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SIMON WEAVER



At this stage of the season, it's clear to myself and hopefully you in the stands that the character and resilience of this squad can't be questioned.

Having said that, there is no getting away from the fact that we must stop giving ourselves a mountain to climb during the second half of matches. The comebacks made during our last three games have been great but also frustrating.

Heading home knowing that we could have had the three points had we been that little bit sharper and on it from the first whistle is tough.

It's also got to be remembered that the players are only human, they know at this stage of the season what is on the line and I think you can see some nerves from them at times.

Today it's our aim to bring the squad into this game with a little bit more belief in their own ability. The quality right through our ranks is there for all to see and it shouldn't take until we are 2-0 down for that to come to the forefront.

Obviously, when we get the two goals early in the second half on Saturday, there is time for us to find a winner and reflecting on that final half hour we had the chances to do that.

That is definitely a frustration as playing at home, we would have liked to have added more

than a point to our tally. However, there is no time to dwell on that as we have some difficult matches coming up and that starts today with Walsall.

This is an occasion we have to rise to as a group. We have a tough week of away matches to come, playing at home we want to go into Saturday with three points and a good performance behind us.

Looking back at our last match against Walsall, we started the game slowly and the quality within their side punished us as we found ourselves 3-0 down in the first half.

As a group this match has been factored into our preparations. The players know how important it is for us to start on the front foot. If we do that and get the crowd going that could be the springboard to us putting an important three points on the board.

Looking to learn from the Doncaster game, we need to look after the ball better than we did there. That will allow us to get our quality players on the ball who can find gaps in the opposition and cause real problems at this level.

Enjoy the game.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon".



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JOSH FALKINGHAM



As we continue to move towards the end of the season, I believe it's a good thing to have a match so soon after Saturday's draw with Doncaster.

Coming off the pitch at full-time, we felt as a group that we had opportunities to come away with all three points but ultimately it wasn't to be.

Having looked back at that match, we didn't move the ball with the speed and tempo that this group is capable of. Instead, we gifted possession away too cheaply at times and before you know it we find ourselves 2-0 down again.

However, the spirit and resilience of the side was summarised by the nature of our first goal. It's a great high press by Sam Folarin and he keeps his cool to find Luke Armstrong and the sheer desire from him is what gets the ball across the line and has us back in the game.

I have spoken before about the mentality within the group and that is something which has not changed. We are staying level headed and focused on the task ahead.

The levels in training over the last month or so have really stepped up. Everyone here has bought into what we are trying to achieve here and we are working hard as a group to do that.

Walsall will be another tough test for us, they are a physically strong team and those qualities were ones which we didn't stand up to in our last match against them earlier in the season.

As a group they have a desire to fight and scrap for every ball, in our recent comebacks I think you can see we have the character and desire to win that battle.

While we were pleased to find the comeback trail once again on Saturday, it is important that we find a way to grab the game by the scruff of the neck before the opposition do.

In the three comebacks we have put together, you can clearly see the quality of the players within the group and could argue we have been unlucky not to turn at least one or two of those draws into wins.

We have three important away matches on the horizon and we would like to go into Saturday's trip to Northampton with a good performance and hopefully another three points onto our tally.

Thank you for your support!

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FANZONE



I hope everyone's heart rate is back to normal after another tense afternoon at The EnviroVent Stadium on Saturday, another record crowd, and a great atmosphere for the Yorkshire Derby. Enjoy tonight's game, make the difference and be the 12th Man - loud and proud.

We want to hear from you Town fans! Send us your birthday shout-outs, photos and messages about life following Town and it could be featured here in the programme and on the LED scoreboard. Please email your messages to your Fan Engagement Manager, Hamilton Mattock at HamiltonMattock@harrogatetownafc.com



Happy Birthday to Connie Johnston who was 8 yesterday. ▲



Welcome to Copmanthorpe FC U8 who are all attending tonight's game ▲

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING TERRY



Everyone at Town would like to say a massive thank you to Terry (pictured first on the left), a member of our SLO Team as tonight's game is his last as an SLO. Every Team needs a Terry, his dedication and enthusiasm made him a big part of the Team. On matchdays you would find him at the away end helping and advising visiting fans as they arrive. Terry has followed the Club for many years and has always volunteered his

time, helping out with the 50-50 raffle and countless charity events, always the first person to put his hand up to offer help. I for one will miss his voice over the radio on a match day so on that note for one last time - Hamil to Terry - thank you for all your support over the years. And looking forward to welcoming you to the odd home game as a fan and thank you for being a true ambassador of Harrogate Town.

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Mitchell, Molyneux, Long, Barlow, Nelson, Seaman, Agard, Westbrooke, Ravenhill (Hurst 65), Faulkner, Close

UNUSED SUBS: Brown, Williams, Miller, Degruchy, Bottomley, Goodman

REFEREE: Bobby Madley

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DIOR ANGUS

Attacker Dior Angus has revealed that fishing is the secret ingredient in his rise to professional football with Yorkshire's yellow & black. The 29-year-old joined the club during the summer transfer window from National League highfliers Wrexham.

Speaking on his unusual hobby, Angus believes that this is something which helps him to unwind from the stress which football brings.

Words: Nickolas McInally

"I am really into fishing believe it or not, it's the opposite to football and helps me to unwind. I go away for a couple of days at a time when we're off, I will sit by the side of a lake, switch my phone off and just reset."

"Football can be so high pressure at times, I think it's important to have a release and thankfully that is mine. It's impossible to live and breathe it so it's good to rest."

Following his release from the Coventry academy at the age of 15, Town's number eight believes his journey through the non-league ranks has helped him to appreciate the luxury of playing full-time football.

"I played academy football until I was about 15 at Coventry but from then I went to non-league football and stayed there until I was 24. I think that helped me really, it gave me a great understanding of what real life is about. I had a job alongside my football. Obviously, since then I have played in a professional environment and I think my background helps because it helps me to stay motivated to try and stay at that level."



“When you play non-league, you’re not contracted to any club so if you’re not playing you are free to move on to another club. That helps lads to get minutes under their belt at a young age, some lads end up with 100 or so games before they’re 20 which can only be a good thing.”

After featuring for Solihull Moors at the age of 15, Angus has praised the impact which The Moors dressing room had on him.

“I was 16 when I played my first game in men’s football. I was with Solihull Moors and it helped me get my teeth into the prospect of playing regularly. I have always wanted that throughout my career which I think is a good thing. There was a lot of lads who had played professionally in the past. At the time we were in the Conference North and myself and a couple of other lads were looking to make that step up.”

“With that route to playing professional football being important, it was a great place to be for young players because you were always learning. I was always listening and trying to take pieces of information on board.”

With first-team involvement being limited, the 29-year-old headed out on loan as he looked to continue his development.

“It’s all about getting your name out there when you’re young. When I was younger I wanted to put a good impression on to people both on and off the pitch which is what I tried to do. I had my full-time job and the football thing was just a bit on the side. If I wasn’t playing someone would suggest another club and you’d just go there and try to get into the team.”

“I went to Leamington on loan but I didn’t really

play much there. It was a side full of experienced players who were fighting for a league title so it was tough. Then during that season I ended up moving to Banbury on loan. That was where I started to play more regularly. They were a team in the same division and I was pleased to have the opportunity to play at that level and get a feel for regular football.”

After reflecting on his time with Banbury, the attacker believes the environment which was created around the club was one which helped him as he looks back with fond memories.

