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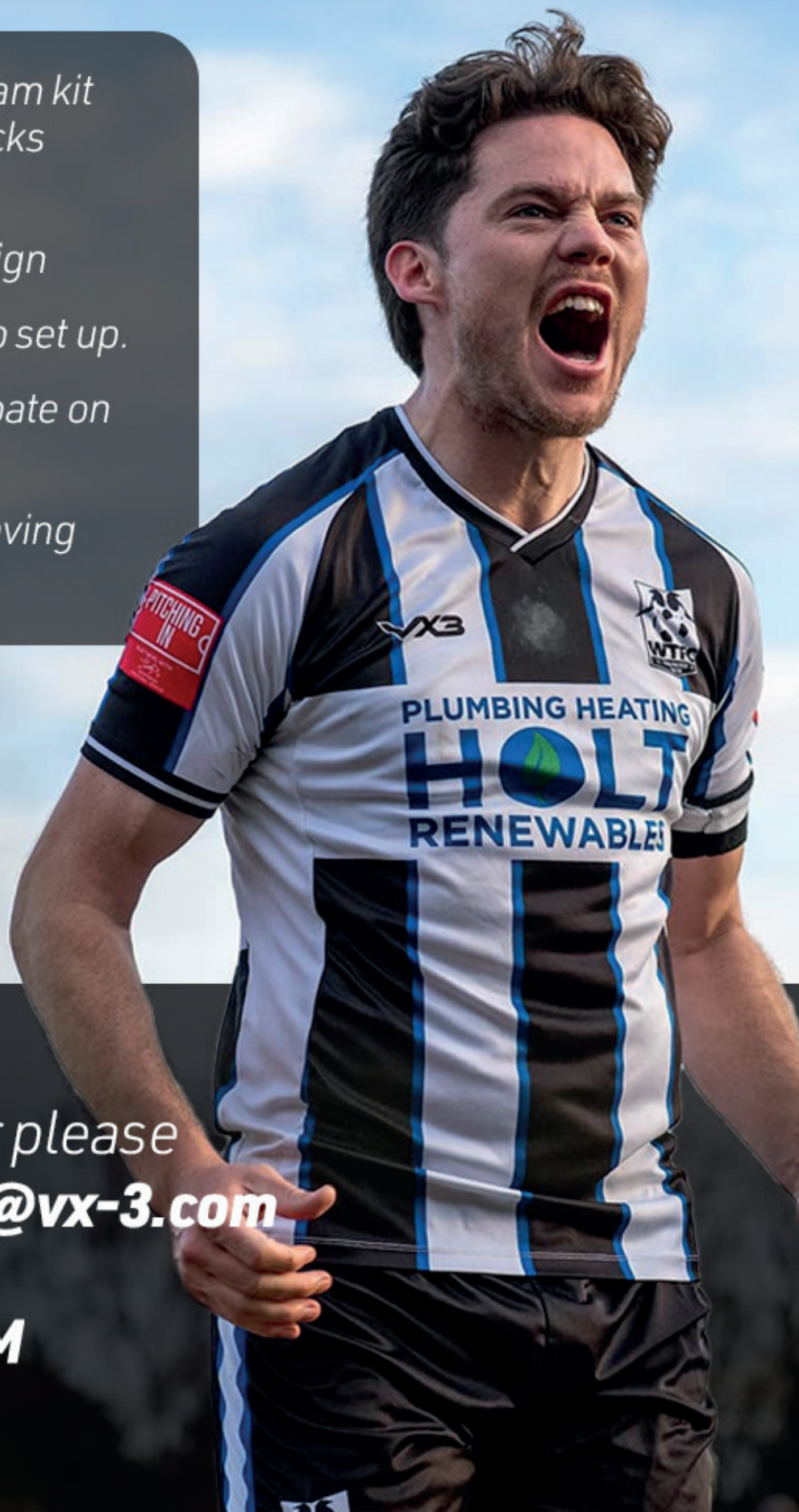
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TRIDENT LEAGUES SUPPORT NATIONAL LEAGUE'S 3UP DAY OF ACTION



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The Trident Leagues (Isthmian League, Northern Premier League and Southern League) are supporting The National League's 3UP Day of Action, with all kick-off times being put back slightly to 3.03pm this Saturday.

That means 104 games, 208 teams across 12 divisions who stand in solidarity with The National League's 3UP campaign – which already has the backing of its 72 clubs and 93% of supporters across the football pyramid – is aiming to gain a third promotion place into the EFL.

