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SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2020

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Herts Charity Shield, 1981-82, 1989-90, 1996-1997
Herts Intermediate Cup, 1988-1989
Chiltern Youth League (Div I) 1989-1990
South Combinations Reserve Floodlight Cup, 1992-1993
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South Midlands Challenge Trophy, 1995-1996
Eastern Region Women's League (Div II) 1998-1999
Eastern Counties Youth League Cup, 2001-2002
South Midlands Reserve Challenge Cup 2004-2005
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South Midlands League (Div I) 2008-2009
South Midlands League Cup (Div I) 2008-2009
South Midlands Floodlit Cup 1994-1995 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012
South Midlands Reserve League (Div II East) 2008-2009
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Club Statement – Tony Moulding

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the untimely death on Tuesday this week of club stalwart Tony Moulding at the age of 82 after being recently diagnosed with cancer.

Tony was born in Markfield, Leicestershire and moved to Royston in 1968 where he continued to work as sales manager for the metrology equipment company Rank Taylor Hobson before retiring at the age of 53 to set up his own company.

On arriving in Royston he was quickly able to pursue his passion for football by joining Royston Town FC. He became a regular for the first team as a contemporary of the likes of Crow's legends Derek Noades and Trevor Glasscock to name but two and played a central role in Dave Bradshaw's Championship winning team in the 1969/70 season.

In addition to playing for Royston Tony began to get more involved in the overall management of the Club with the likes of Fred Bradley, Chairman and Trevor Glasscock, Football Secretary. When I joined the club as a player in 1975, Tony was the reason I found myself in the role of General Secretary. I'll never forget the way he sold it to me as he said 'Alan why don't you just come along to a couple of Committee meetings and see if you'd like to join us!' Very crafty because 45 years later I'm still involved!

As the years went by Tony took on more and more responsibility and it was a privilege to work alongside him in two of the most defining events in the Clubs history. By the middle of the 1990s, the Club was in grave financial trouble to the point where we both thought we would preside over the closure of the Club. He, and to a lesser extent me, had to fight a rearguard action against debt collectors and bailiffs wanting to take their pound of flesh. With begging bowls in hand and after a masterful negotiation by Tony with the Inland Revenue we managed to steady the ship.

After the drama of those times, the work we did on trying to relocate the Club to a purpose-built facility away from Garden Walk took centre stage and it was Tony who was the driving force to get the deals done. We didn't quite achieve it in the end but I can assure you if you're watching over us Tony we haven't given it up.

You are maybe unfamiliar with the role Tony played in those two events I've described above but I'm sure a good many will remember Tony for his famous 'Moulding Meander' which he took around the pitch during every game commenting to people as he went on how the game was going!

I find it hard to choose the words which sum up my personal feelings about Tony –he meant a lot to me as a colleague, friend and fellow Trustee but most importantly he represented, in his own quiet determined way, all that is good about the DNA of Royston Town FC – commitment, integrity, good humour and a sense of ambition. On behalf of the Club, I would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to Steph, Julie, Stewart and John and all other family and friends.

RIP Tony

Alan Barlow



Tony Moulding & Alan Barlow presenting a new kit to then player-manager Paddy Butcher



Tony Moulding welcomes Kevin Pugh and Sam Salomon to the Club for the 98/99 season



Royston Town FC Club History

So when did it all begin? After some intensive research the evidence is that the club came into existence in 1875 making Royston the third oldest Club in Hertfordshire after Hitchin and Bishop Stortford.

The Club's very first honour came in 1911/12 when they won the Creak Charity Shield beating Wisbech 1-0 in extra time.

The Club's first major honour in more recent times came in the guise of promotion to the Herts County Premier League in 1969/70 and they went on to be champions in 1972/73 and 1976/77. In 1978 we rejoined the South Midlands League and won the Division One title at the first time of asking. Success continued with a final appearance in the Herts Charity Shield for the first time in 1979 and runners up spot in the South Midlands League Premier Division in 1980. The Herts Charity Shield was won in 1981/82 and two years later the Club joined the Isthmian League Division Two North where we remained for 10 seasons before returning to the South Midlands League in 1994.

