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WELCOME TO THE HILL



I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, staff, directors and supporters of Cirencester Town and hope their short stays with are both enjoyable.

It does seem bizarre to be playing each other twice in a couple of days, mainly due to the vagarie's of the weather which has thrown things a bit out of kilter.

Our earlier meeting this season saw us come away with a 2-1 victory in October and Cirencester will no doubt be seeking revenge in these fixtures.

We secured a valuable win here on New Year's Day against Cinderford but suffered another defeat away at Bideford the following weekend where we dominated the first half without scoring from a number of chances and ultimately paid the price although we are still sitting nicely near the top of the table we have lost some ground on Thatcham who are above us with games in hand also.

This makes the abandonment of that game even more annoying as we await a rearranged daté.

We did however record a fine victory, on a penalty shoot out, against Swindon Supermarine in the league cup the outcome of which is Tuesday's fixture.

We also welcome Toby Maguire to the club, and Harry Thomas-Barker who is on a work experience loan from Bristol Rovers.

This week also saw the news of the passing of Gerald Butland. We will be holding a minute silence at the start of Saturday's game. Geralds will be held on 30th Jan 2.30pm at Shepton Mallet crematorium with the congreation returning to our clubhouse afterwards.

Finally, you will start to hear some more updates from the club and the board over the next few days and weeks. As we've previously mentioned the club is on the brink of some significant changes as we all look to secure the long term future of the club and start to take real strides towards our club goals that we outlined around 20 months ago now. We will endeavour to keep you all informed with as much information as we can.

I hope you enjoy both games against Cirencester Town and come on you Robins

Collinson

Gary Collinson **Operations Director**

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FROM THE DUGOUT

Welcome back to Badgers Hill for today's game against Cirencester, which will be the first of a double header with us also meeting again this coming Tuesday in the quarter final of the southern league cup. Once again I am expecting another tough game. We scraped through against last season's playoff team by the odd goal earlier on in the season. They have recently changed their manager with John Brough taking over and have seen positive results and a number of very good signings with players of experience at this level and above. They will have aspirations of making the playoffs again this season so we know we have to be on top form to get anything from the game.

We go into this game on the back of a free weekend, and a frustrating postponement on Tuesday, so we will have had a 10 day break since our last game.

Our last game was against Swindon Supermarine in the cup which we won on penalties to set up the quarter final tie on Tuesday. We put in an excellent performance and fully deserved our win against a very strong side flying high in the league above.

We had a long chat as a group before this game, as we had been very disappointed with our last 3 performances over the Christmas period. We wanted to get back to being us. Playing our way with and without the ball. Being brave, positive and aggressive in everything we do. We

addressed a few things tactically, but more importantly addressed a few things in our mindset and approach and I think those who travelled saw something close to the real us. We built on these things in training during this break, and hopefully we can take this into today's game.

Overall the season has been a success at this stage so far, but that has gone, and we must now try to replicate that over the second half, starting with today.

On the player front Kyle Phillips has returned to the squad for the foreseeable future with is a massive coup after keeping 5 clean sheets in his short 6 week stint. To that end Rob Brown has joined Bitton on dual registration and we thank him for his services over the last 12 months.

Johnny Gorman returned to the squad last week against Swindon following long term injury so I am hopeful we will see more and more of Johnny in the up coming weeks. We haven't seen anything like the real Johnny Gorman, so if we get him back, get him fully fit, he will be like a top new signing.

Hope you enjoy the game today and also return for the cup quarter final on Tuesday.

Danny Greaves Manager

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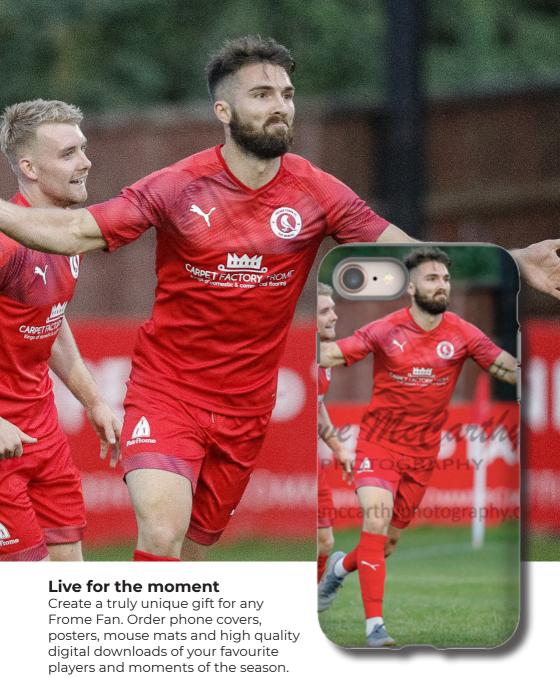
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT: MARCUS MAPSTONE

FFATURE BY ROR BIRD

With Frome's eyes still firmly fixated on the ultimate promotion prize, Danny Greaves may look back on the festive period with mixed reviews, Frome still in an excellent position, but one that could've been easily improved. This week I caught up with Marcus Mapstone, to discuss all things Frome.

