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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 Basingstoke Town and hope their short stay with us is an enjoyable one.**

We have seen some very competitive games in the last few seasons, in the league above, and I'm sure both clubs will be looking to return to the Premier division as soon as they can. Basingstoke are also in the throes of arranging a new home and we wish them every success in that regard.

Although we are now both a division down our games have generally been well contested and no doubt today will be the same. Basingstoke were a team that we're struggled to be competitive against last season.

Following an exciting victory in a penalty shoot out at home to Dorchester in the league cup we have been drawn away to Swindon Supermarine in the next round for a place in the last 8. This tie is due to be played next Tuesday although we are still awaiting confirmation.

Saturday saw an ultimately disappointing draw away at Moneyfields. After taking a 2-0 lead in the first 15 minutes we expected to see the game out but a penalty for the hosts, a missed penalty for ourselves and finally a 96th minute equaliser meant we came away with a point.

Thatcham are closing in on us at the top of the table with games in hand so it will be good if we can return to winning ways today. Hopefully those matches against Thatcham coming up will be vitally important.

We welcome more mascots from our ever growing youth section today. We have the Frome Town Robins U10s with us, and we hope they enjoy the experience. Thank you to Ben Starr and Erica King (Carpet Factory Frome) for all their support in helping to arrange the mascots for our games.

If you are a coach of a youth football or a children's club. Please get in touch as we have a range of options for youth football teams to come and watch games, as well as our Mascot programme.

Back to the game ahead, it is amazing to see the Town getting behind the football club, your support really does make a difference to the players, team and your fellow supporters.

Enjoy the game

*G Collinson*

Gary Collinson  
Operations Director

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# FROM THE DUGOUT

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I would like to welcome everyone back to Badgers Hill for today's game against Basingstoke Town.

Basingstoke unfortunately came down with us last season, but gave us a real footballing lesson during both fixtures. Based in our two encounters I was very surprised to see them eventually fall to relegation, and even more surprised to see them sit 18th in the league table. I believe this is a false position, and as proven with all of our games this season we need to be in top form for 90+ minutes to get anything from games.

We have been in terrific league form since we drew away at Larkhall mid October. Picking up 13 points from a possible 15 with wins against Cirencester, Sholing, Barnstaple and Paulton before last weekends draw away at Moneyfields. Last weekend was disappointing due to the manner of the dropped points. It's always a kick in the teeth to miss the amount of chances we did including a penalty to kill the game off, to then concede in the 96th minute.

However what this will hopefully do is keep us very much grounded, refocus us, and make us more determined to get back on track this Saturday.

It's been 2 weeks since our last home game so I am hoping that a large proportion of the 400+ fans who watched that Paulton game will return as it does make such a difference and the players and management really appreciate the support.

Enjoy the game.

*Greavesy*

Danny Greaves  
Manager



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We would like to thank Kane for his support and hope you enjoy tonight's match. Kane will be selecting the MOM today and having his photograph with the players following the match.



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# CLUB NEWS: HALLETT SIGNS

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Frome Town FC are delighted to confirm the permanent signing of defender Alex Hallett from National League South side Chippenham Town.

The 19-year-old has signed a one-and-a-half year deal with the club, which means he could be with The Robins until the summer of 2021 at least.

The central defender initially came to Badgers Hill in the summer on a dual-registration deal.

Hallett has become the third current contracted player in the squad, alongside captain Sam Teale and Joe O'Loughlin.

Manager Danny Greaves is delighted to have secured the much sought after youngster's signature, as Hallett has impressed in his first few months in Somerset.

Greaves said: "I am delighted to have Alex tied down. It shows we are doing things right that Alex was very keen to turn what was a temporary dual registration with Chippenham Town,

into a full contract agreement.

"He has been exceptional from day one and is certainly going to have a good future."

Hallett is looking to push on now that his future has been decided and continue to learn and improve alongside The Robins experienced defensive centurions, Teale and Marcus Mapstone.

Hallett said: "I'm really pleased to have signed, the ambition and future plans for the club made the decision easy for me.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing what we can achieve as a team this season and hopefully many more to come.

"Learning from the likes of Maps (Mapstone) and Tealey (Teale) has helped me develop massively in the short time I have been at the club.

"I would like to thank Chippenham Town for all they have done for me whilst I was there





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### 3. JOE O'LOUGHLIN



# PLAYER FEATURE: JOE O'LOUGHLIN

## FEATURE BY ROB BIRD

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When asked the question, 'who do you think will be Frome's most important player for the rest of the season?' many immediately think goals, goals, goals before answering... 'Jon Davies', 'Kane Simpson' or 'Rex Manningsh'.

