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MANAGER'S NOTEBOOK

Good afternoon and welcome to Hitchin Town FC and all the fans, players, board and a special welcome to Mark Burke, who I have shared a special common bond with. We have both spent much of our lives playing and coaching at St Joseph's Youth Football Club. A club approaching 50 years in existence, steeped in history. Like myself, Mark has given up much of his life to support and help this great youth football club and shares good memories and hopes for its successful future.

Having played for the club as a child with such great memories, both my own children went on to play for the club and I became a manager and coach of a team, like many parents. I have recently helped coach some of the latest young St Joe's players coming through. In appreciation, I have invited anyone with a St Joe's logo on, to gain free entry today and we have a team of mascots alongside the great Weatherfield Academy, who have showed fantastic support to our football club this season. Thank you.

Since we have last been at Creasy Park we have travelled 1000 Miles for 3 games. Absolutely unbelievable for a club that doesn't pay its players and cramped up in a minibus. Tiverton was a complete disaster, the sort of thing that has happened to us several times this season and has never happened to anyone we have played. Will Hunt had been terrific for us, but the injury sustained will keep him out for up to two months, so we would be surprised if he appears again this season. As a result we have secured a loan from Stevenage for Nathan Harness, who had a very decent debut at Weymouth.

As I speak I have been trying to get some signings over the line to ensure we have enough cover. We only had 13 fit and available players for Weymouth, so it's prudent to increase the numbers for the important run in. I am trying to secure three strikers, two of which require international clearance, but we are working diligently to get them over the line. Two have represented Dunstable Town before and also I have promoted another two development squad players that have been consistently performing well and were invited to train with us. We hope that by the deadline, that we will have bolstered the squad and create some decent competition for shirts as we enter this huge closing period to the incredible ground breaking season.

Enjoy the Game!



Tony McCool

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A WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

I would like to welcome the officials, management team, players and supporters of Hitchin Town to Creasey Park for today's fixture.

As I have mentioned in previous match-day programmes, we are committed to being a club that contributes to the town from a sporting, community and educational perspective. This season we have been as good as our word in relation to working with Weatherfield Academy, which has ensured our educational activities have come to the fore.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Weatherfield Academy is now our Community Partner School. This will be an ongoing partnership that seeks to help the school and the club develop and deliver meaningful activities that enhance the learning and sporting achievements of the wonderful Weatherfield students.

This season, the partnership has gone from strength-to-strength through the activities we have both been involved in. This has included - organising and hosting a round of the FA People's Cup last month, in which a number of Weatherfield students participated; organising and hosting a friendly football tournament in the Autumn of 2017 with another to be played prior to our final home match against St Ives Town on 21st April; we have organised two workshops with Dunstable Library where Weatherfield students have studied the history of the town and the club; our Captain, Gedeon Okito, is regularly running football training sessions for the students which they really enjoy. In April, the club will be involved in the school's annual Enterprise Day, with Dunstable Town FC and its marketability being the focus of the student projects.

Today we are celebrating our partnership with Weatherfield Academy and would like to take this opportunity to thank Joe Selmes, the headteacher, the staff and students for the help and support they have given the school this season. This has ensured it has survived and will prosper in the future. Staff, students and their families are our guests today and a number of students will be match-day mascots. They will receive a hearty and warm welcome from all of us.



Alex Alexandrou

Tony McCool's Blue and White Army Marches On

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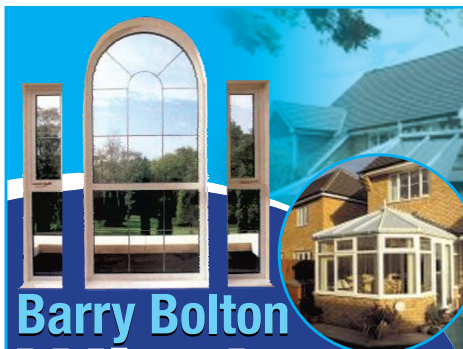
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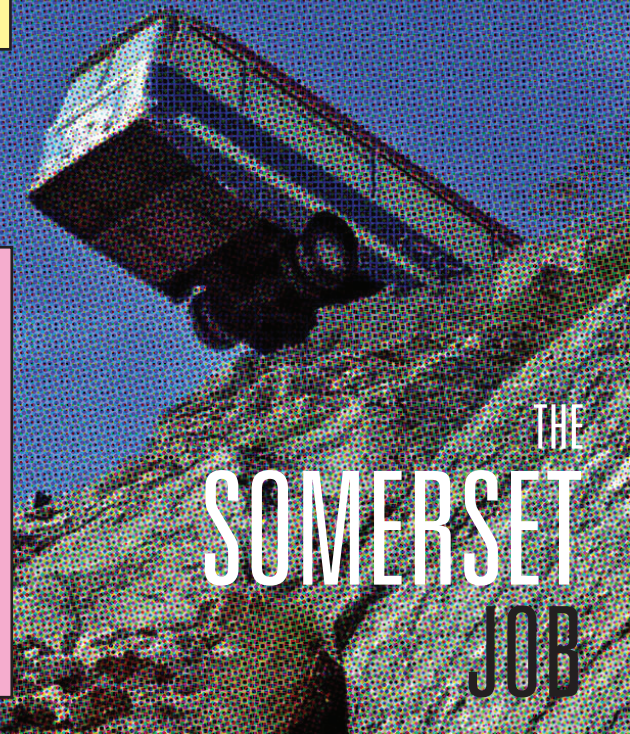

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Over the next couple of home matches we are working together with the Dunstable Foodbank and collecting donations for the 3 foodbanks in our community.

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to their ability to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

The shopping list below shows their most need food items:

Packets of instant Mashed Potatoes
40s and 80s Tea Bags
Small jars of Instant Coffee
500g bags of Sugar
Savoury Biscuits (*Ritz, Cream Crackers, Cheddars etc*)

Tinned Sardines & Pilchards (*Not tuna please*)
Tinned Fruit
Sponge Puddings (*Long life or tinned*)
Jam and/or Marmalade
Tinned Meat Meals (*Irish Stew, Meatballs, Mince, Chile, Stewing Steak, Curry etc*)

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems.

TODAY'S OPPOSITION HISTORY

The original Hitchin club, Hitchin F.C., were formed in 1865. The club took part in the inaugural FA Cup competition in 1871–72, reaching the quarter-finals before losing to runners-up Royal Engineers. In 1905, Hitchin defeated Chelsea 3–2 to become the first away team to win at Stamford Bridge. Hitchin turned professional during the early years of the 20th century, but following financial difficulties and a fire at their ground, the club folded in 1911.