After a period in the doldrums which culminated in relegation from the South Midlands League Premier Division at the end of 2006/07, Paul Attfield was appointed manager with ex Spurs favourite Tony Galvin returning to Garden Walk as 1st Team Coach in November 2007.

Paul immediately set about building a new 1st Team squad and a run of 17 games undefeated saw the Club move from bottom of the table to finish in 5th place in the League.

The foundations had been laid for the 2008/09 season and the first team took the South Midlands Division One League title with one of the best set of stats for any Step 6 Club in the country W33, D4, L3, GF138, GA30, GD+108, PTS 103.

The 2011/2012 season will be seen as a watershed in our history with the winning of the South Midlands Premier Division title and promotion to Step 4 in the shape of the Evo-Stik Southern League Division One Central.

In our first season back at Step 4 after an absence of 19 years it was hard to know what to expect and how we would perform. Most of our supporters felt a mid-table position would be an acceptable target for the season, but we quickly found ourselves exceeding all expectations as our performances propelled us towards the top of the table. Four straight wins in the first four games set the tone and a run of nine wins with just one defeat between October and December saw us maintain a play-off position. In the very last game of the season a play-off was still a possibility and having gone 2-1 up away at AFC Hayes with just a few minutes of the game left it looked a near certainty. But it was not to be as Hayes scored an 87 minute equaliser and our play-off place was lost.

In our second season at this level our steady progress to claim a place in the play off zone was given a severe jolt when, at the beginning of November, Paul Attfield announced his resignation as first team manager due to ill health. The search for his replacement began almost immediately and we were inundated with applications from some very well know and successful managers. After an exhaustive selection process the Board appointed Steve Castle at the end of November and on Boxing Day Steve officially took over securing a 0 – 0 draw against the League's form team and eventual champions Dunstable Town.

Our 2014/15 season opener was at home against one of the promotion favourites Rugby Town but an impressive team display ensured their threat was stifled and we ran out winners 2 -1. That victory really did set things buzzing but we were quickly brought back down to earth when on the following Tuesday night Bedworth United were the visitors winning the game 3 – 1. As we all know consistency in performances provides the key to long term success and although the early stages of the season produced good results against the likes of Daventry Town and Beaconsfield these were punctuated by dismal performances against the likes of Aylesbury and Egham Town. From mid November to mid December We really lost our way with six defeats in seven games but our rollercoaster ride saw an incredible run of form over the Christmas period and into the New Year with five straight wins which helped us maintain a position in the play off places.

On a miserable Tuesday evening in February we travelled to lowly AFC Hayes and after an abject performance we lost the game 2 – 0. This prompted our Chairman to tell Steve Castle that he had given up on this team making the play – offs and said that we should start preparing instead for next season. That message was conveyed to players and we witnessed a most remarkable transformation in our results with a 14 game unbeaten run during which we scored 29 goals and conceded just seven resulting in us achieving the runners up spot to league champions Kettering Town and securing our place in the play- off semi final where we met local rivals Barton Rovers. After an incident packed 90 minutes and extra time the game ended in a goalless draw but

it was not to be our night and we lost the shoot out 4-5 and had to suffer the agony of all the emotions which go with being defeated in this way.

We started the 2015/16 season strongly and between the end of December and the end of March we produced a rich vein of form with only one defeat in 14 games and this ensured we were sitting on top of the league with just 7 games to go and with the expectation that we could win promotion outright ran high throughout the whole club. However three games in succession proved our down fall when we could only draw 0 – 0 with Bedford and lost to Egham away 3- 1 and Godalming at home 1- 0 and once again we ended up in the play offs against AFC Rushden but we failed to turn up and went out tamely to our opponents 2 - 1.

Having finished runners up for two years in succession Steve Castle was determined to make it third time lucky and began to recruit some experienced new blood in the shape of John Frendo and Adam Murray whilst at the same time giving youngsters Gus Scott Morris and Josh C extended runs in the first team.

