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

It's been a while since we last met in the league above, and I'm sure both clubs will be looking to return to the Premier division as we currently sit first and second in the league table, Frome with a small points advantage but Thatcham with games in hand so today's result could be crucial even though we are only half way through the season.

The last home game produced a fine 2-0 over fellow promotion hopefuls Winchester but the weather since has left us 14 days without a game so hopefully the lads can continue their fine run of form.

At this time of year, its particularly important to look to this less fortunate than ourselves and we are collecting today for our partners Fair Frome and the local food bank so any tins or packaged food donations will be warmly received.

We welcome our mascots from Westbury today and hope they enjoy the experience as we try to further our reach into the community. If you have a youth team from the local area and want to be involved, please let us know. It's free to be a mascot and we also ensure a parent comes in for each child as well. So if you have up to 11 children in mind let us know.

It just leaves me to wish you all a very happy Christmas and successful New Year on behalf of the Board, players and management staff, and thank you for the fantastic support this season so far.

Please get behind the team today and make some noise, your support really does make a difference.

Enjoy the game

*G Collinson*

Gary Collinson  
Operations Director

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# 4. SAM TEALE





## FROM THE DUGOUT

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What a fixture we have for the final home game of 2019. Top v second. Two teams with only one defeat each in the league so far. Top goal scorers and against second top goal scorers, and best defence against second best defence.

No doubting this is being seen as an important game for both clubs given the league table at present. However for me it's just another game. It's far too early to be seen as a must win or anything like that. Every game is so tough in this league whether you are playing a top, mid, or bottom of the table team, and today will be no different. I feel no pressure going into today and neither should my players as they have been unbelievable so far this season. That view might be slightly different for Thatcham, as I believe they will feel they need to come here and beat us. They have been in superb form, beating everyone in front of them and are everyone's tip to win the league, and that brings a pressure.

They suffered their first league defeat last weekend against Slimbridge, which is no disgrace as they are also the only team to beat us so far also. But I have no doubt this will have no impact on their thinking heading into this game. I'm sure it's one they will brush under the carpet and come here full of confidence looking to get back

on track. We look forward to taking on a massive challenge today and we know we have to be hitting top form to get anything out of it, but it is one we look forward to and an afternoon we will enjoy.

For us 2019 has been a year of ups and downs. Relegation was certainly a very low point for the club, the fans, players and management. My lowest in football for sure. Being the man in charge of a club who is relegated is not a great feeling and not one that I want to experience again.

This is a big club at this level with lots of hard working and loyal people involved and as a manager you feel you have ultimately let those people down. However, what doesn't kill you makes you stronger and I, along with the management, players and the board have been determined to right those wrongs and get smiles back on faces. Hopefully over the course of the first half of this season we have done that.

Our objective in the summer was to win more than we lose, and be in and around those playoffs come Christmas time, so we are exceeding those expectations. As I said in my opening line, to have only lost one at the half way point, having scored the most goals, and have the second best defensive record is some achievement.

Every one of my 17-18 man squad has played an important role in what we have delivered so far, and we will need everyone of them going into 2020, and the second half of this season.

I would like to finish by saying what incredible support you have given us throughout 2019, even in the lowest moments you have stood by the players and supported YOUR club. I hope we can finish the year on a high and go some small way to repaying your loyalty.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and hope to see a large following over at Melksham on Boxing Day, and what better way to start what could be an exciting 2020 with a home game against another promotion favourite in Cinderford on New Year's Day.

Enjoy the game and have a great Christmas.



