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# WELCOME TO THE HILL

**Firstly I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, staff, directors and supporters of Evesham and hope their short stay with us is an enjoyable one.**

They have had a decent start to their season, winning away at Sholing on Sunday and are sure to provide us with a tough test. We were due to be visiting Evesham at their ground this week but a combination of events has resulted in the fixture being reversed.

Our start has been perfect so far and no doubt Danny and his team will be looking to continue their winning run. Saturday's game here against Mangotsfield went right to the wire and saw us secure a victory with the visitors scoring an own goal in the final minute of the match.

In fairness I think we deserved to win the game full of strange decisions to say the least.

Next week finally sees the launch of our academy which will see the lads getting a full time education, combined with football training, at Badger's Hill. This is something we have been trying to get underway for many years and hopefully it won't be too long before we can get some more "home grown" talent representing the first team.

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved with the Club in so many ways so please speak to any of us if you feel you can help, either practically or with ideas to move forward.

Enjoy the game today, and remember we host Barnstaple here on Saturday - the players greatly appreciate your support as I hope you can see.

G Collinson

Gary Collinson
Operations Director

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# FROM THE DUGOUT

**Welcome back to Badgers Hill for tonight's game against Evesham.**

August has been a very good opening month for us with 4 wins from 4 following Saturday's 2-1 win against a good Mangotsfield side.

But that has gone now, and we now enter an important month. With a number of home games coming up, we must capitalise on this and ensure this place is a tough place to come for opposing teams.

With regards to Saturday, I was delighted with the win, it's even sweeter when the winner arrives when it did, but I think it was fully deserved and we would have been hard done by had we not come away with 3 points as once again the opposition goalkeeper had a fine performance.

Tonight we face a tough Evesham team. A bit of an unknown after a change of manager and a complete rebuild this summer at they have had a good start. But we have had them watched and done our homework as we always try to do and we will be well prepared. We must continue with the same effort, work rate and fight as we have shown to date, and our quality will hopefully see us come through.

It is usually a good night here under the lights, so hopefully it's another good gate, and a good atmosphere as it does make a massive difference and is appreciated by the boys.

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**Danny Greaves**
**Manager**

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# WHAT THE FANS SAID...

**Well done Boys.**
Colin Jefford

**Fantastic result. Sorry I missed it...**
Jamie Malley

**Great result.**
Paul Wilson

**4 out of 4 well done boys keep it up**
Steven Perry

**Well done Frome another 3 points**
Anastasia Cox

**Get in there!!**
Jay Cochrane

**Well played frome town excellent result keep it up**
Brian Philpin

**Cracking match! Their keeper played a blinder. Couldn't choose a man of the match for Frome - great team effort and a great win!**
Rob Maxfield

**Never in doubt..... well just a little bit**
Steve Pearce

**Best team Frome have had for ages, playing good football**
**Couple hundred more for home games would help tho**
Ady Smith

**Good win another three points**
John Meaden

**Great result up the Robins**
Robbie Morris

**A very good game shame that pen not given in first half**
David Wilkinson

**UP THE ********* DODGE!**
Daniel Foster

**Great result!!**
**No matter what league youre in results and good football Brings smiles**
Shaun Lewis

# FROME TOWN 2
# MANGOTSFIELD 1

Bet Victor Southern League Div One result (HT 1:1)

**MOM:** Cottle (pictured right)
**Goals:** Hailston, OG
**Team:** Brown, Cooper, O'Loughlin, Teale, Mapstone, Peck (Monks 84'), Davies, Hobbs, Hailston (Bath 89'), Smith (Mannings 75'), Cottle.
**Subs:** Bath, Monks, Mannings, Hallett, Lenihan

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The Robins are top of the Southern League Division One South table as a Will Hailston's third league goal of the season and a late own-goal secured a 2-1 win over Mangotsfield United at Badgers Hill!

Manager Danny Greaves made one change to The Robins side which completed a convincing Bank Holiday 4-1 win at Cinderford Town on Monday, with club captain Sam Teale coming in for Alex Hallett.

The Robins nearly took the lead within the opening moments at Badgers Hill as Will Hailston pounced on a mistake from 'keeper Marko Radovanovic, but the forward was brought down by opposition stopper with the goal gaping.

A defensive/goalkeeping error nearly led to Mangotsfield opening the scoring as Robins' keeper Rob Brown's clearance deflected off on-rushing forward Dan Demkiv but the ball went wide of the post.

Deadlock was broken after 34 minutes as Hailston got his goal, his fourth of the season in all competition, as the Mangos defence buckled after consecutive attacking phases in and around their area.

The Mangos would peg the hosts back just before half-time, as Tom Hillman scored on the 45th minute mark.

Neither side were able to get a stranglehold in the second half, making it an end-to-end affair. The visitor brought on lethal forward Sacha Tong, who already has four league goals to his name this season, in an effort to complete the turnaround.

It looked like this game was heading to a draw until Jon Davies' cross was turned into the net by a Mangotsfield defender with seconds left on the clock. Pandemonium ensued at Badgers Hill as The Robins 100% League record continued as they secured top spot.

## FAN REACTION

**Kim Mounty:**
Another win and 3 points. It should have been 3.1 if the referee had given Jono what I would say was a blatant penalty.

**Peggy Collinson:**
Well done - an enjoyable game.

**Richard Gashead Reynolds:**
Great win great atmosphere. A wins a win. 100 % record in tact.

# THE LEGEND OF 'FATTY' FOULKE.

**By Rob Bird, Journalist**

Not for a minute am I suggesting Frome invest in a new goalkeeper, it frankly would be unnecessary and a waste of money, a bit like eating 11 breakfasts, really.

Born in 1874, 'Fatty' Foulke, or William Henry Foulke had a busy career with spells with clubs such as Sheffield United, Chelsea and Bradford. His 'aggressive' playing style while partnered with his large frame between the sticks was most effective and earnt many plaudits.

During this time, the UK housed around 35,000,000 people with an average height of under 5ft 9inches, meaning Foulkes height not only meant he was instantly recognisable, but also set him in good stead with a larger wingspan than other keepers, and an ability to smash goal kicks further than any of his counterparts at the time.

Born and raised in Dawly, Shropshire, impressive performances from the much raved about teen at the time for local club Blackwell Miners' Welfare FC, saw a £20 (£2,500 approximately today in comparison) to Sheffield United sealed. Over 11 seasons at Brammal lane much success was seen with the big man in goal, including two FA cup triumphs and a first division title win.