However, in the pole position Frome currently find themselves in, Joe O'Loughlin is undoubtedly someone who will be relied on extremely heavily as Danny Greaves looks to grind out consistent wins over the Christmas period.

"The ultimate goal for us this season is to gain promotion. Ideally we want to do that by winning the league, but it's obviously very competitive and we know how difficult that is going to be.

"The ability of the team only takes us so far; we need to ensure we're always dedicated and working hard to come back from losing positions and get results".

In comparison to Frome last season, many will agree that not only is the general feel around Badgers Hill improved, but so has the football on the pitch. Something O'Loughlin was keen to touch on.

"We've got a lot more variety in our play this year, there's been times when we've passed the ball really well and managed to get the likes of Jon and Rex into 1v1 positions, but on the other hand we've also played long

and found success through the likes of Kane and Ryan too".

It's no doubt that O'Loughlin's ability is of top class, so I was intrigued to investigate what his personal footballing ambitions are:

"Ultimately I want to go as high as I can. I'm only young and being released from Exeter was a real setback, but since then I've started to really establish myself at Frome and am really enjoying my time here.

My main aim is to help the team climb the divisions and we'll see where we go".

"As a full or wing back, my stamina is crucial when allowing me to get up and down the pitch for the whole 90-minutes and of late I've also improved my goal scoring ability!"

On the topic of goals however, O'Loughlin agreed with many others when asked: 'who's Frome's most prolific attacking player?':

"For me it has to be Jon, he's been brilliant the whole season in front of goal, but credit to Rex too as he's also been on fire".

An answer the certainly didn't come so easily however was that of 'who's the slowest in the team?':

"Hmm, there's a few up there for slowest. Hobbo, Cotts and Maps have all got to be in with a shout and I don't think I could split them. Snail race.





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THE PITCH”**



"On the opposite end of the spectrum, Rex and I always argue about who's quicker, but now Kane's come in he could give us both a run for our money".

A few more players that would give you a run for your money can be found when gazing upon O'Loughlin's dream 5-a-side team, and you have to say, it's pretty strong.

"I'd put myself in goal just to have the opportunity to play with these other 4 players. CM: Di Canio, LW: Ronaldinho, RW: Messi and ST: Brazilian Ronaldo (although Henry is up there).

Strong as that team is though, so is the one currently playing exceptional football at Badgers Hill. Powered through the constant support from Frome fans, O'Loughlin had a few words of thanks:

"I want to thank all the fans for the unbelievable support this season so far. You always travel in your numbers and it means so much to the team, it's crazy our home attendances are the highest in the league. You've all welcomed me and in turn I'll give everything I have on the pitch".

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7. JON DAVIES

# FIXTURE UPDATE

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**FIXTURE NOTICE**





**SWINDON SUPERMARINE**

**VS**

**FROME TOWN**

**TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER - 7:45PM K.O.**

**WE ARE #BA11**

Our next league cup fixture has now been confirmed.

We will be playing away to Swindon Supermarine on Tuesday 10th December.

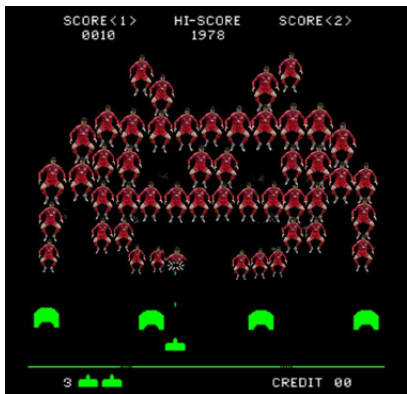
We apologise for any confusion as we had confirmation on the previous weeks fixture even after querying the potential fixture clashes for Swindon.

We hope as many of you can make the journey as possible to support the lads in this cup adventure.

# CUT OUT LENI

This last week we had set the challenge of taking our cut version of Martin Lenihan and putting Martin in a variety of situations to make us smile.

Congratulations to Alan Burfoot who won 2 tickets to today's match for entering our online competition. With the Haka being our favourite and something maybe the team should bring in prior to our matches maybe?





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**MONEYFIELDS**

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**FROME TOWN**

**2**

BetVictor Southern League - Division 1 South

**MOM:** Maidment

**Goals:** O'Loughlin, Smith

**Team:** Phillips, Lenihan, Cooper, Maidment, Mapstone (c), O'Loughlin, Smith, Davies, Monks, Simpson, Manning's

**Subs:** Brown, Hobbs, Peck, Cottle, Hallett

Frome's current run of away wins was bought to a surprising halt following a hard fought match in difficult conditions. A penalty miss and a last minute equaliser has seen Frome's lead at the top of table cut to just 3 points with Thatcham having 4 games in hand.

