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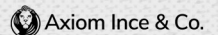
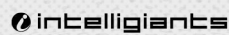


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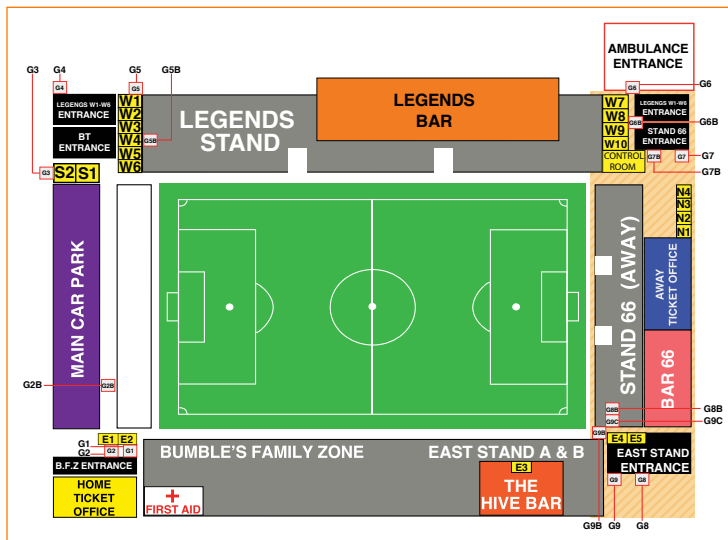
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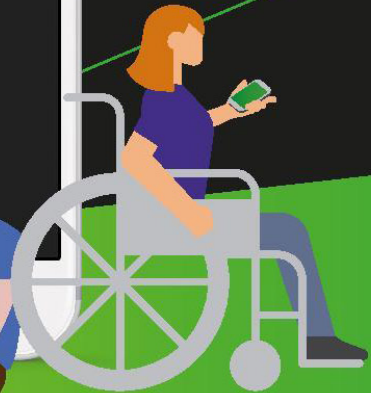
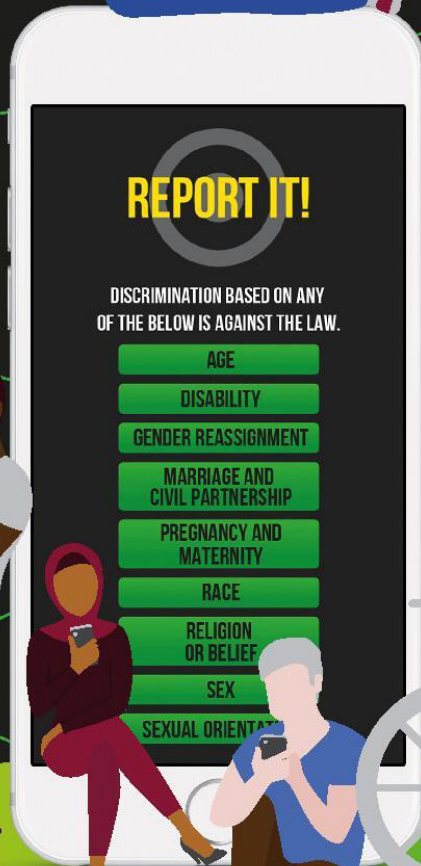
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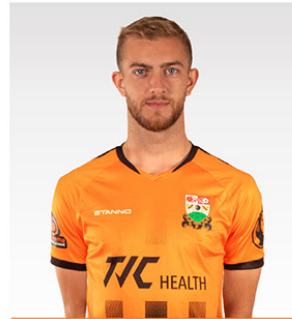
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**Idris Kanu**  
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**Jordan Gillmore**  
Goalkeeper

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**Harry Pritchard**  
Midfielder

14



**Sam Granville**  
Midfielder

17



**Adebola Oluwo**  
Defender

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**Sam Beard**  
Defender

23



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An awkward back pass from the Curzon defender almost gave The Bees the lead within 60 seconds as the ball bounced towards the empty goal. The Curzon keeper managed to recover the ball and save Curzon any early blushes.

