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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 Paulton Rovers and hope their short stay with us is an enjoyable one. We all have many memories of games between our respective clubs which can generally be relied on to be competitive and hopefully today's fixture will continue in that vein. With both clubs having a great season so far the game takes on some extra importance and may go some way to defining how the league pans out. There are several players that have represented both clubs which brings an added bit of spice to the proceedings.

Last weekend we travelled to Barnstaple in the league and came away with a 2-0 victory on a sticky pitch to help consolidate our position at the top of the table - the journey home turned into a bit of a nightmare with an accident preventing the coach from moving forwards, a 2 hour reverse down a tiny single track lane and a wait at Taunton for a relief driver from Birmingham. Thankfully the players made the best of it and had a bit of a party in the Toby, resulting in a very later return.

We followed this with another late night effort on Tuesday where we visited Isthmian Premier side Carshalton Athletic in the FA Trophy. We encountered a high quality opposition and a thrilling encounter with both sides playing their part in an exciting tie. There's no doubt Carshalton we're worthy of their 5-3 victory but Frome battled all the way, with a decent supporter backing, and on another day the tie could have gone either way.

Off the field we are pleased to say that the board and supporters club have held a very productive meeting earlier this week and there will be some more news on that to follow soon.

So, we focus on the league again today and hopefully will see more points on the board. The players and management really appreciate your support so please make some noise.

G Collinson

Gary Collinson
Operations Director

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FROM THE DUGOUT

Welcome back to Badgers Hill for today's top of the table clash against Paulton Rovers.

John Rendall's side have had a massive turn in fortune this season, similar to ourselves. They have started the season exceptionally well. They have the leagues top goal scorer, and many other good attacking threats. We will need to be right on our game to get a positive result. It's tight at the top and while we currently sit top, Paulton do have games in hand. Points on the board or games in hand? I will let you know the answer after today, but you have to win those games in hand, especially when playing the side above you and that brings huge pressure.

We go into the game on the back of our first defeat in 10, losing to Carlshalton on Tuesday night. Defeated but certainly not disgraced. We can take lots of positives out of it. The defensive display was out of character for us as we have been superb in that department this season, and had kept 2 clean sheets in the previous 2 games. But we must give them credit, they were an excellent side, from a higher division. Their movement was the best we have come up against and they were clinical. They beat Dagenham on the way to the first round proper of the FA Cup and you don't do that if you're not a good side. Saying that, we have so many positives to take. Our attacking display was superb, and given everything I have just said about them, scoring 3 in their own backyard is a great achievement. Some of the individual displays were very pleasing.

We haven't got too high when we have been winning, and won't over analyse or get to low when we lose our first game in 10.

Overall we have lots of positives to take from that game into Paulton. I must say a massive well done to our group of players for the sacrifices they have made over the last week with 2 long trips last Saturday and again on Tuesday. Many of them losing money at work to take days off, and most getting in at 2am and back to work at 5 am. This is the side of things that sometimes don't get recognised but these boys are making the hard sacrifices to represent your club and make this season a success.

On the other side of the fence, I must saying a massive thank you on behalf on the management and players for the unbelievable support over those 2 away trips. You have also had to make those same sacrifices to support the players and it is massively appreciated.

Hopefully we can reward you with a performance and hopefully the right result today.

Enjoy the game.

Greavesy

Danny Greaves
Manager

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1. ROB BROWN

PLAYER FEATURE: ROB BROWN

FEATURE BY ROB BIRD

In a commanding league position and in fine form, Danny Greaves will not only want to further sharpen the goalscoring abilities of the attacking players in the side, but just as crucially ensure the back four are watertight. To achieve that, it starts with a quality goalkeeper, and Rob Brown was in high spirits after Frome's incredible 2-0 win away to Barnstaple.

"To go to Barnstaple and come away with all 3 points is massive and shows our quality, they're a very good side". Victories alike the one at Barnstaple only further highlight the potential of this Robins side, and Brown is driven to fulfil that potential to the maximum.

"We aim to hopefully win the league or reach the playoffs this season, we're definitely capable of doing both.

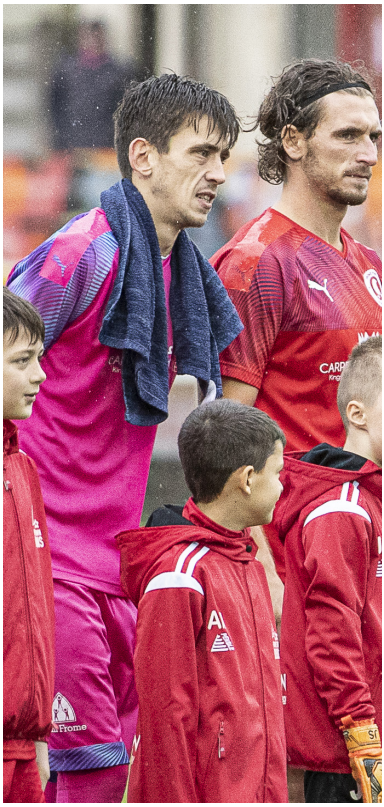
"We're moving the ball quicker and playing in wider areas, we're also more confident from playing out from the back. You can see the side improving every week".

Aside from on-pitch abilities however, Brown was also keen to mention the physical and mental attributes that equally need to be in top condition, something that highlights his personal drive and footballing intelligence.

