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OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



**Lye Town vs Bedworth United** 

Saturday 02 September 2023

**Kick Off: 3pm** 

Sports Ground, Stourbridge Road, Lye, DY9 7DH

**Northern Premier League: Midland Division** 

www.lyetownfc.net







### Lye Town Football Club

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#### **CLUB OFFICIALS**

Chairman

Brian Blakemore

**General Manager** 

James Didlock

Secretary

Paul Roberts

#### **Committee Members**

Craig Dedicoat, James Didlock,
Paul Roberts

**Child Welfare Officer** 

James Didlock

#### Club Website/Programme Editor

Neil Stevens-Wood

#### **TEAMS**

First Team Manager

Grant Joshua

#### First Team Management

Chris Rabone.

Ross Harris, Jason Scott

First Team Physio

Paul Millward

#### **Ladies Team Management**

Clive Rogers, Craig Dedicoat, Dan Ludlow, Kyle Hickman

#### **Youth Team Management**

Dave Sturmey, John Sturmey, Naz Gennard, Aaron Williams

#### **Under 16's MJPL Management**

Darren Andrews-Wood, Paul Grainger

**Under 16's SDYFL Management** 

Damian Whitcombe

**Under 15's MJPL Management** 

James Didlock, Gary Tolen, Wes Mills



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Lye Town Football Club is registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club Registration number CASC 06084

#### **Club Honours**

#### First Team

FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round 1979-80, 1986-87, 1989-90

FA Vase 4th Round 1995-96, 2018-19

FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round 1975-76, 1979-80

Midland Football League Premier Division Runners Up 2022-23

West Midlands (Regional) League
Premier Division Champions 1997–98, 2013–14
Premier Division Runners Up 1976-77, 1977-78, 1979-80, 1980-81, 2012-13

West Midlands (Regional) League Cup Winners 1975-76 West Midlands (Regional) League Cup Finalists 1997-98

Worcestershire Combination Champions 1935-36

Worcestershire Senior Urn Winners 2013–14
Worcestershire Senior Urn Finalists 2002-03, 2005-06, 2017-18

Birmingham Midweek Floodlit Cup Winners 2010-11, 2012-13

Birmingham Junior Cup Winners 1933-34, 1937-38, 1938-39

J W Hunt Cup Winners 2021-22

Smedley Crooke Cup Winners 2011-12, 2022-23 Smedley Crooke Cup Finalists 2018-19

#### Youth Team

Midland Floodlit Youth Western Division Champions 2005-06, 2015-16

BCFA Midweek Youth Challenge Cup Winners 2015-16

West Midlands Youth League Champions 2002-03, 2003-04

West Midlands League Cup Finalists 1991-92, 2002-03

FA Youth Cup 2nd Round 2004-05

Midland Floodlit Youth League Central Division Winners 2010-11

Worcestershire FA U18's Cup Finalists 2013-14

Well the season is now in full swing and we have made a good start to our first season ever at Step 4.

Five league games completed, only one defeat and 8 points.

We beat Boldmere in our first "home" game at Tividale in an exciting game. We conceded a penalty in the 90th minute enabling



Boldmere to get back to 2-2 but then got an injury time goal from Ben Billingham to win the game 3-2.

We then had 3 tough away games, gaining 4 points with a good 2-2 draw at a strong Anstey Nomads team, a 1-0 win at Walsall Wood on Bank Holiday Monday with the only defeat being at Coleshill Town.

It is good to see that we do not look out of place at this higher level and all the games so far have been tight.

A lot of credit goes to Grant and his support team for preparing the team for this new challenge and also to the players for their hard work and commitment.

With us now being able to play at our real home of the Sports Ground we now have 3 home league games in a row

We start today with Bedworth United, followed by Sutton Coldfield Town on Saturday 16th and Rugby Town on Tuesday 19th

We welcome everyone involved with Bedworth today and look forward to an exciting game for our first ever Step 4 game at The Sports Ground.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to help cheer the lads on.

Next Saturday we have another new venture in the FA Trophy and have a tough away tie at Harborough Town.

Lets look forward to more exciting football and with your support helping us establish ourselves in the NPL Midlands Division.

Yours in football

Brian Blakemore Chairman, Lye Town FC

# History of Lye Town FC

The club were established in 1930 as Lye & Wollescote Amateur Football Club and joined the Worcestershire Combination. They were renamed Lye Town the following year. The club were runners-up in the Worcestershire Combination in 1932–33 and won the Birmingham Junior Cup the following season. Lye were league runners-up again in 1934–35 before winning the league in 1935–36. Lye were runners-up in the Worcestershire Combination for a third time in 1937–38, also winning the Birmingham Junior Cup, retaining the Cup the following season.

