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THE THOUGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to the Spiers & Hartwell Stadium for today's fixture against Yate Town.

I would like to extend a hospitable welcome to the players, management, board, and travelling supporters of Yate. It is always a pleasure to host matches between our two clubs, and with both sides determined to stamp their authority on this league campaign, today promises to be another fierce and entertaining contest.

Looking at our recent form, the team has shown plenty of grit and character. Non-league football is a relentless test of stamina and squad depth, but Mike and the management team have continued to demand high standards on the training pitch and on match days. There have been moments of real quality over the past few weeks, but consistency remains the ultimate target. In a division where every single side can beat any other on their day, focus from the first whistle to the last is non-negotiable.

Off the pitch, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to our volunteers, ground staff, and match-day sponsors. A football club at our level survives and thrives purely on the tireless dedication of people who give up their evenings and weekends—whether that is preparing the playing surface, stewarding, or serving refreshments. Your contribution does not go unnoticed.

To our supporters: your backing behind the goals makes a genuine difference. When the game enters those critical final twenty minutes and legs are tiring, hearing the stadium in full voice lifts the squad. Let's get behind the lads right from kick-off, make some noise, and push for all three points.

Enjoy the match, have a safe trip home, and come on the Robins!

Brenzo



FORD'S FOCUS

A warm welcome back to the Spiers & Hartwell Stadium for today's massive fixture against **Yate Town**.

We head into this afternoon's match on the back of a hugely impressive outing on Saturday. Despite being on a tricky run of results lately, Saturday showed exactly what this group is capable of. We looked like a side that is incredibly difficult to break down, while crucially maintaining a genuine threat whenever we went forward. If we replicate that exact level of performance, desire, and work ethic today, we give ourselves more than half a chance of picking up a massive result.

Once again, I want to say a massive thank you to our incredible supporters. Your backing means everything to us, especially right now. I am certain you understand the tight constraints we are currently operating under, which include not being able to bring in senior players at this time. Because of those limitations, we started the match on Saturday with **eight teenagers** on the pitch.

For such a young group to go out and perform with that level of maturity is immense. They are giving everything for the shirt, but they need your voice behind them. Get behind the lads, make some noise, and cheer us on to three points!

Mike Ford
Manager, Evesham United FC

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MATCH REPORT

Chippenham Town 4 vs Evesham United 2: Southern League Premier Division South
Match Report by Simon Purfield

Evesham United visited bottom-of-the-table Chippenham Town on Tuesday evening, hoping to build on Saturday's comeback win over Bracknell Town with a second successive victory.

The hosts went ahead in the seventh minute when Marley Rose fired from the right of the box into the far bottom corner.

United equalised three minutes later. Their high press paid off as Owen Foye won possession and found Stephen Walsh on the left. Walsh beat his defender and shot across the goalkeeper, the ball going in off the far post.

Chippenham responded with a Piotr Petrynski cross from the left that narrowly evaded Martell Taylor-Crossdale and Dylan Jones.

Soon afterwards, Brandon Liggett rose highest at the near post but headed Walsh's left-wing corner wide.

Chippenham regained the lead after 20 minutes. Bradley Selwood found Jones on the edge of the area, and his low shot crept past the diving Brendan Beard. Two minutes later, Selwood's long-range effort was deflected just wide of the top corner.

Rose then surged down the right and delivered a low cross for Taylor-Crossdale, who finished from close range to make it three.

The hosts made it four in the 37th minute. A flowing midfield move reached Rose, whose curling shot into the top corner left Beard with no chance. Jones nearly added a fifth after dribbling towards the box but fired just wide of the left post. At the other end, Kai Churchley shot well over shortly before half-time.

Evesham started the second half brightly. Foye's through ball sent Churchley clear, but his lofted effort over goalkeeper Witchard struck the post. Marcon replied with a long-range shot for Chippenham, though Evesham were largely on the attack.

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Midway through the half, Aaron Heap's superb cross found Churchley at the far post, but he volleyed over.

