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Gregory's Greeting

Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to today's match which sees us welcome Beverley Town to our home here at The EasyBuy Stadium. As always we extend a warm welcome to our visitor's players, officials and supporters who have made the short journey over The Humber Bridge today.

Ever since Beverley Town achieved their hard earned promotion from the NCEFL First Division, I expect that this is one of the matches that both sides, and supporters, have all been eagerly anticipating. There is nothing quite like a local derby match and I'm sure that this game will live up to our expectations.

Last Saturday saw the lads achieve something we haven't done for a few seasons with a win over Newark Town seeing us progress to the FA Cup Preliminary Round.

A really great performance from everyone on the pitch and in the dugout saw us dominate the first half, and although we allowed the visitors to pull two back in the early part of the



second period, the team showed their skills and determination to score a further two goals. That result secures us a visit to Northampton next Saturday to play Northampton ON Chenecks FC.

By the way, the "ON" stands for "Old Northamptonian"; and "Chenecks"?

Well... I was curious too and according to Wikipedia - so perhaps not 100% reliable - the club's unusual name is derived from the Northampton Grammar School Houses; **CH**ipseys, **SpEN**cer, **BECK**ett and **St** Crispins.

If any Swans supporters are intending to come to that game, and your support will be very much appreciated, you'll need to enter NN8 2DP into your SatNav as the match is to be held at The Dog and Duck Stadium - home of Wellingborough Town FC - for this game.

Admission £7 for adults, £5 for concessions.

Finally, today's match is sponsored by Hull City Ladies who you can find playing their home matches in the FA Women's National League at The EasyBuy Stadium; see their website for fixtures. We thank them for their support today and hope they enjoy today's match.

That's me done for this week.

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A Shot Across

Good afternoon all on a day that is forecast to be dry and warm... and a match that I'm sure will have more than a little "fire" about it as we return to NCEFL Premier Division action against local rivals Beverley Town.

But first last week's match against Newark Town in the FA Cup - the first step on the "Road to Wembley".

A couple of hairy moments but on the balance of play I think we fully deserved the win. We were very dominant for at least 65-70 minutes of that game; we were very clinical which was a bit different to the Albion Sports game the previous week. Although having a similar number of chances this week we put the ball in the net and I was delighted with the 5-2 win that put us through to the next round.

We were really good in the first half and went in after 45 minutes three goals up but we started slowly after the break for some reason. That's something we need to look at and speak to the players about. I think we need to perhaps be more composed at the restart and when the opposition gets a goal so soon the



momentum swings around.

It then became a bit “cat and mouse” with Newark chasing an equaliser and us looking to extend the buffer a bit more. I think we had chances to get perhaps another couple of goals too.

Handsworth drew their FA Cup fixture so we didn't have a mid-week match which was slightly disappointing as I'd have liked to get a bit of momentum going. Although we train when there is no mid-week game it's nothing like the same as a playing a competitive game.

Today sees an interesting match against Beverley Town; the club I was with for 18 months before joining The Swans. And of course, several of new signings for Barton this season were playing for Beverley in their 2023-24 campaign so that will bring a bit of an extra “edge” to that match.

A lot of us have been looking forward to playing Beverley so it's good to get this game in early in the season. It will be a good test for us and I'm sure there will be a good crowd of Beverley supporters here today.

Next Tuesday we have another local match when we travel to Bottesford Town... and then next Saturday we're off to Northampton for the FA Cup match!



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Beverley Town Football Club has been in existence since 1902, when the club was registered as a member of the East Riding County League. The first recorded honours came in 1910/11, with victory in the Hospital Cup (later the Stanley Wilson Cup), but the club was forced to disband in 1914 upon declaration of the First World War, before reforming as peacetime returned.



A sporadic existence was once again ended by the Second World War, but some momentum was finally secured in 1948 following a merger with Beverley Rangers, which saw the team playing at its current home of Norwood Recreation Ground.

