

TOWN TALK! with Simon Ashberry

Since being promoted to the United Counties League Premier Division in the summer of 2014, Oadby Town have played Boston Town six times.

Their first season in the top flight saw them beat us convincingly home and away.

But the last four games have gone the way of Boston Town.

Confusingly, both clubs are nicknamed the Poachers - so don't be surprised if you hear both sets of fans shouting the same thing!

But do you know why Oadby have that nickname?

It's in recognition of a famous real-life poacher called James Hawker. He died in 1921 and is buried in Oadby, where his gravestone reads: "I will Poach till I die."

His journal was also published posthumously and there is even a play based on Hawker's life, called The Poacher.

Here's the full record of games between the two clubs over the last three seasons.

2014-15

Sat 31 Jan - Boston Town 2, Oadby Town 4 (Jackson, Eyett)

Sat 21 Feb - Oadby Town 5, Boston Town 1 (Oliver)

2015-16

Sat 8 Aug - Boston Town 4, Oadby Town 2 (Ashton, Beck, Eyett, Wightwick)

Sat 19 Mar - Oadby Town 1, Boston Town 3 (Beck, Nuttall, Bayliss)

2016-17

Sat 3 Sep - Oadby Town 2, Boston Town 3 (Smith, Wightwick, Beck)

Sat 1 Oct - Boston Town 2, Oadby Town 0 (Smith, Beck)



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