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<b>Adrian Mander</b>	<i>2013 - 14</i>
<b>Les Palmer</b>	<i>2014</i>
<b>Paul Smith</b>	<i>2014 - 18</i>
<b>Brendan Kelly</b>	<i>2018 - 21</i>
<b>Gavin Hurren</b>	<i>2021 - 22</i>
<b>Thomas Baillie</b>	<i>2022</i>
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## **From the Boardroom - Rod Brown, Chairman**



Apologies but we have had to go to print early for this edition of the programme and before Rod has been able to prepare his notes.

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## Manager - Scott Adey-Linforth



Good evening everybody and welcome to this evening's match against Banbury United.

Starting with last Saturday's games against St Ives Town was again very disappointing.

It was a pity as we started really well and played some good football for the first 10/15 minutes but after conceding the first goal we struggled to get back into the game and ended up going under by four goals.

Obviously we are conceding goals too easily and it needs to stop.

Moving on to tonight's match against Banbury United, it will be another tough game particularly as they are undefeated so far this season and high in the league.

However, we have got a good squad and set of players and with the right momentum we are capable of turning

things round.

Luke Benbow has served his one match suspension after being red-carded in the match on Bank Holiday Monday against Redditch United and he will be in the squad as will Jack Newell who was unavailable for the St Ives Town match. Having these two players back will only enhance the strength of the squad.

We are working hard in training, and everybody is trying to put things right.

Your support and sticking with us in difficult times is appreciated. Get behind the lads tonight and let's see if we can get the result that we all want.

## ***Scott***

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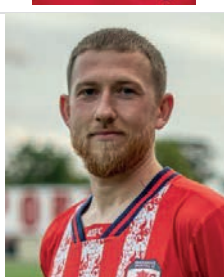
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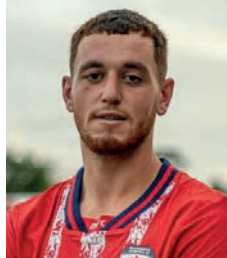
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## **From The Archives, 14 Years Ago**

The Athium Midland Football Combination Division 1 10th September 2011 3:00 pm kick-off

### **Bromsgrove Sporting 4 (1) v (0) 1 Stretton Eagles**

Bromsgrove Sporting bounced back from their midweek defeat with a win by a convincing scoreline against high-flying Stretton Eagles. After their midweek defeat coach Stewart Brighton shuffled his resources and brought in Neil Cooksey and Richard Griffiths as his centre back partnership, moving Martin Keight to a holding midfield role. Also missing after Tuesday were Kevin Banner, Danny Lismore and the unlucky Adam Humphries with skipper Jamie Rogers also dropped to the bench with Lismore.

Sporting set about their task well and looked solid against a quite physical Stretton outfit. Sporting had a golden opportunity to open the scoring on 18 minutes as Zac Blood centred from the left but the unmarked Odane Barnes contrived to head over an open goal. Shortly after, Chris Bright fired just over the angle as he found half a yard of space inside the area.

On 38 minutes Sporting went ahead after some quick thinking as Jon Rogers was fouled on half way and Joe Brookes swept a great ball across the field for Chris Bright who knocked a cross to the far post for Jon Rogers to pick his spot with a header past the despairing keeper Beeston.

Sporting's defence remained solid for the rest of the half except for a moment on 44 minutes when Griffiths was caught on the ball and earned himself a booking trying to retrieve possession as he pulled back the Stretton forward who had just robbed him.

Half-time Bromsgrove Sporting 1 v 0 Stretton Eagles.

Stretton came out for the second half determined to get back on terms and with two substitutions at the interval, started to dominate possession although a tame Zac Blood shot was cleared off the Stretton goal-line. Stretton then came close as Sporting keeper Biddle blundered in his area and was dispossessed but fortunately the ball ran out of play before Stretton could take advantage. The equaliser came on 72 minutes as Sporting's backline were manoeuvred out of position and Phil Weldon ran through to side foot past Biddle.

