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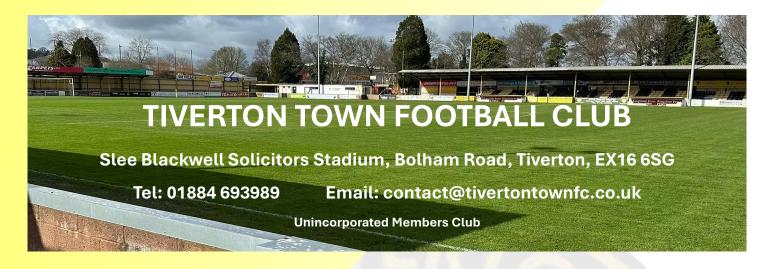
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Welcome back to our second home game of the season. Today we extend a warm welcome to our visitors, Sholing, along with their management team, players, and supporters who have made the trip to be with us. They've started the campaign strongly, and we know they'll arrive well-organised, competitive, and ready to test us. We'll need to be right on top of our game this afternoon.

I'd also like to thank our own supporters, whose backing so far has been fantastic. Your encouragement makes a real difference to the players, and hopefully today we can reward you with a performance - and a result - to celebrate here on our home turf.

It's been a solid start to the season, with plenty of positives to build on.

The 3-1 victory away at Dorchester was a great example of what this young, athletic side is capable of. The goals we scored that day showed our quality going forward and proved that we can cause problems for anyone when we play with energy and belief.

This weekend is also our August Bank Holiday double header, with a quick turnaround as we travel to Taunton in just two days' time. It will be another tough test on the road, and the support from our travelling fans will mean a lot to the lads. If you can make the journey, your backing will be greatly appreciated.

Then of course there`s the `small matter` of Taunton visiting us next weekend, talk about the magic of the FA Cup and hopefully there`ll be a bumper crowd that can cheer us to success!

There's still lots of hard work ahead, but the signs so far are very encouraging.

I ask you to get behind the lads today and make some noise!

Enjoy the game,

Asa

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Firstly, a message to Sholing FC. Welcome to the Slee Blackwell Solicitor's Stadium and Tiverton Town FC. We extend a warm greeting to all players, staff, and travelling supporters. Games between our clubs are always competitive, and we look forward to another entertaining fixture today.

I'm Mike Ebdon and my role at the club is Head of Football Development. A new position at Tiverton and something I'm very proud to have been appointed into. Being involved at a club with Tiverton Town's rich history is extremely special.

Part of my role at Tiverton Town is committed to building a strong pathway that connects every part of our football family, from youth football right through to our senior squads. Two major parts of recent development have been the integration of women's football, alongside the ever-growing relationship with Twyford Spartans, as we build our youth system.

Women's football is growing at an incredible pace across the country, and we are proud to be giving local players the opportunity to represent, in Tiverton colours, at every level.

Alongside this, our partnership with Twyford Spartans continues to strengthen, offering youngsters a clear route from grassroots into the senior football environment. Equally important is our work with the Ability Counts teams, who continue to represent Tiverton with pride and passion. They embody everything that football should be about, inclusivity, enjoyment, and community. Their enthusiasm and success on the pitch are an inspiration, and we are determined to give them the support and recognition they deserve as part of the wider Tivvy family.

Together, we are laying foundations that will benefit the next generation for years to come. We are also exploring the introduction of a reserve men's team in the near future. This would create a vital stepping stone for players coming through our youth ranks, ensuring they have the opportunity to develop and make the transition into senior football at the right pace. It is another example of our determination to give local talent every chance to succeed and be the best they can be.

Beyond the pitch, Tiverton Town is committed to becoming ever more community focused. A football club should sit at the heart of its town, and we are working hard to open our doors wider. Whether that's through youth initiatives, local partnerships, or events that bring people together.

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Mike 🤎





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IN PROFILE - ASA HALL



Asa Hall's footballing career began in the youth system of Wolverhampton Wanders before moving to Birmingham City's youth set up where he would eventually sign his first professional contract aged 17. Asa would become a regular starting player for the Birmingham City reserve side and would earn himself two youth caps for England playing once for the u19s and one for the u20s in 2005.