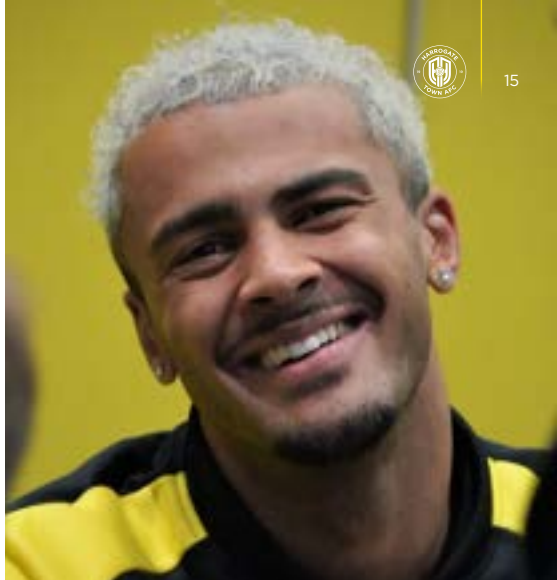
“It was a good experience to go and play. At that age I was keen to go out and play so to do that was great for me and my development. I will always be grateful to Adrian Fuller because I was only 17 but he gave me a chance to get out there and play. I think it was a more relaxed environment as well which is good. At a young age the pressure which comes with men’s football can be tough.”

“I think it’s something which you see a lot of where kids are put under so much pressure, they lose confidence and before you know it they’ve stopped playing completely.”

Following a successful loan spell with Banbury, Angus was offered the chance to make his dream a reality as full-time football with Kidderminster would be his next move during the 2013/14 season.

However, at the age of 19, the striker admits he struggled to adapt to his new club.

“Kidderminster was my first taste of full-time football. It was a dressing room full of big characters and I was only 19 so I found it tough when I went there. That was a pressurised environment, during the previous season they narrowly missed out on



the play-offs. I think that really had a big impact on my confidence and it took me a couple of years to recover fully."

"I definitely learned from that experience, as a young lad I started to realise just how tough it would be to make it professionally. I think from there my mentality started to change because I started to avoid getting too high or too low."

Reflecting on the period, Angus believes it took him over a year to overcome the disappointment of this setback.

"I left there and ended up joining a couple of club's just trying to get that enjoyment for football back. It wasn't the best of times but I was working full-time which helped keep me going. The big thing I take away from that time is how much I learned about myself. I was young and inexperienced so when I suffered the setbacks it helped me to realise what I needed to do in order to come out the other end stronger."

This mentality is one which Angus believes is important for professional footballers in the modern game.

"Personally, I think mentality is a big thing in football. It's not a straight forward career but when those setbacks come up, having the right mentality is what sets players apart. I always try to make sure I show people that I am a good person. When I hang up my boots people will remember me for being a footballer yeah but I want them to also remember me for being a good person."

Having dealt with the challenges of balancing a full-time job with part-time football, Town's number eight believes his time in non-league has helped him to prepare for life after football.

"I took the challenge in my stride to be honest but I think I appreciate it more now. When you play on a Tuesday you are waiting for the game and then you are off the Wednesday. You do appreciate it because of what you have come from. Working life has taught me to just appreciate every moment of my career. Everyone knows that it is a short career and it won't last forever."

"I would like to stay involved in football through some capacity. Right now I run a coaching company (ONYX Football Academy) with one of the guys I played with when I was younger. For me, it's about trying to help to develop and improve players from grassroots level right up. That is great for me to be involved in and I always try to pass on anything I have learned to the young players who are just starting out."

As Angus continued to search for his love of football, it would be a move to Redditch United which would prove to be the stepping stone for his second chance at professional football.

"When I joined Redditch that is when I started to play up front and from that moment I didn't really look back. I ended up making the move to full-time football in the January."

"The manager at the time was brilliant, he understood my ability and what I was good at. He helped me to simplify my game and play to my strengths so when I went into full-time football again I was high in confidence. I definitely felt a bit wiser when I went to Port Vale, I was 24 and I just looked at it as a fantastic opportunity which I couldn't turn down. I went and told my boss at work and that was a great feeling, he didn't know anything about football but you could see he was



genuinely pleased for me. The worst case scenario was I would go back to being part-time which I was fine with."

However, shortly after signing for The Valiants, a long-term injury halted the momentum of the newly discovered striker.

"I joined and got injured almost straight away. I think that was partly to do with the transition to full-time football. I ended up out for a long time so when I came back I knew I needed games. I joined a few clubs on loan to get my sharpness back. Tamworth was where I felt like I was back at my best, I was enjoying my football and felt in good condition. I scored a couple of goals but unfortunately we got relegated."

A loan move to fellow League 2 side Barrow would be where Angus found his feet in the professional game. Looking back on his time with the club, the 29-year-old paid tribute to the impact which then manager Ian Evatt had on his career.

"He came in and told everyone about his ambition of winning the league and it took us a while to get going but when we did we were flying. We went top of the league in mid-December and didn't look back. It's nice to have a league winners medal and that was a brilliant year for me and my career."

In the summer of 2021, Angus joined National League side Wrexham and as the side were bought by film stars Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney

the striker admits the experience of being a part of that transition is one which he enjoyed.

"For me, I enjoyed playing for the club, I enjoyed being a part of what came with their arrival. Rob and Ryan were good people, you could see how much they cared for the club and the people there so it's great to see them doing well."

After joining Town during the summer transfer window, Angus believes that the passion which Simon Weaver displays for the club is infectious to those around him.

"The gaffer actually played centre back with my dad at Nuneaton so we knew each other anyway. I had played against his sides through the divisions and I was always impressed with the way they played. Coming in, you can always see the passion which the gaffer has for the club. That helps you to buy into the club and as a person you want to do well for him."

Looking ahead to the games which remain, Angus is determined to prove his worth as he looks to extend his stay in Yorkshire beyond this season.

"I want to try and prove myself between now and the end of the season, going into the summer I want to play my part in us giving it a good go and trying to finish as high up the league as possible. I have loved my time here and I want to be here next year so hopefully I can prove that I deserve to be."