It was a fast start for Frome and after 8 mins a left foot strike from 25 yards saw Joe O'Loughlin claim his second goal in 2 matches. Then on 15 minutes Matt Smith picked up ball in centre circle ran through to slotted past keeper to make it 2-0 and looking pretty.

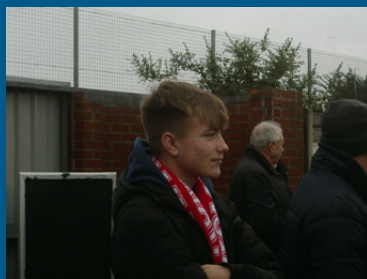


However, Moneyfields were awarded a penalty on 28 minutes. The initial penalty was well saved, but the ball fell kindly and Bailey found the back of the net following the rebound. The second half changed on the 56th minute. A red card for Moneyfields and a penalty awarded to Frome. Jon Davies stepped up but saw his penalty well saved and cleared.

The penalty save and the red card, lit a fire in the bellies of the Moneyfields team who had felt aggrieved at the red card. The 10 men started to put the pressure on the Robins.

Who believed that they could hold onto the slender lead with the man advantage.

There was a fair amount of surprise when the additional time was held up to show 5 minutes to be played. However even more surprise as Moneyfields found the net deep into the 96th minute of the match. There was no time for Frome to respond, but given the circumstances it's two points dropped, to the delight of the chasing pack.



## FANS REACTION

**Colin Jefford**

Good effort Boys.

**Freddie Prandy**

We go again next week, should of killed the game off...gutted

**Brian Philpin**

Never mind lads you had your chances heads up and go again next week

**Mark Davies**

A wasted opportunity.

**Frome Town Supporters**

Gutted to drop two points like that at the end top support today from us and a good atmosphere we should of killed the game off sooner





FROME TOWN

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DORCHESTER TOWN

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BetVictor Southern League Cup

**Goals:** Simpson, Mapstone

**Team:** Brown, Teale, Hallett, Maidment, O'Loughlin, Lenihan, Peck, Monks, Simpson, Cottle, Hobbs

**Subs:** Cooper, Locke (gk), Smith, Ellington, Mannings



Watch the final penalty save - [click image](#)

In an eventful match Frome Town progressed into the next round of the league cup against higher league opposition in Dorchester Town. Given Frome's progress in the league and Dorchester currently struggling near the bottom of the league, both managers rang the changes. The match started brightly with both sides looking for openings.

However it was Simpson that had the first real chance of the match forcing the keeper into a comfortable save.

The opening goal cam on the 26th minute, as Joe O'Loughlin took advantage of defensively slip to beat the keeper. Simpson was again at the heart of the action, playing a great ball to set Cottle away but he can't take advantage. Cottle was brought down in the area but to his dismay nothing was given.

Cottle had a second effort that was deflected by defender, it looped up onto the crossbar and fell back to Hallett, who misses a glorious chance to double the lead The second half saw Simpson still causing Dorchester problems, as he worked hard to create himself a chance but shot just wide. Later Monks set Simpson on his way, as Kane beats the last defender but shot is easy taken by the goalkeeper.

The biggest moment came from Cottle intercepting a poor pass from the keeper pass, but his cross into the middle was well claimed by the keep to recover his mistake.

As the game looked to be closing out in the freezing cold. A penalty was awarded to Dorchester much to the surprise of the home crowd. It was promptly dispatched to level the match 1-1 after 88 minutes.

Into added time, there was a final chance as Mannings found himself some space but shot just wide. The ref bought the match to a end and it was penalties ahead.

### Penalty shootout

- Monks up first and scores 1-0
- Dorchester Score great penalty 1-1
- Rex Mannings into bottom corner 2-1
- Fantastic low save by Brown 2-1
- Lenihan up next easy finish 3-1
- Dorchester Score 3-2
- Kane Simpson to take the 4th great strike 4-2
- Another fantastic save from Brown 4-2 Frome win on penalties

Frome progress into the next round of the league cup.



## FANS REACTION

### Peggy Collinson

Well done - well deserved, great penalty shoot out.