Stretton looked the more likely to go on and win but Sporting rang the changes as Siviter came on for Jon Rogers who had taken a knock and Danny Lismore replaced Chris Bright. In the end it was Sporting who went on to win as Stretton hadn't reckoned on the pace of Barnes as he first of all nipped in to take a Joe Brookes through ball round the hesitant Beeston to put Sporting 2-1 up on 83 minutes. Then he took another through ball into the channel from Brookes to the goal line before looking up and playing a perfectly weighted pass for Nick Harris to tap home.

Finally, on 90 minutes he dispossessed a Stretton defender on the edge of the box and hit a rasping shot which came back to him off the cross bar and he volleyed his second and Sporting's fourth. After a couple of minutes injury time the referee blew for time and saved the now dispirited Eagles any further punishment.

Sporting Team; Grant Biddle, Martin Keight (Jamie Rogers 83 mins), Gareth Rogers, Neil Cooksey, Richard Griffiths, Chris Bright (Danny Lismore 75 mins), Joe Brookes, Nick Harris, Odane Barnes, Jon Rogers (Jamie Siviter 72 mins), Zac Blood. Subs not used: Nick Allen, Ryan Molesworth.

Stretton Eagles: Beeston, Crowe, Mander, Freeman (Shepherd A 46), Watson, Easton, Ellerton (Walkman 80), Shepherd M (Pickering 46), Chadfield, Wayte, Wheildon. Booked: Wayte 45.

Sporting Man of the Match: Odane Barnes

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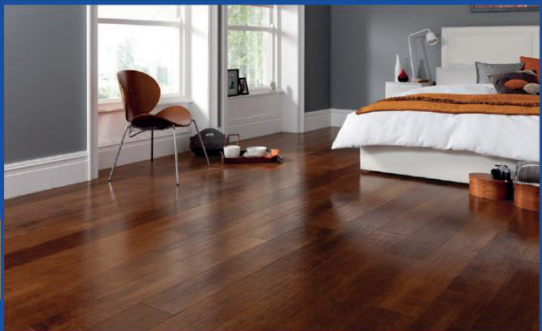
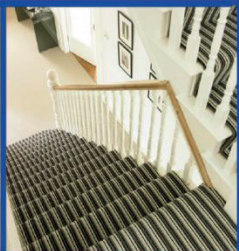
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**The Non-League Paper provides a column for club programmes each week. This week's contribution is from Jon Couch.**

LAST year's FA Cup concluded with one of the biggest final shocks in modern history after Crystal Palace stunned Manchester City at Wembley, and this year's episode has started in much the same vein with cup shocks aplenty already whetting the appetite for the campaign ahead.

Take last Saturday's preliminary round. Atherton Laburnum Rovers were handed the dream tie against higher-ranked town rivals Atherton Collieries in what was the first-ever competitive Flat Cap derby.

Michael Clegg's Collieries, from Northern Premier League Division One West were strong favourites to show their superiority but it was Step 5 LR who turned on the style in front of a near 1,000 crowd to come through 5-1 to complete one of the most famous days in the club's history.

Victory earned Dave Jones' North West Counties League side a potentially lucrative second qualifying round trip to Clegg's former club, Macclesfield, where an estimated 3,000 crowd will welcome them in to Moss Rose.

"Winning the league [last season] will take some topping, but this is a close second," Jones told our reporters afterwards. "These lads have played in so many big games now, and they just weren't fazed."

But you can't talk cup upsets without mentioning Tadley Calleva. The Combined Counties League side hosted a Weymouth team who were playing National League South football last season and welcoming popular boss Steve Claridge back in their dugout for the first time in 21 years.

But, in a lunchtime kick-off in front of the BBC cameras, Joe Lawlor's Calleva rallied to a 4-2 victory to reach the second qualifying round for the first time in their history.

Whitstable Town know all about performing on the big occasion – they lifted the FA Vase at Wembley last season with an extra-time success over AFC Whyteleafe. And the Oystermen were at it again last weekend when travelling a Dulwich Hamlet side who have started their Isthmian Premier season strongly under boss Mark Dacey and came away with an impressive 3-2 victory at Champion Hill.