Hall had three loan spells during his time at City, making 12 appearances during a three-month period at Boston United in League Two. Asa would spend the last month of the 2006/07 season on loan at Ashford Town where he scored one goal in 10 appearances. The last loan during his time contracted to Birmingham City came in January 2008 when Asa

joined Shrewsbury Town until the end of the season, making 15 appearances and finding the back of the net 3 times.

Asa was released from his contract at Birmingham City following his Shrewsbury loan spell and would then go on to sign for Luton Town where he would spend the next two seasons making 89 appearances and scoring 15 goals for the club. Hall was a regular starter for Luton during his first season with The Hatters and would score in a penalty shoot-out against Brighton and Hove Albion in the 2009 Football League Trophy Semi-Final to help take Luton to Wembley where Luton would beat Scunthorpe United 3-2 to lift the trophy in front of 40,000 Luton fans.

Following a second season fighting for his spot in the first team at Luton, Asa was released from his contract and found a new home at Oxford United, making 75 appearances before signing a contract with Shrewsbury Town in 2012 at the end of his contract. Hall would go out on loan twice more during his time with Shrewsbury at both Aldershot Town and Oxford United.

Cheltenham Town would be the next destination in Asa's playing career, signing for the League Two club following Shrewsbury Town's



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relegation in 2014, but a calf injury on his debut for the club would keep him out of the action for a year. Hall went on to join York City on a onemonth loan where he once again picked up silverware at Wembley after starting in a York City side that would beat Macclesfield Town 3-2 in the 2017 FA Trophy Final. Hall was then released by Cheltenham at the end of the 2016/17 season.

On the 23rd of June 2017, Asa signed for National League side Barrow and made 37 appearances in his one and only season with the club. The next club would come to define Asa's playing career, signing for National League South side Torquay United, a club that Hall would go onto captain and eventually make 192 appearances for scoring 46 goals for the Gulls.

As a signed for Tiverton United in June 2024 following his six-season stint with Torquay United and would become a vital part of a struggling Tiverton Town side. Following the departure of Leigh Robinson and Ben Gerring, As a would step up alongside Niall Thompson to briefly become interim manager while the club searched for someone to take the job full time. Hall would briefly return to his role as a player after the club signed Rob Dray however, with ten games left of the season, Dray

decided to step away from the club and Hall once again took on the role with a view to see out the season as player manager with Steven Orchard stepping up as his assistant.

In April 2025, following a good turnaround of results, Asa was offered the manager role at Tiverton permanently and that show of faith was fully repaid at the end of the season as he, alongside assistant manager Steve Orchard, managed to preserve the Yellows Premier Division status with some crucial victories away from home and a final day 3-2 win over Marlow.





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CHERTSEY TOWN 2

Mazzone 58 McCoy 80.

A bumper crowd and a sun-baked day provided the backdrop for the seasons` opener against Chertsey Town, who brought a healthy travelling support with them. The players, coaches and families from Twyford Spartans were also amongst those in attendance.

In an often-edgy opening day tussle, with both teams trying to assume control, half chances for both teams to get an early goal came and went.

The Curfews forced Burton to gather well down low on a couple of occasions, Horne drifted across his marker, but saw his shot go wide and Koita embarked on a purposeful run through the Chertsey defence but was hindered by a bit of a bobble and found himself dispossessed, in a pulsating start to proceedings.

The visitors then had a speculative effort that cleared the crossbar. A lively first ten minutes was completed by Tiverton enjoying a good spell of pressure in and around our opponent's box and an early booking for Hall, with Tiverton stretched following a quick break from The Curfews.

In the 14th minute Koita did find the back of the net from an inviting cross in from Jacob Wellington, but it was correctly ruled out after a foul on Chertsey Keeper, Luke Wynne- Roberts.

Despite a few bright moments from Tor Swann, who glided past his man with neat footwork and put some dangerous crosses in, it was the threat of powerful wide-man Gary Abisogun over on our left that was causing greater concern and Burton was certainly the busier of the two keepers.

A guilt edge chance for Koita, when Swann carried the ball with intent, before pulling back from the by-line went extremely close to Tivvy opening the scoring, but desperate defending on the Chertsey goal line stopped his goal bound effort.

