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Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to the player's, officials and supporters of today's opponents Hitchin Town. We do hope you enjoy your short stay with us before having a safe journey home.

Like ourselves, Hitchin are finding it hard to gain momentum and finding points hard to come by so far this season; but they certainly hold the upper hand over ourselves. Earlier in the season we lost 3-2 in a thrilling encounter with the winning goal coming in the 91st minute condemning us to a hard to take defeat. Points will be very important for both teams today.

Developments at "Top Field" have been taking place over the last two years, with three new stands behind the "bottom goal" transforming the facility. A club with a proud history laying the foundations for the future, we wish them well.

We start a run of fourteen consecutive home games today, this is a result of our new 3G pitch being laid. We seem to have been on the road forever this season. I would like to thank all of the clubs and the league for allowing us to switch the fixtures to enable our development to take place. From our viewpoint we now need to take advantage of these home fixtures on the new surface.

On the football front, the management team will be back up to strength with Guy completing his Covid isolation. This pandemic is certainly still with us so please take care in and around the ground today.

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Eddy Nisevic		3		Malaki Black			
Dom Brown-Hill		4	9	Stephen Gleeson			
Tyreace Brown		5		Dan Webb ©			
William Edjenguele		6		Ciaren Jones			
Harry Bower		7		Lawrie Marsh			
Herve Pepe-Ngoma		8		Lewis Barker			
Tristan Dunkley		9		Callum Stead			
Brady Hickey ©		10		Matt Moloney			
Ben Stephens		Ш		Rio Da Silva			
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Lucas Powell		12		Jack Green			
Max Bramley		13					
Eliott Percival		14		Steve Cawley			
William Warren		15		Ryan Smith			
Max Brogan		16	Josl	Josh Coldicott-Stevens			
		17	Sam Meakes				
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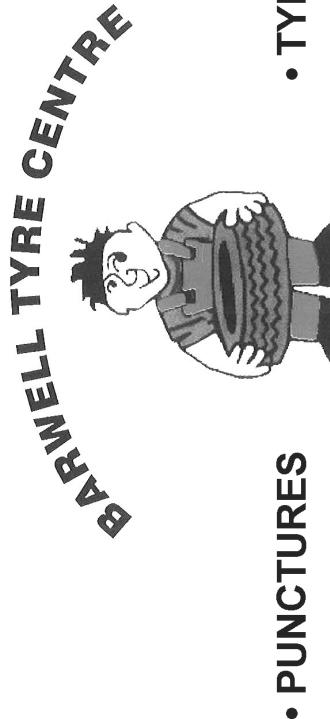
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Charles Horlock: Goalkeeper who started his career at Wycombe Wanderers before spells at Stevenage U18s, Harrow Borough and Hendon. Horlock signed for the Canaries from Wycombe in November 2014, making 87 appearances between the sticks in what was initially a loan deal. After two seasons, Eastbourne Borough swooped for Horlock- he spent a year there before moving east along the coast to Hastings in late 2017. The goalkeeper returned to Top Field for the 2019/20 season, and is Mark Burke's first choice once again in the upcoming campaign. Widely viewed as one of the best shot stoppers at this level.

Josh Mollison: Back-up goalkeeper and academy coach who highly impressed in Hitchin's FA Youth Cup campaign of 2017/18, before loan spells at Biggleswade United Barton Rovers, Potton United and most recently Eynesbury Rovers, where he is currently on a dual registration.

**Daniel Akubuine:** Full-back who signed from Berkhamsted in October 2020, immediately developing a very strong presence and providing competition at right-back

**Alex Brown:** 19 year-old left-back formerly of Soham Town Rangers and Godmanchester Rovers, who was signed at the start of 2021/22 pre-season and quickly impressed.

**Malaki Black:** Quick and energetic full back who can double up as a wing back if needed. Former MK Dons schoolboy who spent time on loan in Spain as part of the academy programme.

**Daniel Webb:** Hitchin captain, an experienced centre back going into a tenth season at Top Field, who is nearing his 400th appearance for the club. Fan favourite Webb started out at Hitchin in 2012 after being spotted playing for Shefford and Campton FC, and has gone on to score 31 goals from centre back.

**Ciaren Jones:** Bedford-born promising 20 year old centre-back who played for Luton U18s before a move to Norwich City's U23 side. Played for Gloucester City last season. Highly rated by the Hitchin coaches.

**Darion Furlong:** Centre-back most recently plying his trade with Potters Bar Town. Joined the Canaries in pre-season and has impressed with his tackling and awareness.



**Matthew Moloney:** Young centre-back signed on a work experience loan deal from Luton Town in October, joining until January 2022.

**Samuel Okaye-Ahaneku:** Right-back who signed from Wingate & Finchley in October 2019. Former Arsenal youth player. Converted to centre back where he has impressed since. Trialled with Watford pre-season but has currently returned to the Canaries.

**Kye Tearle:** Versatile 18 year old product of the Pro:Direct Academy in Baldock. Broke into the first team in the 2020/21 season, initially featuring as a right-back before moving into a midfield role.

