

PRE-SEASON

Building from scratch

It is probably fair to say that while most teams up and down the nation were looking forward to the new season with cautious optimism the same wasn't so true at Ladysmead. Of the team that finished last season at Mangotsfield no fewer than six would be elsewhere, and the first pre-season friendly at Holsworthy was used as much for gaining familiarity with one-another than anything else. Out had gone loanees Danny Barker and Craig Alcock back to Yeovil Town, defender Andrew Thomas to Merthyr Tydfil, Scott Laird back to Plymouth Argyle, Nat Pepperell to Bridgwater Town and Chris Bale to Waitakere United in New Zealand. The team that took the field in North Devon included new signing and former Youth team captain Jak Martin who had been brought in from Taunton Town, goalkeeper Ray Johnston who had been released from Southern League rivals Gloucester City in the summer, plus a number of trialists including defender-come-midfielder Will Gardner, Ben Thompson, previously of Melksham Town in the Western League, Neil Pointing and Marines striker Simon Bochenski.

The mix-and-match team did little to inspire confidence in this first match of the summer, although it was another summer recruit, Chris Young that scored the decisive goal as the Yellows stuttered to a 2-1 victory. Martin excelled at centre-back in the absence of Tom Gardner who was unavailable, while the diminutive Jamie Skinner scored what would ultimately prove to be his only goal for the Tiverton senior side. Gardner and Danny Harris returned for the next match as Port Vale made their second visit to Ladysmead in as many years, and after taking away a 6-1 win twelve months earlier the re-match was a tighter affair that the Staffordshire professionals won 3-0. Making a cameo appearance in that match was Tom Stocco, once a Tivvy player and now plying his trade at Bideford.

Truro offered the next test and battled to a 1-1 draw despite Tiverton generally having the better of the match. The team was starting to take shape although Carl Cliff-Brown was absent, as was Will Gardner, while Harris made his final bow for Tivvy before being recruited as a player/assistant manager at Taunton Town, only to quickly move down to Cornwall and join Dave Leonard's ever increasing army of players. Jamie Skinner would follow Harris a couple of matches later, and games against Elmore and Longwell Green Sports were won with Luke Clarke being added to the fray. The game at Longwell saw the termination of Ben Thompson's trial - a remarkably poor performance off the bench saw him last twenty minutes before being re-replaced by Skinner and the midfielder would soon be on his way to Team Bath and a title chasing side.

Lewis Irish earned his first start against Elmore, scored, and kept his place for the visit to Almondsbury where he found the net again, along with Chris Vinnicombe in a 2-0 win. Also in the squad at Bristol was young striker Tom Knighton who had enjoyed a fine season at Bitton, and he would stay at Tiverton although was confined to the substitutes bench in his early days. Before the final pre-season friendly against Yeovil Town was a Southern League Championship match at Twerton Park against last term's title winners Bath City. With silverware up for grabs this was perhaps the first true indication of what the Tiverton starting line-up might look like, and what kind of level the squad was at. Unfortunately Bath put out a team scattered with fringe players, while Martyn Rogers was once again left scratching his head at the whereabouts of Carl Cliff-Brown. Chris



The game at Almondsbury saw Tivvy up against former players Steve Winter and Steve Peters

Young equalised Lewis Hogg's penalty and with the game tied at one apiece it came down to spot kicks. Ray Johnston proved the hero of the hour with two saves, including one against former Tiverton front-man Darren Edwards, and it was left to Nathan Rudge to fire in the decisive penalty.

Two days later saw Yeovil arrive in Devon and a superb performance from Tivvy meant that the Glovers would have to settle for a share of the spoils. Cliff-Brown was back and scored, but also missed a host of great chances including one opening after only fifteen seconds of the match, but the big news was surrounding the injury to Mike Booth. Last season's Player of the Year twisted badly on his knee, hobble off and hasn't kicked a ball in anger since. It was a mesmerizing blow to the Yellows, and with no further friendlies scheduled it meant that the team would enter the competitive season already on the back foot. By this time Richard Lamacraft had opted to join Dawlish Town in order to play regularly, while Glenn Gould had been promoted to the senior squad after some excellent displays for the Under 18's side. Here was a great testimony to the Youth Development set-up at Ladysmead; Gould was not even six months past his sixteenth birthday and already knocking on the door of the first team. His remarkable progress would continue over the coming months.

AUGUST

A shaky start

With the formalities out of the way Tiverton made the trip across the river to South Wales for the opening match of the season, and anyone at the game could be forgiven for thinking that time had advanced six months. It rained like it simply shouldn't in the middle of August, the valley mist blocked out what heat there might have been higher up in the atmosphere and all in all it was unseasonably cold and dreary. The Tiverton team was hinting towards being settled, although once again Will Gardner was unavailable, and with Mike Booth ruled out for the foreseeable future James Palmer was drafted in from Bristol Rovers to take the vacant midfield berth. Another signing, Oliver Wake was on the bench and replaced right-back Luke Clarke in the second half, but Tivvy fell to their first opening day defeat since 1987 with Merthyr hitting a goal in each half. All in all it was a poor showing by two poor teams, and the home side won it purely because they had their shooting boots on while Tiverton, and particularly the mercurial Carl Cliff-Brown didn't.

Tivvy's first home game was against Yate Town, and Tom Knighton scored his first for the club with ten minutes remaining to salvage a draw after Jason Wood had given the visitors a 64th minute lead. Glenn Gould made his competitive debut for Tiverton, but a wholly stagnant affair passed without much worthy of note, and Tiverton had a disappointing solitary point from their opening two games. Would 2007-08 prove to be a season of desperate fighting against relegation, or had Town just endured an early-season blip?

The August Bank Holiday can often sort out the early runners and give a good indication of which teams are clearly strong and which will struggle. Bedford were Saturday's opponents, the Eagles making the long trip south in heavy traffic and only arriving at Ladysmead with about thirty minutes to spare. Tivvy met them with a three-pronged attack of Knighton, Cliff-Brown and Irish but failed to open up the visitors in a first half stalemate. However, Knighton combined with Chris Vinnicombe shortly after the break and the experienced left-back blasted Tiverton ahead. With Bedford chasing the game Paul Wyatt and Chris Young added two more at the death to give the Yellows a pleasing if somewhat flattering 3-0 triumph and their first maximum of the season.

Bank Holiday Monday saw Tiverton travel to Mangotsfield and, as so often is the case when the two sides meet, played out a droll draw. Ellis Willmot fired in a stunning free kick with twenty minutes remaining to put the Mangos ahead, but former Yellow Paul Milsom then handled in the box allowing Cliff-Brown to tie things up just three minutes later. August closed with Tiverton on five points from four matches, although the entertainment value had been low in these early stages of the season. Questions were already being asked about the fitness of a couple of players - Chris Young didn't appear to be able to last a full match while Will Gardner was remarkably prone to picking up niggling little injuries. On the plus side was Matt Willis' introduction to the defensive line, and the former Torquay United player had already built up a good understanding with Tom Gardner, while Jak Martin had been putting in consistent performances in an unaccustomed midfield role. James Palmer, though, was no replacement for the much missed Mike Booth.



