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FROM THE MANAGERS OFFICE

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year as we welcome Tring Athletic for our first game of 2022.

As we reach the halfway point of the season we are in a really good position to challenge for a promotion spot but we are under no illusion there are lots of games to play and the moment you start believing in your own publicity that's when you can come unstuck.

Our opponents today are of course not where they would like to be in the league but they have proved with their FA Vase run how good they can be and many of the league defeats they have been by small margins. We will apply ourself to this game like we do every other challenge and will take nothing for granted.

Our form in the last few weeks has been really good and I feel we are now out of the short period where perhaps our performances fell short of the high standards we set. Our last game against Holmer Green in difficult conditions was a good example of us adapting and being really clinical. Our last home game against Oxhey Jets was similar against a difficult opponent.

January looks a pretty tough month of fixtures but I am confident our players will rise to the challenge just like we have throughout 2021.

At the time of writing I am keeping everything crossed that despite the heavy rain we have had the game will be able to go ahead.

I know the committee are very aware of the urgent need to make improvements to our playing surface and I am sure Mark and his team will do their very best.

I hope everyone has a safe and succesful 2022

Best wishes

Mark

TRING ATHLETIC

FACTFILE

FOUNDED

1958

CLUB NICKNAME

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	Ardley United	0-3
0-1	Arlesey Town	
	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	1-2
2-1	Baldock Town	
1-2	Broadfields United	
	Crawley Green	3-3
0-1	Dunstable Town	0-3
1-2	Flackwell Heath	
	Hadley	2-2
	Harefield United	0-4
1-1	Harpenden Town	
1-2	Holmer Green	
0-4	Leighton Town	
2-3	Leverstock Green	
1-0	London Colney	
3-0	Milton Keynes Irish	2-3
	New Salamis	
	Oxhey Jets	1-1
	Risborough Rangers	

Home	Emirtaes F.A. Cup	Away
3-0	Keynsham Town (EP)	
	Bishops Cleeve (P)	0-2

Home	Buildbase F.A. Vase	Away
	Long Buckby (1Q)	2-2
	<i>Tring Athletic win 2-1 on pens</i>	
	FC Deportivo Galicia (2Q)	4-1
	Ardley United (R1)	1-1
	<i>Tring Athletic win 4-3 on pens</i>	
	Cockfosters (R2)	4-0
0-1	Saffron Walden Town	

Home	Gladwish Challenge Trophy	Away
	Bovingdon (R2)	2-0

TRING ATHLETIC - CLUB HISTORY

THE EARLY YEARS

Tring Athletic Youth FC was formed in March 1958 by a group of local men who contributed towards the purchase of 3.4 acres at Miswell Lane. The cost of providing changing rooms, fencing, equipment and ownership of the ground was approximately 2,000, a lot of money in those days. Committee members, players and friends carried out most of the work, including the building of the changing rooms and during the early days the team had to play on another pitch in Tring. Originally the Club was formed to provide football for youngsters aged under 21 and despite playing against adult teams we won many trophies in the West Herts Saturday League during the early 1960's including the Division 1 title 3 times in 5 years.

THE 70's/80's

We then went through a lean spell and in 1971 decided to scrap the upper age limit and drop youth from our name. Many former players returned and we had another successful period during the early 1970's. Over the years many fine players appeared in our shirts and many went on to play for professional/senior clubs.

In the mid-seventies the Miswell Lane ground was sold to the Council and we had a bad time and but for the efforts of a few loyal members would have certainly folded. The Reserves were disbanded and the First Team dropped down to Division 3. We decided to turn to youth again and gradually forced our way back up through the league and by 1986 we were competing in the Premier Division and running a Reserve side again.

SOUTH MIDLANDS - THE 90's

In 1988 we joined the South Midlands and as a result gained senior status with the Herts FA. In 1989 we entered into a 3 year ground sharing arrangement with Isthmian League side Tring Town moving back to Miswell Lane in 1992 where the Reserves had continued to play. We established ourselves in the South Midlands by gaining promotion to the newly formed Senior Division in 1993. In 1994/95 the First Team reached the final of the Senior Division Cup whilst the Reserves were finalists in the Apsley Junior Cup for the second year running. In 1996/97 we led the Senior Division throughout the season and looked favourites to win the title. However, some unlucky defeats in the last few games saw us drop down to 3rd place. In addition to our impressive league form we also had some terrific cup runs during that season, reaching the semi-final of the Herts Charity Shield and winning the prestigious St. Marys Cup, the first time we had ever achieved such heights. In 1997/98 we just missed out on the Senior Division title by the narrowest of margins to New Bradwell St Peter - a goal difference of just 2! We finished the season in fine style, suffering just 1 defeat in our last 21 league games which included a terrific run of 14 straight wins for which we won a special award from the League. The Reserves went one better by winning their league by a clear 10 points and in doing so achieved 100% success in their league games at home. In 1998/99 we picked up our first major South Midlands trophy when we won the Senior Division Cup. We also won the St Marys Cup for the 2nd time in 3 years. In the league a terrific run of just 1 defeat in our last 28 games saw us finish in 3rd place, 4 points behind champions Holmer Green. During this magnificent run we went 15 hours without conceding a goal. The Reserves also did well finishing 5th in their first season in the top division. The 1999/2000 season proved to be one to remember. During the summer we spent over ?50k on building new changing rooms and extending the social and bar area. That meant a total of over 90k had been spent on improving the facilities at Miswell Lane since 1993. To mark the opening of the new changing rooms we played a Watford XI in front of a huge crowd of about 1,000 people. The game was Refereed by Graham Poll and Graham Barber. We also expanded on the playing side with a third team being set up to particularly attract young players, a veterans side for ex-players and a Ladies side. The season turned out to be the most successful in the Club's history. In addition to winning the Senior Division title by 11 points we also