Next up for them is a home tie against another club from the same Step 3 division, Chichester City, conquerors of Havant & Waterlooville. While Whitstable will fancy their chances of pulling off another upset next weekend, there are a number of other clubs with one eye on a third qualifying round berth.

Stalybridge Celtic, already conquerors of former Football League clubs Bury and Workington, will be looking to add a third when they host Chester, while Step 5 Chadderton, have been rewarded for seeing off Bishop Auckland in the last round with a glamour trip to NPL Premier leaders FC United of Manchester.

Ben Herd's Hertford Town will relish a trip to full-timers Chelmsford City, while Jersey Bulls manager Elliott Powell describes his side's visit of Worthing as "absolutely massive" and "the biggest fixture we have ever had".

The Rebels represent the highest-ranked side that Jersey will have faced since their foundation in 2018.

Two Step 5 sides are gearing towards huge ties against Step 2 opponents.

In the south-west, Torpoint Athletic have reached this stage for the first time in their history and make the trip to Penyarden Park to face Southern Premier Central champions Merthyr Town, while Wessex League Laverstock & Ford head to the Ray Mac Stadium to take on Salisbury.

But, arguably, the standout tie of the round sees Step 2 Enfield FC host their rivals from Step 2, Enfield Town in an intriguing match-up. This will be the first competitive match between the two sides for over 14 years, although the pair were drawn to each other in 2021 before Enfield Town lost their replay to Hadley.

Alex Salmon's FC underdogs need only look to Atherton LR for inspiration in a competition which just keeps producing the unexpected. Who will be next to step up to the plate?

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With the season now well underway, the link between gambling and football is again under scrutiny. The *Big Issue* magazine recently carried the following article.

11 of the Premier League's 20 clubs will start the new season with a gambling sponsor on the front of their shirts, and no club has abandoned betting firms.

Premier League football clubs have struck fresh deals with gambling firms to sponsor the front of their shirts, as the number of teams with gambling sponsors remains at more than half despite clubs agreeing to a voluntary ban from next season.

It has led to the upcoming ban, which takes place at the end of the upcoming 25/26 season, being branded a "cynical ploy".

A total of 11 clubs will go into the start of the season with gambling sponsors on the front for the 25/26 season, the same number as the previous season.

Nearly every club has kept the same sponsor as the year before, with the exception of West Ham, who replaced previous betting sponsor Betway with Irish gambling firm Boyle Sports, and Nottingham Forest, who have replaced Kaiyun with UK-licensed betting firm Bally's.

No club previously adorned with a gambling company on the front of their shirt has moved to a non-gambling sponsor for this season.

"The voluntary ban on front-of-shirt gambling sponsors is a cynical ploy to resist tighter regulation of gambling advertising," Will Prochaska, director of the Coalition to End Gambling Ads, told *Big Issue*.

"Following the ban, gambling logos will still be visible elsewhere on shirts and all around the stadiums, so the effect will be minimal, but it was used by government as evidence of action being taken when in fact the status quo has been maintained."

### Who sponsors Premier League shirts?

Gambling firms remain on the front of more than 50% of teams' shirts

Arsenal	Fly Emirates	Airline
Aston Villa	Betano	Gambling
Bournemouth	bj88	Gambling
Brentford	Hollywood Bets	Gambling
Brighton	American Express	Credit card
Burnley	96.com	Gambling
Chelsea	No Sponsor	N/A
Crystal Palace	Net88	Gambling
Everton	Stake	Gambling
Fulham	SBOTOP	Gambling
Leeds	Red Bull	Drinks
Liverpool	Standard Chartered	Banking
Man City	Etihad Airways	Airline

Man United	Snapdragon	Computing
Newcastle	Sela	Tourism
Nottingham Forest	Bally's	Gambling
Sunderland	W88	Gambling
Tottenham	AIA	Insurance
West Ham	Boyle Sports	Gambling
Wolves	DeBet	Gambling

The upcoming season, which began on 15 August, marks the last year clubs can have gambling sponsors on the front of their shirts, having agreed a voluntary ban for the start of the 26/27 season. While it covers front of shirt sponsors, clubs will still be allowed to strike deals for shirt sleeves, pitch-side hoardings and more.

