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## NEIL MELVIN DIRECTOR'S TAKE

Back to league action tonight as we welcome Shepshed Dynamo to Butlin Road.

On behalf of all at the club I would like to welcome the management, players, officials and supporters of Shepshed and wish them a safe journey home this evening.

This evening's opponents Shepshed have had a summer of change. Long-time manager Damion Beckford-Quailey moved onto pastures new along with our very own Gary Drake who was his assistant with Tom Hayes coming in from Loughborough Dynamo where they only just missed out on a play-off place (before resigning from the league) along with a new-look squad. They suffered a couple of heavy defeats to start the season before earning a very good late win over Hinckley Leicester Road this time last week.

So like us, with six or seven new players to integrate, they will be looking to get themselves settled into the season. It can take time for

a new group of players to gel and performances can be erratic but three points will be gladly received by both teams this evening come 10pm.

Being out of the FA Cup, Shepshed have had a few extra days rest while we managed to progress into the next round of the FA Cup on Saturday with a good win over Stone Old Alleynians.

We started the game slowly but once we got going, the margin of victory should really have been more.

For those not already aware you can usually catch extended highlights of all of our games via our website and YouTube a couple of days after each game. Our first goal on Saturday which Harrison Nee finished off was an excellent team goal and well worth a watch back.

That win has earned us an away day in the next round at Barton Town. Not to be confused with Barton Rovers from Bedfordshire, this Barton are from Barton-upon-Humber just south of Hull and they play in the Northern Counties East

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League Premier - one step below us in the pyramid.

We managed to get the double over Shepshed last season including a crucial win during the run-in in April but Dynamo's squad is much-changed - only six of the 16 from that day remain with the club now.

For us I believe we have an exciting squad and going forwards we have shown glimpses of what we can do. It is going to be a process and there will be ups and downs but I do think it's a matter of time before we really put it together as an attacking force and hopefully we can do that tonight.

Don't forget our next league action is a local derby on Bank Holiday Monday against Racing Club Warwick at 3pm. It would be great to get a 500+ crowd for that one. //

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Year Formed  
1956

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Valley Sports (1956-1971)  
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VS Rugby (1973-2000)  
Rugby United (2000-2005)  
Rugby Town (2005-present)

Honours  
Southern League Division One  
Midland/Central  
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13/14

United Counties League  
Premier Division South  
Runners Up 22/23

FA Vase  
Winners 82/83

Southern League Cup  
Winners 89/90

Birmingham Senior Cup  
Winners 88/89 & 89/90  
Runners-up 92/93

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FA Cup 1st Round, 1984

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# THE PITCHING IN NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE MIDLANDS



## LEAGUE TABLE

Table correct as of 20 August 2024

	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
1 Corby Town	3	3	0	0	7	0	7	9
2 Sporting Khalsa	2	2	0	0	5	0	5	6
3 Coleshill Town	3	2	0	1	5	4	1	6
4 Quorn	2	1	1	0	6	2	4	4
5 Worcester City	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
6 Coventry Sphinx	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
7 Loughborough Students	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	3
8 Boldmere St Michaels	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
9 AFC Rushden & Dmnds	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
10 Anstey Nomads	2	1	0	1	4	5	-1	3
11 Wellingborough Town	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
12 Sutton Coldfield Town	2	1	0	1	4	6	-2	3
13 Bedworth United	2	1	0	1	2	4	-2	3
14 Racing Club Warwick	3	1	0	2	2	4	-2	3
15 Shepshed Dynamo	2	1	0	1	2	4	-2	3
<b>16 Rugby Town</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>3</b>
17 Walsall Wood	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
18 Long Eaton United	3	0	1	2	3	5	-2	1
19 Grantham Town	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
20 Darlaston Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
21 Hinckley Leicester Road	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0
22 Lye Town	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0

## TOP LEAGUE GOALSCORERS

Paddy Webb	Quorn	4 goals
Ben Billingham	Coleshill Town	3 goals
Kyle Carey	Coventry Sphinx	3 goals
Fletcher Toll	Corby Town	3 goals
George Barnell	Wellingborough Town	2 goals
Evan Garnett	Long Eaton United	2 goals
James McGrady	Sporting Khalsa	2 goals
Jordan O'Brien	Corby Town	2 goals
Owen Parry	Sutton Coldfield Town	2 goals
Charlie Wise	Worcester City	2 goals

## RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday 13 August - FA Cup Extra Preliminary Replay  
Worcester City 1-0 Walsall Wood

Wednesday 14 August - NPL Midlands  
**Corby Town 3-0 Rugby Town**

Saturday 17 August - NPL Midlands  
Corby Town 2-0 Racing Club Warwick

Saturday 17 August - FA Cup Preliminary  
Aylestone Park 0-2 Wellingborough Town  
Brocton 0-1 Coleshill Town  
Cleethorpes Town 4-0 Quorn  
Darlaston Town 3-0 Lye Town  
Deeping Rangers 2-2 Loughborough Students  
Gresley Rovers 1-1 Sporting Khalsa  
Grimsby Borough 0-5 Anstey Nomads  
Heanor Town 3-2 Hinckley Leicester Road  
Long Eaton United 3-2 Boston Town  
Newark & Sherwood 2-0 AFC Rushden & Dmnds  
**Rugby Town 3-0 Stone Old Alleynians**  
Shifnal Town 1-0 Sutton Coldfield Town  
Worcester City 1-2 Dudley Town  
Yaxley 1-3 Grantham Town

Monday 19 August - NPL Midlands  
Coleshill Town 3-2 Long Eaton United

## TONIGHT'S GAMES

Tuesday 20 August - NPL Midlands  
AFC Rushden & Dmnds v Anstey Nomads  
Boldmere St Michaels v Lye Town  
Coventry Sphinx v Darlaston Town  
Grantham Town v Corby Town  
Hinckley Leicester Road v Walsall Wood  
**Rugby Town v Shepshed Dynamo**  
Wellingborough Town v Bedworth United  
Worcester City v Racing Club Warwick

Tuesday 20 August - FA Cup Preliminary Replay  
Loughborough Students v Deeping Rangers  
Sporting Khalsa v Gresley Rovers

## UPCOMING FIXTURES

Saturday 24 August - NPL Midlands  
Bedworth United v Grantham Town  
Corby Town v Boldmere St Michaels  
Darlaston Town v Hinckley LRFC  
Loughborough Students v Worcester City  
Racing Club Warwick v Sporting Khalsa  
Shepshed Dynamo v Wellingborough Town  
**Sutton Coldfield Town v Rugby Town**  
Walsall Wood v Coleshill Town



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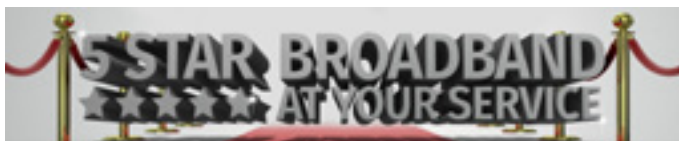


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CARL ADAMS

## FROM THE DUGOUT

Good evening to everyone and welcome to Butlin Road as focus returns to league action.

