







Lye Town vs Kidsgrove Athletic

Tuesday 8th August 2023 Kick Off: 7.45pm Tividale FC, The Beeches, Packwood Road, B69 1UL FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay

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Lye Town Football Club is registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club Registration number CASC 06084

Club Honours

First Team

FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round 1979-80, 1986-87, 1989-90

FA Vase 4th Round 1995-96, 2018-19

FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round 1975-76, 1979-80

Midland Football League Premier Division Runners Up 2022-23

West Midlands (Regional) League Premier Division Champions 1997–98, 2013–14 Premier Division Runners Up 1976-77, 1977-78, 1979-80, 1980-81, 2012-13

> West Midlands (Regional) League Cup Winners 1975-76 West Midlands (Regional) League Cup Finalists 1997-98

Worcestershire Combination Champions 1935-36

Worcestershire Senior Urn Winners 2013–14 Worcestershire Senior Urn Finalists 2002-03, 2005-06, 2017-18

Birmingham Midweek Floodlit Cup Winners 2010–11, 2012–13

Birmingham Junior Cup Winners 1933-34, 1937-38, 1938-39

J W Hunt Cup Winners 2021-22

Smedley Crooke Cup Winners 2011-12, 2022-23 Smedley Crooke Cup Finalists 2018-19

Youth Team

Midland Floodlit Youth Western Division Champions 2005-06, 2015-16

BCFA Midweek Youth Challenge Cup Winners 2015-16

West Midlands Youth League Champions 2002-03, 2003-04

West Midlands League Cup Finalists 1991-92, 2002-03

FA Youth Cup 2nd Round 2004-05

Midland Floodlit Youth League Central Division Winners 2010-11

Worcestershire FA U18's Cup Finalists 2013-14

Welcome back to Lye Town after what turned out to be a momentous season last year.

The time between seasons seems to get shorter and shorter but the memories of firstly 29th April 2023 and then 27th May 2023 remain vivid.

We had a fantastic run in the second half of last season culminating in us sealing the runners up spot in the Midland Football League Premier Division.



On 29th April we then had to face St Neots Town from Step 4 away in a play off final and saved probably our best performance of the season for the biggest game of the season, winning the game 6-1 to seal promotion to Step 4 for the first time in the clubs history.

We then had to refocus for the Smedley Crooke Cup final on 27th May which we won 3-2 in a tight game against Pershore Town.

So a league and cup double - great credit to all involved with the club.

The next task was to focus on the challenges that lay ahead.

We were able to retain the main core of our successful side from last season and have added some new blood into the squad.

We need to make some changes to the ground to get accreditation for Step 4, this will involve a lot of work which all needs to be completed by the end of March 2024. This will include increasing the size of the changing rooms for players and officials, installing additional toilets, infilling the perimeter fencing and lots of other tasks. We have already completed work to improve the floodlights and replace all the seating in the stand and you will see big changes to the entrance to the ground, with more to come. We are currently awaiting final planning approval from the Council to be able to formally apply for available grants and then the work can start in earnest.



The new season started well on Saturday with us gaining a well deserved replay in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round against Kidsgrove Athletic, who coincidentally we played at the same stage in the FA Cup last season. If we are successful tonight we will be at home to Sutton Coldfield Town in the Preliminary Round on 19th August.

Because of the ground sharing with Lye Cricket Club tonights game and also our first "home" league game against Boldmere St Michaels on 15th August are being played at Tividale. Many thanks to Tividale for helping us with these arrangements.

This season is an exciting new challenge and one we are looking forward to. We very much look forward to welcoming you back to The Sports Ground to cheer the lads on

Brian Blakemore Chairman, Lye Town FC



Managers Thoughts

"I wasn't at the game Saturday as I was still away, but I was keeping updated by people at the club, I spoke with Chris (Rabone) and Ross (Harris) immediately after the game and what I got from them was that we started really well and should have gone ahead several times, after that 20/25 minutes the game was pretty even and the result was probably fair

I'm pleased with the result and performance, but we have a job to finish and we want to progress in the FA Cup and build some momentum going into the start of the league season

We have some injuries which aren't ideal so there will be changes from the weekend'

Grant Joshua First Team Manager, Lye Town FC





The club were established in 1930 as Lye & Wollescote Amateur Football Club and joined the Worcestershire Combination. They were renamed Lye Town the following year. The club were runners-up in the Worcestershire Combination in 1932–33 and won the Birmingham Junior Cup the following season. Lye were league runners-up again in 1934–35 before winning the league in 1935–36. Lye were runners-up in the Worcestershire Combination for a third time in 1937–38, also winning the Birmingham Junior Cup, retaining the Cup the following season.