His legend however grew with his size more than his achievements on the pitch, one of his most infamous tales shines light on Foulke allegedly sneaking into his teammates dining room at the hotel they were staying at before polishing off all 11 breakfasts. Another golden tale followed the 1902 FA Cup final which saw United concede a questionable late equaliser to Southampton, enraging Foulke who, while dripping naked from a shower shortly before hand, broke into referees quarters before ripping off a cupboard door to expose a shaking, cowering referee seeking refuge inside.

His fame growing, a move to a London club was always on the cards for Foulke, which came in the form of Chelsea blue. Chelsea were a club known for utilising a strong PR presence, so even though (due to homesickness) Foulkes stay only lasted a year, he had a significant presence, further supported by a spike in attendances when he played.

It's even been said that Chelsea would organise small children to be placed behind the goal, to further show off Foulkes unique figure, something with allegedly would later become the modern-day ball boy.

Foulkes career would come to a close with one final season with Bradford, before he would retire with a knee injury. His later years prompted myths of him living out his days in Blackpool, saving penalty shots from holiday makers on the beach.

Really, they were in Sheffield where he owned a beer shop and could be seen around the town in custom suits, one of which detailed his FA Cup medal engraved on a pocket chain.

A true legend of the sport.

## CLUBHOUSE CHAT:

- DO YOU THINK A GOAL KEEPER OF THIS STATURE WOULD STILL BE EFFECTIVE IN MODERN DAY FOOTBALL?


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At Frome town we hope you will take the time to meet and greet our players, management team and other officials. We're all happy to talk and make time to introduce you around the club. We can often be found in the bar after the games and the players will join us shortly afterwards.

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1

**Rob Brown (Goalkeeper)** **Sponsored by Frome Cricket Club 3XI**
Rob signed for Frome in January 2019 having spent the first half of the season with Paulton Rovers, having gained promotion from the Western League the season before with Melksham Town. A young 'keeper who continues to improve.

2

**Mark Cooper (Defender)**
Coops rejoins for his third spell at Badgers Hill, the first being when he was released from Bristol Rovers as a teenager. In between he has represented Weymouth, Chippenham & Melksham and will bring valuable experience and undoubted quality to the defence.

3

**Joe O'Loughlin (Defender)** **Sponsored by Lee Jones**
Joe is a great prospect, formerly with the Exeter City academy he is now studying at Bath University. Defensively strong and also quick to get involved going forwards.

4

**Sam Teale (Defender/Captain)** **Sponsored by Louise Coate**
Club captain, formerly with Weston-Super-Mare and Paulton Rovers & is equally at home anywhere across the back line. Popular amongst the fans and took on the mantle of manager at the end of the 2018 season when it was required. A true team player.

5

**Marcus Mapstone (Defender)** **Sponsored by Louise Coate**
Joined Frome from Mangotsfield United and can play either in defence or midfield. Formerly with Yate Town, Paulton and Almondsbury Town. His experience and composure on the ball are vital for us.

6

**Chris Peck (Midfielder)** **Sponsored by JAMBO - Digital Media Creative**
Joined in the summer from Mangotsfield, a tough tackling, no nonsense midfielder that is composed on the ball and can command the central area.

7

**Jon Davies (Midfielder)** **Sponsored by Sumo**
Jon returns after a season and a half away at Melksham Town, having originally joined Frome from Bath City. Two footed and a delight to watch, unless you are a defender.

8

**Rob Hobbs (Midfielder)**
Another one rejoining this summer from Melksham for the third or fourth time. Rob is skillful and committed and will be an asset in the midfield areas

9

**Will Hailston (Striker)** **Sponsored by Mr and Mrs Collinson**
Will had a short spell with us at the start of the 2018 season before returning to Bradford Town in the Western League where he again had an outstanding goal scoring season and now the time is right for him to step up a level..

10

**Ryan Bath (Striker)** **Sponsored by Time is Precious/Sumo**
Target man and fans favourite. When called on to lead the line he has put in some great performances, with one or two spectacular goals and we hope to see more goals from him this season.

11

**Matt Smith (MIdfielder)** **Sponsored by Gary Collinson**
Fans favourite Matt Smith is also returning us after several years representing Chippenham Town whom he joined from Frome. Matt is an energetic attacking midfielder and will expect to chip in with a few goals this season.

12

**Dan Whitley (Midfielder)**
Young Frome player stepping up from local football last year after spending the previous season at Frome Town Sports – Dan is keen to prove himself at a higher level.

14

**Warren Maidment (Defender)**
Joined Frome in the summer from Melksham Town. Warren is highly rated by those that have seen him and was pursued by several clubs over the summer. We are confident he will continue his development and achieve further recognition in the game.

15

**Martin Lenihan (Midfielder)** **Sponsored by Ben, Jacob and Charlie Starr**
Martin joins us from Bradford Town in the Western League and has been effective and creative in pre-season so we are hoping for more of the same.

16

**Rex Mannings (Midfielder)** **Sponsored by George, Ben & Sam**
Joined in October 2018 from Bristol Manor Farm after being released by Oxford at the end of last season. Rex is a skilful and speedy attacking midfielder, comfortable in a number of forward positions, who will be a great asset to the team

17

**Alex Monks (Midfielder)**
Alex is a good all round midfielder with aggression but also composure on the ball. He came through the Bristol City youth set up before his development was halted through a serious injury. Joined Frome in 2018.

18

**Dan Cottle (Midfielder)**
Dan returns from Bradford Town after a successful Western League campaign and is keen to test himself at a higher level. Confident on the ball and creates chances.

19

**Alex Hallet (Defender)**
New signing to the squad over the summer who has impressed on this first few outings.

20

**Jordan Yeo (Midfielder)**
Joined in the summer from local football after a successful trial. Pacey and direct and offers something different in attack.

Other Squad members: Johnny Gorman, Rickie Scott

# ASA VS...

It was the worst possible start for the challengers as Asa Wilkinson, not only correctly predicted the result and the exact score. Taking a 2pt lead over the rest of the table after week 2 in our home match prediction league.

All the players picked up early points as everyone was confident in a home win against Melksham in our early top of the table win - 2-1. However they would have been chewing on their finger nails and the winner didn't come until the 94' minute.

The home form at the moment has led to 6 home win predictions again this week. So 5 different score predictions will mix up the table if the Robins do secure 3pts, there will be no change if there is a draw or away win.

