

# The Wren

Wednesday 13th December 2023



Rainworth MWFC U21

v

Long Eaton United U21

WVH North Midland Development  
Football Southern Division



Match Sponsor— Matt Nettleship

# A Moment with Matt



Firstly could I give a warm welcome to Long Eaton United U21's to Kirklington Road in what I know will be another extremely tough game. When we visited them earlier in the season they gave us a footballing lesson and on that performance became my tip for the title.

After a shaky start to the competition the team have grown into it, although having to get a team for a Friday night posed a myriad of problems. It's hard enough with a team who can drive but when you have players who can't the problems multiply. I was proud of the effort the 12 who were able to play put in and against a strong Staveley Miners Welfare team the 3-0 scoreline flattered our hosts.

On Saturday one of the players who has played in the U21's this season, Tommy Marshall, made his debut off the bench for Chesterfield FC. Whilst my objective is to develop players for our first team, Tommy has shown what can be achieved.

Running the Under 21's has been a challenge and if I'm honest that's an understatement, it's been a nightmare at times. At 7pm on the day of the match you think you have a full squad, three phone calls later you don't. However I wouldn't change the 'Banter' for the world, it helps to keep me sane.

*Matt*

# The Wren's Warble

By Paul Fryer



Well we failed to turn up at Staveley first time around, but we did eventually manage it last Friday night. Most people know my opinion on playing on Friday nights in a Development League. With clubs having fixtures on Saturdays it goes against the

grain!!

It is testament to Matt that we managed to get a team if only the bare minimum plus one sub, but we did. The twelve who made it gave a performance full of character pushing, title contenders, Staveley Miners Welfare U21's all the way, only succumbing to three set plays in a ten minute spell mid way through the second half. Anyone who was there couldn't fail to notice the height difference in the teams so the way the goals were conceded was no surprise.

Today's opponents are arguably the most complete squads in the Division and I fully expect them to be favourites to win it. The match will be our penultimate home game with Notts County U21's providing our final home opponents in January.

For those who haven't witnessed an Under 21 match before I can promise you one thing a set of talented individuals giving their all. Oh and if I forgot to mention goals!! Can I also thank all the committee who give up their time on match days, it's much appreciated.

Enjoy the match

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**Notts Alliance Senior Cup winners 1971-78-82-83-95**

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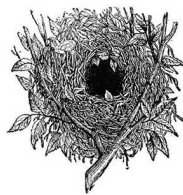
I came home from work last night and said to my wife, "Are we having salad for dinner?"

"Yes we are, how did you know?" she asked.

I replied, "Because I can't hear the smoke alarm!"

*Del Boy*

# Welcome to the Wrens Nest



WELCOME, one and all, to this evenings WVH Midlands Development U21 League match against Long Eaton United U21's. Welcome especially to all who have joined us from Grange Park. We hope you will all enjoy a good evenings entertainment, and will join us in the Welfare building across the road for a post-match drink and chat.

A special welcome, too, to any first time visitors to the ground, and any members of the ground-hopping fraternity who may be with us today. We hope you will have a pleasant stay with us and travel home safely with good memories of our club and our village. And, to you all, enjoy the match.

## YOUR MATCH PROGRAMME

Winner of the Frank Harwood award for the Central Midlands League programme of the Year 2005-06

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One 2007-08

Most Re-cycled Rubbish Award, , Newark & Sherwood Council 2017-22



Oh yes! those programme awards, that was when it was done by a professional, our very own 'Gordon Foster'. Unfortunately it's gone downhill since I took over.

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer .....

than the men who mention it!!

I walked into the living room this morning and there was a fella in a canal boat...

I shouted, "Oi! You can't come barging in here!"

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# PREMIER LEAGUE TERRIBLE TEN

1. Which Premier League winner's father played rugby for Wales?
2. What year did the Premier League start?
3. Who was the first sponsor of the Premier League?
4. In what season did Roman Abramovich take over Chelsea?
5. Which player holds the record for the most goals in consecutive Premier League games?
6. Kevin Phillips won the Golden Boot in 1999/2000, who was the next English player to do so?
7. Which player holds the record for most consecutive Premier League appearances (310)?
8. What was significant about Mario Balotelli's only assist in the Premier League for Manchester City?
9. Who scored the first 'perfect hat-trick' (left foot, right foot, and header) in the Premier League?
10. What player scored four goals in 12 minutes after coming on as a sub versus Nottingham Forest?