Sup Obieri then shot out of the ground from the edge of the box. With ten minutes remaining, Witchard saved Anthony Mccormick's header well. Evesham deservedly pulled a goal back when the goalkeeper parried Josh Barlow's drive into the path of Thomas Conteh, who tapped in.

In the final action, Felix Miles linked up with Rose, whose shot was denied by a strong Evesham block.

Evesham's improved second-half display could not undo the damage of a poor first half, leaving them with a sixth league defeat in seven games. They next travel to Hanwell Town in west London on Saturday, hoping to get the season back on track.

MATCH REPORT

Evesham United 3 vs Bracknell Town 2 - Southern League Premier Division South
Match Report by Simon Purfield

Evesham United ended a run of six consecutive defeats in all competitions with a determined comeback victory over Bracknell Town on Saturday. A 91st-minute winner from Sup Obieri completed an impressive display of resilience from the young Evesham side. Bracknell made a fast start and took the lead after just four minutes. A cross from the left found Marcus Daws inside the area, to the right of goal, and he struck a precise first-time shot into the bottom corner.

Evesham responded in the seventh minute when Owen Foye delivered a deep cross from the left towards Thomas Conteh. However, Conteh's header went well wide of the visitors' goal.

Bracknell continued to apply pressure and doubled their advantage in the 13th minute. Harry Cooksley sent a low cross into the Evesham penalty area, where Bracknell captain Adam Liddle connected while sliding in to score.

Evesham appeared to be in danger of losing control of the match, but the hosts regrouped and gradually settled. Shortly after the half-hour mark, Josh Barlow played the ball to returning midfielder Lewis Middleton, who released Kai Churchley towards goal. Churchley beat a defender and shot past goalkeeper Gio Clarke. The ball then deflected off James Taylor and into the net.

Evesham continued to threaten during a strong spell. Stephen Walsh came closest when he cut in from the left and struck a goal-bound effort that was blocked on the line by the Bracknell defence.

A minute before half-time, Bradley Wilson shifted the ball onto his right foot and produced an excellent shot, which Evesham goalkeeper Brendan Beard tipped over the bar.
The second half was closely contested. A cross from Churchley found Ioan Richards at the back post, but his header was turned around the post for a corner. Rocco Sughayer and Player of the Match Beard then combined effectively to prevent a Bracknell attack from developing.

Just after the hour mark, Cooksley made a strong run into the area before seeing his angled shot well saved by Beard. A minute later, a Churchley effort rebounded to Brandon Liggett, whose follow-up was cleared off the line.

Evesham equalised in the 65th minute. Churchley drove into the area and saw Clarke push his shot into the air. The ball returned to Churchley, whose short pass found Conteh. From seven yards, Conteh fired into the bottom-left corner.

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Bracknell almost restored their lead a minute later when Daws shot across Beard, but the goalkeeper tipped the effort over the bar. From the resulting corner, Daws sent a follow-up effort well over the goal before forcing another save from Beard soon afterwards.

With five minutes of normal time remaining, Casey Bocarro struck a powerful effort from 20 yards. The ball hit the bar, bounced down onto the goal line and was subsequently cleared by the Evesham defence.

With 90 minutes nearly played, Foye delivered a well-weighted free-kick into the area. Max Asante-Boakye flicked the ball on, but it struck the post.

Evesham completed the comeback in the first minute of added time. Obieri, who had been on the pitch for five minutes, collected a pass from Conteh. Although Clarke forced him wide, Obieri showed close control sorcery on Halloween to create an opening and finished confidently into the bottom corner.

The result represented a significant setback for Bracknell, who surrendered a two-goal lead. For Evesham, the victory lifted the team four places up the table and provided a substantial boost to confidence. Their next fixture is away to bottom side Chippenham Town in Wiltshire on Tuesday.

MATCH REPORT

Hanwell Town 2 vs Evesham United 1 – Southern League Premier Division South
Match Report by Simon Purfield

Evesham travelled to west London on Saturday amid a poor run of results to face a Hanwell Town side below them in the league table.

The Robins created the first chance in the seventh minute. Thomas Conteh beat a defender and drove into the box, firing narrowly wide of the right post from an angle. Neither goalkeeper was tested during an otherwise quiet opening half-hour.

