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OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



Lye Town vs Sutton Coldfield Town

Saturday 16 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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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

It's nice to be back home at The Sports Ground to continue our new journey in the Northern Premier League Midlands Division.

To date we have made a decent start sitting midtable with 2 wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats.

Today we welcome everyone connected with Sutton Coldfield Town and hope they enjoy their visit.



Last Saturday we had a disappointing exit in the FA Trophy, losing 2-1 at Harborough Town on the hottest day of the year.

It was a game of 2 halves - we scored on 35 minutes through new signing Matt Funge and led at the interval.

We couldn't get a second and the more the 2nd half went on the more Harborough came into the game, eventually getting the 2 goals they needed to win the game - with the 2nd being an excellent finish, worthy of winning any game.

With our exit from the FA Trophy our scheduled league match against Rugby Town has been rearranged for next Saturday 23rd September, so we now have no midweek game.

Our Ladies team have made a good start to their league season drawing 1-1 away at Worcester City followed by a 4-0 home win last Sunday against Lichfield.

Their next home fixture is on 24th September against Crusaders.

Our Youth Team have their first league game at home on Wednesday 20th against Wednesfield.

We look forward to seeing you at as many of these games as possible to help support the teams.

Yours in Sport
Brian Blakemore, Chairman



Managers Thoughts

A week on from our exit in the FA Trophy, I'm even more frustrated than Monday of last week!

Nobody would have had us down to get past Harborough. After spending another 90 minutes going through that game on the 'Vevo' I feel it was an opportunity missed. I felt that on Saturday evening and still hold that feeling a week on.

After a loss the normal ask of my players is we see a reaction, that couldn't be further away from what I'll ask as 2pm on Saturday. I'll be asking for performance spanning over 90 minutes. We're brilliant for 60/70 minutes but lacking in that last part of the game so I'll be asking for focus and a desire to get 3 points because we are going to suffer at times this season and we all have to be together when that comes. When that tree starts to shake we need to be United on and off the pitch and believe in what we're doing and to not lose sight of that.

Points early on are vital and we're a very good side let's not get away from that so it's time to prove that consistently.

Sutton pose a valid threat to us with some real top individuals so we'll have to be ready to put our bodies on the line, if we do that we have the fire power to blow anybody away on our day.

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.



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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			
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 | LC > League Cup | BSC > B'ham Senior Cup



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Last Time Out


Saturday 16 September | 15:00
FA Trophy 1st Qualifying Round
FT Harborough Town 2-1 Lye Town

Att: 214


Referee: Tom Durno

Venue: Bowden Park

HARBOROUGH TOWN

- 1 Elliott TAYLOR
- 2 Isaiah BAZELEY
- 3 Josh WALSH
- 4 Connor KENNEDY 
- 5 Gary MULLIGAN 
- 6 Alex MORRIS
- 7 Rhys KELLY  
- 8 Jake DUFFY
- 9 Silvano OBENG 
- 10 Dodzi AGBENU  
- 11 Rhys HOENES 
- 12 Dan COOPER
- 14 Dan FORBES 
- 15 Paul MALONE 
- 16 Ben WILLIAMS 
- 17 Johnson GYAMFI

LYE TOWN

- 1 Ben NEWEY
- 2 Jamie ASHMORE 
- 3 Dan BROOKES
- 4 Kieron NORTHWOOD  
- 5 Ryan BRIDGEWATER
- 6 Sam HALL
- 7 Matthew FUNGE 
- 8 Oliver WEST
- 9 Joe PALMER
- 10 Ben BILLINGHAM 
- 11 Sam TYE 
- 12 Lewis ARCHER
- 14 Maxwell NGBEKEN 
- 15 Jack DOWNING
- 16 Isaac ADEGOKE 
- 17 Adam HANSON 
- 18 Jack BOSTOCK



Local FA Trophy Results

Saturday 9th September

Anstey Nomads 2-0 Corby Town
Bedworth United 1-5 Leek Town
Chasetown 5-1 Shepshed Dynamo
Coleshill Town 1-5 Carlton Town
Gresley Rovers 0-6 Kidsgrove Athletic
Hednesford Town 0-3 Walsall Wood
Malvern Town 2-4 Mousehole
Quorn 4-0 Coventry Sphinx
Rugby Town 1-5 Grantham Town
Sporting Khalsa 1-0 Grimsby Borough
Sutton Coldfield Town 0-2 Boldmere St Michaels