"Fitness is massive in this league, it's really physical and we need to make sure we never fade in games. It's important to work hard and stick together too, that's how we'll win games".

As Frome fans, we all know the quality Brown possesses between the sticks, so I was eager to question him on his personal footballing career aspirations:

"At the moment I'm just keen to keep playing at a decent level with Frome. I'm eager to carry on playing well and we'll see where that leads.



“WORK HARD AND STICK TOGETHER ...THAT’S HOW WE’LL WIN GAMES”.

"I'm always driven to improve, I'd say kicking is my best attribute, but there's always room to grow".

One question we failed to ask Rob was whether with his long range kicking whether he fancies getting on the score sheet this season...

Another player clearly eager to grow, and currently performing at his very best in Rex Mannings, who's recent scoring statistics have many excited for his future in a Robins kit.

"Rex has been dynamite this year, and he'll be our golden boy this season if he carries on the way he's going".

"He always gives it everything in training and you can see that pay off on gamedays".

I think many will agree one attribute that makes Mannings so exciting and dangerous is his pace, something not always possessed by everyone however, according to Brown. "Slowest in the squad is probably me! Or maybe Maps as well. Rex is obviously rapid, but I'd say JD is the fastest.

The season however is a marathon, not a sprint. If Frome are to continue to be a domestic force, they'll continually require the loyal support from all Robins fans. To you, he wanted to show appreciation.

"I'd like to thank all the fans for their support week in, week out. Hopefully we can gain promotion this season, and with your backing nothing is ever impossible"

"YOU CAN SEE THE SIDE IMPROVING EVERY WEEK"

CARSHALTON 5
FROME TOWN 3

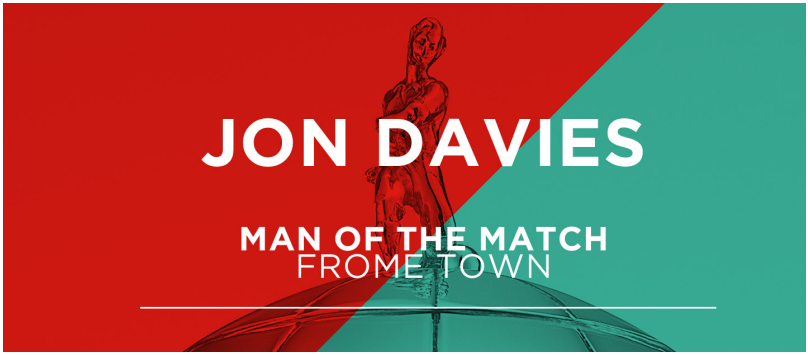
FA Trophy

MOM: Davies
Goals: Davies x2, Smith
Team: Brown, Cooper, Mapstone, Teale, Maidment, Peck, Davies
Simpson, Smith, Mannings, Monks
Subs: Hallett, Greaves, Ellington, Locke, Lenihan

Two goals from Davies and a cracker from Smith wasn't enough as we bowed out to Carshalton in the FA Trophy. In a Tuesday night match that was full of entertainment and action.

The match hinged on two fast starts to the halves by Carshalton that ultimately left Frome chasing the game. The excitement at the War Memorial Sports Ground, got under as Carshalton put the early pressure but on 4 mins a swift counter attack saw Mannings shoot narrowly wide. A minute later back up the other end Carshalton had a shot deflected over the bar, and from the resulting quick corner, there was no one there to tap in the inviting cross. But it was on 10 mins the deadlock was broken, a through ball to Korboa left Maidment standing and Korboa beat the on rushing Brown to the ball to put the hosts in front.

It was quickly doubled as the referee played a good advantage and Carshalton extended their lead with a cross from the right easily turned home. Carshalton smelt blood and only the woodwork came to Frome's rescue. Monks was robbed in the centre circle, a blistering attack followed which saw the shot hit the



post. The next attack which saw Brown make a comfortable save. Danny Greaves shuffled his pack. Davies moved up front to partner Simpson and attempt to make something happen. It worked and after a free kick on the corner of area narrowly avoided Mapstone. On 31 mins Cooper found Davies and with the outside of his right foot, he finds the top corner from outside the box.

The cheering was short lived as the comeback halted instantly. A long range shot is fumbled by Brown in the Frome goal and the striker nips in to finish it off to make it 3-1. However, Frome where buoyed be the fact that they had scored. Going into half time there was still some positivity. The next goal would be key...

After a another fast start a shot from edge of the box, travelled through 4 defenders and into the bottom corner to make it 4-1 to the host. But as the celebrations died down, Smith fired in a quick response from from outside the box. Back to 2 goals behind and a more nervous home crowd. Attacking changes from Greaves took place as we went for broke in the hunt for a third. It came as Davies broke into the area, his low shot and snuck in as home keeper that fumbles it make it 4-3.

The speed of Carshalton's attacks were always causing problems, and on 70 mins a cross from the left beats the last man and it's an easy tap in to extend the lead to 5-3.

Into the last 20 minutes and we had the oportunties to score a fourth with Simpson and Cooper coming close. When the board went up to show three added minutes Simpson thought we had our fourth to set up a mad last few minutes. But it wasn't to be as the linesmans flag went up.

The Cup run ends but all those associate with Frome can hols their heads high as we definitely didn't go out with a whimper.