In the 31st minute, Brendan Beard claimed a Hanwell free kick ahead of Henry Snee. The hosts threatened again shortly afterwards when Eddie Cooper and Ollie Turner combined to find Mekhi Savage. Beard spilled his shot, but follow-up efforts from Snee and George Knight were blocked.

Evesham took the lead in the 38th minute. Aaron Heap's excellent through ball down the right released Conteh, who ran into the box and was brought down by Gabe Cuthbert. Sops Obieri confidently converted the penalty.

Hanwell equalised moments later. Turner's corner found Knight at the far post, and he headed back across goal into the top left corner. The hosts kept up the pressure, with Dwayne Duncan heading wide from another Turner corner on the stroke of half-time.

Hanwell continued to press after the break. Beard tipped Cuthbert's close-range header from a Turner corner over the bar, then saved Snee's shot on the hour.

Chances were scarce in the final quarter, and Evesham looked set to leave with a point. But as the stadium clock showed 90 minutes, Snee collected the ball on the left, cut inside and fired into the bottom right corner.

Deep into injury time, Heap gathered the ball on the edge of the box and took a touch, but his weak shot went straight at Sam Beasant.

After seven defeats in eight league games, Evesham face two crucial home fixtures as they look to revive their season. They host Yate Town on Tuesday, with kick-off at 7.45pm.


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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Uxbridge	15	10	3	2	29	12	17	33
2	Poole Town	16	10	2	4	28	17	11	32
3	Hanworth Villa	16	9	4	3	32	19	13	31
4	Plymouth Parkway	15	9	2	4	32	19	13	29
5	Bath City	15	9	2	4	21	12	9	29
6	Chichester City	16	9	1	6	29	26	3	28
7	Chertsey Town	15	7	5	3	33	24	9	26
8	Gosport Borough	16	7	3	6	25	22	3	24
9	Wimborne Town	13	6	4	3	22	9	13	22
10	Frome Town	15	5	5	5	24	21	3	20
11	Taunton Town	13	6	1	6	32	26	6	19
12	Berkhamsted Town	14	5	3	6	18	20	-2	18
13	Hanwell Town	15	4	5	6	20	22	-2	17
14	Sholing	13	4	4	5	18	20	-2	16
15	Basingstoke Town	16	4	4	8	25	32	-7	16
16	**Evesham United**	**16**	**5**	**1**	**10**	**21**	**34**	**-13**	**16**
17	Yate Town	15	3	6	6	17	28	-11	15
18	Chippenham Town	15	4	3	8	17	29	-12	15
19	Bracknell Town	17	4	3	10	19	37	-18	15
20	Malvern Town	15	4	2	9	22	38	-16	14
21	Gloucester City	13	2	6	5	18	22	-4	12
22	Havant & Waterlooville	16	3	3	10	20	33	-13	12

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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.

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.



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.

PLAYER PROFILES



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.

MAXWELL ASANTE-BOAKYE - DEFENDER

Maxwell is a left-footed defender on loan from Sheffield United and is adept at playing at either centre back or full back. Maxwell was part of Aston Villa Youth before transferring to Sheffield United U21 in 2025. Maxwell has experience in senior football through a month-long loan spell with Step 3 Bromsgrove Sporting last season, as well as a loan spell this season at Step 4 outfit Matlock Town, running from August until October, where he made 11 league appearances.

STEPHEN WALSH - MIDFIELDER

Stephen joins on loan from Forest Green, a club he has been with for two years, to gain experience in senior football. Stephen is an energetic left-footed midfielder who can play either centrally or out wide and is making his first foray into senior football with his loan move to The Robins.

JOSHUA KEYES - MIDFIELDER

Keyes began his career with Swindon Town, joining the academy aged 9, and earned his senior debut against Reading in the EFL Trophy and made one further appearance for The Robins in the competition. In 2024, Keyes had a month-long loan spell at Cirencester, where he made 5 appearances, scoring once. After being released by Swindon, Keyes had a successful trial at Watford, signing a professional contract with The Hornets ahead of the 2024/25 season. He gained more senior experience with a month-long loan at Potters Bar Town in November 2025. Keyes joined Gloucester City on a short-term deal in August and made three league appearances.