Following World War II Lye played in the Central Amateur League in the 1946–47 season before joining the Birmingham & District League in 1947. Lye were placed in the South Division when the league was re-organised in 1954, with a tenth-place finish seeing us placed in Division One for the 1955–56 season. We subsequently finished bottom of the Division and were relegated to Division Two. The league reverted to a single division in 1960 and was renamed the West Midlands (Regional) League in 1962.

The league gained a second division in 1965, with Lye becoming members of the Premier Division. Despite finishing bottom of the Premier Division in 1965–66 and 1966–67, the club were not relegated to Division One. Lye were Premier Division runners-up in 1976–77 before finishing second in three consecutive seasons between 1978–79 and 1980–81. In 1997–98 the club were Premier Division champions, but were not promoted to the Midland Alliance due to ground grading regulations.

2010–11 Lye won the Birmingham Midweek Floodlit Cup, beating Nuneaton Griff 1–0 in the final. Lye were Premier Division runners-up in 2012–13 and won the Floodlit Cup for a second time with a 2–1 win over Southam United in the final. The club went on to win both the Worcestershire Senior Urn and the Premier Division the following season, earning promotion to the Premier Division of the newly formed Midland League. In the 2021–22 season Lye won the JW Hunt Cup.

In 2022-23 Lye finished second to Walsall Wood in the Midland League Premier Division. Having come runners up they were drawn away to Cambridgeshire side St Neots Town in a Step 4/5 Inter Play-Off game. Lye won 6-1 and gained promotion to Step 4 for the first time in their history.

#### **GROUND**

The club play at the Sports Ground on Stourbridge Road, which is shared with the local cricket club. a temporary rail is erected on the northern side of the pitch during the football season.



A seated stand was built at the Stourbridge Road end after World War II. A new stand was built on the southern side of the pitch in 1971, with the seats from the post-war stand later moved into the newer stand when the older stand was demolished. The club has a covered standing area with a barrel roof built behind one goal.



### Club Sponsors









### Fixtures & Results

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| 05/08 | Kidsgrove Athletic    | FAC  | Α |
| 08/08 | Kidsgrove Athetic*    | FAC  | Н |
| 12/08 | Hinckley LR           | NPLM | Α |
| 15/08 | Boldmere St M*        | NPLM | Н |
| 21/08 | Coleshill Town        | NPLM | Α |
| 26/08 | Anstey Nomads         | NPLM | Α |
| 28/08 | Walsall Wood          | NPLM | Α |
| 02/09 | Bedworth United       | NPLM | Н |
| 09/09 | Harborough Town       | FAT  | Α |
| 16/09 | Sutton Coldfield Town | NPLM | Н |
| 19/09 | Rugby Town            | NPLM | Н |
| 30/09 | Corby Town            | NPLM | Α |
| 07/10 | Sporting Khalsa       | NPLM | Н |
| 14/10 | Harborough Town       | NPLM | Α |
| 21/10 | Bedworth United       | NPLM | Α |
| 28/10 | Spalding United       | NPLM | Н |
| 04/11 | Loughborough Dynamo   | NPLM | Α |
| 11/11 | Gresley Rovers        | NPLM | Н |
| 18/11 | Cambridge City        | NPLM | Α |
| 25/11 | Quorn                 | NPLM | Н |
| 02/12 | Shepshed Dynamo       | NPLM | Α |
| 09/12 | AFC Rushden & D       | NPLM | Н |
| 16/12 | Boldmere St Michaels  | NPLM | Α |
| 23/12 | Hinckley LR           | NPLM | Н |
| 26/12 | Coventry Sphinx       | NPLM | Α |
| 01/01 | Walsall Wood          | NPLM | Н |
| 06/01 | Anstey Nomads         | NPLM | Н |
| 13/01 | Coleshill Town        | NPLM | Н |
| 20/01 | Spalding United       | NPLM | Α |
| 27/01 | Bedworth United       | NPLM | Н |
| 03/02 | Sutton Coldfield Town | NPLM | Α |
| 17/02 | Corby Town            | NPLM | Н |
| 24/02 | Sporting Khalsa       | NPLM | A |
| 02/03 | Harborough Town       | NPLM | Н |
| 16/03 | AFC Rushden & D       | NPLM | Α |
| 23/03 | Shepshed Dynamo       | NPLM | Н |
| 30/03 | Rugby Town            | NPLM | A |
| 01/04 | Coventry Sphinx       | NPLM | Н |
| 06/04 | Gresley Rovers        | NPLM | A |
| 13/04 | Loughborough Dynamo   |      | Н |
| 20/04 | Quorn                 | NPLM | Α |

| SCORERS              |
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27/04 Cambridge City

NPLM



Monday 28 August | 15:00 Northern Premier League: Midland Division FT Walsall Wood 0-1 Lye Town