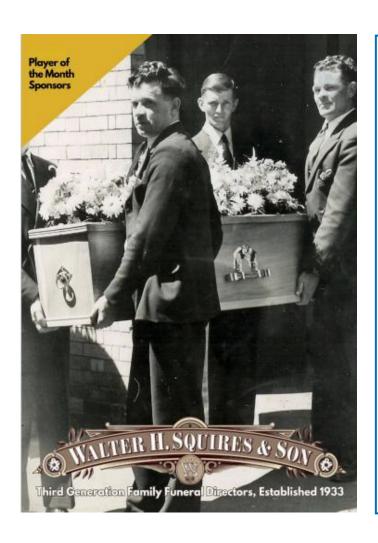
When Burton went down injured, the sides took a water-break and both players and supporters were able to draw breath at the midway point of the opening half, in a game hotly contested, played in the sweltering heat.

For the Yellows Dean Moxey's positional play and long raking accurate passes out of defence were standout features, Wilkins looked assured, with Stephens and Hall working tirelessly in the engine room.

On the resumption of the match, Koerner in the 27th minute covered back well to halt an incisive move from the visitors, involving several of their players.

Abisogun, midfielders Josh Gallagher and Ashley Lodge combining to almost telling effect, as the ball was played through to the prolific Jack Mazzone and without a fantastic, athletic save from Burton, the away side would have been in front.

However, in an intensive attacking spell of play from the Yellow's no fewer than three presentable chances fell to them. In a crowded box from a corner, last ditch defending denied Horne, whose attempt was on its way in. Then Koita produced a sharp save from Wynne- Roberts when he was played through and similarly Horne was denied by the Chertsey custodian





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when in the clear, much to the frustration of the self- critical forward.

The visitors, whose line up was littered with many experienced players at this level and beyond, regained their composure and an expansive, neat piece of interplay resulted in a shot going wide of the target.

However, despite The Curfews being more fluent in possession than Tiverton, the hosts ended the first half on the front foot, forcing a corner. The ball was recycled, which eventually saw the Yellows able to use another weapon, Dean Moxey's long throw. He propelled the ball threateningly into the Chertsey area, but the away side cleared away and the referee blew for half time.

To sum up, Chertsey enjoyed the better of possession, but Tiverton carved out slightly the better of the opportunities to score.

Billy Montague should have put the Curfew's in front in a one-on-one with Burton but volleyed over and then with almost an hour completed the Yellows were behind. Abisogun got round the back and delivered a pinpoint cross to fellow danger man Mazzone who expertly headed past Tivvy's number one.

The lethal Mazzone doesn't need too many invitations to add to an impressive collection of goals and the away side deservedly led. Steve Orchard from the sideline reacted by bringing on Gabe Billington, with Wellington who had put a good shift in, being replaced.

The response on the pitch that included a long surging run from the lively Swann that was ended by a crunching tackle, saw a decent spell of possession end in a Tivvy corner, though Chertsey dealt with it

comfortably and sprung an attack with a long ball lifted over the top. However, with pressure coming from a few of our backline, an attempted shot didn't call Burton into action.

Matt Wood was introduced in the 76th minute for Dean Moxey who'd had a very good competitive debut. Then three minutes later in an attacking substitution, the hard working and cultured Stephens was withdrawn for striker Louis Jagger Cane.

However, moments later Tiverton's cause was made that much harder as, Dan Hector found fellow Chertsey substitute Olly McCoy who clinically finished from close in. In a last throw of the dice Zack Williams came on for Horne who'd shown good energy throughout.

A late red card was received by Green as he appeared to react to a challenge over by the Yellows' corner flag, couldn't take the gloss off a dominant second half performance from the Surrey side and Tivvy could have few complaints with the final score line.

Tiverton Town: George Burton, Brooklyn Wilkins, Toby Down (C), Dean Moxey (76), Corey Koerner, Asa Hall, Toby Stephens (79), Jacob Wellington (64), TOR SWANN, Aiden Horne (86), Dan Koita.

Substitutes: John Ross (GK), Matt Wood (76), Gabe Billington (64), Louis Jagger Cane (79), Zack Williams (86).

Attendance: 457.



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George Burton
(Goalkeeper). George
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summer from near-

neighbours Willand Rovers, having spent the previous 3 seasons at Silver Street.

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Brooklyn Wilkins
(Defender). Right
back Brooklyn joined
the Yellows this

summer having impressed on trial during pre-season. Previously with Tavistock & Camelford.

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Toby Down
(Defender).
Appointed club
captain this summer.

Toby is in his second spell with the Yellows, having made 7 appearances for the club during the 2022/23 season.

