

# THE FLYERS

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OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



## Lye Town vs Rugby Town

Saturday 23 September 2023

Kick Off: 3pm

Sports Ground, Stourbridge Road, Lye, DY9 7DH

Northern Premier League: Midland Division

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# Lye Town Football Club

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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

# Brian Blakemore

It was good to be back at The Sports Ground last Saturday and to see the team play well and gain a well deserved 2-0 victory against Sutton Coldfield Town.



It was a good all round performance with encouraging debuts from both Samson Hewett on loan from Kidderminster Harriers and Nathan Kabeya, signed from Northwich Victoria. The only downside was our keeper Ben Newey picking up an injury which may keep him out for a few weeks.

Hopefully we will have a new keeper on board for today's game.

Today we welcome everyone involved with Rugby Town to the Sports Ground and hope they enjoy their visit to us.

Away from the First Team we have seen good positive wins by both the Ladies Team, 1-0 away at Shifnal to top their league and the Youth Team, 5-0 v Wednesfield. A good positive week for all 3 teams.

The Ladies team are at home this Sunday against Crusaders with a 2pm kick off. Please do come along to support them.

Next Saturday we have a tough away league fixture at Corby Town followed a week later by an attractive home local derby against Sporting Khalsa.

I hope you all enjoy your time at the Sports Ground today and help cheer us to another victory.

Yours in sport

Brian Blakemore, Chairman



# Managers Thoughts

A warm welcome to Rugby Town, a promoted team who had a real successful season last year.

We're expecting another real tough game today. Rugby are a good side with some real quality. We have an opportunity regardless who we are playing to get back to back wins which in this league is only going to put you in good stead.

Our aims haven't changed and mine won't change, we still need as many points as possible early on. Once we get to a certain number of points, maybe then can we shift our goals and aims. The test for our group is that after last week against Sutton they have set a standard which if they drop below, won't be good enough today to get the points. If we mirror the performance of last week then I'm confident we can meet our target for the weekend.

Personnel wise we will need the squad, 'Palms' (*Joe Palmer*) and 'Matty' (*Funge*) are unlikely to be ready so we have to look to fill that void. The squad is very strong at present with some real quality lads not making the 16, it's a good problem form me but competition for places is crucial.

I hope we can deliver another three points at home

Grant

# 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



**REVIVAL**  
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The logo for Revival Fitness features the word "REVIVAL" in large, bold, white, distressed-style capital letters. Below it, a thin white line with a pulse-like waveform runs across the width. To the right of this line, the word "FITNESS" is written in smaller, white, sans-serif capital letters.

**Black Country**  
**Fencing Ltd**

The logo for Black Country Fencing Ltd features the text "Black Country" at the top and "Fencing Ltd" at the bottom, both in bold, black, sans-serif font. In the center is a stylized graphic of three interlocking rings. The left and right rings are white with black outlines, while the central ring is solid black. The background behind the rings consists of vertical stripes: black on the left and red on the right.

**THE**  
**RAILWAY**  
**INN**

The logo for The Railway Inn features a white outline of a gabled roof at the top. Below the roof, the words "THE", "RAILWAY", and "INN" are stacked vertically in a white, serif font.

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*Thank  
you!*



# Fixtures & Results

DATE	OPPONENT	COMP	V	ATT	RES	SCORERS
					F A	
05/08	Kidsgrove Athletic	FAC	A	122	0-0	
08/08	Kidsgrove Athletic*	FAC	H	112	1-2	Bridgewater
12/08	Hinckley LR	NPLM	A	83	2-2	Palmer, Archer
15/08	Boldmere St M*	NPLM	H	89	3-2	Palmer 2, Billingham
21/08	Coleshill Town	NPLM	A	201	1-3	Palmer
26/08	Anstey Nomads	NPLM	A	146	2-2	Barker, Ngbeken
28/08	Walsall Wood	NPLM	A	205	1-0	Archer
02/09	Bedworth United	NPLM	H	107	0-3	
09/09	Harborough Town	FAT	A	214	1-2	Funge
16/09	Sutton Coldfield Town	NPLM	H	107	2-0	Palmer, Meacham
23/09	Rugby Town	NPLM	H			
30/09	Corby Town	NPLM	A			
07/10	Sporting Khalsa	NPLM	H			
14/10	Harborough Town	NPLM	A			
21/10	Bedworth United	NPLM	A			
28/10	Spalding United	NPLM	H			
04/11	Loughborough Dynamo	NPLM	A			
11/11	Gresley Rovers	NPLM	H			
18/11	Cambridge City	NPLM	A			
25/11	Quorn	NPLM	H			
02/12	Shepshed Dynamo	NPLM	A			
09/12	AFC Rushden & D	NPLM	H			
16/12	Boldmere St Michaels	NPLM	A			
23/12	Hinckley LR	NPLM	H			
26/12	Coventry Sphinx	NPLM	A			
01/01	Walsall Wood	NPLM	H			
06/01	Anstey Nomads	NPLM	H			
13/01	Coleshill Town	NPLM	H			
20/01	Spalding United	NPLM	A			
27/01	Bedworth United	NPLM	H			
03/02	Sutton Coldfield Town	NPLM	A			
17/02	Corby Town	NPLM	H			
24/02	Sporting Khalsa	NPLM	A			
02/03	Harborough Town	NPLM	H			
16/03	AFC Rushden & D	NPLM	A			
23/03	Shepshed Dynamo	NPLM	H			
30/03	Rugby Town	NPLM	A			
01/04	Coventry Sphinx	NPLM	H			
06/04	Gresley Rovers	NPLM	A			
13/04	Loughborough Dynamo	NPLM	H			
20/04	Quorn	NPLM	A			
27/04	Cambridge City	NPLM	H			



\*Played at Tividale FC

NPLM > Northern Premier League: Midland Division | FAC > FACup | FAT > FATrophy | BSC > B'ham Senior Cup





# Flyers

## Last Time Out

Saturday 16 September | 15:00

Northern Premier League: Midland Division












FT Lye Town 2-0 Sutton Coldfield Town

Att: 107

Referee: Andrew Biggin

Venue: Sports Ground

### LYE TOWN

- 1 Ben NEWEY
- 2 Nathan KABEYA
- 3 Dan BROOKES
- 4 Ryan BRIDGEWATER 
- 5 Adam MEACHAM 
- 6 Sam HALL
- 7 Samson HEWETT 
- 8 Isaac ADEGOKE 
- 9 Joe PALMER 
- 10 Ben BILLINGHAM 
- 11 Matthew FUNGE  
- 12 Lewis ARCHER 
- 14 Jamie ASHMORE
- 15 Dennis DIGIE 
- 16 Maxwell NGBEKEN 
- 17 Rio SAWYERS

### SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN

- 1 Jonathan BROWN
- 2 Harry SAWYER
- 3 Aris CHRISTOPHOROU
- 4 Pedro LIMA
- 5 James BERESFORD 
- 6 Chris CLEMENTS 
- 7 Jack BURGESS
- 8 Cameron COLLINS
- 9 Leo BROWN
- 10 Rhys HILTON 
- 11 Ryan EDMUNDS 
- 12 Lamin CEESAY
- 14 Alex McSKEANE  
- 15 Kyle BYRNE
- 16 Rennie BIRCH 



# Last Weekends Results

Northern Premier League: Midland Division

## Saturday 16th September

Boldmere St Michaels 1-3 Shepshed Dynamo  
Coleshill Town 3-3 Quorn  
Coventry Sphinx 2-1 AFC Rushden & Diamonds  
Gresley Rovers 0-3 Bedworth United  
Hinckley LRFC 3-2 Corby Town  
Loughborough Dynamo 4-0 Walsall Wood  
Lye Town 2-0 Sutton Coldfield Town

# Weekend Games

Northern Premier League: Midland Division

## Saturday 23rd September

Lye Town v Rugby Town  
Spalding United v Shepshed Dynamo



# League Table

Northern Premier League: Midland Division

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



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# Today's Visitors

**Team:** Rugby Town

**Nickname:** The Valley

**Founded:** 1956

**Ground:**

Butlin Road,  
Rugby, Warwickshire

**Capacity:** - 6000 (unconfirmed)

**Record Attendance:** - 3,961 v Northampton Town

**Chairman:** Brian Melvin

**First Team Manager:** Carl Adams

**Website:** <http://www.rugbytownfc.com>



# Rugby Town

## Pen Pics

### **Carl Adams | Manager**

Carl was appointed the first team manager in May 2018 after leaving former club Stratford Town. The 49-year-old has been in charge at Butlin Road since the team were moved into the United Counties League in 2018 and finally earned promotion from the Premier Division South in 2023. Either side of two Covid-affected campaigns between 2020-2022, Carl led Rugby to consecutive third-place finishes.

Carl signed an 18-month contract with Rugby in October 2022.

Adams left his post at Southern League Premier Division side Stratford Town after six years in charge there to replace the out-going Dave Stringer, whose second stint in the Butlin Road hot seat came to an end after the completion of the 2017/18 season.

Adams came to Valley with an impressive managerial track record, having guided Stratford to two promotions since joining them for the 2012/13 season.

In his first season at Knights Lane, he helped secure them the Midland Alliance title (the equivalent of Town's current league), before then advancing through the Southern League South & West Division via the play-offs in 2015.

Adams has left Stratford after maintaining their Step Three non-league pyramid status for three seasons – recording 19th, 14th and 15th place finishes, and he also has a further title success on his managerial CV at Coleshill, where he won the Midland Combination championship in 2008.

As a player, he made three first team starts for Birmingham City, before also featuring for Northampton, Kettering, Stevenage and Weymouth – ahead of a spell in the USA..

### **Liam Francis | Player/Assistant Manager**

Liam agreed to join Rugby Town in October 2018 from Southern League Premier side Redditch United. Affectionately known as Spider, the 33-year-old defender joined the coaching staff at Butlin Road in August 2022.

Popular with supporters and always likely to pop up with a few goals, the centre back had a revival after a couple of injury-affected campaigns as the club won promotion from the UCL Premier Division South as he featured in nearly every game.

Spider was made the player/assistant manager in May 2023 following the exit of Justin Marsden. Prior to joining Rugby Francis spent the previous three seasons under Valley boss Carl Adams at Stratford Town, scoring seven goals in 139 appearances before opting to join Redditch in the summer of 2018.

Liam started his youth career with Coventry City before spells with Leamington, Redditch, Tamworth and Hednesford which preceded his stay with Stratford..

### **Matt Hill | Goalkeeper**

Matt re-joined Rugby in June 2022 from Hinckley.

After signing a one-year contract on his return, the 25-year-old goalkeeper was almost ever-present as Rugby won promotion from the UCL Premier Division South and his deal was extended until May 2024. Matt originally joined Rugby for his first spell in 2018 and the goalkeeper had an impressive couple of seasons with the club after signing from Rushall Olympic before the enforced Covid suspension in March 2020.

Matt however lost his place to new signing Sam Lomax at the start of the 2020/21 season and left to join Hinckley.

After leaving Butlin Road, Hill enjoyed a spell with Hinckley in the UCL Division One where they were eventually a whisker away from promotion to the Premier Division.

Hill graduated from the Solihull Moors youth team and has also had spells with Bolehall Swifts, Leamington, St Ives Town, Bedford Town and Rushall Olympic.

### **Kyle Burke | Defender**

Kyle joined Rugby Town in June 2023 from Romulus.

The 24-year-old centre back has spent the last two seasons between the Roms and Coleshill Town after previously having a spell with Heather St Johns.

Kyle signed a one-year contract to keep him committed until May 2024..

### **Luke English | Defender**

Luke signed for Rugby Town in September 2021 from Midland Football League side Worcester City.

The 27-year-old right back immediately impressed the Valley faithful with his attacking contributions from full-back assisting not just with his feet but also with his trademark long throw.

Luke signed a 15-month contract with Rugby in February 2022 and was then part of the successful 2022/23 squad which won promotion from the UCL Premier South.

English signed a new deal in May 2023 to keep him at the club until May 2024.

Before joining Rugby, Luke had been at Worcester for a last few seasons after spells with Redditch United and Highgate United.

### **Drew Kear | Defender**

Drew signed for Rugby Town in July 2022 from Hinckley.

The 21-year-old then signed a contract with Rugby in September 2022 until the end of the season as the club won promotion from the UCL Premier Division South.

Drew had missed a large chunk of the season with a hamstring injury but was still able to make 19 league appearances.

The right back, who can also operate further forward, had a successful first season in senior football with Hinckley as they finished runners-up in the UCL Division One in 2021/22.