## THIS WEEKS PREDICTIONS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Asa: | Frome | 2-0 | Evesham |
| Geoff: | Frome | 2-1 | Evesham |
| Basher: | Frome | 2-1 | Evesham |
| Billy | Frome | 2-1 | Evesham |
| Patrick: | Frome | 3-0 | Evesham |
| James: | Frome | 3-1 | Evesham |

## LEAGUE TABLE AFTER WEEK 1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Asa | 4pt (2 correct, 1 exact) |
| =2 | Basher | 2pt (2 correct, 0 exact) |
| =2 | Billy | 2pt (2 correct, 0 exact) |
| =2 | Geoff | 2pt (2 correct, 0 exact) |
| =2 | James | 2pt (2 correct, 0 exact) |
| =2 | Patrick | 2pt (2 correct, 0 exact) |

3pts for a exact score and 1pt for the correct result

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### ASA WILKINSON
**Self-proclaimed biggest Frome fan**
Last week prediction - 2-1 Frome

### GEOFF MORTON-NORRIS
**Chairman of our supporters club**
Last week prediction - 2-0 Frome

### BILLY WRIGHT
**Fan, former player and host of MNKO on Frome FM.**
Last week prediction - 3-2 Frome

### JAMES BURGOYNE
**Frome Communications manager**
Last week prediction - 2-1 Frome

### SHAUN "BASHER" BAKER
**Super star, Kit man and Frome fan**
Last week prediction - 1-0 Frome

### PATRICK MOSS
**MNKO host, sponsor and football connoisseur**
Last week prediction - 2-1 Frome

# PLAYER FEATURE: JOHNNY GORMAN

## FEATURE BY JAMES BURGOYNE

**Johnny Gorman is back with the Robins this season and currently out with a broken rib. We hope to see Johnny back on the Hill shortly. Johnny first season with the Robins last season didn't fully go to plan with injuries but his talent is clear to see. Over the summer Johnny was available to share his story with James Burgoyne.**

Johnny Gorman has a very extensive, impressive and sporadic CV for someone that is only 26 years old, having played up and down the English football pyramid.

Now he is preparing for his post-professional footballing life by studying Psychology at the University of Bath.

Gorman's epiphany when it came to Psychology arose when one of his former team-mates started to suffer from gambling addiction, something that has almost became an epidemic within the game.

Education was one of the main things that kept him away from similar temptations when he was in the academy system. Both of his parents are lecturers at universities and they saw the value in him getting a real education whilst training in an academy.

A factor which ended up with him turning down a two-year scholarship at Manchester United for Wolves so he could study at Repton School in Derbyshire, which has Roald Dahl and Jeremy Clarkson on its list of notable alumni.

Gorman continued: "My dad was quite wary of the fact that lots of footballers go in at the age of 16 and they get churned out by the time they get to 21, then they're not playing and all they've got is a BTEC to back them up.

"When I wasn't studying for a couple of years (after finishing at Repton), I really missed it. I didn't start getting up to no good or anything but I was probably playing too much on the PlayStation and stuff like that which didn't benefit me, football-wise."

During his time at school and Molineux, his career was looking like it was starting to take flight. This was elevated even further by a surprise call-up from Nigel Worthington, the manager of Northern Ireland between 2007 and 2011.

He said: "I got the call saying that the under-19's didn't want me which was a little gutting, but that wasn't the end of the world as I was still 17. And then about a week later, my dad got a phone call from Nigel

Worthington saying, look, we want you for the first team. So I was just sitting there like, is he joking?"

He would go on to make nine appearances in total for Northern Ireland after he made his debut against Turkey at the end of the 2009/2010. However, Gorman felt like he went under the radar during his early days at Molineux but he was thrust firmly into the spotlight due his international exploits.

In his second and final academy season, he would be named as 'Wolves Academy Player of the Year'. He secured a two year professional contract, all was looking good but being an international at such a young age would have a detrimental effect on his career development.

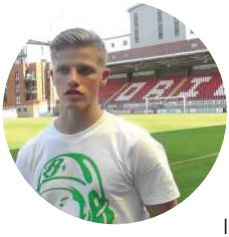
He would be given his only Premier League appearance in March 2012, coming off the bench during a 2-1 defeat at Norwich City, which would be his only first team appearance for Wolves.

Then Gorman would secure a couple of loans away from the West Midlands, at the likes of Macclesfield and most notably Plymouth Argyle. He said: "I was nowhere near the finished article. I remember Mick McCarthy saying that to me, and he said, look, you're nowhere near it yet, like you will be if you carry on. "So when I was starting to go out on loan to clubs and trying to like learn my trade, instead of being seen as like a young lad, I was being treated like a senior international. I think the expectation at that point was completely different to where I actually was.

"I was basically still a young prospect, but managers were seeing me as a fully-fledged first team player. I went to several clubs and because the expectation was high, I didn't last very long because they weren't sure why I wasn't as good as what they thought I was going to be.

"I play with several 18 year olds now and most of them need about three,

four or five months to adapt to the first team environment. I never had that." After those loan spells, he was released by Wolves at the end of the 2012-13 season. For the first time since he was a young teenager, he was out in the cold and a free agent.



It didn't take him long to find another club as he made his way down to London for a trial with Leyton Orient.

Gorman only needed four games to convince manager Russell Slade to give him a one-year contract at Brisbane Road in August 2013. He added: "I remember him (Slade) saying something along the lines of he understands that I'll need a bit of time. He'll give me till Christmas to really get in and get involved. He'd seen that I'd been on loan and stuff but hadn't really played like a strong amount of games.

"I think he definitely had plans for me to play and then we went on this mad run, where we won the first eight games or might even have been more. Then all of a sudden, Barry Hearn (the owner of Leyton Orient at the time) was thinking 'oh we've got a chance of going up here, I'll put a bit more money in' so more players came in and I slipped down the pecking order"

Gorman's confidence slipped as a result of his lack of first team football, so he started an Open University degree where he started to realise his Psychology aspirations.

His spell in capital came to an end after one season, leaving him with another summer of discontent. He would slip down into non-league as he returned to the North West with Southport.

He said: "I just needed to go somewhere and play games. That's when I sat down with my agent and said, look, now let's stop messing about and go and play some games and get back in the Football League. That was the plan and I genuinely believe that's what would happen.

"When I started off Southport, I played five games and then the manager got sacked. I was on a non-contract so I left. Then I went to Barrow, who were financially a very stable team and they were always looking for good players. I probably went there for the money if I'm honest."

Gorman and Barrow would have a good season, making 20 appearances as they won the Conference North. However, the midfielder moved back to the West Midlands with AFC Telford United in the renamed 'National League North'.

He said: "The Telford manager was great. I had a great pre-season but got injured after two games, and then results didn't go our way, so he got sacked after five games, and that really disheartened me because I finally thought I'd found the manager that really liked me was going to play me in every game.

