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THE THOUGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN...

A warm welcome to everyone attending today's match against Bracknell Town, including our visiting directors, players, and supporters.

It has been a challenging few weeks, and six consecutive losses is certainly not where we want to be. We've had a real mountain to climb with injuries and suspensions disrupting the squad, but with players returning today, we are aiming to turn our fortunes around.

We find ourselves in a exceptionally competitive league, and having already faced all of the top six teams, we know what the benchmark is. Remember, it's a marathon, not a sprint, and there is still a long way to go.

Please keep getting behind the lads today. Confidence can easily wobble during a tough run, but your positive support on the touchline is vital. So long as the team leaves everything on the pitch and gives 100%, we can ask no more.

Enjoy the match and UP THE ROBINS!

Brenzo



FORD'S FOCUS

A warm welcome to the players, staff, and officials of **Bracknell Town** for today's fixture at the Spiers & Hartwell Stadium. I would also like to extend a special welcome to our fantastic home supporters—your backing is vital to us, and I ask that you get fully behind this young team this afternoon as they continue to learn and grow.

There is no hiding from the fact that our recent run of results has been tough. However, context is important. We have been hit hard by a perfect storm of mitigating factors: a heavy injury list, multiple players being cup-tied, and parent clubs withholding permission for our dual-registered players to feature. This forced our hand last time out against Halesowen Town, where we proudly handed a first-team debut to 17-year-old academy product Michael Meadows. Michael stepped up remarkably well under difficult circumstances, and his progression is a huge positive for the future of this club.

Football can change quickly, but we must not lose faith. We are the exact same group of players and staff who proudly won six out of our opening 12 games this season. The capability, talent, and work ethic are still inside this dressing room. We are fully capable of turning this form around; we simply need to clear our heads, remember our identity, and play our game.

Thank you for your unwavering support. Enjoy the match.

Mike Ford
Manager, Evesham United FC

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MATCH REPORT

Evesham United 0 vs Halesowen Town 4: FA Trophy First Round
Match Report by Simon Purfield

Evesham United suffered their sixth consecutive defeat on Saturday, losing 4–0 to Southern League Premier Central side Halesowen Town. The Robins were well beaten on a wet and windswept afternoon at the Spiers and Hartwell Stadium.

With the wind behind them, the Yeltz started brightly. In the 7 th minute, Matt Preston found Dan Meredith on the right, and the full-back played the ball forward to Samson Hewett. Hewett's attempted cross to Jason Cowley struck the post.

Five minutes later, Vanylson Silva carried the ball down the left before passing inside to Milan Butterfield, whose 30-yard effort went just over the crossbar. Soon afterwards, Hewett was brought down by Josh McConnell, but the resulting free kick went straight into the Evesham wall.

Halesowen continued to dominate. Cowley dribbled to the byline and crossed for Todd Parker on the edge of the box, but Parker's shot spun wide.

Evesham's first effort on goal came in the 27th minute. Aaron Heap drove through midfield as the defence backed off, but his shot went straight at former Robin Dan Platt in the visitors' goal.

On the half-hour, Hewett was brought down just outside the area. Cowley's free kick deflected off the wall and went just over the bar.

The gusting wind made Brendan Beard's goal-kicks difficult. One caught in the wind was sliced out for a corner, from which Jim Kellerman's delivery was almost headed in by Preston.

Despite spending much of the half defending, Evesham had a good chance in the 38 th minute. Kai Churchley's corner glanced off Ryan Wynter's head into the centre of the area, where a subsequent shot was blocked on the line by Silva.

Halesowen took a deserved lead three minutes before the break. Hewett's corner fell kindly to Cowley in the box, and he finished at the near post.

The visitors doubled their lead a couple of minutes later, Butterfield beating Beard with a long-range strike into the bottom right-hand corner.

Those two late goals gave Halesowen a 2–0 lead at half-time.

After a quiet start to the second half, Halesowen put the game beyond Evesham in the 53 rd minute. Hewitt played the ball out to Cassidy on the right, and Silva rose above his marker to head Cassidy's cross into the net.