Hitchin Town F.C. were formed in 1928, and it was at this time also that the “Canaries” identity was settled upon. The club colours were settled as yellow and blue, replacing the old club’s white and magenta – green replaced blue after only a few seasons. The new club were admitted to the Spartan League, and their first season, 1928–29, was a success – Hitchin won the Herts Charity Shield, as well as promotion to the Spartan League’s second tier. Promotion to the top flight of the Spartan League was won in 1930–31 and Hitchin won the AFA Senior Cup a year later.

The club met Football League opposition in the FA Cup for the first time during 1958–59, but despite holding Millwall to a 1–1 draw at Top Field, lost 2–1 in the replay. Hitchin travelled to Crystal Palace two years later in the same competition and lost 6–2. Meanwhile, Scott prepared his team for an assault on the Athenian League title and the FA Amateur Cup. Scott’s team finished fifth during 1960–61, and lost in the semi-finals of the Cup. Hitchin came sixth the next year, and 1962–63 saw another fifth-place finish and semi-final defeat before the club switched league again – joining the Isthmian League.

The move to the Isthmian League coincided with a time of financial strife at the club. The club finished in the bottom half of the division during their first five seasons in the league, as the club struggled to attract players of a sufficient quality. The club were not helped by corruption behind the scenes – some supposedly amateur players were receiving salaries, and when this emerged, the club were barracked by the local press. It took some time for the clouds to disperse, and the result was the departure of Scott. The late 1960s saw the arrival of Vince Burgess as manager. Led by Burgess, Hitchin finished as Isthmian League runners-up in 1968–69 and won the London Senior Cup a year later.

During the 1970s, Hitchin reached the FA Cup first round four times. The 1973–74 run was ended abruptly by fellow non-League side Boston United, who beat Hitchin 1–0 in the second round to deny them a third round tie against Derby County. Meanwhile, league finishes were poor – Hitchin only finished in the top half twice, ninth in 1976–77 and fifth a year later.

A sixth-place finish in 1983–84 proved to be a last hurrah – Hitchin Town suffered relegation from the Isthmian League Premier Division in 1987–88. It took five years for Hitchin to return, and the club suffered major financial hardship. Andy Melvin, who both owned and managed the club, led Hitchin back to the Premier Division in 1992–93 by winning the First Division.

In 1994–95, the club beat Hereford United 4–2 at Top Field in the FA Cup first round. A year later, Bristol Rovers were defeated 2–1, also in the first round, thanks to two early goals. The second round tie at Gillingham, was lost 3–0. Despite the cup success, league form plummeted once more. The club were relegated once again in 1997–98, but the club won promotion back a year later.

The club’s new boss was Robbie O’Keefe, who had presided over the club’s youth academy. He left after two uneventful mid-table seasons, and was replaced by former Chelsea, Luton Town and England forward Kerry Dixon. With Dixon at the helm, the club finished fourth from bottom, and the club left the Isthmian League at the end of the season. Hitchin Town moved to the Southern League. Halfway through the following season, Dixon was replaced by former Luton Town defender Darren Salton. Salton brought some success to the club in the form of a Southern League Cup victory in 2005–06. The 2006–07 campaign was an anti-climax – Hitchin were second in the league in December, but a spectacular collapse saw them 11th at season’s end.

Hitchin were at the foot of the table from the off during 2007–08, and Salton was replaced by Darran Hay in November. Hay managed to guide the club to safety, as Hitchin finished 18th, but resigned in January 2009 with the club battling relegation once more. Colin Payne was appointed manager a month later, but he was unable to prevent relegation from the Southern League Premier Division. In 2009–10, Hitchin led the Midlands Division for long periods, but eventually finished runners-up to Bury Town, despite reaching 100 points in a campaign that saw them win 31 of their 42 league games. Hitchin played Slough in the semi-final play-off, but lost 1–2 at home, consigning them to another season at that level. A few days later, Colin Payne resigned as manager and Carl Williams was appointed manager of the club.

Williams experienced extraordinary success in his first season in charge. Hitchin led the league table for most of the campaign before a mid-season drop in form eroded their advantage at the top. On the final day of the season, they were beaten by near-neighbours Arlesey Town, who won the league title. Hitchin had to negotiate the play-offs for the second successive season, but won promotion by beating Slough and Daventry. Former player Mark Burke was appointed manager in the summer of 2013 and the previous side almost entirely moved on. Despite this Burke and his assistant Adam Parker recruited some new young talent and finished in a creditable 13th position.

Hitchin Town have made steady progress in the Southern League Premier Division in the last 5 seasons. They have finished 14th, 13th, 13th and 9th, before reaching a best-ever position in the league of 3rd in 2015-16. This saw them qualify for the play-offs but they lost their semi-final at Top Field 3-2 to Hungerford Town, having held a 2-0 lead in front of a crowd of 1305. In 2016-17, Hitchin Town finished in 4th place and won their play-off semi-final via a penalty shoot-out against Merthyr Town. The final took place at Leamington, who won 2-1 with a goal in extra time to clinch promotion.

TODAY'S OPPOSITION PEN PICS

Michael Johnson: 24 year old goalkeeper who made the Number 1 jersey his own last season with some outstanding performances.

James Russell: 30 year old experienced stopper, recently signed from St.Albans City. Previous clubs played for include Margate and Arlesey Town.

Lewis Rolfe: 25 year old Lewis arrived at the club from Chesham United at the start of the 2013/14 season. A versatile player, he can play in defence or midfield. During last season he mainly played at centre back.

Daniel Webb: 27 year old defender and team captain who was first spotted playing for Shefford and Campton FC in the Bedfordshire League, Joined the club in 2012/13, and has recently completed 250 appearances for the Club.

Josh Bickerstaff: 27 year old versatile Defender, and can also play in midfield. First signed for Hitchin in March 2011, and after a spell at St. Neots Town and rejoined the Canaries for a second spell at the start of the 2015/16 season.

Ben Walster: 24 year old left back who joined the club at the start of the 2014/15 season. Previous club was Milton Keynes Dons.

Toby Syme: 19 year old Right Back who can also play at Left Back or in Central Defence. Signed in pre-season from Norwich City.

Kevin Byrne: Recently signed 21 year old 6'4" central defender who was born in Florida and played for Parkland Predators in America, and has recently been with the AFC Bournemouth.