Gambling is linked to anywhere between 117 and 496 suicides in the UK each year, research from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities estimated in 2023.

Clubs are believed to have made £101 million from their deals with gambling shirt sponsors in the 24/25 season, according to GlobalData. The ban could cut the value of shirt sponsorships by 38%, The Sponsor found.

No club in the so-called "Big Six" - Arsenal, Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United and Tottenham - has a front-of-shirt gambling sponsor. Outside the "Big Six", just Brighton, Leeds and Newcastle have shirt sponsors not linked to betting - and those deals are linked to the clubs' ownerships or long-standing stadium sponsors.

Several clubs were warned in May that they face potential prosecution over partnerships with unlicensed brands. Yet their new shirts still feature those brands, though the Gambling Commission tells Big Issue it is down to the clubs to make sure the firms have a license to operate in the UK.

Forest owner Evangelos Marinakis said the club was working with Bally's, the company behind Virgin Games, Jackpotjoy and Double Bubble Bingo, "on a number of exciting initiatives".

The result is shirts not all players can wear. When 15-year-old Jeremy Monga made his debut for Leicester in April 2025, he came onto the pitch wearing a shirt with no sponsor, instead of the team's BC Game-branded kit.

Annie Ashton, whose husband Luke took his own life in 2021, an incident in which a coroner said Betfair missed opportunities to intervene, said she was saddened that clubs had kept taking money from gambling firms.

"It saddens me that some football clubs have once again decided to both normalise gambling and ignore the devastating damage it causes to many," she told Big Issue.

"It's so disappointing that they've chosen to line their pockets by partnering with gambling operators and advertising it on their shirt-fronts to millions of their fans including children. It must stop."

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## Season 2025/26

### The Pitching In Southern League - Premier Division Central Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Harborough Town	6	4	2	0	12	3	+9	14
2	Quorn	6	4	1	1	14	6	+8	13
3	Kettering Town	6	4	1	1	12	6	+6	13
4	Bishop's Stortford	5	4	0	1	11	2	+9	12
5	Spalding United	6	3	2	1	11	7	+4	11
6	Bury Town	6	3	1	2	7	7	-	10
<b>7</b>	<b>Banbury United</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>10</b>
8	Alvechurch	6	3	1	2	9	5	+4	10
9	Redditch United	6	3	1	2	8	6	+2	10
10	Halesowen Town	6	2	3	1	10	10	-	9
11	St Ives Town	6	2	2	2	9	7	+2	8
12	Stourbridge	6	2	2	2	8	7	+1	8
13	Leiston	6	2	2	2	9	10	-1	8
14	Needham Market	6	2	2	2	6	7	-1	8
15	Barwell	6	2	1	3	8	10	-2	7
16	Worcester City	6	1	3	2	7	6	+1	6
17	Real Bedford	6	1	2	3	4	8	-4	5
18	Stratford Town	5	1	1	3	6	12	-6	4
19	AFC Sudbury	6	1	1	4	5	15	-10	4
<b>20</b>	<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>3</b>
21	Royston Town	6	0	2	4	7	14	-7	2
22	Stamford AFC	6	0	2	4	1	8	-7	2

