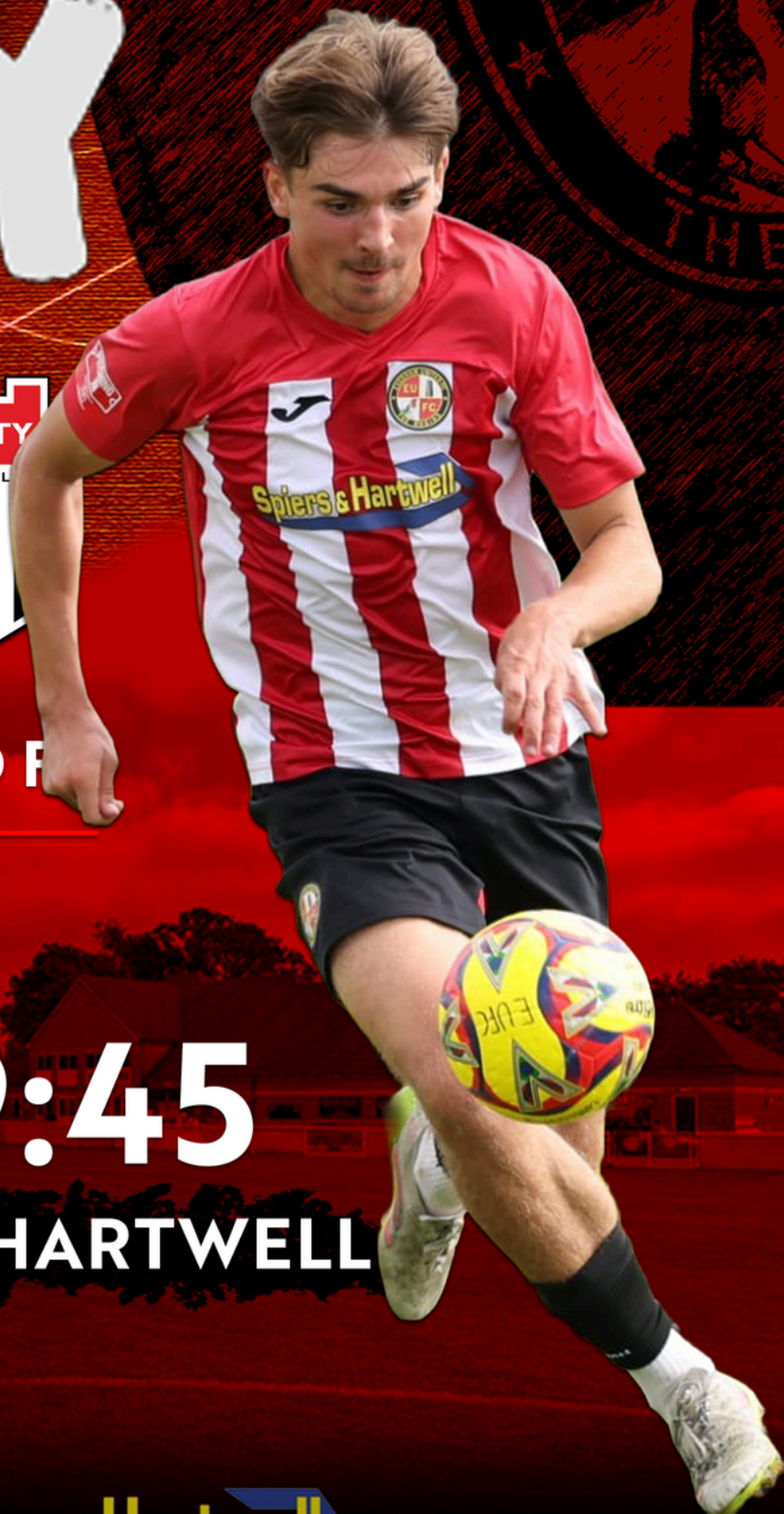




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THE THOUGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN...



Good evening to everyone, and a very warm welcome to our visiting committee, players, supporters, and officials for today's fixture from Bath City FC.

We have played the top two teams in the last two weeks and have competed very well only losing by the odd goal on Saturday which was painful in the 86th Minute.

The young Evesham team are learning each week and I see a win just around the corner and hopefully it will be tonight!

Let's get right behind the team from the first whistle today, enjoy the game, and hopefully celebrate another positive result together in the clubhouse afterwards.

Enjoy the match!

Up the Robins!
Brenzo



FORD'S FOCUS



Welcome back to the Spiers & Hartwell Stadium for what promises to be a massive test against Bath City.

We know the challenge ahead of us today. Bath City are a club that arrive expecting to win the division. They bring the biggest average attendance in the league, while we statistically have the second lowest. They might have the numbers on paper, but football isn't played on paper.

My view on it is simple: budgets are irrelevant it's about whether you spend the money wisely. I believe in this squad and what we are building here. Bath are aiming for the top, but our expectation as a group is to be competitive every single week.

We come into this fixture on the back of some really good performances in our last few games. The momentum is building, the confidence is high, and the lads are genuinely excited about the game today.

Fans, you made this place a very difficult one for teams to come to last season. The noise and passion you brought to the terraces gave us a genuine home advantage. My challenge to you today is simple: let's match that in this one. Get behind the lads from the first whistle, make some noise, and let's make it a memorable afternoon.