Following World War II Lye played in the Central Amateur League in the 1946–47 season before joining the Birmingham & District League in 1947. Lye were placed in the South Division when the league was re-organised in 1954, with a tenth-place finish seeing us placed in Division One for the 1955–56 season. We subsequently finished bottom of the Division and were relegated to Division Two. The league reverted to a single division in 1960 and was renamed the West Midlands (Regional) League in 1962.

The league gained a second division in 1965, with Lye becoming members of the Premier Division. Despite finishing bottom of the Premier Division in 1965–66 and 1966–67, the club were not relegated to Division One. Lye were Premier Division runners-up in 1976–77 before finishing second in three consecutive seasons between 1978–79 and 1980–81. In 1997–98 the club were Premier Division champions, but were not promoted to the Midland Alliance due to ground grading regulations.

2010–11 Lye won the Birmingham Midweek Floodlit Cup, beating Nuneaton Griff 1–0 in the final. Lye were Premier Division runners-up in 2012–13 and won the Floodlit Cup for a second time with a 2–1 win over Southam United in the final. The club went on to win both the Worcestershire Senior Urn and the Premier Division the following season, earning promotion to the Premier Division of the newly formed Midland League. In the 2021–22 season Lye won the JW Hunt Cup. In 2022-23 Lye finished second to Walsall Wood in the Midland League Premier Division. Having come runners up they were drawn away to Cambridgeshire side St Neots Town in a Step 4/5 Inter Play-Off game. Lye won 6-1 and gained promotion to Step 4 for the first time in their history.

GROUND

The club play at the Sports Ground on Stourbridge Road, which is shared with the local cricket club. a temporary rail is erected on the northern side of the pitch during the football season.



A seated stand was built at the Stourbridge Road end after World War II. A new stand was built on the southern side of the pitch in 1971, with the seats from the post-war stand later moved into the newer stand when the older stand was demolished. The club has a covered standing area with a barrel roof built behind one goal.















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15/08	Boldmere St M	NPLM	Н			
21/08	Coleshill Town	NPLM	А			
26/08	Anstey Nomads	NPLM	А			
28/08	Walsall Wood	NPLM	А			
02/09	Rugby Town	NPLM	Н			
09/09	Harborough Town	FAT	А			
16/09	Sutton Coldfield Town	NPLM	Н			
30/09	Corby Town	NPLM	А			
07/10	Sporting Khalsa	NPLM	Н			
14/10	Harborough Town	NPLM	А			
21/10	Bedworth United	NPLM	А			
28/10	Spalding United	NPLM	Н			-
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11/11	Gresley Rovers	NPLM	Н			
18/11	Cambridge City	NPLM	А			
25/11	Quorn	NPLM	Н			
02/12	Shepshed Dynamo	NPLM	А			
09/12	AFC Rushden & D	NPLM	Н			
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27/01	Bedworth United	NPLM	Н			
03/02	Sutton Coldfield Town	NPLM	А			
17/02	Corby Town	NPLM	Н			
24/02	Sporting Khalsa	NPLM	А			
02/03	Harborough Town	NPLM	Н			
16/03	AFC Rushden & D	NPLM	А			
23/03	Shepshed Dynamo	NPLM	Н			
30/03	Rugby Town	NPLM	А			
01/04	Coventry Sphinx	NPLM	Н			
06/04	Gresley Rovers	NPLM	А			
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20/04	Quorn	NPLM	А			
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Last Time Out

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Saturday 05 August | 15:00 FA Cup: Extra Preliminary Round FT Kidsgrove Athletic 0-0 Lye Town Att: 122