### Colin Hale

Well done Lads happy days

### Steven Perry

Well done lads another win keep it going

### Brian Philpin

Well played lads two brilliant saves from rob on to sat now

### Paul Mallett

Well done lads especially Rob Brown

### Asa Wilkinson

Hands up if you were glad there was no extra time



# ◀◀ LAST TIME AT THE HILL



FROME TOWN

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BASINGSTOKE

4

Southern Prem League 18/19

**Goals:** Cottle

**Team:** Carey, Morris, Mapstone, Roberts (Davis 90'), R. Scott, Cottle, Monk, Knowles (McCormack 45'), Hailston (Demkiv 45'), K.Scott, Baker.

**Subs:** Tylek, Griffiths

Dan Cottle's second half strike means little as The Robins continue their losing streak, as they conceded four against Basingstoke Town at Badgers Hill.

Basingstoke took the lead within the first ten minutes through Sam Argent, who slotted the ball past James Carey from close range. Carey signed from Championship side Bristol City in midweek, as Darren Behcet sustained an injury last time out in the loss against Hartley and Wintney.

The Robins had to keep out Argent once again as he evaded the offside trap, Carey was able to make a great stop to turn the ball around the post.

The visitors got their second of an impressive performance as Shane Hollamby as he managed to nod the ball into the back of the net.

Rickie Scott brought down Charlie Kennedy in the box and gave referee Stacey Pearson no option in awarding The Dragons a penalty, which was converted by Stow.

There was one contentious moment before the break as Marcus Mapstone completed a strong challenge on an opposition attacker, which Pearson adjudged to be a foul and Mapstone received a yellow card.

Manager Danny Greaves made two changes at half-time as Ollie Knowles and Will Hailston were replaced by Conor McCormack and Dan Demkiv respectively.

Frome managed to get more of a stranglehold on the game after half-time, The Robins exerting more pressure on the Hampshire outfit. This pressure told as Dan Cottle curled a fantastic shot from 25 yards which fizzed past Basingstoke's Colm McAdden into the bottom left hand corner.

Frome conceded almost immediately as Sam Deadfield evaded the defence and slotted past Carey. The game then fizzled out as the contest ended, and Basingstoke were the winners as Pearson blew the final whistle.



# 11. MATT SMITH







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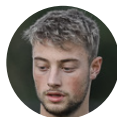
**Rob Brown (Goalkeeper)** Sponsored by Frome Cricket Club 3XI  
Rob signed for Frome in January 2019 having spent the first half of the season with Paulton Rovers, having gained promotion from the Western League the season before with Melksham Town. A young 'keeper who continues to improve.

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.

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**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.

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**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.

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.

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**Matt Smith (Midfielder)** Sponsored by Gary Collinson

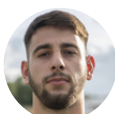
Fans favourite Matt Smith is also returning us after several years representing Chippenham Town whom he joined from Frome. Matt is an energetic attacking midfielder and will expect to chip in with a few goals this season.

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.

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**Warren Maidment (Defender)**

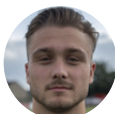
Joined Frome in the summer from Melksham Town. Warren is highly rated by those that have seen him and was pursued by several clubs over the summer. We are confident he will continue his development and achieve further recognition in the game.

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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.

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**Dan Cottle (Midfielder)**

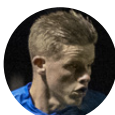
Dan returns from Bradford Town after a successful Western League campaign and is keen to test himself at a higher level. Confident on the ball and creates chances.

19

**Alex Hallet (Defender)**

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

20

**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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Officially formed in 1896 that a Basingstoke Town F.C. club was formed from Aldworth United and Basingstoke Albion and in 1909 the local North Hants Ironworks team merged with the Town club. Leading to title success in 1911/12 and 1919/20.

After playing at a couple of grounds in the area the club moved to its present site in 1946. Initially the club had a fifteen-year lease given by 1st Viscount Camrose, but on his death in 1953 his son, 2nd Viscount Camrose increased the lease to 2052.

The sixties were the beginning of a more successful period for the Camrose club, finishing as runners up in 1965/66 and the following season. It was third time lucky in 1967/68 when the Hampshire League title was won. After being runners up again in 1968/69 they won back to back titles in 1969/70 and 1970/71. The latter came without a league defeat and the Hampshire Senior Cup was won for the first time.

The club joined the Southern League in 1971/72. The highlight was reaching the F.A. Cup 1st Round for the first time ever. A then record attendance of 3,400 saw Northampton Town win 5-1 at the Camrose.

In 1984/85 the club won the Southern League Southern Division, without losing a home game. The club had the chance to move across to the Isthmian League. It was a disastrous first season as the club were relegated. The following year promotion was achieved with a last day victory at Southwick.

