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CONFERENCE SOUTH PLAY-OFF WINNERS:

2014/15, 2024/25

ISTHMIAN PREMIER DIVISION PLAY-OFF WINNERS:

2009/10

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ISTHMIAN PREMIER DIVISION RUNNERS-UP: 1997/98

ISTHMIAN DIVISION ONE CHAMPIONS:

1994/95, 2000/01

ISTHMIAN DIVISION TWO CHAMPIONS:

1976/77 ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CUP WINNERS:

1996/97

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CUP RUNNERS-UP:

1998/99 **FULL MEMBERS CUP RUNNERS-UP:** 

1994/95, 1995/96

FA CHALLENGE CUP:

1ST ROUND:

1973/74, 1977/78, 1998/99, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018/19, 2023/24, 2024/25

2ND ROUND:

1996/97, 1997/98, 2017/18

3RD ROUND:

2020/21, 2022/23

5TH ROUND:

2021/22

FA CHALLENGE TROPHY SEMI-FINALISTS:

2005/06 HERTFORDSHIRE FA SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS: 1971/72, 1998/99, 2001/02, 2007/08, 2013/14, 2017/18, 2018/19

HERTFORDSHIRE FA SENIOR CHARITY CUP WINNERS:

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1997/98



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# Today we welcome our very good friends from Eastleigh FC, can I wish their Directors, Manager, players and supporters a pleasant stay with us and a safe journey home.

For me this feels like a very good time after winning in the FA Cup at Eastbourne Borough and with around a third of the season gone, to take stock of our growing ambition, our progress and possibly take this opportunity to try and improve ourselves by allowing Luke and Charlie to look at the current squad and look at the current transfer and loan market.

Having spoken to them both about their thoughts on further recruitment, they do feel this is perhaps a good time to evaluate where we can improve competition, no matter how small the margins. As such, they will look at how we might strengthen where possible in certain areas, but that is sometimes hard to do in mid October as a lot of the available players are either out of our price range, short on fitness or certified sick notes.

As such my bank balance will only empty if a good player becomes available in the right area, with the right pedigree and with the right injury record. That said, experience is telling me that Luke and Charlie are quite right in terms of this being a very good time for us to strengthen.

It's not quite as simple though as, "let's strengthen", because we've quietly built a quality squad that's very much together and we will not without a lot of thought look to disrupt it too much. I completely understand that we do have a slightly smaller squad compared to most of the clubs currently fighting at the top of this division, but as I've said many times before, a small squad

can sometimes be a plus not a minus, as all players want to play.

In truth we are at present playing some great football, it's also very evident that we have a real togetherness that shows and this squad are demonstrating they have a big appetite for hard work. We already know that we've surprised everyone with our quality since the start of the season and in that time we've beaten some very good sides. In recent weeks Luke has ensured that we have not become over confident and I feel we've deservedly moved ourselves into the top 5 of this leaque.

That is of course rewarding for Luke and the dressing room, so now might be the right time for me to support Luke, Charlie and the dressing room with possibly another signing before the lads get too fatigued after their recent efforts in both league and cup, and before it affects our league form.

I don't want to over dramatise these things, as fatigue is the same for every club, and we can help things considerably by controlling our discipline, thus control our suspensions and that would be a huge plus this season. At our level of course some clubs have much bigger attendances, some will have bigger squads and some will have far bigger budgets.

So to counter that we might in the short term need to consider signing an extra body or two, but Is this the right time for me to sell the family silver ha-ha, to wheel and deal, or go for broke? No it's not, but it is time to open up the purse strings but please understand my budget margins are still very tight.

I'm not a Chairman who has ever taken risks with our first team budget and any overspend if built only on emotion, but equally when you start a season as well as we have, and if an opportunity appears for us to go to the next level, then I'll always do my very best to get a player onboard if Luke really wants him.

My financial disposition has been helped a tad by the departure of Nathan Ashmore, who's been allowed to go out on loan to Bedford Town in the National North. This loan materialised at Nathan's request, as he wanted to play more and be ready in case Finn Herrick picked up an injury or was recalled by West Ham United.

