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# Pre-Season Diary #2

By Adam Clark...

.....Saturday 22nd August was our next game as we travelled south to face West Sussex side Arundel FC who play in the Southern Combination Division One. Again we came away with a victory, this time by 3-1. Arundel took the lead from a well taken goal on the counter attack, but we managed to equalise just before half time.

In the second half we managed to play our best pre-season football to date and it was rewarded with two more good goals. On another occasion we may have scored five or six after some excellent build up play. Adam Bartlett, Jordan Goater and Alfonso Tenconi with the goals in a terrific away win.

We were due to play an Eastleigh XI at Barlow's Park on Tuesday 25th August, but due to 'Storm Francis' we were forced to call the game off as we had to protect the pitch for a particularly heavy home schedule of games during September.

A lot of work and expense had gone into preparing the playing surface over the past two months after receiving a grant from the Football Foundation and we didn't want this undone by hosting one match.

This was particularly disappointing as we were looking at this as our 'glamour friendly' in an attempt to get a big crowd, show off our new floodlights and test our management arrangements devised from our COVID-19 Risk Assessment.

To conclude our pre-season programme we visited Reading City last Saturday. Unfortunately, we lost our unbeaten run by 2-0. It was a game that was pretty even for 60 minutes with both sides having opportunities to open the scoring.

Reading broke the deadlock after a long throw in wasn't defended properly and they then doubled their lead fifteen minutes later from a similar type move. It was a slightly disappointing end to our preparation for the up and coming season, but the group of players have come on well together and look in good shape for the start.

Now on to tonight!.....

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Tonight's visitors - Alresford Town and Tadley 'old boy' Daryll Phillipd

# Alresford Town



## Tonight's Visitors

Tonight we host North Hants neighbours and Wessex League rivals Alresford Town in the FA Cup. Those of you who follow the non-league scene will be aware that 'The Magpies' were on course to take the Premier Division title before the COVID-19 pandemic struck. We expect they will be more than determined to pick up where they left off from last season.

We have a decent overall record against Alresford, but they were also one of the few teams to take maximum points from us last season. They are under a new management team and have also gone through a bit of a player turnover, but nevertheless we expect a tough encounter tonight as both teams will be determined to get into the next round.

According to local records football in Alresford dates back the 1980's, but the recent club was formed as recently as 1989 playing in the North Hants League. They moved into and through the Hampshire League before joining the Wessex League in 2004.

Relegation was narrowly avoided in their first season, but since then improvement has been steady and gradual. Tim Cole and Danny Robinson took over as joint Managers in 2010 - finishing 15th in their first season. They improved to the point where they then

claimed runners-up spot in 2012-13. This capped a remarkable season in which the club also won the Wessex League Cup, the North Hants Senior Cup and the Hampshire Senior Cup. The last named came as the result of a superb victory over AFC Bournemouth at Dean Court - having also defeated Aldershot FC on the way to the final.

As well as on field, there have been marked improvements off field in recent years with an extension to the changing room block, new floodlights and additional seating on the balcony - all making Alrebury Park a pleasant place for players, officials and spectators alike. Alresford is a beautiful Georgian Town, once a wool town, but now the accepted capital of the UK watercress industry with the popular Watercress Festival held every year. It also boasts steam trains that run between Alresford and Alton on a regular basis and (because of the town's reputation) is known as the Watercress Line

Last season Alresford Town were in 1st position in the Wessex League Premier Division and their top scorer was Craig Harding with 22 league goals. The club play their home matches at Arlebury Park, Alresford, SO24 9EP. They are affectionately known as 'The Magpies' by their loyal band of supporters.

# Football Returns...



Adam Clark

## Message from the Manager

Good evening and welcome to Barlow's Park for tonight's FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round match. A particularly warm welcome is extended to the players, officials and supporters of Alresford Town and also to tonight's match officials.

It's been a long time coming, but competitive football now returns this evening with an FA Cup tie as the opening match. The pre-season preparations were a little shorter than usual, but we are fit, prepared, and ready to go!

We have a number of additions to the squad that I was delighted to secure during the summer months. Josh Drew has signed after having had a break from the game, Aiden Harris joins us from Basingstoke Town, Jamie Johnston has signed forms after leaving Alresford Town and we also welcome Alfonso Tenconi, an exciting young prospect from Ascot United.

Making the step up through the youth and reserve sides will be Adam Bartlett, Charlie Cunningham, Loris Nicholas, Jacob Rolfe and Matt Fulton. I am pleased to be able to offer all of these players the opportunity to play for the club and give them a platform to play Step 5 football.

We have also had a few departures in Clive Makoni, Callum Sweeney, Alex Fragata and Tinashe Gwavava during the close season. I was sorry to see them leave, but I wish all of them the best of luck with their new clubs.

While the schedule and procedures for match days are going to be a little different, the game will still be the same. I have spent a lot of time with the current group in refining their roles and responsibilities to ensure what is expected of them so we can all enjoy what is yet to come!