Sponsor: Dave Burt



Matthew Wood
(Defender). Joined
the Yellows this
summer from Frome
Town and notched

his first goal for the club in the 5-1 pre-season win at Newton Abbot Spurs.

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Dean Moxey (Defender). Needs little in the way of an introduction, having

spent a sizeable portion of his career in the upper echelons of football with Derby County, Crystal Palace and Bolton Wanderers.

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Corey Koerner (Defender). Left sided defender Corey joined the Yellows this

summer following his departure from Yeovil and made his debut in the preseason 2-2 draw at Willand Rovers.

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Asa Hall (Midfielder).
Player/manager and
midfield maestro, who
alongside Steve

Orchard, masterminded the Yellows `great escape` at the end of the 2024/25 season.

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Toby Stephens
(Midfielder). Former
Southampton youth
academy graduate

Toby joined the Yellows this summer from Hungerford Town. Also, previously with Yeovil Town.

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Gabe Billington (Midfielder). Gabe made 17 appearances and scored twice on

loan from Exeter City during the 2024/25 season. Signed permanently this summer.

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Zack Williams
(Midfielder).
Wideman Zack joined
the Yellows this

summer, after a successful trial period and is also dual registered with Sidmouth Town.

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Louis Jagger Cane (Forward). Re-joined the club this summer from Sidmouth Town,

where he was their top scorer last term, having made appearances in the 2019/20 season.

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Daniel Koita (Forward). Signed from Okehampton
Argyle at the start of

2025. Grew up and played youth football here in Tiverton before spells with Tavistock and Willand Rovers.

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Tor Swann (Forward).
Another in his second spell with the club, having initially joined

the club in the summer of 2024 from Barnstaple before moving to Exmouth at the start of 2025.

Sponsor: Kelvin Groves



Aiden Horne
(Forward). Local lad
Aiden joined the
Yellows this summer

from near-neighbours Cullompton Rangers, where he played under Steve Orchard.

Sponsor: David Phillips



Jacob Wellington
(Forward). Former
Torquay United youth
academy graduate

Yellows from Willand Rovers this summer.

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Ise Aworinde (Forward). 16-year-old forward, who was previously at Torquay United`s academy and has represented the Devon FA in their youth teams.

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Wellington 3

Jagger Cane 31, 51

Fast forward three days and with little time to let the dust settle on a 2-0 home reverse on Saturday to Chertsey, Asa Hall and Steve Orchard's men were back in action, as they visited Dorchester. Traditionally not a happy hunting ground, but the Yellows were not deterred by this.

Making one change from Saturday, in came striker Louis Jagger Cane for Aiden Horne, who took his place amongst the substitutes while Dorchester included the recently departed and former Yellows' favourite Joe Parker, in their starting eleven and also Josey Casa-Grande, the Bristol City keeper who had a brief loan spell with Tiverton in the 2023/24 season.

It didn't take long for Tivvy or for Jacob Wellington to open their accounts for the season. In the third minute Dan Koita picked up the ball with his back facing Dorchester's goal, he turned and squared to Wellington in the area, who shifted feet and finished well, across keeper Josey Casa- Grande and into the net for the dreamy of dream starts.

Wellington also got his head on a cross from Swann, as the Yellows broke at pace, but the ball climbed a little high on him and his header went over. It was Dorchester though that were posing the greater threat at that stage.

Some superb handling from George Burton was required as a fizzing effort came to him low down, just inside his post and he

smothered with Dorchester forward's waiting for him to spill. Despite this, the hosts drew level in the eleventh minute. Joe Parker sprung free, away from his marker and his inviting cross was met by Tom Smith, who forcefully beat Burton from close range.

Tiverton lived dangerously for a while, and in a scintillating passage of play, the Yellows were indebted to some excellent goalkeeping from Burton, who brilliantly denied our hosts with two superb acrobatic saves and other pieces of assured glovework and also by the resilience of the backline, for whom Dean Moxey was outstanding for the entirety of the match.

However, the quickness and crispness of passing in possession of the Tivvy side, was at times a delight to watch and good work from us in the final third saw Dorchester struggle with the decisiveness of our attacks. Two deliberate fouls stopped both Tor Swann and Dan Koita in their tracks.

The two free kicks both called Casa-Grande into action and he handled well. Another ball into Wellington, who had timed his run to perfection into the box, once again arrived a little high and his header went behind. His 35th minute attempt preceded The Yellows' second though by a few minutes.