As an 'old school' Chairman Nathans Ioan had to work for me on a business level. This Ioan though has worked out for all parties after I made it clear to Charlie Hunter that if he could get the Ioan monies sorted out, then I was always going to allow it. Why? Because we have a 24 hour recall, we're getting Nathan's wages paid in full and because I can allow those Ioan monies to go straight back into Luke's budget.

The only downside at present to report, is that our Academy recruitment and our education provision has not quite been at the level we could have reasonably expected this season and that will bring me problems further down the line. As such I'm going to need a full review of all things Academy prior to Christmas and would then hope to have things either back on track or the problem solved by May 2026.

Only after my full review will I sit down with Billy Hunter, Luke Garrard, Charlie Hunter, Micky Engwell and Ross Weare and decide where I might take things. On a more positive note after the recent 3-0 pumping of both Yeovil Town and Eastbourne Borough, I note one, two or even 100 of you, are getting a little bit carried away with our good start to this season and who can blame you?

That excitement is ok by me because it's totally shared by me, especially after that horrendous sleepless night relegation season 18 months ago, followed by our late, late promotion charge just 6 months ago. As such our fans, sponsors and partners excitement does not in any way feel like additional pressure to me, as I'm enjoying it to the max as much as you are.

What I would say to everyone is "The National League is incredibly expensive, it's bloody relentless, it's full of good teams, it's full of good players, it's full of bigger clubs with bigger attendances than ours, with far bigger budgets, but so what and at present who cares, lets just enjoy this moment in time together, let's continue to dream big, but at the end of the day let's all stay just a tad realistic."

What comforts me most and it might sound a tad big headed is, even though this league is a huge challenge to us on crowd averages of around a thousand, it is not filled with many better run football clubs than ours. That is a huge factor in how I go about my business and it's why I always ask that you supporters fully appreciate my staff, because what they do for me, you, this football club, our town and our wider community is truly off the scale and none of them, trust me, are getting rich on what I'm paying them.

As such I don't care too much if we hit a bad patch further down the track, as it's all part of life at National League level and it's why we will try to plan ahead by strengthening where we can now to try and see off any

avoidable mini slump in the months ahead. Slumps of course will come to the very biggest and best football clubs in the land, so if a slump should arrive at our door, lets hope it doesn't last as long as say Manchester United's, Morecambe's or our good friends up the road at St Albans City.

As Luke, our dressing room and you supporters soon look toward Christmas, we as a club are looking to navigate the first half of this season by staying at the top end of the table. However after the Southend United draw a few weeks ago I for one out of necessity must turn my attention more to next season and the new away fan zone and South Stand build and in truth my focus, expertise, energy and project skills must be harnessed fully in that area.

It's paramount we get the ground completed on schedule and on budget in the foreseeable future. All of which means I'm going to need a lot of committed people wrapped around me. As that will equate to expert project management, advice and that can only help me create an intelligent build programme and ensure we get my planning application through at the first time of asking.

If I can get my pre build programme scheduled and the whole project fully costed before Xmas, it would mean I'm back on schedule regarding the overall project. If officers at HBC are reading my programme notes this week, then it's time for us to get ready for many more behind closed door meetings, as I'll need everyone's support including the HBC Executive, Councillors, Officers and Planners.

I'll also need a lot of help from all our local Councillors across the aisle, plus EBTC and AFC, and I might need to lean heavily on my bank balance, accountant, architect, trusted contractors and Football Foundation... I'll of course be as driven and as mad as always, as it's the only way I know how to do these full on projects, while ensuring if we begin the build before the end of this current season that we'll finish on time ready for next season.

So for my own madness and possible insanity, I do need everyone to understand that I must manage my down time a little bit better than I have of late, As recently I've been completely caught up in our summer works, caught up in AWFC's recent floodlight lunacy and in UEFA's new ground grading madness. While like you supporters, I've got myself caught up and excited about our football team, by our fantastic start, by our new brand of football and in truth I'm still excited by just being back in the National League.

Anyway enough of my excitement and diatribe let's get back to today. I'm happy to say after our promotion that we can once again welcome back the likes of Eastleigh FC and my old friend Stewart Donald to our humble abode. We already know what a difficult team they are to play against, and know both their strengths and their weaknesses. We also know our strengths, and this season we feel our strengths will give us a chance to win most football matches at the level.

