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WELCOME TO THE HILL



Firstly I hope everyone had a great Christmas and is looking forward to the New Year.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, staff, directors and supporters of Cinderford Town and hope their short stay with us is an enjoyable one. Our earlier meeting this season was the proverbial "game of two halves" and I'm sure Cinderford will be looking for revenge today as both clubs will be looking to achieve a play off position at least this season.

To say the Christmas period has been disappointing would be more than an understatement. Last time out at Badger's Hill we faced current league leaders Thatcham Town who were second at the time and it's fair to say they were never in the game. However with Frome leading 2-0 and just 20 minutes to play the officials decided that conditions made it dangerous to continue and the game was abandoned, reminiscent of our Boxing Day game at Tiverton a couple of years back. Hopefully we can perform at the same level in the rearranges game and if there is any justice secure the points.

We had a collection for the food bank at the Thatcham game where an incredible 102 kg of food was donated and this is something we will repeat.

A huge thank you to the supporters, staff and players from both sides that made contributions.

Boxing Day this year saw us travel to Melksham Town where we suffered a somewhat humiliating 4-1 defeat in what was undoubtedly our worst performance of the season when nothing seemed to click at all. Hopefully this was just a blip and we will see a return to form in today's encounter.

As you can see the pitch is still not in great condition after the Thatcham game but credit must be given to manager Danny Greaves, Derek Graham and Basher for hand rolling it on Saturday and the players who helped getting some of the divots out for today's game to go ahead. We thank them for their efforts and commitment.

Enjoy the game as we look to get back on track today, and please get behind the players.

Happy New Year

G Collinson

Gary Collinson
Operations Director

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18. DAN COTTLE





FROM THE DUGOUT

Good afternoon and Happy New Year to you all.

We kick off 2020 with today's home game against promotion challenging rivals Cinderford Town.

I have a lot of respect for their manager Paul Michael and what he has done at Cinderford. He went in during difficult times and has now turned them into a real force with a very clear identity. They proved what a tough opposition they will be in our first meeting when although we walked out 4-1 winners, it could have easily been a different outcome based on the first half where they dominated completely.

We go into today on the back of what was only our first defeat on the road and second league defeat this season. We went the entire first half of the season losing one game which is an unbelievable achievement, we will now aim to make sure the Boxing Day defeat will be our only defeat in the second half of the season. Is that realistic with 17 games to play?

Probably not, but that is the standard we have tried to set and we will go out in every game to try and win, and if we can't win, we do all we can to not get beat.

Boxing Day was not good enough by our standards, and I apologise to all the traveling fans. However those who have watched us regularly both home and away, will hopefully recognise that has not

been the level of performance we have been putting in, and was by far our worst performance of the season. It was complete chalk and cheese with the performance a few days earlier when we played the league favourites Thatcham off the park.

We were missing a couple of key players, but that is no excuse as the squad is more than strong enough and I back anyone of them to come in and perform. The lads have been immense, and have shown superb work ethic, ability, and togetherness in the first half of the season which is why we are where we are.

Even though it is the Christmas period, we were in on Saturday to continue to work hard and prepare in the right way for today's game, and hopefully we get our rewards with 3 points and kick off what should be an exciting year for the club.

Enjoy the game, and blow off those hangovers by really getting behind the team today.
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Danny Greaves
Manager

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LEAGUE CUP - REARRANGE

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We would love to thank you all for your amazing contributions to our foodbank appeal for our charity partner Fair Frome. Your generosity has been outstanding with nearly 200 donations made by our fans, our players, fans from Thatcham and even from one Linesman.

Special mention to St Johns School whose students made Christmas stockings filled with toys and sweets.

Thank you all!



CHRISTMAS AT THE HILL

This year we were able to continue our tradition with Frome's Big Christmas Get Together to host 200 people to Christmas Dinner.

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MELKSHAM TOWN

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FROME TOWN

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BetVictor Southern League Division One

Goals: Davies

Team: Brown, Cooper, O'Loughlin, Teale, Mapstone, Hobbs, Simpson, Davies, Maidment, Monks, Cottle.