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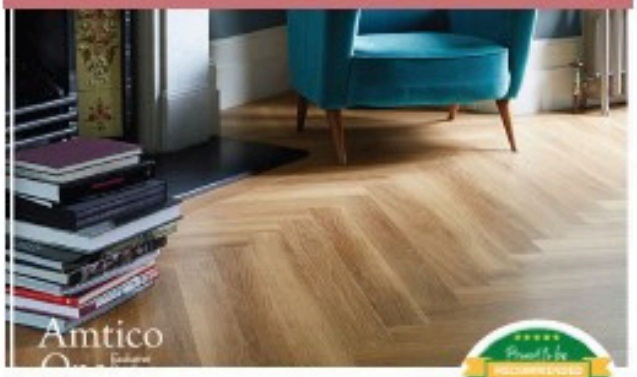
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	LEAGUE Starts	Subs	Goals	CUP Starts	Subs	Goals	TOTAL Starts	Subs	Goals
Aaron Heap	10	4		4			14	4	
Amer Awadh	10	1		2	1		12	2	
Antony McCormick	1	5					1	5	
Brandon Liggett	14		6	3			17		6
Brendan Beard (GK)	8	1		3			11	1	
Daniel Hanson		4		1	3			7	
Ioan Richards	14			4			18		
Josh Barlow	14			4			18		
Joshua Keyes	1	2					1	2	
Joshua McConnell	6	6		2	2		8	8	
Jyrel Bojang	10		2	3			13		2
Kai Churchley	11	1	5	4		1	15	1	6
Lewis Middleton	2	4			1		2	5	
Liam Hutt	7	4		3	1		10	5	
Mackenzie Stretton		2		1	1		1	3	
Max Asante-Boakye	6						6		
Michael Meadows		2		1			1	2	
Oscar Varney (GK)	7			1			8		
Owen Foye	12			3	1		15	1	
Rhys Warner		1						1	
Rocco Sughayer	9	4		2	2		11	6	
Roger James		2						2	
Sopuru Obieri	7	6	4	2	2	1	9	8	5
Stephen Walsh	5	1	1				5	1	1
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CLUB HISTORY

Early history: Yate Town's earliest history began in 1906 as Yate Rovers but the team disbanded after the First World war and then reformed as Yate YMCA. An early legend was Frank Boulton, one of four brothers and he eventually went on to play for Arsenal. After the Second World War Yate competed in the Bristol and District League and the Avon Premier Combination and were amongst the founding members of the Gloucester County League. In 1959 the YMCA was dropped in favour of Town and home matches were played at Yate Aerodrome (1954-1960) and Sunnyside Lane (1960-1984). In 1983 Yate joined the Hellenic League and the first step of the National League System and promotion the following season. This resulted in a need to improve the playing facilities and in 1984 Yate Town relocated to their current ground at Lodge Road. The first section of covered accommodation was erected in 1987 and floodlighting the following year. Seasons 1987/88 and again the following season saw Yate Town win the Hellenic League Premier Division and season 1989/90 saw them playing in the Southern League for the first time, in the Southern Division.

The 1990s: By season 1993/94 Yate Town were competing in the Midland Division of the Southern League and relegation was narrowly avoided. The League restructuring for 1994/95 saw Yate moved back to the Southern Division but after a poor start long serving manager Peter Jackson handed over to former Bristol Rovers favourites Ian Alexander and Phil Purnell. A creditable sixteenth finish in the table followed by runners-up in the Senior Cup and atop half finish was achieved the following season. The club celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 1996/97 and not long after appointed John Freegard as manager for season 1997/98. His tenure was short lived and with just two victories from seventeen games he resigned and was replaced by Martin Durnell assisted by Club Captain Danny Iddles. Despite these changes the club still finished in a relegation place but the drop was avoided due to a restructuring of the Southern League and the following season Yate struggled again finishing in 20th place. Due to another reorganisation Yate moved to the Midland Division but relegation did follow the following season and manager Martin Durell resigned and was replaced by former players Gary Hewlett and Richard Thompson (Director of Football) as Yate returned to the Hellenic League.

