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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 Dorchester Town and hope their short stay with us is an enjoyable one. Dorchester are one of the great non-league clubs and it's always a pleasure to host them, they go about things in the right way and are respectful of their opposition as, I hope are we.

Last season saw us go to Dorchester in the league and pick up a 1-0 win on a night that gave us real hope that we might be able to push our way back up the league... but it was not to be.

Although we are now a division apart our games have generally been well contested and no doubt tonight will be the same although I suspect both managers will ring the changes for this second round league cup tie.

Last Saturday saw us beat fellow promotion hopefuls Paulton Rovers in front of an impressive crowd of 455, numbers like that every week would make a huge difference, and they were not to be disappointed with a thoroughly professional performance seeing us come away with a 2-0 victory and another 3 points which were fully deserved.

Hopefully some of those first time or occasional visitors will return more often now they have seen the quality of football on display. We hope that you all continue to the amazing support not just in the ground, but across the town and online.

We are sad to announce that both our videographer and commentator are moving on for different personal reasons. I would like to thank both Dayvid and Lee for their efforts. But it does mean we need your help again. We all enjoy the highlights and coverage, it's something we want to continue to offer. So if you know of anyone that is keen, willing and able please put them in contact.

Back to the football, this Saturday we travel to another new ground, Moneyfields in search of more league points. It would be great to see you there, the players and management really appreciate your support.

Enjoy the game tonight.

G Collinson

Gary Collinson
Operations Director

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ROUND 2: THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

We're just entering the 2nd round of the league cup. There are 24 teams still in the running to lift this trophy. The trophy started back 75/76 season, with the first final finishing Wimbledon 3 Yeovil Town 2.

Our opponents today, Dorchester, have made it to the final twice 91/92 losing to Dover 4-0, then to lift the trophy in 01/02 beating Kings Lynn 4-0.

Our only final appearance ended in heartbreak after losing in extra time 2-1 against Arlesey Town in 12/13.

The Current holders are Stratford Town who beat Cinderford 1-0 last season.

In the last round we travelled to local rivals Melksham Town in Somerset vs Wiltshire battle that saw the Robins come back from a goal down to win 3-1 with goals from Jon Davies (2) and Martin Lenihan.

Dorchester had their own Dorset rivalry in the battle of the magpies which saw Dorchester secure a 1 nil win with a goal from River Smith.

Both sides entered at the Round one stage following byes for the preliminary round.

This fixture was rearranged for last week than has seen some of the other 2 round ties take place. The following teams are already in the hat for the third round:

Daventry Town, AFC Rushden & Diamonds, Banbury United, Cirencester Town, AFC Dunstable, Chesham United, Coalville Town, Nuneaton Borough, Redditch United, Needham Market

With the following matches still to complete in Round 2:

Hendon vs Hayes & Yeading United
Swindon SM vs Cinderford Town
Winchester City vs Thatcham Town
Taunton Town vs Truro City
Paulton R. vs Weston S Mare
Blackfield & Langley vs Sholing

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PAULTON ROVERS

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Bet Victor Southern League - Division 1 South

MOM: Davies

Goals: Davies, Cottle

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

Subs: Maidment, Peck, Brown, Hallett, Cottle



Jon Davies led the charge and scored a cheeky goal that fans will be talking about for a little while to come

Frome Town emerged victorious from this top of the table local derby at Badgers Hill. With both teams pushing for promotion, a number of players having links to both sides, recent history and an excellent crowd of 455, the largest in the division today, you could expect the game to be a bit tense and so it proved.



Frome started brightly but the visitors soon found their way into the game and had a succession of corners in the early stages although they failed to trouble Kyle Phillips in the Frome goal.

The first chance for Frome came on 13 minutes when Joe O'Loughlin whipped in a wicked cross from the left which was met by Mannings whose effort was blocked on the line and somehow scrambled away for a corner. Mapstone then shot wide of goal, and Mannings again on the half hour mark before Paulton had their first real chance as league top scorer Ben Bament beat the offside flag to go 1v1 with Phillips but put his shot high and wide. As the half came to an end Phillips was on hand to save another chance with his trailing foot and ensure the teams went in level. Frome started the second half on the front foot and Davies was unfortunate with a free kick that dipped just over the bar.

