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vs LEICESTER CITY
Tuesday, 18th August | 7pm KO



WELCOME TO SUTTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Setting the Scene

This evening we welcome everyone from Leicester City for the first of our four home games in the National League Cup. Although we met Leicester in a pre-season friendly in 2002, they are the only side of the four PL2 sides in our group that we have not met competitively at any level, and we will hope that tonight’s outcome is more favourable to us than the 4-0 defeat in that friendly,

The competition didn’t get off to the most auspicious of starts last week, but as has been mentioned elsewhere in

the programme there are a number of advantages to taking part as we saw a couple of seasons ago and we will be hoping to repeat that run, and possibly go one better, this season.

Don’t forget that if the scores are level after 90 minutes tonight each team gets a point but there will be a penalty shootout with an extra point going to the winners.

Enjoy the game!

Club Records

- Record Appearances**
Larry Pritchard, 786, 1965-1984
- Record Goalscorer**
Paul McKinnon, 279
- Record Attendance**
14,000 v Leeds United, FA Cup 4th Round, 24th January 1970
- Record Victory**
11-1 v Clapton, 1966 and Leatherhead, 1982-83
- Record Defeat**
0-13 v Barking, 1925-26
- Record Transfer Fee Paid**
Paul McKinnon, undisclosed fee to Malmo FF, 1983
- Record Transfer Fee Received**
David Ajiboye, undisclosed fee from Peterborough United, 2022
- Best FA Cup Performance**
Fifth Round 2016-17; Fourth Round 1969-70, 1988-89; Third Round 1986-87, 1987-88, 1993-94
- Best FA Trophy Performance**
Runners-Up 1980-81
- Best FA Amateur Cup Performance**
Runners-Up 1962-63, 1968-69
- Best EFL Trophy Performance**
Runners-Up 2021-22

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2020/21
- National League South Champions**
2015/16
- Conference South Runners-up**
2013/14
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1966/67, 1984/85, 1985/86, 1998/99, 2010/11
- Isthmian League Runners-up**
1967/68, 1970/71, 1981/82, 2003/04
- Isthmian League Cup Winners**
1982/83, 1983/84, 1985/86, 1997/98
- Full Members’ Cup Winners**
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- Athenian League Champions**
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- FA Trophy Runners-up**
1980/81
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1962/63, 1968/69
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1978/79
- Anglo-Italian Cup Runners-up**
1979/80, 1981/82
- Bob Lord Trophy Winners**
1990/91
- London Senior Cup Winners**
1957/58, 1982/83
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1945/46, 1964/65, 1967/68, 1969/70, 1979/80, 1982/83, 1983/84, 1984/85, 1985/86, 1986/87, 1987/88, 1992/93, 1994/95, 1998/99, 2002/03
- FA Cup 5th Round**
2016/17
- FA Cup 4th Round**
1969/70, 1988/89
- FA Cup 3rd Round**
1987/88, 1993/94
- EFL Trophy Finalists**
2021-22

MATCHDAY ITINERARY

Tuesday, 18th August
7pm KO



5:30pm **Turnstiles, Fanzone, Club Shop, Supporters' Club Hub and Rowlens Bar Opens**

- Gate A will be the only entrance in use.
- The Parkside and Curva Terraces will both be shut, and the match will be unsegregated as well.
- Season tickets will be available to collect from the ticket office.
- Tickets will be sold on the day from the turnstiles only - NOT the ticket booth in the car park.
- The Fanzone bar and food kiosk will not be open.
- Season ticket holders are eligible for a 25% discount off real ale and a large wine purchased from the Rowlen's Bar and MBA Lounge.

6:00pm **Starting Team Announced**

6:15pm **First Team Warm-Ups Begin**

7:00pm **Kick-Off**

7:45pm **Half Time**
Rowlen's Bar and Club Shop Remain Open

8:45pm **Full Time**
Rowlen's Bar Remains Open



CHRIS'S COLUMN



CHRIS AGUTTER
HEAD COACH

A warm welcome back to Gander Green Lane for this evening's National League Cup contest against Leicester City FC Under-21s.

Tonight we aim to continue our 100% start to the season across all competitions....a key part of that will be us continuing our defensively sound performances across the team, From centre forward to goalkeeper we've showed a very positive defensive organisation and resilience that has been and will be the platform from which we can build a very successful season on the pitch.

I hope we can have a decent turnout from the Amber Army this evening, our 12th man is exactly that and we want you with us every step of the journey....we will continue to run hard, fight and scrap for every moment of the game in order to put points on the board as well as to give our incredible support a level of performance that they deserve.