Kear started out with the Strachan Football Foundation before moving to Hinckley.

### **Loyiso Recci | Defender**

Loyiso agreed to join Rugby Town in May 2018 from Stratford Town.

Recci scored on his Valley debut against Peterborough Northern Star and is currently of the club's longest-serving players.

The 32-year-old defender featuring in 31 out of the 34 league games as Rugby won promotion from the UCL Premier Division South.

Loyiso signed a new one-year contract in July 2023 to keep him at Butlin Road for a sixth season.

Powerful centre-back Recci scored two goals in 37 league appearances for Stratford in the Southern League Premier Division in the season before he joined Rugby.

He helped Stratford to promotion from the Southern League Division One South & West in 2015 after a spell with Bedworth United.

### **Keenah Rosser | Defender**

Keenah re-signed for Rugby Town in July 2018.

As one of Carl Adams first signings for the club in 2018, Rosser had a solid first season winning the Manager's Player of the Season award after scoring two league goals in 37 appearances generally playing at right back.

The 29-year-old reached new levels when he switched primarily to more central role in 2021 and after signing a 15-month contract in February 2022 he helped the club win promotion from the UCL Premier Division South in 2022/23.

Rosser originally signed for Rugby in 2015 on a dual-registration basis from Solihull Moors and made a handful of appearances under then-boss Gary Mills before leaving soon after.

Before joining Valley, Keenah listed Solihull, Redditch and Boldmere St Michaels amongst his former clubs.

### **Dan Summerfield | Defender**

Dan re-joined Rugby in December 2021 after re-locating back to the area from Wales.

After returning to the club, Dan signed a 15-month contract in February 2022 before helping the club to win promotion from the UCL Premier Division South in 2022/23.

After impressing with a string of fine displays in the first six months of the season, the 28-year-old suffered a broken foot at Cogenhoe United in January 2023 which ruled him out for the rest of the season.

Dan signed a new one-year deal in May 2023.

Summerfield originally joined Rugby in January 2019 from Stratford Town where had only recently re-joined worked under Carl Adams for two seasons up to the end of the 2017/18 season.

A spectacular winner at Rothwell Corinthians was Summerfield's only goal in 11 appearances before he left at the end of the season after moving back to Wales.

Dan, who can operate in defence or midfield, had short spells with Bedworth and Redditch in 2018 and earlier in his career was part of the Merthyr Town team that won the Southern Division One South & West play-offs.

Since his first spell with the club Dan has had spells with Merthyr Town and more recently Welsh Premier League side Haverfordwest County.

### **Josh Thomas | Defender**

Josh signed for the first team in July 2020 after impressing during pre-season.

The 20-year-old Rugby-born graduated from the Rugby Town youth team at Butlin Road and his athleticism and attitude has seen him deployed in a number of positions in defence and midfield.

Thomas helped the club earn promotion from the UCL Premier Division South in 2022/23 and signed a new one-year deal in May 2023.

Josh's availability was affected when he left his hometown to go to Loughborough University in September 2021 but did return more regularly later in the season..

### **Edwin Ahenkorah | Midfielder**

Edwin re-joined Rugby in September 2021.

The 29-year-old joined for his second spell after last playing for the club in 2019 and after showing his versatility playing as a centre forward and left back, he signed a 15-month contract in February 2022.

Edwin played an important part in helping Valley to achieve promotion in 2022/23 from the UCL Premier South and had his contract extended until May 2024.

Ahenkorah originally joined Rugby in January 2019 from Southern League Premier Division side Rushall Olympic and was already familiar with working under Carl Adams after spending three seasons at Stratford Town where he scored 36 goals in over 100 appearances.

After starting his career with Birmingham City, the Dutch-born forward has also played for Redditch United.

Edwin scored six goals in the latter part of the 2018/19 season and left the club at the end of the campaign and has since played for Sutton Coldfield.



### **Barry Fitzharris | Midfielder**

Barry agreed to join Rugby in July 2021.

Fitzharris scored on his debut in a 1-1 draw against Lutterworth Town at Butlin Road and showed his versatility throughout the season playing in defence and midfield.

A steadying influence on those around him and completely committed to the cause, Barry signed a 15-month contract in March 2022 before he played a pivotal role in the club's promotion from the UCL Premier Division South in 2022/23.

Barry signed a new one-year contract in May 2023.

The 31-year-old midfielder played under Valley boss Carl Adams in his Stratford Town days back in 2016 but was most recently with Coleshill Town after a spell with Bedworth..

### **Roger Lee | Midfielder**

Roger re-signed for Rugby in July 2023 from Barwell.

The Bermudian international signed a one-year contract to keep him at Butlin Road until May 2024.

The 32-year-old featured in the Southern League Premier Central with Barwell last season after spells with Mickleover and Loughborough Dynamo.

Before that in 2018/19 Lee had a season playing in the Meistriliiga the top flight of Estonian football for JK Talinna Kalev.

Roger is one of Bermudas most-capped internationals having made 34 appearances for his country after making his debut in 2008.

Roger originally signed for Rugby for a brief spell in September 2015 but only made one start before spells with a plethora of teams including Stamford, Basford United, Corby Town and Stafford Rangers. Lee moved to the UK in 2014 and featured for Weston-super-Mare and Clevedon before his short first stint at Butlin Road.

### **Alex Lock | Midfielder**

Alex signed for Rugby Town in September 2021 from Coventry Copsewood.

The tough-tackling midfielder caught the eye of manager Carl Adams when playing against Valley for Copsewood in the FA Vase earlier in the month and immediately became a fans' favourite with his work rate and tenacity.

The 24-year-old signed a contract with Rugby in November 2022 until the end of the season as he helped the club win promotion from the UCL Premier Division South.

Lock signed a new one-year deal in May 2023.

Alex started his career as a striker with Nuneaton Borough before moving into a midfield role with Hinckley, Nuneaton Griff and most recently Copsewood.

### **Karabo Motshweni | Midfielder**

Karabo signed for Rugby in July 2023 after impressing during pre-season.

The 29-year-old attacking midfielder spent last season with Lutterworth Town in the UCL Premier Division South and scored against Rugby at Butlin Road.

South African Karabo has featured for a number of sides in the last ten years, most notably a spell with Shepshed Dynamo during their promotion season from the United Counties League in 2020.