Moments later, Idris Kanu had the first attempt of the game for The Bees. A curling effort inside the box went narrowly passed the post.

Connor Stevens was shown a yellow shortly before Kanu sent a terrific cross towards the back post, which found Sam Beard. Beard then heads the ball back across the face of goal towards Nicke Kabamba. The Curzon keeper did well to intercept and deny Kabamba the opening goal.

The opening goal did come through Kabamba after an excellent passing move found Finley Potter just outside the Curzon box. Potter found Kabamba, who headed in the ball from close range to give The Bees the lead.

The hosts almost got a goal back straight away but were denied by an excellent block from Connor Stevens.

The Bees continued to press. Zak Brunt put a perfectly timed ball at the feet of Kanu on the edge of the Curzon Ashton box. Kanu sent a low-driven strike towards goal, which was well stopped by the Curzon keeper.

Callum Stead then did excellently to win possession inside the Curzon box before playing the ball to Kanu, who couldn't quite find his feet to get the shot away.

Curzon had their first real attempt at goal on the 40th minute mark when a strike from the edge of the box went over the bar.

Stevens debut would come to an end after being shown a second yellow card just before the break. Goal-line heroics from Finley Potter would ensure The Bees went into halftime with the lead.

**HT: Curzon Ashton 0-1 Barnet FC**

# Match Report

## Curzon Ashton 0-1 Barnet FC

**Ten-man Barnet defeated Curzon Ashton 1-0 at Tameside Stadium to progress into the second round of the FA Cup. Dean Brennan named three changes to the side that started at Oxford City. Idris Kanu and Sam Beard came in for Marvin Armstrong and Courtney Senior. Connor Stevens was also named in the starting XI to make his Barnet debut.**

The second half began with a double Barnet substitution. Danny Collinge and Jordan Cropper came on for Sam Beard and Finley Potter.

Curzon came close to an early equaliser from a strike well outside the Barnet box. The stunning effort looked to have beaten Laurie Walker, only for him to make a fantastic diving save to keep the score 1-0.

The home side did eventually find the back of the net, but the celebrations were cut short after the linesman raised his flag for offside.

Walker was called into action again as Curzon played the ball across the face of goal. Walker did well to claw the ball away from the feet of the attackers.

Callum Stead then had a great chance to double Barnet's lead as he manoeuvred himself around the keeper before hitting the post with his attempt.

The Bees defended brilliantly with ten men for the remainder of the game and saw out the 1-0 win, which sees us progress into the second round of the FA Cup.

### **FT: Curzon Ashton 0-1 Barnet FC**

**Barnet Starting XI:** Walker, Okimo, Kabamba (Hooper 75), Stead (Armstrong 88), Kanu, Pritchard, Hartigan, Stevens, Beard (Cropper 46), Potter (Collinge 46), Brunt (Gorman 75)

**Unused Substitute:** Gillmore, Senior

**Goals:** Kabamba (15')

**Yellow:** Stevens (x2), Kanu

**Attendance:** 626

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Barnet had the first chance of the game when Idris Kanu made a strong run down the left wing before he cut inside to cross the ball towards the back post and met the head of Dom Revan, but it was cleared off the line.

The home side looked dangerous on the attack and sent a ball into the final third where there was open space but Danny Collinge did well into intercept and clear the ball for a corner. After a scramble of attempts – Laurie Walker made an important save to keep it goalless.

The Bees won a free-kick by the corner flag which resulted in a series of attempts to find the back of the net before the ball fell to the feet of Callum Stead who took a shot but was, once again, cleared away off the line.

Brunt makes a run but the ball is kicked away for a corner. Brunt takes the corner which finds the head of Collinge with a bit too much power as the ball is sent over the bar.

Chesterfield were then given a free-kick just outside the Barnet box where it found the head of Tom Naylor who just sent the ball wide. Tom Naylor took another powerful shot minutes later but Laurie Walker saved it with ease. A bullet header from Ollie Banks looked like it was about to test Walker but it was sent far of the left post.