Jack James: 18 year old Right Back currently signed on loan from Luton Town, where he has already made his First Team debut in this year's EFL Trophy competition.

Lucas Kirkpatrick: 22 year old central midfielder is a product of the Club's Scholarship Scheme. Signed at the start of the 2013/14 season. Is an established key member of the team.

Jay Dowie: 26 year old tenacious, tough tackling central midfielder signed from Concord Rangers in February 2017. Previous clubs included Boston United and four years with Histon.

Jonny McNamara: 24 year old right sided midfielder and fan favourite who has just rejoined the Canaries from Hemel Hempstead Town. Previous clubs include Arlesey Town, Stotfold and he also played for Hitchin Town Youth.

TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Kieran McCaffrey: 24 year old central midfielder who has recently relocated to the South and has signed for Hitchin Town. His previous experience in the Evo-Stik Northern divisions includes spells at Goole AFC and Scarborough Athletic.

Jack Green: 20 year old midfielder signed from St.Albans City. Previous club was Barton Rovers.

Trey Charles: Signed in close season. 24 year old pacey midfielder, who is equally comfortable on either flank. Former Hitchin Town Youth player whose travels have brought him back to Hitchin Town via Royston Town, St.Albans City, Leighton Town, Stotfold, Ampthill Town, Bedford FC and Leverstock Green.

Charlie Smith: 22 year old left sided midfielder who signed during the close season for his second spell with the Club. Has had spells with Dunstable Town and was Player Of the Year at Barton Rovers last season.

Hugo Logan: 19 year old attacking midfielder currently on loan from Milton Keynes Dons, where he has played his football since the age of 10. Made his senior debut for the Dons this season in the Checkatrade trophy victory over Brighton and Hove Albion.

Matthew Spring: Recently signed on loan from Hemel Hempstead Town. Vastly experienced 38 year old ex-professional midfielder, who can bring a really stable and controlled presence to the midfield.

Brett Donnelly: Vastly experienced 35 year old striker who signed in July 2014 from Biggleswade Town for his second spell with Hitchin Town. Previous clubs also include Barton Rovers, Arlesey Town and Stotfold FC.

Connor Vincent: Strong and industrious 23 year old forward who signed in pre-season from Biggleswade Town. Previous clubs include Barton Rovers and Langford.

Elliott Bailey: 23 year old Striker signed from Barton Rovers in close season. Started as a junior at St.Albans City; previous other clubs include Dunstable Town and Ware.

Robbie Burns: 27 year old midfielder/striker who has just rejoined the Canaries after taking a break from football. Previous clubs include Tranmere Rovers, for whom he made two League starts in 2008-09, and Robbie was also a squad member at Leicester City.

Patrick Tshikala: 19 year old speedy wide player signed from St.Albans City. Hails from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Scored on his debut one minute after coming on a substitute v Kings Langley.

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LAST TIME OUT

WEYMOUTH 2-0 DUNSTABLE TOWN HT (2-0)

The pitch appeared in immaculate condition and enabled Dunstable to start on the offensive pushing Weymouth back deep into their half while the Dunstable playmakers sought gaps in the Weymouth defence. Dunstable showed no ill affects from last Saturday's match and clearly had the ascendancy of the opening period.

On the half hour mark there was a strange occurrence in the final Weymouth third. Arel Amu was able to shield the ball, turn his man, who happened to be the last defender, and looked set to advance on the Weymouth goal. What happened of course was the complete opposite. The defender lost his footing, slipped over and as he fell his head connected with the ball on the ground and away from Arel's feet.

A few minutes later one of the best moves of the day saw Dunstable string together 9 passes which ended with a Saul Williams header being cleared to safety. A few minutes later and another promising move, involving intricate passing, resulted in a clearance and the Weymouth goal remaining intact. As half time advanced the Dunstable defence was finally breached following a smart move and a through ball which split the Dunstable defence allowing Calvin Brooks to slot in, giving Nathan Harness no chance.

In the second minute of added on time the human goal machine that is Brandon Goodship scored his 29th goal of the season, seizing on a partial Dunstable clearance, to put the home side two goals up. Déjà vu? At Tiverton last week, Dunstable had conceded three goals in six minutes either side of half time, however there was no repeat of that yesterday, as the Dunstable midfield and defence battled every single ball and competed fiercely in every single challenge and made sure no further goals were conceded in the second half.

Tony & Gareth made their only two possible substitutions and replaced Ty Ward for Charlie Black & Saul Williams for Ben Collins. Both Ben & Charlie proved effective foils to their opponents with both demonstrating that they can compete at this level of football, having started the season playing a couple of steps below, albeit for Ben in the Dunstable Development Team.

Lanre Ladipo appeared to be carrying a knock for much of the game but played an outstanding game in place of the suspended Peter Kioso and did himself proud playing out of his preferred position. Gedeon's captainship was exemplary and he has assumed his position in John's absence with a maturity and assurance above and beyond his age.