"Then they brought in the most opposite manager, who wanted to bring in his own players so they tried to get me out the door as quickly as possible. Basically at that point, that's where I really thought I didn't want to play football anymore, I'd had enough of the politics of it."

At the age of 24, Johnny Gorman was starting to look at his options away from football, ending up working in public health for a project called 'One You' in Cheshire.

Two years later, after successful spells with the likes of Curzon Ashton and Northwich Victoria, he made the decision to return to academia and study the subject full-time, several

years after he started a Psychology course with the Open University.

Gorman ended up choosing a move to the University of Bath, a well-established sporting institution. He moved to the West Country and university in the autumn of 2018.

After Gorman completes his degree in Bath, he hopes to work with high performance athletes and coach to truly help them understand themselves and the game better.

The 26-year old thinks his experience within the footballing world will help him.

He said: "There's definitely still a stigma attached in football and footballers respect someone who's kicked a ball, that's kind of an unwritten code.

"If you've played football, it's almost like you're on side with them instantly. So hopefully, I'll be able to break down some barriers and help players formulate individual plans tailored to help them."

In October last year, Gorman made the 14th move of his career to current club Frome Town, where he is finally enjoying playing the game again.

He said: "You'll see like the same people there week in, week out and everyone is so trying to push in the right direction together, so it's got that nice community feel about it. So I really enjoy playing for them so I hope I'm here for a few years to come."

Not many people at such a tender age have such an interesting story to tell even in the footballing world or such a broad, and quite frankly long CV which looks like it could be getting even longer but that's Johnny Gorman.

## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO PLAY

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# DANNY MEETS WITH SUPPORTERS CLUB

Manager Danny Greaves with coaches Alan Bull and Derek Graham were on hand prior to the Mangotsfield to speak to the Frome Town supporters club to welcome in the new season.

Chairman Geoff Morton-Norris introduced the afternoon to a good turn out of supporters club members.

They were also joined by author Kevin Snelgrove, who's Frome Town F.C. quiz book and stories from the hill is launching on the 14th September at the Hill.

For more information on the supporters club, visit the supporters club matchday hut on any matchday.

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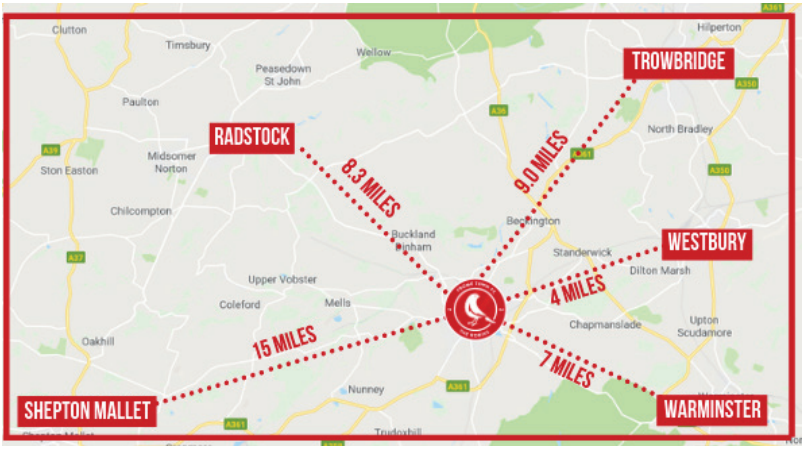

Before the Magotsfield match Ryan Bath presented Jon Davies with a signed matchball following his hat-trick at the weekend against Cinderford

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# I'M HITTING NEW HEIGHTS ABROAD

## BY SETH BURKETT, FROM STAMFORD FC TO SRI LANKA

When I was signed as a professional footballer for Trinco Titans in the Sri Lankan North East Premier League there was no trial process. There was no scouring of highlight videos. No tactical analysis. Instead there was one simple question: how tall are you?

Now I know why.

In English Non-League football I've always been considered too small to play at centre back. Yet here, in Sri Lanka, I'm considered too tall not to play centre back.
I'm 5ft 11in and have been joined by a 6ft central midfielder from Northern Ireland, Dean Curran, who currently plays for Aileach FC.

We're the two tallest players in the team by far. Most of our new teammates look like they've never lifted a weight or eaten a saturated fat in their lives. Our star striker, nicknamed Bebeto, is 5ft 5in and weighs 49 kilograms. The heaviest player in our team is 68 kilograms.
At our first training session the players immediately put us at ease. They always looked to pass the ball to us and actively sought advice. We're the foreign professionals and the aim for most of them is to be just like us. Their dream is to use football to travel the world.

I've never been asked for so many selfies in my life. I've never had to tell so many people that no, I'm not married even though I'm 28.

We start off with a training camp in Kalutara, on the south west coast of the island. The humidity is 84% and my kit is soaked with sweat in minutes. The coaches ease us into training. Though we're doing two sessions a day, the intensity is relatively low due to the weather.

The pitch we're training on has been built with a grant from FIFA. The stadium is beautiful, like none I've seen before. The pitch is less so. The ball bobbles over the lumpy surface. Cattle graze on the grass. On my first day we had to move a cow from the 18-yard box before starting our keep ball session.

The focus is on physical fitness and technical development. Some of our players have very good levels of both, yet others are lacking tactical knowledge. We have full backs who mark their wingers touch tight when the ball is on the opposite side of the pitch and strikers who get no further forward than midfield. It's easy to fix, but our hands are currently tied.
The tournament we're contracted to play in starts next week. Yet no contracts have been given out. That's because there's a player auction, which gives all teams the chance to recruit the best talent and is designed to even out the level, as well as generate income for the owners and prize money.

Until our final squad is confirmed after the auction we can't work on tactics. Otherwise any of our players bought

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by other teams may steal our ideas. Instead, we make do with what we've got. Myself and Dean are encouraged to lead by example. In England I've always tried to position myself as a cultured, technical player fond of a short pass. Yet now I find myself on a one man mission to teach my Sri Lankan teammates the effectiveness of 'the diag'.

Dean, meanwhile, is making it his mission to bust the myth that Sri Lankan football is aggressive. He puts himself about the field like a man possessed and is doing a convincing job so far. Our teammates are starting to think that their aggression is nothing compared to that of UK football.

Our teammates all speak Tamil. Around three quarters have a basic understanding of English, with a few being pretty much fluent.

They act as the translators, while the coaches give instructions in both English and Tamil. Once training is done, we socialise with our team at every opportunity, sharing stories of life in each other's countries. They all invite us to their homes. They're a close-knit bunch of Christians, Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims, coming from all walks of life. Team spirit is high. The hope is that this tournament will be the making of them.