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The Yeltz added a fourth just after the hour mark. Silva met another Cassidy cross with a header that Beard saved, but the rebound fell kindly for Silva, who poked home.

Despite having the conditions in their favour, Evesham created little in the second half. In the 79th minute, Churchley found Liam Hutt out wide on the right. Hutt laid the ball back to Josh Barlow, whose cross was claimed by Platt.

Halesowen almost added a fifth in the 85 th minute. Silva latched onto a ball, but Beard saved well with his legs.

In the second minute of injury time, Ioan Richards passed to substitute Antony McCormick, whose long-range effort was comfortably gathered by Platt.

Evesham will need to regroup before Saturday's home league game against Bracknell Town, when their cup-tied players will be available again.


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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Uxbridge	12	9	2	1	25	8	17	29
2	Poole Town	13	9	1	3	24	15	9	28
3	Hanworth Villa	14	8	3	3	27	16	11	27
4	Plymouth Parkway	13	8	2	3	27	14	13	26
5	Bath City	13	8	2	3	19	10	9	26
6	Chichester City	14	7	1	6	24	23	1	22
7	Gosport Borough	14	6	3	5	22	18	4	21
8	Chertsey Town	13	5	5	3	27	20	7	20
9	Wimborne Town	12	5	4	3	20	9	11	19
10	Taunton Town	12	6	1	5	32	25	7	19
11	Frome Town	13	5	4	4	20	16	4	19
12	Berkhamsted Town	13	5	2	6	16	18	-2	17
13	Basingstoke Town	14	4	3	7	21	27	-6	15
14	Hanwell Town	12	3	5	4	16	15	1	14
15	Yate Town	13	3	5	5	16	25	-9	14
16	Bracknell Town	14	4	2	8	14	30	-16	14
17	Sholing	12	3	4	5	14	18	-4	13
18	**Evesham United**	**13**	**4**	**1**	**8**	**15**	**26**	**-11**	**13**
19	Malvern Town	13	3	2	8	19	34	-15	11
20	Gloucester City	11	2	4	5	15	19	-4	10
21	Havant & Waterlooville	14	2	3	9	19	32	-13	9
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MEET THE MANAGEMENT



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 CHANDELLER-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

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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 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.



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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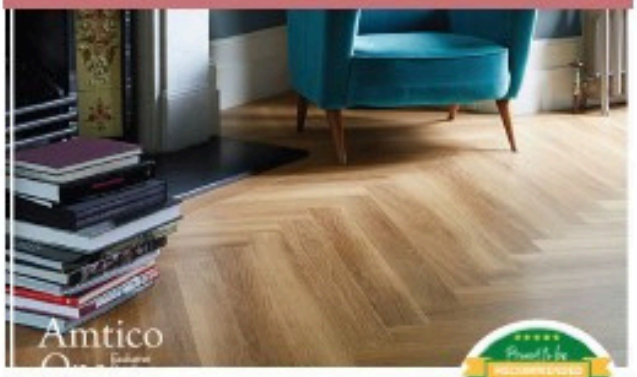
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	LEAGUE Starts	Subs	Goals	CUP Starts	Subs	Goals	TOTAL Starts	Subs	Goals
Aaron Heap	9	2		4			13	2	
Amer Awadh	9	1		2	1		11	2	
Antony McCormick		4						3	
Brandon Liggett	12		6	3			15		6
Brendan Beard (GK)	5	1		3			8	1	
Daniel Hanson		3		1	3			6	
Ioan Richards	11			4			15		
Josh Barlow	12			4			16		
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Mackenzie Stretton		2		1	1		1	3	
Max Asante-Boakye	3						3		
Michael Meadows		2		1			1	2	
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Owen Foye	9			3	1		12	1	
Rhys Warner		1						1	
Rocco Sughayer	7	4		2	2		9	6	
Roger James		2						2	
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CLUB HISTORY

Founded in 1896 as Old Bracknell Wanderers, Bracknell Town Football Club has been part of the Berkshire football community for 130 years. The club became Bracknell FC in 1949 before adopting its present name in 1962.