Referee: Kieran Chell Venue: Autonet Insurance Stadium

KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC

1 Kieran HARRISON 2 Jack BROMFIELD 3 Lewis BERGIN 4 Ernest OFOSU 5 Oliver JEPSON 6 Josh THORPE 7 Kieran KNAPPER 롡 8 Jimmy GARLICK 9 Jake LOVATT 🔁 **10 Joe WOOLLEY** 11 Nathan MORLEY 🔁 12 Declan O'RIORDAN 14 Tyrone CADEAU 🔁 15 Kyle DISKIN 🔁 16 Aaron BOTT 🔁 17 Tom MERILL **18 Callum LOVATT 19 Scott LYCETT**

LYE TOWN

1 Ben Newey **2 Ryan BRIDGEWATER** 3 Sam HALL 🔁 **4** Oliver WEST **5** Adam MEACHAM 6 Maxwell NGBEKEN 🔁 7 Adam HANSON 8 Sam TYE 9 Joe PALMER **10 Ben BILLINGHAM** 11 Jack DOWNING 🔁 **12 Dan BROOKES** 14 Jack BOSTOCK 🔁 15 Fin BARKER 🔁 **16 Dennis DIGIE** 17 Isaac ADEGOKE 🔁 **18 James DOUGLAS**



Friday 4th August

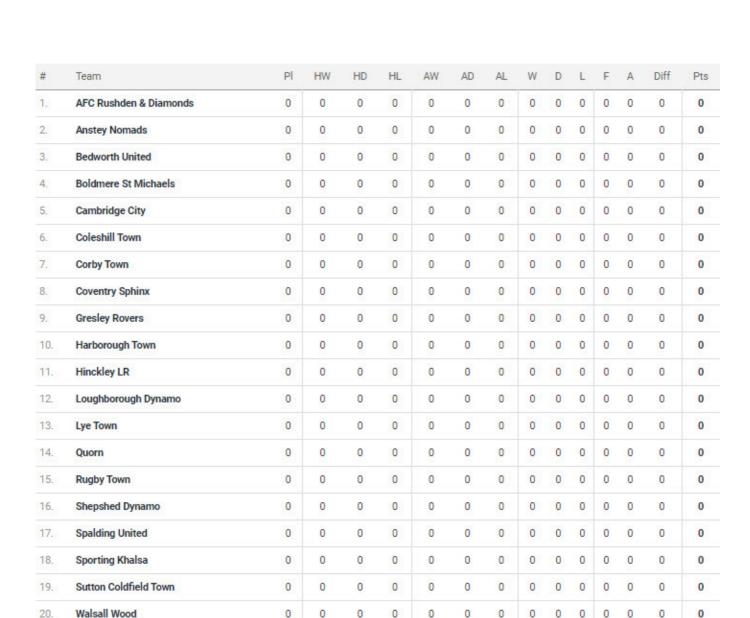
Extra Preliminary Round

Cup Results

Bishops Cleeve 3-3 Thornbury Town Coventry United 2-3 Studley Saturday 5th August

AFC Wulfrunians 0-2 Gresley Rovers Atherstone 3-0 Stone Old Alleynians Bedworth United 3-6 Heanor Town Bewdley Town 7-3 Daventry Town Boldmere St Michaels 3-2 Lichfield City Boston Town 0-0 Anstey Nomads Darlaston Town 3-1 Racing Club Warwick Highgate United 2-2 Walsall Wood Kidsgrove Athletic 0-0 Lye Town Romulus 2-2 Newcastle Town Rugby Town 5-5 Malvern Town Shifnal Town 3-1 Hereford Lads Club Stourport Swifts 2-0 Coventry Sphinx Sutton Coldfield Town 3-1 Wolverhampton Casuals Tividale 1-4 Rugby Borough Whitchurch Alport 2-1 Cheadle Town Worcester City 3-0 Dudley Town





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League Table Northern Premier League: Midland Division







Nickname: The Grove Founded: 1952



Ground: Autonet Stadium, Hollinwood Road, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 1DQ

Capacity: 2000

Chairman: Mick Fitzjohn

First Team Manager: Scott Dundas First Team Assistant: Tom Urwin

Backroom Staff: Scott Bentley, Amy Buckle



Manager: Scott Dundas: Played for Kidsgrove when he was a teenager and once scored 53 goals from midfield in the 1997/98 season when Kidsgrove reached the FA Vase semi finals and won the NWCL title. Moved to Ilkeston after leaving Kidsgrove before going in to management with Norton United taking them to the first round of the FA Cup. Also managed Newcastle Town, Chasetown and Witton Albion

