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Coalville Town Football Club

"The Ravens"



Happy New Year to you all. I do hope that you had a pleasant and relaxing time over Christmas.

I have to say that the best present of all was the valuable three points that the team fought hard for on Boxing Day, with the win at Holwell Sports, so thank you very much to them for that!

We are now determined to build on that comprehensive win and start working our way back up the league table, so whilst we warmly welcome all the players, officials and supporters from Selston FC for this United Counties League Division One fixture, we don't intend to provide any gifts or points for them to take away today!

We remain delighted with the levels of support that the town is showing for our club, and as always I ask that you all get behind the team today, and make a lot of noise, as your support today will help give much needed confidence to the team.

Paul Tubb
Chairman, Coalville Town FC

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Club Name: Coalville Town Football Club Limited

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COALVILLE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

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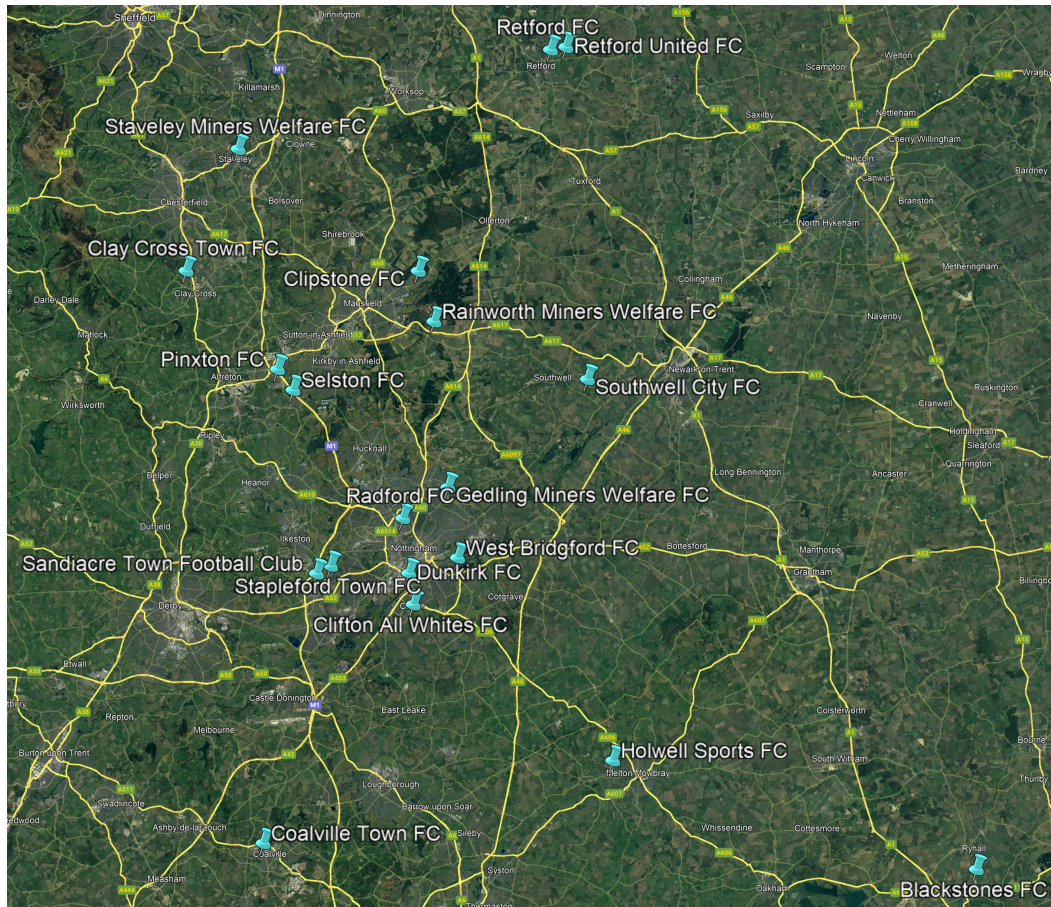
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Radford FC	56 miles	West Bridgford FC	52 miles



SELSTON FC

FOUNDED: 1968

NICKNAME: THE PARISHONERS

MANAGER: LEE STEVENSON

GROUND: THE PARISH HALL

CLUB HISTORY

The club was formed in 1968 and played its early football in the Alfreton & District Sunday League, of which they were a founding member. They continued in the league for around eight seasons whilst establishing themselves.

For the 1977/78 Season, their attention turned to the Nottinghamshire Sunday Football League in which they finished runners-up in Division Three of the Premier section in their first season under the management of Graham (Dart) D'Arcy.

A period was spent in the different local leagues, but in the late 80's with the ambition to progress, the club decided to concentrate on Saturday football and joined the Central Midlands Football League. In the 1990-91 season the first team won the C.M.L Division One Cup.

In the meantime, the club had taken on board their first junior sides, operating initially in the Rowsley & District Youth League and shortly afterwards in the Derby City Youth League, Mansfield Youth League and in the late 90's the Notts Imperial Youth League.

Junior football has really taken off in recent years, growing from four junior teams in 2008 to nine for the 2016/17 season, with many honours won along the way.

The club had a period without senior football and concentrated on the junior section. In 2006 the decision was made to start a men's team again; a side was entered the Midland Regional Alliance for the 06/07 season. This team had notable success winning Division 2 in 2007/08 by a margin of 14 points and scoring 175 goals. They also won the MRA Junior Cup that year, beating Division 1 side Willington 8-2 in the final and lifted the Notts Junior Cup, beating The Three Crowns 3-1 in extra time.

A reserve side was started in 2009/10 in the MRA Division Two and despite attempting to keep a pathway open to the first team for junior players, the reserves team proved difficult to keep going. However, they did have some success, winning the Notts Junior Cup in 2011/12 as the first team had done a few seasons earlier.

In 2011/12 the first team joined the Notts Senior League, finishing mid table in the first two seasons and doing reasonably well in cup competitions.

The 2013/14 season saw the first team crowned champions of the NSL, during this season the team also defeated two teams from higher leagues in the Notts Senior Cup, Radford FC and AFC Mansfield.

In the 2015/16 season the men's team re-joined the Central Midlands League after an absence of around 15 years. In the first season back in the league they took the South division by storm, a mid season streak of 15 successive league wins helping them to the title. The Parishioners eventually finished top; 10 points clear of their nearest rivals to take the league trophy at the first attempt.

In the 2016/17 season the men's first team won the Central Midlands League South again, an unprecedented feat in the new CMFL North/South set up and they bagged the Buckingham Insurance League Cup. Plans were afoot to upgrade the ground should the team win the league again and following great work by the committee, managers and first team players, physical works were completed by March 2017 to enable the ground to be graded 'H' – good enough for step 6. Alongside this the application for promotion was submitted and funding sought for floodlights. Both were successful and, as a result Selston FC will play at step 6 for the first time in their history. Floodlights are due to be operational by September 2017.

The club won several awards off the field in season 16/17 too: FA Charter Standard Club of the Year for Nottinghamshire, FA Charter Standard Club of the Year for East of England Region and Secretary of the year for the Central Midlands league. The men's reserve team finished 3rd in the Notts Senior League Division Two and were promoted to Division One. The club will operate 10 junior teams and 3 men's teams in 2017/18. East Midlands Counties league awaited and a solid 4th place finish in our first ever season at step 6.

Season 2018/19 will go down as the greatest ever in the club's history, winning the East Midlands Counties League by 6 points while not having a playing budget, full credit to the management and players. The club also competed in the FA Vase for the first time since 2001, along with qualifying for the FA Cup which will be our debut in the competition for season 2019/20 as well as Step 5 football coming to The Parish Hall, the clubs highest ever position after a remarkable 6 promotions in 10 years.

At the end of the 20/21 Season the club were transferred to the Premier Division North of the United Counties League, and during the COVID period maintained their position for the next two seasons, prior to relegation to Division one for season 2023/24, where the club currently ply their trade.

A wholly volunteer led club, with no individual owner or financial backer means the romance of Grass roots football is maintained in this North Nottinghamshire village through the ambition, passion and dedication from a local loyal band of members.



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HISTORY OF COALVILLE TOWN FC

FOUNDED: 1926

NICKNAME: RAVENS

MANAGER: ASH BROWN

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Coalville Town Football Club were formed in 1926 as Ravenstone Miners Athletic. They were the latest in a long line of association football clubs from the village of Ravenstone - Ravenstone Druids being one of the founder members of the Leicestershire and Rutland County Football Association in 1887. The Ravens played most of their football in the now defunct Coalville & District Amateur League, winning numerous honours including the Division One title on five occasions and the Junior Cup Northern Section on two occasions. Perhaps their greatest triumph came in 1953, when they won the League Championship and the coveted Coalville & District Charity Cup.