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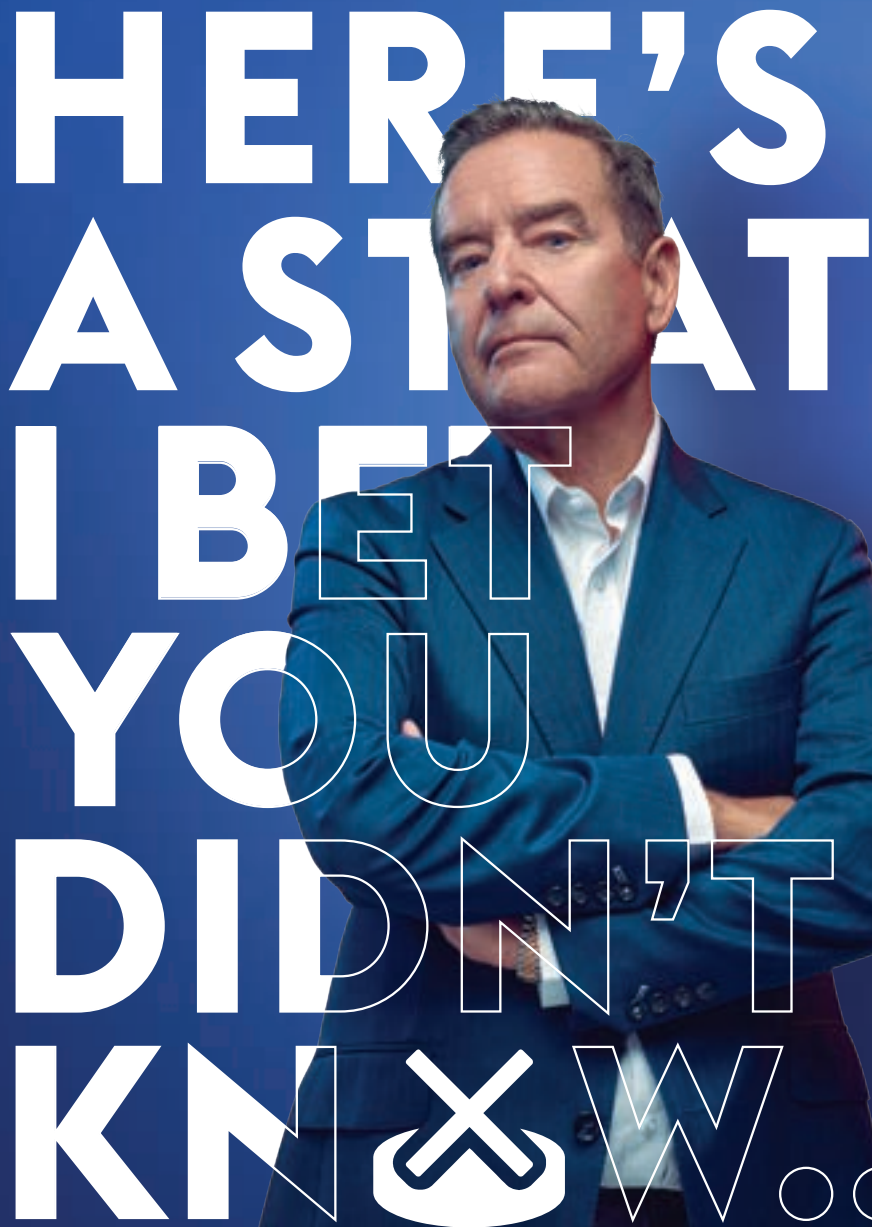
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OVER 70S WALKING FOOTBALL SUCCESS



The Over-70s Walking Football team made a successful return to action last month with four wins from four fixtures. Making the short trip to York to compete in a 3-way tournament, the team battled through their fixtures playing York Vikings and Scarborough Barons twice each.

The opening game against Scarborough witnessed a superb first-half performance, packed with accurate passing and capped off with goals from Lawrie Coulthard and Colin Stringfellow. The standards slipped a little in

the second half, with Scarborough pulling a goal back, but Town hung on for a merited 2-1 win.

After York beat Scarborough 1-0 in the second game, Town earned a hard-fought 1-0 win against York to establish a strong position in the competition, courtesy of a Paddy Keightley goal.

A strong display in the second game against Scarborough saw Town run out 2-0 winners thanks to a clever brace from Paddy, one of which finished off a particularly excellent passage of quick-passing from back to front.

York left the tournament on a cliffhanger by winning 1-0 against Scarborough, meaning they could snatch overall victory if they beat Town in the final match.

Harrogate showed no fear, Paddy again putting the side ahead in the first half. Nerves jangled a little after poor defending allowed York to equalise, but Paddy slotted home a delightful strike in the second half to confirm the 2-1 win and clinch the tournament with a fourth straight victory. Well done boys!

BRAND NEW FREE PLAY FOOTBALL LAUNCHED OVER EASTER HOLIDAYS

During the second week of Easter Holidays we launched our brand new sessions, 'Free Play Football' for young people aged 11- 6 in partnership with North Yorkshire Together. The sessions which combine football and healthy lifestyle activities are predominantly targeted at young people who are eligible for income related free school meals.

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Hell Wath in Ripon and on the stray in Harrogate the sessions aim to provide positive, diversionary activities for young people to take part in.

We are looking forward to hosting more Free Play Football sessions during the Summer School Holiday period so please look out for more information in due course.

WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Man v Fat

King James School, Knaresborough 7-9pm

Kids Futsal

Harrogate High School U7s: 5-6pm / U9s: 6-7pm

Walking Football

King James School, Knaresborough 8-9pm

TUESDAY

Kids Futsal

Rossett Sports Centre U11s: 5-6pm / U13s: 6-7pm

Town Runners

Beginners and Social 5k Group 6pm meet at Up and Running

Walking Football

Rossett Sports Centre MUGA 8-9pm

THURSDAY

Town Runners

Social 5k Group 6pm meet at Harrogate Library

Walking Football

Rossett Sports Centre MUGA 7-9pm

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DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	RES	ATT	STARTING XI
JULY					
Sat 30	Swindon Town	H	3-0	1,948	Jameson Welch-Hayes Headley Burrell Mattock Austerfield
AUGUST					
Sat 6	Crewe Alexandra	A	0-3	3,881	Jameson Welch-Hayes Headley Burrell Mattock Austerfield
Tue 9	Stockport County	H	0-1	1,534	Jameson Welch-Hayes Headley Ferguson Richards Austerfield
Sat 13	Crawley Town	H	0-0	1,304	Jameson Welch-Hayes Headley Burrell Mattock Austerfield
Tue 16	Gillingham	A	2-0	3,931	Oxley Welch-Hayes Headley Ferguson Mattock Austerfield
Sat 20	Barrow AFC	A	0-1	3,068	Jameson Welch-Hayes Headley Ferguson Mattock Austerfield
Sat 27	Newport County	H	0-4	1,757	Jameson Welch-Hayes Headley Ferguson Mattock Falkingham
Tue 30	Hartlepool United	A	0-2	1,500	Jameson Burrell Headley Ferguson Richards Falkingham
SEPTEMBER					
Sat 3	Sutton United	A	1-2	2,402	Jameson Welch-Hayes Richards Burrell Mattock Austerfield
Tue 13	Salford City	H	0-1	1,350	Jameson Welch-Hayes Richards Burrell Mattock Dooley
Sat 17	Stockport County	A	0-0	7,863	Jameson Welch-Hayes Richards Burrell Mattock Dooley
Sat 24	Stevenage	A	0-1	2,547	Jameson Ramsay Richards McArdle Mattock Burrell
OCTOBER					
Sat 1	Bradford City	H	1-2	2,505	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Mattock Austerfield
Tue 4	Everton U21s	H	832	832	Oxley Welch-Hayes Richards Burrell Ferguson Falkingham
Sat 8	Colchester United	A	1-2	2,750	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Mattock Austerfield
Sat 15	Hartlepool United	H	2-1	2,075	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Mattock Falkingham
Tue 18	Morecambe	H	2-1	717	Oxley Welch-Hayes Thomson Ferguson Richards Austerfield
Sat 22	Tranmere Rovers	H	1-1	2,316	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Mattock Falkingham
Tue 25	Walsall	A	1-3	4,347	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Welch-Hayes Falkingham
Sat 29	AFC Wimbledon	A	2-3	7,620	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Burrell Falkingham
NOVEMBER					
Sat 5	Bradford City	A	1-0	6,387	Jameson Ramsay Headley Burrell Mattock Falkingham
Tue 8	Carlisle United	H	3-3	2,147	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Mattock Falkingham
Sat 12	Leyton Orient	H	0-2	2,330	Jameson Ramsay Headley Mattock Burrell Falkingham
Sat 19	Mansfield Town	H	3-0	2,421	Jameson Ramsay Headley Mattock Burrell Falkingham
Sat 26	Hartlepool United	A	1-3	2,772	Jameson Ramsay Headley Mattock Burrell Falkingham
DECEMBER					
Sat 3	Rochdale	A	4-1	2,254	Jameson Ramsay Headley Ferguson Burrell Falkingham
Mon 26	Grimsby Town	H	3-2	2,744	Jameson Ramsay Headley Mattock Burrell Falkingham
Thu 29	Bradford City	A	0-1	2,772	Jameson Ramsay Headley Mattock Burrell Falkingham
JANUARY					
Sun 1	Hartlepool United	A	3-3	4,566	Jameson Ramsay Headley Mattock Burrell Austerfield
Sat 7	Colchester United	H	1-3	2,144	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Burrell Falkingham
Sat 14	Stevenage	H	1-1	2,314	Jameson Thomson Mattock McArdle O'Connor Falkingham
Sat 28	Sutton United	H	0-1	2,356	Jameson Sims Foulds Eastman O'Connor Mattock
FEBRUARY					
Sat 4	Carlisle United	A	1-0	6,422	Jameson Ramsay Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
Sat 11	Stockport County	H	1-3	2,404	Jameson Burrell Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
Tue 14	Salford City	A	1-1	1,615	Oxley Sims Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
Sat 18	Crewe Alexandra	H	2-2	2,607	Oxley Sims Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
Tue 21	Grimsby Town	A	0-0	5,487	Oxley Sims Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
Sat 25	Swindon Town	A	0-3	8,756	Oxley Sims Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
Tue 28	Northampton Town	H	1-1	2,120	Oxley Sims Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
MARCH					
Sat 4	Gillingham	H	0-0	2,610	Oxley Sims Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
Tue 7	Doncaster Rovers	A	2-0	5,777	Oxley Sims Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
Sat 11	Crawley Town	A	1-3	3,317	Oxley Sims Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
Sat 18	Barrow AFC	H	1-0	2,343	Oxley Thomson Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
Fri 31	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-1	5,861	Oxley Thomson Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
APRIL					
Fri 7	AFC Wimbledon	H	2-2	2,891	Oxley Thomson Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
Mon 10	Leyton Orient	A	2-2	8,092	Oxley Sims Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
Sat 15	Doncaster Rovers	H	2-2	3,014	Oxley Sims Foulds Eastman O'Connor Falkingham
Tue 18	Walsall	A	19:45		
Sat 22	Northampton Town	A	15:00		
Tue 25	Newport County	A	19:45		
Sat 29	Mansfield Town	A	15:00		
MAY					
Sat 6	Rochdale	H	15:00		



