

The Wren



Saturday 9th March 2024



Rainworth MWFC

v

Saffron Dynamo FC



UNITED COUNTIES
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Division One



UNITED COUNTIES

Match Sponsor— Matt Nettleship

A Dialogue with Dan



Good afternoon and Welcome back to Kirklington Road for Today's home fixture against Saffron Dynamos.

This is the third home game in a row so massive thanks goes to all volunteers, committee and you supporters for being here for the last three weeks

This fixture holds fond memories for me as our first win in charge came with a 4-0 away win last season and in the home game we won 4-2. If today's game is anything like the seasons, you will all be in for an absolute cracker.

The lads at Saffron, are having a really good season this year, so we know that today is going to be a big challenge.

I saw a post on X showing that Saffron are in a list of non-league teams to have kept the most clean sheets this season. They deserve a huge amount of credit for that and it's down to us to be at our best in front of Goal to ensure they don't have another one.

Last Saturday's game against Blackstones, ended with us feeling quite frustrated with the result. The overall performance was good. We dominated the ball had great territory and created lots of chances. But our decision-making at key moments let us down. I felt that when we got into good areas, we rushed and snatched at the chances to score. Maybe this has something to do with us, conceding another bad error on our part and then the lads felt like they needed to score rather straight away rather than creating the opportunity to score. We did enough to take something from the game, though it just wasn't to be.

Hope you all enjoy the game and we got you a positive result and something to shout about

Dan



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Last
Most of my relatives are Police marksmen,
apart from my grandad who was a bank
robber...
He died recently, surrounded by his family!

Del Boy

Welcome to the Wrens Nest



WELCOME, one and all, to this Afternoons United Counties League match against Saffron Dynamo FC. Welcome especially to all who have joined us from King Park. We hope you will all enjoy a good afternoons 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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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.

The wife and I took a long, leisurely drive out to the country and pulled over to fill up our car's fuel tank and tyres... She was surprised to see that the station had a fee to fill the tyres and asked me, "Why in the world do they charge for AIR?!"

I responded, "Inflation."

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The Wren's Warble

By Paul Fryer



Well this will be the fourth week running against opposition in the top half of the table. We had a deserved draw and win in the first two, unfortunately last Saturday we shot ourselves in the foot. A defensive error cost us dear in a game we probably should have won. Hopefully that's just a minor blip in a revival that has given us hope

in avoiding relegation. The Roller Coaster will go on until the seasons end and hopefully we will survive.

Well our tenure off the bottom lasted a week and after last Saturdays results we are back on the bottom. I've already said our current form gives us hope, but all of the clubs fighting to stave off relegation are currently getting some results. Last Wednesday was a perfect example and it could come down to how we perform in our four 'Six pointers'.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our 'Golden Goal' seller and Stadium Announcer Bob Holmes very special birthday wishes. He will be 80 at the end of this month but this will be his last home game before then as he's celebrating it with a holiday. The club has agreed to continue to sell the £2 'Golden Tickets' for Bob's customary £1 during this period, so don't forget to buy some. As for his joke page in this programme, I'll let you be the judge of that.

The weather has impacted on the league over the last few months and due to the hard work of Kevin and Garry, all-weather pitches excluded we have lost only two games so far to the weather. Those were when the whole of the country was hit and everyone was affected.

A special mention also for Today's Match Sponsor Matt Nettleship for his continued support, it is much appreciated.

Enjoy the match

Saffron Dynamo FC

History

The Club was founded in 1963 by a group of friends playing friendly matches on Sunday afternoons on Saffron Lane Recreation Ground (hence part of the name). The original "right half" was Bob King who is now the Secretary-Treasurer.

League football in the Leicester Sunday League followed with home matches being played at Aylestone Playing Fields, Braunstone Lane East. A major turning point in the Club's fortunes came in 1975 when we joined the Hinckley Sunday League, playing on Sunday mornings. The years in the Hinckley League were consistently successful with championships and cup finals in abundance - Sunday morning football turned out to be a great move.