Att: 205

Referee: Benjamin Stott

Venue: John Sylvester Stadium, WS9 9NP

#### **WALSALL WOOD**

1 Kieran BOUCHER

2 Joshua MANSELL

3 Carter LYCETT

4 Alex BRADLEY

**5 Tyreace BROWN** 

6 Philip McKERDY

7 Jai VERMA

8 Kevin MONTEIRO

9 Kyle MONTAGUE

10 Sam UNITT

11 Daniel GYASI

12 Jordan CLARKE 🔁

14 Corey CURRITHERS

15 Hayden PURVES

16 Leon MACHISA 🔁

17 Joe FITZPATRICK

#### LYE TOWN

1 Ben NEWEY

2 Sam HALL

3 Dan BROOKES

4 Kieron NORTHWOOD

5 Adam MEACHAM

6 Ryan BRIDGEWATER

7 Finlay BARKER 2

8 Isaac ADEGOKE

9 Joe PALMER **2** 

10 Ben BILLINGHAM

11 Jack DOWNING 2

12 Jamie ASHMORE

14 Dennis DIGIE 🔁

15 Lewis ARCHER 🔁

16 Adam HANSON

17 Maxwell NGBEKEN



### League Results

Northern Premier League: Midland Division

#### **Monday 28th August**

AFC Rushden & Diamonds 1-3 Corby Town
Anstey Nomads 3-0 Gresley Rovers
Boldmere St Michaels 1-0 Sporting Khalsa
Cambridge City 0-1 Spalding United
Coleshill Town 0-2 Sutton Coldfield Town
Coventry Sphinx 0-1 Bedworth United
Hinckley LR 1-0 Quorn
Rugby Town 1-0 Harborough Town
Shepshed Dynamo 3-3 Loughborough Town
Walsall Wood 0-1 Lye Town

### **Weekend Games**

Northern Premier League: Midland Division

#### **Saturday 2nd September**

Loughborough Dynamo v AFC Rushden & Diamonds
Lye Town v Bedworth United
Quorn v Walsall Wood
Sutton Coldfield Town v Coventry Sphinx



# League Table Northern Premier League: Midland Division

| #   | Team                   | Pl | HW | HD | HL | AW | AD | AL | W | D | L | F  | Α  | Diff | Pts |
|-----|------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|------|-----|
| 1.  | Spalding United        | 4  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1  | 9    | 12  |
| 2.  | Sporting Khalsa        | 5  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 1  | 4 | 0 | 1 | 8  | 2  | 6    | 12  |
| 3.  | Anstey Nomads          | 4  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 3 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 4  | 6    | 10  |
| 4.  | Bedworth United        | 5  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8  | 4  | 4    | 10  |
| 5.  | Corby Town             | 5  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 3 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 5  | 7    | 9   |
| 6.  | Hinckley LR            | 5  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 2 | 3 | 0 | 8  | 5  | 3    | 9   |
| 7.  | Coleshill Town         | 5  | 2  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9  | 9  | 0    | 9   |
| 8.  | Quorn                  | 5  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 1  | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7  | 5  | 2    | 8   |
| 9.  | Lye Town               | 5  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 1  | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9  | 9  | 0    | 8   |
| 10. | Shepshed Dynamo        | 4  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6  | 5  | 1    | 7   |
| 11. | Boldmere St Michaels   | 5  | 2  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 2 | 0 | 3 | 8  | 8  | 0    | 6   |
| 12. | Walsall Wood           | 5  | 1  | 0  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 2 | 0 | 3 | 8  | 8  | 0    | 6   |
| 13. | Harborough Town        | 4  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6  | 6  | 0    | 6   |
| 14. | Rugby Town             | 5  | 2  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3  | 10 | -7   | 6   |
| 15. | Loughborough Dynamo    | 5  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8  | 12 | -4   | 5   |
| 16. | Cambridge City         | 5  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6  | 9  | -3   | 4   |
| 17. | Gresley Rovers         | 5  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 3  | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6  | 9  | -3   | 4   |
| 18. | Sutton Coldfield Town  | 5  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 2  | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3  | 8  | -5   | 3   |
| 19. | Coventry Sphinx        | 5  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2  | 8  | -6   | 2   |
| 20  | AFC Rushden & Diamonds | 5  | 0  | 0  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1  | 11 | -10  | 0   |