KEY: TOWN SCORE SHOWN FIRST ⊕ Goal / ⊖ Penalty;
 Sub 1 / Sub 2 / Sub 3 / Sub 4 / Sub 5; ■ Yellow Card / ■ Red Card



OG USED SUBSTITUTES

Dooley ■	Thomson	Pattison ⊕	Armstrong	Daly ⊕	Muldoon ⊕ (67); Frost (77); Ilesanmi (87)
Dooley	Thomson	Pattison	Armstrong	Daly	Muldoon (69)
Dooley	Thomson	Muldoon	Ilesanmi	Daly	Armstrong (59); Burrell (60)
Dooley	Ramsay	Pattison	Armstrong	Daly	Muldoon (62); Richards (71); Thomson (76)
Dooley	Ramsay ■	Pattison ⊕ ■	Armstrong	Daly ⊕	Thomson (65); Richards (73); Muldoon (79)
Thomson ■	Ramsay ■	Pattison	Armstrong	Daly	Muldoon (55); Richards (73); Frost (73)
Austerfield	Ramsay	Muldoon	Armstrong	Daly	Frost (45); Richards (45); Burrell (45); Horbury (80)
Austerfield	Ramsay	Muldoon	Frost	Daly	Horbury (27); Armstrong (59); Welch-Hayes (63)
Coley	Ramsay	Angus	Armstrong ⊖	Daly	Grant (65); Horbury ■ (70); Muldoon (76)
Coley ■	Ramsay	Pattison	Armstrong	Folarin	Daly (60); Grant (75); Muldoon (84)
Coley	Ramsay	Pattison	Armstrong	Folarin ■	Daly (45); McArdle (45) ■; Muldoon (54); Austerfield (61) ■; Angus (71)
Coley	Muldoon	Pattison	Armstrong	Daly	Folarin (69); Angus (75)
Folarin ■	Muldoon	Pattison	Armstrong	Daly	Coley (56)
Horbury	Frost	Grant ⊕	Armstrong	Folarin	Pattison (55); Austerfield (55) ■; Ramsay (55); Headley (55); Ilesanmi (70)
Grant	Muldoon	Pattison ⊕	Armstrong	Daly	Falkingham (45) ■; Burrell (45) ■; Coley (84)
Burrell	Muldoon ⊕	Pattison ⊕	Armstrong	Grant	Thomson (67); Dooley (88); Daly (88)
Horbury	Frost	O'Boyle ⊕	Folarin	Daly	Muldoon (73); Ramsay (75)
Burrell	Grant	Pattison	Armstrong	Daly ⊕	Austerfield (43); Folarin (63)
Burrell	Grant	Pattison	Armstrong	Daly ⊕	Coley (45); Folarin (66); Richards (78) ■
Muldoon	Grant	Pattison ⊕	Armstrong	Daly ⊕	Coley (80); Frost (90+4)
Muldoon	Grant	Pattison	Armstrong	Daly ⊕	Coley (90); Austerfield (90)
Burrell ⊕	Grant	Muldoon	Armstrong ⊕	Daly	McArdle (77)
Muldoon	Grant	Pattison	Armstrong ⊕	Daly	Folarin (73); Austerfield (80) ■
Muldoon	Grant	Pattison ⊕	Armstrong ⊕ ⊕	Daly	Thomson (49); Coley (75); Frost (86)
Austerfield	Grant	Pattison	Armstrong	Muldoon	Thomson (45); McArdle (45+4); Frost (59); Coley (66) ⊕ ■; Folarin (66)
Thomson ⊕	Grant	Folarin ⊕	Armstrong ⊕ ⊕	Coley	Frost (81); Austerfield (83); Ilesanmi (89); Williams (89)
Thomson	Frost	Folarin	Armstrong ⊕ ⊕	Coley	Muldoon (65); Wright (83); Austerfield (90)
Thomson ■	Austerfield	Folarin	Armstrong	Muldoon	Pattison (40); Wright (74); Frost (77)
Thomson ⊕	Pattison ⊕	Folarin ⊕	Armstrong	Muldoon	
Thomson ■	Grant	Pattison	Armstrong ⊕	Folarin	Muldoon (45); Angus (73); Frost (82)
Burrell	Grant	Pattison	Armstrong ⊕	Folarin	Wright (84); Sims (90)
Burrell	Thomson	Pattison	Armstrong	Folarin	Daly (45); Ramsay (45); Grant (45); Muldoon (45); Falkingham (67)
Muldoon	Grant	Pattison	Armstrong	Daly	⊕ Folarin (39); Sutton (80); Angus (90+2); Burrell (90+2)
Olaigbe	Grant	Pattison	Armstrong	Daly	⊕ Muldoon (45); Sutton (45); Angus (56); Thomson (56)
Sutton ■	Olaigbe	Pattison	Armstrong	Muldoon ⊕	Burrell (65) ■; Thomson (81); Grant (87); Folarin (87)
Sutton	Olaigbe ⊕	Pattison	Armstrong	Muldoon ⊕	Thomson (64); Burrell (74); Grant (86); Folarin (86)
Sutton	Olaigbe ⊕	Pattison	Armstrong	Muldoon	Grant (81); Burrell (86)
Sutton	Olaigbe	Pattison	Armstrong	Muldoon ■	Grant (45); Thomson (77); Daly (86); Angus (86)
Sutton	Olaigbe ■	Grant	Armstrong ⊕	Muldoon	
Sutton	Olaigbe	Grant	Armstrong	Muldoon	Pattison (75); Thomson (87); Daly (90+1)
Sutton	Olaigbe	Grant	Armstrong ⊕	Muldoon	Pattison (75) ⊕; Daly (80); Thomson (90+1)
Sutton	Olaigbe	Pattison ■	Armstrong ⊕	Muldoon	Thomson (60) ⊕; Daly (60); Folarin ■ (80)
Sutton	Olaigbe	Grant	Armstrong	Muldoon	Daly (65) ⊕; Pattison (69) ■; Folarin (90+5)
Sutton ■	Olaigbe	Grant	Armstrong ⊕	Muldoon	Daly (67); Pattison (75) ■; Folarin (75)
Sutton ⊕	Olaigbe	Daly	Armstrong ⊕	Muldoon	Folarin (60); Burrell (67)
Sutton	Olaigbe	Pattison	Armstrong	Thomson ⊕	Burrell (45); Daly (81); Muldoon (90+2)
Thomson	Olaigbe	Pattison	Armstrong ⊕	Folarin	Muldoon (78); Burrell (78); Angus (78)

