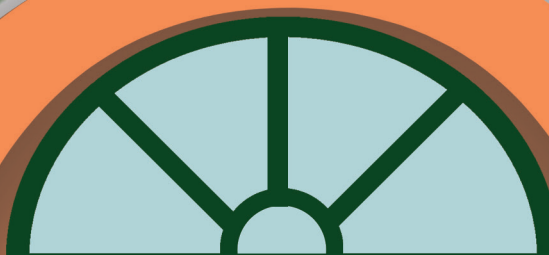


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## THE GAFFER

Graham Alexander gives his thoughts about the changes over the summer and what he has seen from the squad in pre-season.

**Good afternoon and welcome to The Peninsula Stadium for our opening league game vs Leyton Orient. I'd also like to welcome Justin Edinburgh, his staff, players and all connected to our opponents.**

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who has made myself, Chris and Carlo feel very welcome since we came to the club. We aim to work hard with all those involved to continue the success the club has had over the last few years. We're so excited about the potential looking forward but understand the many challenges we will face along the way.

We've moved to a great facility in Partington that enables us to work closely together and have the Academy on the same site. This will benefit us as a club as we look to build the infrastructure needed if we want to produce our own players.

We've also introduced several new players to the squad to play alongside the lads who were pivotal in the success achieved last year. It's been great to work with the whole group over the last six weeks and I've been very impressed

with the work ethic shown by all of them. It's always interesting to see how new squads integrate with each other and I must say they've shown a strong willingness to build the relationships needed to compete at a high level.

We've pushed them hard in pre-season and challenged them every day either physically, mentally or tactically and they've shown a great desire to improve all the time. This gives me great confidence in them as we will need all those attributes throughout the season.

Alongside everything the staff and players will contribute, we will also need your loyal support. Over the next 10 months we will all have to fight hard to win, and we can only do that together, be sure that your backing will be fully appreciated by us all.

Up the Ammies.

**Graham.**







## THE CAPTAIN

Liam Hogan talks about pre-season, this season's prospects and today's visitors Leyton Orient.

For any player this week is probably the most eagerly anticipated with the first game of the season only now a few days away.

It's the end of a tough period that the lads go through; pre-season. You're pushed to the test on a regular basis mentally and physically in order to overload you in preparation for a long a successful season. So to come through that in a position where you are competing to play in the season opener already feels like a great achievement.

We have had a good number of new lads come through the doors and also a change in management staff, there's been a change of training ground and generally an all round new growth spurt of the club. So we will look at this as being a very positive off season. I've already spoken about the levels set for the new season being even higher than last in what will be a tough challenge and that all starts at home against Leyton Orient.

I'm looking forward to going into this season and being back in The National League, and with this group of lads there is a lot of experienced quality mixed with exciting potential, and if it comes together I believe we will

certainly have a strong season.

It's a massive day for the club to reach here in such a small amount of time in terms of when the owners took over, to be playing in the top division of the non-league pyramid, there are some big trips ahead of us and clubs looking to find their way out of the league into the EFL.

Last season we didn't win our first game and that was really disappointing, you want to set a marker down early particularly at home which is your base. You want to protect all of the points and show your home support exactly what they will be getting behind all season as they play a vital part in any success.

Leyton Orient is a good start they will be looking to do better than last season in a league that's far from forgiving if you are not at your best. We will be using all of our physical and tactical work to ensure we make a winning start.

I hope you enjoy the season with us! See you Home and Away.

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## MATCH REPORT



WOKING



SALFORD CITY

The Laithwaite Community Stadium  
Pre-Season Friendly  
Attendance: 722

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A NEAR-450 mile round-trip to Woking is a long way for a pre-season friendly, but it is the sort of journey that Salford City will have to get used to in The National League. If that habit can extend to include the 1-0 result as a minimum then it will be a very healthy habit to adopt.

Defender Carl Piergianni - or "Blonde top-knot" as Woking's poor Twitter-commentator had to refer to him as owing to confusion over player identities with Salford bearing un-numbered shirts - headed the winning goal in the second half from a Tom Walker free-kick, and helped at the back as The Ammies kept their first clean sheet of pre-season.

Danny Lloyd made his first appearance in a Salford shirt and it was the former Stockport County forward's contribution that nearly got the game off to a perfect start for Salford when he lofted in a corner from the right-hand side which found Piergianni at the back post, and the defender's downwards header was goal-bound until a clearance off the line by a Woking defender.

Lloyd would continue to show his quality throughout the afternoon and wriggled forward to get a shot off in the eighth minute, but it was blocked by the hosts.

Set pieces presented multiple opportunities for the visitors throughout the afternoon, one would be particularly telling, but The Ammies could have gone in at half-time with a lead after Liam Hogan twice headed over Lloyd corners as Salford finished the half strongly, and a lead would not have been an unfair reflection on first half proceedings.

Woking were helped by the introduction of Reggie Young who broke down the left and got a dangerous cross in from the left which was headed towards fellow substitute Duane Ofori-Acheampong, but Piergianni got a block in and Salford cleared their lines.

The former Boston United centre-back nearly turned provider a minute later as a perfectly pinged ball down the right-hand side fell and bounced perfectly for Rory Gaffney. The Irishman took the shot first time on the half-volley, but was denied by Berti Schotterl as the ball

ran for a corner. Lloyd delivered from the right-hand side and Piergianni had got himself up, but his header was narrowly over the bar.

Past the hour mark Salford started to strengthen their grip on the game again with Walker again testing Schotterl from range, and substitute Nick Haughton took on a shot from a free-kick on the left-hand side of the area but it flashed across goal, needing either a deft header or a bit more curl.

Schotterl had to be alert in the 76th minute and pulled off a very picturesque diving save to deny Trialist a goal from a well-hit shot, but there was little he could do a couple of minutes later. Walker was barged over on the right-hand side by Josh Casey and promptly picked himself up to take the resulting free-kick. It was whipped in with good pace, and Piergianni was on the end to meet it and head past the helpless Woking goalkeeper.

Lois Maynard had marshalled the midfield impeccably for most of the game, and had a sight of goal late on. He controlled the ball well with his chest and hit the shot on the volley, but unfortunately it went wide otherwise his second goal of pre-season would have been a spectacular finish.

A fair result in a match that The Ammies controlled well against a side who battled in The National League last season. Good luck to The Cards for the 2018-19 season!

### Woking

Berti Schotterl  
Dan Spence  
Josh Casey  
Ian Gayle (c)  
Nathan Collier  
Kane Ferdinand  
Paul Hodges  
Christian Jolley  
Jake Hyde  
Fabio Saraiva  
Nick Wheeler

Greg Luer  
Sam Mason  
Duane Ofori-Acheampong  
Reggie Young  
Kofi Halliday  
Jack Cook  
Max Kretschmer  
Charlie Hester-Cook  
Declan Appau

### Salford City

Chris Neal  
Scott Wiseman  
Ibou Touray  
Liam Hogan (c)  
Carl Piergianni (78)  
Lois Maynard  
Danny Whitehead  
Danny Lloyd  
Tom Walker  
Devante Rodney  
Anthony Dudley

Max Crocombe  
Trialist  
Jake Lawlor  
Mark Shelton  
Gus Mafuta  
Rory Gaffney  
Jake Beesley  
Nick Haughton

Referee: Daniel Simpson  
Assistant Referee: Andy Williams  
Assistant Referee: Michael Smith





## MATCH REPORT



ALTRINCHAM



SALFORD CITY

The J. Davidson Stadium  
Pre-Season Friendly  
Attendance: 898

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**A STRIKE** from Rory Gaffney and a late own goal gave Salford City victory in their final warm-up game of the summer, with Altrincham's reply coming from a certain Jordan Hulme. A decent afternoon's entertainment at the J. Davidson Stadium with some good football for the near 900 crowd to enjoy.

Mark Shelton had the first sight of goal just three minutes in but after being played in by Nick Haughton he couldn't hit the target.