Enjoy the game.

Mike Ford
Manager, Evesham United FC



MATCH REPORT



Uxbridge 1-0 Evesham United | Pitching In Southern League Premier South |

Saturday 10 October 2026

Match report by Simon Purfield

Evesham travelled to third-placed Uxbridge, who had not lost at home since January. The visitors handed debuts to loan signings Max Asante-Boakye and Stephen Walsh, while Liam Hutt was injured during the warm-up and replaced by Rocco Sughayer.

The defences dominated the opening exchanges, with Evesham standing firm against the Uxbridge attack.

Uxbridge registered their first meaningful effort in the 14th minute, when Oscar Varney saved George Moore's cross-shot low at the back post.

Moore created another good opening after 25 minutes, but his fierce shot struck Evesham's Jyrel Bojang in the face, prompting a stoppage for treatment.

Chances remained scarce during the opening half-hour, and the goalless scoreline reflected the closely contested action.

Francis Amartey had a shot blocked from a narrow angle in the 34th minute. The game then burst into life five minutes later. Sam Deadfield chased the ball to the byline and delivered a fine cross, which Luis Le Paih met with a first-time volley. The effort looked destined for the net, but Varney's fingertip save diverted it onto the crossbar before the ball was cleared from beneath the bar. A minute later, after good work from Amartey, Moore rattled the post with another effort that was subsequently cleared.

As the half drew to a close, Evesham grew in confidence. During their best spell of the opening period, they moved the ball quickly into the final third and began to ask questions of the Uxbridge defence. The sides went into the interval goalless.

Uxbridge began the second half on the front foot. Their first chance came from a set piece in the 49th minute, when Massey headed narrowly wide from Deadfield's well-directed corner. Soon afterwards, Cole Brown reached the right side of the box and forced Varney to parry his cross-shot. The hosts remained in control, and in the 64th minute Massey again met a Deadfield corner, this time glancing his header wide of the far post. Four minutes later, Brown made a strong run before laying the ball off to Moore, whose low shot was deflected narrowly past the post.

With ten minutes remaining, a quick and incisive Evesham break ended with Sopuru Obieri firing past Sam Morris. However, to the home side's relief, play was brought back for an earlier foul in the build-up. The decisive moment arrived with four minutes of normal time remaining. Ciaran Martin broke down the left and crossed to Deadfield, whose shot was blocked. The rebound fell kindly to Francis Amartey, who took a touch before firing into the corner of the net to break Evesham hearts. The visitors pushed forward in search of a late equaliser but could not seriously test goalkeeper Sam Morris.

Evesham showed considerable determination against a side whose victory lifted them to second in the league. Ultimately, however, the late goal denied the Robins a valuable point. Evesham return to action at home against Bath City on Tuesday.



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2	Uxbridge	9	6	2	1	19	8	11	20
3	Hanworth Villa	9	6	1	2	17	8	9	19
4	Bath City	9	5	2	2	13	8	5	17
5	Poole Town	8	5	0	3	11	10	1	15
6	Chertsey Town	9	4	2	3	20	15	5	14
7	Frome Town	9	4	2	3	14	10	4	14
8	Taunton Town	9	4	1	4	23	22	1	13
9	Evesham United	8	4	1	3	13	14	-1	13
10	Chichester City	9	4	1	4	14	16	-2	13
11	Berkhamsted	10	4	1	5	11	14	-3	13
12	Wimborne Town	8	3	3	2	10	4	6	12
13	Gosport Borough	9	3	3	3	12	10	2	12
14	Yate Town	8	3	2	3	10	15	-5	11
15	Bracknell Town	9	3	2	4	11	18	-7	11
16	Sholing	8	3	1	4	9	12	-3	10
17	Basingstoke Town	9	2	3	4	14	16	-2	9
18	Hanwell Town	8	1	4	3	7	10	-3	7
19	Gloucester City	9	1	4	4	12	17	-5	7
20	Chippenham Town	8	2	1	5	7	16	-9	7
21	Havant & Waterlooville	9	1	2	6	9	16	-7	5
22	Malvern Town	8	0	2	6	4	22	-18	2

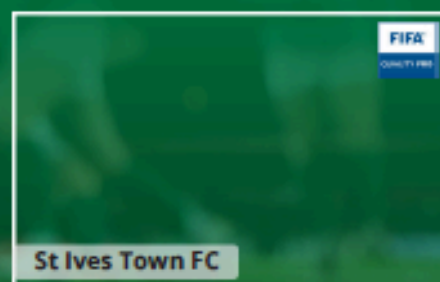
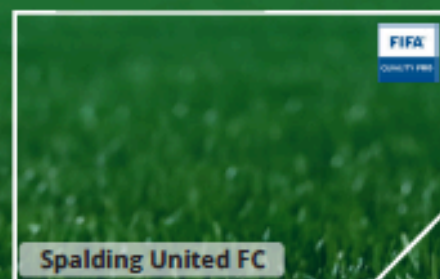
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MIKE FORD – MANAGER

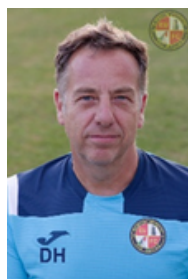
Mike, as a player, represented Cardiff City and Oxford United, clocking up close to 500 league appearances and gaining two promotions during that time. Following retirement due to injury, Mike has managed Oxford United (twice in caretaker roles) and was also assistant manager there for a period. He then 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



MIKE BYRNE – COACH

Across his 35 years as a professional football coach, he has developed a reputation for high standards, consistency, and a deep commitment to improving players and people. His career spans elite Academy environments, formal teaching, national coach education, and leadership roles that have shaped both young athletes and future industry leaders as an MBA coach. What defines his work is a 360-degree coaching approach and an unwavering belief that every player can grow under the right guidance.



