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FORD'S FOCUS



Good evening and a very warm welcome back to the Spiers & Hartwell Stadium for our first home fixture of the new season.

I'd like to extend a welcome to the players, management team, officials, and supporters of Frome Town. Both teams come into tonight's game on the back of brilliant opening-day wins, which sets the stage for what should be a highly competitive match. It has been a long, busy summer, and I won't hide from the fact that recruitment was tough. We found ourselves competing in a market where a lot of clubs were offering figures well beyond what we can—or should—afford.

However, I was determined to remain patient. I was not prepared to bring players in just to get numbers in the building. Bums on seats don't win football matches, the right character, quality, and commitment do.

"I want to place on record my sincere thanks to the majority of last season's squad who have remained with us. In modern non-league football, that kind of loyalty and trust in what we are trying to build here is rare, and I genuinely appreciate it."

Starting the season with a win on Saturday was fantastic. It gave us a great early boost, but one result doesn't make a season.

Tonight, my expectation for the lads is clear, we must be on the front foot from the very first whistle. Whatever the final outcome turns out to be, I want to see energy, intent, and a performance that shows we are setting the tempo on our home pitch.

Thank you as always for your brilliant support. Get behind the lads tonight, make plenty of noise, and enjoy the game!

Up the Robins

Mike Ford

Manager, Evesham United FC

THE THOUGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN...



A very warm welcome to everyone joining us today at The Spiers & Hartwell Stadium for our first home game of the season.

I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to the board, management team, players, and travelling supporters of Frome Town. We hope you all had a safe and comfortable journey up to Worcestershire today, and that you enjoy your time with us here at Evesham—both in the clubhouse and on the terraces—even if we are aiming to keep the three points on home soil!

Opening day on our home patch is always a special moment, but walking through the turnstiles today carries an extra sense of pride. The ground is looking in fantastic shape, and that is entirely down to the incredible effort put in over the summer. To every volunteer, staff member, supporter, and sponsor who picked up a paintbrush, cleared the stands, or helped behind the scenes to get the stadium ready: thank you. Your dedication ensures this club remains a place we are all proud to call home.

I also want to extend a sincere thank you to all of you who backed the team throughout pre-season. Whether you traveled to friendlies, bought new kit, or supported our commercial initiatives, your enthusiasm over the summer gave the squad a real boost heading into the new campaign.

That support was on full display over the weekend on the road. Starting the campaign with an impressive away win against Basingstoke Town was a fantastic result for the lads and gives us the perfect springboard for the weeks ahead. It was a hard-fought performance that sets a fantastic standard, and now the challenge is to carry that momentum straight onto our home pitch today.

Matches against Frome Town are always tough, competitive encounters, but with the momentum from Saturday and your brilliant support behind us in the stands, I know the players will give it everything. Let's make sure the atmosphere is as loud and vibrant as ever.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support. Enjoy the match, get behind the team, and let's keep this great start going!

Come on you Robins!

Micky- Chairman



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MATCH REPORT



**Saturday 8th August 2026 Southern League Premier South
Basingstoke vs EUFC**

A brilliant hat-trick by Robins striker Kai Churchley gave Evesham United just about the perfect start to their season at a sun-drenched Hampshire FA – Winklebury Football Complex, the home ground of Basingstoke Town FC. The Robins raced into a four-goal lead by the 78th minute, with midfielder Brandon Liggett getting into the goalscoring act too.

After a tentative opening from both sides, the home side began to seize control and missed a gilt-edged chance to go ahead in the 7th minute. Thomas Blake blazed high and wide when presented with a chance created by good work from the ever-lively Finn Evans. The Basingstoke forward line of Blake, Okine-Peters and Evans gave the Robins central pairing of Jyrel Bojang and Ioan Richards a particularly hard time, and they could have been two or three goals ahead by the 20-minute mark. The fact that they weren't owed much to good fortune and some brave last-ditch defending by the Evesham defence, where full-backs Liam Hutt and Owen Foye were outstanding.

However, goals change games, and this old cliché was never truer than in this encounter. The Robins had begun to turn the tide in terms of possession, if not chances created, by about the half hour mark and the lively Churchley put the Robins ahead in the 34th minute. A brilliant piece of centre forward play from Zidan Sutherland, Evesham's most recent acquisition, started the move that led to the goal. He expertly controlled a long ball played down the left channel and then played a deft inside pass to Amer Awadh, putting him in on goal. The Robins skipper unselfishly squared the ball to Churchley, who finished it clinically. The momentum was now with Evesham, and it was no surprise when they increased their lead in the 42nd minute. Brandon Liggett was the beneficiary of a misdirected shot by left back Owen Foye, presenting him, slightly fortunately, with a close-range opportunity that he converted easily. The only slight disappointment for the Robins was two yellow cards for Aaron Heap and Liam Hutt, given shortly before the break.