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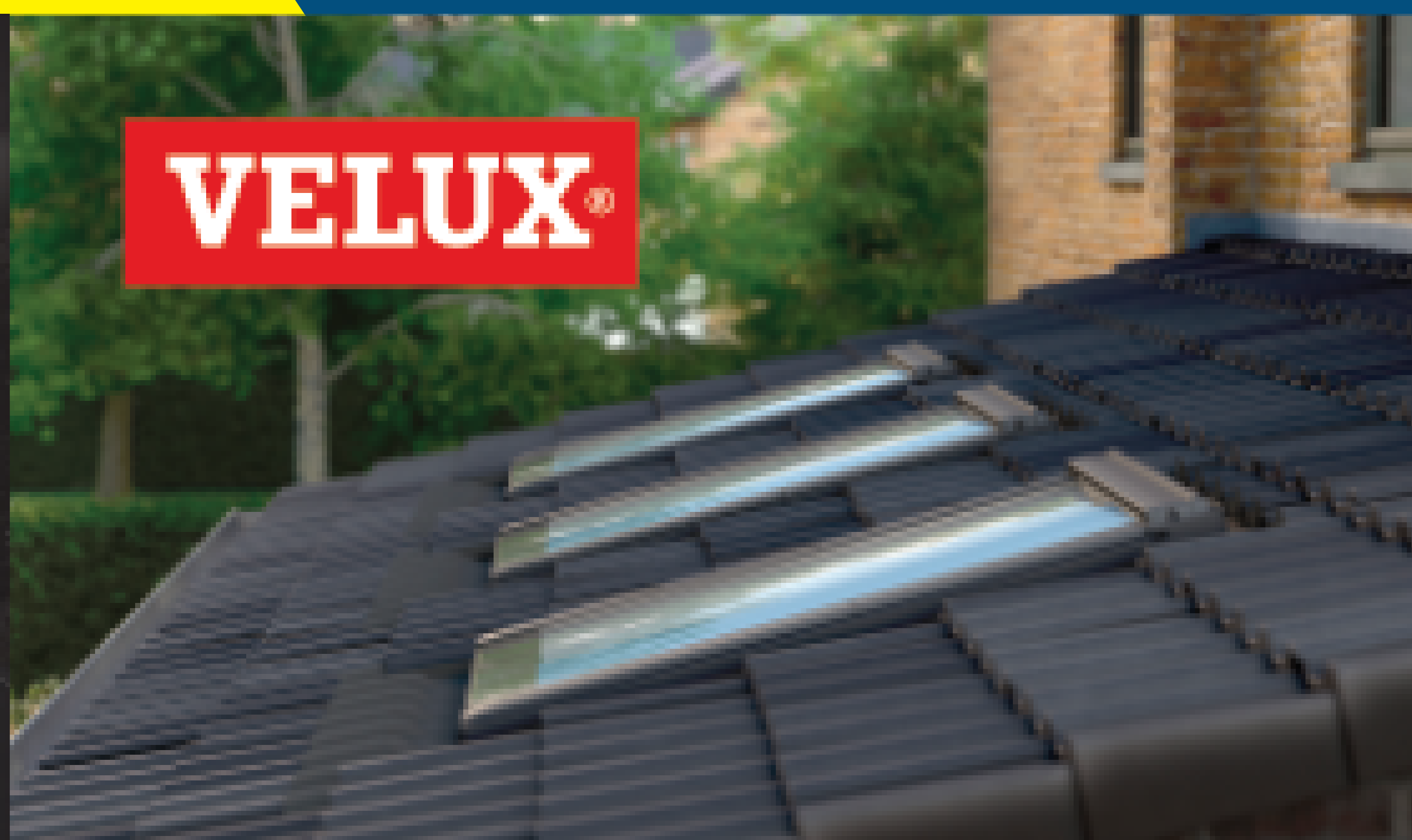
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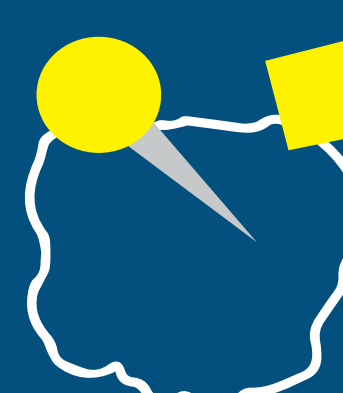
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TIM ALLISON CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

It is match number three of the regular season and our first foray in this year's National League Cup. We obviously did very well [annoyingly not quite as well as we should have done] in its first season, and less well in incarnation number two last year.

The competition has yet to bring universal acclaim and appeal but it's clear to me there are plenty of benefits in participation. First off, and most obvious, it's a revenue boost. Anyone that has had cause to listen to me over the years – or who has casually glanced at the Club's annual numbers – will be aware we, like most clubs, run at a loss.

Most supporters I think recognise this, but also always seem keen on recruiting additional [and/or better] players to the squad. Or to want cheaper ticket prices, or better facilities.

There isn't a magic football fairy – and the new Independent Football Regulator won't wear a tutu and be sprinkling any gold dust. So having a share of the £1m Premier League money the competition brings is more than welcome.

Outside of the finances though it is also an opportunity for squads to get utilised and get minutes into players that are either coming

back from injuries, or stepping up from other levels to bridge the gap to National League matches. Whilst I am a cup football fanatic by nature – we should be aiming to win every competition we enter – it is also the case that the strongest team over the season isn't the same thing as playing your strongest eleven every match. Rotation and gaining experience and match fitness still play their part.

Whilst in previous years we have always had lesser ranked competitions, and a tendency to use these in only a semi-serious fashion, the new manager has been clear in wanting to win trophies – and to enjoy the mental advantage that winning games (and cups) brings in terms of momentum and habits that benefit the longer term project of growing a football club. Last April's exit at the semi-final stage of the Surrey Senior Cup bears testament to that. We also have the reality that our academy no longer has membership of the EFL, and the bridge to the National League, and the player pathway to the first team is different as a result.

It will be interesting to see how the manager selects a team that has to suit multiple, and season long, objectives, but I think it is fair to say we won't see him absent tonight and leaving an instruction to undertake four substitutions in the first minute, something no doubt that will crop up in the boardroom when our next league opponents visit on Saturday!

Across the first three hours of the season we have already seen good performances from the likes of Charlie Bell, Noah Nzuzi, Dan Urpens, and some minutes and spots on the bench from other young players on the Academy to first team pathway. Over the two years of the competition to date we have also seen many "unknowns" that have gained exposure and become names and squad participants, even if some ultimately have left the club to pursue their next career challenges. This is exactly the kind

competition that allows that and makes the club stronger as a result.