Danny Greaves  
Manager

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FROME TOWN

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WINCHESTER

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BetVictor Southern League Division One

**Goals:** Cottle (3), Mannings (2), Hobbs, Lenihan, Simpson

**Team:** Phillips, Cooper, O'Loughlin, Teale, Mapstone, Hobbs, Simpson, Smith, Lenihan, Mannings, Cottle.

**Subs:** Brown, Hallett, Maidment, Peck, Monks, Davies.



FROME TOWN	WINCHESTER CITY
1 Kyle Phillips	1 Ryan Pryce
2 Mark Cooper	2 Joe Hayward
3 Joe O'Loughlin	3 Danny King
4 Sam Teale (Cap)	4 Luke King
5 Marcus Mapstone	5 Keith Emmerson
8 Rob Hobbs	8 Kieran Douglas
9 Kane Simpson	9 Max Smith
11 Matt Smith	11 Jamie Barron (Capt)
15 Martin Lenihan	12 Simba Mlambo
16 Rex Mannings	10 IK Hill
18 Dan Cottle	11 Rob Carr
MANAGER DANNY GREAVES	PLAYER-MANAGER CRAIG DAVIS

Click the image to watch the highlights on YouTube



Kane Simpson and Matt Smith's strikes secured a vital 2-0 victory over promotion rivals Winchester City, which helped The Robins consolidate their lead at the top of the Southern League Division One South table!

Not surprisingly Danny Greaves kept faith in the team that had put Basingstoke to the sword the week before and after an initial 5 minute assault from the visitors Frome soon settled into their stride.

The first real chance fell to Cottle whose effort came back off the post and Cooper's follow up shot was deflected for a corner.

The deadlock was broken on 15 minutes when the again impressive Cottle carried the ball from half way into the Winchester area before finding Kane Simpson on the edge of the box where a fine strike nestled into the bottom corner.

Soon after Cottle was again the creator for Rex Mannings whose effort was unfortunately deflected wide and it remained 1-0 at the interval.

Winchester came out with a point to prove in the second half but Frome's back 4 were as impressive as usual, limiting the visitors chances and Phillips was rarely called upon to make a significant save.

The game ebbed and flowed much more in the second half with Winchester pushing hard for an equaliser and Frome looking impressive on the counter attack.

Good goalkeeping prevented both Smith and Simpson from adding to the scoreline with Jon Davies creating chances for others after coming on as a second half substitute.

The game was settled in the 80th minute when a Simpson shot was superbly saved. The resultant corner dropped to Matt Smith at the far post who volleyed home to wrap up 3 more valuable points.

## FANS REACTION

### ON KANE SIMPSON

**Paul Uphill**

Great game from Kane  
But they all played well today .  
Great match

**Steve Pearce**

A great moment late in the game when the defender had a 10 yard start over Kane and still came second in the race for the ball

**Darren Golay**

Excellent performance from Kane today. Never a lost cause for him. He chased everything.

### ON KYLE PHILLIPS

**Richard Porteous**

How about a mention for Phillips in the Frome goal? He kept us in the game when it was still 1-0, made several outstanding saves and dominated his area too.

### ON THE WIN!!

**Peggy Collinson**

Great result, good game to watch.

**Brian Philpin**

Well played lads another excellent result we are top and we are staying there

**Gordon Roberts**

Great game! Lads played really well

**Dave Watkins**

Enjoyed the game! Winchester are obviously a very decent team.

**Steven Perry**

Well done Frome Town another 3 points in the bag.....



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT: DANNY GREAVES

FEATURE BY ROB BIRD

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Frome's brilliant performance against Winchester somewhat epitomised their season thus far, which has been primarily down to the work from manager Danny Greaves and his coaching staff. We caught up with Greaves this week to discuss all things Frome.

"I thought the performance against Winchester was excellent. Similar to the Paulton game we controlled large parts of the game, created better chances and converted them when they arrived. To come away with two successive clean sheets is also outstanding".

"Since coming back from summer we've been open with our aspirations, we want to win more games than we lose, put smiles on faces and make Badgers Hill a place people want to come to again. It's also our aim to be in the mix for promotion come April".

Coming from a background of sports training and coaching Greaves openly admits a managerial role has been something always in his plans, an ambition he's been able to achieve since retiring from his playing days. "I did my coaching badges as a YTS

at Bristol Rovers to begin with and so have always been involved in tactics and coaching, with my first experience was coaching a local youth team whilst playing. Then after retiring from my playing days due to injury it was a natural next step for me. I went on to be Assistant Manager at Bristol Manor Farm.

