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HOME



Coventry Sphinx v Spalding United

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Sphinx Drive

AWAY



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You have to celebrate your wins. Coventry Sphinx seemed to put a few noses out of joint last season by doing so but it's a philosophy that's come in handy so far in 2023/24.

It's been rather tougher going since promotion into the Pitching In Northern Premier League Midlands and the wins have been less easy to come by. It's imperative that we make the most of each and every one.

Last weekend we picked up a tremendous win against Cambridge City at St Ives Town. I watched the Lilywhites' warm-up and it was evident that they had a plan and weren't of a mind to take anything less than three points from the match.

They'll have had the sense that they shot themselves in the foot. Losing a player to a red card in the first half at 0-0 is seldom a wise move and the margins in games like this, in the bottom half of the division, are wafer-thin.

Cambridge responded well to being a man short, I thought, but Sphinx would have been sore to come away with nothing. Matty Shipman's thunderous finish with two minutes left put paid to that.

We're taking on a whole different challenge this season but the pride we can take in our team is the same. Week in and week out they work their socks off and that's exactly what it will take to succeed.

Today we welcome the supporters, players, management and officials of Gresley Rovers to the Sphinx Industrial Supplies Arena for the start of the festive period.

For those of us who love our football it's a great time of year and it'll be a busy one for the Sphinx, not to mention a test of our mettle.

A point against Gresley got us underway at the start of the season and we face another familiar opponent next weekend when we visit Quorn for the second time.

The Christmas programme brings table-topping Lye Town to Sphinx Drive on Boxing Day, when a fellow promoted side will be among the biggest tests we've faced since we came up from the United Counties League Premier Division South.

Our New Year's Day fixture at near neighbours Bedworth United is subject to a change of kick-off time. We'll start at 1.00pm at the Oval, so a heavy night on New Year's Eve is off the table for this year. Sorry lads!

Whatever happens between now and 3.00pm on 1st January, I know that the team will do us proud throughout this middle part of the season. It's the only way they know and that's why we all keep coming back game after game.

We were delighted to welcome back Jamal Adams for the Cambridge City fixture. Jamal's been a big contributor over the years, including a fine FA Vase run and last season's title win.

On a personal note, I'd like to put on record my admiration for Jamal's rehabilitation from injury and the work he's put in at both Sphinx and Coventry United to get himself back to fitness.

It was also fantastic to see Callum Woodward back on the pitch. The way he got injured was an absolute disgrace and we've undoubtedly missed his presence in midfield. Welcome back, skipper.

Let's see what you've got, boys. These are all big games and you're all big game players. We're with you every step of the way. Up the Sphinx!



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OUR HISTORY

The history of Coventry Sphinx began in 1946. Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft FC had been highly successful in the city before and during the Second World War and changed their name to Sphinx FC.

AWA's legacy was replicated by the new club. Sphinx won a number of league and cup competitions throughout the 1950s and 1960s before playing a major role in the formation of the Coventry Alliance and continuing to win trophies in the following decades.

Coventry underwent significant socioeconomic change in the 1990s. The recession led to the closure of factories in the city and surrounding areas, which in turn led to the dissolution of many of Coventry's football clubs. Sphinx needed a new challenge and joined the Midland Combination Football League in 1993.

In our first season in the Midland Combination we were promoted from Division 2 and reached the semi-finals of the Birmingham Sunday Vase. A second consecutive promotion followed thanks to a second-placed finish in Division 1 the next season.

With promotion to the top division of the Midland Combination secured it was decided that the club should be linked more closely to our city. We became Coventry Sphinx and the first match under our new name was against a Coventry City XI at our home ground.

Throughout its history, our club has been served by countless loyal and hard-working local people who've contributed enormously to Coventry Sphinx on and off the field. Through their dedication we

have achieved some unbeatable highs. There have also been times of great tragedy.

In November 2001, Sphinx manager Willie Knibbs was killed in a car accident on the way home from a cup match at Meir KA. Willie was a former Sphinx player in his second spell as manager. His death was a terrible loss to our club and to local football in Coventry.

After a painful season, Sphinx went on to win the Midland Combination Challenge Cup and it was renamed the Willie Knibbs Cup as a mark of respect. Our main stand is also named in Willie's honour.

Sphinx became one of the leading teams in the Midland Combination Premier League, finishing as runners-up in our first season and again in both 2005 and 2006. We reached the final of the Endsleigh Challenge Cup on three occasions, losing to Alveston at Villa Park in 1999 but beating Coventry Marconi in 2003 and Feckenham in 2005.

We also won the Coventry Evening Telegraph Cup in successive seasons, making Sphinx the last winners of the competition at Highfield Road and the first at the Ricoh Arena.

Although first team success is a driving force, the heartbeat of our club is the thriving junior section. Formed in 1997, it started with just three teams and has grown ever since. There are now hundreds of players representing Coventry Sphinx and we were the first club in Coventry to achieve the FA Charter.

Our youth team started competing in the Midland Floodlit Youth League in 2003 and one of the

biggest successes to date came in the 2014/15 season, when they won the double after suffering only one league defeat and beating Stourbridge 3-0 in the Birmingham County FA Midweek Floodlit Youth Cup.

Under manager Paul Charnley, Coventry Sphinx's men's first team completed a remarkable treble achievement in May 2007.

In addition to finally becoming champions of the Midland Football Combination – achieving promotion to the Midland Football Alliance in the process – Sphinx won the Coventry Charity Cup and the BCFA Midland Floodlit Cup.

