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NEW BEGINNINGS

Football returns and so does the gaffers Park Bench column as the Green Army head for Bolitho.

A new look Bolitho Park, a new league and a new look squad. Parkway take a trip into the unknown and Lee Hobbs can't wait...

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Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to a much changed Bolitho Park since our last game here on 5 December 2020. This afternoon we welcome Ryan Lowe, the staff, players and supporters of Plymouth Argyle for our now traditional pre-season friendly. A massive thankyou to Argyle and to Ryan personally and I wish them all the very best for the new season.

Regular supporters will notice huge improvements to the infrastructure of the ground which has also included a complete replacement of the playing surface which is now second to none. This has been made possible as a result of the ground sharing arrangement with Truro City which required the ground to be at a standard for step 3 football at which they play.

Much has happened since last season was curtailed in December. The planned restructuring of the Non-League pyramid by the FA finally went ahead after a seasons delay. As a result of the restructure we have been “upwardly moved” (promoted) to the Southern League Division 1 (South), step 4 in the pyramid, the highest level at which this club in its relatively short history has ever competed. After narrowly missing out on promotion by 2 points on the last day of our first season in the step 5 Western League in 2018/19, the ambition of the club to achieve Southern League status remained its priority.

The Covid pandemic unfortunately resulted in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons being foreshortened and it was decided by the FA to combine the completed results of the 2 seasons and upwardly move team finishing top of their leagues on a points per game (ppg) basis. Parkway had the highest ppg in all of the 14 step 5 leagues in the country and consequently will be playing at step 4 this season. This has not come about by accident and has been achieved by a terrific amount of hard work on and off the pitch. Everyone involved can be extremely proud of their efforts but most of all the players past and present who have contributed massively to getting us where we are today. I cannot thank them all enough.

Playing in a new league at a higher level brings new challenges. A few of our squad have played at step 4 and higher in the past but to most it will be their first experience of playing at this level as it is for myself and the staff. Moving forward is always a challenge and building a squad that I believe will be







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able to compete requires making tough decisions. It's not been a time to make wholesale changes and after much thought and consideration it was decided to release Matt Wright, Steve Colwell and Levi Landricombe from last season's squad. For personal reasons Ryan Richards also decided to move on. I would like to personally thank them all for their valuable contributions to our success and wish them all the very best and good luck with their new clubs.

With departures there are always arrivals. Striker Tom Bath joins us from Southern League Premier side Dorchester Town. Tom helped us out a couple of times a few seasons ago and has always been on my radar. Jack Crago a player well known to most of us and often a thorn in our side when playing for Tavistock has agreed to join us and I'm delighted to have persuaded him to test himself at a higher level. Two other familiar faces in Aaron Bentley and Jordan Copp have also returned to the club after a season away and I'm very pleased to welcome them back. I believe these new signings will enhance and strengthen the depth of the squad, provide the necessary competition for places and make us strong enough to compete at the higher level.



I am also delighted to have recruited two new members to our backroom staff. Regan Miles, a fully qualified sports therapist and physio joins us and will be a vital member of the team providing the squad with regular first class on site physio and rehabilitation facilities in addition to being the match day physio. Club stalwart Pete White will be standing down from his physio duties but will remain at the club in another role. My thanks to Pete for all his hard work over the years. Another name familiar to many has joined us as goalkeeping coach. The very experienced Stuart Dudley, a former Parkway manager, has taken over from Sam Doel who has moved on to realise his ambition to become a fire fighter. Thanks also to Sam for his efforts with us and I wish him good luck in his new career. Welcome to the club Regan and Stuart.

Pre-season training started on Monday 21 June, and I'm pleased to say the squad had kept themselves relatively fit during the layoff and built on the levels attained during our 3 FA Vase games April. In addition to today's friendly, a further 7 have been arranged. We started at Ivybridge last Wednesday with a 2-1 victory where I was able to give the whole squad at least 45 minutes and also have a look at a few trialists who have been training with us. Further attractive fixtures are planned at Buckland Athletic (Sat 10 July), Dobwalls (Tue 13 Jul), Mousehole (Sat 17 Jul), Bodmin Town (Tue 27 Jul) and Tiverton Town (Sat 31 Jul). Our only other game at Bolitho Park will be against Truro City on Sat 24 Jul. As always pre-season is all about improving fitness levels, getting miles in the legs, working on patterns of play and formations and giving the whole squad maximum game time. Having said that, it's good to get in the winning habit and gain confidence as the new season approaches.