Paul Wyatt opened his account for the season against Bedford Town in a 3-0 victory

Southern League Premier Division 28th August 2007

	P	W	Home				Away				GD	Pts	
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1 Team Bath	4	2	0	0	7	1	1	1	0	1	0	7	10
2 Hemel Hempstead Town	4	2	1	0	10	5	1	0	0	2	1	6	10
3 Brackley Town	4	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	7	5	4	10
4 Chippenham Town	4	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	1	3	2	2	7
5 King's Lynn	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	5	3	2	7
6 Mangotsfield United	4	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	1	2	2	2	7
7 Merthyr Tydfil	4	2	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	1	3	2	7
8 Clevedon Town	4	1	0	1	4	4	1	0	1	3	2	1	6
9 Swindon Supermarine	4	1	0	1	4	2	1	0	1	2	3	1	6
10 Bromsgrove Rovers	4	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	4	2	2	5
11 Tiverton Town	4	1	1	0	4	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	5
12 Gloucester City	4	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	0	5
13 Halesowen Town	4	1	0	1	3	4	0	2	0	4	4	-1	5
14 Banbury United	4	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	2	1	-1	5
15 Corby Town	4	0	0	2	1	4	1	1	0	2	0	-1	4
16 Yate Town	4	1	0	2	3	5	0	1	0	1	1	-2	4
17 Bashley	4	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	4	-2	3
18 Rugby Town	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	3	6	-3	3
19 Bedford Town	4	0	0	2	3	8	1	0	1	2	3	-6	3
20 Hitchin Town	4	1	0	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	4	-6	3
21 Cirencester Town	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	3	4	-2	2
22 Cheshunt	4	0	2	1	1	4	0	0	1	1	4	-6	2

SEPTEMBER

The first setback

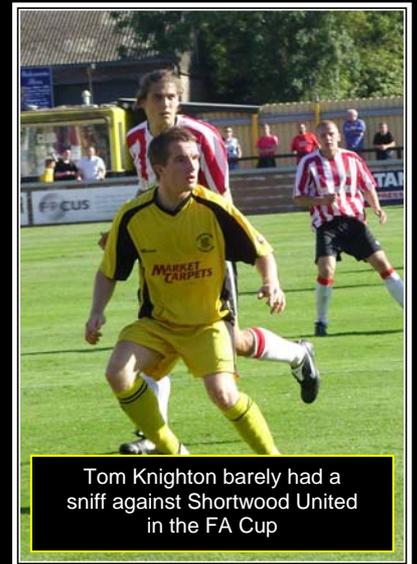
Tiverton Town arrived in September slap-bang in the middle of the league table, and the Southern League Premier Division was already beginning to take its shape. Title favourites King's Lynn were well placed prior to their trek to Ladysmead, while Team Bath and Chippenham Town were both in contention. At the bottom end Cheshunt were off to a start that they feared and many expected, while Cirencester Town, only in this league due to a reprieve were barely any better off.

King's Lynn's visit would certainly prove to be a stern test - the Linnets had deep pockets and had recently added Norwich City left winger Adam Smith to their ranks, but Tivvy held their own for long periods and only went down to a single strike from livewire forward John Turner eight minutes before the interval. While the result was not unexpected the raw facts still told that Tiverton had won just once in five games, and with three of them being at home a better return would have been hoped for. Both Nathan Rudge and Matt Villis had been picking up yellow cards too often, and the new-fangled strike force was misfiring.

The Yellows first evening game away from Ladysmead took them to pastures new with recently promoted Swindon Supermarine acting as hosts. The game was barely three minutes old when the home side raced into a lead through Ashley Edenborough, and Tivvy's task was made more difficult when Carl Cliff-Brown picked up two bookings in the space of three first half minutes meaning that the Yellows would have to play more than three-quarters of the match with ten men. Unperturbed Chris Vinnicombe and Paul Wyatt took the game to the Wiltshire side, and a flowing move on 77 minutes finally saw Tiverton draw level though Lewis Irish's volley. Just six minutes later Irish doubled his tally, and Ray Johnston pulled off a magnificent one-on-one block to deny David Stroud an equaliser late in the game. Having been up against it from early on Tiverton put in a performance that belied their early season showings, and ran out deserved victors.

The game at Huts Copse started a sequence of six league matches away from home, the next instalment coming at struggling Cheshunt. After the excellent show against Supermarine Tivvy turned down the wick and were lucky to leave Hertfordshire with a goalless draw. Cheshunt dominated the game but fortunately for Tiverton they were in desperate need to some shooting practice. In a game that left even the most enthusiastic supporters unenthused Tiverton barely had a sight of goal until the death, but Paul Wyatt was denied by Bobby Smith, and Tiverton were denied a victory that they wouldn't have deserved.

The following weekend was FA Cup day and Tiverton welcomed Shortwood United to town, and waved them off with their best wishes for the next round after going down to a lame 3-0 defeat. There was a time when Tivvy used to dish out hammerings to higher level opposition but in 2007 the roles were well and truly reversed, and it wasn't nice.



Tom Knighton barely had a sniff against Shortwood United in the FA Cup

A final match in September came at Rugby Town's impressive Butlin Road ground, and Glenn Gould struck for the first time in Tiverton colours as he helped his side to a merited 2-2 draw. By this stage James Palmer had returned to Bristol Rovers and was replaced by Bideford midfielder Lee Groves, the tenacious tough-tackler impressing on his first appearance. The point gained was tarnished somewhat when Nathan Rudge was sent off late in the game along with Rugby's David Kolodynski, but a point away from home is always welcomed (unless it is against Cheshunt).

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1 Brackley Town	9	2	1	1	7	6	4	1	0	12	6	7	20
2 Hemel Hempstead Town	8	2	1	1	10	6	4	0	0	9	2	11	19
3 King's Lynn	8	1	0	0	2	1	4	2	1	10	4	7	17
4 Chippenham Town	8	2	2	0	9	4	2	1	1	8	5	8	15
5 Team Bath	8	2	2	1	9	4	2	1	0	3	1	7	15
6 Rugby Town	9	2	1	1	9	5	2	1	2	7	8	3	14
7 Bedford Town	8	2	0	2	9	8	2	0	2	5	9	-3	12
8 Bashley	8	2	3	0	6	2	0	2	1	2	4	2	11
9 Bromsgrove Rovers	8	1	2	2	6	10	2	0	1	6	3	-1	11
10 Tiverton Town	8	1	1	1	4	2	1	3	1	5	6	1	10
11 Halesowen Town	8	2	1	2	6	7	0	3	0	6	6	-1	10
12 Yate Town	8	2	0	3	6	8	1	1	1	5	4	-1	10
13 Clevedon Town	8	1	2	2	5	6	1	1	1	4	3	0	9
14 Mangotsfield United	8	1	2	1	4	3	1	1	2	3	5	-1	9
15 Corby Town	8	0	0	3	1	6	2	3	0	5	2	-2	9
16 Merthyr Tydfil	8	2	1	0	6	2	0	2	3	3	10	-3	9
17 Hitchin Town	8	1	1	2	3	5	1	2	1	3	6	-5	9
18 Swindon Supermarine	9	1	0	4	5	8	2	0	2	3	7	-7	9
19 Gloucester City	8	0	1	2	4	7	2	1	2	9	7	-1	8
20 Banbury United	9	0	1	3	4	9	2	1	2	5	5	-5	8
21 Cirencester Town	8	0	3	1	1	2	0	2	2	4	7	-4	5
22 Cheshunt	8	0	3	3	3	8	0	0	2	2	9	-12	3