This move came after former professional player Jack Gittoes, who had previously plied his trade with Coventry City and Blackpool, persuaded his fellow cricket committee members to allow football into the ground for the first time. Despite Jack's untimely passing in 1951, the team continued to play at Norwood, and a further merger occurred in 1954, this time with Beverley United.

This helped to strengthen the club further and allowed them to establish themselves as a



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competitive force on the East Riding County League scene over the next two decades. However, disagreements with the ground committee saw the team leave Norwood around 1970, leading to a nomadic existence for many seasons, playing at various venues in the ensuing years, including the Victoria Barracks – now the site of Morrison’s supermarket, Hodgson’s Recreation Ground, Longcroft School and Orchard Park playing fields near Hull.

It wasn't until 2000, when the club became a founder member of the newly-formed Humber Premier League, that it was finally established as a presence of note once again, returning to its roots at Norwood.



Successes were achieved in the 2010 Grays League Cup and a first Humber Premier title in the 2012/13 season, with just one league defeat during the campaign. A year later, Town won the Northern Counties Senior Cup, one of only two East Riding sides to have done so, and a further Humber Premier league title followed in 2020/21.

The following season, the club were league runners-up, but were awarded promotion to the





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NCEL Division One as improvements at Norwood meant that it finally fulfilled league eligibility, including the installation of a 56-seater stand named in honour of former player and local schoolteacher Ivan Usher.



Dave Ricardo returned as manager for a second spell and led the club to a solid mid-table position in a season in which they were the best supported club in the division, with Olly Baldwin becoming the first player to play 100 matches for the club in its modern history.

With the town fully behind the club, the Beavers clinched a remarkable promotion from NCEL Division One in a play-off final victory over



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Shirebrook Town, in front of more than 1,500 fans, having finished second in the standings behind Parkgate, despite gaining more than 100 points and scoring over 130 league goals. The club will now play at the highest level in its history as well as competing in the FA Cup for the first time since 1919, setting a record for the longest gap in history between FA Cup matches.

Over the years, several players who represented Beverley Town at junior or senior level have gone on to play professionally, including ex-England goalkeeper Paul Robinson, and Hull City stars John Hawley, Ray Clubley, Linton



Brown and Gavin Kelly, while the team were also trained by John McSeveney and Andy Davidson – the Tigers' record appearances holder – during the 1960s.



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Wow, what a game we had in the FA Cup first round (whatever it is actually called – it's the first round!). Historically, Barton don't do very well in this competition, but the game against Newark Town changed that.

By Darren Stockdale



Firstly, the Newark fans were great. They came to make a day of it, and were vocal throughout, although thankfully that drum fell silent a couple of times. The game started very even, with chances for both sides early on. The deadlock was broken with a wonderful goal that started in defence with Ryan Thompson. He ran half the length of the pitch before passing to Scott Philips, who played the perfect head-height ball back into the box, where Thompson met it with the





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perfectly directed header into the back of the net. It was a goal worthy of taking the lead in any match.

Not long after it was two for Barton when Elliot Broughton scored. Five minutes later a penalty was awarded to Barton, which Scott Philips scored to make it three. That silenced the Newark drum for the first half. It remained that score to the break.



When the second half started the only real option for Newark was to come out an attack, and they did that perfectly. It was mere seconds after the restart when they scored their first, and the drum started again. Five minutes later they had their second, and then had their own penalty shout





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turned down later in the game. Barton steadied themselves and held Newark at bay.

As time went on Newark had to press more, and a goal for Barton from Andy Norfolk on 80 minutes sealed the game. Tom Waudby could have made it five when he headed the ball towards the goal with the keeper, however the keeper just managed to get back and palm it wide. Not long before the end of normal time Reece Moody scored Barton's fifth to put the game beyond doubt, and silence the drum again.