Subs: Locke, Peck, Mannings, Lenihan, Hallett

Frome Town's Christmas period woes continued with a heavy defeat in the Boxing Day derby away at Melksham Town. The hosts set the early pace and were pressing Frome hard all over the pitch, breaking the deadlock as early as the 7th minute where former player and captain Luke Ballinger was allowed a free strike from well outside the area which flew past Brown in the Frome goal.

The half continued in much the same vein with Melksham closing down the Frome midfielders creating mistakes or dispossessing them but they were unable to increase the lead and it was the visitors, against the run of play, who drew level when a fine long pass was collected by Jon Davies who beat the last defender and steered the ball past Bartlett to send the teams in level at half time with their only real chance of the half.

Frome started the second half more brightly with a couple of half chances but the game soon returned to the earlier pattern with Melksham totally in control and they reinstated the lead on 70 minutes with a goal from substitute Albie Hopkins against his home Town team.

Just 3 minutes later Ballinger raced onto a through ball as the Frome defence stood and watched and lobbed Brown comfortably.

5 minutes later it became 4 as a fine strike was well saved by Brown onto the post, only for the ball to drop to Romanski who volleyed home the final goal.

The result and performance whilst disappointing needs to be taken in context and is only the second of the season.

Manager Danny Greaves and the large number of Frome supporters in an impressive crowd of 702 will be looking for a reaction when we face Cinderford at Badger's Hill on New Years Day.



KANE SIMSPON





FROME TOWN

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THATCHAM

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BetVictor Southern League Division One - ABANDONED 75 Mins

Goals: Monks (2)

Team: Phillips, Cooper, Maidment, O'Loughlin, Teale, Mapstone, Monks, Simpson, Smith, Davies, Mannings.

Subs: Brown, Lenihan, Hobbs, Peck, Monks.



Click the image to watch Monks finish his penalty to put the Robins 2 nil up.

Thatcham will be smiling into the Christmas break as the referee stopped the match with 15 minutes to play due to "Player Safety" concerns.

In a match that had heavily been billed as a potential league decider with both teams in impressive league form. However Frome produced a dominant display that saw the Robins race to a 2 goal lead.

The pitch had passed a referee inspection prior to the start of the game but as the game started the pitch cut up pretty quickly in the rain. The rain was a constant throughout the match as the playing conditions were tough but as most people would say "I've played on much much worse".

Frome's midfield were on song, with Monks and Davies setting the early tone. The first big chance fell to Kane Simpson, as a loose challenge found Simpson free on the edge of the box. Kane hit the shot too hard as it flew just over the bar. The pressure kept coming in waves and on 16 minutes a moment of magic from Davies as he beat a player easily before being felled clumsily in the box. Alex Monks stepped up and dispatched the penalty in style. Then on 22 minutes, the referee played a great advantage in the centre of the park. The ball run free to Monks, who looked up and hammered home a wonderful strike from over 25 yards into the bottom left hand corner.

The first half was totally dominated by Frome Town as chances came and went with Simpson and Cooper coming close to increasing the Robins lead.

At half time the rain seemed to be slowing down and any concerns of an abandonment looked premature.

The second half started as the first with first Kane Simpson putting wide from close range, followed by Matt Smith putting one

over the bar following great work from Mannings on the wing.

With the game starting to slow and Frome comfortable in possession, a free kick was awarded to Frome on the halfway line. With the referee about to start play the linesman signalled for a conversation, the result was the referee declaring the match abandoned as the rain started to come down again.

The boos rang out around the Hill, as much bemusement at the referee's decision followed as many thought if the game had been safe at kick-off and Halftime, there was no real difference in the 75th minute.



