

#TheWalnutBoys

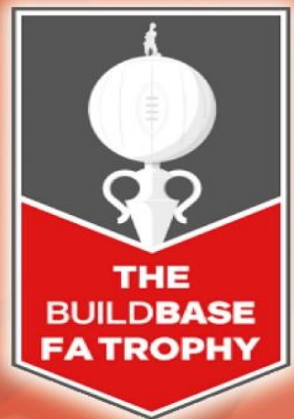


KEMPSTON ROVERS vs WISBECH TOWN

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2019
3PM KICK-OFF
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Good afternoon and welcome to Hillgrounds

Good afternoon and welcome to Hillgrounds for this FA Trophy fixture

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

This is the extra preliminary round of this season's FA Trophy competition. Last season, Rovers progressed into the first qualifying round after wins against Barton and Dereham, eventually succumbing to Beaconsfield after a replay.

Should this game finish level, a replay would take place on Tuesday at Wisbech's Lynn Road ground (PE14 7AL)

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

Match Preview



On The Home Front

Next up at Hillgrounds...
Opponent Wisbech Town

Competition FA Trophy

Town's Current League position 16/20 Northern League D1 South East

Last Time They Were Here... Wisbech took the spoils in a pre-season friendly this summer by 3-1. The last competitive meeting here was in the FA Cup in 2017, when Rovers won 2-1 thanks to Jake Newman and Michael Lyon

Town's Current League Form (six games) LLDWDL

Did you know... In December 2018, as featured on the Late, Late Show with James Cordon in the US, a giant inflatable santa blocked Cromwell Road in the town, having broken free from its moorings in a garden. The novelty took several hours to catch.

In the bar QPR host West Brom in the lunchtime game in the Championship, then the evening match up sees Manchester City travel to Everton. Join us to enjoy both games on our big screens.

On this day in Rovers history... Rovers recorded one of their biggest ever wins on this date in 1907, a 16-1 home friendly demolition of a side called Russell United.

Kempston have not lost on this date since 1993, recording only 4 losses on this date in the whole 135 year history of the club



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Around the club

Reserve Team

- 14.9.19 vs Potton United (H) W 3-0
- 21.9.19 vs Cogenhoe United (A) W 1-0
- 28.9.19 vs Yaxley (A) PE7 3NA
- 1.10.19 vs The 61FC Res (H) 7:45 County Cup
- 5.10.19 vs Irchester United (A) NN29 7DR

Ladies Team

- All games 2pm unless otherwise stated
- 8.9.19 vs Buntingford Town (A) W 5-0
 - 15.9.19 vs Bedford Ladies Dev (A) L 0-2
 - 22.9.19 vs Flitwick Eagles (A) MK45 1BA
 - 29.9.19 vs Harvesters Ladies (H)
 - 6.10.19 vs Evergreen Eagles (A) WD5 0JL

County League 'A' Team

- All games 2:30pm kick off unless otherwise stated
- 14.9.19 vs Catsbrook Wanderers (A) L 0-1
 - 21.9.19 vs Real Haynes Reserves (A) L 2-4
 - 28.9.19 vs Square (A) County Junior Cup LU6 1QP
 - 5.10.19 vs Wootton Village Reserves (A) MK43 9EU
 - 12.10.19 vs Lea Sports PSG Reserves (H)

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. Rover's first league championship was won in 1908 and twelve months later Rover's 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

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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 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.

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.



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Betvictor Southern League Division One Central

V NORTH LEIGH



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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. Kidlington



15. North Leigh



16. St Neots



17. Thame United



18. Wantage Town



19. Welwyn Garden City



Generations Together
- Football United
20. Yaxley



Match Report

Rovers 0-3 Welwyn

Garden City

Welwyn Garden City ran out comfortable winners on a bright and warm autumn afternoon, despite having to borrow a kit.

Prior to kick off, the match official deemed that Welwyn's claret shirts were too similar to Rovers' familiar red and white and the visitors were forced to change, borrowing an old away kit from the home side. Rovers handed a debut to Ben Baker in this game, the midfielder showed flashes of being able to excite the home faithful.

An early free kick for the visitors was tamely saved by Carl Knox, before Mensah had an effort deflected wide. From then on the only fare was long and optimistic pot shots at goal rather than expertly crafted, intricate football. It took until the final five minutes of the first period for the first real goal mouth action, a quick free kick from the visitors was played across goal by Stead, but Cleaver couldn't find a finish. Not to be denied, Cleaver did open the scoring in first half stoppage time, following up to toe end in after Ironton's initial shot had been well saved by Knox. One nil at the break.

