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Vs

# Clay Cross Town FC

Saturday, 27 July, 3:00pm

United Counties Division 1

Selhurst Street, Radford, NG7 5GT



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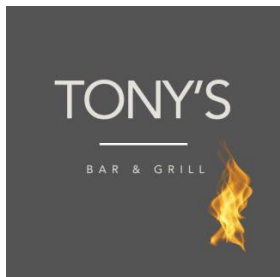
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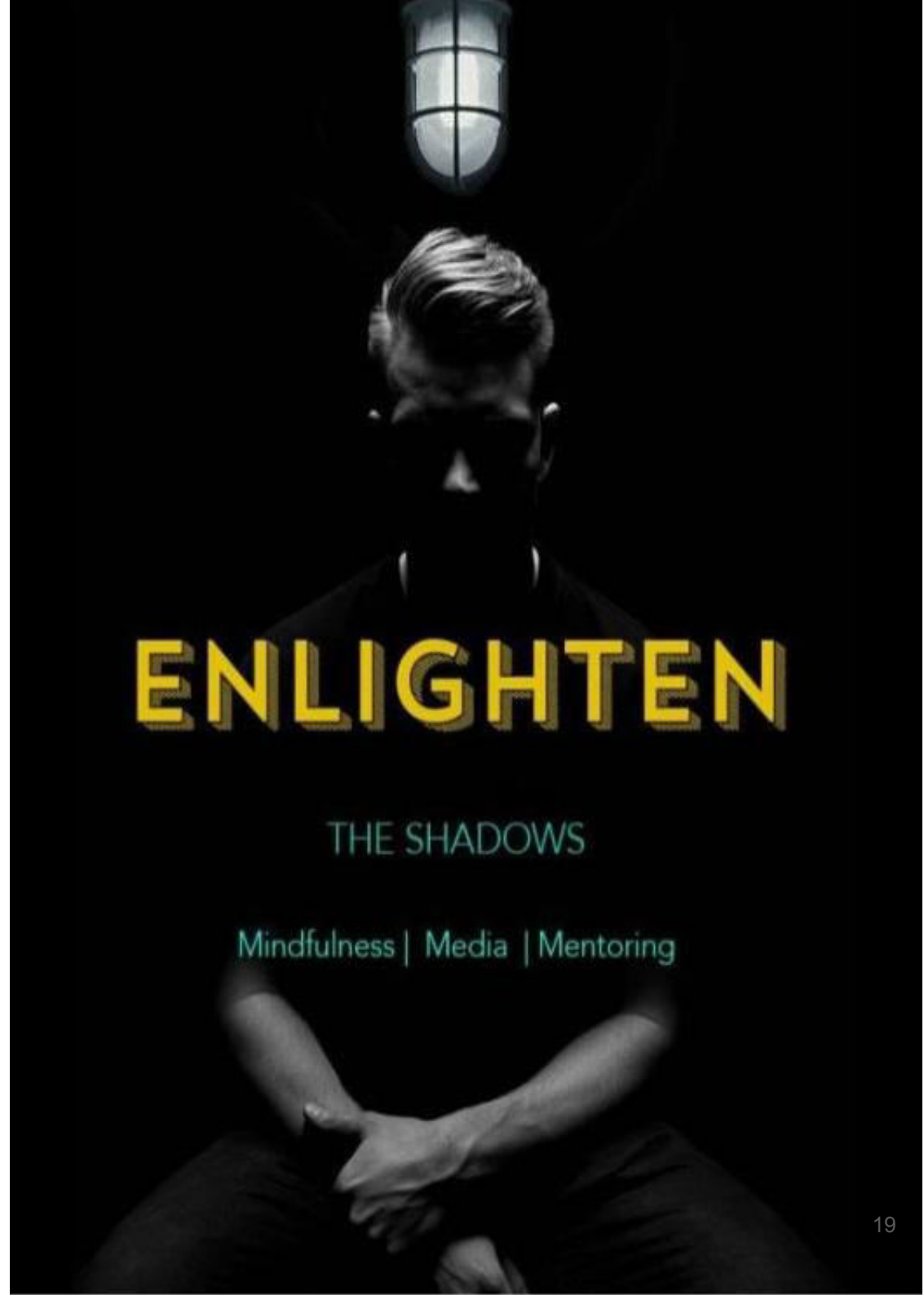
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# Today's Squads (from)



