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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 Slimbridge and hope their short stay with us is an enjoyable one.

Whilst we had a weekend off on Saturday our visitors secured an excellent 4-1 victory over high flying Mangotsfield so will come into today's game full of confidence. Our last game resulted in a 1-1 draw with Willand Rovers proving that nothing is a foregone conclusion in football.

They secured their first league point of the season and were maybe a bit unfortunate in the end to only get one. It would have been difficult for a neutral to guess which team was at which end of the table.

However we remain unbeaten in the league and I know the lads have trained hard last week with a view to this week's 2 games.

You may have seen our Flexi-ticket appeal online whereby we are trying to sell 30 more Flexi tickets for this season (12 games for the price of 10) in order to buy ourselves out of an existing utility contract which would ultimately save us £10,000 over the course of a year. If you attend most of the games please consider it and save yourself, and the Club some significant money.

On Saturday with no game of our own I took the opportunity to go and watch our Frome Falcons Powerchair team in action alongside 4 members



of staff from Bristol City Community Trust. They are very interested in supporting this initiative and hopefully some support and funding will be forthcoming to help push this fantastic project forward. It was great to watch kids of all ages and with a range of physical impairments, or none, be able to compete on equal terms in a fast paced and exciting sport - it's well worth seeing if you have the chance.

Replica shirts are also now available from the club website www.weareba11.com as well as a small range of the merchandise which we will be adding to over time so if you want to show your support for the

Robins, or are looking for some presents please take a look.

Following tonight's game we host Highworth Town next Saturday so it would be great to see as many of you as possible here again for that one - enjoy the game and fingers crossed for another positive result.

G Collinson

Gary Collinson
Operations Director

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FROM THE DUGOUT



Welcome back to Badgers Hill for tonight's game against Slimbridge. Last weekend we picked up a point against Willand.

It was probably our worst performance of the season, and we still picked up a good point which has to be a positive. Willand were very good opposition on the day, and as I said pre match, were better than the league table suggested.

FROME'S BEST POINTS RETURN AT THIS STAGE FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS.

I am sure they will climb the table soon enough if they continue to perform as they did against us.

However, we need to be better. We were as far away from the levels of performance we put in against Barnstaple the previous week as possible. We have looked back at the game as a group this week and analysed aspects of the performance which we weren't happy with. We have trained exceptionally well the last week and I am hopefully we will see a reaction tonight.

We go into tonight's game on the back of a free weekend, which will have given everyone (players and supporters) the chance to take a breath after a hectic first few weeks of the season. I am hopeful we will see a fully rested, hungry and motivated group tonight to ensure our great start continues.

The weekend off also gave us all the opportunity to reflect and take stock as sometimes with games coming thick and fast, you quickly move on to the next, and rightly so. But sometimes it is worth stopping and assessing things.

Over the first 7 league games we have won 5, drew 2, accumulating 17 points which is the best points return at this stage for at least 10 years by some 6 points. We have scored 15 goals, the most goals in that time, and conceded 5 which is the least.



YOU WIN NOTHING AFTER 7 GAMES.

Its not only on the pitch where we are performing, as total attendances after the first 5 home games are only second over that same 9 year period, behind what we saw back in 2012 which included a 400+ gate against Chippenham, but still better than all other years including 2017, 16 and 15 which also included early home games against Weymouth and Chippenham respectively, which takes some doing!

We have also not had a gate lower than any of the previous lowest gates seen in that time period, which again is a massive plus and shows you are all consistently getting out to support the lads. So a massive thank you to everyone who has come out so far.

But you win nothing after 7 games, and we know how football can change quickly. So lets put that to bed and move on. Tonight will not be easy for sure. After a tricky start losing the first 3 games, Slimbridge have since gone on to win the last 3 league games.

After a 4-1 win at Mangotsfield they will be coming to us flying high on confidence.

Once again, on behalf of the players I would like to thank you for your support, hopefully you will enjoy the game and cheers us on to a good home win.

Danny Greaves

Danny Greaves
Manager

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OCTOBER FIXTURE CONFIRMATIONS

October is well and truly "Cup Month", so get to know your cups and what stages are to follow. Here's confirmation of our upcoming fixtures for October. As always we'll let you know any changes as soon as we have them.

Tue Oct 1st - 7:45pm

Somerset Cup - Bridgewater Town (H)

Sat Oct 5th - 3pm

League - A.F.C. Totton A (a)

Mon Oct 7th - *7:30pm*****

CSS League Cup - Melksham Town (a)

Sat Oct 12 - 3pm

Buildbase FA Trophy (Prelim) - Bideford (h)

Sat Oct 19 - 3pm

League - Larkhall Athletic (a)

Sat Oct 26 - 3pm

TBC - Buildbase FA Trophy 1Q
(If we progress)

Sat Nov 2 - 3pm

League - Sholing (h)

Somerset Cup

This is the first round of the cup with 25 teams entered. 9 matches in the first round with 7 teams given byes. The winner will play a max of 5 games to lift the Somerset Cup.