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Peter
Kioso



Alex
Ward



Aaron
Hudson

Bushey Heath
Garage



Arel
Amu



Nik
Andriopoulos



Saul
Williams



Nimmy
Aji



Lanre
Ladipo



Stefan
Vraciu



Andrew
Osei-Bonsu



Eldon
Maquemba

FIXTURES, RESULTS & LINEUPS

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Date	Opponents		Att	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
12 Aug	Redditch United	A	SLP	215	0-5	Malone	Collins	Okito	Salami	Sonuga	Trif	Young	Odusoga	Igweani	Makendi	Adeyemi	Hudson		Brown	Aji	
15 Aug	Kings Langley	H	SLP	145	1-4	Malone	Adeyemi	Okito	Betts	Sonuga	Trif (1)	Young	Ladipo	Amu	Makendi	Hudson	Collins (45)	Odusoga	Aji (71)	Koeries (63)	Igweani
19 Aug	Merthyr Town	H	SLP	93	0-6	Malone	Collins	Okito	Trif	Sonuga	Ladipo	Makuendi	Amu	Odusoga	Koeries	Igweani	Adeyemi	Aji (67)	Brown	Salami (77)	Young (49)
26 Aug	Royston Town	A	SLP	195	1-1	Malone	Collins	Okito (1)	Trif	Sonuga	Betts	Ladipo	Adeyemi	Amu	Makendi	Ogden	Young (45)	Odusoga (45)	Silva	Koeries (90)	Aji
28 Aug	Banbury United	H	SLP	197	0-5	Malone	Ladipo	Okito	Trif	Sonuga	Betts	Young	Adeyemi	Amu	Makendi	Ogden	Koeries	Collins	Odusoga (65)	Aji (55)	Silva (65)
02 Sep	Royston Town	A	FAC1Q	234	0-2	Malone	Collins	Okito	Ladipo	Sonuga	Betts	Young	Makuendi	Aji	Amu	Ogden	Silva (45)	Adeyemi	Odusoga	Hudson (83)	Koeries (73)
09 Sep	Slough Town	A	SLP	786	1-8	Henry	Collins	Okito	Adeyemi	Ogden	Betts	Young	Ladipo	Amu	Silva	Hudson (1)	Carty	Ajibolamu	Chidyausiku (61)	Odusoga (81)	Koeries (76)
12 Sep	Chesham United	A	SLP	193	0-2	Henry	Collins	Okito	Ogden	Sonuga	Betts	Young	Ladipo	Trif	Amu	Silva	Hudson	Odusoga	Carty (82)	Chidyausiku (73)	Koeries (85)
16 Sep	Bedford Town	H	BSC1R	99	2-3	Henry	Collins	Okito	Trif	Sonuga	Betts	Koeries	Ladipo	Amu (2)	Ogden	Hudson	Aji (50)	Carty (58)	Salami	Chidyausiku (67)	Adeyemi
23 Sep	Dorchester Town	H	SLP	91	0-1	Henry	Collins	Okito	Barnett	Sonuga	Betts	Young	Ladipo	Amu	Makuendi	Hudson	Trif (45)	Aji	Ogden	Chidyausiku (78)	Odusoga (88)
26 Sep	Bishops Stortford	H	SLP	105	0-5	Henry	Collins	Okito	Barnett	Sonuga	Betts	Young	Makuendi	Amu	Chidyausiku	Williams	Aji	Ogden (45)	Ladipo (72)	Odusoga (45)	
03 Oct	AFC Dunstable	A	SLC	84	1-1	Henry	Kiso	Okito	Barnett	Sonuga (1)	Betts	Langlais	Osei-Bonsu	Amu	Silva	Williams	Collins (45)	Young	Odusoga	Ogden	Hudson
07 Oct	Farnborough	H	SLP	254	1-0	Harker	Kiso	Okito	Barnett	Sonuga	Betts	Young	Osei-Bonsu (1)	Amu	Silva	Ladipo	Collins (45)	Odusoga	Ogden	Chidyausiku (87)	Makuendi (72)
10 Oct	St. Neots Town	A	SLP	180	2-2	Harker	Kiso	Okito	Barnett	Sonuga	Betts	Young	Osei-Bonsu (1)	Amu (1)	Silva	Collins	Odusoga	Chidyausiku	Ladipo (40)	Ogden (77)	Makeundi (60)
14 Oct	Stratford Town	A	SLP	194	1-5	Harker	Kiso	Okito	Ladipo	Sonuga	Betts	Young	Collins	Amu	Osei-Bonsu (1)	Hudson	Odusoga	Chidyausiku	Silva (81)	Makuendi (45)	Ogden (40)
17 Oct	King's Lynn Town	H	SLP	120	0-4	Ogden	Collins	Okito	Ladipo	Sonuga	Betts	Young	Makuendi	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Odusoga	Williams (77)	Hudson	Chidyausiku (45)		
21 Oct	Redditch United	H	SLP	193	1-1	Für	Kiso	Okito	Barnett	Sonuga	Betts	Young	Ladipo	Amu (1)	Osei-Bonsu	Williams	Ogden	Harker	Collins (41)	Makuendi (45)	Trif (73)
24 Oct	Kings Langley	A	SLP	245	0-1	Für	Kiso	Okito	Barnett	Sonuga	Betts	Makuendi	Ladipo	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Williams	Hudson		Silva	Collins (56)	Ogden (57)
28 Oct	Lewes	H	FAT	102	1-4	Für	Collins	Ogden	Makuendi	Sonuga	Trif	Hudson (1)	Odusoga	Koeries	Osei-Bonsu	Williams	Betts	Kiso (45)	Okito (45)	Ladipo (45)	
31 Oct	Hereford	A	SLP	1686	0-2	Hayes	Kiso	Okito	Barnett	Collins	Trif	Young	Ladipo	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Williams	Odusoga	Chidyausiku	E Amu (54)	Koeries	Makuendi (83)
04 Nov	Frome Town	H	SLP	86	1-2	Hayes	Ladipo	Kiso	Barnett	Sonuga	Trif	Young	E Amu	Amu	Osei-Bonsu (1)	Williams	Igweani (74)	Betts (38)	Collins	Odusoga	Makuendi
11 Nov	St. Ives Town	A	SLP	185	1-2	Hayes	Kiso	Okito	Barnett	Sonuga (1)	Trif	Young	E Amu	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Williams	Makeundi	Odusoga	Ladipo (39)	Betts (45)	Collins (83)
14 Nov	Chesham United	H	SLP	93	1-4	Hayes	Kiso	Okito	E Amu	Sonuga	Betts	Young	Ladipo	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Williams	Collins (60)	Barnett	Makuendi	Trif	Osudoga
18 Nov	Gosport Borough	A	SLP	188	0-1	Hayes	Collins	Ward	E Amu	Sonuga	Brise	Young	Ladipo	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Williams	Odusoga	Makuendi	Aji (80)	Black (65)	Chidyausiku
25 Nov	Tiverton Town	H	SLP	106	1-2	Hayes	Kiso	Ward	E Amu	Sonuga	Betts	Black	Ladipo	Amu	Osei-Bonsu (1)	Odusoga	Collins	Makuendi	Williams	Trif (79)	Maquemba
28 Nov	Bishops Stortford	A	SLP	205	1-4	Lee	Kiso	Ward	E Amu	Sonuga	Trif	Ladipo	Odusoga	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Black (1)	Collins	Makuendi	Barnett (66)	Silva (84)	
02 Dec	Hitchin Town	A	SLP	457	0-1	Hayes	Kiso	Ward	Andriopoulos	Sonuga	Vraciu	Black	Ladipo	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Maquemba	Barnett (80)	Odusoga	Trif (40)	Silva	E Amu (45)
16 Dec	Basingstoke Town	H	SLP	0-6	111	Hayes	Kiso	Okito	Barnett	Sonuga	Ogden	Young	E Amu	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Ward	Collins	Odusoga	Ladipo (45)	Trif (80)	Black (63)
23 Dec	Kettering Town	A	SLP	0-6	540	Hayes	Kiso	Okito	A Ward	Sonuga	Ogden	Maquemba	Lamptey	Black	Osei-Bonsu	Ward	Collins	Young (59)	A Amu (59)	Trif	Barnett (69)
26 Dec	Banbury United	A	SLP	2-1	391	Hayes	Kiso (1)	Okito	Collins	Trif	Ogden (1)	Young	Ward	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Lamptey	Black (90)	Harker	Carter	Hudson	
01 Jan	Biggleswade Town	H	SLP	0-2	141	Hayes	Kiso	Okito	Collins	Trif	Ogden	Young	Ward	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Lamptey	Hudson (60)	Harker	A Ward (60)	E Amu	
13 Jan	Royston Town	H	SLP	0-5	107	Harker	Kiso	Ward	Collins	Trif	Ogden	Young	A Ward	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Lamptey	Williams (45)	Hunt	Black (64)	E Amu	Ladipo (45)
20 Jan	Farnborough	A	SLP	0-4	227	Harker	Kiso	Okito	A Ward	Trif	Ogden	Young	Ward	Black	Amu	Lamptey	Collins	Williams (71)	Ladipo	Sonuga (71)	Odusoga
23 Jan	Weymouth	H	SLP	2-1	121	Hunt	Kiso	Okito	A Ward	Trif	Ogden	Young (1)	Ward	Black	Amu (1)	Osei-Bonsu	Collins	Williams (88)	Ladipo (81)	Sonuga (70)	Lamptey
27 Jan	St. Neots Town	H	SLP	2-3	105	Hunt	Kiso	Okito	A Ward	Trif (1)	Ogden	Young (1)	Ward	Black	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Maquemba (66)	Williams	Lanre	Sonuga (78)	Lamptey (84)
03 Feb	King's Lynn Town	A	SLP	0-5	699	Hunt	Kiso	Ward	A Ward	Collins	Andriopoulos	Young	Ladipo	Osei-Bonsu	Amu	Lamptey	Williams (83)	E Amu (70)	Hudson (62)	Vraciu	
10 Feb	Stratford Town	H	SLP	2-3	75	Hunt	Kiso	Okito	Ward	Collins	Ogden (1)	Young	A Ward	Amu (1)	Black	Osei-Bonsu	Ladipo (58)	Williams	Lamptey	E Amu	Sonuga (63)
13 Feb	Merthyr Town	A	SLP	1-3	256	Hunt	Collins	Okito	Ward	Trif	Ogden	Young	Ladipo	Amu	Lamptey (1)	Osei-Bonsu	Williams (64)	E Amu (89)	Black (70)		
17 Feb	Hereford	H	SLP	0-4	509	Hunt	Trif	Okito	Ward	Sonuga	Ogden	Young	Ladipo	Black	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Collins	A Ward (45)	E Amu	Williams (45)	Aji (58)
24 Feb	Dorchester Town	A	SLP	1-1	383	Hunt	Kiso	Okito	A Ward	Trif	Ogden	Young	Lamptey	Sonuga	Amu	Osei-Bonsu	Williams (90)	Ladipo (45)	Ward	Collins	Black (45)(1)
10 Mar	Tiverton Town	A	SLP	1-7	288	Hint	Kiso	Okito	A Ward	Trif	Ogden	Young	Ward	Lamptey	Amu (1)	Osei-Bonsu	Ladipo (45)	Williams	Collins (67)	Sonuga (45)	
17 Mar	Weymouth	A	SLP	0-2	481	Harness	Ladipo	Okito	E Amu	Trif	Ogden	Williams	Osei-Bonsu	Amu	Lamptey	Ward	Collins (45)	Black (45)			
24 Mar	Hitchin Town	H	SLP																		
30 Mar	Slough Town	H	SLP																		
02 Apr	Biggleswade Town	A	SLP																		
07 Apr	Kettering Town	H	SLP																		
10 Apr	Gosport Borough	H	SLP																		
14 Apr	Basingstoke Town	A	SLP																		
21 Apr	St. Ives Town	H	SLP																		
28 Apr	Frome Town	A	SLP																		