**Stapleford Town FC** Vs **Clay Cross Town FC**

**Saturday, 27 July , 3:00pm**

No	Name	Goals	Sub	No	Name	Goals	Sub
	Danny Brown				Billy Brooks		
	Adam Aicha				Reece Clegg		
	Oliver Ball				Ashley Mark Grayson		
	Alex Beno				Jake Johnson		
	Reece Bird				Trent Jules		
	Andrei Burlacu				Logan Liggins		
	Ben Cassidy				Callum Lytham		
	James Hales				Lewis Macaskill		
	Samuel Harbottle				Brad McGowan		
	Aaron Large				GEORGE MORRIS		
	Cian Lyon				Lewis Murr		
	Jamie Muir				Nathan Murr		
	David Olatomide				george skevington		
	Michael Robb				Nathan Tyson		
	Jahred Russell				Liam Vardy		
	George Sharman				Joshua Waldram		
	Don Snaddon				Craig Westcarr		
	Daniel Sterling				Jack Yeomans		
	Jack Upton						
	Alans Voskiresenskis						
<b>Management Team</b> Tristram Whitman, Jordan Hunter Louis Minney, Fuzi Bradshaw				<b>Management Team</b>			

## A word from the man in the chair



I feel extremely proud about what the club has achieved over its relatively short existence, to take over a club massively in debt and turn it around in such a short space of time is testament to the people who have come on board in our 11 years or so. And just when I start to think 'ok, time to relax, take stock and plan' something else comes along, an opportunity so good for the club we cannot ignore it and once again have to grasp the nettle. The 24/25 season will be an important one for the club in many ways, a whole new league to navigate, new places to visit and new rules to adhere to, all the while trying to ensure our new home is built just how we want it and all the features we requested are in place.

I speak regularly with our club members and committee (some would say probably too regularly) and these conversations always reverberate around how very lucky we have been with the journey, everytime we come up against an obstacle something or someone comes along and either takes care of it or offers a solution to it.

Nothing epitomizes this more than a meeting we had with a couple of local lads who were running a tots football training group out of a local soft play centre, they wanted to affiliate with a club and wondered if we would be interested in taking them on. During that initial chat I expressed how I see where the club is now and where I would like it to be in the future, I casually remarked we would like to see a senior team at the club to provide the pathway for players after youth football. The following season the first team entered the NSL Div 1 run by, those same 2 lads.

Just 6 seasons later (4 league titles and 2 Notts FA Trophies) we found ourselves standing at the base of the football pyramid wondering if we can climb any higher. With all that the team and club has achieved before I would like to think we will give it a good go.

As I said earlier people remark how lucky we have been and there is an element of luck involved in all of football, both on and off the pitch things have to go for you but if you structure yourselves properly, have the right people in the right places at the right time then you can force that luck your way a little. Our club is structured in such a way that when it is looked at it looks like we got lucky, but I always reply 'its not by luck it's by design'.

Enjoy the game

**Pete Scott. Chairman**

# Stapleford Town Football Club - Chapter 1

The gestation of Stapleford Town Football Club commenced at the turn of the millennium with the formation of Stapleford Villa Football Club in 2002.

The vision at the heart of Stapleford Villa's football activities was the desire to provide and expand football facilities for youth and local residents of all ages with "Hickings Lane", the club's home ground, supplying a base where players' love for the game of football could be rekindled, developed and expanded.

After early successes the club declined due to a lack of professional management resources.

In 2012 a core group consisting of some members of the previous management team and a group of supporters from the community in Stapleford, including parents, young people, local businesses and football enthusiasts, came together to relaunch the Club now known as Stapleford Town FC.

The management team of the relaunched Stapleford Town FC were determined that the Club be a grassroots community based club with an emphasis on providing a safe football facility that was welcoming to all; regardless of age, ability, personal or financial background meeting the criteria set out by the Football Association's concept of the beautiful game "for anyone, anytime, anywhere". In other words: For All.