FANS REACTION

Dave Watkins

I don't really get that decision. The pitch was no worse when he ended it than it was at half time even before the game. Aside from the ball getting held up by the mud occasionally, I didn't spot too many issues? The few dodgy tackles were not caused by the pitch

Steve Pearce

Such a pity it was abandoned, the Town were far superior and 2-0 absolutely flattered Thatcham, poor old Simmo will be having nightmares about the chances he missed. Excellent crowd today just shy of 400

Michael Ford

Referees have to look at player safety which I get BUT no one was falling over and on that part of the pitch the tackles were fine..... Thatcham used that to their advantage Frome goal? He kept us in the game when it was still 1-0, made several outstanding saves



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT: JAMES MOON

FEATURE BY ROB BIRD

Frome will likely look back on the last week or so as a bit of a scuff on an otherwise fairly stellar campaign, a commanding 2-0 lead against Thatcham on December 21st stolen away by the referee due to a waterlogged pitch, followed by a difficult 4-1 defeat to Melksham. This week we spoke to Assistant Manager James Moon about all things Frome and football.

"Overall the boys have been fantastic this season, we have a tight group of 18 who have all bought into our expectations on and off the pitch. Their commitment has been excellent, although there is always room for improvement and we as management will ensure the boys don't become complacent and continue to become better players".

As a whole, Frome's domestic campaign this year is stark in contrast to that of last season.

James gave us some insight into the methods behind Frome's dramatic up rise.

"The mentality in the group is so much stronger than last year, we have a team who want to train, work

hard and improve. In all this has made everything go smoother, the boys want to do things the right way and enjoy being a part of what we as a club want to achieve.

"But it's still one game at a time, after the disappointment of last season it would be great to bounce straight back with promotion, but we should be realistic too. I think the play-offs are a possibility but we're not getting carried away.



After learning about how Danny Greaves got into coaching in an earlier programme feature, it was equally interesting to unearth the journey Moon has undertaken to be in his current position today.

"I've always been interested in coaching, I felt I didn't fulfil my potential as a player but am hopeful I will as a coach".

"I studied sport and exercise science with coaching at University and since then have gone onto obtain my UEFA B licence and also become a qualified teacher which led me into my current teaching job at Bath College."

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"My personal aspirations are to keep learning and improving, eventually I'd love to work full time as a football coach".

Most crucial in the making of a good coach though, is the backing of a good philosophy. Moon allowed us a peak into the way he prepares Frome's players for matchdays.

"My philosophy differs depending on the oppositions strengths and weaknesses. Yes, we have a structure and like to play with variety to keep our opponents guessing, but ultimately I believe if there is a strong team willingness to figure out your opposition and a positive attitude and mentality, you will win more games than you lose.

One team that certainly would win more games than they would lose though is Moon's 'dream 5-a-side team', which features some pretty exceptional talent, namely: GK: Schmeichel, CB: Ferdinand, RM: Best, LM: Ronaldinho and ST: Gascoigne.

Regardless of footballing ability though, a coach is essential to any individual or team that are to be successful. Moon represents a man whose drive and passion for football and Frome is evident, and with his tactical and management know-how alongside that of Danny Greaves', who knows what Frome are capable of achieving in the future.





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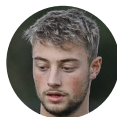
Rob Brown (Goalkeeper) Sponsored by Frome Cricket Club 3XI
Rob signed for Frome in January 2019 having spent the first half of the season with Paulton Rovers, having gained promotion from the Western League the season before with Melksham Town. A young 'keeper who continues to improve.

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.

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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



Kane Simpson (Striker) Sponsored by Mr and Mrs Collinson
Kane Simpson returns for his second stint at Frome Town. With over 25 goals in the last 12 months, Kane will be looking to grow his reputation of scoring further.

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**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.

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**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

**Lewis Ellington (Striker)**

Lewis Ellington from Western League side Bradford Town Injuries curtailed Ellington's impressive spell in Bristol Rovers academy, where he scored over 30 goals in their Youth and Development sides.

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.

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**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.

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**Alex Hallet (Defender)**

New signing to the squad over the summer who has impressed on this first few outings.