However the season didn't start well and after four games we'd only mustered five points whilst promotion rivals Farnborough just couldn't stop winning. Although results did improve, defeat in the FA Cup to Heybridge Swifts 4 – 1 and a thrashing by Barton Rovers at home 6 – 3 at the end of September didn't do a great of good for our confidence.

Things took a dramatic turn thereafter with 12 successive league wins which ended with defeat 2-1 at Kidlington in early January 2017, interspersed by a magnificent run in the FA Trophy including victory against Step 2 outfit Hampton and Richmond Borough before in the replay against Dulwich Hamlet we eventually went down 1 -0.

With cup football out of the way the team put together an incredible run of 16 league games undefeated including a 5 – 0 thrashing of closest rivals Farnborough which saw us maintain the top spot until the end of the season by a margin of 12 points and the highest number of goals scored, 120, across all three Evostik Leagues.

Promotion to the Southern Premier League means that the Club will be playing at its highest level in its 142 year history!

Season 2017/18 saw The Crows exceeded all expectations in our first season at Step 3. Throughout the season we managed to maintain our hopes of a play-off place until they were finally put to bed with two successive defeats against the eventually play-off winners Slough Town and we had to be satisfied with a seventh place finish. The signing of Adam Marriott, a proven goal scorer who had played for Lincoln City, Stevenage and Cambridge United was without a doubt a real coup and he was to play a key role in the progress made by the Club by becoming our leading marksman with 31 goals. A good run in the FA Trophy with wins against Enfield Town and Leatherhead came to an end against Eastbourne Borough when having managed to draw at their place we lost the replay on penalties. We managed to get to the final of the Herts Senior Cup where we played Boreham Wood from Step 2 and in spite of a brave performance we never really had the power to compete and lost 2 – 1.

Given where we had started from we definitely exceeded our own and many other peoples' expectations and this has provided us with the building blocks to face this season in the newly constituted Southern Premier Central League.

Season 2018/19 saw us finishing in a respectable 9th position in what proved to be a very strong Premier Division Central. During February/March we recorded six wins out of seven league games to give us a faint hope of a play-off spot, but three straight defeats in April put paid to our chances. We suffered another early at AFC Sudbury in the FA Cup and in the FA Trophy we progressed through two rounds before being beaten in a replay at Needham Market.

A comprehensive history of the Club can be found in The History of Royston Town FC 1875 - 2012 first published in 2013. The book was written by the Club's President, Alan Barlow after over five years of painstaking research and can be purchase via the Club on by visiting www.avbarlow.com.



Today's Opponents – Newmarket Town FC Club History

The club was formed on 22 November 1877, and played their first game against Pembroke College. They initially played on the heath, until moving to Cricket Field Road in 1885; the first game at the new pitch was played on 21 October 1885 versus Bury School. In 1920 the club won the Cambridgeshire Senior League and the Cambridgeshire Senior Cup.

They moved into the Bury and District League, which they won in 1926–27. The club then moved into the Suffolk and Ipswich League, winning the title in 1931–32, 1932–33 and 1933–34, and picking up the Suffolk Senior Cup the following season. In 1937 the club was admitted to the Eastern Counties League. The club finished bottom during the 1937–38 season, but was not demoted, as the league was expanded from 10 to 13 clubs. During World War II, Stan Mortensen, later of England and Blackpool fame, played for the club as a guest player.

Following the war, the club finished bottom for five consecutive seasons, and eventually left the league at the end of the 1951–52 season, in which they had lost all 34 matches and finished with a goal difference of -151. They dropped into the Peterborough and District League. After winning it in 1957–58, they returned to the ECL in 1959.

During the 1990s the club saw a period of success in the Suffolk Premier Cup, winning the trophy in 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1999. They were relegated at the end of the 2007–08 season but in 2008–09 the club won Division One, and were promoted back to the Premier Division. They were relegated again in 2011–12 but returned to the Premier Division after finishing second the following season. They won the League Challenge Cup in 2013-14.