**Ryan Smith:** Young central midfielder who started off his career at Northampton as an 18 year old first year scholar in July 2018. Mark Burke signed him initially on a work experience loan deal from the Cobblers in February 2020, and he will challenge for his place in the centre of midfield this season.

Josh Coldicott-Stevens: Yet another central midfielder who is enjoying stiff competition for a starting role in Mark Burke's side this season. Josh began his career across Hertfordshire for Boreham Wood in 2016, and went out on loan to both St. Neots and Kings Langley in the 2016/17 season. Kings Langley clearly liked what they saw, and signed Coldicott-Stevens on a permanent deal. He spent two seasons there before signing for the Canaries midway through the 2019/20 season.

**Stephen Gleeson:** Former Irish international midfielder capped four times by his country who featured for the likes of MK Dons, Birmingham City and Ipswich Town at Football League level before moving north of the border to spend 2 seasons at Aberdeen. The 33 year-old joined in November after a spell at Solihull Moors.



Lawrie Marsh: Right sided defensive midfielder or centre back who arrived from Biggleswade FC after four seasons there, making a total of 105 appearances across all competitions, scoring 17 goals. Lawrie joins up with his twin brother Alex at Top Field.

Lewis Barker: Strong, no-nonsense defensive midfielder who never loses an aerial battle. Barker started out for Baldock in the 2013/14 season, before staying at the club for another five seasons, making a total of 222 appearances for Baldock. Lewis signed for Hitchin at the start of the 2019/20 season and is a regular in the centre of midfield.

Henry Snee: Right footed striker who trialled with the Canaries for the 2020/21 pre-season after spending the 19/20 season at Shefford Town and Campton, scoring an incredible 38 goals in 40 appearances. Injury problems plagued his progress at Top Field last season, but Snee returned for pre-season 2021/22 and was regularly on the scoresheet. His persistence has been rewarded with him signing for the Canaries for the forthcoming season and he will be looking to challenge for the number 9 shirt.

**Callum Stead:** Rapid striker who draws comparisons with Jamie Vardy. Top scorer for the club this season despite spending some of it so far at South Shields- he recently rejoined after a short spell there. Sought after player by many clubs in non-league.

**Rio Da Silva:** 21 year old winger or attacking midfielder whose career began in the Luton Town academy setup before spending four years as a Chelsea academy prospect. After leaving the Blues, Da Silva spent a year at Dunstable Town before joining Hitchin at the start of the 2020/21 season.



**Sam Meakes:** Young striker recently signed on dual registration from St.Albans after impressing against the Canaries in a behind closed doors friendly.





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#### **Match Report**

# Bromsgrove Sporting 2 Barwell 0 Saturday 20th November 2021

Barwell's last away game until the end of February ended with a 2-0 defeat at Bromsgrove Sporting on a frustrating afternoon for the Canaries. Barwell missed four good chances in the game, three in the first half, and were punished by Joel Kettle who scored both goals for the home side.



Barwell, kicking up the slope in the first half, started well. A free kick was won in the opening minute and it was just on the corner of the area. Ben Stephens took it but his strike was just wide of the far post. At the other end, Liam Castle made a good stop from Pais in the 6th minute before Stephens had another chance but again saw it go wide.

It was the Barwell striker who went close again after 17 minutes. Lucas Powell managed to play a good ball through to Stephens and the attacker was clean through on Clayton in the Sporting goal. The ball, however, went wide again. Just five minutes later it was Stephens who played in Harry Bower with a fine through ball. The young loanee ran through on goal but his shot was also wide of the post.

On 25 minutes, the home side took the lead and it was probably against the run of play. Molyneux beat Eddy Nisevic on the right hand side and made a low, powerful cross from the byline. The ball was met by Joel Kettle who beat Castle to the ball and lifted the ball in to the roof of the net.

Tristan Dunkley had a golden chance to level the score when he was played through and was one on one with Clayton in the Sporting goal. The Barwell man rounded Clayton and shaped to shoot. As he did so a defender had got back and clipped Dunkley. The shot went in to the side netting and the referee waved away the Barwell shouts for a penalty.

Half Time: Bromsgrove Sporting | Barwell 0

#### **Match Report**

# Bromsgrove Sporting 2 Barwell 0 Saturday 20th November 2021

Bromsgrove started the second half with a free kick that the Barwell defence dealt with well and it was an early indication of their attacking intent. Taylor made a good cross after 51 minutes but it evaded anyone else in the box and Barwell were able to clear the ball. Liam Castle was then called in to action a minute later when he saved a header.



William Warren was brought on as a sub and the young player did well in his first few minutes on the pitch. His play helped to win a free kick that was around 25 yards out and Ben Stephens stepped up to take it. Unfortunately the ball was sent over the bar.

On 72 minutes, Bromsgrove got a second goal. Joel Kettle headed a corner home to score and wrap up the points for the home side. For Barwell it was another goal conceded from a set piece this season and this must be something that the management team are working on with the players.

Both goalkeepers were called in to action as the game started to come to a close. Castle saved from Willis and Clayton denied Ben Stephens twice so that the game ended with a 2-0 home win. On another afternoon it would have been a game that ended in an away win but on this particular day it was not to be.

