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DANNY

SEARLE

"Hartlepool are a very good side and they will come full of confidence. They've been strong all season and that is the challenge for the lads..."



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to you all, wherever you are watching or listening from. As the season draws to its busy end we face a team today which has every chance of making the play-off positions in two weeks' time and I'd like to welcome Hartlepool manager Dave Challinor, his players and staff to the EBB Stadium. Despite a loss for Pools last Saturday we are expecting a tough game here today and will need to be at our very best.

Tuesday night saw us gain three points along with a clean sheet when we beat Yeovil 2:0. We can't be disappointed with that because it's what we set out to do, to get the three points on the board and we always try to work that clean sheet mentality which is important. However, there was an element of disappointment in the dressing room afterwards because we felt we should have been more

comfortable than it was. Yeovil started alright, to be fair to them and Mitch made two good saves early on and then after that, within reason, we controlled the game. But if I'm honest, I think it's that which highlighted some of the issues we've had this year with regards to when we've needed to kick on while we haven't. And you could put that Yeovil game at times as one of those. No disrespect to them, but when they went down to ten men I think that we needed to be more ruthless and actually put them to the sword. We take the clean sheet, we take the three points plus two goals - great, but I think we could have made it a little bit more of a spectacle for ourselves.

Hartlepool are a very good side and they will come full of confidence. They've been strong all season and that is the challenge for the lads. Mathematically it's still possible but let's be realistic, it's not going to happen for us, the play-offs, so there's not anything for us to play for other than to ensure that we do our jobs, we take pride in our performances and we work as hard as we can to try and give ourselves something to build on next season. We need to be up for the game today otherwise a very strong Hartlepool side will come into town and have an easy day at the office, so we will have been working hard this week to deal with that threat.

Enjoy the game,

Danny



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LEWIS SCARD

A warm welcome to our visitors who have travelled down from Hartlepool. Football fans from this town will be talking about two local events of late. Firstly, Labour failed to send an MP to Westminster for the first time since most of us were born. Secondly, their football club is battling for promotion towards the end of the season, the first time this has happened in more than a dozen years. That of course cannot be said of our own club who since reforming in 1992 have had numerous promotions and play-off games and very rarely been outside the top half of the table in that period. Before you think it, wait until next season!

Hartlepool has a thin mathematical chance of automatic promotion and an equally thin chance of failing to make the play-off matches. Good luck to you. It is always good to see a well-supported traditional league club trying to re-establish itself in the EFL.

Our priority is about preparing for next season. We will be joined by two east coast towns in Grimsby and Southend. Our league will still be a team short as nobody can emerge from the leagues below to replace Macclesfield. Players, managers, scouts and agents will intensify their search for the right players at the right cost to weld a promotion team together to be at the top of the pile come spring 2022. We will not be an exception to that activity and Danny plus others will be promoting Aldershot Town Football Club really hard.

So how do we sell ourselves and what are our strengths? Many footballers, and I am sure many of us have been in a similar position, will look at the size of the weekly wage and all judgement stops there. Football at all levels attracts wealthy folk who enjoy donating (politely called investing) large sums towards their chosen football club. Despite hugely generous and supportive stakeholders, we do not have that privilege here at Aldershot. In fact fans have spoken out against the greedy owners who initiated the European Super League and demonstrated against



their involvement, particularly the Glazer family at Manchester United. How ironic it is then that Manchester City are playing Chelsea to huge acclaim in the Champions League final when both clubs have benefited each from £1billion of investment from an Emirate Head of State and a Russian Oligarch. The drama does not end there of course, with City and Chelsea fans unable to watch the teams perform in the UK, having to spend around £1,000 each on travel and Covid tests to go to Lisbon. Who said fans first?

How else can we sell ourselves? Length of contract is important and is being addressed. We are fortunate in that geographically we can be easily accessed from all parts of the South-East and especially London; Danny is not the only person who regularly drives down from Essex. Training and stadium facilities also play a part but then there are the "softer", less tangible facts. We are a traditional football club with a long history and have played a great deal at League level. Then there is the atmosphere, both on and off the pitch. Visiting players often mention "when the East Bank rocks" and display a little jealousy that their own club does not have an equivalent support. Would it not be great for us to recreate that atmosphere match after match to push our team to success? Look at Liverpool performing in front of an empty Kop compared to when it is full. My case rests. Fans do come first!

Lewis Scard

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JAMIE SENDLES-WHITE

CAPTAIN

As we carry on with the run of back-to-back games here at the EBB Stadium, Jamie reflects on the clean sheet and three points gained on Tuesday evening with the 2:0 win here against Yeovil Town

It was nice to get back to winning ways. You shouldn't normally feel for the other team when you beat them but I felt for Yeovil, they've obviously had a really rough time and they've also had a lot of injuries which probably added to all the stuff that's been going on down there. But from our point of view it was a professional performance with the win and also a clean sheet, too. On the pitch we all agreed we didn't think it was a red card (for Alex Bradley) but sometimes these things do go for you.

Today the Shots face up to play-off contenders, Hartlepool United, and Jamie is aware that everyone will need to be at their very best to compete with this strong and well-organised side



It will be an interesting game. They will be certainly looking to push on and I think they probably have got an outside chance of automatic promotion – I know they are just about confirmed for the play-offs so they are going to want to be getting the win today. They are a very good side, very organised, very well-drilled so it's going to be a different challenge for us today. But we are always confident that if we turn up how we know we can we can give anyone in this league a game. We need to be at it and not let this season fizzle out with poor performances and poor results, we need to go out strongly.





SHOTS NEWS & VIEWS

WORDS BY VICTORIA ROGERS

As the end of the season hoves into view, there has been a small amount of debate about how some clubs are approaching these final few games, particularly those who no longer have any kind of 'dog in the fight' if you like, otherwise known as any team from 10th place down who will now be unable to reach the play-offs. The removal of the fear of relegation has possibly enhanced this situation along with the need in some cases to save money (furloughing players, using youth products) or possibly, just reaching the end of a very long season with some level of fatigue – pre-season commenced back in July and here we are halfway through May and still two weeks to go.

Therefore it was interesting to hear Craig Tanner's comments in today's Big Interview feature on what players and teams should still be doing, regardless of where they are in the table and what hopes they might have at season's end. He is very much of the opinion that supporters have suffered enough throughout this campaign, being unable to actively engage with and watch their teams play live football in the grounds and that the very least the players can do is to try to put on a good show for them, even if it appears there is nothing to play for.

In recent matches the Shots have played both Sutton and Torquay who are currently jostling for the top place and automatic promotion from the National League into the EFL. This meant that our performances against them had to be

honest, genuine and committed performances, ones which retained the integrity of the game and competition – and I know that was what they were, regardless of the final result each time. Our visitors today, Hartlepool most definitely still have everything to play for as they are one of three teams looking to fill the two play-off places and avoid the need for a play-off eliminator game, so once again the Shots are involved in a key game, the result of which impacts on other teams.