When the league folded in 1975, they made the logical move to the North Leicestershire League with equal success. In 1976/77 they were runners-up in both the Premier Division and Cobbin Trophy. They won the Junior Cup in 1985/86, the League Championship in 1989 and the double of Championship and Cobbin Trophy a year later. The Ravens were rewarded for their success on the pitch with election to the Leicestershire Senior League in 1991, following the construction of a new club house at their Ravenslea home. They adapted well to the higher level of football and never finished outside the top half of the Division One table.

The ambitions of the village club far exceeded those of the parish council and, following the council's refusal to grant permission for floodlights, Glyn Rennocks was instrumental in uprooting the club and moving it to Owen Street, Coalville. A change of name followed to Coalville Football Club - with the club becoming the first senior side in the town since the demise of Coalville Amateurs in 1954.

The club commenced their first season as Coalville in 1995/96. Floodlights were installed prior to the 1996/97 season and, after a slow start to the campaign, the first eleven went on to finish as runners up in Division One and gain promotion to the Premier Division. Strength in depth was a major factor during this season with the second eleven going on to win the Leicestershire Combination League Division Two.

The introduction of manager Lee Harriman for the 2001/02 season heralded the most successful period in the club's history. Having led the side to back-to-back Senior League titles, Coalville finally made the step up to the Midland Football Alliance for the 2003/04 season. The 2002/03 season also saw the Under 18s, led by Dan Gallacher, clinching the FA County Youth Cup and finishing as runners up in the League Cup competition. A new era, in a league as tough and prestigious as the Midland Football Alliance, may have seen many a team wilt at their first attempt. However, with a great start from the blocks, the Ravens hit the ground running and finished in a respectable 8th position.

With the emphasis for 2004/05 on finishing as high as possible in the league, with of course aspirations to clinch the title, the squad could have been forgiven for getting a little sidetracked by a certain cup competition - the FA Cup. With Coalville never being eligible for the competition before it was apparent that this would be an experience more than a challenge for the famous cup. However, try telling that to Lee Harriman and his squad. At their first attempt, the club reached the first round proper where they came up against Football League side Wycombe Wanderers, and only bowed out of the competition by a single goal. This was made all the more special as they started in the Extra Preliminary round and became only the second club in the entire history of the Cup to reach the first round proper from the very first stage.



The cup run spurred the team on in the league and, helped by a 17 game unbeaten run, a highest ever finish of 3rd place was achieved.


Coalville began the 2005/06 season as many people's favourites for the MFA but an inconsistent campaign saw the Ravens eventually finish in 8th place. Away from the league Coalville enjoyed a memorable Westerby Cup run which only ended with a 3-2 defeat in the final against Leicester City at the Walkers Stadium. October 2006 saw Lee Harriman bring to an end his five year association with the Ravens and former Nuneaton Borough boss Brendan Phillips was appointed in his place. A difficult season for "The Bear" and Coalville ended with a disappointing 18th place finish and saw Brendan step down from the manager's post in the close-season.

Former player and fans' favourite Adam Stevens was appointed as manager prior to the 2007/08 season and soon set about restoring the Ravens' fortunes. After leading Coalville to eighth, third and second place finishes, along with a narrow League Cup final defeat, Stevens made sure 2011 was a year that will live long in the memory of all Ravens fans. Coalville opened the season with a run of eight victories to underline their status as title favourites but were pushed all the way by Tipton Town with both teams ending the campaign on 100 points. It was Coalville's record-breaking goal-scoring record of 153 goals - exemplified by a final day 9-0 victory at Alvechurch - that made the difference as the Ravens clinched the title and promotion to the Northern Premier League.

For most teams that alone would have been seen as a very successful season but Stevens had loftier ambitions and an outstanding run in the FA Vase saw Coalville book their place in the Wembley final with a 6-2 aggregate victory against Kings Lynn Town. Although Coalville were unfortunate 3-2 losers to Whitley Bay in the final the Ravens made many friends with their open, attacking football. A season of consolidation followed in the Northern Premier League with a high turnover of players in 2011-12. The following season Coalville were top of the Evo-Stik Southern division for most of the season. This great form faltered toward the end of the season with results finishing mainly in draws and losses saw Coalville fall to second in the table behind Kings Lynn. Coalville went on to compete in the play-off semi-final but lost at home to Chasetown. Chasetown went on to lose against Stamford in the final. The Ravens did have some consolation after lifting the Westerby Cup beating Loughborough Dynamo 2-1 in the final at the King Power stadium.

The following season ended in the same way for Coalville but this time it was close all season with players coming impressing and being signed by clubs higher, manager Adam Stevens was really put to the test but continued to find the quality players to push Coalville to the top of the table. A home defeat to Gresley on Easter Monday handed pole position back to Halesowen who secured the title on the last day leaving Coalville again as runners up. This time Mickleover were the visitors to Owen Street for the play-off and a 3-2 defeat left the raven following with that same feeling as the previous season, so near yet so far.... In the FA trophy Coalville had a memorable run beating several higher league teams such as Marine and Solihull Moors before drawing the previous seasons finalists Grimsby Town who were held to a draw at Owen Street before eventually winning through at Blundell park.

Manager Adam Stevens hoped to build on the positive aspects of the last two seasons but soon resigned as manger early on in the season, Jimmy Gray took over for a short spell in charge before Tommy Brookbanks joined from Loughborough with the task of steadying the ship. The Brookbanks era started off with a hard run of games and lots of injuries but the style of football Tommy was to bring to Coalville was soon evident and lifted the spirit of the Raven faithful. Off the pitch was a big year for Coalville as they continued to develop and improve as a club to match the progress of recent years on the pitch, the introduction of the youth development pathway and academy side to hopefully produce local talent for the first team



in the near future. 2014-15 did see a county cup final where the Ravens lost out 2-1 to Barwell at Leicester City's King Power Stadium.


The 2015-16 started off as one of great optimism at Owen St. Tommy Brookbanks had put a squad together capable of challenging for promotion and they got off to a solid start and were never out of the top 3 since September. Acknowledged as probably the best footballing side in the league they were in touch with leaders Stafford, but a wobble in February and March left The Ravens looking over their shoulder. However, an impressive run-in saw Coalville win the promotion play off final at big spending Shaw Lane coming back from being a goal down at half time before running out 3-1 winners following a stunning second half performance. Despite being many people's favourites for relegation The Ravens more than held their own in their first season at Step 3 and finished a creditable 16th Place in their first season in the league.

In the 2017/18 season Coalville had a tough start losing their opening three games but then went on to win the next 7 fixtures pushing them up to 2nd in the league. In November 2017 the club accepted an offer from local law firm Mander Cruickshank who wanted to enter into a long term stadium naming rights agreement with the club. Owen Street Sports Ground became known as The Mander Cruickshank Solicitors Stadium, and that agreement was subsequently renewed multiple times and remains in place today. During the rest of the 2017/18 season there were further runs of losses and victories but all in all was a disappointing league season with the club only just avoiding relegation. The Ravens did reach two cup finals where they defeated Loughborough Dynamo to win the Leicestershire Challenge Cup, but lost to Atherton Collieries in the final of the Integro League Cup. Following the season Manager Tommy Brookbanks left the club and he was replaced by Adam Stevens who joined for his second spell as Manager.

In his first season back Stevens guided the club to 6th place just missing out on the play-offs. The next two years were disrupted by the COVID pandemic and neither was completed. In 2021/22 he assembled an attractive attacking side which finished third in the league before losing out to Peterborough Sports in the play-off final. The 2022/23 season was one of highs and lows for The Ravens. They finished on the same points as eventual champions Tamworth but lost out on the league title by three goals and then lost in the play-offs on penalties to Rushall Olympic. The club had two outstanding cup runs in the season. In the FA Cup 4th qualifying round they beat Notts County 3-2 who at the time were sitting top of the National league. This was their only defeat at home in all competitions in the season. In the first round proper Coalville gave a good account of themselves at former Premier League club Charlton Athletic before losing 4-1. In the FA Trophy they also claimed the scalp of National league promotion chasers Chesterfield.

The 2023/24 season was one of very mixed fortunes for the club both on and off the field. The club was delighted to open its new club shop at the first home game against Leamington, after a sponsorship agreement was reached between the club's Commercial Manager and Stanley Cabin Sales to provide a much larger pre-fabricated shop facility. The club was also proud to announce that work to create and build a new 3G pitch facility behind the stadium would start in the Spring of 2024 bringing many more of the club's youth teams down to the home of the club and ensure that training could carry on in bad weather without the many postponements that had been seen in the preceding years. Whilst the facilities were improved, regrettably the performances on the pitch in the league were inconsistent, with the club finding itself languishing in mid table throughout much of the season.

The club did manage a good cup run, reaching the Quarter Final of the FA Trophy. Having beaten Royston Town, Alvechurch, Boston United, Walsall Wood, Bath City and Bishop's Stortford an attractive Quarter Final was drawn away at Macclesfield. A crowd of 2,510 watched the game which ended with a 3 nil defeat. The club's FA Cup run was less impressive than the previous season, with wins against AFC Telford



and Stafford Rangers, before losing 2 nil to Tamworth in the 3rd Qualifying Round.