The move will see the Trident Leagues stand together with the National League in asking the EFL to Put Football First and grant a third promotion place from Step 1 – something we feel would benefit the entire National League System.

A joint statement from the Trident League said: "We (Isthmian League, Northern Premier League and Southern League) fully support the National League's 3UP campaign.

"We believe an additional promotion place to the EFL is essential for the future of the National League Pyramid, so all league matches played on Saturday 15 November will kick-off at 3.03pm."

Phil Alexander, National League interim CEO said: "We are pleased to have the backing of the Trident Leagues for our 3UP campaign Day of Action on November 15.

"It's a powerful gesture that demonstrates what we've said from the start that getting 3UP will benefit English football as whole.

"It means we will now have 232 clubs and 232 sets of fans and communities across in every corner of the country, all together in solidarity fighting for what we feel is right. Together we can Put Football First."



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LEAGUE STANDINGS

2025-26



Premier Division South

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Walton & Hersham	15	8	0	0	25	6	5	1	1	15	8	26	40
2	Gloucester City	15	7	1	0	22	11	3	2	2	15	11	15	33
3	Uxbridge	15	5	2	0	15	9	2	5	1	15	14	7	28
4	Poole Town	14	4	2	1	13	4	4	1	2	14	12	11	27
5	Gosport Borough	15	4	1	2	19	13	4	2	2	15	12	9	27
6	Wimborne Town	14	5	2	0	20	8	2	2	3	6	5	13	25
7	Sholing	15	4	3	1	21	13	2	3	2	6	7	7	24
8	Farnham Town	13	2	3	2	14	11	4	2	0	15	8	10	23
9	Berkhamsted	15	4	1	2	9	10	2	3	3	9	11	-3	22
10	Evesham United	15	3	2	3	12	8	2	2	3	10	11	3	19
11	Taunton Town	15	2	2	4	10	13	3	1	3	15	13	-1	18
12	Hanwell Town	14	3	1	3	8	9	2	2	3	9	9	-1	18
13	Basingstoke Town	15	4	1	3	14	14	1	2	4	10	13	-3	18
14	Chertsey Town	15	1	3	3	8	10	3	2	3	8	8	-2	17
15	Hungerford Town	15	2	4	2	8	10	2	0	5	11	16	-7	16
16	Plymouth Parkway	15	4	1	3	9	11	0	3	4	10	16	-8	16
17	Dorchester Town	15	2	2	4	9	15	1	3	3	7	10	-9	14
18	Yate Town	15	2	4	1	6	5	1	1	6	10	22	-11	14
19	Weymouth	15	1	3	3	8	12	2	2	4	8	19	-15	14
20	Havant & Waterlooville	13	1	1	3	9	11	2	1	5	12	16	-6	11
21	Bracknell Town	14	1	2	4	13	17	1	2	4	4	12	-12	10
22	Tiverton Town	15	1	1	5	6	10	1	0	7	6	25	-23	7

Premier Division Central

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harborough Town	14	5	4	0	13	4	4	1	0	11	3	17	32
2	Spalding United	15	2	1	1	12	5	7	2	2	24	15	16	30
3	Real Bedford	14	4	1	2	11	8	4	2	1	15	8	10	27
4	Quorn	15	3	2	3	13	11	5	1	1	17	10	9	27
5	Redditch United	15	5	1	1	14	6	3	1	4	10	12	6	26
6	Needham Market	15	5	1	2	15	10	2	3	2	8	10	3	25
7	Kettering Town	15	3	2	3	11	9	4	1	2	11	10	3	24
8	St Ives Town	15	4	3	0	10	4	2	2	4	11	11	6	23
9	Halesowen Town	15	5	0	2	12	9	1	5	2	11	10	4	23
10	Leiston	15	2	4	1	15	12	3	3	2	10	10	3	22
11	Worcester City	15	2	4	2	10	8	3	2	2	15	5	12	21
12	Alvechurch	15	3	0	4	10	10	3	2	3	6	5	1	20
13	Stratford Town	15	3	3	2	13	12	2	2	3	7	10	-2	20
14	Bury Town	15	5	0	3	9	8	1	2	4	8	14	-5	20
15	Bishop's Stortford	14	4	0	5	17	17	2	1	2	8	6	2	19
16	Bromsgrove Sporting	15	4	1	4	13	15	2	0	4	5	10	-7	19
17	Barwell	14	2	1	3	7	8	3	2	3	15	14	0	18
18	Banbury United	14	2	2	3	10	14	2	1	4	12	12	-4	15
19	Stourbridge	14	1	2	2	6	7	1	3	5	9	18	-10	11
20	AFC Sudbury	15	2	2	3	7	16	0	1	7	5	22	-26	9
21	Royston Town	15	0	3	4	8	16	1	2	5	5	15	-18	8
22	Stamford	15	0	3	6	4	19	1	1	4	5	10	-20	7

Weekend Action

Berkhamsted
vs. Sholing

Chertsey Town
vs. Evesham United

Uxbridge
vs. Yate Town

Weymouth
vs. Basingstoke Town

Isuzu FA Trophy Second Round
proper fixtures also take place
this weekend...