Assistant: Tom Urwin: Tom took on the role after he was dogged by injuries after stepping up a level to play for Kidsgrove

Goalkeeping Coach: Scott Bentley: Played in the same successful Kidsgrove side as Scott Dundas. Was a hugely popular keeper who once saved eight penalties on the trot in different matches

Physio: Amy Buckle: Took over last season when John Cooper moved on. Qualified through a degree course at Keele University

Goalkeepers:

Ryan Brown: Young local lad who improves every season now into his third year at the Grove

Kieran Harrison: Experienced keeper who has returned to the club this season after leaving to have spells at Hanley Town and Boldmere St Michaels

Defenders:

Kyle Stubbs: Young full back who has worked his way into the team since being at the club. Now into his third season

Oliver Jepson: Experienced centre back who is also the club captain. Signed two seasons ago from Congleton Town after previously playing for the Grove earlier in his career. Capable of netting from dead ball situations

Joshua Thorpe: Centre half signed from Hanley Town three seasons ago. Missed a full season with an ACL injury but has come back as strong as ever. Fearless at the back he can also play a No 9 role if need be. Managers player of the year last season

Declan O'Riodan: Young centre half who has come back to the club after 12 months sabbatical through university work. Originally signed from Sandbach United. Calm and assured for such a young lad, his brother plays for Crewe Alexandra and had a loan spell at Kidsgrove

Lewis Bergin: No nonsense player happy at full back or in midfield. Has over 200 appearances for the club and can score from distance. Longest serving continuous player at the club

Jack Bromfield: Energetic terrier like player who also at home in midfield. A ninety minute player who has hardly missed a game in the two seasons he's been here

Tom Merrill: Comfortable looking full back who is in his first season at the Grove. Signed from local side Wolstanton United

Scott Leycett: Another energetic player in his second season at Kidsgrove. Happy in the middle of the park as well

Midfield:

Jimmy Garlick: Bided his time to get into the team but is as ethusiastic as anyone. Likes to get forward and knows where the back of the net is

Tyrone Cadeau: Young player who was on the books at Port Vale. Previously played in the Cymyru League. Signed from Matlock Town during the close season having made four appearances for them. One to watch

Ernest Ofosu: Talented Ghanian who was player of the season last year. Full of energy, can use both feet and gets up well to a ball. Covers most of the pitch during a match

Callum Lovatt: Came back to Kidsgrove late last season after having a spell at Newcastle Town. Elder brother of forward Jake

Forwards:

Kieran Knapper: Had an impressive season last year after signing from Vauxhall Motors. Happy to play on either wing

Kingsley Adu Gyamfi: Tenacious little winger who is a great crowd pleaser. In his third season at Grove after signing from Silverdale United

Aaron Bott: Last seasons top scorer is a proper opportunist in the box, and another player who covers a lot of ground. Signed from Congleton Town

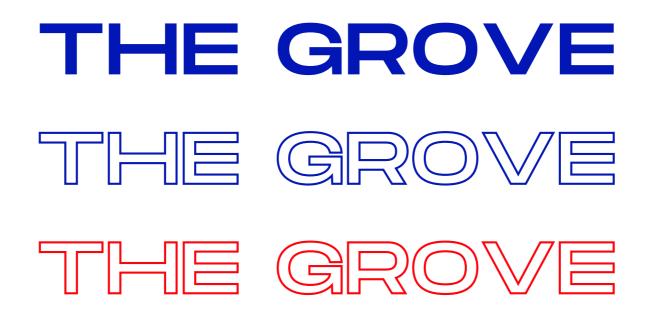
Joe Woolley: Signed in the close season from 1874 Northwich after having played for Kidsgrove previously

Jake Lovatt: Brother of Callum, he left Kidsgrove for Newcastle Town at the beginning of last season. Injuries shortened his season but he's back to full fitness now. Both brothers were previously at Chasetown

Kyle Diskin: More appearances than any other player, Kyle has been at the club on and off since 2015. Superb crosser of the ball and a dead ball specialist. His father was a centre half at Kidsgrove