FANS REACTION

Barrie Simmons
To score 3 at a place like that is a great effort

Dave Watkins
Fair play to everyone for this, scoring three away at such a good side is very commendable. Hopefully we gained some respect from their fans for putting up a strong showing and never giving up.

Steven Perry
Never mind we cant win them all good try though good 3 goals away from home ....

Freddie Prandy
Best team I've seen us play in a long time popped the ball about brilliantly

Asa Wilkinson
Great effort sounds like we never gave up just couldn't quite get close enough to them scoring wise they always seemed to give us a hammer blow.

Damian Merritt
Great effort lads. Good luck Saturday

Peggy Collinson
Great effort Frome!

Daniel Foster
UTFJD!

BARNSTAPLE TOWN 0
FROME TOWN 2

Bet Victor Southern League - Division 1 South

MOM: Smith
Goals: Simpson, Mapstone
Team: Phillips, Cooper, O'Loughlin, Maidment, Peck, Mapstone, Monks, Davies Simpson, Smith, Mannings
Subs: Teale, Hallett, Lenihan, Cottle, Greaves

Lest we forget

This weekend saw the Robins travel West down to Barnstaple, in a top vs bottom clash at this point in the season. With us topping the table on points with many of our rivals having games in hand. On paper this one looked like an easy game to call but we know that any game at this level can go either way, with a heavy pitch and unfavourable weather conditions.

However, Frome Town secured another 3 points on their travels with a valuable win at Barnstaple Town to continue to be unbeaten away this season in the league. Danny Greaves had perhaps has an eye on Tuesday night's away FA Trophy tie at Carshalton with his team selection. With Sam Teale and Dan Cottle moved to the bench to allow Warren Maidment to take a place in the starting 11 along with the returning Jon Davies. The other change of note was Rob Brown was unavailable and Kyle Phillips took his place between the sticks.

It didn't take long and we got off to a dream start in the 4th minute when a clever pass from Mannings released Kane Simpson who beat the keeper to take the lead. This was Simpson's second goal since returning back to the club and Mannings taking his tally to three assists this season.

The game was always going to be about the hosts ability to take their chances when they were presented. They created a couple of opportunities which they spurned without really troubling Phillips in the Frome goal. It was a professional display by Frome that saw the first half drew to a close at 1-0.

A Barnstaple fight back was expected as the teams came out for the second half, but it was Frome start brightly and put the hosts under pressure from the first minute. After some good football the goalkeeper was called on to make a smart save at the feet of Mannings.

The keeper was again back in action and produced another good save again with his feet when Kane Simpson broke through, as the we started to dominate the game.

In the 69th minute Frome scored their second and effectively killed the game. Davies delivered in a fine free kick from the right hand side, Marcus Mapstone was on hand to turn it in at the near post. You could sense the game was now settled and that Frome would protect their lead to see out the win.

The home goalkeeper, however was determined to keep the score respectable and pulled off one more excellent save from Simpson. Then Matt Smith tried to cap an excellent performance with a fine long range effort from that clipped the crossbar on 80 minutes. The final few minutes were played out in what can only be described as a very professional performance. Three more points on the board.

FANS REACTION

Pepe Selvaggio
Well done the robins all the way from arbroath Scotland

John Meaden
Well done good away win well done Smithy

Brian Philpin
Well played boys on a difficult pitch

FROME TOWN 1
SHOLING 0

Bet Victor Southern League - Division 1 South

MOM: Teale
Goals: Mannings
Team: Brown, Cooper, O'Loughlin, Teale, Hallett, Lenihan, Simpson, Hobbs, Smith, Mannings, Cottle
Subs: Maidment, Peck, Mapstone, Monnks, Davies

Match Sponsor Dave Watkins presenting MOM award to Sam Teale

We left it late in the second half to stay top of the league for another weekend. Rex Mannings scored his 5 goal in 4 games in the 85 minute after latching onto a fine through ball to place the ball calmly under the keeper from the edge of the area. Mannings impressive form was not unnoticed as the crowd sang his name at the end to show their appreciation.

The match had been looking like the weather was going to be the only winner of the day, as both teams matched each other in terms of possession and territory. Chances in the first half were few and far between. Simpson had a couple of situations to test the Sholing keeper but the biggest chance fell to Simpson after Mannings had rounded the keeper and pulled it back. Simpson's smart shot was blocked off the line by the defenders rushing back. Brown at the other end was also called into action to make an excellent save to keep the scores level.

Half time, the rain and cold didn't seem to be dampening the fans spirits as they seemed to almost sense that we would get at least one proper opportunity to clinch the match. Especially with the knowledge that Sholing at still yet to score away this season. The chances started to mount up in the second half, but the pressure only slowly built up. The introduction of Davies and Monks on the hour, started the change of the momentum in Frome's favour. Chances fell to Simpson, Mannings and finally Hobbs who pulled his shot just wide of the goal. Davies was keen to mark his return and a cheeky effort lobbed over the goalkeeper clipped the bar and went over, when a proportion of the fans thought it had gone in.

Then with 5 minutes to go Mannings stepped up to get the winner, the fight was knocked out of the visitors and Frome played out until the final whistle. Where the celebrations began. Another three points on the board and that makes it 6 wins and 1 draw in the last 7 outings.