### **Ryan Sahota | Midfielder**

Ryan signed first team forms in November 2022 and made his debut against Wolves in the Birmingham Senior Cup.

After an impressive season for the youth team, the 18-year-old signed a one-year deal in May 2023.

Operating from an advanced midfield position, Ryan shone for Valley's youth side scoring 11 league goals in 14 games.

### **Rico Taylor | Midfielder**

Rico signed for Rugby in July 2023 after impressing during pre-season.

The 29-year-old midfielder has a wealth of experience in non-league football over the past ten years and had a spell working under Valley boss Carl Adams in his Stratford Town days.

### **Tom Fielding | Forward**

Tom signed for Rugby Town in September 2022 after spending two years in the USA.

The 23-year-old made an instant impact on his debut coming off the bench to score one and set up another in a 7-0 win over Rothwell Corinthians at Butlin Road.

Fielding scored four goals and set up three more in his short time with the club before relocating to London for work but then re-joined in March 2023 for the final part of the season as the club won promotion from the UCL Premier South.

Tom, who plays in midfield or attack, was with Leicester City's academy before joining Mansfield Town where he made one first team appearance in the EFL Trophy.

In 2020 Fielding moved to the USA for his education and featured for the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers and Seattle University.

### **Jordan Wilson | Forward**

Jordan signed for Rugby Town in October 2022 from division rivals Lutterworth Town.

Wilson, 25, finished as the joint top scorer with 20 goals in as many starts as the club won promotion from the UCL Premier Division South.

Jordan signed a new one-year deal in May 2023.

Jordan had started the season on fire with Lutterworth leading the league scoring charts at the time with 11 goals in his first 12 games after joining from Bromsgrove Sporting.

An 18-year-old Wilson did have a brief spell with Rugby back in October 2016 signing on a short term deal from Kettering Town who he joined from Shrewsbury Town where he was a youth player.

After his first spell with Rugby, Jordan joined Carlton Town in the NPL Division One where he scored 15 goals in the 2017/18 season before gaining experience with a number of non-league clubs including Loughborough Dynamo, Hinckley and Shepshed Dynamo.



# Club History



Rugby Town returned to the Northern Premier League Midland Division in 2023 after a six season absence.

Valley Sports' first competitive game was on 8th September 1956 in Division Three of the Rugby & District League when Dunchurch Lodge were beaten 7-0 at Thornfield.

At the end of the following season the club was promoted to Division Two and two years later, as runners up, to Division One - finishing as runners up in Division One in 1962/63 before a move was then made to the Coventry & North Warwickshire League.

Four seasons were spent in Division Two before promotion came to Division one for the 1967/68 season. That season saw a 12th place finish but, following three previous cup final losses, Valley Sports won their first silverware beating Wolvey Amateurs 2-1 to lift the Rugby Hospital Cup on 1st May 1968.

It became clear at this time that a Rugby Borough Council decision to redevelop Thornfield for Rugby's new swimming pool and sports centre, made in July 1966, would not include a football pitch in the plans.

At the same time mass withdrawals from the Coventry & North Warwickshire League at the end of the 1968/69 season forced the club to make plans as to what league they were to play in and to continue their search for exclusive use of a new ground if they were to continue the progress achieved over the previous 13 seasons at Thornfield.

An application to join the United Counties League was rejected, at the AGM, by the clubs but UCL Secretary, Ken Bacon, managed to get the decision reversed and the club were admitted to Division Three for the 1969/70 season and with no other ground available the club commenced its new era at council owned Hillmorton Recreation Ground with a 3-0 win against British Timken Duston on 3rd September 1969.

Partly derelict allotment land at Butlin Road was identified for a new ground and the persistence of the club officials persuaded the Rugby Borough Council to approve the granting of a 30 year lease at a meeting on 19 May 1970.

The first season in the United Counties League was a successful one with only five games lost, a fifth place finish and the Divisional Cup won as 16 games were played at Hillmorton that season.

The 1970/71 season saw the name changed to Valley Sports Rugby and entry into a groundshare agreement with the original Rugby Town football club who played in the Southern League at the time, for the use of Oakfield.

A third place finish in Division Three was followed in the 1971/72 season with a runners up place and promotion to Division 1 plus recognition by the Birmingham County FA of the club's senior status which meant entry into the FA Amateur Cup for 1973/74, it's very last season.

# Club History

## (Continued)

The demise of the original Rugby Town club in May 1973 meant that the barely ready Butlin Road ground had to be used the following season with the first competitive game there being on 6th October 1973 against Burton Park Wanderers which ended goal-less.

The clubhouse was opened on 19 September 1974 and the semi-final of the Birmingham Senior Amateur Cup was reached which prompted the West Midlands (Regional) League to invite the club into its Premier Division for the 1975/76 season.

The club name was changed to VS Rugby as the club progressed, but life in the higher league proved tough for some seasons alleviated only with wins in the FA Cup against Southern League sides Dunstable Town and Bedworth United.

In 1980/81 the first seated stand was opened on 4 September 1980, but a dire opening to the season saw manager Len Willett sacked and Jimmy Knox appointed manager, taking charge from caretaker manager Les Smith at Bilston on 31 January 1981.

It was a decision that was to transform the fortunes of the club for just over 11 years.

Jimmy had been a successful player and manager at Rugby Town, before a spell as top Non-League manager at AP Leamington.

His reputation enabled him to survive defeats in his first five matches and ten defeats in the first eleven.

The 1981/82 season was a much improved campaign finishing in a creditable 8th spot as Jimmy set about building a new team.

Then came 1982/83! On 30 April 1983 Jimmy Knox led VS Rugby to success at Wembley in the FA Vase Final beating fellow WM(R) League side Halesowen Town 1-0, amazingly just 27 months after then Chairman Mick Vousden had persuaded him to manage his home town club.

A Valley club which had itself reached such a pinnacle at the end of only its 27th season.

The opportunity to join the Southern Football League Midland Division 10 years after opening the Butlin Road ground was taken, however, it was dependant on the club being able to provide floodlights.

This was achieved in record time being used for the first time in an FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round Replay against Heybridge Swifts on 5 October 1983 with a 2-0 victory in front of 622 spectators.

After a gap of 10 years, Rugby again had a representative team at this level.