Weekend Games

Northern Premier League: Midland Division

Saturday 16th September

Boldmere St Michaels v Shepshed Dynamo
Coleshill Town v Quorn
Coventry Sphinx v AFC Rushden & Diamonds
Gresley Rovers v Bedworth United
Hinckley LR v Corby Town
Loughborough Dynamo v Walsall Wood



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	6	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	1	1	11	4	7	13
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.	Quorn	6	3	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	1	10	7	3	11
5.	Anstey Nomads	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	10	4	6	10
6.	Corby Town	5	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	0	2	12	5	7	9
7.	Hinckley LR	5	2	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	8	5	3	9
8.	Coleshill Town	5	2	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	2	9	9	0	9
9.	Loughborough Dynamo	6	2	1	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	11	12	-1	8
10.	Lye Town	6	1	0	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	9	12	-3	8
11.	Shepshed Dynamo	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	6	5	1	7
12.	Boldmere St Michaels	6	2	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	3	10	10	0	7
13.	Harborough Town	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	6	6	0	6
14.	Walsall Wood	6	1	0	2	1	0	2	2	0	4	10	11	-1	6
15.	Sutton Coldfield Town	6	1	0	2	1	0	2	2	0	4	7	9	-2	6
16.	Rugby Town	5	2	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	3	3	10	-7	6
17.	Gresley Rovers	6	1	2	0	0	0	3	1	2	3	8	11	-3	5
18.	Cambridge City	5	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	6	9	-3	4
19.	Coventry Sphinx	6	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	2	4	3	12	-9	2
20.	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	6	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	6	1	14	-13	0



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Today's Visitors

Team: Sutton Coldfield Town

Nickname: The Royals

Founded: 1879

Ground:

Central Ground,
Coles Lane
Sutton Coldfield

Capacity: 2000

Record Attendance: -

Chairman: Nick Thurston

First Team Manager: Dave Stringer

Website: <https://www.sctfc.com>



Sutton Coldfield Town

Pen Pics

Jonno Brown- GK

Jonno is a strong keeper with a big presence. A popular and lively character on and off the pitch, The Royals number 1 is known for his excellent shop stopping and bravery.

Tom Hurley - DEF

Tom is a young fullback who has come up through the junior and youth teams. He burst into 1st team football in 2021 with an impressive debut against Halesowen at home at just the age of 16.

Aris Christophorou DEF – Aris is an experienced defender at full back but can cover the centre of defence. Good in the air and plenty of pace, and a useful distributor of the ball. Has had plenty of experience with Rushall, Stourbridge Nuneaton and returns to us from Boldmere. Reads the game so well.

James Bowen DEF - Another fantastic addition to the group who brings great experience and quality defensively. Great footballing cv and named in the northern premier league team of the season.

Harry Sawyer - DEF

Previously of Coventry United and most recently Hinckley United, Harry has become the first choice at right back and brings a threat going forwards.

James Beresford - DEF

Club captain and central defender Bez is a true defender who will put his body on the line. James is looking for a successful season and to help the team push on.

Pedro Lima DEF - A talented centre back who is strong in the air and very cultured on the ball. Dominant defender.

Remmie Birch DEF – A young versatile player can play fullback in a wide area or also midfield.



Yahiya Todd - DEF

The centre half, previously of Highgate and most recently Heather St John captain is a pacy defender who can drive forward at the opposition and get fans of their seats.

Harry Eden - DEF

An energetic full back with plenty of pace. The left footer will be looking to compete for a starting place on a regular basis.

Jack Burgess MID – A young midfielder returning this season from Boldmere. Covers the ground well always finding space and demanding the ball. Plays a mature game with a good range of passing.

Sam Fitzgerald MID - Another gifted midfielder who likes to get on the ball and dictate possession. Can also play a few different positions, great left foot.

Cameron Collins - MID

A midfield with lots of natural ability, Cameron is a brave, typical midfielder who will want to get on the ball no matter the situation. Cameron is previous player of Highgate and Heather St John.

Lamin Ceesay - MID

Lamin is a young footballer who has progressed through the ranks of Sutton Coldfield. Previously being involved with the first team last season, Lamin was a regular in the midfield last season, getting some crucial goals along the way.