Fixtures subject to change.

PLAYER STATS

#	NAME	AGE	PREVIOUS CLUB	SIGNED	Sky Bet League Two					Cups		Season		Town				
					APPS	MIN	GLS	Y	R	F	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS		
1	Mark Oxley	32	Southend United	07/21	14 (0)	1260	0	-	-	-	3 (0)	0	17 (0)	0	63	0		
3	Joe Mattock	32	Colchester United	06/22	22 (0)	1803	0	5	-	-	2 (0)	0	24 (0)	0	24	0		
4	Josh Falkingham	32	Darlington	07/17	28 (2)	2481	0	7	-	-	4 (0)	0	32 (2)	0	260	8		
6	Warren Burrell	32	Buxton	01/16	22 (9)	2114	1	4	-	-	4 (1)	0	25 (10)	1	359	15		
7	George Thomson	30	FC United of Manchester	05/17	15 (11)	1469	3	3	-	-	2 (1)	0	17 (12)	3	265	38		
8	Dior Angus	29	Wrexham	08/22	1 (7)	174	0	-	-	-	0 (0)	0	1 (7)	0	8	0		
9	Danny Grant	23	Huddersfield Town (Loan)	08/22	18 (7)	1517	0	-	-	-	3 (0)	1	21 (7)	0	28	1		
10	Kazeem Olaigbe	20	Southampton (Loan)	01/23	14 (0)	1257	2	1	-	-	0 (0)	0	14 (0)	2	14	2		
12	Sam Folarin	22	Middlesbrough	08/22	11 (11)	969	2	4	-	-	2 (1)	0	13 (12)	2	25	2		
14	Toby Sims	25	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	01/23	11 (1)	889	0	1	-	1	0 (0)	0	11 (1)	0	12	0		
15	Anthony O'Connor	30	Morecambe	01/23	17 (0)	1530	2	2	-	-	0 (0)	0	17 (0)	2	17	2		
16	Alex Pattison	25	Wycombe Wanderers	05/21	29 (5)	2687	8	3	-	-	2 (1)	0	31 (6)	8	83	18		
17	Levi Sutton	26	Bradford City	01/23	12 (2)	980	1	2	-	-	0 (0)	0	12 (2)	1	14	1		
18	Jack Muldoon	33	AFC Fylde	06/18	23 (14)	2225	4	-	-	-	4 (1)	0	27 (15)	4	236	65		
20	Kayne Ramsay	22	Southampton	08/22	23 (1)	2114	0	6	-	-	3 (2)	0	26 (3)	0	29	0		
21	Pete Jameson	29	York City	05/22	27 (0)	2430	0	1	-	-	4 (0)	0	31 (0)	0	31	0		
22	Stephen Dooley	31	Rochdale	06/22	6 (1)	412	0	1	-	-	1 (0)	0	7 (1)	0	8	0		
23	Rory McArdle	35	Exeter City	06/21	9 (2)	864	1	4	-	-	0 (1)	0	9 (3)	0	38	1		
26	Emmanuel Ilesanmi	18	Harrogate Town Academy	06/22	0 (2)	3	0	-	-	-	1 (1)	0	1 (3)	0	6	0		
27	Brad Williams	18	Harrogate Town Academy	-	0 (1)	1	0	-	-	-	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	1	0		
28	Matt Daly	22	Huddersfield Town (Loan)	06/22	19 (10)	1746	6	-	-	-	4 (0)	1	23 (10)	6	32	7		
29	Luke Armstrong	26	Salford City	06/21	41 (0)	3682	14	-	-	-	3 (2)	0	44 (2)	14	95	28		
32	Finn O'Boyle	18	Harrogate Town Academy	-	0 (0)	0	0	-	-	-	1 (0)	1	1 (0)	1	1	1		
33	Matty Foulds	25	Bradford City (Loan)	01/23	16 (0)	1396	0	2	-	-	0 (0)	0	16 (0)	0	16	0		
34	Tom Eastman	31	Colchester United (Loan)	01/23	16 (0)	1440	1	1	-	-	0 (0)	0	16 (0)	1	16	1		
Kyle Ferguson*				23	Altrincham	06/22	4 (0)	316	0	1	-	-	4 (0)	0	8 (0)	0	8	0
Will Smith*				24	Barnsley	06/19	0 (0)	0	0	-	-	-	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	102	6
Miles Welch-Hayes†				26	Colchester United	06/22	10 (0)	768	0	-	-	-	3 (1)	1	13 (1)	1	14	1
George Horbury**				18	Harrogate Town Academy	06/22	0 (2)	24	0	-	-	1	2 (1)	0	2 (3)	0	5	0
Max Wright***				24	Grimsby Town	07/22	0 (3)	32	0	-	-	-	0 (0)	0	0 (3)	0	3	0
Tyler Frost*				23	Crawley Town	07/22	1 (8)	173	0	-	-	-	3 (1)	0	4 (9)	0	4	0
Jaheim Headley**				21	Huddersfield Town (Loan)	06/22	20 (0)	1696	2	3	-	-	4 (1)	0	24 (1)	2	25	2
Lewis Richards**				21	Wolves (Loan)	07/22	4 (5)	411	0	2	-	-	4 (0)	0	8 (5)	0	21	0
Josh Coley**				24	Exeter City (Loan)	08/22	6 (5)	608	0	1	-	-	0 (2)	1	6 (7)	1	13	1
Josh Austerfield**				21	Huddersfield Town (Loan)	06/22	12 (5)	1102	0	5	-	-	4 (2)	0	16 (7)	0	34	0

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LEAGUE POSITION	POINTS	FOR	AGAINST
21	42	49	61
60	2	10	13
GOAL TIMINGS	AVERAGE POSSESSION	CLEAN SHEETS	FAILED TO SCORE
Minute For Against	49%	10	13
0-15 5 14	TOTAL SHOTS		
16-30 4 7	440		
31-45 6 15	AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCE		
46-60 15 9	2,271		
61-75 5 5			
76-90 14 11			