Tom Naylor was there again with a threatening strike from a distance which narrowly missed the goal.

The Bees best chance came after Revan sent in a great ball which eventually found Callum Stead who got control of the ball in the box, the number 10 then took the shot but hit the underside of the the crossbar. The follow up shot is taken by Harry Pritchard on rebound but it is cleared on the line.

A corner was taken by Brunt minutes later, which found Adebola Oluwo who sent the ball over the bar.

**HT: Chesterfield 0-0 Barnet**

# Match Report

## Chesterfield 4-2 Barnet FC

**Top of the table clash saw The Bees travel to SMH Stadium to face Chesterfield. Dean Brennan made three changes to his side that faced Curzon Ashton in the FA Cup. Danny Collinge, Jerome Oluwo, and Dominic Revan joined the starting XI in place of Connor Stevens and Sam Beard while Finley Potter dropped to the bench.**

Chesterfield found the opener minutes into the second half through Dobra. The first substitution of the match saw Gary Hooper make his way onto the pitch with Dom Revan coming off.

Chesterfield doubled their lead as the game hit the 60 minute mark with Will Grigg finding the back of the net. Stead and Pritchard both attempted to send the ball into the box but their attempts were blocked. Not long after, Zak Brunt was shown a yellow.

The second change made by Dean Brennan saw Callum Stead leave the pitch with Courtney Senior coming on. Chesterfield threatened to make it three when they sent a ball towards the goal but a diving save from Walker denied them. Walker made another unbelievable save to deny the home side again moments later.

Chesterfield eventually ended up getting their third goal in the 75th minute with Mark Jacobs being the third goalscorer.

The final change for Barnet saw Ben Coker come onto the pitch with Adebola Oluwo coming off. The Spireites sealed the game off with a fourth goal from substitute, Joe Quigley.

Nicke Kabamba got one back for Barnet in stoppage time with Gary Hooper following suit moments later – making it 2. Link up from Senior and Pritchard looked promising for a third but it was cleared for a corner.

**FT: Chesterfield 4 – 2 Barnet**

**Barnet Starting XI:** Walker, Collinge, Okimo, Kabamba, Stead (Senior 68), Kanu, Pritchard, Hartigan, Oluwo (Coker 81), Revan (Hooper 59'), Brunt.

**Unused Substitute:** Potter, Gorman.

**Goals:** (90+2'), Hooper (90+3)

**Yellow:** Collinge, Brunt

**Attendance:** 9667 (664 away)

## LEAGUE STANDING

No.	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1.	Chesterfield	18	15	2	1	23	47
2.	Barnet	19	13	3	3	14	42
3.	Solihull Moors	19	10	7	2	9	37
4.	Bromley	19	10	6	3	10	36
5.	Altrincham	18	8	8	2	10	32
6.	Aldershot TownFC	19	9	3	7	1	30
7.	Gateshead	18	8	5	5	17	29
8.	Halifax Town	19	7	7	5	3	28
9.	Rochdale	19	6	6	7	1	24
10.	Oldham Athletic	19	5	9	5	-1	24
11.	Eastleigh	19	6	6	7	-4	24
12.	Wealdstone	19	6	5	8	-4	23
13.	Hartlepool United	19	7	2	10	-5	23
14.	Woking	19	6	4	9	-1	22
15.	Dagenham & Redbridge	20	6	4	10	-5	22
16.	Southend United	19	9	4	6	14	21
17.	Boreham Wood	19	4	9	6	-5	21
18.	Dorking Wanderers	19	6	3	10	-12	21
19.	York City	19	4	7	8	-10	19
20.	Maidenhead United	19	4	7	8	-10	19
21.	Ebbsfleet United	19	5	3	11	-11	18
22.	Oxford City	19	4	5	10	-11	17
23.	AFC Fylde	19	4	4	11	-10	16
24.	Kidderminster Harriers	19	3	5	11	-13	14