The Robins were looking spritely too, giving an experienced Salford defence plenty to think about during the early stages. With a quarter of an hour played full-back Andy White pushed forward on the right before

slipping a low ball into the near post. Josh Hancock – who had a pre-season with Salford a few years ago – got in a first-time effort that was blocked by Max Crocombe.

Soon after that Brendan Daniels' corner from the right found Jake Mould but from 12 yards out he planted a header high over the bar. The Ammies broke quickly through Danny Lloyd whose low 18-yarder wasn't all that far wide.

A Haughton corner was headed just over by Jake Lawlor in the 31st minute but by this stage of the game both sides' attacking efforts were marked more by intent than achievement. It looked as if the half would end without a goal until Salford struck out of the blue less than two minutes before the break. Haughton was the architect, carrying possession inside from the left prior to picking out Gaffney. A good first touch was followed up by an even better finish as the former Bristol Rovers man tucked a low effort inside Tony Thompson's left-hand post.

A narrow advantage for the Ammies but as local luminary Frank Sidebottom wisely observed, "The Robins aren't bobbins". Salford started the second half positively as a Haughton corner from the right was headed over by Nathan Pond. The next action of note would produce an equaliser for the home side.

A brief spell of Alty pressure led to a low Hancock shot that Crocombe pushed onto the inside of his right-hand post. The ball ran back almost along the goal-line and

the race was on to get to it first. Since this friendly was announced Salford fans had been predicting a goal from Hulme and he gleefully proved them correct, sliding in at the far post to lift the ball into the back of the net.

An equaliser Altrincham probably deserved but they very nearly went behind again within a minute or two. Haughton received a low forward pass on the left, turning away from Alty's James Jones before advancing on goal. In full flow the ex-Fleetwood man is difficult to stop and here he did what he does so well, slaloming away from a couple of challenges before cutting inside, a yard outside the area. The approach work deserved a goal but it wasn't to be as a right-footer flew narrowly wide of Thompson's left-hand stick.

With 12 minutes to play Salford edged back into the lead although it took a stroke of good fortune to get them there. Haughton pushed forward on the left before playing a neat cross into the penalty area. It was a decent enough delivery but there seemed to be little danger until Alty's James Jones – stretching all the way – diverted the ball past Wynne and inside his left-hand post from six-yards out.

In hindsight the defender should probably have left that one but the damage had been done. The last dozen minutes or so would be fairly quiet with Haughton's effort from distance the closest Salford would come to a third.

### Altrincham

Tony Thompson  
Andy White  
Connor Hampson  
(OG 78) James Jones  
Liam Goulding  
Jake Mould  
John Johnston  
Max Harrop  
(48) Jordan Hulme  
Josh Hancock  
Brendan Daniels

Sean Williams  
Simon Richman  
Ben Harrison  
Bay Downing  
Lloyd Bannister  
Elliot Wynne

### Salford City

Max Crocombe  
Scott Wiseman  
Ibou Touray  
Gus Mafuta  
Nathan Pond  
Jake Lawlor  
Nick Haughton  
Mark Shelton  
Rory Gaffney (43)  
Danny Lloyd  
Trialist

Chris Neal  
Sam Wright  
Alex Doyle  
Kamar Moncrieffe  
Josh Askew  
James Jones

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Assistant Referee: A. Worthington



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## FRANKLY SPEAKING

This week, Frankly re-calls the last time he saw Leyton Orient play and how teams have moved up and down the league pyramid.

So, how was that for a closed season? From a Salford perspective it could most certainly be termed as having been a headline grabbing one.

Since winning the National League North back in April it has been something of a hectic – and well documented – period for everyone connected with the Peninsula Stadium.

Joint managers Bernard and Jonno have gone. It would have been nice to have seen how they might have fared on the National scene but tough calls get made in football and they left us in the knowledge that they have been our most successful management team in our time as a semi-professional/ full-time club over the last 30-odd years. We wish them all the best with Chester FC in the upcoming campaign.

And so we welcome and give our full support in the hot seat to Graham Alexander and Chris Lucketti. Their appointments were certainly a statement of intent by the club. As were the high profile signings on the playing front. Added together they constituted enough reason for verbal and written assaults to be fired in our direction once again.

Personally I find these attacks are becoming wearisome. If I restrict myself to the world of non league football I remain convinced that there is not one club across the country where the Owners/Directors/Committee would have turned their backs on the unexpected opportunity which came Salford's way close to five years ago. Football is in a continuous state of change. You want the proof? Check the various League listings from 10, 40 and more years ago and see who have risen or fallen.

For instance... The last time I saw today's opposition 'in the flesh' was on the final Saturday of the 1986-87 season. They were playing at Burnley in the Fourth Division – what is now known as League 2. It was the first time for end of season play-offs and for automatic promotion and relegation. Orient (as they were then known) were sitting in seventh spot in the Division while their hosts were rock bottom propping up the whole Football League.

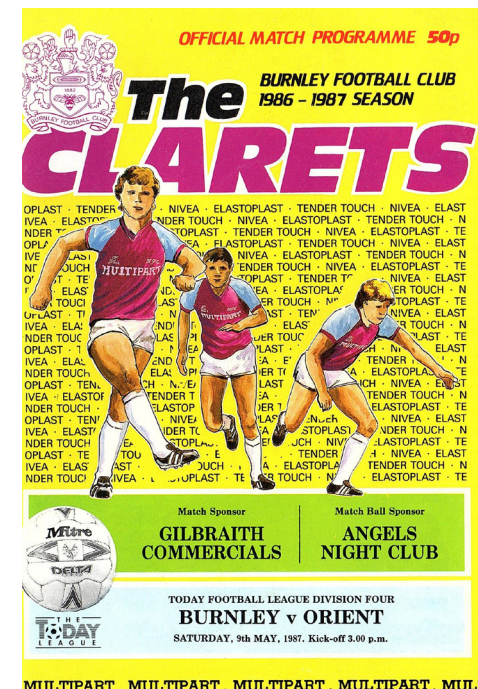
Turf Moor's average attendance that season had been 3,257. A lot more were rammed in that afternoon – delaying the kick off by 15 minutes – and somehow myself and two friends were amongst them. To stay up Burnley needed to win and hope results elsewhere went in their favour. Their programme referred to the match as 'the most important game in the Club's long history'.

As it turned out they won by two goals to one (something like a prequel to Salford's Great Escape of the 2008-09 season) and Lincoln City went down instead to the Conference.

Alan Comfort scored Orient's goal that day and they brought a travelling support of 800 fans to the match. That same season Salford finished bottom of the North West Counties League Division 2 having won just one league match all season and amassing the grand total of 10 points.

Fast forward 30 years and look at how the fortunes of the three clubs have changed. Such is football. For everyone associated with Salford City FC today is truly a momentous occasion, our first fixture at the pinnacle of the Non-League Pyramid.

It's been a long time coming. Let's enjoy it!



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## JAMES HOOPER SIGNS

The left-sided player has penned a one-year deal after trianing with the first team during pre-season.

SALFORD CITY completed the signing of James Hooper this week after a successful trial period at the club including a few appearances in pre-season friendlies as a trialist.

Wythenshawe-born Hooper is a graduate of Rochdale's youth academy, turning professional at Spotland in 2015. Loan spells at FC United and Stockport County followed and James left Rochdale having made one appearance for the club.

In 2017 he signed a short-term deal with Carlisle United, making nine appearances and scoring once before leaving the Cumbrians that summer.

At the start of the 2017-18 campaign the 21-year-old signed for FC United, playing 10 times before moving to Radcliffe Borough at the end of September. He spent the rest of last season at Stainton Park before being offered a trial by Salford manager Graham Alexander.

After signing, he said:

"Yeah I'm very excited to be here, I can't wait to get started. There's a lot of attractions about this place, the club itself, its ambition and the direction it's heading in is all very attractive.

"This year I wanted to get back into full-time football and I've done that so I'm looking forward to seeing how far this club can go.

"It's a great bunch of lads and the gaffer's really good to work with. We've done a lot of hard work over the last few weeks and I think it's just in time for the season to start so I'm excited to see what happens."





# FOOTBALL IS LIFE [KITBAG]

## NON-LEAGUE PAPER COLUMN

NLP Writer Matt Badcock discusses the new season and the potential introduction of sin bins as a punishment.

