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Match Preview



Opponent St. Neots Town

Competition League

Last Time They Were Here... Rovers took a bit of a mauling in 2007 with a 0-7 loss

Did you know... John Bellingham, the only man to assassinate a British Prime Minister (Spencer Perceval on 11 May 1812), lived in St Neots.

In the bar Solihull Moors play Eastleigh on BT Sport, but not until the evening according to our information, we might have to put Bargain Hunt on...

On this day in Rovers history... The last game on this date in the history of Rovers was in 2017 when Robbie Goodman and Alex Stoyles were the scorers in a two nil win at Uxbridge



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Around the club

Reserve Team

- 6.8.19 vs Irchester United (H) L 0-1
- 10.8.19 vs Huntingdon Town (H) L 0-2
- 13.8.19 vs Wellingborough Whitworths (A) W 5-2
- 27.8.19 vs Raunds Town (A) 7:45pm kick off NN9 6EQ
- 31.8.19 vs Bugbrooke St. Michael (A) 3pm NN7 3PH

Ladies Team

- 4.8.19 vs Watton (H) W 5-4
- 11.8.19 vs Colney Heath (H)
- 18.8.19 vs Ketton (H) 2:30pm
- 25.8.19 vs MK Dons (H) 2:30pm

Rovers BCFL

- All games 2:30pm kick off
- 31.8.19 vs Revivalists (A) MK42 0JD
- 7.9.19 vs Flitwick Town 'A' (A) MK45 1BA
- 14.9.19 vs Catsbrook Wanderers (A) LU2 2JR
- 21.9.19 vs Real Haynes Reserves (A) MK45 3QB
- 28.9.19 vs Square (A) County Junior Cup LU6 1QP

Fixtures correct at time of writing, but subject to change. Please check before travel



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.

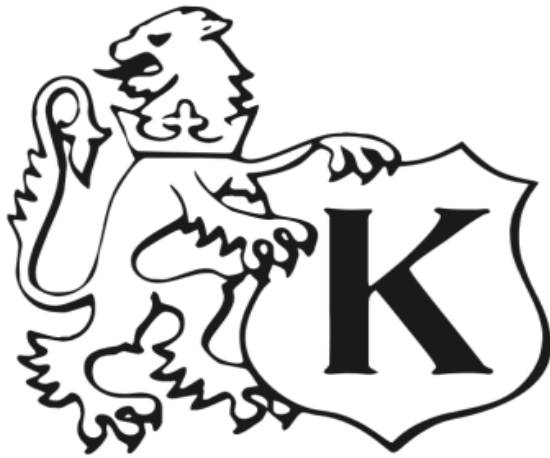
Midway through the 2013-14 season James Stoyles and Gary Flinn took over the 1st Team managerial duties before, in 2015-16, Rovers won the United Counties Football League Premier Division, with a thrilling final win on the last day of the season, a campaign in which they only lost one league game. This 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

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

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Kempston Rovers

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.

James Martin – Goalkeeper – James arrived at the start of 2019 from Bedworth United, making his debut against Barton Rovers. The giant keeper brings experience from higher levels to the Rovers back line.

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.

Felix Atta – Defender – A capable full back, Felix joined Rovers in the summer of 2019 after impressing during a pre-season trial period. Still young, he is learning all the time from the club's senior players.

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

George Boland – Midfield – George has rejoined Kempston after previous spells with the club which saw him make 39 appearances over the last two seasons.

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.

Maurice Alhassan – Midfield – 'Mo' joined Rovers in the summer of 2019 after an initial trial during pre-season. With pace and trickery in his arsenal, the winger has impressed enough to be considered a star of the future with Rovers.

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



Ben Shepherd – Midfield - Sheps joined the club the club in October 2015 a talented midfield passer of the football. A member of our 2015-16 UCL Premier Division and North Beds Cup winning squad, Ben is a key member of the squad.

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.

Marcus Campbell – Forward – Marcus joins from Hertford Town. He lists Bedford Town, AFC Dunstable and Chesham United among his former sides and brings a good physical presence to our forward line. He has scored goals for every club he has represented.

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 into 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.

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 Hodsdon.



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St Neots Town FC

History 1

The Club was formed in 1879 when it was know as plain 'St Neots', the first formal honour recorded being the Hunts Senior Cup in its inaugural season 1888/89.