The following year saw more cup success as the club reached the 2nd Round of the F.A. Cup for the first time. A crowd of over 4,000 saw Torquay United win 3-2. The Hampshire Senior Cup was won with a record breaking 8-0 thrashing of Lymington.

1997/98 saw F.A. Cup success over Wycombe Wanderers. After a draw at Adams Park, 2-2, the team won the replay on penalties after another thrilling 2-2 draw at the Camrose with a new record attendance of 5,085. In the 2nd Round it was an away trip to Northampton Town and despite being under pressure for much of the game the club earned a replay with a late equalizer. The replay live on Sky Sports and a crowd of nearly 5,000 saw Stoke this time go out on penalties.

The next few years saw the club consolidating its position in the Ryman Premier League before coming members of the newly formed Nationwide Conference South in season 2004/05. During season 2006/07 the club had a marvelous F.A. Cup run creating club history when beating Chesterfield 0 - 1 on their own ground in the first round proper. Unfortunately the run ended in the second round proper losing narrowly to near neighbours Aldershot Town in a replay at the Camrose.

The club were relegated to the Southern League at the end of the 2015/2016 season and the Hampshire Senior Cup was won again in season 2016/2017 beating AFC Bournemouth. 2018/2019 saw the club relegated again to the Southern League Division 2 after finishing 20th.



## WHO TO LOOK OUT FOR

### WHO IS IN CHARGE?

#### MANAGER

**Dan Brownlie**

Dan Brownlie was appointed as Basingstoke Town manager after serving the last three Dragons bosses as their number two this September following the departure of Martin Kuhl



### ONE TO WATCH

#### STRIKER

**Zachary Robinson**

At just 17 years old, he's not on the official squad list. But Zachary has 3 goals in 5 starts for Basingstoke. As he starts to make an impact in mens football.



## LEAGUE STATS IN NUMBERS

1

Basingstoke have just 1 clean sheet this season

2

Basingstoke have 2 wins in the league this season both at home.

1

Basingstoke have kept just 1 clean sheets in 13 league games. Conceding on average 2.2 goals a game.

10

The Dragons have had 10 different scorers but none have scored more than 3 goals this season so far.

## LAST 5 MATCHES

BASINGSTOKE	1-3	BRISTOL MANOR FARM	L
WILLAND ROVERS	4-1	BASINGSTOKE	L
PAULTON ROVERS	4-2	BASINGSTOKE	L
MELKSHAM TOWN	1-0	BASINGSTOKE	L
BASINGSTOKE	4-2	MELKSHAM TOWN	W

## **BASINGSTOKE PROFILES**

### **2019/20**

#### **FREDDIE GEE – GOALKEEPER**

Freddie is a young goalkeeper who joined the club in August 19. Has previously played for Hartley Wintney, Hungerford Town, Thatcham Town and Tadley Calleva

#### **CHRIS RACKLEY – GOALKEEPER**

Chris is an experienced goalkeeper who rejoined the club in August 19 from Marlow. He has previously been an F A Vase winner with Thatcham Town and also played for Abingdon Town and Reading Town

#### **DEAN STOW – DEFENDER**

Dean is a strong right sided defender who joined the club at the start of the 2018/2019 from Hartley Wintney. Has also played for Hungerford Town

#### **ADAM EVERISS – DEFENDER**

Adam joined the club in March 19 from Camberley Town. He has also played for Hartley Wintney and Hayes and Yeading

#### **AIDEN HARRIS - DEFENDER**

Aiden is a promising young defender who is a product of the club's own academy

#### **D'ANDRE BROWN – MIDFIELD**

D'Andre is a promising young midfield player who is also a product of the club's own academy

#### **RYAN SUCKLING – DEFENDER**

Ryan is a left sided central defender who joined the club in September 19. He represented Watford at U18 and U23 level and has also played for Camberley.

#### **SCOTT ASHMORE – DEFENDER**

Scott is a young central defender who joined the club in September 19

#### **BEN COOK – MIDFIELD**

Ben is a hard working midfielder player who joined the club in August 19. Has previously played for Wantage Town, Reading City, Andover Town and Thatcham Town

#### **HARRISON CLIFF – MIDFIELD**

Harrison is a hard working young midfielder player who joined the club in August 19. Previous club Ascot United

#### **RICCARDO ANDRADY – MIDFIELD**

Riccardo is a pacey midfielder player who joined the club in August 19. Previous clubs include Thame United, Winchester City, Fleet Town, Egham and Didcot Town