### THE NEW SEASON

**THERE** was a certain relief walking out of NLP Towers at 9:30pm last Saturday night. Another summer had been negotiated, August is here and competitive football is finally back.

The off-season is a busy one for us as we aim to keep producing engaging articles people will enjoy reading and, I hope, we have once again managed to do that. While there might not be a full programme of matches for a few weeks, there's always something going on in Non-League football once the regular season finishes at the end of April.

The play-offs get into full swing immediately, then there's all the finals to cover, restructuring, league constitutions, league constitutions part two, transfers, fixtures, FA Cup, Trophy and Vase draws and, eventually, pre-season matches.

But there's nothing quite like that first Saturday of the new campaign. Where everyone turns up, level on points, full of hope and ambition, with fans wondering, 'Could this be our year?'

New players have been signed, stands have had a lick of paint and there's grass in all the goalmouths – although this year much of it will be parched! I imagine there will be some expensive water bills dropping on the doormats of clubs in the near future as groundsmen battle against the heat.

Of course, we've had the World Cup to tick us over too and with England going deep into the competition, the excitement and feel-good factor has been palpable. Non-League football can really benefit from the national side having a good competition too.

And there was plenty to be proud of for this level of the game with Jordan Pickford's loan spells at Darlington and Alfreton taking up many column inches, along with Nick Pope's Bury Town beginning and the well-told tale of Jamie Vardy. Who knows where the players kicking off over the coming weeks will end up in a few years' time.

That's one of the exciting parts of this time of year. It's all ahead of us now. The surprises, the shocks, the Cup runs – over the coming nine months stories and memories will unfold for everyone. We'll enjoy covering every kick. Good luck!

### SIN BINS

**Could we see the use of Sin Bins throughout the Non-League Pyramid in the future? Last season the FA trialled the punishment across 31 leagues at various levels and this year that will be expanded with the plan for every Step 7 and below league to use them from 2019-20.**

The FA chose to use sin bins solely for dissent. Did you know that one in four yellow cards is given for that offence? And last season's Pilot showed a significant reduction of 38%.

It seems to be tackling the problem.

The hope is sin bins will change behaviour because it will have an immediate impact. Backchat will see a player spend 10 minutes on the sidelines (eight minutes for games of 80 minutes or less) and will harm the team straightaway, rather than receive a booking and carry on.

The FA's Head of Judicial Services, Mark Ives, answered questions on the system as part of our monthly NLP column with the governing body.

He explained how the FA are governed by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) when it comes to laws of the game. At the moment, they are only allowed to introduce it at the grass-roots level.

But should that change, I wonder if we'll see it higher up the ladder. If it works, which it seems to, that can only be a good thing.



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## CLUB HISTORY

**LEYTON ORIENT** were founded in 1881 by a group of boys who played under the guise of Glyn Cricket Club at Glyn Road, before changing their name to Eagle Cricket Club in 1886.

Two years later, player Jack Dearing suggested that the club re-named Orient Football Club and thus a football section of the club was started. The moniker 'Orient' came from Dearing working for the Orient Steamship & Navigation Company.

Orient joined the Clapton & District League in 1893 and finished third, with the club playing in red shirts with a capital 'O' on their backs, hence being known as The O's. The league was won in 1895, and Orient entered the Third Division of the London League which they were promoted from in 1897 after finishing runners-up.

1898 saw another change in name to Clapton Orient FC in an attempt to give the club more respectability and a bigger fan base; they had already had crowds topping 1,000. 2,500 fans packed in to see the newly re-named club beat Upton Park 6-1 in their first game.

The club became professional in November 1903 after the Middlesex FA stripped them of amateur status in April after finding they had paid a player for pitch works. That was followed up by election into the Second Division of the Southern League in 1904 when Orient finished sixth, and in 1905 the club were elected into the Second Division of the Football League along with Chelsea, Leeds City and Stockport County. They lost their first league match 2-1 at Leicester Fosse, but their first win came against Glossop North End. Orient finished the season bottom of the league, but retained their status after gaining one more vote than Oldham Athletic.

During the First World War, Orient competed in the London Combination, and had the largest enlistment of players in the Footballers' Battalion; 41.

Orient suffered their first relegation in 1929 after finishing bottom, and the next year in Division Three (Southern section) they played their final game at Millfields Road having played there for 30 years. Football would be played at Lea Bridge Road for seven years before a move to current site Brisbane Road in 1937, although the ground was actually called Osborne Road.

League football was suspended during the Second World War and Orient played a number of local matches that totalled 245 between 1939 and 1946. The end of the War also brought an end to Clapton Orient after 48 years and the club re-named as Leyton Orient, with the ground also being re-named Brisbane Road.

The club won it's first Football League promotion in 1955-56 after topping the Division Three South with a club record 106 goals in 46 games. The average home attendance was 16,061.

In April 1962 Orient won promotion to Division One after finishing second to Liverpool, and beating Sunderland to the second promotion spot by one point. The main stand was extended and after losing the opening game to Arsenal, Orient picked up wins against West Ham United, Everton, and a last-minute win against Manchester United. However their stay lasted just a year and O's were relegated after six wins all season from 42.

Another relegation followed to Division Three, but 1968 marked the introduction of Herb Alpert's Tijuana Taxi as the walkout song, which remains to this day and marks 50 years on August 10th.

Orient were Division Three Champions in 1970 after coming close to relegation in 1969, and missed out on promotion back to Division One in 1974 by a point. 1982 saw a return to Division Three, and 1985 ended in relegation to Division Four.

In 1989 Orient finished in the Division Four play-offs thanks to the inspiration of Kevin Campbell on loan from Arsenal, and a two-legged final win over Wrexham meant the club would be back in Division Three. They signed defender Paul Beesley, father of Salford's Jake, from Wigan Athletic for a then-club record £175,000.

The mid-1990s were a period of financial difficulty after Chairman Tony Wood loses significant money and business interests in the Rwandan Civil War, and Barry Hearn took ownership in March 1995. He couldn't prevent Orient being relegated to Division Three (what was Division Four but now re-named after the introduction of The Premier League).

In 1999 O's reached the play-off final after beating Rotherham United in the semi-final on penalties, but they lost 1-0 to Scunthorpe United at Wembley. Another play-off campaign ended in heartbreak at The Millenium Stadium against Blackpool, the Tangerines winning 4-2.

Promotion was finally achieved in 2005-06 when Orient finished third thanks to a 3-2 victory against Oxford United, which also relegated Oxford to The Conference.

A period of near-success came under Russell Slade who led Orient to seventh in 2012-13, and third in 2013-14 to reach the play-offs. The O's beat Peterborough United 3-2 in the semi-final to book a place against Rotherham United in the final at Wembley. Orient went two goals up before Rotherham came back, and they went on to win the shoot-out 4-3.

Hearn sold the club in June 2014 to Francesco Becchetti, but Orient were relegated from League One in 2014-15 and even worse was to come when they were relegated from the Football League in 2016-17. With that Becchetti sold the club to lifelong O's fans Nigel Travis.

Orient finished 13th in The National League last season.



## TODAY'S VISITORS

## LEYTON ORIENT

CLUB REPORT

O's fans will have been disappointed to see their side finish so far off the play-offs in an attempt to get back into the Football League in 2017-18.

They made a positive start to the season under new manager Steve Davis with five wins and a draw from their first eight league games, but after 11 league games without a win Davis was sacked. Ross Embleton took over as caretaker before the appointment of Justin Edinburgh, who has twice reached the Conference Play-Offs, winning them with Newport County in 2013.

Edinburgh brought some consistency back to Brisbane Road and The O's lost just one of their last eight games to move themselves up the table, but sights will firmly be set on building upon that this season.

Macauley Bonne finished as the league's second top scorer with 22 goals in 2017-18, and Edinburgh has added James Alabi to his front line from Tranmere Rovers. He bagged 18 goals in 46 appearances in 2016-17 at Chester and offers Orient another powerful option up top, where they lacked a little in comparison to other sides around last season.