The Club went on to lift that trophy a further four times before the turn of the Century. In the 1901/02 season the Club recorded its first known 'double' when it won the Hunts Senior Cup, for the sixth time, and the Fellows Cup. In 1924/25 or thereabouts St Neots was renamed 'St Neots and District' and celebrated by winning the Hunts Senior Cup again. At this time in the Club's history, honours seemed to have been primarily from County competitions with the Scott Gatty Cup being won on three consecutive occasions between 1927/29

Unfortunately, no records exist for the next twenty years, although the Hunts Senior Cup was won again on four occasions during this period. In the 1949/50 season the Club were amongst the founder members of the Metropolitan League and recorded a fine League and Cup double but for some reason the Club resigned to join the Central Alliance League. During the 1950's the Club was renamed for the third time to its present name of 'St Neots Town FC' and rejoined the Metropolitan League. For a decade the Club Manager was former West Ham full back John Gregory who was the first full time official the Club had employed. His son became Manager of Aston Villa FC. In 1961/62 the Club were runners up in the Metropolitan League Professional Cup - a trophy eventually won in 1965 beating Gillingham in the Final. In 1966/67 the Club joined the UCL for a three year spell and in that same season the team progressed through five rounds of the FA Cup to reach the First Round proper for the only time. The draw took us to Fellows Park, Walsall who were second in the Third Division with an unbeaten home record. The team lost 2-0 with both goals coming in the last nine minutes but the crowd was a record for Walsall in the competition.



St Neots Town FC

History 2

The next season the UCL League and Cup double was recorded (the first time the Senior side won the title - although the RESERVE side had won the League in 1956/57!). The League Cup was retained the following season but the next major senior League honour did not come until the 1982/83 season when the team finished runners up in Division One of the UCL.

In 1969/70 the Club opted to join the Eastern Counties (now Ridgeons) League because it was felt it would be a stronger League. In its four years membership Club fortunes declined. The Club then rejoined the UCL in 1973/74. In the next eight seasons the Club had a reasonable run of success finishing at best fourth and at worst nineteenth. At Christmas 1987 the Club was evicted from its long time 'Shortsands' home and had to complete the season on a sub-standard borrowed works pitch. At the end of that season just four places from the bottom of the table the Club was forced to disband and then the outstanding debt had to be cleared. Out of football for just two seasons the Club was reformed in Junior football in the Hunts League with a pitch at Priory Park, St Neots rented from the District Council and the flame of desire to re-establish the Club at Senior level was rekindled. In 1994/95 after a spell of six years absence from senior football they were readmitted to the UCL. The spell in the UCL Premier Division lasted 17 years but in 2008 the Club was relocated around half a mile from their original Rowley Park premises in Cambridge Road to the north end of the loves farm estate as the club approached its 130th anniversary. In February 2010 Mike Kearns purchased all of the clubs shares to become Owner / Chairman of the club.

Club sign ex Aston Villa striker Stefan Moore for a transfer fee of £10,000. The following season 2010/11 season was the club's best ever. The Championship of the UCL Premier Division was won for only the second time. The club broke a whole raft of league records clocking up a record 105 points and scoring 160 league goals in just 40 matches. Unbeaten away from home in the league the side suffered just one home defeat and picked up the County Senior Cup for the 36th time as well as finishing runners-up in the Hinchingbrooke Cup and reaching the fifth round of the FA Vase. 2011/12 saw the Club reach even greater heights winning the Southern League Central Division in their first season at Step Four to move up to the Southern League Premier Division in 2012/13. Consolidation over the next two seasons saw the club finish mid table on both occasions, the 2013 /14 season saw the club win the Southern League Cup and the Hunts Senior Cup.



St Neots Town FC

History 3

Season 2014/15 saw the club under the guidance of First Team manager David Batch finish in fifth position in the Southern League Premier Division, narrowly losing out by a single penalty goal in the play off finish.

2015-2016 season saw the team struggle and David Batch resigned in January 2016 with the club was fighting for step 3 status. Mike Kearns stepped down as chairman at the same time and his majority share holding was acquired by Lee Kearns the MD of the football club. Andy Davies the Academy manager stepped in to steady the ship and ensured step 3 football for the following season. 2016-2017 season started well but once again the mid season jinx struck with Andy stepping down due to ill health. Matt Clements was appointed manager in Late December 2016 and with the full backing of the board has started the process of changing the first team to reflect his own beliefs and football philosophy. January 2019 Matt Clements changes his role at the club to become Director of Football with his first job in the new role finding a replacement manager. Marc Abbott is identified and joins the clubs from Haverhill to become the first team manager. In April 2019 the club is relegated for the first time in it's history and will be playing at Step Four in the newly named BetVictor Southern League Division One Central.