From the very beginning the Club has recognised that to be a true community based club our activities would require a wide remit and so has developed not just the game of football but also the social aspects of the Club drawing in the wider community through events such as community fun days, participation in national events (such as RBL Poppy Appeal) and local events such as The "Hemlock Happening,"

Since our inception in 2013 we have expanded our activities building from three to thirty teams with 400 registered players.

To support the expansion of the Club and develop the potential of the players there are 70 FA registered volunteers of which 36 are fully qualified and 7 are moving through the qualification process (currently at playmaker status).

All our volunteers are DBS checked and hold safeguarding certificates.

It's been a tough season for local clubs in the CMA South with Linby Colliery Welfare the highest placed (9) following their 2-1 win at Cromford & Wirksworth, goals coming from Connor Gillan and Josh Wass, both from Mason Moore corners.

The other four Notts-based clubs are hovering above the relegation zone, Teversal (14) drawing 3-3 away to AFC Normanton, goals coming from Ethan Glaves, Connor Bower and Oliver Baines, they sandwiched between that of Mansfield HM and Arnold Town, and ahead of the latter on goal difference.

Arnold hosted Mansfield HM, the two sharing the spoils in a 1-1 draw with Toby Francis netting for the hosts, Luke Smithson the visitors, the latter having games in hand on most around them.

Champions Stapleford Town closed their NSL Premier Division campaign with a 3-1 defeat off visitors Woodthorpe Park Rangers, whilst there were also defeats, on the road, for both Wollaton and Cotgrave.

There was plenty of goals elsewhere in the division, Mason Booth-Davis with a four-goal salvo for Borrowash Victoria at home to FC Sez, Ravenshead edged visiting Aslockton & Orston 4-3, and goals galore arrived in the game between Radcliffe Olympic and Beeston.

The mid-table visitors claimed a 7-2 success as Tom Coupe bagged three alongside braces from both Morgan Bell and George Weatherall, and Southwell City Reserves saw off their visitors, West Bridgford Colts II's 4-1, Henry Eastgate with a brace.

Lower down the NSL and FC Cavaliers have won the Division One title by two points from runners-up FCV Grace Dieu, closing with a four-match winning streak; Colsterworth Sports & Social Club have won the Division Two title from Rushcliffe and with two games remaining for them won 9-0 at Nottingham Greens on Saturday as Junior Gaskin and Sam Scothern both bagged trebles, and Gedling Southbank have taken Division Three, with a more than ten point advantage on the chasing pack.



Article provided by [Peter Mann](#)  
(Senior Correspondent) Nottingham Sport

# Local Roundup

There were play-off semi-finals, and finals, for the Nottinghamshire non-league scene, at the end of the 23/24 season, but there's been no joy for the county's clubs as Worksop Town, Carlton Town, Newark Town, and Retford United, all suffered defeat in their respective outings.

Elsewhere, and lower down the great footballing pyramid, there was success on the field for Central Midlands Alliance clubs SJR Worksop (Premier North), and Linby Colliery Welfare (Premier South), Teversal, Arnold Town and Mansfield Hosiery Mills also picking up a point apiece, the platter two against each other.

In the County Cups, Wollaton claimed the Nottinghamshire FA Senior Trophy, following a 4-1 success over Keyworth United, the winners looking for a top three finish in the Nottinghamshire Senior League, although defeat at Basford CFC hampered the push for runners-up.

In the Trophy however, Wollaton were three to the good at the break as Jarrod Westcarr led the charge to silverware with a brace, he being joined on the scoresheet by additional goals off Archie Wood and Ryan Pearson.

Also in midweek, and in the play-offs, Worksop were beaten 3-1 away to Macclesfield in the Northern Premier League Premier Division semi-final, Regan Hutchinson with the Tigers' consolation effort with a little over fifteen remaining.

The NPL East Division semi-final for Carlton Town also went south, well north to be precise, as they fell to Stockton Town, 2-0, with the Anchors going on to gain promotion following one of those, classic finals, against north-east rivals Dunston UTS on Saturday afternoon (5-3 on penalties following a 4-4 draw after-extra-time).