"We've been a bit up and down over the festive period. Obviously, we're not happy with a couple of our results, but ultimately we need to stick together as a group to bounce back to winning ways as

quickly as possible.

"Looking back on the first half of the season we couldn't have done much more. On a whole our performances have been good, we 've just been unlucky that Thatcham are also having a great season, otherwise I think we'd be runaway league leaders."

With that one Thatcham sized hurdle left to conquer in the second half of the season, I was intrigued to investigate whether Greaves had implemented any tactical changes from Frome's previous performances – Would potentially perplexing Thatcham with revised factics be

worth the risk of damaging Frome's exceptional football?

"No, we haven't changed a great deal at all. We've had a few injuries and suspensions to deal with, but every team goes through that. We just haven't been at our best at times over Christmas, hence the small blip in form".

Similarly, to tactical changes,

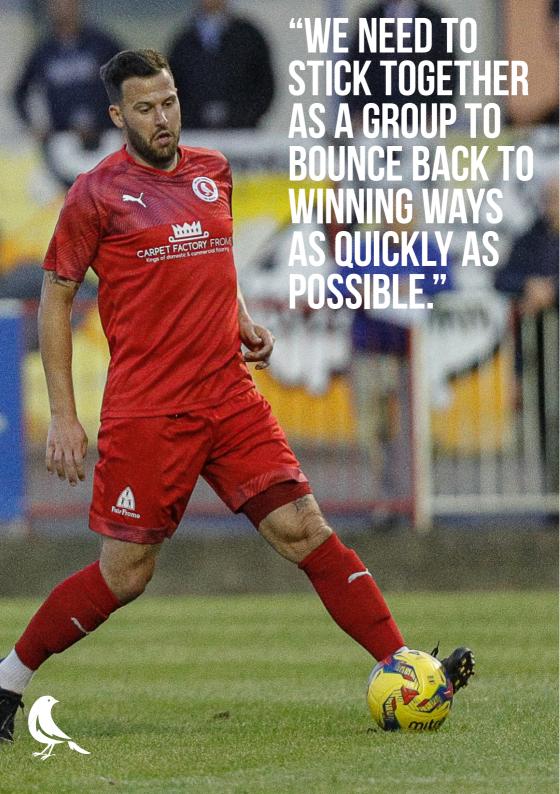
Mapstone also shone light on whether he'd be making any 2020 new year alterations:

"I try to avoid new year's resolutions as I find them far too easy to give up on. If I was going to make one this year it wouldn't be football related

instead it would be to lower my golf handicap.

"I do have a small pre-match ritual though in the sense I consistently require my pre-match caffeine boost, usually in the form of an energy drink. Age isn't on my side anymore, so any extra boost is welcomed!"

Although age may not bring improved stamina and increased drive however, it does help in some ways – for example reassuring yourself on your



dress sense, when you look back on those teenage pictures in disgust at that flamed shirt you're wearing.

On that note, Mapstone gave us an insight into who is the Gok Wan of East Somerset.

"Apart from myself, the best dressed has to be Tealey, He's pretty sharp on a night out to be fair, I think his barnet helps him out.

"Worst dressed is Monksy, although a few spring to mind. He comes to training in all sorts of different gear, I've given him the nickname scrapyard!"

And finally, best trainers – not as in Nike's – as in 'best at training'.
"Rex Mannings is the hardest worker in training by a mile, the kid loves football and his enthusiasm is unrivalled, he's like a dog chasing a tennis ball at times.

"Smithy is the worst, he gets a fine most weeks for being useless! He just tries to shoot from anywhere and everywhere, and ends up getting the ball nowhere near the goal".

Although so many components go into making a successful football club, from player ability, manager, squad morale, finances and so on, the single most important thing and main driving force behind Frome's ongoing success is the consistent support from loyal fans. To you, Mapstone had a few words:

"Thank you for your support through the first half of this season, please continue getting behind the lads right until the end and hopefully we can repay you with promotion".





BetVictor Southern League Challenge Cup.