Our final two home games are also against clubs who still stand a good chance of making the play-offs and Danny Searle's team will be looking to produce strong performances across all three of their end of season home games, before travelling to King's Lynn on the last day of the season. Had there still been relegation, that could well have been a key game too and with the lifting of restrictions, although supporters are unable to attend matches as away fans, there is still the opportunity to watch the final game of the season in a large group – see opposite page for further details.

We all hope that there will never be a time again when people are shut out from all that they love doing best – be it theatres, cinemas, gyms or live sport. But while that has been the case across football and all sports this season we do know one thing for sure – that Danny Searle, Anwar Uddin, the coaching staff and players have given their all whatever the circumstances and we the supporters wouldn't have it any other way, here at Aldershot Town.



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Tuesday 27 April
Vanarama National League
Kick-Off 7pm

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Hall 12', Boden 90+7

The Shots 1
Lyons-Foster 17'

Plainmoor



Torquay United: Colovan, Lewis (Warren 45'), Moxey (Koszela 89'), Hall, Wynter (Booked), Sherring, Lemonheigh-Evans, Randell, Andrews (Booked), Boden (Booked), Waters (Tomlinson 67')
Subs: MacDonald, Warren, Buse, Koszela, Tomlinson



The Shots: Walker, Fowler, Sendles -White, Lyons-Foster, Kinsella (Booked), Rees, Edser, Anderson, Miller (Booked) (Kandi 63'), Panayiotou, Nouble (Bettamer 82')
Subs: Bettamer, Kandi, Ogie, Tanner, Hinds



Photos Courtesy of Torquay United FC

“ POST-MATCH THOUGHTS ”

GARY JOHNSON

'We were fantastic in the first 20 minutes or so... then they got into the game, they had a couple of sharp lads up front and we had to deal with them. They were dangerous... and we weren't keeping up the quality... But we're a team and what a great cross... and header from Bodes for the goal.'

DANNY SEARLE

'It was one of the toughest defeats we've had to take this season because the lads were outstanding. We knew we were going to be up against it for parts of the game because they are not top by accident... Torquay have a habit of scoring late but we're not sure where the seven minutes time added on came from.'



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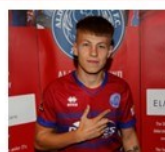
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MATCH ACTION

Saturday 1 May

Vanarama National League

Kick-Off 3pm

Sutton United 3

Wilson 8', John 45+2', Olaofe 73'

The Shots 1

Miller 23'

Gander Green Lane



Sutton United: Bouzanis, John (Booked), Rowe, Eastmond, Beautyman, Ajiboye (Booked), Barden, Milsom (Simpson 9'), Olaofe, Wilson (Davis 67'), Bugiel
Subs: Davis, House, Sho-Silva, Simpson, Browne



The Shots: Walker, Fowler, Sendles -White, Lyons-Foster, Kinsella (Booked), Rees, Edser (Tanner 76'), Anderson, Miller (Bettamer 69'), Panayiotou (Hinds 86'), Nouble (Booked)
Subs: Bettamer, Kandi, Ogie, Tanner, Hinds



Photos Courtesy of Sutton United FC

“ POST-MATCH THOUGHTS ”

MATT GRAY

‘Credit to Aldershot they’ve come out with freedom, it’s difficult to play those teams, they haven’t got a lot to lose and they might as well come out and have a go. They really put us under pressure without really making Bouzanis having anything to save.’

DANNY SEARLE

‘We dominated large portions of the game but never really looked like scoring a goal. We don’t just want to hold our own, like when we went to Torquay, we want to have a say in what happens at the top of the league. When you dominate the ball in periods but don’t put the ball in the penalty area or don’t get a shot at goal, you’re always going to find it tough against teams like this.’



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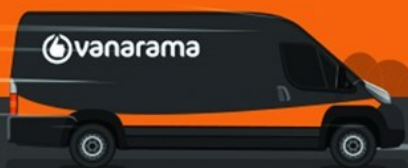
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Full Name: Ben Shroll

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Height: 6'1"

Married: No

Nickname: Shrollly

Car: Peugeot 208

Previous clubs: Worcester Park FC, Kings Park Royals, Raynes Park Vale, Met Police, Aldershot Under-23s

Team you supported as a boy: QPR

Favourite current player: Kodi Lyons-Foster

Most difficult opponent: Reece Wylie

Most memorable match: Worcester Park Cup Final, went 3-0 down first half but won 4-3

Biggest disappointment: Crashing my car!

Football honours: Signing my pro-deal at Aldershot

Favourite other sports: Table tennis

Favourite other sportsmen/women: Sergio Ramos

Hobbies: Going to the gym

Favourite musicians: D-Block Europe, Drake

Miscellaneous likes: Working on my day off

Miscellaneous dislikes: Working long shifts

Best country visited: USA (In particular New York)

Favourite food: Steak

Favourite restaurant: Gauchos

Favourite drink: Water

Biggest drag in football: Away days

If you weren't a footballer what do you think you'd be: A builder

Which person in the world would you most like to meet: Drake

If given £1million what would be the first thing you would buy: A house (Mansion!)



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Good Afternoon Everyone.

This afternoon we welcome Hartlepool United to the EBB Stadium who are hoping to get back into the League at the end of the season.

We were in winning action on Tuesday against what was in the end, a 10-man Yeovil Town. Let's carry on this winning streak for the remaining games we have left and finish on a high.

With the announcement on Monday that Aldershot are able to allow some fans back into the ground as of our home game to Eastleigh on Tuesday, and then the final home game against Bromley on 22 May we have decided NOT to open our Supporters Club Hut on either of these games. This is in line with the Club as they have announced that none of the catering facilities are open or the Club Shop.

We Supporters Club Committee are arranging to have a meeting as soon as possible so that we can organise events to raise funds for the Club and get everyone back and involved. Thank you again for your patience. If you do have any queries, please email us at the below address.

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Remember that there will be another BUTTS BONUS of £1,000 around November time just ready for Christmas!!!! (sorry to mention in May!!).

The Midweek YouTube Show that the Club has been doing is now on its 17th week. Still such a laugh, and a good mix of interviews and fun. Like Mark has said, let's give them ideas for the show and get involved. When things go back to 'normal' let's hope that they carry it on as I'm loving it!!

Remember we are also on Instagram and have a Twitter account – [atsc_supporters_club](#) and [@officialatfc](#)

Hope you enjoy the game.

Ray Hedgman - Supporters' Club Chairman



ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN



I was truly saddened to learn of the passing of David Pugh earlier this week. David was a wonderful Ambassador for Aldershot Football, covering both the AFC and ATFC eras. Decades of devotion. Decades of attention to detail, commitment and dedication for the wellbeing of football in Aldershot.

It was a delight to work with David during my time as Secretary. He served as Youth and Reserve Team Secretary before taking on the role as Match Day Manager. I should add, too, that every role he served was voluntary.