CLUB HISTORY

The Noughties: Season 2000/01 saw Yate enjoy a long run of victories that saw them finish in third place in the Hellenic League and they finished in a similar position again the following season and were runners-up in 2002/03 but when champions North Leigh declined promotion Yate Town were offered their place in the Southern League which they accepted. Back in the higher division Yate finished sixteenth and the following season were runners up in Division One West and gained promotion to the to the Premier Division for the first time. Yate also won the Senior Challenge Cup for the first time in their history beating Bristol Rovers 2-0 in the final. Yate finished sixth in the League and retained the Senior Challenge Cup beating Cheltenham Town in the final. The following two seasons saw Yate finish in mid-table positions in the League but during season 2008/09 and with the club in a relegation place, Richard Thompson departed in February 2009 to be replaced by Dave Mogg, the former Bath City and Cheltenham Town goalkeeper, who had previously been assistant manager at both Taunton and Weston-super-Mare, but the change was too late and the club was relegated to the South and West Division of the Southern League. Season 2009/10 saw a young squad finish in mid-table and more experienced players were added the following season but there was little improvement in results and Dave Mogg was replaced by Rob Cousins, who had vast playing experience with Bath City and Yeovil Town. He secured a mid-table position and Yate once again won the GFA Senior Challenge Cup

Recent history: 2011/12 saw a bottom half finish but the highlight of the season were decent runs in both the FA Cup and the FA Trophy. Season 2012/13 was until recently, one of the most memorable in the club's history reaching the First Round Proper of the FA Cup beating Newport County over two games. Newport recovered from 3-1 down in the first game to draw level at Lodge Road and in the replay, Yate came from 1-0 down to win in extra time. In the First Round Proper Yate lost 3-0 at Cheltenham Town.

CLUB HISTORY

Season 2013/14 saw another mid-table finish but after a poor run the following season Rob Cousins and his assistant Michael Meaker departed to be replaced by Craig Laird and Rob Boyd. Despite several high-profile signings season 2015/16 ended disappointingly and another change of manager saw Paul Britton come in assisted by John Lester. Their third season in charge saw Yate finish in third place in 2019 and strong performances in the play-offs with home victories over Moneyfields and Cinderford Town, in the final, secured promotion to the Premier Division of the Southern League for the second time in the club's history. Season 2019/20 was a challenging return to the higher level but just as a run of strong performances began COVID forced a premature end to the season in March and Paul Britton resigned as manager in the summer of 2020. Paul Michael was appointed as his successor and once again COVID prematurely ended season 2020/21 in November.

Season 2021/22 was a highly successful season for Yate and will be remembered for the club reaching the FA Cup First Round Proper for the second time. Two games against National League Dover Athletic, a 1-1 draw in Kent followed by a famous 1-0 win at Lodge Road in the replay had fans buzzing. Sadly, progress in the competition was halted by Yeovil Town, also at the time also a National League side, and the team from Somerset won 5-0 at Lodge Road in front of 1600 fans. In the League Yate finished just outside the play-offs and also won the GFA Senior Challenge Cup. At the end of the season Paul Michael left the club to manage Merthyr Town and Yate appointed the vastly experienced Peter Beadle as their new manager. Sadly, this bold move failed to pay off and Beadle departed in in October 2022 and the club appointed John Rendell, who had previously managed Paulton Rovers for the past six seasons. Despite a brave attempt, relegation could not be avoided and the last game of the season confirmed that they would go down to the Southern League Division One South for season 2023/24 with John Rendell and his assistant Paul Tovey in charge.

However, after a poor start to the season John Rendell was replaced by player-coach Darren Mullings who turned things around and after a slow start to his tenure the results improved significantly, with new forward Nick McCootie scoring 14 goals following his arrival just after Christmas and with other new additions, the side finished in 8th position.