Main Honours

Eastern Counties League: Division One Champions 2008–09. League Cup winners 2013–14

Suffolk Premier Cup: Winners 1994, 1995, 1996, 1999

Records

Best league performance: 2nd in Eastern Counties League, 1966–67

Best FA Cup performance: Fourth qualifying round, 1992–93

Best FA Vase performance: Quarter-finals, 2005–06

Attendance: 2,701 vs Abbey United, FA Cup, 1 October 1949

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Womens 1 st	Sunday 13 th September	2.00	Luton Town Ladies	League	Home
U18's	Thursday 17 th September	7.45	Mildenhall Town	League	Home
1st Team	Saturday 19 th September	3.00	Banbury United	League	Home
Reserves	Saturday 19 th September	3.00	Cockfosters Reserves	League	Away
Womens 1 st	Sunday 20 th September	2.00	Peterborough United	FA Cup: Prelim Round	Away
1 st Team	Saturday 26 th September	3.00	Alvechurch	League	Away
Reserves	Saturday 26 th September	3.00	Sandridge Rovers	League	Home
Womens 1 st	Sunday 27 th September	2.00	Harlow Town Ladies	League	Away

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CROWS BLOG: Onwards and Upwards

07/09/2020

Hi guys!

I thought I'd relay my thoughts after what ended up an 'unusual' match against King's Lynn on Saturday.

Firstly, many thanks to Ian Culverhouse and Paul Bastock for bringing their team to Garden Walk. I'm sure they got a lot out of the match as did we but for totally different reasons! The difference? The result obviously!

Pre-season we all say, so results are irrelevant to a degree but ultimately that's what we as semi-professional footballers are all about so no it isn't! On a positive note, our start was very good. We got about our opponents very well and gave them no room to play and created some fantastic opportunities to score! The crucial thing was, we didn't – and as football does so often it kicks you where it hurts most, 2 King's Lynn opportunities and 2 goals! Fair play to them and they probably showed the reason why they are plying their trade 2 levels above us but if our talented lads want to get to these levels then they must realise that it's all about goals and assists!

Anyway, at the moment we do have the luxury of 'experimenting' a bit and looking at lads in different positions. Like most teams, we have had our share of trialists – some have done extremely well but it's all an ongoing process. Generally, it's been positive.

Unfortunately, on a negative we've picked up a few injuries over the last couple of matches, hopefully, nothing long term but we may have to adjust certain things. But it's all in a seasons work!

Onwards and upwards!

Cheers,

Steve Castle

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TRAVELLERS TALES 1

By Brian Buck

246th game of the season. (Match 13,258) Friday 13th March 2020. Ware U16 Academy 6 Grays Athletic U16 Yellow 1 (Eastern Junior Alliance U16 Yellow Division) att 25 approx.

Today was the day that many leagues, mainly the 'elite' ones, shut down until April (or so we thought at the time!) because of the Coronavirus outbreak getting worse, but all of my possibilities for tonight went ahead, apart from the Arsenal v Spurs U23 match at Boreham Wood. But as soon as I found out about this game, it was always my intention to come here tonight anyway. Although all of the broken lights here had be replaced a few weeks ago, one was out again this evening and when this happens it leaves a noticeable dark patch. The game was just two minutes old when I became rather fed up with the rotund visiting manager. He was loud blunt and did I hear him utter the occasional swear word? He endeared himself to me even less when he made his first sub on just nine minutes when he told the subbed player to, "Get off!" However, on 18 minutes his side were awarded a spot kick, converted but slightly generously given in my opinion, when a home player leaned into a visiting player too strongly as they both went for the ball. But four minutes later Ware were back in the lead, following a miskick by the Ware keeper and the ball was slotted home from a narrow angle. From this point onwards the visiting manager toned his act down a little. On 35 minutes a header from a corner gave Ware the lead. Five minutes into the second half, in this 40 minutes each way match, saw Ware increase their lead and it was in effect game over now. Three more goals in an eight minute spell towards the end gave Ware a deserved win, but perhaps by not such a large margin. According to the ref he finished the game with about 30 seconds still left for play. This was because there was a rumpus as Ware prepared to face a free kick on the edge of their area. I didn't see any punches thrown, but there was a lot of pushing and shoving. When asked if he had abandoned the game the ref said that he hadn't, which as the sole time keeper of the game, he can choose how long he wants to play!

