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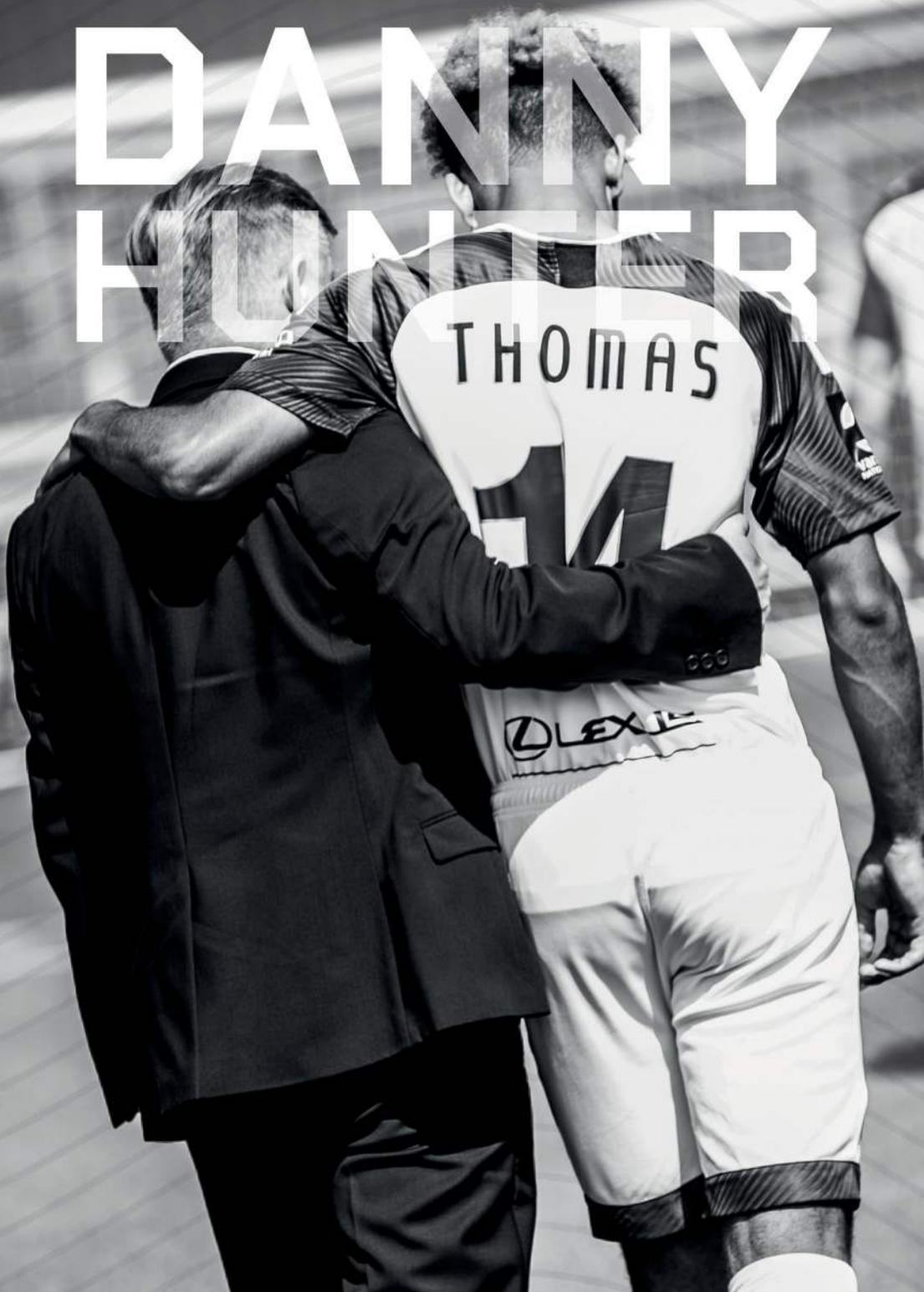
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DANNY HUNTER



Tonight we welcome our good friends from Braintree Town Football Club, can I wish their Directors, Manager, Players, Staff and Supporters a pleasant stay with us and a safe journey home.