TODAY'S OTHER FIXTURES

Saturday 24th March 2018

3pm	Banbury United	v	St Ives Town
3pm	Basingstoke Town	v	Slough Town
3pm	Biggleswade Town	v	Merthyr Town
3pm	Chesham United	v	Weymouth
3pm	Dorchester Town	v	Royston Town
3pm	Farnborough	v	Stratford Town
3pm	Hereford	v	Gosport Borough
3pm	Kettering Town	v	Frome Town
3pm	Kings Langley	v	Tiverton Town
3pm	Redditch United	v	King's Lynn Town
3pm	St Neots Town	v	Bishop's Stortford

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PLAYER APPEARANCES

	SLP	SLC	FAC	FAT	BSC	17/18	Total	Goals	Ylw	Red
	38	1	1	1	1	42		29	53	5
Michael Adeyemi	5					5	5			
Nimmy Aji	(6)		1		(1)	1 (7)	1 (7)		1	
Nik Andriopoulos	2					2	2			
Arel Amu	35	1	1		1	38	40	9		
Erin Amu	7 (5)					7 (5)	7 (5)			
Jonathan Barnett	10 (3)	1				11 (3)	192 (3)		1	
Scott Belts	15 (3)	1	1		1	18 (3)	18 (3)		2	
Zach Birse	1 0					1 0	1 0			
Jadell Brown	(1)					(1)	(1)			
Charlie Black	9 (7)					9 (7)	9 (7)	3		
David Carty	(1)				(1)	(2)	(2)			
Joseph Chidyausiku	1 (5)				(1)	1 (6)	1 (6)			
Ben Collins	18 (8)	(1)	1	1	1	21 (9)	21 (9)		2	
Attila Für	2			1		3	3			
Casey Harker	5					5	5			
Nathan Harness	1					1	1			
Nick Hayes	11					11	11		1	
Will Henry	4	1			1	6	6			
Will Hunt	8					8	8		1	
Aaron Hudson	4 (3)		(1)	1	1	6 (4)	6 (4)	2		
Kelvin Igweani	3 (1)					3 (1)	3 (1)			
Peter Kioso	24	1		(1)		25 (1)	25 (1)	1	6	2
Justin Koeries	3 (2)		(1)	1	1	5 (3)	5 (3)			
Lanre Ladipo	22 (10)		1	(1)	1	24 (11)	24 (11)		2	
Ethan Lamptey	9 (1)					9 (1)	9 (1)	1	1	
Mano Langlais	0	1				1	1			
Brandy Makuendi	9 (5)		1	1		11 (5)	11 (5)		1	1
Garry Malone	5		1			6	6			
Eldon Maquemba	2 (1)					2 (1)	2 (1)		1	
Samuel Odusoga	5 (5)			1		6 (5)	6 (5)		3	
Keiran Ogden	17 (4)		1	1	1	20 (4)	20 (4)	2	7	
Gedeon Okito	30	1	1	(1)	1	33 (1)	64	1	7	
Andrew Osei-Bonsu	27	1		1		29	29	4	2	
Ayobami Salami	1 (1)					1 (1)	1 (1)			
Cláudio Silva	4 (3)	1	(1)			5 (4)	5 (4)			
John Sonuga	24 (5)	1	1	1	1	28 (5)	44 (5)	2	3	
Daniel Trif	20 (6)			1	1	22	22 (6)	2	4	1
Stefan Vraciu	1					1	1			
Alex Ward	9 (2)					9 (2)	9 (2)		3	
Ty Ward	17					17	17		1	
Saul Williams	8 (8)	1		1		10 (8)	10 (8)		1	
Ryan Young	31 (2)		1			32 (2)	32 (2)	2	3	1