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reached 5 finals. We won the Herts Charity Shield (beating Potters Bar Town 2-1), Herts Senior Centenary Trophy (Wormley Rovers 2-0) and the Cherry Red Books Trophy in its inaugural year (Bedmond Sports & Social on penalties after a 1-1 draw). We were narrowly beaten 1-0 by Letchworth in the Senior Division Cup and although we also reached the St Marys Cup final it was never played because of the backlog of fixtures. Our achievements were recognised by the South Midlands who awarded us the Houghton Regis Cup for achievements in outside competitions and Mick Eldridge, Ray Brimson and Richard Vincent were voted Managers of the Season. In 60 games in all competitions we lost on only 6 occasions, a remarkable achievement. Our other teams also enjoyed success with the Reserves reaching the Final of the Herts Intermediate Cup and the A Team in their first season finishing runners up in the West Herts Division 3.

THE NEW MILLENNIUM

After finishing the old millennium in style we continued our success into the new one (2000/01) by retaining the Herts Senior Centenary Trophy (again beating Wormley Rovers 2-0) and the Cherry Red Books Trophy (Virginia Water 1-0). The Reserves won the League title and a newly formed B Team claimed the runners-up spot. The following season (2001/02) we won the Herts Charity Shield for the 2nd time beating Letchworth 4-1. The A Team reached the Apsley Junior Cup final and the B Team won the sporting award.

SEASON 2002/03 - More success followed as we capture the Herts Senior Centenary Trophy for the 3rd time, to become the first club to do so. We finished 3rd in the table and won the League Cup for the 2nd time, to make 12 major trophies in 7 years. We were also finalists in the Cherry Red Books Trophy. The A Team finished runners up as did the Under 16's in their first season, the B Team won the sporting award for the 2nd year running and the Ladies had a great run in the Women's FA Cup. For the 3rd year running Darrel Bodimeade won an award for the best playing surface, which is just reward for the tremendous job he does for the club.

SEASON 2003/04 - Following our failure to secure floodlights at Miswell Lane we entered into an historic alliance with Tring Town to play our first and reserve team football in season 2004/05 at Pendley where lights are already in place. The main focus was to be to raise the funds needed to build a new Clubhouse, the previous building burnt down in March 2003. Miswell Lane will be retained and will be used by our A, B, Under 18's and Ladies sides. This new arrangement with Tring Town secured senior level football in the town.

SEASON 2004/05 - New season at a new ground in a new division with fantastic facilities. First team finished 6th in the Premier Division and also won the St Mary's Cup for the 3rd time defeating Hemel Hempstead in the Final. We were also Runners Up in the South Midlands Floodlit Cup Final losing on penalties to Oxhey Jets. Played in the F A Vase for the first time.

SEASON 2005/6 - The Club entered the F A Cup for the 1st time in its history but was defeated in the prelim round. In a disappointing season the highlight was a victory over Watford in the Herts Senior Trophy with a large crowd enjoying a 1-0 win. Defeat in this competition came at the hands of Stevenage Borough of the Conference league.

SEASON 2007/8 - Winners of Herts Charity Shield - We defeated Weylwn Garden City in the final of this County Cup to win the trophy for the 3rd time in our history. Match played at The County Ground, Letchworth. This was the first trophy for the new management team of Manager, Phil Casserley, Assistant, Terry Nightingale and Coach Julian Robinson.

SEASON 2008/9 - Treble Winners - SSMFL Challenge Trophy Winners - Athletic defeated Chalfont St Peter by 3-2 at Harefield United's ground to lift this trophy in their first appearance in the final of this competition. SSMFL Premier Division Cup Winners - Athletic defeated St Margaretsbury by 2-0 at Colney Heath's ground to lift this trophy in their first appearance in the final. St Marys Cup Winners -



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Athletic defeated Leverstock Green by 2-1 at Hemel Hempstead's ground to lift this trophy for the 4th time.

SEASON 2009/10 - After last season's tremendous cup haul, this year the First Team finished without a trophy however they finished third in the league, the highest position in the Club's history. The Club also received the higher ground grading required should we be in a promotion position so the foundations have been laid for the future. The managers and players will be hoping to put in a challenge for the title in season 2010/11. The B Team did however win some silverware for the Club when they won the Sir Stanley Rous Challenge Cup at Hemel Hempstead Town's ground.

SEASON 2010/11 - The First team finished in the highest position, runners up to Chalfont St Peter in the SSMFL Premier Division, in their history so far. They also won the St. Mary's Cup for the fifth time, defeating Leverstock Green 2-1 after extra time. The season finished with a 2-0 defeat to Royston Town in the South Midland Floodlight Cup Final.

SEASON 2011/12 - Julian Robinson and Tony Armitage took charge in the summer of 2011 knowing that many of last years successful First Team had departed. A great re-building job was undertaken with a very credible 6th position achieved in the league and defeats by the odd goal in 3 cup semi finals. A good influx of younger players with a years experience behind them will hopefully provide the base for a good start to next season. The Reserves also had a good season bleeding a large number of players and again have a young group of players to move forward with. The Ladies had their best ever season winning their league and reaching the County Cup Final for the first time where they were not disgraced when defeated by Arsenal Ladies. Our Youth team also won their league and will play in a floodlit mid-week league next season.

