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**CLANFIELD 85**  
**v**  
**NEWENT TOWN**



**SATURDAY 8TH**  
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# Welcome to Radcot Road



Good afternoon and welcome to Radcot Road for todays Hellenic League Division 1 fixture with Newent Town.

We return to league action today after last Saturdays penalty shootout victory against Cirencester Town. A really pleasing performance to come from behind against a team from the division above and hold our nerve in the shootout. Reward is an away (of course) quarter final tie at Royal Wootton Bassett Town on Tuesday 25th March.

Full focus is now back on our league campaign and doing all we can to push for a play-off place. Newent are fighting for their lives and have picked up some very good result since we beat them a few weeks ago. That result will count for very little today with 2 teams pushing for an important 3 points.

Next up we are back on the road when we make our first ever visit to Bewdley Town before we are at home again on Tuesday 18th March against Kidlington.

Enjoy todays game.



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# Club History

Clanfield Football Club was founded in 1890 and for many years played in the Witney & District League. Two years were spent in the North Berks League in the 1960's and for 1967-68 season the club joined the Hellenic League.

Clanfield's first game in the Hellenic League was on the 19th August 1967 against Hungerford Town in front of an attendance of 146. In 1969-70 the club won the Hellenic Division One Championship and were promoted to the Premier Division for the first time.

In 1971-72 they missed out on the Runners-Up position only on goal average but went on to secure the Runner-Up spot for the next two seasons also winning the Premier Division Challenge Cup in 1973-74. In 1974-75 the Club reached the Final of the Oxfordshire Senior Cup. The first game ended in a draw after extra time, but Pressed Steel won the replay. 1975-76 saw a repeat of the Cup run to the Final but again Clanfield ended up losing Finalists. After a great period through the 60s and 70s they were relegated to Division One at the end of the 1979-80 Season. However, the Club soon bounced back finishing in second place the following season. At the end of the 1984-85 Season they were once again relegated to Division One where they have remained ever since.

The Club re-entered the FA Vase in 2006 when Buckingham Athletic were visitors to Radcot Road, in a game Clanfield won 1-0. The club won the Jim Newman Memorial Cup in 1978 & 2018 and have been finalists in recent staging of the same event and won the Faringdon Memorial Cup in 1996-97 and 2016-17. Season 2010-11 saw the club finish in fourth place in Division One West and narrowly miss out on promotion to the Premier Division.

The Club have recently adopted a positive youth policy. The Under 18 Team have won the Allied Counties Youth League Central Division and last season their County Cup Competition. The previous season, 2016-17 the Under 17 Team won the Oxfordshire Invitation Youth League Division B whilst the Under 16 Team won their County Cup Competition.


For the 2020-21 season former player Jamie Butt alongside Chris Blakley and Martin Staddon continued as the first team management, with Gary Brown joining them. The season was looking very positive but again was curtailed by the Corona Virus Pandemic.

There was a management restructure for the 2021-22 season with Andy Lyne joining the club as the first Director of Football. Chris Blakely and Martin Staddon stood down from their First Team commitment and the club thanks them both for all their effort over their time with Jamie. Following a nasty injury whilst playing elsewhere, Jordi Mulvany returned to the club as First Team Coach. The season was a success for the club as Clanfield finished third in Division One, losing out in the semi final to Hereford Pegasus who went on to secure promotion in the final against Worcester Raiders. They were also losing semi-finalists in the Challenge Cup as they went out 1-0 to the eventual winners Cribbs FC.

For the 2022-23 season Craig Connor stepped into the First Team Assistant role after deciding to step away from the rigours of playing. The club enjoyed success in the pre-season retaining the Jim Newman Trophy and winning it for the third time in recent years beating Cropredy 8-1 in the final. Clanfield finished the season in fourth place, securing a Play-Off berth for the second season running this time against Milton United. This time the Robins lost out on penalties, with Milton going on to secure promotion on penalties over Hartpury University.