It was great to win on Saturday against Stone Old Alneyians and it was a real plus to keep another clean sheet and move into the next round of the FA Cup. Barring the blip against Corby last Wednesday we have now not conceded in three of our four games so far.

Even though we won 3-0 I still feel there is so much more to come from this squad and I'm hopeful that we can get better and better.

After the FA Cup win we

have another game to look forward to with a trip to Hull in ten days' time to visit Barton Town and a great opportunity for us to progress into the Second Qualifying Round.

Before we can look forward to that game though we have a very busy schedule with another three league games to play in the next six days starting tonight with the visit of our old rivals, Shepshed.

I find myself saying it again but it will be a tough night for us and we will have to fight very hard to claim the three points. But if we can manage to do this then we can look upon this as being a fantastic start to the season.

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**I FEEL THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO COME FROM THIS SQUAD I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN GET BETTER**  
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On the injury and availability front, Mikey [Taylor] is now available after coming off the bench on Saturday along with Damien [Osoimoejiokhian] but now we have Barry [Fitzharris] and Justin [Mensah] out but I think we have enough options. Also Chris Clements is back on Saturday from his holiday.

Fingers crossed we can get over the line tonight for you supporters who once again were great on Saturday.

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LIAM FRANCIS

# MATCH REPORT

## RUGBY 3-0 STONE OA

FA CUP PRELIMINARY / 17.08.2024 / ATTENDANCE 206 AT BUTLIN ROAD

Rugby Town proved just too strong for Midland League opponents Stone Old Alleynians in easing to an Emirates FA Cup victory at Butlin Road.

Goals from Harrison Nee, Liam Francis and Ryan Sahota secured a trip to Barton Town in the First Qualifying Round, with Valley surviving an early scare before securing a second successive three goal win in the competition.

Edwin Ahenkorah, Liam Francis and Nee made first starts of the season following Town's 3-0 midweek league defeat at Corby, but it was the visitors that almost made the perfect

start when Rugby keeper Paul Hathaway spilled Joe Baxter's cross to Kacper Mikulski - who somehow missed an open target from close quarters.

Town were soon starting to threaten themselves though, with Trey Charles helping wide a decent chance created by Ethan O'Toole's cross.

Another opportunity for Charles went begging shortly after, when first his header into the ground was saved by former Valley stopper Raajan Gill and then he put his follow-up header over the bar.

Next up to miss out was Nee, when he stroked one into Gill's arms after getting in behind

the Stone back-line, but the goal finally came on 38 minutes following an impressive flowing team move from the hosts which had seen Hilton Arthur do well to play in the overlapping Dan Summerfield, who squared his cross to Nee to tap in from close range.

Gill was then off his line quickly to thwart Charles, with Rugby going close again to a second just before the break when Nee smashed one against the crossbar and Arthur screwed the rebound wide.

Town kicked off the new period where they had left the previous one, with Charles applying a wayward finish to half-time sub Tayo Tucker's



JOSH THOMAS



HARRISON NEE



through ball and Gill saving Summerfield's header after's Sahota scooped cross had been patted down by Gill.

Nee was then denied a second by Baxter's well-timed tackle and a Tucker effort from fully twenty yards was tipped over by Gill, with Charles's resulting inswinging corner almost sneaking in at the near post.

A further nicely-flighted Charles corner soon followed though, and this time he placed his delivery on the head of Francis at the near post and Valley's playing-assistant expertly guided the ball home.

Jack Tomlinson sent one high into the stands in a

rare attacking moment from Alleynians, but Rugby continued to push for a third and both David Kolodynski and Tucker threatened with a pair of threatening crosses.

Josh Thomas headed over a Kolodynski corner, and then Mikey Taylor's touch let him down as he cut in from a dangerous position on the right.

Jack Wakefield did flash one across the face of the Rugby goal, but no one was there to convert, before Town fully killed off the tie when they broke quickly with numbers in added time, and Sahota applied a simple finish to Taylor's squared pass across the box. //

Valley Star Man:  
**RYAN SAHOTA**



**Valley Line-up:** Hathaway; Summerfield, Ahenkorah, Thomas, Francis; Fitzharris (Tucker 46'), Sahota; Arthur (Semahimbo 57'), Nee (Taylor 77'), O'Toole; Charles (Kolodynski 66'). Subs not used: Rai, Mensah.

**Stone Line-up:** Gill, Baxter, S.Minshall, S.Bowater, Vale, Thomas, Bailey, Bostock, Tomlinson, Wilson, Mikulski. Subs: H.Minshall, Middleton, Griffiths, Wakefield, Harper, J.Bowater, Askey.



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Valley were humbled in front of a big midweek Steel Park crowd as Corby Town recorded a comfortable win.

After appearing to weather an early storm from the hosts, Rugby conceded a 23rd minute opener but they rallied well for the remainder of the half without getting their reward. The second half was a much more one-sided affair though, with two further goals for the home side guaranteeing Corby the points.

Rugby manager Carl Adams named an unchanged starting eleven and bench for this rare Wednesday evening excursion, but it was the Steelmen that seized the early initiative and they could have even taken a first minute lead when Paul Hathaway was forced into clawing away a Jordan O'Brien header.

O'Brien then struck the base of the upright after Fletcher Toll had set him up, with O'Brien soon having a third chance when he got in down the left - only to see his cross/shot from a tight angle smothered by the busy Hathaway.

Toll and Joe Butterworth had further efforts blocked as the home side continued to probe, with Daniel Gordon's free-kick also blocked by Valley's defensive wall.

Rugby finally started to show some attacking promise though, and Hilton Arthur was almost in behind the Corby back-line.

A Trey Charles corner was met by the head of Josh Thomas, but his goalbound connection was cleared off the line by Butterworth, with Barry

Fitzharris's follow-up volley also striking a home defender en-route to the target.

However it was the hosts that opened the scoring on 23 minutes following a long punt forward which initially Thomas appeared to have dealt with, but unfortunately Toll thwarted his attempts to shepherd the ball out of play for a goal kick and then set up a simple chance for O'Brien to help it home.

O'Brien was denied a second by the combination of a challenge from Thomas and regulation save by Hathaway, before Town missed out on another decent opportunity when Fitzharris dragged one wide of the target from a good position in the box.

Another chance went begging for the visitors when the unmarked Thomas headed Ethan O'Toole's free-kick wide, with Hilton Arthur also having a shot blocked in the final seconds of the first half.