Louis Jagger Cane whose intelligent running was dragging and stretching the Dorchester defence, crossed into the box and the ball carried on powerfully beyond the back peddling Magpies' Keeper and into the far top corner. A little bit of fortune, but Tivvy had fired plenty of warning signs too.

The Yellows were rampant for almost the remainder of the half. Swann with customary skilful footwork progressed centrally and produced a decent save from Casa Grande. Then Asa Hall with some clever footwork of his own after being found by the menacing Koita, dragged a shot narrowly wide.

With the promptings of midfield schemer Toby Stephen's beginning our attacks with his cultured passing, along with Moxey's vision from further back and the danger every time Koita and Swann found themselves running at The Magpies, Tiverton were clearly enjoying themselves.

The team continued on the front foot after the interval. Swann tricked his way to the by-line in the 48th minute and Dorchester's keeper showed alertness, when plucking his cross out of the air, with the sharp Jagger Cane ready to pounce.

A further bit of classy play from Hall as Tiverton flooded forward saw the playermanager shape to shoot, buy himself some room and then unleash a stinging shot that was blocked at the foot of the post.

In the 51st minute our lead was extended. A superb defence splitting pass from the advanced Brooklyn Wilkins, was taken in his stride by Jagger Cane who expertly rounded Casa-Grande and placed home. A clinical piece of finishing from the frontman and a deserved brace for him.

The Yellows didn't stop there. There was a flow to our play and much good football to digest. Jagger Cane fired fractionally wide with the keeper at full stretch and there were appeals for penalties in the area for Koita and Swann who carried on dribbling past defenders.

With about 20 minutes to go Dorchester started going for the jugular, but although they got plenty of crosses in, the well marshalled defence with Toby Down and Dean Moxey both outstanding at the helm held firm and when the Magpies did get beyond that formidable barrier, Burton's glove work was excellent. Both full backs, Wilkins and Corey Koerner, stuck to their task and put really good shifts in.

Gabe Billington and Zack Williams replaced Brooklyn Wilkins and Louis Jagger Cane, and in additional time Tor Swann made way for Aiden Horne before Luke Pardoe blazed over for the hosts but although their onslaught increased, Dorchester were taking chances and the Yellows nearly took advantage of this, when they broke. Tiverton prevailed though and an early away scalp was taken at The Avenue Stadium, against a team traditionally strong on home soil.

Although there was much individual brilliance to admire on the night, this was a real team effort and a wonderful victory.

The Dorset side could have few complaints with the outcome. It's definitely a time though to keep our feet on the ground and to try and aspire to the standard set in this game. It's Hungerford next on the road, on Saturday.

Tiverton Town: GEORGE BURTON,

Brooklyn Wilkins (72), Toby Down, Dean Moxey, Asa Hall, Toby Stephens, Tor Swann (90), Jacob Wellington, Louis Jagger Cane (72), Dan Koita.

Substitutes: John Ross, Matt Wood, Gabe Billington (72), Aiden Horne (90), Zack Williams (72).

Attendance: 548.



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Tiverton Town provided the perfect tonic to their opening day home defeat at the hands of Chertsey Town as they went to Dorchester Town last Tuesday evening and came home 3-1 victors for their first win of the season in the Pitching In Southern League Premier South. It was an impressive performance by the Devon outfit, with summer signing, Corey Koerner, a solid figure amongst the backline.

"We knew that we had to put our all into that game in order to try and make amends for our previous display," he told us. "We fell well below where we expect to be on the opening day of the season and it only acted to make us even more determined to go out and put in a solid performance at Dorchester Town.

"Our hosts made the play-offs last season and they are expected to be up there challenging again this time around, but to a man everyone did their jobs and it gave us the basis to go on and get the three points".

"These are the kind of levels that we need to reach week in, week out in this League; we have to be able to take this momentum into Saturday now and add to our points tally".

"It's definitely a competitive League but from what I have seen so far, we can more than hold our own. We want to be able to kick-on from here and get ourselves onto a positive run of results.

"My personal aims don't differ too much to that of the team as a whole; I'll be pushing myself every step of the way and fighting to show what I can do every game that I am picked so that I can keep that starting shirt."