# Todays Visitors

Team: Bedworth United

Nickname: The Greenbacks

**Founded: 1895** 

Ground: The Oval, Bedworth

**Capacity:** 3,000 (300 seated)

**Record Attendance:** 

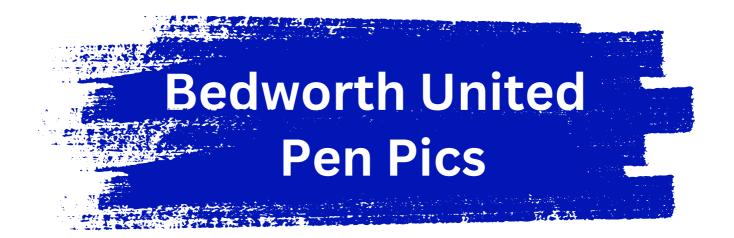
Chairman: Neill Rayson-Randle

First Team Manager: Stuart Storer

First Team Assistant: Jamie Lenton, Andy Penny







#### Stu Storer - Manager

UEFA A Licensed. Former professional footballer at Birmingham City, Everton, Wigan Athletic, Bolton Wanderers, Exeter and Brighton & Albion. Manager at Bedworth United for 10 years.

#### **Andrew Penny - Assistant Manager**

Product of the Birmingham City Academy. Former player of Torquay, Solihull, Hinckley Untied. Former Assistant Manager of Hinckley United.

#### Jamie Lenton - First Team Coach

UEFA A Licensed. Product of Coventry City Academy. Previous playing career – VS Rugby, Bedworth United, Hinckley United, Nuneaton Borough & Leamington. Current Manager of Bedworth United Academy.

#### Will Grocott - Midfield

Previous Clubs – Aston Villa u18s, Tamworth, Toronto Lynx (Canada), Rugby Town, Kettering, Stourbridge & Stratford. Proud football moment – scored in the first round of the FA Cup against Shrewsbury on ITV

#### Niall Rowe - Centre back

Previous Clubs – Chelenham Town, Barwell, Atherstone, Cov United, Heather Saint Jon's, Romulus & Coleshill Town. Can play anywhere along the back four, powerful in the air.

#### **Liam Murphy - Striker**

Previous clubs - Bedworth United junior system. 10 goals last season. Winner of Chairman's Award, Golden Boot and the John Roberts Memorial Shield at the end of 2022/23 season.

#### Sam Lomax - Goalkeeper

Previous clubs - Nuneaton Town, Aston Villa, Barnsley & Rugby Town

#### Kory Burke - Striker

Previous clubs – Birmingham City, Romulus, Racing Club Warwick & Chasetown. 16 goals in 24 games last season.

#### Will Edgenguele - Defender/Midfielder

Previous clubs – Coventry City, Bury, Dundee UTD. Also played in the top French, Swiss & Greek leagues.

#### Elliott Parrott - Defender/Midfielder

Previous clubs – Bedworth United Junior System. Been with the senior team for 7 years, 350 appearances. Winner of Manager's Player and Supporter's Player Award at the end of the 2022/23 season.

#### Rich Blythe - Midfielder

Previous clubs – Aston Villa, Wales u19, Kettering Town, Barwell, Rushall & Rugby Town. Proud football moment – Promoted to Step 3 on 3 occasions, captaining Bedworth for 1.

#### Nuno Gomes - Winger

Previous clubs – Leicester Road, Loughborough Dynamo, Oadby Town & Lutterworth Town. Proud football moment – Nike Academy 2nd Stage trials at Manchester City

#### Ryan Moore - Right Back

Previous clubs – Birmingham City, Redditch & Sutton Coldfield. Winner of Player's Player Award at the end of 2022/23 season.

#### Reece Blackmore - Centre Midfield

Previous Clubs - Derby County. Proud football moment - Bedworth United promotion.

#### Jakob Burrough - Midfield

Previous Clubs – Rushall Olympic, Chasetown, Tividale FC & Boldmere St Michaels. Proud football moment – Football scholarship in Canada.

#### Josh Endall - Centre Back

Previous clubs – Coventry City, Redditch UTD, Hednesford Town & Stratford Rangers. Proud football moment – Solihull Moors debut at 16.

#### **Brady Middleton - Midfield**

Previous clubs - Nuneaton Griff, Atherstone, Lichfield & Hinckley

#### Leo Stone - Midfield

Previous Clubs – Rugby Town U18s, Long Buckby & Coventry Sphinx. Proud football moment – Reaching FA Youth Cup 3rd round



#### Ash Sammons - Midfield

Previous Clubs – Birmingham City Youth System & First Team, Walsall, Chesterfield, Solihull Moors, Hereford, Redditch, Corby, Hednesford, Rushall, Halesowen & Stratford. Proud moments in football – Birmingham City debut against Sunderland and playing for England u17s, u18s & u19s.

#### Chris Cox - Right Back

Previous Clubs - Cov UTD, Stratford, Tamworth & Nuneaton Borough.

#### Luke Rowe - Left Back

Previous Clubs – Bedworth United for 10 years & New Zealand International. Proudest football moment



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### Club History



The first Bedworth Town football club was formed in 1895 when several matches were played against other local teams. They became founder members of the Nuneaton and District League in 1898, but by 1900 the club had disbanded.