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The Rejuvenation of

# Nicke Kabamba

by John Scott



**To the surprise of many around the EFL and National League, the Bees talisman has encountered a massive upshift in scoring output since sporting the proud black and amber. The Democratic of the Congo international tied the knot with Barnet as he put pen to paper on a deal sealed in the summer of 2022.**

Nicke Kabamba was one of Dean Brennan's first signings of that summer, which is indicative of the importance Barnet's new number 9 was to the blueprint for our near-future success. Additionally, the summer of 2022 was a desperate transition period in the wake of a near catastrophic season before. Harry Kewell assembled a completely new squad which..... well, we all know how that one played out (less said the better). Now with Brennan at the helm cultivating a clear vision and philosophy, he was eager to set the wheels in motion. Sanctioning the free agent signing of Kabamba was the beginning of a flourishing relationship.

Barnet's current top goal scorer in the 23/24 season, prior to his arrival, endured a "journeyman" like career. A successful spell at Hampton & Richmond Borough in 2016 attracted the attention of established EFL, an ex-Premier League outfit, Portsmouth, where he found the net 26 times in 47 appearances. However, he never managed to find his feet and had to settle for loan spells with Colchester United and Aldershot Town.

Kabamba then joined fellow Hampshire team, Havant and Waterlooville FC, who at the time had just been promoted to the National League. Disappointingly, the 6-foot 3 striker recorded only 6 goals across all competitions, which forced him to embark on a journey to the North-East. After a successful loan spell at Hartlepool United, the Monkey Hangers were inclined to make his residency permanent for the upcoming 2019/20 season.

Scottish side Kilmarnock were the next team to take a gamble on Kabamba securing his services for 18 months in January 2020. Despite scoring on his debut, another underwhelming spell followed. Consequently he returned to English football via Northampton Town where he struggled to develop consistency. A subsequent loan spell at Woking fell short of expectation and his contracted was terminated by the Cobblers once he returned.

Fast forward to the present day, Nicke Kabamba is now the joint top goal scorer in the National League 2023/24 season on 12 goals. This followed a successful tally of 19 goals in the preceding National League campaign. Based on Nicke Kabamba's current goal return thus far, in the National League, and if he continues to produce similar output, he could finish on 29 goals.

The determination of Nicke Kabamba was evident in his first interview with Barnet stating "I have a point to prove for myself." Dean Brennan was paramount in attracting Kabamba to the club. The Irishman, through Kabamba's personal account, expressed optimistically that he wanted Kabamba to not be playing out wide or as a deep defensive striker but to be positioned in the box in between the sticks. A determined Kabamba exclaimed that Brennan "knew how to get the best out of him" which were subtle signs that something special was brewing.

Nicke Kabamba grew up close to Wembley, near to where Barnet reside now after moving from Underhill. Surely his success there is written in the stars! Importantly, the local lad has been wrapped up in a toxic relationship with finding consistency in performance and scoring goals. Nonetheless, Barnet fans can be assured that they are in safe hands as the pairing of Kabamba and Brennan are both very much aware of the blueprint for the former's success.

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# Meet the Opposition

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**Nickname:** The Heed

**Year founded:** 1977

**Manager:** Rob Elliot

**Stadium:** Gateshead Int. Stadium

**Capacity:** 11,800

**Form:** W L L D W

**League position:** 7<sup>th</sup>

**Last result:** 3-3 (4-3 p) (A),  
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# Club History

**The original Gateshead AFC was formed in 1930 when neighbours South Shields – members of the Football League’s old Third Division North – moved to Gateshead because of financial difficulties. The newly formed “Tynesiders” almost capitalised immediately on their good fortune when only Lincoln City’s superior goal average denied them promotion to the second division in just their second season of League football.**

In 1968, Gateshead became founder members of the Northern Premier League, but their stay in the new competition lasted only two years. Their place was, ironically, taken by another demoted Football League outfit, Bradford Park Avenue, and Gateshead were forced to replace their own reserve side in the Wearside League. Finishing as runners-up, the Tynesiders then had two seasons in the Midland League until – in 1973, seven leagues and 43 years after its inception – Gateshead AFC ceased to exist.