Competing in the Southern League is a new experience for the vast majority of us and we approach the new season with excitement and anticipation and are relishing the challenge. Playing at step 4 also means we now enter the FA Trophy which is for clubs at steps 1-4 and no longer enter the FA Vase. There are some well-established clubs in the league and I expect the standard will undoubtedly be higher than we are used to but rest assured our research and preparation will be thorough. I am making no predictions as to our aims or objectives but we will all be as professional as we possibly can and see where it takes us as we eagerly await the fixture list and our first league game scheduled for Saturday 14 August.

I hope you enjoy today's game and that both sides will gain some benefit from it. For those attending Bolitho Park for the first time today, I hope you like what you see and will be tempted to return once the season starts. You will be made most welcome.
Lee.

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THE MANAGEMENT

Since taking on the management role at Plymouth Parkway, Lee Hobbs has enjoyed a sustained spell of success and guided Plymouth Parkway into Step Five of the non-league footballing pyramid for the very first time. Lee is joined in the dugout by Matt Cusack who has also enjoyed success in a previous management role. Regan Miles joins the backroom staff and can boast a first class degree in Sports Science. Stuart Dudley returns to Bolitho as Goalkeeping coach and completes the Dugout line-up





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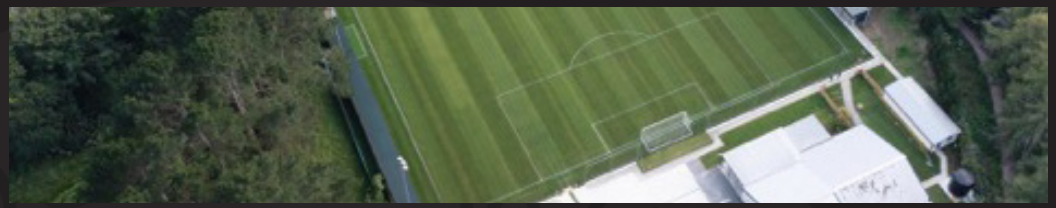
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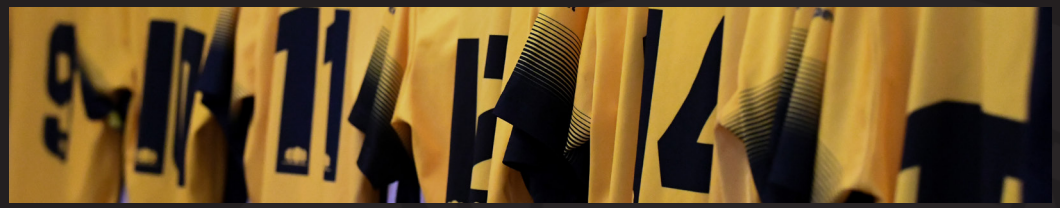


Born in Plymouth, made in Ibiza: Chris Trace brings a wealth of musical experience and has transformed how a Plymouth Parkway match day sounds over the course of the past few seasons. Now firmly established as Parkways No.1 DJ, Chris will carefully craft a selected playlist for every game and occasion as he brings a unique and superb soundtrack that enhances the Bolitho Park match day atmosphere. #GeddonChris.

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A VIEW FROM THE CROWS NEST

LOOKING THROUGH THE PARKWAY LENS

Geddon, it's been a while? I have absolutely no idea where to start after what can only be described as major changes across all parts of the football club. The main story has been the emergence of a new look Bolitho Park as Plymouth Parkway can now rival any non-league football club across the country. Many will forget the Full Time Clubhouse is only three years old, but the club haven't stopped there. Since the curtailment of last season, work has begun on regenerating Bolitho Park and maybe it should now be named Bolitho Stadium?

With three sides of the ground now covered, a new playing surface, a new main stand, turnstiles, a new bar, and countless other little projects, the club have been busy and I'm yet to mention the upward movement into the Southern League… and breathe.

If you sit and think about it, it's kind of tricky to get your head around.



Yes, the club aspired to move forward on the pitch but a meeting with Truro City would change the thinking within the board about what could be achieved. The White Tigers will be ground sharing with us next season and have injected money into the club to bring it up to Southern League standard and Parkway decided to invest into giving Bolitho Park a full rebrand.

Some things that will never change are the ridiculous messages that populate the comments section of a Parkway Social Media post from individuals who seem to know every inner workings of the club, but we won't get into that, it's a family column after all.