Kyle Byrne MID - Kyle has fantastic ability on the ball, can go past players either way, can play on either wing.

Rhys Hilton - MID

Rhys can operate in the higher areas of midfield and likes to take players on. The left footer is certainly a threat to defenders and will pose a threat throughout the season as shown last season with 20 goals to his name.

Alex McSkeane - FWD

Alex comes to us from neighbours Boldmere and also previously with Walsall FC. A fast and direct talent who scored 15 goals at step 4 last season.

Club History



The football club associated with Sutton Coldfield was formed in 1879 with the first game taking place on the 1st of February at "Meadow Plat" in Sutton Park when the club lost 6-2 to Birmingham. The club moved to its present ground in Coles Lane in 1920.

From just after the Second World War until the early 1980s, the club played its football in regional leagues in the area, including Walsall Senior, Birmingham Comb, Birmingham Senior, Worcester Combination, Midland Combination and West Midlands Leagues.

In 1980-81 we reached the First Round proper of the FA Cup for the first time in our history and were drawn at home to Doncaster Rovers of the then Fourth Division. In front of a record crowd of over 2,200 at Coles Lane we played well but were defeated 2-0 with two late goals.

In 1982-83 we joined the Southern League following the introduction of the revised football pyramid. We secured promotion to the Premier League after finishing runners up to Cheltenham Town.

Relegated the following season and then remained in the Southern League at step 4 until 2010-11.

In 1992-93 Sutton reached the First Round proper of the FA Cup for the second time in our history and were drawn away to Bolton Wanderers of the then Second Division at Burnden Park. In front of a crowd of over 5,000, a major shock was on the cards when a late goal for Sutton was ruled out for offside and the game finished with a 2-1 win for Bolton who were promoted that season and also reached the Fifth Round of the FA Cup winning at Anfield along the way.

Another highlight came in 1998-99 the club won the Dr Martins League Cup, beating Cambridge City.

In season 2007-08 Sutton lost in the play-offs to eventual winners Stourbridge and in the following season 2008-09 missed out on the play-offs on goal difference when Chesham United equalized two minutes from time against Bromsgrove Rovers.

In season 2010-11 Sutton were moved by the FA into the EVO-STICK Northern Premier League Division 1 South and again missed out on the play-offs finishing sixth for the third year in a row.

In 2009-10 and for the first time in our 132-year history Sutton won the Birmingham Senior Challenge Cup beating Nuneaton Town 1-0 in the Final.

2011 saw the installation of the 3G artificial pitch at Coles Lane.

In September 2012, Chris Keogh stepped down as manager after 12 years and joined the Board, his assistant Neil Tooth taking over as manager.

Club History

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In 2014-15, the Club took the big step of changing the status of the club from a Members Club to a Company Limited by Guarantee.

In the same season, we earned a play-off by finishing fourth in the regular season. In the Semi-Finals we travelled to Newcastle Town, who had finished third, and came away with a 3-1 win. This put us in the Final, away at Leek Town, who had finished second. This turned out to be a great game and Sutton scored a very good 2-0 victory to get promoted to the NPL Premier Division. The last time we had played at level 3 was some 30 odd years ago in the Southern League.

Season 2015-16 was a new experience for us after promotion to step 3, to the Premier Division. After a steady start of 3 draws and 2 losses in the first 5 games, we hit a purple patch over the next 9 games, winning 7, drawing 2, putting us second place in the league eventually finishing a creditable 12th. In the FA Cup we were knocked out in the First Qualifying round by Oadby Town but in the FA Trophy we were more successful, when we reached the First Round proper only to lose to National League side Barrow AFC 1-0.

In 2016-17, Sutton struggled to pick up points and were knocked out of the FA Cup and Trophy in the early rounds. A difficult decision was made and the club parted company with the management team having won 3 and drawn 5 of the 20 league games played. Despite some improvement in form we remained in the bottom four for almost the entire season and went into the last game needing to better Corby's result to survive. A tremendously spirited performance earned a point with a 0 – 0 draw at Workington and with Corby losing at Coalville survival was ensured.