Well, it's been an eventful last 10 days or so back in the National League, as we've played a very good Rochdale team losing a close game 2-0, played Notts Forest u/21's in the National League Cup winning 2-0, and then travelled to Cumbria to face Carlisle United in front of nearly 9,000 fans, where we led at half time, trailed late on before deservedly drawing 3-3. The good thing for me is the summer building works can now slow down and the new season can begin in earnest.

Player news:

Other than the injured Jack Payne and Joe Newton, every other player within the squad has already had good minutes and everyone has played a big part in what has been a promising start to the season performance wise.

On the recruitment front both Luke and Charlie Hunter are still working on strengthening the squad but these things do take time to get right and so we will need to be patient. That said, we have just been forced to sell Tom Whelan to AFC Fylde, although in truth we didn't want to let him go.

Disappointing though it is, Tom did have a buy out clause in his contract and Fylde were obviously told that by third parties, they activated it and we were informed on Sunday by Tom's agent that Tom wanted to discuss personal terms with Fylde which he did and subsequently accepted their terms.

There are no complaints from me as in business terms the contract is the rule book which we must all abide by and the buy out clause was about fair. It was activated by Fylde, Tom wanted to go as it was a longer deal, more money and very importantly for Tom it would possibly give him more game time. We of course wish him well, we remember last season's promotion, we forget the relegation and personally I thank him for his friendship and service.

Our squad as you know is not the biggest, as shown on the back page of our programme each and every week and that's often highlighted by visiting fans, managers and clubs as if it's a huge downside. That is not how we see it, as we believe that quality over quantity as a conscious footballing decision has always held us in good stead throughout my tenure here.

I have always believed that putting together a better quality group of players within a smaller squad system often assists the club, manager and aids him in keeping his players happy, it also often suits keeping things financially viable and has over the years often been dictated by our year on year building programmes, our facility upgrades etc, while we also factor in things like the size of our growing fanbase, season ticket sales and the level we are playing at.

Our budget policies are not for everybody and if I was Carlisle United's Chairman/Owner and had 8,000 home supporters spending up to £26 a ticket, I would of course fill my boots. But we're not that type of club so we must do what works best for us and that has meant step by step progress, long term partnerships and our future proofing stadium builds.

As we now look to develop the club further, improve the facility further and improve the academy both on and off the field in the manner we've done for more than two decades, we must do so while not weakening ourselves at National League level and that will be my main aim this season.

We are in truth not a club that can carry, say, a squad of 25 plus players this season even if we wanted to. Our present budget means Luke would end up with a

lot of bang average players being paid a tad more money than they're possibly worth and although that is subjective, it is the only outcome I could foresee.

At times a club like ours can get vilified by some of the bigger clubs and their supporters for possibly bloodying their nose at times, competing on much lower resources or possibly because we are playing them as equals when having a much smaller support base. Anyway, for whatever reasons we are financially sound, we are successful in our own right and I do try to invest in all things local and do try to pay reasonably well.

In truth we must always be resourceful and at present we have had to adapt and come to terms with new things like having 7 subs and that means creating a slightly bigger squad, and that will affect things financially across the whole club.

Luke and the backroom staff will also now be working on how best to utilise a 7-man bench and how to best use up to five subs. The days of the starting eleven finishing the game or being used week in week out at this level is over. Full time football is now very much about athleticism, high energy, physicality, peak powers, analysis, medical departments, strength and conditioning, nutrition and the whole squad and our professional backroom staff playing their part.

That said, it's also about owners like me evolving and football clubs like ours working smart not stupid and that means understanding the transfer market, dealing with agents, knowing our budget restrictions, increasing our club partnerships, growing the clubs' commercial partners and being intelligent enough at times to work smart within the recruitment process and not become too emotional.

How Luke looks at or preempts how his teams might start a match will need to dovetail in the coming years with how he might finish games and as you can see at the levels above us and around us, it's often the players who finish games who now win or lose football matches.

We are at present trying to create a squad that ensures we have legs and goals in key areas and whether we bring people on or take people off, you do need legs and nous throughout 90 plus minutes if we are going to be successful.

We've already seen in last seasons play-offs, and in this seasons opening games, how the bench can influence things positively and our subs/finishers up at Carlisle United played a huge, huge part in securing us a point and silencing nearly 9,000 Brunton Park supporters.

In truth I felt we were great value for what was a very hard earned point and it made the journey home for the team and

our supporters that much better. On that note I would like to thank our supporters for their efforts, their voices and I'm so pleased we gave you a performance to sing about and sustain you on the long journey home.

