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# Gregory's Greeting

Welcome everyone to this afternoon's match which sees us in NCEFL Premier Division action once again.

Often teams have to make a lengthy journey to get to the EasyBuy Stadium, but today's visitors have, according to Google Maps, a drive of less than 10 miles... a true local football derby if ever there is one.

As always we extend a very warm welcome to players, officials and supporters of Winterton Rangers to our home and hope they enjoy an entertaining game of football.

It's still very early in the season so we can't really read too much into the results so far with league positions changing after every game. One issue that can often affect our season is poor winter weather. Heavy rain that was threatened in the last few days can have us looking at the skies with some trepidation; pitch preparation by our hardworking groundsman, Paul Coult, can only do so much and as we saw back in pre-season, very heavy rain can defeat the pitch's ability to drain quickly.



So I'm pleased to let you know that we are making great progress on getting improved drainage sorted. We now have the planning "go ahead" approved and we can now move on to getting the plans drawn up and asking firms in to get their quotations for the work; we can then progress to the grant application stage. It's all slow and very frustrating but we are making progress and come the end of this season we'll have everything in place to "crack on" with this project during the summer months.

On the playing front, I must mention the Womens Team who had their second match of their season last Sunday and a great 7-1 win over Healing Hotspurs; congratulations to all the players and their management team.

One area we do require supporters assistance is on match days as we are looking for volunteers to help out in various roles. All the club activities are the result of work done by our volunteers be that social media, this programme, selling raffle tickets or collecting monies on the gate. If you'd like to get involved please come and speak to me!

Finally thank you to match sponsor Michael Smith. We hope you and guests have a great afternoon.

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The last couple of games have both seen positive performances from the squad and we are looking forward to building on those today as we face local rivals Winterton Rangers. We've taken four points from those two matches but perhaps that should have been the full six.

Last week at home we hosted Silsden AFC who are having a great start to the season. We were certainly equal to them during the game and overall I thought we the better team. Beating them by a late single goal from Elliot Broughton seemed the right result although we were making opportunities throughout the game.

Moving onto Tuesday's match at Knaresborough I must say we were by far the better team. If you weren't watching the match from a vantage point in the home side's half for each period then you were missing all the action. I was told that The Swans have always found this fixture a difficult to get anything from but we certainly caused the home side lots of problems although the breakthrough goal for us came from a penalty; Tom Waudby getting his name on the score-sheet once against. To be honest I thought we'd done enough to go home with





## A Shot Across The...

the win and three points but with 90 minutes gone and into added time the home side were awarded a penalty, which wasn't wasted and the game finished minutes later with a 1-1 draw. A disappointing result at the end of a game where we were the much better side. But that's behind us and we move on to this afternoon's match.

On the player front we have Charlie Clements on loan from Grimsby Town and Cameron Gray's work experience loan has been extended by another month.

Ryan Thompson has been back training after coming off at the ON Chenecks match and was on the bench Tuesday evening, as was Scott Phillips who has missed a couple of recent games.

That means we should have a good, string squad for today's game. Derby matches can often throw up unexpected results as the local rivalry adds a bit of "spice and fire" to the matches; so I'm expecting another hard fought match but one that, if we can perform as we have done recently, we should take all three points from.

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IT may be the best part of eight months until the players of both Isuzu FA Trophy and FA Vase finals fulfil their childhood dreams and walk out under the arch of Wembley but ask each of every club left in the two premier Non-League competitions and excitement levels are already reaching fever pitch!

This week, the FA Trophy third qualifying round draw was made, involving all clubs from Step 3 of the pyramid. And it was another landmark week in the Vase calendar too with the first round 'proper' was drawn from the hat.

We all love a stat so each week in The NLP, when such draws are made, we join forces with our friends from Factfile, who provide us with all the top stats and trends from the FA Cup, Trophy and Vase ahead of each round. Provided by Phil Annets, author of 'FA Cup 150' short-listed Football Book of the Year 2022, the facts and figures always make for fascinating reading and are readily available on X or other social media streams.

This week, Phil has surpassed himself with his Trophy tales as the Step 4 hopefuls look to continue their road to Wembley against those from a higher level.