It was a huge demand too. These included the Isthmian League days under George Borg where there were some huge attendances, a wide range of interest and expectation and always a drama or two. However nothing ever flustered David. He was always polite and courteous, even under the most extreme of pressures. The perfect individual to meet and greet the match officials. To represent the Club with pride. He possessed a calm and caring demeanour and was the kind of person I loved working with. His contribution to

Aldershot Football over many years was magnificent. It was always club first above anything else with David, and that is exactly how it should be.

David was also widely respected within the football fraternity outside of his Aldershot connections. He spent many years as an Officer of the Suburban Football League.

It is people behind the scenes that are the heartbeat of the club. David Pugh provided that heartbeat and his contribution to Aldershot Football will always be immense. Indeed the Pugh Family have played such a wonderful part within the Club and have always remained loyal supporters. They are a true Red and Blue Aldershot family. I am sure that there is a glowing pride knowing how much David was respected by so many people, with so many warm-hearted and genuine tributes that have been provided this week.

Our sincere best wishes and sympathies are extended to the Pugh Family at such a difficult time. Please be assured David Pugh was one of Aldershot's finest. A genuine and sincere man.

RIP David.

Words by Graham Brookland





*CRAIG
TANNER*

THE BIG INTERVIEW

The arrival of Craig Tanner at Aldershot Town in December 2019 was a breath of fresh air for both the player and club. Tanner immediately slotted into the starting line-up and the supporters enjoyed his dedicated and stylish manner of play, the 26-year-old scoring four goals and providing four assists in his 12 appearances. It was all very pleasing for a young player who had endured a long spell out of the game with a knee injury while playing for Scottish Premiership club Motherwell and who was looking to get back into the game. When an opportunity arose for him to play for his hometown club, the Shots, he seized it with both hands.

It was unfortunate then that just as he was getting into his stride, the season was ended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. A long and enforced break then followed for everyone involved in non-league football but in July 2020 Craig had no hesitation in remaining at the EBB Stadium, signing a new one-year deal with the Shots and everything was looking good for the coming campaign.

The heavily delayed National League season kicked off in October and Craig was once again in the starting 11, energised by a full pre-season. He played in the first seven games of the season but then disaster struck, in the oddest of ways and Craig picked up an injury that was to see him unable to play for nearly five months. He explains just what happened.

'It was at training, just in a training situation. We were prepping for a match but I can't remember who for. I tracked Toby in the game, he sort of cut in, took a shot and I stuck my leg out to block it and the force of the ball opened up my MCL (Medial Collateral Ligament).

So was this a reoccurrence of the injury that had caused him so much grief previously?

'No, it wasn't the same injury as before. Everyone kept saying on Twitter and other things like that that it was the same knee but they were completely different injuries – my original bad one was on my right knee but this was on my left. So a completely different injury and just one of those injuries that any club will get a couple of in a season and unfortunately I was on the end of it. One of those things I just couldn't prevent.'

It was though a big disappointment to Craig after he had started the season so well – three goals and six assists in seven games before running into another interruption to his career. There was one positive though, this time he didn't require an operation to repair the damage, although the recovery process was slow.

'No, I didn't have an operation, just rehab and treatment. But it took a lot longer than might have been expected due to the fact that the Club shut twice (with players and staff isolating) so that was pretty much three weeks gone from the time. And along with that, there's been zero gyms open to do any rehab in. Aldershot Town don't have any gym facilities so I had to make up and do what I could do on my own over the last few months.

'Also, the quality of physios (away from the club) are not always the same, you're not quite sure what you are dealing with. You are doing a lot of it on your own, really.'

To be injured and have other things stack up against you when you are trying to recover can be tough, not only physically but mentally as well. How did Craig deal with this situation? He is both pragmatic and practical in his reply.

'Well, obviously I've been through it before and I'm lucky enough to have my girlfriend who I can bounce off at times. It has been tough because obviously I couldn't go and see my family or friends. Little things, like having a hug with someone or going for a beer with your mates that would take your mind of it, you couldn't even do that so yes, it has been a bit of a slog. At times it went quick, at times it went so slowly. It went quick at the start but then towards the end, with MCLs, you do really well up to 85-90% but it's normally the last 10% that drags, to get you over the line. But I'm pretty much there now.'

One thing that often helps in a player's recovery is regular contact with colleagues. However, the pandemic meant that this didn't happen for Craig as often as might normally be expected.

'I could come in but with Covid and the fact that we don't have any gym equipment here I didn't want to keep coming in to the Club for no reason. I thought I'd just stay away as much as I could because I didn't want to be someone who brings Covid into the Club, or bring it home and then have to self-isolate.'

And he was mindful of others who were still working at the Club to keep things going during the winter, around the stadium and pitch.

'With all the volunteers still coming into the Club it would have been a bit selfish for me to put their lives on the line for me to come in if I then spread it.'

Having now finally reached full recovery though, it has been good news for both club and player to see Craig make a series of appearances from the bench over the last few weeks, culminating in Tuesday evening's first start for the winger since November, the 2:0 win against Yeovil Town where he played 75 minutes.

Speaking prior to Tuesday's match, Craig explains how pleased he is to get back to playing along with hoping for as much time as he can gain on the pitch

'I've been a bit frustrated maybe with the game time I've got - I was hoping to get a little bit more this

season. Obviously when you've been out you want to come back and start playing straight away but it's just another thing you can't really do anything about, you just have to say, there's nothing I can do about that and wait for your chance to get back in the team.'

And that return when it came was a successful one for the player. Craig hit the post in the first half with a shot which was so close to becoming his first goal in five months before going on to provide the assist for Chike Kandi's second half goal, a right-footed cross that in his own words, 'I just tried to put it on a plate for him!'

Now he is looking for a strong end to the season and to start replicating the kind of form which sees him returning to both assisting with and scoring goals as he was back in October.

'I started the season really well, from where I had been before the previous season was ended. When I first came to the Club my form was good - four goals, four assists from 12 appearances so it was just a matter of continuing it and building on that season. I thought I'd come in and I still had a few more gears to move through but I got three goals and six assists in seven games so I was feeling good and confident and I know that I've got the ability that I've always backed myself with - an ability to create things, score goals and do things in the final third which at times we might have been missing from our game this season. It's not always easy to sit at home and know that's one of your strengths and that it's something that we might be missing. Every time I step on a pitch I'm confident I'll score or assist so hopefully I can get a bit more game time towards the end of the season and pick up and have some fun, just to be out there again.'

This is something that supporters will most definitely want to see and Craig is keen that despite the season having no relegation, and the Shots now almost certainly unable to make the play-offs, the team continue to perform, both for the supporters and for the integrity of the competition.

'We will continue to do that (compete and play well) Even though the fans haven't been there they are contributing by paying to watch streams and watch the shows too and we want to keep them entertained because they are still unable to attend until next week. If we went on to not compete to the best of our ability, I think it's unfair on them when they are spending their hard-earned money in a tough time for everyone.'

And now, finally, the supporters will be permitted to attend the final two matches of the season and Craig is delighted with this, understanding fully just what makes a fan tick.