The usual free flowing football was only sporadic but the home side seemed most likely to score and Davies broke the deadlock on 65 minutes with a feint to send the goalkeeper the wrong way and a cool left foot finish to open the scoring.

Shortly afterwards Paulton almost took advantage of a loose pass but Alex Monks was on hand to clear the danger before a superb 20 yard effort for the visitors hit the top of the crossbar and rebounded to safety. Paulton threw everything forward in an attempt to get an equaliser but the home defence held firm and the game should have been over 1 the 62nd minute when Davies unselfishly presented Cottle with the ball in the 6 yard line with an open goal begging and somehow it looked over the crossbar. Cottle was to make amends just 60 seconds later with a composed left foot finish to seal the game and send the home support away with smiles on their faces.

Man of the match was chosen by Club Ambassadors Barrie Simmons & Mike Chedgy, they selected Captain Sam Teale



FANS REACTION

Keith Dyer

37 PTS from a play off place

Brian Philpin

Well played boys on a difficult pitch

Steven Perry

Well done boys excellent result 3 points in the bag.

Freddie Prandy

Great result in front of a great crowd

Shaun Lewis

Enjoyable game .well deserved win
Probably should have been 3/4
Paulton had a half decent 10mins but
only really created a long range effort.

◀◀ LAST ROUND REVIEW: MELKSHAM



MELKSHAM TOWN

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FROME TOWN

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League cup result (HT 1-1)

MOM: Davies

Goals: Davies (2), Lenihan

Team: Brown, Hallet, Hobbs, Teale, Maidment, Davies, Peck, Monks
Simpson, Smith, Lenihan

Subs: Mapstone, Hailston, Cottle, Mannings, Gorman



Rob Hobbs enjoying the scenes at Melksham

Frome travelled to Melksham on Monday evening for the first round of the Southern League Cup. Whilst this competition is taken less seriously than most, Danny Greaves making 5 changes from the team that was successful against Totton on the weekend, the local rivalry and links to both clubs from so many players, managers and officials meant that there was plenty to play for.

Melksham's new facility is impressive and the pitch was in excellent condition. The game got under way with Frome on the front foot without really threatening the Melksham goal. Melksham played a high pressing game attacking with pace whilst Frome's game plan was more measured. It was the hosts that claimed the first goal when former Frome favourite Luke Ballinger found himself in plenty of space on the left side of the Frome penalty area and hit his shot firmly past Rob Brown in the Frome goal.

Jon Davies wasn't long in scoring Frome's equaliser and what a goal it was, a right foot rocket from range giving Bartlett no chance and its fair to say he enjoyed it having endured a bit of abuse from the home fans up to that point. Frome basically controlled the game from this point onwards and the first half ended 1-1.

The second half continued in the same vein with Frome controlling possession and their second goal came from a poor back pass which failed to reach the goalkeeper and Lenihan nipped in to dribble the ball around him and score into an empty net.

The third and decisive goal came soon afterwards when a long range

Matt Smith effort was well saved by Bartlett, only to fall at the feet of Davies who made no mistake in scoring his second of the night.

Overall a professional performance which sees us through to the next round where we will face Dorchester at home.



FANS REACTION

Colin Jefford

"Well done Boys"

John Meaden

"Good win frome well done Jono"

Asa Wilkinson

"I'm happy to admit when I'm wrong and I was at times critical last season, but looking now perhaps that was his midfield partners and maybe fitness slightly, but one of the best and most consistent players this season so far has been Alex Monks absolutely outstanding last night and my MOM even with Jono getting 2"

Duncan Davison

"Great to see we are scoring goals again!"

Freddie Prandy

"Easy easy easy"

Kurt James

"Lens was superb tonight"

Steven Perry

"Good win frome"



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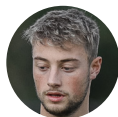
Rob Brown (Goalkeeper) Sponsored by Frome Cricket Club 3XI
Rob signed for Frome in January 2019 having spent the first half of the season with Paulton Rovers, having gained promotion from the Western League the season before with Melksham Town. A young 'keeper who continues to improve.

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

3



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

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

5



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

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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.