LEAGUE POSITION	POINTS	FOR	AGAINST
15	51	42	42
78	5	14	15
GOAL TIMINGS	AVERAGE POSSESSION	CLEAN SHEETS	FAILED TO SCORE
Minute For Against	45%	14	15
0-15 5 9	TOTAL SHOTS		
16-30 6 5	461		
31-45 8 8	AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCE		
46-60 10 4	5,478		
61-75 6 4			
76-90 7 12			

THE REF

REBECCA WELCH



2022/23

18 GAMES

58 **0**

*On Loan at Altrincham; **On Loan at Marseke United; ***On Loan at FC Halifax Town; †On Loan at Scunthorpe United
*Departed after expiry of contract; **Recalled by parent club (January)



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LEAGUE TABLE 2022/23

POS	TEAM	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS	LAST 5	
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F				A
1	Leyton Orient	41	14	6	1	30	10	10	6	4	26	17	29	84	●●●●●
2	Northampton Town	42	11	6	4	27	17	9	8	4	28	21	17	74	●●●●●
3	Stevenage	41	15	2	4	37	16	5	11	4	19	22	18	73	●●●●●
4	Stockport County	42	10	8	3	30	15	10	3	8	28	19	24	71	●●●●●
5	Carlisle United	42	11	7	3	30	16	8	7	6	30	21	23	71	●●●●●
6	Bradford City	41	9	8	4	30	20	10	6	4	24	15	19	71	●●●●●
7	Mansfield Town	41	8	8	4	34	27	10	4	7	31	23	15	66	●●●●●
8	Salford City	42	9	5	7	26	22	10	4	7	38	27	15	66	●●●●●
9	Barrow AFC	42	12	3	6	29	17	6	5	10	17	30	-1	62	●●●●●
10	Sutton United	42	11	4	6	24	18	4	8	9	18	29	-5	57	●●●●●
11	Tranmere Rovers	42	9	6	6	25	19	5	5	11	15	25	-4	53	●●●●●
12	Swindon Town	41	7	6	7	28	22	6	7	8	24	28	2	52	●●●●●
13	Grimsby Town	41	4	10	6	20	25	9	3	9	25	27	-7	52	●●●●●
14	Doncaster Rovers	42	10	1	10	25	27	5	6	10	18	32	-16	52	●●●●●
15	Walsall	42	8	9	4	24	15	3	9	9	18	27	0	51	●●●●●
16	Crewe Alexandra	41	9	6	6	27	23	3	9	8	14	28	-10	51	●●●●●
17	Newport County	41	6	6	8	22	23	6	8	7	21	24	-4	50	●●●●●
18	Gillingham	42	10	5	6	18	18	2	7	12	12	27	-15	48	●●●●●
19	AFC Wimbledon	43	7	6	8	24	24	4	8	10	22	29	-7	47	●●●●●
20	Colchester United	42	5	9	7	21	20	6	3	12	19	27	-7	45	●●●●●
21	Harrogate Town	41	5	9	7	27	31	4	6	10	22	30	-12	42	●●●●●
22	Crawley Town	42	9	5	7	31	30	1	6	14	14	39	-24	41	●●●●●
23	Hartlepool United	42	4	10	7	24	33	4	5	12	24	39	-24	39	●●●●●
24	Rochdale	42	4	4	13	23	35	4	5	12	16	30	-26	33	●●●●●

● Won ● Drawn ● Lost - Updated 16th April 2023

TOP 3's 2022/23

GOALS		
24	Andy Cook	Bradford City
20	Sam Hoskins	Northampton Town
19	Kristian Dennis	Carlisle United
ASSISTS		
15	Elliot Watt	Salford City
13	Owen Moxon	Carlisle United
12	Ben Whitfield	Barrow AFC
CHANCES CREATED		
115	Elliot Watt	Salford City
86	Mitch Pinnock	Northampton Town
81	Owen Moxon	Carlisle United
DRIBBLES		
150	Luke Bolton	Salford City
147	Daniel Agyei	Crewe Alexandra
122	Abraham Odoh	Rochdale

SHOTS		
130	Sam Hoskins	Northampton Town
106	Omar Bogle	Newport County
101	Luke Armstrong	Harrogate Town
TACKLES		
142	Owen Moxon	Carlisle United
114	Jack Currie	AFC Wimbledon
111	Idris El Mizouni	Leyton Orient
SAVES		
122	Solomon Brynne	Swindon Town
115	Jonathan Mitchell	Doncaster Rovers
102	Glenn Morris	Gillingham
CLEAN SHEETS		
22	Lawrence Vigouroux	Leyton Orient
18	Tomas Holy	Carlisle United
17	Harry Lewis	Bradford City



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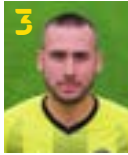
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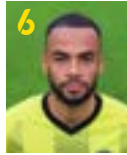


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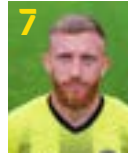
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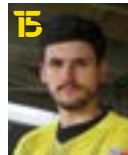
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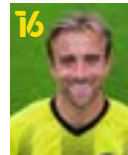
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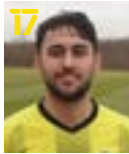


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H Grace, Jake & Harry Ward



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P Olly Hodson
B Maria & Joel Dowie, Felicity Britton

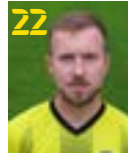


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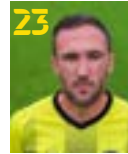
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H Saints Heritage Society



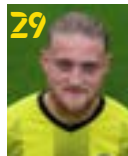
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THE MEN IN CHARGE

Neil Aspin

Half 2004/05,
2005/06-2008/09

Defender Neil Aspin was Town's first 2001/02 big summer addition, signing from Hartlepool United as player/coach.

Aspin had previously been with Leeds United (240 apps) and Port Vale (405 apps) and turned out for Darlington on 60 occasions. After signing, Aspin helped Town win the 2001/02 Northern Premier League Division One title by a ten-point margin in his first season at Wetherby Road and spent the 2002/03 campaign in the Premier Division. The club was invited to join the newly formed Conference North after a fifth-place finish in the 2003-04 season, and Aspin worked as assistant manager to John Reed as he wound down his playing career in order to focus on coaching. In all, he played 105 (14) times for Town between July 2001 and July 2004.

Aspin returned to Harrogate Town in his first management role in January 2005 as caretaker manager until the end of the season to replace the departed John Reed with former Leicester City midfielder Lee Philpott the new player/coach.

Things got off to a good start with a 2-1 win at Worcester City thanks to a Danny Holland brace. Under Aspin, Town finished sixth in 2004/05 and the following season he guided Town to the FA



Harrogate Town 2006/07
Neil Aspin front row fourth
from left next to Bill Fotherby



Historian Phil Harrison reviews the successes and failures of Harrogate Town's managers over the years...