HEAD TO HEAD STATS

Dunstable Town			Hitchin		
Last 8 league results (most recent first)					
Weymouth - DUN 2-0			0-0 Chesham Utd - HIT		
Tiverton Town - DUN 7-1			1-0 Basingstoke - HIT		
Dorchester - DUN 1-1			2-1 HIT - Gosport Borough		
DUN - Hereford United 0-4			0-0 HIT - Chesham Utd		
Merthyr Town - DUN 3-1			1-3 HIT - Farnborough		
DUN - Stratford Town 2-3			2-2 Redditch Utd - HIT		
Kings Lynn - DUN 5-0			0-4 HIT - Kings Lynn		
DUN - St Neots Town 2-3			0-1 HIT - Biggleswade		
Last 4 at home			Last 4 away		
(in the league, most recent first)					
DUN - Hereford United 0-4			0-0 Chesham Utd - HIT		
DUN - Stratford Town 2-3			1-0 Basingstoke - HIT		
DUN - St Neots Town 2-3			2-2 Redditch Utd - HIT		
DUN - Weymouth 2-1			1-0 Banbury United - HIT		

Home table				Away table			
	GP	Pts		GP	Pts		
1 Hereford United	19	46	1 Hereford United	18	40		
2 Kings Lynn	19	46	2 Kings Lynn	19	36		
3 Kettering	17	44	3 Weymouth	19	36		
4 Slough Town	20	43	4 Banbury United	18	34		
5 Weymouth	19	42	5 Kettering	19	32		
6 Basingstoke	18	42	6 Chesham Utd	18	29		
7 Royston Town	18	40	7 Frome Town	18	29		
8 Tiverton Town	18	40	8 Slough Town	14	25		
9 Redditch Utd	18	34	9 St Neots Town	20	22		
10 Chesham Utd	19	33	10 Tiverton Town	18	22		
11 Hitchin Town	17	31	11 Royston Town	17	21		
12 Dorchester	19	29	12 Stratford Town	18	21		
13 Merthyr Town	19	29	13 Farnborough	20	21		
14 St Neots Town	18	28	14 Hitchin Town	18	19		
15 Bishops	20	28	15 Merthyr Town	19	18		
16 Stratford Town	19	27	16 Biggleswade	18	17		
17 Biggleswade	17	26	17 St Ives Town	19	17		
18 Farnborough	18	26	18 Bishops	17	16		
19 Banbury United	19	24	19 Redditch Utd	19	14		
20 Frome Town	19	24	20 Basingstoke	19	13		
21 Kings Langley	18	19	21 Kings Langley	20	11		
22 St Ives Town	16	10	22 Dorchester	18	10		
23 Dunstable	18	7	23 Dunstable	20	6		
24 Gosport Borough	19	5	24 Gosport Borough	18	4		

Dunstable			Hitchin	
Home	Away	HOME / AWAY ADVANTAGE	Home	Away
54%	46%	% Points	62%	38%
50%	50%	% Goals scored	53%	47%
48%	52%	% Goals conceded	36%	64%

Home	Total	GOAL / NO GOAL	Total	Away
6%	3%	Clean sheets	34%	22%
6%	3%	Won-to-nil	23%	11%
44%	47%	Both teams scored	43%	50%
50%	50%	Failed to score	34%	39%
50%	50%	Lost-to-nil	23%	28%

Home	Total	SCORED + CONCEDED	Total	Away
0%	0%	Match total goals = 0	11%	11%
11%	13%	Match total goals = 1	17%	11%
11%	18%	Match total goals = 2	9%	11%
17%	13%	Match total goals = 3	20%	22%
11%	13%	Match total goals = 4	29%	22%
50%	42%	Match total goals = 5+	14%	22%
11%	13%	Match total goals = 0 or 1	29%	22%
28%	32%	Match total goals = 2 or 3	29%	33%
61%	55%	Match total goals = 4+	43%	44%

Home	Total	CURRENT SEQUENCES	Total	Away
-	-	Consecutive wins	-	-
-	-	Consecutive draws	1	1
3	2	Consecutive defeats	-	-
3	8	No win	2	5
10	2	No draw	-	-
-	-	No defeat	1	1
-	-	1 goal scored or more	-	-
12	28	1 goal conceded or more	-	-
1	1	No goal scored	2	2
-	-	No goal conceded	1	1
5	-	Over 2.5 goals	-	-
-	1	Under 2.5 goals	2	2
-	-	2 goals scored or more	-	-
3	2	2 goals conceded or more	-	-

SOUTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Hereford	37	27	5	5	88	31	57	86
2	King's Lynn Town	38	25	7	6	83	32	51	82
3	Weymouth	38	24	6	8	82	42	40	78
4	Kettering Town	36	23	7	6	90	40	50	76
5	Slough Town	34	20	8	6	82	40	42	68
6	Chesham United	37	17	11	9	74	44	30	62
7	Tiverton Town	36	20	2	14	60	54	6	62
8	Royston Town	35	19	4	12	68	50	18	61
9	Banbury United	37	16	10	11	75	49	26	58
10	Basingstoke Town	37	16	7	14	74	55	19	55
11	Frome Town	37	16	5	16	67	69	-2	53
12	HITCHIN TOWN	35	14	8	13	51	50	1	50
13	St Neots Town	38	13	11	14	61	66	-5	50
14	Redditch United	37	13	9	15	65	59	6	48
15	Stratford Town	37	13	9	15	54	61	-7	48
16	Merthyr Town	38	12	11	15	62	80	-18	47
17	Farnborough	38	14	5	19	71	93	-22	47
18	Bishop's Stortford	37	12	8	17	58	66	-8	44
19	Biggleswade Town	35	12	7	16	39	42	-3	43
20	Dorchester Town	37	10	9	18	54	72	-18	39
21	Kings Langley	38	6	12	20	45	79	-34	30
22	St Ives Town	35	7	6	22	45	82	-37	27
23	DUNSTABLE TOWN	38	3	4	31	24	121	-97	13
24	Gosport Borough	37	2	3	32	26	121	-95	9

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Bedfordshire Floodlit Cup Winners (1): 2007-08
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IN RESERVE - DEVELOPMEN TEAM

SUBURBAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE CENTRAL DIVISION

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bracknell Town	18	14	1	3	47	43
2	Flackwell Heath	16	12	1	3	44	37
3	Westfield	17	10	3	4	22	33
4	Abbey Rangers	19	10	2	7	15	32
5	Farnham Town	13	7	2	4	12	23
6	Ascot Utd	15	5	2	8	-15	17
7	Hartley Wintney	13	5	1	7	-6	16
8	Harefield Utd	14	4	2	8	-21	14
9	DUNSTABLE TOWN	12	4	1	7	-4	13
10	Frimley Green	15	3	1	11	-43	10
11	Eversley & California	16	2	0	14	-51	6

RESULTS & FIXTURES

Saturday, 14 October	H	Farnham Town	SLC	L	1-4
Saturday, 4 November	A	Bracknell Town	SLC	L	1-2
Saturday, 25 November	A	Frimley Green	SLC	L	2-3
Saturday, 13 January	A	Ascot Utd	SLC	L	1-5
Saturday, 10 February	A	Abbey Rangers	SLC	L	1-2
Thursday, 22 February	H	Bracknell Town	SLC	L	0-2
Saturday, 24 February	A	Hartley Wintney	SLC	L	3-1
Saturday, 24 March	A	Flackwell Heath	SLC		
Thursday, 5 April	H	Hartley Wintney	SLC		
Thursday, 19 April	H	Frimley Green	SLC		
Saturday, 24 April	H	Eversley & California	SLC		
Thursday, 26 April	H	Ascot Utd	SLC		



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There was a twist in the race for the Evo-Stik League South Premier title on Saturday. Hereford FC's lead at the top of the table is down to just one point now after they suffered a 3-1 defeat at the Camrose against mid-table Basingstoke Town, while second-placed King's Lynn Town beat Farnborough 3-1 at The Walks.

Sam Argent gave Basingstoke the lead after just 2 minutes. And that was the only goal of the half, with the Bulls equalising through Jordan Liburd after 64 minutes. But Shane Hollamby on 76 minutes and Sam Smart in stoppage time netted two more for the hosts to complete a good afternoon's work for Terry Brown's young side.

Lynn were in front after 13 minutes, thanks to Toby Hilliard. Michael Elias-Fernandes pulled Boro back on level terms in the 35th minute though, but Michael Gash on 68 minutes and Tom Siddons 8 minutes from time made the points safe for the Norfolk side.

Kettering Town possess three games in hand on Lynn and Weymouth and one on Hereford, so cannot be ruled out. Their excellent 4-0 win at mid-table Stratford Town took them to within one goal of the Bulls too. A 14th minute Brett Solkhon penalty was all that separated the sides at the break. But Michael Richens on 58 minutes, Matt Stevens 3 minutes later and then Aaron O'Connor 2 minutes from time killed off the game as a contest.

Slough Town occupy the final play-off slot but had to be content with one point from a 2-2 draw at the ProKit UK Stadium against Bishop's Stortford. Alfie Mason broke the deadlock to give the Blues a 53rd minute lead that Ben Harris cancelled out after 75 minutes. Darren Foxley restored the home side's lead in the 81st minute, but 7 minutes later, Perry Coles pulled the Rebels back on level terms.

The other top five challengers all had the day off due to the weather, while at the bottom of the table, Gosport Borough suffered another bad defeat against Redditch United. It was certainly a game for the neutrals with seven goals and a red card. The first of the seven goals came in the 9th minute from the head of James Mutton. And on 25 minutes Redditch doubled their lead with a fine finish just outside the box from Stuart Fleetwood. The visitors scored two more before the break, Fleetwood with his second and Lewis Wright putting the game out of reach by half-time. But Gosport showed some pride with Ed Sanders reducing the arrears with a long-range strike after 58 minutes and Ben Wright on his home debut firing a second 2 minutes later. But Jordan Mills headed home a fifth 3 minutes later.

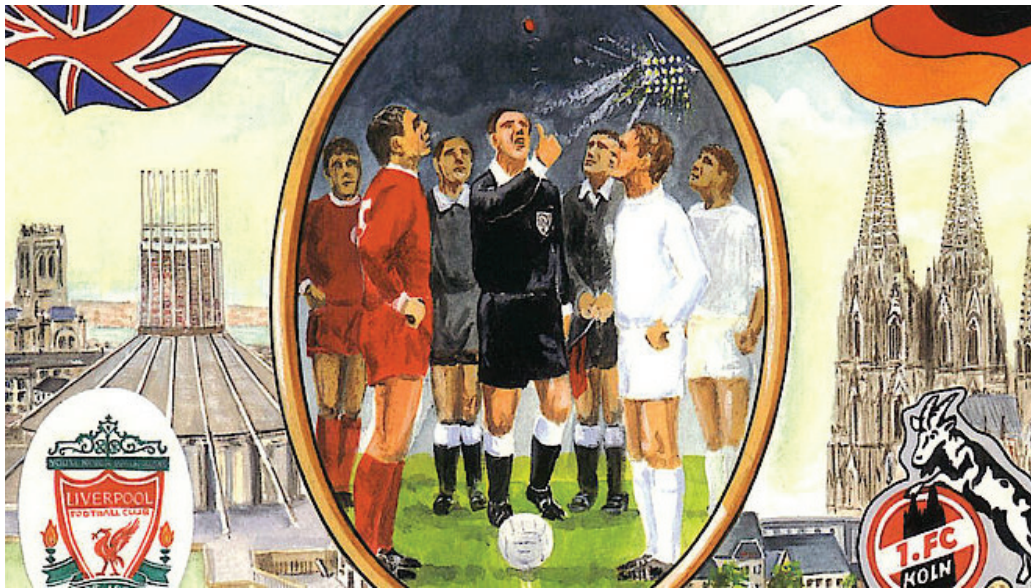
Frome Town beat Kings Langley 2-1 in the day's other game. The visitors led at the break, courtesy of a goal right on the whistle from Elliott Godfrey. George Miller equalised from the spot after 65 minutes and 7 minutes later, Joe Raynes scored what proved to be Frome's winner.

