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Tuesday 19th March 2024



Rainworth MWFC

v

Sandiacre Town FC



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A Dialogue with Dan



Good evening and welcome to kirklington road for todays fixture against Sandiacre Town. This evenings fixture is our biggest game to date this season. It's a game we must take 3 points from anything is not enough, although it's not season over with defeat it's makes things a lot lot harder

Missing from todays squad is Evan Fortune West who is away, Mason Rhiney who is injured and as I write this the skipper is a doubt for the game but hoping we can get him involved .

The previous time we faced each other we somehow managed to lose 2-0 Nathan Benger hit the woodwork 3 times himself and we had a goal disallowed. So like many times this season we should and could have got something out of the game. We know how their manager sets up his teams and we know what to expect. We just need to take care of our own performance and as I said to the lads Saturday you only get one chance to make a fast and good start to the game. So we have to be on it from the start

Our previous 2 fixtures have both ended in draws. Saffron was 0-0 but we largely controlled the game and on another day would have taken one of the chance we created to take something from the game. . Saturday was a 3-3 draw and let's say a game of 2 halves although as I say this I think about the 2 saves the Lutterworth's keeper made in the 1st half to keep them in front However the 2nd half was complete domination from us and had a definite penalty not given before scoring 2 to draw level and come up against a goalkeeper that had the game of his life and turned into a prime Gigi Buffon to win a man of the match award and deny us from winning the game.

The heart, passion and desire in the 2nd half is where we need to be every game for the run in .

Thank you to all that came to support. It was noticed and appreciated by the lads and of course myself and Ash
Get behind them again today and in turn they will give you something to cheer and shout about

Up the Wrens . Hope you enjoy the game

Dan



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**I saw a man carrying a door handle today and
asked him why? "**

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Del Boy

Welcome to the Wrens Nest



WELCOME, one and all, to this evenings United Counties League match against Sandiacre Town FC. Welcome especially to all who have joined us from St Giles 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 tonight. 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.

I saw an old fella at the supermarket collecting the trolleys...

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The Wren's Warble

By Paul Fryer



Today's visitors Sandiacre appear to be pulling their season around with some fine results taking them out of the relegation places. It is definitely a 'six pointer' and in Rainworth's case a must win, if they are to fight their way out of their current predicament.

'It's a Six Pointer' is a term frequently used nowadays whenever the fixture is a 'must win' for both sides and today's fixture falls into that category. If Rainworth win they move back within touch of the bunch of clubs that at the moment are flirting with relegation. Sandiacre are in that bunch of clubs, so a victory for them will move them into a position where Rainworth would need a major run of victories to catch them.

When we played Sandiacre earlier in the season we could have been out of sight after twenty minutes, but the malaise that has been present all season, the lack of finishing, proved costly and Sandiacre scored two with more than a little help from ourselves, and won all three points. The faithful will recall our home fixture against Lutterworth when we wasted four virtually open goals and had to settle for a point, in a 1-1 draw.

On Saturday at Lutterworth we took time to settle on a 4G pitch, a goalkeeper in top form and as usual contributed to the 3-1 deficit we found ourselves in at half time. The second half was a complete transformation and despite their keepers efforts we turned the game around and got a deserved draw. However, draws when you're in our predicament are of little use it's wins and three points we need.

We can bemoan our 'bad luck' for being where we are, but in truth when you don't score from clear cut opportunities and concede 'soft goals' you reap your own reward. We haven't been good enough in too many games and that has to change, starting today!!

Enjoy the match

Sandiacre Town FC History

“Sandiacre Town Football Club was formed in 1978 as a Youth Football club. Season 1979/80 saw the number of Youth teams grow to five and with a Saturday Senior side established joining the Central Alliance League as a founding member.