OCTOBER

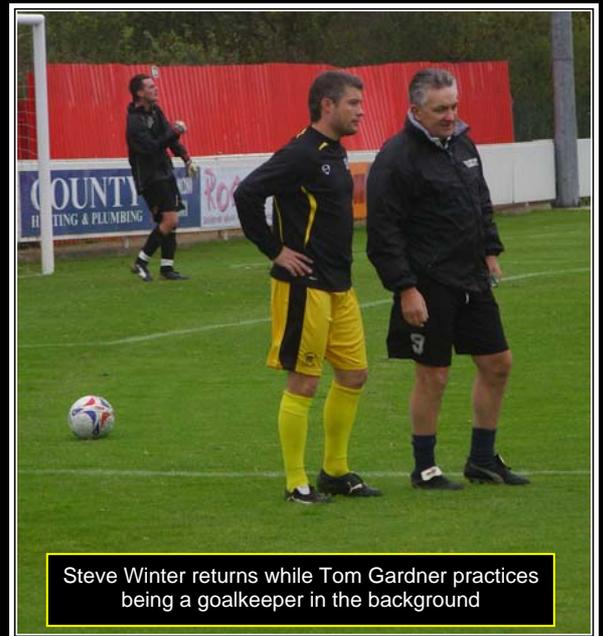
Mixed feelings

Championship winning teams show consistency from the word go, but the only thing about Tiverton's consistency in the first two months of the season was that it was non-existent. As we moved into October there was little to suggest that this might change, and once again it was down to poor finishing and a smattering of last-ditch defending that allowed the Yellows to stay on level terms with Bromsgrove Rovers at Victoria Road. Against the run of play Carl Cliff-Brown contentiously put Tivvy ahead on the stroke of half time, and Rovers goalkeeper Karl Lewis did well to deny Tom Knighton, but the home side were stronger for the vast majority of the game and got their reward with a Kevin Banner penalty three minutes from time.

To complete the six league games on the road Tiverton made the relatively short trip to Chippenham, and probably wish they hadn't bothered. The Bluebirds were ahead inside five minutes though an Aaron Cornwall header, and doubled the advantage shortly after the change of ends. Tom Gardner pulled one back with a header of his own, nodding in Lee Groves' corner kick, but Chippenham upped the tempo and Kevin Halliday's free kick and a brace from Kye Holly, the second a penalty against Groves secured an emphatic 5-1 win. Jamie Mudge made his only appearance of the season in a Tivvy shirt, replacing the injured Tom Knighton early on, and Luke Clarke was also forced out of the action, but there were no excuses having been comprehensively beaten by a far superior outfit.

After a week off due to Tiverton's lack of involvement in the FA Cup there then came a chance to regain some pride in the other national competition the FA Trophy. Another home tie, another lower level opponent, another defeat. Burnham were performing well in the Southern League First Division and turned up at Ladysmead well prepared to cause a Cup upset. Tivvy drafted in the experienced Matt Hewlett with a view to a permanent deal but this would turn out to be the only game he played, and the visitors stole a single-goal victory a minute from the end of the game, much to the chagrin of the home crowd who reacted angrily to another early exit from a knock-out competition.

As if that wasn't bad enough, the week leading to the trip to Brackley hampered Martyn Rogers' squad still further with news that Ray Johnston would be out of action for two weeks after suffering a shoulder injury in training. A replacement was lined up but cried off on the morning of the match in Northants meaning that Tom Gardner took the gloves. Three other major changes to the side saw Steve Winter return for a one-game cameo, Sean Szabo was promoted from the Youth side and went straight into the starting eleven, and there was also a start from Radley Veale, an attacking midfielder signed from Dawlish Town. Carl Cliff-Brown pulled off his last no-show and was released from the club while Lewis Irish had left for Bridgwater Town, Luke Clarke was injured and Jak Martin suspended, so to say the squad was stretched would be a masterpiece of understatement. Defying the laws of logic, Chris Vinnicombe blasted in a penalty after Veale had been tripped racing onto Winter's smart pass, and Tom Knighton added a second to give Tivvy the unlikeliest of wins, and a happy end to a difficult month.



Steve Winter returns while Tom Gardner practices being a goalkeeper in the background

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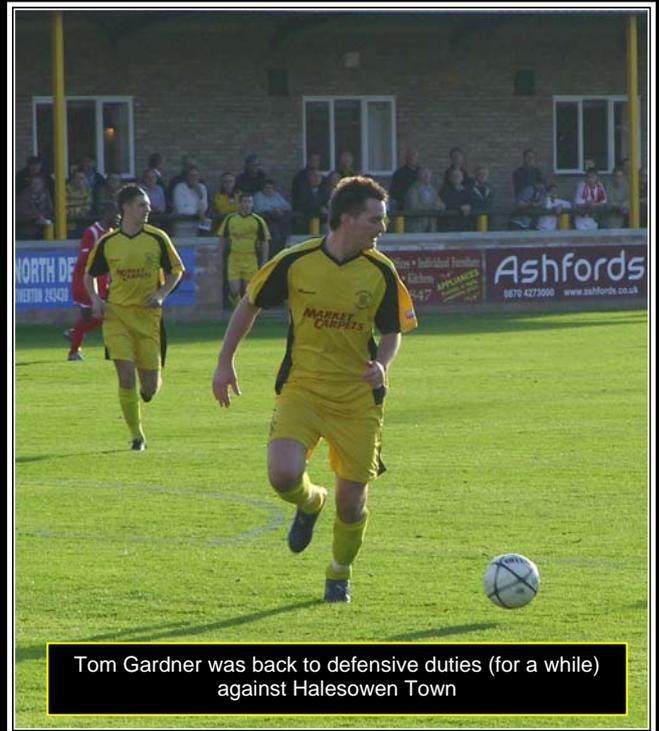
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2 Team Bath	11	4	2	1	14	6	3	1	0	5	2	11	24	
3 King's Lynn	11	3	0	0	5	1	4	2	2	11	8	7	23	
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6 Rugby Town	13	2	1	2	9	6	3	3	2	9	9	3	19	
7 Bedford Town	12	4	1	2	17	12	2	0	3	5	11	-1	19	
8 Chippenham Town	10	3	2	0	14	5	2	1	2	8	7	10	18	
9 Clevedon Town	12	2	2	3	8	8	3	1	1	7	4	3	18	
10 Yate Town	11	3	0	4	10	10	2	1	1	7	5	2	16	
11 Halesowen Town	12	3	2	2	11	9	0	4	1	7	8	1	15	
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19 Gloucester City	12	0	3	3	4	8	2	1	3	9	9	-4	10	
20 Merthyr Tydfil	11	2	2	1	8	5	0	2	4	3	11	-5	10	
21 Hitchin Town	10	1	2	2	3	5	1	2	2	3	9	-8	10	
22 Cheshunt	13	1	3	4	7	10	0	1	4	7	17	-13	7	

NOVEMBER

The beginning of the slide

The win at Brackley had meant Tiverton now had the curious honour of having picked up more than twice as many points on their travels than in front of their own fans, and with two Cup defeats at Ladysmead also behind them it was somewhat surprising that the highest crowd of the season to date turned up to see Town battle out a draw against a misfiring Halesowen side that had recently replaced Martin O'Connor at the managerial helm with Morrel Maison. Dean Brennan, a scourge of Tiverton last term when he was with Hemel Hempstead Town opened the scoring after the Tivvy defence fell asleep, but Nathan Rudge scored a dextrous equaliser when he half-volleyed Tom Knighton's cross on the turn. It was difficult to say at the time whether this was a point gained or two lost, but with hindsight it was most certainly the former, although there remained questions about Tiverton's lack of appetite for goalscoring. Meanwhile, with Ray Johnston still sidelined Richard Fey was drafted in but lasted only half an hour before succumbing to injury, so Tom Gardner found himself back between the sticks, and was once again unflappable.