247. (13,259) (3,646th 'new' ground) Saturday 14th March 2020. East Ruston 3 Hickling 1 (Walcott Lighthouse Inn North East Norfolk League Division 2 Section 1) att 20 approx.

With most of fixtures at Step 6 and above called off because of the dreaded Coronavirus, it was down to one of the feeder leagues to get my fix today. So, not wanting to catch anything on public transport, apart from a train or two of course, I elected to drive to my game and I picked one that is, as far, as I know, very difficult to do by public transport. It took me just over two hours to get here and the ground is adjacent to the village hall, not that they really need one, as this is such a small village. The changing rooms are wooden and here I bumped into the jovial home management team, who pointed me in the direction of the local pub. After my recent experience of paying £4 for a pulled pork roll at the Hampshire FA ground, I thought that I couldn't do any worse here. I was wrong. The chilli con carne, with pasta with garlic bread (two slices) for £4.50 looked tempting and when it arrived it tasted nice. Problem was that it came in a large coffee mug! Back at the ground I mentioned this to my 'trip advisor' who told me, "I forgot to tell you that the food's not very good!" Anyway, by now we were ready to go and once the rotund ref had finished off his fag the game soon got underway. The pitch, a bumpy one, was rather hemmed in on all sides, but it was not unattractive and daffodils dotted around made it look quite pleasant. They also have a small wooden stand here, but recently its roof got blown off! Eventually though I watched the match sat on a tree stump. It was a good honest game contested by players of varying ages and ability. But both sides gave their all and this was an enjoyable afternoon. The first half saw Hickling start well, but without being able to score from the chances they created. Then the hosts took over and they took the lead on 31 minutes with a close range effort. In the second half I was joined by the home lino who offered me some of his biscuits! 'His' side saw off the game with two goals in a minute on the 60 minute mark, the first of these coming from a good one touch passing movement, difficult on a pitch like this. On 79 minutes Hickling got the goal they probably deserved, from the spot, given for

what I would call, an ordinary foul, but in the refs eyes serious enough for the perpetrator to be shown a yellow card. Soon the game was at an end and after having a farewell chat with the home manager and a visit to the WC in the away dressing room, where I might have caught the virus off this lot, I made my way home. As I left the ref was having another fag!

And that was it for four and a half months when all live football was stopped. But things got worse for me as in June I was sent to Bedford Hospital for tests, after I reported severe pains in my back and chest. Furthermore, my GP noted that I had an irregular heartbeat. I was expecting to be there for a few hours but in the end, I was there for three days. During this time my heart returned to something like normal but it was discovered that I have gallstones. Now I am waiting for an operation to remove my gallbladder, where most, if not all, of the gallstones are hiding but because of a back log because of the virus it seems that I will have to wait months for this to happen!

1st game of the season (13,260) Saturday 1st August 2020. Renhold United 0 Ampthill Town 10 (Friendly Match) (11am kick off) att 10 approx. By now I was on a low fat diet and most of my pains had gone, although I was still feeling a bit lethargic, but it was the first day when friendly matches could start again. Since our last visit here the remains of the bulldozed Three Horseshoes pub have been removed and has been replaced by three nearly finished detached houses, making spotting the entrance to the ground behind them a tad more difficult to find. I watched the match from the comfort of my trusty garden chair. It was a decent day for football, warm when the sun was out, but a bit nippy when replaced by the rain threatening clouds. On the pitch you could work out what was going to happen before a ball was kicked. SSML Division 1 side Ampthill had enough players to field a different side each half whereas the hosts, who will be playing in Beds County League Division 2, just had an enlarged squad, with the emphasis on 'enlarged' and some of them will need to shift a few pounds before competitive football starts. As is often the case in these games the inferior side started well and for a while the spoils were even. But on 18 minutes Ampthill took the lead and they were leading 3-0 by the break. At this point Mrs 'Renhold' or Mrs 'Renhold – Wixams' these days, because she and hubby have moved house, came to see us, primarily to get our contact details, not because we will get a Christmas card from her, but it had more to do with the 'track and trace' regarding the virus. In the second half Ampthill racked up the goals. Eventually it was just a case of when they would get double figures. They had a chance to do this on 90(+3) minutes from the spot, but the shot was impressively saved. But the tenth goal did arrive two minutes later.