Goals: Cottle

Penalties: Gorman, Mannings, Smith, Hobbs, Maguire, Teale Team: Thomas-barker, Cooper, Teale, Peck, Davies, Simpson

Smith, Maidment, Mannings, Cottle, Hallet

Subs: Maguire, Locke, Hobbs, Monks, Gorman

Last night saw us move onto the quarter finals of the League Challenge cup with a win away against Swindon Supermarine.

Swindon flying high in the Prem at the moment rung some changes, but presented a strong and difficult challenge for the Robins



Click the image to watch the highlights

After a blip in the this seasons fantastic form, the Robins were keen to refind their impressive form and this was a great challenge against another side full of confidence.

Frome lined up with familar faces but with the chance for Alex Hallett to get another start after his early season good form.

Mark Cooper returned from suspension to regain his right back slot. In goal we were delighted to Harry Thomas-Barker on a youth loan from Bristol Rovers.

The match began at a good pace, with both defences leading the way as many great passing moves from both sides were snuffed out by some fine defending. The only incident to go into the referees book was a yellow card for Cottle. The Marines thought they had taken the lead in the 44th minute, for the goal to be chalked off for offside.

The second half saw Swindon try to press home their early advantage, but our defence held strong. But on 56 minutes we came close to taking the lead when the ball fizzed across the goal for the keeper to make a fine save.

Even as the final changes were made from each side, the game always felt there was a goal in it and it came in unfortunate circumstances as Thomas-Barker miskicked a goal kick and Fleetwood was there to lob the ball back over the keeper to make it 1-0.

The celebrations were short lived, as for the kick-off as we went straight down into the Swindon box, where a penalty was awarded. Cottle dispatched the penalty to make it 1-1. Then in the 89th minute the ball fell to Mannings who fired the ball over and the match headed to penalties.

The penalties were enthralling as Swindon went 2-1 up after 2 penalties each. To see that bought back to 2-2, 3-3, 4-4, 5-5, Then came the misses both teams skied penalties, before the Marines smashed one off the bar and away. Up stepped Sam Teale to bury the winning penalty to put us through to the next round.



FANS REACTION

Billy Wright Well played lads

Yvonne Grant Brilliant result

Freddie Prandy

Good performance tonight against strong opposition

John Meaden

Well done good effort frome town

Duncan Davison

Well done you REDS!

Keith Dyer

Young keeper looked really good, Maguire also fitted in well and took a good pen

Gavin Maguire

Well done lads & well done Toby Maguire

Peggy Collinson

Well done!

Asa Wilkinson

Home quarter final as well. Who skied the 2nd but last one (penalty).

Brian Philpin

Excellent result lads well done

Steven Perry Well done boys

Colin Jefford

Well done Boys.

Norma Neale

Well done xx



BetVictor Southern League Division One

Goals: Hobbs (x2)

Team: Brown, Cooper, Maidment, Mapstone, Teale, O'Loughlin, Monks,

Hobbs, Davies, Mannings, Simpson. (Peck 73')

Subs: Locke, Hallett, Cottle, Ellington.

Rob Hobbs' New Year's Day brace helped Frome Town recover from their Boxing Day blues, as The Robins won 2-1 at home against Cinderford Town.

Robins manager Danny Greaves made one change to his side following the shock 4-1

defeat away at Melksham Town, as Rex Mannings came in for Dan Cottle.

Hobbs gave The Robins the lead after ten minutes, as he slid the ball home from close range, following some consistent pressure from the home side.

The opening 45 minutes meandered consolidate and somewhat after The Robins opener, as there was much end-to-end football being played with little end product. consolidate and started to exert.

The Robins midfielder secured his brace just before half-time, as he latched onto a nice throughball after evading then Cinderford defence before slotting it past the visiting 'keeper.

The visitors would find their way back into proceeding, just after the break, as Frome 'keeper Rob Brown fumbled a cross into the back of the net.

After The Foresters equaliser, the second half settled into the same end-to-end rhythm of the first 45, as neither side found themselves being able to carve open an opportunity for themselves.

A couple of unforced errors from the hosts gave the Gloucestershire side a foothold in the game, but they weren't able to consolidate and build on the pressure they started to exert

The hosts would hold on for the victory as The Robins roared into the twenties with another victory, as they look to close the gap between them and league leaders Thatcham Town.





BetVictor Southern League Division One

Goals: Davies

Team: Brown, O'Loughlin, Maidment, Mapstone, Teale, Peck

Hobbs, Davies, Mannings, Simpson, Monks

Subs: Smith, Hallett, Lenihan, Greaves, Moon

Frome's first away trip of 2020 saw them venture to North Devon and Bideford Town where there is a long history of games between the respective clubs. With Mark Cooper suspended and Dan Cottle sick Chris Peck came into the starting 11.

