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KEMPSTON ROVERS vs HALESOWEN TOWN

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Good afternoon and welcome to Hillgrounds for this Southern League Division One Central fixture

We would like to extend our welcome to the players, officials and supporters of our visitors today, Halesowen Town. We hope you have a pleasant stay in Kempston and a safe journey home.

Halesowen arrive at Hillgrounds just outside the play offs and are one of the league's best supported sides, with an impressive average attendance. They have adjusted to life at this level well and will be among the favourites for promotion come the end of April.

Rovers superb win at Corby last time out breaks that winless run and saw the return of Sam Johnson, who will make his 150th Rovers appearance if he plays a part today.

Please enjoy the match and respect those on AND off the pitch.

Match Preview

Next up at Hillgrounds...



Opponent Halesowen Town

Competition Southern League

Halesowen's Current League position 6/20

Last Time They Were Here... This will be their first visit to Kempston

Halesowen's Current League Form (six games) WLWWWW

Did you know... Notable residents (and former residents) of Halesowen include Robert Plant, Bill Oddie and Frank Skinner. Lee Sharpe has also claimed residence in the town.

In the bar There is no lunchtime kick off due to the international break, but Azerbaijan v Wales will be on our big screens after the full time whistle, join us for a drink and watch the game.

On this day in Rovers history... Rovers earliest recorded game on this date was an away league game to a side named Barracks in 1902, Rovers lost 2-0. Most recently, in 2013, Rovers ran out 4-1 winners over Harborough Town. Goals coming from Kemoanga, Richardson and a brace from Scott Joseph. It was one of Jimmy Stoyles and Gary Flinn's first games in charge of the club. Curiously in 1988 the club played Shefford Town on this date in the Key Consultants Floodlit Cup group stage. No result was recorded for the match however and no newspaper report exists, so we will never know how it went...



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Kempston Rovers 135 years of Football History

Kempston Rovers were formed in 1884 and entered the Bedford & District League. Rovers' first league championship was won in 1908 and twelve months later Rovers retained the title while also carrying off the Bedfordshire Senior Cup and North Beds Charity Cup.

The Walnut Boys, the club's official nickname, comes from the large walnut orchard in Kempston around the time of foundation. This identity is carried forward by one of the main supporters' groups at the club, "The Nuts on Tour".

1973 saw the start of a new era as Kempston relocated to a new ground further down Hillgrounds Road. A magnificent season saw the Walnut Boys storm to the Premier title losing only once in 32 games. A golden period in the club's history saw League Cup successes in 1975 and 1977; the Beds Senior Cup was again captured in 1977 while the Walnut Boys reached the last 16 of the FA Vase in 1975. In 1986, the club moved again, this time to the current ground, their third in the same road.

Kempston last won the county's highest honour, the Beds. Senior Cup, in 1992, the fourth time the trophy has come to Hillgrounds.

In 2002 Kempston Rovers and Kempston Colts began an alliance to pool resources/personnel under the name AFC Kempston. The youth teams at Rovers still go by the name "Colts", keeping the history of youth football in the town alive.

The beginning of 2005 saw the start of major re-developments at Hillgrounds Road with the building of new changing facilities and the building of an artificial training pitch, which is available to book all year round for training sessions, small sided games or just a kick around with friends. The new ground facilities were completed in 2006 and along with a new stand; on-going ground improvements and the existing clubhouse refurbished and ready to hire for functions and events, Kempston now have some of the best facilities in the area for non-league football.

Midway through the 2013-14 season James Stoyles and Gary Flinn took over the 1st Team managerial duties before, in 2015-16, Rovers won the United Counties Football League Premier Division, with a thrilling final win on the last day of the season, a campaign in which they only lost one league game. This resulted in promotion and saw us move into the Southern League Division One which represents the highest level we have attained within the FA pyramid system so far.

Since promotion, the club has twice narrowly missed out on a place in the end of season promotion play offs. On both occasions, finishing above some of the more established sides in the division.

Tony Joyce took over as manager in November 2018.

The club currently operates one of the largest youth systems in the county, with over thirty sides at various age groups and a senior development side. There is a supporters' club that holds various functions throughout the season to support the first team.

Kempston Rovers, 135 years in the making and we're not done yet.