A trip to windy Cirencester bore no fruit and no points despite a gallant fight back from three down. Chris Young and Paul Wyatt scored what proved to be consolation goals against the relegation threatened Gloucestershire side, but a pair from Steve Robertson in the first half and a further strike from Nick Stanley had already secured the points. The return match with Swindon was turgid and Tiverton once again paid the price for not



Tom Gardner was back to defensive duties (for a while) against Halesowen Town

taking their chances, missing a host of good opportunities before Nathan Lightbody's smash and grab second half goal saw Tivvy lose back-to-back league matches for the first time in the season. And two became three four days later at Bashley, when another depleted Tivvy team lost by the odd goal in three against a side that were starting to raise eyebrows throughout the league. More of concern than the loss itself was the absence of Jak Martin who had pulled one out of the Cliff-Brown book of indiscipline and simply not shown up to catch the team bus. Martin was immediately given his marching orders and hasn't been seen at Tivvy since. Will Gardner was ill, Luke Clarke tied up with work commitments and Radley Veale also unavailable so Tivvy arrived with the bare eleven, and Matt Villis header just wasn't enough against a useful Bashley side.

In the following week Clarke admitted defeat in trying to juggle work and football and was released while Torquay United supplied two loan players, Darren Mullings and Paul Hinshelwood and they both went straight into the team for the home match against Cirencester. Another new arrival was Danny O'Brien, a Yeovil Town Under 18's player who impressed in the recent FA Youth Cup game against Tivvy's youngsters, but it was Hinshelwood that made the headlines as he drilled in a second half winner after Nick Stanley had cancelled out Tom Knighton's early opener. The victory was a relief but the hard work was undone a few days later when Team Bath visited, ran rings around the Tiverton defence and midfield, and left with a 2-0 winning margin that could have been much greater had they really wanted it to be. Chippenham were impressive six weeks earlier but Team Bath were sensational and would surely be title contenders at the season's end.

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2 Team Bath	13	4	2	1	14	6	5	1	0	8	2	14	30	
3 King's Lynn	14	3	0	1	5	2	6	2	2	17	8	12	29	
4 Hemel Hempstead Town	16	2	2	2	11	8	6	2	2	17	8	12	28	
5 Brackley Town	17	4	1	4	9	12	4	2	2	14	10	1	27	
6 Halesowen Town	17	5	2	2	17	11	1	6	1	10	10	6	26	
7 Bashley	14	5	3	0	12	5	1	3	2	5	7	5	24	
8 Yate Town	15	4	1	4	14	13	3	1	2	14	11	4	23	
9 Bedford Town	16	4	2	2	18	13	3	0	5	8	14	-1	23	
10 Clevedon Town	15	3	3	4	10	10	3	1	1	7	4	3	22	
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21 Cheshunt	17	2	5	4	11	12	0	2	4	10	20	-11	13	
22 Hitchin Town	13	1	2	3	4	7	1	4	2	5	11	-9	12	

DECEMBER

More misery and then signs of a revival

What better way to get back on track than to win away from home against the team bottom of the table? Tivvy failed this task at Cheshunt earlier in the season, and would again slip up at Hitchin Town on the first day of December after a poor display saw them lose 2-0 at Top Field. Nathan Rudge started up front, curiously preferred to Chris Young but offered little threat other than from set pieces when he would have been forward anyway, and a goal in each half saw the Canaries ease to victory. True the first goal had a hint of offside about it, and true their second goal was a wonderful strike, but Tiverton got exactly what they deserved from the game - nothing.

Clevedon Town ended Tiverton's Errea Cup reign at the first hurdle to compound the misery on a bitterly cold night in Somerset, coming from behind to score a hotly contested winner deep into added time, and by the time the Yellows arrived at Banbury there was little festive spirit and a fourth straight defeat. Rudge gifted Nicky Gordon a first half opener, and moments later Radley Veale was dismissed for mistiming a tackle that left the Tivvy man with a deep gash down his shin. Banbury scored a second to all but secure the points deep into the second period, and Paul Hinshelwood's deflected free kick gave the visitors a glimmer of hope that faded with the peep of the full time whistle.

It was getting cold at Ladysmead; so cold in fact that a paltry 135 turned up to see an entertaining 2-2 draw with underachievers Corby Town. Veale curled in a fine first before new signing Dan Bulley headed a second, but the Steelmen showed what they were made from by reshuffling, and they came very close to eventually winning the match. By this stage Simon Bochenski, who had played in one pre-season game without being noticed had joined the squad, and in the following game, the league encounter at home to Clevedon he grabbed the only goal of the match to hand Tiverton their first win in six attempts. Boxing Day saw the reverse fixture at the Hand Stadium, and this time Clevedon romped to a 4-0 win with their strike force of Mike Symons and Steve Cook too hot for the Tivvy defence to handle.

There was time for one more game before the New Year celebrations and it saw Bashley make their first visit to Ladysmead. Paul Hinshelwood and Darren Mullings had completed their loan spells and were replaced by James Fraser and Matty Bye from Bristol Rovers and Exeter City respectively, and Fraser made an immediate impact with a goal - the only goal of the game - three minutes into his Tiverton career. Bulley was now a converted centre-back as Nathan Rudge sat out a three game ban, and excelled alongside Tom Gardner and Ed Weeks as the high flyers from Hampshire were silenced in what was undoubtedly Tiverton's best display of the season.