Odd Down v Paulton Rovers
Wellington v Wells City
Shepton Mallet v Bath City FC
Ashton & Backwell United v Wincanton Town
Larkhall Athletic v Street FC
Frome Town v Bridgewater Town
Radstock Town v Portishead Town
Clevedon Town v Keynsham Town
Welton Rovers v Brislington

Byes: Bishop Sutton, Bishops Lydeard, Cheddar, Hengrove Athletic, Taunton Town, Weston Super Mare, Yeovil Town FC.

CSS League Cup

We were given a bye in the last round and have drawn Melksham Town (a). The draw is weighted to give less travel at the early stages.

Buildbase FA Trophy (Prelim)

The Trophy, which is open to clubs from Steps 1-4 and has 296 teams involved this season, the extra preliminary is being held on Saturday 28 September. The winners from that round will head into the preliminary round on Saturday 12 October. We have been drawn against Bideford at home.

There are 10 rounds for us to navigate and like the FA Cup the financial rewards are there as an incentive for the teams. Progressing through the Preliminary Round will earn £2,250 to the club and the roughly the same for the next two rounds, then it steps up around a £1,000 per round. The winners will walk away with over £100k in prize money.



8. ROB HOBBS





WHAT THE FANS SAID...

Here's our roundup of comments following the draw against Willand Rovers.

Before the season I couldn't believe the positivity
Coming from a just relegated club. I felt the vibes of a
club that wanted to move up again and I've not been
disappointed. Not suprised over 300 there today..
Another game without defeat, another positive.
Come on you reds.
Paul Eastwood

Looking like a solid side can't win them all good watch
keep the support coming
Fenton Morse

Another end to end game, and a decent crowd
considering it was show day. Entertaining again and
great to see some old faces, and some youngsters
making a noise.
Gary Collinson

A gate of 305? Tremendous!
Chris Axon

Couldn't be there today but enjoyed the commentary.
Pleased to see that the crowds are on the up.
Peggy Collinson

*[Freddie didn't comment this week so we'll include his
regular comment]*

UTFD!
Freddie Prandy



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WILLAND ROVERS

1

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

MOM: Brown

Goals: Hailston (pen)

Team: Brown, Cooper, O'loughlin, Teale, Maidment, Davies, Monks, Hailston, Smith, Mannings, Cottle

Subs: Mapstone, Bath, Lenihan, Hobbs, Peck



Frome and Willand played out a fast paced contest in front a crowd of 305 at the Hill. The game became defined by two penalties with Hailston and Brown the heros for Frome.

The game started lively and the was no signs of Willand playing like a team at the bottom. Organised with a game plan to play out and force Frome back. The contest instantly became end to end. A few half chances fell the way of Frome Town, before Willand had the first real chance on 10 mins with Brown making his first of many

telling contributions with an excellent save to his left.

On 22 mins, Mannings breaks down the right, playing a beautiful pass with the outside of his left foot through to Hailston, who hits a shot tamely to the keepers right.

The deadlock was broken on 29 minutes by Willand Captain Joe Curtis. A fast break from a throw down the right saw Rob Brown make a fantastic save and have to claw the ball back at the second attempt as the The clearance goes back to the edge and Joe Curtis curls it into the top right.

Frome responded with a fast breakaway that saw a teasing cross from O'Loughlin turn into a goal mouth scrabble. The clearance lands at Davies feet who put the final shot wide.

The game swung in Frome's direction as the pressure build. Cooper worked the ball down the right and fizzed in a low cross. Hailston reacted quickest to get in front of the last defender and the flick was enough to bring Hailston down.

Hailston stepped up and put the ball into the bottom left with the keeper left with no chance.

Halftime at the Hill allowed the crowds to catch their breath after a lightening paced first half.

Frome started the second half brightly. A swift series of one touch passes on the edge of the box created an opportunity for Cottle, who hit his shot straight at the keeper.

Willand reacted promptly with their biggest chance. Six yards out a clever turn sees the forward with just Brown to beat. He thundered the shot high and Rob Brown matched it. As Rob continued to prevent Willand from getting back in front.

Then Mannings broke away down the right, beating two before cutting in to fire agonisingly wide.

Next it was Davies turn as he stroked the ball towards the top right corner from 25 yards out, however keeper Searle acrobatically pushed it around the post. The crowd were on their feet as the end to end action at the hill continued.

Then the defining moment of the match. Teale was judge to have caught the forward in a incident similar to the penalty in the first half. However the penalty was saved by Rob Brown down to his right and the follow up was cleared off the line by an O'Loughlin overhead kick.