The coming season sees Shaun Morgan joining the coaching staff as Jamie and Craig continue at the helm. Pre-season has been promising with the club winning the Jim Newman Trophy for the third year running. The club wishes the players and managers all the best for the season.



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# MEET THE PLAYERS



Joined the club as a 16 year old, part of the clubs FA YOUTH CUP side that got to the first round. Excellent shot stopper. A Clanfield lad

**Luke Haley**  
Goalkeeper



Young goalkeeper, product of Clanfield U16's side. Great technique

**Reuben Pratley**  
Goalkeeper



New signing from Cheltenham Saracens. Exciting attacking fullback or wingback. Previous club Moreton Rangers.

**Kian Burrows**  
Defender



New signing from Long Crendon. Aggressive, forward thinking fullback or wingback. Caught the eye when playing against us last season.

**Jordan Cavender**  
Defender



Can play anywhere along the back four, most consistent player at the club. Came through the youth team, captain this season.

**Ben Weller**  
Defender



New signing from Faringdon Town, having made the switch over the bridges. Strong centre half who will chip in with a few goals.

**Liam Hares**  
Defender



New signing from Shrivenham, comfortable on the ball and bags a page. Has impressed in pre-season.

**Charlie Trinder-Sage**  
Defender



First season of men's football, has impressed in pre season. Played for the Under 16's side last season.

**Theo Tyson**  
Defender



Rolls-Royce of a player, neat and tidy on the ball. Has great energy, third season with the club.

**Dylan Kay**  
Midfield



Heartbeat of the midfield with his relentless work rate. Chips in with a few goals, fashion icon of the club.

**Tom Taylor**  
Midfield



# MEET THE PLAYERS



**Jay Cant**  
Midfield

Young player returning to the club. Bags of energy, looking to break into the side.



**Zac Rice**  
Midfield

New signing from Long Crendon, has a great passing range in midfield.



**Connor Tinsley**  
Midfield

Versatile midfield player, always has kind words for the opposition. His season gets going once cricket has finished.



**Jack Fletcher**  
Midfield

Returning to the club this season after a season away at uni. Can play anywhere across the back line and midfield.



**Rhys King**  
Midfield

Tough, tackling midfielder with a good eye for a pass. Second season with the club.



**Reuban Harry**  
Forward

The Radcot Road's faithful, favourite player. Skill, pace, has the lot - big season ahead.



**Tyger Hall**  
Forward

Brilliant first season at the club, top goalscorer. Creates goals and links up the play.



**Nathan Kimber**  
Forward

Has a left foot like Roy Race of Melchester Rovers. On his day unplayable, could play any position on the pitch.



**George Seacole**  
Forward

Out and out goal scorer, has scored goals at all his previous clubs - Carterton, North Leigh and Evesham.



**Tete Brewster**  
Forward

Exciting new signing, a great character. Can play across all the front positions.



**Jamie Wyatt**  
Forward

Now in the twilight of his career, you wouldn't notice. Great pace and brilliant crosser of the ball.



# MEET THE MANAGEMENT



**Jamie Butt**  
Manager

Jamie has established himself as a strong manager who gives youth a chance when the time is right. He has built a strong squad and will be looking to build on last two seasons achievements.



**Craig Connor**  
Assistant

Craig joined the management team from the playing squad. He brings a wealth of experience that will prove valuable to the management setup.



**Ryan Pratley**  
Coach

Ryan joins the management team this season. Experienced player at this level in his playing days and also played for the club



**Ben Nicholls**  
Physio

Ben joins the management team as matchday physio. First season as a physio, good addition to the team.



**Jamie Zoldan**  
Coach

Former goalkeeper for Clanfield. Has returned to the club this season as a coach.

# Who will you be today?



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## History

Newent Town AFC was established in 1920. We still have a team photo of the 1920 team on the clubhouse wall !