In 1976, the Club moved to Cambridge Road, Whetstone (now Cosby!) initially renting a pitch from Wellington Vics FC. In 1984, with the demise of The Vics, the ground was purchased from the Old Wyvernians Association.

A move to Saturday football and entry into the Leicester and District League followed in 1991 before joining the Leicestershire Senior League in 1994. At this point, the old wooden clubhouse was refurbished by players and local tradesmen.

The Club has steadily built up the number of junior teams to the point where we now operate at all age groups from Under 7's through to Under 18's. A new development for the current season is the inclusion of an Under 16 team playing on Saturday mornings in the Midland Junior Premier League.

Drainage and floodlights for the main pitch became a reality in August 2005 meaning that our ambition to play in the Leicestershire Senior League Premier Division and the Midweek Floodlit Youth League could be realised.

FA Charter standard adult status was awarded in 2005 followed by Development Club status in 2008 and Community Club status in 2010. The new clubhouse was opened in 2011, providing first class changing facilities and social area.

The Club are firmly committed to providing a quality, safe and friendly facility that can be of benefit to all ages within football and the local community.



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WELL I NEVER!!



(Facts you may not know or for that matter even want too!)

By Professor Ivor Googledit.

- After only a 20 minutes helicopter ride over New York City. Autistic artist, Stephen Wiltshire was able to draw the New York Skyline in pen from his memory.
- Kung Fu Panda (2006) was so successful it caused a national debate on why Westerners made a better film about Chinese culture than the Chinese themselves..
- In the late Middle Ages , books were so valuable that libraries would chain them to the bookcase. This was widely practiced until the 18th Century.
- The most expensive wood in the world is African Blackwood which is extremely rare. The price of this wood is £6,500 per kilo and it takes 50 years for the tree to be ready.
- In Egypt and Portugal, if you ask for any salt or pepper when enjoying a meal, it's considered an insult to the chef.
- Luxembourg is the first and only country in the world that made public transport free in the entire country.
- In Biertan, a Romanian village, the church had a room where couples wanting a divorce were placed together for two weeks with one bed, chair, table, plate and spoon. This led to only one divorce in 300 years.
- There were 26 families in the Mayflower that are known to have left descendants. From this, it is estimated 30 million people can trace their ancestry back to these original families.

- Carrots used to be available in purple and white until the 17th Century when Dutch farmers succeeded in growing the first orange carrots in honour of the ruling house of Orange-Nassau.
- In 1987, a man bought a lifetime first class American Airlines ticket for \$ 250,000. He flew 10,000 flights costing the company \$ 21,000,000. They terminated his ticket in 2008.
- In the late 1800's, a baboon named Jack was officially employed as a railroad signalman in South Africa. He was paid in money and beer and never made a mistake.
- Dutch trains run entirely on wind energy. One windmill running for an hour can power a train for 120 miles, and around 5,500 trips are facilitated every day. The system allows around 600,000 passengers to commute daily without emissions.
- Most diamonds are at least 3 billion years old. There are enough diamonds in existence to give everyone on the planet a cupful.
- Half of the Men of Rohan riders in Lord of the Rings were played by female professional horse riders and the make-up covered them with false beards.
- Opossums can survive up to 80 rattlesnake and coral snake bites. Thanks to them there is a new and very expensive antidote for many different snake bites. In addition, they are mostly immune to rabies.
- Kangaroos can't walk backwards. Kangaroos have unusually shaped hind legs and a bulky tail that can grow up to 4 feet long which prevents them from moving backwards.
- The Great Wall of China is being stolen brick by brick by locals to build houses and also by visitors as souvenirs.