The 2017-18 season again, Sutton struggled to pick up league points and were knocked out of the FA Cup and Trophy in the early rounds. With the team having only 5 wins and 5 draws from 29 games and a goal difference of minus 48 the decision was taken to change the management. Neil Tooth was reappointed with a new management team and reinvigorated the team doubling the number of wins and being competitive in almost all the remaining games. However, the deficit inherited was too great and relegation followed.

Relegation saw us competing in the Southern League Division Central for the 2018-19 season. 'Toothy' completely rebuilt his squad and which took time to come together and there were some early season disappointments. However the new squad with its balance of experience and youth got to grips with the league and two very good runs in the season saw us finish 5th and qualify for the play-offs. This saw us lose 3-2 after extra - time to Bromsgrove Sporting in front of a crowd of 1,850 in what was possibly the most exciting game of the season. Other highlights were a good FA Cup run which saw us beat Rushall Olympic of the South Premier League Central after a replay before losing to Alfreton Town of the National League North in another replay. We had a little earlier lost on penalties to another National League North Team, Leamington, in the Birmingham Senior Cup. Our last game of the season was against Boldmere St. Michaels in the Final of the Walsall Senior Cup where we lost 2 – 0.

With a further revision of the National League Structure the 2019-20 'Toothy's' philosophy for the season was to blend experience with the continuing development of U21 players. We had considerable success in the FA Cup with a win over Gresley Rovers, while Redditch and Kettering were beaten after replays. The dream ended with a 1 – 0 defeat to a very good Boston United team in the Third Qualifying Round. There was some success in the FA Trophy with wins over Yaxley and Stafford Rangers before a defeat at the hands of Hednesford Town. The League season started slowly, the cup runs taking a toll, but the results improved as the season progressed including six wins on the bounce in February and March and gave hope that the final weeks of the season might see a play-off place. However, it wasn't to be and in March the season was terminated with the onset of the Covid pandemic.

Club History

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Sadly the 2020-21 season was significantly compromised by the continuing COVID-19 pandemic which had a significant impact on all clubs; not just from a playing perspective but survival became a real issue for many across all levels of football. The season didn't start until September and was curtailed and then cancelled in November. We had a slow start losing the first games in both the FA Cup and FA Trophy, while only 7 games were possible in the league and we finished with a record of 3 wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats.

After losing last season we approached 2021-22 with anticipation, expectation and a little trepidation. Budgets had been compromised due the closure of facilities, after two difficult seasons a number of players had retired or moved on and some supporters (the life blood of clubs at our level) were uncertain about attending games. We retained key players from the previous year's squad, with a number of former U21 players maturing well and putting themselves in contention. During the lockdown the Board continued to invest in the Club's future with a number of facility improvements and a commitment to other long-term developments. We also looked to continue the total development of the club as the Ladies and Junior sections went from strength to strength and continued our commitment to working with the local community.

2021-22 began with a 2-0 home win against Soham Town, which proved to be one of only a handful of wins in 2021 in what became a difficult season for the Royals. Under Neil Tooth's leadership only one more win was recorded before the end of October against Sporting Khalsa and following a 5-1 defeat to Ashton United in the FA Trophy resulted in 'Toothy' and his assistants resigning as the management team. Ross Thorpe was appointed as the new manager following a short stint as interim manager, with Steve Hinks later joining as assistant. A resurgence in December saw the Royals record their first away wins at Soham Town and Coleshill Town and further wins at home against Stamford and Shepshed also followed. The key game to avoid relegation came in a home tie which saw an incredible attendance of 823 witness a crucial 3-0 win against fellow strugglers Wisbech Town. This run of results helped the Royals beat the drop with games to spare on 37 points.

On guaranteeing Step 4 for the Royals, Ross Thorpe resigned as first-team manager to follow other career options. The Royals appointed former Chasetown and Shepshed Dynamo manager David Stringer to take the Royals forward in the 2022-23 season. As well as a new management team, it was also an important pre-season for the Royals as the 3G pitch has been replaced following the original being installed back in 2011 along with the new LED lights and a refurbished main stand ready for the 2022-23 season.

The 2023-2024 season begins with Dave Stringer starting his second full season in charge with a squad consisting of many players from the previous season creating a solid core of players to build upon. Additions in the in the right positions, and adding Martin Sockett to the management team builds upon a strong 2023-2024 season where we finished in a much improved 12th place, and got to the FA Trophy third qualifying round losing to Matlock Town 3-0. Dave is looking to improve on the previous season and push further up the table to the play offs.