"Like any player I want to be successful in what I do, and feel fortunate to manage a club like Frome so early in my managerial career. Ultimately, I want to win things at this club and see where we can go. If that leads for opportunities for me to step up later down the road, it will mean I've done well at Frome".



With this season bringing many unforgettable moments as Frome fight for promotion, it was interesting to hear which moment in Greaves' career he holds as his 'best moment':

"I've only been managing for a few years of course but helping Bradford Town to their highest ever league position in two successive seasons is definitely up there, along with getting to the last 16 of the FA Vase. Hopefully this season will add more memories.

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"The biggest element about management for me is man management. I love watching and analysing the players during games, and I think how you take in the information from the game, translate it in your head and then implement those plans and strategies into training massively symbolises your ability as a manager to improve a team and individuals".

Obviously at the start of a massively successful managerial career himself, I was intrigued to find out who Greaves himself is impressed by. However, unlike the usual 'Arsene Wenger, Alex Ferguson and Jose Mourinho answers, Greaves' response was clearly thought out.

"I think Eddie Howe is a great modern-day manager. He clearly has respect from his players and has taken the club to new heights. He's a very hands-on coach during training and you can see his players improving under him".

Another answer that came easily to Greaves was that to the question 'If you're 3-0 down, what would your halftime team talk be like'. Once more, clearly a scenario that has been thought out in detail.

"It would depend on the moment and you'd have to gauge the temperature.

At times going in hard works, but at others times a softer approach is effective."

"You're always trying to get a positive reaction from the players, because ultimately a bad performance comes down to attitude, mindset or tactical issues, and it's your job in the team talk to change that".



Being 3-0 down with players like Messi and Ronaldo in your team is fairly unlikely, although neither of those players come close to Greaves' 'dream player'.

"For me Roy Keane is a player I'd love to have in my team. The Juventus champions league game in 1999 sums the man up, he's not the most talented compared to the likes of Scholes or Zidane, but he'd always drag his team over the line".



And for Frome, it's the fans who take that role of Keane, to help push the team over the line week in and out. To you, Greaves had a few words:

"I would like to thank you for your outstanding support so far this season, you've been superb with me since day one and I now hope the team and I can all repay you with something to shout about in 2020".



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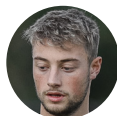
**Rob Brown (Goalkeeper)** Sponsored by Frome Cricket Club 3XI  
Rob signed for Frome in January 2019 having spent the first half of the season with Paulton Rovers, having gained promotion from the Western League the season before with Melksham Town. A young 'keeper who continues to improve.

2



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

3



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

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

5



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

6



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

7



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

8



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

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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.

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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# THATCHAM TOWN

## TODAYS OPPONENTS

# THATCHAM TOWN

FOUNDED:	1894
NICKNAME:	THE KINGFISHERS
HOME GROUND:	STACATRUC STADIUM (1,500)
CURRENT LEAGUE POS:	2ND
LAST SEASON FINISH:	11TH
DISTANCE TRAVELLED:	60 MILES

Thatcham Town Football Club was founded in 1894. In the early years Thatcham played at The Marsh on Dunston Green, Brownsfield (home of the Cricket Club), Station Road, and in 1949 moved to Lancaster Close. In January 1983 a friendly was played against Fulham FC to commemorate the switching on of new floodlights. To provide improved facilities the club moved to Waterside Park in 1992/93.

The club joined the Reading Temperance League in 1896, winning the Division Two title in 1905/06. In 1953 Thatcham became founder members of the Hellenic League and promoted to the Premier Division as Division One champions in 1958/59, 1964/65 and 1972/73. The club then won the Hellenic Premier Division title in 1974/75.

The club joined the newly formed Wessex League in 1986 and won the title in 1995/96. After finishing second in 2005/06, ground requirements were met earning promotion to step four. The Kingfishers spent eight seasons in the Southern League Division One – seven in the South & West Division and one (2012/13) in the Central. After sixth-placed finishes in 2006/07 and 2008/09, the club achieved its highest ever position in 2010/11.