Goalkeeper Ray Johnston picked up his second clean sheet of the season against Clevedon Town at Ladysmead, and a week later his third as Tivvy defeated Bashley

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	P	W	Home				Away				GD	Pts	
			D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1 King's Lynn	20	5	2	1	15	6	7	2	3	20	10	19	40
2 Chippenham Town	19	7	3	1	26	12	4	2	2	12	8	18	38
3 Halesowen Town	23	6	2	3	19	13	4	6	2	17	13	10	38
4 Team Bath	18	4	4	2	16	9	6	2	0	11	3	15	36
5 Hemel Hempstead Town	22	2	4	4	15	14	7	3	2	21	10	12	34
6 Clevedon Town	21	5	3	4	16	11	4	2	3	10	9	6	32
7 Yate Town	21	5	1	5	17	16	4	4	2	19	15	5	32
8 Banbury United	23	4	3	4	12	15	4	5	3	18	16	-1	32
9 Brackley Town	21	4	2	5	11	15	5	2	3	15	11	0	31
10 Rugby Town	24	3	4	3	16	12	4	4	6	17	26	-5	29
11 Mangotsfield United	21	3	6	1	10	7	3	4	4	7	10	0	28
12 Swindon Supermarine	22	3	2	5	15	15	5	2	5	13	20	-7	28
13 Bedford Town	22	5	2	4	21	19	3	1	7	12	20	-6	27
14 Bashley	17	5	4	0	13	6	1	4	3	6	9	4	26
15 Merthyr Tydfil	22	5	4	3	22	19	1	4	5	8	19	-8	26
16 Tiverton Town	23	4	3	3	11	9	2	4	7	13	25	-10	25
17 Bromsgrove Rovers	22	3	4	4	15	18	4	0	7	13	21	-11	25
18 Gloucester City	18	2	4	3	11	9	4	2	3	15	12	5	24
19 Corby Town	22	3	1	7	14	19	3	4	4	10	13	-8	23
20 Cirencester Town	20	3	3	4	11	15	1	4	5	7	14	-11	19
21 Hitchin Town	18	2	2	6	7	11	1	4	3	7	14	-11	15
22 Cheshunt	21	2	5	5	12	15	0	3	6	14	27	-16	14

JANUARY

One giant leap for Tivvy-kind

After what was a disastrous December by all accounts the only way was up, and the renewed optimism that came from the victory against Bashley continued on New Years Day as Tivvy looked to avenge the opening day defeat at Merthyr Tydfil. Chris Young struck two first half goals as he began to develop a good partnership with Simon Bochenski, while Glenn Gould had become a fixture in the Tiverton midfield, keeping Radley Veale out of the side. Tom Gardner headed in a marvellous third a minute after the Martyrs had pulled a goal back, and even a second Merthyr goal wasn't enough to rattle the Yellows as the home side held on doggedly and finally secured two consecutive league maximums. Tivvy old boy Darren Davies was dismissed near the end of the game, an event which brought with it the loudest roar heard at Ladysmead for some time.

Gloucester City visited and played out a goalless draw before Hemel Hempstead travelled to town and got the thumping that nobody had seen coming. In 'one of those games' Bochenski and Adam Martin exchanged goals early on and Bulley converted a penalty to take the hosts in with a slender advantage at the interval. The second period saw some sublime football and Danny O'Brien and Tom Knighton added their names to the scoresheet before Bochenski wrapped things up in the last minute with Tiverton's fifth of the game. Hemel didn't play badly but Tivvy hit a purple patch and seemed not able to do any wrong throughout the evening. The three points saw Tivvy move up to their highest position in the table for four months while Hemel's playoff aspirations took a dent that would never be hammered out.

Another bore-draw with Mangotsfield followed, James Fraser scoring to equalise Luke Ballinger's early goal, and a week later Tiverton had the sternest of tests with a visit to King's Lynn to take on the league leaders. Things were going with the form book as Mark Camm shot the Linnets into an early lead but the home side - perhaps thinking they had done enough to win the match - took off two key players and allowed Tiverton back into the game. Glenn Gould punished Lynn with an unstoppable shot from twelve yards, and against all odds Tivvy brought home a point from Norfolk.

The season was finally starting to take off, and a home game against Cheshunt would surely bring three further points... surely... wouldn't it? No it wouldn't - Ray Johnston stood and watched as Danny Green's toe-poke tricked into the net just three minutes into proceedings, and Dave Hicks put Cheshunt into an unlikely two-goal lead with only eleven minutes on the clock. Hicks was then sent off and Bochenski pulled one back on the hour mark, but as Tivvy pressed for an equaliser Josh Cooper hit on the break and Tivvy went down to a very disappointing 3-1 defeat against the bottom club. It just goes to show you never can tell - away draw with the table toppers followed by a home defeat against the basement club; C'est la vie!

There was just enough time to squeeze in a Devon Bowl game at a soggy Marlborough Park, Ilfracombe, and Tiverton won comfortably with Chris Young scoring twice, joined by James Fraser, Radley Veale and Sean Szabo in a 5-2 victory. The win set up another trip up the link road to Barnstaple Town in the quarter final.



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	P	W	Home				A	W	Away				GD	Pts
			D	L	F	A			D	L	F	A		
1 King's Lynn	25	8	3	1	26	9	7	2	4	22	14	25	50	
2 Halesowen Town	28	9	2	3	27	15	5	6	3	21	15	18	50	
3 Team Bath	23	6	4	2	23	10	8	2	1	16	6	23	48	
4 Chippenham Town	25	7	4	1	28	14	4	5	4	12	13	13	42	
5 Hemel Hempstead Town	27	3	4	5	19	18	8	3	4	26	16	11	40	
6 Bashley	22	7	5	0	16	6	3	4	3	10	9	11	39	
7 Brackley Town	25	5	3	6	20	20	6	2	3	16	11	5	38	
8 Clevedon Town	26	5	4	4	16	11	4	6	3	13	12	6	37	
9 Banbury United	27	5	4	5	13	17	4	6	3	20	18	-2	37	
10 Yate Town	25	5	2	6	19	21	5	4	3	23	22	-1	36	
11 Bromsgrove Rovers	28	4	6	4	19	20	5	2	7	19	25	-7	35	
12 Gloucester City	23	3	4	4	16	12	6	3	3	23	15	12	34	
13 Tiverton Town	29	6	5	4	21	16	2	5	7	14	26	-7	34	
14 Rugby Town	28	4	5	4	20	17	4	4	7	17	28	-8	33	
15 Merthyr Tydfil	28	6	4	4	25	21	1	6	7	14	29	-11	31	
16 Swindon Supermarine	26	4	2	5	20	16	5	2	8	14	32	-14	31	
17 Mangotsfield United	26	3	7	2	12	11	3	5	6	9	14	-4	30	
18 Bedford Town	26	5	4	4	25	23	3	1	9	14	24	-8	29	
19 Cirencester Town	24	5	3	4	14	16	2	4	6	11	17	-8	28	
20 Corby Town	26	3	2	9	18	28	3	5	4	12	15	-13	25	
21 Hitchin Town	24	4	2	7	11	13	1	4	6	9	22	-15	21	
22 Cheshunt	25	2	5	6	12	19	1	3	8	18	37	-26	17	