Corby started the new period like an express train though, and they doubled their advantage on 46 minutes when a Spencer Edwards cross was headed straight to O'Brien by Thomas, and the influential forward powered one low past Hathaway for his second.

Toll then blazed one over when he was through on goal as the home side looked to punish Valley further, although Arthur also found himself some space behind the defence at the other end, but Ross Durrant was off his line quickly to deny him.

Toll headed an Edwards cross over, before Corby scored their third when another big hoof from the back was



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**Corby Line-up:** Durrant, Thomas, Gordon, Edwards, Milne, McAuley, O'Brien, Thompson-Matthews, Toll, Butterworth, Slinn. Subs: Noble, Hutchison, Setchell, Marshall, Sanders.



not properly dealt with by the visitors and Toll duly finished things off for them.

A decent low save by Hathaway then denied O'Brien a hat-trick, before Corby were reduced to ten men on 73 minutes when Rory McAuley's late tackle on Valley sub Madundo Semahimbo saw him awarded a straight red card.

The extra man advantage gave Rugby a little more impetus, with David Kolodynski and Harrison Nee both hitting the wall with free-kicks from reasonably threatening positions.

A further set-piece delivery from Nee was just beyond Ryan Sahota, before the sides were evened up again when Edwin Ahenkorah was dismissed for raising his hands to Edwards by the byline.

Matthew Slinn's weak effort late on was comfortably dealt with by Hathaway ahead of the final whistle.//

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Trey Charles settled a tight opening day game with a 55th minute penalty against 10-man Darlaston Town at a sunny Butlin Road.

Charles' third strike of the season ensured Valley opened a NPL Midlands campaign with a single goal victory for the second successive year, but their newly-promoted visitors returned to the Black Country thinking they could easily have got something from their first-ever game at this level.

Town boss Carl Adams made two changes from the side that had started the previous weekend's FA Cup victory at Wolverhampton Casuals, with Ethan O'Toole and Barry Fitzharris in for Justin Mensah and the injured Mikey Taylor.

It was Darlaston that created the game's best opening chances though, with Kieran Miller flashing a cross just beyond the reach of Alex Foreshaw in addition to a couple of dangerous corners from the away side.

Rugby then stepped up a gear, with Charles forcing a decent save from on-loan young Wolves keeper James Storer after he jinked past his marker in the box, and then Tayo Tucker lifted a good chance from close range over the bar after O'Toole's searching cross had picked him out at the back post.

Hilton Arthur also chipped a cross into Storer's hands, with a further strike from Charles drifting well-wide of the target.

Miller's looping header did clip the crossbar at the other end and Rivel Mardenborough had a shot saved by Paul Hathaway after he got in behind the Valley defence, before the hosts had the last opportunities of the first period through a blocked Tucker shot and a wayward effort from O'Toole.

Rugby started the new half brightly though, and O'Toole should have given them the lead when he squandered a follow-up to Josh Thomas's parried strike from distance.

Another teasing cross from Arthur drifted across the face of the goal, before Damien Osoimoejiokhian was pulled back in the box by Zacharias Kourouyianni to allow Charles to expertly steer the ball into the top corner from twelve yards.

The visitors nearly grabbed an equaliser virtually straight from the restart though, with Hathaway down well to keep out a strike from the edge of the area by Mardenborough, and then the Town keeper was called into further action by the Darlaston man with another low save.

Darlaston's best chance of a leveller came next, when Mardenborough's centre appeared to fall perfectly for Miller in a central position just a few yards out, but the away striker appeared to slip as he shot and the resulting effort was kept out by the feet of Hathaway.

The visitors were then reduced to ten men when Lewis Gill received his second yellow card of the game for a



**1-0**



**Valley Line-up:** Hathaway; Summerfield, Osoimoejiokhian, Thomas, Rai; Fitzharris, Sahota; Tucker (Semahimbo 53'), Arthur (Kolodynski 70'), O'Toole (Nee 63'); Charles (Francis 90'+8). Sub not used: Ahenkorah. Bookings: Summerfield, Rai, Fitzharris.

**Darlaston Line-up:** Storer, Kourouyianni, Chesterton, Winwood, Foreshaw, Podmore, Lewis Gill, Pearson, Miller, Mardenborough, Downing. Subs: Leo Gill, Eades, Smith, Pearsall, Jones.



late challenge on Harrison Nee - which allowed the home side to re-establish themselves on proceedings again.

A low strike from Nee was parried by Storer and then helped home by Charles, but was chalked off for offside, and Madundo Semahimbo also fired way over the bar after he had done well to make space for himself in the box.

Darlaston maintained a threat though, despite their numerical disadvantage and Miller struck one wide, with Kourouyianni another to find the wrong side of the post with a subsequent attempt.

Nee volleyed over and Osoimoejiokhian twice nearly set-up a second for his side with threatening crosses, as Town looked to make the game safe.

The visitors then had a decent shout for a penalty turned down after Thomas clipped Jack Downing in the box, with the final chance of the game seeing Mardenborough heading over after a scramble in the Rugby box. //

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## JOSH THOMAS CAPTAIN'S LOG

Hi all as the action comes thick and fast at Butlin Road!

It is another huge game for us this evening as we look to get back to winning ways in the league. Tonight's opponents Shepshed Dynamo are always an exciting league opponent, who give us a good test and they got a really good win in their last outing against Hinckley.

Saturday saw us progress in the FA Cup here at Butlin Road with a comfortable 3-0 win over Stone Old Alleynains. Despite them being below us in the pyramid, we knew they weren't to be underestimated as they claimed a result over Bedworth in the previous round. So it was important for

us to stay focused for the full 90 minutes. Although again we feel as a squad we can still step up another level, our organisation and efforts brought us a deserved result and a nice clean sheet. After last week's loss to Corby, this result really helped us get back on track and go into tonight with full confidence.

Although it's early in the season, we know how important fixtures like these can prove to be further down the line. Because of this, the squad and I look to put everything in to tonight's game and hopefully get the three points.

Thanks as always for your continued support!