Lastly, whoever you support let's hope for and open, attacking game and may the best team win.

Take care

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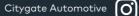


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#### Good afternoon, firstly I would like to welcome Scott Bartlett, his Staff and Players to Mangata Developments Stadium for todays National League fixture.

Results have taken an upward curve since Scott's arrival, which is testament to his work and the way the players have responded in such a short space of time.

Having watched them closely in the lead up to the game, they definitely have a squad capable of competing at the top end of the table and no doubt they'll have ambitions under the new management to really propel themselves up the league.

For us we have travelled away twice since our last home game against Southend, in that time we gained another three points and managed to progress through to the First Round Proper of the FA Cup.

We also scored six goals, with four different scorers and kept two clean sheets in them two fixtures.

This was also achieved without our experienced players in Luke Norris and Erico Sousa missing out at Yeovil and ever-present Femi Ilesanmi who didn't pass a late fitness test away to Eastbourne on Saturday in the Cup.

All three make a welcome return to today's match day squad which puts us in a really strong position going into a very heavy next seven days.

The group again showed improvement in the way we are playing and some of the quality on display in the last two matches has been the reward for all the players hard work in recent weeks.

It's been relentless with games Saturday, Tuesday, Saturday which doesn't allow for us to really hone in on the areas we feel need improving when you're going from game to game.

The last two weeks have allowed for us to have a reset, take stock of the bits we are doing ok at and the bits we need to refine.

We have had a lot of delivery both via analysis and work on the grass. The players have been

superb in the way they have adapted to the new style and what's expected from us as Staff.

We have really pushed them and taken them out their comfort zone, delivering presentations and sessions to stretch them. We know we are in the infancy of our work and there is loads more to come but the early indicators show we have a group that are willing to learn and want to progress as players and people.

Today we need to see again the level of energy and intensity we have been showing in our play, with all the fluid football and creativity the most pleasing aspects of our game has been our principles of hard work.

The foundations to any good side is running, having a willingness to outwork any opposition.

I'm a strong believer in implementing this throughout the week, the players know the level expected and the standard that needs to be hit as good sides show consistency regularly.

I have a moto WORK HARD MONDAY TO FRIDAY YOU'LL GET SATURDAY OFF TO PLAY FOOTBALL.

Let's hope we can continue the run we are on and keep giving you performances that warrant your support.

Get right behind the boys and give them the energy and belief to get another big three points

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Enjoy the Game.

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AN Cavill COSTI

Available



Ciaran PACK Available



KM Loretta BROWNE

Available



**01** Nathan **ASHMORE** 

Jason, Cruz & Mason Jacobs



O2 Cameron COXE

The Haffner & Weinberg Families



**03** Femi **ILESANMI** 

Jack Danzig & Jack Trimmer



O4 / AM Jack PAYNE

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11 Jon BENTON Leonie Citron



12 Joe NEWTON GREENE KING



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CLAYDEN

Beech Tree



18 Luke NORRIS Graham



19 Tom WHITE



20 Lewis RICHARDSON

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Wendy McCarthy & Rachael Messer