Despite being in the bottom half of the table at Christmas, the club earned 38

points from the final 15 matches to finish in fifth, however Thatcham were beaten at Sholing in the play-off semi-final.

Once safety was assured in 2013/14, the club resigned from the Southern League to cut costs by playing at a lower level.

Following Thatcham Town's best ever season, the club finished mid-table in their first season back in the Southern League Division One South and are optimistic of a successful 2019/20 season.

In 1989 Thatcham reached the last eight of the FA Vase, and in the same competition a record attendance of 1,400 was set when Aldershot Town won 1-0 at Waterside Park in 1993/94. However in 2017/18, Thatcham went all the way and rounded off a magnificent season by lifting the trophy at Wembley Stadium!

A fifth round win against Bromsgrove Sporting brought realisation the club could be on the verge of something special, then over 2,200 attended the quarter-final victory at Melksham Town as cup fever swept the town. Thatcham defeated 1874 Northwich 1-0 and 3-2 in the two-legged semi-final, and took over 5,000 fans to Wembley as Stockton Town were beaten 1-0 in the final.

## WHO TO LOOK OUT FOR

### WHO IS IN CHARGE?

#### MANAGER

##### DANNY ROBINSON

Danny joined Thatcham in 2015 after spells managing Winchester City and Alresford Town. Signed a two-year contract following the brilliant FA Vase and Hellenic League double.



### ONE TO WATCH

#### STRIKER

##### KYLE TOOZE

9 Goals (league)

Kyle is well travelled at this level playing for Paulton Rovers, Frome Town, Truro City, Bridgwater Town, Larkhall Athletic, Mangotsfield United before joining Thatcham. This season he's smashing them in against all comers with 9 goals, but his strike partner Felipe Barcelos is out ahead with 11 league goals



## LEAGUE STATS IN NUMBERS

1

Thatcham have lost only 1 game this season which was last weekend's match at home to Slimbridge

14

Thatcham have conceded the least amount of goals in the division this season so far. 14 goals in 16 games. #Solid

9

The Kingfishers have scored in every away league game this season. 9 in 9.

11

Felipe Barcelos has netted 11 league goals this season so far. Leading the way for Thatcham and sits 2nd in the golden boot table

## LAST 5 MATCHES

THATCHAM TOWN	1-3	SLIMBRIDGE	L
HIGHWORTH TOWN	0-1	THATCHAM TOWN	W
BRISTOL MANOR F.	0-3	THATCHAM TOWN	W
THATCHAM TOWN	2-2	CINDERFORD	D
EVESHAM UTD	2-4	THATCHAM TOWN	W

# THATCHAM TOWN PROFILES

## 2019/20

### **PAUL STRUDLEY (Goalkeeper)**

A club hero who spent many seasons with Thatcham in the club's early Southern League years. Re-signed in Summer '19 after playing for Hartley Wintney.

### **MICHAEL MILLER (Defender)**

A solid and versatile defender who has made 100 appearances for his local team since joining from Winchester City, and was last season's Manager's Player of the Season.

### **CURTIS ANGELL (Defender)**

Popular, hard-working left-back who was last season's Supporter's and Player's Player of the Season, and coaches the club's Youth Team.

### **GARETH THOMAS (Defender)**

A Thatcham Town legend who has played roughly 400 games for the club and previously acted as the club's Player Manager. Re-signed from Hungerford in Jan '18.

### **MATT DAY (Defender)**

Signed from Bracknell Town in the summer of 2019, but is best known for his time with Hungerford Town whom he captained as they rose up to the Conference South.

### **ZAK WESTLAKE (Defender)**

A determined and solid centre-back formerly with North Leigh and Swindon Supermarine, where as captain he won promotion to the Southern League Premier.

### **JACK STANLEY (Defender)**

A reliable defender who joined from Salisbury in September '18 and made a string of solid performances at right-back.

### **JON BEEDEN (Defender)**

Central defender who signed last Spring and brings a lot of experience to the back-line, principally from his time with Chippenham Town.