Orient's other summer signing is midfielder Dale Gorman from Stevenage, who already has over 50 appearances in League Two at just 22.

Pre-Season hasn't been too bad for Justin Edinburgh's side, and plenty of goals have been on the agenda early on; seven against Harlow Town, four against Benfica B and another quadruple at East Thurrock United. Defeat to Benfica B remains their only pre-season defeat having beaten Concord Rangers 3-2 and drawn 1-1 against St. Albans City and 2-2 against League One side Southend United.



IT's perhaps a bit too early to digest much from Leyton Orient's last line-up against Southend in their final pre-season game last Saturday (a 2-2 draw).

Edinburgh made it one of his first changes at the club to revert to a 4-4-2 formation to try and solidify his side, and it looks like something he will stick with after using it in pre-season.

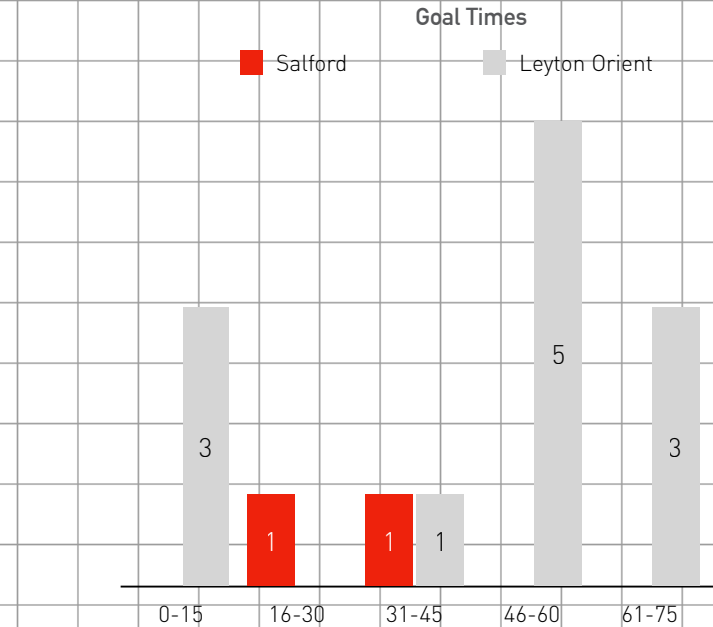
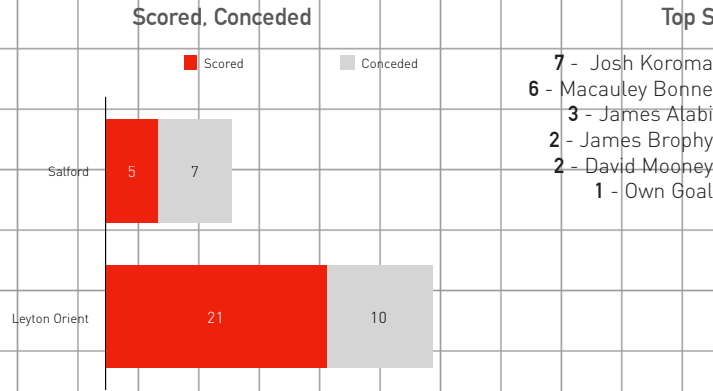
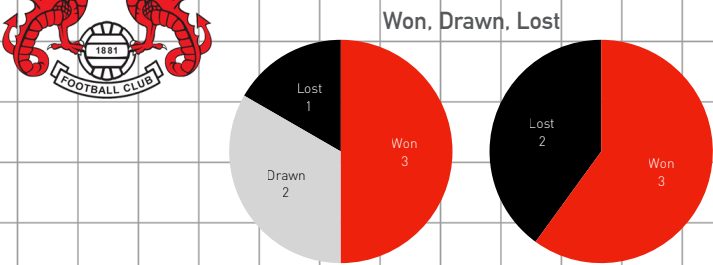


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- 2017-18 Vanarama National League - 13th

HEAD-TO-HEAD STATS







**Dean  
BRILL**

Initially came in as keeper coach, but was used as the number one by Edinburgh.

Brill started his career at Luton Town and won the Football League Trophy in 2008-09. Spells at Oldham and Barnet came after and a return to Luton before spells up in Scotland with Inverness and Motherwell. Last season he started 24 games as keeper.



**Charlie  
GRAINGER**

The 21-year-old has come through the youth team at Leyton Orient.

After making a couple of appearances on the bench and going out on loan a couple of times, Grainger started last season as number one before Brill displaced him. He made his England Under-18s debut in March 2014 against Croatia.



**Sam  
SARGEANT**

Another product of Orient's youth team, Sargeant made his debut in 2015-16 against Yeovil Town on the last day.

A Man of the Match display paved the way for Sargeant to make 18 appearances in all competitions in 2016-17 and a further three in 2017-18.



**Sam  
LING**

The defender returned to the club in February after a year-and-a-half spell at Dagenham & Redbridge.

Ling came through the O's academy, captained the youth team and made the bench a couple of times before joining The Daggers in July 2016.

The full-back has also featured for England C.



**Myles  
JUDD**

Judd became Orient's fifth youngest debutant when he played against Luton Town in 2015 at 16 years and 189 days old.

The now 19-year-old, who came through the Orient academy, went on to make 20 appearances in 2016-17 and a further 10 last season in the Vanarama National League.



**Joe  
WIDDOWSON**

The left-back signed for Leyton Orient in July 2017 after making the play-offs with Dagenham.

The 29-year-old started at West Ham United and was loaned to Rotherham United before permanent stints at Grimsby Town, Rochdale, Northampton Town and Dagenham. He made 36 appearances in the league last season.



**George  
ELOKOBİ**

The former Wolverhampton Wanderers defender signed in July 2017.

Born in Cameroon, Elokobi moved to England at 16 and joined Colchester United in 2004. After four years he signed for Wolves and won promotion to the Premier League before a spell at Oldham Athletic a return to Colchester, and 21 games last season.



**Josh  
COULSON**

The fan favourite signed for the club permanently in January 2018 after a loan spell.

Coulson previously has spent all of his career at Cambridge United, making over 300 appearances and winning promotion to the Football League in 2013-14. He scored on his League debut in a 1-0 win against Plymouth Argyle.



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**Dan  
HAPPE**

Another successful product of the youth team, Happe made his O's debut last season.

The ball-playing centre-back was a third-year scholar when he was called up to face Hartlepool United last September, and he went on to sign his first pro contract in October 2017 and make 26 appearances.



**Marvin  
EKPITETA**

Signed in a two-and-a-half year deal with the club in January.

The 6'4 defender started out at Oxford United and played for Chelmsford City and Concord Rangers before making over 100 National League South appearances for East Thurrock United, from where the 22-year-old signed.



**Shadrach  
OGIE**

The 16-year-old has spent pre-season around the first team and been involved at times.

The youngster played for Hornchurch against Orient in the FA Youth Cup last season, and after a good performance was quickly signed up.



**Alex  
LAWLESS**

An experienced midfielder, former Welsh youth player Lawless signed from Yeovil Town in 2017.

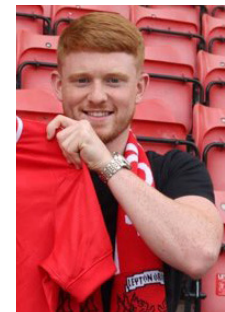
The 33-year-old had significant spells with Forest Green Rovers - 120 games - and Luton Town where he made over 200 appearances and won promotion back to the Football League in 2013-14.



**Craig  
CLAY**

An ever-present last season after signing on a free from Motherwell.

The 26-year-old started out at Chesterfield where he was Young Player of the Year in 2008-09. He reached the National League play-offs with Grimsby in 2014-15 and in 2015-16, winning the final in the latter before moving North of the border.



**Dale  
GORMAN**

The 22-year-old signed from Stevenage on a two-year-deal in the summer.

The Northern Irishman's career began at hometown club Leterkeny Rovers before Stevenage signed him on a scholarship in 2013. He signed his first pro contract in 2015 and became a regular before breaking his ankle in April and leaving in the summer.