Anyway, back to this evening's game and our visitors Braintree Town, like us they have their own business model and if it works for them, and it clearly does, then good luck to them. They have started the season pretty well and as a club we have played them many times over the years and so know how difficult this game will be.

Let's look forward to an open, attacking game and may the best team win.

Take care

Danny

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Good Evening, firstly I would like to welcome Steve Pitt his Staff and Players to Mangata Developments Stadium for this afternoons National League fixture.

Braintree have had a mixed start to the campaign with a big 3-0 opening day win over Halifax Town and then unfortunately for them on Saturday, losing 2-0 away from home against a new look Hartlepool United side.

Braintree have also added to their group from last year, with the additions of Tommy Smith, Elliot Thorpe, Mason Terry and Lewis Walker. The latter having an instant impact with two debut goals against Halifax.

Having watched them in their last three fixtures, they know exactly what they are and have the attitude to delivering on that, with a focal point in John Akinde they work off him really well and we will need to guard against his presence and make sure we nullify his supply and starve him of deliveries into our box.

It will be for us to implement our strategy this evening, having the belief and confidence to take the game to Braintree especially after our performance on Saturday, where I feel we were more than worthy of a point on the day and having rewatched the game we could of took all 3 if we had shown a little more aggression in our defending.

My early observations are that we are a well-balanced side and have shown we can compete with the top end of the league having already faced in my opinion two title challengers in Rochdale and Carlisle.

We've shown we can attack with pace, have many threats whether that's through our open play or restarts and that's something I feel is important with a successful side.

We now need to have that killer instinct in both our attacking and more importantly defensive units, it's clear we have seen a pattern in which we concede goals and that's been addressed with the group and we have to be better when presented with these scenarios.

As I genuinely believe our performances have been very positive and we have seen a progression with this squad, taking on a lot of information and playing a more offensive style of play and showing real good signs at such an early stage.

We now need to get our first three points of the season and start to get a return for the positive displays. And that starts tonight with us combining all our good bits and delivering on the task in hand and getting a big three points and another clean sheet.

Lastly, I want to thank the Wood Army who travelled to Carlisle on Saturday, your support was very welcome and your constant noise had a huge influence in us getting a result.

Let's now get right behind the boys tonight and kick start our return to the National League with three points.

Enjoy the Game.

Luke



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DATE	H/A	KD	OPPOSITION	COMP.	F-A	ATT.	STARTING XI				
AUGUST											
SAT 9	HOME	15:00	ROCHDALE	NL	0-2	1,151	ASHMORE	COXE ▼	ILESANMI	BUSH	O'CONNELL
TUE 12	HOME	19:00	NOTTINGHAM FOREST U21	NLC	2-0	418	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	O'CONNELL	SOUSA ▼	WHELAN
SAT 16	AWAY	15:00	CARLISLE UNITED	NL	3-3	8,741	ASHMORE	COXE	ILESANMI ▼	BUSH	O'CONNELL ⚡
WED 20	HOME	19:45	BRAINTREE TOWN	NL							
MON 25	HOME	15:00	TRURO CITY	NL							
SAT 30	AWAY	15:00	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	NL							
SEPTEMBER											
WED 3	AWAY	19:45	SUTTON UNITED	NL							
SAT 6	HOME	15:00	MORECOMBE	NL							
TUE 9	HOME	19:00	WEST BROMWICH ALBION U21	NLC							
SAT 13	HOME	15:00	ALTRINCHAM	NL							
SAT 20	AWAY	15:00	BOSTON UNITED	NL							
WED 24	AWAY	19:45	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	NL							
SAT 27	HOME	15:00	WOKING	NL							
TUE 30	HOME	19:45	SOUTHEND UNITED	NL							
OCTOBER											
SAT 4	AWAY	15:00	YEOVIL TOWN	NL							
SAT 11	TBC	TBC	FA CUP 4Q	FAC							
SAT 18	HOME	15:00	EASTLEIGH	NL							
TUE 21	AWAY	19:45	YORK CITY	NL							
SAT 25	AWAY	15:00	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	NL							
NOVEMBER											
TUE 4	HOME	19:45	ALDERSHOT TOWN	NL							
SAT 8	AWAY	15:00	BRACKLEY TOWN	NL							
SAT 15	HOME	15:00	TAMWORTH	NL							
SAT 22	AWAY	15:00	GATESHEAD	NL							
TUE 25	HOME	19:00	LEICESTER CITY U21	NLC							
SAT 29	HOME	15:00	FC HALIFAX TOWN	NL							
DECEMBER											
TUE 2	HOME	19:00	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS U21	NLC							
SAT 6	AWAY	15:00	ROCHDALE	NL							
SAT 13	TBC	TBC	FA TROPHY 3	FAT							
SAT 20	HOME	15:00	CARLISLE UNITED	NL							
FRI 26	AWAY	15:00	WEALDSTONE	NL							
TUE 30	HOME	19:45	SOLIHULL MOORS	NL							
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IN THE DUGOUT