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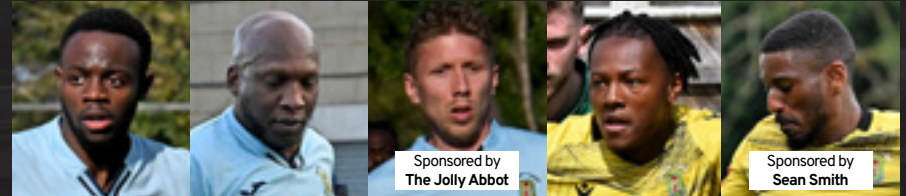
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Midfielder // Age 34  
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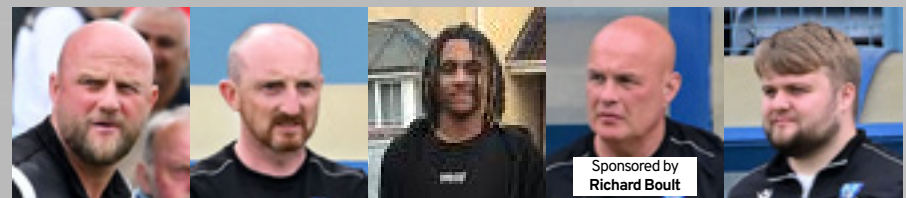
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# PLAYER & TEAM STAT ATTACK

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25**

GOALKEEPERS	APPS	CON	CS	STAR	YEL	RED
Tomasz Bukowski	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Hathaway	4 (0)	3	3	1	0	0

DEFENDERS	APPS	GLS	AST	STAR	YEL	RED
Edwin Ahenkorah	1 (1)	0	0	0	0	1
Liam Francis	1 (2)	1	0	0	0	0
Damien Osoimoejiokhian	3 (0)	0	2	0	0	0
Callum Rai	3 (0)	0	0	0	1	0
Dan Summerfield	4 (0)	0	1	0	2	0
Joshua Thomas	4 (0)	0	0	1	2	0

MIDFIELDERS	APPS	GLS	AST	STAR	YEL	RED
Chris Clements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barry Fitzharris	3 (1)	0	0	0	1	0
Justin Mensah	1 (0)	0	0	0	0	0
Ethan O'Toole	3 (1)	0	2	0	0	0
Ryan Sahota	4 (0)	1	0	1	1	0

FORWARDS	APPS	GLS	AST	STAR	YEL	RED
Hilton Arthur	4 (0)	0	0	0	0	0
Trey Charles	4 (0)	3	1	1	1	0
David Kolodynski	0 (3)	0	0	0	0	0
Harrison Nee	1 (3)	2	0	0	0	0
MJ Semahimbo	0 (4)	0	0	0	0	0
Mikey Taylor	1 (1)	0	0	0	0	0
Tayo Tucker	3 (1)	0	0	0	1	0

OVERVIEW STATS	
Total Games	4
Games Won	3
Games Drawn	0
Games Lost	1
Total Goals Scored	7
Total Goals Conceded	3
Yellow Cards	9
Red Cards	1
Clean Sheets	3
Failed To Score	1
Total Players Used	17

PLAYER STATS	
Top Scorer - <b>Trey Charles</b>	3
Top League Scorer - <b>Trey Charles</b>	1
Most Star Man Awards - <b>4 Players</b>	1
Most Assists - <b>O'Toole &amp; Osoimoejiok</b>	2
Most Clean Sheets - <b>Paul Hathaway</b>	3
Most Yellow Cards - <b>2 Players</b>	2
Most Red Cards - <b>Edwin Ahenkorah</b>	1

ATTENDANCES	
Home Highest v <b>Darlaston (Lge)</b>	261
Away Highest v <b>Corby Town (Lge)</b>	634
Average Home (2 games)	233
Average Away (2 games)	383

IN ATTACK: GOALS SCORED...	
...in First Half	1
...in Second Half	6
...at Home	4
...Away	3
...at 3G End	1
...at The Rugby Cement End	3
...by Penalty Kick	1
...by Direct Free-kick	0
...from Corners	2
...indirect from Free-kicks/Throw-in	0
...from Open Play Outside the Box	0

IN DEFENCE: GOALS CONCEDED...	
...in First Half	1
...in Second Half	2
...at Home	0
...Away	3
...at 3G End	0
...at The Rugby Cement End	0
...by Penalty Kick	0
...by Direct Free-kick	0
...from Corners	0
...indirect from Free-kicks/Throw-in	0
...from Open Play Outside the Box	0

LONGEST CONSECUTIVE GAMES...	
...Without Losing	2
...Without Drawing	3
...Without Winning	1
...Won	2
...Drawn	0
...Lost	1
...Without Scoring	1
...Without Conceding	2
...Scored in	2
...Conceded in	1



**HARRISON NEE - 2 GOALS**



# FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Opposition	Comp	W	D	L	Att	1	2	3	4	5
Sat 3 Aug	A Wolverhampton Casuals	FA Cup <sup>FP</sup>	W			131	Hathaway	Summerfield	Osoimoejokhian	Rai	Thomas <sub>y</sub>
Sat 10 Aug	H Darlaston Town	League	W			261	Hathaway	Summerfield <sub>y</sub>	Osoimoejokhian	Rai <sub>y</sub>	Thomas*
Wed 14 Aug	A Corby Town	League	L			634	Hathaway*	Summerfield <sub>y</sub>	Osoimoejokhian	Rai	Thomas <sub>y</sub>
Sat 17 Aug	H Stone Old Alleynians	FA Cup <sup>P</sup>	W			3-0	Hathaway	Summerfield	Ahenkorah	Francis <sup>1</sup>	Thomas
Tue 20 Aug	H Shepshed Dynamo	League									
Sat 24 Aug	A Sutton Coldfield Town	League									
Mon 26 Aug	H Racing Club Warwick	League									
Sat 31 Aug	A Barton Town	FA Cup <sup>1Q</sup>									
Sat 7 Sep	H Carlton Town	FA Trophy <sup>P</sup>									
Sat 14 Sep	A Loughborough Students	League									
Sat 21 Sep	H Boldmere St Michaels	League									
Sat 28 Sep	A Sporting Khalsa	League									
Sat 5 Oct	H Coventry Sphinx	League									
Tue 8 Oct	A Wellingborough Town	League									
Sat 12 Oct	H Coleshill Town	League									
Sat 19 Oct	A Hinckley Leicester Road	League									
Tue 22 Oct	H AFC Rushden & Diamonds	League									
Sat 26 Oct	H Worcester City	League									
Sat 2 Nov	A Lye Town	League									
Sat 9 Nov	A Grantham Town	League									
Sat 16 Nov	H Walsall Wood	League									
Sat 23 Nov	A Long Eaton United	League									
Sat 30 Nov	H Quorn	League									
Sat 7 Dec	H Loughborough Students	League									
Sat 14 Dec	A Boldmere St Michaels	League									
Sat 21 Dec	A Darlaston Town	League									
Thu 26 Dec	H Bedworth United	League									
Wed 1 Jan	A Racing Club Warwick	League									
Sat 4 Jan	H Corby Town	League									
Sat 11 Jan	A Coventry Sphinx	League									
Sat 18 Jan	H Sporting Khalsa	League									
Sat 25 Jan	A Coleshill Town	League									
Sat 1 Feb	H Wellingborough Town	League									
Sat 8 Feb	A AFC Rushden & Diamonds	League									
Sat 15 Feb	H Hinckley Leicester Road	League									
Sat 22 Feb	H Lye Town	League									
Sat 1 Mar	A Worcester City	League									
Sat 15 Mar	H Grantham Town	League									
Sat 22 Mar	A Walsall Wood	League									
Sat 29 Mar	H Long Eaton United	League									
Sat 5 Apr	A Quorn	League									
Sat 12 Apr	A Shepshed Dynamo	League									
Sat 19 Apr	H Anstey Nomads	League									
Mon 21 Apr	A Bedworth United	League									
Sat 26 Apr	H Sutton Coldfield Town	League									
TBC	A Anstey Nomads	League									

Competition Key: League: Northern Premier League Midlands Division BSC Birmingham Senior Cup.