2. (13,261) (3,647) Saturday 1st August 2020. Oracle Components 2 Hatfield Town U23 2 (Played at Richard Hale School, Hertford) (3pm kick off) att 20 approx. After the previous match had finished there was just enough time to nip home for a cup of tea and a sandwich before setting out again. I arrived at this 3G pitch about twenty minutes before kick where I bumped into a couple of other Groundhoppers and we spent the afternoon in each others company, socially distancing of course! The game seemed to start a few minutes early and was quite a competitive one without any serious friction, although the ref did get a bit of an ear bashing from Hatfield until they realised that despite his attire, he was actually quite a decent one and they eventually left him alone. The score was 1-1 at the break and then with the visitors replacing just about the whole of their side it seemed that they might dominate the second half and they took the lead on 72 minutes, but Oracle, making fewer changes, dug in and equalised with a cleverly won spot kick six minutes later.



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Alvechurch	53 Redditch Road, Alvechurch	B48 7RS	0121 445 2929	227
Banbury United	The Banbury Plant Hire Community Stadium, Station Approach, Banbury	OX16 5AD	01295 263354	140
Barwell	Kirkby Road Sports Ground, Kirkby Road, Barwell, Leicester	LE9 8FQ	01455 843067	184
Biggleswade Town	Langford Road, Biggleswade, Beds	SG18 9JT	01767 318802	30
Bromsgrove Sporting	The Victoria Ground, Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove, Worcs	B61 0DR	01527 876949	244
Coalville Town	Owen St Sports Ground, Owen Street, Coalville, Leics	LE67 3DA	07496 792650	197
Hednesford Town	Keys Park, Keys Park Road, Hednesford Cannock, Staffordshire	WS12 2DZ	01543 422870	240
Hitchin Town	Top Field, Fishponds Road, Hitchin	SG5 1NU	01462 459028	34
Kings Langley	Gaywood Park, Hempstead Road, Kings Langley, Herts	WD4 8BS	07730 410330	72
Leiston	Victory Road, Leiston, Suffolk	IP16 4DQ	01728 830308	167
Lowestoft Town	Crown Meadow (Amber Dew Events Stadium), Love Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk	NR32 2PA	01502 573818	205
Needham Market	Bloomfields, Quinton Road, Needham Market, Suffolk	IP6 8DA	01449 721000	117
Nuneaton Borough	Liberty Way, Nuneaton, Warwicks	CV11 6BB	02476 349690	178
Peterborough Sports	The Bee Arena, Peterborough Sports & Leisure, 651 Lincoln Road, Peterborough, Cambs	PE1 3HA	01733 567835	94
Redditch United	The Trico Stadium, Bromsgrove Road, Redditch	B97 4RN	01527 67450	228
Rushall Olympic	Dales Lane, Rushall, Walsall, West Midlands	WS4 1LJ	07909 560407	226
St Ives Town	Pro Edge Stadium, Westwood Road, St Ives	PE27 6DT	01480 463207	46
Stourbridge	War Memorial Athletic Ground, High Street, Amblecote, Stourbridge, W Mids	DY8 4HN	01384 394040	250
Stratford Town	The DCS Stadium, Knights Lane, Tiddington, Stratford-Upon-Avon	CV37 7BZ	01789 261037	194
Tamworth	The Lamb Ground, Kettlebrook Road, Tamworth, Staffs	B77 1AA	01827 65798	217