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.



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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.



MACKENZIE STRETTON – MIDFIELDER

Stretton, 19, rose through the Coventry City Academy before signing a professional contract ahead of the 2025/26 season. To gain experience in senior football he joined Gloucester City on loan in March 2026, making 8 appearances and scoring once.



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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.



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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 Waterloooville. 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.



THOMAS CONTEH – FORWARD

Conteh is a pacey and direct forward who is able to operate across all positions of the frontline. Conteh joins the club on a season-long loan from Forest Green Rovers. Last season Conteh spent time on loan at Alvechurch and Hungerford and looks to gain more senior experience with The Robins.



SOPURUCHUKWU OBIERI – FORWARD

The young forward signs on a season-long loan from Cheltenham Town where he became the youngest player to represent the club, making his debut aged 15 years and 303 days old in the EFL Trophy against West Ham U21s. Obieri has had several successful loan spells at Step 3 and 4, representing Hungerford Town, Worcester City and most recently Gloucester City. Obieri has been described as a pacey, physical player who can link play together with a hunger to score goals.



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MICHEAL MEADOWS- FORWARD

Meadows signed on non-contract terms in August. Meadows was part of Evesham United Reserves in 2025/2026, scoring three times.



OSCAR VARNEY-GOALKEEPER

Varney is a 19 year-old goalkeeper who joined on loan from Coventry City U21. Varney began his career progressing through the ranks of Fulham, where he was for a decade from 2015 before joining Coventry City U21 in July 2025.

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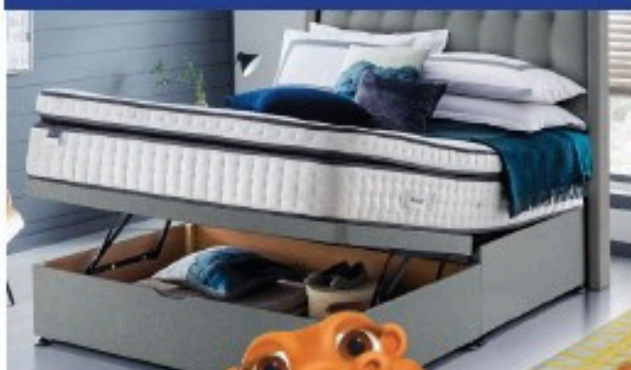
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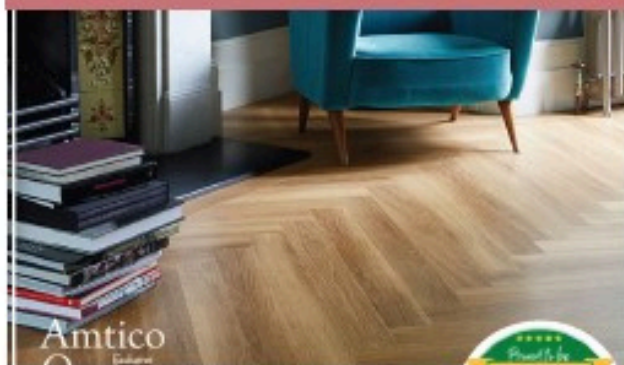
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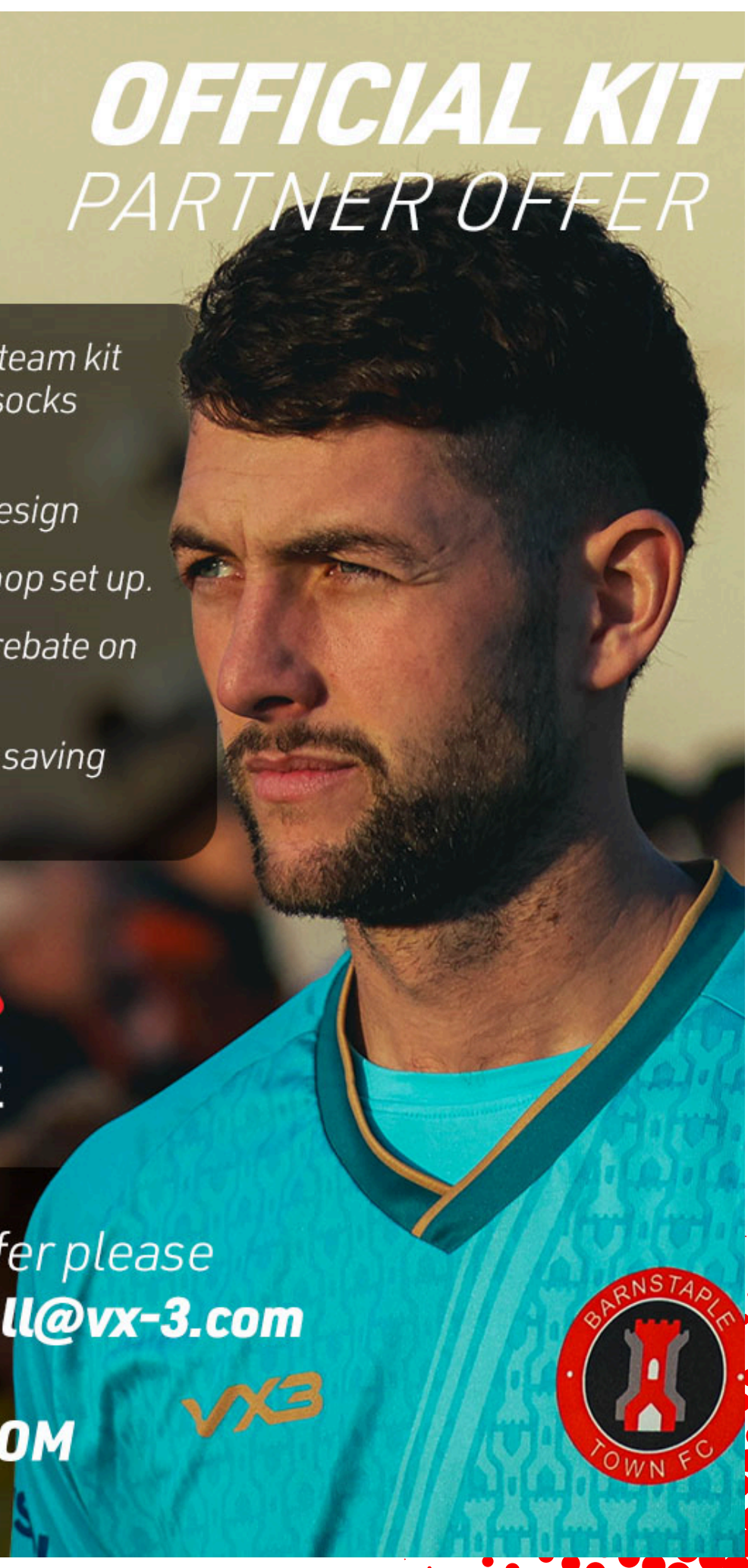