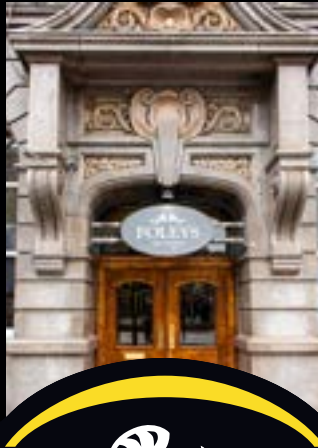


Cup First round proper, where they took Torquay United to a replay, eventually losing out in a penalty shoot-out. He also led them to a fifth place finish and the Conference North play-off semi-final - losing to Stafford Rangers as well as the WRC Cup final. Town finished sixth in 2005/06 missing out on the play-offs by a single point and followed that up with another sixth place finish in 2007/08 plus a 6-0 victory against Bradford Park Avenue in the WRC Cup Final. Aspin's last season at the helm was the 2008/09 campaign and a ninth place finish.

In April that season, it was released that Aspin would be leaving the club at the end of the season due to lack of funds for bringing in quality players and he moved to FC Halifax Town. He also had spells at Gateshead, Port Vale and Dover.

In his Town managerial role he was in charge for 228 games, winning 106, drawing 53 and losing 69.





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FIXTURES & RESULTS 2022/23

DATE	OPPOSITION	RES	SCORER/S
August			
Thu 18	Bradford City	YC 0-3	
Sat 27	Hartlepool United	YA 0-0	
September			
Sat 17	Grimsby Town	YA 1-2	
Sat 24	Mansfield Town	YA 2-0	O'Boyle, Ilesanmi
October			
Sat 1	Doncaster Rovers	YA 5-2	O'Boyle (2), Williams (2), Ilesanmi
Sat 15	Rotherham United	YC 1-1	Brodella
Sat 22	Burton Albion	YA 2-1	O'Boyle, Williams
Sat 29	Huddersfield Town	YA 2-1	Taylor, O'Boyle
November			
Tue 1	Stockport County	FAY 1-2	O'Boyle
Fri 4	Morecambe	YC 3-3	Brodella, O'Boyle (2)
December			
Sat 3	Huddersfield Town	YA 1-2	O'Boyle
January			
Sat 7	Mansfield Town	YA 1-0	Nicholson
Tue 10	Carlisle United	YC 4-1	Samuels, Ilesanmi, Brodella, Williams
Fri 13	Bradford City	YA 1-0	Brodella
Sat 21	Doncaster Rovers	YA 2-2	Brodella, O'Boyle
February			
Tue 7	Burton Albion	YA 3-1	Brodella, Ilesanmi, Taylor
Sat 11	Scunthorpe United	YA 3-0	Tweed, O'Boyle, Smalley
Tue 14	Rotherham United	YA 2-0	Ilesanmi, Wilson
Sat 18	Bradford City	YA 1-2	Nicholson
Sat 25	Grimsby Town	YA 2-0	Moorby, Wilson
Tue 28	Scunthorpe United	YA 1-1	Brodella
March			
Sat 4	Hartlepool United	YA 3-0	Brodella (2), Nicholson
Tue 14	Rotherham United	YA 4-2	Ilesanmi, Brodella, Birmingham, Nicholson
Sat 18	Lincoln City	YA 3-0	Ilesanmi (2), Nicholson
Sat 25	Lincoln City	YA 1-0	Brodella
April - Second Phase			
Sat 1	Lincoln City	YA 1-1	Brodella
Thu 6	Bradford City	YA 1-1	Williams
Sat 22	Grimsby Town	YA	
Fri 28	Burton Albion	YA	
May			
Fri 5	Doncaster Rovers	YA	

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Harrogate Town	22	14	5	3	42	18	24	47
2 Bradford City	22	14	3	5	60	28	32	45
3 Doncaster Rovers	23	12	4	7	44	44	0	40
4 Burton Albion	23	12	2	9	49	35	14	38
5 Grimsby Town	22	11	4	7	42	38	4	37
6 Lincoln City	22	8	6	8	59	55	4	30
7 Scunthorpe United	21	8	5	8	35	30	5	29
8 Mansfield Town	21	7	5	9	38	44	-6	26
9 Huddersfield Town	22	8	1	13	37	54	-17	25
10 Hartlepool United	21	4	2	15	15	49	-34	14
11 Rotherham United	21	1	5	15	27	53	-26	8

YA Youth Alliance North East YC Youth Alliance Cup FAY FA Youth Cup



WOMEN

NORTH EAST REGIONAL WFL PREMIER DIVISION 2022/23

FIXTURES

DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP
April		
Sun 23	Wallsend BC	H L
Sun 30	Blyth Town	A L
May		
Sun 7	Redcar Town	H L

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Chester le Street	16	15	0	1	60	45
2 Wakefield AFC	17	10	3	4	32	33
3 South Shields	16	11	0	5	11	33
4 Alnwick Town	15	10	1	4	22	31
5 Sunderland WE	16	9	1	6	12	28
6 Wallsend B.C.	16	7	1	8	-4	22
7 Hull United	18	5	3	10	-16	18
8 Redcar Town	14	4	2	8	-4	14
9 Blyth Town	15	2	1	12	-37	4*
10 Harrogate Town	15	0	0	15	-76	-6*

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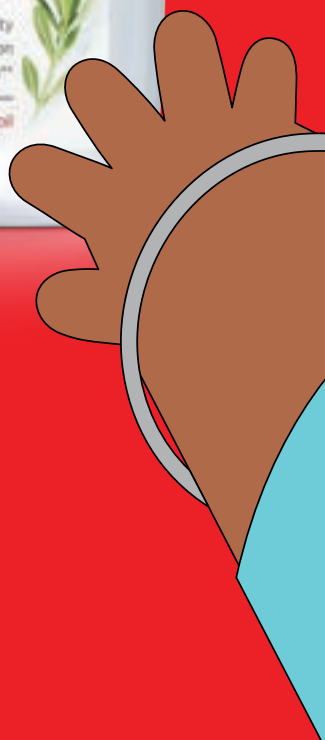
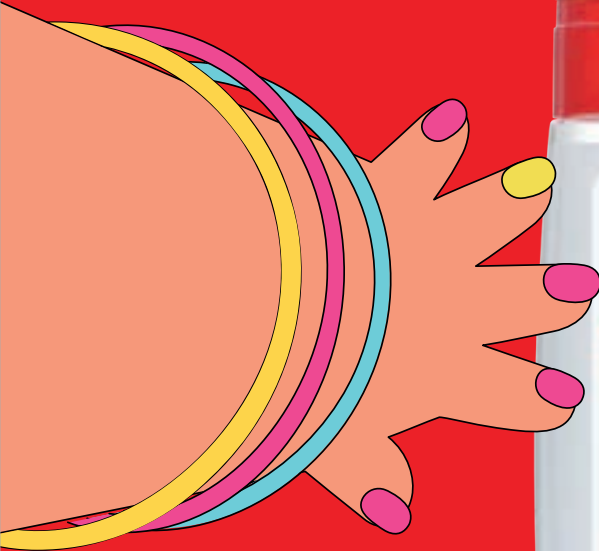


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MICHAEL FLYNN

Michael Flynn was appointed Walsall manager in February 2022 after leaving Newport County, ending a long-standing relationship with the Welsh club both as a player and manager.

Flynn's playing career started with Newport in the late 1990s, and after a spell with Barry Town, the midfielder moved to Wigan Athletic. He had further spells with Gillingham, Blackpool, Huddersfield Town and Bradford City before returning to Rodney Parade to become a Newport player for the third time in 2012. The 42-year-old's association with Newport continued with various roles at the club, before he was appointed manager in 2017.