Finishing runners up in the Second Division of the Coventry and North Warwickshire League in the 1904-05 season, the ECS changed their name to Bedworth Town on winning promotion and stayed in existence until the early 1920s. During that time, the town fielded a fine player in Jack 'Sandy' Sheldon who later played for Manchester United, Liverpool and Luton Town.

A third club came on the scene in 1925, when Collycroft United, formed in 1916, became the third team to name themselves Bedworth Town.

This was the most successful of the pre-war clubs, they were members of the Coventry and North Warwickshire League and spent one season in 1936-37 in the Central Amateur League.

The last club to become Bedworth Town was formed in 1947, and as a semi-professional club, secured membership of the Birmingham Combination and soon hit the headlines. They won the championship in successive seasons - 1948-49 and 1949-50 seasons - and in the 1949-50 season were also defeated in the final of the Birmingham Senior Cup.

For season 1954-55, Bedworth joined the Birmingham League and they qualified for the Northern Section for the league's inaugural First Division. The Birmingham League was re-named the West Midlands League in 1962, but lack of success and problems off the field saw Bedworth Town change their name to Bedworth United in 1968.

In 1972 they obtained membership for the Southern League Division One North. In their first season they finished bottom, but this was only to be a setback as they made rapid strides into the Premier Division when the league was reformed in 1982.

In the Premier Division, they finished 5th in 1982-83 season, and were stable in this league until a poor run saw them relegated at the end of the 1988-89 season.

On February 23rd 1982, the non-league world was staggered when a crowd of 5,172 - then a record for the Southern League in its new form - turned up at their Oval ground to watch them beat Nuneaton Borough 1-0 to go top of the league.



After becoming Bedworth United, they won the Birmingham Senior Cup on three occasions in the 1980s and were beaten finalists to West Bromwich Albion in the 1987-88 season.

Bedworth United were relegated to the Southern League Midland Division in 1988-89 season until the appointment of St Luciaborn Brendan Phillips as manager in 1990 launched a revival in the club's fortunes.

From 1990 to 1997, the Greenbacks pushed for promotion back to the Southern League's top flight and enjoyed a top six finish in four of the next five seasons. Phillips was tempted to move to Stafford Rangers during the 1992-93 season but progress was continued under the helm of former Notts County midfielder Dean Thomas. Unfortunately, achieving the heady heights of a third place finish in the 1995-96 season, the club overstretched itself financially - and they faced possible closure until a group of die-hards acted to keep the club alive. After that, the Greenbacks occupied a bottom half finish for 14 seasons until the appointment In May, 2011, of a bright, forward-thinking management team led by Steve Farmer, assistant Adam Cooper, and the experienced Ian Roper on the field. In his first season, Farmer - at 31 the youngest manager in the club's history - led them to their first promotion in their 65-year semi-professional history.

After finishing in a highly-creditable third place, they won promotion after beating Uxbridge 2-1 in a semi-final play-off, and defeating Beaconsfield SYCOB 3-1 in the final. Sadly, the fledgling manager showed his inexperience by changing his promotion-winning team from the start and it culminated in the club lasting just one season back in the Southern League Premier Division as they finished in 21st place and went down on goal difference

2013-14 The Greenbacks played in the Evo Stick Northern League Division One South. Andrew Fuller took over as Manager, however he resigned after a few weeks and was replaced by Nick Hawkins who unfortunately was unable to improve the results. He was then replaced by our current Manager, Stuart Storer along with Andy Penny as his assistant. Both came from Hinckley United. After a difficult start they produced a settled squad and staved off relegation at the end of the season.

2014-15 The Greenbacks returned to the Southern Football League. Stuart Storer remained as manager and in his first full season in charge the club once again won promotion after a 2-0 win over Barton Rovers in the play-off final. This was after finishing 4th after the league programme had been finished. This was the clubs first season on its new artificial grass pitch.

2015-16 The club played once again in the Southern Football League Premier Division. The season started slowly and a number of changes to playing staff made up until Christmas. The club pushed to avoid relegation but ultimately were unsuccessful, although all agree this was due to the start of the season and not the group of players at the club at the end. We have now returned to the Northern Premier League Division 1 South

The 2016-17 season saw the club play once again in the Northern Premier League Division 1 South. A season that saw a number of injury problems and changes in playing staff saw a mid-table finish. The club did have a successful run in the FA Cup, eventually losing out to National League side Curzon Ashton.