The 2007/08 season saw Sphinx enjoy our best ever run in the FA Vase, reaching the quarter-final for the very first time and losing controversially to Kirkham & Wesham, the eventual Wembley winners, in a replay at Sphinx Drive.

We made a run to the semi-finals of the League Cup in the same season and went on to win the Midland Alliance Polymac League Cup by beating Westfields in the final in 2009/10.

In 2014/15 the club was honoured to become a founder member of the Midland Football League Premier Division. After a top ten finish under Stuart Dutton, Lee Knibbs took over as manager in the autumn of 2017.

Lee is the son of Willie Knibbs and returned to the club after an earlier spell as assistant manager to Danny McSheffrey.

He guided Sphinx to some of our most memorable results of the decade before deciding to step aside in November 2019.

Knibbs was succeeded by his assistants, John Woodward and Shaun Thomas, who became the club's joint managers and ended the truncated 2019/20 season on a long unbeaten run, the foundation of Sphinx's greatest achievement to come.

Sphinx made a sideways move as part of FA restructuring ahead of the 2021/22 season, competing in a newly formed Premier Division South in the United Counties League.

In our first season we finished in fourth place, losing only twice in the second half of the season, and enjoyed a long run in the FA Vase, narrowly missing out on another quarter-final.

The following season saw Sphinx lose on penalties again in the same round of the FA Vase but 2022/23 was the best season in our history.

In the space of one week in April, our club acquired the freehold to the Sphinx Drive ground for the very first time and secured the United Counties League Premier Division South title with a 7-0 win against Eynesbury Rovers.

Sphinx won all of the last eleven league matches to close a big gap at the top and become champions. We scored 106 goals and ended the season three points clear of runners-up Rugby Town to confirm promotion to the Northern Premier League Midlands Division. 2023/24 is our first ever season at Step 4.

Football never stands still. Local football in Coventry has declined over the years, so to be playing at our highest ever level after more than seventy years is an achievement of which the players, officials and supporters of our club can be proud.

The structure in place at senior, youth and junior levels for both men and women promises a bright future for Coventry Sphinx as we work towards the progress Willie Knibbs' memory deserves.



Stuart Guest



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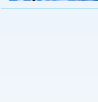


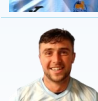
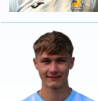



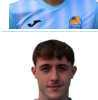
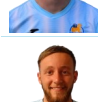
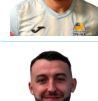
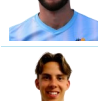
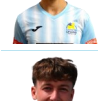

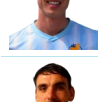



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MEET THE SQUAD

	Jamal Adams	Talented striker who was part of Sphinx's title-winning team in 2022/23 and returned to the club in November 2023.	Sponsorship available
	Khaelem Bailey-Nicholls	Explosive forward player with high-level experience. Signed for Sphinx in the autumn of 2023.	 024 7644 2838
	Harvey Billing	Former Sphinx youth team captain who returned to the club after spells with Stratford Town and Easington Sports.	
	James Bryson	Strong and steady central defender with a knack for a goal. A crucial part of the title-winning Sphinx team in 2022/23.	Sponsored by MANDY SEDDON
	Antonio Cristofaro	Skilful former Walsall youth midfielder with dribbling ability, sharp creative instincts and an eye for goal.	
	Gio Dainty	Experienced and versatile midfield player who returned to Sphinx in 2023 after a long and successful spell with Coleshill Town.	Sponsored by STUART GUEST
	Jack Downes	Versatile, battling midfielder with a tremendous engine. Outstanding since returning to Sphinx Drive and a league winner in 2022/23.	
	Luke Downes	Creative midfield player who returned to Sphinx in 2021 after countless impressive performances here as a youngster.	
	Jamie Draper	Defender who emerged from the Sphinx youth team and has become a regular starter in our best ever team.	
	William Edjenguele	Experienced former Coventry City central defender who joined from Bedworth United after spells with Barwell and Nuneaton Borough.	Sponsorship available
	Sam Ellis	Entertaining attacking midfielder who joined Sphinx after spells with Sutton Coldfield Town and Hinckley in 2022/23.	
	Keelan Fallows	Talented goalkeeper who joined from Tamworth at the start of Sphinx's first season in the eighth tier of English football.	

	Louis Guest	A former Sphinx junior and now a leader in our squad, Guesty is a long-serving central defender and the club's vice captain.	
	Jordan Hayward	Former Long Buckby wide player who scored on his debut in August 2022 and went on to win the UCL Premier Division South in his first season.	Sponsored by IAN AND PAULINE MCINTOSH
	Alex Lock	Highly rated midfield player signed from Rugby Town in October 2023.	Sponsorship available
	Callum Martin	Pacy former Coventry City junior full back who loves a tackle and causes opponents problems in the attacking third.	
	Dylan Parker	Dangerous forward player who signed for Sphinx in November 2022 and has been a consistent scorer ever since.	Sponsored by DANNIE CAHILL
	Dawid Peplinski	Future Pro Academy scholar and former Sphinx youth central defender who joined the first team ranks after playing Step 5 football in 2022/23.	
	Leigh Phillips	Experienced wide player who returned to Sphinx ahead of 2023/24 after a successful career in armed forces football.	 024 7644 2838
	Joe Pursey	Sturdy defender who came in late in 2022/23 and had an instant impact in Sphinx's title quest.	Sponsorship available
	Jac Redhead	Creative midfield player with experience at Barwell and Halesowen Town.	Sponsorship available
	Matthew Shipman	Physical and mobile striker who led the line in the UCL Premier Division South title season after signing from Long Buckby in 2021/22.	Sponsored by BF ESSENTIALS 07927 649288
	Finlay Shorrocks	Versatile left-sided player who joined Sphinx in September 2023 and debuted in our first win in eighth tier football.	Sponsorship available
	Callum Whiteside	Versatile defensive player who joined Sphinx at the start of 2022/23 and quickly became a reliable regular for John Woodward and Shaun Thomas.	
	Callum Woodward	Long-serving legendary club captain, a battling mainstay in the Sphinx midfield and a vital source of goals and creativity.	