#### **LLOYD SNELL – MIDFIELD**

Lloyd is a young midfielder player who signed first team forms in August 19

#### **JORDAN EDWARDS – MIDFIELD**

Jordan is a midfielder player who joined the club in August 19 from Swindon Town where he made a first team appearance in 2018. During his time at Swindon he had loan spells at Chippenham Town and Marlow

#### **REECE RUSHER – MIDFIELD**

Reece is a pacey wide player who joined the club during the 2018/2019 season. He started his career in the Southampton academy before representing Salisbury City, Winchester City, Melksham Town and Andover Town

#### **CLAUDIO HERBERT - MIDFIELD**

Claudio is a skillful pacey midfielder player who joined the club in August 19. Previous clubs include Salisbury City, Hartley Wintney, Fleet Town, Poole Town, Andover Town and Frome Town

#### AARON KUHL – MIDFIELD

Aaron is a holding midfield player who joined the club in October 19 having spent the last two years out of the game through injury. He started his career at Reading FC where he went on to make 6 first team appearances and also represented England at U19 and U20 level. Also had loan spells at Dundee United and Boreham Wood

#### MICHAEL DAVIS – FORWARD

Michael is a forward who joined the club in August 19. He also works in the club's academy

#### BEN WRIGHT – STRIKER

Ben is a vastly experienced prolific goal scorer who joined the club in July 17 having spent the previous season with Gosport Borough. He is a local lad who started his career at Basingstoke before going on to play in the football league for Peterborough United. Other clubs include Hampton and Richmond Borough, Crawley Town, Braintree Town, Forest Green Rovers, Salisbury City, Eastleigh, Havant & Waterlooville and Maidenhead United

#### BRADLEY WILSON – FORWARD

Bradley is a pacey forward who joined the club in November from Fleet Town. As a youngster Bradley was at Watford and Reading and has also represented Metropolitan Police and Ashford Town



## HEAD TO HEAD

# BASINGSTOKE TOWN

SC PREM		20-APR-19
BASINGSTOKE	4-1	FROM TOWN

SC PREM		25-AUG-18
FROM TOWN	1-4	BASINGSTOKE

SS PREM		21-OCT-17
FROM TOWN	1-0	BASINGSTOKE

SS PREM		12-AUG-17
BASINGSTOKE	1-3	FROM TOWN

SS PREM		26-DEC-16
FROM TOWN	1-1	BASINGSTOKE

SS PREM		29-AUG-16
BASINGSTOKE	1-3	FROM TOWN

# THE BEAUTIFUL, CHANGING GAME?



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## Comments by Rob Bird

The introduction of VAR isn't the first big changes in football, with the introduction of substitutes, back passes, offside laws all causing some controversy before being accepted. Here's a list of 5 new potential rules that could see the face of football change again...

### **1. No direct red card for a last man foul.**

One man certainly in the public eye at current is Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. However when

looking back on his playing days in red, aside from the heaps of goals, one of Ole's finest moments came when Newcastle's Rob Lee, with the score poised at 1-1, broke from a United corner finding himself clear on the Red Devils' net, if it wasn't for a last ditch foul from a sprinting Solskjaer who was quickly dismissed after. However, it could be that this rule of an immediate red card for a last man foul can change, if there is a legitimate intention to win the ball. Undoubtedly alongside the use of





VAR, officials if they believe there was a genuine intention to play the ball, would be able to issue a yellow card for a last man foul. This applies to the goalkeeper also.

### **2. Yellow card Sinbins.**

The rugby World Cup in Japan captured the attention of most of England last month, but a similar rule within the game of rugby could soon be seen in football, sinbins. If an offence is bad enough (but isn't worthy of a straight red card), it has been alluded to that sinbins could be introduced to the modern football game, rendering the guilty party unavailable for a certain amount of time. Currently in rugby the sinbin time is 10-minutes, although this may not be the same if the rule is introduced to football. After serving their time, the player can then be reintroduced to the game. The idea of a "blue card" is already being trialled, just a division below.

### **3. Replace the penalty shoot-out.**

Exciting for the neutrals, horrible for those involved (especially if you're English). The penalty shoot-out has been under fire for long periods of time, many labelling it an awful way to decide a competitive game which takes into account none of the previous 90, or 120 minutes of football and relies too heavily on the goalkeeper alone. So why not change it? Because nobody really has any other ideas. The most common suggestion is the implementation of the golden goal rule, which essentially means 'next goal wins', although there are also many issues with this ranging from broadcast time limits, to spectator travel arrangements.