SEASON 2012/13 - Mixed season with the 1st team winning their initial F A Cup tie at Bedfont and then losing in the next round to Ashford Town after a replay, in the F A Vase we lost at first hurdle to FC Romania. In the League we finished just below half way, lost on penalties to Hadley in the semi final of the Premier Division Cup and were finalists in the St Mary's Cup losing to local rivals Berkhamsted. Midway through the season Tony Armitage left and Ian Richardson stepped up from the Reserves to assist Julian Robinson. Long serving, Stuart Stedman, was appointed coach to assist Colin Phillips with the Reserves who again had an excellent year bringing many players through to the First team. The "A" Team, under Dave Adamson and James Bevan won the West Herts Peace Memorial Cup for the first time in the Club's history. The "B" team and Youth teams were well run whilst unfortunately the Ladies team withdrew from their league through lack of players.

SEASON 2013/14 - The Reserves were promoted to the SFL Premier Division having finished second on goal difference to Royston Town. The Club was also awarded the Dave Pugh Trophy for hospitality shown to officials.

SEASON 2014/15 - The First Team finished 10th in SSMFL fielding a young side, the Reserves found the SFL Premier Division tough but had some great trips to senior clubs and start season 2015-16 in the North Division. The U18's had a tough year but a number of players progressed through to the Reserves and First Team. The U15's also found life tough having gained promotion the previous year. The First team completed their season losing by a single late goal to Hemel Hempstead and gave a credible performance in the Final of the St Mary's Cup in front of a big crowd.

SEASON 2015/16 - The First Team won the St Mary's Cup for the 5th time defeating Sun Sports 2-0 and finished mid-table in the SSMFL Premier Division. The Reserves did the "double" by winning the Suburban Football League North Division and also the Challenge Plate Competition defeating Cray Athletic 2-0. The U16's just missed out on winning the league in the final season as a group of players.

SEASON 2016/17: First team won the St Mary's Cup, were finalists in the Herts Charity Shield, 5th position SSMFL Premier Division and reached the 4th round of the F A Vase. Reserves were finalists in the

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Suburban Football League Challenge Trophy. "A" Team were Runners Up in the West Herts Premier Division whilst the "B" Team were the Champions of the West Herts Division 2 and also Winners of the Sir Stanley Rous Cup. The U18 had a respectable mid-table finish.

SEASON 2017/18: The First Team reached the last 16 of the F A Vase for the first time losing unluckily to Melksham Town in front of a crowd of 1,236.

The "A" Team set a Club record winning the West Herts Premier League and Cup double and only losing one game that being the final of the Herts Junior Cup.

SEASON 2018/19: The First Team were Runners Up in SSMFL Premier Division. The Reserves were Suburban Football League Central Division Champions and the "A" Team were Herts Junior Cup Winners and West Herts Senior Cup Finalists.

SEASON 2019/20 : This will go down in history, both in the nation's and the club's, as a season that was not completed due to a wide-wide virus, CORONA VIRUS. When the season was drawn to an early close the First Team were in second place in the Premier Division and it was also memorable, in so far as, a complete team, management and players, departed and a new Committee was formed following an Extraordinary Meeting in February 2020.

CLUB HONOURS

WEST HERTS LEAGUE

1961/2 Champions Division 1

1962/3 R/U Division 2 (Res)

1964/5 Champions Division 1

1965/6 Champions Division 1; Winners Challenge Cup

1971/2 R/U Division 1; R/U Apsley Senior Cup; Champions Division 2 (Res)

1972/3 R/U Premier Division; R/U Premier Res (Res); Winners Marsworth Cup (Res)

1983/4 R/U Division 3

1985/6 R/U Division 1

1986/7 R/U Watford Peace

1987/8 R/U Apsley Senior Cup

1993/4 R/U Apsley Junior Cup (Res)

1994/5 R/U Apsley Junior Cup (Res)

1999/0 R/U Division 3 (A Team)

2000/1 R/U Division 3 (B Team)

2001/2 R/U Apsley Junior Cup (A Team)

2002/3 R/U Division 2 (A Team)

2009/10 Winners Sir Stanley Rous Challenge Cup (B Team)

2012/13 "A" Team - Winners Watford Peace Memorial Cup

2016/17 "A" Team - West Herts Premier Division Runners Up; "B" Team - West Herts Division 2 Champions and Winners of The Stanley Rous Cup.

2017/18 "A" Team - West Herts Premier Division Champions; West Herts Senior Cup Winners and Herts Junior Cup Finalists.

2018/19 "A" Team - Herts Junior Cup Winners and West Herts Senior Cup Finalists.