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Lye Town Player Stats



Player	League		Cups		Total	
	App	Goals	App	Goals	App	Goals
ADEGOKE Isaac (M)	4 (2)	0	0 (3)	0	4 (5)	0
ARCHER Lewis (F)	3 (3)	2	0 (0)	0	3 (3)	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)	6 (0)	1	3 (0)	0	9 (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)	6 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	7 (1)	0
BRIDGEWATER Ryan (D)	6 (0)	0	3 (0)	1	9 (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)	3 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	5 (1)	0
FUNGE Matt (F)	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	1	1 (0)	1
HALL Sam (D)	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	4 (0)	0
HANSON Adam (M)	0 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (3)	0
LLOYD Jake (M)	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
MEACHAM Adam (D)	6 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	8 (0)	0
NEWY Ben (GK)	5 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	8 (0)	0
NGBEKEN Maxwell (M)	5 (0)	1	1 (1)	0	6 (1)	1
NORTHWOOD Kieron (M)	4 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	5 (1)	0
PALMER Joe (F)	6 (0)	4	2 (0)	0	8 (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 (1)	0	3 (0)	0	6 (1)	0
WEST Oliver (M)	2 (1)	0	3 (0)	0	5 (1)	0
WORSEY Lewis (D)	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0



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Sat 23 Sep 19:45

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Sat 30 Sep 15:00

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Corby Town v Lye Town

Sat 07 Oct 15:00

Northern Premier League Midland Division
Lye Town v Sporting Khalsa

Sat 14 Oct 15:00

Northern Premier League Midland Division
Harborough Town v Lye Town

Sat 21 Oct 15:00

Northern Premier League Midland Division
Bedworth United v Lye Town

- *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



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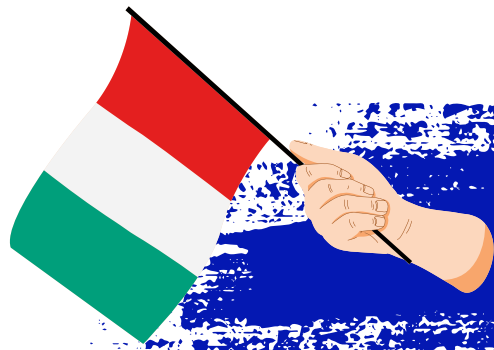
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Max Hall

Postcard from Italy!

It's nice to be back in familiar surroundings, isn't it?

I want to start with a question: Where do you get your Lye Town info? I'd like to know because I've dabbled in Lye-related magazines in the past, with the short-lived Serie Z and Serie Z 2.0 digital publications I produced.

Serie Z started because I'd grown frustrated that the Stourbridge News only covered Stourbridge FC on a weekly basis.

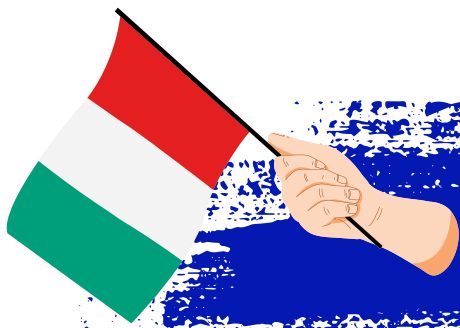
I should have been grateful for small mercies. As you may know, News Group (which used to include the Halesowen News and Dudley News titles) now ignores sport entirely.

Where do you get your Lye fix? The Express & Star carries match reports – I know because I wrote one a couple of Saturdays ago.

Do the Sunday Mercury or the other Post & Mail titles cover The Lye? There's always the Non League Paper, of course, and non-league scribe Andy Mitchell has just launched MFL Monthly – even if we can turn our noses up at that now that we're rubbing shoulders with the step 4 big boys.

Do you rely on Lye Town's official channels? lyetownfc.net and [@lyetownfc1930](https://twitter.com/lyetownfc1930)?

The latter, of course, are a huge improvement on the offering of previous seasons but we're always going to be limited by the fact we are solely reliant on volunteers. We don't seem to have anyone able and willing to provide updates for our feed on Twitter (or X, or whatever the bloke's calling it this week) during matches. That's a severe handicap for "reporters" like me who cover games remotely and led to me naming Adam Hanson as our super-sub match winner at Walsall Wood in the initial copy I sent to the E&S.



