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EDITOR'S CORNER Barking V St Neots Town

Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to Lawtech Stadium for this FA Cup First Round Qualifying Replay against St Neots Town!

This tie comes about after the two sides played out a competitive 2-2 draw on Saturday – we took the lead early on through in-form Juwon Akintunde before St Neots turned it around, but an own goal with 20 minutes to go gave Barking an equaliser and set up tonight's replay. A full match report can be found on page 4. The winner of tonight's fixture will travel to Isthmian North side Gorleston in the Second Round Qualifying.



Both sides should note that Gorleston currently play at the ground of Great Yarmouth. Tonight's programme also contains a report on our previous fixture against FC Baresi in the FA Vase, as we ran out 4-0 victors – that victory means we will host fellow Essex Senior League side Takeley in the next round.

We would also like to wish all fans and players of St Neots Town as well as the officials and any neutrals a safe journey home from Lawtech Stadium today.

Come on you Blues!

Penned by programme editor Trevor Gilbert

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FA Vase Best - Fifth Round (Last 16)	1996/97
London Senior Cup - Winners	1911/12, 1920/21, 1926/27, 1978/79
Essex Senior Cup – Winners	1893/94, 1895/96, 1919/20, 1945/46, 1962/63,
•	1969/70, 1989/90
East Anglian Cup - Winners	1937/38, 1953/54 (Shared)
Essex Thameside Trophy – Winners	1952/53 (Shared), 1956/57, 1958/59, 1996/97
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ST NEOTS TOWN 2-2 BARKING FC

FA Cup First Round Qualifying - Saturday 31 August - Report by Terry Gilbert

If this game were a Hollywood blockbuster, it would be talked about for its thrills, spills, and a rollercoaster ride of emotions, it was a great advert for non-league football and the magic of the FA Cup as the two sides could not be separated.

Barking showed resilience, riding their luck in the second half, much like their previous round victory over Redbridge and battled their way to a 2-2 draw against St Neots Town to force a replay on Tuesday evening.

There were several changes from last week's win over FC Baresi, with Sam Edwards, Jay Bacon, Andy Greenslade, Teddy Stacey, Marcel McDonald, and Izzy Bademosi all returning to the starting lineup. With Hassan Nalbant cup-tied and Jerrold Cobblah out with the flu, there was a debut for Noah Adejokun, younger brother of Abraham Adejokun, who featured for Barking from 2007 to 2010.

The game began with both teams cautiously sizing each other up, but it was the visitors, Barking, who struck first. In the tenth minute, a St Neots free kick was intercepted, leading to a string of passes. Finally, Jay Bacon slipped the ball inside to **Juwon Akintunde**, who fired home from a tight angle to make it 1-0.

St Neots responded swiftly, with Michael Amaeshike weaving his way into the Barking box just five minutes later, but his shot was blocked for a throw. Moments later, Akintunde nearly doubled the lead after winning the ball back, but his effort went wide. In the 24th minute, Barking's defence was undone down the left flank. A swift run into the box led to a pass to Sam Willis, who capitalised to equalise for St Neots. The game continued to be a tense battle, with both sides struggling to carve out clear opportunities in the final third. However, the momentum shifted towards St Neots in the 36th minute when a cross flashed across Barking's goal, and Rhys Thorpe's header from the resulting corner struck the post. St Neots nearly took the lead in added time, with Harvey Williams finding space in a position similar to Akintunde's earlier goal but he fired wide. Just before halftime, Williams delivered another dangerous cross, but it was too high for Thorpe, and the teams went into the break level at 1-

The second half saw St Neots continue to cause problems on the wings, and their pressure paid off in the 48th minute. Connor Furlong, a constant threat down the left, cut inside and set up Kieran Barnes, who slotted past Spence to make it 2-1 to the hosts.

St Neots kept up the pressure, and Barking were fortunate not to fall further behind. A long throw into the box in the 55th minute caused chaos, but Spence produced a low save to keep Barking in the game. Ten minutes later, Barnes was almost through for a third, but he was denied and the ball fell to the well-placed Danny Baulk, but he blasted his shot over the bar. Barking, however, refused to roll over. In the 70th minute, Andy Greenslade found Izzy Bademosi in the box, whose cross was turned into his own net by St Neots defender Robbie Parker with a full-length diving header, for an **own goal** to make it 2-2.