Moving on… Did I mention we are now a Southern League club? Lee, the players, and backroom staff have been rewarded after two seasons of dominance with upward movement after a non-league restructure took place after a second curtailed season. I don't think many can argue with the decision and in the space of 5 seasons, the club have gone from step 6 into step 4 of the footballing pyramid.

Lee has built a different style of squad for each season he has been at the helm at Bolitho. The gaffer decided to release Matt Wright, Levi Landricombe and Steve Colwell. Ryan Richards would decide to depart for Torpoint, and I think I speak for all fans as I wish them all the best on the next step of their footballing journey. With outgoings, the rumour mill would always start about who would be arriving. Ahead of the new campaign, we welcome Tom Bath and Jack Crago, we also see the return of Aaron Bentley and Jordan Copp. It's 4 exciting signings to add to an already strong squad and it will be interesting to see how the class of 2021 will gel as the season moves forward.

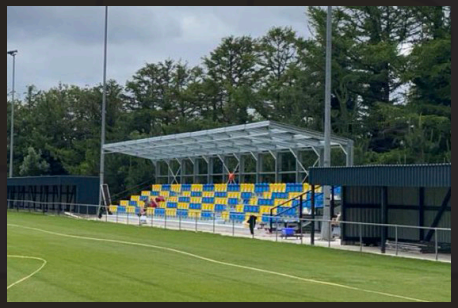
Jeez, best mention today's opponents and the famous Green Army. Since Ryan Lowe's appointment, Argyle in my eyes have taken so many steps forward. They are the premium club in the city and always will be. Some of my favourite footballing memories have taken place at Home Park including a wonderful comeback against them up the road in the FA Cup.

For Parkway, to have a unique relationship with Argyle can only be exciting for the future. I do write this column with Yellow tinted glasses on, but I do hope the Green Army can reach the Championship and sustain a future in that league, it would be fantastic for football in the city.

Days like this don't come around very often and we could not have picked a better opponent than Plymouth Argyle to open Bolitho Mark 2 and look ahead to Southern League football for the very first time.

The Crows Nest









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TWEETS IN THE LIFE OF PLYMOUTH PARKWAY FC

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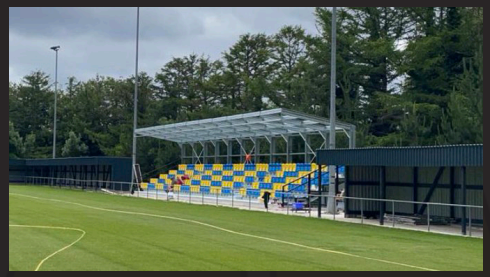
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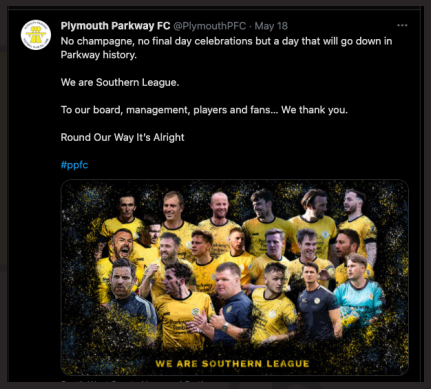
Recently we entered the Southern League, we looked back on the chairman's first five years, Bolitho would be regenerated and we aired the first ever Welcome Wednesday.

Now let's go and introduce ourselves to the Southern League.



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LAST TIME OUT

The coach breaks down as Parkway bow out of the FA Vase

BY GRAHAM LLOYD
PARKWAY MATCH DAY REPORTER



PARKWAY 2
Richards (pen, 42) L Landricombe (86)

FLACKWELL HEATH 4
Taylor (22) Parker (72) Weeks (84) Mansfield (90+4)

Parkway entertained Hellenic League side Flackwell Heath in the 5thround of the FA Vase hoping to reach the quarter finals for the second successive season. Parkway fielded an unchanged starting line up from last week's 4thround victory over Clevedon Town. With both sides sounding each other out in the early stages, Parkway made the sharper start having the bulk of possession with the visitor's content to absorb the pressure and look to play on the counter. Parkway's early pressure forced a series of free kicks within 30 or so yards of Flackwell's 18-yard box most of which lacked neither the direction nor quality of delivery to trouble the visitors solid looking defence.