Koerner's journey to the club has been a long and winding one. "It's been a tough journey being in and out of academy football through my youth years, going through trials and not being successful," he continued. "But I think it fuelled me even more to be the best player I can be".

"Moving into college football at 15 helped me understand a different playing style and being in and around the Yeovil Town first team the past two years was a really good experience, training full-time and learning from the experienced lads around me".

"I was able to get some much-needed senior men's experience with a loan spell at Sherborne in the Wessex League and that was a big help. I've tried to take on board everything I've learned along the way and now I am at the stage in my career where I just need to be playing regular football and hopefully, I will get that here at Tiverton Town at what is a good level."





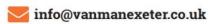
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HUNGERFORD TOWN 2

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TIVERTON TOWN 1

Jagger Cane 68

Our hosts can consider themselves rather fortunate to claim victory on Saturday, as was alluded to by Hungerford boss Danny Robinson in his post-match interview. Our high energy performances are definitely causing concern for our opponents. However, the ability to stay in games and occasionally grind out results is a trait that is also needed and the more seasoned Hungerford players, dug one out against us. At times in this very competitive league, we will have to do the same.

A knock that Brooklyn Wilkins picked up against Dorchester meant that Asa Hall was unable to name an unchanged eleven, so in came Gabe Billington to replace him. The matchday squad though consisted of the same sixteen players that served our management team well on Tuesday night. The Yellows signalled their intentions early on a decent grass surface with fluent build up play, leading to two efforts just clearing the crossbar in the opening exchanges.

Louis Jagger Cane's dipping curler with barely a minute on the clock and Tor Swann at the end of a rampaging run, firing over, for fast starting Tivvy, five minutes later. With Tivvy enjoying the majority of possession and playing at a high tempo, Dean Moxey took the opportunity to venture forward, however an early blow was dealt to Asa Hall and Steve Orchard's men when the classy defender pulled up when linking up with Hall and was unable to resume in the 13th minute.

A slight reshuffle, saw the entrance of centre back Matt Wood, who slotted into the right sided berth in the middle of defence, with captain Toby Down moving over to the left. Around the quarter of an hour mark it was a double blow, as Hungerford who had started to settle, won themselves a corner when imposing central defender Jordan Rose let fly from the edge of the box. As the ball came back out of the area, a deflection took it past George Burton.

Dan Koita then latched onto a ball over the top in the 21st minute and after some good close control got him momentarily away from his pursuers, ex Swindon Supermarine and Gloucester City centre back Tyrone Duffus just managed to nick the ball away, in conceding a corner.

It was clear that Koita had been targeted as a danger man, with Jordan Rose man marking him at every opportunity. Tor Swann was once again running at and committing defenders, with his end product being impressive in sending over some inviting crosses.

Also carrying a threat was Jagger Cane, who was playing with poise and confidence and taking up intelligent positions in Hungerford's final third. It's the pace and good movement from this Tiverton side that is creating good football to watch.

With Toby Stephens and Hall manipulating the ball well in the middle of the park, there is a good flow to our game. Stephens` creativity and his willingness to carry out his defensive duties, has become an integral part of the Tiverton team, early doors. Hungerford although never dominant, were a threat and Curtis Angell

struck the ball over, after linking up with Rhys Tyler with almost half an hour played.

Swann found Hall in a little pocket of space, deep into The Crusader's territory and his rifled effort, came off Koita and forced keeper Luke Cairney to make an excellent reaction save, thus preventing the Yellows from evening things up.

Just before half time, winger James Ollis saw his shot blocked by Wood. Good pressure from Tiverton culminated in us gaining a corner before the break and the visitors could count themselves unfortunate to be behind, when the referee blew his whistle to end the half.

Tiverton required an excellent reflex save from Burton just after the break to stop the hosts from extending their lead, but it was the visitors who continued to pose the greater threat, with a bit of magic from Swann being ended, just as he was taking aim.

However, a miscalculation in Tivvy's backline, left the task ahead much more difficult. A ball that was intended for Burton, found its way to Ollis who played in Harry Williams, who had a relatively simple chance to make it 2-0, which he duly accepted. This took the wind out of The Yellows sails for a few minutes and the same combination nearly added to Tiverton's woes. Despite this setback, back came the visitors and after regaining momentum, Jagger Cane from outside the box, connected sweetly with an effort that beat Cairney just inside his post. A good technical strike from the in-form striker, on 68 minutes. 2-1 and game on.