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# FIXTURES & RESULTS



6	7	8	9	10	11	Substitutes used
Mensah	Charles <sup>2*</sup>	Sahota	Taylor	Tucker	Arthur	O'Toole Semahimbo Fitzharris Nee <sup>1</sup>
Fitzharris <sub>y</sub>	Tucker	Sahota	Charles <sup>1</sup>	O'Toole	Arthur	Semahimbo Nee Kolodynski Francis
Fitzharris	Tucker <sub>y</sub>	Sahota <sub>y</sub>	Charles <sub>y</sub>	O'Toole	Arthur	Semahimbo Nee Kolodynski Ahenkorah <sub>r</sub> Francis
Fitzharris	Nee <sup>1</sup>	Sahota <sup>1*</sup>	Charles	O'Toole	Arthur	Tucker Semahimbo Kolodynski Taylor



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Rugby Town's new 2024/25 replica shirts are in stock and ready to buy now - including a new away jersey.

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Valley will be stripped out in a Macron kit for the first time since the 2017/18 season with the sky home jersey being accompanied with a yellow & black away shirt - which is also available to order.

The Macron shirt is made entirely in Eco-Fabric, obtained from 100% recycled PET featuring a knitted V-neck with piping on the front.

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The home sky shirts will be combined with white shorts and sky socks and again will be adorned with principal sponsor Rugby-based Melbros Building Supplies as the main shirt sponsorship.

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The away shirt will see a yellow and black design coupled with black shorts and socks.

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<sup>1/2/3</sup> denotes goalscorer <sub>vr</sub> denotes booking \* denotes star man



# VALLEY U DYNAMO ENCOUNTERS

NPL MIDLANDS / 06.04.2024 / ATTENDANCE 251 AT BUTLIN ROAD

Rugby Town earned a dominant victory over Shepshed Dynamo at Butlin Road to earn a first win in two months.

Town sprinted to a three-goal lead by the interval with goals from Ryan Sahota, David Kolodynski and Loyiso Recci, before a slightly more competitive second period saw the visitors notch a late consolation.

Recci had returned to the Town starting line-up in place of the injured Josh Thomas in one of two changes from the draw at Gresley on Easter Monday, with Madundo Semahimbo also replacing skipper Barry Fitzharris.

It took just 46 seconds for Valley to take the lead in this must-win encounter, after a good run and cross by Theo Rowe was only headed out to the edge of the penalty area for Sahota to neatly volley the ball past Brandon Ganley.

The confident-looking hosts nearly doubled their tally soon after when

Kolodynski's through-ball released Mikey Taylor, but his close-range effort was pushed away by Ganley for a corner.

Taylor and Liam Francis were only just unable to connect to a Chris Clements corner, with Ganley then denying Kolodynski's strike from a tight angle after Dan Summerfield's dangerous cross had caused problems for the Dynamo defence.

Clements's corner from the right caused similar difficulties for the visitors though, and this time Kolodynski was on hand to hook the ball over the line from a couple of yards out.

Rugby's rampant start continued, with Ayo Lekuti's purposeful run forward ending with an off-target shot, before Shepshed finally mustered up their first attempt at the other end - although Charlie Wakefield's strike did bounce back off the top of the stand.

A run from deep by Semahimbo saw the wide-man's shot deflected wide for a Town corner, with Rowe's effort from the other wing blocked away for another one - after Kolodynski had shown good strength before setting him up.

Jahdahn Fridye-Harper and Shaun Ruzvidzo had chances for Dynamo but neither were able to trouble Rugby keeper Tomasz Bukowski with them, before Town registered their third on the stroke of half-time when Recci confidently powered his spot-kick into the top corner after Ganley had taken down Taylor when he ran onto an incisive Sahota pass in behind the away defence.

Shaquille Master's free-kick was pushed around the post by Bukowski as the visitors looked to get back into



**3-1**

**Valley Line-up:** Bukowski; Summerfield, Lekuti, Francis, Recci; Semahimbo (Nee), Rowe (Fitzharris), Sahota, Clements; Taylor (Obeng), Kolodynski. Subs not used: Hathaway.

**Shepshed Line-Up:** Ganley, Fridye-Harper, Lynch, Smith, Wakeling, Burkey, Ruzvidzo, Dixon, Shaw, Wakefield, Lee. Subs: Elhaghany, Master, Morris, Mwanyongo, Prenderville.

the game early in the second half, although Town continued to have opportunities of their own too, with Semahimbo dragging one just wide and Recci shooting a loose ball from a corner straight at Ganley.

Kolodynski sent one just wide of the frame after neat feet from sub Silvano Obeng, before Summerfield did well to block James Shaw's strike and Wakefield's shot was gathered low down by Bukowski.

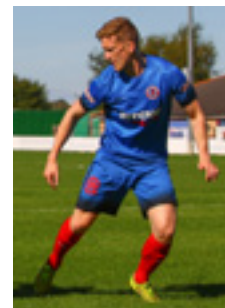
Shepshed got their reward for the improved performance after the break when Callum Burkey nodded home Master's corner at the near post, although Obeng could easily have restored the three-goal cushion before the end when he blazed one over the bar after completing a clever one-two with fellow replacement Harrison Nee. //

### HEAD2HEAD

VENUE	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	14	9	0	5	21	24
AWAY	16	4	4	8	14	27
TOTAL	30	13	4	13	35	51



**The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).**



**Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.**

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# SHEPshed DYNAMO HISTORY

Shepshed, in NW Leicestershire, has had football teams associated with it since 1879.

Whilst many of these achieved local recognition over the years, it was with the formation of the Charterhouse club in the mid-1970's, that the name of Shepshed became known nationally.

Between 1978 and 1984, the club rose from the lower reaches of the Leicestershire Senior League to the summit of the Southern League Premier Division, winning seven consecutive promotions (including six successive championship titles) on the way. They also reached both the semi-final and quarter-final of the FA Vase, as well as the First Round Proper of the FA Cup. Unfortunately, the club, then known by its original name of Shepshed Albion, closed down in 1994.