In May 2024, after 40 years of involvement with and ownership of Coalville Town FC, Chairman Glyn Rennocks announced he was stepping down from his role at the near-century old club. Mr Rennocks said he could “no longer continue to subsidise the club” as the cost of running it had “spiralled” and “income has not matched the rise in costs”.

Mr Rennocks said in a statement on the club’s website: “I have always said I am a supporter and it just costs me a lot more than most to go to matches. However, as I approach my 70th birthday I can no longer continue to subsidise the club. “I have always run it in a sustainable way, never cut budgets and the club has no debts, however, after much thought and discussions, I have taken the difficult decision to step away. The club will withdraw its men’s senior team and resign from the Southern League with immediate effect.

His statement suggested both his and the club’s relationship with the council had recently declined, and that he believed he had come under an unprecedented level of “scrutiny”. Mr Rennocks said: “I feel this is totally unwarranted given the positive impact I and the club have had on the town, providing a facility and structure for almost 900 local children through our 90 junior teams to enjoy football coaching in a safe and healthy environment, along with painting the town in a positive light through our success that has received nationwide publicity.”

Paul Stone, director of resources at North West Leicestershire District Council, said: “We would like to thank Glyn for many years of contribution to the Coalville community through his role as Chairman of Coalville Town FC, and commit to continuing our work with the club in supporting health and wellbeing for the town. As is the case for councils up and down the country, we are having to look very closely at our budgets in an effort to remove a predicted gap of £4 million. “As such, the decision was made by councillors during this year’s budget-setting process to reduce our grant to a number of organisations – including Coalville Town FC. It is against a difficult financial backdrop and preserving our own services for our residents that we need to propose changes like this.”

At the end of the 2023–24 season the club withdrew from the Southern League.

Within hours of the club withdrawing from the Southern League, a number of club officials met to plan an immediate return to first team football for the club and to ensure that the 98 year old club would reach its centenary. An application was lodged with the FA to rejoin three divisions lower than where Coalville Town had previously been competing. Several key sponsors confirmed their desire to help the club and continue assisting the club and a crowd funding page was set up with the aim of raising £5,000. The application to the FA was accepted and the club has subsequently joined Division One of the United Counties League.

On the 4th June 2024 the Ravens announced that the manager will be club legend Ash Brown, with coaches Jason Weafer and David Clay. It was felt the club needed someone with coaching experience, but also someone with a strong affinity to the club. Ash made over 500 appearances for the Ravens and was captain when the team played Whitley Bay in the 2011 FA Vase final at Wembley Stadium. He also captained the side when they won the Midland Alliance league title in 2011.”

Weafer is also an ex-Raven, having featured for the club in the Midland Alliance in the early 2000s, whilst Clay is a vastly experienced coach with local knowledge having previously managed Shepshed Dynamo.

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Ash Brown - MANAGER



Ash is a former player, captain and now takes over the role as manager. Having spent **11** years at the club and making over 500 appearances, Ash is well known to fans having captained the side in the Fa Vase final in our league winning season of 2010-11. Ash also played at Wycombe in the Fa Cup first round in 2004. His previous clubs include Gresley Rovers, Halesowen Town and Shepshed Dynamo.

Jason Weafer - ASSISTANT MANAGER



Former clubs include Hinckley Athletic, where he made his senior debut aged 15, Barwell, Shepshed, Quorn and also Coalville Town FC in the early 2000s. Has coached at Peterborough United (youth) and worked with Ash Brown last season at Lutterworth Athletic.

David Clay - FIRST TEAM COACH



A vastly experienced coach having worked at Leicester City for more than 20 years. Well known and respected in local football having managed and coached at clubs including Shepshed Dynamo, Loughborough Dynamo, Quorn, Oadby Town, St Andrews, Leicester Nirvana and Saffron Dynamo.

Wojciech Cygal - ASSISTANT COACH



Has been at the Coalville Town FC for a number of years as both a player and now a coach. Works closely with the youth teams and now part of the first team coaching staff.

Mikey Turner - GOALKEEPING COACH



An experienced keeper turned coach. Has been working at the club for a number of years through the youth set up. Now part of the first team coaching set up.

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Andy Toal - HEAD OF MEDICAL

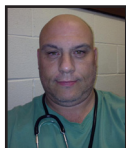
Andy has been in and around Coalville Town FC for over a decade, providing invaluable support to players of all ages across multiple teams. He has extensive experience of providing injury and pain relief, advice on performance and rehabilitation as well as holistic treatments to aid recovery and regeneration. He is the owner of the Whitwick Massage Centre.

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Derek Robinson - PHYSIO

More information to follow shortly.

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Kirsty Moore - PHYSIO

Kirsty has been extensively involved with Coalville Town FC for the last ten years as a player, a coach and now a physio. In addition to her other roles, she provides key support on match days to the Men's First Team.

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Stacey Hextall - KIT MANAGER

Stacey has been the first team kit manager for many years. He is well known and respected for being reliable, a problem solver and an all round decent bloke. He is a qualified electrician and owns S&J Electrical, a local company.

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Beriszl Asante - GOALKEEPER

Beri is an exciting 17 year old keeper who currently plays for our u18s and u21s and continues to work his way towards the first team. Previous clubs: Leicester City FC, Saffron Dynamo, FFA, Beaumont Park FC, Prochance Football and Lutterworth Athletic.

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Tomasz Bukowski - GOALKEEPER

Aged 29, Thomas is an experienced goalkeeper having played at step 3 previously with Coalville Town FC. Previous clubs include Legia Chelmza (Poland), Lider Wloclawek (Poland), Strażak Przechowo (Poland), Promień Kowalewo Pomorskie (Poland), Hinckley Leicester Road, GNG Oadby Town, Coalville Town, Ilkeston, Deeping Rangers and Corby Town.

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Corey Alcock - DEFENDER

Corey is aged 21 and is a powerful central defender whose experience belies his years.

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His previous clubs include Nuneaton Griff and Atherstone Town.



Thomas James Mason - DEFENDER

Aged 24. Defender. Tom is an experienced, commanding centre half who is comfortable on the ball. A wealth of experience at this level and above.

Previous clubs include Loughborough Dynamo and Melton Town.

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Luis Kendrick - DEFENDER

Aged 18. Defender.

Product of the youth setup at the club. A player with a bright future. Previous clubs include Coalville Town U18s, U21s and Aylestone Park Youth.

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Pawel Osinski - DEFENDER

Aged 26, a big, strong left sided centre half.

Pawel has impressed during preseason. His previous clubs include Friar Lane & Epworth FC & Zawisza Bydgoszcz (Poland)

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Aaron Bailey - DEFENDER

Aged 22. Defender. Having started out at Solihull Moors, Aaron gained experience at Southwell and West Bridgford whilst at university in Nottingham.

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Jack Warner - DEFENDER

Aged 20, an up and coming defender, calm on the ball with loads of energy. Jack previously played for Hinckley Leicester Road FC.

Note: Jack is the son of former Coalville striker Ash, who played with Ash Brown when Coalville played Wycombe in the FA Cup first round in 2004.

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Owen Brader - MIDFIELDER

Aged 23, an energetic attack minded Midfielder.

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Ryan Green - MIDFIELDER (C)

Aged 23. Joins the club from Lutterworth Athletic where he played under Ash last season.

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Mitch Woodbine - WINGER

Aged 29, Hard working winger with an eye for goal.

Mitch's previous clubs include Heather, Ingles, Clifton and Sibleby.

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Tom Mangan - STRIKER

A vastly experienced 30 year old striker with an impressive resume.

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Ronnie Morley - STRIKER

Aged 19, a striker. Ronnie is well known to the club having worked his way through the youth ranks.

A powerful, hard working striker with great potential. Ronnie also had spells with Anstey Nomads and Ellistown.

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Zac Smithson - STRIKER

Aged 19, Zac has recently made his breakthrough in to senior football.

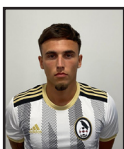
Zac is an attacking left sided player who has really impressed during pre-season.

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Reece Hookway - STRIKER

Aged 22. Striker/Winger. An exciting attacker who has impressed during pre-season. Last season averaged 1 goal every 2 games.

Previous clubs include Lutterworth Athletic, North Kilworth & Allexton New Parks.

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Jacob Sturgess - DEFENDER

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Callum Steer - MIDFIELDER

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Toby Bartram - WINGER

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Cole McNulty - WINGER

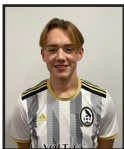
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Bradley Coleman - MIDFIELDER

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Kane Bartholemew - DEFENDER

Age:25, plays at Left Back.