FANS REACTION

Ben Starr
Tricky game. The conditions made it difficult. Looked like being a 0-0 until a great finish late on

Paul Amor
Sam's best game this season

Darren Golay
Again I thought we were deserving winners against dogged opposition. Another 'Never say Die' performance playing to the final whistle.

Richard Porteous
Gary Collinson Sholing looked a very decent side. Hard to believe that they're down at the bottom of the table

Derek Graham
Rex on fire

Dave Watkins
Actually enjoyed the afternoon. Thanks to those at the club who looked after me by the way. Very hard fought game, pretty even overall, the two defences coped well I thought.

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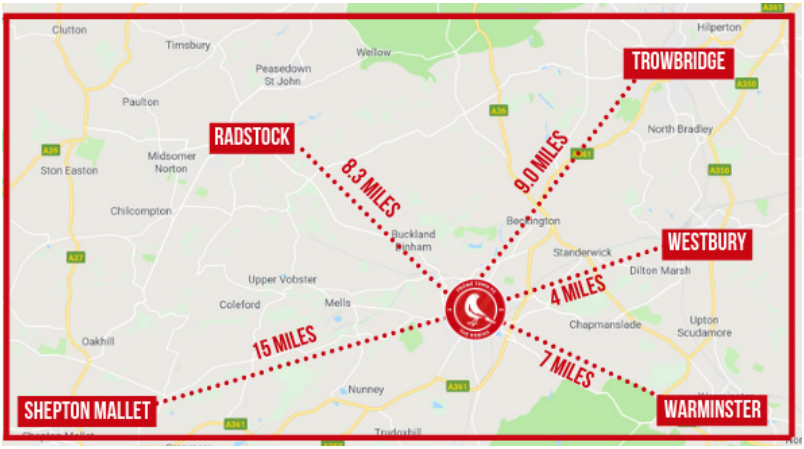

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FROME TOWN 1

TROWBRIDGE 1

WOMENS

Frome Town Women looked to get back to winning ways with a league visit from neighbours Trowbridge Town in their 1st league game in 4 weeks. Before the game kicked off a minutes silence was observed by all for all our service personnel past and present.

The 1st 15 minutes of the opening half started with neither team taking a hold of the game or really creating any real pressure on either goal. Both teams continued to probe looking to find a way in behind two strong looking defences but neither succeeded until the fresh legs of Mist in the middle of the park ghosted around 3 players and put Isaacson through only to spurn Frome's best chance of the half. With Justins team talk looming the ref blew up for half time with what could only be called a drab 1st half performance.

The 2nd half started with Frome more on the front foot looking to gain control of the game and 60 minutes in Frome's dominance came good when Harris collected the ball just inside Trowbridge's box and unleashed a fierce dipping strike to leave the visitors keeper no chance.

The next 25 minutes saw Frome come close to doubling their lead with Bristow shooting just wide,a lung bursting box to box run from the youthful Perkins ending with her shooting into the keepers arms and a McGregor pile driver rebounding off the post. The constant pressure down the right produced Christmas a sharp chance but her volleyed effort cleared the bar.

Trowbridge still posed a threat and picked up a contentious free kick on 85 minutes 30 yards out when Underhill rose well to head out a floated ball in and Trowbridge's striker colliding with her and landed awkwardly. The resulting free kick saw a perfect strike into the "top bins" which saw Trowbridge react as if it was the winner, but with 5 minutes plus added to play Frome pushed forward but were unable to grab a winner.

On the balance of chances Frome must feel 2 points dropped but for Trowbridge a point gained.The supporters player of the game went to debutant Freya Mist who came on midway through the 1st half showing good touches,skill,great energy and tackled anything that moved.

Onto next week a stern test awaits Frome's women with an away trip to Forest Green Rovers.

Match Report: Kev Restorick
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FROME TOWN 1

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Town played well in possession of the ball here against their opponents from the division above but yet again their play out of possession particularly when being counter attacked was their achilles heel.

Frome went into this game with the pacey powerful Carver back to fitness after a long injury layoff. In addition Frome tried a slightly different balance in the midfield with Brotherton making a first start and Russell starting for the first time since the opening day of the season. Frome started the game well in terms of possession and goal kick structure with midfielders Brewster, Russell & Brotherton keenly looking for possession of the from goalkeepers possession and having enough quality and awareness to breakdown the aggressive Weston Super Mare press.

In turn skipper Seviour's excellent movement off the front allowed Frome a systematic build up with good running in behind by the pacey Porter & Carver stretching the Super Mare back line. Carver in particular impressed with some powerful runs down the right resulting in crosses that could not quite be converted. Super Mare it must be noted showed good quality in terms of recycling possession across the back line but Frome's pressing pattern was reasonably good other than an issue with regards to fullbacks/mezzallas being too deep to affect play once play was switched.

Frome found themselves behind to a scrappy first goal about 30 minutes in. However Frome struck back with a brilliant goal constructed down the left side which saw Seviour get in behind using the left side interior corridor before finishing superbly for 1-1.

Frome however switched off on a corner yet again with a failure to zonally mark at the far post allowing Super Mare a simple tap in on the far side after a corner was not cleared. Just before half time Frome conceded another goal from an open play cross and header to find themselves 3-1 down at the break.