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BATH CITY FOOTBALL CLUB - THEN AND NOW

Bath, as one of Europe's world heritage cities has a long and distinguished history. Founded by King Bladud in 875BC it was a centre of Roman life and later, in Georgian times, became the capital of English high society.

Bath City was formed in 1889 and played at the Belvoir Ground in East Twerton until the 1st World War. After this they played at Lambridge (now the site of Bath Rugby club's training ground), returning to their roots in Twerton in 1932. The club has been at Twerton Park for the last 87 years.

Originally the Club played in local football competitions, then joined the Western League in 1908, progressing to the Southern League in 1921. City played in the Western section of the Southern League, which they won in 1929/30 and 1932/33.

During the 2nd World War City played in a number of unofficial competitions and became the only semi-professional side to win a Football League trophy, the Second Division Northern Section Championship, finishing above Liverpool, Manchester United and Everton. After the war the Club were obliged to revert back to the Southern League.

Post-war the Club won the Southern League championship in 1959/60 and again in 1977/78, when they lost only two league matches during the whole season. In the first championship-winning season, in 1960, the Club played Brighton in the FA Cup when a record 18020 attended Twerton Park.

In 1979 the Club became founder members of the Alliance Premier League, now the Football Conference, a league in which they remained until 1986/87. Relegated in that season they bounced back to the Conference two years later. Bath continued in the Conference until relegation to the Southern League in the 1996/97 season.

Off the field, dramatic events have taken place over the last few years. Despite ten years of ground sharing with Bristol Rovers and good FA Cup runs, City continued to spend more than they earned. In December 1997, matters finally came to a head when, faced with mounting debts, the Club's major shareholder negotiated for the Independent Supporters Association to take over the running of the Club. In 2002, the Supporters Society ('Trust') was set up with the help of 'Supporters Direct' and in one year raised nearly £250,000 from Trust members and private shareholders to buy back the club and regain control from the majority shareholder.

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Former City player and Wales international, Paul Bodin, managed the club for 3 seasons before making way for Alan Pridham in May 2001. The club narrowly avoided relegation by winning their final 2 matches of the 2001-02 season and improved to 14 th place in 2002-03. After a poor start to 2003-04, Pridham was replaced by Gary Owers. He guided City to 6 th place in 2004-05, but that season's highlight was reaching the 2 nd round of the FA Cup.

John Relish took over as manager in May 2005 and after coming second in 2006, City emphatically won the Southern League title in May 2007 to earn promotion to the Conference South. Relish left in October 2008 with his assistant, Adie Britton taking over. After successive 8 th place finishes, City secured promotion back to the Conference National after finishing 4 th and winning the play-off final at Twerton Park in 2010. After an excellent 10 th place finish in their first season City endured a miserable season only climbing off the bottom of the division with one game to go. Back in Conference South, after brief flirtations with the top and bottom of the division, City finished 11 th but in October 2012 saw a change of manager as Lee Howells took over from Adie Britton. Howells guided City to an improved 7 th in 2013-14.