The current Dynamo club was formed in the summer of 1994.

Initially playing in the newly formed Midland Alliance, the club enjoyed a successful first season, finishing 4th. The following season, under Manager Mark O'Kane, the club won the title by eight points including a remarkable 23 game unbeaten start..

After a hectic summer of improvement works, the club took up their place in the Southern Football League for the 1996/97 campaign.

Whilst league success proved harder to come by, the club more than made up for this in the FA Cup by reaching the First Round Proper. Despite a heavy away defeat at the hands of Carlisle United, the memory of the day will live long with all that were there.

The second season proved less successful, and with the team struggling near to the bottom of the league, O'Kane was replaced in February 1998, by John Hanna. The change brought a creditable 16th place by the end.

1998/99 saw the best league season to date. Shepshed were in the top six of the league for most of the season, but slipped to a final placing of 10th, after a poor run-in.

1999/2000, the Centenary year for the club's ground "The Dovecote", saw a season-long battle against relegation, a final placing of 18th and the resignation of Hanna in July 2000. His assistant, Dave Williams, was appointed.

His first season in charge saw a 15th place finish. The next two saw the financial purse strings tightened, however whilst Shepshed flirted with relegation, a 16th place position was recorded in both.

The summer of 2003 saw a change in the constitution of the football club that led to it becoming a private limited company. However, in footballing terms, the season can be fairly described as disastrous, as it saw two changes in management after Williams was sacked in October and his successor Dave Clay resigned in January. Pete McGurk then took charge of first team matters but despite improved results, he had insufficient time to prevent Shepshed from finishing bottom of the Southern League Western Division.

However, restructuring in the summer of 2004 reprieved Dynamo and saw them start their 10th anniversary season as members of the UniBond League. McGurk led the team to a respectable 15th place finish in a season that also saw them win the Loughborough Charity Cup and Coalville Charity Cup double.

Founded // 1994. Last season // 14th from 20 in NPL Midlands. Last game // Won 2-1 v Hinckley LR (home) in NPL Midlands.

Season 2005/06 culminated in a fine 10th place finish and saw the club receive the UniBond League Club Of The Month Award, Fair Play Award and Goalscorers Award for April 2006. Dynamo also reached the finals of both the Loughborough and Coalville Charity Cups.

McGurk resigned in December 2006, with the club in 15th place, replaced by his assistant Adam Stevens. He resigned in April 2007 after a 1-6 defeat at second-bottom Chorley left Dynamo in 20th place (5th bottom).

Former Belper Town manager Martin Rowe was appointed in May 2007, however his reign was to last only until November, after a dismal start to the season.

Ex Sutton Town and Gedling Town manager Lee Wilson was Rowe's replacement. Fortunes soon turned around and Dynamo ultimately finished in 15th position. The 2007/08 season finished with silverware after Shepshed lifted the Loughborough Charity Cup with a 3-1 victory over near-neighbours Loughborough Dynamo.

The 2008/09 season saw fortunes dramatically change for the better, with Shepshed ending the season in 8th place, their highest league table position for 13 years, however Wilson resigned immediately after the end of the season. Dave Stringer and Jimmy Ginnely were announced to lead Shepshed into the 2009/10 season, but following a difficult season, Dave parted company with Shepshed.

Barry Baker and Bob Norris were appointed for 2010/11. As the season started Baker was hit by a serious illness, and forced to resign. Dynamo appointed Dave Frecklington but this again failed to last and he was relieved of his duties after a string of poor results that



saw Shepshed finish in 21st position leading to relegation.

However Shepshed were reprieved following financial problems at Rushden & Diamonds. John Ramshaw was appointed the new manager as Evo-Stik Division One South football was awarded to Shepshed for the 2011/2 season. In October Eastwood Town persuaded Ramshaw to take over their hot seat. His assistant Chris (Chalky) White was given the post in November 2011.

In 2012, with new Chairman Mick Sloan, Shepshed Dynamo competed in the United Counties League, where after a mixed start ended the season on a high finishing in 9th position and beating local rivals Quorn FC 5-0 to lift the Loughborough Charity Cup.

In 2013-14 Shepshed were yet again moved sideways to compete in the Midland Football Alliance and after a season of mixed results finished in 16th place. Jim Wynne and Matt Houldsworth began the campaign with a mix of old and new players signed.

In November they were replaced by the successful championship winning Jeff Stocking from Oadby, strengthening the squad but finished the season in 15th place.

For the 2014-15 season Jeff was joined by former Loughborough and Quorn manager John Folwell and they recruited a squad of talented young players who enjoyed an unbeaten pre-season. Due to business requirements Jeff stood down with John being joined by Jimmy Gray. Before the completion of that season however John also had to resign due to promotion at work. Jimmy Gray saw out the season, helped by Andy Hohn, and the side finished fourth. The



management team for the 2016/17 season assembled the bulk of last season's successful side and a mix of experienced players with a group of promising youngsters. Although staying in the higher end of the league for most of the season, including reaching the last 32 in the FA Vase and winning the Loughborough Charity Cup, the club finished fifteenth.

For the 2017-18 campaign again a mix of last season's players plus experienced additions were to represent the club with hopes of a much higher finish in the league table. A competitive season ended with a 7th position but also the loss of manager Gray.

This saw ex-Gresley manager Damion Beckford-Quailey take charge and a squad comprising some of last term's players joined by new faces and several ex-Shepshed favourites returning to the Dovecote.

The FA allocation to leagues for season 2019-20 saw the club again moved to the United Counties for a second time. Damion remained as manager, assisted by Wayne Scott and Dave Clay. Several new faces were included in the squad.

Season 2019-20 saw the club in a very strong position for promotion before the Covid pandemic caused the season to be null and void. With a late start, 2020-21 was a busy one with the club retaining most of the squad and being joined by three additions and increased coaching

staff.

Despite this, during the FA restructuring, we were finally promoted back to step 4 via the PPG system after over 10 years at step 5.

In the first season back at Step 4 in 2021, Dynamo Manager Damion Beckford Quailey, assisted by Gary Drake, managed an impressive 11th placed finish, gaining points of each of the top eight teams in the league. In the following season they finished with an almost identical record as the season before.

The 2023-24 season sees Manager Damion Beckford-Quailey along with assistant Gary Drake remain at the club with additions to the technical area as Matt Melbourne makes the transition from player to coach, alongside Nick Fairbrother in also joining the coaching staff. Several new replacement players have arrived to fill the vacant areas in the squad following several players moving to higher level, and long-standing captain Jake Betts announcing his retirement.