Also on Saturday it was the turn of Retford United, in the Northern Counties East semi-final, they also coming up short when losing 2-1 away to Beverley Town, Derek O'Conner keeping the Badgers in with a shout with a goal late in the first half.

In the CMA meanwhile, and with a handful of games still to play across the board, Premier North outfit, SJR Worksop sit seventh following their 7-1 win away to bottom club Glapwell, a trio of braces coming via Matty Templeton, Kieran Taylor, and Jaden Thackley, with Brandon Ashmore also netting for the visitors.

## Stapleford Town Football Club - Chapter 1

In 2016 the Club successfully applied to Broxtowe Borough Council for a Preferential User Agreement for football on the site at Hickings Lane Recreation Ground. Preferential User status provides the Club with priority access to the football facilities throughout the football season.

Also In 2016, a decision was made to form our senior section and after discussions with Ryan Stark and Matt Moody, a team was entered for the 2017/18 season. Using their extensive knowledge of local football and the wealth of players who, although lived in Stapleford, played football outside of the town a team was formed. We also recruited rookie manager Adam 'Lefty' Campbell and managed to successfully navigate our way to an NSL Div 1 title and Notts Junior Cup double in the first season. The following year we completed an astonishing back to back championship win lifting the NSL Premier League at the first attempt.

The defence of the league title was curtailed by the Global Covid Pandemic and as restrictions eased the club regrouped and with a new management team of Tristram Whitman, Danny Arnold and Jordan Hunter who look to take the club forward, A healthy 2nd place finish in the 21/22 season demonstrated the club is both still competitive and also still developing players to come through, taking the club a step further in 22/23 winning the league title and county cup to cap a memorable season.

23/24 saw the early decision made to play our home games at Radford FC to try to defend the title and gain promotion to step 6. A domineering season saw just 3 losses and 6 draws from the 36 games played, scoring 101 goals and conceding just 30 in the process allowing the club to clinch the title with games to spare.

### Team Honours

NSL 2023/2024 Premier Division Champions - Promoted. 🏆  
NSL 2022/2023 Premier Division Champions. 🏆  
Notts FA Trophy 2022/2023 Champions 🏆  
NSL 2018/2019 Premier Division Champions. 🏆  
NSL 2017/2018 Division 1 Champions 🏆  
Notts FA Junior Cup 2017/2018 Champions 🏆

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❖ **NAME : DANNY BROWN**  
❖ **POSITION : GOALKEEPER**  
❖ **SUPPORTS : FOREST**  
❖ **PREVIOUS CLUBS:**  
**BEESTON, BASFORD, GEDLING**  
**MEM GRAHAM ST PRIMS**



❖ **NAME : BEN CASSADY**  
❖ **POSITION : DEFENDER**  
❖ **SUPPORTS : FOREST**  
❖ **FAVOURITE FOOD**  
**DONER KEBAB**



❖ **NAME : JAMES HALES**  
❖ **POSITION : DEFENDER**  
❖ **SUPPORTS : LIVERPOOL**  
❖ **PREVIOUS CLUBS:G**  
**GRAHAM ST PRIMS**



❖ **NAME : ANDREI BURLACU**  
❖ **POSITION : DEFENDER**  
❖ **SUPPORTS : MAN UTD**  
❖ **FAVORITE PLAYER:**  
**CRISTIAN CHIVU**



❖ **NAME : OLI BALL**  
❖ **POSITION : DEFENDER**  
❖ **FAVOURITE PLAYER:**  
**JAMIE CARRAGHER**



❖ **NAME : CIAN LYON**  
❖ **DEFENDER**  
❖ **SUPPORTS: FOREST**  
❖ **FAVOURITE P:LAVER:**  
**BALE**



❖ **NAME : ADAM AICHA**  
❖ **POSITION : DEFENDER**



❖ **NAME : REECE BIRD**  
❖ **POSITION : DEFENDER**



❖ **NAME : JAMIE MUIR**  
❖ **POSITION: DEFENDER**  
❖ **SUPPORTS: FOREST**  
❖ **FAVOURITE PLAYER:**  
**MURILLO**



❖ **NAME : MIKE ROBB**  
❖ **POSITION : MIDFIELD**

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# Well, that was an end to the season...