Neither side were able to create any clear chances with Parkway continuing to probe and look for openings with the Heathens content to defend in depth and in numbers and look to play on the break. The first half chance came on 15 minutes when a Parkway free kick wide on the right was headed back across the 6-yard box by Michael Landricombe to Matt Wright who, on the turn, hooked his effort just over. Parkway's next attack saw them break along the left with Jamie Lowry and River Allen linking well to set up Ryan Richards whose shot from around 12 yards was comfortably saved by the imposing Aaron Watkins in the visitor's goal. Having absorbed the early pressure, Flackwell gradually began to threaten going forward with the tricky Ashley Howell looking lively wide on the left and the strength and movement of Louie Soares testing the Parkway central defenders. Soares had the visitors first chance on 17 minutes after a quick counterattack along the right saw him fire over from around 15 yards.

Parkway continued to have the lion's share of possession but were unable to find the necessary penetration to get in behind the Flackwell defence with their two central defenders dealing comfortably with any aerial threat. On 18 minutes a long ball from Lowry found Richards whose header from distance was comfortably gathered by Watkins as the Parkway attacking options became more predictable. With Flackwell continuing to look dangerous on the break, on 24 minutes a speculative effort from 30 yards from the increasingly influential Mitchell Parker flew just over. Their next attack shortly after seeing them take the lead with their first effort on target.

Parkway failed to clear their lines and a powerful shot from around 18 yards through a crowd of players forced Kyle Moore into a fine parried save only for Jack Taylor to react the quickest and slam home the rebound from around 6 yards. Parkway continued the offensive looking to use the flanks with Lowry and Mikey Williams linking well on 27 minutes with Lowry's shot being comfortably saved by Watkins low down at his near post. Play became a bit disjointed with Flackwell pressing hard and closing the Parkway midfield forcing them to concede possession too easily and being unable to get any real flow into their play going forward.



A Flackwell free kick on 35 minutes saw Parker's 30-yard effort deflect off the wall and fly narrowly wide with the Parkway defence coming under increasing pressure. However, as half time approached, Parkway grabbed the equaliser they just about deserved. A neat exchange along the right saw the ball find Richards who was tripped just inside the penalty as he looked to turn for a no arguments penalty which he got up to convert with his powerful strike sending Watkins the wrong way. A dour, cagey first half with Parkway failing to convert their territory and possession into chances with Flackwell looking solid and well organised defensively, competitive in midfield and dangerous on the break converting the one real clear-cut chance they created. The second half continued in a similar vein with play continuing to fluctuate and the Heathens making an early substitution on 49 minutes with Harrison Bayley replacing Cory Hathaway. On 55 minutes a neat passage of play along the right between Harrison Davis and the persistent Richards forced a corner which again was comfortably defended.

With the Heathens now looking the more dangerous and Howell and Soares continuing to cause problems, Davis received a yellow card as Howell looked to break clear just inside the Parkway half. Flackwell then saw a header flash just wide from a corner as the pressure increased with Parkway being forced deeper and looking second best in midfield and unable to gain any forward momentum. On 59 minutes another Flackwell shot was deflected over the bar for another corner with the Parkway defence coming under increasing pressure and mistakes at the back starting to creep in. Flackwell were now the more fluent outfit, winning most of the second balls, forcing Parkway into mistakes in possession and looking the more likely to score. Parkway made their first change on 66 minutes with Shane Krac replacing Billy Palfrey as they looked to regain some midfield control with Flackwell's Devontae Romeo replacing the impressive Howell at the same time The visitor's pressure finally paid off as they regained the lead on 71 minutes.

Parkway failed to clear their lines and conceded a free kick centrally around 25 yards out. Soares kick cannoned off the wall and with Parkway slow to react to clear the loose ball, the alert Parker pounced hammering a superb right foot shot into the roof of the net from around 20 yards giving Moore no chance. Craig Veal immediately replaced the tiring Wright as Parkway looked to inject more pace up front. With Parkway now pushing forward looking for an equaliser, a Williams header from a corner on 75 minutes was easily saved by Watkins. The game then took a dramatic twist with Krac, having been on for only 9 minutes, being given a straight red card for a reckless and unnecessary challenge in the centre of midfield with the Flackwell player going nowhere. Whilst not exactly a game changer, it made the last 15 minutes an even harder task for Parkway. James Mansfield then saw yellow as Parkway pushed forward more without really testing Watkins with the visitor's defence generally remaining in control. Parkway made their final change on 78 minutes with Levi Landricombe replacing the hard-working Williams.