The second half was a bit of a non-event from Frome's point of view with relatively good approach work with the ball being undone by a lack of width/counter pressing from fullbacks not overlapping enough.

This in turn was caused by a lack of holding midfield players to cover for the fullbacks on forward forays meaning the fullbacks were reticent to go forward fearing a lack of cover. In addition this lack of natural holding midfield players allowed Super Mare to execute a number of successful counter attacks in central areas.

To this end Frome ended up losing the match 6-1 although they were unfortunate not to get at least one more goal after a good press ended with Seviours block on the keeper bouncing just wide.

As a conclusion Frome's management need to find the right balance between midfield players who hold deep positions to block counter attacks and facilitate width from advanced fullbacks by covering for them when play breaks down and these same holding players must also be able to show the high technical knowledge and ability to facilitate playing out of the back in the way the Frome midfield did so excellently in this match which enabled Frome to play good football in possession.

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THE FORGOTTEN ART?

Comments by Rob Bird

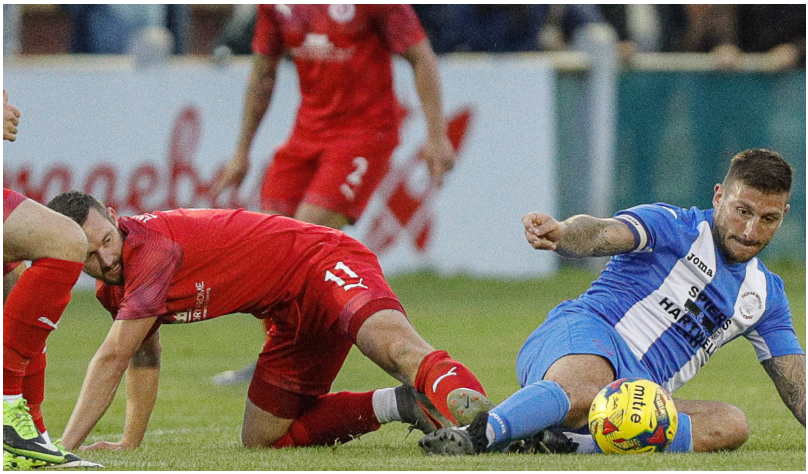
Thus far this season, Frome have demonstrated an increased work-rate, passion and intelligence for defending, one main reason supporting their impressive start domestically.

However, for many defending as a whole has over-time become an artform slightly forgotten about, it's importance and the skill of defending overshadowed by flamboyant attacking play.

The most evident example of this is fullbacks. Only looking back as recently as the 80's and 90's, the fullback position today compared to then is drastically different. A great example is Giuseppe Bergomi, a legendary Italian fullback whose expert defending and physical presence could've easily seen him just as respected in a central position.

At present however, players alike Bergomi come few and far between, with now the likes of Trent Alexander-Arnold and Andy Robertson branded as two of the world's best, almost solely due to their goal scoring and assist tendencies.

So why is this. Well according to ex-Manchester United and England defender Gary Neville, it all traces back to management and training.



"With old-school coaches' 60-70 percent of training would be defensive, where your feet should be, the position of your hips, how often you'd be ball watching. I compare it to a musician stripping a song back to its elements".

"The others and I (who retired in around 2010) were the last crop of predominantly defensively trained players. Back then if a fullback was to cross it was seen as a crime, today is barely seems to register. The technical and attacking work is now around 80 percent, with 20 percent reserved for training, and standards have really dropped".

Neville's credible insight into this issue can also be supported when studying the vast array of exciting youth talents braking thorough, with the majority playing in attacking roles like Jadon Sancho and Callum Hudson-Odoi, with only a few in comparison defensively minded and equipped.

When looking at Frome this season however, this analogy can be challenged. In The Robin's last 10 League fixtures, they've conceded only 12 goals, an average of 1.2 per game.

To put this into perspective Tottenham Hotspur who boast internationally experienced defenders like Jan Vertonghen, Toby Alderweireld and Davison Sanchez have conceded 1.42 goals a game on average this season.

More than likely down to Greaves' pre-season work, which has consistently seen players praise the morale of the squad, as well as their improved on-pitch abilities from last season, if Frome can continue to exert quality defensive performances, while the likes of Jon Davis and Kane Simpson grab the goals, they'll ultimately find themselves near the top, come the end of the season.

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

2

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

3

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

4

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

5

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

6

Chris Peck (Midfielder) **Sponsored by JAMBO - Digital Media Creative**
Joined in the summer from Mangotsfield, a tough tackling, no nonsense midfielder that is composed on the ball and can command the central area.

7

Jon Davies (Midfielder) **Sponsored by Sumo**
Jon returns after a season and a half away at Melksham Town, having originally joined Frome from Bath City. Two footed and a delight to watch, unless you are a defender.

8

Rob Hobbs (Midfielder)
Another one rejoining this summer from Melksham for the third or fourth time. Rob is skillful and committed and will be an asset in the midfield areas

9

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.

11

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

12

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.

15

Martin Lenihan (Midfielder) **Sponsored by Ben, Jacob and Charlie Starr**
Martin joins us from Bradford Town in the Western League and has been effective and creative in pre-season so we are hoping for more of the same.

16

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

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.