Full Time: Bromsgrove Sporting 2 Barwell 0

Attendance: 632

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#### **Match Report**

# Barwell 4 Stratford Town 0 Tuesday I 6th November 2021

After the narrow defeat in the opening home game on the new pitch, Barwell grabbed a first home win of the season in emphatic style by beating Stratford Town. The Bards, who reached the FA Cup 1st round proper this season, had their chances to score in the first half and were punished for missing them by a confident looking Canaries team.



It was Stratford who threatened most in the opening 15 minutes. The main chances for the away side were a free kick that was headed over for a corner and then a first class save from Liam Castle to deny Ash Sammons what would have been an excellent finish. The legendary Barwell keeper managed to get across the goal and reach the ball with a firm hand to stop it crossing the line in the top corner.

Barwell had a strong shout for a penalty on 17 minutes when Tristan Dunkley went through in the area and was tackled, with some claiming it was more of a foul. The referee, at times pedantic in this game, was not going to be persuaded and play continued. Ben Stephens had a chance when played in by Lucas Powell but the Bards keeper was able to come out and claim the ball. There was also a Brady Hickey shot that Turner, in the Stratford goal, managed to beat away.

Will Dawes, impressive all game for Stratford, had two good chances to give the away side the lead. He looked confident in his ability to score from the edge of the area but two chances went wide. Perhaps on another night he would have buried both of them in the back of the net. Stratford came closest when a Grocott free kick clanged against the post and bounced back across the goal but no one could meet it.

It was heading for half time and a potential scoreless 45 minutes but Ben Stephens popped up to give Barwell the lead with 5 minutes to go until the break. Lucas Powell played a ball in to the area from the left hand side and the Stratford defence didn't deal with it properly.

#### **Match Report**

# Barwell 4 Stratford Town 0 Tuesday I 6th November 2021

The ball escaped a Stratford defender and Stephens, showing his experience and guile, pounced to stab the ball home. This was his 10th goal of the season and the very first Barwell goal scored on the new 3G surface.

Half time: Barwell | Stratford Town 0



The second half started well for Stratford with them having most of the possession and looking to finally convert one of their chances. Brady Hickey had a chance but shot just over but, other than that, it was mostly Stratford who dominated. That changed just before the hour mark when Harry Bower, the eventual man of the match, made one of his runs into the box and was fouled. A penalty was awarded and Hickey made no mistake from the spot. This was the game that looked like it was the one where Hickey was back to full fitness and firing on all cylinders in midfield once again.

Eliott Percival had replaced Tyreace Brown at half time and there was a second substitution for Barwell when William Warren replaced Ross Oulton. It was Warren who scored the 3rd Barwell goal, his first for the club, when he slotted home. A well taken Dom Brown-Hill free kick was headed into the area by Hickey and Warren was on hand to convert.

Stratford looked shocked and Warren almost scored again just moments later. It was Bower who set up the chance again with a run that again caused the defenders problems. His ball to Warren was excellent but the keeper was there to save the shot.

The 4th goal came in the 83rd minute. Tristan Dunkley scored it with a fine header that met a Brown-Hill corner. Dunkley, 10 yards out from goal, found space to meet the ball and directed the ball into the far corner of the goal.

Full Time: Barwell 4 Stratford Town 0

Attendance: 228

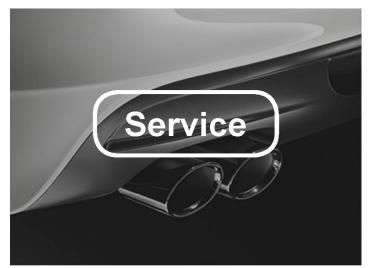
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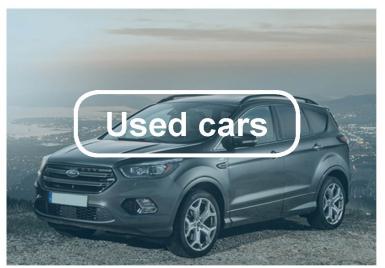
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#### **Meet the Canaries**





#### MAX BRAMLEY.

Tall, young goalkeeper who joined in October 2019 from the Leicester City youth team. Kept 3 clean sheets in his first 3 games for us and really cemented the number 1 shirt for what was left of the 2019/20 season. Has been on trial in the USA.



#### **BRADY HICKEY**

Brady is team captain again this season and is well on the way to being a real club legend. The attacking midfielder re-joined Barwell after a brief spell at Nuneaton Borough in 2018/19 and led the team well last season. A skilful player who can also be combative in the middle of the pitch. He is well known for his ability to score goals and take excellent free kicks.



#### **MICAH EDWARDS**

Midfield player who joined in Summer 2019 and was a Youth player for Derby County before having time with Ilkeston Town and Gresley. Made a real impact in his first season with Barwell and will be one to keep an eye on in 2021/22.



#### **JAHVAN DAVIDSON-MILLER**

Striker who is just returning from a long term injury. A Youth player for Derby County and made 15 appearances for them in the U18 Premier League. Has a good eye for goal.