There may have only been four matches in the Evo-Stik League South Premier on Tuesday night but they all had significance at either end of the table. League leaders Hereford FC moved four points clear of second-placed King's Lynn Town after being taken all the way by mid-table Frome Town at Edgar Street before claiming a 1-0 victory. In front of a crowd of 1,685, John Mills scored the only goal of the game for the Bulls.

Kettering Town have a couple of games in hand on those above them and pulled to within two points of third-placed Weymouth after a 4-1 Latimer Park win over a Royston Town side whose own excellent attempt for a top five spot themselves took a severe blow. The Crows took an early 2nd minute lead through Adam Murray. And it wasn't until 7 minutes into the second half that Brett Solkhon grabbed the home side's equaliser. Then, on 56 minutes came the turning point of the game when Royston had Sam Corcoran dismissed for a rash challenge on Michael Richens. Two minutes later, Matt Stevens put the Poppies in front and 3 minutes after that, Aaron O'Connor made the points safe with a third – Lindon Meikle adding a fourth in stoppage time.

Slough Town moved six points clear of sixth-placed Chesham United after they mirrored Kettering's result at third-bottom St Ives Town. And, like the Poppies, Slough also had to come back from being a 27th minute Peter Clark goal behind to win. Simon Dunn pulled the Rebels back on level terms from the penalty spot on 42 minutes and then right on the half-time whistle, Warren Harris made it 2-1 to the visitors. Five minutes into the second half, Ben Harris added Slough's third and then 4 minutes into time added on at the end of the game, Manny Williams made it 4-1.

Tiverton Town kept their outside play-off hopes alive with a 2-1 win at Stratford Town. The Devonians had a great start with a goal inside the opening minute from Jamie Short. Ben Stephens eventually pulled Stratford back on level terms 6 minutes after the break, but Levi Landricombe won it for the Yellows 10 minutes from time.



24 MARCH 1965 - THE CURSE OF THE COIN TOSS

On 24 March 1965, Liverpool and Köln, having already drawn 0-0 over two legs in the European Cup quarterfinals, played a rematch in Rotterdam. As with the 1957 World Cup qualifying rematch between Spain and Turkey, the European Cup tie came down to a coin toss.

The first two matches, played in Cologne on 10 February and in Liverpool on 17 March, ended as scoreless draws, requiring a replay at a neutral ground. The teams met in Rotterdam on 24 March and Liverpool jumped out to a 2-0 lead with goals from forwards Ian St. John and Roger Hunt. Given the teams' inability to score in the first two legs, the lead was as improbable as it was seemingly insurmountable.

But the Germans were undaunted and wasted little time in pulling themselves level. One minute after Hunt's goal, striker Karl-Heinz Thielen cut Liverpool's lead in half, then, three minutes into the second half, his fellow striker Hannes Löhr netted the equalizer. That would be the last goal of the match, as the teams finished 2-2. To break the deadlock, the rules at the time called for a coin toss, which Liverpool won. Their reward was a semifinal meeting with Cup holders Inter, who eliminated the English side by an aggregate score of 3-4 on their way to their second consecutive European Cup trophy.

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ONCE the dust settles and we assess the National Game Awards, our thoughts often drift back to the category which we believe means the most to the person in possession of a glass decanter.

Every year we welcome managers, players, directors and personnel from all across the country. Some have put in the miles to make it to west London, setting off in the early hours. Some don't even know why we've asked them along. That's often the case with one very special award we take pride in presenting every year.

'We couldn't do it without you' is said a lot at the end of every season, but with the William Hill Fan of the Year that is quite literally the case – it just can't work without your help. It's quite rare that the Fan of the Year isn't one of the most memorable. Why? Because the person walking out with an NGA in a box under their arm always has passion for football flowing through their body.

But, while covering as many grounds as our team possibly can every year, we can't be in a thousand places all at once. That's why we are welcoming your input more than ever before – it's our duty to ensure the right person leaves Stamford Bridge with their name engraved on the award on Wednesday, May 16.

This is where you come in. Do you know a super fan who travels the length and breadth of the country to back their team, come rain or come shine? What about a supporter who has had to endure turmoil off the pitch at their club – there's been several examples of that this season too! We want to hear if your club has a supporter who has reached a significant milestone after years of dedication. Put that person forward and our team will sit down and study the candidates to make certain we've got the right Fan of the Year!

It's fair to say we got our man nearly ten months ago in Stalybridge Celtic fan Andrew Betts. Despite being just 17 at the time, Betts had been playing a big part at Celtic for five years, attending almost all of their fixtures even though the club haven't had a lot to shout about. That's not all, however, as he volunteers for pitch cleaning at Bower Fold, mans the turnstiles when needed, helps sell refreshments and also arranges supporters' transport for away matches.

Now we need to find this year's worthy recipient – and we need you to help us deliver a day they will never forget!



BedfordshireFA



DUNSTABLE TOWN HOSTS THE FA PEOPLE'S CUP

On Friday 23rd February, the club had the honour of hosting a first-round of the FA People's Cup. This was a result of our ongoing partnership with Bedfordshire FA in promoting football in the community at all levels, for all abilities and to give young people who may not otherwise get an opportunity to play, a chance to do so.

There were local teams that included our Community Partner School, Weatherfield as well as Chiltern, based in Houghton Regis and Cedars from Leighton Buzzard. Teams also came from further afield making up a total of 55 local footballers.

The tournament also had an international feel to it with officials and supporters of the Swedish club – Nyköpings BIS, which plays in the third-tier of the Swedish league system visiting the club and supporting the event.

Highlights were a stunning goal from a goalkeeper who shot from one end to the other; a referee jokingly giving one of our Swedish colleagues a red card; the team progressing to play in the regional finals in Birmingham, in March; Caj Hjelm, of Nyköpings BIS, handing out medals; and players, supporters and coaches all sitting together to enjoy a well-earned lunch.



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