I've had to make several adaptations to my day-to-day life. Now I eat curry with my hands. The food – usually spicy – is served on plates wrapped in plastic bags and without cutlery. There are no washing machines and so I wash my kit by hand with detergent soap.

Training starts at seven in the morning and so sleep is split between the night and mid-morning. I've had to get used to being referred to as 'Peter Parker' by my teammates.

Our hosts go above and beyond to make sure we're enjoying ourselves at all times. No request is too small. For the training camp in Kalutara we're staying in a doctor's house with satellite TV, a large communal area and a swimming pool. After every session I jump in for a dip, swimming my lengths and drinking from coconuts that have fallen from the trees. It's not far from paradise.

Every now and again the thought comes into my head: how have I gone from Tuesday nights at Goole away to this?


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# IF YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY...

Frome Town, known at the Robins, were formed in 1904 and played in the Wiltshire Premier League. Early success came in the form of three Somerset Senior League Championships in between 1906 and 1911, whilst in between the Wiltshire League Championship was won in 1909-10.

The Club reached the Fifth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup in 1911-12 under the old format of the competition, which was today's equivalent of the Third Round proper losing 4-1 at Southport Central, in front of a crowd of 3,366.

Frome entered the Western League in 1919 and immediately became Division 2 Champions while the Somerset FA Senior Cup was won in successive seasons 1932-22 & 1933-34 & for a third time in 1950-51.

Frome have always played at Badgers Hill and the ground held its biggest gate in 1954 when 8,000 spectators saw Leyton Orient win 3-0 in the FA Cup First Round Proper. In the same season promotion was gained to Division One of the Western League & were beaten finalists in the inaugural Western League Cup.

Promotion was gained back into the Western League after a spell in the Wiltshire League again in 1962-63 where the club remained until 2009. Success was gained in the Somerset Premier Cup in 1966-67 with victory over Yeovil Town in the final and the cup was shared by the same two teams in 1968-69.

Frome's greatest triumph came in 1978-79 when the club won the Western League. The Championship was secured by losing only once in the last 32 matches. The League Cup followed in 1979-80.

Another vintage year followed in 1982-83 with victories in both the Somerset FA Premier Cup and the Western League Cup, plus runners-up in the league.

Following those heady days, Frome flirted all too often with relegation from the Premier Division, and were relegated in 1995-96 and the Club spent several years in the lower reaches of the First Division.

The Club was re-structured off the field in 1999-00 but despite the ground being upgraded unfortunately success on the field did not follow with a re-structure of the league saving the Club from relegation into County football.

Frome improved rapidly and after finishing third continued upwards as they won promotion back to the Western League Premier Division after a six year absence the following year & also reached the final of the league cup.

With Frome struggling to win at home during the 2003/04 season the Club turned to the help of a local "White Witch", Titania Hardie. This move brought huge media interest from all over the World. It worked immediately and they went on a magnificent run that saw them go on to finish 3rd in the league.

The 2004-05 season saw the Club celebrate their centenary & events on the field saw the Robins reach the Quarter-Finals of the FA Vase before eventually losing 3-0 at Jarrow Roofing.

A seventh, third and fourth placed finish saw the club continually improving and then runners-up spot in 2008-09 secured promotion into the Southern League for the first time in the Clubs history. The Somerset Premier Cup was also secured with a 3-1 win over local rivals Paulton Rovers.

After a poor start to life in the Southern League and a quick change of manager Frome went on an incredible unbeaten run and finished the season in sixth place and just three points from a play-off place. 12 months later and Frome beat Sholing 1-0 in the play-off final to secure promotion to the Southern Premier Division.

The summer of 2011 also saw the Club receive the prestigious FA Charter Standard Community Club status and, in 2012, after a great first season in the Southern Premier Division the Club were awarded the title of Community Club of the year for Somerset and then also picked up the regional award that took them into the national final.

Over the last few seasons the Robins have retained their league status while also finishing as runners-up in the Southern League Cup and the Somerset Premier Cup.

2016/17 was our most successful league season to date with the Club finishing in a respectable 8th place in the Southern League Premier division with our highest points total.

After a difficult season Frome were relegated back to Divison 1 of the Southern League at the end of the 2018/19 season. With wholesale squad changes it will be interesting to see how this season develops.

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# U18'S MATCH REPORTS

## LEAGUE
## FROME U18 1 – 2 (HT 1-1) CORSHAM U18

**Goals:** Pollock
**Team:** Bond Ollie Brewster Wheeler Pack WheelerJnr Lunt Seviour (c) Pollock Russell Hardwick
**Subs:** Seth(GK) Cagilaba Porter Rudi
**Dugout:** Fosu Gharban(M), Curtis Goodwin, Anthony Millard
**MOM:** Rudi

Frome Town opened up with a disappointing defeat to a good Corsham side. Frome who have a large squad were fairly close to full strength with perhaps only defenders Wells, Barnaby and Rose the only squad regulars missing with Barnaby having been very impressive at centre back in preseason.

Frome however lined up with Wheeljnr and Ollie who had come up from last year's U16s make their league debuts along with Porter who also has come up from last years U16s starting from the bench although he had already debuted for the U18s the season previous. Porter who had scored several goals in preseason was extremely unlucky to not be starting with three attackers from the year above forming the front three.

Frome started the game on fire. Down the right Ollie showed good fitness to overlap consistently at the right times as well as good tenacity and discipline to get back as well. This enabled to Pollock to come inside at times and the pacy skillful forward caused Corsham issues and after a good pass from Ollie Pollock got away and finished on the angle into the far corner to put Frome 1-0 up after about ten minutes.

Strangely at this point Frome who with 3 quick forwards and a relatively deep block in addition to a goal lead should have been able to start breaking & counter attacking on a high pressing Corsham who needed to get a goal back and were playing high up the park.

However, to be able to hit the required diagonals in behind a highish Corsham defence Frome needed to work the ball into a central midfield unit which was being pressed heavily. The central midfield unit of Frome however did not offer creativity (definition: Creativity is defined as runs to create space followed by runs to exploit the space created) as the central midfield unit, especially when the ball was starting with the Frome keeper, was static.

With Frome now kicking long into Corsham's aerially dominant defensive unit Frome who are notorious for struggling to be effective when trying to play a direct aerial game were getting themselves into serious problems.

After losing several headers what could also be seen is that with Frome's central midfielders static and also relatively high up the park Corsham's players were picking up possession with a large gap between the Frome defence and midfield after winning the aerial duel that Corsham were cleverly forcing by pressing high spooking Frome out of sticking to their game plan of playing via movement and passing rather than 50/50 aerial balls.