After competing in local football and the Great Western League, Bracknell joined the Surrey Senior League. Success followed with consecutive League Cup victories in 1968/69 and 1969/70, alongside the league championship in the latter season.

The Robins subsequently joined the Spartan League and became founder members of the London Spartan League in 1975. They finished runners up in 1975/76 and won the championship in 1982/83. Entry into the Isthmian League followed in 1984, with promotion from Division Two South secured in 1985/86. Further silverware arrived with the Isthmian League Division Three title in 1993/94.

One of the club's most memorable cup campaigns came in 2000/01, when Bracknell reached the FA Cup first round proper for the first time, travelling to Football League side Lincoln City. The following years brought spells in the Isthmian, Southern and Hellenic leagues.

Significant investment at Larges Lane in 2016 marked a turning point, improving facilities and supporting renewed ambition. Promotion back to the Isthmian League was achieved in 2018 after a closely contested Hellenic League title race with Thatcham Town.

Bracknell finished second in their first season back at Step 4, reaching the promotion final in 2019 before losing to Cheshunt.

In 2021, the club moved from its longstanding Larges Lane home to Bottom Meadow in Sandhurst. The following season brought the Isthmian League South Central championship, with 96 points and a winning margin of 20 points, securing Step 3 football for the first time.

CLUB HISTORY

The 2022/23 campaign saw Bracknell host Ipswich Town in the FA Cup first round and reach the FA Trophy fifth round. They also finished second in the Southern League Premier South, narrowly losing the promotion final to Truro City. Another FA Cup first round appearance followed in 2023/24, away to Cambridge United, alongside a second successive league promotion campaign ending in the semi final against AFC Totton.

In 2026, Bracknell entered a new chapter under owner Jude Steinborn-Busse and Chairman Dan Harris. Celebrating its 130th anniversary, the club continues to build on its heritage, with ambitions centred on sustainable progress, stronger community connections and continued development both on and off the pitch.


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PLAYER PROFILES

GIO CLARKE – GOALKEEPER

Joined Bracknell Town on dual registration from Lewes in October 2026.

CHARLIE STALLARD – DEFENDER

Joined the Robins from Uxbridge during the 2026/27 season.

JOSH BROOKING – DEFENDER

Developed through Chelsea's academy before spells with Aldershot Town and Dorking Wanderers. Joined Bracknell from Slough Town.

CJ FEARN – DEFENDER

Previously represented Farnborough and Uxbridge. Helped Uxbridge achieve promotion and collected both the supporters' and players' Player of the Year awards.

PLAYER PROFILES

JAMES TAYLOR – DEFENDER

Previously represented Harborough Town, Uxbridge and Hayes & Yeading United, enjoying title and promotion success during his career.

JOSH BOORN – MIDFIELDER

Arrived from Uxbridge in September 2026, joining several former teammates at Bracknell.

HARRY HAMBLIN – MIDFIELDER

A Southampton academy graduate who has also represented Bath City and Macclesfield Town, making Football League appearances for the latter.

HARRY COOKSLEY – MIDFIELDER

Joined Bracknell following three seasons at Farnham Town, where he made 140 appearances and helped the club achieve three successive promotions.

PLAYER PROFILES

ADAM LIDDLE - FORWARD

Began his career at Reading before representing clubs including Derry City, Chelmsford City, Hungerford Town and Farnham Town.

BEN PURCELL - MIDFIELDER

A Reading academy graduate who returned to Bracknell following spells with Farnham Town and Hayes & Yeading United.

GREAT EVANS - FORWARD

Returned to Bracknell following a spell with Farnham Town. His previous clubs include AFC Wimbledon and Hungerford Town.

RAFA RAMOS - FORWARD

Joined Bracknell from Gosport Borough in September 2026. His previous clubs include Salisbury, Poole Town and Hungerford Town.

PLAYER PROFILES

JACK BLAIZE - MIDFIELDER

Previously part of Sheffield United's development setup before moving into senior football.