32 Matt RUSH Brody Weinberg



**22** Finlay **HERRICK** 





### 25/26 FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	H/A	КО	OPPOSITION	COMP.	F-A	ATT.	STARTING XI				
AUGUST											
SAT 9	HOME	15.00	ROCHDALE	NL	0-2	1,151	ASHMORE	COXE <b>▼</b>	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	2-1	974	ASHMORE	COXE V	ILESANMI	BUSH	O'CONNELL
MON 25	HOME	15:00	TRURO CITY	NL	2-1	958	ASHMORE	COXE <b>Y</b>	ILESANMI	BUSH -	O'CONNELL
SAT 30	AWAY	15:00	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	NL	0-0	3,612	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	BUSH	O'CONNELL -	SOUSA
SEPTEMBER											
WED 3	AWAY	19:45	SUTTON UNITED	NL	4-3	1,852	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	BUSH	O'CONNELL	SOUSA 😌
SAT 6	HOME	15:00	MORECAMBE	NL	3-0	1,035	HERRICK	ILESANMI V	BUSH	O'CONNELL	SOUSA
TUE 9	HOME	19:00	WEST BROMWICH ALBION U21	NLC	3-1	443	ASHMORE	COXE	ILESANMI V	BUSH	O'CONNELL
SAT 13	HOME	15:00	ALTRINCHAM	NL	3-1	921	HERRICK	ILESANMI	BUSH	O'CONNELL -	SOUSA ⊕⊕ ▼
SAT 20	AWAY	15:00	BOSTON UNITED	NL	2-0	1,812	HERRICK	ILESANMI	BUSH	O'CONNELL	BRUNT ©
WED 24	AWAY	19:45	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	NL	1-1	3,602	HERRICK	ILESANMI	BUSH	O'CONNELL	BRUNT
SAT 27	HOME	15:00	WOKING	NL	1-0	1,208	HERRICK	BUSH	O'CONNELL	BRUNT ▼	ABDULMALIK ▼
TUE 30	HOME	19:45	SOUTHEND UNITED	NL	1-1	1,839	HERRICK	ILESANMI -	BUSH -	O'CONNELL	BRUNT ■ ▼
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SAT 4	AWAY	15:00	YEOVIL TOWN	NL	3-0		HERRICK	ILESANMI ⊕ ▼	BUSH	O'CONNELL	BRUNT
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SAT 8	AWAY	15:00	BRACKLEY TOWN	NL NL							
SAT 15	HOME	15:00	TAMWORTH	NL							
SAT 22	AWAY	15:00	GATESHEAD	NL							
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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: Scott BARTLETT

New in the dugout at Eastleigh, Scott Bartlett is a highly regarded manager who joined the Spitfires after six successful years managing Weston-super-Mare AFC. During his tenure, he guided the Seagulls to the 2023 Southern League Premier South title and promotion to the National League South, where they began the 2025/26 season strongly, sitting second after nine games. Previously, Bartlett held key roles at Forest Green Rovers, including Academy Manager and caretaker First-Team Manager.

### **ONES TO WATCH**



Nick **TOWNSEND** 

Born: 1 November 2004 Position: Goalkeeper

Eastleigh number one Nick Townsend began his career at Birmingham City, progressing through the academy to earn a professional contract in 2013. After loan spells with Oxford City and Lincoln City, he joined Barnsley in 2015, making his Football League debut that season. Townsend moved to Newport County in 2018, becoming a key figure and twice winning the club's Player of the Year award. After seven years and over 200 appearances, he arrived at the Silverlake Stadium in June, bringing experience and leadership to the Spitfires.



Jake TAYLOR

Born: 1 December 1991 Position: Midfield

Eastleigh skipper Jake Taylor joined Reading at just eight years old, rising through the academy to make his senior debut in 2010 after scoring 20 goals at youth level. Loan spells at Aldershot, Exeter, Cheltenham, and Crawley helped his development before he returned to Reading, scoring his first goal for the Royals in 2014. He later enjoyed success with Exeter City, serving as captain, before joining Stevenage and then the Spitfires in 2023. Eligible for Wales, Taylor represented the national team up to senior level, making his full international debut in 2014.



Aaron BLAIR

Born: 20 April 2000 Position: Forward

Aaron Blair began his career at Dagenham & Redbridge before gaining senior experience on loan with Brightlingsea Regent and Braintree Town, where he impressed with five goals in seven games. His performances earned a permanent move to Braintree, and over two seasons he scored 31 goals in 91 appearances, helping the club win promotion via the 2023/24 National League South play-offs. In June 2024, Blair joined Maidstone United, quickly becoming a key forward with eight goals in 26 league appearances and went on to join the Spitfires in the summer.

#### HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

# **EASTLEIGH**



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Broadbent (10), Ndlovu (12), Brunt (60)



Carter (17

5 November 2022 // 15:00 // Emirates FA CUp

Boreham Wood made a blistering start, taking the lead after just ten minutes when Femi Ilesamni's surging run and low cross found Broadbent, who finished neatly into the bottom corner.