FIRST TEAM MANAGEMENT

John Woodward	Joint Manager	Sponsorship available
Shaun Thomas	Joint Manager	Sponsorship available
Nigel Starkey	First Team Coach	Sponsorship available
Michael Taylor	Goalkeeping Coach	Sponsorship available
Damian Morgan	Goalkeeping Coach	Sponsorship available
Jim McClean	Chief Scout	Sponsorship available
Kirk Holland	First Team Physio	Sponsorship available
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Player	Apps	Mins	Starts	Full 90	Sub On	Yellows	Second Yellows	Straight Reds	Goals	Assists	Goals Per 90	Assists Per 90	G+A Per 90
Adams, Jamal	1	20	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Bailey-Nicholls,	5	74	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Brown, Leo	5	448	5	4	0	1	0	0	2	1	0.022	0.011	0.033
Bryson, James	5	258	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Carey, Kyle	5	396	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Castellano, Alfonso	1	20	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Cristofaro, Antonio	4	105	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Dainty, Gio	6	382	5	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0.022	0.011	0.033
Downes, Jack	18	1467	16	12	2	7	1	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Downes, Luke	17	1221	14	10	3	5	1	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Draper, Jamie	1	90	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Edjenguele, Will	10	828	10	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ellis, Sam	10	239	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Fallows, Keelan	17	1530	17	17	0	3	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.011	0.011
Guest, Louis	19	1590	18	17	1	5	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Hayward, Jordan	9	457	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.011	0.011
Hedge, Zach	3	270	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Jackson, Sam	1	28	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Johnson, Max	12	539	5	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Lock, Alex	8	599	7	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Martin, Callum	7	463	5	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Parker, Dylan	15	1125	12	7	3	3	0	0	3	3	0.033	0.033	0.067
Peplinski, Dawid	4	168	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Phillips, Leigh	3	125	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Pursey, Joe	17	1516	17	16	0	4	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.011	0.011
Redhead, Jac	11	801	9	3	2	2	0	0	2	1	0.022	0.011	0.033
Shipman, Matty	18	1620	18	18	0	4	0	0	7	2	0.078	0.022	0.100
Shorrock, Finlay	12	1001	12	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Whiteside, Callum	20	1560	18	15	2	5	0	0	1	0	0.011	0.000	0.011
Woodward, Callum	10	806	10	5	0	3	0	0	1	2	0.011	0.022	0.033

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Cristofaro, Antonio	3	91	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Dainty, Gio	5	312	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.011	0.011	0.022
Downes, Jack	15	1197	13	9	2	6	1	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Downes, Luke	14	979	11	8	3	4	1	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Draper, Jamie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Edjenguele, Will	9	738	9	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ellis, Sam	8	183	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
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Redhead, Jac	10	711	8	2	2	2	0	0	2	1	0.022	0.011	0.033
Shipman, Matty	15	1350	15	15	0	4	0	0	7	2	0.078	0.022	0.100
Shorrock, Finlay	11	947	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Whiteside, Callum	17	1304	15	13	2	5	0	0	1	0	0.011	0.000	0.011
Woodward, Callum	9	744	9	5	0	3	0	0	1	2	0.011	0.022	0.033

BOLDMERE ST MICHAELS 3 COVENTRY SPHINX 1

**Pitching In NPL
Division One Midlands**
Saturday 25th November 2023

After a midweek defeat by table-topping Harborough Town, Coventry Sphinx needed to make a statement against Boldmere St Michaels in the Pitching In Northern Premier League Midlands.

Instead, a harsh reality check was delivered by a team who quickly established themselves after promotion and whose line-up gave a few hints about what's required to do so.

The Mikes ran out 3-1 winners thanks to a stoppage time insurance goal. In most other aspects the match was close, with the sides split mostly by the fact that Boldmere took two chances to Sphinx's one in the first hour and generated a few with Sphinx foundering late on.

Leo Brown played the final game of his loan from Alvechurch and was joined by Matty Shipman, Gio Dainty and Jac Redhead as the team's primary creative corps.

Downes brothers Luke and Jack continued in midfield, while Callum Whiteside and Louis Guest got the nod at centre back in front of goalkeeper Keelan Fallows. Joe Pursey and Finlay Shorrock started at full back.

On the bench there was a welcome return to contention for Sphinx captain Callum Woodward as he works his way back from injury. Just as they had on Brown's debut at the start of the month, Sphinx got off to a flyer and managed to make it count with a goal after 52 seconds.

The on-loan Alvechurch man might have scored the early opener again but his attempt from close range was blocked by Mikes goalkeeper Callum Smith. Fortunately for Sphinx, Dainty was on hand to smash in the loose ball for 1-0.