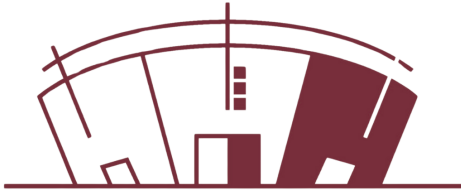
Previous clubs include Huddersfield town, Scunthorpe u18's, Notre dame USA soccer scholarship and Dunkirk

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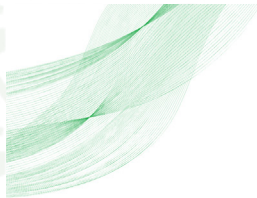
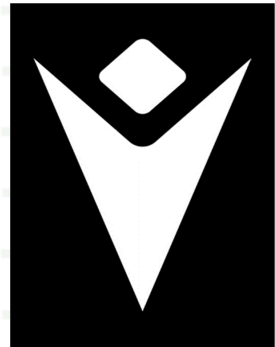
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MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Hi all,

We hope you and your families enjoyed the Christmas period and we wish you all a very happy New Year! We hope that 2025 will see an upturn in performances and results!

Our most recent signings have had a positive impact and are settling in well and while we continue to explore opportunities to further strengthen our squad, we are confident that we are heading in the right direction!

We are really excited to get stuck in to the second half of the season and we will continue to push the lads forward, consistency is the key focus and we strongly believe that if we can hit the levels that we did in the Fa Vase run and against some of the top teams, we will climb the table and see a much more comfortable league position.

It's been a crazy 6 months with some fantastic highs and a few too many disappointing lows! It was never going to be easy but there is a determination within this group that I am sure will lead to a more positive 2025!

As always your incredible support along the way through the good and the bad has been so crucial and inspiring and we appreciate it more than you will ever know! Enjoy today's game and get behind the boys!

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Coalville Town Youth FC @7sRaven · Jan 1
2024 was good, but let's make 2025 even better! Happy New Year guys! 🍷



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CRAIG DABBS JOURNEY THROUGH TURNSTILES

DATE: 01/01/25
VENUE: Court Place Farm
MATCH: Oxford City v Brackley Town
COMPETITION: National League North

SCORE: 0-2 **GOAL LOG:** 0-1(45), 0-2(90PEN)

ATTENDANCE: 958
ADMISSION: £15.00
PROGRAMME: £3.50 (32pgs) (120pts Good)

Hi all,

Court Place Farm had up until today been a glaring omission in my footballing records so it was certainly very good to get it ticked, and this visit left me wondering what if? Oxford has two senior sides, City and United, City a level six club and United at level two, a bit of a gap.

Headington United were a Southern League side throughout the fifties, they changed their name in 1960 to become Oxford United and two years later they were elected to Division Four of the Football League in replacement of Accrington Stanley who folded in the March. Apart from a four season blip from 2006 until 2010 they've remained as a league club with a bit of success along the way.

City by contrast had been in the Isthmian League since 1907 staying until 1988 when they resigned due to the loss of City's White House Ground without any notice that year, it hurt the club immensely, they continued in Youth Football before joining the South Midlands League in 1990. They've built themselves back up and are now at Step Two following a disastrous last season at Step One. So two clubs, one Isthmian, one Southern. Well City were once the stronger side but I think City's desire to remain Amateur and Headington's decision to turn professional in 1949 was a big turning point in fortunes with United kicking on and eventually leaving Oxford City behind.

The loss of White House led eventually into the club gaining a new ground just off the A40 at Court Place Farm. The ground fits the clubs needs, it has cover on four sides if you count the very shallow overhang off the clubhouse, I can confirm it did keep the elements off me today so I'll give it a nod for cover. Does it meet Football League grading, not exactly sure, I doubt it, but then will City join United in the Football League?

The match, well it was played for most part in driving rain, thankfully it's an artificial pitch, Brackley were the better side but Oxford did enough to ensure it wasn't as straightforward for the visitors as the table suggests it could've been, they were ok but did lack that quality that the visitors showed and used to their advantage.

Happy New Year all.
Enjoy the pics.
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UNDER 18'S REVIEW

The highlight of the last few months was the lads rewarded with an away FA Youth Cup draw at League One Shrewsbury Town.

Wins against Hinckley AFC, Stamford, Blackstones, and Brocton took us through to the first round proper for the first time in our youth set ups history. On the night the result didn't go our way against a very strong Shrewsbury team, with 4 lads having first team experience.

But we couldn't be prouder of the team and what a great experience it was for them. Massive thanks to the club for arranging coach travel to top it off, and the tremendous support we've had on the run.

Since then we have had games cancelled leaving us a long way behind the other teams. Narrow defeats to Hinckley LR and Quorn being the only recent games we have had.

Maybe a hangover from the FA cup but we know the quality we have and expect to bounce back quickly to challenge in both the league and league cup.



COALVILLE TOWN U18 - LEICESTERSHIRE MIDWEEK FLOODLIT YOUTH NORTH LEAGUE TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Kirby Muxloe FC U18	7	4	1	2	10	13
2	Mountsorrel Juniors	5	4	0	1	8	12
3	Heather Juniors U18	6	4	0	2	4	12
4	Holwell Sports U18	9	4	0	5	-4	12
5	Gresley Rovers U18	5	3	1	1	9	10
6	Quorn FC U18 Quorn	6	3	0	3	2	9
7	Ashby Ivanhoe U17 Knights	8	2	2	4	-5	8
8	Coalville Town Ravens U18	4	2	0	2	3	6
9	Birstall United Social U18	6	0	0	6	-27	0

COALVILLE TOWN U18 FC - 2024-2025 LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	H/A	Opponents	Result	Scorers
Wed 11 Sep	A	Quorn FC U18	2-1 L	Leo Sewell
Thu 26 Sep	H	Mountsorrel Juniors	3-0 W	
Thu 10 Oct	H	Kirby Muxloe FC U18	P-P	
Wed 16 Oct	A	Ashby Ivanhoe U17 Knights	P-P	
Thu 07 Nov	H	Gresley Rovers U18	P-P	
Thu 14 Nov	A	Mountsorrel Juniors	P-P	
Wed 20 Nov	A	Heather Juniors U18	P-P	
Thu 28 Nov	H	Quorn FC U18	0-1 L	
Wed 11 Dec	A	Holwell Sports U18	A-A	
Thu 19 Dec	H	Ashby Ivanhoe U17 Knights	3-1 W	
Wed 08 Jan	A	Kirby Muxloe FC U18		
Thu 16 Jan	H	Birstall United Social U18		
Thu 23 Jan	H	Graham Street Prims U18		
Thu 30 Jan	H	Holwell Sports U18		
Thu 06 Feb	A	Birstall United Social U18		
Thu 13 Feb	H	Heather Juniors U18		
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UNDER 21'S REVIEW

There have been some great performances in recent weeks in this tough league for our young team.

Most weeks our lads show a better level of technical and tactical ability and often dominate games although their lack of experience, and physicality against older opposition doesn't always see the result go our way.

In the last few games a superb home performance saw us come out 3-0 winners against Lichfield. The following week we travelled to Lichfield for the return fixture.

Maybe a sign of the respect our boys rightly earned the week before, Lichfield filled there team with 6 first team players from a team top of step 5. This only motivated our team more.

There was nothing between the sides at 2-2 but a last minute controversial penalty handed Lichfield the 3 points.

The last game, in another hard fought game away at Bilston we came away with a 2-2 draw although over the 90 minutes probably edged it as the better side.

This season was always about development and I couldn't be prouder of the standards they have set. This will hold them in good stead as they start to move into adult football.