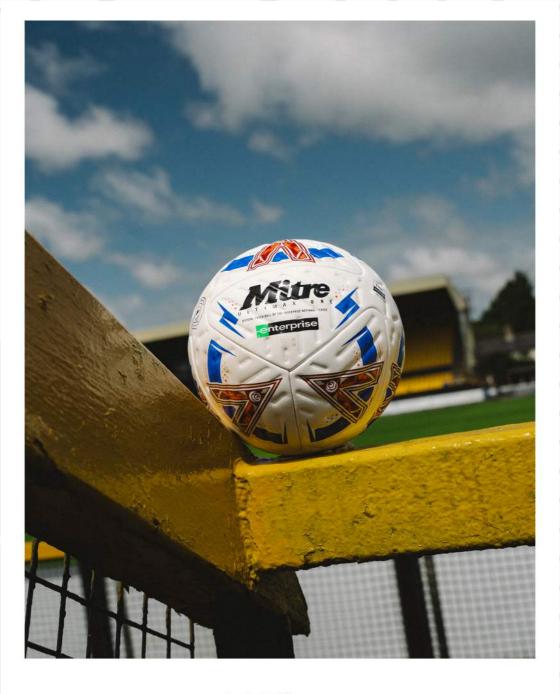
Two minutes later, Danny Newton's delivery picked out Lee Ndlovu to double the advantage with a composed side-footed finish. Eastleigh quickly hit back as Charlie Carter converted Brennan Camp's inviting cross, before McKiernan struck the post in a frantic spell of play.

The tempo eased after the opening exchanges, with Boreham Wood holding a 2–1 lead at the break. The hosts reasserted control in the second half, and on 61 minutes Cameron Coxe's clever work down the right set up Zak Brunt to slot home and restore the two-goal cushion. Eastleigh were handed a late lifeline when Tristan Abrahams was fouled, but Danny Whitehall blazed the penalty over, allowing the Wood to see out a confident 3–1 win and secure their place in the FA Cup second-round draw.











#### SHOOTING STARS

# **EASTLEIGH**

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten post-war Eastleigh goalscoring favourites

#### **ANDY FORBES**

Striker Andy Forbes was Eastleigh's 'Player of the Year' in 2006-07 and 2007-08. A former trainee with hometown Reading. he was a prolific scorer for Andover, then Winchester City as they won the FA Vase in 2003-04. He joined Eastleigh in July 2004 and was top scorer in six successive seasons, starring in their rise to the Conference South. Scoring 143 goals in 268 games, he joined Woking in June 2010 and moved via Sutton United back to Eastleigh in June 2011. He switched to defence and helped qualify for the Conference South play-offs in 2012-13. Moving to Gosport Borough in June 2013, he was an FA Trophy finalist in 2014.

#### RICHARD GILLESPIE

Striker Richard Gillespie was Eastleigh's 'Player of the Year' in 2009-10. Previously in Southampton's Academy, he made his debut for Bashley aged 16 and scored a club record 180 goals, starring in their 2006-07 Southern League First Division South & West title triumph. He joined Eastleigh in June 2009 and featured as they reached the FA Cup first round proper for the first time in 2009-10, losing to a late goal at Barrow. Moving to AFC Totton in June 2012, he joined Poole Town in June 2013 and helped win the Southern League Premier Division title in 2015-16. He briefly joined Dorchester Town in January 2019, then rejoined Poole as a coach.

#### JAMIE SLABBER

England Semi-Pro striker Jamie Slabber was Eastleigh's 'Player of the Year' in 2010-11 and

2011-12. Initially with Tottenham Hotspur, he made his Premier League debut against Liverpool in March 2003. He was briefly at Aldershot before joining Grays Athletic in May 2005 and helped win the FA Trophy in 2006. Reunited with Mark Stimson at Stevenage in December 2006, he was an FA Trophy winner again in 2007. He then played for Havant & Waterlooville, Grays again and Woking. Moving to Eastleigh in July 2010, he joined Chelmsford City in March 2012, then Sutton United, Bromley, Farnborough, Hemel Hempstead, Welling and Grays again.

#### **JAI REASON**

England Semi-Pro midfielder Jai Reason was top scorer with 19 goals as Eastleigh qualified for the Conference South playoffs in 2012-13. Starting at Ipswich Town, he joined Cambridge United initially on loan in February 2009 and appeared in that year's Conference play-off final. He played for Crawley and Braintree prior to joining Eastleigh in July 2012. Starring as they won the Conference South title and were FA Trophy quarter-finalists in 2013-14, he made over 250 appearances before joining Boreham Wood in February 2017. He later played for Maidstone, Chelmsford, Dover, Billericay, Cray Wanderers and Brentwood, becoming a property investor.