#### **BEN STEPHENS**

A Leicester lad who started his senior career at Oadby Town after being a youth player at Leicester City. Ben played for Kettering Town and Stratford Town before joining Macclesfield Town in 2018. He made 45 appearances for the Silkmen before their demise in 2020. He then returned to Kettering Town for the aborted 20-21 season.

#### **LUCAS POWELL**

A young midfield player who joined at the start of the 21/22 season from Gresley Rovers. A former Birmingham City youth player who joined the Blues in 2010 after being scouted playing Sunday league football.



#### **Meet the Canaries**





#### **LIAM CASTLE**

Very experienced Goalkeeper who has been with Barwell for over 13 seasons earning himself a position as a club legend. His shot stopping antics have earnt him many admirers and he is also well known for enjoying banter with away fans. His career started at Basingstoke Town and he also featured for Hinckley United.



#### **EDDY NISEVIC**

Eddy has been at Barwell since 2014 and was at Brackley Town prior to joining the Canaries. Eddy has been a dependable left back for many seasons but missed nearly all of the 2019/20 season with a knee injury.



#### **ELLIOT PERCIVAL**

Versatile defender who is at home both at right back or in the centre of defence. Had time with Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester City at youth level.



#### DOMINIC BROWN-HILL

Dom is back at Barwell for another season having been at Alvechurch more recently. A former Notts County youth player, Dom is well known for his dead ball skills but there is a lot more to his game than just those.

#### **ROSS OULTON**

Ross has joined Barwell for a second spell at the start of this season. He is a battling midfielder who wears his heart on his sleeve. Ross has been at Stratford Town, AFC Rushden & Diamonds and Daventry Town.

#### **HARRY BOWER**

Harry joined on loan from AFC Telford United in August 2021 and then again at the end of October 2021 Previously Harry has been with The New Saints and Oswestry Town and is considered a hot prospect.



#### **Meet the Canaries**



#### **TYREACE BROWN**

Tyreace joined us in September 2021 and has made an instant impression in the heart of defence. He joined from Romulus in Birmingham, where he was well thought of. He has also featured for Littleton FC, Lye Town and Bilston Town.

#### **WILLIAM EDJENGUELE**

William joined Barwell in late September 2021 from Nuneaton Borough. Edjenguélé, born in Paris, began his career with CFF Paris before joining the reserve team of Le Mans Union 72. In 2010 he moved to Greece and Panetolikos, helping them be promoted to the Greek Super League. He then made the move to England in 2012 and appeared 33 times for Coventry City, scoring his first goal for them against Colchester United. Spells with Bury FC, Panteolikos again, another Greek team in Veria and then Dundee United followed. In 2019 he went on loan to Falkirk before joining Wealdstone and then Nuneaton Borough.

#### **KYRON STABANA**

Stabana joined Derby County aged 7 as a striker. He was converted to a left and right winger aged 11 before eventually moving to right back at 14 years old. Stabana represented England U17s five times during his scholarship at the club, getting one assist. He signed his first professional contract with the club aged 17. He then had loan spells at Boston United and Tamworth. He was released by Derby County at the age of 19 following his second year as a professional footballer at the club. He joined AFC Wimbledon from Derby and had loan spells at Tamworth and Cork City, where he made 4 appearances before Covid brought an end to the season in Ireland. He joined Tamworth for the aborted 2020/21 season before heading to Barwell in the summer of 2021.

#### **HERVE PEPE-NGOMA**

'Peps' is a German born player who came to Barwell from neighbours Coalville Town. He has had spells at Kettering Town, Boston United and Leicester City youth. A long term injury whilst at Boston has kept him out for a number of years but he is back making an impression in the middle of the park again.

#### LEANDRO BROWNE

Back for a second spell at Kirkby Road, Leandro is an attacking midfielder who can be a real handful at times. Previously with Coalville Town, Belper Town and Burton Albion.

#### **MAX BROGAN**

Young midfield player signed in November 2021 from Tamworth.



#### **Barwell FC Staff**





#### **GUY HADLAND Manager**

Guy took over the role from Jimmy Ginnelly in No vember 2018, having been Assistant Manager. He was an experienced defender who featured for Nuneaton Borough and Brackley Town.



#### **MARCUS LAW Assistant Manager**

A Barwell legend from his time as manager who has come back for this season to work alongside Guy. He managed Kettering Town to promotion from the Southern League Premier. Has also managed at Tamworth and Chasetown



#### **VIV COLEMAN Physio**

Viv has been physio (alongside other roles!) with the Club for a number of years and has also played as Goal keeper before his football retirement.

#### **MIKETURNER Goalkeeper Coach**

A really popular figure on the bench, managing to bring the best out of the keepers at the club.