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Kempston Rovers Football Club



Club Cup Honours

Beds County Cup Winners: 1908-09
Beds Premier Cup Finalists: 1991-92
Beds Senior Cup Winners: 1937-38, 1976-77, 1991-92
Finalists: 1926-27, 1927-28, 1928-29, 1992-93
Beds Senior Trophy Finalist: 2008-09
Beds County under 18 Floodlight challenge Cup Winners: 2008-09
Beds Intermediate Cup Winners: 1976-77, Finalists: 1977-78
Beds County Hospital Cup Winners: 1930-31, 1932-33, 1935-36, 1936-37, 1938-39
North Beds Charity Cup Winners: 1908-09, 1934-35, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2015-16,
Finalists: 1910-11, 1935-36
Hinchingsbrooke Cup Winners: 1926-27, 1928-29, 2010-11,
Finalists: 1923-24, 1930-31, 1932-33, 1947-48
Hunts Premier Cup Winners: 1999-2000, 2000-01
UCL Premier Division KO Cup Winners: 1974-75, 1976-77
UCL Premier/Division 1 KO Cup Finalists: 1999-2000
UCL Division 1 KO Cup Winners: 1957-58, 1959-60, Finalists: 1956-57, 1960-61
UCL Division 2 KO Cup Winners: 1955-56, 1974-75, Finalists: 1972-73
Britannia Cup Winners: 1957-58, 1958-59 Finalists: 1947-48
Beds Sunday Junior Cup Winners: 1989-90
Bedford & District Under 16 Cup Finalists: 1995-96
Bedford & District Under 18 Cup Winners: 1983-84
Lisa Slater Memorial Shield Finalists: 2004-05 (AFC Kempston Rovers Ladies)
Eastern Region League Plate Winners: 2005-06 (AFC Kempston Rovers Ladies)

Club League Honours

UCL Premier Division Champions: 1973-74, 2015-16
UCL Division 1 Champions: 1957-58, 1985-86, 2010-11, Runners Up: 1956-57, 1959-60
UCL Division 2 Champions: 1955-56 Runners Up: 1967-68
Bedford & District Premier League Champions: 1958-59, 1960-61, Runners Up: 1959-60
Bedford & District League Division 1 Champions: 1907-08, 1908-09
Bedford & District League Division 2 Champions: 1922-23, 1933-34
Biggleswade & District League Division 1 Champions: 1911-12, Runners Up: 1909-10
Bedford & District Under 14 Colts League Champions: 1985-86
Bedford & District Under 16 Colts League Champions: 1973-74
Bedford & District Under 18 Colts League Runners Up: 1974-75
Bedford & District Sunday League Division 1 Runners Up: 1990-91
Bedford & District Sunday League Division 2 Runners Up: 1989-90
Bedford & District Sunday League Division 4 Champions: 1987-88
Eastern Region League Division 1 West Champions: 2005-06 (AFC Kempston Rovers Ladies)
Eastern Region League Division 1 West Runners Up: 2004-05 (AFC Kempston Rovers Ladies)
Chiltern Youth League Under 18 Division 1 Champions: 2017-18



Kempston Rovers Reserves

2019/20

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Yaxley Reserves	15	10	4	1	29	34
2	Bugbrooke St.Michael Reserves	13	8	2	3	20	26
3	Kempston Rovers Reserves	13	8	1	4	18	25
4	Harborough Town Reserves	11	7	2	2	19	23
5	Huntingdon Town Reserves	12	6	4	2	12	22
6	Newport Pagnell Town Reserves	11	7	1	3	11	22
7	Desborough Town Reserves	13	6	3	4	-3	21
8	Northampton O.N.Chenecks Reserves	14	6	2	6	0	20
9	Rothwell Corinthians Reserves	14	6	2	6	-7	20
10	Wellingborough Whitworth Reserves	15	5	5	5	-3	17 *
11	Daventry Town Reserves	12	4	3	5	1	15
12	Wellingborough Town Reserves	15	4	3	8	-13	15
13	Irchester United Reserves	13	5	0	8	-13	15
14	Raunds Town Reserves	15	4	3	8	-16	15
15	Potton United Reserves	14	3	2	9	-20	11
16	Cogenhoe United Reserves	13	2	2	9	-14	8
17	Bourne Town Reserves	13	2	1	10	-21	7

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Player Profiles 2019-20

Carl Knox – Goalkeeper – Carl signed for Kempston in 2014 an experienced goal keeper was a member of our 2015-16 UCL Premier Division and North Beds Cup winning squad. An able deputy, Carl made a more concerted challenge for the number one spot last season.

Oliver Kirkup – Goalkeeper – Oliver has been with Kempston since he was four years old and has represented the club at every level, still a teenager, he has time on his side to break in to the first team.

Michael Hudson – Goalkeeper – Michael made his first team debut last season and has been a key figure in the reserves and under 18s in recent years

Robbie Goodman – Defender – Robbie was on the books of Rovers since joining from Ampthill in 2015. He was named player of the year in 2018, but left to join Barton shortly after Tony Joyce took over as manager of Kempston. Having seen the error of his ways, he rejoined in the summer of 2019.