The pattern of the game was unusual with both teams playing the long ball and Frome not really settling into their usual passing game. The first chance for the visitors came in the 9th minute when Kane Simpson did well to create himself a chance, beating the goalkeeper only to see his shot rebound off the inside of the post.

The deadlock was broken on 18 minutes when a long pass from Maidment found Simpson who cleverly flicked on for Davies to beat the last defender and score. Frome survived a penalty appeal before Bideford had their best chance of the first half, Brown saving a forced strike well and the rebounded effort being blocked by the defence to go in with a slender lead at half time

Bideford emerged a changed team in the second half and had the visitors under almost constant pressure from the start with Frome rarely threatening until the half hour mark when Kane Simpson appeared to be impeded as he rounded the goalkeeper but nothing was given and Brown was again called upon to keep the lead intact.

Bideford secured a somewhat freak equaliser when a clearance smashed an attacking player in the face and rebounded to the striker who was free to score easily past Brown on 74 minutes. A minute later Alex Hallett recieved a straight red card for a foul as the last defender.

Bideford's second, and winning goal came on 82 when a free kick from the right side was steered back across the face of goal for an easy tap in.

Frome has one chance to draw level through Davies but the home goalkeeper made a great save and Frome were unable to convert the resultant corner

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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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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



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.



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.

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.

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

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.

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.



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



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.



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.



Alex Hallet (Defender)

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



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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Goals: Christmas, Mist, Isaacson, McGregor, Brant, Underhill

PotM: Isaacson



Click the image to watch a great strike from our left back Mary Brant.

Frome Town Women hosted Swindon Supermarine with hopes of 3 points after a narrow defeat in the reverse fixture earlier in the season and it started well with Isaacson hitting the post early doors. Frome looked up for it on a tricky heavy pitch and on 10 minutes Bristow forced the travelling keeper into a smart save from a good shot from the edge of the area, soon after Christmas broke through one on one after a great Isaacson through ball only to miss the target. Christmas relishing the slippy conditions found herself one on one again on 20 minutes but this time rounded the keeper and tucked the ball away nicely.

Frome started to turn the screw on the 10 players of Swindon and on 30 minutes Mist's fast feet in the area ended with a neat turn too good for Swindon's defender resulting in a Frome penalty, with a crowd behind the club house goal offering plenty on advice the birthday girl Mist stepped up confidently and side footed Frome's 2nd of the afternoon. Swindon still working hard up front couldn't get the better of the Frome defence who all worked tirelessly to get to the break with the 2 goal advantage.

Frome came out for the 2nd half looking to finish off the game with a 3rd and after 5 minutes did just that with a sweet strike from Isaacson leaving the visitors keeper no chance. Porch was unlucky not to get on the score sheet minutes later with an instinctive 1st time strike along with Bristow and McGregor shooting goal bound but the keeper somehow managed to keep them all out after prolonged Frome pressure. In the 75th minute McGregor's shot was too strong for the impressive visiting keeper to get anywhere near and not wanting to miss out **Brant** joined the party on 80 mins with an unstoppable left foot missile that nearly broke the net.

With Edwards,Ratcliffe, Brant and Didymus all commanding the back line expertly Restorick had an easy afternoon in goal and with the ref looking to end Swindon's afternoon of torture **Underhill** had the last say lashing home a great strike from outside the box to top off a fine Frome performance with six great goals from six different players.

The supporters player of the match was a tough one but **Isaacson** edged it for her goal and switching into a few different positions throughout the game. Next week the ladies travel to Swindon Town Development to hopefully pick up 3 more points.





CIRENCESTER TOWN

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CIRENCESTER TOWN

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The club was established in October 1889. They played in the Cheltenham League, winning the Division One title in 1927–28 and again in 1929–30.

They joined the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League in 1935, but left after two season. Returning to the Cheltenham League, they were Division One champions again in 1948–49, before winning back-to-back titles in 1954-55 and 1955-56. In 1957 they rejoined the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League, but left again after finishing second-from-bottom in 1960-61. However, they returned for the 1962-63 season. They left the league again at the end of the 1963-64 season, but returned in 1965 and were runnersup in 1965-66, before going on to win back-to-back titles in 1966-67 and 1967-68.

In 1968 Cirencester were founder members of the Gloucestershire County League, but after a single season in the new league they moved up to the Premier Division of the Hellenic League. They were relegated to Division One at the end of the 1971–72 season, but were promoted back to the Premier Division after winning Division One in 1973–74. The club returned to Division One after finishing bottom of the Premier Division in the 1977–78 season.