Five clubs; Hadley, Littlehampton Town, Flackwell Heath, Horndean and Newton Aycliffe enter third qualifying round territory for the first time, as do the only competition debutants left in the hat, Real Bedford, They travel to Bowers & Pitsea on Saturday.

Barton Rovers have got to this stage for the first time in 24 years and Karl Marginson's Trafford for the first time in 22, while Herne Bay will be hoping that victory at Chichester City will take them into the first round for the first time in their 13th campaign. Congleton Town, who host Hyde United, are eyeing a first round berth for the first time in 27 years.

City of Liverpool's reward for registering a record FA Trophy victory (4-0 against Pontefract Collieries in the last round), is a home tie against last season's semi-finalists Macclesfield FC.

The Isuzu FA Vase draw is equally as fascinating after a record-breaking second qualifying round.

An incredible 6-6 draw between Aylestone Park and Clay Cross Town is the first such scoreline in FA Vase history, while Chadderton FC's 8-4 win over Retford United is only the third such scoreline.





Cranfield United travel to Tividale for their first ever first round appearance at their 11th attempt, while eight debutant clubs are still left in the competition; Allscott Heath, FC Hartlepool, Foley Meir, Rayleigh Town, Sturminster Newton United, Sutton United (Birmingham), Windsor and Eton and Wombwell Town.

Stonehouse Town, of the Hellenic League, travel to Downton for their first first-round tie in 49 years in the ninth campaign back in the competition. The biggest winners of last weekend, Daventry Town, will be looking to follow up their 7-0 victory over Rushden & Higham United – a biggest ever in their Vase history - with a win at Highgate United, while Sturminster Newton United and Okehampton Argyle – who both also recorded best ever FA Vase wins in the last round – go head to head to continue their record runs.

While the Trophy continues next Saturday, the Vase takes a break until October 19. But there's no let-up in the action as the 2024-25 gathers pace.

The games are coming thick and fast so check our your NLP or the Factfile streams for the latest facts and figures in the FA Cup, Trophy and Vase.

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Winterton Rangers FC were founded in 1934. They were originally an intermediate side before becoming members of the

Scunthorpe & District league following

the Second World War. Rangers were quite successful in this league, winning trophies on many occasions.

Winterton have used just two grounds in their history. They were situated at Watery Lane until 1950 when a spot of land was purchased at West Street. In 1965 they joined the Lincolnshire county league but their stay was a relatively short one as they accepted an invitation to join the Yorkshire League in 1970. The next decade saw Rangers become one of the league major forces and they took the league title on three occasions. They also reached the 4th qualifying round of the FA Cup twice in 71-72 and 76-77. Their best FA Vase performance was also in the 76-77 season when they reached the Quarter Final stage. In 1978 Rangers successfully won the Philips six-a-side floodlight cup, beating that years Vase winners Newcastle Blue Star in Birmingham. The prize? Six floodlights.

In 1982-83 they became founder members of the Northern Counties East League, when the Yorkshire League and Midland League amalgamated. It was a sad time just two seasons later when the club disbanded due to financial





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difficulties. Rangers then re-entered the NCEL Division 2 in 1986 and after several poor seasons they won the Division 2 title in 1989-90 and were promoted directly to the Premier Division. After four average years in the top flight Rangers were finally relegated at the end of the 1993/94 season.

In 2002 Dave Crowder joined the club as Chairman and brought with him a new committee to join the few people already at the club. After many seasons struggling with such a small amount of people the club were now looking forward to a bright future. In no time at all alterations were under way with a pool table been installed and a new kitchen put in place. After securing a grant from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund, the work in phase one would include new changing rooms, toilets, turnstiles and car parks. The hard working committee continued to improve facilities, two new clubhouse bars were built and new fire and security systems fitted. Phase two included a new terraced stand along with new walls and footpaths around the ground. Extensive work was done to improve the pitch and further r clubhouse developments were completed.

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down one side and behind one goal. The ground and facilities can now be considered one of the best in the whole league. After the excellent finish to last season, optimism was high. Manager Pete Daniels and his assistant, Dave Robinson, had built an excellent squad containing a balance of youth and experience. A great season followed in 2006/07, gaining promotion to the Premier in second place behind Parkgate.