The visitors kept on pushing and Brown had a curling effort saved as early as the fourth minute before Boldmere found their foothold in the match.

One shot was blasted over Fallows' crossbar and another, direct from a free kick, was tipped over by the Sphinx stopper.

The home side took the initiative and enjoyed a lot of possession for a spell before Sphinx responded with some pressure of their own. By the middle of the half the football was end to end with few chances of note and precious little composure on the ball.



Stuart Guest

Sphinx in particular succumbed to the temptation to go too long too early, surrendering the ball too often as a consequence.

Fallows thwarted another chance from a Boldmere free kick, this time flicked towards goal en route, and late enforcer starter Ross Evans produced a powerful run and threatening shot that was deflected wide of the Sphinx goal in the 38th minute.

Sphinx were wobbling after a quick start and Boldmere found some joy with driving runs right up the gut. That very method produced the free kick that finally knocked the visitors over.

Dan Gyasi took it and superbly found the top corner to pull the Mikes level with half time looming. A few more speculative shots from Boldmere ensured Sphinx would finish the first period on the back foot.

Like the first half, Sphinx made a good start to the second and had a very presentable chance to take another early lead. A lovely passing

move opened up an opportunity for the overlapping full back Pursey, but he was unable to keep his shot down.

When Boldmere's vital second goal arrived with 56 minutes played it was a suckerpunch that knocked the wind out of Sphinx's best spell of the afternoon.

One simple pass in behind was all it took to release Owen Parry, and he slotted his shot past Fallows with textbook composure to put the Mikes in front.

Sphinx looked to a similar combination for an equaliser. Redhead threaded the ball into the right channel for Shipman on the hour and the striker turned his man before putting his laces through a shot that was blocked and deflected over.

Sphinx weren't second best as they hunted a second goal but they found genuine openings hard to come by. Boldmere, meanwhile, endured no such struggle.

In the middle of the half Whiteside had to clear off the line, albeit to turn away an attempt from a very acute angle, and a clear chance went begging with 20 minutes left to play.

The away team's search for an equaliser became increasingly ragged and less potent as the minutes passed.

By the last quarter of an hour it was Boldmere who looked likeliest to score the fourth goal of the match.

With ten minutes remaining Fallows made a terrific reflex point-blank save. From the subsequent corner Boldmere twice hit the post.

Either shot should have been a goal but it never looked like the Mikes would be punished for that profligacy.

They had all the ball and all the chances. Fallows made two more saves, the first from a free kick in a similar position to Boldmere's equaliser.

Five minutes were added on at the end of normal time and one last insult was awaiting the visitors with a minute of it left. Ben Usher-Shipway drove a venomous low strike across Fallows and in from a free kick that shouldn't have been a free kick, and Sphinx were condemned to a second away defeat of the week.

Nobody at Sphinx is in the business of making excuses and the need to stand up and be counted has never been clearer than it is after two tough losses on the road in the space of a few days.

Even with few wins on the board, consistently picking up points has kept Sphinx's heads above water in the league table thus far.

Failing to do so isn't an option. Boldmere have done a fine job at Step Four and that shouldn't be overlooked, but, as we move into December, Sphinx need leadership and character from players all over the park.

It's been a strong suit for this team up to this point. What lies ahead is a real test of their mettle at our highest ever level. Let's see what these brilliant boys are made of.



Stuart Guest

TEAMSHEET

- 1 Keelan Fallows
- 2 Joe Pursey
- 3 Finlay Shorrock ▼ Hayward (77)
- 4 Luke Downes
- 5 Louis Guest @
- 6 Callum Whiteside
- 7 Jack Downes ▼ Bailey-Nicholls (86)
- 8 Jac Redhead ■
- 9 Matty Shipman ■
- 10 Leo Brown
- 11 Gio Dainty ⚽ Lock (70)
- 12 Callum Woodward
- 14 Will Edjenguele
- 15 Alex Lock ▲ Dainty (70)
- 16 Khaellem Bailey-Nicholls ▲ J. Downes (86)
- 17 Jordan Hayward ▲ Shorrock (77)