Flackwell made their final change on 82 minutes with Simeon Weeks replacing Soares. With Parkway continuing to push for an equaliser they became stretched at the back allowing Flackwell to exploit the spaces between the lines enabling them to increase their lead on 84 minutes. A cross from the left was poorly defended resulting in the ball falling to substitute Weeks who fired home a low shot into the bottom corner from around 10 yards. Game over? Not quite. Almost straight from the kick-off a long ball forward found Levi Landricombe who cleverly lofted his effort over Watkins to give Parkway renewed hope. Parkway now threw even more players forward looking for another equaliser, but they lacked the guile or smartness to penetrate the packed Flackwell defence who were happy to hit long clearances into the empty spaces deep inside the Parkway half. From one such clearance in the 4th minute of stoppage time, substitute Mansfield was able to race clear and seal the game with his shot eluding the exposed Moore with what turned out to be virtually the last kick of the game. Individually and collectively Parkway were not at their best, today nor were they allowed to be by well organised, hardworking, resolute opponents who, particularly in the 2ndhalf, were the better side and deserved their victory. They will now travel to United Services Portsmouth who beat Tavistock 3-1 today in next Saturday's quarter final.

PARKWAY STARTING XI
Kyle Moore, Harrison Davis, Ryan Lane, Rob Farkins (c) Mike Landricombe, Mikey Williams, River Allen, Matt Wright, Billy Palfrey, Ryan Richards

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KYLE **MOORE**

GOALKEEPER

Kyle has been instrumental in Parkway's transformation and the shot stopper has been an ever present since joining the Yellows back in 2018. The keeper improves season on season and Kyle has become known as the keeper for the big moments.



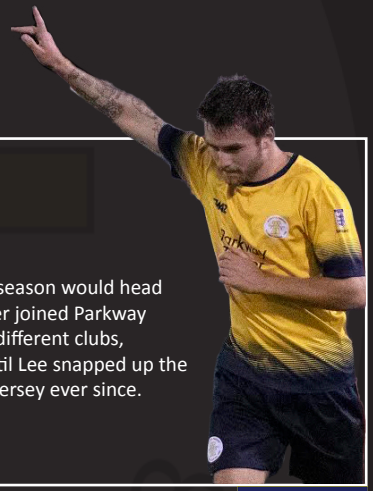
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HARRISON **DAVIS**

DEFENDER

The 1st player of the month award of the season would head Harrison's way after the talented youngster joined Parkway in the summer of 2020. After a spell with different clubs, Harrison fell out of love with the game until Lee snapped up the youngster who has flourished in a yellow jersey ever since.



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AARON **BENTLEY**

DEFENDER

Aaron returns to Bolitho for another spell with his hometown club. For the Parkway faithful, they will hope this time it's personal. A former graduate of the Plymouth Argyle Academy, Aaron is a versatile defender who plays with his heart on his sleeve. A defender who can also get amongst the goals and a much liked figure on the local footballing circuit.





RYAN **LANE**

DEFENDER

After being released by Plymouth Argyle, Lee Hobbs would be quick to snap up the talented left footer as Ryan looked to reignite his career. Ryan has undergone a transition from midfield into defence and this switch has seen him excel in the yellow of Parkway. Exciting, reliable and quick, Laney ticks all the boxes.



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ROB **FARKINS**

DEFENDER (VC)

Described as the nuts and bolts of Parkway, Rob has been there and done it. A former Army football captain, Rob is a natural born leader and has firmly established himself as part of the furniture at Bolitho Park. Moving into the twilight of his career, Rob has expressed his desire to finish his playing career in a yellow shirt.



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CALLUM **HALL**

MIDFIELDER

Callum's arrival to Bolitho went a little under the radar as more established names took centre stage. This soon changed as he became one of the most focal players of the season to date. His energy and desire are never in doubt and the goal celebration against Devon neighbours Buckland Athletic will live long in the memory.





CRAIG **VEAL**

FORWARD

Craig has enjoyed a fine start to life at Parkway after signing from Willand Rovers at the beginning of the season. Craig has already scored some important goals for the club and along with his excellent work rate, the forward has all the ingredients to excel at Bolitho Park.



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SHANE **KRAC**

MIDFIELDER (C)

Shane Krac's illustrious career at non-league level has been a story within itself and there is still life in the old dog yet. His recent seasons have been described by many as the best football spell of his career before an injury plagued start to the season halted proceedings. Now back fully fit, Shane will look to create a few more memories before he hangs up his boots.