The end of the 23-24 season saw the end of an era, after seven years in charge, Damion Beckford-Quailey stood down after a 14th placed finish. Following the resignation of Loughborough Dynamo from step 4, their Management team of Tom Hayes and a returning John Ramshaw were promptly appointed along with the addition of a whole host of new players. //



# SHEPshed DYNAMO PLAYERS

**Tom Hayes** // New manager for 24/25 season who is formerly of Leicester Nirvana and Loughborough Dynamo. Head of football at University of Nottingham.

**Daniel Wallis** // Goalkeeper who has played for Nottingham Forest, Macclesfield and Stamford. In his first season with Dynamo, a former NPL Midlands league winner and 'Golden Glove' winner.

**Alex Akers** // Goalkeeper who includes Nottingham Forest and Matlock Town as former clubs. Current first choice goalkeeper for University of Nottingham football team

**David Chapman** // Physical ball playing defender comfortable as either a centre back or left back. Formerly of kettering town, quorn fc and loughborough dynamo.

**Elwalid Elhaghany** // Dutch centre back returning for his second season with Dynamo, has previously played for Coventry United & Nuneaton Borough.

**Oscar Hugenholtz** // Young left sided defender formerly of Long Eaton United's academy. Former trialist at Birmingham City and Luton Town.

**Jordan Smith** // Club captain at shepshed for second spell. Previous experience at Stamford, Boston, Ilkeston, Grantham, and Kings Lynn. Employed as a courier, is Leicester based. Supports Arsenal and favourite player is Zidane.

**Mitch Tait** // Young left back who boasts step three experience with Ilkeston Town, Basford United and Grantham Town.

**Chad Timson** // Defender comfortable as either a centre back or right back formerly of Leicester Nirvana, Corby Town and Loughborough Dynamo.

**Jordan Wakeling** // Centre back who has played at Gresley, Barwell, Oadby, Grantham and Quorn. Employed as recruitment manager, he is Leicester based and a city fan. Zlatan Ibrahimovic is his favourite player, and he enjoys socialising and travel.

**Callum Burkey** // Central midfielder formerly of southend united. Signed from coalville town during the 23/24 season. Essex based, callum studies at nottingham trent university.

**Kyle Dixon** // Combative midfielder with an eye for goal, back for his second season with dynamo. Previously played for notts county, boston united, ilkeston town and carlton town

**Liam Merrick** // Energetic australian central midfielder who can equally operate at full back. Based in shepshed, he has previously represented peterborough northern star, rothwell corinthians and captained coventry united.

**Niall Prenderville** // Signed from Quorn (MFA League Cup winner) and also played for Barrow Town. Centre midfield player who is an operations manager. Club record appearance holder and vice captain.

**Jack Astill** // Former Leicester City academy player, he has had spells with Melton Town, Birstall United and Anstey Nomads. Also enjoyed a brief period in

**23/24 Most appearances**  
Brandon Ganley // 44 apps  
**23/24 Top scorer**  
James Shaw // 13 goals

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**Jenson Cooper** // Former Shrewsbury Town striker who boasts step three experience with AFC Rushden & Diamonds, Stamford and Redditch United. Has also represented Belper United and Gresley Rovers.

**Thabang Dube** // Back for his second spell with Dynamo, former Leicester City academy player who has enjoyed spells with Newark, Melton Town and Quorn. Experience in the national league with Farsley Celtic.

**Connor Furey** // Came through the ranks with Corby Town, a pacey winger who boasts plenty of further Step Four experience with Stamford, Harborough Town and Loughborough Dynamo.

**Elijah Samuels** // 18-year-old striker most recently of Harrogate Town. Also lists Basford United U18s as previous club.

**James Shaw** // Exciting striker who arrived from Kimberley Miners Welfare after scoring 42 goals in 46 appearances. Finished as Dynamo's top scorer is his first season with the club. //



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to find out more





# THE TOWN OF SHEPSHED

We're headed to Shepshed, a town in the Charnwood borough of Leicestershire, about 30 miles up the M1.

Shepshed's history dates back to the Domesday Book of 1086, where it was listed as "Scepeshefde." This isn't just any random name; it translates to "hill where sheep graze." Yes, it started out as a sheep-grazing community. Fast forward a few centuries, and Shepshed became known for its woollen industry, which later diversified into hosiery and knitting.

These days, Shepshed isn't exactly an industrial powerhouse, but it has a few noteworthy businesses. The town is home to Shepshed Aluminium & Engineering Co. Ltd., a significant player in the metal industry. Then there's Preci-Spark, a company involved in precision engineering and aerospace components.

Geographically, Shepshed is pretty well situated. It's about four miles from Loughborough, a university town that's a hub of research and education and Leicester, with its vibrant

cultural scene and historical landmarks, is around 14 miles away. If you fancy a bit of a drive, Nottingham and Derby are also within an hour's reach. That means you've got access to everything from Leicester's King Richard III Visitor Centre to Nottingham's legendary Robin Hood attractions.

Shepshed itself might not be Disneyland, but it has its charms. Just a short drive away is the National Forest, a massive project transforming 200 square miles of central England with woodlands and wildlife habitats. The nearby Beacon Hill Country Park offers stunning views and great walking trails. And for motorsport enthusiasts, the Donington Park Circuit isn't far off.

Shepshed is well-served in terms of education and amenities. It hosts several primary schools and two secondary schools: Hind Leys Community College and Shepshed High School. The schools are part of the Shepshed Learning Community, ensuring educational continuity from primary through to secondary education.

For daily needs, the town offers a range of shops, supermarkets, and services. The high street, while not a shopping mecca, provides essential services and a few local gems. There are also several pubs and eateries that cater to both locals and visitors.

The town benefits from decent transport links. It's conveniently located near Junction 23 of the M1 motorway, providing easy access to major cities and further afield. Public transport is also available, with regular bus services connecting Shepshed to Loughborough, Leicester, and beyond. The nearby Loughborough railway station offers direct services to London, making it a feasible commuter town. //



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# THE PITCHING IN NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE NEWS



## EX-VALLEY GK BODYCOTE SUFFERS INJURY SETBACK

Wellingborough Town have announced that Ash Bodycote will be out for a period of time after the goalkeeper broke his ankle in their FA Cup preliminary round game against Aylestone Park.

Despite right-back Will Bates taking the unfamiliar role between the sticks for the majority of the game, the Doughboys kept a clean sheet on their way to a 2-0 win and a place in the first qualifying round.

Bodycote had started every game for Wellingborough this season, and kept a clean sheet in their opening day 1-0 win over Long Eaton United in the NPL Midlands Division.

The club are likely to be in the market for a replacement ahead of their league game against Bedworth United at

London Road on August 20.

## DARLASTON'S TOP GOALSCORER RETURNS TO CLUB

Darlaston Town have announced that Aaron Bishop has returned to the club.

