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### FROM THE DUGOUT

The new season is finally here and in truth we have hardly stopped since the last day of last season. Today our first league game we welcome Rayners Lane.

Our opponents have had lots of changes in the close season, new investment bringing in a new management team, headed up by Gary Meakin formerly of Beaconsfield Town and some exceptional players for this level. I have known Gary for many years and his sides have always played good football so a difficult first league game for us but a challenge we are looking forward to.

Pre season has been a difficult time for us, after finishing the season so strong our expectation was to keep the squad together and add one or two additions but the reality has been very different, we lost multiple players mainly to higher levels, had Ollie Sprague and Nick Lacey our Goal Keeping Coach opt to join our opponents and then encountered so many U Turns with players who said they were coming, agreed to come and then didn't. This has meant we had a disjointed pre season with a rebuild we didn't expect to have. Add in some outrageous demands from players. I am grateful for the support and counsel from my management team and Alan Harris whose positive input stopped me losing my head completely:)

On the plus side we have added some excellent players with great attitudes but it will take time to bed all of them in. Another positive on the horizon is the return of Alex Kedzierski who we are hoping will be back in the squad by the end of the month.

We finished pre season with 3 good performances against Marlow, Uxbridge and Dunstable so approached our first competitive fixture in good shape, hence why the performance at Virginia Water was such a shock, the game was heading for a draw until the sucker punch at the end but in all honesty we were poor. The players know that the performance wasn't good enough for this club and we have to step up today

We have a new sponsor in Kamtech, a new kit and new players, behind the scenes the committee have been working so hard to support the team, life is never dull at Risborough, its a long season and no doubt the roller coaster and drama at this club will continue but I am determined we have something tangible to show for our efforts come the end of April.

I said at our pre-season get together The Goal is in Concrete the plan is in Sand, we have to be agile and be prepared to change and adjust to whatever this season throughs up. I am confident we'll be okay

Enjoy the game today

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### THE HISTORY OF RAYNERS LANE FOOTBALL CLUB

Rayners Lane FC was originally founded in Harrow, Middlesex, in 1933 and spent their formative years playing in local football. By the early 1960's they had joined the Spartan League, a tenth spot finish in 1966-67 their highest placing. In 1978-79 they had joined the Hellenic League and they were crowned Division 1 champions on goal difference in 1982-83, earning promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division where they stayed for eleven seasons before lack of floodlights saw the club returned to Division 1. Two seasons in Hellenic Division 1 were followed by two seasons in the Middlesex League before they joined the Chiltonian League Premier Division in 1998-99.

The Chiltonian and Hellenic Leagues merged in 2000-01 and Rayners Lane found themselves in Division 1 East which they won in 2012-13. However, they were denied promotion due to ground grading issues and stayed in Division 1 until the 2017-18 season when they moved to the Spartan South Midlands Division 1. That summer work began on installing a 3G playing surface along with a new club house and the Tithe Farm Sports & Social Club was eventually opened in October 2019. A year later long time club stalwart Tony Pratt was recognized by the FA with Volunteer Of The Year Award for over 50 years of service, a fine achievement for both the club and Tony.

The club remained in the Spartan South Midlands League until the 2021-22 campaign when restructuring by the FA saw them moved over to the Combined Counties League Division 1. A fourth place finish saw them reach the Play-Offs where they lost in the semi-final to eventual winners Wallingford Town. The following season saw them again finish fourth which resulted in another Play-Off spot where this time they overcame London Samurai Rovers in the semi-final and then Langley in the final to earn promotion. They also beat British Airways FC to win their first ever Middlesex Premier Cup to chalk up a League and Cup double.

2023-24 sees Rayners Lane competing in the Combined Counties Premier Division North under the stewardship of Gary Meakin and Wes Daly as they attempt to bring Step 4 football to The Lane for the first time ever.

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### RAYNERS LANE FC PEN PROFILES

### **HENRY GRAD - Goalkeeper**

Signed from Uxbridge, Henry is a young, tall, keeper who has played at Step 3 for Beaconsfield Town and is looking to make Rayners No.1 slot his own.

### **JACK SMITH - Goalkeeper**

Jack made over 100 appearances for Hayes & Yeading United and has also spent time with the likes of Hemel Hempstead Town and Dunstable Town

### JEROME ECCLESTON - Defender

Dread locked Jerome is a no nonsense, all action defender who has proved popular with supporters at all the clubs he has played for which include AFC Hayes, Egham Town, Beaconsfield Town and Hayes & Yeading United.

### MANNY FOLARIN - Defender

Hailing from Nepal, Manny was a part of Leighton Towns' 2022/23 Spartan South Midlands Premier title winners squad. Has also played for the likes of St. Albans City.