The competition has still to win over everyone, and that exists on the Premier League side of the draw too. Beating Manchester United (still got that picture of the scoreboard in my favourites) and losing to Leeds United in the final were great names to be playing against.

A "Southern" group with opponents of Leicester, West Bromwich Albion, Birmingham and Southampton feels a little uninspiring if I am honest, and the other groups also feel somewhat bereft with many of the big names in the country going AWOL and a host of Championship clubs taking their places. That must give the competition organisers something to think about going forwards.

We are already £10k to the good, and each win will bring us more money than we would get for any round in the FA Trophy unless we reach Wembley itself. We also get to enjoy £500 every time one of our National League rivals loses, which works out at £50 per goal from last week's game.

It will no doubt be a reduced crowd this evening, and it is with some disappointment the competition starts before the local schools are back, as we have worked hard with them to create both a better atmosphere, and the future supporter pathway too! For those of you coming tonight please be loud and supportive. You might even get to see a future international tonight – something that has already happened to one of our opponents in this competition.

Up the U's.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Allison". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The first name "Tim" is written with a large, sweeping 'T' that extends upwards and to the right. The last name "Allison" is written with a large, sweeping 'A' that also extends upwards and to the right. The signature is written on a light-colored, textured background that looks like a piece of paper or a card.



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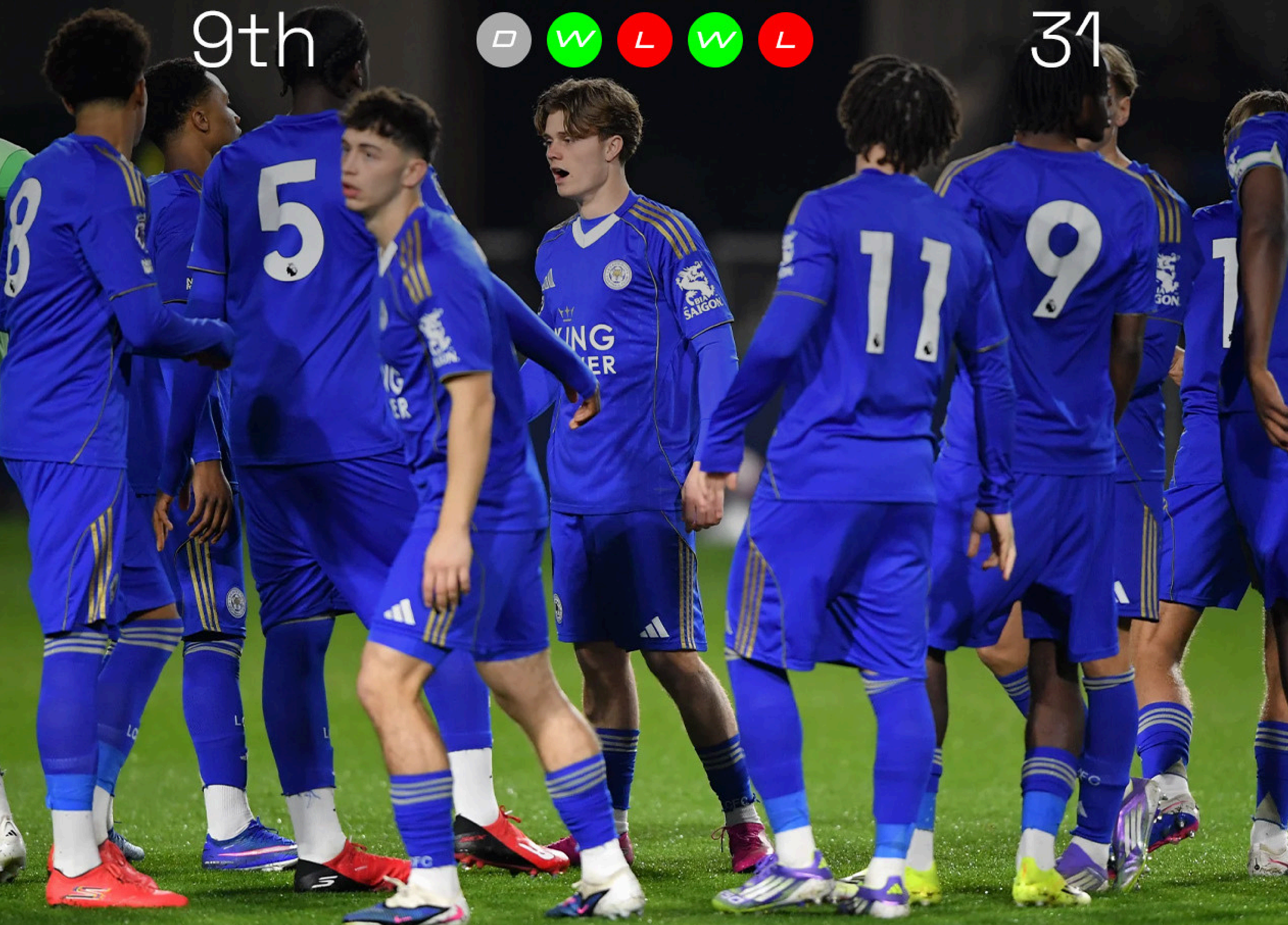
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Points:

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Leon McSweeney became manager of Leicester's U21 side in 2024 after spending the previous six years in and around the various academy setup.