The 2-0 half-time lead may have flattered Evesham a little, and the result still felt very much in the balance. However, the Basingstoke manager Dan Brownlie made several early substitutions in the second half, introducing quite a few of their many new signings who had arrived in the summer. This disrupted his side's first half rhythm and, accordingly, the Robins became ever more comfortable and untroubled. The midfield trio of Brandon Liggett, Josh Barlow and Aaron Heap controlled midfield, and despite Sutherland and Adamh going off, the introductions of Roger James, Lewis Middleton and Josh McConnell didn't loosen Evesham's grip on the game. Brendan Beard, the Robins keeper, had little serious work to do in the second period as Basingstoke created little of note.



MATCH REPORT



Two superb finishes from hat-trick hero Kai Churchley in the 72nd and 78th minutes, the result of flowing Evesham counter-attacks, sealed the win. Mike Ford, the Evesham boss, and his players will be disappointed and frustrated, however, by the last few minutes. Even though the result was never much in doubt, Basingstoke scored in the 93rd and 95th minutes. Two good finishes from Lewis-Evans and Kokoszka that were probably down to Evesham taking their foot off the gas whilst in cruise control. Overall though, an excellent performance and great result for Evesham United. An encouraging start to the season that delighted the vocal away following from Worcestershire. They appreciated seeing their team back in the famous old red and white striped kit too!

ROBINS STARTING X1:

1 Brendan Beard (GK), 2 Liam Hutt (yc 45') (16 Rocco Naseef Sughayer 52'), 3 Owen Foye, 4 Josh Barlow, 6 Ioan Richards, 7 Aaron Heap (yc 45') (18 Lewis Middleton 70'), 9 Kai Churchley 34' 72' 78', 10 Amer Awadh (yc 23') (8 Josh McConnell 65'), 11 Brandon Liggett 42' (yc 48') (5 Antony McCormick 79'), 15 Jyrel Bojang, 20 Zidan Sutherland (C) (12 Roger Francis James 52')

ROBINS UNUSED SUBSTITUTES:

ATTENDANCE: 625

Match Report: Nick Hadley



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2	Evesham United	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
3	Berkhamsted	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
4	Frome Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
5	Hanworth Villa	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
6	Uxbridge	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
7	Bath City	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
8	Poole Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
9	Chertsey Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
10	Yate Town FC	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
11	Hanwell Town	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
12	Malvern Town	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
13	Chichester City	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
14	Sholing FC	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
15	Gloucester City	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
16	Gosport Borough	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
17	Basingstoke Town	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
18	Chippenham Town	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
19	Havant & Waterlooville	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
20	Taunton Town	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
21	Wimborne Town	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
22	Bracknell Town	1	0	0	1	0	7	-7	0

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MIKE FORD – MANAGER

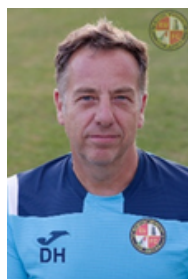
Mike, as a player, represented Cardiff City and Oxford United, clocking up close to 500 league appearances and gaining two promotions during that time. Following retirement due to injury, Mike has managed Oxford United (twice in caretaker roles) and was also assistant manager there for a period. He then went on to manage Oxford City (2009-2014), leading them to promotion to the National League Southern Division. He then moved to Banbury United (2015-2020), where he gained promotion from Evesham's level in 2016, before establishing them in the Premier Division from that point. He helped manage St. Ives Town in the 2021/22 season. Mike is a UEFA A-licensed coach who has experience working with and developing young players, including being the Oxford United Youth Team Manager.



ALEX SYKES – ASSISTANT MANAGER

In May 2011, Alex was appointed as manager of Bishop's Cleeve. In his first season as manager, he led Bishop's Cleeve to the club's then record high league finish of 11th in the Southern League South & West

At the end of his second season as boss, in April 2013, he stepped down from his role as manager at the club. In May 2013, he became joint manager at fellow Southern League club Shortwood United alongside John Evans. He would eventually take sole charge of the club following the retirement of John Evans at the end of the 2015-16 season. After leading the side for the 2016-17 season, he left Shortwood in April 2017. In January 2018, Alex was appointed as assistant manager of Redditch United. In October 2021, he was appointed manager of Cinderford Town and left at the end of the 2022-23 season. Alex started his playing career in the Football League with Mansfield Town. However, he is best known for his time at Forest Green Rovers from 1996 to 2004, where he played 295 times, scoring 73 goals in two spells and a loan. He was also a fans' favourite at Gloucester City, where he scored 60 goals in 160 appearances. Alex played for other teams such as Nuneaton Borough, Bath City, and Bishops Cleeve. He is a former England Futsal international.