### **KEANO ROBINSON – Defender**

Keano played over 100 games for Hayes & Yeading United and has also played for the likes of Beaconsfield Town, Herne Bay, Hendon and Hanwell Town.

### **OLIVER SPRAGUE - Defender**

A former Player of the Season at Hendon and Beaconsfield Town, Olly has also appeared for the likes of Welling and St. Albans as well as having played in Cyprus with Aspis Pyla F.C.

### CALLUM WEBB - Defender

A former pro at Millwall, Callum has also turned out for the likes of Slough Town and Kingstonian as well as making over 100 appearances for Beaconsfield Town.

### **RIO CONNELL – Midfield**

Young, hotly tipped winger who has gained non league experience with Barnet.

### **ZAINE GANGADEEN - Midfield**

Another experienced campaigner who has appeared for the likes of Hadley, Wembley, Uxbridge, North Greenford United and Hanwell Town.

### TAYSHAN HAYDEN-SMITH - Midfield

Taysham has previously played for Bedfont Sports and Grenfell Athletic as well as in Australia for FC Kizbuhel. A keen gardener he has appeared regularly on the BBC's "Your Garden Made Perfect" programme.

### CHRIS HENRY – Midfield

Chris numbers the likes of Kingstonian and Egham Town amongst his previous clubs and is an experienced non league campaigner.

### **AARON MINHAS – Midfield**

A full international for the Panjab National side, Aaron also played over 100 games for Beaconsfield Town and won 'Players Player Of The Year' when they won the

2017/18 championship. Joins from Uxbridge.

### **KUNLE OTUDEKO – Midfield**

A former professional with Bristol Rovers, Kunle has also appeared for the likes of Wealdstone, Oxford City, Hayes & Yeading United and Marlow.

### TROY PEREZ-DUAH - Midfield

Young central midfielder who has played for Walsall's Under 23 side. Has also had experience at Salisbury and Chesham United.

### **KYEL REID – Midfield**

An ex-pro with over 300 League games for the likes of West Ham United, Colchester United, Charlton Athletic and Bradford City, Kyel has played and won at Wembley. He also scored the goal that secured promotion to the Premiership during his time at Wolves.

### **DANIEL UCHECHI – Midfield**

A former U23 player for Nigeria and an ex-pro with both Aberdeen and Sheffield Wednesday. Daniel has also played for the likes of Hampton & Richmond Borough, Cray Wanderers, Hornchurch and Hendon.

### **NATHAN WEBB - Midfield**

Vastly experienced older brother of Callum. Nathan has had a long career in Non League football, playing for the likes of Slough Town, Hayes & Yeading United, Kingstonian, Beaconsfield Town and Binfield.

### **BRADLEY BUBB - Forward**

Bradley has 10 full international caps for Grenada and has also appeared in the Football League with Aldershot Town. Other clubs he has featured for include Farnborough, Woking, Ebbsfleet United and Wealdstone as well as Belgian side Royal Antwerp.

#### **ALEX CATHLINE - Forward**

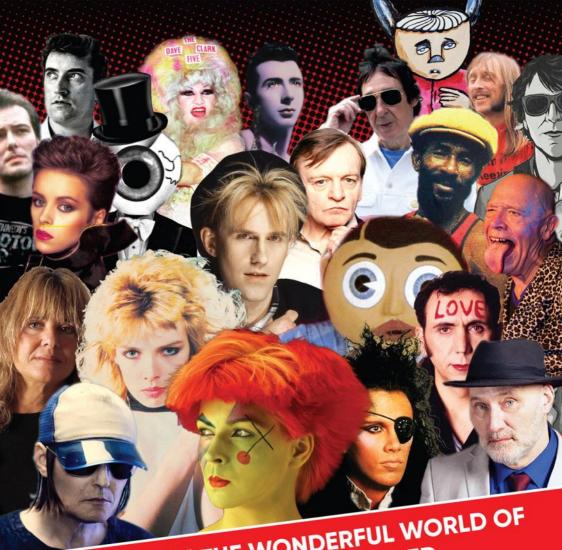
Experienced target man who has previously played and scored for the likes of Beaconsfield Town, Chalfont St. Peter, Hertford Town and Egham Town.

### **GARY MEAKIN – Manager**

Gary played for the likes of Hendon, Doncaster Rovers and Northwood before injury curtailed his playing career. He had his first managers role aged 26 at Hillingdon Borough and since then has managed Northwood, Wingate & Finchley, Burnham and Egham Town. He led Beaconsfield Town to the Southern League South-East Division title in 2017-18 and successfully established them as a Step 3 club.