1. Ryan Giggs    2. 1992    3. Carling    4. 2003/04  
 5. Jamie Vardy    6. Harry Kane    7. Brad Friedel  
 8. It was for Sergio Aguero's title-winning goal vs QPR  
 9. Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink    10. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer

Answers

# Wrens U21 Match

Date	Opponents	F-A	Att.
<b>Sept</b>			
5	Notts County U21	0 v 5	50
13	Staveley Miners Welfare U21	1 v 5	57
27	G3A U21	5 v 5	40
<b>Oct</b>			
4	Dronfield U21 (Cup)	3v3 (4v5 Pens)	43
11	Sherwood Colliery U21	2 v 6	49
16	Long Eaton U21	1v6	37
25	Matlock Town U21	2v1	40
<b>Nov</b>			
15	Kimberley Miners Welfare U21	6v2	40
20	G3A U21	2v4	40
<b>Dec</b>			
8	Staveley Miners Welfare U21	0v3	55
13	Long Eaton U21		
<b>Jan</b>			
11	Matlock Town U21		
17	Notts County U21		
23	Kimberley Miners Welfare U21		
<b>Feb</b>			
1	Sherwood Colliery U21		



# Facts 23—24

## Goal Scorers

Mattison

Curry; Francis 3; Goucher

Francis; Marshall; Butcher-Simpson

Francis; Hurcombe

Francis

Francis 2

Goucher, Francis 2; Brooks 2; Curry

Francis; Gee

# Rainworth Leading Goal Scorers

Name	Goals
Toby Francis	11
Henry Curry	2
Blake Goucher	2
Callum Brooks	2
Jack Mattison	1
Tommy Marshall	1
Harley Butcher-Simpson	1
Ryan Hurcombe	1
Mason Gee	1

# League Table

1	Long Eaton United Academy U21	5	5	0	0	26	15
2	Sherwood Colliery U21	5	5	0	0	12	15
3	Staveley Miners Welfare U21	7	4	1	2	9	13
4	G3A U21	5	3	1	1	4	10
5	Rainworth Miners Welfare U21	9	2	1	6	-21	7
6	Notts County F.C. U21	6	1	1	4	-6	4
7	Matlock Town U21	4	1	0	3	-4	3
8	Kimberley Miners Welfare U21	5	0	0	5	-20	0

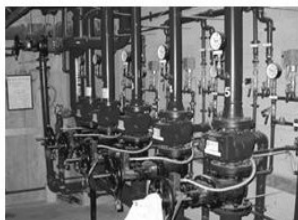


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Sun	4:30pm - 10pm

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## A moment with Bob.

Most people at the club know our 'Golden Goal Seller' Bob Holmes and as well as telling would be punters of the 'special offers', he is also known for his humour. Ok I'll let you be the judge of that.

According to unofficial sources, a new simplified income-tax form contains only four lines has been introduced:

1. What was your income for the year?

2. What were your expenses?

3. How much have you left?

4. Send it in.

Have you received yours yet?

## Thoughts for the Day

"It's hard to wait for the right partner in life, especially as the wrong ones are so damn attractive!!"

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"Wouldn't it be great if you could put yourself in a dryer for 10 minutes and come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller."

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"All the World's problems are stuck between mind and matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

# VAR is not fit for purpose?

Now, some may argue that this isn't a new thing, but after the Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea game last week it was a brand new, all-time low for VAR. Its also worth pointing out that this isn't anti-Michael Oliver, it is solely anti-VAR.

There was nine, yes nine, different checks on incidents inside the first half - this is totally acceptable, especially considering the ball was in the back of the net on six occasions. However, no check had a quick resolution.

There was an eight, yes eight, minute wait for a check on three different incidents in the same passage of play. Firstly, whether or not Jackson was in the line of sight of Vicario when Caicedo took the shot, and secondly to figure out whether Cristian Romero was to be penalised for a foul and then possibly serious foul play on Enzo Fernandez.

