toughest to play at because of the intense atmosphere the Crystal Palace fans muster.

Twitter is the closest you can get to replicating that energy (Not live streaming? Or radio?), the instantaneous outpouring of emotion, sharing joy, despair, anger and delight. Taylor and the rest of the squad look at the social circles, the messages mean more than ever, it is their only way of fan encouragement in these startling times

Totally get what you're trying to say, in essence from a players perspective, the tweets and comments replicate the cheers from the pitchside, whilst they can't see them at the time, they still actively read the messages before and after matches and as such are deeply valued by the squad. For the fans, its means of communication, sharing footie banter with each other during a match as though they were standing pitchside. Struggling with these two para's.... Me being me I'd remove them and add a couple of sentences to the para below, lets not forget we're meant to be driving streaming revenue and getting people to tune in and pay rather than tune in on Twitter.”

We can't stop thanking the fans for their support. Not being able to be there week in, week out and having to tune in on laptops and streams which I know the club have worked hard at.”

Although you can't physically feel the support in terms of energy at the ground you can still feel it from things you see on social media and those sorts of sites. The support the fans keep showing the Club throughout the season without being at the ground and being a part of it has been amazing.

“Hopefully they keep showing that support and we can reward them with a big win today - because if they were in the ground they'd be roaring us on trying to cause an upset.”



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## SAM SLOCOMBE

is debut campaign was only blighted by a thigh injury sustained in January, ruling him out of the rest of our matches before coronavirus curtailed our season.

But Slocombe returned to full fitness in time for our play-off campaign, regaining his place between the sticks for our semi-final victory over Barnet and the Wembley final against Harrogate Town.

Previously, Slocombe won promotions in consecutive seasons with Oxford United and Blackpool after leaving his hometown club Scunthorpe United in 2015. Bristol Rovers snapped him up in July 2017 and he turned out 27 times in his first season at the Memorial Stadium.

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## TIERNAN BROOKS

Brooks was our only second-year scholar to be offered a professional contract at the end of the 2019-20 campaign and was selected to be part of Neal Ardley's training squad for our play-off campaign.

The young keeper, who has represented Republic of Ireland at junior levels and has spent time on loan with Lincoln United, cut his teeth with hometown club Sheffield Wednesday before joining us as a first-year scholar.

DF

## CONNELL RAWLINSON

Rawlinson came to an agreement with Port Vale to terminate his contract a year early ahead of the 2019-20 campaign - and it paid off as he went on to win our Fans' Player of the Season award.

The commanding centre back's no-nonsense, committed displays also won the recognition of his team-mates, who voted him as the joint-winner of the Players' Player of the Season award alongside top scorer Kyle Wootton. Rawlinson, who began his career at Chester, has European experience under his belt having played in Champions League qualifying matches for The New Saints (TNS) during his eight years in Welsh football.

GK

## LUKE PILLING

Pilling left boyhood club Tranmere Rovers this summer after 17 years of service, having joined the Merseyside outfit aged six.

Despite being born in England he has represented Wales at various youth levels and was voted Best Goalkeeper at the prestigious Toulon Tournament in 2017 despite his country's exit at the group stages. He will be aiming to push Sam Slocombe for a place between the sticks this season.

DF

## RICHARD BRINDLEY

Brindley established himself as our first-choice right back after joining on a free transfer ahead of the 2019-20 season. The former Rotherham and Colchester player had made 34 appearances for National League side Bromley before joining us. Brindley came through Norwich City's academy but was released in 2012 and began to rebuild his career with Chelmsford in the Vanarama National League South.

Rotherham, where he was part of the side promoted to the Championship through the play-offs in 2014.

DF

## DAMIEN MCCRORY

The Irishman proved to be a reliable figure at left back but also put in a number of valuable performances in the heart of our defence.

The Irishman came through the ranks at Plymouth and had loan spells with Port Vale (twice) and Grimsby, before joining Dagenham and Redbrige in February 2010.

McCrory made 86 appearances for the Daggers before heading to Burton, with a loan at Portsmouth for the first half of 2017-18 completing his CV.

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## JAKE KEAN

Kean arrived as our new goalkeeper coach at the beginning of the 2019-20 season.

An experienced stopper, he also registered as a player and made his debut as an early substitute in our inaugural FA Trophy game, coming on to keep a clean sheet as we beat Chesterfield 1-0.

Kean has turned out over 120 times during his playing career, including Premier League appearances for Blackburn, but he is now focusing on coaching.

DF

## BEN TURNER

The imposing centre back had enjoyed a strong start to life in black and white but a calf problem from December onwards, coupled with a nasty illness, prevented him from playing again before March's coronavirus lockdown.