CLUB HISTORY

Manager Darren Mullings added key signings, Lloyd James, Marlon Jackson, Ross Stearn, Lucas Tomlinson & Will Larvin to his squad and the club won 28 of their 42 league fixtures to take the Southern League Division One South title by 6 clear points from second placed Evesham United. The final match of the season saw a record league crowd of 1,514 against Didcot Town with league attendances up 65% on the previous season with an average of 521. An FA Trophy run to the Second Round saw the Bluebells eventually lose to National League South side, Hampton & Richmond.

Despite the recruitment of several experienced players, the return to the Premier South Division saw Yate make a slow start to their league campaign and their first victory was not achieved until September. The league form was one of peaks and troughs after that, spells of good form followed by spells of poor form which saw the team yo-yo around of the relegation places for most of the season, until a final peak saw the team unbeaten in their final six games (five wins) of the season and a comfortable finish in 13th place with 52 points.


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DARREN MULLINGS - MANAGER

Now in his third full season as the Yate Town Manager since taking over temporary charge in September 2023. Led the team to the Division 1 South title in 2024/25.

PAUL TOVEY – ASSISTANT MANAGER

Paul is another local lad, and has a long history with the club, first playing for us when he was a young player at Bristol Rovers under the then Yate manager/legend Pete Jackson in the early 90's. His playing career started at Bristol Rovers and then went onto the local non-league circuit.

WILL MORFORD – COACH

Will played with Darren Mullings whilst they were both at Gloucester City. Will played 10 seasons for the Tigers and has also been assistant coach at Gloucester City, Hereford United and Cirencester, bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge with him.

SOPHIE ANISLEY – PHYSIO

A recent arrival in the position of Club Physio.

MEET THE MANAGEMENT

HARRY HOWARTH – ANALYST

Joined at the beginning of the 2025-26 season as the club's analyst but is also now the media lead for Yate Town. Formerly worked at Peterborough Sports.

MIKE HICKERY – KIT MAN

Joined the club in the summer of 2025 and is now very much part of the backroom team.

STEWART THOMAS – MEDIC/FIRST AID

Stewart adds his experience and expertise, having worked in both football and rugby looking after injuries.

PLAYER PROFILES

AARON SAINSBURY – GOALKEEPER

The 25-year-old stopper joined the Bluebells in the summer of 2023 from Paulton Rovers and has been the number one in goal ever since. Sainsbury is an ex-Bristol City Pro and holds a UEFA B Coaching License.

JAMES TAYLOR - DEFENDER

Joined Yate Town in January 2024 and has been a first team regular since. Previous experience with Bristol City, Bath City (on loan), Cheltenham Town and Truro City.

WILL LARVIN – DEFENDER

Will first played for Yate Town on loan from Bristol Rovers during the 2023/24. Following his release in the summer of 2024, Will signed for the club in August 2024 and was an important part of the promotion side and establishing Yate Town back in the Premier South last season.

OLLIE JENKINS – DEFENDER

Having spent the majority of last season on loan with Yate Town from Weston Super Mare, Ollie has officially signed on as Yate Town player for 2026-27.

PLAYER PROFILES

JOE GUEST – MIDFIELDER

Club captain, Joe (29), is in his second spell with the club having rejoined in January 2024 from Taunton Town. An important voice both on and off the pitch.

REX MANNINGS – MIDFIELDER

Signed for Yate in June 2025 having been a youngster at both Bristol clubs and Oxford United, has also played for Frome Town, Bath City, Weston-super-Mare and Chippenham Town.

OMAR TAYLOR-CLARK – MIDFIELDER

Signed from Corsham Town during last season. A former Bristol City Academy graduate/professional who spent the 2024/25 season at Dunfermline Athletic.

MARLON JACKSON- FORWARD

Marlon Jackson signed for Yate in June 2024 having been at Weston-Super-Mare last season. The 6ft 2 in striker started his career at Bristol City in 2009 and made five appearances for the Robins over the next 3 years whilst being sent on loan to five clubs – Hereford, Aldershot, Northampton, Cheltenham and Telford before being released Bristol City. Has also played for Hereford United, Bury, Halifax, Lincoln, Oxford City and Tranmere Rovers, Newport County.