A former defender, the Irishman began his career with Cork City before joining Leicester, and led him on a path which took him to Scarborough, Hucknall Town, Hednesford Town, Ilkeston Town, Cork, Stockport County, Hartlepool United, Leyton Orient, Carlisle United, Northampton Town and Nuneaton Town.

He subsequently joined Notts County as youth manager a year after hanging up his boots in 2014, spending the 2015/16 season at Meadow Lane, before returning to Leicester in a coaching capacity in 2018.

McSweeney spent five year as a development coach for both the U18 side and the U23 side, before being appointed as assistant manager of Leicester's U23 side, serving at this level for three years as assistant to two different coaches in Ben Petty and Steve Beaglehole. He was then appointed as the new U21 manager the following year and has helped to bring through a number of players, including the likes of Jermey Monga to the first team who now plays for Manchester City.

Leon McSweeney

MEET
THE
MANAGER





THE KEY

62 Kevon Gray Defender

Kevon Gray joined Leicester's academy at Under-9 level and has been with the Foxes ever since.

Gray is a defender who signed a new pro contract in March this year, that will take his time with the club up to 2029.

Gray was announced as one of the Premier League's inspirational scholars in 2024/25, due to both his on field and academic achievements.

He made one appearance for Leicester's first team in their last game of the Championship last season, coming off the bench late in a 1-0 victory over Blackburn Rovers.





25 **Louis Page** Midfielder

Louis Page is an exceptional young player who surely will continue to make waves in the Leicester academy.

The young Englishman has already made 18 appearances for the first team including a start in the Championship last season in an away match against Charlton Athletic. Page made his debut in an EFL tie against Huddersfield Town in August last season.

Page also already has many accolades, even being announced as the apprentice of the season at the 25/26 EFL awards. He was also included in the Guardian's 2024 20 best wonderkids at the Premier League Club series. He's been capped 22 times across three different England youth teams.





Lorenz Hutchinson

Forward

Lorenz Hutchinson has progressed into Leicester's Under-21 setup, having impressed within the club's youth ranks.

The 20-year old is a versatile attacking player who made an impression in the Premier League 2 last term, scoring 20 goals in 34 games in all competitions, including 15 in the U18 Premier League, leading to him making the step into the Under-21s.

His performances also saw him named as the Academy Player of the Year award, and has seen him receive interest from elsewhere, most notably in the form of Serie A side Lazio.

Internationally, Hutchinson has represented England at youth level, and notably scored on his debut for the Under-18s in a 4-1 win over Bulgaria.





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HISTORIC RAMBLINGS

Written by Mark Frake.

Excluding Charity Shield, Tom Fuller Trophy matches etc that were generally played as part of the pre-season programme, SUFC have played seventeen cup ties in August. Not many considering the club has enjoyed senior status since 1910.

The first August cup tie came on 26th August 1933 as U's hosted Redhill in the Surrey Charity Shield, it was the season's opening fixture. Sutton won by 3-2, A Dilling (2) and Basil Solly scoring. This match saw the introduction of ball boys; there were four, two based behind each goal. Sutton would go on to make the final played the following April, thrashing Woking 7-0.



In the background to the right is the ‘shoebox’ in front of what became Rose’s tea hut. Beneath the large tree was the main entrance to the ground. That had to be closed in the late 1960s as the tree roots had made the area dangerous. The other building was a ladies’ toilet.

The following season, Redhill again opened the season for U’s in the SCS. And again, U’s prevailed by 3-2 (Richard Tarrant 2 and George Smith). U’s lost the final, held over until December 1935, to Wimbledon (1-3) in front of a crowd of 4,611. Thirty years passed before the next cup tie in August; another held over cup final.

Featured Match
29th August v Kingstonian, Surrey Senior Cup Final Replay at Richmond Road.

The original final played at Tooting & Mitcham the previous May had ended goalless. Missing a recognised centre-forward after Paul Bates had had left in the summer, U’s trailed by 1-0 at half

time to a Slade goal. In the 75th minute, centre-half Bob Adam shot through a crowded area to level. The match went into extra-time and in the 6th minute of this, Slade scored his second with a headed goal. In the 11th minute of the second period, Sutton were awarded a penalty following a handling offence but Micky Goodall, who took over penalty duty in the absence of Bates, saw his effort saved by Wakefield and then sliced the rebound wide. U’s players did not respond well to this missed opportunity and right back Taylor netted a third to take the SSC back to Kingston.

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The following Tuesday, Ted Powell took over penalty duties, netting one in a 5-0 thrashing of Bromley.

Six years later it was same venue, same opposition but the London Charity Cup Final, also held over from the previous season. Having lost the previous two finals to Dagenham, it was third time lucky as U’s won by 4-2, Trevor Bladon scored twice.

On to 1975, when yet another held over tie, this time in the Surrey Senior Shield saw a second replay at the semi-final stage played at GGL on a Thursday night. A predominantly reserve team lost 4-3 after extra time with Robin Kember, Malcolm Bailey and Tony Coppin on target. Other than a couple of mid-1980s one-off matches with Crystal Palace, this was the last time Sutton

would play in the Surrey Shield competition. The introduction of the Isthmian (Hitachi) Cup in the late 1970s included four early '80s ties in the month of August. In 1980, U's visited Earlsmead (the venue for the previous season's final which U's lost by 3-2 to Enfield) without the injured John Rains and Larry Pritchard. However, they overcame Harrow Borough by 2-1, Micky Joyce and Graham Dennis registering.