2017/2018 Saw the team struggle in the league early on with injuries and Stuart Storer was unable to field the same team for 2 games in a row. Come Christmas though with the team becoming more settled results started to come and the Greenbacks push saw them finish 4th in the league and make the playoffs where they met Chasetown in the semi final running out 2-1 winners to book a place against Stamford in the final. Bedworth eventually won 2-1 after extra time after conceding 7 minutes into injury time. With the restructuring of the Leagues Bedworth were now promoted into the Evo Stik Southern premier league central. Unfortunately this foray into step 3 of the Non League ladder was short lived and the team were relegated back to step 4 at the end of the 2018/19 season. In the Season that never was due to Covid-19 The Greenbacks were getting a head of steam up and were looking like they might have made the play offs but with the season being brought to a premature halt Bedworth would start the 2020-21 season in step 4 again. Bedworth started well in the 2020-21 season only suffering defeat in the games they played and were sitting second in the league when again due to Covid the season was curtailed. After a poor start to the 2021/22 season a good run in December and January saw the Greenbacks come within touching distance of the playoffs but a poor ending to the season saw them finish 12th. The 2022/23 was on reflection an extremely poor season for the club. Only guaranteeing avoiding the relegation playoffs with a game to spare after high hopes before the season of mounting a challenge at the other end of the table.

### Club Sponsors

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| Player                   | League |       | Cı    | ıps   | Total |       |  |
|--------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
|                          | App    | Goals | Арр   | Goals | App   | Goals |  |
| ADECOKE Issue (MA)       | 4 (1)  | 0     | 0 (2) | 0     | 4 (2) | 0     |  |
| ADEGOKE Isaac (M)        | 4 (1)  | 0     | 0 (2) | 0     | 4 (3) | 0     |  |
| ARCHER Lewis (F)         | 3 (2)  | 2     | 0 (0) | 0     | 3 (2) | 2     |  |
| ASHMORE Jamie (D)        | 1(0)   | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     | 1(0)  | 0     |  |
| BARKER Fin (F)           | 2 (2)  | 1     | 1 (1) | 0     | 3 (3) | 1     |  |
| BILLINGHAM Ben (M)       | 5 (0)  | 1     | 2 (0) | 0     | 7 (0) | 1     |  |
| BILLINGHAM-BELLE Kye (M) | 0 (0)  | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     |  |
| BOSTOCK Jack (D)         | 0 (0)  | 0     | 1 (1) | 0     | 1(1)  | 0     |  |
| BROOKES Dan (D)          | 5 (0)  | 0     | 0 (1) | 0     | 5 (1) | 0     |  |
| BRIDGEWATER Ryan (D)     | 5 (0)  | 0     | 2 (0) | 1     | 7 (0) | 1     |  |
| CHILTON Jason (D)        | 0 (0)  | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     |  |
| CLAPP Tom (GK)           | 1 (0)  | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     | 1 (0) | 0     |  |
| CLARKE Lewis (M)         | 0 (0)  | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     |  |
| DIGIE Dennis (M)         | 1 (4)  | 0     | 0 (1) | 0     | 1 (5) | 0     |  |
| DOUGLAS James (M)        | 0 (0)  | 0     | 1 (0) | 0     | 1 (0) | 0     |  |
| DOWNING Jack (F)         | 2 (1)  | 0     | 2 (0) | 0     | 4 (1) | 0     |  |
| HALL Sam (D)             | 1(0)   | 0     | 1 (0) | 0     | 2 (0) | 0     |  |
| HANSON Adam (M)          | 0 (2)  | 0     | 2 (0) | 0     | 2 (2) | 0     |  |
| LLOYD Jake (M)           | 0 (0)  | 0     | O (O) | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     |  |
| MEACHAM Adam (D)         | 5 (0)  | 0     | 2 (0) | 0     | 7 (0) | 0     |  |
| NEWEY Ben (GK)           | 4 (0)  | 0     | 2 (0) | 0     | 6 (0) | 0     |  |
| NGBEKEN Maxwell (M)      | 4 (0)  | 1     | 1(0)  | 0     | 5 (0) | 1     |  |
| NORTHWOOD Kieron (M)     | 3 (1)  | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     | 3 (1) | 0     |  |
| PALMER Joe (F)           | 5 (0)  | 4     | 1(0)  | 0     | 6 (0) | 4     |  |
| PEARLMAN Jack (D)        | 0 (0)  | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     |  |
| SCOTT Nathan (M)         | 0 (0)  | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     |  |
| STOREY Bailey (M)        | 0 (0)  | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     |  |
| TYE Sam (M)              | 3 (0)  | 0     | 2 (0) | 0     | 5 (0) | 0     |  |
| WEST Oliver (M)          | 1 (1)  | 0     | 2 (0) | 0     | 3 (1) | 0     |  |
| WORSEY Lewis (D)         | 0 (0)  | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     | 0 (0) | 0     |  |







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### **Upcoming Fixtures**

#### First Team

Sat 09 Sep 15:00 FA Trophy 1st Qualifying Road Harborough Town v Lye Town

Sat 16 Sep 15:00 Northern Premier League Midland Division Lye Town v Sutton Coldfield Town