COALVILLE TOWN RAVENS U21 - MIDLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE U21 NORTH LEAGUE TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Brocton U21	14	10	1	3	34	27	7	31
2	Sutton United U21	14	9	1	4	39	19	20	28
3	Rushall Olympic U21	14	9	1	4	33	20	13	28
4	Bilston Town U21	14	8	2	4	45	22	23	26
5	Stafford Rangers U21	12	6	1	5	26	21	5	19
6	Coalville Town Ravens U21	14	5	2	7	29	33	-4	17
7	Sporting Khalsa Youth U21	14	4	3	7	20	33	-13	15
8	Walsall Wood U21	14	4	2	8	37	38	-1	14
9	Lichfield City U21	13	4	1	8	14	27	-13	13
10	Leicester Football & Ed Ac	15	2	2	11	19	56	-37	8

COALVILLE TOWN RAVENS U21 FC - 2024-2025 LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	H/A	Opponents	Result	Scorers
Sat 10 Aug	H	Leicester Football & Edu Ac U21	3 - 1 W	Parker, Love, Doggett
Sat 17 Aug	A	Stafford Rangers U21	4 - 0 L	
Sat 24 Aug	H	Walsall Wood U21	7 - 3 W	McNulty (3), Weston, Smith, Osimiri, Billington
Sat 31 Aug	H	Sutton United U21	2 - 1 W	Billington, Love
Sat 07 Sep	H	Bilston Town U21	1 - 3 L	Michael Osimiri
Sat 14 Sep	A	Sutton United U21	3 - 1 L	Michael Osimiri
Sat 21 Sep	H	Brocton U21	4 - 2 W	Doggett, Love x2, Blaze
Sat 28 Sep	H	Stafford Rangers U21	0 - 3 L	
Sat 12 Oct	H	Glades (Bedworth Nursing Cup)	2 - 3 L	TBA
Sat 19 Oct	A	Sporting Khalsa U21 Dev	3 - 1 L	Osimiri
Sat 26 Oct	H	Sporting Khalsa U21 Dev	2 - 2 D	Bailey, Crosbie
Sat 9 Nov	H	Rushall Olympic U21	0 - 2 L	
Sat 16 Nov	H	Lichfield City U21	3 - 0 W	Hudson x2, Kendrick
Sat 23 Nov	A	Lichfield City U21	4 - 3 L	McNulty x2, Love
Sat 30 Nov	A	Bilston Town U21	2 - 2 D	Hudson, Yeung
Sat 14 Dec	A	Leicester Football & Edu Ac U21	P - P	
Sat 4 Jan	A	Rushall Olympic U21	P - P	

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RAVENETTE'S REVIEW

Coalville Town Women have been on fire this season in the Leicestershire Women's League Division 1. With an unbeaten league record, commanding performances, and thrilling matches, they've earned their spot at the top of the table. Their drive, skill, and teamwork have made them the team to watch in local football. Every match has showcased the team's depth and determination, with a blend of standout individual performances and incredible team spirit. As they continue their march toward the league title, Coalville Town Women are inspiring pride in the community and proving why they deserve the spotlight. This season has been packed with unforgettable moments, from big wins to hard-fought victories:

- 15-1 vs Marlborough Rovers Ladies: An unforgettable performance saw Chloe Scott score a stunning seven goals, while Emma Bennett added a hat-trick. Sophie Chapman and Melisa Sahin led the defense, ensuring a dominant display from start to finish.

- 4-3 vs Kirby Muxloe: Coalville showed their grit and resilience in a thrilling encounter. Scott scored a decisive penalty, and Bennett's late goal secured the win. Defensive contributions from Sophie Chapman and Molly Watts were key, as was a critical penalty save by Laura Cotton to keep Coalville in the game.

- 4-0 vs Allextion & New Parks Women: This top-of-the-table clash was a statement win for Coalville. Scott's hat-trick and a stellar midfield display from Jess Marshallsay secured all three points and confirmed their place as league leaders.

- 5-2 vs Oakham United: A high-intensity match where Coalville's resilience and teamwork shone. Chloe Scott and Hannah Haywood both found the net, with Nat Jackson's leadership anchoring the defense. Sophie Chapman put in a Player-of-the-Match performance with well-timed tackles and vital interceptions to neutralize Oakham's dangerous attacks.

- 9-0 vs Desford Ladies: Coalville's attack was unstoppable, with Scott netting five goals and Hannah Haywood adding a hat-trick. Captain Nat Jackson and Sophie Chapman provided a defensive masterclass, leaving Desford with no answers.

Every game has highlighted the team's strengths across the pitch. Chloe Scott's clinical finishing, and Holly Harper's creativity on the wing have kept defenses scrambling. Meanwhile, Nat Jackson's leadership and Sophie Chapman's solid defending have provided the foundation for Coalville's success.

This team has been phenomenal. From Chloe Scott's relentless goal-scoring to Sophie Chapman's leadership in defense and the midfield brilliance of players like Jess Marshallsay, everyone has stepped up. The 5-2 victory over Oakham showed what this squad is all about—resilience, teamwork, and a will to win no matter the challenge. Losing Hannah Haywood to an ACL injury has been a tough moment for us all. She's been such a vital player this season, but her strength and determination off the pitch continue to inspire the whole squad. We've had amazing support so far, but we want even more of you in the stands! Entry is free, so bring your friends and family to cheer us on. Your energy makes a huge difference, and together we can make this a season to remember!

Next Home Game: 12th Jan 2025 - Coalville Town Women are back in action at the The Mander Cruickshank Solicitors Stadium on Sunday, 12th January, with a 2pm kick-off against Desford.

COALVILLE TOWN LADIES FC - LEICESTERSHIRE WOMENS & GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Coalville Town Ravens	8	8	0	0	24
2	Allextton & New Parks Women	9	8	0	1	24
3	Kirby Muxloe FC Ladies	8	6	0	2	18
4	Oakham United Women	7	5	0	2	15
5	Nuneaton Borough Ladies	8	3	2	3	11
6	Thurmaston DPC Ladies	8	3	2	3	11
7	East Goscote United Women	9	3	0	6	9
8	Desford FC Ladies	10	2	0	8	6
9	Birstall United Social Women	7	1	0	6	3
10	Marlborough Rovers Ladies	8	0	0	8	0

COALVILLE TOWN LADIES FC - 2024-2025 LEAGUE AND FA CUP FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers
01/09/24 14:00	(H) East Goscote United Women	4 - 1 W	Mullen, Haywood, Scott x2.
08/09/24 14:00	(H) Birstall United Social Women	9 - 1 W	Haywood x3, Scott x3, Jackson, Mullen
15/09/24 14:00	(A) Oakham United Women	2 - 5 W	Haywood x2, Scott x2, Pearsall
22/09/24 14:00	(A) Beaumont Park/Birstall Utd (FA CUP)	2 - 1 L	
29/09/24 14:00	(H) Nuneaton Borough Ladies	3 - 2 W	Harper x2, Scott
06/10/24 14:00	(A) Desford FC Ladies	0 - 9 W	Harper, Haywood x3, Scott x5
03/11/24 14:00	(A) Kirby Muxloe FC Ladies	3 - 4 W	Scott x2, Bennett, Harper
24/11/24 14:00	(H) Marlborough Rovers Ladies	15 - 1 W	Bennett x3, Scott x7, Pearsall x2, Chapman x2, Tompkin
01/12/24 14:00	(A) Allextton & New Parks Women	0 - 4 W	Scott x3, Tompkin
05/01/25 14:00	(A) Thurmaston DPC Ladies		
12/01/25 14:00	(H) Desford FC Ladies		
19/01/25 14:00	(A) East Goscote United Women		
26/01/25 14:00	(A) Marlborough Rovers Ladies		
02/02/25 14:00	(H) Allextton & New Parks Women		
09/02/25 14:00	(A) Birstall United Social Women		
16/02/25 14:00	(H) Thurmaston DPC Ladies		
23/02/25 14:00	(A) Nuneaton Borough Ladies		
02/03/25 14:00	(H) Kirby Muxloe FC Ladies		
09/03/25 14:00	(H) Oakham United Women		



NEXT WOMENS HOME FIXTURE:

Sun 12th January 2024 : 2PM KO
Coalville Town Women v Desford FC Ladies

Coalville Town 2 - 3 Clipstone FC

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United Counties League Division One - Match Report

Venue: Mander Cruickshank Solicitors Stadium | Attendance: 247

Coalville's Agony at the Death

Football is a game of inches, but for Coalville, it has been a matter of miles—miles of travelling, of waiting and of searching for solace. After 70 long days without a league game at Owen Street, the Ravens returned to home soil desperately needing to halt their slide of four straight league defeats. Their opposition, Clipstone FC, arrived licking their wounds, having lost three of their last four. Yet there was added intrigue: the Cobras slithered in seeking revenge for October's 3-1 defeat at Lido Park, where Ronnie Morley's clinical finishing and Tomasz Bukowski's goalkeeping heroics had exposed their vulnerabilities in what remains the Ravens' last league win.

A biting wind swept through Owen Street, chilling the 247 supporters who had braved the elements. The attendance was the third largest in the United Counties League this weekend, a testament to Coalville's loyal following, undimmed even after dropping three steps in the non-league pyramid. The loyal Ravens packed the terraces, their presence a powerful reminder of the club's enduring importance to the community. On a day when results were desperately needed, the support in the stands spoke volumes about the pride and passion Coalville still inspires as the Ravens sought to revive their faltering campaign.

Head tennis characterised the opening minutes as both teams battled for control amidst the swirling wind. The game's first flashpoint arrived in the 4th minute. Fiery midfielder Callum Steer launched into a thunderous challenge, his studs biting into the turf as he sent Clipstone's number four tumbling. The referee wasted no time brandishing a yellow card. It was a tackle that set the tone for what would become a fiercely contested encounter, with neither side willing to give an inch.