#### IAN DREWITT Coach

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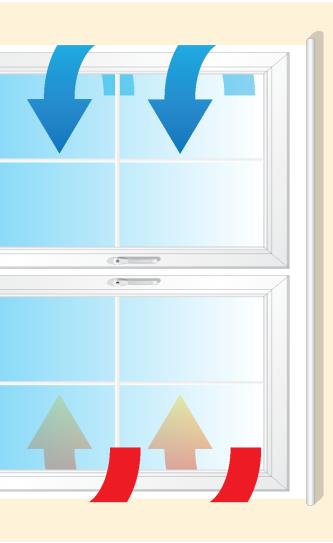
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#### **Opposition History**

#### Hitchin Town

The first Hitchin FC was formed in 1865. The club took part in the first FA Cup in 1871-72, and reached the quarter finals of the competition, losing to eventual finalists Royal Engineers. That first Hitchin club, a struggling professional outfit, folded in 1911, debt-ridden and the victims of a fire at their ground.



It was not until 1928 that Hitchin Town FC was formed, and it was at this point that the nickname, "The Canaries", was established. Hitchin Town gained admission to the Spartan League. The 1930s were a golden age for Hitchin Town. The club won the AFA Senior Cup in 1932, beating Derbyshire Amateurs in the final and in 1935, they won the Spartan League Premier Division. The club entered the Athenian League in 1939, but after two league games and a Herts Charity Cup tie, WW2 intervened.

Hitchin struggled in the aftermath of World War Two in the Athenian League, not recovering until the mid-1950s. In 1956 a record crowd of 7,878 watched Hitchin Town beat Wycombe Wanderers 1-0 in the FA Amateur Cup. At the end of the 1962-63 season, the Canaries moved into the Isthmian League. This move was not an easy one for the club, and the early years were a constant struggle. But in 1968-69, Hitchin finished runners-up in the Isthmian League and a year later, won the London Senior Cup, beating St. Albans 4-2 in the final. Hitchin stayed in the Isthmian League until 2004, when as a result of a reorganisation they transferred to the Southern League. They won the Southern League Cup in 2006, and despite relegation in 2009, they won promotion back to the Premier Division in 2012, and in 2015-16 and 2016-17 they enjoyed their best-ever seasons in the Southern League, reaching the play-offs on both occasions but missing out on promotions through defeat in the semi-final and then the final. The team also won the Herts Senior Cup in both seasons. 2017-18 saw the start of the break-up of the play-offs team, with three of the key players from that team moving on to pastures new.

#### **Opposition History**

#### Hitchin Town

Nevertheless that team achieved a safe and creditable league position of 11th, and they won the Southern League Cup and the Herts Charity Cup.

Season 2018-19 was a season of rebuilding, and consolidation in the new Evo-Stik League South Premier Division Central was the objective. The team often struggled in the league, and despite some bad runs of results managed to finish 18th and so realised their objective. They fared very much better in the FA Cup, reaching the First Round Proper for the first time in 23 years before bowing out at home to Solihull Moors in front of a crowd of 3,148, the highest attendance at Top Field for over 40 years. The season ended on a high with some silverware, retaining the Hertfordshire Charity Cup by beating Hemel Hempstead Town 2-0.

Season 2019-20 was a time of real transition and consolidation. The Canaries found themselves in the relegation zone for much of the early part of the season. However a remarkable transformation in the middle of the season saw the team display form which if it had been continued, would have steered the team towards a play-off spot. When the season was cut short by the pandemic, the Canaries were comfortably placed in 17th position, safe from relegation.

Season 2020-21 promised much for the Canaries. The team that finished the previous season stayed, and the continuity was starting to show dividends. When the season was curtailed, the Canaries were sitting in a very comfortable tenth place in the League, having bounced back from a nightmare 7-1 defeat at AFC Rushden and Diamonds to record impressive away wins at Stratford Town and Bromsgrove Sporting. This was followed by impressive wins in the FA Trophy against Herne Bay from the Isthmian League and Mickleover FC who at the time were league leaders in the Northern Premier League, before bowing out to eventual semi-finalists Peterborough Sports in the Second Round Proper.

#### **Opposition History**

#### Hitchin Town

The Canaries started this season with most of last season's players staying, and the hope that the work from last season can be continued. They will also be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the start of the FA Cup competition, in which the first Hitchin FC team participated. With many new ground improvements in place, the future is looking very bright for the Canaries.



#### Current Hitchin Town Manager—Mark Burke

Mark joined Hitchin Town in May 1985 from Queens Park Rangers, and retired as a player at the end of the 2004-05 season, having made 732 appearances for the club (the second highest in the club's history), scoring 20 goals. He was captain of the club's FA Cup giant-killing sides of 1994 and 1995, and skippered the Canaries to two promotion campaigns.

Mark stayed involved with the club after his retirement and has been the club's mainstay in promoting and establishing partnerships between Hitchin Town FC and the local community. In 2013/14 he was appointed Assistant Manager to Carl Williams, and at the start of 2014/15 season took over as Manager.

Under Mark's leadership the club reached the Southern League Premier Division play-offs in 2015/16 and 2016/17, losing the play-off final to Leamington in May 2017. The club won the Southern League Cup in 2018 and last season reached the 1st Round of the Emirates FA Cup for the first time in 23 years.