### **WES DALY – Assistant Manager**

Wes played well over 500 senior games and was a professional at both QPR and Raith Rovers. He played a major part in AFC Wimbledon's rise up the Non League ladder and also played for the likes of Bromley, Maidenhead United, Basingstoke Town, Egham Town and Beaconsfield Town.



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### **TODAYS FIXTURES**

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Edgware & Kingsbury		VS	<b>(a)</b>	Harefield United
Egham Town	*	VS		Chalfont St Peter
Flackwell Heath	Z	VS	*	Bedfont Sports
Holyport		VS	Table 8	Wallingford & Crowmarsh
Milton United		VS		Broadfields United
North Greenford United	<b></b>	VS	0	Ardley United
Reading City	0	VS		Wokingham & Emmbrook
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Virginia Water	<b>③</b>	VS		Hilltop

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### PREMIER DIVISION NORTH

## Friday 4th August 2023 The Emirates FA Cup - Extra Preliminary Round Edgware & Kingsbury 1-1 Waltham Abbey

### Saturday 5th August 2023 League

Milton United 0-3 Rayners Lane

### The Emirates FA Cup - Extra Preliminary Round

Ardley United 1-1 Ascot United
Broadfields United 0-4 Snodland Town
Chalfont St Peter 1-3 Wallingford & Crowmarsh
Corinthian 3-4 Bedfont Sports
Easington Sports 3-1 Burnham
Harefield United 0-4 Farnham Town
Hartpury University 1-2 Holyport
Hilltop 2-4 Redhill
Kidlington 0-3 Flackwell Heath
Lordswood 2-1 Egham Town
Slimbridge 2-3 Reading City

Sunday 6th August 2023

Virginia Water 2-0 Risborough Rangers
Wembley 1-1 Bearsted

### The Emirates FA Cup - Extra Preliminary Round

Bexhill United 3-1 North Greenford United Wokingham & Emmbrook 1-0 Cinderford

### Tuesday 8th August 2023 The Emirates FA Cup - Extra Preliminary Round Replays

Ascot United 2-1 Ardley United

Bearsted 3-1 Wembley

Waltham Abbey 2-1 Edgware & Kingsbury



# PREMIER DIVISION NORTH

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2	Ardley United						0
3	Bedfont Sports						0
4	Broadfields United						0
5	Burnham						0
6	Chalfont St Peter	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Edgware & Kingsbury	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Egham Town	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Flackwell Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Harefield United	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Hilltop	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Holyport	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	North Greenford United	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Reading City	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Risborough Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Virginia Water	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Wembley	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Wokingham & Emmbrook	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Milton United	1	0	0	1	-3	0

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Step 4 (8 divisions)	Champions + the winners of a 4 team play off	Bottom 2	
Step 5 (16 divisions)	Champions + the winners of a 4 team play off	Bottom 1	
Step 6 (17 divisions)	Champions + the winners of a 4 team play off.  The exception being the 2 South West Peninsula leagues, where only the champions	Bottom 3 in each division "will be liable to relegation".	
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### RAMBLING RANGER

Good afternoon all and welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Rayners Lane for today's league fixture. Today's opponents have been busy during the close season, making some quality signings and a brief glance at their line-up suggests that they could be the favourites for this league, even at this early stage. And, for those of you that are unsure, this league is the Combined Counties League (Premier Division North). Having been moved by the FA into the Hellenic League for the 2019/20 season following a long association with the Spartan South Midlands League, we were moved back from the Hellenic after two Covid hit seasons. Following two exciting seasons back in the SSML we find ourselves moved sideways again. It is, I guess, one of the problems with being in a geographical crosshair, situated in Bucks and on the border of Oxfordshire, whilst a short distance from Middlesex, Berkshire and Hertfordshire. For the management this raises its own problems, with some players finding the travelling difficult, but as a Rangers supporter I can look forward to visiting some new grounds, meeting new teams and their supporters as well as re-visiting some that we have faced previously in the SSML or during our brief spell in the Hellenic. Last Saturday was a chance to travel to an old favourite; Stag Meadow in Windsor. Of course, back in the day I went there many times when Windsor & Eton competed in the Athenian and the Isthmian Leagues. Stag Meadow is a proper football ground, with proper terracing, a fine old grandstand and covered terrace that harks back to the 60's. The Windsor club has since had some ups and downs that I won't go into here and the ground is now also used by Virginia Water (for ground grading reasons). Whilst it was nice to see the old ground still has all its old character, albeit with a much better pitch since my day, the game itself left much to be desired, as we bowed out of the FA Cup at the first stage for the second season running, to a hard working Virginia Water. Apart from the two late goals, the game contained few incidents and was frankly tedious for the most part. The most thrilling thing my wife and I witnessed all afternoon was when she pointed out a flock of Ring-Necked Parakeets soaring majestically across Windsor Great Park, just behind the Stag Meadow scratching shed; their fluorescent green feathers glimmering through the summer showers. It's not everyday you see a flock of Britain's only species of Parrot and indeed, the most northerly breeding parrot in the world. Apparently they originate from South Asia and Africa, presumed to have bred from escaped cage birds. First recorded in Britain in 1969 they now number approximately 30.000 and are spotted mostly in West London, Surrey, Kent and Sussex. I told you it wasn't much of a game, and to round off a bad afternoon, they didn't have any bloody beer in the bar!