He has Premier League pedigree having played in England's top flight with Cardiff City after winning the Championship with the Bluebirds in 2012-13.

He scored a dramatic equaliser in the 2012 League Cup final to earn Cardiff a penalty shootout against Liverpool, which they went on to lose.

DF

## DION KELLY-EVANS

The tough-tackling, energetic defender, who can cover either full-back position, has been a valuable member of our squad since his successful trial during our 2019-20 pre-season campaign.

Kelly-Evans came through Coventry's youth system, making his professional debut for the Sky Blues in May 2016 and spending a further two seasons in their senior squad before joining Kettering Town and winning the Evostik Premier Division Central.

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## ADAM CHICKSEN

The 28-year-old has played the vast majority of his career in League One but had been without a club since January 2020 following his surprise release from League One side Bolton Wanderers.

Chicksen, who qualifies for Zimbabwe through his father and won his first cap in a friendly against Zambia in 2018, burst on to the scene with MK Dons before earning moves to Brighton, Charlton and Bradford.

DF

## ALEX LACEY

The defender had been in line to join League One side Bury before their expulsion from the EFL, which led to us initially signing him on a deal until the end of last season.

Lacey has experienced promotion from the fifth tier before as part of the Luton side that won the title in 2014 and was named Player of the Season in his second campaign with Yeovil Town - paving the way for him to step up to the third tier with Gillingham.

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## JAKE REEVES

Reeves was one of the boss' outstanding performers at AFC Wimbledon, helping them win promotion from League Two before catching Bradford's eye with his continued form at a higher level.

The Brentford academy graduate racked up several League One appearances for the Griffon Park outfit before enjoying a brief spell with Swindon Town ahead of his move to Wimbledon.

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## JIM O'BRIEN

O'Brien came through the ranks at Celtic and had spells with Dunfermline Athletic, Dundee United and Motherwell before moving south of the border with Barnsley.

He spent four seasons at Oakwell ahead of a switch to Coventry, where he made 70 appearances. O'Brien had spells with Shrewsbury Town and Ross County before joining Bradford for the first half of 2018-19.

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## MICHAEL DOYLE

The vastly experienced, all-action Irishman has amassed more than 800 appearances over the course of his 20-year career, representing Coventry (twice), Leeds, Sheffield United and Portsmouth before making the move to Meadow Lane

in January 2019. Doyle scooped our 2019-20 Goal of the Season award with a sensational strike from the halfway line in the final throes of our FA Trophy home tie against Dagenham and Redbridge..

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## MATTY WOLFE

Having made his senior debut in the Tykes' Sky Bet Championship clash with Nottingham Forest last season, Wolfe, who stands as 6ft 2", cited his determination to gain further experience in men's football upon his arrival at Meadow Lane.

In January Wolfe had his stay extended until the end of the campaign

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## KYLE WOOTTON

Wootton came through the youth system at Glanford Park and made his professional debut in August 2014, aged just 17. He made a further 13 appearances that season and scored his first senior goal in April 2015.

Wootton had loan spells with Cheltenham and Stevenage in League Two, and at Lincoln, North Ferriby and FC Halifax Town in the Vanarama National League before heading to Nottingham.

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## CAL ROBERTS

The Newcastle United academy graduate's pace and trickery have established him as one of our most exciting attacking players.

Roberts had been with hometown club Newcastle since the age of eight and was given his full debut by Rafael Benitez in an FA Cup win at Blackburn in January 2019, marking the occasion with a goal.

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## ENZIO BOLDEWIJN

Clubs higher up the pyramid had been interested in the former FC Utrecht winger, who emerged as one of League Two's hottest talents during his time with Crawley, where he netted 10 goals and laid on a further 10 for his team-mates during 2017-18.

He opened his Notts account on just his second outing with a fantastic strike at Cambridge in August 2018 and has scored a host of Goal of the Season contenders since.

CF

## INIH EFFIONG

Effiong joined us on loan from Stevenage in January until the end of the season.

Stevenage signed him this summer after seeing him bag 16 goals in 36 National League appearances for Dover in 2019-20.

Effiong, who scored once in a five-game loan spell with Barnet earlier this season, is an experienced National League campaigner having also represented the likes of Woking and Barrow.

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## JIMMY KNOWLES

We bolstered our forward ranks with the loan signing of Mansfield Town's Jimmy Knowles ahead of the 2020-21 campaign.

The promising 18-year-old will spend the season at Meadow Lane, providing competition for Kyle Wootton, Wes Thomas and Elisha Sam.