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By Matthew Badcock

WE ARE still too far away from being able to write 'Wembley is on the horizon' but the roads are opening up a little more each round for the Buildbase FA Trophy and FA Vase. And as we know in cup competitions, anything can happen.

This weekend we have the second round of the FA Trophy, before the National League's top tier enter next. There are some intriguing ties – Felixstowe & Walton United v AFC Telford leaps off the page, as does Plymouth Parkway welcoming Hampton & Richmond, as well as past winners Canvey Island v Tonbridge Angels.

In the northern section, Marine travel to Bradford PA, while a number of Step 2 clubs are going head-to-head, knocking each other out before they've really got going.

In recent seasons, the FA Trophy has felt wide open. But it still seems remarkable looking back to last year's where Hornchurch lifted the silverware at Wembley after beating Hereford.

It has to rank as one of the most remarkable stories to cover since I've worked at the paper.

Manager Mark Stimson, who knows a thing or two about winning the competition having completed a unique hat-trick with Grays Athletic (twice) and then Stevenage in successive years. It added to his triumph as a Canvey player.

Around these stages of that run, I'd give Stimson a call for a piece in the paper – cards on table, with the full thought that we'd better get them in quick before the run is over.

It's fair to say our conversations became more regular as they knocked off higher opposition one after the other!

It came the season after Step 2 Concord Rangers and Step 4 Halesowen Town and met in the semi-finals, with Concord going onto play Harrogate Town in the final. Of course, that day, Harrogate became the first team to win the competition while in the EFL. The competition had been delayed because of Covid. Strange times.

It meant their reign as winners lasted barely a couple of weeks with the two finals played so close together.

What made Hornchurch's glory even more unique was the fact the Urchins weren't even playing league football.

With their season shutdown, they were afforded the luxury of being allowed to train under the 'elite sport' covid guidance.

Perhaps the run took on even more significance because of that. Speaking to the players, there was a sense of how grateful they were to still be allowed to meet up and train while the majority of Non-League was in lockdown.

Their second-half performance at Wembley will live long in the memory, as they came from behind to win 3-1.

Speaking to managers and players this season, that success is providing plenty of inspiration. Can they repeat the remarkable achievement?

We look forward to watching it unfold. As for Hornchurch, we know they won't be able to. Their defence already over at the hands of Wingate & Finchley.

That's cup football!

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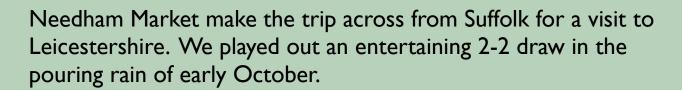
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#### Coming Up for The Canaries

#### SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER League Rushall Olympic (h)

Rushall make the trip to Kirkby Road from the West Midlands sitting in the play off places in the league. Back in September, they beat us 2-0.

#### SATURDAY 11th DECEMBER League Needham Market (h)



#### **Next Games:**

Tuesday 14th December—Stourbridge (h)

Saturday 18th December—St Ives Town (h)

Monday 27th December—Coalville Town (h) with a 12.00 kick off

Saturday 1st January 2022—Nuneaton Borough (h)