FORM GUIDE



Rochdale (a)

2-4 L

7 April



Carlisle (h)

0-0 D

10 April



Crewe (a)

0-2 L

15 April



LAST TIME OUT



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OWEN EVANS

Goalkeeper Owen Evans joined the Saddlers in June 2022. Having begun his pro career at Wigan Athletic, whilst at the DW Stadium, the 26-year-old spent time on loan with Witton Albion, Rhyl, North Ferriby United and Sutton United. His first loan in the EFL came in the 2019/20 season with Macclesfield Town where he played 27 times and impressed in the first half of the season. He spent the second half of that season on loan at Cheltenham Town and helped the Robins reach the play-offs. Evans returned to Wigan for the 2020/21 campaign and played five times before returning to Cheltenham permanently in the summer of 2021 featuring 32 times in League One in the 2021-22 campaign.



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DONERVON DANIELS

Joining Walsall in January 2022, the 29-year-old defender was named as the Saddlers captain for this campaign. Signing from Crewe Alexandra having spent 18 months at Gresty Road, Daniels began his career at West Bromwich Albion and whilst there had loan spells at Tranmere Rovers, Gillingham, Blackpool and Aberdeen. He then moved to Wigan Athletic in 2015 and was part of the team that won League One in 2015-16 season before joining Rochdale on loan for the 2017-18 season. In 2018, he joined Blackpool where he spent a season before signing for Luton Town a year later. A loan spell at Doncaster Rovers followed before he made the switch to Crewe in July 2020.



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LIAM KINSELLA

Midfielder Liam Kinsella racked up his 200th Saddlers appearance during the 2021/22 season and is a mainstay in the squad. Colchester-born Kinsella first joined the Saddlers aged eight and was named Apprentice of the Season in 2013/14 before making his first-team debut in August 2014. Capped by the Republic of Ireland at Under-19 and Under-21 level, he helped the Saddlers Development Squad win the Central League North West Division title and Walsall Senior Cup in 2016/17. He made 24 appearances the following season and featured 39 times in 2018/19, reaching the 100-appearance landmark in September 2019 and 150th in December 2020.

CONOR WILKINSON

Signing for the Saddlers in the Summer of 2021, the 28-year-old striker began his career at Bolton Wanderers where he made 17 appearances in total. He enjoyed loan spells at Chester, Torquay United, Barnsley, Newport County, Portsmouth and Chesterfield before eventually leaving the Trotters in 2017. He signed for Gillingham that summer before leaving in November 2018 for Dagenham & Redbridge initially on loan before making the move permanent in January 2019. After finishing the season with 12 goals, Leyton Orient signed him following their promotion back to the EFL in July 2019 where he spent two years before signing for the Saddlers.



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MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Football historian **LEIGH EDWARDS** profiles seven leading Walsall managers...

DOUG FRASER

Former Scotland international right-back Doug Fraser guided Walsall to the FA Cup fifth round in 1974-75. He moved from Aberdeen to West Brom in September 1963 and played in three League Cup finals, including their 1966 triumph, also helping them win the FA Cup in 1968. Joining Nottingham Forest in January 1971, he moved to Walsall with Alan Buckley in July 1973 and became their player-manager six months later. He plotted the Saddlers' 1974-75 FA Cup wins over Manchester United and Newcastle, remaining in charge at Fellows Park until sacked in March 1977 and later working in the prison service.

DAVE MACKAY

Former Scotland international wing-half Dave Mackay managed Walsall to the FA Cup fifth round in 1977-78. He helped Hearts win all three major Scottish honours before moving to Spurs in March 1959, skipping the 1960-61 'double' success and two further FA Cup triumphs. He joined Derby County in July 1968 and was joint Footballer of the Year as they won the Second Division title in 1968-69. After spells in charge of Swindon and Nottingham Forest, he took Derby to the League title in 1974-75 and managed Walsall from March 1977 until May 1978, then Doncaster and Birmingham. He died in March 2015.

ALAN BUCKLEY

Striker Alan Buckley gave Walsall marvellous service as a player and manager. Initially with Nottingham Forest, he moved to Walsall in August 1973 and was top scorer on five occasions. He joined Birmingham City in October 1978 but returned to Walsall as player-boss in July 1979, guiding them to promotion in 1979-80 and League Cup semi-finals in 1983-84. Leaving in August 1986, he managed Kettering, then took Grimsby to the FA Cup fifth round and two promotions. He had a spell in charge of West Brom, then led Grimsby to promotion in 1997-98, then managed Lincoln City, Rochdale and Grimsby again.

TOMMY COAKLEY

Tommy Coakley plotted Walsall's 1988 Third Division play-off final success. A former winger, he moved from Motherwell to Arsenal in May 1966 and featured in their first-ever League Cup match. He joined Detroit Cougars in December 1967, then played for Morton and Chelmsford City. After spells in charge of Maldon and Bishop's Stortford, he became Walsall's manager in August 1986 and they took Watford to an FA Cup fifth round second replay in 1986-87. He remained in charge of the Saddlers until December 1988, then managed Blakenall and was a bookmaker in Willenhall, also co-owner of a golf centre in Lichfield.

RAY GRAYDON

Ray Graydon managed Walsall to promotion in 1998-99 and 2000-01. Initially with Bristol Rovers, the England Youth winger starred as they reached the fifth round of the FA Cup in 1968-69 and League Cup in 1970-71. He joined Aston Villa in exchange for Brian Godfrey in May 1971, helping them rise from the Third Division to First and scoring their winner in the 1975 League Cup final. Moving to Coventry City in July 1977, he later coached at Oxford United and Southampton, then managed Walsall from May 1998 until January 2002. He



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had a spell as Bristol Rovers' manager before becoming a referee's assessor.

COLIN LEE

Colin Lee guided Walsall to the FA Cup fifth round in two consecutive seasons. Initially with Bristol City, the striker moved via Torquay to Spurs in October 1977. Helping them regain top-flight status in 1977-78, he joined Chelsea in January 1980. Switching to full-back, he featured in their 1983-84 Second Division title triumph and 1986 Full Members Cup final success. He joined Brentford in July 1987, then managed Watford and assisted Mark McGhee at Reading, Leicester City and Wolves, where he was in charge before managing Walsall from January 2002 until May 2004, then Millwall, becoming Torquay's chief executive.

RICHARD MONEY

Ex-England B international central defender Richard Money managed Walsall to the League Two title in 2006-07. Initially with Scunthorpe United, he starred in their 1973-74 FA Cup run and moved to Fulham in December 1977. He joined Liverpool in April 1980, then Luton and Portsmouth, returning to Scunthorpe in October 1985. Helping twice reach the play-offs, he became Aston Villa's youth coach and rejoined Scunthorpe as manager in January 1993. He was director of Coventry's Academy, then Walsall's boss from May 2006 until April 2008, then managed Luton Town, Cambridge United, Solihull Moors and Hartlepool United.

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- Kazeem Olaigbe 10
- Sam Folarin 12
- Toby Sims 14
- Anthony O'Connor 15
- Alex Pattison 16
- Levi Sutton 17
- Jack Muldoon 18
- Kayne Ramsay 20
- Pete Jameson 21
- Stephen Dooley 22
- Rory McArdle 23
- Emmanuel Ilesanmi 26
- Matty Daly 28
- Luke Armstrong 29
- Matty Foulds 33
- Tom Eastman 34

WALSALL

Manager: Michael Flynn

- 1 Owen Evans
- 2 Hayden White
- 3 Liam Gordon
- 4 Joss Labadie
- 5 Dobervon Daniels
- 6 Manny Monthé
- 7 Joe Riley
- 8 Liam Kinsella
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