MIKE NORTON

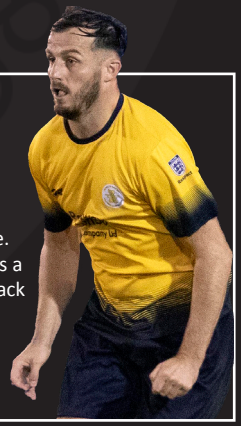
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MIKE **LANDRICOMBE**

DEFENDER

Every football club has a player who could be described as an unsung hero and no one more suitable than Mike fits that title. Happy to let others take the limelight, the defender rarely puts a foot wrong and has established himself in the middle of the back four after returning home for a second spell with the club.





ROY RANDALL

BILLY **PALFREY**

MIDFIELDER

After a successful loan spell from Truro City, Billy signed in the summer of 2019 and the midfielder has grown in stature and confidence ever since. Swapping a right back role for a midfield spot, Billy has quickly become the fulcrum of Parkways attacking prowess and is regarded by his fellow teammates as a pivotal part of the squad.





RIVER **ALLEN**

MIDFIELDER

Arguably one of the most well-known non-league names around, River joined Parkway at the start of the season from Southern League side Tiverton Town. River's hunger to help take Parkway through the leagues was a big draw for the talented midfielder to wear the Yellow of Parkway as River again plies his trade in his hometown since leaving Plymouth Argyle.



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MIKE NORTON



MIKEY **WILLIAMS**

FORWARD

Known as the Wizard, Mikey Williams has been casting spells at Bolitho Park since arriving in 2017. One of the longest serving members of the squad, Mikey has given fans some memorable moments over the years and is also a well-liked player off the pitch. Moving into the prime of his career, his biggest magic show may be yet to come...





TOM **BATH**

FORWARD

Parkway fans have enjoyed making cult figures out of Parkway No.9's with such names Levi Landricombe, Glyn Hobbs and Adam Carter to name a few. Tom's arrival at Bolitho could signal another cult hero status in years to come. The striker has all the right attributes and brings another level of professionalism to Bolitho.



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JACK **CRAGO**

FORWARD

After many successful years with Tavistock, Lee Hobbs has finally landed a target he has been after for a long time. Jack Crago joins Parkway aiming to test himself in the Southern League. The winger will look to build another fine CV with Parkway with determination and ability in abundance



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JORDAN **BENTLEY**

DEFENDER

There was a time when Jordan had the footballing world at his feet, a successful spell with Plymouth Argyle would see him claim first team appearances before a cruel injury ended the boyhood professional football dream. Many would have said enough is enough, but Jordan's mentality has seen him overcome injury as the defender looks to establish himself in the Parkway squad.

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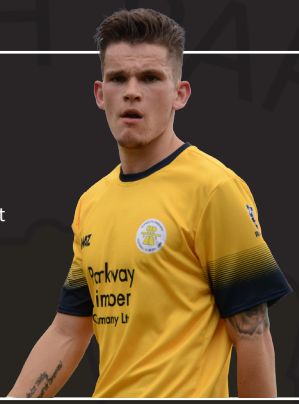
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JORDAN **COPP**

MIDFIELD

Jordan returns to Bolitho Park after leaving the club after the 2019-20 season. Dubbed the man who doesn't like football, Jordan who is a unique talent and on is day is one of the best non-league footballers around. A wonderful left foot and skill to boot, Coppy could play a pivotal part in Parkway's first Southern League season.



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JAMIE **LOWRY**

MIDFIELDER

Former professional footballer Jamie Lowry fills in the gaps when needed for Parkway. The former Crewe, Chesterfield and Plymouth Argyle player is now a youth development coach with Plymouth Argyle but still produces vintage performances when called upon by Lee Hobbs. Although Jamie is not a regular in a Yellow shirt, the midfielder is a joy to watch when called upon.





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THE PARKWAY PROFILE

In every issue of The Park Bench we shift the spotlight on an individual within the club and try to tell their story. Non-league clubs are filled with characters and Parkway are no different. This week, the Parkway Profile falls on Parkway's American boy...

RHEAD BETWEEN THE LINES

He's one of our own, he's one of our own, oh Jack Rhead, he's one of our own...

Rhead and Parkway go hand in hand.

It's all about family.

JACK RHEAD

@JackRhead3



JACK RHEAD

Non-League football is all about family and Jack Rhead is what Plymouth Parkway is all about. A young lad that shone in the reserves is still finding time to turn out for the club despite studying across the pond.