Tiverton then seized the initiative and piled on the pressure. A fine run from Swann for

once saw him over hit his cross, then Koita flying through the air with an acrobatic volley, just missed by a whisker. The Crusaders then broke, and Joe Shepherd almost turned home Matt Berry-Hargreaves delivery in, from out wide.

Matt Wood up for a corner was then foiled by Cairney from point blank range. In the 78th minute Koita fouled his marker in the area, who reacted and found himself surrounded by Hungerford players. The flash- point ended with bookings for the Tivvy frontman and Angell.

In the 83rd minute Burton produced a top drawer save, as he changed direction and kept the ball out, with a strong hand and then with Tiverton desperate to force an equaliser, a thumping Koerner attempt from at least 25 yards out, almost provided a thrilling finish. Cairney though, denied him expertly at full stretch shortly after the game went into five minutes of added time.

Despite the Yellows concerted effort for parity, Hungerford clung onto their first win of the season and Tiverton returned home empty handed. Asa Hall and Steve Orchard's men will play worse than this and win. The team were very good today, in front of a decent travelling support and will host early leaders Sholing next Saturday.

Tiverton Town: George Burton, Gabe
Billington (90), Toby Down(c), Dean Moxey
(13), Corey Koerner, Asa Hall, Toby
Stephens, TOR SWANN, Jacob Wellington
(64), Louis Jagger Cane, Dan Koita.

Substitutes: John Ross, Matt Wood (13), Brooklyn Wilkins, Aiden Horne (64), Zack Williams (90).

Attendance: 289.





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MEET THE VISITORS

The Boatmen, nicknamed after the club's history of shipbuilding, have a long, but fragmented history, running teams from the Woolston Works as early as 1878.

In March 1887 they were finalists in the first Portsmouth Challenge Cup, beaten 1-0 by Portsmouth Association Club. The Club were only beaten twice in 16 games that year (goal tally 72-6) and won the last Hants & Dorset Challenge Cup before those Associations split.

Woolston Works won the first ever Hampshire Senior Cup Final in 1888, beating Winchester 2-0. There was some controversy that year concerning Woolston's professional attitude, which was referred to as "Kesson's Boots'.

Andover were beaten in an earlier round by Woolston, in which a Glasgow - based player called J. Kesson played a prominent part.

Andover protested that Kesson should be disqualified on the grounds of residency-although he had played for Woolston Works earlier that season, he had since moved back to Glasgow. Woolston's appeal rested on the fact that Kesson had left a number of clothing items at his lodgings in Woolston, and this should be interpreted as his intention to return. The Hampshire FA upheld the appeal and allowed Kesson to play.

Re-forming after World War 1 as
Thornycrofts (Woolston), they were
admitted into the Hampshire County
League from 1919 to 1926. In 1920
Thornycrofts reached the FA Cup First
Round proper (pictured below), meeting
First Division giants Burnley at Fratton Park,

and held them to a 0-0 draw in front of over 10,000 spectators, before losing 5-0 in the replay, three days later. Burnley were Football League runners-up that season before winning the Title the following year.

After World War 2, Thornycrofts Woolston re-formed in 1947 but were only able to keep going until 1952. The Club were reformed as Vosper Thornycroft FC in 1960 and joined the Southampton Junior League.

After many successful years in the Southampton Leagues, where the club won 6 Championships overseen by Arthur Fox, Trevor Lewis & Bill Boyle, Vospers were promoted to the Hampshire League Division 3 in 1991. The following season they were promoted to Division 2. 1997/98 saw Vospers as Hampshire Intermediate Cup Winners.

1999/00 Dave Diaper is appointed manager.

2001/02 Vospers win the Southampton Senior Cup at St Mary's Stadium.

2002/03 Vospers re-named as VTFC (after the parent company) and were Runners-up in the Southampton Senior Cup.

2003/4 A double winning season as
Hampshire Premier League Champions &
Southampton Senior Cup Winners and
promotion to the Wessex League for the
first time.

2005/06 VT again win the Southampton Senior Cup.

2006/07 VT finished in third place and won the Southampton Senior Cup yet again. The Club's 4th victory in 6 years.

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2007/08 Runners-up in the Wessex Premier League and continued our dominance in the Southampton Senior Cup, winning it for the third consecutive year.