Manager: Steve PITT

Steve Pitt became Braintree Town manager in December following the dismissal of Angelo Harrop. Having served as Harrop's assistant from summer 2022 until December 2023, Pitt was already familiar with the Iron. Upon being appointed, Pitt was honoured to take charge, aiming to build on Harrop's foundations. Pitt took over in the midst of a relegation battle and eventually succeeded in leading the Iron to survival.

ONES TO WATCH



Mason TERRY

Born: 20 September 2004

Position: Goalkeeper

In between the sticks for the Iron, Mason Terry joined West Ham aged nine after being scouted from Essex Allstars. A Youth Cup winner in 2023, he signed professionally ahead of the 2023/24 season. Loan spells at Concord Rangers and Hornchurch saw him twice win Supporters' Player of the Season, keeping 17 clean sheets in 53 games for the latter. Now, this season, Terry has made the step up to the National League with Braintree Town.

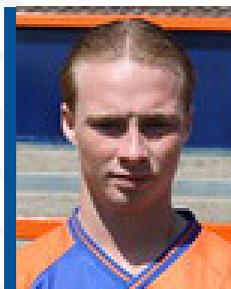


Lewis WALKER

Born: 14 April 1999

Position: Forward

Up top for Braintree Town, Walker began his senior career at Ilkeston before spells with Derby County, Darlington, and QPR, where he made his professional debut in 2019. After playing in Italy with Como and Athletic Carpi, Walker returned to England with Gillingham and Woking, scoring 14 goals in 59 appearances before joining Braintree Town in 2025. The Iron frontman will certainly be eyeing the scoresheet this evening after an opening day brace.



Fletcher HUBBARD

Born: 28 March 2006

Position: Midfield

Young prospect, Hubbard began his career with Upminster Park Rovers before joining West Ham United in 2014. After seven years, he took a scholarship with Swindon Town, making his debut in an EFL Trophy match in 2023. Following a loan at Melksham Town and release from Swindon, he joined Brightlingsea Regent, scoring 12 goals in 2024–25. In July, Hubbard signed for National League side Braintree Town after a successful trial and recently scored to seal a 2-0 win over Leicester City U21 in the National League Cup.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

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Doe [48], Howell [54]

18 February 2016 // 19:45 // National League

Wood secured a 2-0, midweek win at Braintree Town thanks to goals from Scott Doe and Luke Howell.

The hosts started brightly, with former Wood man Simeon Akinola and Michael Cheek both going close in the opening stages, while James Russell was forced into several important saves to keep the visitors level. Wood struggled for fluency early on, with Anthony Jeffrey their main outlet, though he was unable to find the target.

The deadlock was finally broken shortly after the restart when Conor Clifford's free-kick was missed by the Braintree defence, allowing Scott Doe to head in at the far post, ending the Iron's long home clean sheet record. Moments later, Howell doubled the lead in style, curling home a superb volley from the edge of the box.

Despite Braintree throwing men forward, Wood's defence stood firm, with Russell and Sam Cox making key interventions to seal an impressive away victory.





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BRAINTREE TOWN

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten post-war Braintree Town goalscoring favourites

JOHN DICK

Inside-forward John Dick gained Scotland international recognition after leaving Braintree Town. Initially with Maryhill, he netted 31 goals in 52 games for Crittall Athletic (as Braintree were then known) during his National Service in the REME at Colchester. He joined West Ham in June 1953 and was top scorer on four occasions, including their 1957-58 Second Division title triumph. Capped against England in April 1959, he moved to Brentford in September 1962 and starred in their 1962-63 Fourth Division title success. He was later Gravesend & Northfleet's player-boss, then worked for the Inner London Education Authority and died in September 2000.