### **JORDAN WILLIAMS (Defender)**

Pacy left-sided player who signed from Mangotsfield United in the second half of last season, and is comfortable in defence or midfield.

### **MATT PARTRIDGE (Defender)**

Former Reading FC youngster who as played in the football league with Dagenham & Redbridge and Newport County. Joined his home-town team from Gosport Borough in Sep '19.

### **JACK ALEXANDER (Midfielder)**

Ex Scotland Youth international who joined from Swindon Supermarine in Nov '18 and has performed consistently in the middle of the park.

### **SCOTT REES (Midfielder)**

Central midfielder who was part of the 2011/2012 playoff reaching squad. Returns to the club from Hungerford Town.

### **THIERRY CARRINGTON (Midfielder)**

A combative midfielder who has progressed from the Youth Team. Last season he was the Development Team's Manager's Player of the Season, and he made his first team debut.

### **SAM BARDER (Midfielder)**

A hard-working midfielder who joined in the summer of 2019 from Didcot Town, where he was a key member of the team which reached the play-offs and league cup final.

### **CALLUM WILLMOTH (Midfielder)**

An athletic and skilful player who first represented Town in 2011 and is a crowd favourite. Has returned to Thatcham after an injury-hit spell at Hungerford.

### **GEORGE JEACOCK (Midfielder)**

Versatile former Oxford United junior who joined from Farnborough last season and scored 7 goals, including a debut hat-trick at home to Barnstaple Town.

### ADAM KELLY (Midfielder)

Much-travelled wide player who chipped in with three goals last season after arriving from Mangotsfield United just before Christmas.

### JOE SELMAN (Winger)

A former Bristol City junior who has recently signed from Swindon Supermarine and will cause defences problems with his pace, trickery and goalscoring ability.

### FELIPE BARCELOS (Forward)

A quick and strong Brazilian striker who was prolific for Grantham and Didcot Town - where he scored 27 goals and won Player of the Year awards in 2017/18.

### KYLE TOOZE (Forward)

A robust forward with a good Southern League scoring record. Arrived from Mangotsfield Utd in Feb '19 and made an immediate impact, scoring 8 goals in 14 games.

### JAMES TENNANT (Forward)

Goalscoring wide man or forward who has had a couple of spells at the club - rejoining from Hartney Witney two seasons ago.

Our backroom team also includes Glenn Taylor (Coach), Declan Dowling (Physio), Meg Alexander (Conditioning Coach) and Jamie Alexander (Management Advisor).

Four youngsters making the step up to the First Team squad this season are goalkeeper Ben Morton, midfielder Jack Amitaga and forwards Will Frank and Callum Beasley.



## FANS PREDICTIONS

# THATCHAM TOWN



### Billy Wright

Went 2-2 but hoping for a win weather depending

### Steven Perry

2-1 Frome to work .....

### Keith Dyer

Frome 2 v 3 Thatcham  
Davies, Mannings vs Tooze hatrick

### Maurice Cox

If it's on will be playing in red swimming trunks

### Colin Jefford

Frome 3-1

### Anastasia Cox

Frome 2 1

### John Meaden

2-1 frome

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# ON THE FRONT FOOT?



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## Comments by Rob Bird

**This week Rob Bird takes a look at the development of Football boots across the last two centuries to see what changes are afoot.**

### 1800s



Football first came to England in the 1800's, primarily played as a 'lunch game' where factory workers would play in their free time.

Because of this, many people just played in work boots (hence the similar shape of these boots), there were some basic studs added to the bottom to increase grip on wet surfaces, however due to the metal caps found in the end of the boots, many injuries were sustained through tackling.

### 1900s



Into the 1900's boots only changed slightly, the major differences being that more studs were added to once more maximise grip and steel toe caps were no longer so common.

However, one issue which still persisted was the fact that boots were made of untreated leather, meaning when wet they could become up to half a kilogram heavier. At this time the Gola and Valsport brands became increasingly popular.