The 2014-15 season saw City lose on penalties to North Ferriby United in the FA Trophy semi-final, the furthest they have got in the competition's history. Fourteenth place was achieved in the league.

Gary Owers was reappointed manager in February 2016 after the resignation of Lee Howells and he oversaw a run of five wins in the final seven matches to preserve City's National League South status. Throughout the 2016-17 season they flirted with the play-off positions but inconsistency ensured a 9th place finish. After a promising start to the 2017-18 season Owers

left to take charge of Torquay United and former City player, Jerry Gill, was appointed and took the club to a respectable 9th position. City improved on this during the 2018-19 season, finishing 5th and during the curtailed 2019-20 season came fourth but on both occasions have lost at the first hurdle in the play-offs. After the 2020-21 season was aborted, City finished a disappointing 18 th during the 2021-22 season but improved to 12 th during the 2022-23 season.

Off the field the club has moved to Community ownership following a successful 'Back the bid' campaign during the past two years. This has given the club greater stability and the ability to move forward on and off the pitch with the redevelopment of Twerton Park the long term plan.

City have a proud FA Cup history having reached the third round proper 6 times. Wins against league clubs along the way have included Crystal Palace, Exeter City, Notts County, Millwall, Southend United, Cardiff City, Hereford United and Grimsby Town.

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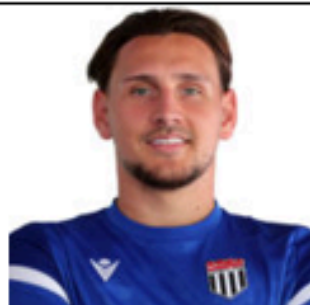
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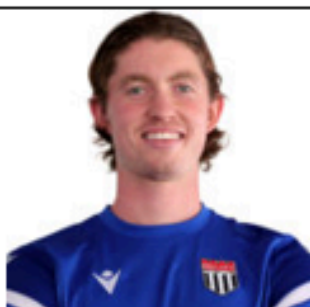
Bath-born Goalkeeper Harvey returned to Twerton Park in June 2024 following his release by Bristol City. He began his career with City's under-18 side, making his debut for the first team in an FA Trophy tie at Horsham in November 2018 as a 16-year old. He went on to make a further eight appearances over the following two seasons which earned him a trial with Bristol City toward the end of the 2019-20 season. He signed for the Robins during the summer and would go on to spend four seasons at Ashton Gate, playing regularly for their under-23 side and making the first-team matchday squad on a number of occasions. He also had loan spells with Gloucester City, Hereford United and, last season, Weymouth. He was named the player of the season for 2024/25. Harvey is the cousin of City's right-back Joe Raynes.



Full back Joe joined City in July 2018 after a successful pre-season trial. He had spent a short spell with City's U18 side before going on to play for Odd Down and Larkhall Athletic. After two seasons at Plain Ham he joined Frome Town in July 2017 and was an immediate hit with the Southern League side, going on to be named their player of the season and earning his chance with the Romans. The Bath born player immediately settled at the higher level, playing mainly at right-back, and became a firm favourite amongst the Twerton Park faithful. Continued this form during the 2019/20 season before suffering a broken leg in March 2020. A series of complications with the injury saw Joe sidelined for the whole of the 2020/21 season but he made a very welcome return to action during the 2021 close season. Has been almost every present for City since and is now approaching 300 appearances for the club. He was named player of the season for the 2025/26 campaign and will captain the side this season.



Left-back Danny signed for City from Chippenham Town in June 2022, marking a return to the club having spent the second half of the 2015/16 season at Twerton Park on loan from Bristol Rovers. He came up through the youth ranks at the Pirates, also spending loan spells with Mangotsfield United, Truro City, Gloucester City and Weston Super Mare. When he was released by Rovers in May 2017 he signed permanently for the latter of these clubs. After a season at Woodspring Park he moved on to Hereford before joining Chippenham Town in July 2020. Danny was named the 2023/24 players' player of the season.



Ollie joined City in November 2024 on loan from Torquay United, before making the move permanent in January 2025. He began his career with Plymouth Argyle, signing a professional contract in June 2020. He had loan spells with Barnstaple Town and Truro City before being released by the Pilgrims at the end of the 2021/22 season. He then signed for Torquay United in July 2022. During his first season with the Gulls he spent time on loan with Taunton Town and Chippenham Town before becoming a regular starter for the side.

PLAYER PROFILES



Tall centre-back Jack came through the youth ranks with Bristol City having joined the club's Academy at the under-13 stage. In March 2013, aged just 17 and a year into his two-year scholarship, he signed his first professional deal with the Robins, having already captained the Under-18 and Under-21 sides. His performances reportedly attracted interest from several top flight sides but he hadn't made a first team appearance for the Ashton Gate side when he joined City on loan in November 2015. He made 11 starts during three months at Twerton Park before returning to Bristol. However, he was released by Bristol City a couple of weeks later and returned to City for the remainder of the 2015-16 season before signing permanently in June 2016. He missed the whole of the 2019/20 season after suffering a serious knee injury in pre-season but returned to action in August 2020 and is now the club's longest serving player with well over 300 appearances for the Romans. He was named player of the season for 2022/23.