But it was the Cobras who drew first blood. In the 9th minute, John Rush fired a firmly hit pass down the outside of Coalville's Jack Warner. It was the type of pass that could have easily run harmlessly out of play, but Rush's execution was inch-perfect, finding Josh Pickering in full stride. Pickering, sharp and purposeful, cut inside Jack Warner with a smooth turn before delivering a wicked right-footed cross. The ball slithered through the box, bypassing the static Coalville defence as onlookers stood helpless before curling into the far corner. Bukowski, rooted to the spot, could only watch as the net rippled. Clipstone celebrated as Coalville found themselves chasing the game.

The Ravens found an instant retort in the 11th minute. Steer, undeterred by his earlier booking, thundered into a 50/50 challenge in midfield, emerging victorious and setting the tone for his combative display. His tackle unsettled the Cobras, and in the ensuing chaos, Ronnie Morley pounced on a short back pass from Clipstone's John Rush. Morley took a composed touch before slotting the ball past the onrushing

keeper. It was a moment of opportunism and calm finishing that delighted much of the Owen Street crowd. Parity, however, would not last. In the 20th minute, Coalville's defensive frailties reappeared. A corner delivered low and flat into the penalty area caught Coalville's defence napping, with Hextall utterly unmarked in the middle of the box. The defender stooped to meet the ball with a measured header that crept into the net, leaving Bukowski stranded. It was a moment of awful defending from the Ravens punished ruthlessly by Clipstone.

As the half wore on, the game turned physical. McNulty, a thorn in Clipstone's side, was scythed down near the byline by the Cobras' Rush. Having already been booked, the defender looked destined for an early dismissal. But in a decision that baffled the players, management and staff alike, the referee chose leniency, allowing the player to remain on the pitch. Coalville's persistence paid off just before the break with an equaliser out of nothing. A straightforward free-kick from Kane Bartholomew floated into the box where Clipstone's goalkeeper failed to collect under minimal pressure. The ball bounced loose, and Steer, ever alert, hooked it into the net to level the score. It was a scrappy goal, reflective of a first half defined by errors but one that gave the Ravens a foothold in the game. Coalville was fortunate to be level at half-time, with both goals coming via glaring mistakes from Clipstone's defence. There was still all to play for, with 45 minutes left to muster three crucial points and reignite their season.

The Ravens emerged from the break with renewed determination. Pressing higher up the pitch, they sought to suffocate Clipstone's playmaker Mike Williams, denying him the time and space to dictate the game. Coalville played with greater width, finding McNulty earlier and allowing him to terrorise the Cobras' backline. In the 66th minute, McNulty nearly delivered what would have been one of the season's standout moments. Picking up the ball deep in his half, he surged past defenders with electric pace, slicing through Clipstone's midfield. As he bore down on goal, the crowd rose in anticipation. But as McNulty unleashed his shot, it drifted agonisingly wide of the far post. Coalville continued to push forward. In the 74th minute, Gomes slipped the ball to Mangan, who deftly slid Ryan Green through on goal. From a tight angle, Green bore down on the keeper. Opting to shoot through the keeper's legs, the skipper's effort was smothered brilliantly, leaving Coalville rueing another missed opportunity.

Then came the moment that defined the match. In the 75th minute, Ronnie Morley broke free on goal after a long pinpoint pass from Cole McNulty sent him surging ahead of two defenders. Spotting the on-rushing keeper, Morley calmly lifted the ball over him, setting himself up for a simple finish. But before he could reach it, the goalkeeper clattered into him in a challenge that, while not quite in Harald Schumacher territory, was reckless enough to warrant the strongest punishment. The ball trickled toward the goal, only for a retreating defender to clear it off the line. With Morley clearly denied a certain goal, the decision seemed obvious, yet the referee, shockingly, produced only a yellow card. Outrage erupted among the Coalville players and supporters, who were stunned by the referee's decision.

Despite the controversies, the Ravens refused to wilt. Gomes forced a fine save with a dipping free-kick, and Steer's long-range effort fizzed just over the bar. Coalville's relentless pressing kept the pressure on, but disaster struck in the 90th minute. Bukowski, so often Coalville's saviour, spilt a high cross onto his post, gifting Clipstone a corner. Tim Gregory rose highest from the resulting delivery to power home a thundering header. Bukowski got a hand to it, but the ball crashed into the roof of the net. The Cobras had snatched victory at the death, leaving Coalville stunned. As the final whistle blew, frustration and disappointment hung heavily in the air. Control, the 2007 biopic about Joy Division's Ian Curtis, filmed partly at Clipstone Welfare, felt eerily relevant. Curtis's battles with illness, communication and unfulfilled potential mirrored Coalville's struggles to seize control of key moments. Sometimes in football, as in life, you don't get what you deserve. A draw might have been the fair result here, but fairness is rarely the deciding factor. Coalville must now look inward, learning to navigate the fine margins that often determine success. In doing so, they may find the composure to turn near-misses into meaningful results. To the 247 in attendance, your support means everything.

MJT Hard Flooring and Tiling Specialist Man of the Match was awarded to Callum Steer.

Goals: Josh Pickering ('9), Ronnie Morley ('11), Brad Hextall ('20), Callum Steer ('44), Tim Gregory ('90)

Holwell Sports 0 - 3 Coalville Town FC

Away | 26 December 2024

United Counties League Division One - Match Report

Venue: Holwell Sports Club | Attendance: 113 (approximately 50-60 away fans)

Punching Through the Mist: Coalville's Boxing Day Belters

A thick, spectral mist swallowed the Welby Road ground perched precariously atop Asfordby Hill with the persistent soul-crushing perma-damp of a Boxing Day afternoon. Had kick-off been at the original 3 pm slot, the prospect of a full 90 minutes of football might have been lost to the encroaching gloom. As it was, the early start allowed fans, perhaps still nursing a festive hangover or struggling to shake off the lingering lethargy of Christmas dinner, to witness Coalville end a two-month wait for a win with two moments of pure brilliance that pierced the mist and lifted the spirits.

Football on Boxing Day is as deeply ingrained in British culture as mince pies and the annual Christmas Eve tear-up down The Engineers Arms. Its roots stretch back to 1860 when Sheffield FC and Hallam FC – the world's oldest and second oldest football clubs – contested the first-ever Boxing Day derby, a fixture so popular that the Football League adopted the format for their inaugural 1888/89 campaign.

Fast forward just 42 years, and Holwell Works, born from the toil of a local factory, was formed, adding its chapter to this burgeoning tradition. Boxing Day became an official bank holiday in 1871. In an era where working-class men rarely enjoyed leisure time, it presented a precious and rare opportunity to watch their local team. Festive football has always been a magnet for crowds, representing the biggest payday of the season for many non-league clubs, especially bumper local derbies. A highly anticipated cornerstone of the football calendar, it remains a vital link between clubs and their loyal supporters. It's a cruel twist of fate for those dragged to the post-Christmas sales or forced to endure the company of insufferable in-laws, missing out on some late Christmas magic.

Coalville immediately set about testing the Holwell defence. In the 4th minute, a moment of exquisite skill from McNulty saw him weave his way past two defenders before delivering a tantalizing cross that just eluded Ronnie Morley. The early signs were encouraging for the visitors. Coalville's relentless pressure yielded three early corners that exposed some suspect handling from Holwell goalkeeper Jamie Goodwin. From the third of these corners, Gomes's delivery found Mangan lurking 15 yards out; his header, however, lacked direction and looped harmlessly over. Coalville's relentless high press was suffocating Holwell, who struggled to string two passes together, desperately gasping for a foothold in the game.

Then, in the 13th minute, the festive spirit took a decidedly benevolent turn. Debutant Jacob Sturgess's forward ball should have been a routine clearance for Holwell custodian Goodwin. But the footballing gods were in a mischievous mood. The keeper's foot betrayed him; the ball squirmed beneath his boot, a cruel trick of the greasy surface. Morley pounced with glee,

dispatching the ball into the unguarded net. A collective roar of festive merriment resounded across the ground as the travelling Ravens accepted this unexpected Christmas gift. Coalville continued to dictate proceedings as pressure mounted on the beleaguered Holwell defence. In the 23rd minute, McNulty unlocked the defence, finding Morley, who executed a sharp turn and unleashed an angled drive deflected for another corner. It was all Coalville; their play was crisp and purposeful, and their tackles were crunching and committed.

The 29th minute brought a flurry of activity into the Holwell penalty area. McNulty's teasing cross caused disarray, Goodwin flapping at the ball like a startled bird, Mangan stabbing the loose ball wide, but a corner was awarded. From the resulting set-piece, the keeper fumbled again, gifting another corner. This time, following a short corner, Warner whipped in a devilish cross, met by a powerful Steer header, brilliantly saved in redemptive fashion by Goodwin's legs. From the resulting throw-in, the ball dropped to Steer, who this time met the ball with a thunderous volley from the edge of the box, his boot connecting with a gratifying thud as the ball soared into the top corner—a truly breathtaking strike, doubling Coalville's lead. Just before half-time, in the 43rd minute, Holwell finally conjured their first goal attempt, a tame effort from forward Joe Keaveny that trickled out for a throw-in.