### 1960s



With WW2 ending the appearance and effectiveness of football boots changed drastically. Using thinner layers of leather and plastic in some cases, the weight of the boot decreased massively, with brands focusing more on the flexibility and ability of the boot, which in turn allowed players to themselves become more agile and faster. Football boots also no longer had a 'high-top' (around the ankle) allowing bend in the ankle, increasing shot power.

## 1990s



The nineties symbolise a decade of football madness, with the game now adored by fans internationally. In turn, football boots like the Adidas Predators flew off the shelves, while rivals Nike created the 'Tiempo' range that were worn by 10 players in the 1994 World Cup final. By this time football boots had become lighter again, with ridges on the leather used to enhance the power and effectiveness of shots. However, boots were still widely only produced in two colours, black and white.

## 2010s



By 2010 the colour and personalisation of boots was deemed just as important in many cases as the effectiveness of them themselves. By this time all major brands had mastered the formula, and instead attention was focused on the

trendiness of the boot. There was also a more common use of plastic, which again decreased the weight of the boot, but also increased the likelihood of injury, with the boot offering little support in comparison. Although in some cases ankle support returned, this time made of synthetic cloth to allow flexibility.

## The Future



With the likes of Adidas's Predator range and Nike's Mercurial still going strong, it's estimated that demand for boots will still be due to their appearance. Some other predictions include boots that light up (for example if a player gets a yellow card the boots go yellow), or that the studs will change formation electronically to adapt to the weather conditions. Furthermore, with emphasis on environmental sustainability at an all-time high, we could see boots made out of entirely new materials.

## What do you think?

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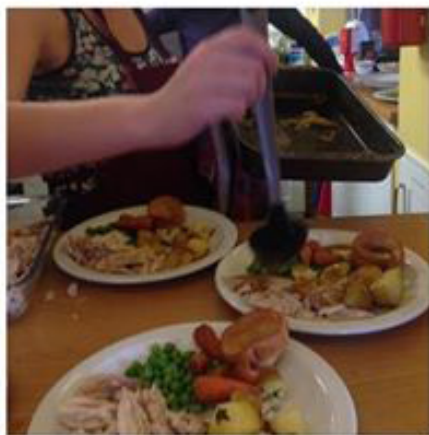
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# IF YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY...

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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...

Right... Where do we start... Another week and no correct exact score predictions! But we did have 6 correct results so the table moves on another point, but still no-one is making a move to challenge Asa at the top of the prediction league. James came closest with a 3-0 prediction and the only person brave enough to predict a clean sheet. But the 2-0 final scoreline left him just short and with Asa and Geoff banking on the 2-1 it could have seen Asa extend his lead.

This Saturday sees us up against Thatcham, again five home wins predicted. It's Billy's turn again to take a gamble to get back up the leaderboard a 2-2 draw predicted, but we have three players banking on a 2-1. So we ask again... will any actually guess a score correctly ever again. We hope so!