Weekend Action

Banbury United
vs. Quorn

Barwell
vs. Worcester City

Halesowen Town
vs. Spalding United

Leiston
vs. Stamford

Redditch United
vs. Bury Town

Royston Town
vs. Stratford Town

St Ives Town
vs. Needham Market

Stourbridge
vs. Bromsgrove Sporting

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this weekend...

Division One South

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Portishead Town	14	6	1	1	25	4	5	0	1	14	8	27	34
2	Winchester City	16	5	3	0	19	8	5	1	2	17	10	18	34
3	Frome Town	14	4	2	1	11	6	5	1	1	16	3	18	30
4	Shaftesbury	14	7	0	1	19	9	3	0	3	15	10	15	30
5	Bishop's Cleeve	13	5	2	0	15	6	4	1	1	13	10	12	30
6	Exmouth Town	16	5	2	1	19	10	3	3	2	10	14	5	29
7	Malvern Town	14	5	0	3	17	15	4	1	1	10	5	7	28
8	Westbury United	13	4	0	2	8	5	3	2	2	7	7	3	23
9	Hartpury	14	4	1	2	25	10	2	1	4	11	11	15	20
10	Larkhall Athletic	16	4	2	2	16	13	2	0	6	9	14	-2	20
11	Mousehole	15	3	1	4	11	12	2	2	3	10	9	0	18
12	Sporting Club Inkberrow	15	4	0	3	9	8	1	3	4	9	18	-8	18
13	Swindon Supermarine	14	3	0	4	13	14	2	2	3	8	8	-1	17
14	Didcot Town	15	1	3	4	10	17	3	1	3	8	12	-11	16
15	Bristol Manor Farm	14	2	2	2	7	9	2	1	5	14	21	-9	15
16	Falmouth Town	15	2	3	2	11	8	1	2	5	8	19	-8	14
17	Willand Rovers	15	2	2	3	7	9	1	3	4	10	23	-15	14
18	Bashley	14	0	3	4	3	10	3	1	3	9	8	-6	13
19	Bideford	15	2	2	3	8	9	1	2	5	4	16	-13	13
20	Brixham	15	2	1	4	10	17	1	2	5	9	21	-19	12
21	Melksham Town	16	2	3	3	11	13	0	2	6	6	17	-13	11
22	Tavistock	15	2	0	5	5	11	1	2	5	6	15	-15	11

Division One Central

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leighton Town	16	6	2	0	18	5	6	2	0	21	7	27	40
2	Hertford Town	16	5	0	3	18	12	5	1	2	17	10	13	31
3	Biggleswade	15	2	4	0	10	7	6	2	1	20	11	12	30
4	Hitchin Town	15	3	2	2	8	8	5	3	0	19	6	13	29
5	Barton Rovers	15	4	2	1	15	8	4	3	1	13	8	12	29
6	Ware	15	4	1	2	17	11	5	1	2	19	17	8	29
7	Biggleswade Town	15	3	3	2	18	10	4	1	2	20	10	18	25
8	Hadley	14	4	1	2	21	17	3	3	1	11	7	8	25
9	Stotfold	16	5	0	3	18	10	3	0	5	18	21	5	24
10	Welwyn Garden City	16	3	2	3	9	10	3	3	2	14	12	1	23
11	Beaconsfield Town	15	2	4	2	14	12	3	3	1	13	10	5	22
12	Thame United	15	4	1	4	15	18	3	0	3	11	9	-1	22
13	Milton Keynes Irish	15	2	1	5	15	24	4	0	3	13	12	-8	19
14	Marlow	14	3	0	3	13	13	2	1	5	9	19	-10	16
15	London Lions	16	4	0	4	17	22	1	1	6	12	18	-11	16
16	Flackwell Heath	13	2	2	4	13	12	2	1	2	7	5	3	15
17	Leverstock Green	15	1	3	3	11	14	1	4	3	11	15	-7	13
18	Aylesbury United	15	0	3	4	6	13	3	0	5	12	19	-14	12
19	AFC Dunstable	15	1	3	3	7	11	1	1	6	8	18	-14	10
20	Northwood	15	0	2	7	8	26	1	5	0	10	9	-17	10
21	Enfield	14	1	1	5	10	19	1	1	5	9	14	-14	8
22	Rayners Lane	13	1	0	5	3	12	1	1	5	7	27	-29	7