Shortly after the equaliser, St Neots had a big appeal for a penalty for handball, but the referee was not inclined to answer the home appeals. The drama continued, and in the 75th minute, Spence slipped while saving a shot, but Jay Bacon was perfectly positioned to clear Barnes' follow-up off the line. St Neots kept pushing and forced a series of corners, with one effort from Amaeshike hitting the bar. As the clock ticked down, the closing stages were played almost entirely in Barking's half and mainly around our box. In the 85th minute, Marcel McDonald setup Noah Adejokun for a rare Barking chance, but his shot lacked power and was comfortably saved by James Goff. With two minutes remaining, St Neots came agonisingly close to a winner when a Barnes free kick struck the post. A chaotic scramble ensued but Barking somehow managed to clear their lines. St Neots did not come as close again, and the match ended in a 2-2 draw.

As the Blues never gave up there is now a second bite at the cherry on Tuesday evening as we host St Neots at the Lawtech Stadium for the replay. It promises to be another thrilling encounter as both sides vie for a place in the next round.



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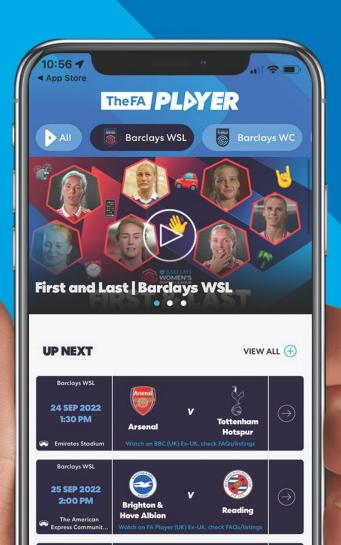
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27 Jul 24	FC Clacton	ESL	3-0	ATT 146	
30 Jul 24		ESL	1-1	102	Akintunde (pen), M. McDonald, John Bademosi
03 Aug 24	Stanway Rovers Tring Athletic	FACEPR	1-1	196	Edwards
05 Aug 24 06 Aug 24	Tring Athletic	FACEPR R	1-0	198	Own Goal
10 Aug 24	Takeley	ESL	1-3	82	M. McDonald
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17 Aug 24	Redbridge				
24 Aug 24	FC Baresi	FAV1QR	4-0	73	B. McDonald (x2), Akintunde (x2)
31 Aug 24	St Neots Town	FAC 1Q	2-2	338	Akintunde, Own Goal
3 Sept 24	St Neots Town	FAC 1Q R			
6 Sep 24	West Essex	ESL			
10 Sep 24	Ilford	ESL			
14 Sept 24	White Ensign	ESL			
17 Sept 24	Frenford	ESL			
21 Sept 24	Takeley	FAV 2Q			
28 Sep 24	Benfleet	ESL			
05 Oct 24	Little Oakley	ESL			
08 Oct 24	Haringey Borough	LSC 2R			
12 Oct 24	Halstead Town	ESL			
15 Sep 24	Frenford	ESL			
22 Sep 24	Ilford	ESL			
26 Sep 24	Buckhurst Hill	ESL			
02 Nov 24	Stansted	ESL			
16 Nov 24	Great Wakering Rovers	ESL			
23 Nov 24	Sawbridgeworth Town	ESL			
30 Nov 24	Hullbridge Sports	ESL			
14 Dec 24	Benfleet	ESL			
21 Dec 24	Woodford Town	ESL			
26 Dec 24	Romford	ESL			
04 Jan 25	White Ensign	ESL			
11 Jan 25	Takeley	ESL			
18 Jan 25	Athletic Newham	ESL			
25 Jan 25	Little Oakley	ESL			
01 Feb 25	Halstead Town	ESL			
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15 Feb 25	Buckhurst Hill	ESL			
22 Feb 25	Stanway Rovers	ESL			
01 Mar 25	Hullbridge Sports	ESL			
08 Mar 25	FC Clacton	ESL			
15 Mar 25	Sawbridgeworth Town	ESL			
22 Mar 25	West Essex	ESL			
29 Mar 25	Athletic Newham	ESL			
05 Apr 25	Stansted	ESL			
12 Apr 25	Romford	ESL			
19 Apr 25	Great Wakering Rovers	ESL			
26 Apr 25	Woodford Town	ESL			
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ST NEOTS TOWN

St Neots Town was formed in 1879 when it was known as plain 'St Neots'. The club clinched its first honour when it became inaugural winners of the Huntingdonshire Senior Cup in 1888–89. They went on to win the cup another four times before the turn of the century in 1892–93, 1894–95, 1895–96 and 1896–97. In the 1901-02 season the Club recorded its first known 'double' when it won the Hunts Senior Cup, for the sixth time, and the Fellowes Cup. During this period, they played in the Biggleswade & District League.

For the 1924–25 season the club was renamed St Neots & District and celebrated by winning the Hunts Senior Cup again. By 1927 they had joined the Bedfordshire & District



League, which later became the South Midlands League in 1929. The South Midlands League title was clinched in 1932–33. Progression came in 1936 with entry to the United Counties League, however, after World War II they re-joined the South Midlands League, before becoming founder members of the Metropolitan League in 1949. They won the league and league cup double in its first season but returned to the UCL in 1951.