It seems extraordinary to me that the team, led by Tris, Jordan, Louis and Fuzi, has managed to do what many thought impossible, back to back league titles. We are well aware that the team had enough quality at Step 7, what we didn't know was how they would react to the disappointment of not being promoted in 22/23 after winning the league. It was a bittersweet moment for us all, elated to have won, deflated because the Hickings Lane Ground was not adequate for Step 6 football.

Could they pick themselves up and go again was the question asked and answered. Every challenge laid before them they overcame, even a spell in March where they went 3 score draws on the spin allowing other teams to claw back a substantial lead was not enough to stop them. After all this is a team that has lost but a handful of games in 2 years at that level, was it ever in doubt? I would like to say no but in popular football terminology it was getting close to 'squeaky bum time'.

They kicked off the push in April with a resounding victory over Cotgrave when they came from 2 down at half time to take the game 2-4 putting them on 75 points, their primary target was to keep Collingham away as they had also applied for promotion, to put Stabbo into the hat they needed to reach 81 points. An excellent team performance saw them take the points away from The Moat Ground as they beat Gresley Reserves Res 1-5 (78 points). Then it got a bit messy, in a strange twist Awsworth postponed the fixture leaving Stapleford needing 3 points from their nearest challengers for the league Wollo.

Wollaton had title aspirations of their own and with games in hand they could, mathematically, catch the Saxons but would need to score a few goals to overturn the goal difference. Moreover they needed to win this game. They took the lead early on but that just seemed to kick start the lads who turned up the heat and ran out comfortable 1-6 winners, handing them promotion with the 81 points required.

The title was confirmed the following week as points for the Awsworth game were awarded putting them on 84 and out of reach for any team below them.

A new chapter starts for the club now, with all the challenges that promotion to Step 6 will bring, the new 3G pitch and Community building in progress the club should be in good stead for the next few years.

Thanks to everyone in the NSL, with a special mention to former chairman Ian Kirk and current Secretary Tracy Witton for all their help and support, all the teams and players who have made Saturdays so much fun and to our fabulous hosts at Radford.

Today we welcome Clay Cross Town FC as our first ever guests as a Step 6 side.

Jason Cockerham - General Secretary

# TOWN VS Squad List



❖ **NAME : DAN STIRLING**  
❖ **POSITION : MIDFIELD**  
❖ **SUPPORTS : LIVERPOOL**  
❖ **PREVIOUS CLUBS: DUNKIRK**



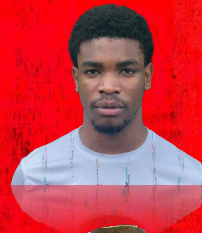
❖ **NAME : AARON LARGE**  
❖ **POSITION : MIDFIELD**  
❖ **FAVOURITE PHRASE: " TWEET I SCORED THAT JASE"**



❖ **JACK UPTON**  
❖ **POSITION : MIDFIELD**  
❖ **SUPPORTS: FOREST & RANGERS**  
❖ **FAVOURITE PLAYERS: BECKS & TONI KROOS**



❖ **NAME : JAHRED RUSSELL**  
❖ **POSITION : MIDFIELD**  
❖ **HOBBIES: PROLIFIC TRACKSUIT COLLECTOR**  
❖ **SUPPORTS: MAN UTD**



❖ **NAME : DAVID OLATOMIDE**  
❖ **POSITION : STRIKER**  
❖ **SUPPORTS: ARSENAL**  
❖ **FAVOURITE PLAYER: RONALDO**



❖ **NAME : ALEX BENO**  
❖ **POSITION : STRIKER**  
❖ **SUPPORTS: CHELSEA**  
❖ **FAVOURITE PLAYER: DIMITRI PAVET**



❖ **NAME : ALANS VOSKIRENSKIS**  
❖ **POSITION : STRIKER**  
❖ **SUPPORTS: DERBY**  
❖ **FAVOURITE PLAYER: MBAPPE**



❖ **NAME : SAM HARBOTTLE**  
❖ **POSITION : STRIKER**  
❖ **SUPPORTS: FOREST**  
❖ **PREVIOUS CLUBS DUNKIRK FC, KIMBERLY MW**