The game ended 5-2 to Barton, which looked an easy win on paper, but it wasn't. It was a hard-fought, well-deserved victory, something we don't often get in the FA Cup. That means our





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scheduled away game at Handsworth on the 17th July is postponed and instead we make the long trip to Northampton to play Northampton ON Chenecks FC in the second round of the FA Cup (or whatever it is called) after their convincing 6-0 win away at Leicester Nirvana in the first round.

They play in the United Counties Football League Premier Division South, after winning the Spartan South Midlands League Division One title last season, so will not be an easy team to play. The ON actually stands for Old Northamptonians. The winners of that game will receive £1444 in prize money, the losers £481. That is only £319 more than the prize money for winning the first game. You have to get to the first round qualifying to see a meaningful jump, to £2250, then £3375, then £5625 and then finally £9375 for the fourth-round qualifying winners.

On to today's game against Beverley Town. This will be a true local derby, with many players on both teams having played for the opposition. You will probably recognise Ben Hinchliffe, Nathan Hotte, Alex Knaggs, Joe McFayden, Tom Nicholson, Matthew Plummer, Luke Sellers and Daniel Chambers who all currently play for Beverley, and of course Dave Ricardo the Beverley manager. Beverley will certainly recognise a few names at Barton too, including our manager Anthony Bowlsey who scored three goals for Barton during





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the 2011/12 season before eventually ending up as assistant manager at Beverley, then manager here.

Beverley is a stunning market town with a population approximately three times the size of Barton, so they deserve to have a football team playing at a good level.

I hope they do well this season, as long as they don't do well against us 😊.

Half-Time Trivia

Hopefully we should be playing this game in August, rain permitting. August is one of the newer-named months, so where do months get their names from? – This is an interesting topic courtesy of RobWords via his YouTube channel.

January – January is named after the Roman god Janus. He had two faces so could see into the past and future. However, January wasn't always the first month of the year. Up until around 153 BC January and February were so miserable they weren't given a name, March being the actual first month. The Old English name for January was *Æterra Geola*, or After Yule.

February – Many people believe February was named after the roman god Februus, but the word could actually come from the Roman festival





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of purification called Februs. The Old English name for February was Solmonath, or “mud month”.

March – Originally the first month of the year, March is named after the Roman god of war, Mars. Its Old English name was Lidemonath, or “loud month”.

April – April comes from the Latin word Aprilis, but no one really knows why. Its Old English name was Eastermonath, or “Easter month”. The Christian festival of Easter was actually named after the Old English month, not the other way round.

May – May comes from the Roman goddess of fertility, Maia (not the Greek one of the same name). The Old English name was Primilce, or “three milking’s”, so named because you could milk your cows three times a day during May.

June - June is named after the Roman goddess of marriage and childbirth, Juno. The Old English name for June was Lidamonath, or “mild month”.

July – July was named in honour of Julius Caesar due to it being his birth month. Prior to that the Romans called it Quintilis. Quintilis means “fifth month” in Latin, which made sense if you remember January and February originally didn’t





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count as months. The Old English name for July was *Æftera Lida*, either the month after Lida (June) or the haymaking month.

August – August was named after the first Roman Emperor, Augustus Caesar. Before this it was called *Sextilus*, which is Latin for “sixth month”. Again, remembering January and February didn’t originally exist it makes sense. The Old English name for August was *Weodmonath*, or “weed month”.

September – September comes from the Latin word *Septimus*, or “seventh month”. The Old English name for September was *Haligmonath*, or “wood month”.

October – October comes from the Latin word *Octavus*, “eighth month”. You can see a pattern now. The Old English name for October was *winterfylleth*, or “winter full moon month”

November – Following the number pattern, November gets its name from the Latin *Nove* or *Nonus*, the “ninth month”. The Old English name for November was *Blotmonath*, or “sacrifice month” or literally “blood month”.

December – Finally, December gets its name from the Latin *Dacem*, “tenth month”. The Old English name for December was *Ærra Geola*, or “before





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Yule month". You can see why Christmas is sometimes referred to as Yuletide or yuletide.