DAN HEAD – GK COACH

Dan is an experienced coach and Head of Senior Goalkeeping at Evesham United. Having played academy football at an early age, Dan played the majority of his senior football at representative level in the Services, but stopped playing due to injury at a relatively young age. Turning his attention to coaching, he became an ECB-accredited cricket coach and was involved at the minor counties level before turning his focus back to football. Dan is a UEFA B-qualified outfield and goalkeeper coach and is also a member of the GK Nexus set-up. A small group of goalkeepers, mainly working in the professional game, who are mentored by former Derby and Manchester City goalkeeper Eric Steele, who was Sir Alex Ferguson's goalkeeper coach at Manchester United. Dan also works across the junior setup at Evesham United and previously coached at Cheltenham Town Academy.



STEVE COOK – COACH

Cook has had numerous roles at Evesham United for a number of years. He has acted as the manager of the U18 and Development sides but most recently acted as manager of Evesham United Reserves in the Hellenic Alliance West. Cook was added to the First Team coaching staff for the 2026/2027 season.

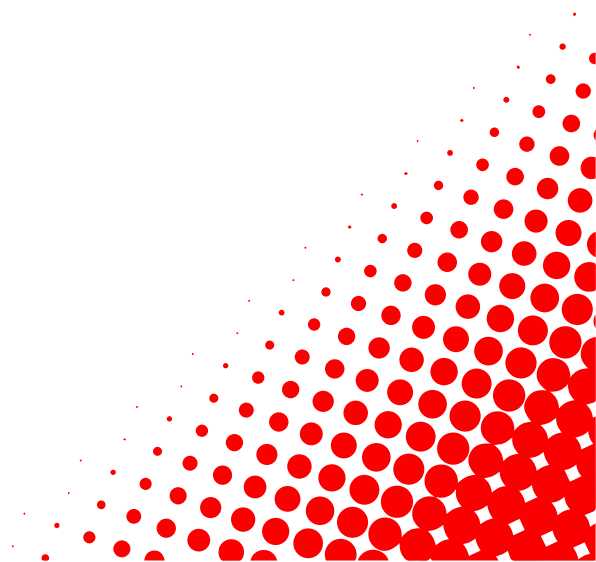


MEET THE MANAGEMENT



LIAM CHANDLER-JOHNSON – PHYSIO

Liam joined Evesham United during the 23/24 season, previously being at Longlevens AFC. With a background in Sports Therapy, he studied at Hartpury University. During this time, he went on placement with Cheltenham Town's 1st team. Using his experience working in





PLAYER PROFILES



BRENDON BEARD – GOALKEEPER

Beard is a promising goalkeeper who rose through the ranks of the Evesham youth set-up before joining Cheltenham Town. He rejoined The Robins from Stoke Gifford United in 2024/25 but made no appearances due to injury. He returned fully fit for the 2025/26 season and provided cover for Alex Harris, keeping a clean sheet on his debut in a 1-0 win against Hanwell Town and made four appearances over the course of the season.



IOAN RICHARDS – DEFENDER

Richards is a Welsh-born defender who was on a short-term loan from Gloucester City at Swindon Supermarine. He signed at Gloucester City after a trial period in preseason, having previously been with Redditch United and Taunton Town, and had a previous short spell with Gloucester City in 2019. He was initially on a one-month loan until mid-October, which was extended until the end of the season, but Richards left City in December and joined Swindon Supermarine for the 2024/25 season. Ioan signed for The Robins permanently for the 2025/26 season, making 37 league appearances, scoring once. Ioan quickly became a staple of the side and fan favourite, winning both Evesham United Supporters' Club and Staff Player of the Season in his maiden season at the club.



JYREL BOJANG – DEFENDER

Jyrel joined Evesham from Pershore Town, where he was a standout at Step 5. Previously, he played at Studley. Jyrel is a solid defender at either full back or centre back when called from the bench or in the starting XI. Jyrel is into his third season at the club, making 38 appearances last season and 80 total appearances in that time.



LIAM HUTT – DEFENDER

Hutt came through the ranks of Swindon Town, making his debut for the club in the EFL Trophy against Reading. Hutt is able to operate across the back line but primarily operates from right back. He gained experience of senior football through a loan move to Weymouth in 2024-2025. Hutt joined Evesham United on loan in November 2025/26, making 28 appearances, scoring twice in that time. After impressing throughout the season Hutt signed permanently ahead of the 2026/27 season.



OWEN FOYE – DEFENDER

Foye also came through the ranks of Swindon Town and was a highly touted prospect, captaining their youth side. Foye made his debut for The Robins in 2024-25 in the EFL trophy against Tottenham Hotspur U21 and played one game in League 2, coming on as a late substitute away against Fleetwood. The left back impressed Ian Holloway in the 2025/26 pre-season and earned a work experience loan to Swindon Supermarine. He joined Evesham United on loan in November, making 20 appearances, netting once. Foye is no stranger to surging forward and creates chances from set-pieces and dangerous crosses. The 18 year old joined Evesham United permanently ahead of the 2026/27 season.