2008/09 Club gained promotion to Step 4 for the first time by finishing as Wessex League Premier runners-up. Also won the Wessex League Cup with a 2-1 victory over Hamworthy United. Club reached the final of the Hampshire Senior Cup but were defeated 1-0 by Fleet Town.

2009/10 In our first season in the Southern League South & West Division we finished a creditable 4th, reaching the play-offs, but were defeated by Bridgewater Town in the Semi Final. We reached the final of the Red Insure League Cup but lost on penalties to Cambridge City. The Southampton Senior Cup was won again at St Mary's, defeating Team Solent 2-0.

Club changed name in July 2010 to SHOLING FC after the parent company, VT Group, were no longer in existence with the closure of the Woolston shipyard. We decided to reflect the name of the area of Southampton nearest the ground and adopted the Red & White stripes so associated with the City.

2010/11 In our second season in the Southern League South & West, we finished 2nd but agonisingly missed out on promotion in the play off final, losing 1-0 to Frome.

2011/12 For the third season on the trot we reached the playoffs only to fall at the first hurdle to a 1-0 away defeat by Gosport.

2012/13 We finished 7th in the Southern League South & West, but the club made the difficult decision to voluntarily drop out of the Southern League. 2013/14 Back in the Wessex League Premier Division we weren't defeated until February. Despite having to play 20 games in 30 days due to a bad winter, Sholing won the title with 104 points and a goal difference of +105. We also won the Southampton Senior Cup at St Mary's.

The FA Vase win will be what most people will remember from this season. Back in October as we squeaked past Winchester City in the 1st round, no one was dreaming of Wembley, but as the rounds were ticked off, we started to get the feeling that our name was on the Cup. So, on the 10th of May 2014 at Wembley Stadium, backed by over 3,000 fans, Marv Mclean scored the only goal in the 71st minute and Byron Mason & Dave Diaper lifted the Vase. In a whirlwind of activity that followed, the team paraded the FA Vase in front of 30,000

Southampton FC fans at St Mary's, were given an official reception by the Mayor of Southampton and appeared on both local TV stations.

2014/15 We were granted promotion back into the Southern League South & West division, finishing in 17th. Ground grading issues saw Sholing relegated back to the Wessex League.





Pos: Midfielder

Pos: Midfielder

Pos: Striker

Pressing Needs 2015/16 Sholing finished runners up in the Wessex Premier League.

2016/17 Boatmen achieved 2 Cup Wins in the space of 3 days at the end of the season. Firstly, winning the Wessex League Cup with a 2-1 win over Baffins Milton Rovers, then defeating Team Solent 3-1 at St Mary's Stadium to lift the Southampton Senior Cup for a record 8th time.

2017/18 Sholing finished 3rd in the Wessex Premier for the 2nd consecutive season, scoring 100 goals in the process.

2018/19 Sholing were crowned Wessex
League Champions with 8 games
remaining. The Boatmen finished with a
record title winning margin of 31 points and
also the Wessex record for points per game
(2.763). The club also won the Russell
Cotes Cup for the first time.

2019/20 Boatmen climbed from the bottom 3 to 10th place and were looking good for a possible late run for the play-offs, before the season was sadly halted by the Coronavirus outbreak. Sholing created club history by reaching the First-round proper of the FA Trophy for the first time.

2020/21 After decades of trying, the club finally built a new changing room building. History was made in the FA Cup when the club reached the 4th Qualifying Round for the first time where we were narrowly defeated by Torquay United.

2021/22 Boatmen started the season well and stayed in the top 6 until February, but finished 7th

2022/23 Sholing gained promotion to the Southern Premier South for the first time. After finishing the league campaign in 2nd place, the Boatmen firstly defeated

Wimborne Town 2-1 in the play off semifinal, before beating Hamworthy United 2-0 in the Final.

2023/24 After 25 years in charge, Dave Diaper stepped down with Paul Doswell taking over. Since "Dos" and a new board of directors have arrived, a new 400 capacity stand was built and many improvements have been made, including a large fan zone and 100 space hardstanding car park.

2024/25 Boatmen finished 11th, in part due to Michael Folivi scoring 21 goals in 23 games in the 2nd half of

the season. In the close season, a world class 3G pitch was installed in record time and officially opened by Levi Colwill in front of 1,888 spectators as Sholing beat Chelsea U19's, 2-0.

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