Tue 19 Sep 19:45 Northern Premier League Midland Division Lye Town v Rugby Town

Sat 30 Sep 15:00 Northern Premier League Midland Division Corby Town v Lye Town

Sat 07 Oct 15:00 Northern Premier League Midland Division Lye Town v Sporting Khalsa

 Please keep an eye on possible fixtures changes via our social media channels and website www.lyetownfc.net



### **Away Day Information**



| TEAM                   | GROUND                           | POSTCODE | DISTANCE (MILES) |  |  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|------------------|--|--|
| AFC Rushden & Diamonds | Hayden Road Sports Ground        | NN10 OHX | 74               |  |  |
| Anstey Nomads          | Callingtons Community Complex    | LE7 7BP  | 48               |  |  |
| Bedworth United        | The Oval                         | CV12 8NN | 39               |  |  |
| Boldmere St Michaels   | Trevor Brown Memorial Ground     | B73 5RY  | 17               |  |  |
| Cambridge City         | Histon FC, Bridge Road           | CB24 9PH | 113              |  |  |
| Coleshill Town         | Pack Meadow                      | B46 3JE  | 29               |  |  |
| Corby Town             | Steel Park                       | NN17 2FB | 78               |  |  |
| Coventry Sphinx        | Sphinx Industrial Supplies Arena | CV3 1WA  | 31               |  |  |
| Gresley Rovers         | The Moat Ground                  | DE11 9RE | 47               |  |  |
| Harborough Town        | Harborough Town Community        | LE16 9HF | 68               |  |  |
| Hinckley LR            | Leicester Road Stadium           | LE10 3DR | 51               |  |  |
| Loughborough Dynamo    | ADT Stadium                      | LE11 3TN | 57               |  |  |
| Quorn                  | Farley Way Stadium               | LE12 8RB | 50               |  |  |
| Rugby Town             | Rugby Town FC, Butlin Road       | CV21 3SD | 42               |  |  |
| Shepshed Dynamo        | The Dovecote Stadium             | LE12 9BN | 55               |  |  |
| Spalding United        | Sir Halley Stewart Playing Field | PE11 1DA | 119              |  |  |
| Sporting Khalsa        | Guardian Warehousing Arena       | WV13 3BB | 12               |  |  |
| Sutton Coldfield Town  | Central Ground                   | B72 1NL  | 18               |  |  |
| Walsall Wood           | John Sylvester Stadium           | WS9 9NP  | 22               |  |  |





## Ever thought of volunteering to help your local football club?

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I really like that rallying call for the non-league game which you might see elsewhere in this programme, the one that references the monologue from Trainspotting with phrases including "Choose away days in towns you didn't know existed".

There's one line in particular that resonates with me, the fourth one: "Choose no VAR". And I'm not alone, am I?

Although the video assistant referee system first reared its ugly head in the Premier League and cups during the 2018-19 season, my first taste of it was as a television viewer of the delayed European Championship held two summers ago.

I was horrified. From that first Wales match, against Switzerland, to this day, VAR has killed football for me. That's not hyperbole. I'm choosing my words deliberately. I can no longer enjoy football when video technology is used.

As a proud Welshman, it became immediately obvious to me that I can no longer celebrate when my team "scores" a goal. If I remember correctly, either us or the Swiss had a "goal" chalked off with the score 0-0, possibly because a micron of the toenail of Kieffer Moore's left big toe had carelessly strayed beyond a fibre that was, at that very microsecond, in the process of detaching itself from the over-engineered shirt of the last Swiss defender.

Anyway, you get the point, I'm sure. For me, that irrepressible rush of euphoria when ball hits net, the rising of thousands of bums out of seats (or, down The Lye, at least a couple of dozen) encapsulates why I could never fully walk away from the drug of football.



Sure, we've all experienced occasions when the roar immediately turns to groans as everyone in the stand simultaneously glances across to see the offside flag fluttering but that is a whole world away from the miserable world of video technology.

That first VAR-triggered offside changed everything for me. Minutes after Moore had equalised for Wales at the Stadio Olimpico, my wife asked how the match was going and I diffidently replied it was 1-1. She was somewhat taken aback and asked why she hadn't heard me shouting and leaping on the furniture. I wearily told her it was technically 1-1 but that VAR would eventually rub out the Wales goal for some nonsensical reason.

And that was that for me. Nothing will persuade me VAR is good for the game. I recently paid for a televised sports service for the first time. I did it to gain access to NFL games, though, not for football coverage. That said, I'm enjoying the Northern Irish league games televised on iPlayer. Why? Because the NIFL doesn't have video assistants.