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## ELISHA SAM

The 6ft 5" Belgian arrived at Meadow Lane in August 2020 after spending a season with Arda Kardzhali, where he wrote his name into the history books by scoring two late goals to earn the club its first ever victory in the Bulgarian top tier.

Born in Antwerp and a graduate of Standard Liege's academy, Sam rose to prominence at Dutch second-tier side FC Eindhoven after kick-starting his professional career in Israel.

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### RÚBEN RODRIGUES

The Portuguese midfielder became our first summer signing of 2020 when he swapped the Dutch Eerste Divisie for the National League.

Capable of playing in a number of attacking positions, the 24-year-old scored 12 goals and contributed 10 assists for Den Bosch last term.

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### CALVIN MILLER

Miller joined us on loan from Harrogate Town in January, committing the remainder of the 2020-21 season to us.

Capable of playing on either wing while also providing cover at full back, the attack-minded, pacey 23-year-old's dreams came true in 2016 when he made his debut for boyhood club Celtic in a Scottish Premier League victory over Partick Thistle.

## MANAGER

### NEAL ARDLEY

Ardley joined us in November 2018 shortly after ending a six-year spell in the AFC Wimbledon dugout.

He arrived at Meadow Lane with experience of saving the Dons from relegation to the National League on the final day of the 2012-13 season before taking them into League One via the play-offs three years later.

Ardley was the third longest-serving manager in England's top four divisions before he amicably departed Wimbledon, with Dons chairman Erik Samuelson describing him as a 'clear thinker, superb man-manager and fine coach.'

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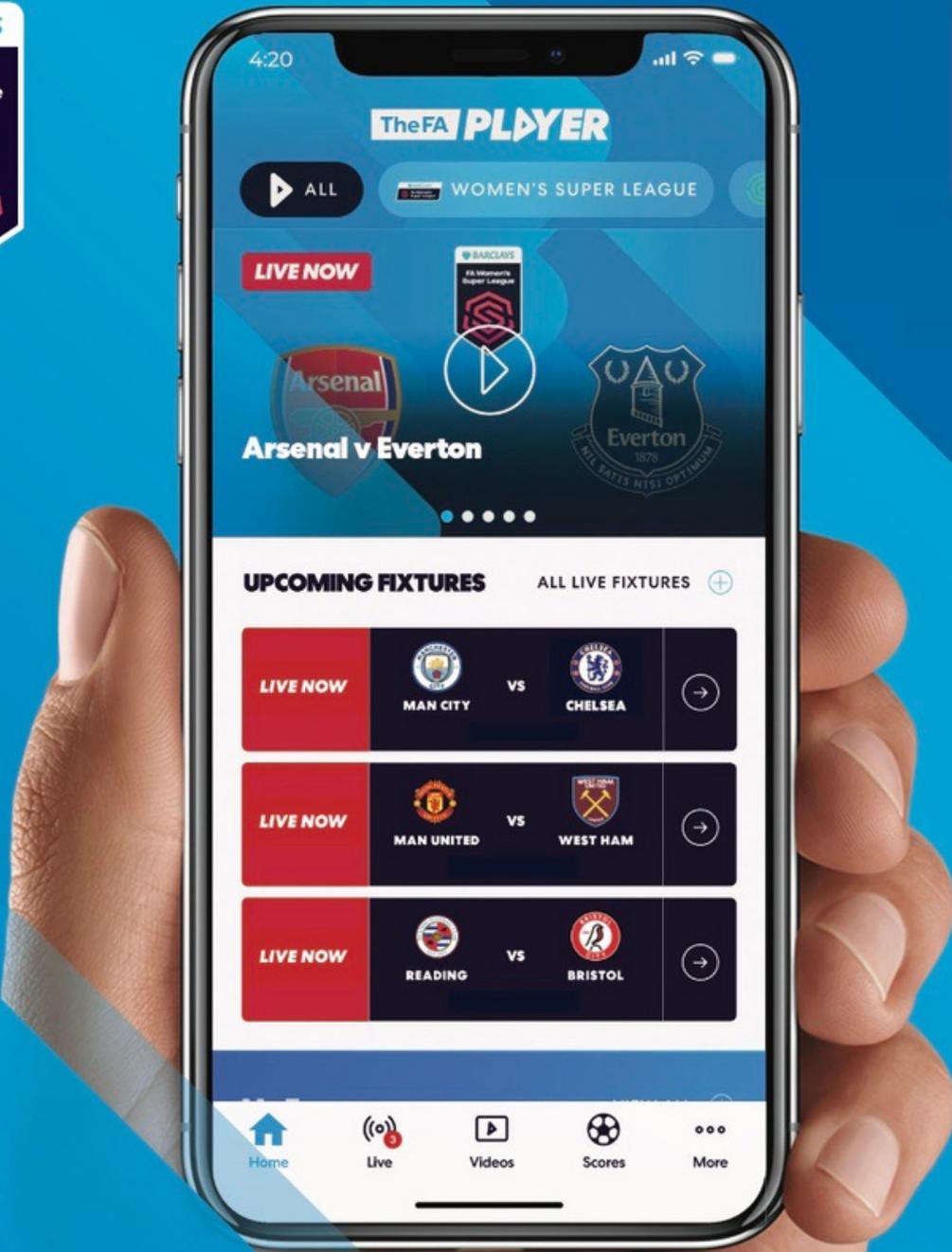
With a foundation date of 1862, Notts County FC is the oldest professional football club in the world. Despite the early start, however, they haven't managed to claim a top-flight title; two third places in Division 1 (1891 and 1901). Their greatest success arrived in 1894, when they won their only FA Cup. They're nicknamed "The Magpies" for their black-and-white kits, which were adopted by Juventus in 1903.