Weekend Action

Bideford AFC
vs. Swindon Supermarine

Brixham AFC
vs. Bristol Manor Farm

Didcot Town
vs. Mousehole

Falmouth Town
vs. Bishops Cleeve

Frome Town
vs. Melksham Town

Hartpury
vs. Tavistock AFC

Larkhall Athletic
vs. Bashley

Malvern Town
vs. Portishead Town

Shaftesbury
vs. Westbury United

Willand Rovers
vs. Sporting Club Inkberrow

Winchester City
vs. Exmouth Town

Weekend Action

Beaconsfield Town
vs. Stotfold

Enfield
vs. Biggleswade Town

Hitchin Town
vs. Hadley

Leverstock Green
vs. Aylesbury United

London Lions
vs. Flackwell Heath

Marlow
vs. Barton Rovers

Northwood
vs. AFC Dunstable

Thame United
vs. Hertford Town

Ware
vs. Leighton Town

Welwyn Garden City
vs. Milton Keynes Irish

Featured Match

WEYMOUTH v BASINGSTOKE TOWN

Callum Watts is a man on a mission this month. As well as giving his all to help Weymouth climb the Pitching In Southern League Premier South table, he is also going to be raising funds and awareness for mental health.

"I'm running 2-5k a day throughout the month to help raise awareness for Mental Health," he told us. "It's a cause that I feel is not spoken about enough.

"I'm young and fit and perfectly capable of completing this challenge, so if I can inspire young people whilst I am doing it and also raise much-needed funds and awareness, then I will be happy.

"I've got plenty of self-motivation to do this for a cause that is important to me."



It's an exhausting month of November for Callum Watts

Watts will be raising funds for The Mental Health Foundation, the UK's charity for everyone's mental health.

"Prevention is at the heart of everything they do," he added. "They aim to find and address the sources of mental health problems so that people and communities can thrive.

"They do some fantastic work, but like many other similar organisations, they need to do regular fund-raising to allow them to be able to make their services available to everyone that needs them.

"That's why I am determined to help and do my bit for the cause." Meanwhile, on the pitch the summer signing is determined to get the Dorset club moving in the right direction.

Whilst they went down to a 4-0 defeat at leaders, Walton & Hersham last weekend, prior to that they followed up their win at Farnham Town with successive draws against Hungerford Town and Yate Town.

"We know that we're not where we should be right now," he added. "We're working incredibly hard so that we can start moving in the right direction.

"The season so far has been very up and down, but we've got a great dressing room here and plenty of team spirit, so I am sure that we can get ourselves into a positive run of results and turn things around.

"We're back at home on Saturday and we're looking to make home advantage count against opponents who are in the middle of the table and four points above us."

For Basingstoke Town, they won their last game as they beat Berkhamsted 2-1 to respond in the right way to a 4-1 home reverse at the hands of Farnham Town in their previous outing. They have five wins and seven losses from their 15 League outings so far.

To contribute to Callum Watts' fund-raising effort, visit: justgiving.com/page/callum-watts-2

THE REST OF THE ACTION

It's a reduced fixture list this weekend due to the Isuzu FA Trophy, in fact, there are only four fixtures on Saturday.

Uxbridge will be looking to add to their impressive points tally as they host Yate Town. They only have one defeat from 15 League games this season and are on the back of a commanding 3-0 away win at Plymouth Parkway last weekend.

Two teams sitting just outside the top five, Berkhamsted and Sholing, go head-to-head with only two points separating them. These are positive times for Sholing off the pitch as this week it

was confirmed that they have purchased the 15-acre freehold of the land on which the club is based, a move which secures the long-term future of the club.

The other fixture also pits two teams against each other where only two points separate them in the table. Chertsey Town have the home advantage and sit just below opponents, Evesham United, who have taken well to life at Step 3 following promotion at the end of last season. They will be seeking a response to a 2-1 home reverse at the hands of Farnham Town last weekend, whilst Chertsey played out a goalless stalemate at Dorchester Town.

Featured Match

STOURBRIDGE v BROMSGROVE SPORTING

Defeat in their last home game at the hands of previously winless Stamford AFC proved to be a seminal moment for Stourbridge.