#### **CRAIG McALLISTER**

Scottish striker Craig McAllister was top scorer as Eastleigh won the Conference South title in 2013-14. He played for Eastleigh, Basingstoke, Stevenage, Woking, Grays, Rushden & Diamonds and Oxford United before joining Exeter City in July 2008. Helping win promotion in 2008-09, he joined Crawley in June 2010, featuring in their 2010-11 FA Cup run and Conference title triumph. He moved via Newport County back to Eastleigh in June 2012 and helped reach the Conference National play-offs in 2014-15. Featuring in Sutton United's 2015-16 Conference South title triumph, he rejoined Eastleigh in February 2017, netting 49 goals in 170 games overall.

#### **JAMES CONSTABLE**

England Semi-Pro striker James Constable was top scorer as Eastleigh reached the FA Cup third round in 2015-16, taking Bolton Wanderers to a replay. Initially at Cirencester, he joined Chippenham in December 2003 and moved to Walsall in January 2006, then Kidderminster, scoring twice in the 2007 FA Trophy final. Briefly at Shrewsbury, he joined Oxford United and helped regain Football League status in 2009-10. He was top scorer six times, joining Eastleigh in May 2014. Starring as they reached the Conference National play-offs in 2014-15 and FA Cup third round again in 2016-17, he joined Poole in January 2018, then Hungerford and Banbury.

#### MIKAEL MANDRON

French striker Mikael Mandron was top scorer as Eastleigh reached the FA Cup third round proper in 2016-17. He progressed through the ranks at Sunderland and made his Premier League debut in their 6-1 defeat against Aston Villa in April 2013. Loaned to Fleetwood, Shrewsbury and Hartlepool, he joined Eastleigh in June 2016 and netted 15 goals in 33 games, moving to Wigan Athletic in January 2017. He then played for Colchester United and Gillingham. Joining Crewe Alexandra in August 2020, he was twice top scorer before returning to Gillingham in July 2022. He starred in their 2022-23 FA Cup run, since playing for Motherwell and St Mirren.

#### **TYRONE BARNETT**

Big striker Tyrone Barnett was top scorer as Eastleigh reached FA Cup second round in 2019-20. A former West Brom youth player, he had spells at Rushall Olympic, AFC Telford United, Willenhall, Hednesford and Macclesfield before moving to Crawley in June 2011. Sold to Peterborough United for

£1,100,000 in July 2012, after a loan spell, he joined Shrewsbury in February 2015 and helped clinch promotion. He then played for AFC Wimbledon, Port Vale and Cheltenham before joining Eastleigh in August 2019. Scoring 31 goals in 106 Conference games, he joined Hereford in June 2022, then Leamington, Alvechurch and Stourbridge.

#### **DANNY WHITEHALL**

Striker Danny Whitehall was Eastleigh's leading marksman in two consecutive seasons. The son of former Rochdale striker Steve Whitehall, he was a Rochdale youth player before spells at Southport, Marine and Prescot Cables. He played in the United States for Hastings College, Chattanooga and Bugeaters, then joined Maidenhead United in July 2019. Moving to Kilmarnock in July 2020, he joined Eastleigh in August 2021 and starred as they reached the FA Trophy fourth round in 2021-22 and fifth round in 2022-23. Scoring 23 goals in 81 Conference games, he moved to Scunthorpe United in July 2023 and helped win promotion in 2024-25.

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## MATCH ACTION



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Rush (47), Abdulmalik (65), Dixon (90)

11 October 2025 // 15:00 // Emirates FA Cup

Wood cruised into the FA Cup First Round Proper with a commanding 3-0 win at Eastbourne Borough, thanks to second half goals from Matt Rush, Abdul Abdulmalik and Junior Dixon.

After a goalless first half dominated by Wood's possession and missed chances, Luke Garrard's side found their cutting edge after the break. Two minutes into the second half, Jeff King's pinpoint cross found Rush, who swivelled and fired home to open the scoring. Eastbourne briefly rallied, forcing a series of corners, the Wood's quality soon told.