Max Hall

Postcard from Italy!

The fact the Stourbridge News has abandoned sport saddens me. That's the paper where everything started for me. It set me on the road to Old Trafford, European nights, various World Cups in other sports and to two Commonwealth Games'. The lack of sports pages, for example, means few will know Kerys Harrop, from King Edwards' in Stourbridge, has just brought the curtain down on a stellar playing career.

News Group is just following a trend that has been evident in journalism for years. The idea is that only the biggest football clubs and players attract enough eyeballs online. Around seven years ago, a former colleague of mine said the sports desk at Trinity Mirror (now known as Reach, publisher of the Birmingham titles mentioned above) was only interested in Man Utd, Chelsea, Arsenal, Liverpool, Real Madrid and Barcelona – although I suspect Man City could now be added to that list. He told me football writers routinely reported on matches after watching them on TV in the office. Writing about The Lye from northern Italy suddenly doesn't seem so disingenuous.

That attitude means, of course, clubs like The Lye simply don't get a look-in any more and that's a real shame. So with that in mind, does anyone fancy having a go at Twitter?

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



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- 2 What club team is commonly known as the 'Red Devils'?
- 3 What is the name of the top division in Italy?
- 4 What award is given to the year's best footballer by French news magazine France Football?
- 5 Name two clubs Cristiano Ronaldo has played for?
- 6 How big are the two boxes that make up the penalty area?
- 7 True or False: A wall must be 12 yards back from the ball when a free kick is to be taken?
- 8 What is the name given to the game between Barcelona and Real Madrid?
- 9 What are the two main colors of AC Milan?
- 10 In what country do Boca Juniors play?



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Lye Town Ladies

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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	
Sun 24 Sep	14:00	WMRP	Crusaders Women	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	

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	
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	
Sat 23 Sep	11:30	U16's MJPL	Pershore Town Youth U16	A	

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Lye Town Under 16's

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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	
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	

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	
Sat 23 Sep	12:30	U15's MJPL	Allscott Heath U15	A	



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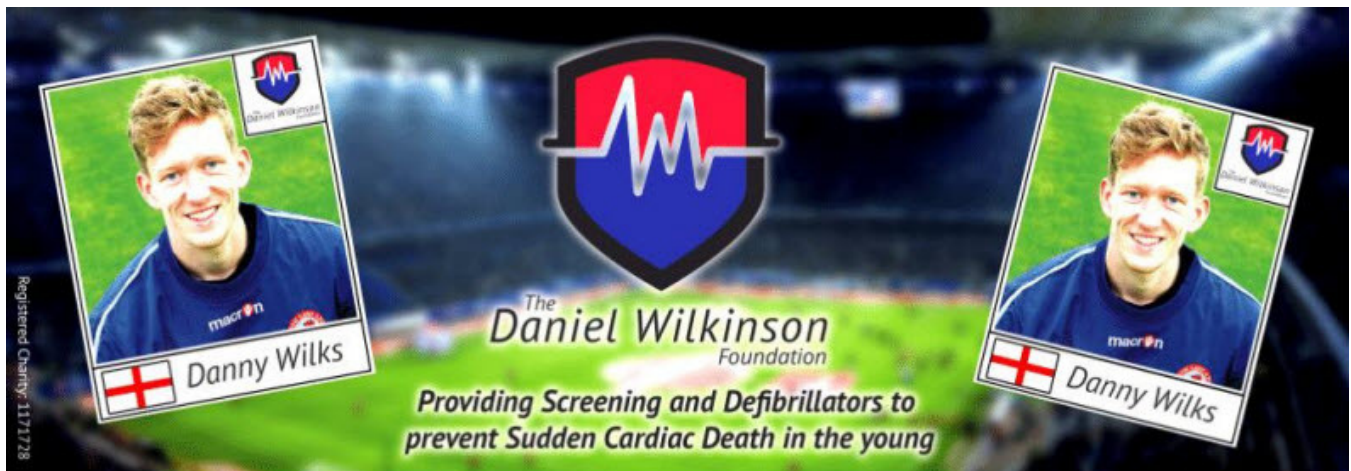
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Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. 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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NPL Midland Division

ON THE ROAD

CORBYS TOWN
Sat 30 Sept 2023
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NPL Midland Division