PLAYER PROFILES



ROCCO SUGHAYER – DEFENDER

Sughayer signed for Evesham United after impressing as a trialist in the person of the 2026/2027 season. The defender, previously of Bristol Rovers Academy and Forest Green Rovers Academy, was sent on loan to Didcot in the November of the 2025/2026 season on an initial one month loan. For The Railwaymen, the 18 year-old made 17 appearances across the season.



ANTHONY MCCORMICK – DEFENDER

McCormick spent 13 years as a junior at Swindon Town before being released at the close of the 2025/2026 season. He made his first team debut in November 2024, starting against Tottenham Hotspur U21 in the EFL Trophy at just 17. McCormick was loaned to National League South Salisbury in 2024/2025. The 19 year-old signed for Evesham for the 2026/2027 season.



JOSHUA BARLOW – MIDFIELDER

Barlow started his career at Cheltenham before making the move to the Salop Academy in the 2020/21 season. Whilst impressing in the middle of the park, Steve Cotterill, the Shrewsbury manager, took a shine to Barlow and rewarded him by naming him on the bench towards the end of the 21/22 season as a scholar. During the 22/23 season, he started three games in the EFL Trophy, making his debut in a 2-1 defeat against Wolverhampton Wanderers. Barlow went on to feature twice more in the same competition, with Shrewsbury eventually bowing out in the group stage. Despite the results in the EFL Trophy. He joined Banbury in June 2023 before leaving them in December. A solid member of the squad with good vision on the ball and vast passing range. Barlow has been an ever-present in Mike Ford's side across the past three seasons and has made 91 appearances. No stranger to a worldie, Barlow has scored 9 times for the club.



PLAYER PROFILES



AMER AWADH – MIDFIELDER

28-year-old Amer Awadh is an attacking midfielder who came through the youth system at Oxford City, playing primarily for their Nomads side, though he progressed to make a few first-team appearances. He had been playing for Fanja SC in Oman before joining Banbury United in February 2018, for whom he made 84 appearances. In 2021-22, he started the season at Nuneaton Borough before moving to North Leigh later that term, where he helped the club to promotion through the play-offs. For the Oxfordshire outfit, he turned out on 70 occasions, scoring 6 goals. Awadh captained the Robins promotion side in 2024/25 and continues in the role this season. He has become a stalwart of the club, making 134 appearances for the Robins, scoring 17 goals and creating many more with his elegant, mesmerising technical ability.



BRANDON LIGGETT – MIDFIELDER

Liggett started with Cheltenham Town Under 18s in the 2023/24 season before being loaned early in the year to Gloucester City. He made his Cheltenham Town debut against West Ham U21 in November 2023 in the EFL Trophy. Liggett signed a professional contract for Cheltenham in June 2024 and during the 2024/2025 season was sent on loan to Salisbury during the season on a one month deal. Liggett joined Evesham on a free transfer for the 2025/26 season. The combative Liggett made 38 appearances for The Robins last season.



LEWIS MIDDLETON – MIDFIELDER

18-year-old Lewis joined Evesham from Kidlington in 2024/25. In the playoff semi-final that season, Lewis had a breakout performance, coming on as a sub and netting twice against Exmouth, helping the Robins to overcome a 1-0 half-time deficit to win 4-1. He recently scored his first FA Cup goal for the Robins, hopefully the first of many. Lewis is often used as a super sub, causing our opponents' defence many problems with his speed and dribbling. Lewis is entering his third season under Mike Ford and has made 50 appearances in his first two seasons, netting 7 times.



AARON HEAP – MIDFIELDER

The versatile Heap joined Evesham United from North Leigh prior to the 2023/2024 season and became a regular member in Mike Ford's side. Heap played for Oxford United at youth level and made 3 appearances for Northern Ireland U19. He previously had a spell at Banbury United. Being deployed across the midfield, Heap made 113 appearances for the club before signing for Ardley United of Step 5 on dual registration in February 2026, though he made 2 appearances for the Robins in April amid an injury crisis, helping The Robins to retain Step 3 status.



PLAYER PROFILES



JOSH MCCONELL – MIDFIELDER

McConnell is a technical central midfielder who joined the club initially on loan from Oxford City in December of the 2025-26. McConnell made two appearances in the National League North for The Hoops against Bedford Town and Chester as a substitute. McConnell played 17 times for the Robins last season and scored once away at Havant and Waterlooville. McConnell joined the club permanently ahead of the 2026/27 season.