Kieran joined City in June 2022 from Chippenham Town. He was a product of Newport County youth academy, signing a professional contract in May 2015 and making his first team debut in August that year. He spent a loan spell at Salisbury during the 2016/17 season before being released by the Exiles at the end of that campaign. The central defender joined Gloucester City in July 2017 before moving on to Chippenham Town a year later. He spent four successful seasons at Hardenhuish Park, making around 150 appearances for the Bluebirds, where he was named club captain and selected for the 2021/22 National League South team of the year. Has now made over 200 outings for the Romans.



Experienced defender/midfielder Enzo joined City in May 2026 following his release by Wealdstone. He began his career in his native Netherlands with SC Voorland, Utrecht, Den Bosch and Almere City. In May 2016 he moved to England to join Crawley Town where he would spend two seasons, making nearly 100 appearances. An undisclosed six-figure fee took him to Notts County in July 2018. Successful spells with Sutton United, Eastleigh and Wealdstone followed, helping the latter to the 2026 FA Trophy Final, although he missed the game at Wembley due to injury.



Midfielder James re-joined City in August 2026 for a third spell at Twerton Park. After coming up through the youth ranks at Ashton Gate he had a brief loan spell with Chippenham Town in October 2017 before heading to the Romans two months later. He went on to spend 18 months with City, making over 50 appearances – scoring once, although this was named the 2018/19 goal of the season – before returning to the Robins, where he signed a four-year contract. He then had loan spells with Forest Green Rovers, Grimsby Town and, briefly, Gillingham. In the summer of 2022 he looked set to join Milton Keynes Dons but the move fell through following a change of management at the club. His second spell with City was a season long loan in September that season. He was released by the Robins at the end of that season and he joined Weston Super Mare in August 2023. He moved on to Southend United in December that year, where he spent two and half seasons.

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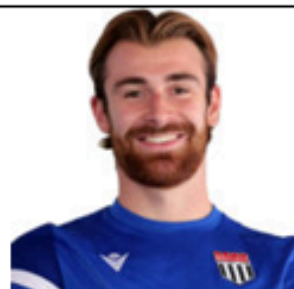
Striker Scott is now in his second spell with City, having returned to the club in July 2022, although he is probably best known at Twerton Park for the 90th minute goal he scored against the Romans for Weston Super Mare in March 2016 that preceded Tyler Harvey's famous stoppage-time double. After starting his career in the youth set-up at Bristol City he played for a number of West Country non-league sides, including a short spell with City during the second half of the 2013/14 season, before joining Eastleigh in the summer of 2016. He spent a year on the south coast before moving to Macclesfield Town where he spent two successful seasons, scoring 25 times in 76 games. He joined Oldham Athletic in July 2019 before having spells with Notts County, Dagenham & Redbridge and Aldershot Town. Scott spent time on loan at Weston Super Mare during the 2025/26 season but returned to the Romans in March and signed a new contract this summer.



Striker Owen joined City at the end of October 2025. After playing at youth level for Swindon Town and Southampton he began his senior career with Cirencester Town in 2018. He impressed sufficiently to be offered a two-year contract with West Bromwich Albion in June 2019. He spent loan spells with Cirencester, Taunton Town, Grimsby Town, Newport County and Grimsby Town before being released at the end of the 2021/22 season. He joined Chippenham Town in February 2023 then moved onto Chester in November that year. Short spells with Marine and Leek Town followed before he headed to Australia to play for MetroStars.



Midfielder Ollie joined City in July 2026. He spent nine seasons with Taunton Town, making over 300 appearances and helping the Somerset side to Southern League Premier South 2021/22 title. He joined Weston Super Mare in the summer of 2024. He returned to Taunton on loan in February 2026.



Imposing defender Harrison began his career with his hometown club Swindon Town. He progressed through the youth ranks, making his first team debut in November 2021 before signing a first professional contract in early 2022. He spent loan spells with Chippenham Town and Gloucester City during his development. He would play over 50 games for Swindon Town but choose to move on from the Robins during the summer of 2026.

PLAYER PROFILES



Bath-born defensive midfielder Jordan joined City in July 2024. The son of former Bristol Rovers player Andy he started in the Pirates youth set-up before switching to Exeter City in 2012. During his early years with the Grecians he spent loan spells with Gloucester City, Chippenham Town and Weston Super Mare before going on to make over 100 appearances for the Devon club. After another loan during the second half of the 2018/19 season at Cheltenham he left Exeter permanently in January 2020 to join Scottish Premiership side Ross County. He was a regular for the Staggies over the next two seasons before joining Dundee United on loan for the 2023/24 campaign. There he helped the Tangerines lift the Championship title and promotion back to the top division. With the expiration of his Ross County contract he choose to return south and join his hometown club.

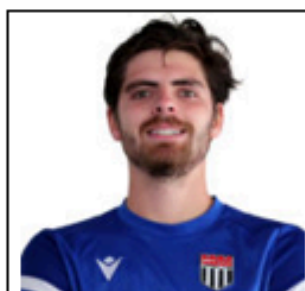


Promising Academy goalkeeper Dominic will provide cover for no.1 Harvey Wiles-Richard this season.