The following season a less arduous task as Clapton visited GGL and left on the wrong end of a 6-1 score line, Joyce scoring twice. 1982 saw another 6-1 home win against Ware with Ricky Kidd recording a hat-trick a week after returning to the club. Sutton went on to win the cup for the first time defeating Wycombe Wanderers in a two-legged affair. Finally in 1983, Southall were hammered by 8-0 at GGL with Mark Golley and John Rains both netting twice; U's would retain the cup in exactly the same circumstances as their previous success.

August cup football disappeared off Sutton's calendar until their promotion to the EFL. In 2021, the second match of the season took the club to the cavernous (because it was rather empty!) Cardiff City stadium in the EFL (Carabao) Cup first round and after going ahead, U's eventually lost by 3-2.

On the last day of the month, Sutton contested their first EFL (Papa Johns) Trophy match, defeating Crystal Palace U21s by 3-0 at GGL. We all know where that season's competition finished.

A year later and the Carabao draw sent Sutton to MK Dons only to experience another narrow defeat by 1-0. The PJT brought Chelsea's U21 side to GGL and U's somehow prevailed by 1-0 thanks to a Tope Fadahunsi goal and some last gasp defending.

The 2023/4 season saw U's win their first Carabao tie with a first round success, albeit in a penalty shoot out after a 2-2 draw with Cambridge United at GGL. U's reward was a trip to Wycombe's Adams Park ground and an Aiden O'Brien goal saw U's overcome the hosts by 1-0, a relief from their league form which had seen four defeats on the trot and that would extend to seven after the CC match.

Finally, last season the National League Cup commenced its second season in existence (well, in the current format). U's, the previous season's finalists, were totally overwhelmed in the second half as they lost by 7-0 to Fulham U21s, their worst home defeat since an 8-1 drubbing by Tooting & Mitcham United in the FA Cup back in October 1958.

SUFC v Leicester City

City make their second visit to GGL this evening having played here in a pre-season friendly in 2002. John Rains' young Isthmian League squad was no match for a Leicester starting XI that included Matt Elliott, Frank Sinclair, Paul Dickov, Brian Deane and Dennis Wise. Rogers, Oakes, Benjamin and Dickov all scored in a 4-0 win. Tim Flowers also appeared as a second half substitute. U's had done well to hold on until the 42nd minute before conceding.



ACADEMY

The Academy Side Begin Their Season This Wednesday - Here's All You Need To Know About The Summer Activity.

After going so close to a league and cup double last season, finishing narrowly second behind Dartford in the National League Academy South and being beaten 2-1 by FC Halifax Town in the final of the National League Academy Cup (below – lining up before the game), our Academy side have warmed up for the new season impressively with six wins out of six in pre-season games against Tooting & Mitcham, Chessington & Hook, Kinetic Academy, Corinthian Casuals, Mass Elite FC and Carshalton Athletic.

We have lost a number of last season's squad, with Liam Moore, who scored a brilliant free kick in the cup final and followed it up by scoring from inside his own half in the last league game of the season against Welling, and Mehmet Halim joining Whitehawk, where goalkeeper Klevis Muca has subsequently gone on loan, and Luke Ashburn signing for Steyning. A number of other players were released, and we wish them all well, but on the other side of the coin we saw Noah Nzuzi, Charlie Bell and Dan Urpens all excel at Woking last week, with Adam Reeves and Ronny Ruiz among the substitutes.

We have made a number of additions over the summer, with goalkeeper Timi Akande and defender Oscar Oguli joining from Dagenham & Redbridge, Lewis Bullen and Frankie Humphreys, also respectively goalkeeper and defender, from Bromley, and defender Yobor Sorae (Southend), midfielders Pedro Buburuzan (Barnet) and Nico Schipper (Rising Ballers Kensington) and forwards Salifou Sidibe (Welling), Winston Iworh (Mass Elite) and Josh Arthur, who joins from Fox Academy Leicester but had a spell with Epsom & Ewell last season. All part of the Under 19 squad. In addition Luca Severini and Archie Smart have returned having been with us at Category 3 and Stiven Muca, younger brother of Klevis, has also played, and scored, in the pre-season games.

We are now no longer eligible for the EFL Youth Alliance, which means there won't be any Saturday games this season, so as well as the National League Academy South and Under 19 Division F teams we will also be fielding a team in the Isthmian Youth League, and that season begins tomorrow with a home game against Aldershot Town at Banstead Athletic FC(7.30).



Home games in this competition will be played at Banstead Athletic and will be midweek evenings. We have been placed in the Western Division and in addition to Aldershot will face Ascot, Camberley, Hayes & Yeading, Northwood, Tooting & Mitcham, Walton & Hersham and Woking.

In the National League Academy South we open on Wednesday 2nd September at home to Dorking Wanderers at Tooting & Mitcham, which will be our home ground for those games. Dartford and Welling have left the division from last season and Forest Green Rovers are the only new team. In Division F Hertford have been replaced by AFC Greenwich Borough and Metropolitan Police and we will play home games at Cheam Sports Club.



Up Next:



Isthmian Youth League
Banstead Athletic FC
Wednesday 19th August 2026 | 7.30pm

SUFC WOMEN

Manager Lucy Clark rounds up the pre-season activity for the Women's team.

Sutton United Women enjoyed an excellent pre-season, recording six victories from seven matches as we prepared for the new campaign.

We began with a remarkable 4-3 victory over Reading, fighting back from 3-0 down to complete a brilliant turnaround. That was followed by a crazy game at Farnham Town, where we suffered our only defeat of pre-season. The team responded strongly, beating SE Dons 2-1 before securing a convincing 4-1 victory away at Ashford United.