James Sage – Defender – An autumn recruit from near neighbours Bedford Town, James has added some more depth to the defence. The left footed central defender has made an instant impact in MK42

Jordan Wright – Defender – Jordan joined on a dual registration with Potton United. He is a tough centre half who takes no prisoners in the challenge.

Alfie Powell – Defender – Alfie has joined Rovers for the 2018-19 season. A young defender, he has represented his country at youth level and joins after impressing during pre-season.

Cameron Hyde – Defender – Cameron was part of a very successful youth side at Kempston Rovers, before other commitments led to him spending some time at Bedford FC. He has returned to make his mark on the first team.

Lewis Jones – Defender – Lewis joined Rovers in February 2019 from Bedford FC after training with the club for a while. A strong, determined centre half, Jones has already made a number of key appearances for The Walnut Boys

Finlay Brennan – Defender – Fin signed on loan from MK Dons, he has made his first team MK debut this season.

Ben Baker – Midfield – Ben, a pacy and tricky wide player, joined Rovers in the Autumn of 2019 as The Walnut Boys sought to re-shape the midfield.

Evan Beldon – Midfield – Evan is a product of Kempston Rovers Colts youth system and was part of the U18 Chiltern League Champions of 17/18 season. He has made a number of cameo appearances for the first team this season as he looks to establish himself in senior football.

Kye Andrews – Midfield – Kye joined from near neighbours Bedford Town and was one of Tony Joyce's first signings as manager of the club. Kye can play in the middle but has experience at full back.

Joe Massaro – Midfield – Jo has joined Kempston on loan from Kettering Town in Conference North.

Gareth Hunt – Midfield – Gareth was initially with Rovers youth set up in 2010, making over sixty appearances for the U18s and the reserves in three seasons, as well as a number of first team run outs. He returned 'home' this season to anchor the midfield for Tony Joyce' team.

Kempston Rovers

Player Profiles 2019-20



Stefan Bailey – Midfield – Stefan joined Kempston from Barton Rovers as Tony Joyce added some more steel to midfield. The robust ball winner has experience with a number of local sides as well as having made a handful of appearances for QPR

Emmanuel Dahie – Midfield – Manny had featured for the development side under Stuart Mellon, now assistant manager. His technique and eye for goal led him to be top scorer for the Devs in the 2017-18 season.

Harry Stratton – Midfield – Harry has re-joined Kempston from Newport Pagnell to pick up where he left off at the end of the 2017-18 season, establishing himself as a fan favourite and enjoying the sounds of Sham69's classic "Hurry Up Harry" ringing out from the terraces.

Sam Johnson – Midfield – The flying winger returned to Rovers in November 2019 after a spell with AFC Rushden & Diamonds. Sam has also played in New Zealand, earning rave reviews.

Callum Shortt – Forward – Still only a teenager, Callum is one of the youngest members of the Rovers squad this season, he impressed while on trial with the reserve side during the summer and has been drafted in to the first team by manager Tony Joyce.

Izale McLeod – Forward – Izale arrived at Kempston in November 2018 with one job – score goals. It is something he has done throughout his high profile career. He is the all time top goal-scorer for MK Dons. His goals also kept Barnet in the Football League for two seasons in a row before he joined Portsmouth. He has also had spells at Charlton, Notts County and Crawley among others.

Jake Newman – Forward – Jake rejoined the club on the eve of the new season, having been top scorer in the 2017-18 season with over 30 goals. Jake has played for AFC Rushden & Diamonds, Peterborough Sports and St. Ives Town, scoring goals wherever he has been.

Tony Joyce – Manager – Tony joined Kempston in the summer of 2016. Tony has a wealth of non-league football having previously been manager at Buckingham Town and Southern League Aylesbury United. He moved up the bench from coach to manager in November following the resignations of the previous joint-managers. Also registered as a player, apparently he has to pay into the club fines kitty every time he names himself on the bench.

Stuart Mellon – Coach – Stuart came to Rovers in the summer of 2016, he was the first coach of the Development side and after two seasons' work in the County League, he is making the step up to work with the first team. His excellent analysis skills have seen the team greatly improve their decision making on the field.

Jardaine Patel-Joseph - Sport Therapist – Jardaine has worked at Rovers for two seasons, shadowing the senior sports therapists during that time He has now taken over the senior role from, the now retired, Colin Hodsden.

Kempston Rovers have also registered a number of players from the reserve team on first team forms to provide cover as needed during the season. During the 2018-19 season, a more than a dozen players that have represented Kempston at youth or development level made first team appearances, a philosophy richly encouraged by manager Tony Joyce.