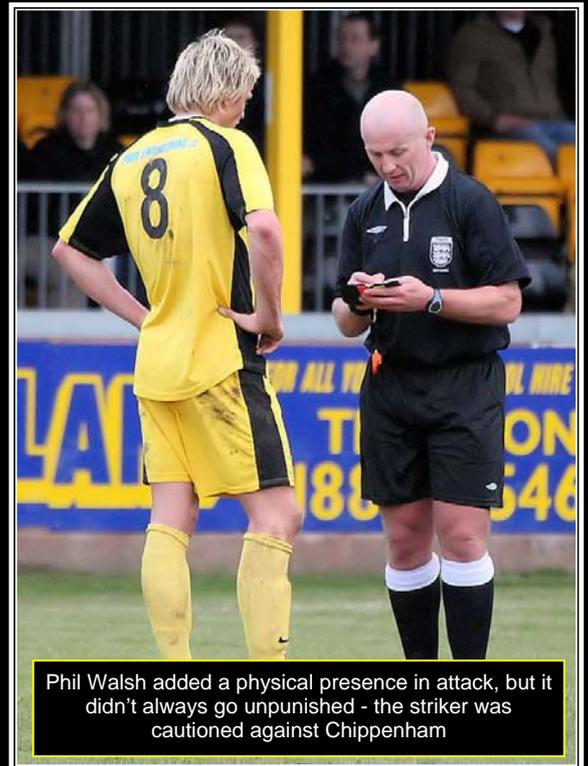
FEBRUARY

Continued good form

The turn of another months and a hard-fought victory at home to Rugby Town gave birth to harbouring aspirations that were unthinkable just six weeks earlier. The press were suggesting that Tiverton Town could even grab a play-off spot if they continued what was turning into an impressive sequence of results. Radley Veale's goal was enough for the Yellows to take the points and move to within three of fifth placed Hemel Hempstead, and a victory on the road at Halesowen the following Saturday would certainly show that Tivvy were genuine contenders for an extended season. That was not to be, however, and the Yeltz were far too strong at The Grove, handing out a thumping 5-1 defeat to the Devonians. Two goals in the final couple of minutes accentuated the score but not the difference on the pitch, and Tiverton were clearly missing the pace of Dan Bulley who had returned to the United States after the match at King's Lynn a few weeks earlier. Missing even more was the aerial ability and all-round smart defensive play of Tom Gardner who had departed to join the Truro City revolution, proving that money talks.

Another 1-0 victory at Ladysmead put Tiverton back on track, this time Bromsgrove Rovers the victims to James Fraser's 40th minute penalty, although the Greens offered little attacking threat and the win was more comfortable than the scoreline suggests. Tiverton should have been awarded a second spot-kick minutes after the first but the referee failed to see (or chose to ignore) a blatant hand ball on the goal line, but fortunately it didn't matter. A small change to the Tiverton squad occurred for the Bromsgrove match with Phil Walsh joining for his second loan spell at Ladysmead, while Matty Bye returned to parent club Exeter City. The Devon Bowl game at Barnstaple was negotiated successfully - eventually - with Simon Bochenski scoring twice in a 4-2 win that required extra-time after Barum goalkeeper Jimmy Thorne had equalised deep into stoppage time of regulation play. Ed Weeks scored his first goal for Tiverton in that match, and Tom Knighton scored a late penalty to finally put the plucky Western League outfit out of reach.

League action was resumed with the visit of Chippenham Town, and the chance to avenge the heavy defeat suffered at Hardenhuish Park earlier in the season. There was little to choose between the sides which was a testimony to how far Tiverton had progressed in the past few months and it was ultimately another goal from Bochenski that separated the teams, the striker capitalising when Chippenham 'keeper Chris Snoddy, who had a nightmare afternoon, spilled a shot from Fraser. The win was sealed when Ray Johnston twice saved Kye Holly's penalty, guaranteeing him the man-of-the-match bottle of bubbly. Tivvy were back to within three points of the final play-off place, now held by Bashley, but the Yellows had played five more games and were looking over their shoulder still as much as at those ahead of them in the table. Over the next months the games played column would even out dramatically and Tiverton would almost certainly drop a few places in the process, but they just had to concern themselves with their own games and see where they landed.



Phil Walsh added a physical presence in attack, but it didn't always go unpunished - the striker was cautioned against Chippenham

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	P	W	Home				W	Away				GD	Pts
			D	L	F	A		D	L	F	A		
1 Team Bath	29	8	4	3	27	15	10	2	2	22	10	24	60
2 King's Lynn	30	9	4	1	30	11	8	4	4	30	18	31	59
3 Halesowen Town	32	11	2	3	36	17	5	8	3	22	16	25	58
4 Chippenham Town	32	9	6	1	36	16	6	5	5	18	15	23	56
5 Bashley	29	8	6	1	21	10	5	4	5	19	18	12	49
6 Gloucester City	30	5	4	5	21	15	8	5	3	32	17	21	48
7 Brackley Town	30	7	4	6	27	24	6	3	4	17	15	5	46
8 Hemel Hempstead Town	31	4	5	6	23	22	8	3	5	26	17	10	44
9 Clevedon Town	31	5	6	4	21	16	5	7	4	16	15	6	43
10 Tiverton Town	33	9	5	4	24	16	2	5	8	15	31	-8	43
11 Yate Town	30	6	3	7	27	27	5	5	4	26	26	0	41
12 Swindon Supermarine	30	6	3	5	23	17	6	2	8	16	33	-11	41
13 Banbury United	31	5	6	5	15	19	4	7	4	21	21	-4	40
14 Bromsgrove Rovers	32	5	6	5	20	22	5	3	8	20	27	-9	39
15 Merthyr Tydfil	31	7	4	4	29	22	1	8	7	18	33	-8	36
16 Bedford Town	32	5	5	5	26	25	5	1	11	18	33	-14	36
17 Rugby Town	33	4	5	7	21	26	5	4	8	19	30	-16	36
18 Mangotsfield United	30	3	8	3	13	14	3	7	6	10	15	-6	33
19 Corby Town	30	4	3	9	23	31	4	5	5	15	17	-10	32
20 Hitchin Town	30	5	2	7	13	14	3	4	9	15	30	-16	30
21 Cirencester Town	29	5	3	7	16	23	2	4	8	13	22	-16	28
22 Cheshunt	31	2	5	9	15	26	1	3	11	20	48	-39	17

MARCH

A good start and then some...

Adam Faux had signed from Taunton Town to help shore up the Tiverton defence and made his Tivvy bow against Chippenham, and then came off the bench again as Tiverton made their second visit to Twerton Park, this time for a league encounter with high-flying Team Bath. Much like the game at King's Lynn six weeks earlier not much was expected, but the Yellow's defended superbly and the longer the game went on the more optimistic the majority of the supporters at the game became. But midway through the second half disaster struck when Ray Johnston fell to the ground unchallenged and in agony. The goalkeeper had bizarrely snapped an Achilles tendon and was stretchered out of action, sadly to miss the rest of the season. With no substitute 'keeper and Tom Gardner now long gone it was left to Matt Willis to don the gloves and perform heroics. For the third time this season a Tiverton defender playing between the sticks kept the goal intact and gave the Yellow's hope. That hope was acted upon once again when six minutes into time added on for Johnston's injury Phil Walsh pounced to bundle in a header after James Fraser's volley had rebounded kindly off the upright. The goal secured Tiverton's third victory away from home in the league, all three being against the laws of reason.

A fourth road win wouldn't follow at Forest Green Rovers' home, temporary squat of flooded out Gloucester City. The Tigers were deadly in front of goal and blasted four past new Town custodian Martin Horsell, with Tiverton only able to muster one in reply from the reliable boot of Simon Bochenski. Poor Horsell must have wondered what he had let himself in for; for he put in a solid enough performance on his debut and was given no chance with any of the Gloucester goals, but the young shot stopper would keep his place and turn in further good showings over the coming weeks. The first of those was at Bedford Town, but Tivvy were beaten once more thanks to a late, late goal from Matt Childs. There were signs that work was being carried out on the squad for next season with Tom King on trial from Plymouth Argyle and Liam Fussell, a midfielder from Bitton making an appearance from the bench late in the game.