### **4. Scrap VAR for TMO**

VAR, VAR, VAR, VAR, VAR. I'm sick of it too, but it could be that VAR is changed after a turbulent introduction into the professional game. Once more looking at rugby, their TMO (Television Match Official) system not only induces quicker decisions from officials, but is much clearer. Unlike VAR, TMO shows the incident on large screens across the stadium, keeping fans in the loop and allows television viewers to hear the conversations taking place between the referee and other officials, therefore justifying their eventual decision, something which on many occasions has been hard to do so in football.

### **5. No rebound goals from penalties.**

The stress of missing a penalty can sometimes be immediately squashed when you see the ball bounce off the goalkeepers glove straight back to the attacker to pass into an open net, however a potential new rule could stop this. It's been alluded to that rebound goals from penalties may soon be disqualified in a bid to make it fairer for goalkeepers. If the same player who took the penalty was to then score with their next touch after the ball returned to them, via the goalkeeper or post, play would be stopped and a freekick awarded to the defending team. However, if another player (who didn't take the penalty initially) was to score, this would remain legal.

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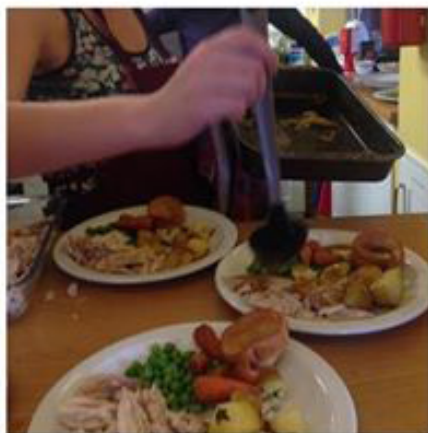
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# IF YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY...

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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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# NLP: PLAYER INSURANCE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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By David Richardson

The court ruling that has seen Ossett United ordered to pay £135,000 will have given Non-League clubs plenty of food for thought about how they approach the issue of player-to-player insurance.

The BetVictor Northern Premier League North West club have been sued by Rees Welsh, who broke his ankle in a tackle while playing for Radcliffe Borough against Ossett Town in April 2015.

Just over £19,000 in damages were awarded to the full-back, making his debut, with the club also having to pay out £115,000 in costs and legal fees.

Ossett's insurance, which included a public liability policy offered by the Northern Premier League and the minimum requirement as set out by the FA, did not cover player-to-player incidents and only covered their own legal fees should they lose a claim.

The club is now considering selling their ground in order to pay off the hefty bill.

NPL chairman Mark Harris told The NLP: "We make it clear within all the communications – and it's in the third line of the first paragraph of the communication that goes out to clubs – that it does not include player-to-player cover.

"We will continue to recommend the policy we have for public liability and personal accident. If anything this is to remind clubs it doesn't include player-to-player."

Whether the ruling will spark a wave of cases remains to be seen. It remains true that these incidents are very hard to prove, but there is no doubting it will leave much of the Non-League game very uncomfortable.

As it stands, the FA don't have player-to-player insurance as mandatory. Clubs are – or at least should be – aware of what they are covered for and that there is a potential risk of what has happened to Ossett happening to them.

Harris believes clubs don't have an appetite for that level of cover to be mandatory and the FA say their rules are reflecting what the game wants.

It is only right the authorities reflects on this case, takes the views of clubs and experts and then decides the best course of action.

Will this also put additional pressure on referees? As the sole independent party in these types of cases, a lot will be put on their reports and evidence. It is quite the position to be in.

We must also not forget about Welsh. It can't have been an easy route to go down and, however you feel about the ruling, he has suffered a major injury that will have affected not only his footballing career, but also his day-to-day life.

The impact of any injury to any player can't be underestimated.



# ASA VS...

The Paulton game came and the 6 home win predictions proved to be correct with a 2-0 victory for the Robins. However the elusive correct score evaded our players meaning the scoreboard ticket up by 1 point for everyone. Although we added the added option of a bonus point for guessing the crowd attendance. Only Billy was brave enough to predict a crowd in the 400's. With the official attendance listed as 455 - the prediction of 491 just overshot.

This Saturday against Basingstoke, sees five home wins predicted. Asa has predicted a 3-1 win, which if correct will see him extend his lead at the top with the others all hoping this is their chance to close up the gap. After Jame's attempt to predict a draw in previous weeks, it's Billy's turn to take a gamble to get back up the leaderboard.