The pace did not let up and the introduction of Ryan Bath, helped Frome keep more possession in the Willand half as the pressure started to build. But it was Willand that hit the bar on 88 mins with a long range header, followed by a second chance saved by the legs of Rob Brown.

The last few minutes of injury time saw Frome have a few free kicks that were well dealt with by Willand.

A draw was a great result for both teams as this was a game that truly could have gone either way.



REACTION

Paul Amor

Team didn't flow today. Couple players out of position. Lucky to get a point.

Steven Perry

That's ok 1.1 still unbeaten keep going frome.

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THE TRAGIC STORY OF ABDELHAK NOURI



By Rob Bird

The Story of Abdelhak Nouri. In the hustle and bustle of day to day life in Amsterdam, the streets of smaller, more suburban areas like Geuzenveld are mostly overseen. For a teenage Abdelhak Nouri however, those streets were the foundation to what looked to be an incredible footballing career.

Nouri, 22, was a player that arose from a sea of talent at the Ajax academy, alongside players (and close friends) Donny Van De Beek and

Frankie De Jong, De Jong being one of Barcelona's latest additions for a fee of £65m. Nouri's elegant, skilful playing style prompted comparisons to Spanish legend Iniesta, something which certainly whet the appetites of many Ajax fans.

However, on July 8th 2017 in a friendly game against Werder Bremen in the Austrian Alps, he collapsed and due to 'inadequate response times' now is in a hospital bed suffering from severe brain damage.



It was said that the night before Ajax's match at the small, Linden Hippach stadium, Nouri had been suffering from stomach pains and had slept little. In the 72nd minute, shortly after replacing winger Hakim Ziyech, Nouri slowed, looked up to the sky and collapsed into the grass.



Upon arrival at hospital, scans showed some positive signs in regard to Nouri's condition, while he lay in an induced coma, although later tests unfortunately shone light on serious brain damage, suffered while Nouri struggled.

It has since been revealed by ex-Manchester United goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar, that if response times were quicker, in regard to arrival, recognition that cardiac arrest was present and applying use of a defibrillator rather than focusing on 'clearing airways from club doctors', Nouri's condition could have potentially been much better.

After teammate Klass Jan-Huntelaar panicked and signalled for help, it took just under a minute for all medical personal in the stadium to be at Nouri's side.

Amid players praying and others crying, doctors diagnosed Nouri had suffered from cardiac arrest, and began administering CPR. Around 7 minutes later a defibrillator was connected and used in the resuscitation process, before emergency services arrived to eventually rush Nouri to hospital via helicopter, in a described 'serious, but better condition'.

"We recognise our responsibility and liability for the consequences of this". Today in Amsterdam, so may tributes are in place to remind everyone what a sad loss Nouri was to football, but also to remind him, himself to stay strong, from a banner behind a goal in Geuzenveld he used to shoot in, reading: 'Appie 4 Ever', to a display in





the entrance of the Ajax museum, that states: 'Stay strong Nouri'.

Teammate Van De Beek has also opened up about sitting aside Nouri's bed, much alike how they did after playing football while growing up. Furthermore, upon his agreement to sign for Barcelona in January 2019, De Jong visited Nouri in hospital to talk to him and tell him the good news. 'Any interaction is positive'.

Since Nouri has exited his coma and gained a low level of consciousness, there have been some signs of improvement, including limited communications, such as using his eyebrows to signal yes or no. Although recovery is possible, the chances are extremely low, and the chances of Nouri playing professional football again, even lower.

'A true Ajax heart', according to fans, and one that will never be forgotten.



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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

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Alex Monks (Midfielder)

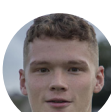
Alex is a good all round midfielder with aggression but also composure on the ball. He came through the Bristol City youth set up before his development was halted through a serious injury. Joined Frome in 2018.

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

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PLAYER FEATURE: REX MANNINGS

FEATURE BY ROB BIRD

Is it too early to get excited?

Frome's terrific start in the league has played tribute to the hard work the players and manager Danny Greave's chewed into over summer, and one man who will certainly be crucial this year is youngster Rex Mannings, who believes Frome's hunger to win will be their biggest asset this year.

"The main thing that has changed from last season is our hunger and desire to win and finish in the promotion places. The morale in the squad has risen too, all things which are looking promising".

From an individual perspective, Mannings is a thrilling attacking player who has the ability to turn a game on its head with one key pass or dribble. Because of his promise, I was intrigued to know what his goals were for Frome this season:

"My ultimate goal is just to help the club finish in a promotion spot, but personally I'd love to try and get more goals and generally just progress as a player".

Of course, any budding talent looks up to role models during their climb on the footballing ladder, something Mannings has clearly done, his discipline and mentality when

preparing for a game, extremely impressive and comparable to some of the best.