We then travelled to QPR and came away with an impressive 3-1 win. Our preparations concluded with two more victories. We defeated local rivals Carshalton Athletic 4-1 (below) before rounding off the schedule with a well-deserved 2-1 win at Saltdean United, who were promoted from our division last season.

There has also been plenty of movement within the squad over the summer. Sadly, Nadia Sabania has moved abroad for work and will therefore not be available for selection. We thank Nadia for everything she has contributed to the team and wish her every success for the future.

We have strengthened the squad with the additions of Georgia Heasman from Dorking Wanderers, Naomi Bradley from Fulham, Izzy Rafique from Richmond, Chloe O'Donoghue from QPR, Lucy Coker from Farnham Town, Rosie Redman from Sport London e Benfica and exciting young prospect Lexie Durrant, who makes the step up from youth football.

Work behind the scenes is continuing, with a few more signings still to get over the line as we look to complete a squad capable of enjoying a successful season. Six victories, plenty of goals and some very encouraging performances, it has been a productive pre-season so far as we prepare for our league opener away at Aylesford on Sunday (3.30pm).

Our first four games are away, with the trip to Aylesford followed by games at Ashford Town (30th August, 3pm), divisional newcomers Eastbourne Borough (6th September, 3pm) and Bromley, another addition to the division (13th September, 2pm). Check Our first home game is against Millwall Lionesses on Sunday 27th September at the David Weir Centre (2pm).



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Supporters' Club Secretary Mark Thompson With The Latest News.

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Gateshead 28/08-26 £60 return. Discounted travel for accompanied U16s or a single trip will be £40.

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Barrow AFC 05/09/26 £60 return, Discounted travel for accompanied U16s or single travel £40.

Meet at GGL car park 05:45 for 06:00 departure. 2 rest stops will be planned into the outward journey.

Halifax Town 19/09/26 £60 return, Discounted travel for accompanied U16s or a single trip £40.

Meet at GGL car park 05:45 for 06:00 departure. 2 rest stops will be planned into the outward journey.

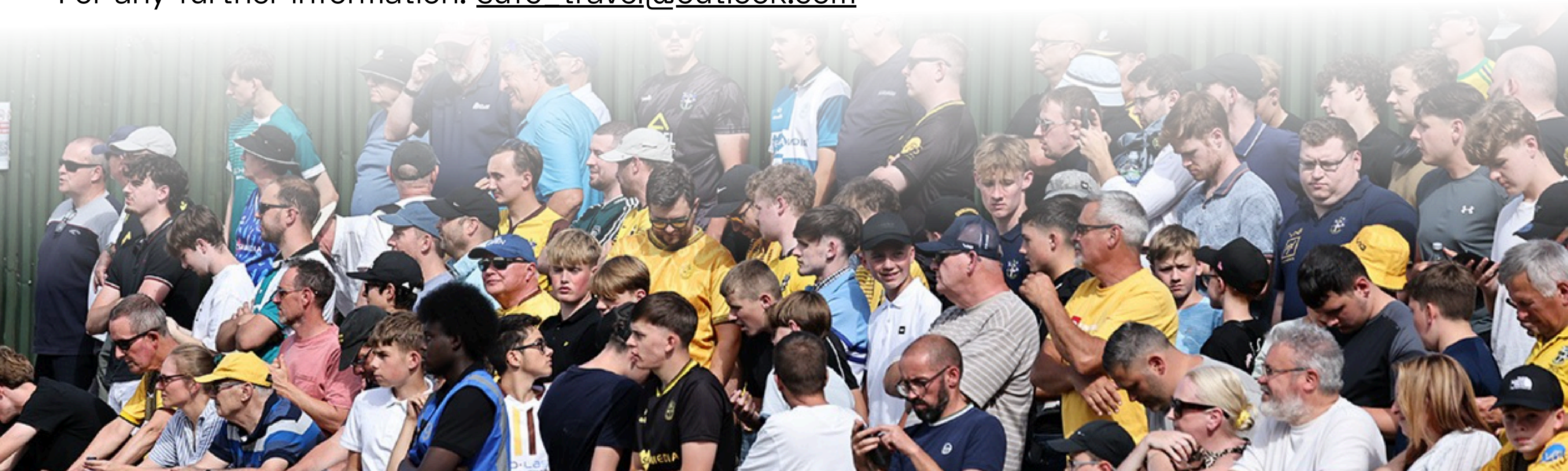
The three coaches above are still open to run, however, we are experiencing a shortfall in passengers.

We will need more "bums on seats" to enable them to continue to run, as the subsidy for the coach does not currently cover the empty seats.

All coaches are subject to a booking deadline of one week prior to departure to enable alternative arrangements to be made if required. Members will be advised if this is the case.

To book any of the above coaches : suttonunitedcoachtravel@hotmail.com

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David Ogbonna’s first half goal gave Sutton victory to start their home campaign, dispatching of Altrincham to make it two from two at the start of the Enterprise National League season.

It was a chess match early in the game as Sutton looked to counter Altrincham playing out the back with a high aggressive press, which almost worked on a few occasions if not Robins goalkeeper Owen Evans, who was able to clear the danger a few times. However it was the former Barnet man who presented Temi Babalola with a gift, as his poor pass out was intercepted by the former Forest Green Rovers striker who squared the ball across to Ogbonna who calmly slotted home for his second goal in the opening two games this season.