Rush and King combined again to set up Abdulmalik for a closerange finish that doubled the lead. As Eastbourne pushed forward, Boreham Wood remained composed and dangerous on the counter. In stoppage time, Cameron Coxe's fine work down the right created an opening for Junior Dixon, who calmly slotted in the third to seal a professional and deserved victory.









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## MATCH ACTION







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Abdulmalik (20), Rush (45+7), Ilesanmi (63)

4 October 2025 // 15:00 // National League

Boreham Wood produced a superb away performance to beat in-form Yeovil Town 3-0 and extend their unbeaten run.

Luke Garrard's unchanged side dominated from the start, with Abdul Abdulmalik curling in a stunning opener on 20 minutes after linking up with Femi Ilesanmi. Wood continued to control the game, and just before half-time, Abdulmalik's clever run set up Charles Clayden to cross for Matt Rush, who finished clinically for his fourth goal in as many games.

Yeovil saw more of the ball after the break but couldn't contain Wood's sharp attack. On 63 minutes, llesanmi sealed the win with a composed strike, his first of the season after another flowing move. Zak Brunt and Jeff King both went close to adding a fourth, while goalkeeper Finlay Herrick remained largely untroubled as Boreham Wood cruised to a dominant and richly deserved victory.









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POS	TEAM	Р	w	D	L	Р	w	D	L	Р	w	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	ROCHDALE	6	5	0	1	6	5	0	1	12	10	0	2	24	7	17	30
2	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	7	4	2	1	7	4	3	0	14	8	5	1	21	8	13	29
3	CARLISLE UNITED	7	4	2	1	7	5	0	2	14	9	2	3	25	15	10	29
4	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	7	4	2	1	6	4	2	0	13	8	4	1	24	11	13	28
5	BOREHAM WOOD	7	5	1	1	6	3	3	0	13	8	4	1	25	13	12	28
6	FC HALIFAX TOWN	6	3	2	1	8	4	1	3	14	7	3	4	22	21	1	24
7	YORK CITY	5	2	1	2	7	4	3	0	12	6	4	2	24	12	12	22
8	SOUTHEND UNITED	7	3	3	1	6	3	1	2	13	6	4	3	20	11	9	22
9	TAMWORTH	7	3	3	1	7	3	1	3	14	6	4	4	17	18	-1	22
10	WEALDSTONE	8	3	3	2	6	2	1	3	14	5	4	5	20	18	2	19
11	YEOVIL TOWN	7	3	1	3	7	3	0	4	14	6	1	7	17	20	-3	19
12	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	7	2	4	1	7	2	2	3	14	4	6	4	13	10	3	18
13	EASTLEIGH	6	3	1	2	7	2	2	3	13	5	3	5	15	15	0	18
14	GATESHEAD	7	1	1	5	7	4	1	2	14	5	2	7	22	32	-10	17
15	BOSTON UNITED	6	2	1	3	7	2	3	2	13	4	4	5	14	17	-3	16
16	BRACKLEY TOWN	7	4	1	2	6	0	3	3	13	4	4	5	10	13	-3	16
17	SOLIHULL MOORS	7	1	2	4	7	2	3	2	14	3	5	6	15	26	-11	14
18	WOKING	7	1	3	3	7	2	1	4	14	3	4	7	17	19	-2	13
19	ALDERSHOT TOWN	7	2	2	3	7	1	2	4	14	3	4	7	27	31	-4	13
20	ALTRINCHAM	7	3	0	4	7	1	1	5	14	4	1	9	17	22	-5	13
21	BRAINTREE TOWN	7	2	2	3	7	1	1	5	14	3	3	8	13	22	-9	12
22	SUTTON UNITED	7	1	2	4	7	0	3	4	14	1	5	8	15	25	-10	8
23	TRURO CITY	7	2	1	4	7	0	1	6	14	2	2	10	13	24	-11	8
24	MORECAMBE	6	2	0	4	6	0	2	4	12	2	2	8	16	36	-20	8