Wrens Match

Date	Opponents	F-A	Att.	Goal Scorers
July				
29	West Bridgford FC	0v3	73	
Aug				
5	Kirby Muxloe	0v1	107	
8	Sandiacre Town FC	0v2	84	
12	Leicester St Andrews FC	0v2	61	
19	Birstall United FC	1v3	69	Fletcher
22	Newark Town FC	2v6	90	Tracey 2
26	Sleaford Town FC (FA Vase) (3v4 Pens) Lost	3v3	119	Bedford 2; Brooks
29	Ollerton Town (Cup)	3v2	77	Brooks; Marshall; Bengier
Sept				
2	Blackstones FC	1v2	106	Fletcher
5	Sherwood Colliery FC (L. Cup)	1v5	79	Brooks
9	Asfordby FC	2v2	66	Fletcher; Gee
16	Southwell City FC	3v3	76	Brooks 2; Marshall
19	Dunkirk FC	5v2	58	Brooks 2, Butcher-Simpson; Gee; Arnold
23	Harrowby United FC	1v5	66	Marshall
26	Selston FC	3v1	60	Hendley; Brooks; Butcher-Simpson
Oct				
7	Gedling MWFC	0v6	108	
14	Bourne Town FC	0v3	64	
17	Dunkirk FC (Cup)	3v1	40	Tracey; Arnold; Marshall
28	Lutterworth Athletic FC	1v1	58	Brooks
Nov				
4	West Bridgford FC	0v1	57	
8	Eastwood CFC (Cup)	0v5	98	
11	Holwell Sports FC	2v3	62	Gee; OG

Facts 23—24

Date	Opponents	F-A	Att	Goal Scorers
Nov				
18	Gedling MWFC	4v1	74	Brooks 2; Phythian; Fletcher
25	Radford FC	1v4	62	Brooks
Dec				
16	Clifton All Whites FC	1v4	40	Brooks
23	Harrowby United FC	0v2	118	
26	Clipstone FC	2v5	100	Brooks 2
Jan				
13	Kirby Muxloe FC	0v5	48	
24	Clifton All Whites FC	2v4	40	McKernan; Brooks
27	Holwell Sports FC	2v1	68	Goodwin; Brooks
Feb				
3	Bourne Town FC	0v6	292	
10	Dunkirk FC	2v4	57	Brooks; Bedford
17	Newark Town FC	1v1	182	Bedford
24	Leicester St Andrews	4v1	53	Fletcher; Brooks 3
Mar				
2	Blackstones FC	0v1	54	
9	Saffron Dynamo FC			
16	Lutterworth Athletic FC			
19	Sandiacre Town FC			
23	Radford FC			
27	Selston FC			
30	Saffron Dynamo FC			
Apr				
1	Clipstone FC			
6	Asfordby FC			
10	Southwell City FC			
20	Birstall United Social FC			

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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.

A New York attorney representing a wealthy art collector called his client and said to him, "Saul, I have some good news and I have some bad news."

The art collector replied, "I've had an awful day; let's hear the good news first."

The attorney said, "Well, I met with your wife today, and she informed me that she invested £5,000 in two pictures that she thinks will bring a minimum of £15-20 million. I think she could be right."

Saul replied enthusiastically, "Well done! My wife is a brilliant businesswoman! You've just made my day."

Now I know I can handle the bad news. What is it?"

The attorney replied, "The pictures are of you with your secretary."



Kamikaze Defending Cost Rainworth

Rainworth MWFC 0 v 1 Blackstones FC

By Paul Fryer

If they gave prizes for gifting goals Rainworth would be battling for the top spot. The gift they gave Blackstones today proved costly as it was the only goal of a tight game.

There seemed no danger in the 3rd minute with Rainworth in control of the ball, seconds later a kamikaze pass to the keeper resulted in Nathan Rudman accepting the gift for the opening goal.

Rainworth appeared to suffer from the error and struggled to get into the pace of the game early on. Kieran Duffey-Weeks free kick was headed clear by Liam Arnold at the expense of a corner. From the corner James Leverton made an excellent one handed save at the expense of yet another corner.

It wasn't until the 18th minute that Rainworth made any impact in the game when Callum Brooks ran past four defenders only to run out of pitch. Two minutes later they went close when a great passage of play saw Brooks set up Tommy Bedford, but his effort was just over.

Rainworth continued to search for the equaliser, and they almost achieved it in the 29th minute when Brooks's cross found Evan Fortune-West, but his goal bound effort was deflected for a corner. Minutes later an excellent pass from Harvey Thomas found Bedford but his effort went the wrong side of the upright.