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

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PAULTON ROVERS

TODAYS OPPONENTS

PAULTON ROVERS

FOUNDED:	1881
NICKNAME:	THE ROVERS
HOME GROUND:	ATHLETIC FIELD (2,500)
CURRENT LEAGUE POS:	3RD
LAST SEASON FINISH:	17TH
DISTANCE TRAVELLED:	25 MILES

Paulton Rovers were formed in 1890. The club joined the Western League in 1900 and the best ever position was runners up in 2003/4 securing promotion to the Southern League. They won the Somerset Senior Cup on twelve occasions, and the Somerset Senior League seven times, the last being in 1974, when they were re-admitted to the Western League after an absence of fourteen years. Their best attendance of 2,070 was on 7 November 2009 reaching the FA Cup 1st Round for the first time. The match v Norwich City, was live on ITV1 and to over 30 other countries. Prior to then a crowd believed estimated at over 2,000, saw them take on Crewe Alexandra in the FA Cup 5th qualifying round in 1906.

Rovers moved to Winterfield Road in 1954. In 1967, an old RAF hut served as the club house with a licenced bar. Soon plans were drawn mortgage to build bigger premises including skittle alley. The pitch was turned 90 degrees so the club house is built on the one penalty area's. The social club is now the premier venue for many social occasions within the rapidly expanding local community.
It was under the management team of Darren Perrin and Mike Kilgour that, Rovers secured promotion to the Southern League. Rovers finished just outside the play-offs in the following season and Darren left for Premier Division, Chippenham Town.

In July 2005 Andy Jones stepped up from Reserve Manager. In 2006/7 the club finished runners up in Division 1 South & West Division One and narrowly missed out on the play offs the following year. His successful 5 year tenure was highlighted by reaching the 1st round of the FA Cup. 2011, Nick Bunyard took over, the season ended with Rovers winning the Somerset Premier Cup for the first time with a 3-1 win over Bridgwater Town.

After losing out in the play off the previous year in 2013/14 Rovers finished 4th spot and defeated Tiverton Town 3-1 in the semi final when down to 9 men, "Bunny's" men defied the odds to win the Play off Final at Merthyr Town in front of a crowd of 2,201 and thus gain promotion to Step 3 for the first time in their history.

2014/15 finished a more creditable 10th place in the Premier Division, during the close season Bunyard, resigned for personal reasons and the club appointed Richard Fey from Bridgwater Town, but after a disappointing start he resigned and former Bath City boss Tony Ricketts took charge at end of October. Unfortunately the club finished bottom and relegated back to Division 1 South and West.

Despite stabilising things Ricketts left at the end of 2016/17 and former Rovers keeper John Rendell was appointed bringing former player Paul Tovey as his assistant.

WHO TO LOOK OUT FOR

WHO IS IN CHARGE?

MANAGER

John Rendell

Joined the club as manager in May 2017 The former Paulton Rovers keeper was also a product of the youth system at the Bluebells, he went on to play professionally for Cardiff City and a host of Non-League clubs before moving into management. John joined from rivals Yate Town.

ONE TO WATCH

STRIKER

Ben Bament

The 28yr old striker has 11 goals in 9 league games sees Ben at the top of the Goalscoring charts. His previous seasons highest league totals are 12 goals. So two more goals will see him beat his own personal record before Christmas. Ben has previously featured at Bristol Manor Farm and Mangotsfield.

LEAGUE STATS IN NUMBERS

15/15

Paulton have scored 15 goals at Home and 15 goals Away this season so far.

2.7

Paulton are the top scorers in the league so far this season with 30 goals in 11 games. (2.7 goals a game)

1

Paulton clean sheet all season so far at home to Barnstaple with all other 10 teams scoring at least 1.

10

Paulton have scored in 10 games out of 11, but their last away match finished 1-0 to Slimbridge

THIS SEASONS FORM (LEAGUE)

	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	FOR	AG	RECENT FORM
HOME	5	4	0	1	15	7	W L W W W
AWAY	6	4	1	1	15	8	D W W W W L
OVERALL	9	3	0	6	30	14	W W W W L W

PAULTON ROVERS PROFILES
2019/20

Joe Perry
Aged 29. Goalkeeper
Previous Clubs include: Taunton Town, Tiverton Town, Clevedon Town, Merthyr Tydfil

Ed Butcher
Aged 26. Attacking Midfielder
Previous Clubs include: Bridport & Street

Ali Sen
Aged 17. Full Back/Winger
Has come through the Youth set up at Paulton Rovers making his debut in 2018/19 season

Ryan Gay
Aged 25. Striker/Winger
Previous Club includes: Chilcompton, Welton Rovers & Gillingham

Braeden Symes
Aged 22. Centre Midfield
Previous Clubs include: Bridport & Chard

Charlie Hitchings
Aged 25. Defender
Club Captain. Previous Clubs include: Cheltenham Town, Taunton Town, Yate Town, Mangotsfield Utd

Craig Allan
Aged 29. Defender
Makes a return to Paulton Rovers. Previous Clubs include: Bideford, Barnstaple Town, Bridgwater Town.