IVAN GOODAY

Striker Ivan Gooday was Braintree Town's leading marksman in three successive seasons. The eldest son of former Braintree player Malcolm Gooday, he made his first-team debut during the 1978-79 campaign and formed a lethal partnership with Chris Guy as Braintree won the Eastern Counties League title in 1983-84 and 1984-85, netting 169 goals in 362 games. He later managed Coggeshall Town to the Essex & Suffolk Border League Cup final in 2011-12 and promotion back to the Premier Division in 2012-13, then was Cressing United's manager. He was a mechanic at Campbell's, then worked for Unilever UK and still lives in Braintree.

CHRIS GUY

Striker Chris Guy holds Braintree Town's goalscoring record. Moving to Cressing Road in July 1983, he formed a deadly partnership with Ivan Gooday and was top scorer as

Braintree won the Eastern Counties League title in 1983-84 and 1984-85. He starred as they reached the FA Vase fifth round in 1984-85 and 1987-88, FA Cup fourth qualifying round for the first time in 1985-86 and finished Eastern Counties League runners-up in three successive seasons. Also a key figure as Braintree won the Essex Senior Trophy in 1987 and Eastern Counties League Cup in 1988, he scored a club record 211 goals in 366 games overall before leaving in May 1990.

WADE FALANA

Much-travelled striker Wade Falana was Braintree Town's top scorer with 47 goals in 45 games in 1995-96. He had spells at Leytonstone & Ilford and Tooting & Mitcham before moving to Sheffield United in August 1992. Later with Doncaster Rovers, Scarborough, Chesterfield, Heybridge Swifts, Erith & Belvedere and Fisher Athletic he joined Braintree in October 1995. He was also leading marksman in 1996-97 and moved to Romford in June 1997, then played for Harlow Town, Braintree again on loan, Tonbridge Angels, Carshalton Athletic, Windsor & Eton, Bromley, AFC Wimbledon, Walton & Hersham, Dulwich Hamlet and Croydon Athletic.

GARY BENNETT

Striker Gary Bennett scored a club record 57 goals for Braintree Town in 1997-98. Signing professional for Colchester United in November 1988, he featured prominently in their 1991-92 Conference title and FA Trophy 'double' triumph and moved to Woking in July 1993. He then played for Dagenham & Redbridge before joining Braintree in December 1995 and was leading marksman in consecutive seasons. Moving to Sudbury in July 1999, he joined Chelmsford City in

February 2000 and was 'Player of the Year' prior to rejoining Sudbury in July 2001. He appeared in three FA Vase finals and later played for Witham, then coached Ipswich Wanderers.

ROBBIE REINELT

Striker Robbie Reinelt was Braintree Town's leading marksman in 2000-01. A former Aldershot trainee, he moved via Wivenhoe to Gillingham in March 1993. He was swapped for Colchester United's Steve Brown in March 1995 and starred as they qualified for the Third Division play-offs in 1995-96. Moving to Brighton in February 1997, he achieved cult status by scoring the goal at Hereford United that preserved their Football League status that season. He joined Leyton Orient in August 1998, then Stevenage, St Albans City, Braintree from July 1999 until May 2002, Aldershot, Grays Athletic, Maldon Town, Ford United and Boreham Wood.

ALEX REVELL

Striker Alex Revell was Braintree Town's top scorer in two consecutive seasons. Starting at Cambridge United, he joined Braintree in October 2004 and was a key figure as they reached the Isthmian League Premier Division play-offs in 2004-05, then won the title in 2005-06, netting 38 goals in 68 games before moving to Brighton in July 2006. Joining Southend United in January 2008, he helped reach the League One play-offs that season, moving via Leyton Orient to Rotherham in August 2011. He starred as they won promotion in two consecutive seasons, then played for Cardiff City, MK Dons, Northampton and Stevenage, becoming coach, then manager.

SEAN MARKS

Striker Sean Marks was leading marksman with 25 goals in Braintree Town's 2010-11 Conference South title triumph. 'Marksy' progressed through the ranks at Heybridge Swifts and helped qualify for the Isthmian League Premier Division play-offs in 2005-06. He joined Braintree in July 2008, starring as they reached the FA Cup first round proper in four successive seasons and Conference National play-offs in 2015-16. Reunited with Alan Devonshire at Maidenhead United in May 2016, he helped win the Conference South title in 2016-17. He joined AFC Hornchurch

in July 2018, then played for AFC Sudbury before hanging up his boots in May 2021.