PLAYER PROFILES

ALEX MONKS - MIDFIELDER

Local lad Alex signed in October 2024 for Yate Town from Hungerford Town, after having previously played seven (7) seasons with Frome Town.

CHARLIE MOODY - MIDFIELDER

Released by Bristol Rovers during the Summer after spending most of the 2025/26 season with Yate Town on loan. Charlie officially signed with Yate Town for the 2026/27 season.

JOE PARKER - FORWARD

Joins Yate Town for the 2026-27 season and this former Hartpury College player can count Gloucester City, Newport County, Leamington and Chippenham amongst his former Clubs.

TYRONE DUFFUS - DEFENDER

The former Hungerford Town defender has signed for Yate Town this season. Previous Clubs include Gloucester City, Swindon Supermarine and Barnet.

PLAYER PROFILES

SAM HENDY - MIDFIELDER

The former Melksham Town player signed for Yate Town following his return to the UK from Dubai. Previously with Weston Super Mare.

SAM MORCOM - DEFENDER

Another left sided defender wing-back, joins Yate Town this season having player for Exmouth Town last season.

MATT GREEN - FORWARD

The striker joins the Bluebells following an established career in theEFL, most notably with Mansfield Town.

JAMES OLLIS - FORWARD

Re-joined the Bluebells in October following a move from Melksham Town. Played for Hungerford Town, Yate Town and Shaftesbury during the 2025-26 season.

PLAYER PROFILES

KYRIE PIERRE - FORWARD

Another October signing, this Bristol lad having begun the season with Slough Town in the National League South.

AJAY WESTON - DEFENDER

Began the season with Leamington FC but has now moved closer to home in joining Yate Town.

ADAM POLLOCK - DEFENDER

The Australian signed for Yate Town in October and is yet to establish himself in the team.

LIAM CARTWRIGHT - DEFENDER

The right sided defender is currently in his third loan spell with Yate Town from Exeter City.

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By Matt Badcock
Editor, The Non-League Paper

HOW many Non-League clubs will beat EFL clubs in the FA Cup this weekend?
Whether it will rival the ten we had back in 2020-21 – in that empty stadium era post covid – remains to be seen but one thing is almost certain, there will be somebody.
It's the first round proper this weekend with so many stories to be written – starting with Oxford City hosting Leicester City on Friday night.
From Step 4 duo AFC Rushden & Diamonds and Stafford Rangers taking on Burton Albion and Grimsby Town, respectively, to Marine taking seven coach loads of fans to Bradford City, there can't be a more special weekend in the whole of the football calendar.
It's one of the most frantic Saturday shifts we have each season at NLP HQ. But it's always one of the most satisfying when the paper is put to bed and sent to the printers.
We love covering all the glory moments of the day – and the build-up.
But, of course, the financial side can't be overlooked. This is a time for clubs to cash in wherever they can. Those selected for TV will proudly bank £50,000 as a live fee on top of everything else.
It's why the live picks come with so much emotion for those who miss out.
But there is also the long-term legacy a good cup run can bring.
As Marine know only so well following their incredible run to the third round to take on Tottenham Hotspur back in that 2020-21 season.
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For Step 4 Diamonds, their fourth round qualifying victory over Morecambe has already made a tangible difference even before they take on the League One Brewers.
"It was our best day since forming, bar none," chairman Rob Usher told us. "We had 12 days to get the ground ready – it's the hardest thing I've ever done as chairman, so it was an unbelievable feeling when the final whistle went.
"We had probably 1,000 people at the Morecambe game who don't usually come to Hayden Road. If 10 per cent of those fans come more regularly, that is game-changing.
"Every pound that comes through our club has been earned by volunteers or spent at the club by supporters – we don't spend what we like."
The players and results will rightly take the headlines this weekend.
But beyond that the financial benefits will continue. Who knows how many shocks we will get – not to mention the all-Non-League ties – but let's hope there's plenty.

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Next Home Match: Saturday 14th 2026 vs. Gosport Town
Kick off 15:00 Southern League Match