The 1990-91 season saw the club finish as Division One runners-up, earning promotion to the Premier Division. They were Premier Division runners-up the following season, and won the league in

1995–96, earning promotion to Division One South of the Southern League.

The season also saw them win the Gloucestershire Senior Cup, beating Endsleigh 2–1 in the final.[6] The division was renamed Division One West in 1999, and after finishing third in 2003–04, the club were promoted to the Premier Division.[5]

The next few years saw Cirencester becoming a yo-yo club as they were relegated in 2007–08 and then promoted in 2009–10 after finishing fifth and winning the promotion play-offs, beating AFC Totton 3–2 in the semi-final and Bridgwater Town 4–3 in the final.

They were relegated again at the end of the 2011–12 season after finishing bottom of the Premier Division, but returned to the division after winning Division One South & West in 2013–14. They won the Gloucestershire Senior Cup again in 2014–15, beating Shortwood United 2–0 in the final.

2016-2017 saw changes at the helm after a poor start Brian Hughes was relieved of the manager's job and Charlie Griffin was installed as his replacement. The 2017-2018 saw a brand-new state of the art 3G pitch installed at The Corinium Stadium. After a slow start The Centurions missed out on a playoff spot on goal difference and disappoint was to follow last season after finishing runners up, promotion was denied via the play offs losing to Cinderford Town FC in the semi-final by 1 goal.

WHO TO LOOK OUT FOR

WHO IS IN CHARGE?

MANAGER JOHN BRUGH

John was given the managerial post at the beginning of December 2019. John is highly experienced at Southern league level, with spells at Bishops Cleeve, Cinderford Town (where he guided them to promotion) and North Leigh.



MIDFIELDER JON DENNIS

7 Goals (league)

Tricky winger who arrives from Abingdon United having previously played at Didcot Town. Likes to beat defenders and great quality from crosses

LEAGUE STATS IN NUMBERS

The Centurians have lost just once in their last 8 games. The previous 8 saw them defeated 6 times 13

Cirencester have had 13 different league scorers this season

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 8

Cirencester have kept 8 clean sheets in 21 league matches. #Impressive

LAST 5 MATCHES

CIRENCESTER	5-3	CINDERFORD	W
MELKSHAM TOWN	3-2	CIRENCESTER	L
CIRENCESTER	0-0	HIGHWORTH TOWN	D
EVESHAM UTD	0-0	CIRENCESTER	D
CIRENCESTER	3-2	BASINGSTOKE	W

CIRENCESTER PROFILES -SELECTED SQUAD PLAYERS 2019/20

Lewis Clayton - Goalkeeper

Big and strong goalkeeper who commands his box and is quick off the line. Great shot stopper and a great addition to the club. Previous clubs include Cheltenham Town FC, Bishops Cleeve and IFK Mora (Sweden).

Shayne Anson- Defender

'Sheriff' returns to the Corinium for his second spell following a few seasons away. Left The Corinium to take up a managerial role at Tuffley Rovers before finding his way to Evesham last term before joining the Centurions once again. Excellent defender with pace to burn.

Will Tunnicliff- Defender

Another player that joins us from the Jubilee Stadium having previously spent time at The Corinium. Left sided defender who despite his young age has bags of experience at Southern league level.

Will Wellon - Defender

The 3rd of our Evesham captures this summer. Having begun his Southern League career at Slimbridge Will joined Evesham in 2013-14 and went onto make over 100 appearances for Robins before making the switch to Ciren. Big. strong and great in the air.

Josh Nelmes - Defender

Signed recently from Bristol Manor Farm having played previously under manager John Brough at Cinderford. A great addition to the Centurions defence. Lots of experience and 2 time league winner at this level. Other previous clubs include Mangotsfield United and Taunton Town FC.

Toumani Sidibe - Attacking Midfielder

Former Evesham United and Highworth Town Winger. Bags of pace and tricks, likes to take on defenders and will score his fair share this term – a great capture for the Centurions.

James Mortimer-Jones-Midfielder

Another long serving player. Joined from Didcot Town in 2010 and was an ever present at the heart of the Ciren midfield clocking up 358 appearances to date. He is an intelligent player, good on the ball and has a wide range of passing and has the ability to score wonder goals. Has now moved into the assistant managers role supporting Charlie Griffin.

Michael Pook - Midfielder

Michael began his career with the Swindon Town Youth system. He went on to make 109 first team appearances for the club. He also played for Cheltenham Town (where he once scored a hat-trick in an amazing 6-5 win V Burton Albion), Oxford City, Maidenhead United and Chippenham Town. A classy, clever, precise midfielder who can unlock defences with a telling pass.