For those of you who speak Italian the original names for July, August, and the names of September to December may still seem familiar. Five being cinque, six being sei, seven being sette, eight being otto, nine being nove and ten being diece. None are far away from their Latin roots. Personally, I think the Old English names for the months are brilliant, and better describe what the month is actually about than our current month names.

History

Beverley are quite new to the NCEL, finishing 11th in their first season in Division 1, then runners up and play-off winners last season. This means there are no previous league games to look back on between the two clubs. We did have a home friendly against them in the 2020/21 season where we won 5-1, but the mere fact it was a pre-season friendly means there is no real value in the final score to look back on today.

Let's hope for a good game today and up the Swans.





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Football has had a rocky history in North America. Despite some initial success in the 1920s and a boost in popularity from exceptional European teams who were paid to tour the New World, it has been difficult for the world's most popular sport to gain a foothold in a land where native sports - Gridiron Football, Ice Hockey and Baseball - reign supreme. That has not prevented some ambitious people from trying to grow the game though, and with the growth of the MLS and the recent formation of the Canadian Soccer League, maybe they have finally found a way to make their game sustainable. A word that was disastrously untrue of the Canadian Professional Soccer League of 1983.

In some ways, it's easy to see why Canada's football authorities saw 1983 as the ideal time to start a league. The 1982 World Cup had brought new fans to the game, and the North American Soccer League (a forerunner to the MLS)



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was entering its fifth season, apparently showing that the game could indeed survive and thrive in North America. There were Canadian teams in the NASL; The Calgary Boomers, the Edmonton Drillers, and the Vancouver Whitecaps, who had European stars like Alan Ball and Ruud Krol playing for them, along with exciting youngsters Bruce Grobbelar and Peter Beardsley. But Canadian fans struggled to travel the distance to see their team play in San Jose, Los Angeles or Houston, and those long journeys caused significant financial distress to the NASL's Canadian teams. The CPSL would apparently solve that problem, bringing football north of the border in the first fully national competition.



Unfortunately, and seemingly a surprise to the Canadian Soccer Association, Canada itself is the size of a continent, even when you exclude the United States. In an effort to keep costs



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low, the CSA required only a \$50,000 fee for owners to enter a team into the new competition (vastly reduced from the NASL requirement), and budget caps were introduced. Each squad would be limited to just 16 players, with a maximum of five internationals. The league would run with FIFA's rules, unlike the NASL which had attempted to generate more interest with American-style rules that they thought made for a better spectacle. Despite this, attendances would remain low throughout the competition.

The original plan had been to hold the league in two groups - an eastern and a western conference - with finals between each group's champions. But initially only five teams were interested in joining the league; Edmonton Eagles, Hamilton Steelers, Mississauga Croatia, Toronto Nationals and FC Inter-Montreal. A sixth team from Kitchener pulled out, but were replaced before the season started by the Calgary Mustangs. The league was reformatted into one, single, nationwide group.

In the weeks before the season started, owner of the NASL's Montreal Manic announced that he was going to turn his team into Team Canada, presumably as a means to head off the threat posed by the CPSL. This was an unexpected blow, and the Canadian Soccer Association turned its attention to this new Team Canada, allowing the CPSL to flounder before it had even begun.



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Regardless, the season kicked off. It was a disaster.

On 21st May, the first game of the new league saw the Toronto Nationals defeat FC Inter-Montreal 2-1, but in front of just 3000 supporters. Weeks later, ignoring his league commitments, the Toronto owner entered his team into a friendly tournament with Marseille, Udinese and Avellino. The Europeans also played Hamilton and Mississauga on their tour of the country, disrupting the CPSL. Despite these revenues, on 20th June, less than a month after the start of the new season, Toronto folded. Montreal did the same on the very same day. A month into the first ever season, the CPSL had lost a third of its clubs.