DANIEL HANSON – MIDFIELDER

Hanson joined the club after a successful trial period in preseason. Hanson plied his trade in both the Leicester City and Hamburger SV academies. He has previously played for Brimscombe and Thrupp and Hartbury University. Hanson most recently had spells with Slimbridge, where he scored a pivotal last minute winner from outside the box against Worcester Raiders, and for Pershore Town.



KAI CHURCHLEY – FORWARD

Kai had an excellent 4-year spell (2 years scholar and 2 years pro) with Bristol City, where he played a key role in the Robins' successful Under-21s team in the Professional Development League Two. Kai also had a loan spell with Gloucester City during their National League North campaign in 2023/24, before having a spell with Tiverton Town in the Southern League Premier South during the 2024/25 season. Kai comes to the Robins as a loan signing from Merthyr Town. The 21-year-old attacker joins the Robins on a deal that will run until at least the New Year.



ROGER JAMES – FORWARD

James boasts extensive experience at both Step 3 and 4, playing for the likes of Kidlington, North Leigh, Cirencester and Hayes and Yeading. James, 30, moves into his third season at the club, having joined from Berkhamsted during the 2024-25 season but has been riddled with injuries across his tenure for The Robins, having just made 13 appearances so far. Despite making so few appearances James has made an impact on the fans, with his tricky dribbling and rapid pace causing problems for opposition defences. James played a crucial role in helping Evesham retain their Step 3 status with some fantastic performances at the back end of the 2025-26 season, namely a Player of the Match performance away at Tiverton, before another injury brought his season to a close prematurely. In his career, James has made almost 200 appearances, scoring 45, with his most successful spell at North Leigh, helping them gain promotion to their highest league ranking at Step 3.



PLAYER PROFILES



ZIDAN SUTHERLAND – FORWARD

Sutherland signed after impressing as a trialist in pre-season. The striker has had spells for Bromsgrove Sporting, Redditch United and Stourbridge at Step 3 as well as Stafford Rangers (whilst on loan from Hednesford) and Darlaston Town at Step 4. The experienced Sutherland, 24, brings Step 2 experience, having a spell in the National League South for Dover Athletic in 2023/2024, scoring 8 times for the club.