Jack Freeman - Midfielder

Signed from Shortwood United having previously been at Forest Green Rovers. A skilful, tricky and pacey attacking midfielder that can go from box to box and scores goals. Had a great first season in the Red & Black, making 39 appearances, scoring 9 goals.

Tommy Anderson - Midfielder

Signed from Forest Green Rovers and now in his second full season at Ciren. Pacey, tricky winger that terrorises defences with his direct running. Can be a match winner of his day. Tommy Ouldridge - Midfielder

Another player that has returned this season. Spent last season playing for Hungerford Town in the National League South before making the switch back down the A419. A good passer of the ball with great vision and can unlock defences with inch perfect passing.

John Dennis - Midfielder

Tricky winger who arrives from Abingdon United having previously played at Didcot Town. Likes to beat defenders and great quality from crosses

Josh Parsons-Striker

In his second spell at The Corinium. Works tirelessly for the team but is a match winner who can score goals out of nothing. Previous clubs include Swindon Supermarine, Hungerford Town and Shrivenham, who he spent most of last season with.

Levi Irving - Striker

Levi has progressed through our youth system and is currently part of our Academy squad. A natural goal scorer and having broken in to the 1st team this season Levi grabbed his first senior goal with a last-minute winner in the FA Trophy, his first of what will no doubt be many more.



PAST 5 MEETINGS

CIRENCESTER TOWN

SDIS CIRENCESTER	1-2	22-OCT-19 Frome Town
SS PREM Frome Town	3-2	21-DEC-16 CIRENCESTER
SS PREM CIRENCESTER	1-4	09-AUG-16 Frome Town
SS PREM CIRENCESTER	1-1	13-FEB-16 Frome Town
SS PREM Frome Town	3-2	07-OCT-15 CIRENCESTER



WHAT HAPPENED TO HAKAN SUKUR?



The Story of 'legend' Hankan Sukur Imagine, you're a footballing legend, one of Europe's most prolific strikers and the all-time top goal scorer for your country. Life would be pretty sweet right? Well not for Hankan Sukur.

Before retiring in 2008, Sukur was a god, unable to stop finding the net for his national Turkish team and for club Galatasaray in the Turkish Super Lig, where he still holds the record for the all-time leading goal scorer. With his name held in such high regard, Sukur found an easy route into Turkish politics in 2011, winning a seat in parliament as a member of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's Justice Development Party.

However, he was also tied to Fethullah Gulen, a Turkish Islamic scholar and rival of Erdogan, who the Turkish President blamed for a 'bloody attempted coup in 2016'.

By then, Sukur was already living out the American dream, or so he thought, with Turkish media branding him a 'fugitive member of the Fetulla Terrorist Organisation (FETO), an accusation that essentially completely destroyed Sukur's hometown status, despite his services to sport.

It was also suggested Sukur was living in a \$3 million house, in the rich Palo Alto area of San Francisco – in turn further aggravating Turkish citizens, this man they once held as a 'hero', living the dream at the peril of their countries pride.





However, Sukur tells a much blander story.

"I moved to the United States, initially running a cafe in California, but strange people kept coming into the bar. Now I drive for Uber and I sell books."

"Nobody seems able to explain what my role in this coup was supposed to be, I never did anything illegal, I am not a traitor or a terrorist."

"It's my country (Turkey), I love my people, even though their ideas about me are distorted by controlled media". This dark tale can also be somewhat linked to the English leagues, with Arsenal midfielder Mesut Ozil in 2018 attracting criticism after posting an Instagram picture of him with the Turkish President, while the German Football Federation say: "football and the DFB defend values which are not sufficiently respected by Turkish President Erdogan".

Ozil, now retired from the German National team, has received much lighter punishment however than Sukur, now estranged from his home and stranded in the United states.

Despite the stories, should a hero ever be treated that way?



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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 playoff place. 12 months later and Frome beat Sholing 1-0 in the play-off final to secure promotion

to the Southern Premier Division.

The summer of 2011 also saw the Club receive the prestigious FA Charter Standard Community Club status and, in 2012, after a great first season in the Southern

Premier Division the Club were awarded the title of Community Club of the year for Somerset and then also picked up the regional award that took them into the national final.

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

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

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



ASA VS...



HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS! Not only did we get an exact score prediction! Two came along at once. The only downside was it was our resident 2-1 expert Asa, who was on the money for the third time this season. As he extends his lead at the top of the table and will probably bank on 2-1s for the rest of the season. Basher gained some ground and has tied it up in 2nd place. James was again only the one goal out of jumping up the table.