The clash then became a game of few chances with Liam Humbles producing Altrincham’s best chance of the match with a mazy dribble that resulted in his shot which was blocked well by Omar Mussa, but the Robins struggled to penetrate an excellent defensive display – led by stand-in skipper Will Nightingale – and led to the U’s clinching back-to-back wins and clean sheets.



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Ogbonna (9’)



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Sutton United: Brits (GK); Topallaj, Nightingale, Bell (Bello 85’), Osadebe, Taylor (Mussa 32’), Babalola, Urpens, Ogbonna (Njoku 85’), Francis, Nzuzi (Folarin 61’)

Altrincham: Evans (GK); Banks, Hinchy (Raymond 86’), Cooper, Khan, Humbles (Kirk 82’), Barlow, Taylor, Weaver (Knowles 60’), Lopata-White (Breckin 82’), Crawford

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N9 — Team Williams
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O3 — Franklin
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O8 — Tatts
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O11 — Women's Gaffa
O13 — Rob Oakes
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NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP 2026/27

Tony Dolbear Runs Through This Season's National League Cup

Tonight sees the start of the third season of the National League Cup in its present form, and we will be looking to repeat our success of two years ago when we reached the final only to be beaten by Leeds United here 2-1. The holders are Boreham Wood, who beat West Ham on penalties in last season's final after a 2-2 draw.

Once again this season sixteen sides from the National League or National League South are joined by sixteen Under 21 teams from Premier League Two, six of whose senior sides play in the Premier League.

This season we face Leicester City tonight, followed by Birmingham City next month and then West Bromwich Albion and Southampton, two sides we have met before in the competition, drawing 2-2 with West Brom two seasons ago, winning the extra point 3-1 on penalties, and beating Southampton 4-1 last season (left, Brandon Njoku heading our third goal). We also of course played the Saints youngsters earlier this month in a pre-season friendly, winning 3-2. Joining us in Group D are Boston United, Truro City and Woking, and the other games being played tonight or tomorrow in our group are Boston v Birmingham, Truro v Southampton and Woking v West Brom.

The other groups are:

Group A: FC Halifax Town, Gateshead, Scunthorpe United, Wealdstone, Derby County, Nottingham Forest, Stoke City and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Group B: Aldershot Town, Braintree Town, Hornchurch, Worthing, Fulham, Ipswich Town, Norwich City, West Ham United.

Group C: Boreham Wood, Hartlepool United, Solihull Moors, Tamworth, Everton, Leeds United, Middlesbrough, Newcastle United.

As before, the four National League sides in a group will play each PL2 side at home, with three points for a win and one for a draw. A penalty shootout will follow any drawn game, with the winners of that shootout receiving an extra point.

At the end of the group stages, which should finish at the beginning of November, the top two teams from each group will progress to the knockout competition which begins with the quarter final stage in January. The final is scheduled for the middle of March.

The competition has also got underway already, with Hartlepool United facing Middlesbrough last Tuesday at 3pm.

The Pools got off to a pretty dismal start to their campaign, notably making four changes within the opening minute as a result of the rule which requires four players. who started the previous game to start in the National League Cup.

As such, Jack Hunter, Brooklyn Ilunga, Will Harris and Chris Popov were replaced by Academy quartet Charlie Thornton, Kian Foreman, Jake Worth and Charlie Smith, before falling to a 10-0 defeat against the Teessiders - the largest victory since the competition's induction in 2024, courtesy of goals from Finn Coulson (4), Liam Campbell (2), Ethan Tika-Lemba, Daniel James, Lewis Kakai and Luke Harrison.



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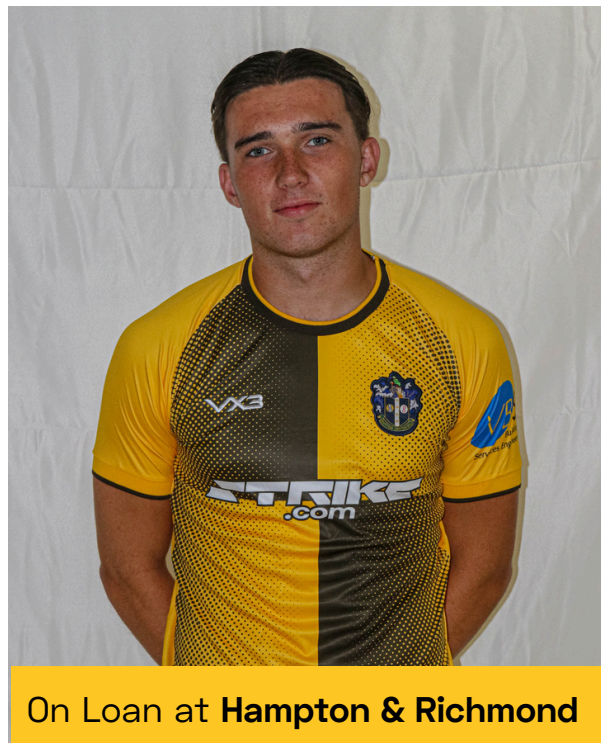