#### **FIXTURES**

#### SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2025

ALDERSHOT TOWN V TAMWORTH
ALTRINCHAM V WOKING
BOREHAM WOOD V EASTLEIGH
BOSTON UNITED V SCUNTHORPE UNITED
BRACKLEY TOWN V GATESHEAD
CARLISLE UNITED V FOREST GREEN ROVERS
MORECAMBE V SOUTHEND UNITED
ROCHDALE V YEOVIL TOWN
SOLIHULL MOORS V BRAINTREE TOWN
SUTTON UNITED V HARTLEPOOL UNITED
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#### TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2025

BOSTON UNITED V MORECAMBE EASTLEIGH V SCUNTHORPE UNITED YORK CITY V BOREHAM WOOD

#### SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2025

BRAINTREE TOWN V ALTRINCHAM
EASTLEIGH V MORECAMBE
FC HALIFAX TOWN V YORK CITY
FOREST GREEN ROVERS V BOREHAM WOOD
GATESHEAD V TRURO CITY
HARTLEPOOL UNITED V SOLIHULL MOORS
SCUNTHORPE UNITED V ALDERSHOT TOWN
SOUTHEND UNITED V BRACKLEY TOWN
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# **LEAGUE NEWS**



# WIDDRINGTON WALKS AWAY

Aldershot Town manager Tommy Widdrington has resigned just five months after leading the club to FA Trophy glory at Wembley.

The 54-year-old, who took charge in April 2023 and signed a new two-year deal in August, leaves with the Shots sitting 19th in the National League after three wins from 14 games. Widdrington oversaw one of the greatest moments in the club's history with a 3-0 victory over Spennymoor Town in Mau.

Following health struggles earlier this year, including two strokes, he praised the "incredible" support from fans. Assistants Hugo Langton and Alan Dowson will take temporary charge.



#### FOREST GREEN SET UP DREAM TIE

Forest Green Rovers booked their place in the FA Cup First Round Proper with a convincing 4-1 victory over Worthing.

Manager Robbie Savage praised his side for rediscovering their form after a difficult spell, describing the performance as "back to being ourselves." The win sets up a mouthwatering tie away to League One side Luton Town at Kenilworth Road on the weekend of November 1.

"What a chance to play Luton Town away," said Savage. "Hopefully it'll be on TV - we'll go there, have a go, and throw everything at it. But first, we've got tough games against Carlisle and Boreham Wood."

#### POOLS STUNNED IN FA CUP SHOCK!



Hartlepool United suffered one of the darkest nights in their recent history, crashing out of the FA Cup with a 1-3 defeat at home to seventh-tier Gainsborough Trinity.

Interim boss Nicky Featherstone's side struggled for creativity and confidence as Sisa Tuntulwana's superb solo strike and two brilliant goals from Fraser Preston put the visitors 3-0 ahead.

Luke Charman's late consolation offered little relief for a deflated Pools side, who have now failed to reach the first round for the third straight year. With just one win in twelve and no permanent manager, the club's problems continue to deepen.



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# **FORM GUIDE**

#### **FORM - LAST 6 MATCHES**

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

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#### **MILES HOWE**

Age: 3 Years Old

Favourite Team(s):

Arsenal

Favourite Player:

Bukayo Saka

Favourite Wood Player:

Erico Sousa

Score Prediction: 2-0 to The Wood



#### **OLIVER HOWE**

Age:

6 Years Old

Favourite Team(s):

Arsenal

Favourite Player:

William Saliba

Favourite Wood Player:

Chris Bush

Score Prediiction:

3-0 to The Wood



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- 3 Femi ILESANMI
- 4 Jack PAYNE
- 5 Chris BUSH
- 6 Charlie O'CONNELL
- 7 Erico SOUSA
- 8 Zak BRUNT
- 9 Junior DIXON
- 10 Abdul ABDULMALIK
- 11 Jon BENTON
- 12 Joe NEWTON
- 14 Aaron HENRY
- 15 Jeff KING
- 16 Callum REYNOLDS
- 17 Charles CLAYDEN
- 18 Luke NORRIS
- 19 Tom WHITE
- 20 Lewis RICHARDSON
- 22 Finlay HERRICK GK
- 32 Matt RUSH



#### Manager

Scott BARTLETT

- 1 Nick TOWNSEND GK
- 2 Richard BRINDLEY
- 3 Jake VOKINS
- 4 Lloyd HUMPHRIES
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