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**Johnny Gorman (Midfielder)**

Joined in the summer from local football after a successful trial. Pacey and direct and offers something different in attack.

Other Squad members: Rickie Scott



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CINDERFORD

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FROME

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BetVictor Southern League Division One

Goals: Davies x3, Lenihan

Team: Brown, Cooper, O'Loughlin, Mapstone (c), Hallett, Peck, Davies, Hobbs, Hailston, Cottle, Smith

Subs: Teale, Mannings, Monks, Lenihan, Bath

Cinderford dominated the start of this game and had several shots from range without really troubling Rob Brown in the Frome goal. Frome's first Attack didn't come until the 18th minute with only one or two more opportunities before the half drew to somewhat luck 0-0 end with the hosts having the majority of the possession and chances.

Danny Greaves made changes at half time with Cottle and Hailston coming off for Mannings and Lenihan. Frome started much more brightly with a different formation and took the game to their hosts.

On 58 minutes a Smith effort was well saved Davies followed up to score 1-0 and got his second on 65 minutes at the 3rd attempt after 2 shots were blocked.

Mannings had a shot blocked on the line before Cinderford pulled one back in the 81st Frome the edge of the area. Mannings again was just wide from corner of area and later round keeper and was brought down.

No penalty was given and he recovered to feed Davies edge of area for his hat trick. Martin Lenihan rounded it off in injury time when he carried the ball half the length of the pitch to score Frome's 4th.



4. JON DAVIES

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The modern club was formed in 1922 and joined the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League. They were runners-up in 1935–36 and 1937–38, before winning the league in 1939–39. They subsequently joined the Bristol Charity League, but the league closed down two weeks into the 1939–40 season due to World War II. After the war the club joined Division Two of the Western League. After winning Division Two in 1956–57 they were promoted to Division One. However, the club left the league at the end of the 1958–59 season.

Cinderford subsequently rejoined the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and were champions in 1960–61 and runners-up in the next two seasons.

They joined the Western Division of the Warwickshire Combination in 1963, and were both League Cup winners and Western Division champions in 1964–65 after which they moved up to the Premier Division of the West Midlands (Regional) League in 1965. In 1968–69 the club reached the League Cup final, drawing 1–1 with Kidderminster Harriers, with the league declaring them joint winners. In 1969 the club transferred to the Gloucestershire County League, finishing as runners-up in their first season, and again in 1971–72 and 1973–74. In 1974 they joined Division

One of the Midland Combination, which became the Premier Division

in 1983. They won the League Cup in 1982–83, beating Bridgnorth Town in the final. However, they returned to the Gloucestershire County League at the end of the 1983–84 season. In 1990 the club joined Division One of the Hellenic League, which they won at the first attempt, earning promotion to the Premier Division. After winning the Premier Division, the Premier Division Cup and the Floodlit Cup in 1994–95, the club were promoted to Division One South of the Southern League.

The 1995–96 season saw Cinderford reach the first round of the FA Cup for the first time. After beating Bromsgrove Rovers 2–1, they lost 3–0 at Gravesend & Northfleet in a second round replay. The club were transferred to the Division One Midlands in 1998, and back to the renamed Division One Western in 1999. In 2000–01 the club won the Gloucestershire Senior Cup, beating Bristol City 1–0 in the final. They were moved back to the Division One Midlands in 2006, before returning to Division One South & West in two years later. In 2015–16 they won the division and were promoted to the Premier Division. The club initially tried to refuse promotion due to concerns about increased costs, but this was rejected by the Football Association

In 2016–17 Cinderford finished bottom of the Premier Division and were relegated.



CINDERFORD TOWN

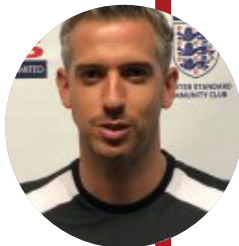
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WHO IS IN CHARGE?