### RAMBLING RANGER

Wow, have I written half a page already? How time flies when you're having fun. Okay, as it's the first home game of the season and hence these are the first notes from the Rambling Rangers since the last season, I guess it's time for me to make my predictions for the new season. I'm going to try not to go into too much detail this year because I got some spectacularly wrong last season, and having invited fans of those clubs that, in my eyes, were no hopers, to laugh in my face with garlic breath; Well, let's just say, there is only so much garlic breath that any man, or woman, can take! So, beginning with the Premier League: Despite losing in the Community Shield, Man City to win it again, anyone from Arsenal, Liverpool, United and Chelsea in the Champions League places. Sorry all you Geordies but I've seen what European football can do to a team. I had Forest and Bournemouth to go down last season and both defied the odds but I'm going Bournemouth again with Luton (obviously) and possibly Sheffield United. Championship promotion places for my club, Saints, who will bounce straight back by winning it! Followed by Leicester and wildcard Blackburn or maybe Ipswich. The Mighty Leeds will have to wait. League 1 and I'm going for Bolton Wanderers and Charlton to be up there along with, shock-horror, Leyton Orient, fresh up from league 2. Relegation? No problem, Oxford and Cheltenham and AN Other. Not sure about League 2 but I fancy Swindon and Bradford City plus someone else? Relegation for Crawley, or that posh place Harrogate, and definitely heading down are Forest Green Rovers (two in a row)! I am not even mentioning Gillingham, who I had going down to League 2 last season even though they were already in League 2, which just goes to show that I haven't a clue really!

Anyway, enjoy the game and see you in the ATW Bar after the game. RR







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### THE SUMMER at NLP Towers brings a mix of emotions.

Like for many, the end of a season brings time for reflection and recuperation — and wondering quite where the previous nine months vanished.

But, to borrow a phrase of nearly every Non-League manager we speak to in the close season, it just never stops.

We may not be trying to assemble our squads to kick off in late July/early August, but there's not time to put the feet up.

Club allocations, appeals, managerial comings and goings, player signings — and then the chance to put together some nice features we don't usually have the space to include when the campaign is at full tilt.

Pre-season soon comes along but there's nothing quite like the real stuff that has swung into action over the last few weeks.

The first ball seems to be kicked earlier every year with some Step 5 and 6 leagues getting under way at the end of July to squeeze some competitive minutes in the legs before the FA Cup.

Then it's the turn of the National League — along with Southern Step 3 divisions — before this weekend when everyone is back under way.

By the time you read this, some clubs will have already played five games if they've had an FA Cup replay.

There was a unique FA Cup record set in the extra preliminary round, a stat that comes courtesy of the brilliant Phil Annets with his @FACupFactfile account on twitter, or X as it is apparently now called!

At 7.48pm on Friday, August 4, Bishops Cleeve's Jay Malshanskyj became the earliest ever goalscorer in an FA Cup season. How's that for a piece of history and one he will no doubt roll out in the pub with mates when Manchester City, or whoever it may be, lift the trophy at Wembley next year.

The FA Cup does feel like the starter's gun for the new season across Non-League football. Many dreams are already dashed but over the coming months more clubs will join with the belief this could be their year.

This is the time of year for hope. Where a long season is still ahead of everyone, where opening day drubbings can be put down to a bad day at the office, big wins can be savoured and it's OK to dream.

The summer was nice. But it's so much better when competitive football is back. Enjoy the seson!

Matt Badcock, Editor-at-large

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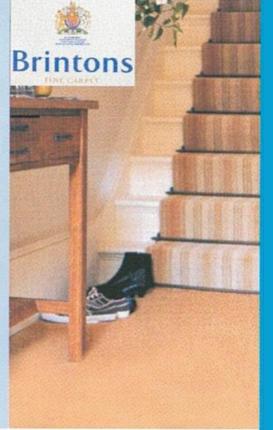
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