CLUB HONOURS (cont)

SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

1994/5 R/U Senior Division Cup

1996/7 Winners St Marys Cup

1997/8 R/U Senior Division; Champions Reserve Division 2 (Res)

1998/9 Winners St Marys Cup; Winners Senior Division Cup

1999/0 Champions Senior Division; Winners Herts Charity Shield; Winners Herts Senior Centenary Trophy; Winners Cherry Red Books Trophy; R/U Senior Division Cup ; R/U Herts Intermediate Cup

(Reserves; Finalists St Marys Cup (not played); Winners Houghton Regis Cup; Managers of the Year

2000/1: Winners Herts Senior Centenary Trophy; Winners Cherry Red Books Trophy; Winners Reserve Division 1 (Reserves); Best Playing Surface

2001/2: Winners Herts Charity Shield; Best Playing Surface

2002/3: Winners Herts Senior Centenary Trophy; Winners Division 1 Cup

R/U Cherry Red Books Trophy; Best Playing Surface

2004/5: Winners St Mary's Cup, Finalists of SSMFL Floodlit Cup

2007/8: Winners Herts Charity Shield

2008/9: Winners SSMFL Challenge Trophy; Winners SSMFL Premier Division Cup; Winners St Mary's Cup

2010/11: R/U SSMFL Premier Division; Winners St Mary's Cup; Finalists of SSMFL Floodlit Cup

2011/12: Ladies - Herts County Cup Finalists; Ladies - Winners Greater London Womens Football League; Youth - League Winners Wycombe Sunday League; Best Playing Surface - SSMFL Premier Division

2013/14: Reserve Team - Runners Up in Suburban Football League "North" Division gaining promotion to Premier Division.

Reserve Team - Awarded the David Pugh Trophy for Sportsmanship and Administration.

2014/15: St Mary's Cup Finalists

2015/16: St Mary's Cup Winners and Herts Charity Shield finalists. Reserve Team - Suburban Football League "North" Division Winners and Suburban Football League Challenge Plate Winners.

2016/17: St Mary's Cup Winners; Herts Charity Shield Finalists; Reserve Team - Suburban Football League Challenge Trophy Finalists

2017/18: 1st Team reached 5th Round of F A Vase.

2018/19: 1st Team Runners Up in Spartan South Midlands Premier Division. Reserve Team Winners Suburban Football League Central Division.





RAMBLING RANGER

Happy New Year and good afternoon all and welcome to Tring Athletic FC's players, officials and supporters for today's league fixture. We are fortunate to have several local derbies this season and hopefully this one will be a bit more competitive than the one at Holmer Green last Thursday.

Holmer Green have had their problems this season and losing their manager recently hasn't helped as they struggled to put up much of a fight for our visit. That being said, the lads were excellent in very testing conditions and a thoroughly professional performance saw us to a comfortable victory. On a personal note, I hope Holmer Green can turn things around soon, as I remember them as a real force in the area in my playing days and early management career. I will also never forget the kindness of the Holmer Green club when, at the age of 35, my playing days came to an end on their ground with a serious head injury following a clash of heads. Despite playing for the opposition, Holmer Green FC raised £500 for me when they heard that I was unable to work for a minimum of a year after a serious operation. It was a decent sum of money back then and being self-employed with a young family, that money was a godsend and I will never forget their benevolence.

As we enter 2022 I suppose it would be a good time to recap some of the events of 2021 and look at various situations football-wise as we go into the new year. As far as Rangers were concerned the Covid hit 2020/21 was a huge blow after the season had been abandoned with Rangers having won six from six league games in 2020. Rangers had led the table easily the previous season too, going 23 games unbeaten and were surely denied a title then when that season too was abandoned through Covid. We did get some football early in 2021 however, with the Hellenic League Challenge Cup, played in April and May, where we won eight of our nine games, eventually going out to Kidlington in a game marred with red cards and Alex Sethie's horrible leg break. There was some good news too for the Club when we received the news that we would be promoted to Step 5 for the 2021/22 season on a points per game ratio following our fantastic run of games. The FA did promote a number of clubs as they re-structured the football pyramid for 2021 but Rangers can be proud of their record prior to this and fully deserved their promotion. The start of this season has seen us perform beyond what we could have hoped for at the higher level and credit must go to the manager and players for some outstanding performances and, it has to be said, some spectacular goals. As we go into the new year top of the table, having played 19 games, winning sixteen and drawing three, the pressure is on for the players to maintain those high standards. However, we are only at the halfway point with many tough games to come, but whatever comes now, 2021 has been a blast!

Elsewhere it looks more and more likely that Manchester City will take the Premier League title; and to think that some had written them off after a stuttering start. My tip to win it, Chelsea, have slipped a little and they look like they will battle it out for the runners-up spot with Liverpool. As for the coveted fourth place, it could be anyone of four with United, Arsenal, Spurs and West Ham all in with a shout but I'm going to stick my neck out and go for Spurs just because of the manager! To go down, I think Norwich obviously, with Newcastle and Leeds. Watford will survive and boring Burnley will sneak out of it again. At least Saints look as though they may avoid a relegation battle this season and I can relax a bit, mind you, following Saints, nothing is certain except that we'll sell our best players come summer. In the other divisions, Fulham to bounce back with Bournemouth, Fulham as champions. West Brom via the play-offs. Derby are down and will be followed by Barnsley and, sorry Mr. Chairman, your beloved Peterborough too. League One and Rotherham look good, though don't discount Wigan with those games in hand. It would be great to see Sunderland go up just for their huge support and, of course, I fancy Wycombe to come through via the play-offs. All very tight at the

bottom with Doncaster having games in hand and only four points separating the next five teams. In League Two Forest Green have given themselves a great platform to go on and take the title and anyone from six as runners-up though I'm going for Sutton United in their first season in the football league. Northampton for the play-offs. I can't see Oldham avoiding the drop into the National League. Incidentally, I can remember them being founder members of the Premier League in 1992, where they spent two seasons. If they are relegated then I believe they will be the first former Premier League Club to drop into Non League football. Meanwhile, Chesterfield are looking a good bet to return to League football, although there are few points between them and the chasing pack. At the bottom, my poor, suffering brother's team, Dover Athletic are doomed on minus eight points, making them 19 points adrift of second bottom club, Kings Lynn Town. Ah well Bro', it may not be too long before you can come up here and watch the Lilywhites play Rangers at the BEP Stadium! You can stop over at my place as long as I can stay at yours when we visit 'The Crabble'?