'I think it will just be a lift for everyone involved with the Club. It's what everyone wants and football's definitely not the same without the fans. I think everyone wants to come and have that belief or purpose and be a part of the team that they have supported and have been unable to watch, yet still keeping up-to-date with everything. It will be nice for us to say thank you to them for standing by us throughout, after not being able to come into the ground – having to sit at home and watch us. It will be nice for us to hopefully put on a couple of showcase games for them.'

Of course, players' families and friends have also been unable to watch them play and Craig thinks it is important that they too will be able to attend these final two home games.

'I think it's important that families do come and support you when you are playing because they've got to sacrifice so much for us just to kick an air ball around for 90 minutes and chase around – you know what we actually get up to, and be a part of it. To be a footballer, it's hard to do it on your own, you need a lot of support around you, the ups and downs and sometimes it would be nice for them to see where their support goes.'

And in closing, with the season nearly over, what is Craig's main hope for the final few games? He is very clear on this!

'Hopefully not sat on the bench!'

And although there is a strong squad of players all looking to start matches, who could deny Craig this ambition when he has missed out on so many games over the past year? All Shots supporters wish him well.

Words by Victoria Rogers







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My Aldershot journey starts in the mid-80s. My then step-dad Gordon Ball took me to my first Shots game, a pre-season friendly against Watford; we lost 3-0 but I was hooked from then on. One great game that sticks out from back then was the 6-0 win v Gillingham at the Rec. Unfortunately, I missed a lot of ATFC's promotion season to League 2 as I was living in Paris. While living in Paris I met an ex-Shots player, Steve Berry. We remain friends, he's often reminded of 'that goal'. I'm pleased with what Danny has done with our current squad and with limited resources and of course, money. That said, I hope that next season we'll push for at least a play-off spot.

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THE ACADEMY

PROFILE



Name: Beau

Age Group: U-11s

Playing Position:

Defender/Holding midfielder

When did you join the Aldershot Town Academy?

Two years +

When did you first start playing football?

At the age of five years (Little Kickers in Twickenham)

What team do you support?

The Reds, Liverpool

What type of player are you?

A passionate hard-working player

Who is your favourite footballer?

Jordan Henderson- Liverpool midfielder

Describe the best goal you have scored?

It was a friendly match away against Leatherhead, beginning of the season. The ball was played to me outside of the box, I took a touch, then had a shot and it went in

What do you want to achieve this season with the Academy?

I'm learning every time, new skills, techniques with the ball and general game play

What are your hopes for your footballing-future?

To play for the First Team, that's my dream, really

What advice would you give yourself, if you were starting in the academy all over again?

Always work hard in training. Listen to the coaches. Keep smiling

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The club have also added some new initiatives to our deferred 2020/21 Season Ticket holders as we encourage them to continue their fantastic support for the club by taking up these offers ahead of the 2021/2022 season, including four home games free!

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PLAYER AND GOAL OF THE MONTH - APRIL

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALDERSHOT TOWN NUMBER 11, HARRISON PANAYIOTOU, WHO IS THE WINNER OF BOTH PLAYER OF THE MONTH AND GOAL OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL.



Harrison made five appearances throughout the month, scored three goals and made one assist. His third goal of the month, against Wealdstone, certainly caught everyone's eye and saw him awarded Goal of the Month, too.

Having also hit the back of the net in Tuesday evening's game with Yeovil here at the EBB Stadium, Panayiotou is now on nine goals for the season and will looking to make double figures by the end of May.



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INTRODUCING HARTLEPOOL UNITED



Hartlepool United arrive at the EBB sitting in fourth place in the table as the race at the top of the National League heats up and the season comes to a thrilling conclusion. Hartlepool have lost their last two National League games with defeats against Bromley and Maidenhead. Dave Challinor has said earlier this week that his Hartlepool players are fighting for their futures, as he looks to seal a return to the EFL. Challinor's side have a game in hand, compared to some of the other teams jostling at the top of the National League table.

In goal for the Maidenhead defeat was Henrich Ravas. Ravas has made ten league appearances for Hartlepool this season and is on loan from Derby County

In defence, David Ferguson has made 37 league appearances for Hartlepool. Ferguson scored in Hartlepool's 2-0 home win against Solihull Moors in February. Timi Odusina has been sent off twice this season, with dismissals coming against Eastleigh and Solihull Moors. Odusina has made 28 league appearances this season. Ryan Johnson has made 30 league appearances this season, scoring four goals for Hartlepool. Former Newcastle youth player, Jamie Sterry, has made 24 league appearances this season.

In midfield, Mark Shelton has made 34 league appearances, scoring two goals, including a goal in the 7-2 win against Wealdstone. Nicky Featherstone scored in the 2-1 win for Hartlepool, against The Shots in October. Featherstone has made 34 league appearances this season, scoring three goals. Luke Molyneux has made 23 league appearances this season. Molyneux was sent off in the 1-0 defeat to Weymouth in January. Molyneux has scored two goals this season. Gavin Holohan has made 37 league appearances this season,

scoring in four games in a row spanning across March and April. In total Holohan has scored seven goals. Harvey Saunders signed on loan from Fleetwood at the end of April and has made two league appearances for Hartlepool. Saunders has made 29 first team appearances for Fleetwood, scoring eight goals.

Up front, Rhys Oates is Hartlepool's top scorer with 13 goals, including the winner when the sides met at Victoria Park. Oates has made 34 league appearances in his first season with Hartlepool, since his signing from Morecambe

HISTORY

The Shots hold the historical advantage between the sides. The Shots have 27 wins, Hartlepool have 22 and there have been 14 draws. When the sides met at Victoria Park in October it was Hartlepool who came out on top, 2-1. Nicky Featherstone gave Hartlepool the lead from the penalty spot on 34 minutes. The Shots equalised through Craig Tanner in the 63rd minute before Rhys Oates struck late in the 86th minute to give Hartlepool all three points. The game here last season was a 3-0 win for Hartlepool with Josh Hawkes, Gavin Holohan and Nicke Kabamba scoring the Hartlepool goals. The last Shots win against Hartlepool was in the 2017/18 season here, Scott Rendell and Manny Oyeleke scoring the goals in a 2-1 win. Hartlepool's goal was scored by Blair Adams

Words by Dan Blake



THE BOSS

DAVE CHALLINOR

Dave Challinor was appointed as the new Manager of Hartlepool United in November 2019, succeeding Craig Hignett in the dugout at Victoria Park.

Challinor arrived at The Vic on the back of a long and hugely successful spell as boss at AFC Fylde.

When Challinor took the reins at Fylde, the club were playing their football in Northern Premier League Division One North but an ambitious strategy on and off the pitch was to pave the way for a rapid rise.

Born in Chester, Challinor began his playing days in the colours of Tranmere Rovers where he came through the ranks to develop in to a hugely popular centre-back.