It took seven minutes before Michael Oliver was sent to the screen for an on-field review to judge whether he should send off Tottenham's Argentinian centre back.

Destiny Udogie and Chelsea's Reece James also escaped early baths for a studs-up tackle and elbow respectively.

We ask for 100% accuracy, but we also need some kind of efficiency in the process.

Some would ask is VAR taking away the authority of the referee to make decisions and are millimetres offsides really making the game better?

What do you think of VAR?



# Who's Who at Rainworth MWFC



<b>President</b>	<b>Paul Gallent</b>
<b>Vice-Presidents</b>	<b>Ann Martin ; Kevin Gill*</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Les Lee*</b>
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Les Lee*</b>
<b>Matchday secretary:</b>	<b>Paul Fryer*</b>
<b>Treasurer Department:</b>	<b>Anne Lee, Les Lee* &amp; Paul Fryer*</b>
<b>Covid19 Officer:</b>	<b>Les Lee*</b>
<b>Player Registrations:</b>	<b>Paul Fryer*</b>
<b>Safety officer:</b>	<b>Les Lee*</b>
<b>Groundsmen:</b>	<b>Kevin Gill* Gary Keay*, Matt Nettleship</b>
<b>Gate stewards:</b>	<b>Roy Timms*; Tom Cooper**</b>
<b>Commercial Manager:</b>	
<b>Ground Fundraising:</b>	<b>Robert Holmes**</b>
<b>Ground Maintenance:</b>	<b>Tom Cooper***</b>

## **MEDIA**

<b>Media manager:</b>	<b>Paul Fryer*</b>
<b>Media Team:</b>	<b>Bob Holmes**: Tom Cooper**</b>
<b>Match Reports:</b>	<b>Paul Fryer*,</b>
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<b>Club Photographer:</b>	<b>Martin Warnes</b>
<b>Facebook Editor:</b>	<b>Adam Cooper</b>

## **HOSPITALITY**

<b>Hospitality hosts:</b>	<b>Joan Foster, June Davies Karen Davies Glenis Gill</b>
<b>'T' Bar:</b>	<b>Deb &amp; Phil</b>
<b>Ladies of Leisure:</b>	<b>Ann Martin, Anne Lee</b>

## **TEAM MANAGEMENT**

<b>Management:</b>	<b>Ash Barber &amp; Dan Kirk</b>
<b>Coaches:</b>	<b>Damien Magee</b>
<b>Physio:</b>	<b>Ben Elliott</b>
<b>U21 Manager:</b>	<b>Matt Nettleship</b>

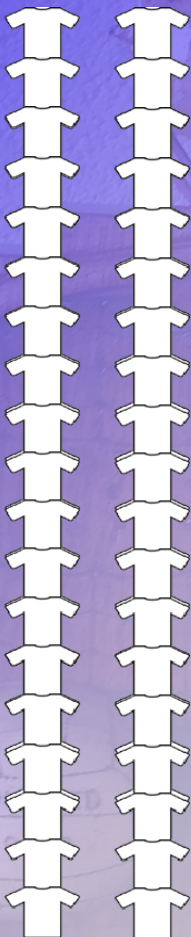
*\*denotes management committee member*

# Today's Squads

*Rainworth MWFC U21  
From (All Yellow)*

*Long Eaton Town U21  
from (Red/Black)*

Josh Nettleship  
Kieran Blanksby  
Harley Butcher-  
Simpson  
Harry Evison  
Blake Goucher  
Tom Rose  
Jenson Earl  
Luke Warnes  
Ethan Wilkinson  
Callum Fletcher  
Farrell Ryder  
Oliver Gratton  
Mitchell Gregory  
James Hirst  
Callum Brooks  
Ryan Faulconbridge  
Toby Francis  
Oliver Brown  
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Johnny Watson Lees  
Riley David Phillips  
Andrew Tsolakakis  
Alans Voskresenskis  
Alfie Cole Barker  
Isaak Hibbert  
Oliver Mercer

**WELCOME TO TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS**

*Referee ....*

**Mr. Chris Dixon**

*and his assistants ....*

**Mr. Ian Dudley**

**Mr. Kevin Bridges**