A new club called Gateshead Town played the following season in the local Northern Combination League but, astonishingly, history was soon to repeat itself. South Shields, then members of the Northern Premier League, sold their Simonside headquarters and moved to a new home at Gateshead Stadium. Renamed Gateshead United, the club soon became a force in the Northern Premier League while accounting for Football League clubs Grimsby Town and Crewe Alexandra in the FA Cup.

However, in 1977 – after only three years of operation – came the shock announcement that United were to disband – the third body blow to hit Gateshead supporters inside two decades. It looked like the end of senior football in the town until another phoenix, this time in the form of the current Gateshead FC, rose from the ashes in 1977. Replacing Gateshead United in the Northern Premier League for the 1977-78 season, the new club won the title in 1983 with a record 100 points and 114 goals. After two years in the Conference, the Tynesiders returned to the Northern Premier League and were crowned champions for the second time in 1986. Their second spell in the Conference lasted just one season, though they were quick to bounce back, and reclaimed their place at the top table of non-league football in 1990.

A productive period ended in 1998 when the club was relegated back to the Northern Premier League after eight consecutive seasons of Conference football.

The Heed’s very existence was then threatened early in the new millennium when long-time sponsors Cameron Hall Developments pulled out.

Relegation to the Northern Premier League First Division followed but, after one season, Gateshead were back in the top-tier of the NPL following the introduction of a geographically split First Division.

The future for a club with a proud, if somewhat chequered, past took a turn for the better when wealthy Gateshead-born businessman, Graham Wood, took over in 2006.

The 2021/22 season proved a historic one for Williamson’s men, who defied 20/1 odds to become Vanarama National League North champions and return to the National League three years after their demotion. Alongside a run to the Emirates FA Cup second round, which saw Charlton Athletic visit Gateshead International Stadium live on ITV4, The Heed scored 99 goals and won 18 from 21 home games as they stormed to the league title on 94 points. Macaulay Langstaff scored 28 league goals and was named the division’s Player of the Season, as well as joining Greg Olley and Cedwyn Scott in the Team of the Season, while Williamson earned the Manager of the Season award. Gateshead’s league-record crowd of 4,129 were in attendance to watch on the final day of the season, with a 2-1 win over Hereford preceding the title celebrations as Olley hoisted the National League North trophy.

# Four in Focus

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## ARCHIE MAIR

Mair arrived at Gateshead International Stadium on a season-long loan from Championship side Norwich City in July 2023, having spent the 2022/23 season with National League play-off winners Notts County.

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## MARCUS DINANGA

Dinanga arrived from Altrincham for an undisclosed fee in February 2023, putting pen to paper on an 18-month contract at Gateshead International Stadium. The forward has scored 14 National League goals this season making him one of the league's top scorers.

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## GREG OLLEY

Olley was named club captain in July 2021 and is the club's longest-serving current player with over a century of appearances in black and white. Olley became the first captain to lead Gateshead to the FA Trophy final, and a second to appear at Wembley Stadium.

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## BILLY CHADWICK

Chadwick spent the second half of the 2022/23 season on loan at National League North side Boston United, scoring 11 goals in 20 appearances, and earned the division's Goal of the Season award for his extraordinary lone-range strike against Leamington.

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# HEAD 2 HEAD

with Gateshead

**Barnet and Gateshead have met on 17 occasions, with two particularly notable encounters since the first match, which took place 40 years ago this month. All the games bar one have been in the National League, under various names.**

The Bees have won eight of the meetings in what is now the Vanarama National League, while the Heed have won four games and a further four have been drawn. Strangely, Barnet have done much better away, winning six of the eight league games at Gateshead, but only two of the eight at home. The games between the sides have seen Barnet score 32 goals and concede 20. There has yet to be a goalless draw. Half of the Barnet home games have been at The Hive London and half at Underhill.