Allied to his competitive and no-nonsense nature as a defender, he also caught the eye due to his enormous throw-in – in 1998 he claimed the World Record for the longest thrown when he hurled a ball 46.34 metres to beat the record held by Andy Legg.

Challinor enjoyed success with Tranmere, playing for them in the 2000 League Cup Final, before Stockport County stumped up a fee of £120,000 in January 2002.

After a couple of seasons with The Hatters he was allowed to join Bury on loan in January 2004 and he made that move to Gigg Lane a permanent one in the summer which followed.

He was installed as Club Captain at Bury and spent four years there before a knee injury forced him to retire from professional football at the end of the 2007/08 campaign.

Challinor was able to play part-time and became skipper of Colwyn Bay with whom he secured promotion in 2010 after which he was appointed as Player/Manager of the club.

His first season as manager saw The Bay finish runners-up in the Northern Premier League Premier Division and they triumphed in the play-offs to be promoted to National League North.

In November 2011 Challinor joined AFC Fylde and they were promoted from Northern Premier League Division One North as champions in his first season in charge.

In 2012-13 the Coasters made it to the play-offs and the First Round Proper of the FA Cup.

They went one better in 2013/14 when Fylde won the play-offs to take their place in National League North.

In 2016/17 Fylde clinched promotion as Champions of National League North and Challinor led the club in to the fifth tier for the first time in their history.

He then led them a third place finish in the National League in 2017/18 only to fall at the play-off hurdle, and in May 2019 he took them to Wembley where they won the FA Trophy.





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HENRICH RAVAS

The goalkeeper joined from Derby County on a season-long loan.

The 6'4" Slovakian joined Derby after spending time with both Peterborough United and Boston United.

Ravas gained valuable experience with Derby's Under-23s in the EFL Trophy during the 2016/17 season, playing in fixtures at Port Vale and Doncaster Rovers.

The 2017/18 campaign was a positive one for Ravas, as he spent the season on loan at Gainsborough Trinity. He appeared 43 times in total but, despite several fine performances which resulted in him being named as Gainsborough's Young Player of the Year, was unable to help the side avoid relegation.

He acted as Derby's third-choice goalkeeper upon his return to Derby during the 2018/19 and 2019/20 seasons and appeared as an unused substitute on several occasions.



5

TIMI ODUSINA

After a successful loan spell last season, Timi has returned to the Club eager to add to his previous eight appearances.

Odusina has been with The Canaries since he was 14 when he made a move from Arsenal and he signed professional terms at Carrow Road in 2016.

Since then he's gone on to skipper City's Under-23 side in Premier League 2 before gaining senior experience with his spell at Mill Farm with AFC Fylde in the 2018-19 season.



14

GAVAN HOLOHAN

Midfield man Gavan Holohan joined Pools in February 2019 on a short-term deal until the end of the season. Having come through the ranks with Kilkenny in his native Ireland, Holohan was picked up by Hull City in 2008 and he went on to spend the next four years with The Tigers, captaining their youth team.

Upon his release he signed for Alfreton Town but returned to Ireland in 2013 to join Drogheda United, where his form in the engine room earned him a move to Cork City.

A box-to-box midfielder who is capable of scoring and creating goals, Holohan then spent time with Galway United and Waterford before arriving at Hartlepool, impressing in seven late season appearances and scoring one goal to earn a renewed deal during the summer.



11

RHYS OATES

Between 2015 and 2018 the forward made 109 appearances for Pools and was admired for his hard work, determination, and versatility to play in many positions as an attacker.

In 2018, Rhys went on to sign for League Two side Morecambe FC and after 44 appearances over two seasons, he has now signed a permanent deal at The Victoria Ground.

Despite this being his second spell at the club, Oates has never worked with Pools gaffer Dave Challinor but the manager is delighted to get him back to the Club.

1 Ben Killip

Pools beat off competition from several other clubs to land the signature of highly-rated young goalkeeper Ben Killip during the summer of 2019.

Ben was one of the star performers for Braintree Town in 2018-19, finishing the season as skipper and keeping an impressive ten clean sheets despite their relegation.

He also gained international recognition when he won three caps for England C during 2019/20.

When it became clear that Pools would be in the market for a keeper during the summer of 2019, former Chelsea trainee Killip moved to the top of their list of targets and the Club subsequently clinched a deal to bring him to the North East.

2 Lewis Cass

Signed on loan from Newcastle. A regular under-23s, Cass captained his side and has impressed continuously throughout the years.

Equally capable at right-back or at centre-back, Lewis figured for North Shields Juniors before joining United at the age of 12.

Cass has been an ever-present for the Under-23 squad in recent years after signing his first professional contract with the club in July 2018 and featured on the bench for Newcastle United's Emirates FA Cup third round clash at Rochdale.

3 David Ferguson

The attacking full back joins the club on a permanent deal after his contract with York came to an end.

He began his career in Darlington's youth system, breaking into the first team in early 2012. He finished the 2011-12 season with six appearances.

Ferguson signed for then Premier League Club Sunderland in June 2012 on a one-year contract. He went out on loan to Boston United, making his debut in 2014.

After signing for then Championship side Blackpool FC, Ferguson went on to captain the side until the end of his contract in the 2015-16 season.

David then signed for Northern League Division One club Shildon in August 2016, but moved back to Darlington the following January.

On 6 October 2017, Ferguson signed for York City on a contract running to June 2019.

Ferguson has enjoyed a successful campaign registering 16 assists from left full back and played in York's semi-final play-off game for the end of the 2019/20 season.

4 Gary Liddle

Liddle made a return to The Vic in January from parent club Walsall and added to his impressive 284 appearances that all started back in 2006.

Liddle made his senior debut in Pools colours back in August 2006 after Danny Wilson signed him from Middlesbrough and he played a key role as the Club won promotion from League Two in 2006/07.

He was crowned as joint Players' Player of the Year alongside Michael Nelson during an impressive first season at The Vic, going on to play 284 times and move 20th in the Club's list of all-time appearance-makers.

15 Ryan Johnson

The powerful defender signs on a short-term deal after leaving Kidderminster at the end of last season.

He started his career with West Bromwich Albion as a boy but before he signed pro-terms with them, he signed for Stevenage. He made nine appearances for the Club and spent time out on loan at Nuneaton Town and fellow National League side, Boreham Wood.

In January 2019, Johnson signed a permanent deal at Kidderminster Harriers after a successful loan spell and played throughout the 2019/20 National League North season.

20 Aaron Cunningham

The versatile youngster has battled back from injury problems to secure a professional contract with the Club towards the end of last season.

Comfortable in the centre of defence or in a midfield anchor role, the combative Cunningham has progressed excellently through the ranks during his time in the Academy.

An ankle problem blighted the third year of his scholarship but he's shown enough promise to have been offered a deal and will be hoping to make big strides in the years to come.

He is unlikely to forget his senior debut having been introduced from the bench against Torquay United in April 2018, only to be shown a harsh red card just sixteen minutes later.