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17/08/21	Peterborough Sports	3-1	Castle		Putman	Brown- Hill	Bennett	Nisevic	Bower	Carta	Walton	Oulton	Abbey	Davidson- Miller	Higginson	SC	Hickey	Bramley
21/08/21	Banbury United	3-2	Castle	Stabana	Putman	Edwards	Bazeley	Nisevic I	Davidson-   Miller	Brown- Hill	<u>Stephens</u>	Carta	Bower	Higginson	Abbey	Hickey	Oulton	Bramley
30/08/21	Coalville Town	-	Bramley			Oulton	Edwards		·	Carta		Stephens	Abadaki	Abbey	Hickey	Hadland	Higginson \	Walton
04/09/21	Chasetown (FA Cup)	2-1	Castle	Stabana	Percival	Brown- Hill	Edwards		Carta	Oulton	Davidson- Miller	Stephens	Abadaki	Hickey	Bower	Walton	Higginson	Bramley
06/09/21	Alvechurch (Lge Cup) @Nuneaton	0-7	Castle	Percival	Edwards	Walton	Higginson	Brown-Hill	Powell	Oulton	Davidson- Miller	Carta	Bower	Hickey	Putman			Bramley
11/09/21	Hednesford Town	<u>-</u>	Bramley	Stabana	Percival	Brown- Hill	Brown	Bazeley [	Davidson-    Miller	Edwards	Dunkley	Powell	Abadaki	Hickey	Carta	Walton	Stephens	Castle
13/09/21	Hitchin Town	3-2	Bramley	Stabana	Percival	Oulton	Brown		Davidson-   Miller	Edwards		Stephens	Carta	Hickey	Powell	Walton	Brown- (	Castle
18/06/21	Redditch United	<u>-</u>	Bramley	Stabana	Percival	Brown-	Brown	Bazeley [	Davidson-    Miller	Edwards	Dunkley	Hickey	Powell	Carta	Walton	Oulton	Stephens	Castle
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02/10/21	Needham Market	2-2	Bramley	Stabana	Nisevic	Pepe- Ngoma	Brown	Edjenguele	Browne	Edwards	Stephens	Hickey	Abadaki	Dunkley	Powell	Brown- Hill	Percival (	Castle
09/10/21	Biggleswade Town	7-0	Castle	Stabana			Brown	a)	Edwards	Brown- Hill			Nisevic		Stephens	Browne	Davidson- / Miller	Abadaki
16/10/21	Leiston	2-1	Bramley	Stabana	Percival	۰,	Brown	Edjenguele   [	Davidson- (9 Miller	Stephens	Dunkley	Hickey	Powell	Brown-Hill	Browne	Nisevic		
18/10/21	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	1-0	Bramley	Stabana	Nisevic	Brown- Hill	Brown	a)			Ţ		Powell	Warren	Browne	Percival	Stephens	Castle
23/10/21	Alvechurch	2-1	Bramley	Stabana	Nisevic	Brown-		a)		Warren			Powell	Davidson- Miller	Browne	su	Percival (	Caslte
30/10/21	Nantwich Town (FA Trophy)	2-1	Castle	<u>Stabana</u>	Nisevic	Brown-	Brown	Edjenguele	Bower	Pepe- Ngoma		Hickey	Warren	Davidson- Miller	Browne	Powell	Stephens	
17/11/9	Tamworth	1-0	Castle	Stabana	Percival	Pepe- Ngoma	Brown	a)	Bower			Hickey	Stephens	Browne	Nisevic	Oulton	Powell	Warren
17/11/6	Royston Town	2-2	Castle	Pepe- Ngoma	Nisevic	Brown-		Edjenguele	Bower	Warren	Dunkley	Stephens	Oulton	Browne	Powell	Hickey		
16/11/21	Stratford Town	4-0	Castle		Powell		Brown		≣		Dunkley	Hickey	Stephens	Brogan	Percival	Stabana		Bramley
20/11/21	Bromsgrove Sporting	2-0	Castle	Nlsevic	Percival	Brown-HII	Pepe- Ngoma	Bower	Oulton	Powell	Dunkley	Hickey	Stephens	Warren	Brown	Stabana	Brogan	Bramley

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Date	27/11/21	4/12/21	11/12/21	14/12/21	18/12/21	27/12/21	01/01/22	08/01/22	15/01/22	22/01/22	29/01/22	08/02/22	12/02/21	12/02/61	26/02/21	05/03/21	19/03/21	26/03/21	02/04/21	09/04/21	18/04/21	23/04/21		

#### Latest League Table

			Р	W	D	L	F	Α	+/-	Pts
	1	Coalville Town	18	13	4	1	44	16	+28	43
	2	Peterborough Sports	16	13	0	3	51	19	+32	39
<b>_</b>	3	Banbury United	15	12	3	0	37	13	+24	39
<b>(</b>	4	Rushall Olympic	17	10	4	3	32	19	+13	34
0	5	Leiston	18	10	1	7	33	30	+3	31
AFC	6	Alvechurch	17	9	3	5	22	17	+5	30
3	7	Royston Town	18	7	5	6	33	26	+7	26
	8	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	18	7	4	7	22	23	-1	25
<u> </u>	9	Tamworth	16	7	3	6	23	20	+3	24
	10	Hednesford Town	16	6	5	5	25	24	+1	23
*	11	Needham Market	16	4	7	5	27	23	+4	19
$\odot$	12	Biggleswade Town	16	5	4	7	26	22	+4	19
<b>®</b>	13	Bromsgrove Sporting	16	5	4	7	17	29	-12	19
	14	Stratford Town	15	6	0	9	19	30	-11	18
Q	15	Barwell	18	4	5	9	25	33	-8	17
	16	Stourbridge	17	4	5	8	24	35	-11	17
	17	St Ives Town	19	4	4	11	25	52	-27	16
<b>20</b>	18	Nuneaton Borough	17	4	3	10	27	32	-5	15
Ö	19	Lowestoft Town	19	4	3	12	20	45	-25	15
Ž.	20	Redditch United	16	3	5	8	15	24	-9	14
	21	Hitchin Town	18	3	4	11	17	32	-15	13