"Before a game I always have scrambled eggs, nice and simple but great protein. I also make sure to have a good music playlist to help get me psyched.

"I have a few superstitions too which I'm sure help me on the pitch. Being left footed, I always put my left shin-pad, sock and boot on before my right counterparts and am always last out the changing room, I swear it helps".

If you watch Mannings play from the stands at Badgers Hill, it's clear to see his enjoyment and thrill of playing in the red Robin's shirt shine through, something further supported through his admission of loving playing for Frome.

"My favourite thing about playing for Frome, is playing for Frome. I love making the fans happy and I am always looking for success.

"We'll have some tough games this year, like against Thatcham who I think will be extremely difficult opponents, so it's important to play with a passion and factor of enjoyment".



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Of course, as I always say – for big games, big players are required, and for Mannings, one individual stands out amongst a crowd of potentials.

"**Jon Davies** for me will be our most important player this year, he's definitely brought something to the team we needed last year. However, golden boy is always looked at as being the 'best goalscorer', I could go around the whole team and pick loads of players who deserve an award".

Time to stir the pot then, best banter?: "For me it has to be **Bathy or Tealey**, so quick to take the mick and they'll act on anything.

"Worst has to be **Rob Brown**, just because he's literally never said anything funny. Literally nothing".

Best trainer?: "Has to be **Jonny Gorman**, he hits top bins every training session and glides through people with the ball, proper impressive".

Worst dressed?: "Jon Davies without doubt, he wears the most extravagant socks I've ever seen, may as well rock up to training on his skateboard.

"I saw **Tealey** taking it out on my dress sense in an earlier programme too though, so for the record I know he's just jealous, he ain't on my level".

Aside from a questionable dress sense though, one thing Mannings is known for is his appreciation of all the fans who turn up to support and cheer on the Robin's as they press for promotion this season. To you all, he wanted to express thanks.

"Thank you so much for all the support you've given us so far this season. I love having you by our side and can't wait to progress together".





ASA VS...

A very spirited performance from Willand last week in the 1-1 draw, meant that none of our predictors were on the mark. So yet again it's Asa rubbing his hands as none of the challengers were able to put a dent in his early lead.

This week the challengers are mainly opting for home wins against Slimbridge. Which given Slimbridge's recent rise up the table with 3 wins in their last three games could be a bold prediction. Billy has stepped in the spotlight with a draw prediction, which will see Billy jump up to second or see him drop to the bottom if Frome win. But fortune favours the brave. We just hope he's wrong!

This week Asa has gone for Frome 2-1 Slimbridge, which was matched by 3 of the other challengers. So a correct 2-1 win would see some gaps appearing in our league table. A 1-0 win will see Patrick level with Asa at the top.

THIS WEEKS PREDICTIONS

Asa: Frome 2-1 Slimbridge
Geoff: Frome 2-1 Slimbridge
Basher: Frome 2-1 Slimbridge
Billy: Frome 1-1 Slimbridge
Patrick: Frome 1-0 Slimbridge
James: Frome 2-1 Slimbridge

LEAGUE TABLE AFTER WEEK 5

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|----|---------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Asa | 7pt (3 correct, 2 exact) |
| 2 | Patrick | 5pt (3 correct, 1 exact) |
| =3 | Basher | 3pt (3 correct, 0 exact) |
| =3 | Billy | 3pt (3 correct, 0 exact) |
| =3 | Geoff | 3pt (2 correct, 0 exact) |
| =3 | James | 3pt (2 correct, 0 exact) |

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

ASA WILKINSON

Self-proclaimed biggest Frome fan

Last week prediction :

Frome 4-0 Willand

GEOFF MORTON-NORRIS

Chairman of our supporters club

Last week prediction:

Frome 4-1 Willand

BILLY WRIGHT

Fan, former player and host of MNKO on Frome FM.

Last week prediction:

Frome 3-2 Willand

JAMES BURGOWNE

Frome Communications manager

Last week prediction:

Frome 4-1 Willand

SHAUN "BASHER" BAKER

Super star, Kit man and Frome fan

Last week prediction:

Frome 3-1 Willand

PATRICK MOSS

MNKO host, sponsor and football connoisseur

Last week prediction:

Frome 3-0 Willand

LAVERSTOCK & FORD

1

FROME TOWN

3

WOMENS

Frome Town Women opened their second league game of the season came after a week off with a trip to Laverstock & Ford near Salisbury. Frome started a little off the pace in the first 10 minutes with Laverstock knocking the ball around comfortably out from the back but with no real cutting edge further up the field.