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Sunday 24th November

LADIES v Biggleswade Utd



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HALESOWEN TOWN HISTORY



Halesowen Town is one of the oldest teams in the country and claims to have been formed in 1873 although without much certainty. Local historian Norman Jones wrote “there is evidence which shows that for the first ten years of the team’s existence it was the James Grove Button Factory team and that it adopted the present name in the early 1880’s. The earliest records that the Football Association have on file relating to Halesowen Town F.C. are dated 1882.....

When peacetime returned after World War II, the Club reformed. In season 1951/52 both Birmingham & Worcestershire Senior Cup Finals were reached. In front of a 6,000 crowd at Stourbridge, we lost in the Birmingham final to Brierley Hill Alliance but triumphed over Hednesford in the Worcestershire final, played at Bromsgrove. The same season saw us suffer our worst ever post-war defeat when we travelled to Merthyr Tydfil in the Herefordshire Senior Cup and were soundly beaten 0-9.

1955 brought our first major achievement when we reached the FA Cup Round 1 but lost 2 – 4 at home to Hendon in front of a packed Grove. In March 1955, Ronnie Dugmore notched an incredible 7 goals when we won 10-0 at Dudley in a Birmingham League match. In August 1957, we achieved our highest post-war winning margin when we beat Coventry Amateurs 13-1 in the Birmingham Senior Cup.

The 1970’s brought a period of struggle for The Yeltz. Twice out of 3 successive seasons we finished bottom of the West Midlands League. At times, the only thing keeping us running was the effort of 'Mr Halesowen Town' - Harry Rudge. Before his untimely death in 1990, 'H' filled every role in the club at one time or other, including player, manager, groundsman, secretary and anything else you can think of.

Then suddenly something strange happened - we got a decent team together and started winning things. Manager Paddy Page assembled a squad of promising youngsters, and in 1982-83 we had an unbelievable year. We won the West Midlands League for the first time, as well as winning the League Cup, but more importantly we reached the final of the FA Vase at Wembley narrowly losing 1-0 to VS Rugby.

Not to worry, two years later we were back at the home of football. This time there was no mistake, as we beat Fleetwood 3-1 in the greatest day in the history of the club. By the next year we were getting a bit blasé about the whole thing, as we once again won the Vase by beating Southall 3-0 in front of over 17,000 people, most of whom had come down from Halesowen.

From 1985 to 1991, Halesowen reached the 1st round of the FA Cup for 7 consecutive years. On 4 occasions we played professional teams, and each time we were unlucky to lose. SOUTHEND beat us 4-1, but were extremely flattered by that scoreline, breaking away in the last five minutes to clinch the game after we had been all over them in the second half. We lost 2-0 to BRENTFORD, again in a very even game. Against CARDIFF CITY, we lost 1-0 to a hotly disputed penalty and were by far the better team, and lost 2-1 to an excellent TRANMERE ROVERS side after taking the lead.

Season 2010/11 saw one of the poorest playing records in the Club's history finishing the season in bottom place, scoring only 24 goals and conceding 107. Shortly after the season ended, the Club was taken over by businessman Steve Lynch. Under the new ownership, season 2011/12 brought an encouraging start with The Yeltz undefeated in the first 5 league games, including a 3-1 home win over eventual champions Bideford. However, September brought early FA Cup exit at Rocester which was soon followed by a morale shattering 4-5 reverse at Wimborne, where a 4-1 lead was squandered in the last half-hour. An October FA Trophy loss at home to Romulus lead on to a bleak winter for Yeltz fans. In the autumn Steve Lynch had formed a management team to run the club on his behalf and under the Chairmanship of club stalwart Colin Brookes and Vice-Chairman John Russell, a lifelong Yeltz fan of 60 years. This brought fruition as the last 3 months of the season progressed, the club's improved off-field organisation led to Manager Shaun Cunnington being able to strengthen his squad. Neil Barnfield served an impressive spell on loan from Leamington while striker Ben Haseley arrived from Heath Hayes and soon won fans over with 10 goals in 17 games.