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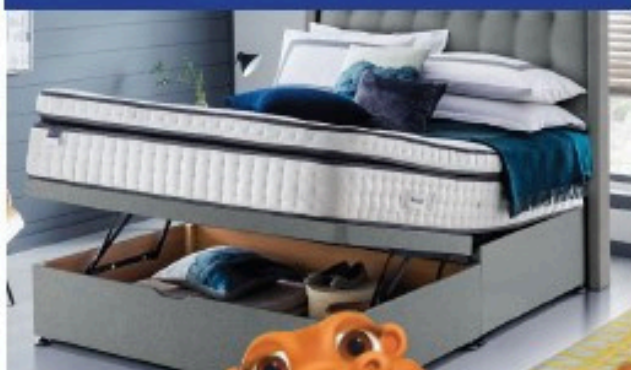
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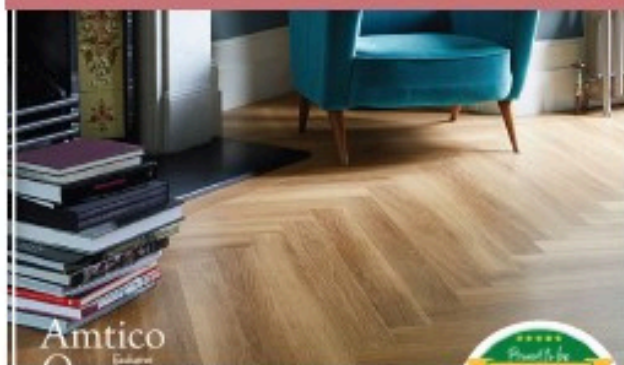
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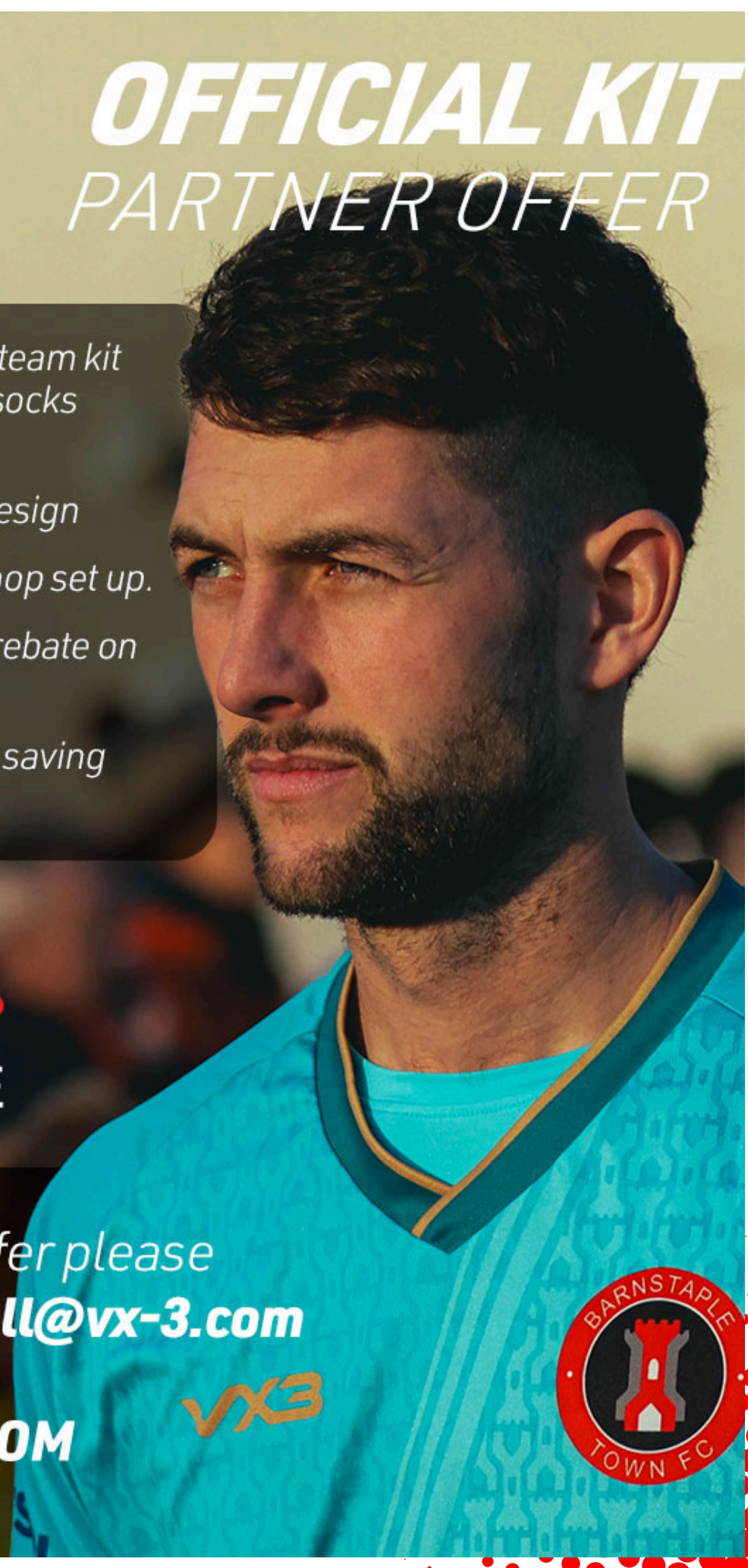




PLAYER APPEARANCES & GOALS 2026-27



	LEAGUE Starts	Subs	Goals	CUP Starts	Subs	Goals	TOTAL Starts	Subs	Goals
Brendan Beard	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Liam Hutt	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Owen Foye	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Josh Barlow	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ioan Richards	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Aaron Heap	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kai Churchley	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	3
Amer Amadh	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Brandon Liggett	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Jyrel Bojang	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Zidan Sutherland	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Anthony McCormick	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Josh McConnell	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Roger Francis James	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rocco Naseef Sughayer	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
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FROME TOWN PLAYER PROFILES



Dan Brabham (Goalkeeper)

Dan joined the club from Swindon Supermarine in October to provide valuable experience to the coaching team and cover in the GK area.

Kyle Phillips (Goalkeeper)

Kyle is widely recognised as one of the best goalkeepers in the area and re-joined in the summer of 2023 after a short spell out of the game. Kyle originally joined Frome in 2016 from Mangotsfield and brings valuable experience to the defence.

Tom Roberts (Goalkeeper)

Another exciting young goalkeeper that has progressed through the youth section. Tom spent much of the 23/24 season on loan at Western League club Shepton Mallet where he suffered a double leg break from which he recently recovered before breaking his arm!

Zack Ali (Defender)

A new recruit for the 2026/27 season Zack is a versatile player capable of covering at left back as well as further upfield. He came through the Bristol City youth ranks and has represented Wales at under 17 level. He gained experience last season with Gloucester City in the Premier League South.

Emmanouil Athanasiou (Defender)

Emman signed for Frome in 2025 having impressed in pre-season. He was previously in the Bath City Academy and Bath College programme. He spent most of last season gaining experience with Oldland Abbotonians and Paulton Rovers and played in the Somerset Cup winning squad for Frome.

Sam Heal (Defender)

Sam joined the club in 2024 from Chippenham Town, having been released from Bristol Rovers early that year, his progress being halted by a serious knee injury. Highly rated and with huge potential he continues to improve and we expect good things of him this season.