Under manager Knox, the club moved into the Premier Division after winning the 1986/87 Midland Division Championship, won the Southern League Cup and Birmingham Senior Cup, and had memorable FA Cup encounters with Northampton Town, Leyton Orient, Bristol Rovers and Bristol City taking all but Bristol City to a replay.

Jimmy Knox left Butlin Road in the summer of 1992 with the team 3rd in the Premier Division and the Birmingham Senior Cup again behind the bar. His departure led to a rapid decline in the clubs fortunes.

VS were relegated for the first time in their history, and then put into receivership in 1993.

A group of supporters rescued the club, buying back the VS Rugby name and with the club obtaining the keys to the ground only four days before the first game of the 1993/94 season, manager Ron Bradbury somehow assembled a team.

# Club History

## (Continued)

The makeshift team lost only two of their first 24 games and went on to gain automatic promotion behind newly formed Rushden & Diamonds.

That season also saw another FA Cup 1st Round game against Football League opposition when Brentford attracted 3,006 fans to Butlin Road.

In 1999 the club was again in danger but the remaining directors were joined by former player and local business man Brian Melvin who secured the club's future and started developments around the ground with a new 500 seater cantilever stand housing dressing rooms underneath was opened in 2003, a refurbished club house bar and an improved playing surface.

The club was renamed Rugby United and had put the club in a position to compete in the Southern League Premier Division following the reorganisation of Non-League football.

After five seasons another name change was made, this time to Rugby Town FC for the 2005/06 season whilst a grant from the Football Foundation was obtained to develop all-weather pitches at Butlin Road. The 3G rubber-crumb full sized pitch plus training pitch was opened in October 2006.

As the facilities continued to be improved a 1,300 capacity covered standing terrace along the whole Allotment End was opened in March 2007.

Further improvements include a new hospitality suite which was opened in November 2014 following the conversion of the original dressing rooms whilst a new public address system was completed in August 2015.

Winning the Midland Floodlit Cup, for the 3rd time, on the 12 May 1999 is the only one to have been won since the 1993/94 season, however, the last five seasons in the Southern League Central Division saw the club finish no lower than 6th and two consecutive runners up finishes in 2012/13 & 2013/14, when manager Dave Stringer, assembled a squad of talented players who were unlucky not to have secured a return back to the Southern League Premier Division.

They broke almost all the previous performance records when in 2012/13 they recorded the highest points tally of 96 and the highest goals for record of 103.

Despite finishing 11 points ahead of fourth placed Biggleswade Town and leading 1-0 in the play-off final they missed promotion when the visitors were awarded a controversial penalty which turned the game.

In the 2013/14 play-off semi-final the team were no match for 5th placed Slough Town at Butlin Road after again finished as runners-up. It was another season when 100 league goals were scored.

Individually David Kolodynski became the club's all time leading goalscorer at senior level passing Danny Conway.

A sixth place Central Division finish in 2014/15 proved a disappointment and on 1st May 2015 it was announced that Dave Stringer had left his manager's position by mutual consent.

For the 2015/16 season, Rugby were switched to the Northern Premier League for the first time after 32 years in the Southern League.

A poor start under rookie new manager, Gary Mills, saw him replaced in September by former Valley goalkeeper, Dale Belford who steadied the team in his first four months in charge, followed by a surge towards the play-offs before finishing 9th in NPL Division One South. The team won three Fair Play Awards for their exemplary disciplinary record during the season including an FA Respect Award.

# Club History

## (Continued)

The 2016/17 season saw new manager James Jepson also leave the club shortly into his tenure with another former player, Gary Moran, taking charge in September.

His first managerial appointment ended with the team finishing 21st in the league and relegation to Step Five for the first time after 34 seasons.

The club were relegated into the Midland Football League Premier Division for the 2017/18 season but also saw the return of Stringer as manager, following two seasons in charge of Chasetown.

After a disappointing mid-table finish, Stringer was replaced by former Stratford Town manager Carl Adams and saw his side fall short of the top two as the club were moved into the United Counties League for the first time since 1975.

Two Covid-19 interrupted seasons followed between 2019-2021 as the club netted a third place season again before the same bronze-place finish came in the 2021/22 campaign as Valley reached the Fifth Round of the FA Vase before bowing out away to North Shields.

The club finally achieved promotion back to the Northern Premier League at the conclusion of the 2022/23 season after finishing runners-up to Coventry Sphinx in the UCL Premier Division South.

Thanks to having a superior points-per-game ratio than their equivalent competitors across the country at Step 5, Rugby earned an automatic promotion instead of facing an interstep play-off.

### History by Landmarks

- Early 1950s sees beginnings of a club in Rugby called Glebe Rangers 1955 sees a change of name to New Bilton Juniors who played friendlies
- Another change in 1956 sees a newly named Valley Sports play in their first competitive match in the Rugby and District League at Thornfield, which became their home ground for the first 13 seasons
- 1959 Sky & Navy Blue striped shirts and socks with Sky Blue shorts were introduced
- 1969/1970 Development of Rugby's Sports Centre & Swimming Baths saw the club play it's home games at Hillmorton Recreation Ground for one season as the club enter the United Counties League
- From 1969 to 1973 Valley Sports played their home games at Southern League side Rugby Town's Oakfield ground 1971 and another change to a geographically more acceptable Valley Sports Rugby
- In 1973 the former Rugby Town club lose Oakfield and disband after 15 seasons in the Southern League
- In 1973, the club move to their present ground Butlin Road. Used for the first time by the Valley on 6 October 1973 with the clubhouse opened on 19 September 1974
- 1975/1976 season sees club invited to play in the West Midlands (Regional) League Premier Division and club name abbreviated to VS Rugby
- The first stand opposite the clubhouse was erected in 1980