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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

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

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**Ryan Bath (Striker)** Sponsored by Time is Precious/Sumo

Target man and fans favourite. When called on to lead the line he has put in some great performances, with one or two spectacular goals and we hope to see more goals from him this season.

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

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

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**Lewis Ellington (Striker)**

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

14

**Warren Maidment (Defender)**

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

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**Martin Lenihan (Midfielder)** Sponsored by Ben, Jacob and Charlie Starr

Martin joins us from Bradford Town in the Western League and has been effective and creative in pre-season so we are hoping for more of the same.

16

**Rex Mannings (Midfielder)** Sponsored by George, Ben & Sam

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

17

**Alex Monks (Midfielder)**

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

18

**Dan Cottle (Midfielder)**

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

19

**Alex Hallet (Defender)**

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

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**Johnny Gorman (Midfielder)**

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

Other Squad members: Rickie Scott



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FOREST GREEN

FROME TOWN

WOMENS

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The ladies travelled to Forest Green with a late switch from their academy pitch to a 3G pitch. Justin rang the changes within the squad with Underhill partnering Mist in the centre of midfield & Edwards returning at centre back. The changes worked quicker than the management expected within 5 minutes good work from Christmas & Petteford played in Mist to ghost in between the home centre defence to put Frome one up.

Straight from the kick off Frome one the ball back with Minty on the right starting to cause problems to the Forest Green defence. A late tackle on her, the resulting free kick floated in by Underhill caused no end of problems which final fell to Petteford to slid in from 12 yards to make it 2-0 to the visitors.

Frome weren't having everything their own way only dogged defence from the back four & Restorick kept Frome in the game. Frome caught the home side well up the pitch in the middle of the park with Mist bursting through to bury it into the corner of the net for her second Frome's third.

With the half time whistle blown the visitors were in a good position.

Second half couldn't have Started better as Frome settled the quickest and took control of every loose ball. Another 40 yard cross field past from McGregor found Minty who burst past the defender first time cross found Christmas flying in at the back post

only for her shot to hit the post & she bundled in the rebound Frome's forth of the afternoon.

Frome we're controlling everything in midfield and it wasn't long before a miss timed tackle on Bristow gave Frome a free kick 35 yards out. Up stepped McGregor to blast into the top corner giving the home keeper no chance .

The home side never stopped battling and pulled on back to make it 5-1 .The win put Frome back to the top of the League table. Brilliant 3 points away from home. Underhill with a well deserved Player of the match award.

Next Sunday we welcome Purnells Sports Ladies to Badgers Hill in the 1/4 final of the Somerset Junior Cup with a 2pm kick off. Your support would be most welcome.

Match Report: Kev Restorick

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DORCHESTER TOWN

TODAYS OPPONENTS

DORCHESTER TOWN

FOUNDED:	1880
NICKNAME:	THE MAGPIES
HOME GROUND:	THE AVENUE STADIUM (5,229)
CURRENT LEAGUE POS:	21ST
LAST SEASON FINISH:	15TH
DISTANCE TRAVELLED:	48 MILES

Founded in 1880, Dorchester Town Football Club participated in The Dorset League from 1896 to 1947, and The Western League between 1947 and 1972, before joining The Southern League, where they remained until gaining entry into the newly formed Football Conference South in 2004. They were relegated back into The Southern League in 2014.

Relegated from The Premier Division at the end of the 1983/84 season, following a severe financial crisis, they only just avoided dropping out of the League in season 1985/86. However, a remarkable transformation was achieved, and Dorchester returned to The Premier Division as Champions at the end of the following season.

For most of the seasons that they were back in The Premier Division, Dorchester were a mid-table team but season 1997/98 saw The Magpies achieve their highest ever Premier Division placing when they finished in fourth place, but the next two seasons were very disappointing, with relegation only just being avoided on both occasions and in 2001 The Magpies lost The Premier Division place that they had held for fourteen seasons. The Magpies threatened to regain their Premier Division status in their first season in The Eastern

Division, but finished in third place behind. The following season, when after a fine campaign, with only five defeats, the Club returned to The Premier Division as Champions.