Brendan Holmes (Defender/Midfield)

Brendan joined the club recently from Shaftesbury and quickly slotted into the side with some commanding performances in defence and probably out of his preferred position. Versatile and committed he will be a great addition to the squad.

Harry Lucas (Defender)

The 20-year-old defender joined up with the BA11 squad at the start of last season from Bristol Manor Farm after three seasons of senior football having risen from the Bristol-based side's Under-18s and after impressing at Step 4. Harry has won Young Player of the Season and his two goals in 36 games saw him take home Supporters' Player of the Season in 24/25 with his previous club. Harry quickly established himself as a starter in the heart of defence and continues to improve.

FROME TOWN PLAYER PROFILES



Warren Maidment (Defender)

Joining Frome from Melksham Town in 2019 Warren was highly rated and was pursued by several clubs at the time. He has continued his development becoming an integral part of the defence, one of the first names on the team sheet, and has gone on to achieve further recognition in the game.

Sam Teale (Defender)

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. Sam is now entering his 12th season with Frome, having received a well-deserved testimonial 2 years ago. Sam has made 375 appearances and score 25 goals for Frome, prior to the start of this season.

Ciaran Walsh (Defender)

A new addition this season, Ciaran joins the Club from Forest Green Rovers following 5years in their youth set up. He's a leader having captained his respective youth teams for several years and his potential is clear, making his under 18 debut at just 14. Ciaran has bags of ability and the potential to get better and better.

Jon Davies (Forward)

Signed in 2015 from Bath City having also represented Salisbury, Totton, Poole and Paulton Rovers. He left to join Melksham in the 2018/19 season but returned in 2019. Jon made his 250th appearance against Westbury in a famous 3-2 victory in which he scored a 95th minute free kick to win us the game. Injury sidelined him from April 2024 to April 2026 so we are delighted to see him back in the fold.

George Dowling (Midfielder)

Frome were delighted to sign George from Bristol Manor Farm in the 2025/26 close season, having been on the manager's radar for some time. The 27-year-old, an ex-Bristol City player who enjoyed stints at Torquay and Eastleigh during his time with the other Robins, has also played for Weston-super-Mare and Swindon Supermarine. He soon became fans favourite in the heart of midfield before injury curtailed him towards the end of last season, so we look forward to welcoming him back.

Zac Drew (Midfielder)

Zac is an exciting attack minded winger who joined the club from Yate Town before the 2022 season's transfer deadline having also previously represented Bath City & Cinderford Town. Scorer of many important goals for the Robins utilising his pace and energy.

Harris Feltham (Midfielder)

An attacking midfielder, Harris played in Chelsea's youth team for several years and had a spell with National League side Eastleigh. He spent two years with Cardiff Met in the Cymru Premier before joining Cribbs for the 23/24 campaign and was nominated for the Southern League Division One South Team of The Season. The 23-year-old made the move to BA11 from Taunton Town at the start of last season.



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FROME TOWN PLAYER PROFILES



Callum Gould (Midfielder)

Callum joined us in December '24 from our neighbours Shepton Mallett where he was their player of the year the previous season. A combative midfielder gives us another option, and we are enjoying seeing him perform. He was awarded our "Young Player of the Year" last season as he established himself at a higher level where he provides energy and determination.

Josh Owers (Midfielder)

Josh came through the Bristol City academy system and gained loan spells with Bath City and Gloucester City. A central midfielder, he was part of Yeovil's squad when they won the National League South in 2023/24. He has had previous spells at step 3 with Totton and Taunton but his progress was curtailed by injury. He's now fit again and ready to resume playing regularly.

David Duru (Forward)

The Club were delighted to sign David from Cribbs during the 2025 close season. During his spell at the South Gloucestershire-based side, he became the spearhead of their attack and scored 21 goals in all competitions in 23/24, a key part as the newly promoted side finished third in the Southern League Division One South. He matched this scoring record for Frome last season and we think there are more goals to come.

Archie Ferris (Forward)

Archie joined Frome Town part way through the 2025 season from Taunton Town having previously impressed whilst with Larkhall. Prior to joining the Larks in the summer of 2023, he spent eight years with Clevedon Town, going on to make over 200 senior appearances, scoring 57 goals for the club. A striker with an impressive scoring record and brings a different dimension to the team. He spearheaded the Robins attack with 24 goals last season.

Albie Hopkins (Forward)

Much sought after forward player Albie joined Frome Town in the 2024 close season from league rivals Melksham Town. A Frome lad he had impressed in opposition over the years, and we were delighted to welcome him to his hometown club. An exciting player to watch, Albie has had an excellent couple of seasons, and we look forward to seeing more of him.