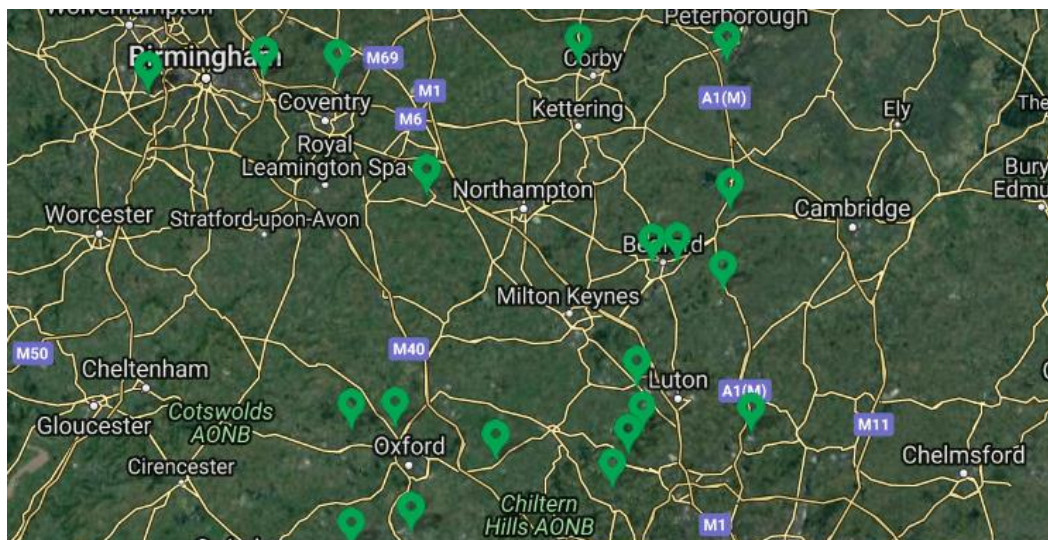
2013/14 season kicked off with an away win at Lincoln, quickly followed by two successive home defeats within 7 days. All at Halesowen then couldn't envisage what the rest of the season would bring. Our leading goal scorer from last season Ben Haseley missed 11 games due an eye injury, but on his return against Brigg scored twice. As the season progressed we climbed the league table and went top. This position we help until the final week, with Coalville close behind and a game in hand lost against Gesley, this meant our last game away at Belper was a must win game for us to be crowned league champions. Two goals from Ben Haseley ensured the 3 points that crowned us league champions and promoted to the premier league. The Peter Swales Challenge Trophy was added the following week, with a 3-1 win against Curzon Ashton. John Hill added to his squad two players with league experience, Neil Mackenzie and Iyseden Christie.

Fast forward to 2018 and following Steve Lynch's FA imposed ban from all football activities Club President and ex Chairman Colin Brookes became the ultimate owner of the club with his daughter and chair Karen Brookes and Keith McKenna becoming Directors of the club. The Yeltz narrowly avoided relegation and for the 2018-19 season will be playing in the newly formed Evo-Stik South Premier Division Central.

In November 2018 the new management team of Rob Smith and his assistant Larry Chambers were appointed to replace John Hill and Matt Clarke, sadly the 2018-19 season saw relegation to step 4 for the Yeltz with Lee Hughes and Asa Charlton at the helm for the final few games, who were not to blame.

Paul Smith took over as manager in the summer of 2019 as he looks to get the Yeltz back to step 3 at the earliest opportunity.

Betvictor Southern League Division One Central 2019/20



1. AFC Dunstable



2. Aylesbury United



3. Barton Rovers



4. Bedford Town FC



5. Bedworth United



6. Berkhamsted



7. Biggleswade



8. Colshill Town



9. Corby Town



10. Daventry Town



11. Didcot Town



12. Halesowen Town



13. Kempston Rovers



14. Kidlington



15. North Leigh



16. St Neots



17. Thame United



18. Wantage Town



19. Welwyn Garden City



20. Yaxley

Halesowen Town – Player Profiles



PAUL SMITH – MANAGER Smith joined the Yeltz in the spring of 2019 after a spell as manager at Redditch United where last season he met the club's remit of survival which he achieved comfortably. Paul, who lives locally, started his Managerial Career with Alvechurch where he made more than 250 appearances as a player. Following this he moved to manage Studley before, in 2014, he joined Bromsgrove Sporting in what would prove to be his most successful spell as Manager. He led the Rouslers to second place in Midlands League Division one. The following season saw more success, another second place was gained alongside two cup final appearances. The next season, if it could be, was even better, Smith led the Rouslers to the League Championship and were unbeaten in the league all season and he was a game from Wembley as Bromsgrove Sporting lost in the semi-final of the FA Vase against Cleethorpes Town. Smith left Bromsgrove in March 2018 and joined Highgate United for a while before joining Redditch United in September 2018.

JOHN SNAPE– ASSISTANT MANAGER Former fans favourite John Snape re-joined the Yeltz as Paul Smith's Assistant. John made 284 appearances for the Yeltz between 1992 and 1998 scoring 25 goals.

CRAIG NICHOLLS – FIRST TEAM COACH Craig joined the Yeltz as First Team Coach; he had a similar role under Paul Smith at Redditch United.

JOSH CONEY – GOALKEEPING COACH Josh was with Paul Smith as goalkeeping coach at Redditch United and was keen to bring Josh to the club to complete his backroom staff.