## THIS WEEKS PREDICTIONS

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

## LEAGUE TABLE

1	Asa	9pt (5 correct, 2 exact)
2	Patrick	7pt (5 correct, 1 exact)
=3	Basher	5pt (5 correct, 0 exact)
=3	Billy	5pt (5 correct, 0 exact)
=3	Geoff	5pt (5 correct, 0 exact)
6	James	4pt (4 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 Paulton (323)

### GEOFF MORTON-NORRIS

**Chairman of our supporters club**

Last week prediction:

Frome 3-2 Paulton (363)

### BILLY WRIGHT

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

Last week prediction:

Frome 3-1 Paulton (491)

### JAMES BURGOWNE

**Frome Communications manager**

Last week prediction:

Frome 2-1 Paulton (347)

### SHAUN "BASHER" BAKER

**Super star, Kit man and Frome fan**

Last week prediction:

Frome 2-1 Paulton (350)

### PATRICK MOSS

**MNKO host, sponsor and football connoisseur**

Last week prediction:

Frome 3-2 Paulton (310)



# 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

# TABLES & STATISTICS

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Frome Town	16	10	5	1	31	15	16	35
2	Thatcham Town	12	10	2	-	33	9	24	32
3	Winchester City	12	8	2	2	28	18	10	25
4	Paulton Rovers	12	8	1	3	30	17	13	25
5	Evesham United	13	7	3	3	28	19	9	24
6	Cinderford Town	12	7	2	3	26	20	6	23
7	Slimbridge	12	6	1	5	26	23	3	19
8	Bristol Manor	12	5	4	3	20	18	2	19
9	Larkhall Athletic	11	5	3	3	18	17	1	18
10	Highworth Town	13	5	3	5	20	20	0	18
11	Mangotsfield	11	5	2	7	22	28	-6	17
12	Cirencester Town	12	4	1	7	23	21	2	13
13	Moneyfields	12	3	4	5	20	21	-1	13
14	Willand Rovers	12	4	1	7	13	15	-2	13
15	Sholing	11	4	-	7	13	16	-3	12
16	Melksham Town	12	2	4	6	21	30	-9	10
17	Bideford	11	3	1	7	16	25	-9	10
18	Basingstoke Town	13	2	3	8	18	29	-11	9
19	AFC Totton	12	2	2	8	15	29	-14	8
20	Barnstaple Town	14	2	-	12	11	42	-31	6

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# LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS

Barnstaple Town	P - P	Larkhall
Basingstoke Town	1 - 3	Bristol Manor Farm
Cirenster Town	3 - 4	Winchester City
Evesham United	2 - 4	Thatcham Town
Mangotsfield United	0 - 0	Highworth
Melksham Town	2 - 2	AFC Totton
Moneyfields	2 - 2	<b>Frome Town</b>
Slimbridge	0 - 1	Willand Rovers

# LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

1	Ben Bament	Paulton Rovers	12
2=	Lee Chilton	Evesham United	9
2=	Felipe Barcelos	Thatcham Town	9
4=	Kyle Tooze	Thatcham Town	8
4=	<b>Jon Davies</b>	<b>Frome Town</b>	<b>8</b>
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9=	<b>Rex Mannings</b>	<b>Frome Town</b>	<b>7</b>

# LEAGUE TOP SCORING TEAMS

1	Thatcham Town	33
2	<b>Frome Town</b>	<b>31</b>
3	Paulton Rovers	30
4	Evesham United	28
5	Winchester City	28
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16	Basingstoke	18

# LEAGUES MEANEST DEFENCES

1	Thatcham Town	9
2	<b>Frome Town</b>	<b>15</b>
3	Willand Rovers	15
4	Sholing	16
5	Paulton Rovers	17
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17=	Basingstoke	29

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## 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. Kane Simpson
- ❑ 10. Ryan Bath
- ❑ 11. Matt Smith
- ❑ 12. Lewis Ellington
- ❑ 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:** Samuel Fudge

**Assistants:** Benjamin Slade  
Nicholas Whittington

## UPCOMING MATCHES:



## YELLOW

- ❑ Riccardo Andraday
- ❑ Scott Armsworth
- ❑ D'Andre Brown
- ❑ Harrison Cliff
- ❑ Ben Cook
- ❑ Michael Davis
- ❑ Jordan Edwards
- ❑ Adam Everiss
- ❑ Freddie Gee
- ❑ Aiden Harris
- ❑ Claudio Herbert
- ❑ Aaron Kuhl
- ❑ Chris Rackley
- ❑ Reece Rusher
- ❑ Ryan Suckling
- ❑ Dean Stow
- ❑ Bradley Wilson
- ❑ Ben Wright

**Manager:** Dan Brownlie

Sat 7th Dec (7) - Winchester City  
Tue 10th Dec (a) - LCup Swindon Sup.