MANAGER

PAUL MICHAEL

A former Welsh Premier League and Southern League player with Haverfordwest County & Clevedon Town respectively, Paul took over as player-manager of his hometown club Risca United at just 25. Paul led Risca from the bottom of Welsh League Division 3 to back to back promotions before moving to Cinderford Town as manager in November 2016.



ONE TO WATCH

DEFENDER

ANDY LEWIS

6 Goals (league)

Now in his third spell with the club, Andy, nicknamed 'Swans' due to originally coming from Swansea first arrived at the Causeway. Andy returned from Shortwood last summer but left for a brief spell with Evesham. Andy is an experienced defender who is one of the most talented defenders you will see with the ball at his feet.



LEAGUE STATS IN NUMBERS

5

Cinderford have gone five games without a win in the league. They last won back on 16th November 4-3 away to Totton.

15

Cinderford have scored in every single league game this season
#consistent

4

The Foresters are 1 of only 4 sides to take a point off of Thatcham this season. Finished 2-2 with a late goal from Thatcham.

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Cinderford have 7 different scorers in the league this season.

LAST 5 MATCHES

CINDERFORD	1-2	SLIMBRIDGE	L
WILLAND ROVERS	2-1	CINDERFORD	L
CINDERFORD	2-2	CRIBBS (GLOS SEN CUP)	D
THATCHAM	2-2	CINDERFORD	D
HAVANT & WATER.	3-1	CINDERFORD (FA TROPHY)	L

CINDERFORD TOWN PROFILES

- SELECTED SQUAD PLAYERS

2019/20

Sam Turl

Sought after full back who arrives from Slimbridge where he has amassed many Southern League appearances and experiences. Sam is a former Gloucester City youth player who is quick, an excellent defender one v one and gets forward very well from right back.

Liam Angel

'Ange' is a former Cardiff City youth player, Newport County professional and Wales international right up to under 19 level. Liam arrived from Newport County last summer and grew into his first season in senior football. A physical player who will not shy away, likes to pass the ball with an excellent left foot.

Blaine Waugh

Joined the club as a winger in the summer of 2016, Blaine is one of the longest serving players going into his third full season with the club. Lightening pace and ability to go past people are clear but Blaine is also excellent in the air. Since Paul Michael arrives at the club Blaine has been developing his ability to play at full back so look out for him on the right wing or at right back this season.

Craig Norman

A stonemason by trade and known for his cricket like shin pads 'Norm' had an outstanding season last year finishing as Players' Player & Supporters' Player of the year whilst also finishing top goal scorer despite playing many games at full back! Norm has an eye for goal, uncompromising style and winning attitude which makes him a supporters favourite at the Causeway.

James Harding

'Hards' is another Hartpury student originally from High Wycombe now living in Gloucester. Joined Gloucester City in 2016 but has been hampered with injuries over the last couple of seasons. Hards made an impression when signing with Cinderford mid way through last season a lethal finisher with an excellent first touch.

Ben Watkins

Signed from Merthyr Town mid way through last season Ben is a tenacious midfielder & farmer from Abergavenny. Started out at Cardiff City Ben will relish the opportunity to build on an excellent first season although those attackers midfielders he played against last season may not feel the same.

Matt McDonald

Going into his second season at the club Matt was Young player of the Year last season after arriving from Hereford. An amazing first touch and unrivalled engine Matt is a central midfielder with a huge future in the game. Cousin of namesake Dan, Matt is a supremely talented young player for whom the sky is the limit.

Lorcan Sheehan

'Lorcs' is the third member of the title winning squad in the current squad and well known at this level for his ability and composure on the ball which is second to none. The former Forest Green, Evesham and North Leigh player arrived mid-way through last season and had a huge impact on results at the end of the season.

Andy Lewis

Now in his third spell with the club, Andy, nicknamed 'Swans' due to originally coming from Swansea first arrived at the Causeway after re-locating to study at Worcester University. Now a Primary School teacher Andy returned from Shortwood last summer but left for a brief spell with Evesham. Andy is an experienced defender who is one of the most talented defenders you will see with the ball at his feet.