Since then a succession of new faces have arrived, including the impressive capture of Luke Rowe as manager, Darryl Knights, fought off plenty of competition to secure the services of the talented midfielder.

Rowe has arrived from National League North outfit, AFC Telford United, whom he skippered to promotion from the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central via the play-offs last season, and stands by to make his home debut for The Glassboys on Saturday against one of his former clubs, Bromsgrove Sporting, for whom he also wore the captain's armband.

"I'm really looking forward to making my home debut at the weekend," Rowe told us. "The club is in a tough place at the minute, but a number of new faces have come in to freshen things up and if the players and fans can all join together we can be a force to be reckoned with, starting on Saturday.

"It has all the ingredients to be quite a game with local pride and three precious points at stake. This is a challenge that I am looking



Luke Rowe is one of a number of new faces for Stourbridge

forward to and with the quality that we have here, I'm sure we will come through it on the right side of things on and off the pitch.

"I came here to enjoy my football again. I wanted to find somewhere to play football and regain my love for the game; I feel that I can do that here under Darryl Knights.

"He's a top manager who's doing a fantastic job under difficult circumstances, but this

is a results-driven business and I am here to play my part in picking up results and helping the club to move up the table. I will look to bring my leadership and know-how in how to win games. I want to help us get on the ball and keep the lads ticking over.

"It's a tough, competitive level; I know that from first-hand experience. Everyone is capable of beating each other in this League. There are teams that have budgets higher than the League above, so an interesting time is in store over the weeks and months ahead. My aim is to push Stourbridge as high as I can and, like I say, enjoy my football again."

Stourbridge go into the game just inside the bottom four and face opponents who sit amongst a cluster of teams just above them that they have their sights set on chasing down.

There are a number of connections between the two teams, including in both dug-outs, which only adds extra spice to the occasion.

For the visitors, Luke Softley is establishing himself in the left-back role having joined the club earlier in the season as a centre back.

The 20 year-old former Aston Villa youngster joined The Rouslers from Hungerford Town of the Premier South back in August.

"The left-back role is a new position for me, but I'm enjoying it," he said. "I need to get a bit fitter so that I can get up and down the pitch a bit more, but I feel as though I have slotted into the role well.

"The lads around me have helped me to settle into the role and, to be honest, I am enjoying playing at left-back a lot more than I thought I would!

"It was another clean sheet for us last weekend against Royston Town [in a 2-0 win], which I was buzzing about. As a defender I always want to be part of us keeping clean sheets, it's an added bonus to the three points, which is always the main aim.

"Last weekend's victory gives us momentum for what is a big game today. It won't be easy as Stourbridge have brought in a few new faces recently and are determined to start climbing the table.

"We haven't had the best of records in local derbies recently, so we owe it to ourselves and our fans, who have been superb since I have been here.

"We go into Saturday's game full of determination, so hopefully we can get the result that we crave."

THE REST OF THE ACTION

Despite being held to a 2-2 home draw by AFC Sudbury during the week, Harborough Town moved up to top spot. They are without League action this weekend due to the Isuzu FA Trophy, so it gives Spalding United the chance to regain pole position as they head to Halesowen Town, who themselves are looking to keep in touch with the top five.

With Real Bedford also in Isuzu FA Trophy action, it gives Quorn a chance to move further up the table if they can bring home the points from a Banbury United outfit who sit just outside the bottom four. Quorn will be looking for the right response to their home reverse at the hands of Kettering Town in their last outing.

Also going into the weekend inside the top five are Redditch United.

They will be looking to make home advantage count as they host Bury Town who have 20 points from their opening 15 games.

Looking to stake their claims for a place amongst the leading pack are Needham Market, who head to a St. Ives Town outfit who have won both of their games this week and sit just a couple of points off their opponents.

At the bottom of the table, Stamford AFC head to Leiston. They suffered their tenth defeat of the season on Tuesday at the hands of Worcester City, who make the trip to Barwell on the back of an improved run of form that has pulled them up the table recently. Royston Town meanwhile welcome Stratford Town to complete what is a reduced fixture list due to the Isuzu FA Trophy.

PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE ISUZU FA TROPHY SECOND ROUND PROPER



Featured Match

BATH CITY v BRACKNELL TOWN

We may only be in mid-November but Bracknell Town have packed plenty of drama into their season so far.

It's fair to say that there hasn't been too much to shout about but there's a feeling around the club that this is all starting to change.