Corsham duly equalized after a balled rolling along the edge of the Frome area was finished into the net leaving the score 1-1 at half time. Frome came out for the second half with Cagilaba coming in for Wheelerjnr who had given his all on his debut, with Porter coming in upfront for Russell.

However, quickly Frome conceded another scrappy goal although it had been coming with Frome still not playing their usual game. Finally false 9 Rudi was introduced for Lunt with Hardwick dropping into defensive midfield. Now Frome took control back with deep midfielders Hardwick & Cagilaba looking to force playing through the midfield third by making appropriate movements. Cagilaba showed very good feet and forward passing while Hardwick showed similar as well as a good amount of pace when sweeping up in midfield. Rudi's movement in false 9 was superb constantly providing good overloads around the ball to allow Frome to play short passes and counter press quickly if the ball was lost. He also aided a midfield overload so Frome could get the central midfielders on the ball to escape pressure by playing longer passes from the midfield area. Frome created two or 3 good chances with brilliant runs from Porter & Wheeler both almost resulting in goals.

Then a very unfortunate accident occurred leaving a Corsham player with a serious ankle injury leading the game to be stopped. Corsham were immediately and deservedly declared the winners with only 15 or so minutes left as the priority obviously became tending to the injured player. Frome would like to send the player their best wishes.

## FRIENDLY

## SEMINGTON MAGPIES (ADULT) 6 – 2 FROME U18

**Goals:** Pollock x2
**Team:** Seth, Charlie Brewster©, Curtis, Goodwin James Cox, Cagilaba, Hardwick, Brotherton, Porter, Rudi, Russell
**Subs:** Ollie, Fosu Gharban(M), Gould, Mori
**Dugout:** Fosu Gharban(M), Curtis Goodwin, Anthony Millard, JamesCox
**MOM:** Porter

Frome Town played superbly against a very strong first division Semington and just ran out of steam toward the end of the second half, after controlling a lot of the first half.

Frome had played their first league match the previous day so came to this match looking to give game time mostly to players who did not get much game time the previous day. To this end key men Pollock, Wheeler, Seviour, Lunt, WheelerJnr were rested with the likes of Wells, Rose & Pack unavailable or injured. Coaches James Cox, Curtis Goodwin & Fosu Gharban helped out the squad as players.

Frome started the game well. New defensive midfield partnership of Cagilaba & Hardwick was outstanding with Cagilaba strong of the ball and dominant aerially while Hardwick's mobility and dribbling skills aided Frome's build up from the back as he looked to receive the ball and transition Frome from the phase of build up to that of consolidation by getting possession centrally with his head up.

Brotherton showed good skill and work rate in midfield just ahead of them as well as dropping into the penalty area on goalkicks to provide a diamond of options between him the keeper and the two deep centre backs to aid buildup. New former U16 right back Charlie making his debut looked composed on the ball and linked well with Porter. False 9 Rudi created consistent overloads to aid Frome's buildup.

Semington did force several corners but Frome actually dealt with them not too badly although Seth also made 3 or 4 very good to saves in addition. Frome however were a threat with Porter making good inroads in behind. Porter got through and was brought down for a penalty kick which he converted to put Frome 1-0 up.

Frome held this lead superbly missing a chance to extend the lead after Mori got through on the left but couldn't beat the keeper. However right on half time Semington got an equalizer after Seth was unsighted on a shot. This left the score 1-1 at HT.

Just after half time Frome conceded a second goal off a cross and header. Semington had now pushed up to press higher up but Frome were now using the opportunity to try and practice and perfect playing out from the back under extreme pressure.

Porter had a guilt edged chance that he hit at the keeper. However, Semington now started to overpower Frome using a good press and went 3-1 up before a linkup between Gharban & Brotherton set Porter away for him to clinically score his second of the match for 3-2.

This was as good as it got for Frome. With the likes of the experienced Curtis & Cox now off the pitch in defence Frome let in a further 3 goals in the last 10 minutes or so as a lack of natural defenders and tiredness told.

Frome can be very pleased with the first half performance in particular where they matched a very strong Trowbridge & District division 1 side. Frome have also identified another 3 midfielders different to those who started the Corsham U18 league defeat who offer competition to the current starting midfield which is much needed in the side to ensure complacency does not set in in the central midfield positions.

Porter has confirmed himself (again) as one of the teams three consistent scorers along with Seviour and Pollock. Rudi showed his value as probably the best false 9 in the team tactically speaking with his movement and game understanding superb with his main weakness being a lack of selfishness that an attacker needs at times.

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If you've been at our recent home games you may not have tuned in, but you may have heard John's interviews and commentary live in the clubhouse.

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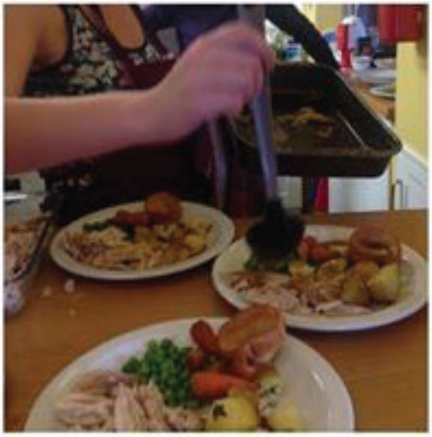

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The Evesham United Football Club that we know today dates from just after the Second World War when soldiers returning from action reformed the club and immediately joined the Worcestershire League.

Starting in the 1951/52 season, the club played at Crown Meadow, moving to Common Road in 1968 and opening the clubhouse in 1975.

More recently, in November 2003, former Coventry City defender, David Busst, was appointed a successor to Phil Mullen. Busst took over a club struggling near the foot of the Dr. Martens League Western Division but managed to turn things around and Evesham eventually finished mid-table with a creditable 50pts.

The 2004/05 campaign saw Evesham take their place in the Southern League Division One West, with Busst in his first full season in charge with the experienced Paul West as his assistant. It turned out to be a season to remember for Evesham's long-suffering fans with the Robins earning a place in the play-offs. A crowd of over 800 squeezed into Common Road to witness Evesham romp to a 4–0 win and promotion to the Southern League Premier Division for the first time in their history.

After selling their Common Road ground for housing Evesham entered into a ground share agreement with Worcester City whilst moves were being put in place to build a new stadium on the southern outskirts of Evesham.