Will Gardner in action against Gloucester City at the New Lawn

The Devon Bowl semi-final ended in a disappointing 1-0 defeat at home to Dawlish Town, with Matty Bye returning to the Tiverton fold having been released by Exeter City, and another trialist from Plymouth Bobby Hopkinson also getting a run out. And the following league game at home to Hitchin Town saw Hopkinson and Bye both start the game as Bochenski yet again pounced for the only goal of the game. Tivvy should have won by a hatful but missed a chance after chance, while Hitchin goalkeeper Martin Bennett had a blinder and did magnificently to help keep the score down. The game ended with James Fraser, integral to Tiverton's upturn in form waving goodbye at the end of his three month loan spell. The final game of March saw Town make the short trip to Yate and leave empty handed following a narrow 2-1 reverse. Bochenski grabbed the Tivvy goal but Aaron Blakemore and Craig Davidge struck for the home side and Tiverton were left to rue the season-old problem of sloppy finishing. Phil Walsh had returned prematurely to Bath City, but with a two-week lay off there was time for a scouting exercise and changes were promised for the trip to Corby.

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	P	W	Home				Away				GD	Pts	
			D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1 Halesowen Town	39	13	2	4	41	20	9	8	3	32	19	34	76
2 Team Bath	37	11	4	5	34	20	12	2	3	26	12	28	75
3 King's Lynn	37	12	5	1	45	13	9	6	4	36	21	47	74
4 Chippenham Town	38	11	7	1	44	19	7	5	7	21	21	25	66
5 Bashley	35	10	6	2	30	14	7	4	6	23	19	20	61
6 Hemel Hempstead Town	38	7	6	6	31	26	10	4	5	31	20	16	61
7 Gloucester City	36	7	4	6	30	18	8	6	5	35	24	23	55
8 Brackley Town	36	9	4	6	32	25	6	5	6	19	21	5	54
9 Clevedon Town	38	6	8	5	26	22	6	8	5	19	20	3	52
10 Yate Town	37	8	3	8	32	30	6	6	6	30	36	-4	51
11 Banbury United	38	6	7	6	20	24	6	7	6	27	28	-5	50
12 Tiverton Town	38	10	5	4	25	16	3	5	11	18	38	-11	49
13 Swindon Supermarine	37	7	6	6	27	21	6	3	9	16	38	-16	48
14 Merthyr Tydfil	36	8	5	5	32	24	2	8	8	21	36	-7	43
15 Hitchin Town	38	7	4	7	22	19	4	6	10	18	33	-12	43
16 Rugby Town	38	5	5	9	24	30	6	5	8	23	33	-16	43
17 Corby Town	37	6	3	10	28	34	5	5	8	22	25	-9	41
18 Bromsgrove Rovers	37	5	8	6	22	25	5	3	10	20	34	-17	41
19 Bedford Town	37	6	5	7	27	29	5	2	12	21	37	-18	40
20 Mangotsfield United	36	5	8	4	19	18	3	7	9	11	20	-8	39
21 Cirencester Town	36	5	3	10	20	30	2	5	11	18	35	-27	29
22 Cheshunt	37	2	5	11	16	33	2	3	14	23	57	-51	20

APRIL

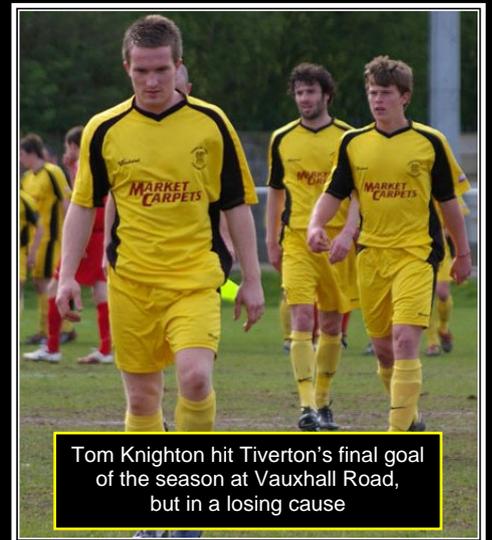
The final lap with no sprint finish

The promised changes never materialised and an unusually warm Rockingham Road Triangle was the venue as Corby took a giant stride towards Southern League safety, and despite a 1-0 defeat Tiverton also saw their presence in the division guaranteed for another season. Rob Hughes stabbed in the only goal of the afternoon just after the half-hour mark, and Tivvy seldom troubled home goalkeeper Lee Crockett in what was a nervy afternoon for the locals and another infuriating afternoon for the travelling support. Ed Weeks was back in the squad and saw a few minutes of action in an unfamiliar forward role as Town chased the game, but only a curling free kick from Matty Bye came anywhere close to levelling the match.

Brackley Town made their second trip to Ladysmead following a postponed match a few weeks earlier and took a share of the spoils in a 1-1 draw that had all the hallmarks of two teams with little to play for. Simon Bochenski's close range effort cancelled out Jerome Anderson's fifteenth minute opener in a stagnant match, while Nathan Rudge pulled on the Tivvy shirt for the 200th time.

The final home match of the season saw Banbury United become the first and only team to complete a league double over Tiverton throughout the campaign, and they did so with minimal fuss, although it took them until twelve minutes from the end to finally pierce the Yellow's defence. Hotshot Nicky Gordon was the benefactor, and in the final minute of the game Ady Fuller rammed home a penalty kick after Bobby Hopkinson had clumsily handballed in the area after tussling with Ollie Stanbridge. A season-high 429 saw the game with the vast majority wondering at 5.45pm whether there wasn't perhaps something more exciting they could have done that afternoon. This meant that Tiverton's average league attendance was 322, a drop of over 100 from the previous campaign, and a cause for concern.

The final chapter on an ultimately disappointing season was written at Hemel Hempstead Town, the team Tivvy had hammered in January, but there was to be no repeat and little end-of-season happiness amongst the Yellow ranks. Town started off well enough but lacked the cutting edge as has been the case for far too long, all of which allowed the hosts to get their noses in front through Paul Edgeworth's far post header. Nathan Bowden-Haase doubled the Tudors' advantage with twenty minutes still to play, and it wasn't until the last five of these that Tiverton looked like they could muster anything. The change in the pattern of the game coincided with the introduction of Ed Weeks, and more importantly Glenn Gould, and it was Gould's bullish run and shot that led to Tivvy grabbing a late consolation strike through Tom Knighton.