Through history they have played in the North Gloucester league and were promoted to the Northern Senior League in the 1970s. Then spent a while bouncing down and back up again, before finally reaching the Gloucester County League and becoming a founder member.

They remained in the Glos County League for 6 years.

After a tumble, the big push started in 2012 when Newent won the North Glos Premier League Title on the last game of the season.

Milkwall were top, 2 points clear of Newent. But the 2 teams played each other in the very last fixture. So a draw was enough for Milkwall, but Newent needed all 3 points to become Champions.

It all came down to a last minute header, to win the last game of the season 1-0. Moving Newent from 2nd place to Champions in a flash.

They then completing a back-to-back promotions from Northern Senior 2 the very next season. They spend 3 years in Northern Senior 1, with a best place finish of 3rd, picking up the League Cup twice in a row.

Having spent considerable money and work on the facilities, Newent were invited into the Hellenic League system in Div Two West (playing best teams across Hereford, Glos, Oxford, Staffs, Bristol & Wiltshire). Controversially, they attempted to leave a team in the Northern Senior League, claiming that the Hellenic teams was a new one. But after 6 games, an EGM was called and their ejection was voted on by the clubs. The result of the vote was 16 for ejection and 16 against. So the Management Committee took the deciding vote and they were kicked out with immediate effect.

The Hereford League threw the team a lifeline with a league place in Div 2. So the team at least had some football to look forward to, but they started with 6 games in hand.

Amazingly, this team actually won the Hereford League, beating Bartestree on the last game of the season. But, as if there wasn't enough controversy. After the season finished and Newent had completed their presentation evening. The Hereford League pulled Newent up on a rule breach and awarded then Title to Bartestree (although the Medals were never returned).

## TODAY'S VISITORS

## NEWENT TOWN

Meanwhile, the Hellenic Newent 1st team, under the new Management of Ben Stringer and Martin Elton (former Newent players), finished as Champions at the first attempt.

Again, they held their nerve to win it, at home on the last game of the season, edging out 2nd place by 3 points.

They were awarded a £100,000 grant from the FA, installed Floodlighting and a 75 seater stand and claimed their promotion to Hellenic Div 1 West.

With this promotion to Div 1 West, Newents other team (the Reserves) immediately rejected the Hereford Promotion and jumped across to Hellenic Div 2 West, where they still play now.

Having joined Hellenic 1 West in 2018/19 (the highest level in their history), they have adapted pretty well to the National League step 6 standard.

With Floodlights and a ground grading 'G', they entered the FA Vase last season, winning their first round game and then getting edged out 2-1 at Longlevens.

Next season Newent made their debut in the FA Cup, losing narrowly out at Cribbs 3-1 and putting themselves firmly on the map.

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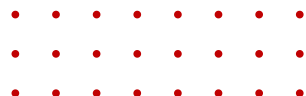
MALCOLM CLARKE



We welcome Newent to Clanfield for today's game. Last season Newent finished 15th, but he achieved doubles against both FC Stratford and Calne Town who were challenging for promotion. In last season's corresponding match we came from 2-1 behind at the interval to win 6-2 with Tyger Hall, Nathan Kimber, Rhys King, Tommy Taylor, Reuben Harry and George Seacole our scorers. In the match at Newent earlier in the season we won 2-1 at Newent with Jamie Wyatt and Jozef Fullerton giving us a 2-0 interval lead, with Kyle Taylor scoring with an excellent strike for Newent. Last season our eight goals against Newent were all scored by different players..

Earlier in the season we won 5-0 at Newent with Fin Baker scoring twice and Tyger Hall, George Seacole and Nathan Kimber scoring one apiece. Newent had at the time of writing only won 4 league games, but 2 of these had come in their last 5 games with victories against Cheltenham Saracens and Redditch Borough. However after winning their third match of the season they only achieved 1 point from their next 12 league games.