The campaign began with Jordan Ive at the helm, but he was soon replaced by Matthew Saunders, whose tenure, whilst only brief, attracted plenty of attention for his various after-match comments, which certainly stimulated debate.

Now with former player and manager, Carl Davies, in interim charge, the club has beaten Premier Central outfit, Banbury United, to reach this stage of the Isuzu FA Trophy whilst also sharing the spoils from a 2-2 draw with Dorchester Town and securing a superb 1-0 away win at Sholing in their last game.

On that occasion, experienced goalkeeper, Zaki Nazih Oualah, was in outstanding form on his way to a deserved clean sheet.

"Last Saturday was a great team performance," he told us. "We were free-flowing and hard-working to achieve a fully deserved three points.

"The boys gave absolutely everything they have out there and I was happy to play my part too with a couple of saves that I was particularly pleased about.

"It has been a trying start to the season for the club, there's no getting away from that, but the squad and set-up we have here is too strong for our current position in the table.

"The Gaffer and his assistant [Sean Miles] have wasted little time in building some great morale and getting some togetherness into the club. It was much-needed and they have done a lot in this respect in a short space of time.

"The Premier South is so competitive that if we can pull a little run of results together, it can make a big difference. This season it seems a stronger League than ever with everyone pretty much capable of beating each other.

"The battle for vital points is put to one side on Saturday, though, as we look to continue our run in the FA Trophy. We want to do well and give a good account of ourselves in every competition we enter and a positive run here can go hand-in-hand with what we're doing in the League.



One of a number of smart saves from Zaki Nazih Oualah last weekend

"We're not looking too far ahead at the moment. We just want to concentrate on each game as it comes and getting as many wins under our belt as we can. We'll do it game by game and then see where we are at the start of the New Year ahead of the second half of the season."

Saturday sees Bracknell Town pit their wits against opponents who operate at the level above, in The National League South. They travel to Bath City who sit in the lower half of the table having won four of their 17 League games so far.

That said, they are on a three-game unbeaten run having followed up their 3-2 home victory over Slough Town with draws against Dagenham & Redbridge and Tonbridge Angels on Tuesday evening.

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THE REST OF THE ACTION



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A number of our member clubs are up against higher level opponents, including Harborough Town

After their heroics earlier this week at Harborough Town in a game that was streamed live by ClubberTV, AFC Sudbury face a home tie with a Hereford outfit who are struggling for form in The National League North. They will be looking for another big performance here in what should be a hard-fought battle between two teams who are looking to kick-start their respective campaigns.

Two Premier Central teams face-off at Alvechurch as they play host to a Real Bedford side who are in fine form right now, winning seven of their last eight games. The home side have fallen off slightly from the pace they started the season with, but they are still handily-placed in the middle of the table, ready to make an impact in the top half once more.

Another team whose form has stuttered since the opening weeks is Bishop's Stortford and they will be hoping to make home advantage count as they take on Cheshunt. A trip to Dover Athletic awaits Dorchester Town as they look to kick-start their season, whilst Harborough Town, sitting pretty on top of the

Premier Central, take on Enfield Town who find themselves a couple of places off the bottom of The National League South.

It's a road trip for Farnham Town as they go to Horsham, as Hanwell Town also hit the road, crossing the border to Merthyr Town, who have adapted well to life at the higher level having taken the Premier South title last term. There's a home tie for Plymouth Parkway against Salisbury who are in the lower half of The National League South.

There's another intriguing contest taking place at Slough Town, second bottom in The National League South, as they host a Gloucester City side who are flying high in the Premier South, in second place to Walton & Hersham, who have home advantage for their tie against Farnborough, who sit in 20th spot in The National League North.

Finally, Wimborne Town are at home to Chatham Town as we wish all of our member clubs the very best of luck as they seek to make it through to the third round proper.

Featured Match

DIDCOT TOWN v MOUSEHOLE AFC

Hayden Turner's 200th game for Mousehole AFC couldn't have gone any better last weekend.

Opening the scoring from the penalty spot, he played a prominent role as the Cornish outfit won their first Division One South away game of the season by beating Swindon Supermarine 3-0.

What's more a group of family and friends were present to see it and join the celebrations at the end.

"It was a great day for us," Turner told us. "The Gaffer had spoken ahead of the game about how our away performances had to massively improve.

"We had a really positive week on the training pitch leading up to the game and went into the game full of confidence and belief.

"We knew that it would be a tough test, but to come away with such a commanding win was a nice way to mark my milestone game. Getting my name on the scoresheet was the icing on the cake, but the main thing was bringing those three points with us on the journey home.