BRENDAN BUNN – GOALKEEPER Brendan joined the Yeltz from Coventry United in the summer of 2019 having previously played for Highgate United and Bromsgrove sporting.

BRADLEY CATLOW – GOALKEEPER Brad is a man mountain of a goalkeeper and became the second keeper to join the Yeltz having previously played under Paul Smith at Highgate United.

LEWIS WRIGHT – DEFENDER The Yeltz have moved swiftly to secure the services of defender Lewis on contract. The 23-year-old has been on the books of Solihull Moors, Tamworth and Hednesford Town.

JAMIE ASHMORE – DEFENDER Right Back Ashmore started his playing career with Walsall Football Club and has enjoyed spells at Sutton Coldfield Town, Alvechurch and Redditch United. Jamie likes to get forward at every opportunity giving support and service to the Yeltz front line.

JAMES BOWEN – DEFENDER Attacking full back Bowen, 23, last played for Redditch United and has had spells at Gloucester City, Hereford, Stafford Rangers, Solihull Moors and Leamington. Birmingham born Bowen began his footballing career with League two side Cheltenham Town where he made four first team appearances.

ANDY PARSONS – DEFENDER Parsons was at Alvechurch when they successfully gained back to back promotions and is another solid uncompromising player, his wealth of experience and knowledge is as invaluable in the dressing room as it is on the pitch.

ROB EVANS – DEFENDER Centre half Evans is one of Manager Paul Smith's old players from the Redditch United and having joined them from Coleshill Town is a no nonsense, solid central defender Rob is a perfect fit at the Yeltz.

PAUL McCONE – DEFENDER Centre Half McCone joined us from Stourbridge, he left Telford to re-join Stourbridge back in 2017 and was Club Captain in some of the Glassboys successful recent seasons. McCone is dropping down a division to sign with Paul's growing squad.

JORDAN PIGGOTT – DEFENDER Jordan was released by West Bromwich Albion Youth and moved North of the border to Dundee in Scotland. He made appearances for East Fife on loan in Scottish League one before moving over another boarder to Bangor City in Wales.

GEORGE FORSYTH – MIDFIELD George who can play at both centre half and central midfield was Paul Smith's first contract signing as Yeltz Manager and began his footballing career with Wolverhampton Wanderers and following a spell as a schoolboy at Shrewsbury Town joined Kidderminster Harriers. Following a successful spell with the youth team Forsyth signed a contract with the Harriers and spend time out on loan to several clubs including a 16 game spell with the Yeltz in the 2015-16 season.

George signed for Gloucester City in 2017 and followed this up with a successful loan and then permanent move to Worcester City before signing for Stourbridge in early 2019.

ASHLEY SAMMONS – MIDFIELD Ashley Sammons joined the Yeltz having previously played for Rushall Olympic. Solihull born Sammons, 27, began his footballing career with Birmingham City coming through the Academy and youth team ranks before making one first team appearance in the League Cup, during his time with the Blues Ashley also represented England at U-17 level. Ashley has also played for Hereford, Worcester City and Solihull Moors, but his most successful spells have been for Redditch United where he made over 100 appearances scoring nearly 50 goals.

JOSH HAWKER – MIDFIELD Experienced midfielder Josh Hawker Joined the Yeltz having started his playing career with Birmingham City. Hawker, 25 has also played for Leamington, Hereford, Rushall Olympic and more recently Redditch United.

ROBBIE BUNN – MIDFIELD Midfield dynamo Robbie signed for the Yeltz on contract from Redditch United for an undisclosed fee in the Summer of 2019. He was voted Players player, and supporters' player of the year last season. There were a number of clubs in for Robbie, and we are delighted he has decided to join us.

REECE HEWITT – MIDFIELD Wide midfielder Reece has previously played for Bromsgrove Sporting, Redditch United and Highgate united. He played a huge part in Paul Smith's very successful Bromsgrove Sporting Team.

KARTEL O'NEILL-MARTIN – MIDFIELD Attacking midfielder Kartel is a product of our very successful Youth team. After breaking into the first team and scoring on his debut Kartel played for Stafford Rangers and Rushall Olympic before returning to the Yeltz at the tail end of last season.

LUKE YATES – FORWARD Luke Yates joined the Yeltz on contract having had a successful season Alvechurch and Redditch United. The talented 19-year-old wide attacking player has caught the eye of a few EFL clubs and played in a U-23 game for Sheffield United last year and is seen as the ideal number 10 player.

JAMIE LUCAS – FORWARD Jamie joined the Yeltz on contract having previously played for Weston-Super-Mare, Bath City and Brackley as well as loan spells at Gloucester City, Boreham Wood and Woking. Welsh born Lucas, 23 started his footballing career with Bristol Rovers making four first team appearances.