**Charlie  
LEE**

Lee missed most of last season after suffering an ACL injury.

The Tottenham Hotspur academy graduate won back-to-back promotions with Peterborough United in 2007-08 and 2008-09, and another with Gillingham in 2012-13 before a three-year spell at Stevenage and a move to Orient in 2017.



**Jobi  
McANUFF**

The Jamaican international returned for a second spell in July 2017 after playing between 2014 and 2016.

That first spell followed McAnuff's five-year spell at Reading, where he was captain of The Royals for promotion to The Premier League in 2012. The 36-year-old captain has over 30 appearances for Jamaica.



**James  
DAYTON**

The midfielder arrived in E10 in 2017 following a trial.

A product of the Crystal Palace youth setup, Dayton has had spells at Yeovil Town, Crawley Town, Kilmarnock - where he lifted the Scottish League Cup in 2011-12 - Oldham, St. Mirren and then Cheltenham Town. He had two goals and 11 assists before an injury in January.



**James  
BROPHY**

Brophy signed permanently in January after a loan spell from Swindon Town.

The 24-year-old started his career at Broadfields United and Edgware Town before a move to Swindon Town in 2015. He was a left-back before being converted to a winger at Orient, scoring two and assisting five in 24 games.



**Josh  
KOROMA**

Something of a hot prospect from the Orient academy, Koroma is in good form coming into the season.

The 19-year-old has seven goals from pre-season, following on from the six he scored at the back end of last season under Edinburgh. He made his England C debut in May, and is Orient's youngest ever hat-trick scorer.



**Macauley  
BONNE**

The 22-year-old signed from Colchester United ahead of last season for an undisclosed fee.

The pacy forward, who has been capped by Zimbabwe at Under-23 level, scored an impressive 25 goals in all competitions in his first season at Orient. He looks to be in good form for this season too having scored six in pre-season.



**David  
MOONEY**

The O's cult hero returned to Orient in July 2017 after a spell at Southend United.

The 33-year-old started his career at Shamrock Rovers before a spell at Reading in 2008 and a move to Orient in 2011. He scored 21 goals in 2013-14 as O's reached the play-off final, and last season he surpassed the 200-game mark.



**Matt  
HARROLD**

Born in Leyton, Harrold's career started at Southend United.

He had spells at Wycombe Wanderers, Brentford, Yeovil Town, Shrewsbury Town and Crawley Town before signing for his hometown side in 2017. He became the O's quickest ever debutant scorer, scoring just after a minute against Guiseley.



**Ruel  
SOTIRIOU**

The 17-year-old signed his first pro contract in May.

The Cypriot was prolific for the Under-18s last season and made three first team appearances, his debut coming against Dagenham & Redbridge in the FA Cup. He also had loan spells to Heybridge Swifts and Leatherhead last season.



**James  
ALABI**

One of two new signings in the summer, the 23-year old joined Orient from play-off winners Tranmere Rovers.

The former Stoke City youth player, who had loan spells at Scunthorpe United, Mansfield Town and Forest Green Rovers, scored 18 goals in 46 games for Chester in 2016-17 and has three from pre-season.

## OPPOSITION VIEW

George Sessions is the Leyton Orient correspondent for London Archant, and has been covering the club since 2015.

### What is the general vibe about playing Salford amongst the Leyton Orient community?

I think it is quite split, there are some fans who are aware of the work Salford have done in the transfer market this summer and they are a little bit fearful, and others who aren't too bothered about who Orient play, they always expect Orient to win and while that might sound arrogant, it isn't. They just have high expectations of the club and fairly so given it wasn't too long ago they were in League One. A lot of fans are excited to visit a new stadium, but not too pleased it is a 12.30pm kick-off even if they are used to it with BT Sport by now.

### What are Leyton Orient's expectations for the season?

I think everyone at the club is expecting to make the play-offs. No one knew what to expect last season and some thought they might romp the league after the first month, but that judgement was misguided. Everyone now knows how difficult the division is and how hard every team is so although a top-seven finish is the aim, everyone associated with Orient knows it will be difficult, but with Justin Edinburgh in charge and stability from top to bottom, there is quiet optimism O's can have a really good year.

### How well prepared do you think Orient are for the new season, and what have you made of the transfer activity?

I think Orient are the best prepared they have been for any season since the start of the 2013-14 season. The last five years have been a rollercoaster of mainly bad, but this summer everything is already in place.

Orient have a manager who knows the league, staff who know the club and a settled group of players who know each other. The hope is this will give them the edge on others who have made wholesale changes and need time to gel. The O's have only made two signings bringing in James Alabi from Tranmere Rovers to strengthen their

forward department and Dale Gorman from Stevenage to increase their competition in the centre of midfield. Both appear decent players; Alabi has shown some flashes of his potential this pre-season while Gorman is only just coming back to full fitness. I personally would have preferred if Orient had signed one or two more quality players, but a nice omen is the last time they made so few signings was the year they nearly sealed promotion to the Championship in the 2013-14 season.

### Match Prediction?

I think it will be a tough game for Orient. Salford have a new manager and a lot of new players so need time to gel, but they have obvious quality. This being said, Orient have a strong and experienced squad so I believe it will finish as a 1-1 draw with Josh Koroma scoring for the O's to keep up his stunning form.

### What is your favourite Leyton Orient moment?

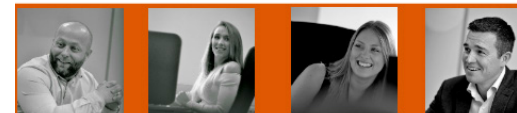
This is a tricky one because I've mainly seen bad times, largely under the old ownership of Francesco Becchetti. There have been some good times and one of my favourites was probably watching an extremely young and inexperienced O's team win 4-0 at Newport County during the 2016-17 League Two season. Orient went to Rodney Parade with a side mainly full of youngsters and produced some glorious football on a mudbath of a pitch. Some of the players in the team have since gone on to sign for high-level clubs and it was a joy to watch them that evening even though behind the scenes things were a mess. A close second is the 1-0 win over Dagenham in an FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round replay at Brisbane Road. It felt like a poignant moment for O's to make sure they played in the first round of the FA Cup again. They have always competed in the first round of the FA Cup and for them not to do so in 2017 would have left a sour taste in everyone's mouth, but they produced a spirited display to beat their local rivals with a crucial goal-saving tackle in stoppage time. A classic FA Cup tie.



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## LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Chris Ogden delves into The National League to preview what Salford fans can expect in their new division this season.

So the 2018/19 season is about to begin and a new season sees Salford joining a new league: the National League, the highest division of English non-league football and just one step away from the hallowed Football League.

As this is our first ever season at National League level, presenting us with tons of new teams that Salford have never played against before in our history, this column will look to follow how this year's National League campaign is progressing. With no fixtures to round up yet, let's have an initial look at the teams we are competing against in the National League this season:

### CONTENDERS

Salford have entered a strong league littered with ex-Football League teams. Chesterfield and Barnet are both established Football League clubs who dropped down from League Two last season – having spent over 95 consecutive years in the EFL, Chesterfield will be serious contenders to bounce right back up.

Today's opponents Leyton Orient fell to earth with a bump last year, finishing a disappointing 13th after getting relegated from League Two the season before, but they boast a highly experienced squad, even boasting a player with Premier League know-how in ex-Reading player Jobi McAnuff.

Like us, AFC Fylde are relatively new to National League level but they've got last season's top scorer Danny Rowe and have the firepower to better their seventh place last time. Hartlepool may benefit from their new owner Raj Singh, while Aldershot have finished fifth two years in a row.

### STALWARTS

What defines any league is not the promotion challengers, but teams who have been in the league for years. They know what it takes to stay in the league and compete every single season. One of the many new things

about the National League – from Salford's perspective – is competing nationally against teams from the South, and the league is full of those: Boreham Wood, Bromley, Dagenham and Redbridge, Ebbsfleet, Maidstone, Maidenhead, and, of course, Sutton United who played Arsenal in the FA Cup fifth round two seasons ago.