Ben Bament
Aged 28. Striker
Previous Clubs include: Clevedon Town, Bristol Manor Farm, Mangotsfield Utd & Bitton AFC

Nuno Felix
Aged 28. Full back
Previous clubs include Melksham Town, Salisbury, Chippenham Town, Taunton Town, Banbury United, Yate Town, Clevedon Town

Mason Harrison
Aged 17. Full Back/Defensive Midfield
Has come through the Youth set up at Paulton Rovers making his debut in 2018/19 season

Brad Abrahams
Aged 28. Midfielder
Previous Clubs include: Yate Town, Mangotsfield Utd

Cameron Shorney
Aged 22. Midfielder
Previous Clubs include: Keynsham Town

Dan Lock
Aged 22. Left Back
Previous Clubs include: Clevedon Town

Eli Nichols
Aged 19. Winger
Previous Clubs include: Bristol City, Frome Town

Joe Hillard
Aged 22. Defender
Previous Clubs include: Mangotsfield Utd

Jake Slogett
Aged 22. Midfielder
Previous Clubs include: Evesham Town, Bishops Cleeve, Bradford Town, Chilcompton

Dave Sims-Burgess
Aged 23. Striker/Winger
Previous Clubs: Yate Town

Ben Withey
Aged 23. Defender/Midfield
Previous Clubs: Frome Town, Mangotsfield Utd, Weston Super Mare

Kye Mountford
Aged 33. Midfielder
Previous Clubs include: Tiverton Town, Yate Town, Clevedon Town

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NLP: MALDON & TIPTREE...WHO ARE THEY?

By Jon Couch

"MALDON & TIPTREE??" a friend of mine questioned when sifting through the FA Cup first round fixtures last Sunday. "Who on earth are they?" (or words to that effect).

Queries such as this are actually quite common place for the Non-League Paper news team, mainly from those who don't believe in life outside the Premier League.

So, on the day when Liverpool and Manchester City were locking horns in the top echelons of English football, it was perhaps fitting that the Maldon & Tiptrees of this world were enjoying their 15 minutes of fame.

Now one thing I must also confess is that when asked my "expert" opinion of all things Non-League whether Maldon & Tiptree could actually go to National League champions Leyton Orient and beat them in their own back yard, I told them to keep their money in their pocket! What do I know anyway?!

Once again, I had underestimated the magic of the FA Cup – but isn't that what we just love about this competition? How does little Maldon & Tiptree, of Isthmian League Division One North actually turn up at Brisbane Road wearing a Barcelona-style kit and beat a team four leagues above them in the Pyramid playing like...well, Barcelona?

For anyone who thinks I'm exaggerating, take a look at Jorome Slew's fine solo winner in front of the ecstatic Jammers fans behind the goal? Jammy it was most certainly not.

And it wasn't just Maldon & Tiptree who conjured up their bit of magic at the weekend. At the same time, Kingstonian were putting a thrown-together crisis club Macclesfield side to the sword at Moss Rose to earn a second round tie with AFC Fylde and ensure there will be at least one Non-League club at the third round stage.

Earlier, Dover Athletic enjoyed their big day in front of the BT Sport cameras by beating League One Southend United at Crabble. It set us up nicely for a Sunday Funday where Bromley held Bristol Rovers to a 1-1 draw and Altrincham stunned their league's leaders York City to earn a mouth-watering away tie at Portsmouth, FA Cup winners of course just 12 years ago under Harry Redknapp.

So, with no fewer than 15 clubs left in the competition before next week's first round replays – including another Step 4 side Chichester City, who were rewarded with an away tie at either Tranmere Rovers or Wycombe Wanderers after receiving a first-round bye – the magic of the FA Cup will no doubt return come November 30.

Hopefully, by then, the Premier League ignoramuses might actually have an idea who to put their money on!

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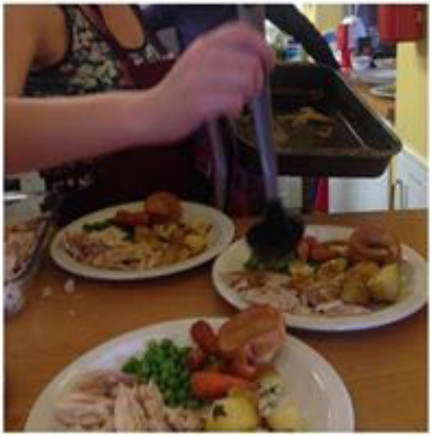

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IF YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After a poor start to life in the Southern League and a quick change of manager Frome went on an incredible unbeaten run and finished the season in sixth place and just three points from a play-off place. 12 months later and Frome beat Sholing 1-0 in the play-off final to secure promotion to the Southern Premier Division.

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

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

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

After a difficult season Frome were relegated back to 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.

WE ARE #BA11

Frome Town FC

ASA VS...

Again it's been a little while since the Sholing game last time out we sure James try to use his old home advantage to predict a draw and he might not have had the score right, but he came close. It was only a late winner that secure the Robins all three points. No one in our league claimed 3pts but the other 5 competitors all took a 1 point step forward meaning James has dropped to the bottom.

This Saturday against Paulton, derby rivals seem to be in play as we have 6 predicted home wins and Asa set his stall out with a 2-1 prediction, Bash and James matched this prediction. Geoff and Patrick think this is going to be a high scoring thriller with their 3-2 predictions. But Billy thinks it will be more comfortable at 3-1. But we know Billy's gone for a reverse on our online poll ;-)

This week there is a bonus point for anyone that gets within 20 of the official attendance. eg. Attendance was 400 a guess of 390-410 will get a point.