MICHAEL CHEEK

England Semi-Pro international striker Michael Cheek was top scorer as Braintree Town qualified for the Conference National play-offs in 2015-16. Initially with Stanway Rovers, he played for Marks Tey and Stanway again before joining Heybridge in May 2012. He moved to Chelmsford City in January 2014 and was leading marksman in 2014-15. Joining Braintree in May 2015, he netted 34 goals in 84 games, moving to Dagenham & Redbridge in June 2017. He had a season with Ebbsfleet United prior to joining Bromley in May 2019, scoring their winner in the 2022 FA Trophy final and twice in their 2024 Conference National play-off final success.

AARON BLAIR

Striker Aaron Blair was leading marksman as Braintree Town regained Conference National status in 2023-24. A former Dagenham & Redbridge trainee, he was loaned to Brightlingsea Regent, then Braintree, during the 2022-23 campaign. Impressing with five goals in a seven-match spell, he rejoined Braintree on a permanent basis in October 2023. He scored in both the Conference South play-off semi-final and final triumphs that season, netting 31 goals in 91 games overall for the Iron. Moving to Maidstone United in June 2024, he was top scorer as they reached the Conference South play-off final in 2024-25 and joined Eastleigh in June 2025.



MATCH ACTION



3

Kelly (49'), Linney (54', 70')



3

Norris (40', 79'), O'Connell (84')

16 August 2025 // 15:00 // National League

Boreham Wood produced a spirited comeback to earn a 3-3 draw at Carlisle United after trailing 3-1 in Cumbria.

Luke Norris gave Wood a first-half lead, finishing clinically from Erico Sousa's through ball after Wood had grown into the game. Carlisle hit back strongly after the break, with substitute Georgie Kelly equalising before Regan Linney struck twice to put the hosts 3-1 ahead, his second an impressive curling finish.

Wood rallied late, with Norris heading his second to reduce the deficit before Charlie O'Connell rose highest to nod in Sousa's free-kick and seal a deserved point. Both sides had chances in an open contest, but Luke Garrard's men showed resilience against one of the title favourites. After opening with a narrow defeat to Rochdale, Wood will be hoping to build on this performance when they face the Iron this evening.





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MATCH ACTION



2

Clayden (65'), Rush (80')



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12 August 2025 // 19:00 // National League Cup

Wood made a winning start to life in the National League Cup with a 2-0 victory over Nottingham Forest U21, sealed by second-half goals from Charles Clayden and Matt Rush.

Luke Garrard rotated his side with six changes, and both teams created early chances in an open first half. Jimmy Sinclair and Adam Berry threatened for the visitors, while Jon Benton twice went close and Junior Dixon spurned a good opening as the sides went in level at the break.

Wood then stepped up after half-time and were rewarded on 65 minutes when Benton teed up Clayden, who drilled a low finish beyond Luke Campbell. Moments later, Aaron Henry almost doubled the advantage with a fierce strike that was tipped over. The second goal came late on, Cameron Coxe bursting down the right before Clayden crossed for Rush to slot home. Forest pressed but Wood's strong finish ensured a deserved first victory of the season.





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1	WEALDSTONE	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	6	2	4	9
2	SOUTHEND UNITED	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	5	0	5	6
3	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	5	2	3	6
4	ROCHDALE	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	1	3	6
5	CARLISLE UNITED	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	0	6	4	2	5
6	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	3	1	2	0	2	0	2	5
7	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
8	YORK CITY	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
9	ALTRINCHAM	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
10	BRAINTREE TOWN	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	3
11	BRACKLEY TOWN	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
12	BOSTON UNITED	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
13	SOLIHULL MOORS	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	3	3	0	3
14	TAMWORTH	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	2	3	4	-1	3
15	GATESHEAD	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
16	FC HALIFAX TOWN	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	3	1	0	2	2	5	-3	3
17	SUTTON UNITED	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
18	BOREHAM WOOD	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	3	5	-2	1
19	YEOVIL TOWN	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	2	-2	1
20	MORECAMBE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	ALDERSHOT TOWN	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	4	6	-2	0
22	EASTLEIGH	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0
23	WOKING	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	2	7	-5	0
24	TRURO CITY	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	0	6	-6	0