Bishop departed the Citizens in May to take up an opportunity with Southern Football League side Bromsgrove Sporting, but left before making a competitive appearance.

The striker scored 28 goals in 53 games for Darlaston last season, helping them to promotion into the Northern Premier League for the first time in the club's history.

On Bishop's return to the club, Darlaston Town manager Dean Gill said: "As disappointing as it was to not have Aaron with us in pre-season, we're equally pleased to welcome him back after the first week of the season.

"We've shown restraint and patience the last few months in recruitment, Aaron at his best and happy is a player of high quality and good character who adds huge value to our club/squad/team.

"Bromsgrove were very reluctant to let Aaron go so I'm pleased he has chosen to return and I am sure

everyone will welcome him back."

Bishop will be available for selection in this Saturday's FA Cup Preliminary Round fixture against Lye Town at home.

## JAMAL STEPS UP FOR DIAMONDS

AFC Rushden & Diamonds have confirmed the arrival of frontman Jamal Adams from MFL Premier Division side Studley FC.

The 24-year-old has impressed in his trial period with Diamonds, scoring the opening goal in their recent 2-1 win over Daventry Town.

Adams is a proven goalscorer in the division below his new side, scoring 15 goals in 33 appearances for Coventry United last season before his move to Studley, who narrowly missed out on the play-offs as a result of goals scored.

Rushden & Diamonds manager Michael Harriman is excited to see what his new signing can do in the Northern Premier League pyramid, saying: "He adds a different dynamic for us in forward areas.

"He can hold up the ball and also get in behind and he clearly has an eye for goal. He's a fantastic addition to the club." //



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# ANDYSMANCLUB

## WHAT IS ANDYSMANCLUB?

ANDYSMANCLUB is a free peer-to-peer group that provides a place for men to come together in a safe and open environment to talk about the issues or problems that they have faced or are currently facing.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The process is about bringing men together who have been in similar situations, to help each other on a peer to peer basis, sharing how they have dealt with various situations through lived experiences. No matter how big or small your problem feels, we are here to support each other. The 5 questions that are asked each week are designed not only to encourage men to talk, but to start to focus on the positives and on strategies to keep moving forward. There is no pressure to answer any of the questions and it is not uncommon for men to just listen for the first few sessions.

The clubs all run on the same format and adhere to the same guidelines. A key principle of ANDYSMANCLUB is anything that is said in the club, stays within the club.

## WHO IS IT FOR?

The club is open to any man 18 or over, who is going through a storm, been through a storm or just wants to meet a good group of people with the aim of improving one another.

## WHEN IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUBs meet every Monday at 7pm (excluding Bank Holiday Mondays).

## WHERE IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUB has over 100 locations across the UK. Check our website below for a full list.

## HOW DO I JOIN?

Just turn up on the night. No registration or referral is required, all we ask is that you arrive before 7pm. The full list of our locations available on our website.

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# 20 AUGUST 2005 ON THIS DAY

SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER / 20.08.2005 / ATTENDANCE 412 AT PENYDARREN PARK

Rugby Town were denied their first victory of the season against early leaders Merthyr Tydfil by a late deflected goal at Penydarren Park.

Rugby were largely dominated by their hosts during the first half and at the beginning of the second, and it wasn't until the introduction of young striker David Stone that Valley looked dangerous.

Merthyr's direct tactics almost brought them joy very early on as the home side had a flurry of corners, however, they failed to test Stevie Wilson between the sticks.

The only real glimmer of hope in the first half came when Rory Squire's deflected effort fell into the path of Kevin Slinn who tucked the ball into the net from eight yards only to see the assistant's flag has been raised for offside moments before.

As the half went on, Rugby became a little more relaxed as Rob Gould and Delroy Gordon dominated the aerial battle.

During the second half, it was clear that Merthyr were finding problems unlocking the Rugby defence although

they did have their chances to go in front.

However, it was Rugby who took the lead just thirteen minutes from time when David Stone charged down a defender's clearance leaving Rugby with a three on one situation, but Stone took the ball on himself and after composing himself drilled a low shot from twenty yards into the bottom corner.

The home side were clearly shocked by the goal and had seemingly gone to pot, as Rugby started to play some decent football.

A golden opportunity fell to Kevin Slinn when the Merthyr goalkeeper mis-kicked his clearance directly



**Valley Line-up:** Stevie Wilson, Andy Peaks, Delroy Gordon, Chris Tullin, Rob Gould, Rob Maddox, Jon Nichols, Rory Squire, James Rowe, Kevin Slinn, Danny Williams. Subs used: David Stone, Matt Green, Simeon Williams.

to him on the edge of the area, but after a good first touch the goalkeeper did well to recover and save what seemed a certain goal.

Merthyr got their glimmer of hope just two minutes from time when Andy Peaks was forced to concede a corner, and from it the ball was headed clear to Dane Williams and his deflected shot from the edge of the area found the back of the net. //



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# VALLEY U DYNAMO MATCH PREVIEW

Rugby boss Carl Adams is again likely to be forced into at least one change tonight following Saturday's win over Stone.

Midfielder Barry Fitzharris was forced off with a hip injury at half time while fellow midfielder Justin Mensah is still struggling with an ankle injury.

The midfield problems are not aided with Chris Clements still unavailable due to a holiday but he is finally due back this weekend.

Edwin Ahenkorah who made his first start of the season on Saturday can play tonight before his three-man ban begins on Saturday for his red card at Corby Town last week.

Rugby's new assistant manager Gary Drake was with Shepshed Dynamo for a number of seasons as Damien Beckford-Quailey's second-in-command while Valley centre back Callum Rai has previously had spells with Dynamo.

Only seven players from Shepshed's squad that lost 1-3 in the last meeting

between the sides back in April at Butlin Road with no less than 15 new signings integrating into new manager Tom Hayes' squad. Hayes has taken defender David Chapman, winger Connor Furey and forward Edward Bamfo from his old side Loughborough Dynamo along with experienced ex-Stamford and Corby goalkeeper Dan Wallis. //



## UPCOMING ACTION //



We are on our travels on Saturday as we make the relatively short trip to Sutton Coldfield Town.

Last season saw a seven-goal thriller at Coles Lane just before Christmas as the hosts raced into a four-goal lead in the first half before Rugby staged a comeback in the second half only to fall just

short of grabbing an equaliser late on.

Our next Butlin Road action sees us welcome newly-promoted Racing Club Warwick on Bank Holiday Monday, with a 3pm kick-off. It will be the first competitive meeting with Warwick for over 20 years.

We then travel to Hull to

face Northern Counties East side Barton Town in the First Qualifying Round of the Emirates FA Cup. Should a replay be required that will be played at Rugby on Tuesday 3rd September.

Rugby start September with an FA Trophy tie at home to NPL East side Carlton Town. //

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