After a few speculative long range efforts by the hosts Frome began to grow into the game with a few passages of play getting in behind Laverstocks defence but lacked the killer instinct when presented with half chances. McGregor had the best of Frome's chances after the home keeper charged out upending Christmas just outside the area but failed to hit the intended target. Both teams went into break at 0-0 with Laverstock having the greater possession but Frome creating the better goal scoring opportunities.

Frome started the 2nd half with more urgency and at a faster pace and took the lead on 51 mins with good pressure higher up the field on the left. Isaacson and Christmas pressing in tandem the latter picked the full backs pocket and fed Petteford the ball to strike home powerfully from 10 yards out. Frome women were now playing with more confidence and were pushing for a 2nd, playing the ball around confidently and Petteford nearly got another with her goal bound shot well saved by the home keeper. With 65 minutes gone Christmas with her pace and

persistence got Frome a free kick near the byline and McGregor struck a fine pinpoint cross to the back post to find the well timed run of Perkins who rose above everyone to power home a thunderous header for her 1st of the season.

Laverstock now two down made a couple of changes and started to cause Frome a few problems with the back four and midfielders having to work really hard to keep them at bay and Restorick in goal making some important saves but their pressure paid off as a penalty was awarded for a hand ball on the line. Restorick got a strong hand on the resulting 12yard strike but saw the ball agonisingly spin and creep over the line.

On 86mins after plenty of huff and puff from the home side Frome sealed the deal with the dangerous McGregor picking up the ball on the edge of the area, shifting the ball nicely and sweetly striking the ball into the bottom corner.

A well deserved 3 points on the road for Frome, with Perkins picking up the supporters player of the match for her strong performance and organisation at the heart of the defence and her goal.

Next week the women are back at Badgers hill to take on Penmill Ladies. Why not come along and show your support free admission.





South West Regional Women's Football League

| POS | TEAM | PLD | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | PTS |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Frome Town LFC First | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 2 | Sherborne Town Ladies First | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 3 |
| 3 | Swindon Spitfires FC Womens 1st | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| 4 | Pen Mill Ladies First | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| 5 | Trowbridge Town Ladies | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 6 | Forest Green Rovers Women First | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | -1 | 1 |
| 7 | Laverstock & Ford (Ladies) First | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | -2 | 1 |
| 8 | Swindon Town Women FC Development | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | Swindon Supermarine Womens First | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 17 | -14 | 0 |

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If you've not attended a non-league game at Southern league level before then why not come along and visit the Badgers Hill to watch us in action?

It may not be Premier League football, but it's definitely not Sunday league football. All our players have aspirations of succeeding in football, train twice a week and are available every weekend just like the top professional.

The best bit is that we don't have VAR, the opposition fans are typically friendly and it's a very family friendly environment at Frome.

We have a clubhouse with three bars, hot food served and a snack hut for those key essentials for keeping you and your children well fed.

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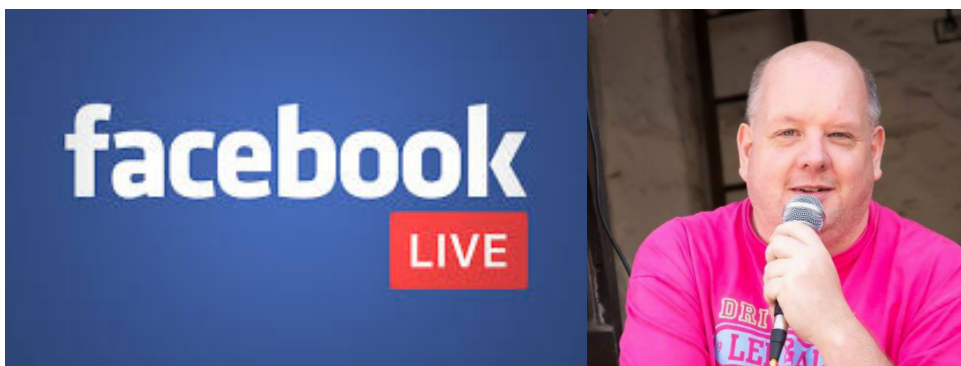
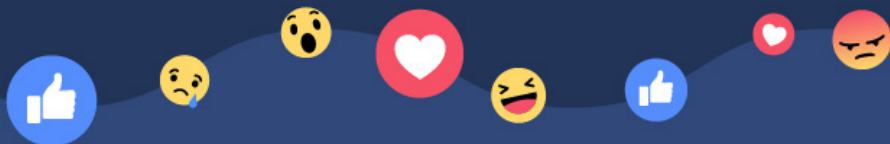
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- Your name or company named under the player's profile on the website



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We are able to offer a great matchday experience for you to enjoy a match and help to support the Robins. With our option to personally sponsor a match and enjoy a match unlike you have before.

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- Use of our new sponsor area pre game and at half time (from 1pm) and free drink per adult
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- Personal message in the matchday programme (if provided prior to the Tuesday before a matchday)
- Signed programme by the team
- Select Man of the Match, have your photo taken with the MoM after the match and meet the manager.