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. Coleshill Town



9. Corby Town



10. Daventry Town



11. Didcot Town



12. Halesowen Town



13. Kempston Rovers



14. Killington



15. North Leigh



16. St Neots



17. Thame United



18. Wantage Town



19. Welwyn Garden City



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St Neots Town FC

Player Profiles 1



Sam Bennett - Striker and First Year professional at League Two Cambridge United, Sam joined us on loan at the beginning of the 2019/20 season.

Reif Bissett-Clarke - Young midfielder with bags of pace and an eye for goal, a product of our successful Under 18 production line. Joined the Club mid-way through last season

Ben Bradley- Midfielder who joined us during last season having played for Manager Marc Abbott at Haverhill Rovers, among other qualities, Ben brings experience to the squad.

Alfie Connor - Young midfielder who joined us in the summer of 2019 and has already shown he has an eye for goal, particularly from distance. Joined us from Soham Town Rangers having previously been on the books of Peterborough United

Sam Gomarsall - Midfielder/wide man/forward joined us from Newmarket Town in the summer of 2019. Non- stop work rate sure to make him a fans' favourite this coming season.

Sam Goode - Another product of Cambridge United youth system, towering centre half who joined us in the summer of 2019 upon his release from the U's.

Aaron Hudson - Midfielder who joined us from Dunstable Town last season. Will be hoping to stake his claim for a more regular starting berth this time round.

Jacob Joseph - Talented young midfielder who has cemented his place in the First Team squad after a string of fine performances last season and during pre-season. Another product of our double winning Under 18 squad.

Jake Kerins - Sought after right back who chose to sign for the Saints in the summer of 2019. Jake numbers Shrewsbury Town, Kings Lynn Town and Bury Town among his former clubs.

St Neots Town FC

Player Profiles 2



Prince Mutswunguma - A gifted forward who has now found consistency to add to his undoubted talents. Another player who joined us upon his release from League Two Cambridge United.

Michael McCormack - Goalkeeper who has progressed through the ranks having represented the Club at both Under 18 and Reserve level.

Tim Nkala - Rapid striker who joined us in the summer of 2019 from Wisbech Town. Spent time with our Reserves before spells at Huntingdon Town and the Fenmen.

Jacob Noble - Another familiar face to manager Marc Abbott, having played for him at previous club Haverhill Rovers, midfielder / centre half, Jacob brings experience and a cool head to the squad.

Dan Olive - Young right back who has impressed during appearances in pre-season, looking to make the step up from our Under 18s to senior football

James Philp (GK) - Goalkeeper who joined us last season and quickly became a crowd favourite with a string of fine performances. Played under manager Marc Abbott at Haverhill Rovers.

Jack Quigley - Teenage midfielder who signed for the Saints in the summer of 2019 after training with the team during the second half of last season

Mason Rhiney - Midfielder who joined us from Kettering town during the 2018/19 season. Was at Hull City as a youngster and we have now begun to see glimpses of his undoubted talent.

Joe Rider - Towering centre forward who scored over thirty goals for the Club's Under 18's and Reserves last season. Spent pre-season on trial at Cambridge United.

Stevan Shaw - Centre Half who has grown in stature game on game. Will be looking to forge a decent partnership with Sam Goode, with whom he played at Cambridge United in the heart of the U's defence..

St Neots Town FC

Player Profiles 3



Aaron Smith - Left back signed from Mildenhall Town. Had been on the books of Peterborough United and Norwich City, a player we can expect big things of going forward.

Joe Sutton - Creative midfielder who has the eye to pick the perfect pass. Joe joined us on loan from Histon FC last season and joined us permanently in the summer of 2019

Joe Walker - Centre half who joined us in the summer of 2019 after a string of fine performances during pre- season.

Lee Watkins - Attacking midfielder who joined us in the summer of 2019 after his surprising release from Cambridge United. Previously played for the Saints on –loan from the U's in the 2017/18 season.



Match Report

Kempston Rovers progressed to the First Qualifying Round of the FA Cup for fifth successive season with a single goal victory away at a spirited Gorleston side.

Rovers arrived in Norfolk naming the same starting eleven that won on the opening day of the season last weekend to play against a Gorleston team who currently sit bottom of the Eastern Counties league with three defeats from three and a minus thirteen goal difference.