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The team of young lads had done us proud. Pre season saw more money spent on the infrastructure. The floodlights were brought up to Conference standard in the major spend of the summer. And things started brightly pre-season when Rangers beat Hull City 3-2 at West Street against their full squad., which set up Rangers for





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a superb season. The side up to Christmas was untouchable, but with a couple of players leaving for Unibond it was a worry if the start would be sustained. New blood came in and the dream season continued culminating in the league title and League Cup double. It was decided not to apply for Unibond football.

2008/09 would be a tricky one following on from Rangers explosive return to the Premiership. Pete and Dave would battle through a terrible string of injuries to reach a County Cup Final and a fifth place finish. And in pre-season Pete decided to end his superb spell at West Street.

New beginnings on 2009/10. Interviews over and Richard Sennett and Mark Turner were installed in the managers hot seat. The new team had to be built from scratch, which meant for a difficult start to the season that saw Rangers hover around the mid-table area. But a few new faces and a run in that saw Winterton pushing for a top five finish until the last game. Cup glory came with a superb win against Arnold Town in the Presidents Cup, followed by a County Cup triumph against Louth Town in the last game of the season. A major achievement for a side that had but one existing player from the season before.





In the summer of 2012 Richard, Mark and his backroom staff parted company with the club as they wanted a new challenge and

Lee Danysz was given the task of carry on their good work. Lee brought in is own backroom team and had to assemble a completely new squad as the previous one followed Richard and Mark to Retford United. Because of circumstances the club knew it would be a hard season and after struggling in the lower reaches of the League Lee decided to step down due to family reasons at the beginning November. The club moved swiftly and appointed Ex Maltby Main manager Steve Adams in the hope he would turn round the clubs fortunes. After 2 months in charge Steve decided to step down and the club appointed senior players Leigh Herrick and Mark McDonagh as joint managers until the end of the season.

The club had two further seasons in the NCEL Premier Division before relegation at the end of the 2013/14 season. This was followed by a rebuilding of the team culminating in promotion at the end of the curtailed 2020/21 season and further promotion to the NPL at the end of 2022/23. After a difficult season at his higher level the club were relegated back into the NCEL Premier Division.



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# Barton Town Women's

The Barton Town Women's Team - not Ladies! - got our 2024/25 season under way last Sunday with a home match against Market Rasen.

We've had a really positive pre-season runup to the first match of the season but now the serious business has got underway.

Since last season we have brought in a couple of new players and it looks like we may be getting some other joining us in the next few weeks. Last season was our first and for many of our squad it was the first time they had played competitive football so it was all new to them and they have been growing and developing as players every week. Others have joined the team after a period of not playing and we have several young players that have joined us from other local teams.

Our first match this season was against a team that finished second in the league last season and

have a really strong squad again this year. They have players that have played at a much higher level and are very experienced;





the result last week didn't really reflect the nature of the game. Despite the result I was very happy with the overall performance.

It's looking like we'll have a very exciting though as we have a young team and we have been playing much better than last season - which was our first in this league.

This Sunday - well tomorrow! - we are away at Healing Hotspurs Blue Women at their ground in Grimsby DN41 7RJ; it's a 2pm kick-off.

We played their other team at home last Sunday beating them 7-1 so we're expecting them to be looking to get a bit of "revenge".

The goals came from Sophie Bartup, Laura Harvey x 2 and Rosie Margetson in the first half, with Hannah Leech, Angela Pritchard and Lucy Chrost scoring in the second.

Of course, it's too early in the season to be able to take too much from the results yet. We do have a decent sized squad with strength in depth so I am able to change players around if needed due to work or family commitments.

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Last Saturday saw a clash [By Darren Stockdale](#) between the team fourth from top against the team fourth from bottom. However, at this stage of the season the league position is probably not indicative of how good a team is. It wasn't the case in our home game against Silsden. The first half saw the teams swap



ends, resulting in Barton shooting towards the railway end for the half. This was quite fortuitous as Trevor and I were already there, saving us time moving to the other end of the pitch. Silsden had spells of the first half where they were on top, as did Barton, with both teams having a few half-chances but neither finding the back of the net. In fact, most of the action was happening off the pitch.