The second half commenced with Holwell emerging with renewed vigour, a spark of defiance ignited within them. In the 50th minute, Holwell had a gilt-edged chance to halve the deficit. Keaveny found himself through on goal on the right side, rounding Bukowski with a neat touch, but then, with the goal at his mercy, he inexplicably fired his shot into the side netting.

It was a massive let-off for Coalville. In the 53rd minute, substitute Toby Bartram was immediately involved, racing on the end of Morley's flick to force a corner. Sturgess's header from the resulting corner deflected for yet another corner. Sturgess was again first to meet McNulty's centre, his side-footed volley flashing narrowly over the bar. Coalville was reasserting their dominance, their midfield regaining control of the game's tempo after a period of sustained pressure from the hosts.

In the 65th minute, a typically robust challenge from Steer, a crunching tackle that sent ripples of appreciation through the Coalville support and typified the intensity of Coalville's Boxing Day performance. In the 75th minute, Holwell launched a desperate break down the left flank, but Sturgess made a crucial, last-ditch challenge to thwart the attack. Bukowski cleared up, and a subsequent Holwell corner resulted in a wayward shot that flew high and wide, ending up closer to the neighbouring town of Melton Mowbray than the Raven's goal.

In the 82nd minute, Morley, displaying his trademark guile, turned his defender on the halfway line and surged just inside the box, but his shot, aimed low and hard, was brilliantly saved by the keeper's feet. As the mist grew thicker and with the game deep into stoppage time, Coalville forward Jordan Hudson held up the ball intelligently, laying it off to Owen Brader, who unleashed an audacious shot from 30 yards. The ball, propelled with stunning force, dipped into the net off the crossbar, leaving Goodwin grasping at frigid air, another absolute belter of a goal. It was a fitting exclamation point to Coalville's performance, sealing a comprehensive 3-0 victory and emphatically ending their five-game losing streak.

As the final whistle blew on 2024, perhaps more than any other year, the true meaning of supporting the senior men's team was etched into the hearts of every Coalville supporter. The spectre of a missing first team haunted the early summer months, and while results have been far from what anyone desired, this Boxing Day victory offers optimism and a chance to turn the page as we head into 2025. The journey ahead remains a challenge, but with the unwavering support of the fantastic Coalville faithful, there is reason to hope. Join us on January 4th at the Mander Cruickshank Solicitors Stadium for a crucial clash against Selston. Your support makes all the difference.

MJT Hard Flooring and Tiling Specialist Man of the Match was awarded to Kane Bartholomew.

Goals: Ronnie Morley ('13), Callum Steer ('29), Owen Brader ('93).

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COALVILLE TOWN FC FIXTURES 2024-25

Date	H/A	Opponents	Match	Gate	Result	Scorers
Tue 02 July	A	Dunton & Broughton	Friendly	200	2 - 3 W	Ronnie Morley 2, Kyle Fowkes
Fri 05 July	H	Gresley Rovers	Friendly	448	2 - 4 L	Trialist, Ronnie Morley
Sat 06 July	A	Ellistown FC	Friendly	120	1 - 4 W	Pawel Osinski, Cole McNulty, Reece Love 2
Tue 09 July	H	Coton Green FC	Friendly	166	3 - 0 W	Tom Mangan, own goal, Kian Taylor
Sat 13 July	H	Nuneaton Town	Friendly	303	0 - 3 L	
Sat 20 July	A	Stapenhill FC	Friendly	90	4 - 2 L	Ronnie Morley 2
Sun 28 July	H	Southwell City FC	League	792	0 - 1 L	
Sat 3 Aug	A	Staveley Miners Welfare	League	305	4 - 0 L	
Tue 6 Aug	A	Clifton All Whites FC	League	100	1 - 0 L	
Sat 10 Aug	H	Dunkirk FC	League	281	3 - 2 W	Zac Smithson, Pawel Osinski, Tom Mangan
Sat 17 Aug	H	Retford FC	League	298	1 - 5 L	Tom Mangan
Sat 24 Aug	A	Pinxton FC	League	80	2 - 0 L	
Mon 26 Aug	H	Holwell Sports FC	League	362	3 - 0 W	Tom Mangan 2, Ronnie Morley
Sat 31 Aug	H	Blackstones FC	League	262	2 - 1 W	Billy Bowes, OG
Tue 3 Sep	H	Selston FC	UCL Cup	231	0 - 1 L	
Sat 7 Sep	A	Gedling Miners Welfare	League	163	1 - 1 D	Ronnie Morley
Sat 14 Sep	A	Retford United FC	League	193	0 - 1 W	Tom Mangan
Sat 21 Sep	H	Lutterworth Town	FAV2RQ	238	A - A	
Tue 24 Sep	H	Lutterworth Town	FAV2RQ	194	4 - 0 W	Tom Mangan 2, Fin Thomas, Reece Hookway
Sat 28 Sep	H	Clay Cross Town FC	League	237	1 - 4 L	Tom Mangan
Sat 5 Oct	A	West Bridgford FC	League	105	1 - 0 L	
Sat 12 Oct	H	Radford FC	League	248	2 - 0 W	Luis Kendrick, Fin Thomas
Tue 15 Oct	H	Ellistown	Cty Cup	258	3 - 0 W	Fin Thomas, Kian Taylor, Billy Bowes
Sat 19 Oct	H	Romulus	FAV1R	213	3 - 1 W	Fin Thomas, Tom Mangan x2
Sat 26 Oct	A	Clipstone FC	League	138	1 - 3 W	Pawel Osinski, Fin Thomas, Ronnie Morley
Sat 2 Nov	A	Stapleford Town FC	League	102	3 - 2 L	Ronnie Morley x2
Tue 5 Nov	H	Anstey Town	Cty Cup	237	6 - 1 W	F. Thomas x2, R. Morley x2, T. Mangan x2
Sat 9 Nov	A	Whitchurch Alport	FAV2R	188	2 - 2 D	Ronnie Morley, Tom Mangan
Sat 16 Nov	A	Radford FC	League	128	2 - 0 L	
Tue 26 Nov	H	Dunton & Broughton	Friendly	125	5 - 4 W	TBA
Sat 30 Nov	A	Sandiacre Town FC	League	110	2 - 1 L	Fin Thomas
Tue 3 Dec	A	Heather St Johns	Cty Cup		3 - 2 L	Ronnie Morley, Zac Smithson
Sat 7 Dec	H	Pinxton FC	League		P - P	
Sat 14 Dec	A	Southwell City FC	League	90	3 - 2 L	Green, Alcock
Sat 21 Dec	H	Clipstone FC	League	247	2 - 3 L	Morley, Steer
Thu 26 Dec	A	Holwell Sports FC	League	113	0 - 3 W	Morley, Steer, Brader
Sat 4 Jan	H	Selston FC	League			
Sat 11 Jan	H	Stapleford Town FC	League			
Sat 18 Jan	A	Retford FC	League			
Sat 25 Jan	H	Gedling Miners Welfare	League			
Sat 1 Feb	A	Clay Cross Town FC	League			
Sat 15 Feb	H	Staveley Miners W FC	League			
Sat 1 Mar	H	Retford United FC	League			
Sat 8 Mar	A	Dunkirk FC	League			
Sat 15 Mar	H	West Bridgford FC	League			
Sat 29 Mar	A	Rainworth Miners W FC	League			
Sat 5 Apr	H	Clifton All Whites FC	League			
Sat 12 Apr	A	Blackstones FC	League			
Mon 21 Apr	H	Sandiacre Town FC	League			

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2	Bourne Town FC	21	16	2	3	38	50
3	Lincoln United FC	21	14	2	5	24	44
4	Newark Town FC	22	12	6	4	18	42
5	AFC Mansfield	22	13	3	6	18	42
6	Heanor Town FC	22	12	3	7	14	39
7	Boston Town FC	22	12	2	8	9	38
8	Belper United FC	22	12	1	9	6	37
9	Newark & Sherwood United FC	21	10	4	7	0	34
10	Melton Town FC	20	10	3	7	15	33
11	Harrowby United FC	22	9	2	11	-8	29
12	Ashby Ivanhoe FC	22	8	4	10	6	28
13	Skegness Town FC	20	6	6	8	0	24
14	Gresley Rovers FC	24	6	6	12	-16	24
15	Wisbech Town FC	25	7	3	15	-26	24
16	Sleaford Town FC	24	6	4	14	-20	22
17	Hucknall Town FC	23	5	4	14	-18	19
18	Deeping Rangers FC	23	5	4	14	-33	19
19	Shirebrook Town FC	22	5	4	13	-34	19
20	Kimberley Miners Welfare FC	23	2	4	17	-31	10

LEADING PREMIER DIVISION NORTH GOAL SCORERS:

POS	PLAYER	TEAM	APPS	TOTAL GOALS
1	Zacorie Allen	Bourne Town FC	32	30
2	Ryan Ingram	AFC Mansfield	27	23
3	Harry Limb	Boston Town FC	26	23
4	Sam Grouse	Ashby Ivanhoe FC	27	22
5	William Bird	Bourne Town FC	30	21
6	Kieran Robert Cummings	Newark & Sherwood United FC	30	20



PREMIER DIVISION SOUTH

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Aylestone Park FC	22	15	3	4	32	48
2	St Neots Town FC	22	15	3	4	31	48
3	Rugby Borough FC	21	15	2	4	33	47
4	March Town United FC	21	10	7	4	10	37
5	Daventry Town FC	22	10	5	7	5	35
6	Hinckley AFC	22	10	4	8	8	34
7	Northampton O.N.Chenecks FC	22	9	6	7	4	33
8	Histon FC	21	9	5	7	9	32
9	Eynesbury Rovers FC	21	10	2	9	7	32
10	Newport Pagnell Town FC	21	10	1	10	-3	31
11	Coventry United FC	21	9	3	9	1	30
12	Northampton Sileby Rangers FC	23	8	5	10	-6	29
13	Lutterworth Town FC	21	8	4	9	-5	28
14	Easington Sports FC	20	8	2	10	-5	26
15	Yaxley FC	23	8	2	13	-10	26
16	Leicester Nirvana FC	21	6	5	10	-17	23
17	Bugbrooke St.Michaels FC	21	5	3	13	-17	18
18	G.N.G Oadby Town FC	23	4	2	17	-35	14
19	Godmanchester Rovers FC	22	3	2	17	-42	11

LEADING PREMIER DIVISION SOUTH GOAL SCORERS:

POS	PLAYER	TEAM	APPS	TOTAL GOALS
1	Victor Osobu	Eynesbury Rovers FC	26	24
2	Samuel Hollis	Aylestone Park FC	27	23
3	Lewis Irwin	Northampton O N Chenecks FC	29	24
4	Abdul Rahman Sunmonu	Aylestone Park, Lutterworth Town FC	29	20
5	Rhys Thorpe	St Neots Town FC	30	19
6	Louis Andre Samuels	Lutterworth Town FC	25	19



DIVISION ONE

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Retford FC	20	15	2	3	35	47
2	Clay Cross Town FC	18	15	1	2	44	46
3	Clipstone FC	21	15	1	5	20	46
4	Retford United FC	21	14	3	4	41	45
5	Gedling Miners Welfare FC	25	14	3	8	15	45
6	Staveley Miners Welfare FC	20	12	1	7	17	37
7	Blackstones FC	21	11	4	6	17	37
8	Stapleford Town FC	23	9	7	7	4	34
9	Pinxton FC	20	10	3	7	3	33
10	Southwell City FC	22	9	4	9	-2	31
11	Radford FC	22	9	2	11	2	29
12	Dunkirk FC	22	8	5	9	-3	29
13	Coalville Town FC	20	7	1	12	-9	22
14	Holwell Sports FC	23	6	3	14	-29	21
15	Rainworth Miners Welfare FC	19	6	2	11	-18	20
16	West Bridgford FC	20	6	2	12	-20	20
17	Clifton All Whites FC	20	5	3	12	-25	18
18	Selston FC	21	2	4	15	-30	10
19	Sandiacre Town FC	22	1	1	20	-62	4

LEADING DIVISION ONE GOAL SCORERS:

POS	PLAYER	TEAM	APPS	TOTAL GOALS
1	Reece Clegg	Clay Cross Town FC	26	25
2	Ahmed Tahar	Clay Cross Town FC	28	22
3	Jevin Kaan Seaton	Radford FC	18	20
4	Ross David Duggan	Clay Cross Town FC	14	18
5	Kieran Knight	Retford United FC	27	18
6	Scott Boden	Retford FC	24	16
7	Ainsley Carlton Finney	Retford FC	24	15



DIVISION ONE ATTENDANCE DATA

POS		HIGHEST ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
1	Coalville Town	792	354
2	Retford United	1004	238
3	Staveley Miners Welfare	314	230
4	Retford	385	187
5	Selston	301	146
6	Clay Cross Town	227	117
7	Gedling Miners Welfare	197	111
8	Clipstone	188	103
9	Radford	129	94
10	Pinxton	160	91
11	Blackstones	130	84
12	Southwell City	150	81
13	Stapleford Town	217	79
14	West Bridgford	105	78
15	Sandiacre Town	140	77
16	Rainworth Miners Welfare	117	75
17	Holwell Sports	113	66
18	Dunkirk	93	59
19	Clifton All Whites	100	56



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On joining Coalville:	When I played against Coalville for Dukirk, Coalville's crowd was bouncing all game.
Goals:	I want to help ensure that Coalville get promotion nextt season.
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Favourite goal:	I will let you know when i score one!
Favourite game:	The Boxing day game versus Holwell Sports
Favourite film:	A Bronx Tale (I am a Robert De Niro fan)
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Favourite song	Born in the USA - Bruce Springsteen
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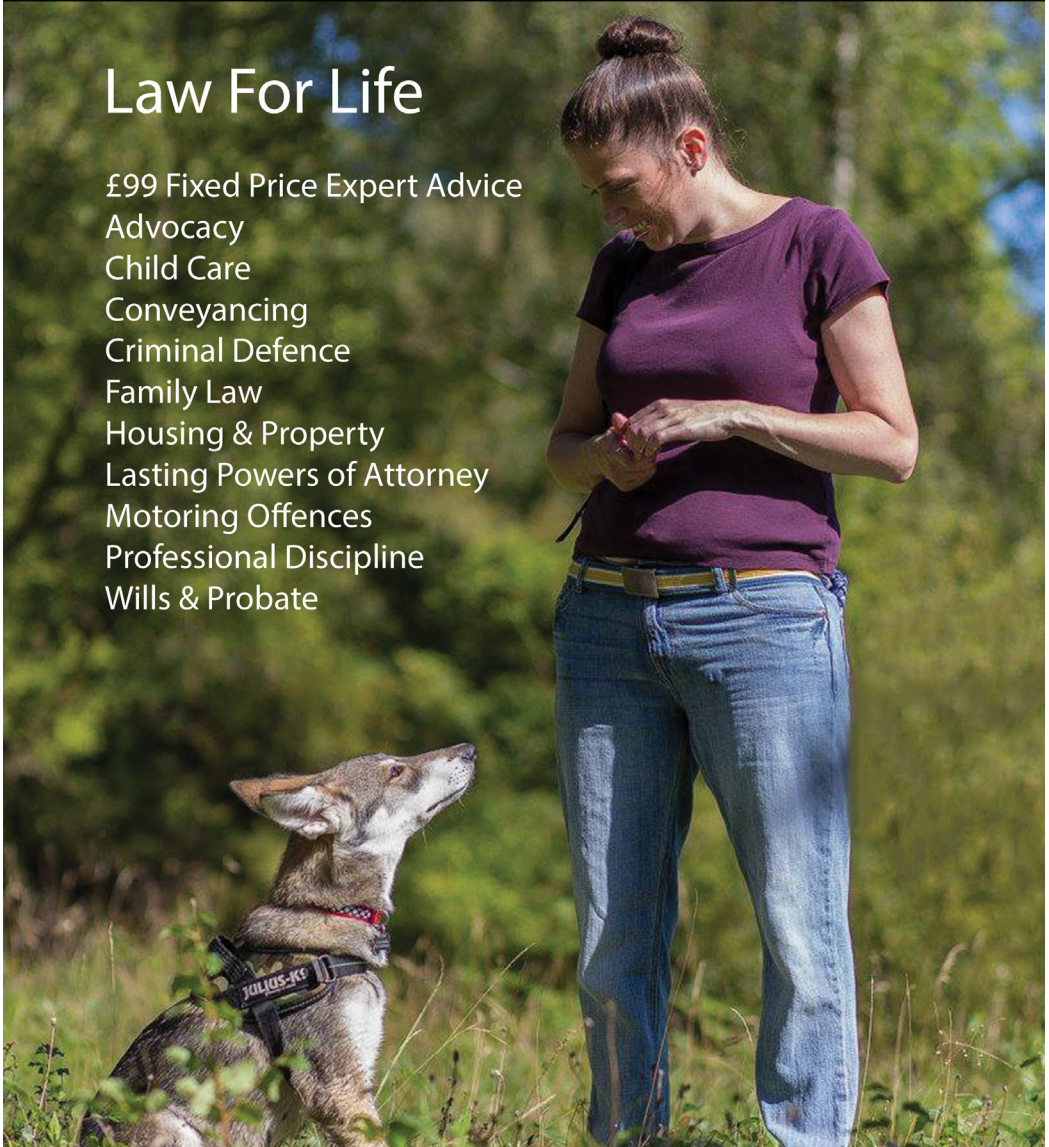
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