Rovers looked sharp early on and nearly took a fifth minute lead as Cameron Hyde threaded a ball up the left flank for Jake Newman to chase, the forward looked up and saw the keeper out of position and fired first time from the wide position, beating Milligan but not the post from a long distance. Around the quarter hour, there was a lengthy stoppage in play as Gorleston's Blake required a stretcher after an innocuous looking slip in the middle of the park under no pressure. Midway through the half, Rovers had three chances in quick succession, first Newman flicked on to Izale McLeod, who saw his snap shot saved. Newman then found himself in behind the defence after a smart turn, his right foot shot was saved and as the ball fell back to him, his left foot effort was cleared blocked.

Kempston were dominating the game and in the twenty fourth minute saw Jordan Wright head wide from a corner. just under ten minutes from half time, Rovers did take the lead. McLeod had drifted to a wide position on the left and pulled the ball back into Newman on the corner of the box. Newman found a gap and curled a delicious outside of the foot cross into the area, where it was met on the full by Gareth Hunt to power home for the only goal of the game. In ten minutes of first half stoppage time, both McLeod and Newman had further chances to add to Rovers lead, but couldn't get shots on target and Gorleston suffered a second injury blow with Burrage forced to come off.

The second period had barely begun when a third change was forced on the hosts, this time Brown needing to leave the field. Rovers found that they could not match the pace and intensity of their first half display in the

Bank Holiday weekend heat and allowed the hosts to come back into the game. Midway through the second half, Gilfedder had a shot cleared off the Rovers line by Lewis Jones before Watts forced Kempston Keeper Carl Knox into a smart save across to his left. just before the hour mark, Newman was fed by McLeod but as the livewire forward bore down on goal, he couldn't get the shot inside the far post and it whistled across the goal. Tabakovic fired just wide for the hosts, looking for all the world as if the ball would creep in at the far post, from the resulting corner, Gorleston did have the ball in the net, however the referee blew his whistle long before for a foul on Knox. A decision that didn't go down too well with the fans behind the goal. Five minutes from time, a sweeping Kempston counter attack nearly brought a second goal. Sub Evan Beldon squared the ball back to fellow sub Harry Stratton, who waited for Cameron Hyde on the overlap on the left hand side. Hyde's shot from a very tight angle grazed the crossbar on its way over. As Gorleston pressed forward for the goal their second half endeavour probably deserved, there were gaps for Rovers on the counter attack. Jake Newman nearly capitalised three minutes from time, as his snap shot needed to be cleared off the line by Ellis and in stoppage time as Stratton tried to bustle forward, the ball was played back to Milligan in the home goal by Pinherio, there were huge shouts for the back pass, but the match officials were unmoved.

The victory earns Rovers a tidy sum in prize money and a guaranteed place in the First Qualifying round draw, made on Tuesday. Credit must go to Gorleston, their performance, especially second half, hugely belied their league position and current form.

Next up for Rovers is a Bank Holiday Monday date with St. Neots Town at Hillgrounds. The Reserves are also in midweek action and travel to Raunds Town on Tuesday night.

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KEMPSTON ROVERS

Friendly

Venue - Buckingham Town

TUE, 23 JULY

KEMPSTON ROVERS

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SANDRIDGE ROVERS

Friendly
Venue - Kempston Rovers FC

SAT, 27 JULY

KEMPSTON ROVERS

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BALDOCK TOWN

Friendly
Venue - Kempston Rovers FC

TUE, 30 JULY

KEMPSTON ROVERS

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ST. IVES TOWN

Friendly
Venue - Kempston Rovers FC

AUGUST 2019

SAT, 03 AUGUST

KEMPSTON ROVERS

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3

WISBECH TOWN

Friendly
Venue - Kempston Rovers FC

SAT, 10 AUGUST

CRANFIELD UNITED

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KEMPSTON ROVERS

Friendly
Venue - Cranfield United

SAT, 17 AUGUST

KEMPSTON ROVERS

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DIDCOT TOWN

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central
Venue - Kempston Rovers FC

TUE, 20 AUGUST

DAVENTRY TOWN

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KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central
Venue - Daventry Town

SAT, 24 AUGUST

GORLESTON

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KEMPSTON ROVERS

Cup
Venue - Gorleston

MON, 26 AUGUST

KEMPSTON ROVERS

MON 26

15:00

ST NEOTS TOWN

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central
Venue - Kempston Rovers FC