Nathan Morley: Winger signed from Newcastle Town durin the close season. Another player who knows where the net is

Jake Alcock: A step up this season for Jake who was signed from a local Sunday side Greenhoffs United. Getting back to fitness after cracking some ribs in the first friendly of the season



Club History

Kidsgrove Athletic FC 2000 (Est 1952)

Kidsgrove Athletic were formed in December 1952 after a meeting in the Blue Bell public house ten minutes' walk from the present ground. It was formed as a breakaway club from Kidsgrove United when it was thought the club were bringing in too many 'outsiders' from the potteries instead of local players. The main instigator, Ernie Langford, endured a sixty year tenure with the club as chairman then president and served many years on the Staffordshire FA until his passing a few years ago. The main stand is named after him. Eric Hibbitt and Frank Timmis, who both attended that first meeting, still support the club today.

The club started life in the now defunct Burslem and Tunstall League playing on the Vickers and Goodwin pitch on the A50 just down the road. In 1961 the present ground was acquired from a local farmer and the club took a year out to develop the pitch.

After success in cup and league in the Burslem and Tunstall league the club joined the Staffordshire County League in 1963 where again they had more success in winning the league and the Staffs Challenge Cup. In search of more success the club joined the Mid Cheshire league, a move not entirely liked by the Staffs FA but eventually they did allow a Kidsgrove reserve side back into the County league.

The seventies and eighties saw the club have huge successes winning the Mid Cheshire league four times and the challenge cup three times, and they also lifted the Staffs FA Vase and the challenge cup once more. They also lifted the prestigious Sentinel Cup three times.

The Eighties saw the club grow more and more and the clubhouse and ground started developing further and further with the aid of a strong committee, supporters and local tradesmen. In 1986 the club applied for membership to the North West Counties league but this was rejected twice until facilities were improved. The club were accepted in 1990, the same year they became the first team to win the Staffs FA Vase twice.

hree years later Kidsgrove were promoted to the first division after finishing tenth in the second division, the result of the league introducing strict ground criteria. Part of this was the installation of floodlights (acquired free off the council from the run down tennis courts at Chinky Park) and on the 29th October 1991, Lou Maccari brought his Stoke City team to officially switch on the floodlights.

Club History

Within the next ten years, the south and west stands were completed but the club struggled financially on and off the pitch but after the demise of Eastwood Hanley in 1997, the playing side was strengthened when manager Jimmy Wallace took over. The team had unparalleled success winning the league and challenge cup and narrowly missing out on a place in the FA Vase final at Wembley losing 3-2 to Tiverton in the semifinal in front of Kidsgrove's record crowd of 1903.

Promotion to the NPL was not forthcoming because of facilities but, in 2002 after winning the league promotion was gained. The team struggled on and off the field and two years later they faced relegation for the first time in their history after finishing bottom of the league. The restructuring of the league however saved this from happening and to celebrate the club won the Staffordshire FA Senior Cup for the first time beating Stafford Rangers 1-0 at the Britannia Stadium (home of Stoke City), a feat they have won four times since. The club have only picked up one piece of silverware in the league, winning the Chairmans Cup 7-6 on aggregate against Woodley Sports. They've reached the playoffs once, losing 1-0 to Glapwell in the semi-finals back in 2010.

Struggles have ensued and reprieves twice saved relegations and despite reaching the Integro Sports Cup quarter-final losing 2-0 to Ilkeston, and the FA Cup 4th Qualifying round losing 2-0 to Bradford Park Avenue, Kidsgrove have had to settle for fair play awards.

The club reached the FA Cup 4th Qualifier again in 2018 under the management of Ryan Austin and faced a long journey to National League side Hartlepool United and was unlucky to lose 1-0.

The following season the club did well again on the pitch at first before going out of the FA Cup in the 3rd Qualifier of the FA Cup 1-0 to Gateshead. The Grove slipped slightly in the league tough were still in with a chance of the playoffs before the season was halted due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Kidsgrove parted company with Ryan Austin and former player Scott Dundas was appointed as the new manager. A decent run in the FA Trophy was halted by Stamford before the season was ended with Grove 4th after eight games.