This week sees 5 home wins and 1 away win. Billy's desperate to catch Asa and is going to pull out the stops to avoid chosing the same result as Asa to bridge the gaps. Whereas Geoff joins Asa in the 2-1 club this week.

Will anyone get it right this week? Well if it's a home win we've got most combinations covered!

THIS WEEKS PREDICTIONS

Asa:	Frome 2-1 Cirencester
Geoff:	Frome 2-1 Cirencester
Basher:	Frome 2-0 Cirencester
Billy:	Frome 1-2 Cirencester
Patrick:	Frome 3-1 Cirencester
James:	Frome 4-0 Cirencester

LEAGUE TABLE

1	Asa	14pt (8 correct, 3 exact)
=2	Patrick	10pt (8 correct, 1 exact)
=2	Basher	10pt (8correct, 1 exact)
4	Geoff	8pt (8 correct, 0 exact)
=5	Billy	7pt (7 correct, 0 exact)
=5	James	7pt (7 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 Cinderford

GEOFF MORTON-NORRIS

Chairman of our supporters club

Last week prediction: Frome 1-0 Cinderford

RILLY WRIGHT

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

Last week prediction: Frome 3-2 Cinderford

JAMES BURGOYNE

Frome Communications manager

Last week prediction: Frome 2-0 Cinderford

SHAUN "BASHER" BAKER

Super star, Kit man and Frome fan

Last week prediction: Frome 2-1 Cinderford

PATRICK MOSS

MNKO host, sponsor and football connoisseur

Last week prediction: Frome 3-2 Cinderford

NLP: MOVING UP

By David Richardson

The managers probably won't thank us for saying it but it's always great to see Non-League talent move up into the Football League. We've seen a host of players make the step up just in this past week – all with their own stories to tell.

Josh March has worked his way up the divisions with Alvechurch and, after hitting 24 goals in 27 games for Leamington, is moving up to League Two with Forest Green.

March told us in last week's paper of how Non-League football has prepared him for the step-up – one he wasn't ever sure he'd get a crack at a few years ago. Reeco Hackett-Fairchild quickly made an impression with Bromley during this campaign and he's been snapped up by Portsmouth.

Then Barnet's Jack Taylor is stepping up to Peterborough United – a club well known for mining Non-League over the years with great success – for a fee of £500,000 which could rise to £1 million with add-ons.

Our columnist and BT Sport commentator Adam Virgo recently wrote that Taylor is the best midfielder in the National League. Perhaps Posh were reading!

The moves didn't stop there with Rob Atkinson joining Oxford United from Eastleigh. The young defender has impressed for the Spitfires this season having joined in the summer from Basingstoke Town. It just goes to show how much talent there is throughout Non-League football.

Of course, for the managers it's not great timing. They've lost important players at an important part of the season. It's not as straightforward as just going out and handpicking a replacement. It does, however, reflect well on

them and their clubs. Non-League football thrives and survives on giving young footballers the opportunity to showcase their talent and the platform to push onto the League.

Are there more footballers just waiting for their chance? You can be sure of it.

In other news, Matlock Town have had their ground broken into for the third time in three months.

They certainly aren't the only Non-League club to suffer at the hands of mindless thieves. It is soul destroying for the hardworking volunteers that put in all the hours they can to their club only to have to clear up the mess.

Unfortunately many Non-League clubs and grounds are soft targets. Often tucked away and with alcohol and other stock, or the prospect of cash left inside – they are an appealing proposition.

Clubs no doubt have insurance but the costs of additional security only add an extra burden.



TABLES & STATISTICS

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	Pts
1	Thatcham Town	20	16	3	1	52	18	34	51
2	Frome Town	21	13	5	3	45	22	23	44
3	Winchester City	19	11	4	4	40	24	16	37
4	Paulton Rovers	19	11	2	6	45	32	13	35
5	Larkhall Athletic	19	10	5	4	32	26	6	35
6	Melksham Town	20	9	5	6	45	41	4	32
7	Evesham United	22	9	5	8	43	40	3	32
8	Slimbridge	21	10	1	10	44	42	2	31
9	Cirencester Town	21	9	3	9	40	34	6	30
10	Cinderford Town	18	8	3	7	36	33	3	27
11	Mangotsfield Utd	21	8	3	10	37	42	-5	27
12	Highworth Town	20	7	5	8	26	28	-2	26
13	Willand Rovers	19	8	1	10	29	29	0	25
14	Bideford	20	6	4	10	31	39	-8	22
15	Bristol M. Farm	19	6	4	9	26	34	-8	22
16	Sholing	16	6	0	10	25	26	-1	18
17	Moneyfields	17	4	5	8	26	36	-10	17
18	AFC Totton	19	4	5	10	27	40	-13	17
19	Basingstoke Town	20	4	3	13	28	56	-28	15
20	Barnstaple Town	23	5	0	18	24	59	-35	15