However, he bounced back from that disappointment last term when he prospered during a loan spell at Blyth Spartans before returning to make a further six first team appearances for Pools.

6 Mark Shelton

Shelton joined the club in January 2019 from Salford City and made 14 appearances with three goals.

Shelton came through the ranks at Burton Albion before making a name for himself during a successful spell at Alfreton Town which persuaded Salford to pay money for him in 2017.

During his time with City, he played his part in back-to-back promotions, helping The Ammies drive up from National League North to claim their place in the EFL.

7 Ryan Donaldson

Versatile star Ryan Donaldson bounced back from a frustrating first season at Pools to play a key role in the team in 18-19, making 48 appearances in all competitions.

The former Newcastle United star finished the season wearing the captain's armband and his all-action displays at wing-back, midfield or even in attack have drawn plenty of praise.

He joined the Club on a permanent deal during the summer of 2017 following his release from Plymouth Argyle but an ankle injury curtailed his first year in Pools colours.

However, his strong performances earned a new deal with the Club, where he had previously made 12 appearances during a loan spell from Newcastle in League One back in 2011/2.

After a handful of senior outings for The Magpies, Donaldson was allowed to move on and made his name at Gateshead where he scored eight times in the National League during 2012/13.

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That form caught the eye of Cambridge United who took the Tynesider in the summer of 2013 – it proved an inspired signing as Donaldson starred in The U's return to the Football League, including scoring the Wembley winner in the Play-Off Final which secured their promotion.

He became a near ever-present for them in League Two in the following campaign, scoring seven goals in total.

8 Nicky Featherstone

Experienced midfielder Nicky Featherstone arrived in October 2014, initially signing a short-term deal with the Club.

However, his form in the centre of the park has blossomed since then and he became an integral part of the engine room.

Comfortable and composed in possession, Featherstone is now the Club's longest-serving player having passed 200 appearances in all competitions during 2019/20.

Having started his career with Hull City, he moved on to Hereford United in 2011 on a permanent deal after impressing during a loan spell with The Bulls.

After making almost 60 appearances for the Edgar Street outfit, Featherstone returned to the Football League with Walsall where he spent two years.

10 Luke Molyneux

The young winger arrived at Pools in January 2018 on loan from Sunderland and went on to sparkle during 16 subsequent appearances.

A versatile performer who is comfortable on either flank or even in a more central position, his direct style, pace and trickery made him a firm favourite with fans.

His injury-time goal against Dover Athletic in March will live long in the memory, helping Craig Hignett's side recover from two goals down to secure a sensational 3-2 win.

Given his ability and form, many expected him to be out of Pools' reach during the summer so the news of him signing a permanent deal following his release from Sunderland was met with huge positivity.

Molyneux had spent the first half of last season on loan at Gateshead after being a regular in Sunderland Under-23s team in 2017/18 and also making his senior Black Cats bow on the final day.

17 Josh MacDonald

Born in the North East, the young forward has spent the last five years at FC Halifax Town and developed quickly into a key attacking outlet with a fantastic ability to beat his man. Favoured as a right-winger, Josh became a key part of Halifax's side and started in their 2016 FA Trophy win at Wembley.

MacDonald started his career as a Middlesbrough trainee and then went on to play for Northern Premier League side Marske United. In 2015, the winger got his move to Halifax where he went on to play 83 times for the West Yorkshire club.

22 Tom Crawford

Tom joined Pools after the expiration of his contract with fellow National League side Notts County.

The 21-year-old midfielder joined Notts County from Chester in May 2018 for an undisclosed fee having progressed through their Academy, he

featured nine times for County last season, netting once, with Notts winning eight of those nine games.

9 Mason Bloomfield

Known for his physicality and agility, Bloomfield came through the Dagenham & Redbridge academy and made a League Two appearance whilst aged 17. He later had loan spells at Chatham Town, Erith & Belvedere, Maldon & Tiptree, Chelmsford City, Billericay Town, Grays, Witham Town, Brentwood and Aveley (twice) before returning to the Dagenham first team. He made 28 appearances for Dagenham, scoring three goals.

After signing for Norwich City in the summer of 2018 it was announced that Bloomfield would be joining Scottish side Hamilton on loan for the 2018/19 season.

After his loan spell was cut short he immediately joined AFC Fylde under current manager Dave Challinor on loan until the end of the 2018/19 season. However, a broken wrist ended his season early,

On 31st May 2019, he joined League Two side Crawley on a season-long loan. He scored four goals in 23 games for Crawley.

12 Joe Grey

The 17-year-old striker joined the Pools Youth Academy last year from Wallsend Boys Club and quickly made a good impression on the coaching staff. Joe made four appearances in the first team squad last season, featuring on the bench in both league and FA Cup games.

Joe has spent pre-season training with the first team and has fitted in very well with Dave Challinor plans. Despite continuous interest from other clubs, Dave was delighted to see Joe sign on with Pools.

"Joe is a great young talent and there was no surprise to see other clubs trying to get a hold of him but we are delighted to see him sign on. He has trained hard with the first team lads and really fitted in well. Everyone at Hartlepool is excited to see what Joe can do and offer to our squad".

16 Claudio Ofori

The 21-year-old joined us after spending the last season with Southern League Premier Division side Royston Town where he enjoyed a successful season, driving them to a second-place league finish.

With nine goals and 11 assists last year, Claudio quickly became well known for his quick speed, skilful wing play, and natural ability to run past his man.

Ofori began his career with St Neots Town, making 24 appearances before joining Stevenage, progressing through the Club's youth system and enjoying loan spells at Biggleswade United, where he bagged three goals in six appearances, and then six appearances at Kings Langley before a loan spell at Mildenhall Town, gaining valuable first-team experience.

After leaving The Lamex Stadium, Ofori returned to St Neots Town, netting three times in 24 appearances.

Let's hope that **stamp duty** is not the only one going on holiday in 2021!



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Goalscorer Chike Kandi moves the ball forward in Tuesday evening's 2:0 win over Yeovil Town

THE BIG PICTURE



Pre-match warm-up for the squad at Gander Green Lane prior to the May Day game with Sutton United





FUN WITH THE

WORDSEARCH

Can you find the names of four Shots Centurions in our wordsearch?

**KINSELLA
BUTLER
CALVERT
HARRIS**

T	P	K	M	D	M	D	H	L	J
R	S	J	Z	Y	M	F	U	W	Y
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SPOT THE BALL



HAT-TRICK QUIZ

Can you score a hat-trick of answers in our quick-fire quiz?

- 1 What mammal is connected to Hartlepool United?
- 2 Which ground did Aldershot Town play the Conference play-off final at in 2004?
- 3 Who scored the only goal in the Chelsea v Arsenal match on Wednesday evening?

THE PHOENIX!



GUESS THE GROUND



WHO AM I?