Last season, both league games were drawn. In August 2022, at the International Stadium Gateshead, Barnet opened up a two-goal lead in the first half through Ryan De Havilland and Ephron Mason-Clark, but the Heed hit back in the second period, with goals from Paul Blackett and Adam Campbell, to draw the game. At The Hive, in January this year, Danny Elliott put Gateshead ahead, but Nicke Kabamba scored in the 87th minute to give the Bees a share of the spoils.

Eddie Stein has made most appearances for Barnet against Gateshead, playing on seven occasions. Peter Brown, Nicky Evans and Steve Mahoney all played six times. Mahoney has five goals to his name against the Heed. Five other Barnet players have scored twice.

One of the most notable games, from a Barnet perspective, was when the Bees beat the Heed 2-0 in the final game of the 2014/15 season to win the National League. Mauro Vilhete scored both goals. This match saw the highest home attendance (of 5,233) against Gateshead.

The other memorable encounter was when the sides met in Gateshead in the semi-final of the FA Trophy last April. The home side built up a three-goal lead through Adam Campbell, Louis Storey and Greg Olley. The Bees hit back through loanee Emmanuel Fernandez and a brace from Harry Pritchard, the second in the 12th minute of time added on after a long break due to an injury. However, the Tynesiders won the penalty shoot-out comfortably. The crowd of 2,897 was the highest for games between the sides in Tyne and Wear. The teams for that Trophy game were:

**Gateshead:** James Montgomery, Robbie Tinkler, Louis Storey, Ethan Pye, Dan Ward, Oli Thompson (Owen Bailey), Carl Magnay (Elliot Forbes (Dylan Archer)), Kamil Conteh, Greg Olley, Adam Campbell, Aaron Martin

**Barnet:** Laurie Walker, Ben Wynter, Danny Collinge, Jerome Okimo, Emmanuel Fernandez (Ryan De Havilland), Finley Potter, Sam Woods (Nicke Kabamba), Dale Gorman, Harry Pritchard, Idris Kanu, Harry Smith (Courtney Senior).

No current players at Barnet or Gateshead have played for the other side. However, at least four men who have been at both clubs have played in games between the two sides (with dates at Barnet): Mark Carter (1991-93) and Kenny Lowe (1991-93) both played for the Bees against the Heed once in 1991, Liam Hatch (2003-07) came on as a substitute for Gateshead in 2014, and John Oster (2012-13) played two games for Gateshead, also in 2014.

Other players to have played for both clubs include: Neal Bishop (2007-09), Mitch Brundle (2021-22), Nicky Deverdics (2008-10), Ben Fox (one game during lockdown in 2020 and now at Northampton Town), Valentin Gjokaj (2014) and Michael Nelson (2015-18).

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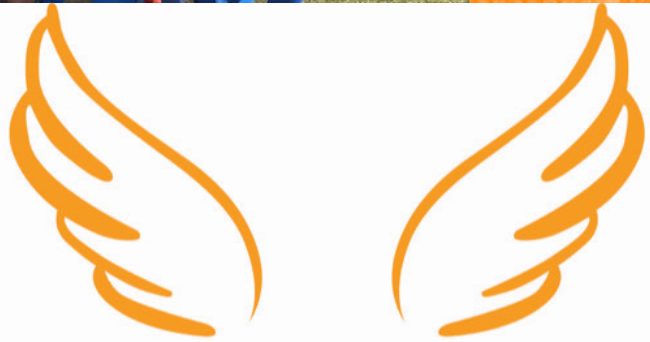
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Today AC Finchley boasts 29 teams and is proud to have offered football to hundreds and hundreds of children over the last 18 seasons. Alongside our 25 boys teams (U7 – U18) the club currently has 3 girls teams (U10, U11 & U14) and 1 Adult team. As an inclusive community club, we are looking to provide even more opportunities, which is why over the next season or two we are looking to introduce Adult Women's Football.