In season 2003/04 Dorchester won The Southern League end of season play off competition, defeating Bath City in the Semi-Final and Tiverton Town in the Final, played at Exeter City's St. James Park, to gain entry to the newly formed Conference South. Following their elevation to the Conference regional division, the Magpies finished eighth place, which was a great achievement for the small market town of Dorchester with a population of 15,000. Sadly season 2013/14 The Magpies finished rock bottom, and were relegated back into The Southern League Premier Division.

In May 2013 Chairman Shaun Hearn transferred half of his majority shareholding in the club to the Community Trust, with the commitment to see D.T.F.C become fully community owned. This is a daunting, but exciting, venture, which should bring long-term benefits to both the club and the wider community as they become more closely involved with each other.

WHO TO LOOK OUT FOR

WHO IS IN CHARGE?

MANAGER

Callum Brooks

Callum coached at The AFC Bournemouth Academy, and within the first team coaching staff at Poole Town.

Callum has also managed The Dolphins' Development Squad, before becoming the Assistant Manager at Poole Town for the 2015-16 season, and last year became manager at Sydenhams Wessex Premier Division Hamworthy United.



ONE TO WATCH

STRIKER

Tom Bath

Tom, a renowned striker, who has signed for The Magpies having been with Tiverton Town for the previous three seasons, where he scored forty-five goals in one hundred and forty-three appearances.



LEAGUE STATS IN NUMBERS

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Dorchester have won just 1 of their 7 league away games this season.

7

Dorchester have picked up 7 points from their last 10 league games home and away. With just 1 victory at home to Yate.

3

Dorchester have kept 3 clean sheets in 16 league games. Conceding on average 2.1 goals a game.

13

The Magpies have scored in 13 of their 16 games, but have only scored 3 or more goals in 1 game this league campaign

THIS SEASONS CUP RUNS

LEAGUE CUP*

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WIMBORNE (A)

DORSET SENIOR CUP*

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SHERBORNE TOWN (A)

FA CUP 2Q

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0-1

BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY (A)

FA CUP 1Q

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0-2

EVESHAM UNITED (A)

FA TROPHY (R)

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SALISBURY

DORCHESTER TOWN PROFILES

2019/20

Nick Hutchings

Nick joined The Magpies in December 2018 on a non-contract basis. Nick was previously with Poole Town, whom he had been with for eight years, and he had made over 330 appearances for The Dolphins.

Shane Murphy

Shane has returned to The Magpies for a second spell, having previously made his debut in April 2014, and has spent the past two years with AFC Totton. In his first spell with the club Shane made 76 first team appearances.

Kyle Egan

Kyle, a right sided defender, has committed to The Magpies again for a second season, having played a complete campaign as a Magpie last season.

Neil Martin

Neil, a versatile defender, initially joined The Magpies in August 2009, and was a consistent performer, but decided to leave the club to join Poole Town in November 2013. He subsequently joined neighbours Weymouth before deciding to re-join The Magpies prior to season 2015/16. Neil is a skilful, versatile player who can play either at left back or left wing back.

Michael Peck

Michael, a central defender, and a product of The Argyle Academy, has joined The Magpies on a loan agreement from his parent club Plymouth Argyle until the end of November.

Callum Rose

Callum, who can play anywhere in the back line, initially joined The Magpies on loan from his then parent club Plymouth Argyle in October 2017, making his debut for The Magpies against Basingstoke Town in The FA Trophy. Callum had spent time at Aston Villa's Academy, and played local junior football, before joining Argyle's Academy in the 2014-15 season.

Tiago Marques Sa

Tiago, who is a young versatile defender, signed for The Magpies in the close season, having been with Weymouth last season. Tiago also had a short loan spell with The Magpies in September 2018. Born Portugal.

Dan Strugnell

Dan is an experienced defender, who is arguably The Magpies' marquee signing for the new season, having previously been with National League side Havant & Waterlooville, initially on loan, since November 2012, where he made over eighty appearances and scored five goals.

Ben Symes

Ben has progressed through The Magpies' youth structure, and is a now a member of The Academy Squad.

Alfie Toland

Alfie has progressed through The Magpies' youth programme, and is now a member of The Academy squad.

Tom Blair

Tom is a midfield player, who joined The Magpies prior to the 2016-17 season. Tom has become a regular fixture in the first team squad for the past three seasons, and has now made over one hundred appearances and scored twenty goals. Born Dorchester.