The club played in the Central Alliance League in the 1970s and 1980s. They were one of the founding members of the Central Midlands League in 1983, but the club lost its place in the league in 1990 after failing ground grading. In 1992, the club merged with Lace Web United. They were promoted to the CML again after finishing runners-up in 1991-92. They won the CML Premier Division in 1992-93. Their first appearance in the FA Vase was in 1995, and they reached the first round in 1997-98 and 2004-05.

In 1982 work started on building the club headquarters at St Giles Park which was completed in 1984 with the official opening by Peter Taylor and Roy McFarland on the 28th March 1984.

Over the years many improvements have been made to the ground and in 1995 floodlights were installed. In recent years the raising of monies by the club has resulted in being partner club in the the 4G facility at Friesland School allowing all of the nearly 40 teams associated with the club to train at the same location and allowing Friesland School to be the base for its Youth teams, soccer school and Wild-cats.

The club gained Chartered Standard community club status in 2012 and now maintains England Football Accreditation 3 Star club with affiliation to the Derbyshire County Football Association.”

Rainworth MWFC

Leading Scorers

Name	League	Cup	Total
Brooks	18	3	21
Fletcher	6	0	6
Bedford	3	2	5
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
Fortune-West	1	0	1
Own Goals	1	0	1

* No longer with the club

When Brian Met Don

With his detailed files on every player, the Leeds legend showed Jose, Pep and even Marcelo the way. But with this obsession for the opposition bordering paranoia, not everyone approved



Everywhere he looked, he could see the ghost of his predecessor. From the mementos lining the corridors of Elland Road, through to the glittering array of silverware in the trophy room that he had won by “cheating”. It

was Don Revie’s team, Don Revie’s loyal backroom staff, and in the manager’s office sat on Don Revie’s former desk sat a pile of Don ‘bloody’ Revie’s dossiers.

When Brian Clough arrived at Leeds in the summer of 1974, he immediately set about trying to remove all traces of his predecessor from the ground. He banned all mention of Revie’s name and burned the dossiers that had become synonymous with Revie’s success at the Yorkshire club.

Many of Clough’s new players had learned how to destroy their rivals using the information meticulously collated on opposing teams that was contained within these files. Even cynical senior professionals like no-nonsense centre-half Jack Charlton had bought into the idea of the dossiers.

Yet desperate to eradicate all connections to his former foe, Clough banished all talk of the dossiers for good in one fell swoop.

Sadly, 44 Days later he was gone too.



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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	0v0	46	
16	Lutterworth Athletic FC	3v3		Fletcher; Fortune-West; Bedford
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.

Tim decided to tie the knot with his long time girlfriend. One evening, after the honeymoon, he was organizing his golfing equipment. His wife was standing nearby watching him.

After a long period of silence she finally speaks: "Tim, I've been thinking, now that we're married maybe it's time you quit golfing. You spend so much time on the course. You could probably get a good price for your clubs."

Tim gets this horrified look on his face.

She says, "Darling, what's wrong?"

"For a minute there you were beginning to sound like my ex-wife."

"Ex-wife!" she screams, "I didn't know you were married before!"

"I wasn't," he replied.



A Game Of Two Halves

Lutterworth Athletic 3v3 Rainworth MWFC

By Paul Fryer

At half time Rainworth had done little to convince the travelling fans they'd get anything out of today's encounter against Lutterworth Athletic. A half later they probably should have taken all three points.

Today at Lutterworth Rainworth showed they had the necessary fight to survive, however, the next eight games will be the judge of that. For forty-five minutes they ran hot and cold and went in at half time trailing 3-1 to Lutterworth Athletic and not many in the crowd would have given them any chance of turning it around.

Forty-five minutes later it was the home side who were hanging on as Rainworth took the game to their opponents, who had Archie Briggs to thank for their point. Rainworth struggled to come to terms with 4G surface when in the 4th minute James Leverton turned Billy Bowes's swerving effort around the upright. Two minutes later and Leverton gathered Reece Hookway's effort at the second attempt.

The inevitable goal came in the 8th minute when despite Leverton's efforts he was unable to prevent Brandon Beardmore's shot from crossing the line off the upright.