The main thing AC Finchley as a club is proud of is its reputation for inclusivity, respect, sporting excellence and fairness and a desire to create friendships through sport. None of this could have been achieved without the great army of volunteer coaches (fully qualified), parent volunteers, players and of course our dedicated sponsors, all of whom enable us to provide football to the community and keep football affordable for our low-income families.

As part of our community focus, AC Finchley like to promote local charities, with this years focus being on Spread Your Wings ([www.spreadyourwingsuk.com](http://www.spreadyourwingsuk.com)). A charity close to the clubs heart and set up by a former player and coach.

AC Finchley Open Trial Day for 2024/25 season will take place on Saturday 20th April 2024.

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# Barnet Over 50's

# Walking Football



It's been a busy time for our teams.

October we had the biggest Walking football session in England with 88 players, added to the 45 on Tuesday, our club is certainly growing with new enquiries every week.

Thanks to Age UK London, We appeared on the Politics Show BBC 1, where we were interviewed about work life issues in the over 60s age group.

We kicked off round 2 of the Middlesex Fa central league with the 60s Black & Amber continuing their good form opening up an 8 point lead at the top after wins over Cheshunt 1:0 Lambeth 2:0 Feltham 2:1 Staines 2:0.



# ball



We supported the Men's Health Cup at Burnt oak where £364 was raised for prostate cancer awareness and the team won the final 1-0 with a Ken Patterson penalty.

To emphasise our group friendship around 15 of us flew to Tenerife for a sunshine tournament, as I write they are sending back pictures of cocktails by the pool .. we may have to block them on social media with the rain in London :)pouring down .



Our club secretary Remo Beschizza spent the morning at the Middlesex Fa where our England Football Accreditation has been renewed for the 2023/24 season and we also completed the paperwork on our history making event where along with Dementia club on November 21st we will hold the London borough of Barnet first ever dementia friendly walking football session at Cophall leisure centre in the presence of the mayor of Barnet , an amazing achievement by all involved .

To join the team just email [Barnetwft@yahoo.com](mailto:Barnetwft@yahoo.com). As always, let's get behind the squad today cheering the Bees onto promotion!



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# On this day

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## Five years ago (2018)

Barnet beat Hartlepool United 3-1 away in the National League. The Monkey Hangers took the lead, but Manny Duku, who was on loan from Cheltenham Town, scored a brace for the Bees before half-time and Josh Walker added another at the death. The crowd was 3,545. It was the first time the two sides had met in the fifth tier. In their first season after relegation, Barnet finished 12th, while Hartlepool were a point behind in 16th.

## Six years ago (2017)

Barnet lost 1-0 to Colchester United at The Hive London in League 2. The crowd was 2,301. United finished the season in mid-table and the Bees were relegated with Chesterfield to the National League.

## 15 years ago (2008)

Rochdale beat Barnet 3-2 at Spotland in an FA Cup, first round replay, following a 1-1 draw at Underhill 10 days earlier. Both teams were in League 2 at the time. John O'Flynn and Albert Adomah put the Bees two ahead, but a hat-trick from Adam Le Fondre saw Rochdale home. The attendance was 2,339. The Dale lost to non-league Forest Green Rovers in the second round. Le Fondre went on to play for Reading in the Premier League and is currently with Hibernian in the Scottish Premier League, at the age of 36.

## 17 years ago (2006)

Barnet beat Rochdale 3-2 at home in League 2. Tresor Kandol scored his only ever hat-trick for the Bees in what was his last game before being initially loaned, then sold, to Leeds United. A crowd of 1,972 saw the action. Barnet finished in 14th position and Rochdale in ninth.

## 20 years ago (2003)

The Bees overcame Stalybridge Celtic 2-0 away in an FA Cup, first round replay, following a 2-2 draw at Underhill. Barnet were in what is now the National League and Celtic were in the Northern Premier League, one level below. Giuliano Grazioli grabbed both goals and the attendance was 1,549. The Bees lost 5-1 to League 2 Yeovil Town in the second round.