## THIS WEEKS PREDICTIONS

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

## LEAGUE TABLE

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

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

### ASA WILKINSON

**Self-proclaimed biggest Frome fan**

Last week prediction:  
Frome 2-1 Winchester

### GEOFF MORTON-NORRIS

**Chairman of our supporters club**

Last week prediction:  
Frome 2-1 Winchester

### BILLY WRIGHT

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

Last week prediction:  
Frome 3-1 Winchester

### JAMES BURGOWNE

**Frome Communications manager**

Last week prediction:  
Frome 3-0 Winchester

### SHAUN "BASHER" BAKER

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

Last week prediction:  
Frome 1-1 Winchester

### PATRICK MOSS

**MNKO host, sponsor and football connoisseur**

Last week prediction:  
Frome 3-2 Winchester

# TABLES & STATISTICS

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Frome Town	18	12	5	1	41	15	26	41
2	Thatcham Town	16	12	3	1	40	14	26	39
3	Winchester City	15	9	3	3	32	21	11	30
4	Paulton Rovers	14	9	2	3	35	20	15	29
5	Evesham United	17	8	4	5	35	28	7	28
6	Larkhall Athletic	15	7	4	4	24	23	1	25
7	Cinderford Town	14	7	3	4	29	24	5	24
8	Cirencester Town	16	7	1	8	30	26	4	22
9	Highworth Town	16	6	4	6	22	22	0	22
10	Slimbridge	16	7	1	8	30	31	-1	22
11	Mangotsfield Utd	17	6	3	8	27	33	-6	21
12	Melksham Town	16	5	5	6	31	35	-4	20
13	Willand Rovers	15	6	1	8	22	19	3	19
14	Bristol Manor Farm	15	5	4	6	22	26	-4	19
15	Moneyfields	14	4	4	6	23	29	-6	16
16	Sholing	13	5	-	8	17	19	-2	15
17	Bideford	16	4	3	9	24	33	-9	15
18	AFC Totton	15	3	3	9	22	35	-13	12
19	Basingstoke Town	16	3	3	10	22	42	-20	12
20	Barnstaple Town	18	3	-	15	17	50	-33	9

# LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS

Barnstaple	3 - 1	Larkhall Ath
Bideford	1 - 3	Melksham Town
Cinderford Town	P - P	Bristol Manor Farm
Bideford	0 - 0	Highworth
Bristol Manor Farm	P - P	<b>Frome Town</b>
Cirencester	2 - 1	Barnstaple
Evesham United	3 - 1	Basingstoke
Larkhall Ath	P - P	Moneyfields
Melksham Town	2 - 1	Mangotsfield
<b>Thatcham Town</b>	1 - 3	Slimbridge
Winchester City	3 - 0	Willand Rovers

# LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

1	Ben Bament	Paulton Rovers	14
2=	<b>Felipe Barcelos</b>	<b>Thatcham Town</b>	<b>11</b>
2=	Lee Chilton	Evesham United	11
4=	Jack Ball	Melksham Town	10
4	Daniel Demkiv	Mangotsfield	10
6=	<b>Rex Mannings</b>	<b>Frome Town</b>	<b>9</b>
6=	<b>Kyle Tooze</b>	<b>Thatcham Town</b>	<b>9</b>
7=	<b>Jon Davies</b>	<b>Frome Town</b>	<b>8</b>

# LEAGUE TOP SCORING TEAMS

1	Frome Town	41
2	<b>Thatcham Town</b>	<b>40</b>
3=	Paulton Rovers	35
3=	Evesham United	35
5	Winchester City	32

# LEAGUES MEANEST DEFENCES

1	<b>Thatcham Town</b>	<b>14</b>
2=	<b>Frome Town</b>	<b>15</b>
3	Willand Rovers	19
4	Sholing	19
5	Paulton Rovers	20

# MATCHES THIS SEASON

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

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- ❑ 1. Rob Brown
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- ❑ 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
- ❑ 13. Kyle Phillips
- ❑ 14. Warren Maidment
- ❑ 15. Martin Lenihan
- ❑ 16. Rex Mannings
- ❑ 17. Alex Monks
- ❑ 18. Dan Cottle
- ❑ 19. Alex Hallett
- ❑ 20. Johnny Gorman
- ❑ Rickie Scott

**Manager:** Danny Greaves

**Assistant:** James Moon

**Referee:** Martin Underhay

**Assistants:** Kulwant Mann  
Ian Hawkins

**UPCOMING MATCHES:**



**BLUE**

- ❑ Paul Strudley (GK)
- ❑ Michael Miller
- ❑ Matt Partridge
- ❑ Curtis Angell
- ❑ Jordan Williams
- ❑ Zak Westlake
- ❑ Matt Day
- ❑ Jack Alexander
- ❑ Callum Willmoth
- ❑ Scott Rees
- ❑ Sam Barder
- ❑ Jacob Banfield
- ❑ Adam Kelly
- ❑ George Jeacock
- ❑ James Tennant
- ❑ Kyle Tooze
- ❑ Felipe Barcelos

**Manager:** Danny Robinson

**Assistant:** Andy Darnton

Thurs 26th Dec (a) - Melksham Town  
Wed 1st Jan (h) - Cinderford Town