"Things couldn't have gone any better on my 200th game and it's a record that I am extremely proud of. I said in a recent interview with the club's media team that this club has had a special feeling to it from the moment I first walked through the door.

"The fact that I have been at the club so long shows what the club means to me; it's one big family where everyone works hard for each other."

So, what is the highlight that most stands out from his time at the club.?

"It has to be our last game of the season back in the Western League," he said. "We needed three points to win the League title and we did so with a great performance in front of a big crowd. I also managed to grab a goal in that game as well to top it off.

"We have gone on to have some special moments since moving into the Southern League too. The current campaign has quite reached the expected levels so far, but we're doing all we can to turn it around.

"We're all ambitious and we want to be able to challenge amongst the leading pack, as we have done for most of our time at this level over the past few seasons.

"We're working hard to keep climbing and get ourselves into the position we want to be in. For myself, I think it's a similar story; I set high expectations of myself and I haven't got anywhere near them during the season so far.

"It was nice to get on the scoresheet last weekend and on Tuesday evening with the second equaliser in our 2-2



Hayden Turner has broken through 200 games as part of the Mousehole AFC family

draw with Exmouth Town, so it gives me something to build on as I look to get back to the level I know I can reach.

"Division One South is so competitive this season; there are no games where you can afford to go into it thinking it will be a straightforward three points. I'm not one to look at the League table too much; I do know that it's extremely close, with things changing every week.

"It's important to note take anything for granted. Our aim is to be challenging amongst the leading pack. We've made it harder with the start we've had, but we know that we are more than capable of putting a run together.

"If I can help in that with goals and assists, I will be delighted. Saturday sees us hit the road again to Didcot Town. They too haven't had the best of starts to the season, so we want to be able to add to our points tally."

Didcot Town's season so far can be best summed up in their last three games where they have won one, lost one and drawn the other, last weekend's 1-1 home draw with Willand Rovers. They sit 14th with 16 points from their 15 League games to date.

THE REST OF THE ACTION



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There were smiles aplenty at Portishead Town last weekend

Sitting pretty at the top of the table are Portishead Town, who secured a statement 5-0 victory over the previously-unbeaten Bishops Cleeve last weekend. They hit the road for Malvern Town on Saturday as they take on hosts who themselves have spent time at the top of the table this term and currently sit just a couple of points shy of the top five.

Having run out 2-1 winners at Larkhall Athletic on Wednesday evening, Winchester City still level on points with the leaders. They are in home action against sixth-placed Exmouth Town, who have suffered just three defeats in 16 games this season as they aim to reach the play-offs for the second successive year.

Frome Town are also in home action as they take on a Melksham Town outfit who are searching for a new manager following a bitterly disappointing run of results that leaves them just one place off the bottom of the table with 11 points to their name. Also at home are Shaftesbury, who overcame the challenge of Larkhall Athletic in their last game, and now prepare to face

Westbury United, who are tucked inside the top ten.

Making up the remainder of the top five are Bishops Cleeve who will be looking to bounce back from a heavy first defeat of the campaign as they head down to Cornwall to face Falmouth Town. Sitting at the foot of the table are Tavistock AFC and they face a tough test at Hartpury, whilst Brixham AFC, who pulled themselves off the bottom with a 4-1 victory over Melksham Town last weekend, take on Bristol Manor Farm, who themselves are looking to move away from the lower reaches of the table.

Just inside the bottom four are Bideford AFC who host Swindon Supermarine, who responded to their home loss at the hands of Mousehole AFC with a 2-0 Monday night triumph at Melksham Town.

Finally, Willand Rovers play host to a Sporting Club Inkberrow side who were denied victory at Exmouth Town last weekend by a late leveller.

Featured Match

LONDON LIONS v FLACKWELL HEATH

Having recently celebrated a decade at London Lions, Austin Lipman has seen it all. During this time, the club has progressed from the Hertfordshire Senior County League to their current position in Step 4.

On Tuesday evening, Lipman bagged a brace to help his side secure their first-ever away win at this level courtesy of a 5-2 triumph at Northwood. The two goals took Lipman's personal tally for the club up to 210 goals from just over 400 appearances.

"What we have at London Lions is truly unique," he told us. "It's an incredible place to play your football and we all do it for the love of the game, not for money or individual gain."

"It's all for the greater good of London Lions FC. I joined this club when it was in Step 7. The journey has been fantastic; we've been unbeaten and done a treble in Step 6, celebrated three promotions and countless trophies!