With plans approved for new floodlights, clubhouse and other facilities, the club and supporters remain very optimistic about the future on and off the field.



VOGUE GRANITE









Smedley Crooke Cup: Final Lye Town 3 Pershore Town 2

Lye Town lifted the Smedley Crooke Cup in their final game of an historic 22/23 season in front of a big crowd in glorious weather at the home of Redditch United



Goals from Zidane Sutherland, Ben Billingham &
Sam Tye were enough to get the better of a battling Pershore side.
Lye went 2-0 up in the first half before Pershore battled back to level in the second half. Lye
claimed the win with a headed goal from Sam Tye











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First Team

Sat 12 Aug 15:00 Northern Premier League Midland Division Hinckley LR v Lye Town

Tue 15 Aug 19:45 Northern Premier League Midland Division Lye Town v Boldmere St Michaels (playing at Tividale FC)

Mon 21 Aug 19:45 Northern Premier League Midland Division Coleshill Town v Lye Town

Sat 26 Aug 15:00 Northern Premier League Midland Division Anstey Nomads v Lye Town

Mon 28 Aug 15:00 Northern Premier League Midland Division Walsall Wood v Lye Town

Please keep an eye on possible fixtures changes via our social media channels and website www.lyetownfc.net



Away Day Information



GROUND

TEAM

AFC Rushden & Diamonds Anstey Nomads **Bedworth United Boldmere St Michaels** Cambridge City Coleshill Town Corby Town **Coventry Sphinx Gresley Rovers** Harborough Town Hinckley LR Loughborough Dynamo Quorn **Rugby Town** Shepshed Dynamo Spalding United Sporting Khalsa Sutton Coldfield Town Walsall Wood

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Hayden Road Sports Ground	NN10 OHX	74
Callingtons Community Complex	LE7 7BP	48
The Oval	CV12 8NN	39
Trevor Brown Memorial Ground	B73 5RY	17
Histon FC, Bridge Road	CB24 9PH	113
Pack Meadow	B46 3JE	29
Steel Park	NN17 2FB	78
Sphinx Industrial Supplies Arena	CV3 1WA	31
The Moat Ground	DE11 9RE	47
Harborough Town Community	LE16 9HF	68
Leicester Road Stadium	LE10 3DR	51
ADT Stadium	LE11 3TN	57
Farley Way Stadium	LE12 8RB	50
Rugby Town FC, Butlin Road	CV21 3SD	42
The Dovecote Stadium	LE12 9BN	55
Sir Halley Stewart Playing Field	PE11 1DA	119
Guardian Warehousing Arena	WV13 3BB	12
Central Ground	B72 1NL	18
John Sylvester Stadium	WS9 9NP	22

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I have to pinch myself at the thought of us playing in the Southern League.

I know we're actually in the Northern Premier but I'm 48 and still think of football in old money terms. I was just getting used to The Lye shedding their "Banks's League" status when up we go again.

And what a way to do it. Sat among the press benches at St Neots' Rowley Park stadium in April, the BBC local radio correspondent turned to smile at me as Josh Hesson gave us a 2-0 lead and said something along the lines of: "I bet you're happy now!"

Football fans don't think like that though, do we? I frowned and pointed out St Neots were getting their first sustained spell of possession and that, if they settled, "I can see us losing this..." I think I finally permitted myself a grin when super Joe Palmer made it 4-0 just after the hour.

Tension-filled, one-off, promotion-relegation play-offs might have their critics but they don't come much better than that – it was every bit as good as burying nine past Dudley Town to come up into what I still occasionally refer to as the Interlink Alliance.

So here we are, ready for a season in the Midland Division of the Northern Prem.

It seems an appropriate point to ask what do we want from season 2023-24?

And this is the point where I'm supposed to write aspirational words about the potential of a newly-promoted, well-organised club like ours to continue our momentum.

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(cont) That we have every chance of kicking on into the top half of the table. That the retention of players such as Joe, combined with what appear to be whip-smart signings of young, hungry newcomers by manager Grant Joshua can propel us on and allow us to dream of even bigger and better things.

All of those observations may be true and you can rest assured I, more than anyone, will be walking on air if we go into the final game of the season knowing finishing in a play-off position is even a purely mathematical proposition.

But I'm football fan.