Anyway, have a great New Year all, enjoy the game and see you in the ATW Bar after the game.

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NAME	LEAGUE				CUPS				SEASON TOTAL				CARDS	
	Apps	Sub	Ttl	Gls	Apps	Sub	Ttl	Gls	Apps	Sub	Ttl	Gls	Y	R
Marius Brellier	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Jack Brooker	19	0	19	0	10	0	10	0	29	0	29	0	3	0
Laurence Clark	2	3	5	1	3	5	8	4	5	8	13	5	4	0
Sean Coles	17	2	19	4	5	4	9	2	22	6	28	6	2	0
Liam Enver-Marum	11	4	15	6	5	1	6	2	16	5	21	8	1	0
Josh Fox	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	0
Justin Gordon	4	4	8	0	3	4	7	0	7	8	15	0	2	0
Aaron Jewell	7	2	9	0	5	1	6	3	12	3	15	3	0	0
Alex Kedzierski	12	1	13	0	5	1	6	2	17	2	19	2	1	1
Evans Lamboh	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	0
Marcus Mealing	3	1	4	6	1	0	1	0	4	1	5	6	0	0
Adam Morris	7	4	11	1	6	2	8	0	13	6	19	1	0	0
Lewis Patrick	10	1	11	1	3	3	6	0	13	4	17	1	0	0
Sam Pekun	5	7	12	3	6	2	8	3	11	9	20	6	1	0
Joel Read	12	0	12	0	8	1	9	0	20	1	21	0	5	0
Kieron Schmidt	17	0	17	6	5	1	6	0	22	1	23	6	5	0
Ben Sturgess	13	0	13	1	3	0	3	0	16	0	16	1	2	0
Bertie Squires-Adams	12	2	14	0	7	0	7	1	19	2	21	1	1	0
Josh Urquhart	17	0	17	3	9	0	9	0	26	0	26	3	1	0
Madison Wilkin	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Marcus Wyllie	18	1	19	20	7	0	7	3	25	1	26	23	0	0
Asher Yearwood	16	2	18	7	7	0	7	0	23	2	25	7	1	0
<i>Brian Haule</i>	4	6	10	1	5	2	7	2	9	8	17	3	0	0
<i>Davis Haule</i>	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	0	6	0	6	0	1	1



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SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Last 10 Form Guide

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Form
1	Risborough Rangers	10	9	1	0	29	5	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
2	Hadley	10	8	0	2	26	7	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
3	New Salamis	10	8	0	2	23	13	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
4	Flackwell Heath	10	7	1	2	19	7	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
5	Leighton Town	10	6	3	1	27	8	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
6	Arlesey Town	10	6	2	2	23	15	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
7	Leverstock Green	10	6	1	3	22	15	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
8	Harpenden Town	10	5	2	3	18	16	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
9	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	10	5	1	4	22	17	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
10	Dunstable Town	10	4	4	2	19	17	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
11	Ardley United	10	4	2	4	16	11	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
12	Broadfields United	10	4	1	5	17	16	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
13	Oxhey Jets	10	4	1	5	18	25	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
14	Harefield United	10	3	2	5	23	17	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
15	London Colney	10	3	1	6	14	32	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
16	Milton Keynes Irish	10	2	1	7	10	19	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
17	Tring Athletic	10	2	0	8	12	20	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
18	Baldock Town	10	1	2	7	8	18	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
19	Holmer Green	10	0	1	9	9	41	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
20	Crawley Green	10	0	1	9	5	37	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●



SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

TOP 10 PREMIER DIVISION ATTENDANCES

473	Leighton Town	v	Broadfields United
449	Leighton Town	v	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos
435	Dunstable Town	v	Leighton Town
418	Leighton Town	v	Harpenden Town
356	Leighton Town	v	New Salamis
357	Leighton Town	v	Harefield United
337	Leighton Town	v	Risborough Rangers
323	Leighton Town	v	Dunstable Town
317	Leighton Town	v	Holmer Green
272	Flackwell Heath	v	Holmer Green

		LOWEST	HIGHEST	AVERAGE	+/-
1	Leighton Town	165	473	337	+9.42%
2	Dunstable Town	87	435	163	+48.18%
3	Risborough Rangers	102	202	144	+44.00%
4	Flackwell Heath	70	272	139	+51.09%
5	Harpenden Town	89	171	131	-3.68%
6	Tring Athletic	70	214	116	+16.00%
7	Hadley	94	160	114	-11.63%
8	Arlesey Town	63	225	111	+37.04%
9	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	67	159	101	+2.02%
10	Ardley United	42	106	78	+30.00%
11	Holmer Green	27	253	73	+35.19%
12	Milton Keynes Irish	38	105	71	+29.09%
13	Oxhey Jets	38	126	71	-8.97%
14	Baldock Town	50	84	65	-29.35%
15	Broadfields United	35	83	65	-26.97%
16	Harefield United	50	105	64	-29.67%
17	Leverstock Green	31	105	61	-20.78%
18	Crawley Green	30	100	51	N/A
19	New Salamis	19	90	43	-14.00%
20	London Colney	20	52	34	-27.66%