JAMIE MOLYNEUX – FORWARD Jamie Molyneux re-joined the Yeltz following his spell with us last season where he scored once in 6 appearances. Jamie originally joined the Yeltz from Westfields in March 2019.

MONTEL GIBSON – FORWARD Montel is an exciting young striker who most recently played for Bedworth United. Gibson, 21, began his footballing career with Notts County making five league appearances for the Magpies. This was followed by spells at Ilkeston Town and Redditch United before joining Bedworth in 2018. Having impressed in pre-season Paul Smith moved swiftly to sign Montel on a contract as a number of other clubs began to express an interest.

ISAI MARSELIA – FORWARD Isai is another player from last season who returned to the Yeltz this season. The Dutch player scored one goal in 8 appearances last term.

Match Report



Rovers travelled to unbeaten Corby Town, who boasted a 100% home record, on the back of a winless run that stretch to eleven games and produced a superb, dogged performance to pull off a shock win.

Sam Johnson returned to the club in the week and was thrust straight into the line up for this game, which saw a slight defensive re-shuffle as manager Tony Joyce continued to look for an answer to the club's form.

Kempston were under pressure from the start, forced into a goal line clearance as early as the fifth minute as a Corby corner was swung to the far post and headed goalward. A succession of corners followed for the home side, but all were rebuffed by the Walnut Boys back line. As the rain set in, Rovers were awarded a free kick outside the penalty area. Izale McLeod stepped up and curled the ball around the wall. It took a bounce just in front of keeper Dan George, who failed to read it, leaving the ball to nestle in the bottom corner of the net as Rovers celebrated an unlikely lead against the run of play. Corby huffed and puffed but couldn't find their way through the Kempston defence, and when they did, they found Carl Knox in inspired form, making two crucial saves before the break. Rovers went into half time ahead.

Corby had obviously had a flea in their ear over the break and looked dangerous in the early stages after the restart. Knox was alert to make an early second half save from Elliot Sandy, smothering the ball at the second attempt from the forward's left foot effort. Just before the hour mark, the unthinkable happened. Kempston extended their lead. Absorbing Corby pressure, Stefan Bailey hooked a long pass upfield toward

Jake Newman. The forward chased the ball down, although George had come a long way out of his goal to mop up. As he went to head clear, George found the ball skipping off the top of his head, leaving Newman free to run in on goal and tap home into the empty net. The home crowd howled with derision at their stopper's mistake. At the other end, Knox produced a miracle save to deny Sandy's header midway through the half, reaching behind him to claw the ball away from danger. Second later, Knox was at his acrobatic best again, this time denying Warburton's drive. As the clock ticked on, Crawford fired wide for the hosts as they searched desperately for a way back into the game. They thought their moment had come ten minutes from time, Ireland met a corner with a spectacular overhead kick, which was cleared off the line by a plethora of Kempston bodies.

Dan George nearly had an unwanted hat-trick of goalkeeping errors as he spilled what looked to be a routine save from a Jake Newman free kick. Fortunately for George, the ball slipped out his hands and went wide rather than in. on the cusp of stoppage time, Corby did get themselves a goal. A powerful free kick was spilled by Knox, his only mistake all game, and fell to Crawford who slammed home from close range. Corby pilled forward in search of an unlikely point, but couldn't find a way past the inspired Knox. At the full time whistle, some home fans let their keeper know their thoughts on his performance, which resulted in ugly scenes as George attempted to confront them, he was led away by several team mates as Kempston players saluted their small band of followers in the near four hundred crowd.

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			P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1	Berkhamsted	12	9	3	0	37	6	+31	30
	2	Corby Town	12	9	2	1	25	10	+15	29
	3	AFC Dunstable	12	7	1	4	33	20	+13	22
	4	Daventry Town	13	7	1	5	22	21	+1	22
	5	Welwyn Garden City	11	6	3	2	26	13	+13	21
	6	Halesowen Town	9	7	0	2	17	9	+8	21
	7	Aylesbury United	12	5	5	2	15	6	+9	20
	8	Bedford Town	11	5	5	1	22	15	+7	20
	9	Coleshill Town	13	6	1	6	27	18	+9	19
	10	Barton Rovers	11	5	3	3	24	17	+7	18
	11	North Leigh	11	5	1	5	23	22	+1	16
	12	Biggleswade	13	4	4	5	15	19	-4	16
	13	Bedworth United	12	4	3	5	21	22	-1	15
	14	Thame United	11	4	1	6	24	15	+9	13
	15	Yaxley	10	4	1	5	19	17	+2	13
	16	Kidlington	12	3	2	7	10	23	-13	11
	17	Kempston Rovers	12	3	1	8	14	25	-11	10
	18	Didcot Town	13	3	1	9	10	28	-18	10
	19	St Neots Town	12	1	2	9	10	35	-25	5
	20	Wantage Town	12	0	0	12	4	57	-53	0