Jack Rhead was a key figure when Plymouth Parkway reserves won their respective league over 4 years ago. Small and slight in stature, Jack would head out to America on a footballing scholarship and his return would see the boy turn into a man. A growth spurt would happen during his American story which the youngster hopes to continue writing for a long time to come.

It's a story that is always talked about by the Parkway faithful on match days and Jack's legacy to Parkway can be seen in the shape of Chris and Debbie Rhead. The proud parents cheer on the Yellows both home and away as the name Rhead is now synonymous with Plymouth Parkway. The family story is one that Plymouth Parkway strive to be and the Rhead's story are up there with the best of them.





The chant "He's one of our own" could sum up Jack's involvement with Parkway. Arguably the biggest cheer on a match day apart from a goal is the appearance of Jack from the bench. If it's for 10 minutes or 2 minutes, a buzz goes around Bolitho when the midfielder enters the play. To be part of the Parkway dressing room can only aid Jack's American story and soon the youngster will be flying back out to continue his journey and no doubt, Chirs, and Debbie will be cheering on Parkway from the touchline in his absence.

Parkway will always keep an eye on Jack's journey, and we wish the youngster every success when he soon flies back out.

A winner against Argyle would be nice though Jack... Hollywood ending and all that...



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FROM THE PARKWAY VAULT

TALES OF PAST PARKWAY DAYS

In each edition of The Park Bench, we will look back on past matches through the eyes of Parkways match reporter Graham Lloyd as we pull one of his written reports from the Vault and bring a fixture back to life. This week, with pre-season getting back underway, we look back to last season's last pre-season fixture as we travelled to the Oakfield Stadium to face Melksham Town

SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST 2020

OAKFIELD STADIUM

MELKSHAM TOWN 2 PARKWAY 3

ALLEN (29,79) HALL (34)



Parkway, with 4 key players unavailable, travelled to Southern League Division 1 (step 4) Melksham Town for their 6thand final pre-season friendly played at an extremely impressive ground and set up for this level. The game got off to an explosive start with the hosts taking the lead after just 40 secs. A break down the left breached the Parkway backline with a cross being turned in at the near post from close range.

Parkway almost drew level on 3 minutes when after a neat passage of one touch play along the left, the ball dropped to Ryan Richards who turned sharply on the edge of the 18-yard area only to see his snapshot hit the post and be cleared to safety. With Melksham looking strong, physical, and direct, they doubled their lead on 8 minutes with their second attack. More good play along the left saw a deep cross find their player whose close-range shot ricocheted off the chest of the unfortunate Michael Landricombe and into the net. Melksham continued to look the more dangerous with Parkway working hard to get back into the game but unable to gain too much momentum or create any clear chances.

Play became compressed in a competitive midfield with both sides guilty of playing too many long balls which were comfortably dealt with by both defences. Parkway started to look to play through their midfield and bring their wide players into the game more with the hosts becoming predictable and playing balls into the channels. On 26 minutes a neat Parkway move down the left ended with a shot from around 20 yards by Billy Palfrey being comfortably saved. With Parkway beginning to gain some midfields control they pulled a goal back on 29 minutes. Ryan Lane made a strong run along the left and after a neat one two slid the ball inside to River Allen who finished coolly, drilling a low shot into the corner from around 20 yards.

With Allen, Palfrey and Steve Colwell becoming more influential in midfield using their long and short-range passing to good effect, Richards working hard up front and Callum Hall and Harrison Davis making inroads along the flanks, Parkway began to look the more fluent side. A forceful run from midfield by Palfrey on 33 minutes saw his shot fly just over before shortly afterwards Parkway deservedly drawing level. More good link up midfield plays saw Palfrey in an advanced area and his well-directed and perfectly paced pass found Hall in space on the right. Hall cleverly



came inside his marker and placed his angled shot across the keeper into the bottom corner from around 15 yards.

Hall almost repeated his efforts on 37 minutes with this time his shot being blocked at close range. Melksham continued to look to be more direct with the Parkway defence holding firm and Kyle Moore rarely being tested. The final action of the half on 43 minutes saw a Melksham shot from distance fly harmlessly over. After a shocking and sluggish start, Parkway gradually regained their composure, improved their ball retention, became more dominant in midfield, and deservedly went into the break all square.

Melksham started the second half strongly and on 47 minutes only a superbly timed tackle by Landricombe in the 18-yard area prevented an effort on target.