OLLIE GOFFORD - MIDFIELDER

Previously part of Fulham's academy before joining Bracknell in September 2026.

JAMAL SHARPE - FORWARD

Signed on for the Robins for the 2026/27 campaign and has represented the club in league and cup competition.

TOM JACKSON - MIDFIELDER

Returned to Bracknell having previously represented the club during the 2023/24 season. Has also played for Carshalton Athletic and Marlow.

PLAYER PROFILES

MARCUS DAWS - MIDFIELDER/FORWARD

Joined Bracknell from fellow Southern League Premier South club Gosport Borough in September 2026.

CASEY BOCARRO - DEFENDER

Joined the Robins from Basingstoke Town in October 2026, having previously spent two seasons with Uxbridge.

ANT CHESHIRE - DEFENDER

Has represented Bracknell across several seasons, with his career also including spells at Weymouth and Basingstoke Town.

JOSH MCMENEMY - DEFENDER

Joined on loan from Maidenhead United, having progressed through their academy. Previous loan spells include Sandhurst Town, Holyport and Binfield.

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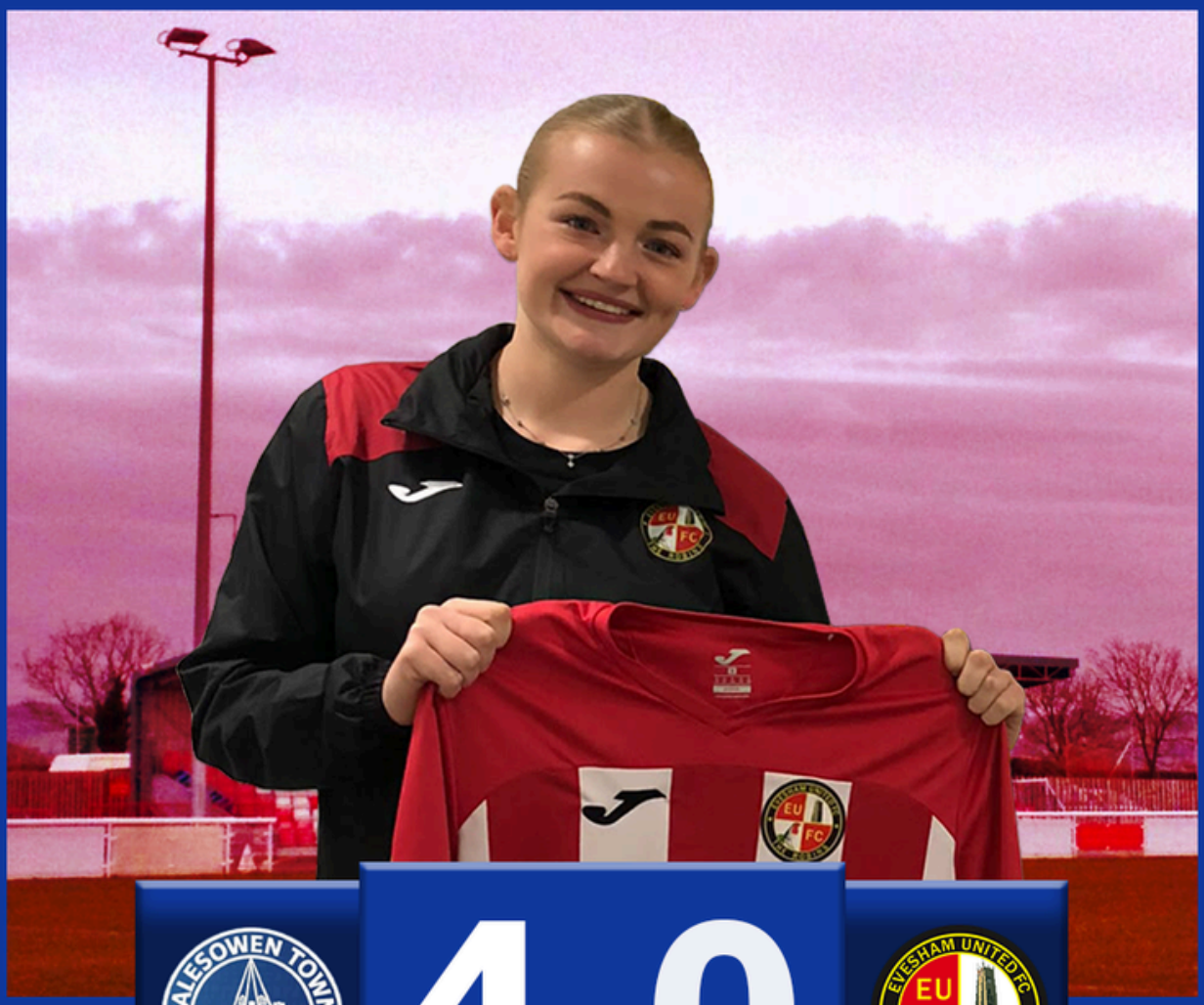
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By Jon Couch