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SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2020	3PM	FA CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND	HOME
SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2020	3PM	BANBURY UNITED	HOME
26 SEPTEMBER 2020	3PM	ALVECHURCH	AWAY
29 SEPTEMBER 2020	7.45PM	NEEDHAM MARKET	AWAY
06 OCTOBER 2020	7.45PM	BIGGLESWADE TOWN	HOME
SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2020	3PM	STOURBRIDGE	HOME
17 OCTOBER 2020	3PM	TAMWORTH	AWAY
SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2020	3PM	HEDNESFORD TOWN	HOME
26 OCTOBER 2020	7.45PM	HITCHIN TOWN	AWAY
03 NOVEMBER 2020	7.45PM	ST IVES TOWN	HOME
07 NOVEMBER 2020	3PM	STRATFORD TOWN	AWAY
SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2020	3PM	NUNEATON BOROUGH	HOME
17 NOVEMBER 2020	7.45PM	LEISTON	AWAY
21 NOVEMBER 2020	3PM	REDDITCH UNITED	AWAY
24 NOVEMBER 2020	7.45PM	BARWELL	HOME
SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2020	3PM	BROMSGROVE SPORTING	HOME
SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER 2020	3PM	PETERBOROUGH SPORTS	AWAY
TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2020	7.45PM	BIGGLESWADE TOWN	AWAY
SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER 2020	3PM	AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	HOME
SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER 2020	3PM	RUSHALL OLYMPIC	AWAY
SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 2020	3PM	KINGS LANGLEY	HOME
SATURDAY 2 JANUARY 2021	3PM	LOWESTOFT TOWN	AWAY
SATURDAY 9 JANUARY 2021	3PM	TAMWORTH	HOME
SATURDAY 16 JANUARY 2021	3PM	STOURBRIDGE	AWAY
SATURDAY 23 JANUARY 2021	3PM	HITCHIN TOWN	HOME
SATURDAY 30 JANUARY 2021	3PM	HEDNESFORD TOWN	AWAY
SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2021	3PM	STRATFORD TOWN	HOME
SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2021	3PM	ST IVES TOWN	AWAY
SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2021	3PM	BROMSGROVE SPORTING	AWAY
SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2021	3PM	PETERBOROUGH SPORTS	HOME
TUESDAY 2 MARCH 2021	7.45PM	NEEDHAM MARKET	HOME
SATURDAY 6 MARCH 2021	3PM	BANBURY UNITED	AWAY
SATURDAY 13 MARCH 2021	3PM	ALVECHURCH	HOME
SATURDAY 20 MARCH 2021	3PM	AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	AWAY
SATURDAY 27 MARCH 2021	3PM	RUSHALL OLYMPIC	HOME
SATURDAY 3 APRIL 2021	3PM	COALVILLE TOWN	HOME
MONDAY 5 APRIL 2021	3PM	KINGS LANGLEY	AWAY
SATURDAY 10 APRIL 2021	3PM	LEISTON	HOME
SATURDAY 17 APRIL 2021	3PM	NUNEATON BOROUGH	AWAY
SATURDAY 24 APRIL 2021	3PM	REDDITCH UNITED	HOME
SATURDAY 1 MAY 2021	3PM	BARWELL	AWAY
MONDAY 3 MAY 2021	3PM	LOWESTOFT TOWN	HOME
SATURDAY 8 MAY 2021	3PM	COALVILLE TOWN	AWAY

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- 2 Gus SCOTT-MORRISS
- 3 Dan BRATHWAITE (C)
- 4 Scott BRIDGES
- 5 Adam MURRAY
- 6 Jonny EDWARDS
- 7 Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE
- 8 Danny GREEN
- 9 Brandon ADAMS
- 10 Isaac GALLIFORD
- 11 Josh WILLIAMS
- 12 Spyros MENTIS
- 14 Josh CASTIGLIONE
- 15 James BRIGHTON
- 16 Taylor PARR
- 17 Harry SMART (GK)
- 18 Adam WATKINS
- 19 Matteo ESPOSITO
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- 21 Tom NEWMAN
- 22 Ryan TOWNER

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- Joe BENNETT 2
- Callum CHAMBERS-SHAW 3
- Henry HALL 4
- Blake KICKS 5
- Ben LANDSHOFF 6
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