In 1956 they switched leagues again, joining Division One South of the Central Alliance. The following year the club was renamed for the third time to its present name St Neots Town F.C. In 1960 they returned to the Metropolitan League and won the Professional Cup in 1964–65. In 1966–67 St Neots enjoyed their best run to date in the FA Cup reaching the First-Round proper, where they were beaten 2–0 away at Walsall. They went on to win the United Counties League and League Cup double in 1967–68 after rejoining the season earlier. The following season they retained the League Cup and also won the Huntingdonshire Senior Cup for the twelfth consecutive season, a record for senior cups in England.

In 1969 the club transferred to the Eastern Counties League because it was felt it would be a stronger league but returned for a fourth spell in the UCL Premier Division in 1973. They were relegated at the end of the 1981–82 season after eight years of moderate success but made an immediate return the following season after finishing as runners-up in Division One. During the 1987–88 season the owner of their long-term home at Shortsands yard sold it to a housing developer, meaning the club had to finish the season on a sub-standard borrowed works pitch. At the end of the '87–88 league season just four places from the bottom of the league table the club was forced to disband in order to clear its outstanding debt.

Out of football for just two seasons St Neots Town FC was reformed, in 1990, by a group of local men and joined the Huntingdonshire Junior League, with a pitch at Priory Park, which was rented from the district council. After four consecutive titles and a six-year absence from senior football, they were readmitted to Division One of the UCL in 1994. They won Division One at the first attempt and were promoted to the Premier Division, where they would stay for the next 17 years.

The club's ambition to move on was shown with the 2009 addition of former Northern Ireland internationals Steve Lomas and Michael Hughes as a player managerial team, where they were joined by Sylvain Legwinski, formerly of Fulham.

ST NEOTS TOWN

Whilst these star names moved on, new manager Dennis Greene was able to bolster his side in late 2010 with the audacious signing of former Aston Villa striker Stefan Moore, fresh from scoring 39 goals for higher-level Halesowen Town. Moore helped fire St Neots to the 2010–11 UCL Premier Division title, with the club breaking a number of records on the way to promotion to the Division One Central at which they won as Champions at the first attempt. However, a series of management changes were to follow. At the start of the 2012–13 season manager Greene's position had become "untenable" leading to his resignation. He was replaced first by Iain Parr, before a joint management team of Gary King and Zema Abbey were drafted in from Arlesey Town in November 2013. The new management team led the Saints to victory in the Hunts Senior Cup and the 2013/14 Southern Football League Cup, with victory over Tiverton Town in the Final.

Poor performances at the beginning of 2014–15 season, however, saw the Abbey brothers, Nathan and Zema relieved of their duties. Gary King became the sole manager, bringing in Liam George as his assistant and promoting Matthew Spring to player/assistant coach. King resigned in late December 2014 and was replaced by David Batch. In December 2015, owner and chairman Mike Kearns stepped aside with his stake in the club acquired by the club's managing director, and Kearns' son, Lee.

In 2016 the slow transition to becoming a self-funded, sustainable community active club began with the introduction of a new board of directors.

Relegation to step 4 in 2019 was followed with the introduction of a strategic development partnership with Cambridge United FC. The clubs ambition remains the same, to play at the highest level possible while remaining self-funded with a drive to make a difference within the Community.

For the 2022-23 season the Club will placed in the Northern Premier League having been laterally transferred from the Southern League but were relegated to the United Counties League.



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FA Cup First Round Qualifying - Saturday 31 August - Photos by Terry Gilbert









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ON THIS DAY

A selection of Barking games from this day in the past by Terry Gilbert

September 3rd 2016 - Essex Senior League Tower Hamlets 1 Barking 4 (John Bricknell 2 (1 Pen), Ben O'Brien, Joe Pearman)

September 3rd 2013 - FA Cup Preliminary Round Replay Barking 0
Maldon & Tiptree 1

September 3rd 2011 - Essex Senior League Barking 2 (Ben Turner Penalty, Ben Jones) Basildon United 1

September 3rd 2005 - The Southern League Division 1 East Enfield 1
Barking & EHU 0

September 3rd 1996 -FA Cup Preliminary Round Replay Barking 1 (Lee Parish)
Concord Rangers 0

September 3rd 1994 - Diadora League Division 1 Barking 1 (Jeff Wood) Chertsey Town 6

September 3rd 1991 - FA Cup Preliminary Round Replay Barking 2 (Steve Portway, Graeme Lane) **Sudbury Town 2** - *After Extra Time*

September 3rd 1988 - Isthmian League Premier Division Barking 0 Kingstonian 0

September 3rd 1985 - Isthmian League Premier Division Hendon 2 Barking 1 (Nicky Phillips)

September 3rd 1977 - Isthmian League Premier Division Barking 2 (Nicky Ironton, Terry Sharpe) Boreham Wood 0

September 3rd 1966 - FA Cup First Qualifying Round Leatherhead 1 Barking 0

September 3rd 1955 - Isthmian League Bromley 2 Barking 2 (Ron Tofts 2)

September 3rd 1949 - Athenian League Barking 3 (Harry Hill 3) Hitchin Town 0

BARKING FC 4-0 FC BARESI

Saturday 24 August - FA Vase First Qualifying Round - Report by Trevor Gilbert

Barking secured a comfortable passage to the Second Qualifying Round of the FA Vase with a 4-0 victory over FC Baresi. Debutant Bradley McDonald and brother of Marcel scored two while Juwon Akintunde added to his winner against Redbridge with his own brace to take his tally for the season to four goals in seven games.

The result was more impressive considering the players missing for the Blues for various reasons – Chris John, Jay Bacon, Sam Edwards, Marcel McDonald and Andy



Greenslade.

The enforced changes saw Olu Shobowale at left back with Charlie Thomson making his first start at centre back. There were also debuts for Hassan Nalbant, Bradley McDonald, Anthony Foulkes, Archie Sherrin and Bradley Monks.

Both sides had early half chances but Baresi couldn't cope with Barking pressing from the front and they capitalised after 19 minutes, debutant Hassan Nalbant was rewarded with the ball and he slid Jimmy Reynolds in down the right wing – his low cross was met at the far post by **Bradley**McDonald who side footed the ball home with authority for Barking's first.

He had his second, levelling his brother Marcel's tally for the season, three minutes later, he drove forward from the left wing and with time outside the box **Bradley McDonald** drove a skidding shot that beat Harvey Simson at his near post.

The Barking onslaught continued and it was 3-0 after 27 minutes, a Baresi midfielder split his own defence with a pass and this time Bradley turned provider, with a simple ball across the box for **Juwon Akintunde** who found the net with ease.

Baresi had some efforts but of little note with Max Spence not tested and it was Nalbant who went closest with half time approaching but his powerful effort from the edge of the D was just over the har

Barking were in no mood to stop in the second half and the lead was extended to four after 52 minutes – Reynolds was rewarded for a driving run as McDonald played him down the left wing of the box – his lifted cross was only palmed in the air by Simson and **Juwon Akintunde** took advantage to nod the ball home from close range.

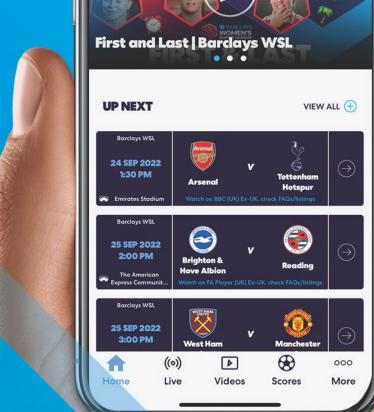
The task was made even harder for FC Baresi minutes later as substitute Martin Valkov was sent off for a studs up challenge on Jerrold Cobblah as he attempted to beat him down the left wing. Barking kept driving with Nalbant hell bent on getting his first goal for Barking but he saw his piledriver of an effort from a narrow angle well saved by Simson. Simson again denied Barking after 66 minutes – this time clawing away Ryan Cosson's goal bound header from Teddy Stacey's corner.

The game became slower and a bit more stilted as Barking made substitutes, including replacing goalkeeper Max Spence with another young goalkeeper in Bradley Monks, and he was called into action to preserve the joint clean sheet as a near post from the left wing was met by a Baresi attacker but Monks did well to deny his low effort with his feet. There were four former Barking players in the Baresi side (Harvey Simson, Isioma Richard, Ahmed Abdulla and Junior Appiah) and it was Richard who went close late on as he drifted unmarked into the box for a cross but he headed over the bar.









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Max Spence	1.	James Goff
Teddy Stacey	2.	Dammy Nickels
Jay Bacon	3.	Murphy Culkin
Sam Edwards	4.	Sam Willis
Ryan Cosson	5.	Robbie Parker
Chris John	6.	Charlie Bowen
Andy Greenslade	7.	Connor Furlong
Jerrold Cobblah	8.	Michael Amaeshike
Izzy Bademosi	9.	Rhys Thorpe
Marcel McDonald	10.	Kieran Barnes
Juwon Akintunde	11.	Harvey Williams
Teddy Bowden	12.	Nathan George
Steven Wade	14.	Danny Baulk
Michael Mignot	15.	Lil Francisco
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