# Club History

## (Continued)

- In 1981, Jimmy Knox is appointed as first team manager
- VS Rugby win the FA Vase after defeating Halesowen Town in the final in 1983 in front of over 6,000 Rugby fans
- 1983 also sees VS Rugby promoted to the Southern League for the first time
- VS Rugby reach the FA Cup First Round in 1984 forcing Northampton Town to a replay at Butlin Road before bowing out Record attendance of 3,961 against Northampton in FA Cup tie in 1984
- Jimmy Knox leads Valley to the Southern League Midland Division title in 1987
- The club are Birmingham Senior Cup winners in 1989 & again in 1992 Southern League Cup winners in 1990
- After 11 years Jimmy Knox leaves Butlin Road in the summer of 1992 with the team 3rd in the Southern League Premier Division
- VS Rugby reach Second Round of FA Cup but defeated by Marlow in replay with Tottenham Hotspur waiting in the third round in 92/93
- VS suffer first ever relegation from the Southern League Premier Division in 1993 Club put into liquidation in 1993, but club saved by dedicated supporters
- Ron Bradbury guides Rugby to another Southern League Midland Division promotion back into the Premier in 1994
- Brentford are the visitors to Butlin Road in 1993/94 in the FA Cup First Round
- Relegation ensues back to the Southern League Midland Division in 1996
- In 1999, the club is again in danger of becoming extinct, but debts are wiped when Brian Melvin becomes Chairman
- Extension to clubhouse is constructed as the building is completely refurbished
- A change of name arrives in 2000 as Rugby United
- In 2002, 500-seater cantilever stand is erected next to the clubhouse and it is officially opened in 2003 Rugby are promoted to the Southern League Premier Division after a non-league restructuring
- A new name comes into place in 2005 as the main senior and junior clubs in the town come together under the one name of Rugby Town
- The two clubs, junior and senior, are awarded £1.5m by the Football Foundation to construct brand new facilities at Kilsby Lane and Butlin Road Club construct new 3G rubber-crumb training facility at Butlin Road which is completed in October 2006 - also used for community use.
- New 1,300 capacity covered standing terrace is erected along whole Allotment End side of the ground in March 2007.

# Club History

(Continued)

- In 2009-10, Valley are relegated from the Southern League Premier after a seven year stay
- 2012-13 under Dave Stringer, Runners-up in Southern League Division One Central to Burnham - Play Off Final Defeat to Biggleswade Town.
- 2013-14 under Dave Stringer, Runners-up in Southern League Division One Central to Dunstable Town. Play-off Semi Final defeat to Slough Town.
- In November 2014 new Hospitality Suite to accommodate up to 100 people opened where the original dressing rooms used to be housed
- Moved to Northern Premier League in 2015/16 for first time in club's history after 32 year spell in Southern League
- 2016/17 sees the club relegated from NPL to Midland Football League (Step 5) after a poor season
- In 2018/19 the club were moved to the United Counties League
- In 2022/23 the club were promoted to the Northern Premier League Midland Division after finishing runners-up to Coventry Sphinx in the UCL Premier South

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# Lye Town Player Stats



Player	League		Cups		Total	
	App	Goals	App	Goals	App	Goals
ADEGOKE Isaac (M)	5 (2)	0	0 (3)	0	5 (5)	0
ARCHER Lewis (F)	3 (4)	2	0 (0)	0	3 (4)	2
ASHMORE Jamie (D)	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
BARKER Fin (F)	2 (2)	1	1 (1)	0	3 (3)	1
BILLINGHAM Ben (M)	7 (0)	1	3 (0)	0	10 (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)	7 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	8 (1)	0
BRIDGEWATER Ryan (D)	7 (0)	0	3 (0)	1	10 (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 (5)	0	0 (1)	0	1 (6)	0
DOUGLAS James (M)	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
DOWNING Jack (F)	3 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	5 (1)	0
FUNGE Matt (F)	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	1	2 (0)	1
HALL Sam (D)	3 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	5 (0)	0
HANSON Adam (M)	0 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (3)	0
HEWETT Samson (M)	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
KABEYA Nathan (D)	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
LLOYD Jake (M)	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
MEACHAM Adam (D)	7 (0)	1	2 (0)	0	9 (0)	1
NEWHEY Ben (GK)	6 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	9 (0)	0
NGBEKEN Maxwell (M)	5 (1)	1	1 (1)	0	6 (2)	1
NORTHWOOD Kieron (M)	4 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	5 (1)	0
PALMER Joe (F)	7 (0)	5	2 (0)	0	9 (0)	5
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 (1)	0	3 (0)	0	6 (1)	0
WEST Oliver (M)	2 (1)	0	3 (0)	0	5 (1)	0
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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



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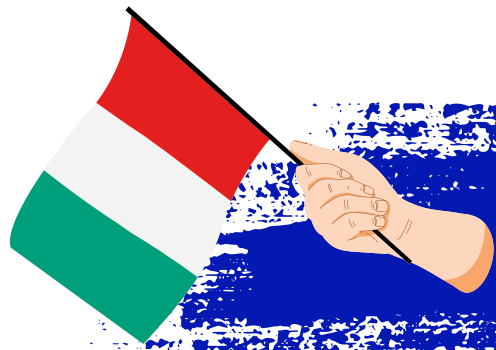
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# Max Hall

## Postcard from Italy!

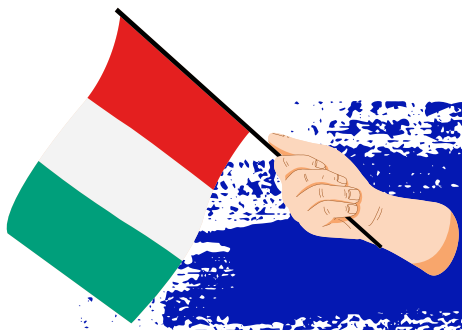
It may not be the best time to mention this but I love knockout football.

It stems from years in divisions where only the winner went up. Usually, during decades in the Banks's League and the MFA, you would have runaway champions-elect that, less than ten games in, would already be so far beyond our reach there was only the cups to offer hope of silverware. That is, unless we had a relegation fight on our hands, which was mercifully rare in our case.

As my life took me away from The Black Country (and abroad for eight-and-a-half of the last dozen or so years) I had a more selfish reason to embrace the joys of the array of minor cup competitions we're eligible for. When I was exiled in Berlin and Genova (and also London and deepest Surrey, for that matter) I would make a point of coming back home for cup semi-finals and finals. It was a great excuse to get back to see old mates and to see The Lye have a chance of glory, albeit usually in a near-empty Aggborough Stadium or similar equivalent.

This was all theoretical, of course, during the years when Geoff Moss was in charge at The Sports Ground. The late, lamented Lye boss spent years keeping the club safely top-half in the Premier Division of the West Midlands League despite having virtually no playing budget, thanks to the excesses of the previous, title-winning regime. The price to pay for such stability was an utter inability to get deep into any knockout competition.

Continued



# Max Hall

Postcard from Italy!