THIS WEEKS PREDICTIONS

Asa:	Frome	2-1	Paulton	(323)
Geoff:	Frome	3-2	Paulton	(363)
Basher:	Frome	2-1	Paulton	(350)
Billy	Frome	3-1	Paulton	(491)
Patrick:	Frome	3-2	Paulton	(310)
James:	Frome	2-1	Paulton	(347)

LEAGUE TABLE

1	**Asa**	**8pt (4 correct, 2 exact)**
2	Patrick	6pt (4 correct, 1 exact)
=3	Basher	4pt (4 correct, 0 exact)
=3	Billy	4pt (4 correct, 0 exact)
=3	Geoff	4pt (4 correct, 0 exact)
6	James	3pt (2 correct, 0 exact)

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

ASA WILKINSON
Self-proclaimed biggest Frome fan
Last week prediction:
Frome 3-1 Sholing

JAMES BURGOYNE
Frome Communications manager
Last week prediction:
Frome 2-2 Sholing

GEOFF MORTON-NORRIS
Chairman of our supporters club
Last week prediction:
Frome 3-0 Sholing

SHAUN "BASHER" BAKER
Super star, Kit man and Frome fan
Last week prediction:
Frome 2-1 Sholing

BILLY WRIGHT
Fan, former player and host of MNKO on Frome FM.
Last week prediction:
Frome 4-1 Sholing

PATRICK MOSS
MNKO host, sponsor and football connoisseur
Last week prediction:
Frome 3-1 Sholing

TABLES & STATISTICS

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Frome Town	14	9	4	1	27	13	+14	31
2	Thatcham Town	10	8	2	0	27	7	+20	26
3	Paulton Rovers	11	8	1	2	30	15	+15	25
4	Evesham United	11	6	3	2	23	15	+8	21
5	Winchester City	10	6	2	2	21	13	+8	20
6	Cinderford Town	11	6	2	3	22	17	+5	20
7	Slimbridge	9	6	0	3	22	17	+5	18
8	Mangotsfield	12	5	1	6	22	26	−4	16
9	Bristol Manor	9	4	3	2	15	12	+3	15
10	Larkhall Athletic	10	4	3	3	16	16	0	15
11	Highworth Town	11	4	2	5	15	19	−4	14
12	Cirencester Town	10	4	1	5	19	15	+4	13
13	Moneyfields	10	3	3	4	17	14	+3	12
14	Bideford	11	3	1	7	16	25	−9	10
15	Sholing	10	3	0	7	10	15	−5	9
16	Basingstoke Town	11	2	3	6	16	22	−6	9
17	Melksham Town	11	2	3	6	19	28	−9	9
18	Willand Rovers	10	2	1	7	8	14	−6	7
19	AFC Totton	10	2	1	7	10	23	−13	7
20	Barnstaple Town	13	2	0	11	10	39	−29	6

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS

Barnstaple Town	0 - 2	**Frome Town**
Basingstoke Town	P - P	Thatcham Town
Cinderford Town	P - P	Bristol Manor Farm
Evesham United	2 - 2	Highworth Town
Mangotsfield United	4 - 2	Bideford
Melksham Town	P - P	Sholing
Moneyfields	0 - 2	Winchester City
Paulton Rovers	P - P	Willand Rovers

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

1	**Ben Bament**	**Paulton Rovers**	**12**
2	Jack Ball	Melksham Town	8
3	Simba Mlambo	Winchester City	8
4	**Jonathan Davies**	**Frome Town**	**7**
5	**Rex Mannings**	**Frome Town**	**7**
6	Lee Chilton	Evesham United	7
7	Thomas Hillman	Mangotsfield United	7
8	Daniel Demkiv	Mangotsfield United	7
9	Felipe Barcelos	Thatcham Town	7
10	Kyle Tooze	Thatcham Town	6

LEAGUE TOP SCORING TEAMS

1	**Paulton Rovers**	**30**
2	**Frome Town**	**27**
3	Thatcham Town	27
4	Evesham United	23
5	Cinderford Town	22

LEAGUES MEANEST DEFENCES

1	Thatcham Town	7
2	Bristol Manor Farm	12
3	**Frome Town**	**13**
4	Winchester City	13
5	Moneyfields	14

7=	**Paulton Rovers**	15

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

DID YOU KNOW...

IN THE LAST 4 MATCHES BETWEEN PAULTON AND FROME THE HOME SIDE HAS ALWAYS WON #OMEN #JINX

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

BLUE & YELLOW

- 1. Joe Perry
- 2: Joe Hillard
- 3: Ben Withey
- 4: Charlie Hitchings (C)
- 5: Craig Allan
- 6: Brad Abraham
- 7: Cameron Shorney
- 8: Braeden Symes
- 9: Ben Bament
- 10: Ryan Gay
- 11: Ed Butcher
- 12: Ali Sen
- 14: Dan Dempsey
- 15: Jake Sloggett
- 16: Nuno Felix
- 17: Dave Sim Burgess

Manager: John Rendell
Assistant: Paul Tovey

Referee: Iain Parsons
Assistants: Mark Shapland
John Foster

UPCOMING MATCHES:

Tue 19th Nov (a) - **LCup** - Dorchester
Sat 23rd Nov (a) - Moneyfields
Sat 30th Nov (a) - Basingstoke

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