Less than ten minutes into the second half and Ironton got his name on the score sheet. Unmarked in the area, he had time to control and smash home an emphatic second for the visitors. A string of substitutions and some more endeavouring but ultimately unproductive midfield play from both sides saw the second period drag out, but as with the first half it was sparked into life in the final five minutes. First, the referee being forced to calm down Close and Izale McLeod after the former near wrestled the veteran forward to the floor several times ahead of a corner. The calming failed and a minute later both were booked. The game was wrapped up in stoppage time as Welwyn broke up field following some late Kempston pressure, Stead's two initial efforts were saved by Knox, but following in was Carrington to smash home the third goal of the game and secure the points for the visitors.

Rovers left the field dejected and slipping to sixteenth place having now lost all their games in the month of September. Next week's FA Trophy clash with Wisbech Town is the last chance to register a positive result before October. Tony Joyce was philosophical in defeat, admitting that the recent run of results is not acceptable. The popular manager vowed to put things right and shake things up in forthcoming games.

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	1	AFC Dunstable	7	6	0	1	24	8	+16	18
	2	Berkhamsted	7	5	2	0	22	2	+20	17
	3	Halesowen Town	7	5	0	2	14	9	+5	15
	4	Corby Town	6	4	2	0	12	6	+6	14
	5	Welwyn Garden City	6	4	1	1	12	5	+7	13
	6	Aylesbury United	7	3	4	0	8	1	+7	13
	7	Bedford Town	8	3	4	1	11	11	0	13
	8	Daventry Town	7	4	0	3	9	12	-3	12
	9	Barton Rovers	7	3	2	2	17	14	+3	11
	10	Thame United	7	3	1	3	16	10	+6	10
	11	Yaxley	7	2	1	4	13	12	+1	7
	12	North Leigh	6	2	1	3	11	10	+1	7
	13	Kidlington	6	2	1	3	6	10	-4	7
	14	Didcot Town	8	2	1	5	4	11	-7	7
	15	Biggleswade	6	1	3	2	7	9	-2	6
	16	Kempston Rovers	7	2	0	5	8	14	-6	6
	17	Coleshill Town	6	1	1	4	7	11	-4	4
	18	Bedworth United	6	1	1	4	8	14	-6	4
	19	St Neots Town	6	1	1	4	8	17	-9	4
	20	Wantage Town	7	0	0	7	2	33	-31	0

2019-20																		
Player	Position	League Apps	League Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals	Assists	Clean Sheets	Yellow Cards	Red Cards	Season Apps	Season Goals	Goals per game	Yellows per game	Reds per game	Clean sheets per game	Rovers Career apps	Rovers Career goals	
Andrews, Kye	M	1	0	1	0	0		1	0	2	0	##	##	##		44	0	
Beldon, Evan	F	5	0	3	0	1		1	0	8	0	##	##	##		21	0	
Boland, George	M	7	0	3	0	0		0	0	10	0	##	##	##		72	3	
Brennan, Finlay	D	4	0	2	0	0		2	0	6	0	##	##	##		6	0	
Campbell, Marcus	F	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	0	##	##	##		1	0	
Dahie, Emmanuel	M/F	5	0	1	0	0		0	0	6	0	##	##	##		6	0	
Goodman, Robbie	D	6	0	3	0	1		1	0	9	0	##	0.11	##		186	23	
Hudson, Michael	GK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	##	##	##	###	1	0	
Hunt, Gareth	M	6	1	3	1	0		1	0	9	2	##	0.11	##		19	2	
Hyde, Cameron	D	3	0	1	0	0		1	0	4	0	##	##	##		20	0	
Jones, Lewis	D	3	0	1	0	0		1	0	4	0	##	##	##		15	0	
Knox, Carl	GK	7	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	10	0	##	##	##	###	49	0	
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	
Massaro, Joe	M	2	0	1	0	0		1	0	3	0	##	##	##		3	0	
McGrath, Ben	M	5	0	2	0	1		1	0	7	0	##	##	##		7	0	
McLeod, Izale	F	7	4	2	0	0		4	0	9	4	##	##	##		25	11	
Newman, Jake	F	5	1	2	0	1		3	0	7	1	##	##	##		70	42	
Powell, Alfie	D	7	0	3	0	1		2	0	10	0	##	##	##		55	1	
Sage, James	D	2	0	1	0	0		0	0	3	0	##	##	##		3	0	
Shepherd, Benjamin	M	5	1	2	0	0		3	0	7	1	##	##	##		160	19	
Shortt, Callum	F	1	0	2	0	0		0	0	3	0	##	##	##		3	0	
Stratton, Harry	M/F	6	1	2	0	1		0	0	8	1	##	##	##		15	3	
Sule, Jamal	D	2	0	1	0	0		0	0	3	0	##	##	##		3	0	
Ward, Shaheim	D	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	##	##	##		0	0	
Wright, Jordan	D	6	0	3	0	0		5	0	9	0	##	##	##		29	0	
*Player has left the club							3	27	0					Club Record	463	170		



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Emmanuel Dahie
Gareth Hunt
Joe Massaro
Ben McGrath
Ben Shepherd
Harry Stratton
Marcus Campbell
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