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS

Barnstaple Town	0-2	Basingstoke
Cirencester	5-3	Cinderford
Larkhall Athletic	0-0	AFC Totton
Moneyfields	0-0	Bideford
Paulton Rovers	5-3	Evesham Utd
Sholing	2-4	Mangotsfield United
Slimbridge	2-4	Melksham Town
Willand Rovers	0-4	Thatcham Town
Winchester City	2-0	Bristol Manor Farm

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

1=	Ben Bament	Paulton Rovers	15
2=	Lee Chilton	Evesham United	14
2=	Kyle Tooze	Thatcham	14
4=	Soloman Wanjau-Smith	Slimbridge	13
4=	Felipe Barcelos	Thatcham Town	13

9=Jon DaviesFrome Town1013=Rex ManningsFrome Town9

LEAGUE TOP SCORING TEAMS

LEAGUES MEANEST DEFENCES

1	Thatcham Town	52	1	Thatcham Town	18
2=	Frome Town	45	2	Frome Town	22
2=	Paulton Rovers	45	3	Winchester	24
2=	Melksham Town	45	4=	Sholing	26
4	Sllimbridge	42	4=	Larkhall	26
7=	Cirencester	40	10	Cirencester	26

MATCHES THIS SEASON

Comp	vs Team	H/A	Res	Score	Att	Scorers
LG	Highworth Town	Α	W	0-1	132	Hailston
LG	Bideford	Н	W	3-0	282	Davies (2) Hailston
FAC	Tavistock	Α	L	3-1	-	Hailston
LG	Cinderford	Α	W	1-4	172	Davies (3), Lenihan
LG	Mangotsfield	Н	W	2-1	285	Hailston, OG
LG	Evesham	Н	D	1-1	242	
LG	Barnstaple	Н	W	3-1	229	Mannings, Cottle, O'loughlin
LG	Willand Rovers	Н	D	1-1	305	Hailston (pen)
LG	Slimbridge	Н	l	1-2	202	Mannings
LG	Highworth	Н	D	1-1	252	Mannings
SCUP	Bridgewater	Н	L	0-2	102	
LG	AFC Totten	Α	W	2-3	246	Mannings, O'Loughlin, Davies
LCup	Melksham Town	Α	W	1-3	258	Davies (2), Lenihan
FAT	Bideford	Н	W	2-1	252	Snith, Hobbs
LG	Larkhall	Α	D	2-2	255	Mannings, Simpson
LG	Cirencester	Α	W	1-2	124	Cottle, Mannings
FAT	Thame	Α	W	1-2	74	Mannings (2)
LG	Sholing	Н	W	1-0	217	Mannings
LG	Barnstaple	Α	W	0-2	130	Simpson, Mapstone
FAT	Carshalton	Α	L	3-5	197	Davies (2), Smith
LG	Paulton	Н	W	2-0	455	Davies, Cottle
LCup	Dorchester	Н	W	p 1-1	148	O'Loughlin
LG	Moneyfields	Α	D	2-2	92	O'Loughlin, Smith
LG	Basingstoke	Н	W	8-0	266	Cottle (3), Mannings (2), Hobb
						Lenihan, Simpson
LG	Winchester	Н	W	2-0	240	Simpson, Smith
LG	Melksham Town	Α	L	1-4	702	Davies
LG	CIndeford	Н	L	2-1	265	Hobs (x2)
LG	Bideford	Α	L	2-1	-	Davies
LCup	Swindon Sup.	Α	W	p 1-1		Davies



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
- g. Kane Simpson
- 10. Ryan Bath
- 11. Matt Smith
- 12. Lewis Ellington
- 13. Kyle Phillips14. 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

Sat Referee: Sat Assistants:

Tues Referee: Tues Assistants:

UPCOMING MATCHES:

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NAVY

- Lewis Clayton
- Jordan Morris
- Will Tunnicliff
- Michael Pook
- Josh Nelmes
- Will Wellon
- Tommy Anderson
- Nick Hancock
- Levi Irving
- Brad Grav
- Jonny Dennis
- Jack Freeman
- James Mortimer-Jones
- Toumani Sidibe
- Jordan Murray
- Matt Bower

Manager: John Brough

Assistant: James Mortimer-Jones

Shane Mansfield Samuel Williams

Jake Woolley

Ryan Saward Benjamin Slade Kevin Slade

Sat 4th Jan (a) - Bideford

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