After many years of playing at different home grounds, Notts County moved to Meadow Lane in 1910 for a long-lasting stay. Still, this didn't stop the team from yo-yo-ing between the top two divisions of English football. In 1930, they were relegated to the Third Division for the first time, though they managed to bounce back the very next season.

By the end of the '50s, however, Notts County lost the race for the city's biggest club to Nottingham Forest. They were back in the Third Division by 1957, and were soon relegated to the Fourth Division for the first time in 1959. The club continued to struggle during the '60s, with most of their efforts aimed at avoiding the embarrassment of having to apply for re-election.

Things finally changed for the better with the appointment of Jimmy Sirrel as manager in 1969. During Sirrel's time at the club, Notts County made huge strides, earning promotions to higher echelons of English football on a regular basis. This culminated in a historic victory over Chelsea and a return to the First Division in 1981. They remained in the top flight for the next three seasons, recording many notable results along the way. In the years that followed, the Magpies continued to achieve solid results. They returned to the First Division for the final time in 1991, though they were immediately relegated again. This was the beginning of another long freefall, which came to a head when the club was relegated to the fifth tier of English football in 2019. Their first season in National League saw them finish in 3rd place before the season was interrupted due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Magpies came within 90 minutes of regaining their Football League status at the first attempt, losing 3-1 to Harrogate Town in the national league play off back in August 2020.





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# TODAY'S TEAMS

MANAGER: PAUL DOSWELL

KIT COLOURS: WHITE SHIRTS, NAVY  
SHORTS & WHITE SOCKS



- 1 ROSS WORNER
- 2 BENNY READ
- 3 ANTHONY STRAKER
- 4 GODFREY POKU (C)
- 6 SAM MAGRI
- 7 JOSH TAYLOR
- 8 BILLY CLIFFORD
- 9 DANNY KEDWELL
- 10 JOE IACIOFANO
- 11 THEO WIDDRINGTON
- 12 CHRISTIAN ROWE
- 14 SIMON WALTON
- 15 CRAIG ROBSON
- 16 DANIEL AJAKAIYE
- 18 BEDSENTE GOMIS
- 20 TOMMY WRIGHT
- 21 ROARIE DEACON
- 25 GEORGE MCLENNAN
- 26 JOE TUPPER
- 27 TONY LEE
- 28 LEON CHAMBERS-PARILLON
- 29 MOUSSA BAKAYOKO
- 30 ARYN WILLIAMS
- 31 NICO JONES



MANAGER: NEAL ARDLEY

KIT COLOURS: BLACK & WHITE SHIRTS,  
BLACK SHORTS & WHITE SOCKS

- 1 SAM SLOCOMBE
- 2 RICHARD BRINDLEY
- 4 JAKE REEVES
- 5 BEN TURNER
- 6 JIM O'BRIEN
- 7 JORDAN BARNETT
- 8 MICHAEL DOYLE (C)
- 9 KYLE WOOTTON
- 10 CALLUM ROBERTS
- 11 ENZIO BOLDEWIJN
- 12 INIH EFFIONG
- 13 CONNELL RAWLINSON
- 14 DAMIEN MCCRORY
- 16 DION KELLY-EVANS
- 17 MATTY WOLFE
- 18 JIMMY KNOWLES
- 19 ELISHA SAM
- 20 RÚBEN RODRIGUES
- 22 TIERNAN BROOKS
- 23 ADAM CHICKSEN
- 24 ALEX LACEY
- 25 LUKE PILLING
- 29 CALVIN MILLER
- 30 JAKE KEAN

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ASSISTANTS - ALASTAIR HIGGS & SEAN JENKINS

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