❖ **NAME : DON SNADDON**  
❖ **POSITION : STRIKER**  
❖ **SUPPORTS: NOTTS COUNTY**  
❖ **FAVOURITE PLAYER: YANNICK BOLASIE**



❖ **NAME : KIERAN DIVER**  
❖ **POSITION : STRIKER**  
❖ **SUPPORTS : FOREST**  
❖ **FAVOURITE PLAYER: STEVIE G**

## Coming for season 2025/26

Plans for a cutting-edge 3G pitch at the Community Pavilion and Young People's Centre on Hickings Lane were approved by Broxtowe Borough Council planning committee on Wednesday (5 June 2024).



The pitch will also provide more opportunities for sport for those with disabilities or the less mobile as they will be more space to move around.

3G pitches are made from a long-lasting high grade all-weather surface that are suitable for all sports, not just football, all year round.

The 3G pitch plans have also been crucial to Stapleford Towns partnership with the Steven Gerrard Academy which will improve the education, health and wellbeing of children and young people and create job opportunities, as well as putting Stapleford on the map as a centre of excellence for sport.



Preparation works are already underway and the building is scheduled to be completed by summer 2025.

The Pavilion will be able to host a wide range of community events and services from health and wellbeing, through to meetings and social events.

## SAXONS UPCOMING FIXTURES

Date	Time		Opposition	Venue	Competition
27/07/2024	3:00 pm	(H)	Clay Cross Town FC	Selhurst Street, Radford, NG7 5GT	Division One
06/08/2024	7:45 pm	(A)	Southwell City FC	BRINKLEY CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND	Division One
10/08/2024	3:00 pm	(H)	Gedling Miners Welfare FC	Selhurst Street, Radford, NG7 5GT	Division One
17/08/2024	3:00 pm	(A)	Retford United FC	RETFORD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB	Division One
21/08/2024	7:45 pm	(H)	Sandiacre Town FC	Selhurst Street, Radford, NG7 5GT	Division One
24/08/2024	3:00 pm	(H)	Staveley Miners Welfare FC	Selhurst Street, Radford, NG7 5GT	Division One
31/08/2024	3:00 pm	(A)	Dunkirk FC	DUNKIRK SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Division One
03/09/2024	7:45 pm	(A)	Clifton All Whites FC	NORMAN ARCHER MEMORIAL GROUND	The Sports Ground Development UCL Cup_2024 - 2025
07/09/2024	3:00 pm	(A)	Selston FC	SELSTON RECREATION GROUND	Division One
14/09/2024	3:00 pm	(H)	Clifton All Whites FC	Selhurst Street, Radford, NG7 5GT	Division One
21/09/2024	3:00 pm	(A)	West Bridgford FC	REGATTA WAY SPORTS GROUND	Division One
28/09/2024	3:00 pm	(H)	Clipstone FC	Selhurst Street, Radford, NG7 5GT	Division One
05/10/2024	3:00 pm	(A)	Radford FC	RADFORD FOOTBALL CLUB	Division One
12/10/2024	3:00 pm	(H)	Rainworth Miners Welfare FC	Selhurst Street, Radford, NG7 5GT	Division One
19/10/2024	3:00 pm	(A)	Holwell Sports FC	HOLWELL SPORTS CLUB	Division One
26/10/2024	3:00 pm	(A)	Retford FC	RETFORD FC (THE RAIL)	Division One
02/11/2024	3:00 pm	(H)	Coalville Town FC	Selhurst Street, Radford, NG7 5GT	Division One

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# Today's Opponents



Although it was thought that a Clay Cross Town team had been founded during the summer of 1909 the rumours that circulated over the years suggested that they had also been in existence before the turn of the twentieth-century. However recent information came to light to substantiate those rumours and it was recorded in an 1891 census that a Mr John Whitworth was the secretary of the town club. Old microfiche records are therefore now being scrutinised to gather more information about their football in that era. There are also strong claims that the club made an appearance in the FA Cup in the 1880's and research will also clarify whether there is any substance in this. We do know that an appearance was made in that competition though when the club bowed out to Chesterfield Municipal FC in 1921.