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17 Toby Byron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18 David Ogbonna	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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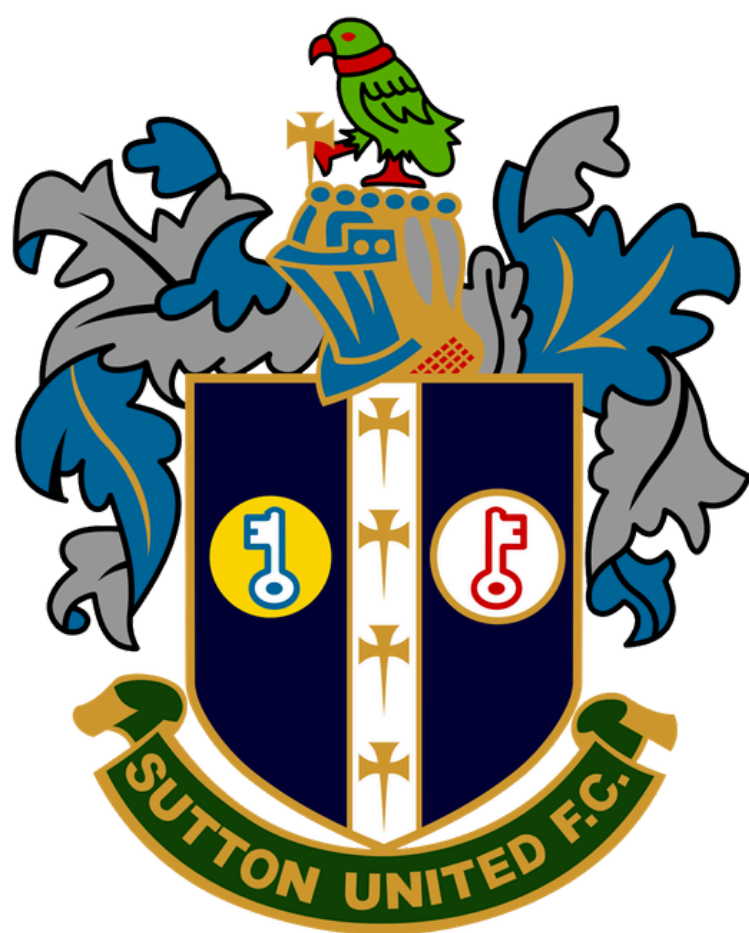
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Date	Opponent	Venue	Competition	Score	Goalscorers
Sat 8 Aug	Woking	A	ENL	3-0	Nightingale (27'), Mussa (55'), Ogbonna (85')
Sat 15 Aug	Altrincham	H	ENL	1-0	Ogbonna (9')
Tue 18 Aug	Leicester City	H	NLC		
Sat 22 Aug	Hartlepool United	H	ENL		
Fri 28 Aug	Gateshead	A	ENL		
Mon 31 Aug	Wealdstone	H	ENL		
Sat 5 Sep	Barrow	A	ENL		
Tue 8 Sep	Birmingham City	H	NLC		
Sat 12 Sep	Scunthorpe United	H	ENL		
Tue 15 Sep	Eastleigh	H	ENL		
Sat 19 Sep	FC Halifax Town	A	ENL		
Sat 26 Sep	Forest Green Rovers	H	ENL		
Wed 30 Sep	Tamworth	A	ENL		
Sat 3 Oct	Kidderminster Harriers	A	ENL		
Fri 9 Oct	Boreham Wood	H	ENL		
Tue 13 Oct	West Bromwich Albion	H	NLC		
Sat 24 Oct	Harrogate Town	A	ENL		
Wed 28 Oct	Aldershot Town	H	ENL		
Sat 31 Oct	Worthing	A	ENL		
Tue 3 Nov	Southampton	H	NLC		
Sat 14 Nov	Solihull Moors	H	ENL		
Sat 21 Nov	Boston United	H	ENL		
Tue 24 Nov	Hornchurch	A	ENL		
Sat 28 Nov	Carlisle United	A	ENL		
Sat 5 Dec	AFC Fylde	H	ENL		
Wed 9 Dec	Boreham Wood	A	ENL		
Sat 19 Dec	Kidderminster Harriers	H	ENL		
Sat 26 Dec	Yeovil Town	A	ENL		
Mon 28 Dec	Southend United	H	ENL		
Sat 2 Jan	Harrogate Town	H	ENL		
Fri 8 Jan	Aldershot Town	A	ENL		
Sat 23 Jan	Altrincham	A	ENL		
Tue 26 Jan	Hornchurch	H	ENL		
Sat 30 Jan	Woking	H	ENL		
Sat 6 Feb	Boston United	A	ENL		
Sat 13 Feb	Forest Green Rovers	A	ENL		
Tue 16 Feb	Tamworth	H	ENL		
Sat 20 Feb	FC Halifax Town	H	ENL		
Tue 23 Feb	Eastleigh	A	ENL		
Sat 27 Feb	Hartlepool United	A	ENL		
Sat 6 Mar	Gateshead	H	ENL		
Tue 9 Mar	Wealdstone	A	ENL		
Sat 13 Mar	Barrow	H	ENL		
Sat 20 Mar	Scunthorpe United	A	ENL		
Fri 26 Mar	Southend United	A	ENL		
Mon 29 Mar	Yeovil Town	H	ENL		
Sat 3 Apr	Worthing	H	ENL		
Sat 10 Apr	Solihull Moors	A	ENL		
Sat 17 Apr	AFC Fylde	A	ENL		
Sat 24 Apr	Carlisle United	H	ENL		

Today's Other Games

- Boreham Wood vs Leeds United
- Boston United vs Birmingham City
- FC Halifax Town vs Derby County
- Gateshead vs Nottingham Forest
- Hornchurch vs Norwich City
- Scunthorpe United vs Stoke City
- Solihull Moors vs Middlesbrough
- Truro City vs Southampton
- Wealdstone vs Wolverhampton Wanderers
- Braintree Town vs Ipswich Town
- Worthing vs West Ham United
- Aldershot Town vs Fulham
- Tamworth vs Newcastle United
- Woking vs West Bromwich Albion



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