*If you wish to invite additional people get in touch with us prior to any booking.



10% discount to any existing partners looking to purchase a matchday sponsorship.

WATCH: FROME QUIZ BOOK LAUNCH

The Frome Town Quiz Book and Memoirs from the Hill has been launched. Watch our introduction video with author Kevin Snelgrove and pick up a copy from the club shop.

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TODAY'S VISITORS...

FOUNDED: 1902

NICKNAME: SWANS

HOME: THORNHILL PARK

DISTANCE FROM BADGERS HILL:
43 MILES



In The Beginning

The Club's history can be traced back to the 1899/1900 season playing in local football at various venues in and around the village. A gap in the records suggests there may have been a couple of seasons when no games were played, and thus, officially, the Club's centenary was celebrated in 2002/03. It was not until 1951 that the current ground at Wisloe Road was acquired, after a former player, Evi Thornhill, bequeathed it to the Club in his Will.

Point Of Collapse

By 1988, a point of collapse approached, but fortunately, a handful of committee members kept the Club afloat. The following season local businessman Paul Chappell arrived. The Club was stabilised and construction of new changing facilities, to County League standard, were completed.

Start Of A New Reign

As playing standards improved, the building of a long awaited Social Club commenced in the 1998/99 season. The following year saw the introduction of John Mack, a successful local entrepreneur, as Chairman. In the summer of 2001, Doug Gray was appointed Manager.

After achieving the Runners-up spot in their first season in the Gloucester County League, the club were accepted into the Hellenic League. Hellenic Division One West was won by an eleven point margin

in 2002/03 and with it, promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division, where a creditable fourth place finish was achieved in 2003/04. In a marvelous season the club also claimed the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the G.F.A. Challenge Trophy.

Arrival Of Floodlights

The summer of 2003 saw the floodlights installed. A pre-season visit from Conference side Forest Green Rovers on 22nd July, produced a then ground record attendance of 427 to witness the inaugural floodlit game at Wisloe Road. A few weeks later on Sunday 24th August, that ground record was beaten at a Bank Holiday Hellenic Premier Division fixture that was part of the 2003/04 annual 'Ground Hop' weekend. Local rivals Shortwood United provided the opposition in front of a crowd of 525.

Rise To New Heights

Season 2006/07 proved the most successful in the Club's history to date, with both the First Team and Reserve side recording League and Cup doubles, with the added bonus of record-breaking F. A. Cup and Vase runs for the senior side as well. In the F.A. Cup, a five match run from the Extra-Preliminary Round finished at Merthyr Tydfil in the Third Qualifying Round. Along the way there were memorable wins against two other Southern Premier sides, 2-1 at Yate Town and 3-1 at home to Chippenham Town.

It was six matches in the F.A. Vase before defeat was tasted, the run ending in the Fifth Round Proper at home to the eventual winners, Truro City.

In the Hellenic Premier Division, a solid start was established. Due to the Cup runs, and then bad weather, which led to a record number of postponements during the subsequently extended season, half a seasons fixtures had to be played in the final two months. A tremendous effort saw the Club bring the Championship Shield to Wisloe Road, the winning margin being three points over second placed North Leigh.

There was a rousing performance in the G.F.A. Trophy Final against Almondsbury Town. A 3-1 victory not only retained the Trophy, but recorded a third success in four seasons in that competition.

Promotion To The Southern League

Alongside the playing success, progress in the improvement of facilities allowed the First Team to be accepted into the BGB Southern League Division One Midlands for Season 2007/08, the highest level that the Club have ever operated at.

Return To A New Beginning

On July 10th 2007 the club decided not to take up the opportunity of playing in the BGB Southern League Division One Midlands for Season 2007/08, instead the club reverted back to the Gloucester Northern Senior League.

Climb Back Up The Ladder

Four promotions followed as the club regained their previous status. The reins were handed over to Leon Sterling.

Switching Leagues

After three top six finishes in the Hellenic Premier League, The Swans applied for a transfer to the Toolstation Western Premier League, a move approved by the FA in the Summer of 2013. This season

represents the Club's first season in this league.

Return To The Southern League

After two seasons in the Toolstation Western Premier League, a third place finish at the end of the 2014/15 season gave the Swans a second opportunity to return to the Southern Football League. This time the club accepted the offer and took their place in the South and West division finishing a credible 18th.

Welcome To Thornhill Park

At the start of the 2016-17 season prior to our annual freindly fixture with neighbours Forest Green Rovers, the football ground in Wisloe Road was renamed in honour of the gift in 1960 from former Chairman Evi Thornhill of the land the club still occupies to this day.