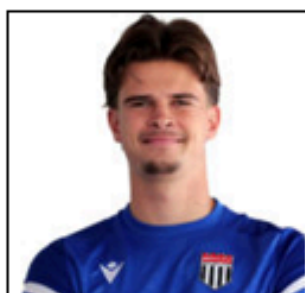


Much travelled forward Reuben joined City in July 2026. The Bristol born striker joined Plymouth Argyle Academy in 2005 having chosen football over cricket, where he played for Gloucestershire second XI. He earned his first professional contract in February 2006 making his first team debut in the final game of that season. He would spent much of the next two seasons out on loan at various clubs and was released at the end of the 2007/08 season. He joined Rotherham United and was an immediate hit with the Millers', going on to score 19 goals in 41 games that season. This earned him a move to West Bromwich Albion, but he struggled to hold down a first team place and spent loan spells with Peterborough United and Walsall. In January 2011 he joined Oldham United. He spent two seasons with the Latics, although the second was disrupted by injury and he was released at the end of the 2011/12 campaign. Moving back to the West Country he joined Yeovil Town in July 2012 before returning to Plymouth in January 2013 on loan. This loan was extended the following season where he scored 21 goals and won the player of the season award. He joined the Pilgrims permanently in June 2014, scoring a further 25 goals over the next two seasons. Spells with Exeter City, Forest Green Rovers and Cheltenham Town followed before he re-joined Yeovil Town – now in the National League – in January 2021. He would then spend three seasons with Weston Super Mare then a single campaign at Weymouth.

PLAYER PROFILES



Forward Harry joined City in June 2026. He began his career in the youth set up at Swindon Town, making his first team debut in the EFL Trophy against Bristol Rovers in November 2019. He had spells on loan at Chippenham Town, Banbury United and Farnborough before being released by Swindon at the end of the 2022/23 season. He joined Maidenhead United for the 2023/24 season but spent much of the campaign on loan at Banbury and Weymouth. In June 2024 he joined Chippenham Town where he would spent two seasons, making 75 appearance and scoring 19 goals.

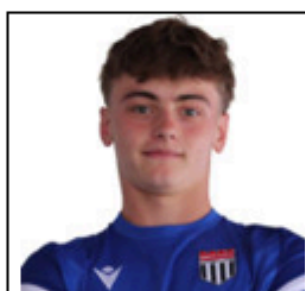


Towering midfielder Matt joined City at the end of October 2025 from Larkhall Athletic. Born in Switzerland, he played at academy level for Servette FC in Geneva but wasn't offered a senior contract. He moved to England in 2021, including a trial with Blackburn Rovers, to study Sports Management & Coaching at Bath University. He joined the Development team at Larkhall and soon moved up to the first team. He was the Larks standout player for the 2023/24 season – including scoring against City in the thrilling FA Cup encounter – before returning to Switzerland the next year as part of his course. A serious knee injury in pre-season side-lined him for the year before he returned to Plain Ham at the start of this season.



Promising academy midfielder Owen made his first team debut against Larkhall Athletic in the Somerset Premier Cup during the 2024/25 season and was a regular in the first team squad last campaign. He spent time at Larkhall on a dual-registration deal this season.

Owen joined Mangotsfield United on loan in February 2026 and will play for the Hellenic League side on dual registration this season.



Academy player Seweryn made his first team debut against Frome Town toward the end of the 2025/26 season. The attacking midfielder impressed sufficiently during the 2026 pre-season to earn a first team place for the upcoming season

PLAYER PROFILES



Forward Donovan returned to City in February 2026 on loan from Dagenham & Redbridge, having originally spent the aborted 2020/21 season with the Romans. He began his career with Bristol Rovers, coming up through their youth ranks before signing a first professional contract in May 2014. He was loaned out to Wolverhampton Wanderers in November 2014 before making the move permanent the following January. During his three and a half seasons with Wolves he was loaned out to Port Vale, Jumilla in Spain and Exeter City. In July 2019 he returned to Spain with Burgo but was back in England in February 2020 with Macclesfield Town. He was not retained after that COVID-halted season and signed for City in September 2020. He netted six goals in ten appearances for City and joined Sutton United on loan in March 2021. He helped the U's to the National League title and promotion to the Football League and was signed permanently in July 2021. Following two seasons with Sutton he joined Grimsby United in June 2023. His time with the Mariners was disrupted by injury and on his release in May 2025 he moved to Dagenham & Redbridge. He made the permanent switch to City in June 2026. Donovan is the cousin of fellow City striker Scott.



Former City midfielder Scott was appointed Bath City FC manager in March 2026. As a player he began his career on the books of AFC Bournemouth before joining Cirencester Town. He joined Salisbury City in February 2000 and soon became a permanent fixture in the Whites side. After nine years with the club – where he made over 400 appearances – a change in employment that involved additional travelling saw him switch to Weston. He was named captain with the Seagulls but when City made an approach in February 2010 for him he made the switch to Twerton Park. Injury restricted Scott to just ten appearances for the Romans and he joined Forest Green Rovers for the 2010/11 season. Further injury problems forced his retirement the following year and he was subsequently named Academy manager at the Gloucestershire club. In October 2016 he was appointed Weston Super Mare manager. He helped the Seagulls retain their National League South status before returning to Forest Green in his previous role. In the summer of 2019 he was back at Weston and would spend six successful years leading the side including winning the Southern League Premier South title in 2023. In September 2025 he was named manager at National League Eastleigh. He parted company with the Spitfires in February 2026.