SPHINX MAN OF THE MATCH
KEELAN FALLOWS



Date	Opponents	Comp	H	A	Res	Starting Eleven											Substitutes (<i>not used in italics</i>)						
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17 / GK	18	19 / GK
5 Aug	Stourport Swifts	FAC EP	A	2-0	L	Fallows	Pursey	Hayward	L. Downes	Guest ©	Whiteside	Parker	J. Downes	Shipman	Carey	Johnson	Ellis	Jackson	Peplinski	Cristofaro	Billing	Martin	Salley-Haywood
12 Aug	Quorn	NPL M	H	1-1	D	Fallows	Pursey	Hayward	J. Downes	Guest	Whiteside 1	Parker	Woodward ©	Shipman	Carey	Johnson	L. Downes	Ellis	Phillips	Cristofaro	Martin		
15 Aug	Gresley Rovers	NPL M	A	1-1	D	Fallows	Pursey	Martin	L. Downes	Guest	Whiteside	Parker	Woodward ©	Shipman 1	Carey	J. Downes	Johnson	Peplinski	Ellis	Jackson	Cristofaro		
22 Aug	Sporting Khalsa	NPL M	H	0-1	L	Hedge	Pursey	Martin	L. Downes	Guest ©	Whiteside	Hayward	J. Downes	Shipman	Carey	Johnson	Parker	Ellis	Peplinski	Cristofaro	Jackson		
26 Aug	Spalding United	NPL M	A	4-0	L	Hedge	Pursey	Martin	J. Downes	Guest	Whiteside	Hayward	Woodward ©	Parker	Ellis	Johnson	L. Downes	Peplinski	Cristofaro	Draper			
28 Aug	Bedworth United	NPL M	H	0-1	L	Hedge	Pursey	Martin	L. Downes	Guest	Whiteside	J. Downes	Woodward ©	Parker	Cristofaro	Johnson	Phillips	Peplinski	Ellis	Penton			
2 Sep	Sutton Coldfield Town	NPL M	A	4-1	L	Fallows	Whiteside	Martin	J. Downes	Guest	Peplinski	Pursey	Woodward ©	Shipman 1	Redhead	Parker	L. Downes	Johnson	Ellis	Phillips	Cristofaro		
9 Sep	Quorn	FAT 1Q	A	4-0	L	Fallows	Whiteside	Phillips	L. Downes	Guest	Edjenguuele	J. Downes	Woodward ©	Shipman	Redhead	Parker	Johnson	Carey	Cristofaro	Peplinski	Ellis	Hedge	
16 Sep	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	NPL M	H	2-1	W	Fallows	Whiteside	Shorrock	L. Downes	Guest	Edjenguuele	Hayward	Woodward ©	Shipman 1	Redhead	J. Downes	Parker 1	Johnson	Ellis	Peplinski	Bryson		
30 Sep	Rugby Town	NPL M	A	1-2	W	Fallows	Bryson	Shorrock	J. Downes	Guest	Edjenguuele	Whiteside	Woodward © 1	Shipman 1	Redhead	Parker	Pursey	Bailey-Nicholls	Castellano	Ellis	Phillips		
7 Oct	Corby Town	NPL M	H	0-1	L	Fallows	Bryson	Shorrock	Whiteside	Guest	Edjenguuele	Pursey	Woodward ©	Shipman	Ellis	Parker	Johnson	L. Downes	Phillips	Bailey-Nicholls	Redhead		
14 Oct	Shepshed Dynamo	NPL M	A	2-2	D	Fallows	Whiteside	Shorrock	L. Downes	Edjenguuele	Bryson ©	Pursey	J. Downes	Shipman 1	Lock	Parker 1	Guest	Ellis	Johnson	Cristofaro			
21 Oct	Coleshill Town	NPL M	H	0-0	D	Fallows	Pursey	Shorrock	L. Downes	Guest ©	Edjenguuele	Parker	J. Downes	Shipman	Lock	Dainty	Whiteside	Bryson	Redhead	Ellis	Johnson		
4 Nov	Anstey Nomads	NPL M	H	2-2	D	Fallows	Whiteside	Shorrock	L. Downes	Guest ©	Edjenguuele	Pursey	Lock	Shipman 1	Redhead	Brown 1	Parker	Johnson	Bryson	Reed	Hedge		
11 Nov	Walsall Wood	NPL M	A	1-1	D	Fallows	Whiteside	Shorrock	L. Downes	Guest ©	Edjenguuele	Pursey	Lock	Shipman	Redhead	Brown 1	Dainty	J. Downes	Johnson	Parker	Hayward		
14 Nov	Nuneaton Borough	BSC 2R	H	2-3	L	Fallows	Pursey	Shorrock	L. Downes ©	Whiteside	Draper	Parker 1	J. Downes	Shipman	Lock	Dainty 1	Martin	Hayward	Castellano	Guest	Redhead		
18 Nov	Hinckley LR	NPL M	H	1-1	D	Fallows	Pursey	Shorrock	L. Downes	Guest ©	Whiteside	Brown	Lock	Shipman	Redhead 1	Dainty	Edjenguuele	Hayward	Bailey-Nicholls	J. Downes	Draper		
21 Nov	Harborough Town	NPL M	A	6-1	L	Fallows	Whiteside	Shorrock	L. Downes	Guest ©	Edjenguuele	Pursey	J. Downes	Shipman	Brown	Dainty	Redhead 1	Lock	Bailey-Nicholls	Hayward			
25 Nov	Boldmere St Michaels	NPL M	A	3-1	L	Fallows	Pursey	Shorrock	L. Downes	Guest ©	Whiteside	J. Downes	Redhead	Shipman	Brown	Dainty 1	Woodward	Edjenguuele	Lock	Bailey-Nicholls	Hayward		
9 Dec	Cambridge City	NPL M	A	0-1	W	Fallows	Pursey	Shorrock	J. Downes	Guest	Edjenguuele	Lock	Woodward ©	Shipman 1	Redhead	Hayward	L. Downes	Adams	Bailey-Nicholls	Whiteside			
16 Dec	Gresley Rovers	NPL M	H																				
23 Dec	Quorn	NPL M	A																				
26 Dec	Lye Town	NPL M	H																				
1 Jan	Bedworth United	NPL M	A																				
6 Jan	Spalding United	NPL M	H																				
13 Jan	Sporting Khalsa	NPL M	A																				
16 Jan	Loughborough Dynamo	NPL M	H																				
20 Jan	Harborough Town	NPL M	H																				
27 Jan	Coleshill Town	NPL M	A																				
3 Feb	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	NPL M	A																				
17 Feb	Rugby Town	NPL M	H																				
24 Feb	Corby Town	NPL M	A																				
2 Mar	Shepshed Dynamo	NPL M	H																				
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23 Mar	Loughborough Dynamo	NPL M	A																				
30 Mar	Sutton Coldfield Town	NPL M	H																				
1 Apr	Lye Town	NPL M	A																				
6 Apr	Walsall Wood	NPL M	H																				
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27 Apr	Hinckley LR	NPL M	A																				

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Pitching In NPL
Division One Midlands
Saturday 9th December 2023

Coventry Sphinx haven't exactly had it all their own way in their first season in English football's eighth tier but the wins have all been worth the wait.