Evi's son, Tony and his wife Margaret were on hand to cut the ceremonial ribbon, and Tony made a short heartfelt speech about how much the renaming meant to him and the entire Thornhill family, and how honoured they were that the football club had recognised their father in this way.

Changes On The Bench

After a run of poor results the club parted company with manager Leon Sterling in December 2016, his assistant Freddy Ward continued in the role for the following season brining in Lee Driver-Dickerson as his assistant and former Gloucester City player Lee Smith as player coach. After tough year, just avoiding relegation Freddy Ward stepped down as first team manager at the end of the 2017/18 season. Driver-Dickerson taking up the reigns.

Progression Through Youth

A new Under 18's team, entering into the Midland Floodlit Youth League, Division 1 for the 2018/19 season. The move was a resounding success, seven of the Under 18 players stepping up to first team football during the season and Lewis Adams taking the number one jersey for the majority of the season.

Another step forward

At the start of the 2019/20 season the clubs fifth in the Southern League. Alex Lumsden an academy coach at Bristol Rovers and former Swansea player Dion Chambers joining Lee Driver-Dickerson's backroom staff.



LAST SEASON

Last season saw Slimbridge finish 18th in the division following a disappointing season for the Swans.

SLIMBRIDGE PROFILES

2019/20

MANAGER - LEE DRIVER-DICKERSON

Lee is in his second full season as manager after being assistant to Freddy Ward in 2017/18, a good motivator who is dedicated to the cause. Lee will be keen to improve the league position of the Swans this season after a couple of tough years.

ASSISTANT MANAGER - ALEX LUMSDEN

Alex has joined us during the summer having had spells at Stonehouse Town, Brimscombe & Thrupp and Bishops Cleeve. Alex holds a Uefa B Licence and coaches at Bristol Rovers Academy. He is an excellent appointment and has already shown a 'very professional approach in his work here at Thornhill Park.

LEWIS ADAMS

Lewis is in his second season with the club having progressed through our U/18s side. A very good goalkeeper who has a bright future ahead of him.

JOEL WHITE

Joel was recruited in the summer from Tuffley Rovers, a strong defender who will be looking to impress at Thornhill Park this season

WILL PECK

Another youngster recruited from Gloucester City in the summer, has shown plenty of promise Pre-season and will be another who will be looking to push on this season.

BEN AITKEN

Ben signed pre season after playing at Bishops Cleeve last season, a young midfielder who will be looking to establish a place in the first team this season.

JACOB WADDINGTON

Another success from our U/18s. Jacob is a very competitive defender who is in his second season with the Swans.

TOM HANDLEY

Tom is a new recruit from Gloucester City and has signed on dual registration, formerly at Cheltenham Town Tom will be looking to cement a place in the Swans back four.

JOEL LETORI

Joel has come highly recommended having played for Cardiff Met in the Welsh Premier League, formerly with Willand Rovers and Cullompton FC.



MANAGER - LEE DRIVER-DICKERSON

AARON NESBETH

A 20 year old defender who joined us in the summer from Gloucester City, Aaron has impressed in pre season and will be looking to press on.

CHRISTIE TURNER

Slimbridge's player of the year last season, a strong lad with a good head, reads the game well, a popular figure here at Thornhill Park.

ONE TO WATCH

JACK HORRELL

Jack has a wealth of experience, formerly with Bishops Cleeve, Brimscombe & Thrupp and Evesham Utd, a strong midfielder and a good passer of the ball.

SAM MENDES

Sam is in his second season with the Swans, formerly with Westfields FC, Sam is another lad who will be looking to gain a regular place in the first team this season.

RYAN BECKINSALE

Ryan is a young midfielder and has signed after playing for Fairford Town last season, has impressed in pre-season and has a big year ahead of him.

MIKE FORD

Mike joins the Swans having played for Bishops Cleeve last season, another player who has had a good pre season and will further strengthen the Swans midfield.

ADAM BLOOMFIELD

Another young player who has progressed through our U/18s, top scorer for our youngsters last season and also ended up league top scorer, Adam will be looking to do the same this year but at Southern League level.

MYRON TURNER

A popular lad here at Thornhill Park, in his second full season having previously played for Longlevens FC

DEAN TURNER

Club Captain who needs no introduction here at Thornhill Park, supporters player of the year last season, always gives 100%.

DION CHAMBERS

Dion has joined us during the summer and has already become a favourite with the fans, played in Wales for Briton Ferry Fc, has a lot of skill and will add vital experience to our midfield.

WILL HAWES

Top goalscorer here at Thornhill Park last season, Will has a very good eye for goal and is a very skilful player, he will be looking to notch plenty more for the Swans this season.

JAMIE MARTIN

Another Popular figure here at Thornhill Park, a very loyal player who has improved with age, Jamie is a regular goal scorer and will be another looking to impress again this season.