On 49 minutes a well-placed ball from Allen in behind the home defence found Hall breaking clear on the right only to be penalised for a marginal handball. Play continued to switch from end to end at a high tempo but with few chances being created and both defences generally on top.
Around the hour mark both sides began to ring the changes with the hosts making a substitution and Jordan Bentley replacing Isaac Burdon in the Parkway defence.

Melksham then had a period of pressure forcing a couple of corners which came to nothing with Landricombe and the quietly impressive James Ward winning their headers and making timely interceptions and tackles. The hard working, lively Richards was replaced by A Trialist on 64 minutes as Parkway continued to press forward winning a series of free kicks in dangerous areas one of which was curled just wide by Allen on 67 minutes.

The hosts made 2 further substitutions on 70 minutes and briefly had 12 players on the pitch. This was vociferously brought to the attention of the referee by a couple of the eagle-eyed Parkway faithful! Nice try! A Melksham corner on 74 minutes saw them almost retake the lead with a close-



range looping header bouncing off the top off the bar and go behind. Parkway made their final change on 76 minutes with Baros replacing Davis.
Parkway continued to threaten with play being broken up by a series of niggling fouls with a Melksham defender picking up the first and only yellow card of the game after a cynical challenge on Trialist which denied him breaking clear.

On 79 minutes yet another free kick conceded just outside the 18-yard area resulted in Parkway breaking the deadlock and taking the lead. Allen's kick initially hit the defensive wall, but he reacted quickest to the rebound and calmly place a low shot into the corner through a crowded 18-yard box. Melksham now threw more men forward creating pressure and on 83 minutes a 25-yard free kick was superbly pushed away by Moore at full stretch. With Parkway now defending in numbers and Melksham leaving spaces at the back, a Parkway break on 88 minutes saw a strong run by Trialist saw the ball pulled back for Hall whose close-range effort was stabbed behind for a corner.
Melksham continued to apply pressure with a shot being well saved by Moore on 89 minutes and a further effort being deflected behind for another corner in stoppage time. Strong defending saw Parkway hang on for a hard earned but ultimately deserved victory that didn't look possible after 10 minutes.

After a mixed pre-season, today's highly entertaining and competitive friendly saw Parkway back to somewhere near their best but still a work in progress. After another sloppy start, they showed determination, resolve and strength of character to regroup and force their way back into the game against strong, physical, higher league opponents.

The day was rounded off perfectly with the news that the popular, inspirational and on the day absent Rob Farkins, was otherwise engaged having become a father for a second time earlier in the day! With pre-season planning and preparations now complete and many lessons no doubt learnt, the season proper starts on Tuesday with near neighbours Saltash United the visitors to Bolitho Park in the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Cup with a 7.45 kick off. The game will be played in front of a sell-out crowd of 300 spectators, the maximum number currently permitted under Government/FA guidelines. Hold tight!



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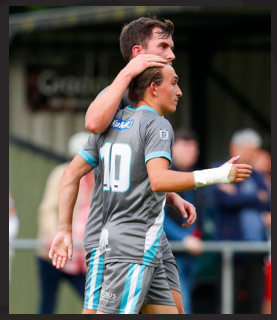


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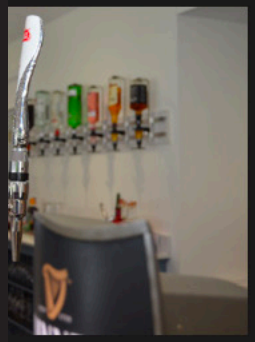
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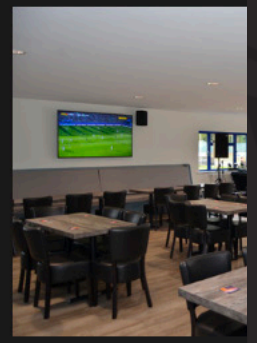
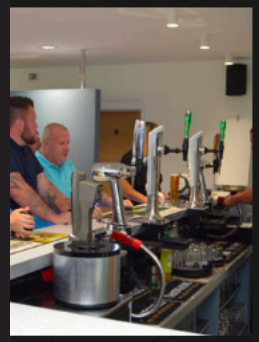
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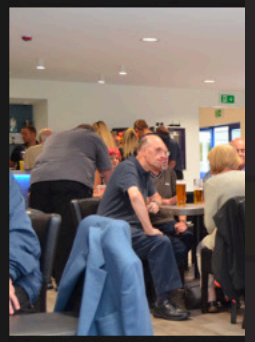
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