The squad is still very much in a 'work in progress' situation and I'm hopeful of more additions in the coming weeks.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who have made tonight possible, plus all our new club and player sponsors who have joined us on the journey. Thanks for reading.....

*Adam Clark*

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Premier Division



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2	AFC Stoneham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Alresford Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Amesbury Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Baffins Milton Rovers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Bashley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Blackfield & Langley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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12	Fareham Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Fleet Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Hamble Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Hamworthy United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Horndean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Lymington Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Portland United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Shaftesbury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Tadley Calleva	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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# Pre-Season Diary #1

By Adam Clark...

Our pre-season programme got underway on 1st August with an 'in-house' match against our Reserve side. This was an excellent exercise as it gave me (and the coaching staff) the opportunity to watch all of the players within the football club (including a few trialists) and for us to get back underway after the enforced break.

We were due to play Totton & Eling on Saturday 8th August but, due to circumstances beyond our control, the match was called off after T&E were forced to pull out of the fixture the day before. This gave us the opportunity to have a 2nd 'in-house' match where the management team could have a look at some of the other players within the club. There was a marked improvement from the previous week and it gave us a further chance to build on our style of play.

On Wednesday 12th August, we entertained Cove FC at Everest Academy on their 3G pitch. This game was a long time in the coming as it gave us the opportunity to play our first 'competitive' game in five months. We started the game extremely well and went 2-0 up inside the first 30 minutes.....with new signing Josh Drew scoring both goals. Our defending and attacking was very good and we were causing Cove all sorts of problems. However, just before the break Cove pulled a goal back

from a well taken strike from outside the penalty area. It looked as though it took a slight deflection as it went past the despairing dive of Jack Martin.

The second half was only two minutes old when Cove got their equaliser. A poor defensive mix up was capitalised on by Tadley 'old boy' Aaron Parfitt and he made it 2-2. As the game progressed chances became fewer and fewer as the game finished level with no more goals.

Next up was a 'home' fixture (at the home of Bramley United) on Saturday 15th August against a Hartley Wintney XI. We came away from this fixture with a 3-0 win with goals coming from Shemar Pettet (2) and one from another new signing Alfonso Tenconi.

This was another great performance as we dominated the game from start to finish. What is becoming apparent now is our willingness to work so hard out of possession and to get the ball back as quickly as possible. This is an area of our play where we failed in most games last season, so it was satisfying to all of us in the coaching team to see this happening.

To be continued.....



# The History

Tadley has had a football team since the early 1900's. In the modern era the team was re-formed in 1989 and played in the Basingstoke and North Hants Leagues before winning promotion to the Hampshire League. The club was formed as Tadley F.C. in 1989. They joined the Hampshire League Division Three in 1994, finishing runners-up in 1995-96, gaining promotion to Division Two.

The club changed its name to Tadley Town F.C. in 1999 and joined Division One upon re-organisation. In 2004, they changed their name to their present name and entered the Wessex Football League Division Three.

Division Three was re-named Division Two in 2006, and the club finished runners-up in 2007. In the 2007-08 season, they won the Wessex League Division One title but were denied promotion as their ground did not meet the requirements for the Premier Division. The Reserve side was also very successful in the same season by taking the Wessex Combination League title.

Since then the team has remained in Division One and has steadily been making progress on and off the field year on year. They narrowly missed out on promotion in 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively by finishing in 3rd position in both seasons.

In the 2010-11 campaign they reached the final of the Basingstoke Senior Cup losing to Thatcham Town 4-1. The club then went on to win the same cup in 2013-14 beating local rivals AFC Aldermaston 3-2 (aet) in the final. In September 2014, the club recorded probably the best result of its modern history, defeating Conference South Basingstoke Town on penalties in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup at The Camrose after a 2-2 draw in 90 minutes.

The club had its best run in the FA Vase in season 2015-16 reaching the 3rd round proper before eventually being knocked out 4-2 after a replay and extra-time against Newport (IoW) from the Wessex Premier Division.

They have also reached the final of the North Hants Senior Cup in the last two seasons; losing out 3-1 to local rivals Whitchurch United in 2016-17, again at The Camrose, and then 5-4 on penalties to Andover New Street in 2017-18 at Longmeadow after a 3-3 draw in normal time.

The club achieved its ambition of gaining promotion to the Wessex League Premier Division last season - the highest level (Step 5) that the club has competed at. The goal is to consolidate its position on the field and to make significant progress with the infrastructure off the field.



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# Tadley Calleva



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GEORGE FARRELLY  
SHEMAR PETTET  
JOSH DREW  
ALFONSO TENCONI  
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*Adam Clark*

*Assistant Manager*  
*John McFarlane*

*Coach*  
*Harrison Gilkes*

*Physio*  
*Richard Jones*

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# Alresford Town



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*Assistant Manager*  
*Lee Pollard*

*Coaches*  
*Mick Sloper/Nick Sowden*

*Physio*  
*N/K*