"To say that I am proud to be part of it would be an understatement. We've made such fantastic progress; Tuesday's performance was almost perfect. We made the right decisions in the right areas and gave our hosts nothing.

"The most important thing was to get the win and the three points. Personally I felt that I led the line well; it was nice to get a couple of goals. I'm still getting back to full fitness following a pre-season injury, so I can't be too unhappy at my own performance!

"We've had quite a few ups and downs so far this season, but that's to be expected when you get promoted and are adapting to a new, higher level. It's a learning experience for us week in, week out. We had a slump about a month ago, but we've grouped together and managed to pull ourselves out of it.

"We know that as a group we can put some results together and ensure that we are looking up the table rather than down!

"The standard of Division One Central is really good. There are some clubs operating at this level who simply shouldn't be in it! We expected it to be full of ups and downs, with probably more downs than ups, if we are being totally honest, but in every game, bar one of two, we've given a good account of ourselves.

"Six points above the relegation zone, we'll take that right now and hopefully we can build upon it. It would be nice to get into the top half of the table; we know it's possible if we stay consistent and focussed."

Also amongst the scorers on Tuesday evening was Zak Jackson.

"It was a fantastic team performance, especially after the disappointing home defeat in our previous game at the weekend and going 2-1 down on the night," he said. "We showed a lot of belief in ourselves, especially our ability to score goals, which we know is our real strength."



It's been a journey packed with silverware for London Lions in their recent history

"Personally it was great to score off the bench. It's never nice to be dropped and hopefully I've given the manager a headache now!

"It's been a solid start. We knew we were likely to be at the bottom end of the table, but take a lot of confidence from the games where we've managed to score four or five goals a few times already.

"We don't draw many games and I think we could be a bit nastier, streetwise and harder to beat at times, but we're growing in this level. Our first game of the season, ironically against our opponents this weekend, Flackwell Heath, was a rude awakening for us.

"It will be a good gauge to see how far we've come when we face them again on Saturday.

"Our main target, in fact all of our targets, are to maintain our place at this level. As an attacking player I need to be getting double figures in terms of goals and generally helping us get the points we need to achieve our objective."

This is Jackson's third year at the club having started his football journey within the junior ranks at Watford before going on to serve the likes of Harefield United, for whom he made his senior debut at just 17 years of age, Radford and Dunkirk.

Flackwell Heath go into the game one place and one point behind their opponents as they have failed to build upon their impressive first season at this level last term. They lost 2-1 at home to Barton Rovers in their last outing last weekend.

THE REST OF THE ACTION



Defender-turned-striker, Josh Steele, hit four goals for Biggleswade Town last weekend as they won 7-0

The latest challenger to try and end Leighton Town's unbeaten start is Ware. They host the leaders in sixth position in the table and fresh from a 2-0 victory over Aylesbury United in their last outing. Leighton meanwhile were held to a 1-1 draw at Biggleswade FC on Monday.

Remaining in second place are Hertford Town despite their 3-1 set-back at Stotfold on Tuesday evening. They travel to face a Thame United outfit whose form remains up and down. During the week they lost at home to MK Irish meaning that it's seven wins and seven losses from their 15 games so far.

There's Friday night action with Biggleswade FC hosting bottom of the table, Rayners Lane, who are still reeling from a 7-0 set-back at Biggleswade Town last Saturday.

A mouth-watering encounter sees Hitchin Town host Hadley. A 2-2 away draw – their fifth of the season – at Beaconsfield Town has left Hitchin in fourth place, whilst Hadley are just outside the top five having narrowly lost by a single goal at Leighton Town in their last game.

In fifth place, Barton Rovers hit the road to face Marlow, who

will be boosted by a 4-0 away win at London Lions, whilst Barton last outing ended in a 2-1 win at Flackwell Heath. Meanwhile Biggleswade Town go to Enfield who are one place off the foot of the table having taken just nine points from their 15 League outings to date.

Just a couple of points and places separate Beaconsfield Town and Stotfold as they lock horns in what promises to be a close affair. It's a similar story at Leverstock Green as they face an Aylesbury United side who go into their meeting one place and two points below them.

Two of the bottom four meet at Northwood as they take on AFC Dunstable with both teams going into the game with ten points to their name. Both teams are in need of a spark to ignite their respective campaigns – maybe Saturday can provide it?

The remaining game sees MK Irish on the road again, hot on the heels of their 2-1 triumph at Thame United on Tuesday. This time they take on Welwyn Garden City who despite sitting just inside the top ten, had to rely on a late leveller to give them a share of the spoils from their home clash with Northwood last weekend.

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