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	COMP		RES	ATT	GOALSCORERS
03/08/2021	SSMFL P	Leighton Town	1-1	337	<i>Coles</i>
07/08/2021	FAC EP	Lydney Town	1-0	110	<i>Coles</i>
14/08/2021	SSMFL P	Broadfields United	7-0	102	<i>Yearwood (3), Pekun (2), Wyllie, Urquhart</i>
21/08/2021	FAC P	Ascot United	1-1	165	<i>B. Haule</i>
24/08/2021	FAC P rep	Ascot United	2-3	277	<i>B. Squires-Adams, Pekun</i>
28/08/2021	SSMFL P	London Colney	4-0	47	<i>Yearwood, Wyllie (2, 1p), Clark (p)</i>
31/08/2021	SSMFL P	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	4-0	170	<i>Wyllie (3, 1p), Coles</i>
04/09/2021	SSMFL P	Dunstable Town	2-1	135	<i>Wyllie (2)</i>
11/09/2021	FAV 1Q	Edgware Town	3-2	103	<i>Wyllie, Coles, Kedzierski</i>
14/09/2021	SSMFL P	Ardley United	3-0	104	<i>Morris, Urquhart, Wyllie (p)</i>
25/09/2021	FAV 2Q	AFC Hayes	3-0	91	<i>Enver-Marum, Pekun, Clark</i>
28/09/2021	BBSC 1Q	Milton United	2-2	52	<i>Pekun, B. Haule (Lost 4-1 on pens)</i>
02/10/2021	SSMFL P	Hadley	5-0	104	<i>Enver-Marum (3, 1p), Schmidt, Wyllie</i>
09/10/2021	SSMFL P	Arlesey Town	4-1	121	<i>Wyllie, Yearwood, Enver-Marum, Schmidt</i>
12/10/2021	SSMFL P	Milton Keynes Irish	1-1	70	<i>Wyllie</i>
16/10/2021	SSMFL P	New Salamis	3-0	19	<i>Wyllie (p), Sturgess, Pekun</i>
19/10/2021	SSMFL P	Oxhey Jets	2-2	89	<i>Wyllie, B.Haule</i>
23/10/2021	FAV 1	Long Melford	3-1	115	<i>Wyllie (2), Enver-Marum</i>
26/10/2021	SSMFL P	Flackwell Heath	1-0	202	<i>Coles</i>
30/10/2021	SSMFL P	Harpenden Town	3-1	165	<i>Enver-Marum (2), Wyllie</i>
06/11/2021	SSMFL P	Crawley Green	4-0	84	<i>Schmidt (2), Yearwood (2)</i>
09/11/2021	GCT 1	Buckingham Athletic	2-0	102	<i>Clark, Kedzierski</i>
13/11/2021	SSMFL P	Baldock Town	2-0	50	<i>Schmidt, Wyllie</i>
20/11/2021	FAV 2	Shefford Town & Campton	1-1	292	<i>Jewell (Lost 5-4 on pens)</i>
04/12/2021	SSMFL P	Milton Keynes Irish	2-1	111	<i>Wyllie (p), Mealing</i>
11/12/2021	SSMFL P	Harefield United	2-0	60	<i>Wyllie (2, 1p)</i>
14/12/2021	GCT 2	Pitstone & Ivinghoe	4-3	90	<i>Clark (2), Jewell (2)</i>
18/12/2021	SSMFL P	Oxhey Jets	4-1	185	<i>Mealing (2), Schmidt, Coles</i>
30/12/2021	SSMFL P	Holmer Green	6-0	253	<i>Mealing (3,1p), Urquhart, Patrick, Wyllie</i>
03/01/2022	SSMFL P	Tring Athletic		3.00pm	
08/01/2022	SSMFL P	Leighton Town		3.00pm	
15/01/2022	SSMFL P	Ardley United		3.00pm	
25/01/2022	GCT 3	Long Crendon		7.45pm	
29/01/2022	SSMFL P	Flackwell Heath		3.00pm	
08/02/2022	SSMFL P	Leverstock Green		7.45pm	
12/02/2022	SSMFL P	Hadley		3.00pm	
19/02/2022	SSMFL P	Harefield United		3.00pm	
26/02/2022	SSMFL P	Arlesey Town		3.00pm	
01/03/2021	SSMFL P	London Colney		7.45pm	
05/03/2022	SSMFL P	Broadfields United		3.00pm	
12/03/2022	SSMFL P	Crawley Green		3.00pm	
19/03/2022	SSMFL P	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos		3.00pm	
26/03/2022	SSMFL P	Harpenden Town		3.00pm	
02/04/2022	SSMFL P	Baldock Town		3.00pm	
09/04/2022	SSMFL P	Leverstock Green		3.00pm	
16/04/2022	SSMFL P	Holmer Green		7.45pm	
19/04/2022	SSMFL P	Tring Athletic		3.00pm	
23/04/2022	SSMFL P	Dunstable Town		3.00pm	
30/04/2022	SSMFL P	New Salamis		3.00pm	

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SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Ardley United v Milton Keynes Irish
 Aylesbury Vale Dynamos v Leighton Town
 Baldock Town v Crawley Green
 Broadfields United v Oxhey Jets
 Dunstable Town v Arlesey Town
 Harefield United v Flackwell Heath
 Harpenden Town v Hadley
 Leverstock Green v Holmer Green
 Risborough Rangers v Tring Athletic