In 2022/23 Newent finished fifth from bottom with nine league wins, with Clanfield the highest placed team they beat. The two matches between the teams last season saw Clanfield win the corresponding match 3-0 thanks to two goals from George Seacole and one from Jamie Wyatt. However the return fixture which was reported on by legendary reporter Tony Incenzo Newent won 3-2 despite having fewer chances than Clanfield. In this game Declan Shepperd gave Clanfield a first half lead, but Dan Gayner, Saul Thomas and Shay Lyons scoring second half goals for Newent, with Clanfield's Nathan Kimber also scoring in the second half.





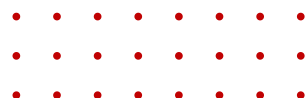
In 2018/19 although Newent had a disappointing league season in which they won 6 and lost 14 of their 24 league games, with four of their successes being against rock bottom clubs New College Swindon and Tytherington Rocks, they did draw both league games with Clanfield 1-1, although we did win 4-1 in the Division 1 Subsidiary Cup.

The corresponding match of 2018/19 saw Craig Connor level for Clanfield in the 75th minute after Jacob Nutting had put Newent ahead in the 52nd minute. In the return fixture Newent again scored first thanks to Zack Blood, but Clanfield drew level through Adam Pendall in the second half. In the Subsidiary cup tie Clanfield's goals were scored by Michael Duerden, Tom Harvey, Callum Miller and Jack Payne with Luke Hawkins scoring for Newent.

In 2019/20 we won 3-1 at Newent in the last game before the lockdown, with our goals coming from Jozef Fullerton from the penalty spot, Josh Gibbens and Nathaniel Robinson scoring our goals and Tom Boyle scoring for Newent. However we did well to recover having had our goalkeeper sent off and then going a goal behind. I was told there were good celebrations for the third goal.

In 2019/20 prior to lockdown Newent only obtained two victories and three draws from nineteen league games, but these included good points against Wellington and Shortwood United, and an excellent away victory against Moreton Rangers, In this campaign they also achieved penalty shoot out wins against both Bourton Rovers and Thornbury Town and put seven goals past Henbury in the GFA Challenge Trophy.

In 2020/21 they did much better prior to lockdown truncating the season with 5 league wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats in the league with their home form being particularly strong. four games won, and were third in the table.





Newent Town were formed in 1920. I cannot tell you very much about their early years, but what is clear is that in 1937/38 they won both the North Gloucester League Division 2 and the J O Roberts Cup.

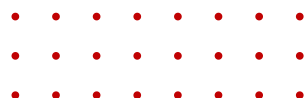
They also became founder members of the Gloucestershire County League in 1979/80 where they spent seven seasons with 11th being their highest position. They were promoted 'as Champions' of the North Gloucester Premier League after winning the title on 14 May 2013. Newent Town also won the Northern Senior 'Reg Davis' League Cup 2 years running (2015/16 and 2016/17).

At the start of the 2017/18 season they joined the Hellenic League Division 2 West which they won at the first attempt, finishing above Bourton Rovers by virtue of getting four points in the games between the clubs. The two league games against our Development team that season saw them win both games 1-0. At Newent's winning goal was scored by Patrick Gibbs in a match in which both teams received 10 sporting marks and at Clanfield Darren Colling scored the winning goal..

However they also played the Clanfield first team in the 2017/18 Supplementary Cup when after a goalless first half Joe Hiscock put Clanfield ahead five minutes into the second half, only for John Thomas to level the scores 12 minutes later, with Callum Miller scoring a late winner to enable Clanfield to progress to the next round.

Newent's title success of 2017/18 with a playing record of P20 W14 D4 L2 goal difference +51 earned them a place in the Hellenic League Division 1 West for the first time However their goal difference was boosted by 21 as a result of finishing their season with two games against bottom of the table Cheltenham Saracens Reserves and even then runners up Bourton

*Malcolm*



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