SELECTING the TV picks for FA Cup matches always sparks lively debate.
Ultimately, you can't please all of the people all of the time, but every year it seems there are ties, invariably involving Non-League sides, who can consider themselves unfortunate to miss out.
That is indeed the case once again in this year's first round proper draw – there are so many good ties to choose from.
Let's be honest, TV companies – in this year's case TNT Sports, and to a lesser extent, the BBC - have to ensure that viewing figures reflect the vast amounts of money they spend on securing TV rights for the world's most famous cup competition.
But there are always some ties who will rightly feel aggrieved they've been overlooked.
Take Boreham Wood v Wigan Athletic for example. Luke Garrard's Wood are setting the National League alight so far this season, while League One strugglers Wigan lifting the trophy at Wembley as recently as 2013, under Roberto Martinez.
And there are many more too. Hornchurch must've thought they were in with a shout for their visit of Blackpool, similarly Kidderminster Harriers for their home tie with Doncaster Rovers or even Carlisle United against League Two leaders Salford City.
But AFC Rushden & Diamonds' story is surely deserving of a place in the spotlight when they travel to Burton Albion.
Elliot Sandy's men have beaten higher opposition three times and won six games to get to the first round for the first time in their history as a club – and fanbase – who have started again after their previous guise folded. It's what the FA Cup is all about.
Instead, we've got an all-League One clash between Peterborough United and Reading because Posh boss Robbie Savage will be up against his son Charlie.
This is nothing against the Savages. But the £50,000 broadcast fee would have been huge for Diamonds and helped to build even more of a legacy from this run. They might not make it this far again for a number of seasons, whereas, Peterborough play Reading again in December!
That's not to say we don't have some mouth-watering match-ups to look forward to.
In perhaps the tie the round, Oxford City kick us off this Friday night with the visit of League One big guns Leicester City, who lifted the trophy with a 1-0 win over Chelsea at Wembley just five years ago!
Isthmian Premier side Cray Wanderers host current League One leaders Stockport County on Sunday, just before Step 4 Wimborne Town, of Southern League Division One South, take on League Two strugglers Crawley Town.
And the TV games on Saturday are no-brainers also. Stafford Rangers, fresh from their 5-0 thumping of Gateshead in the last round, welcome Grimsby Town, of League Two, in a tasty lunchtime serving, while Altrincham, with all their cup pedigree, take on Notts County in what promises to be a teatime humdinger.
But perhaps the most pleasing TV pick has been saved for Monday night when Plymouth Parkway and Berkhamsted meet in an all-Southern League Premier South clash.
It's not often that TV companies plump for live all-Non-League clashes at this stage of the competition but there's certainly no complaints our end!

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8

Stafford Rangers v Grimsby Town (ko 12pm, live on TNT Sports 1/HBO Max), Cray Wanderers v Stockport County (ko 2.15pm, live on TNT Sports 3/HBO Max and BBC Two/iPlayer), Wimborne Town v Crawley Town (ko 3pm, live on TNT Sports 1/HBO Max)

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