Celebrating them heartily when they come along is important and Matty Shipman's late winner against Cambridge City was a high point that was enjoyed to its maximum by the travelling Sphinx support.

Joint managers John Woodward and Shaun Thomas were without Gio Dainty but had a double boost for this away game, which was played at St Ives Town due to City's current groundshare arrangement.

Striker Jamal Adams was named on the bench after rejoining the club at the end of November. Captain Callum Woodward was given a first start since he was kicked out of nine weeks of action against Corby Town.

Keelan Fallows played in goal behind Louis Guest and Will Edjenguele at centre back. Joe Pursey and Finlay Shorrocks continued at full back, Jordan Hayward started wide on the left and Alex Lock got the nod on the right.

Jack Downes played in midfield with Woodward and playmaker Jac Redhead, while Shipman led the line and, ultimately, won the game against ten-man City.

The match was affected by the wind in Cambridgeshire and never more so than in the early minutes. The Lilywhites settled the ball

down fastest, getting on the front foot and moving the ball quickly on the artificial surface.

Sphinx were first to get a sight of goal, though, and it was Woodward who took a free kick after a foul on the advancing Redhead. His whipped effort cannoned off the crossbar with Cambridge goalkeeper Joe Welch beaten.

The first quarter of the game lacked incident but the visitors found their feet and enjoyed a period of pressure around the half-hour mark but the pivotal moment of the half came at the other end.

City forward Stefan Broccoli's aggressive run took him into the Sphinx box and led to an accidental clash with Guest and an angry reaction. Broccoli lashed out in the melee, earning himself a costly red card and shoving Pursey on the way off the field for good measure.

The away team immediately set about the search for a goal and Shipman soon clipped the crossbar with a shot on the break. With five minutes left in the half, the striker produced a cute backheel to set up a shot wide for Redhead.

As the clock ticked into stoppage time Hayward was released towards the byline on the left and zipped the ball across goal, where Redhead connected with a snapshot that swung just wide, and five minutes later Hayward was the source again.

Shipman was the recipient this time and shovelled the ball to his right, where Redhead again got his shot away but was off-balance. Welch remained untested.

Despite late chances for Sphinx, Cambridge had responded well to the red card and remained confident and capable in possession.

That continued into the second half as the afternoon threatened to frustrate the visitors.

Sphinx did get on the attack straight away in the second half but couldn't capitalise on an early flurry and the Lilywhites got on the ball and had the first proper shot of the half.

Debutant Kyle Boyce's strike wasn't clean and Fallows held on easily.

Shipman fired over after a long throw-in eventually dropped nicely for him with 55 minutes played but Sphinx weren't able to control the game and force the issue against ten men who acquitted themselves rather better on the day than their dismissed colleague.

After an hour the hosts took a quick free kick that really shouldn't have been allowed to roll by the referee, shooting over, and five minutes later Welch made a comfortable save when Lock didn't fully get hold of his shot.



The Cambridge goalkeeper was worked much harder at the mid-point of the half, turning away a thumping Redhead shot from a narrow angle, but Sphinx weren't using their advantage. One City shot with quarter of an hour remaining was volleyed wide and Fallows had to make a decent save from Daniel Cotton with twelve minutes to play.

Sphinx, finally, squeezed Cambridge back and started to dominate in the last ten minutes of the game.

The home team sought to protect a point and a lack of end product from their opponents started to look like it might let them do so. That changed in the 88th minute when the latest in a wave of Sphinx attacks broke the deadlock at last.

There were appeals for a penalty before the loose ball broke in the box for Redhead. He nudged it off for Shipman, who thrashed it left-footed beyond Welch and

high into the corner of the net. Five minutes of stoppage time were Cambridge's reward for time-wasting in the second half but it was Adams, on late for Hayward, who almost claimed the game's second goal with its final kick. His shot hit the base of the post but it didn't matter for long and the whistle went immediately to confirm a crucial win.

Despite constant complaints from behind the Sphinx goal, Cambridge put themselves at a disadvantage and paid the price against a Sphinx team who simply refused to settle for a draw.

The hosts stood up well to a difficult assignment but Shipman's goal might have arrived earlier with a better final ball from the visitors. A late spell of pressure did the damage and win number three is in the books. Sphinx now face a vital home game against Gresley Rovers on Saturday 16th December before a third meeting of the season with Quorn on the Saturday before Christmas and a Boxing Day encounter with league leaders Lye Town.

TEAMSHEET

1 Keelan Fallows

2 Joe Pursey

3 Finlay Shorrocks

4 Jack Downes

5 Louis Guest

6 Will Edjenguele

7 Alex Lock ▼ Bailey-Nicholls (75)

8 Callum Woodward @

9 Matty Shipman ⚽

10 Jac Redhead ▼ Whiteside (89)

11 Jordan Hayward ▼ Adams (70)

12 Luke Downes

14 Jamal Adams ▲ Hayward (70)

15 Khaellem Bailey-Nicholls ▲ Lock (75)

16 Callum Whiteside ▲ Redhead (89)

SPHINX MAN OF THE MATCH
WILL EDJENGUELE





BOTTLED LIGHTNING

The relationship between Aston Villa and West Bromwich Albion isn't your typical football rivalry.