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Player	Position	League Apps	League Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals	Assists	Clear Sheets	Yellow Cards	Red Cards	Season Apps	Season Goals	Goals per game	Yellow Cards per game	Reds per game	Clear sheets per game	Rowers Career apps	Rowers Career goals
Andrews, Kye	M	1	0	1	0	0		1	0	2	0	##	##	##		44	0
Bailey, Stefan	M	3	0	1	0	2		1	0	4	0	##	##	##		4	0
Baker, Ben	M	6	0	2	0	0		0	0	8	0	##	##	##		8	0
Beldon, Evan	F	5	0	3	0	1		1	0	8	0	##	##	##		21	0
Birch, Kerran	D	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	0	##	##	##		1	0
Boland, George*	M	7	0	3	0	0		0	0	10	0	##	##	##		72	3
Brennan, Finlay	D	9	0	4	0	0		4	0	13	0	##	##	##		13	0
Campbell, Marcus*	F	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	0	##	##	##		1	0
Dahie, Emmanuel	M/F	10	0	3	0	0		0	0	13	0	##	##	##		13	0
Goodman, Robbie	D	11	0	5	0	1		1	0	16	0	##	##	##		##	23
Hudson, Michael	GK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	##	##	##	##	1	0
Hunt, Gareth	M	8	1	5	1	0		1	0	13	2	##	##	##		23	2
Hyde, Cameron	D	5	0	1	0	0		1	0	6	0	##	##	##		22	0
Jones, Lewis	D	3	0	1	0	0		1	0	4	0	##	##	##		15	0
Kirkup, Oliver	GK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	##	##	##	##	0	0
Knox, Carl	GK	12	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	17	0	##	##	##	##	56	0
Johnson, Sam	M	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	0	##	##	##		##	33
Lewis, Callum	M	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	0	##	##	##		14	0
Martin, James	GK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	##	##	##	##	8	0
Marsh, Max	D	3	0	1	0	0		0	0	4	0	##	##	##		4	0
Massaro, Joe	M	4	0	2	0	0		1	0	6	0	##	##	##		6	0
McGrath, Ben	M	8	0	3	0	1		2	0	11	0	##	##	##		11	0
McLeod, Izale	F	12	8	3	0	0		4	0	15	8	##	##	##		31	15
Newman, Jake	F	9	3	3	0	2		4	0	12	3	##	##	##		75	44
Powell, Alfie	D	11	0	5	0	1		4	1	16	0	##	##	##		61	1
Sage, James	D	7	0	3	0	0		0	0	10	0	##	##	##		10	0
Shepherd, Benjamin*	M	5	1	3	0	0		3	0	8	1	##	##	##		161	19
Shortt, Callum	F	1	0	3	0	0		0	0	4	0	##	##	##		4	0
Stratton, Harry	M/F	10	1	3	0	1		0	0	13	1	##	##	##		20	3
Sule, Jamal	D	2	0	1	0	0		0	0	3	0	##	##	##		3	0
Ward, Shaheim	M	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	##	##	##		0	0
Wright, Jordan	D	9	0	4	0	0		9	0	13	0	##	##	##		33	0
*Player has left the club							5	##	1						Club Record	##	170



THE TEAMS

Saturday 16th November
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Red /White, Black, Black.

Carl Knox – GK
James Martin – GK
Robbie Goodman
James Sage
Jordan Wright
Alfie Powell
Cameron Hyde
Lewis Jones
Finlay Brennan
Ben Baker
Evan Beldon
Kye Andrews
Joe Massaro
Gareth Hunt
Stefan Bailey
Emmanuel Dahie
Harry Stratton
Sam Johnson
Callum Shortt
Izale McLeod
Jake Newman

Tony Joyce – Manager
Stuart Mellon – Coach/Assistant Manager
Jardaine Patel-Joseph – Sport Therapist

Grey, Grey, Green.

Brendan Bunn – GK
Bradley Catlow - GK
Lewis Wright
Jamie Ashmore
James Bowen
Andy Parsons
Rob Evans
Paul McCone
Jordan Piggott
George Forstyth
Ashley Sammons
Josh Hawker
Robbie Bunn
Reece Hewitt
Kartel o’Neill-Martin
Luke Yates
Jamie Lucas
Jamie Molyneux
Montel Gibson
Isai Marselia

Paul Smith - Manager
John Snape – Assistant Manager
Craig Nicholls – First Team Coach