Sam Meakes (Forward)

Sam joined Frome as a Bath University student in the 2022/23 season and played for 2 seasons before taking a year away as part of his course. During that time, he represented St Albans and Hayes & Yeading before returning last year to complete his studies. He provides another attacking option and has scored some crucial goals in his time with us.

Jensen Wakefield (Forward)

Similarly to Emman Athanasiou, Jensen signed for Frome in 2025 having impressed in pre-season. He was previously in the Bath City Academy and Bath College programme. He played on loan at Bradford Town last season, scoring a hat-trick on his debut and finished as their top scorer and voted their Supporters Player of the Year. He represented Frome in the Somerset Cup and has enormous potential in the game.

FROME TOWN CLUB HISTORY



Frome Town, known as 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 Club's history. The Somerset Premier Cup was also secured with a 3-1 win over local rivals Paulton Rovers.

FROME TOWN CLUB HISTORY



After a difficult 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 following few seasons, the Robins 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 the 2019/20 season was much more successful before unfortunately being cut short along with the rest of football. In 2021/22 Frome finished runners up in the division, ultimately losing out in the play-offs.

After knocking on the promotion door regularly Frome finally achieved promotion back to the Southern League in 2024 after finishing runners up in the league and defeating Bristol Manor Farm in the play off final in front of a modern-day record attendance of 2235.

Sadly, their return to the Premier division lasted only one season as Frome struggled to compete at the higher level and swiftly returned to Division 1 South.

The 2025/26 season was record-breaking for the Club in many ways, winning the league title with 102 points and the Somerset Premier Cup along the way after rebuilding the squad during the summer. We look forward to testing ourselves again at Step 3.

FROME TOWN CLUB HISTORY



CLUB HONOURS

SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE S/W CHAMPIONS - 2025-26

SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE S/W PLAY OFF WINNERS - 2010-11, 2023-24

WESTERN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS - 1978-79

WESTERN LEAGUE RUNNERS-UP - 1982-83, 2008-09

WESTERN LEAGUE DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS - 1919-20, 2001-02

WESTERN LEAGUE / GREAT MILLS CUP WINNERS - 1979-80, 1982-83

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP RUNNERS UP - 2012-13

SOMERSET PREMIER CUP WINNERS - 1966-67, 1968-69 (SHARED), 1982-83, 2008-09, 2025-26

SOMERSET SENIOR CUP WINNERS - 1932-33, 1933-34, 1950-51

WESTERN LEAGUE SUBSIDIARY CUP WINNERS - 1959-60

WESTERN COUNTIES FLOODLIT CUP WINNERS - 1983-84

ALAN YOUNG CUP WINNERS - 1979-80

FA CUP FIRST ROUND PROPER - 1954-55

FA VASE QUARTER-FINALS - 2004-05

SOMERSET COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS - 1906-07, 1908-09, 1910-11

SOMERSET COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS - 1990-91

SOMERSET COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS - 2004-05

SOMERSET COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 3 CHAMPIONS - 1985-86

SOMERSET COUNTY LEAGUE CUP WINNERS - 1991-92

SOMERSET COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 2/3 CUP WINNERS - 2001-02, 2003-04

WILTSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS - 1962-63

FA COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR (SOMERSET) - 2012

FA COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR (SOUTH WEST) - 2012



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Of course, Step 5&6 clubs are already on the go – some have even played three or four games – ahead of the, slightly later than usual, FA Cup start this weekend.

But as well as the extra preliminary round beginning – and keep an eye out for Step 4 clubs starting cold against lower tiered opponents whose engines are fully running – the new campaign for Steps 1-4 are also under starter's orders.

At last. The World Cup was good in patches but there's nothing quite like a full fixture list. All the pre-season talk, the hopes and expectations are about to be fully tested when the first ball gets banged into your penalty area with the sun, no doubt, beating down.

Who will get off to a flyer? Who will thrive in the early months but fall away when the weather gets ugly? Who will stumble out of the blocks but regain their composure? Whatever league you are most interested in, you will have your favourites and dark horses. But the beauty of Non-League football is, despite the annual budget talk, the unexpected always happens.

Can Boreham Wood, minutes away from promotion last term, shake-off any potential hangover and start fast? How will the new Step 4 teams get on? Who will make the most of a reprieve?

This year brings another level of interest with the expansion of the play-offs at Steps 3&4 from four teams to six.

It will mirror the format used by the National League and Steps 1 and 2 that has been largely deemed a success.

The champions will go up as usual with second and third receiving byes into the semi-finals where they will face victors from the fourth v seventh game and fifth v sixth eliminator games.

Is it fair? Well, no play-off system is. But they do keep more seasons alive for longer. When clubs are fighting for every pound note they can get, having plenty at stake at the back end of the season can only be a good thing to draw in the punters.

That's for down the line after the long winter months. For now we'll enjoy watching game with the sun on our necks.

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