I'm preparing to become a father for the second time, on October 20, so my ability to get over from Northern Italy to the hallowed turf will be even more restricted than usual this season. Nevertheless, I'll get to a home game by hook or by crook just in case we end up coming back down. I want to have seen my club play at level eight.

My only demand for this, and any other season, is that we'll be here to play again the following year. Grant is a really strong manager. Brian Blakemore is about the best owner a club could wish for. Coming up to this level is a huge financial shock which, I imagine, doesn't bring anything like commensurate cash rewards. So if we go on a bad run, let's resist the urge to call on either, or both, to splurge on signings to keep us up. Trust the folks in charge come what may.

And enjoy what is already assured of being a historic season down The Lye.

Max Hall is a Lye Town supporter and former Stourbridge News sports editor who lives in Genoa



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- 1. Beardsley and Shearer have been on the spot for which club?
- 2. Who made the first Wembley save from an FA Cup final penalty kick?
- 3. Which England player missed a shoot-out in Italy in 1990 but scored in Euro 96?
- 4. Which Julian became a 1990s penalty expert for West Ham?
- 5. Yorke and Townsend have been on the spot for which club?
- 6. Robbie Rensenbrink scored four penalties in the 1978 Word Cup finals for which team?
- 7. Who missed from the spot for Scotland against England in Euro 96?
- 8. Who missed a penalty kick and put a bag on his head in a pizza place?
- 9. Who scored two penalty kicks in an FA Cup final for Manchester United in the 1990s?
- 10. Wise and Hughes have been on the spot for which club?

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Ladies Team West Midlands Regional Womens Football League: Premier Division



RESULT

DATE	КО	СОМР	OPPOSITION	V
Sun 03 Sep	14:00	WMRP	Worcester City Women	А
Sun 10 Sep	14:00	WMRP	Lichfield City Ladies	Н
Sun 17 Sep	14:00	WMRP	Shifnal Town Ladies	А
Sun 24 Sep	14:00	WMRP	Crusaders Women	Н
Sun 08 Oct	14:00	WMRP	Shrewsbury Town Women	Н
Sun 15 Oct	14:00	WMRP	Coundon Court Ladies	А
Sun 22 Oct	14:00	WMRP	Kidderminster Har' Women	Н

Please be aware of fixture changes at short notice. Check our social media channels for latest information





Youth Team Midland Floodlit Youth League Western Division



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DATE	КО	СОМР
Mon 14 Aug	19:45	FA Youth Cup
Mon 21 Aug	19:45	MFYL West
Mon 11 Sep	19:45	MFYL West
Wed 20 Sep	19:45	MFYL West
Wed 04 Oct	19:45	MFYL West
Wed 11 Oct	19:45	MFYL West
Wed 18 Oct	19:45	MFYL West
Thu 26 Oct	19:45	MFYL West

Paget Rangers	А
Gornal Athletic	А
Dudley Town	А
Wednesfield	Н
Dudley Sports	Н
Bilston Town	Н
Walsall Wood Juniors	Н
Shifnal Town	А

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Under 16's Midland Junior Premier League



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Under 16's Stourbridge & District Youth Football League



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- 5. Not throw coins or other missiles
- 6. Be solely responsible for any minors brought to the ground or clubhouse

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The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN THE YOUNG (SCD)

- SCD is the leading cause of death in young athletes during sport and the majority of deaths occur with NO SYMPTOMS or family history.
- ARVC can be found in one in every 1,000 to 5,000 young adults - IF IT IS LOOKED FOR.
- Warning signs may include light-headedness, fainting, palpitations, swollen legs, breathlessness.
- Every week in the UK, 12 apparently fit and healthy young people (aged 35 and under) die from previously undiagnosed heart conditions.
- In Italy, where screening is mandatory for all young people engaged in organised sport, they have reduced the incidence of young sudden cardiac death by 89%.

OUR MISSION

The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.

Tragedies can be prevented through cardiac screening. It is vital that young people are identified and treated.

Find out more

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BOLDMERE ST MICHAELS Tues 15 Aug 2023 Kick Off 7.45pm NPL Midland Division

ON THE ROAD

HINCKLEY LR Sat 12 Aug 2023 Kick Off 3.00pm NPL Midland Division

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