Rainworth's first effort on goal came after 15 minutes when Tommy Bedford found Callum Brooks and his effort from the left edge of the area flew just past the far upright.

Just as Rainworth looked to have weathered the storm, they went two down when Hookway cut into the area from the right and unleashed a screamer that gave Leverton no chance.

At this stage the travelling fans were hoping Rainworth could keep the scoreline respectable. They nearly reduced the deficit in the 24th minute when an excellent run and cross from Brooks found Tommy Bedford but just as it appeared his effort would find the bottom corner Briggs pulled off an excellent save at the expense of a corner. Rainworth did manage to reduce the deficit in the 37th minute when Mason Gee's corner saw Callum Fletcher rise above everyone and his powerful header nestled in the net.

The euphoria was short lived when two minutes later with Rainworth on the attack a misplaced pass was pounced upon by Bowes. He raced clear of the defence and slotted it under the advancing Leverton to maintain their two-goal cushion.

At the half Time whistle Lutterworth held a two-goal advantage and the prospects of a Rainworth win seemed remote.

Rainworth made a double substitution at half time replacing Josh Nettleship and Reece O'Donnell with Kamau Balayi and Ethan Wilkinson.

Rainworth started the second half on the front foot and strong penalty appeals fell on deaf ears when Evan Fortune-West appeared to have been impeded. Three minutes later and Gee's effort on the turn lacked power and was easily gathered by Briggs.

The deficit was reduced to one in the 51st minute when Gee's corner was headed goalwards Balayi and Fortune -West got the final touch placing the ball into the net.

It was constant Rainworth pressure now and Brooks had his goal bound effort blocked in the 52nd minute. The same fate fell to Bedford's goal bound effort that was diverted for a corner.

How Rainworth didn't equalise in the 61st minute was mainly due to Briggs's incredible double save from Fortune-West and Bedford and a massive block by Bradshaw at expense of a corner from Fletcher's follow-up.

It seemed only a matter of time that Rainworth would equalise as Fletcher's goal bound effort was blocked and minutes later Brook's header went inches wide of the upright.

Rainworth made their third substitution bringing on Harley Butcher-Simpson for James Culf. Two minutes later and the Lutterworth goal continued to have a charmed life after a number of chances were blocked before Briggs just beat Brooks to the loose ball as bore down on the goal.

The pace was now relentless, and Rainworth were once again denied as Bedford's goal bound effort was blocked for a corner. At the other end Leverton did well to push Stef Bjelik's effort around the post. From the corner Kurt Parsons headed over from close range. Rainworth got their deserved equaliser in the 87th minute when Brooks found the byline and his cross was clipped home by Bedford. Lutterworth endured a nervy final Rainworth push and managed to hold on for a 3-3 draw.

On their second half performance Rainworth still have a chance of survival, but they must quickly learn to defend as a team and convert more of the chances they create.

RAINWORTH MWFC: Leverton; Thomas; Oliver; Fletcher; Culf (Butcher-Simpson); O'Donnell (Balayi); Gee; Nettleship (Wilkinson); Bedford; Fortune-West; Brooks.

Subs (not used): Faulconbridge; Goodwin.



Sound Familiar?



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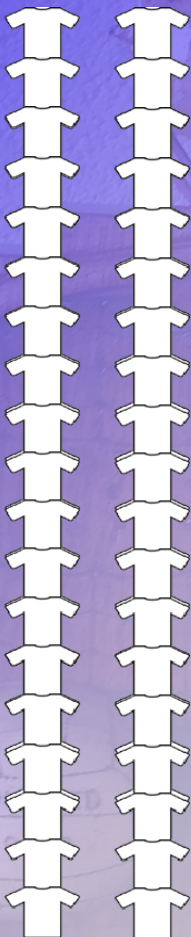
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Today's Squads

*Rainworth MWFC from
(All Navy)*

*Sandiacre Town FC
from (Red/Navy Blue)*

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