Though it has significant historical resonance, such that many older Villa supporters consider Albion to be Villa's real local rivals, the enmity between the two lacks the unrefined bluntness of the more familiar Second City derby.

Near enough every journey I made to Villa Park before I reached my thirties took me past the front gate of the Hawthorns. Yet, while I was aware of some hostility, it was (and is) Birmingham City who are Villa's nemesis.

Villa's rivalry with Birmingham can endure an absence of direct interaction in a way the Baggies

equivalent cannot. Thus, when I was growing up, Albion were just kind of there, like Rochdale or Coventry City.

Even when the three teams encountered one another in the Premier League after the turn of the century, the modern distaste for Blues was where the real spice happened. That is, until they went down and it became clear they weren't coming back around the same time as Albion – with Villa – stabilised within the ranks of the top division's slightly crap.

By the spring of 2015 things were bubbling up nicely and the intensity of two matches in particular was off the charts. Villa's 2-0 win over Albion in the FA Cup quarter-final is best remembered now for

the post-match pitch invasion, itself a product of the increased animosity between the two sets of supporters.

The BBC's Phil McNulty referred to the mass encroachment onto the Villa Park pitch as "a brief return to English football's dark ages" – extraordinary words from a man who more routinely trades in Monday morning insomnia therapy.

The flames had been fanned by the fact that Villa, who were in the midst of a relegation but starting to extract what little benefit was to be had from Tim Sherwood's hapless but enthusiastic management, had beaten Albion at Villa Park in the Premier League just four days earlier.

That Tuesday night at the beginning of March produced one of the most tense football matches I've ever witnessed. After taking the lead through Gabriel Agbonlahor's first goal in fifteen matches, Villa were pegged back in the middle of the second half.

With the score at 1-1, the match ticked into stoppage time. Albion goalkeeper Ben Foster fouled Matthew Lowton. Christian Benteke placed the ball on the penalty spot in the 94th minute, in front of him only Foster and a Holte End frozen by nerves.

Villa hadn't won for four months. Sherwood hadn't won a league game. It felt as if the entire season was on the line but Benteke laughed in the face of fear and tucked in an ice-cold spot kick to turn one point into three.

That crucial goal is the first that comes to mind when I think of Benteke. There were 48 others at Villa, many of them spectacular. But that penalty stands out.

Though I'm most inclined to put Benteke's dwindling reputation after leaving Villa down to a combination of a big transfer fee, the aftermath of injuries that affected his game and a general underappreciation of what he could do, it's also true that sometimes a club and a player just fit.

The Belgian left KRC Genk and joined Villa, then freshly managed by Paul Lambert, in the summer of 2012. He came off the bench to score on his debut and never looked back.

As Lambert's Villa found a baffling array of new ways to disappoint, Benteke's sheer force of ability dragged them to Premier League safety more than once and, later, to what turned out to be a shambolic FA Cup final.

Of the eleven players who started Benteke's first Villa match, only defender Ron Vlaar played at

Wembley in his last. Fabian Delph and Jack Grealish started that final after starring in the semi-final against Benteke's next club, Liverpool.

Those three apart, any improvement in personnel over the course of three seasons was imperceptible to the naked eye.

All the while, Benteke was a blazing light in that very specific kind of darkness that only comes from acute monotony. He was wonderful.

Benteke was young when he joined Villa but immediately played with the assuredness of a man who knew his capabilities were not normal. His confidence was justified by deftness and guile in his touch, inventive finishing and incredible strength.

It might sound strange to neutrals but two football clichés leap to mind when I think back to Benteke at Villa. He was a great goal scorer and a scorer of great goals. He also had all of the characteristics of strikers who are described as unplayable.

Occasionally, he genuinely was. What a spectacle.

Despite his exceptional ability Benteke, now 32 and plying his trade in Major League Soccer for DC United, has never recaptured his Villa form.

A goal every 171 minutes for Villa became a goal every 220 minutes for Liverpool. He scored every 292 minutes for Crystal Palace, the club where he's played the most.

His dwindling goal return is only part of the story. Benteke's game has changed with injury and age. He was rather better liked at Selhurst Park than Anfield, his quality evident in other aspects even as the goals dried up.

Strikers who don't score are seldom fully appreciated outside their clubs. Often, they're even disrespected by their own supporters. Making the kind of contribution required to avoid that is a tough ask. It wasn't needed at Villa. He scored too; big goals in important matches.

Villa's Benteke was a sensation. No ifs, no buts and no maybes. No caveats needed, no explanation necessary.

Benteke illuminated grey years. He made being a Villa supporter worthwhile. Whatever else he sees in his mind's eye when he looks back on a career when he reaches the retirement that can now only be a few years away, I hope he sees that.