FIXTURES

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST 2025

ALDERSHOT TOWN V EASTLEIGH
 BOREHAM WOOD V BRAINTREE TOWN
 FOREST GREEN ROVERS V SUTTON UNITED
 ROCHDALE V GATESHEAD
 SOUTHEND UNITED V YORK CITY
 YEOVIL TOWN V BRACKLEY TOWN

SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST 2025

BRACKLEY TOWN V ROCHDALE
 BRAINTREE TOWN V YEOVIL TOWN
 EASTLEIGH V BOSTON UNITED
 FC HALIFAX TOWN V FOREST GREEN ROVERS
 GATESHEAD V TAMWORTH
 HARTLEPOOL UNITED V WOKING
 MORECAMBE V ALTRINCHAM
 SOLIHULL MOORS V ALDERSHOT TOWN

SUTTON UNITED V SCUNTHORPE UNITED
 TRURO CITY V SOUTHEND UNITED
 WEALDSTONE V CARLISLE UNITED

MONDAY 25TH AUGUST 2025

ALDERSHOT TOWN V MORECAMBE
 ALTRINCHAM V SOLIHULL MOORS
 BOREHAM WOOD V TRURO CITY
 BOSTON UNITED V WEALDSTONE
 CARLISLE UNITED V BRAINTREE TOWN
 FOREST GREEN ROVERS V EASTLEIGH
 ROCHDALE V SUTTON UNITED
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MORECAMBE SAVED?

Morecambe's ownership saga is finally resolved, with the sale of the Shrimps to Panjab Warriors.

Fans described a mix of "relief, emotion and renewed hope" as the deal closed, paving the way for what could be the club's first National League game, a home tie against Altrincham on Saturday 23 August. Supporters have hailed the community's response, including local businesses that have donated meals to unpaid staff.

Club figures stressed the needs to finalise paperwork, sign players, and secure insurance so the season can begin. Local MP's and fans alike have voiced optimism, saying the town and club can now look forward to a stable future and a return to footballing normality at the Mazuma Mobile Stadium.



ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Hartlepool United boss Simon Grayson praised their 2-0 win over Braintree Town but stressed there is still work to do.

The Pools, fresh from 12 summer signings, secured their first three points of the season with a strong display at Victoria Park. Harvey Cartwright produced a key save from a late Akinde penalty, helping Pools to their second consecutive clean sheet.

Goals came courtesy of an Iron own goal and Alex Reid spot-kick after 55 minutes. Grayson, speaking to the Red Radio, highlighted positives while urging higher standards and better game management, noting a few defensive lapses and the need to stay in control, especially against 10 men.

SCOTT DECISION SPARKS BLUES TRANSFER TALKS



Carlisle United boss Mark Hughes has explained Cedwyn Scott's exit to South Shields, citing a shift in playing style as the key reason.

Scott, back for a second spell with United, struggled for regular first-team opportunities and has moved on after just 11 appearances. Hughes said "clearly he was part of our group and in pre-season did really well.

However, he wants to play week-in, week-out and I wasn't able to give him the assurance, so he's moved on and we move on." Will the Cumbrians continue trimming players as they consider adding one or more recruits?

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CLUB NEWS

TOM WHELAN JOINS AFC FYLDE

Boreham Wood Football Club can confirm that much-loved midfielder Tom Whelan has joined Enterprise National League North side AFC Fylde on a permanent basis. This comes after the release clause contained within Tom's contract at Meadow Park was triggered by the Coasters.

'Whelo' signed permanently at Meadow Park in July of 2023 and would go on to have a huge impact in the middle of the park for the Wood across two full seasons in WDB, becoming a regular feature in the starting line-up last season – winning crucial duels, orchestrating play and providing some important assists.

The hardworking Liverpooldian played a key role in last season's promotion-winning season and the midfielder's efforts during an impressive 2024/25 campaign were widely recognised, winning the Manager's Player of the Season award, followed by a thoroughly deserved inclusion in the National League South Team of the Season.

Everyone at the club would like to thank Tom for his contribution at Meadow Park over the last two years. We wish him and his family nothing but success in this next chapter of his career.



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