Nick Rhodes

The second member of the title winning squad in the current squad, left for a spell at Evesham before returning in the middle of last season. Nick is an outstanding defender who will be looking to put a couple of seasons blighted by injury behind him and show again the form that led Cinderford Town to a record number of clean sheets in the title winning season.

Jordan Dibble

19 year old Goalkeeper who arrives from Cwmbran Celtic in the Welsh League Division 1 to battle with Harris for the number 1 jersey this season. Keep your eyes out for this young man as he is an outstanding talent that will no doubt develop rapidly due to his professional attitude, determination and from working with Alex & Ryan Mackerness. Jordan is an excellent shot stopper and has a wonderful left foot.

Other squad members

Kieran James
Logan Bowkett
Kieran Alder
Marley Thomas
Isaac Hatcher
Ethan Moore
Josh Hunt



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AUGUST 2019 - SL DIV 1

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THE RISE AND FALL OF THE CSL?



Comments by Rob Bird

It's no secret that the Chinese Super League (CSL) has quickly become one of the world's most powerful sporting organisations since it was founded in 2004, mainly due to a seemingly bottomless piggy bank.

This is somewhat due to a huge cash injection in 2015, after Chinese President Xi Jinping announced he had ambitions to 'make Chinese football teams the best in the world', ambitions then quickly supported through an estimated 1.2 billion dollar investment from China's business community, who took Jinping's comments as a 'request'.

Such an injection quickly saw mega-transfers from all over Europe rumoured, with players like Chelsea's

Oscar in 2016 persuaded by a £60 million transfer from Shanghai SIPG FC, and PSG's Ezequiel Lavezzi falling to the temptation of £400,000 per week contract to join Hebei China Fortune.

However, such financial power naturally brought worry to Europe's many supreme leagues, with the departure of Premier League stars alike Oscar and Paulinho to China, in turn luring spectators' attention overseas too.

However, lucrative moves to China could soon become a thing of the past for many footballers, with a Christmas Day announcement stating that a new wage cap has been implemented that will only allow





players to be paid up to £2 million a season after tax (approximately 40,000 per week).

Additionally, clubs will not be allowed to spend more than £121 million on their annual operations once the regulations are put in place during the winter transfer window.

According to Chinese FA chairman Chen Xuyuan: "Our clubs had too much money burned and our professional football has not been run in a sustainable way....If we don't take timely action, I fear Chinese football will collapse."

Since the wage-cap has been implemented, former European players Oscar, Hulk and Paulinho have all be linked with moves back to the likes of England, Spain and Germany, although it's suggested their services may not be as sought after as previously imagined.

Using Lavezzi once more as an example, the Argentine winger performed well at Napoli to earn himself a 2012 transfer to French giants PSG, but then struggled to cement a first team spot amid

competition from the likes of Angel Di Maria and Edison Cavani.

This eventually further fuelled his ambition to move away and start afresh. However, after several years of showing no noteworthy footballing ability, videos emerged almost instantly of Lavezzi going on skilful, effortless dribbles around Chinese defenders that only highlighted the gulf in ability compared to European players. Because of this, it's predicted players returning from China will find it difficult to return to high European standards.

Only time will tell whether China will build in a more financially sustainable manner that will in the future allow them to become a real competitor to European Leagues, or whether the CSL will return to a smaller scale, unable to attract high class players.



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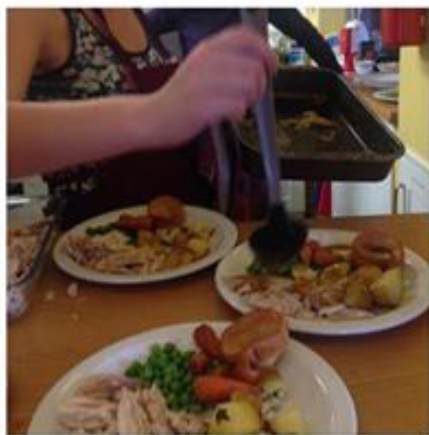
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IF YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY...