I've experienced the world before and after video technology and can say without any reservation that I prefer a game where Lye might miss out on promotion because a linesperson gets the decision wrong. Bring back the human fallibility and, to all those officials I've sworn at over the years: "I'm sorry. All is forgiven."

Max Hall is a Lye Town supporter and former Stourbridge News sports editor who lives in Genoa



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## **Quiz Time**

- 1 Which player scored the fastest hat-trick in the Premier League?
- 2 Which player, with 653 games, has made the most Premier League appearances?
- 3 Three players share the record for most Premier League red cards (8). Who are they?
- 4 With 260 goals, who is the Premier League's all-time top scorer?
- 5 When was the inaugural Premier League season?
- 6 Which team won the first Premier League title?
- 7 With 202 clean sheets, which goalkeeper has the best record in the Premier League?
- 8 How many clubs competed in the inaugural Premier League season?
- 9 Which three players shared the Premier League Golden Boot in 2018-19?
- 10 The fastest goal scored in Premier League history came in 7.69 seconds. Who scored it?



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#### Ladies Team West Midlands Regional Womens Football League: Premier Division



| DATE       | КО    | СОМР | OPPOSITION               | V | RESULT |
|------------|-------|------|--------------------------|---|--------|
| Sun 03 Sep | 14:00 | WMRP | Worcester City Women     | Α |        |
| Sun 10 Sep | 14:00 | WMRP | Lichfield City Ladies    | Н |        |
| Sun 17 Sep | 14:00 | WMRP | Shifnal Town Ladies      | Α |        |
| Sun 24 Sep | 14:00 | WMRP | Crusaders Women          | Н |        |
| Sun 08 Oct | 14:00 | WMRP | Shrewsbury Town Women    | Н |        |
| Sun 15 Oct | 14:00 | WMRP | Coundon Court Ladies     | Α |        |
| Sun 22 Oct | 14:00 | WMRP | Kidderminster Har' Women | Н |        |





## Youth Team Midland Floodlit Youth League Western Division



| DATE       | КО    | СОМР         | OPPOSITION            | V | RESULT |
|------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|---|--------|
| Mon 14 Aug | 19:45 | FA Youth Cup | Paget Rangers         | Α | W 3-1  |
| Mon 21 Aug | 19:45 | MFYL West    | Gornal Athletic       | Α | L 3-1  |
| Mon 04 Sep | 19:45 | FA Youth Cup | Sutton Coldfield Town | Α |        |
| Wed 20 Sep | 19:45 | MFYL West    | Wednesfield           | H |        |
| Wed 04 Oct | 19:45 | MFYL West    | Dudley Sports         | H |        |
| Wed 11 Oct | 19:45 | MFYL West    | Bilston Town          | H |        |
| Wed 18 Oct | 19:45 | MFYL West    | Walsall Wood Juniors  | H |        |
| Thu 26 Oct | 19:45 | MFYL West    | Shifnal Town          | Α |        |





#### Under 16's Midland Junior Premier League



| DATE       | КО    | COMP       | OPPOSITION                | V | RESULT |
|------------|-------|------------|---------------------------|---|--------|
| Sat 09 Sep | 10:30 | U16's MJPL | Chasetown YDP U16         | Α |        |
| Sat 16 Sep | 12:30 | U16's MJPL | Sporting Khalsa Youth U16 | Н |        |
| Sat 23 Sep | 11:30 | U16's MJPL | Pershore Town Youth U16   | Α |        |





Under 16's Stourbridge & District Youth Football League



**DATE**Sun 10 Sep

**KO** 14:30

**COMP** U16's Div One **OPPOSITION**Black Country WBC U16

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**RESULT** 





## Under 15's Midland Junior Premier League



| DATE       | КО    | СОМР       | OPPOSITION               | V | RESULT |
|------------|-------|------------|--------------------------|---|--------|
| Sat 09 Sep | 10:00 | U15's MJPL | Shrewsbury Town F' U15   | Α |        |
| Sat 16 Sep | 10:30 | U15's MJPL | Rugby Borough Junior U15 | Α |        |
| Sat 23 Sep | 12:30 | U15's MJPL | Allscott Heath U15       | Α |        |



## **Ground Regulations**

The club expect all supporters to:

- 1. Comply with instructions given by any club official or steward
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- 5. Not throw coins or other missiles
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Any drinks brought out of the main clubhouse MUST be in plastic containers - NO GLASSWARE OF ANY KIND IS PERMITTED ANYWHERE OUTSIDE OF THE CLUBHOUSE

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Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

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#### **NEXT UP AT HOME**

SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN Sat 16 Sept 2023 Kick Off 3.00pm NPL Midland Division

#### ON THE ROAD

HARBOROUGH TOWN Sat 09 Sept 2023 Kick Off 3.00pm FA Trophy 1st Qual' Rd