SOL WANJAU-SMITH

Sol has joined us in the summer having been scoring regularly for Cribbs FC in the Western League Premier Division. A pacy winger who will cause opposition defences plenty of problems.

LEIGHTON TUODOLO

18 yr old striker who did well at Thornbury Town last season, another who has impressed in pre Season, plenty of pace, looks an exciting prospect.

RHYS SARSON

Rhys is a new signing for us and has already made a big impression in pre season, a strong forward player who holds the ball up well, Rhys has also played for Mansfield Town.



CLUB FACTS

Full name:
Slimbridge Association
Football Club

Nickname:
Swans

Founded:
1902

Ground:
Thornhill Park (1,500)

Last season:
18th

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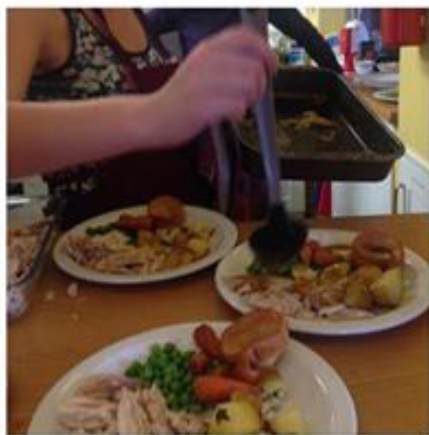
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IF YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY...

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 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 Division 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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TABLES & STATISTICS

| Pos | Team | Pld | W | D | L | +/- | Pts |
|-----|--------------------|-----|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| 1 | Frome Town | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | +10 | 17 |
| 2 | Thatcham Town | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | +8 | 17 |
| 3 | Paulton Rovers | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | +8 | 16 |
| 4 | Mangotsfield | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | +6 | 12 |
| 5 | Evesham United | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | +3 | 11 |
| 6 | Larkhall Athletic | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
| 7 | Cinderford Town | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| 8 | Slimbridge | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | +2 | 9 |
| 9 | Cirencester Town | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | +2 | 9 |
| 10 | Highworth Town | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | -1 | 9 |
| 11 | Winchester City | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | +2 | 8 |
| 12 | Bideford | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | -4 | 7 |
| 13 | Melksham | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | -4 | 7 |
| 14 | AFC Totton | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | -5 | 7 |
| 15 | Sholing | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | -4 | 6 |
| 16 | Barnstaple Town | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | -11 | 6 |
| 17 | Moneyfields | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | +1 | 5 |
| 18 | Bristol Manor Farm | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | -3 | 5 |
| 19 | Willand Rovers | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | -5 | 4 |
| 20 | Basingstoke Town | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5 | -7 | 2 |

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS

| | | | |
|----|----------------|-------|-----------------|
| FT | AFC Totton | 3 - 1 | Basingstoke |
| FT | Larkhall | 1 - 3 | Paulton |
| FT | Melksham Town | 1 - 1 | Thatcham Town |
| FT | Slimbridge | 4 - 1 | Mangotsfield |
| FT | Willand Rovers | 1 - 0 | Barnstaple Town |

TODAYS FIXTURES

| | | | |
|------|---------------------|----|-----------------|
| 7.45 | Frome Town | vs | Slimbridge |
| 7.45 | Mangotsfield United | vs | Winchester City |

TOP SCORERS

| | | | |
|----|------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| 1 | Ben Bament | Paulton Rovers | 5 |
| 2 | Jonathan Davies | Frome Town | 6 |
| =3 | Soloman Wanjau-Smith | Slimbridge | 5 |
| =3 | Thomas Hillman | Mangotsfield United | 5 |
| =4 | Will Hailston | Frome Town | 4 |

(8 players on 4 goals)



RED

- ❑ 1. Rob Brown
- ❑ 2. Mark Cooper
- ❑ 3. Joe O'Loughlin
- ❑ 4. Sam Teale (C)
- ❑ 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

Referee: Ryan Saward

Assistants: Michael Halford
Mark Loughlin

Observer: David Waller

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GREEN

- ❑ Joe Wright
- ❑ Jack Goodhall
- ❑ Will Peck
- ❑ Myron Turner
- ❑ Ioan Richards
- ❑ Joel White
- ❑ Leighton Toudolo
- ❑ Dean Turner (C)
- ❑ Adam Bloomfield
- ❑ Ryan Beckinsale
- ❑ Sol Wanjau-Smith
- ❑ Christian Turner
- ❑ Mike Ford
- ❑ Dion Chambers
- ❑ Jack Horrell
- ❑ Tyrone Tucker-Dickson
- ❑ Danny King

Manager: Lee Driver-Dickinson

Assistant: Alex Lumsden

Sat 28th Sept (h) - Highworth

Tue 1st Oct (h) Som Cup - Bridgwater