Cup success was one of the many reasons to celebrate the golden years down The Lye under Martin Thomas and Darren Goodall, who brought silverware regularly, in the form of the Birmingham Midweek Floodlit Cup, Worcestershire Senior Urn and even the Smedley Crooke cup that other clubs sniff at. There were plenty of trips back home during those years, and who can forget our run in the Vase a few years back?

I always felt the manager should prioritise the minor cups, once it was obvious the sole promotion spot had been wrapped up. They should have turned football's received wisdom on its head and used dead-rubber league games to bring through the youngsters.

But what do we do now we're in a league where the play-off format means hope springs eternal for so many more clubs – or where we might end up nervously looking over our shoulder for the final few weeks of the campaign?

Would Grant be wisest to use the Staffordshire Senior Cup, JW Hunt Cup, Smedley Crooke Memorial Trophy et al to keep any fringe players, on-trial hopefuls and promising youth-teamers happy, giving the likes of the mighty Joe Palmer a night off so he's fresh for Northern League fixtures?

My head tells me yes... but I can't shake the desire to buy a ticket back to the Midlands in May, even if it is only to see the boys hold the Smedley aloft again.

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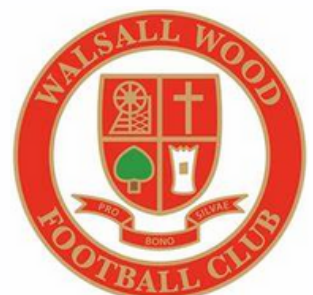
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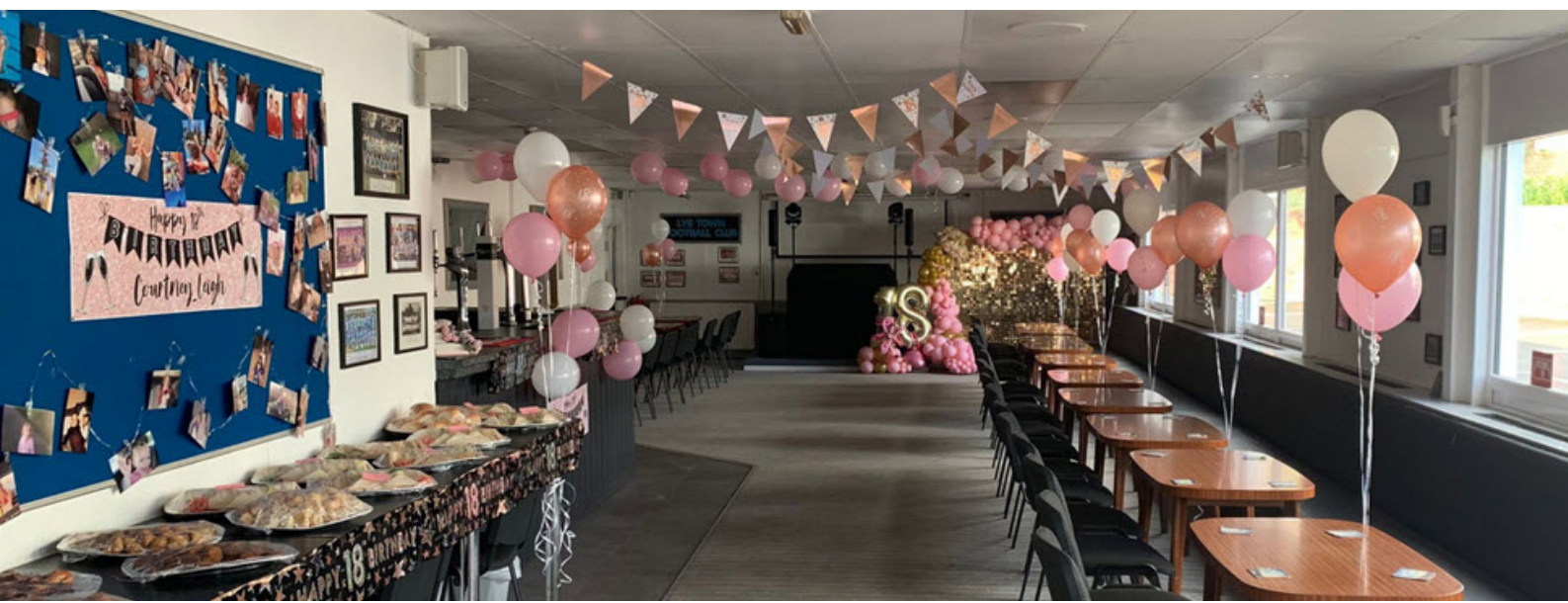
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- 2 Which of these players has NEVER broken the world transfer record - Kylian Mbappé, Kaká, Luís Figo, Hernán Crespo?
- 3 What Italian legend spent his full career with his hometown club and is the 2nd highest scorer in Serie A history?
- 4 Who is the most recent country to win the World Cup while hosting the tournament?
- 5 What South African club shares its name with an English indie rock band?
- 6 What company owns a team in both the German and Austrian Bundesligas?
- 7 What animal appears on the Valencia logo?
- 8 True or False: A goalkeeper is only allowed to hold the ball for 6 seconds?
- 9 Who is the most expensive goalkeeper of all-time?
- 10 Who is the latest defender to win the Ballon d'Or?



1 Marcelo Bielsa, 2 Kylian Mbappé, 3 Francesco Totti, 4 France - 1998  
5 Kaiser Chiefs (The band spells it Kaiser but got the name from the team), 6 Red Bull, 7 A bat, 8 True  
9 Kepa Arrizabalaga, 10 Fabio Cannavaro

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# Lye Town Ladies

## FIXTURES/RESULTS & LEAGUE TABLES 2023-24



### Ladies Team

West Midlands Regional Womens  
Football League: Premier Division



DATE	KO	COMP	OPPOSITION	V	RESULT
Sun 03 Sep	14:00	WMRP	Worcester City Women	A	D 1-1
Sun 10 Sep	14:00	WMRP	Lichfield City Ladies	H	W 4-0
Sun 17 Sep	14:00	WMRP	Shifnal Town Ladies	A	W 1-0
Sun 24 Sep	14:00	WMRP	Crusaders Women	H	
Sun 01 Oct	14:00	FAC2Q	Hereford Pegasus Ladies	H	
Sun 08 Oct	14:00	WMRP	Shrewsbury Town Women	H	
Sun 15 Oct	14:00	WMRP	Coundon Court Ladies	A	
Sun 22 Oct	14:00	WMRP	Kidderminster Har' Women	H	