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. 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 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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ASA VS...

So the last round was null and void due to the abandonment of the match. Which to his credit Patrick predicted an abandonment, then when pushed for a score said 2-0 Frome. So couldn't be more spot on! But... get's Patrick nothing in this game! (Sorry Patrick). As if the game had stayed at 2-0 Patrick would have jumped up to the top of the board with Asa and the race would be on.

I can't believe that we'll go another week without a correct scoreline being guessed. Again everyone's gone on the league positions and backed Frome to come away with all 3 pts. Will anyone of our players come away with all 3pts as well?

THIS WEEKS PREDICTIONS

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

LEAGUE TABLE

1	Asa	11pt (7 correct, 2 exact)
2	Patrick	9pt (7 correct, 1 exact)
=3	Basher	7pt (7 correct, 0 exact)
=3	Geoff	7pt (7 correct, 0 exact)
=5	Billy	6pt (6 correct, 0 exact)
=5	James	6pt (6 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 2-1 Winchester

JAMES BURGOWNE

Frome Communications manager

Last week prediction:
Frome 3-0 Winchester

GEOFF MORTON-NORRIS

Chairman of our supporters club

Last week prediction:
Frome 2-1 Winchester

SHAUN "BASHER" BAKER

Super star, Kit man and Frome fan

Last week prediction:
Frome 1-1 Winchester

BILLY WRIGHT

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

Last week prediction:
Frome 3-1 Winchester

PATRICK MOSS

MNKO host, sponsor and football connoisseur

Last week prediction:
Frome 3-2 Winchester

MATCHES THIS SEASON

Comp	vs Team	H/A	Res	Score	Att	Scorers
LG	Highworth Town	A	W	0-1	132	Hailston
LG	Bideford	H	W	3-0	282	Davies (2) Hailston
FAC	Tavistock	A	L	3-1	-	Hailston
LG	Cinderford	A	W	1-4	172	Davies (3), Lenihan
LG	Mangotsfield	H	W	2-1	285	Hailston, OG
LG	Evesham	H	D	1-1	242	
LG	Barnstaple	H	W	3-1	229	Mannings, Cottle, O'loughlin
LG	Willand Rovers	H	D	1-1	305	Hailston (pen)
LG	Slimbridge	H	L	1-2	202	Mannings
LG	Highworth	H	D	1-1	252	Mannings
SCUP	Bridgewater	H	L	0-2	102	
LG	AFC Totten	A	W	2-3	246	Mannings, O'Loughlin, Davies
LCup	Melksham Town	A	W	1-3	258	Davies (2), Lenihan
FAT	Bideford	H	W	2-1	252	Snith, Hobbs
LG	Larkhall	A	D	2-2	255	Mannings, Simpson
LG	Cirencester	A	W	1-2	124	Cottle, Mannings
FAT	Thame	A	W	1-2	74	Mannings (2)
LG	Sholing	H	W	1-0	217	Mannings
LG	Barnstaple	A	W	0-2	130	Simpson, Mapstone
FAT	Carshalton	A	L	3-5	197	Davies (2), Smith
LG	Paulton	H	W	2-0	455	Davies, Cottle
LCup	Dorchester	H	W	p 1-1	148	O'Loughlin
LG	Moneyfields	A	D	2-2	92	O'Loughlin, Smith
LG	Basingstoke	H	W	8-0	266	Cottle (3), Mannings (2), Hobbs Lenihan, Simpson
LG	Winchester	H	W	2-0	240	Simpson, Smith
LG	Melksham Town	A	L	1-4	702	Davies