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Thursday 17 August	1-4	L	Solihull Moors	MFYL Southern Premier Division
Thursday 31 August	2-1	W	Rugby Borough	MFYL Southern Premier Division
Thursday 7 September	5-2	W	Stourport Swifts	FA Youth Cup Preliminary Round
Thursday 14 September	1-1	D	Inkberrow	MFYL Southern Premier Division
Thursday 21 September	0-6	L	AFC Wulfrunians	FA Youth Cup First Round Qualifying
Thursday 28 September	3-1	W	Stratford Town	MFYL Southern Premier Division
Thursday 5 October	1-4	W	Rugby Town	MFYL Southern Premier Division
Thursday 12 October	4-0	W	P S Olympic	Joel Richards Memorial Cup R1
Monday 23 October	1-0	L	Stourbridge	MFYL Southern Premier Division
Thursday 9 November	3-4	L	Stourbridge	MFYL Southern Premier Division
Thursday 16 November	3-0	W	Atherstone Town	Joel Richards Memorial Cup R2
Tuesday 5 December	*1-1	D	Rushall Olympic	Colin Lowe Memorial League Cup R3
Thursday 14 December	19.45	H	Stourbridge	Joel Richards Memorial Cup QF
Thursday 21 December	19.45	H	Rugby Town	MFYL Southern Premier Division
TBC		H	Alvechurch	MFYL Southern Premier Division
TBC		A	Alvechurch	MFYL Southern Premier Division
TBC		H	Bedworth United	MFYL Southern Premier Division
TBC		A	Bedworth United	MFYL Southern Premier Division
TBC		H	Halesowen Town	MFYL Southern Premier Division
TBC		A	Halesowen Town	MFYL Southern Premier Division
TBC		A	Inkberrow	MFYL Southern Premier Division
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Sunday 17 September	1-8	W	Crusaders Women	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 24 September	1-6	L	Worcester City Women	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 1 October	0-5	W	AFC Telford United	Women's FA Cup 2QR
Sunday 8 October	5-5	D	Solihull Sporting Ladies	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 15 October	0-5	L	Stourbridge 1st	BCFA Women's County Cup
Sunday 22 October	7-5	L	Northampton Town	Women's FA Cup 3QR
Sunday 29 October	3-4	W	Kidderminster Harriers Women	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 26 November	3-3	D	Burton Albion Women	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 3 December	3-2	L	Worcester City Women	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 10 December	14.00	H	Knowle Ladies	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 17 December	14.00	H	Lichfield City Ladies	West Mids Premier Cup 1R
Sunday 7 January	14.00	A	Lye Town Ladies	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 14 January	14.00	H	Crusaders Women	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 28 January	14.00	A	Shrewsbury Town Women	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 4 February	14.00	H	Burton Albion Women	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 11 February	14.00	H	Kidderminster Harriers Women	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 18 February	14.00	A	Coundon Court Ladies	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 25 February	14.00	A	Knowle Ladies	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 3 March	14.00	H	Shifnal Town Ladies	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 10 March	14.00	H	Coundon Court Ladies	West Mids Regional Premier Division
Sunday 17 March	14.00	H	Lichfield City Ladies	West Mids Regional Premier Division
TBC	A		Lichfield City Ladies	West Mids Regional Premier Division
TBC	H		Lye Town Ladies	West Mids Regional Premier Division
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DIVISION ONE MIDLANDS FIXTURES

Saturday 16th December

AFC Rushden Diamonds	v	Spalding United
Anstey Nomads	v	Bedworth United
Boldmere St Michaels	v	Lye Town
Coleshill Town	v	Sporting Khalsa
Coventry Sphinx	v	Gresley Rovers
Hinckley LR	v	Loughborough Dynamo
Rugby Town	v	Quorn
Walsall Wood	v	Sutton Coldfield Town

Tuesday 19th December

Cambridge City	v	Harborough Town
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Saturday 23rd December

Bedworth United	v	Shepshed Dynamo
Corby Town	v	Boldmere St Michaels
Gresley Rovers	v	Cambridge City
Harborough Town	v	Anstey Nomads
Loughborough Dynamo	v	Coleshill Town
Lye Town	v	Hinckley LR
Quorn	v	Coventry Sphinx
Spalding United	v	Walsall Wood
Sporting Khalsa	v	AFC Rushden & Diamonds
Sutton Coldfield	v	Rugby Town

PITCHING IN NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE MIDLANDS LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Lye Town	19	11	4	4	30	20	10	37
2	Harborough Town	16	11	2	3	32	11	21	35
3	Anstey Nomads	16	10	5	1	37	20	17	35
4	Spalding United	17	10	4	3	38	19	19	34
5	Loughborough Dynamo	15	10	3	2	31	16	15	33
6	Hinckley LR	18	9	6	3	31	24	7	33
7	Sutton Coldfield Town	18	8	4	6	31	23	8	28
8	Sporting Khalsa	17	8	2	7	22	28	-6	26
9	Quorn	16	7	4	5	30	23	7	25
10	Bedworth United	19	7	4	8	22	22	0	25
11	Corby Town	17	7	3	7	38	23	15	24
12	Walsall Wood	15	7	2	6	26	25	1	23
13	Boldmere St Michaels	17	6	2	9	32	27	5	20
14	Coleshill Town	18	6	2	10	26	37	-11	20
15	Shepshed Dynamo	18	6	2	10	20	33	-13	20
16	Coventry Sphinx	17	3	7	7	16	30	-14	16
17	Cambridge City	17	4	3	10	20	29	-9	15
18	Gresley Rovers	19	3	5	11	22	51	-29	14
19	Rugby Town	17	4	1	12	17	39	-22	13
20	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	16	1	1	14	10	31	-21	4

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