H	B	L	E	R	A	A	A	M	A
F	U	X	U	L	D	B	D	Y	A
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Y	M	F	U	Z	Y	M	R	S	
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Wordsearch solution

C
 Spot the Ball
 Michael Koopowitz
 Who am I?
 Moss Rose, Macclesfield
 Guess the Ground
 3 Smith Rowe
 2 Britannia Stadium, Stoke City
 1 Monkey
 Hat-Trick Quiz

ANSWERS

GOLDEN GOALS



This season sees a new way of looking at Shots games gone past, this time through the medium of goals. But not the most exquisitely executed goals, although there's been plenty of those over the years – the mazy runs, the stunning free-kicks. No, this feature is going to focus on the vital goals, the significant goals, the ones that turned games and seasons, the well-timed goals in the context of the game, turning one point into three, defeat into a dramatic draw or victory over rivals, be that neighbourly or positionally. And a few goals that just announced that the Shots were back. Some were penalties, some were tap-ins, some were out of this world, but whatever they were, they were significant and sent the fans wild. And in all cases they were most definitely golden!

Nicke Kabamba v Maidenhead United

Saturday 7 April 2018

Aldershot Town 1 – 0 Maidenhead United

Goalscorer: Nicke Kabamba

Vanarama National League

Attendance: 2,318 (Visitors 175)

At the beginning of April 2018 Aldershot Town were closing in on a play-off place for the second consecutive season under the management of Gary Waddock and his assistant, James Rowe. However, this season had seen a new play-off system brought in to the National League and the teams who finished in

fourth position down to seventh would now need to play an elimination match before they could move to a semi-final and aim for Wembley and the EFL.

Victory over that day's visitors, Maidenhead United, could see the Shots move to third in the table and make clear their intentions to give themselves a more than fighting chance in the play-off lottery. However Maidenhead, under the organised management of Alan Devonshire, were not going to be pushovers. Having arrived in the National League as Conference South champions in the summer of 2017, the Shots had already experienced one titanic battle with the Berkshire team, a 3:3 draw at York Road the previous October, a game in which they had been winning 2:1, then were 3:2 down before Jim Kellermann scored an injury-time winner (see this season's Shots v Maidenhead programme). Clearly something special was going to be needed to win this game, too.

The first half was frustrating for the Shots as they saw one goal disallowed and another cleared off the line. Bobby-Joe Taylor had floated a beautiful 20th minute free-kick past Carl Pentney in the Magpies' goal but referee Richard Hulme and the official on the North Stand side of the pitch deemed that either Scott Rendell had had a slight touch or interfered with play – either way, it was ruled out and there was more frustration for Rendell when he was adamant that his shot had crossed the line after Pentney frantically clawed it away five minutes before half-time. No dice though, the Shots went in on level terms at half-time.



Play seemed somewhat subdued at times in the second half although the Shots continued to graft away. There was drama in the 84th minute when Rendell's header hit the post and indeed, it was looking that Shots' luck might be out. The one hope was that Maidenhead looked content with a potential point and under Waddock, the team had shown on several occasions an uncanny ability to score late and vital goals.

And so it was to be now, as well. In the 89th minute Callum Reynolds floated over a deep and hanging cross and in front of the East Bank it met Nicke Kabamba, on as a 74th minute sub for Kellermann. Arriving at the far post, the striker was able to direct his header past Pentney, to the huge delight – and relief – of 2,000-plus Shots supporters around the ground.

It was only the second goal that Kabamba had scored in the red and blue. He had arrived at Aldershot Town on loan from Portsmouth in January and had hit the back of the net on his debut at Dover, the winning goal. He had been a prolific goalscorer in his time at Hampton and Richmond Borough – between 2015 and 2017 he made 70 appearances and scored over 30 goals. This form brought him to the attention of Pompey and he moved to Fratton Park at the beginning of 2017. Appearances were hard to come by and in August he was loaned out to Colchester United until December and followed that up with this loan spell with the Shots.

Nicke was to score one more goal for Aldershot Town. The Shots, having only finally made a fifth place finish at season's end were pitted against Ebbsfleet in the elimination match and he scored Shots' only goal in that match in extra-time before former Shot Dave Winfield flattened the tie. Aldershot Town lost on penalties.

The following season Nicke signed for new National League club Havant and Waterlooville, went on loan to fellow NL club Hartlepool in the January and finally signed for Pools on a permanent basis in August 2019. In October he scored another goal at the EBB Stadium, this time in the blue and white of Pools, their third of the game. However, he was not to remain much longer at the Victoria Ground – an opportunity came up to join Scottish Premiership side Kilmarnock in January 2020 and he moved north of the border for an undisclosed fee and an 18-month contract, scoring his first goal for Killie on his debut in the Scottish Cup game with Queen's Park.

Kabamba is still currently part of the Kilmarnock squad and his career here at the EBB was comparatively short. However, his late, late goal in front of the East Bank when the Shots needed all three points and were seemingly unable to break down their opposition was most definitely golden, and will always be remembered by those who witnessed it on that spring afternoon...

Words by Victoria Rogers

FIXTURES & RESULTS

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							Mitch WALKER	George FOWLER	Alex FINNEY	Jamie SENDLES-WHITE	Kodi LYONS-FOSTER	James ROWE	Josh REES	Mo BETTAMER	Chike KANDI	Harrison PANAYIOTOU	Alfy WHITTINGHAM	Ryan HALL
DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sat 3 Oct	Hartlepool United	VNL	L 1-2	N/A	N/A	17					>>>	<<<		>		<		
Tue 6 Oct	Sutton United	VNL	L 1-2	N/A	N/A	22					>	<		1			<<<	
Tues 13 Oct	Dover Athletic	VNL	W 5-0	N/A	N/A	15			>		<	>>	2	2		1>>>		
Sat 17 Oct	Eastleigh	VNL	D 2-2	N/A	N/A	13						>				>>	1	
Sat 24 Oct	Woking	FAC 4Q	L 1-2	N/A	N/A	N/A						>>>		1	<		>	
Tue 27 Oct	Torquay United	VNL	L 1-4	N/A	N/A	17			<>>>			>>	>					
Sat 7 Nov	Notts County	VNL	W 1-0	N/A	N/A	13										1>		
Sat 14 Nov	Altrincham	VNL	W 2-1	N/A	N/A	11						<			<<1			
Tue 17 Nov	Maidenhead United	VNL	D 0-0	N/A	N/A	10								<	>>	>		
Sat 21 Nov	Wrexham	VNL	L 0-1	N/A	N/A	15						<			<<		>	
Tue 1 Dec	Chesterfield	VNL	D 0-0	N/A	N/A	15				<				>		>>		
Sat 5 Dec	Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL	W 2-1	920	N/A	13				<<<			>	1	>>	1		
Tue 8 Dec	FC Halifax Town	VNL	L 1-3	818	N/A	16							>>	1	>	>>>		
Sat 12 Dec	Boreham Wood	VNL	L 2-3 *og	650	N/A	17							>>			>		
Sat 19 Dec	Welwyn Garden City	FAT 3	W 5-1	N/A	N/A	N/A			1					<1	1			
Sat 26 Dec	Woking	VNL	W 3-0	N/A	N/A	16				>	<					>>>	1	<<
Mon 28 Dec	Yeovil Town	VNL	L 0-3	N/A	N/A	16									>			
Sat 2 Jan	Woking	VNL	W 1-0	N/A	N/A	12									<<			
Tue 19 Jan	Solihull Moors	FAT 4	W 3-2	N/A	N/A	N/A								2	>		<<	
Sat 23 Jan	Wealdstone	VNL	W 4-3	N/A	N/A	9							1		1>		<<	
Tue 26 Jan	Weymouth	VNL	L 0-2	N/A	N/A	12					<<				<		<<<	
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Sat 13 Feb	Stockport County	VNL	D 0-0	N/A	N/A	12									<	<<		
Tue 16 Feb	Solihull Moors	VNL	L 1-3	N/A	N/A	13			>>>			<	1		<<			
Sat 20 Feb	Wrexham	VNL	W 3-0	N/A	N/A	11								<	>>	<<		
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Sat 27 Mar	Solihull Moors	VNL	L 0-1	N/A	N/A	16		>>>				>>		<	<<	<<<		
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Tue 20 Apr	King's Lynn Town	VNL	D 1-1	N/A	N/A	12					<			<<		>>>		
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Tue 27 Apr	Torquay United	VNL	L 1-2	N/A	N/A	11					1			<	<<			
Sat 1 May	Sutton United	VNL	L 1-3	N/A	N/A	14								<		>>>		
Tue 11 May	Yeovil Town	VNL	W 2-0	N/A	N/A	15							>>	<	1>>>	1		
Sat 15 May	Hartlepool United	VNL																
Tue 18 May	Eastleigh	VNL																
Sat 22 May	Bromley	VNL																
Sat 29 May	King's Lynn Town	VNL																