Jason Brookes

Jason is a versatile utility player, who has also returned to the club, after leaving at the end of the 2017-18 season. Jason initially joined The Magpies prior to season 2014-15, having previously been a scholar at The Southampton Academy.

Franklyn Clarke

Franklyn is an energetic, physical central midfielder with a strong work ethic, and can also operate as a target man as well as in the engine room. He has also appeared for Blackfield & Langley, Poole Town, Salisbury, York City and Wimborne Town

Charlie Davis

Charlie, is an attacking midfielder player, who likes to get forward whenever the opportunity arises, and has re-joined The Magpies, having originally joined the club for a short loan spell in October 2014.

Charlie Gosney

Charlie has progressed through The Magpies' youth structure, and is a member of The Academy Squad.

Billy Lowes

Billy has re-signed for The Magpies for his third season with the club, having previously been with Weymouth. Billy has also had spells in the academies of AFC Bournemouth and Yeovil Town, and he then joined Poole Town where he won The Young Player of the Year award.

Oli Lowes

Oli is a midfielder player who has signed for The Magpies, having previously spent time at Poole Town and has also spent seven years in The AFC Bournemouth Academy. Currently dual registered with Dorchester Sports.

Tom Purrington

Tom has signed for The Magpies on loan until January from his parent club Plymouth Argyle, having progressed through The Argyle Academy to the U18's, and represented Argyle in last season's FA Youth Cup run when both Manchester City and Burnley were eliminated.

Luke Winsper

Luke was with neighbours Weymouth for a number of seasons prior to that, during which time he progressed through the youth and reserve teams before breaking into the first team on a regular basis during the 2013-14 season. Luke has now resigned for The Magpies for the new campaign.

Sean Wright

Sean is a young central midfielder, who is held in high regard by Manager Callum Brooks, having previously worked with Sean at both Hamworthy United and Poole Town.

Tom Bath

Tom, a renowned striker, who has signed for The Magpies having been with Tiverton Town for the previous three seasons, where he scored forty-five goals in one hundred and forty-three appearances.

Eder Batista

Eder, a Brazilian, has previously appeared for Poole Town and Hamworthy United, and has now joined The Magpies.

Klaudi Lolos

Klaudi, a striker, has joined The Magpies on a loan agreement from parent club Plymouth Argyle until January 2020. Klaudi has previously also played for Olympiakos, has spent time in The Crystal Palace Academy, and been on trial at Birmingham City. Klaudi is now a first-year professional at Argyle, has been called up into Greece's U19 squad, made his debut for the first team when he came on a substitute against Newport County in Sky Bet League Two, and subsequently made his first start against Bristol Rovers in The Leasing.com trophy.

Ben Morris

Ben is a local player, who plays in a wide position, and who progressed via reserve team football with The Magpies to become a member of the first team squad last season, when he made his first team debut.

River Smith

River is a talented young striker, with a tremendous work-rate, who has joined The Magpies prior to the new campaign. River had a very good goals to appearances ratio with one of his previous clubs, Bournemouth Poppies, last season, and River also appeared for Hamworthy United in the 2018-19 season.

◀◀ LAST TIME AT THE HILL: DORCHESTER



FROME TOWN

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DORCHESTER

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Nov 2018 - Southern League - Prem South

MOM: Ollie Knowles

Goals: Mannings

Team: James Carey, Kris Miller (c), Rickie Scott, Ollie Knowles, Marcus Mapstone, Connor Roberts, Dan Whitly (60), Alex Monks, Ryan Bath (72), Rex Mannings (87) Tristan Plummer

Subs: Joe O'Loughlin (72), Seb Tylek (gk), Billy Fletcher (87) Josh Brace (60), Tom Evans

There was no lack of commitment and effort from Frome in this match, but once again, scoring goals was the main problem, and after more than matching Dorchester for an hour, they fell behind to a penalty and despite searching for an equaliser right up to the final whistle, it failed to materialise and Frome slipped into the relegation zone as Dorchester overtook them.

With the squad missing the suspended Sam Teale and Kane Simpson, Dan Whitly made his first home start and Frome started brightly as Tristan Plummer cut in from the right to deliver a searching low cross that was just cleared, and with Plummer driving a shot just wide of the far post in the 10th after a period of Frome pressure, the home side were definitely in the driving seat at this point.