The second half saw a far more dominant Barton performance, with quite a few missed chances,






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and not much threat to our own goal. It really looked to be heading towards one of those goalless draws and two points dropped when some cracking play led to a great goal from Elliot Broughton with just three minutes to go. Thankfully the referee decided to add four minutes of extra time to the game and stick to it. Barton saw out these last few minutes to secure a well-deserved three points.





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Next came our trip to Knaresborough which almost always ends in defeat. This time, however, it came very close to being a victory. A penalty from Tom Waudby around 70 minutes looked to be enough, until Knaresborough scored their own penalty right at the end of the game. A point at Knaresborough can only be classed as a good result though.

It looks like the wet weather is returning already. We had an amber warning for rain for Monday (which is one down from a monsoon) but got hardly a drop. There is another yellow warning for rain for Thursday (I am writing this before Thursday) which I am hoping will not be too bad so we don't have any pitch issues.

Mind you, whatever happens I am sure it won't be as bad as what happened to Wimbledon FC's pitch last week. All the heavy rain in the region caused a huge sinkhole to open in their ground after more than 100,000 litres of water was pumped out. It has left it looking like a golf course. That must be an awful thing to happen to



any club at this stage of the season. It will take time and a lot of money to sort.







## Trivia

*Eggcorns* – What on Earth are eggcorns?

Well, according to the dictionary they are “a word or phrase that results from a mishearing or misinterpretation of another, an element of the original being substituted for one which sounds very similar”.

This sounds like a fun topic to cover today, so let's look at some of the eggcorns that are used in everyday speech, some being much funnier than others.

“Escaped Goat” – sometimes used instead of “scapegoat”. Having escaped goats on the loose is not something you would want to come across.

“On tender hooks” - sometimes used instead of “on tenterhooks”. There is quite a difference here. A tenterhook is a type of hooked nail whereas tender is an adjective that conveys softness.

“A mute point” – sometimes used instead of “a moot point”. Mute means a lack of speech whereas moot refers to a claim or logic that is uncertain so this eggcorn has lost its true meaning.





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“Doggy-dog world” - sometimes used instead of “dog-eat-dog world”. I am not sure which one makes less sense here.

“Damp squid” - sometimes used instead of “damp squib”. The eggcorn here could actually make sense as a squid would be damp whereas a squib, a small firecracker, would be useless damp (that being the point of the actual phrase).

“Nip it in the butt” - sometimes used instead of “nip something in the bud”. I would think that, unless you are in a hospital, there is no reason to be nipping anything in your bottom.

“Dull as dishwater” - sometimes used instead of “dull as ditch water”. This is probably a common one, and the eggcorn would make sense along with the actual phrase as both would be dull.

“Nerve wrecking” - sometimes used instead of “nerve racking”. This is an easy one to do as wrecking and racking have similar meanings, wreck meaning to damage or destroy and racking meaning to cause suffering or torture.

“Expresso” - sometimes used instead of “espresso”. This was a very common eggcorn but, thanks to the song released by Sabrina Carpenter in early 2024 there is hope that this will now be said correctly.





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“To be pacific” - sometimes used instead of “to be specific”. There is a big difference between being a large ocean and trying to make a point.

“Lacks toast and tolerant”- sometimes used instead of “lactose intolerant”. Add coffee to the eggcorn and that would describe a bad morning.

Not every misheard phrase is an eggcorn. Have you ever spent weeks, or years, singing along to your favourite song, only to find out you sang the totally wrong lyrics? Well, if you have that is called a mondegreen. Have you sometimes accidentally switched the first letter on each word of a phrase, like “nins and peedles” instead of “pins and needles”? That is called a spoonerism.

## Match History

Winterton were relegated from the Northern Premier League East last season so there are no games for last season to look back at. However, the season before seeing a draw at home for Barton, with our goal coming from Tom Waudby. Our away game that season saw defeat for Barton.