TABLES & STATISTICS

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Thatcham Town	17	13	3	1	42	15	27	42
2	Frome Town	19	12	5	2	42	19	23	41
3	Paulton Rovers	16	10	2	4	39	24	15	32
4	Evesham United	19	9	5	5	37	28	9	32
5	Winchester City	16	9	3	4	33	23	10	30
6	Slimbridge	18	9	1	8	37	34	3	28
7	Larkhall Athletic	16	8	4	4	27	24	3	28
8	Cirencester Town	18	8	2	8	33	28	5	26
9	Cinderford Town	15	7	3	5	30	26	4	24
10	Mangotsfield Utd	18	7	3	8	30	34	-4	24
11	Melksham Town	17	6	5	6	35	36	-1	23
12	Bristol Manor Farm	16	6	4	6	24	27	-3	22
13	Highworth Town	18	6	4	8	24	28	-4	22
14	Willand Rovers	16	6	1	9	23	21	2	19
15	Bideford	17	5	3	9	27	35	-8	18
16	Moneyfields	14	4	4	6	23	29	-6	16
17	Sholing	13	5	-	8	17	19	-2	15
18	AFC Totton	16	3	3	10	24	40	-16	12
19	Basingstoke Town	17	3	3	11	24	45	-21	12
20	Barnstaple Town	20	3	-	17	19	55	-36	9

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS

AFC Totton	P - P	Sholing
Basingstoke	P - P	Moneyfields
Bideford	3 - 2	Barnstaple
Bristol Manor Farm	2 - 1	Willand Rovers
Cinderford Town	1 - 2	Slimbridge
Evesham United	0 - 0	Cirencester
Highbury	1 - 3	Larkhall Ath
Mangotsfield	3 - 1	Paulton Rovers
Melksham Town	4 - 1	Frome Town
Thatcham Town	2 - 1	Winchester City

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

1=	Ben Bament	Paulton Rovers	12
1=	Lee Chilton	Evesham United	12
3=	Felipe Barcelos	Thatcham Town	11
3=	Lewis Powell	Larkhall	11
5=	Jack Ball	Melksham Town	10

8=	Rex Mannings	Frome Town	9
8=	Jon Davies	Frome Town	9
-	Andrew Lewis	Cinderford	6

LEAGUE TOP SCORING TEAMS

1=	Frome Town	42
1=	Thatcham Town	42
3	Paulton Rovers	39
4=	Evesham United	37
4=	Sllimbridge	37

9	Cinderford	30

LEAGUES MEANEST DEFENCES

1	Thatcham Town	15
2=	Frome Town	19
2=	Sholing	19
3	Willand Rovers	21
5	Winchester	23

8	Cinderford	26



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- ❑ 7. Jon Davies
- ❑ 8. Rob Hobbs
- ❑ 9. Kane Simpson
- ❑ 10. Ryan Bath
- ❑ 11. Matt Smith
- ❑ 12. Lewis Ellington
- ❑ 13. Kyle Phillips
- ❑ 14. Warren Maidment
- ❑ 15. Martin Lenihan
- ❑ 16. Rex Mannings
- ❑ 17. Alex Monks
- ❑ 18. Dan Cottle
- ❑ 19. Alex Hallett
- ❑ 20. Johnny Gorman
- ❑ Rickie Scott

Manager: Danny Greaves

Assistant: James Moon

Referee: Jack Clench

Assistants: Nathaniel Rehman
James Hooper

UPCOMING MATCHES:



YELLOW/ORANGE

- ❑ Andrew Hannah
- ❑ Sam Turl
- ❑ Logan Bowkett
- ❑ Nick Rhodes
- ❑ Andy Lewis
- ❑ Liam Angel
- ❑ Blaine Waugh
- ❑ Matt McDonald
- ❑ Ben Watkins
- ❑ Craig Norman
- ❑ Lorcan Sheehan
- ❑ Kieran Alder
- ❑ Marley Thomas
- ❑ Isaac Hatcher
- ❑ Ethan Moore
- ❑ Josh Hunt
- ❑ James Harding
- ❑ Kieran James
- ❑ Jordan Dibble

Manager: Paul Michael

Assistant: Andrew Smith

Sat 4th Jan (a) - Bideford

Tue 7th Jan (a) - LCup - Swindon Sup.

Sat 18th Jan (h) - Cirencester