There will be many challenging days: Dover will be our furthest away trip, while Eastleigh in Hampshire will also be a slog. That isn't to discount the teams closer to home – Barrow, Gateshead, Halifax, Solihull Moors and Wrexham are all capable teams at this level who, on their day, can beat any opponent.

### NEWCOMERS

Our most familiar opponents will be Harrogate Town who were in the National League North with Salford last year. Apart from our two wins against them to pip them to the title, Harrogate pushed us all the way and scored a whopping 100 goals, so we shouldn't be surprised if they make a strong start at National League level.

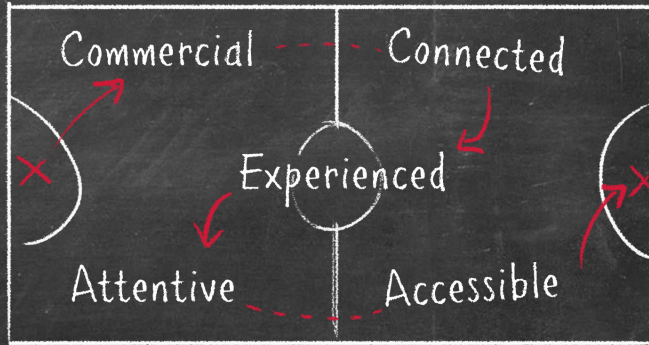
Havant and Waterlooville won the National League South with a late win against Concord Rangers on the final day and will carry that belief with them. Braintree Town won the play-offs despite finishing sixth in the league, beating Hampton and Richmond Borough on penalties. The Iron have experience at National level, having reached the play-offs a few seasons ago.

Just a few months ago many Ammies would have been content with consolidation after promotion but with the signings we have made, bookies are tipping Salford as favourites to win the league.

It's not a given – with only one automatic promotion spot, six play-off places and four relegation spots, clubs have to be ruthless to go up and most teams will have something to play for until the very end of the season. Ultimately, it is our first time in the National League and we will quickly see what our mettle is. Whatever happens in the National League this season, it will be fun finding out.



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- (a) The referee sends off the offending player and restarts play with a dropped ball.
- (b) The referee sends off the offending player and restarts play with an indirect free-kick.
- (c) The referee sends off the offending player and restarts play with a direct free-kick or penalty kick.
- (d) Two of the answers may be correct.

2. A player accidentally loses his footwear and immediately scores a goal. Is this permitted?

- (a) Yes.
- (b) No and the game must be restarted with a dropped ball.
- (c) No and the game must be restarted with an indirect free-kick.
- (d) No and the game must be restarted with a goal kick.

3. A player is guilty of unsporting behaviour while the ball is in play. The referee stops play and cautions him. How should play be restarted?

- (a) Play is restarted with an indirect free-kick.
- (b) Play is restarted with a direct free-kick.
- (c) Play is restarted with either a free-kick, penalty kick or dropped ball.
- (d) Play is restarted with a dropped ball.

4. An attacker has an obvious goalscoring opportunity. A defender, not the goalkeeper, deliberately handles the ball to prevent a goal but the ball enters the goal. The referee...

- (a) awards a penalty kick and cautions the defender for deliberately handling the ball.
- (b) awards a penalty kick and sends off the defender for serious foul play.
- (c) awards a goal and sends off the defender for serious foul play.
- (d) awards a goal and cautions the defender for unsporting behaviour.

5. Can the referee compensate for an error in timekeeping during the first half by adding or reducing time in the second half?

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes, the same amount of time can be added or subtracted.
- (c) No.
- (d) No, only reductions can be made.

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**"IT'S MORE OR  
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TO IT!"**

Lois Maynard won promotion back to non-league's top flight in 2017-18 after signing for Salford City in the summer of 2017, and the influential central midfielder says that being back in The National League is a bit like being back at home.





UP AND RUNNING:  
Lois opened the scoring in the 2-1 win at  
Nantwich Town in the second game of pre-season

**APRIL seems a very long time ago now. Not least because it is actually over three months since the Vanarama National League North season ended, but also owing to the amount of football that has been played and the significant changes that have taken place.**

The World Cup is always a tremendously exciting period, made even better by the unpredictable nature of events in Russia; Germany out in the group stages, Spain beaten by Russia on penalties, Brazil losing in the quarter-finals, and of course England reaching the semi-finals! Who can argue at that, or being able to watch three matches a day, or having football on nearly every day for four weeks? Not Lois Maynard for one...

"I love watching it! I watch as many games as I can just in football in general, I can watch 90 minutes of games, I can just sit there and watch games back-to-back so the World Cup has been amazing."

Cousin to England and United star Marcus Rashford, the midfielder enjoyed the performance of Gareth Southgate's side and the way they have created an identity.

"Obviously England did quite well so I was quite proud, they did well and got as far as they probably could, in hindsight, but they did very well and they had an identity which they haven't had for a while which was good."

At the same time, Maynard has found himself a part of a side trying to create a new identity under Graham Alexander, who was appointed Salford City manager in May. Having worked under Anthony Johnson and Bernard Morley last season, it is a change for Maynard as one of the players to stay on from last season's title-winning side, and the 29-year-old is positive about the new gaffer and what he brings.

"It's been really good, extremely hard in a physical sense

but it's been quite exciting tactically because it's new ideas, new formations from last year, so it's been exciting to learn from the new gaffer, and learn those new ideas.

"He's been brilliant, he's come in and he's got a way of how to play; everyone's had to buy into that way. He's got new ideas, and the training has been unbelievable.

"There's been hard, physical running, very hard, but then it's going to benefit us in the long run. He's a very good gaffer and all the players have taken to him."

#### PRE-SEASON

Often a challenging period for a footballer anyway, the unusually hot climate and the changes have made pre-season even more significant this season, but Salford have come out in good shape with three wins from five, and an encouraging performance in the 1-0 defeat to

League One Barnsley.

Games against both league and non-league sides have provided different challenges and levels of opposition for The Ammies, and combined with the training schedule Maynard feels that Alexander's preparations have gone well ahead of his and the club's first season in non-league's top flight.

"Pre-season's gone as well as it could have really.

"I think pre-season is there for one thing and that is to prepare for the first game of the season, which is this weekend, and it's gone well.

"Most people have stayed injury free, got some good minutes behind us, played against some good teams, and tried implementing some things from the training ground and implementing them into games, so it has been good.



"There have been some games that have been footballing games, and in those games you can work on your footballing things, what you want to do and what you want to implement into matches.

"Then there's the other games like your Altrinchams which have been a bit more physical, and that's what you're going to get in The National League; there's footballing teams and there are physical teams so it's been a good balance in pre-season and hopefully we're all prepared."

### THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

Starting his career locally, Maynard has spent the entirety of his playing days in non-league and more specifically in the top flight as a formidable opponent when playing for FC Halifax Town and Tranmere Rovers.

He was signed up by The Shaymen, who are our next visitors to The Peninsula Stadium on Tuesday 14th August, ahead of their return to The Conference in 2013 having won both the Supporters' and Players' Player of the Year at Winsford United in the North West Counties Football League in 2012-13. The gulf in leagues didn't faze Maynard one bit as he played an integral part in Halifax's remarkable run to the play-off semi-finals, where they lost to eventual winners Cambridge United.

In 2014-15, 12 goals in 39 appearances caught the eye of giants Tranmere Rovers who quickly snapped up the midfielder after Halifax had let Maynard's contract run down. The Prenton Park outfit missed out on the play-offs by two points, but qualified in 2016-17 and made it to the final where they lost 3-1 to Forest Green Rovers at Wembley.

As Maynard made the move to The Peninsula Stadium in 2017, he brought with him one of the biggest wealths of experience in The National League and the 29-year-old says he is excited about playing in the division again.

"Very much so, it's more or less all I know The National League so I'm looking forward to it and albeit with a different team, I'm excited the same way.

"I've been in the play-offs twice with two different teams in The National League. There's always going to be teams in this league who will try and spend money, try and get out

of it. It's one of the hardest leagues to get out of probably, but we back ourselves to do the same thing, it's no different whoever you are.