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





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## The Untold Game

### **The Match Fixing Maestro**

Raymond Goethals could have been considered among the greatest managers of all time. The Belgian is revered as a hero in his homeland, where his achievements have him considered among the heroes to have heralded from the small nation; both inside and outside of football. But despite his impressive record, outside of the Low Countries, Goethals is remembered for one significant aberration.



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At the height of his powers, at the zenith of his career, just after lifting the European Cup, he was tarred with the match fixing scandal that had seen him reach those extremes. For a man who had touched greatness, it was a rapid fall.

The young manager was a character, of that there is no doubt. With his perfectly coiffured hair, dyed an unnatural black as he aged, a cigarette seemingly permanently poking out of the corner of his mouth, and a great, brown anorak that, for luck, he refused to wash, he was an unmistakable figure on the touchline. With limited resources, and innovative style of play, and the luxury of time, Goethals joined Sint-Truidense in 1959. In seven years, he took them from relegation favourites to title contenders. When they finished second in 1966, he was offered the role of Assistant Manager for the national side. He accepted.

The 1960s were an unspectacular decade for Belgium, failing to qualify for a major tournament. Vanden Stock hoped that the magic Goethals had spun at Sint-Truidense would be transferred to the national side, but the Belgian FA realised that they didn't need him. Vanden Stock was out after a poor qualification campaign for Euro 68. Goethals would lead the side to the 1970 World Cup, ending more than a decade and a half of waiting.

Though they would fail to qualify from their



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group, they did record their first ever World Cup win. Two years later, Goethals would lead them to even greater success, finishing third in Euro 72. It would stand as Belgium's greatest achievement for nearly half a century. But unsuccessful qualifying campaigns for World Cup 74 - on goal difference to finalists and neighbours The Netherlands - and Euro 76 saw him lose his job. He made his way back into club football.



He joined up with Anderlecht, the Belgian giants going through a difficult domestic period. Goethals was unable to end that run, but in Europe the Belgians enjoyed their greatest ever period. They beat European Champions Bayern to win the 1976 European Super Cup, before losing the final of the Cup Winners' Cup in 1977. A year later, they went one better, adding a second Super Cup as well. Without domestic success, however, it wasn't enough for Anderlecht.

It was enough for their great rivals Standard Liege though, via a brief sojourn in Brazil. In 1981 they finished 15 points behind a Goethals-less





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Anderlecht, giving him a serious challenge to catch his former club. But serious challenges were where Goethals excelled. In his first season, he won the league and reached the final of the Cup Winners' Cup. In 1984, however, an investigation into corruption caught him bribing players back in his first season. It wouldn't be the last time. He left in dishonour, banned from managing in his homeland.

He took up directorial positions, before moving to France and leading Bordeaux, and then Marseille. He took the reins in 1990, and in his first season, Goethals led the side to the European Cup final, losing out to a Red Star side on penalties.

Bankrolled to put together a team of superstars including Barthez, Deschamps and Desailly, in 1993 it was now or never for Goethals. Breezing past opponents, they met Milan in the final. Fabio Capello's side were perhaps the best in Europe, staunchly defensive (they would win Serie A the following season scoring just 34 goals) and undeniably effective. Goethals set his side up with five at the back, and a single goal would decide the game. Wannabe pop star Basile Boli glancing a header into the Italians' net. Marseille became the only French side to have won the European Cup.

Two weeks of celebration followed, before Valenciennes' Jorge Burruchaga and



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Christophe Robert revealed he had been offered an illegal payment. The revelation shocked Europe. Marseille were stripped of their league title and relegated, banned from playing in Europe the following season. But, inexplicably, UEFA allowed them to keep their European Cup. Over the decades, other allegations have emerged. Mark Hateley claims he was offered a bribe when Marseille faced Rangers, and several CSKA players have claimed the same. Walter Smith, incensed, argued that his side had missed out on the European Cup final because of it.

The strange thing is, for all its similarities, this scandal did not involve Goethals. But that didn't matter to his reputation. After masterminding one of the most shocking victories of the Champions League era, he resigned, his accomplishments under a cloud. If he cheated once, so the argument went, he must have cheated again. In 1995, he retired.

A genius, a cheat, a success and a failure. All in one.

Enjoy the game.

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