Richard joined City during the summer of 2026. His football career began at Forest Green Rovers as Matchday Media Manager in 2011 then Press Officer three years later. He joined Scott Bartlett's backroom staff at the end of the 2014/15 campaign then the following season took on the role of First Team Video Analyst. Spells with Brimscombe & Thrupp and Redditch United followed in the same role before he spent three seasons at Cheltenham Town as Media & Communications Manager. In June 2022 Richard was appointed joint-first team manager of Hellenic League Premier Division side Thornbury Town before taking sole charge in October that year. He reunited with Scott in June 2023 at Weston Super Mare as Opposition Analyst.

PLAYER PROFILES



Martin joined City in January 2025 as coach and backup goalkeeper. He began his playing career in the Plymouth Argyle youth teams before moving to the Bristol Academy of Sport at Filton College. He was signed by Bristol Rovers in October 2004. Although he signed a professional contract for the 2005/06 he failed to make a first team appearance. Martin joined Torquay United in July 2006 but following their relegation at the end of that season he left to join Yate Town. Spells with Salisbury City, Dorchester Town, Tiverton Town, R.R.F.C. Montegnée in Belgium, Weymouth and Herford following. He spent three seasons with the Bulls, helping them to promotion and a Wembley appearance in the FA Vase during the 2015/16 season. Subsequently he played for Cirencester Town, Swindon Supermarine and, most recently, a second spell with Yate Town. He made his City debut in unusual circumstances, coming on as an outfield player against Tonbridge Angels in March.



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TADLEY Calleva and SE Dons are assured to fly the flag for Step 5 clubs in next weekend's FA Cup fourth qualifying round after another round of upsets.

Combined Counties League Premier South side Tadley came from behind to beat Step 3 Dartford 2-1, while SE Dons, a Sunday side just two years ago and playing in the FA Cup for the very first time, thrashed higher-ranked Weymouth 5-1 away.

Basingstoke-based Calleva have gone well beyond their previous best of the second qualifying round with Joe Lawler's men facing a historic trip to National League side Aldershot Town in a crunch Hampshire derby at the EBB Stadium.

SE Dons, meanwhile, are undoubtedly the story of the FA Cup so far this season,.

Founded by rapper Don Strapzy and friends, the club based in Bexleyheath were playing in the Orpington and Bromley District League as recently as 2022 and made their senior football bow when merging with Forest Hill Park two years later.

There, under chairman Andy Ansah and manager Antonio Gonnella, they joined the Southern Counties East League Division One and won promotion to the Premier in their first full season.

This year's FA Cup marks a return to the limelight for former Brentford and Southend United striker Ansah, who became a household name in hit Sky One drama Dream Team in the late 1990s and later worked alongside former England captain Wayne Rooney in Wayne Rooney's Street Striker.

Next up for the Dons is a tricky trip to Southern League Premier South side Sholing, for whom Matt Le Tissier is an associate director.

The Boatmen, too, have equalled their best-ever FA Cup run and looking to reach the first round proper for the first side.

In all, there are also seven other clubs who have equalled their previous best by reaching the fourth qualifying round; AFC Rushden & Diamonds, Anstey Nomads, Bury, Chertsey Town, Cray Wanderers, Dorking Wanderers and Plymouth Parkway.

AFC Rushden and Plymouth Parkway both picked up victories over higher-ranked opposition, beating Braintree Town and Horsham respectively, while Salisbury FC too are celebrating a best-ever run after a handsome 5-0 win over Dulwich Hamlet – just 48 hours after returning from an impromptu visit to the Middle East, where they took on Kuwaiti Premier League big guns Al-Qadsia at the 22,000-seater Mohammad Al-Hamad Stadium.

At least one more side will make club history next weekend, should they come through their respective replays (played after this piece was written).

Another Step 5 side, Trafford, from the North West Counties League, travel to NPL West side Atherton Collieries on Tuesday night replay after a 2-2 draw in the initial tie.

Whichever side wins will be guaranteed to make club history when they make the tough trip to National League side AFC Fylde next weekend.

At the same time, Isthmian Premier side Wingate & Finchley can set a new record if they beat Bedford Town in their replay; their previous best was the third qualifying round.

One thing's for sure, our editors are going to have their work cut out selecting a star game for next week's NLP with so many crunch ties to choose from.

Bury FC versus Harrogate Town had a particular ring to it, similarly Leatherhead v Yeovil Town, Chesham United v Forest Green Rovers or perhaps an eagerly-awaited Manchester derby between Altrincham and FC United.

Whatever happens, there's sure to be the usual array of thrills, spills and upsets that the world's most famous cup competition never fails to throw up.

The full fourth qualifying round draw is as follows...

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5 JACK BATTEN
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7 ENZO BOLDEWIJN
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10 PEDRO ELAWAR
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Next Home Match: Saturday 17th 2026 vs. Taunton Town
Kick off 15:00 Southern League Premier South