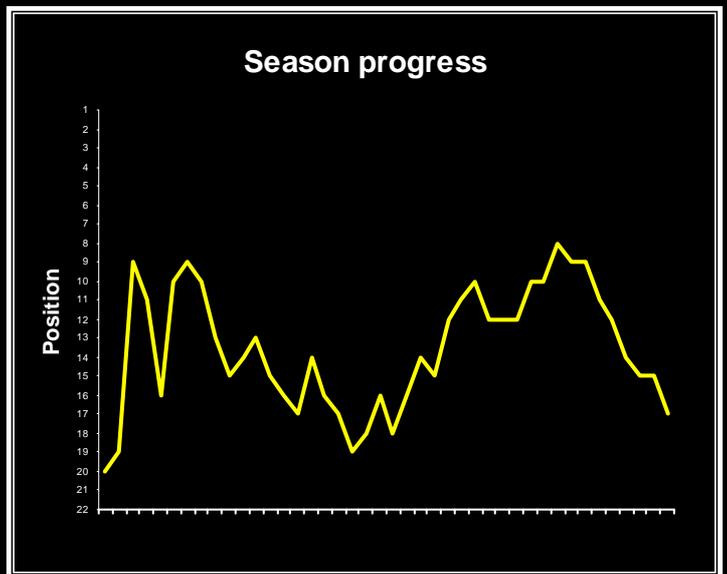
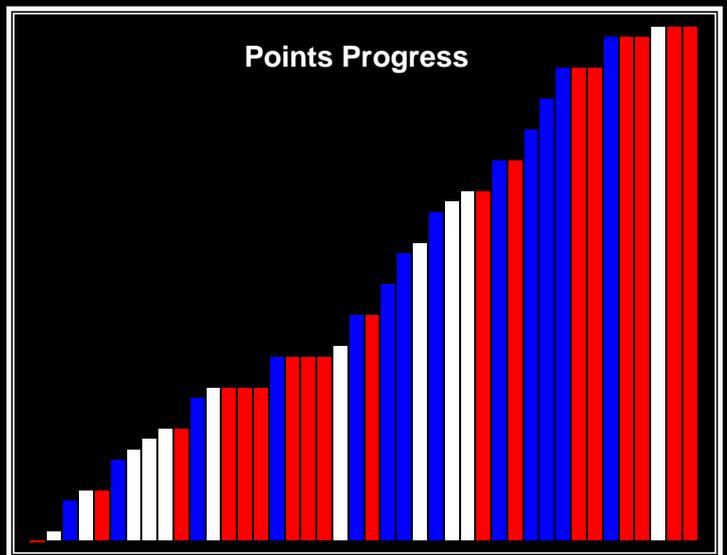
Tom Knighton hit Tiverton's final goal of the season at Vauxhall Road, but in a losing cause

And that was that; a season that ended with Tiverton in a poor 17th place in the league table having accrued 50 points, the same as the previous season. The Yellow's peaked at 8th on the opening day of March with the deepest trough coming after defeat at Banbury where Tiverton dropped to 19th position. A total of 40 players were used in the league, and a further six in the various cups, a statistic that points towards a lack of continuity that tends to go hand in hand with underachievement. For the record Team Bath used 31 players in the Southern League, King's Lynn, Bashley and Chippenham all used 29. Hitchin, Bromsgrove, Cirencester and Cheshunt were four of the five teams that used more players than Tiverton, and they were four of the five teams to finish lower in the table.

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	P	W	Home			Away			GD	Pts			
			D	L	F	A	W	D			L	F	A
1 King's Lynn	42	14	6	1	52	14	10	7	4	39	22	55	85
2 Team Bath	42	12	4	5	38	22	13	4	4	33	19	30	83
3 Halesowen Town	42	13	4	4	46	25	9	9	3	34	21	34	79
4 Chippenham Town	42	11	8	2	46	22	9	5	7	27	22	29	73
5 Bashley	42	12	7	2	36	18	7	5	9	24	28	14	69
6 Gloucester City	42	10	5	6	40	21	9	6	6	41	29	31	68
7 Hemel Hempstead Town	42	8	6	7	33	29	11	5	5	34	21	17	68
8 Brackley Town	42	9	5	7	34	28	7	7	7	23	25	4	60
9 Banbury United	42	7	8	6	23	26	7	8	6	32	31	-2	58
10 Yate Town	42	9	3	9	36	34	7	7	7	35	42	-5	58
11 Clevedon Town	42	7	9	5	28	23	6	9	6	21	23	3	57
12 Swindon Supermarine	42	7	8	6	28	22	7	4	10	23	45	-16	54
13 Merthyr Tydfil	42	10	5	6	40	30	3	9	9	25	40	-5	53
14 Mangotsfield United	42	8	9	4	25	20	4	7	10	13	22	-4	52
15 Rugby Town	42	7	5	9	30	31	6	7	8	25	35	-11	51
16 Corby Town	42	8	3	10	32	34	6	5	10	28	33	-7	50
17 Tiverton Town	42	10	6	5	26	19	3	5	13	19	41	-15	50
18 Hitchin Town	42	8	5	8	28	25	4	6	11	18	36	-15	47
19 Bedford Town	42	7	6	8	32	34	5	3	13	22	39	-19	45
20 Bromsgrove Rovers	42	5	9	7	24	28	5	3	13	22	39	-21	42
21 Cirencester Town	42	6	3	12	24	37	2	5	14	20	43	-36	32
22 Cheshunt	42	3	5	13	18	40	2	3	16	24	63	-61	23

	2007-08 season				Tiverton Town career			
	Start	Sub	Total	Goals	Start	Sub	Total	Goals
Simon Bochenski	26	0	26	11	27	0	27	11
Mike Booth	1	0	1	0	120	15	135	7
Daniel Bulley	9	0	9	2	9	0	9	2
Matt Bye	16	1	17	0	16	1	17	0
Luke Clarke	8	4	12	0	9	4	13	0
Carl Cliff-Brown	11	1	12	5	51	7	58	18
Richie Emmett	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Adam Faux	9	2	11	0	9	2	11	0
Richard Fey	1	0	1	-1	1	0	1	-1
Dean Foot	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
James Fraser	17	0	17	4	17	0	17	4
Liam Fussell	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Tom Gardner	34	0	34	2	109	1	110	5
Will Gardner	34	2	36	0	34	2	36	0
Shaun Goff	1	0	0	0	40	45	85	2
Glenn Gould	21	13	34	2	21	13	34	2
Lee Groves	6	4	10	0	6	4	10	0
Matt Hewlett	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Paul Hinshelwood	7	0	7	2	7	0	7	2
Bobby Hopkinson	6	1	7	0	6	1	7	0
Martin Horsell	9	0	9	-14	9	0	9	-14
Jason Hughes	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
Lewis Irish	6	6	12	3	6	6	12	3
Ray Johnston	39	0	39	-58	39	0	39	-58
Tom King	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	0
Tom Knighton	24	17	41	6	24	17	41	6
Richard Lamacraft	1	1	2	0	6	17	23	1
Jak Martin	15	1	16	0	16	2	18	0
James Mudge	0	1	1	0	195	47	242	113
Darren Mullings	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0
Danny O'Brien	23	2	25	1	23	2	25	1
James Palmer	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0
Neil Pointing	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0
Nathan Rudge	37	1	38	2	197	5	202	14
Jamie Skinner	0	1	1	0	13	27	40	0
Sean Szabo	4	5	9	1	4	5	9	1
James Turner	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	0
Radley Veale	26	4	30	3	26	4	30	3
Matt Villis	45	0	45	1	45	0	45	1
Chris Vinnicombe	47	1	48	2	131	5	136	8
Oliver Wake	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0
Phil Walsh	5	0	5	1	9	0	9	4
Ed Weeks	3	3	6	1	3	3	6	1
Steve Winter	1	0	1	0	226	6	232	33
Paul Wyatt	19	22	41	3	23	33	56	4
Chris Young	19	10	29	8	20	10	30	8



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