#### Form Guide and Season Records

			Last 6 N	Matches			P W	D	L	F	Α	+/-	Pts
1 Banbury United	W 3-2 v LEIS	W 3-1 v ROYS	W 1-0 v RUSH	W 4-0 v TAMW	W 3-0 v LOWE	D 1-1 v COAL	6 5	1	0	15	4	+11	16
<ul><li>2 Rushall Olympic</li></ul>	W 4-1 v BROM	W 2-1 v NEED	W 3-1 v ALVE	L 1-0 v BANB	W 3-1 v ST I	W 3-0 v STRA	6 5	0	1	15	5	+10	15
3 Coalville Town	D 2-2 v ROYS	W 3-0 v ST I	W 2-1 v LOWE	W 2-0 v HEDN	W 4-1 v LEIS		6 4	2	0	14	5	+9	14
4 AFC Rushden & Dia	D 0-0 v BIGG	W 2-1 v STRA	W 3-2 v HEDN	L 2-1 v LEIS	W 1-0 v REDD	W 3-1 v LOWE	6 4	1	1	10	6	+4	13
5 Alvechurch	W 2-1 v BARW	D 2-2 v NUNE	L 3-1 v RUSH	W 2-1 v STRA	W 1-0 v HITC	W 1-0 v PETE	6 4	1	1	9	7	+2	13
6 Peterborough Sports	W 5-0 v LOWE	L 6-2 v COAL	W 4-0 v BROM	W 3-0 v ROYS	W 7-2 v ST I	L 1-0 v ALVE	6 4	0	2	21	9	+12	12
7 Nuneaton Borough	W 2-0 v LOWE	W 3-1 v REDD	D 2-2 v ALVE	D 1-1 v BROM	W 6-2 v STOU	L 2-1 v NEED	6 3	2	1	15	8	+7	11
8 Needham Market	W 3-0 v BIGG	L 2-1 v RUSH	L 1-0 v LEIS	W 2-1 v NUNE	W 1-0 v TAMW	D 3-3 v ROYS	6 3	1	2	10	7	+3	10
9 Stourbridge	L 4-0 v TAMW	W 2-1 v ROYS	W 3-0 v LOWE	L 2-1 v LEIS	L 6-2 v NUNE	W 2-0 v BIGG	6 3	0	3	10	13	-3	9
	L 3-2 v BIGG	W 1-0 v NEED	W 2-1 v STOU	L 4-1 v HITC	W 2-1 v AFC	L 4-1 v COAL	6 3	0	3	9	13	-4	9
11 Barwell	W 1-0 v AFC	L 2-1 v ALVE	L 1-0 v TAMW	D 2-2 v ROYS	W 4-0 v STRA	L 2-0 v BROM	6 2	1	3	8	7	+1	7
72 Hitchin Town	L 1-0 v STRA	D 0-0 v TAMW	D 0-0 v BIGG	W 4-1 v LEIS	D 2-2 v LOWE	L 1-0 v ALVE	6 1	3	2	6	5	+1	6
3 Royston Town	D 2-2 v COAL	L 3-1 v BANB	D 2-2 v BARW	L 3-0 v PETE	W 2-0 v HEDN	D 3-3 v NEED	6 1	3	2	10	13	-3	6
14 Bromsgrove Sporting	L 4-1 v RUSH	L 4-0 v PETE	D 1-1 v NUNE	D 1-1 v TAMW	W 2-0 v BARW	D 2-2 v ST I	6 1	3	2	7	12	-5	6
15 Stratford Town	W 1-0 v HITC	L 2-1 v AFC	L 2-1 v ALVE	L 4-0 v BARW	L 3-0 v RUSH	W 2-0 v TAMW	6 2	0	4	5	11	-6	6
(8) 16 Hednesford Town	D 2-2 v HITC	D 2-2 v REDD	W 4-2 v ST I	L 3-2 v AFC	L 2-0 v COAL	L 2-0 v ROYS	6 1	2	3	10	13	-3	5
17 Biggleswade Town	L 1-0 v RUSH	L 3-0 v NEED		W 3-2 v LEIS	D 0-0 v HITC	L 2-0 v STOU	6 1	2	3	3	8	-5	5
3 18 Tamworth	D 0-0 v HITC	W 1-0 v BARW	D 1-1 v BROM	L 4-0 v BANB	L 1-0 v NEED	L 2-0 v STRA	6 1	2	3	2	8	-6	5
② 19 St Ives Town	L 4-2 v HEDN	L 3-0 v COAL	W 2-1 v REDD	L 3-1 v RUSH	L 7-2 v PETE	D 2-2 v BROM	6 1	1	4	9	20	-11	4
20 Redditch United	D 1-1 v NEED	D 2-2 v HEDN	L 3-1 v NUNE	D 0-0 v LOWE	L 2-1 v ST I	L 1-0 v AFC	6 0	3	3	5	9	-4	3
21 Lowestoft Town	L 3-0 v STOU	D 0-0 v REDD	L 2-1 v COAL		L 3-0 v BANB	L 3-1 v AFC	6 0	2	4	4	13	-9	2

	Home Matches	Away Matches	All Matches
Biggest	16th November 2021	14th August 2021	16th November 2021
Victory	4-0 v Stratford Town	3-0 v Lowestoft Town	4-0 v Stratford Town
Heaviest	6th September 2021	9th October 2021	9th October 2021
Defeat	0-2 v Alvechurch	0-7 v Biggleswade Town	0-7 v Biggleswade Town
Highest	16th November 2021	9th October 2021	9th October 2021
Scoring	4-0 v Stratford Town	0-7 v Biggleswade Town	0-7 v Biggleswade Town
Highest	6th November 2021	4th September 2021	4th September 2021
Attendance	504 v Tamworth	709 v Chasetown	709 v Chasetown
Lowest	6th September 2021	28th September 2021	6th September 2021
Attendance	103 v Alvechurch	142 v St Ives Town	103 v Alvechurch



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