*It was announced at a National League hearing of 26 March 2021 that Dover Athletic's results for the 2020/21 season have been made null and void.

PLAYER STATS

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	2020/21	ATFC Career
	APPS GLS	APPS GLS
1 Mitch WALKER	29 -	70 -
2 George FOWLER	27+1 -	90+1 2
3 Alex FINNEY	12+1 1	48+3 1
4 Jamie SINDLESWHITE	25+3 1	25+3 1
5	- -	- -
6 Kodi LYONS-FOSTER	34+5 1	62+17 3
7 James ROWE	11+7 -	62+20 4
8 Josh REES	43 13	43 13
9 Mo BETTAMER	27+13 11	45+16 18
10 Chike KANDI	20+15 6	20+15 6
11 Harrison PANAYIOTOU	27+6 9	45+18 13
12 Alfie WHITTINGHAM	19+6 1	29+20 3
13 Ryan HALL	3 -	4 -
14 Joel NOUBLE	28+5 5	28+5 5
15 Jermaine ANDERSON	28+3 4	28+3 4
16 Dinesh GILLELA	3 -	3 -
17 Joseph HUNGBO	2+3 -	2+3 -
18 Reece WYLIE	- -	- -
19	- -	- -
20 Toby EDSER	35+8 3	35+8 3
21 Ben SHROLL	1 -	1 -
22 Giles PHILLIPS	19 -	19 -
23 Killian COLOMBIE	9+4 -	9+4 -
24	- -	- -
25 Shadrach OGIE	30+2 2	30+2 2
26 Lewis KINSELLA	5+4 -	96+5 -
27 Craig TANNER	8+5 3	21+5 7
28 Kaylen HINDS	+4 -	+4 -
29 Joe RABBETTS	- -	1 -
30 Ricky MILLER	14+7 4	14+7 4
35 Brad JAMES	11+1 -	11+1 -
36 Mike FONDOP-TALOM	3+2 1	3+2 1
44 Ross MCCORMACK	1+2 -	1+2 -

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- 1 Mitch Walker
- 2 George Fowler
- 3 Alex Finney
- 4 Jamie Sendles-White
- 5
- 6 Kodi Lyons-Foster
- 7 James Rowe
- 8 Josh Rees
- 9 Mo Bettamer
- 10 Chike Kandi
- 11 Harrison Panayiotou
- 12 Alfie Whittingham
- 13 Ryan Hall
- 14 Joel Nouble
- 15 Jermaine Anderson
- 16
- 17
- 18 Reece Wylie
- 20 Toby Edser
- 21 Ben Shroll
- 22
- 23 Killian Colombie
- 25 Shadrach Ogie
- 26 Lewis Kinsella
- 27 Craig Tanner
- 28 Kaylen Hinds
- 29 Joe Rabbetts
- 30 Ricky Miller
- 44 Ross McCormack



HARTLEPOOL UNITED

Manager: Dave Challinor

- 1 Ben Killip
- 2 Lewis Kass
- 3 David Ferguson
- 4 Gary Liddle
- 5 Timi Odusina
- 6 Mark Shelton
- 7 Ryan Donaldson
- 8 Nicky Featherstone
- 9 Mason Bloomfield
- 10 Luke Molyneux
- 11 Rhys Oates
- 12 Joe Grey
- 13 Brad James
- 14 Gavan Holohan
- 15 Ryan Johnson
- 16 Claudio Ofori
- 17 Josh MacDonald
- 18
- 19
- 20 Aaron Cunningham
- 21 Henrich Ravas
- 22 Tom Crawford
- 23 Jamie Sterry
- 26 Zaine Francis-Angol
- 27 Daniel Elliott
- 28 Harvey Saunders
- 29 Luke Armstrong
- 30 Adam Campbell
- 31 Brad Young



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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Aldershot Town vs Hartlepool United
 Boreham Wood vs Wrexham
 Chesterfield vs Wealdstone
 Dagenham & Redbridge vs FC Halifax Town
 Eastleigh vs Barnet
 Maidenhead United vs Sutton United
 Notts County vs Bromley
 Solihull Moors vs Woking
 Weymouth vs Altrincham
 Yeovil Town vs King's Lynn Town

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	GD	PTS
Sutton United	39	32	78
Torquay United	39	29	77
Stockport County	39	36	72
Hartlepool United	39	20	70
Notts County	38	18	63
Chesterfield	39	15	62
FC Halifax Town	39	12	62
Bromley	39	8	62
Wrexham	38	19	61
Eastleigh	37	5	56
Dagenham & Red	39	3	56
Boreham Wood	38	7	52
Maidenhead Utd	37	5	52
Solihull Moors	37	3	51
Aldershot Town	38	-2	51
Yeovil Town	38	-10	48
Altrincham	38	-14	42
Weymouth	38	-18	36
Wealdstone	39	-49	33
Woking	39	-24	32
King's Lynn Town	38	-44	29
Barnet	37	-51	24
Dover Athletic	0	0	0

NEXT UP AT THE EBB STADIUM

Eastleigh

Tuesday 18 May 2021

Kick-Off 7:45pm

Vanarama National League

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Elliott Swallow

Assistant: Robert Evans

Assistant: Alastair Higgs

Fourth Official: Thomas Holden