However, as the match settled, Dorchester came into their own and started to play the ball more in the Frome half, though with the Frome defence looking settled, the contest



Frome Town man of the match was Ollie Knowles.

developed into an even, keenly contested one with neither side able to carve out any real chances.

Frome had a shout for a penalty in the 34th as a ball seemed to bounce up and strike the hand of a defender, but the referee was in a good position to see things clearly and he immediately decided that there was no offence, and after more midfield stalemate, Frome went close in the 40th as a dangerous free kick was whipped in by Plummer only to be cleared by the head of a defender and the score remained 0-0 at half time.

Frome again had the better of the first ten minutes after the restart, and with Ollie Knowles clipping a free kick just over and stinging the palms of Kingsley Latham with a left foot shot in the 54th, the home side were obviously still up for the challenge.

However, as the game opened up, Dorchester showed that they were a force to be reckoned with on the counter attack and they went very close a minute later as a shot from a tight angle on the right flew across the face of the Frome goal and out for a corner.

Dorchester's free kicks left a bit to be desired as for the second time, the attempted shot on goal flew ten yards over the goal in the 59th, but they then took the lead in the 62nd as Frome lost possession in midfield and a quick break led to Cameron Murray cutting across the front of Kris Miller only for Miller's legs to tangle with Murray's rear leg and the referee immediately pointed to the spot and booked Miller for the challenge. Ben Seymour took the kick and scored with ease with a spot kick that no keeper in the world would have saved.

Dorchester missed a huge chance to double their lead four minutes later as a Frome clearance was charged down allowing the visitors to quickly work their way through the defence, and after James Carey had made a very good save to deny Seymour, the ball ran free to Harry Kite Kite who somehow managed to put it wide from around five yards out.

The goal meant that Frome had to do something to get back into the match, and despite substitutions in the forwards, Connor Roberts started coming forward from defence and looked the most likely to create something, but Dorchester now looked composed with a three man defence with two hard working wing backs who were tracking Frome attackers when needed, but getting forward to support their attack on the counter.

No matter what Frome tried, the Dorchester defence always proved that little bit smarter and stronger, and as the minutes ticked away and legs tired, they always looked the more likely to score again on one of their counter attacks, and Frome's only real chance of an equaliser came in the 95th minute as a corner led to a volley crashing into the defensive wall just as the final whistle blew.

The result now means that Frome have lost their last four matches by a single goal to sides around them in the table, and with each match being effectively a "six pointer", the lack of goals is becoming a serious issue, hopefully to be addressed on Saturday with the visit of old rivals Poole Town.



9. KANE SIMPSON



IF YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY...

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After a poor start to life in the Southern League and a quick change of manager Frome went on an incredible unbeaten run and finished the season in sixth

place and just three points from a play-off place. 12 months later and Frome beat Sholing 1-0 in the play-off final to secure promotion to the Southern Premier Division.



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

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

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

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

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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

DID YOU KNOW...
LAST SEASON BOTH MATCHES BETWEEN DORCHESTER AND FROME
THE AWAY SIDE WON 1-0
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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 Hallet
- ❑ 20. Johnny Gorman
- ❑ Rickie Scott

Manager: Danny Greaves

Assistant: James Moon

Referee: Jack Clench

Assistants: Steven Kay
JMicheal Halford

UPCOMING MATCHES:



BLACK/WHITE

- ❑ Shane Murphy
- ❑ Nick Hutchings
- ❑ Kyle Egan
- ❑ Neil Martin
- ❑ Michael Peck
- ❑ Callum Rose
- ❑ Tiago Sa
- ❑ Dan Strugnell (C)
- ❑ Tom Blair
- ❑ Charlie Davis
- ❑ Billy Lowes
- ❑ Tom Purrington
- ❑ Luke Winsper
- ❑ Sean Wright
- ❑ Tom Bath
- ❑ River Smith
- ❑ Klaidi Lolus
- ❑ Jason Brookes

Manager: Callum Brooks

Assistant: Steve Devlin

Sat 23rd Nov (a) - Moneyfields
Sat 30th Nov (a) - Basingstoke