Pos		Pld	Pts
1	Lye Town Ladies	3	7
2	Burton Albion FC Women	3	7
3	Shrewsbury Town Women	2	6
4	Worcester City Women	3	5
5	Coundon Court Ladies	3	5
6	Kidderminster Harriers Women	2	4
7	Knowle Ladies	3	3
8	Shifnal Town Ladies	3	3
9	Coventry Sphinx Ladies	3	3
10	Solihull Sporting Ladies	3	3
11	Lichfield City FC Ladies	3	1
12	Crusaders Women	3	0

# Lye Town Youth

## FIXTURES/RESULTS & LEAGUE TABLES 2023-24



Youth Team  
Midland Floodlit Youth League  
Western Division



DATE	KO	COMP	OPPOSITION	V	RESULT
Mon 14 Aug	19:45	FA Youth Cup	Paget Rangers	A	W 3-1
Mon 21 Aug	19:45	MFYL West	Gornal Athletic	A	L 3-1
Mon 04 Sep	19:45	FA Youth Cup	Sutton Coldfield Town	A	L 2-0
Wed 20 Sep	19:45	MFYL West	Wednesfield	H	W 5-0
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	A	

*Please be aware of fixture changes at short notice.  
Check our social media channels for latest information*

# Lye Town Under 16's

## FIXTURES/RESULTS & LEAGUE TABLES 2023-24



Under 16's  
Midland Junior Premier League



DATE	KO	COMP	OPPOSITION	V	RESULT
Sat 09 Sep	10:30	U16's MJPL	Chasetown YDP U16	A	L 1-7
Sat 16 Sep	12:30	U16's MJPL	Sporting Khalsa Youth U16	H	W 3-2
Sat 23 Sep	11:30	U16's MJPL	Pershore Town Youth U16	A	

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# Lye Town Under 16's

## FIXTURES/RESULTS & LEAGUE TABLES 2023-24



Under 16's  
Stourbridge & District  
Youth Football League



DATE	KO	COMP	OPPOSITION	V	RESULT
Sun 10 Sep	14:30	U16's Div One	Black Country WBC U16	A	D 3-3
Sun 17 Sep	10:30	U16's Div One	Tipton Panthers U16	H	W 3-0
Sun 24 Sep	12:30	U16's Div One	Halas Hawks Jun U16 E	A	
Sun 01 Oct	12:30	U16's Div One	West Hagley U16 S	A	
Sun 08 Oct	10:30	Challenge Cup	Castle Vale Town U16	A	

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# Lye Town Under 15's

## FIXTURES/RESULTS & LEAGUE TABLES 2023-24



Under 15's  
Midland Junior Premier League



DATE	KO	COMP	OPPOSITION	V	RESULT
Sat 09 Sep	10:00	U15's MJPL	Shrewsbury Town F' U15	A	W 1-0
Sat 16 Sep	10:30	U15's MJPL	Rugby Borough Junior U15	A	D 3-3
Sat 23 Sep	12:30	U15's MJPL	Allscott Heath U15	A	



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1. Comply with instructions given by any club official or steward
2. Not trespass on the playing area or surrounding area
3. Not climb on any building, wall or fence
4. Shall not use obscene, racist or indecent language at any player or official or make offensive or insulting gestures
5. Not throw coins or other missiles
6. Be solely responsible for any minors brought to the ground or clubhouse
7. Pay an entry fee where appropriate and according to the current entry regulations and prices.

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

For FA competitions, special arrangements on the day may apply, please listen for special announcements

Lye Town Football Club accepts no responsibility for vehicles left on the premises. Parking is entirely at the owner's risk. Lye Town Football Club accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage to any articles on the club's premises

Thank you for your cooperation





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The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



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.

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

## SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN THE YOUNG (SCD)

- SCD is the leading cause of death in young athletes during sport and the majority of deaths occur with NO SYMPTOMS or family history.
- ARVC can be found in one in every 1,000 to 5,000 young adults - IF IT IS LOOKED FOR.
- Warning signs may include light-headedness, fainting, palpitations, swollen legs, breathlessness.
- Every week in the UK, 12 apparently fit and healthy young people (aged 35 and under) die from previously undiagnosed heart conditions.
- In Italy, where screening is mandatory for all young people engaged in organised sport, they have reduced the incidence of young sudden cardiac death by 89%.

## OUR MISSION


The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.

Tragedies can be prevented through cardiac screening. It is vital that young people are identified and treated.

### Find out more

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Ryan BRIDGEWATER  
Sam HALL  
Oliver WEST  
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Maxwell NGBEKEN  
Adam HANSON  
Sam TYE  
Joe PALMER  
Ben BILLINGHAM  
Dan BROOKES  
Fin BARKER  
Dennis DIGIE  
Isaac ADEGOKE  
Lewis ARCHER  
Matt FUNGE  
Jamie ASHDOWN  
Kieron NORTHWOOD  
Nathan KABEYA  
Nathan SCOTT  
Samson HEWETT  
Bailey STOREY

Manager – Grant Joshua  
Assistant Managers – Chris  
Rabone, Ross Harris  
G/K Coach - Jason Scott  
Physio – Paul Millward

## RUGBY TOWN



Matt HILL  
Dan SUMMERFIELD  
Luke ENGLISH  
Liam FRANCIS  
Keenah ROSSER  
Tom FIELDING  
Barry FITZHARRIS  
David KOLODYNSKI  
Edwin AHENKORAH  
Alex LOCK  
Julian McDONALD  
Loyiso RECCI  
Josh THOMAS  
Andrew WOOLDRIDGE  
Jordan WILSON  
Ryan SAHOTA  
Karabo MOTSHWENI  
Rico TAYLOR  
Roger LEE

Manager – Carl Adams  
Assistant Manager – Liam Francis  
Coach –  
G/K Coach -  
Physio –

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Brandon Scarife  
Assistant: Matt Broadhurst  
Assistant: Marisuz Tomon  
Observer:

## NEXT UP AT HOME

SPORTING KHALSA  
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## ON THE ROAD

CORBYS TOWN  
Sat 30 Sept 2023  
Kick Off 3.00pm  
NPL Midland Division



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