Fortune-West's free kick beat Niall Shackleton but it went just over as the pressure mounted on the Blackstones goal. It wasn't all Rainworth however, and Duffey-Weeks squandered a chance when the ball deflected into his path only to put his effort well over.

Rainworth had the last effort of the half when they were awarded an indirect free kick six yards from goal. Fortune-West tapped it to Brooks but his effort was blocked and cleared.

The first substitution of the match saw Rainworth replace injured captain Arnold with George McKernan at the start of the second half. In the 54th minute Blackstones were denied a second by Leverton's outstanding one handed save by Leverton when he denied Alfie Ferguson.

Blackstones went close in the 60th minute when Duffey-Weeks put his effort just wide of the far upright. Rainworth were denied in the 64th minute when Brooks's cross found Fortune-West, but his goal bound effort was deflected for a corner. Three minutes later and another Brooks cross was hit straight at the keeper by Bedford.

Rainworth made their second substitution bringing on Reece O'Donnell for Josh Nettleship. There were strong appeals for a penalty in the 75th minute when Thomas appeared to have been brought down in the area, but the referee waved play on.

Another substitution in the 79th minute saw Rainworth replace Harley Butcher-Simpson with Ethan Wilkinson.

Play was end-to-end and Joshua Barrett set up Harry Peasgood but his effort went just over, whilst at the other end Bedford's effort was gathered at the second attempt by Shackleton.

Rainworth thought they had equalised in the 84th minute but Fortune - West's goal bound effort was blocked by Shackleton's outstretched leg. Three minutes later and Rainworth almost gifted a second, but Duffey-Weeks squandered the opportunity.

In added time Rainworth had three good opportunities to get something from the game but a combination of good defending and poor finishing denied them. Brooks was denied by Shackleton's hand and then his lob beat Shackleton, but it also cleared the crossbar. The last notable effort of the match saw Bedford inches away from converting Fortune-West's cross.

Today Rainworth were the masters of their own downfall and know they should have got something out of the match. Next Saturday they will have the opportunity to make amends when Saffron Dynamo's are the visitors.

RAINWORTH MWFC: Leverton; Thomas; Butcher-Simpson (Wilkinson); Fletcher; Arnold (McKernan); Wilson-Rhiney; Allcock; Nettleship (O'Donnell); Bedford; Fortune-West; Brooks.

Sub (not used): Faulconbridge.

Rainworth MWFC

Leading Scorers

Name	League	Cup	Total
Brooks	18	3	21
Fletcher	5	0	5
Bedford	2	2	4
Marshall*	2	2	4
Tracey	2	1	3
Gee	3	0	3
Butcher-Simpson	2	0	2
Arnold	1	1	2
Benger*	0	1	1
Phythain	1	0	1
Hendley*	1	0	1
McKernan	1	0	1
Goodwin	1	0	1
Own Goals	1	0	1

* No longer with the club



Who's Who at Rainworth MWFC



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U21 Manager:	Matt Nettleship

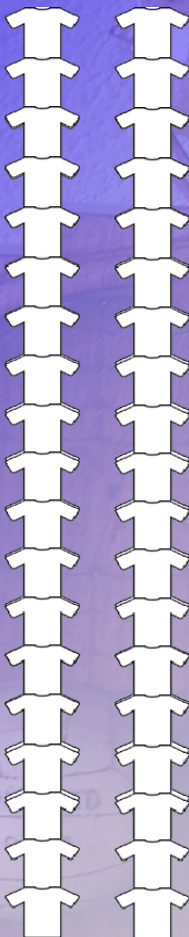
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Today's Squads

*Rainworth MWFC from
(All Navy)*

*Saffron Dynamo FC
from (Red/Black)*

James Culf
Callum Brooks
Callum Fletcher
Liam Arnold
Harley Butcher-Simpson
Josh Nettleship
Tom Berry
Ethan Wilkinson
James Leverton
Ryan Faulconbridge
Oliver Brown
Mason Gee
Blake Goucher
Reece O'Donnell
Sam Allcock
Kamau Balayi
Matt Goodwin
George McKernan
Mason Wilson-Rhiney
Evan Fortune-West
Tommy Bedford
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