Pos	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts	
1	Risborough Rangers	19	16	3	0	49	51
2	Leighton Town	22	13	5	4	32	44
3	New Salamis	19	14	1	4	30	43
4	Hadley	19	13	2	4	20	41
5	Leverstock Green	21	12	2	7	17	38
6	Harpenden Town	20	11	4	5	9	37
7	Arlesey Town	21	10	4	7	3	34
8	Flackwell Heath	18	9	2	7	10	29
9	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	20	9	2	9	-1	29
10	Oxhey Jets	20	7	4	9	-18	25
11	London Colney	22	7	3	12	-28	24
12	Harefield United	18	6	4	8	8	22
13	Broadfields United	16	7	1	8	-4	22
14	Milton Keynes Irish	19	6	4	9	-4	22
15	Dunstable Town	21	6	4	11	-17	22
16	Ardley United	17	6	3	8	4	21
17	Holmer Green	20	4	2	14	-44	14
18	Tring Athletic	19	3	4	12	-17	13
19	Baldock Town	17	3	2	12	-16	11
20	Crawley Green	20	2	4	14	-33	10

Promoted to Step 4

10 best Step 5 second-placed teams PPG promoted

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Relegated to Step 6



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SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

DIVISION TWO

DATE	COMP	RES	ATT	GOALSCORERS
21/08/2021	SSMFL D2 Buckingham United	1-0	38	<i>Goodby</i>
28/08/2021	SSMFL D2 New Bradwell St Peter	1-5	20	<i>J. Squires-Adams (p)</i>
30/08/2021	SSMFL D2 Aston Clinton	1-0	45	<i>Wilkin</i>
04/09/2021	SSMFL D2 Milton Keynes College Football Academy	1-2	55	<i>Goodby</i>
11/09/2021	SSMFL D2 Codicote	0-1	78	
18/09/2021	SSMFL D2 Sarratt	4-1	38	<i>Pekun (3), Lewis</i>
21/09/2021	SSMFL D2 The 61FC (Luton)	2-1	28	
25/09/2021	SSMFL D2 Totternhoe	A-W		
02/10/2021	SSMFL D2 Buckingham United	A-A		
16/10/2021	SSMFL D2 Berkhamsted Raiders	1-2	38	<i>L. Parker</i>
23/10/2021	SSMFL D2 Bovingdon	1-6	105	<i>Osbourne</i>
30/10/2021	SSMFL D2 Eynesbury United	P-P		
27/11/2021	SSMFL D2 Sarratt	2-1	33	<i>Bartley, Sweetman</i>
04/12/2021	SSMFL D2 Old Bradwell United	0-4	33	
11/12/2021	SSMFL D2 Codicote	2-3	32	<i>Read, Husbands</i>
18/12/2021	SSMFL D2 The 61FC (Luton)	1-2	12	<i>L. Parker</i>
28/12/2021	SSMFL D2 Pitstone & Ivinghoe	2-6	62	<i>Lamboh, Lewis</i>
03/01/2022	SSMFL D2 Aston Clinton	2.00pm		
08/01/2022	SSMFL D2 Totternhoe	2.00pm		
15/01/2022	SSMFL D2 Eynesbury United	3.00pm		
29/01/2022	SSMFL D2 Bovingdon	3.00pm		

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Pos	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	
1	Old Bradwell United	15	12	0	3	44	36
2	Eynesbury United	15	12	0	3	28	36
3	Bovingdon	16	10	2	4	19	32
4	Totternhoe	17	10	2	5	4	32
5	Milton Keynes College Football Academy	15	10	1	4	8	31
6	Pitstone & Ivinghoe	16	9	3	4	23	30
7	New Bradwell St Peter	14	8	2	4	20	26
8	Aston Clinton	11	6	0	5	-1	18
9	Berkhamsted Raiders	13	5	1	7	-11	16
10	Risborough Rangers Development	16	5	0	11	-15	15
11	Buckingham United	13	4	1	8	-19	13
12	Codicote	13	4	0	9	-16	12
13	The 61 FC (Luton)	18	4	0	14	-33	12
14	Sarratt	16	3	2	11	-24	11
15	Tring Corinthians AFC	16	2	2	12	-27	8