In 06/07, the club took a step in the right direction with former Wigan, Bradford and Port Vale defender, West, again at the helm. Evesham lifted the Worcestershire Senior Cup for the first time, beating Stourbridge 2 – 1 in the final. Season 07/08 turned out to be one of the most memorable in the club's history. The club took Blue Square Premier Halifax Town to a replay in the 4th Qualifying Round of the F.A. Cup before losing 2 – 1 at the Shay. After 5.5 years at the helm Manager Paul West called time on one of the most successful periods in the club's history.

Season 11/12 was a disappointment with the club being relegated from the Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division and after spending six years ground sharing at Worcester City Football Club the Robins began the 12/13 season in Division One South & West at their new Spiers & Hartwell Jubilee Stadium.

The 18/19 season was not one of Evesham's finest, eventually finishing 7th in Evo-Stik League South Division One South. A disappointing league record for the season of 19 wins, 6 draws and 13 losses caused the clubs committee to review the position of manager, sadly it was agreed that Paul Collicutt would be relieved of his duties. Next came the task of finding a replacement, that of a young manager called Carl Abbott.

# EVESHAM PROFILES 2019/20

### CARL ABBOTT - MANAGER

Carl quit Midland Football League (MFL) Premier Division outfit Quorn, the club he led to a sixth-place finish at the level below 'The Robins', Quorn had announced that Carl and his backroom staff would be staying on for the 2019/20 season, but in a u turn the new gaffer said that the chance to manage Evesham was an "exciting opportunity that was one he could not pass up .Prior to Quorn, Carl has been at the helm of Market Drayton Town a lengthy spell at Wolverhampton Casuals and Hinckley AFC.

### PAUL TOMLINSON– ASSISTANT MANAGER

Tommo was Assistant Manager to Carl at Hinckley AFC, Market Drayton Town and Quorn, the duo has worked together for some 6 years now and formed a strong partnership.
A former professional player with Sheffield United before dropping into non-league football with Stafford Rangers. Experienced in non-league management having managed in his own right, before becoming Assistant to Shaun Cunnington at Alvechurch, Willenhall Town, Halesowen Town and Evesham United.
A brilliant coach and trusted right-hand man to the gaffer.

### SIMON JOHNSON - COACH

A former premier league player, Johnno played for Leeds United under David O'Leary, Terry Venables and Eddie Gray, and featured in a champions league squad in the clubs run to the semi-final. Spells at Sunderland, Hull City, Blackpool, Doncaster Rovers, Darlington and Hereford followed in a good career, before playing in non-league with Solihull Moors and Guiseley.

### REECE FRANCIS – GOALKEEPER

Reece's goalkeeping exploits have seen him spend a lengthy spell with Bromsgrove Sporting during the most successful period in their history. Most recently with Redditch United.

### BRAD MASLEN-JONES – DEFENDER

Hull City, Cambridge City & Peterborough United can be named as Brad's previous clubs, a young defender with a bright future in the game, his pre-season 80-yard strike against Stratford Town may suggest he has an eye for goal.

### RYAN PADDOCK – DEFENDER

This is Ryan's second spell at 'The Jubilee', he has recently been selected for the British Army Football Squad. Former clubs include Bristol Rovers, Cinderford Town and North Leigh.

### AARON ROBERTS – DEFENDER

Aaron was another part of Bromsgrove's successful period. Involved in two league championship wins, two further promotions, three cup triumphs and a run to the semi-final of the FA Vase. Previous clubs include Alvechurch and Hednesford Town.

### BRIAN 'JUNIOR' SMIKLE – DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER/ FORWARD

Junior is one of those players who can play all over the park. Amongst his previous clubs Junior can name West Bromwich Albion, Hereford United, Kidderminster Harriers, Altringcham & Cheltenham Town. A true inspiration to any young footballer.

### JACK TILL – DEFENDER
Another bright young prospect, Jack has already had experience at the level above with Halesowen Town in the Evo-Stik Premier Division Central. Jack scored scored a hat-trick in the FA Cup when making his debut for Lye Town at 16, following time well spent at Kidderminster Harriers Academy.

### MITCHELL TOMLINSON – DEFENDER
Another summer of 2019 signing, Mitchell has joined 'The Robins' from Quorn, where he spent season 2018/19.

### TYLER WEIR – DEFENDER
Tyler started his football career his hometown club Hereford United in Football League Two, before spending periods at Gloucester City and Worcester City where he became a city legend with 176 appearances at National League level.

### DANNY BRAGOLI – MIDFIELDER
Described as a soldier on the pitch, an absolute warrior & a born leader of men. Danny signed for Evesham during closed season following a 5-year spell at Halesowen Town where he proudly wore the captain's armband. Previous clubs also include Rushall Olympic & Chasetown.

### JACK CRESSWELL – MIDFIELDER
Another player who joined us this summer, Jack is an exciting player to watch and has very quickly become popular with the fans. Prior to a long stint at Alvechurch can also name Walsall, Kidderminster Harriers, Redditch United & Racing Club Warwick as former clubs.

### MIKE MCGRATH – MIDFIELDER
Macca is a player who has been on the gaffer's radar for a long time, comfortable on the ball, great pace and an excellent eye for a pass. Mike had a spell playing football in Ireland for Galway United & Sligo Rovers in the League of Ireland, other previous clubs include Kidderminster Harriers, Hereford & Redditch United.

### JOE O'NEIL – MIDFIELDER
Joe's previous clubs include Mansfield Town & Cheltenham Town, he has the unenvious task of trying to live up to the levels that his dad was able to achieve. Joe looks to have all the qualities of an excellent midfielder and has a great future in the game.

### ADAM PAGE – MIDFIELDER
A product of Cheltenham Town Academy on a scholarship, before making his first team debut in August 2017. Adam spent last season Gloucester City & has also played for Hereford & Redditch United.

### LUCAS PRICE – MIDFIELDER
In his second season at 'The Jubilee' Lucas has been at Hartpury College Football Academy, last season he was part of their squad that won the ESFA Under-18 Elite Schools' and Colleges' Cup.

### JORDAN SANGHA – MIDFIELDER
Jordan joined the Walsall youth-team at the age of eight, where in 2015–16 he was named as Apprentice of the Season. He remained at Walsall until last season, with loan spells at A.F.C. Telford United, Ashton United, Rushall Olympic & Leamington.

## ONE TO WATCH

### LEE CHILTON – FORWARD

It has been said that 'Chilly' is a well-travelled pacey wide man and attacking midfielder, whatever or wherever you call him you are guaranteed he will give you his all. He has turned out for Alvechurch, Leamington, Halesowen Town, Stourbridge, Hinckley United & AFC Telford United amongst others

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### MATT DODD – FORWARD
Another summer signing for 'The Robins', a player that the gaffer has had on his wish list for a long time and, finally got his man. Matt has plied his trade at Sutton Coldfield Town, Worcester City, Leamington, Hednesford Town & Stourbridge.