"Obviously you've got your ex-league clubs, teams who are always going for it. You've got your Wrexhams, Leyton Orient, Dagenham & Redbridge, Aldershot, Barnet and Chesterfield now, Fylde were up there last year... All those teams will be going for it as they do every year so we've got to be on it.

"There's a few players who have played in this league so is there responsibility? Yeah, I guess so and if there's any input that we can give on certain players and stuff like that, certain games, certain grounds, then I'm sure we can help."

One of the key elements, and certainly a focus of some national interest this summer, has been the recruitment. Big name signings like Danny Whitehead, who won The National League with Macclesfield Town last season, Danny Lloyd, from League One, and Adam Rooney from SPFL side Aberdeen, have led some fans of other clubs to accuse The Ammies and the owners of trying to buy our way into the Football League, but all that aside Maynard says that the quality of such players gives the whole club environment a positive lift. In addition to that, they are players who are hungry and want success, with promotion the target that is in mind.

"The recruitment has been unbelievable, we've signed players who, most have come from the league or have a bright future, so it shows you what the club's going for.

"As a player it makes you want to raise your game and you want the respect of the new signings, and they want the respect of people already at the club so it raises the place automatically.

"It would be unbelievable if we can get promoted, and it would be better than any other time I've come close because this is a team that's on my doorstep, so it would mean a lot more. I've got to the play-offs twice before so hopefully it's third time lucky!

"People have not come here to participate though, these are good players that have come here and we all want to challenge, and we all want to make a stamp and create history."







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## THE AMMIES VIEW

To start the season off, Zarah Connolly spoke to Salford supporter Wendy Perry about her experience and thoughts about the club...

**How long have you been watching Salford and why are you a Salford fan?**

I have had an interest in Salford for about two years now after seeing the TV documentary, I loved it! In 2017 I had a very bad year, in May my 12-year-old nephew was diagnosed with a brain tumour and then in July my Mum died suddenly. My world had been turned upside down basically. I match fish most weekends but had no interest in it at all. Then my husband, Ian, saw Salford were playing at home and asked if I'd like to go. I jumped at the chance and went along, it was probably the best decision I've ever made because all my sadness and worry I didn't think about for two hours! What a tonic it was! I loved every minute of it and couldn't wait for the next match from that day I have gone to almost every match home and away. The best news came towards the end of the year when my nephew, after spending six months in hospital, was let home and clear of cancer, and my daughter's third time of trying IVF was a success and we are due a little boy anytime now.

**Why Salford more than anyone else?**

My husband is an avid Manchester United fan and has watched the Class of '92 lads right from when they made their debut with MUFC.

**What are you looking forward to most this season?**

I'm looking forward to visiting the different grounds away and watching the team - hopefully - go on to win the league.

**What's the most exciting thing about The National League?**

It's a higher class of football, there will be lots more supporters travel with their clubs and the atmosphere will be awesome. We are also only one step away from League football; onwards and upwards!

**Who is your favourite player?**

Tom Walker, he is amazing! Such a nice lad and always gives the fans a wave.

**What do you think of the new signings?**

I'm excited to watch them this season, I have read up on their history of clubs and it's so exciting!

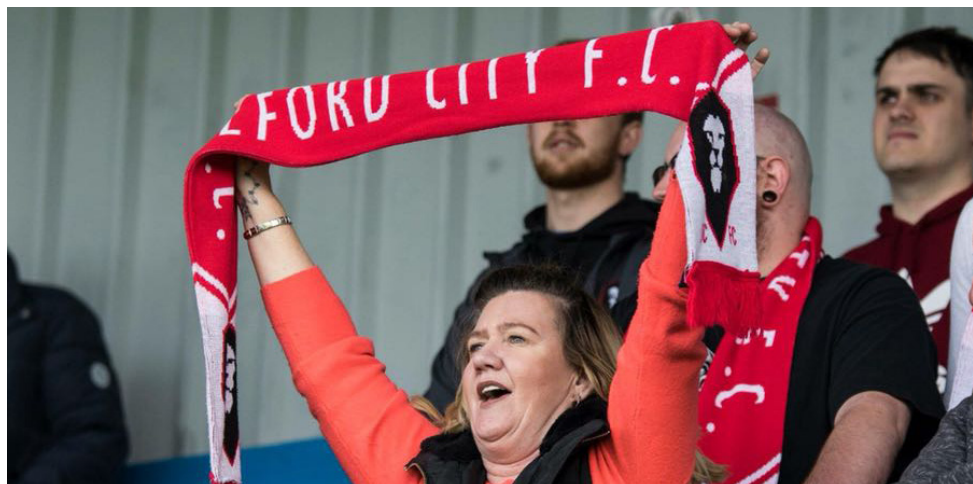
**Are you excited to see what the gaffer brings?**

I've heard some great things said about Graham Alexander and yes, I'm looking forward to seeing how he will work the boys.

**What do you think of the first home game against Leyton Orient?**

Leyton Orient are an ex-league club so we couldn't have picked a bigger game to start the season off with. I'm sure there will be plenty of goals but hopefully going into Orient's net!

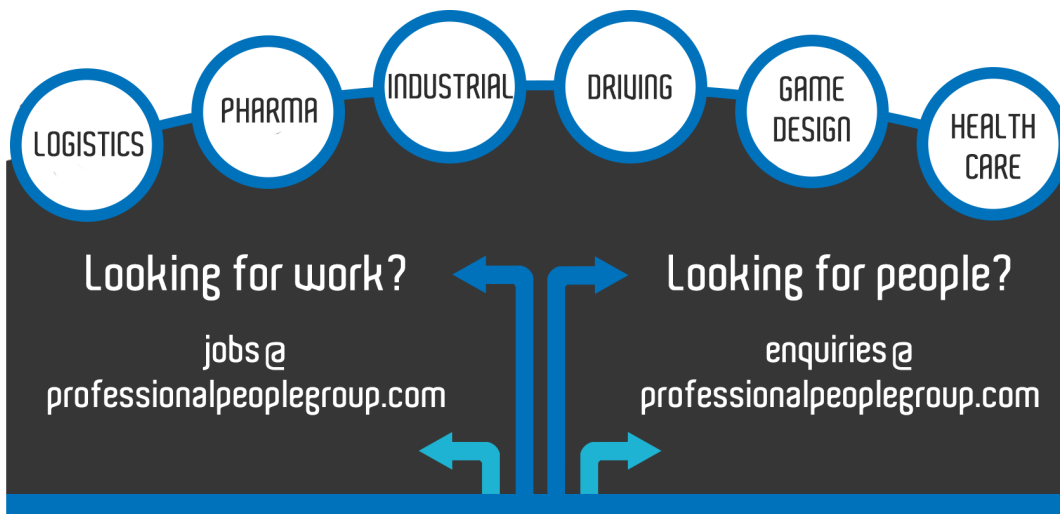
I'd also like to add that Ian and I have made lots of new friends here at Salford who we talk to week in, week out, and these friends will be for life as I am here to stay!



If you would like to feature in The Ammies View, please email [zarah.connolly@salfordcityfc.co.uk](mailto:zarah.connolly@salfordcityfc.co.uk)



## Your Recruitment Heroes!



## ON THIS DAY

The Vanarama National League starts earlier than other leagues tend to start, so Chris Ogden takes a look back at some standout opening day fixtures...

In our recent history Salford tend to start the season well - we've only lost one of our opening games since 2011.

**5 August 2017**  
National League North  
Salford City 0 - 2 Darlington 1883

Last season we played against Darlington with optimism entering our second season in the Vanarama National League North. Three promotion contests in a row had made Darlington our modern day rivals and they successfully avenged a 5-1 defeat the season before, inflicting our first opening day defeat since 2011 when Warrington Town won 5-1 at Moor Lane with Jack Redshaw scoring the consolation.

Darlington took the lead through David Ferguson after David Syers hit the post with a ferocious rising drive, and didn't look losing it from there. Despite Salford pressure, a well drilled Darlington defended well and Ferguson made it two in the 95th minute as Salford pushed for an equaliser. Thankfully, that pattern didn't continue for the season - Darlington ended up in 12th place while we, of course, went up as Champions.