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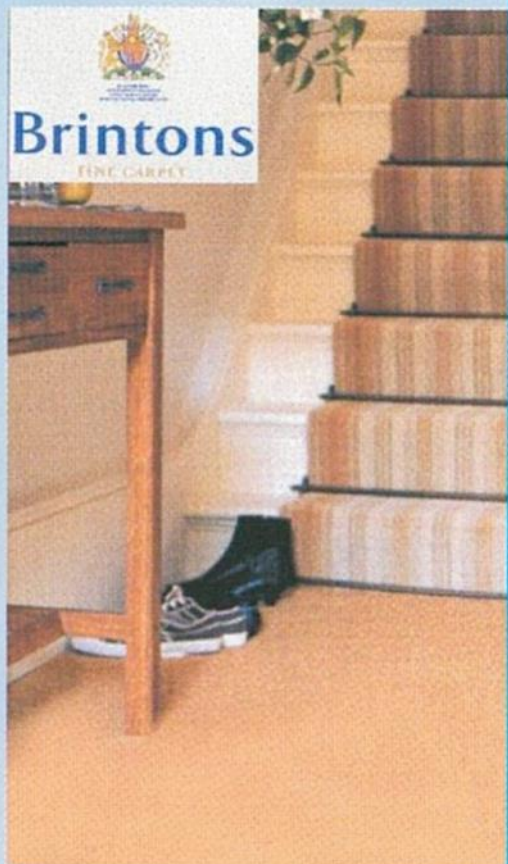
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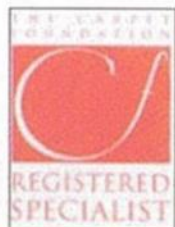
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DATE	COMP	RES	GOALSCORERS
30/08/21	FAYC P Reading City FC U18	0-5	
09/09/21	ACYFLN Chalfont St Peter FC U18	4-3	<i>Osbourne (2), Oakford, Porter</i>
23/09/21	ACYFLN Buckingham Athletic U18S	5-2	<i>Osbourne (2), Wasid, Passaro</i>
14/10/21	ACYFLN Flackwell Heath FC U18	9-2	<i>Osbourne (4), Passaro (3), Oakford, Wasid</i>
28/10/21	ACYFLN Thame United U18	P-P	
04/11/21	ACYFLN Holmer Green U18 Youth	6-0	<i>Osbourne (2), M. Kharbouch, Passaro, Peppiatt, Wasid</i>
11/11/21	ACYFLN Flackwell Heath FC U18	1-1	<i>Osbourne</i>
02/12/21	ACYFLN Buckingham Athletic U18	2-6	<i>Osbourne, Passaro</i>
07/12/21	ACYFLN Thame United U18	P-P	
13/12/21	ACYFLN Thame United U18	4-2	<i>Osbourne (2), Passaro, Porter</i>
12/01/22	ACYFL LC1 Chalfont St Peter FC U18	7.45PM	
24/01/22	ACYFLN Thame United U18	7.45pm	
01/02/22	ACYFLN Holmer Green U18 Youth	7.45pm	
10/02/22	ACYFLN Holmer Green U18 Youth	7.45pm	
22/02/22	ACYFLN Flackwell Heath FC U18	7.45pm	
28/02/21	ACYFLN Chalfont St Peter FC U18	7.45pm	

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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Chalfont St Peter	8	6	1	1	15	19
2	Risborough Rangers	7	5	1	1	15	16
3	Buckingham Athletic	8	5	1	2	10	16
4	Flackwell Heath	8	3	1	4	-10	10
5	Thame United	8	2	0	6	-5	6
6	Holmer Green	9	1	0	8	-25	3

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THE APPEAL of football at Christmas showed its popularity once more even in challenging conditions for supporters.

Despite Omicron cases rising over 100,000 in England and the weather being as wet and windy as ever, fans still turned out in big numbers for the festive fixtures.

Attendances in Non-League have been impressive after fears the pandemic may put off some spectators returning to matches. But football – coupled with the hard work of club volunteers – has shown it can be a safe space.

The failed European Super League plan is likely to have also benefitted the lower levels with some supporters turning their back on the top-flight.

Non-League's affordability remains as does the 'real' feel of attending matches and standing on terraces. The game at these levels is continuing to grow and the Boxing Day schedule provided further proof of that.

Stockport County welcomed 8,896 for their Boxing Day clash with Altrincham. It was the highest crowd on the day outside of the Championship and the club's biggest league attendance since 2008. Elsewhere in the National League, there was 3,830 at Torquay United in their game against Yeovil Town. A crowd of 3,759 was at Hayes Lane for Bromley's televised fixture with Southend United as 3,699 took in the local derby between Aldershot Town and Woking.

In National League North, AFC Fylde and Chorley had 2,608 spectators while the derby between Spennymoor Town and Darlington saw a crowd of 2,404. There was also 2,082 at AFC Telford United for the visit of Chester. Dorking Wanderers welcomed a record crowd of 2,048 on National League South and put on a show with an 8-0 victory over promotion rivals Havant & Waterlooville. Tonbridge Angels had the next highest of 1,669 against Maidstone United followed by Oxford City with 1,208.

The Northern Premier League had a combined total of more than 30,000 in attendance for their final games of the year on December 27th. There were ten four-figure crowds across the four divisions, including more than 2,000 at FC United, Matlock Town and Marine. A total of 12,213 fans went through the turnstiles in the 11 Premier Division games, averaging at 1,110 per game. In the West Division, the average crowd was even bigger coming in at 1,155 across the seven games, including a 2,150 sell-out for Marine's local derby with Bootle, who won 3-0. There were 1,679 at Clitheroe for their 5-1 win over Colne, while 1,100 saw Leek Town win away at Kidsgrove Athletic.

There was a four-figure crowd in the East Division too, where Marske United lost at home to Stockton Town in front of 1,250. Horsham hosted 1,284 for their fixture with Lewes in the Isthmian League Premier while 1,314 were at Bury Town against Stowmarket Town in the North division. In the South East, Herne Bay won 7-2 against Whitstable Town in front of 1,119. Banbury United attracted their biggest league attendance for 52 years of 1,221. The Southern League Premier Central leaders beat Stratford Town 1-0. Bromsgrove Sporting had 1,658 against Stourbridge and Hednesford drew 1,142 for their game with Rushall Olympic.

In the Southern League Division One South (Step 4), Frome Town's crowd was 1,103 for their 3-3 draw with Melksham Town. Phoenix club Macclesfield FC, at Step 5, had the biggest attendance on December 27 of 4,353 and there was 972 at Step 6 side Steeton AFC. The depth, and support, of the English pyramid continues to be incredible. It was also heart-warming to see many Non-League clubs supporting the #NoHomeKit campaign over the Christmas fixtures to raise money and awareness around homelessness. The idea - created by charity Shelter – called for clubs to ditch their home kit and instead wear an away or third kit in an act of support and solidarity for people without a home.



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