### MARK MAGEE – FORWARD
Mark has returned to Evesham United for his second spell, having played for 'The Robins' in the 16/17 & 17/18 seasons before joining North Leigh & Westfields.

### DAVID REYNOLDS – FORWARD
Achieved legendary status at Malvern Town in 2016/17 when he scored 53 goals in 46 games. Having spent 5 years in the claret & blue of 'The Hillsiders' Reyno moved to Worcester City in the summer of 2017.

### KAI TONGE – FORWARD
Young, Tall and A Winger, hopefully Kai has the world of football in front of him, having only taken up the beautiful game in 2016. Former clubs include Tranmere Rovers, Hinckley AFC & Quorn.

## CLUB FACTS

**Full name:**
Evesham United Football Club

**Nickname:**
The Robins

**Founded:**
1945

**Ground:**
The Spiers & Hartwell Jubilee Stadium, Evesham (3,000)

**Best league performance:**
9th in Southern League Premier Division, 2008–09

**Best FA Cup performance:**
1st round, 2008–09

**Last season:**
7th

## LAST TIME OUT

### EVESHAM 4 - 3 SLIMBRIDGE
**Evesham United scored after 23 seconds, fought back to lead from 3-1 down yet had to rely on a penalty save to win a madcap clash with Slimbridge.**

**Carl Abbott's Robins were as sensational in attack as they were suicidal at the back, surging back from the abyss with the help of a triple substitution just before the hour mark. Kai Tonge swept home after being played in by Jack Cresswell before many had taken their seats only for Soloman Wanjau-Smith to level with a low finish across goal in the third minute.**

**Wanjau-Smith was fouled with Tom Handley finding the bottom far corner with a low free-kick from the left corner of the box 25 minutes in. Myron Turner had the freedom of the Evesham box to tuck in Wanjau-Smith's centre four minutes after half-time but a triple substitution quickly turned the tide.**

**Lee Chilton smashed in two in as many minutes following good work from the left by replacements Dave Reynolds then Taylor Morrison. The tide was turned when Chilton's near-post corner was diverted in by keeper Lewis Adams after a flurry of chances had gone begging.**

**Slimbridge should still have snatched a share of the spoils when Aaron Roberts tripped Myron Turner but Jack Horrell had his spot-kick saved by Lochlan Robertson.**

**To rub salt into the wound, Horrell would be thwarted one on one by Robertson with a minute to go. Evesham will come up against better than this young Slimbridge side, and will certainly face more streetwise opponents. They won't get away with such sloppiness often.**

# TABLES & STATISTICS

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| 6 | Larkhall Athletic | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | +2 | 8 |
| 7 | Paulton Rovers | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | +3 | 7 |
| 8 | Evesham United | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | +1 | 7 |
| 9 | Bideford | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 7 |
| 10 | Highworth Town | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | +1 | 6 |
| 11 | Barnstaple Town | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | -3 | 6 |
| 12 | Moneyfields | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | +2 | 5 |
| 13 | Bristol Manor Farm | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | -2 | 5 |
| 14 | Cinderford Town | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -3 | 4 |
| 15 | Sholing | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | -3 | 3 |
| 16 | Slimbridge | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -6 | 0 |
| 17 | Melksham | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | -7 | 3 |
| 18 | Basingstoke Town | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | -5 | 1 |
| 19 | Willand Rovers | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | -5 | 0 |
| 20 | AFC Totton | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | -6 | 0 |

# LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FT | Barnstaple Town | 1 - 0 | AFC Totton |
| FT | Cirencester Town | 3 - 0 | Bristol Manor Farm |
| FT | Frome Town | 2 - 1 | Mangotsfield United |
| FT | Larkhall Athletic | 2 -2 | Bideford |
| FT | Moneyfields | 1 - 1 | Cinderford Town |
| FT | Paulton Rovers | 1 - 2 | Thatcham Town |
| FT | Slimbridge | 2 - 0 | Basingstoke Town |
| FT | Willand Rovers | 0 - 1 | Highworth Town |
| FT | Winchester City | 3 - 0 | Melksham Town |
| FT | Sholing | 1 - 2 | Evesham United |

# TODAYS FIXTURES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7:45pm | AFC Totton | v | Willand Rovers |
| 7:45pm | Basingstoke Town | v | Larkhall Athletic |
| 7:45pm | Bideford | v | Paulton Rovers |
| 7:45pm | Cinderford Town | v | Barnstaple Town |
| 7:45pm | Frome Town | v | Evesham United |
| 7:45pm | Thatcham Town | v | Cirencester Town |

**Wednesday**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3pm | Highworth Town | v | Sholing |

# TOP SCORERS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **Jonathan Davies** | **Frome Town** | **5** |
| =2 | Sacha Tong | Mangotsfield United | 4 |
| =2 | Lewis Powell | Larkhall | 4 |
| =2 | Simba Mlambo | Winchester City | 4 |
| **=3** | **Will Hailston** | **Frome Town** | **3** |

7 others on 3 goals

## RED

- 1. Rob Brown
- 2. Mark Cooper
- 3. Joe O'Loughlin
- 4. Sam Teale
- 5. Marcus Mapstone
- 6. Chris Peck
- 7. Jon Davies
- 8. Rob Hobbs
- 9. Will Hailston
- 10. Ryan Bath
- 11. Matt Smith
- 12. Dan Whitley
- 14. Warren Maidment
- 15. Martin Lenihan
- 16. Rex Mannings
- 17. Alex Monks
- 18. Dan Cottle
- 19. Alex Hallet
- 20. Jordan Yeo
- Johnny Gorman
- Rickie Scott

**Manager:** Danny Greaves
**Assistant:** James Moon

## BLUE

- Reece Francis
- Brad Maslen-Jones
- Ryan Paddock
- Aaron Roberts
- Brian Smikle
- Jack Till
- Mitchell Tomlinson
- Tyler Weir
- Danny Bragoli (c)
- Jack Cresswell
- Mike McGrath
- Joe O'Neil
- Adam Page
- Lucas Price
- Jordan Sangha
- Lee Chilton
- Matt Dodd
- Mark Magee
- David Reynolds
- Kai Tonge

**Manager:** Carl Abbott
**Assistant:** Paul Tomlinson

**Referee:** Jack Clench
**Assistants:** James Hooper & Ollie Taylor

**UPCOMING MATCHES:**

Sat 7th Sep (h) - Barnstaple
Sat 14th Sept (h) - Willand Rovers

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