SAT, 31 AUGUST **CANCELLED**

WANTAGE TOWN

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KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SEPTEMBER 2019

TUE, 03 SEPTEMBER

KEMPSTON ROVERS

TUE 3

19:45

BARTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 14 SEPTEMBER

YAXLEY

SAT 14

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 21 SEPTEMBER

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 21

15:00

WELWYN GARDEN CITY

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 28 SEPTEMBER

KIDLINGTON

SAT 28

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 28 SEPTEMBER

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 28

15:00

WISBECH TOWN

The FA Trophy 19-20

OCTOBER 2019

SAT, 05 OCTOBER

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 5

15:00

NORTH LEIGH

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 19 OCTOBER

COLESHILL TOWN

SAT 19

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

NOVEMBER 2019

SAT, 02 NOVEMBER

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 2

15:00

BEDFORD TOWN

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 09 NOVEMBER

CORBY TOWN

SAT 9

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 16 NOVEMBER

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 16

15:00

HALESOWEN TOWN

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 23 NOVEMBER

BEDWORTH UNITED

SAT 23

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 30 NOVEMBER

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 30

15:00

A.F.C. DUNSTABLE

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

DECEMBER 2019

SAT, 07 DECEMBER

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 7

15:00

AYLESBURY UNITED

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 14 DECEMBER

THAME UNITED

SAT 14

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 21 DECEMBER

BERKHAMSTED

SAT 21

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

THU, 26 DECEMBER

KEMPSTON ROVERS

THU 26

15:00

BIGGLESWADE

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

JANUARY 2020

WED, 01 JANUARY

ST NEOTS TOWN

WED 1

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 04 JANUARY

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 4

15:00

DAVENTRY TOWN

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 11 JANUARY

DIDCOT TOWN

SAT 11

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 18 JANUARY

WELWYN GARDEN CITY

SAT 18

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 25 JANUARY

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 25

15:00

YAXLEY

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

FEBRUARY 2020

SAT, 01 FEBRUARY

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 1

15:00

KIDLINGTON

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 08 FEBRUARY

NORTH LEIGH

SAT 8

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 15 FEBRUARY

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 15

15:00

COLESHILL TOWN

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 22 FEBRUARY

BEDFORD TOWN

SAT 22

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 29 FEBRUARY

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 29

15:00

CORBY TOWN

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

MARCH 2020

SAT, 07 MARCH

HALESOWEN TOWN

SAT 7

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 14 MARCH

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 14

15:00

BEDWORTH UNITED

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 21 MARCH

A.F.C. DUNSTABLE

SAT 21

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 28 MARCH

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 28

15:00

WANTAGE TOWN

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

APRIL 2020

SAT, 04 APRIL

BARTON ROVERS

SAT 4

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 11 APRIL

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 11

15:00

BERKHAMSTED

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

MON, 13 APRIL

BIGGLESWADE

MON 13

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 18 APRIL

KEMPSTON ROVERS

SAT 18

15:00

THAME UNITED

The BetVictor Southern League - Division One Central

SAT, 25 APRIL

AYLESBURY UNITED

SAT 25

15:00

KEMPSTON ROVERS

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THE TEAMS

26th August 2019

**Betvictor Southern League
Division One Central**



Kempston Rovers FC

ST Neots Town FC

Red/White
Black
Black

**SHIRT – RED
SHORTS – NAVY
SOCKS – RED**

From

Carl Knox
James Martin
Robbie Goodman
Felix Atta
Jordan Wright
Alfie Powell
Cameron Hyde
Lewis Jones
George Boland
Evan Beldon
Kye Andrews
Maurice Alhassam
Gareth Hunt
Emmamel Dahie
Harry Stratton
Marcus Campbell
Ben Shepherd
Callum shortt
Izale McLeod

Manager

Tony Joyce

Coach

Stuart Mellon

Physio

Jardaine Patel-Joseph

Sam Bennett
Reif Bissett-Clarke
Ben Bradley
Alfie Connor
Mikel Forsu
Sam Gomarsall
Sam Goode
Aaron Hudson
Jacob Joseph
Jake Kerins
Michael McCormack (GK)
Prince Mutswunguma
Tim Nkala
Jacob Noble
Dan Olive
James Philp (GK)
Jack Quigley
Mason Rhiney
Marcel Rzeszutek
Stevan Shaw
Aaron Smith
Joe Sutton
Joe Walker
Lee Watkins

The Match Officials

Referee:

Assistant Referees:

