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FROM THE DUGOUT

Welcome to Herfords, players, fans, and staff to the MNMG.

It's been a tough period with a demanding game schedule, but the lads have given everything over the past few weeks, producing some really solid performances. We want to keep that momentum going as we head into this important FA Cup replay. Both teams had chances to win in the first tie, and I think this replay will be a real test of fitness and endurance. Tuesday night under the lights, it's going to be a battle, and we need every bit of support from you, Robins!

Let's make sure we pack out our stadium! Our lads will give their all in front of the home fans, and with your backing, we're determined to push through to the next round against Bishop's Stortford. These cup games are so important for keeping up momentum as we head back into league action.

We've had some new faces join the squad recently, and they've settled in well. There's likely another signing coming soon to further strengthen the team. With a busy run of games ahead, it's crucial that we manage the players carefully to keep them fit and maintain that winning mentality.

Your support has been incredible, and together, we'll keep driving forward. Let's create an atmosphere to remember and get the result we deserve!

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HISTORY - HEREFORD FC

Hereford FC was founded after the collapse of Hereford United in December 2014. The new club was placed in the Midland Football League for the 2015/16 season. Hereford United, known for their famous 1972 FA Cup win over Newcastle and Ronnie Radford's goal, had struggled with financial problems and faced multiple winding-up orders in their final years. Disputes between the owners and fans led to the club's closure, which was both a relief and a sad moment for many.

Playing at the historic Edgar Street ground, which has hosted football since the 1920s, Hereford FC retained the nickname "The Bulls," their white shirts, and the Herefordshire Bull on their crest, even parading a real bull at their first competitive game. In their debut season, they set attendance records in the Midland Football League, won the league double, the Herefordshire FA County Challenge Cup, and took over 21,000 fans to Wembley for the FA Vase Final.

In the 2016/17 season, Hereford won the Southern League South & West title with 107 points, 18 clear of second place Salisbury, and retained the Herefordshire FA Challenge Cup. They also triumphed over Royston Town, the Southern League Central winners, in a 'Champions vs Champions' match. The Bulls secured their third consecutive promotion in 2017/18, despite strong competition from King's Lynn and Kettering, winning the title with three games to spare. That season also saw them reach the FA Cup 2nd round after holding League One Fleetwood to a 1-1 draw before losing the replay, the last non-league side remaining in the competition.

The 2019/20 season was the club's toughest, competing in the National League North against former Football League sides like Stockport and York. After restructuring their football setup, Hereford finished 17th, achieving their goal of consolidation. Ahead of the next season, the club strengthened their squad with notable signings like Reece Styche, Jordan Nicholson, and Brandon Hall.

The 2020/21 season was disrupted by Covid-19 and curtailed early, with Hereford finishing 12th after a five-game unbeaten run. However, they continued their FA Trophy run, reaching the final at Wembley, where they lost 3-1 to Hornchurch.

In 2023, Paul Caddis took over as Hereford's manager. The 35-year-old Scotsman brings experience from nearly 400 career appearances and coaching stints, including time with Fleetwood Town Academy, as he begins his new chapter at Edgar Street.

FROM THE ARCHIVES - THIS WEEK IN 1934

Ninety years ago this week Ilkeston FC were being featured on the front page of the Nottngham Football Post as team of the week. The article talked about clubs "up and down history" and how the original Ilkeston Town had become llkeston United and were a force in the prestigious Midland League thanks mainly to the financial of a Mr Fred Kenward. Mr Kenward tragically passed away and United folded to be replaced by Ilkeston FC who were competing in the Central Combination.

On the pitch llkeston were playing Sandiacre Excelsior of the Notts Alliance in the FA Cup in a tie that they won easily 6-0 with goals from Hodgkinson, Falconbridge 2, Weston, Dyson and Walters. The teams were :-

Ilkeston Town – Thornhill, Robinson, Goucher, Siviter, Cutts, Dunnicliffe, Dyson, Hodgkinson, Walters , Falconbridge.

Sandiacre Excelsior – Green, Slack, Travis, Toplis, Lofthouse, Stevens, Pinchbeck, Shaw, Breed, Carter and Wheeldon.

The Robins went on to beat Buxton in the next round of the FA Cup before losing out to local rivals Heanor Town 4-3 watched by 3500 fans in a replay after a 3-3 draw. Heanor were a bit of a bogey side for Ilkeston as they beat them twice in the league and also beat them 6-1 in the final of Derbyshire FA Divisional Cup. To be fair Heanor were a good side and won the Combination by some distance with Ilkeston back down in eighth place. Present day rivals Worksop Town and Matlock Town were also members of the Combination but like Ilkeston could only finish mid table. Three years later Ilkeston FC in 1937 ceased to exist and the town had no senior football team until 1945 when Ilkeston Town reformed.

Elsewhere in local football First Division Derby County were drawing 1-1 with Leicester City, Nottingham Forest were being beaten by Bury in the Second Division and Notts County were being beaten by Bolton Wanderers in front of 16000 fans. The great Dixie Deans scored the only goal for Everton in the Merseyside derby with Liverpool. Sunderland were top of the First Division followed closely by Manchester City and Preston North End.

Todays opponents predecessors Hereford United were drawing 2-2 with Cannock Chase in the Birmingham League which was a strong league containing the likes of Kidderminster Harriers and Shrewsbury Town in their ranks.

Nationally the country had been basking in very hot weather conditions and this was followed by violent thunderstorms. The national papers reported that several people had been struck by lightening including a member of the crowd in a football game at St Albans who sadly died. The biggest news however was the arrival of Princess Marina of Denmark and Greece for her first visit to England after her engagement to Prince George. The papers made great play of the fact that she was foreign but welcomed her warmly. George died at the age of 39 during the war in 1942 when his RAF plane crashed in Scotland.





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The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN THE YOUNG (SCD)

- SCD is the leading cause of death in young athletes during sport and the majority of deaths occur with NO SYMPTOMS or family history.
- ARVC can be found in one in every 1,000 to 5,000 young adults IF IT IS LOOKED FOR.
- Warning signs may include light-headedness, fainting, palpitations, swollen legs, breathlessness.
- Every week in the UK, 12 apparently fit and healthy young people (aged 35 and under) die from previously undiagnosed heart conditions.
- In Italy, where screening is mandatory for all young people engaged in organised sport, they have reduced the incidence of young sudden cardiac death by 89%.

OUR MISSION

The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.

Tragedies can be prevented through cardiac screening. It is vital that young people are identified and treated.

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ANDYSMANCLUB

WHAT IS ANDYSMANCLUB?

ANDYSMANCLUB is a free peer-to-peer group that provides a place for men to come together in a safe and open environment to talk about the issues or problems that they have faced or are currently facing.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The process is about bringing men together who have been in similar situations, to help each other on a peer to peer basis, sharing how they have dealt with various situations through lived experiences. No matter how big or small your problem feels, we are here to support each other. The 5 questions that are asked each week are designed not only to encourage men to talk, but to start to focus on the positives and on strategies to keep moving forward. There is no pressure to answer any of the questions and it is not uncommon for men to just listen for the first few sessions.

The clubs all run on the same format and adhere to the same guidelines. A key principle of ANDYSMANCLUB is anything that is said in the club, stays within the club.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The club is open to any man 18 or over, who is going through a storm, been through a storm or just wants to meet a good group of people with the aim of improving one another.

WHEN IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUBs meet every Monday at 7pm (excluding Bank Holiday Mondays).

#ITSOKAYTOTALK

WHERE IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUB has over 100 locations across the UK. Check our website below for a full list.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Just turn up on the night. No registration or referral is required, all we ask is that you arrive before 7pm. The full list of our locations available on our website.

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