**6 August 2016**  
National League North  
Salford City 1-1 Gloucester City

Salford City's start to life at the National League North was eventful in a 1-1 draw against Gloucester City. It didn't look like it would be after an uneventful start to the first half, but the game sprung to life in the second half in the 50th minute as Steve O'Halloran hit a ball down the line for Richie Allen, who crossed for James Poole to calmly drag it in to the far corner for a deserved lead.

Gloucester's goalkeeper Jasbir Singh made several excellent saves to keep the score down, especially one tipping a left-footed shot from Poole onto the bar, and his efforts paid off - in the 65th minute, substitute Joe Parker wriggled through the Salford defence and made it 1-1. Jordan Hulme nearly snatched a winner late on, but it was not to be as Singh was the hero again, diving to his left to claw a header from Michael Nottingham off the goal line.

It proved to be a tricky season as the Ammies finished fourth but were eliminated in the play-off semi-final by FC Halifax Town on penalties.

**15 August 2015**  
Northern Premier League  
Salford City 0-0 Marine FC

There were no goals in our first home game in the EvoStik Northern Premier League as Marine claimed a point and even nearly sneaked all three. Strike partners Jordan Hulme and Gareth Seddon had several chances, most notably Hulme with a cheeky back-heel, but Marine stood firm and had the best chance of the match late on, as Jamie Menagh struck a fierce shot from outside the box that cannoned back off the crossbar. Marine may have kept Salford at bay that day, but others didn't as we scored 94 goals, finished third and were promoted via the play-offs.



**14 August 2014**  
Northern Premier League Division One North  
Salford City 4 - 1 Scarborough

Salford won comfortably against Scarborough United in our first home league match under the Class of 92's ownership. A cross from Andrew Smart found Sam Madeley in the area, and he opened the scoring only for the visitors to equalise on the stroke of half time.

Scarborough started the second half by winning a penalty but were denied by Salford's 18-year-old goalie Tom Stewart. Up popped Gareth Seddon with a header and a successful penalty of his own, before he sealed a hat-trick late on with an edge-of-the-area lob. It proved to be the quality of Champions.

Let's hope that today's opening game against Leyton Orient delivers more magic today.







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# SALFORD CITY SUPPORTERS TEAM

The team has gone from strength to strength during their pre-season, but now the real games have started in the Supporters' League.

The Supporters Team started of their IFA season with a victory last weekend.

Ahead of the first team's final pre-season game away at Altrincham, they made the journey down to Stoke-on-Trent to face Port Vale's supporters side 'Portly Vale'.

The team came away with a 3-1 win with goals coming from Dean Dearden, Stuart Schofield and Anthony Rouse.

**Starting XI:** Pete Chapman; Adam Franks, Macauley Knight (c), Luke Baines, Mason Stephenson; Jake Thurston, Anthony Rouse, Carl Breeze; Dean Dearden, Stuart Schofield, Baz Massey.

**Subs:** Brian Pullen, Ryan Knight.

The IFA (Internet Football Association) acts as a vehicle for supporters to play against other supporters teams. These matches usually take place on a Saturday morning between supporters sides from the clubs whose first teams are in action against each other.

This morning the supporters were due to play against Leyton Orientear. For more information on fixtures, results and training if you want to get involved, follow them on Twitter @scfcsupporters, or speak to Andy Thurston at a game.

In the British Cup Round One draw, they have been drawn away at Livingston GS.



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	TEAM	P	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	AFC Fylde	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Aldershot Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Barnet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Barrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Boreham Wood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Braintree Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Bromley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Chesterfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Dagenham & Redbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Dover Athletic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Eastleigh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Ebbsfleet United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	FC Halifax Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Gateshead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Harrogate Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Hartlepool United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Havant & Waterlooville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Leyton Orient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Maidenhead United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Maidstone United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Salford City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Solihull Moors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Sutton United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Wrexham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### TODAY'S FIXTURES

- AFC Fylde vs Bromley  
Mill Farm, 15:00
- Aldershot Town vs Barnet  
The Electrical Services Stadium, 15:00
- Barrow vs Havant & Waterlooville  
The Furness Building Society Stadium, 15:00
- Boreham Wood vs Dagenham & Redbridge  
Meadow Park, 15:00
- Braintree Town vs FC Halifax Town  
Cressing Road Stadium, 15:00
- Dover Athletic vs Wrexham  
The Crabble Stadium, 15:00
- Eastleigh vs Solihull Moors  
Silverlake Stadium, 15:00
- Ebbsfleet United vs Chesterfield  
Kuflink Stadium, 15:00
- Harrogate Town vs Sutton United  
The CNG Stadium, 15:00
- Maidenhead United vs Gateshead  
York Road, 15:00
- Maidstone United vs Hartlepool United  
The Gallagher Stadium, 15:00
- Salford City vs Leyton Orient  
The Peninsula Stadium, 12:30

### IN FOCUS

- We take a look at a couple of the fixtures that stand out in this round...
- ALDERSHOT TOWN vs BARNET**  
Many eyes will be on Barnet and their first reaction after relegation from the Football League last season. The North London outfit have been busy in the summer after appointing John Still as manager, but face a testing trip to Aldershot Town.
- EBBSFLEET UNITED vs CHESTERFIELD**  
Chesterfield, like Barnet, will be one of the teams fans are looking out for to see how they will get on in their attempts to return to the Football League immediately, but Ebbsfleet won't be an easy introduction after reaching the play-off semi-finals last season.
- HARROGATE TOWN vs SUTTON UNITED**  
Promoted via the National League North play-offs, Harrogate Town start 2018-19 at home against last season's play-off semi-finalists Sutton United.





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## COMING UP

Find out what games we have coming up next, and the information you might need to know!



### GATESHEAD

Tuesday 7th August, 19:45  
The International Stadium

#### MATCH INFORMATION

There have been big changes up in the North East owing to a change in ownership at The Heed, which for a time put the club's aspirations for the season in some doubt. However the successful sale of the club to Dr. Ranjan Varghese has re-ignited some hope that the club can be competitive in the league, and complements the news of manager Steve Watson signing a one-year deal earlier in the summer. The former Macclesfield Town assistant took over last October after Neil Aspin left for Port Vale, and led The Heed to a 17th place finish and an FA Trophy semi-final.

#### COACH TRAVEL

£10 return, tickets available from the matchday office this afternoon or by emailing [andy.giblin@salfordcityfc.co.uk](mailto:andy.giblin@salfordcityfc.co.uk).

#### ADMISSION

Adults: £15, Concessions: £8, 16-17: £5, Under-16s: £3



### SUTTON UNITED

Saturday 11th August, 19:45  
The Knights Community Stadium

#### MATCH INFORMATION

This will be our first ever visit to Gander Green Lane, which hosted Sutton's Play-Off semi-final defeat to Boreham Wood at the end of last season. Manager Paul Doswell has recruited well over the summer for the part-time outfit in hope of another play-off finish.

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### FC HALIFAX TOWN

Tuesday 14th August, 19:45  
The Peninsula Stadium

#### MATCH INFORMATION

The Shaymen return to The Peninsula Stadium as the sides meet for the first time since Halifax knocked us out of the National League North Play-Offs in 2016-17.

There has been a change of management since those meetings, with Jamie Fullarton taking over from Billy Heath in February and leading The Shaymen to safety last season and a 16th place finish. However Halifax still have the accolade of having never lost to Salford in eight meetings since their reformation in 2008 (W6 D2).

#### ADMISSION (on the gate)

Adults: £10, Concessions: £5, 5 and Under: Free







## SALFORD CITY

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- 04 Alex **LAWLESS**
- 05 George **ELOKOBİ**
- 06 Josh **COULSON**
- 07 Jobi **McANUFF**
- 08 Craig **CLAY**
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- 18 Matt **HARROLD**
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- 20 Ruel **SOTIRIOU**
- 21 Marvin **EKPİTETA**
- 22 Charlie **LEE**
- 24 Sam **SARGEANT**
- 25 Shadrach **OGİE**
- 27 James **ALABI**

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