## 23 years ago (2000)

Barnet beat Hampton and Richmond 2-1 at Underhill in the FA Cup, first round. Tony Richards and Darren Currie scored late goals to rescue the Bees. The crowd was 2,340. Barnet lost 2-1 at Walsall in the next round.

## 26 years ago (1997)

The Bees held Torquay United to a 3-3 draw at Underhill in Football League Division 3 (the fourth tier). Scott McGleish scored the first goal and Sean Devine two more in a game that saw both sides lead. The crowd was 1,246. Both the Bees and the Gulls made the play-offs, but neither were promoted.

## 28 years ago (1995)

Barnet and Fulham drew 1-1 at Craven Cottage in Football League Division 3. Richard Dunwell scored the Bees' goal on his debut. The attendance was 4,369. Barnet finished in the top half, and Fulham, now of course in the Premier League, in the bottom half.

## 90 years ago (1933)

Barnet beat Southall 4-3 away in the Athenian League. Jack Richardson and Arthur Morris each scored twice: both made over 300 appearances, and Morris is the club's all-time top goalscorer. The Bees finished fifth out of 14 teams.

# ...and currently

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**Barnet now have 42 points after 19 league games. By comparison with the three National League championship winning seasons, the Bees have one more point than at the same stage of the 1990/91 season, four points less than in 2004/05, and the same as in 2014/15. At this stage last season, Notts County were top on 44 points and Wrexham, the eventual champions, were second on 43 points.**

Following the draw against Solihull Moors in the last home game, Dean Brennan's men have now gone nine league games at home unbeaten, which is their best run since they went 10 unbeaten between August and December 2009. Barnet have also gone 10 games unbeaten in all competitions at home, which is their best run since the same period in 2009, when they went 12 unbeaten. Prior to the game at Chesterfield, the Bees had gone nine league games unbeaten, at home and away. That is the best run of league games since Barnet went unbeaten for the final nine games of the season when winning the National League title in 2015.

Nicke Kabamba is the joint top goalscorer in the Vanarama National League, having bagged 12 league goals following the one he scored at Chesterfield. Nicke shares top spot with Emmanuel Dieseruvwe from Hartlepool United, Marcus Dinanga from Gateshead, and ex-Bee Paul McCallum from Eastleigh. Nicke has notched a further four goals in the FA Cup.

Gary Hooper scored his debut goal for the club against Solihull Moors and added a second against Chesterfield. He is the 11th player to score for the Bees this season.

Connor Stevens made his debut for the club in the FA Cup game against Curzon Ashton. Jordan Cropper made his first appearance, following his return to the club, in the same game, coming on at half time.

Barnet's first goal away to Oxford City was their 1,500th goal in the National League (including play-off games) in 990 games. The attendance of 9,667 at Chesterfield last Saturday was the Spireites' highest of the season.

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BEN COKER **3**  
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JEROME OKIMO **6**  
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© DALE GORMAN **8**  
NICKE KABAMBA **9**  
CALLUM STEAD **10**  
IDRIS KANU **11**  
**(GK)** JORDAN GILLMORE **13**  
HARRY PRITCHARD **14**  
(on loan) SAM GRANVILLE **17**  
ANTHONY HARTIGAN **18**  
CONNOR STEVENS **20**  
BEN WYNTER **21**  
ADEBOLA OLUWO **22**  
SAM BEARD **23**  
DOMINIC REVAN **24**  
SAM BARRATT **25**  
GARY HOOPER **26**  
(on loan) MOUSSA DIARRA **27**  
FINLEY POTTER **30**  
ZAK BRUNT **33**

**1** ARCHIE MAIR **(GK)**  
**2** ROBBIE TINKLER  
**3** REGAN BOOTY  
**4** CALLUM WHELAN  
**5** KENTON RICHARDSON  
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**23** BILLY CHADWICK  
**28** KYRAN LOFTHOUSE  
**32** CARL MAGNAY  
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