It was the team of 1909/1910 that was the inspiration for our current club secretary, Dave Clark to bring a 'Town' club back to Clay Cross and give the club a true geographic identity that the previous twenty-three years as Parkhouse FC had failed to achieve.

The team of 1909 had been built by local businessman, Colonel GM Jackson and he had amalgamated the two top Clay Cross clubs, the Clay Cross Zingari and Clay Cross Works teams. In that first season they won the Derbyshire Senior Cup beating New Tupton Ivanhoe 2-1 after two previously drawn games.

That club folded though in 1911 with debts owing to the princely sum of £12. The club re-emerged again in 1919 and played their football in the Derbyshire Senior League. They enjoyed a period of success for the next five-years winning the Shirebrook Charity Cup in 1921 and the Clay Cross Senior Nursing Charity Cup in 1922 before once again closing the doors as the premier team of the town in 1924.

Eighty-Eight years later and we chose to take the club, for the first time into the twenty-first century and so once again Clay Cross could officially boast a 'Town' club.

In that year (2012) a new management team was also appointed with Asa Ingall and Julian Capuano taking the reins. They finished the season third making it the best ever season in the Central Midlands League to date. It was also the season that Rockie White recorded the clubs highest tally of goals in one season (39) a record that was only beaten in 2017/18 by Lee Clay who notched 44 goals.

The following season it was proposed by a few members of the club committee that the management duo of Ingall and Capuano should be relieved of their positions and the appointment was then made of Ant Lynam and Andy Thornton. Their first season saw a whole new team rebuilding process take priority after many players had left and it was a sixth-place finish in the north division that we hoped would provide the foundations for future years.

In the 2014/15 season the club finished another credible third in the league and lost out in the Floodlight Cup final to Belper United 3-2.

In 2015/16 the club was in turmoil in the early stages of the season and only an injection of young players enabled the club and management to continue. The reward for the club's desire to continue was reaching the Floodlight Cup final but once again lost out on that league when after having been moved to the South Division by the league committee we finished in our lowest ever position of twelfth.

# Today's Opponents



2016/17 was though, in contrast. the season that ended in such a dramatic fashion when after holding pole position in the Central Midlands League North Division and with only minutes remaining our opposition on the last game of the season, Collingham scored to inadvertently hand the league title to FC Bolsover. It was on the last game of the 2017/18 season that once again we saw our club lose out on promotion to the NCEL. Although we beat the league champions, Harworth in that game, goal difference denied us that pole position. The following season was equally painful when after leading the division from the outset we lost out in the run-in to Retford FC and once again finishing in the second position. A semi-final appearance in the Derbyshire Senior Cup was another highlight of the campaign but the Step 5 opposition, Mickleover Sports proved too much a bridge to cross in the end.

The 2019/2020 season, despite being interrupted by the outbreak of Covid-19, was an entertaining one until the pandemic finally closed the doors on all football. Before that closure though we had a superb run in the FA Vase reaching the third round proper only to be knocked out by Step 5 club South Normanton Athletic under circumstances that we felt unjust and bias. We also took the Derby County Academy side to extra-time and penalties after earning a 1-1 draw after 90 minutes. We also looked in a comfortable place for promotion from the South Division but once again the pandemic put an end to our hopes of Step 6 football.

2021 saw a change in our management team to further bolster our promotion hopes when in April we announced the appointment of Jonney Rushby and Joe Tomlinson.

The 2022/2023 campaign saw us play in the CMFL South Division and we knew it would be a difficult division to win or even achieve promotion but we reached our ultimate goal with almost the last kick of the season. This campaign also saw us reach the final of the League Cup competition, that was played on the Alfreton Town FC ground. Unfortunately, it was an occasion when we failed to meet the pre-match expectations and lost the game 4-2 to a well drilled Mickleover RBL side.

2023/24 was an entirely new adventure for us when we joined the Northern Counties East Football League, Division One, our first ever appearance in Step 6 football. It was a real test of our humble resources but we gave it our best efforts both on and off the field and completed the season in 17th position.

2024/25 sees us transferring to the United Counties League, that we assumed we'd be members of after our promotion in 2023, and after a massive close season saw the installation of new facilities at our ground to support our quest for further promotions.