Within weeks, with just four teams, it was decided to cancel the season and advance directly to the playoffs, which had a four-team format



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anyway. Edmonton saw off Calgary in the semi-finals, where they were met by Hamilton. The Eagles won the Championship game 2-0, and took the first and only Canadian title back to Edmonton. The league announced it's closing the very next day. The successful NASL would last only one more season, folding in 1984.

It has been 40 years since that experiment, and North American football is still struggling to find its feet. While the MLS feels finally to have stabilised, helped by the arrival of Beckham, Zlatan and Messi, the new Canadian league is much younger, having been founded in only 2019. Of the finalists from the CPSL, the new Edmonton franchise folded in 2022, but Hamilton (now Forge, not Steelers) have won four of the five Canadian Premier League titles. It's not as flashy as its southern counterpart, it's not as rich as its European rivals, but maybe, this time, Canadian football can survive.

Enjoy the game.

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THE EUROS were – mostly – entertaining, Wimbledon was fine, the Olympics have been exciting... but a huge welcome back to the Non-League football season. It feels like it's been a long summer. And that's because it has been.

The majority of clubs finished their seasons in April. Those lucky few in the play-offs went on for another week or so but, largely, by the second week of May it was all done and dusted. Clubs had been promoted, cups lifted, Gateshead and Romford had tasted Wembley glory on Non-League finals day and the goalposts were down.

But now we're back. Properly back (pre-season doesn't count). Over the last couple of weeks Step 5 & 6 leagues have kicked off, the FA Cup extra preliminary round has taken place and, this weekend, Steps 1-4 get their 2024-25 league campaigns up and running.

There's nothing quite like live, competitive, football. We've even already seen goal of the season contenders scored – check out Sam Bantick's strike from inside his own half for Tilbury against Buckhurst Hill in the FA Cup.

Filling the pages of The Non-League Paper through the barren summer months is





rarely a challenge. The beauty of football – and particularly Non-League football – is there is always something happening somewhere.

From former Weston-super-Mare loanee Ollie Watkins smashing in a semi-final winner as England reached the Euro 2024 final to the National League's new broadcast deal with DAZN, it's rarely quiet.

There have been some eye-catching signings this off-season too. Charlie Austin has returned to his Non-League roots by joining AFC Totton.

The former Southampton and QPR striker began his career at Kintbury Rangers before playing for hometown club Hungerford Town and, later, Poole Town where he was spotted by Swindon Town back in 2009. Since then he's gone onto have a goal laden professional career – even earning a call-up to the England squad – before, aged 35, signing up at the Southern Premier South Stags.

There must be something in the Non-League water at Step 3 with another former Premier League scorer also making a similar switch – former Reading hitman Adam Le Fondre has signed on at FC United of Manchester after turning out for Neil Reynolds' side in pre-season.

We've seen plenty go the other way too. Chris Conn-Clark won The Young Player of the Year Award at The NLP's National Game Awards





back in May so it was nice to see the Altrincham ace land a move to Peterborough United. Posh have made a habit of finding some real gems in Non-League and Conn-Clark has the potential to be another.

How about the story of Marcus Wyllie? The 25-year-old was playing at Risborough Rangers a few years ago. Last season he hit 34 goals as Enfield Town won promotion to the National League South. Gillingham's Peter Taylor saw Wyllie in a friendly against Arsenal earlier in pre-season and just a few days later he was getting his medical at the League Two outfit.

His rise is similar to Jack Hazlehurst. Also 25, the attacker only joined Chorley last summer from City of Liverpool, where he'd ripped it up for years. One season impressing in the National League North has seen Burton Albion swoop.

Two of the bigger stories of the summer have revolved around the future of clubs. Coalville Town resigned, at first completely, from the National League System before returning under new leadership in the United Counties League. And the long-running Southend United takeover was finally completed. The Shrimpers fans can start looking forward again.

As can we all with the new season here and nine months of action ahead of us. Good luck!

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