Table as at Saturday 6th September 2025

## Bromsgrove Sporting - Fixtures and Results - Season 2025/26

Day	Date	K/O	V	Opponents	Competition	Result	Att	Pts	Lgue Pos	MoM
Tue	08-Jul	7:45 PM	A	Romulus	Friendly	W 2 - 0	~85	-	-	-
Fri	11-Jul	7:45 PM	A	Stourport Swifts	Friendly	W 4 - 1	~130	-	-	-
Tue	15-Jul	7:45 PM	A	Coleshill Town	Friendly	L 0 - 3	88	-	-	-
Sat	19-Jul	3:00 PM	A	Sporting Khalsa	Friendly	L 1 - 4	~100	-	-	-
Tue	22-Jul	7:45 PM	H	Birmingham City U21	Friendly	L 1 - 3	330	-	-	-
Sat	26-Jul	3:00 PM	H	WBA U21	Friendly	L 0 - 1	~300	-	-	-
Tue	29-Jul	7:45 PM	H	Solihull Moors	Friendly	W 4 - 1	~230	-	-	-
Sat	02-Aug	3:00 PM	H	Hungerford Town	Friendly	W 4 - 1	~280	-	-	-
Sat	09-Aug	3:00 PM	H	Bishop's Stortford	Southern League	L 0 - 2	551	0	18	Adam Harrison
Tue	12-Aug	7:45 PM	A	Alvechurch	Southern League	W 2 - 1	482	3	11	Jack Kelly
Sat	16-Aug	3:00 PM	H	Spalding United	Southern League	L 2 - 3	460	3	15	Billy Shaw
Sat	23-Aug	3:00 PM	H	Needham Market	Southern League	L 0 - 3	450	3	17	Luke Softley
Mon	25-Aug	3:00 PM	A	Redditch United	Southern League	L 0 - 3	1227	3	19	Aksum White
Sat	30-Aug	3:00 PM	A	Evesham United	FA Cup Q1	L 2 - 5	429	-	-	Bo Morris
Sat	06-Sep	3:00 PM	H	St Ives Town	Southern League	L 0 - 4	561	3	20	-
Tue	09-Sep	7:45 PM	H	Banbury United	Southern League					
Sat	13-Sep			No Match Scheduled						
Sat	20-Sep	3:00 PM	A	Barwell	Southern League					
Tue	23-Sep	7:45 PM	A	Quorn	Southern League					
Sat	27-Sep			No Match Scheduled						
Sat	04-Oct	3:00 PM			FA Trophy Q3					
Sat	11-Oct	3:00 PM	H	Bury Town	Southern League					
Tue	14-Oct	7:45 PM	H	Stamford	Southern League					
Sat	18-Oct	3:00 PM	A	Harborough Town	Southern League					
Tue	21-Oct	7:45 PM	A	Worcester City	Southern League					
Sat	25-Oct	3:00 PM			FA Trophy R1					
Sat	01-Nov	3:00 PM	H	Leiston	Southern League					
Sat	08-Nov	3:00 PM	H	Royston Town	Southern League					
Sat	15-Nov	3:00 PM	A	Stourbridge	Southern League					
Tue	18-Nov	7:45 PM	A	Banbury United	Southern League					
Sat	22-Nov	3:00 PM	H	Kettering Town	Southern League					
Tue	25-Nov	7:45 PM	H	Quorn	Southern League					
Sat	29-Nov	3:00 PM	A	AFC Sudbury	Southern League					
Sat	06-Dec	3:00 PM	H	Stratford Town	Southern League					
Sat	13-Dec	3:00 PM	A	Real Bedford	Southern League					
Sat	20-Dec	3:00 PM	A	Bishop's Stortford	Southern League					
Sat	27-Dec	3:00 PM	H	Redditch United	Southern League					
Sat	01-Jan	3:00 PM	A	Halesowen Town	Southern League					
Sat	10-Jan	3:00 PM	H	Alvechurch	Southern League					
Sat	17-Jan	3:00 PM	A	Bury Town	Southern League					
Sat	24-Jan	3:00 PM	H	Barwell	Southern League					
Sat	31-Jan	3:00 PM	A	Stamford	Southern League					
Sat	07-Feb	3:00 PM	H	Harborough Town	Southern League					
Sat	14-Feb	3:00 PM	A	Leiston	Southern League					
Sat	21-Feb	3:00 PM	H	Worcester City	Southern League					
Sat	28-Feb	3:00 PM	H	AFC Sudbury	Southern League					
Sat	07-Mar	3:00 PM	A	Kettering Town	Southern League					
Sat	14-Mar	3:00 PM	H	Stourbridge	Southern League					
Sat	21-Mar	3:00 PM	A	Royston Town	Southern League					
Sat	28-Mar	3:00 PM	A	Spalding United	Southern League					
Fri	03-Apr	3:00 PM	A	Needham Market	Southern League					
Mon	06-Apr	3:00 PM	H	Halesowen Town	Southern League					
Sat	11-Apr	3:00 PM	A	St Ives Town	Southern League					
Sat	18-Apr	3:00 PM	A	Stratford Town	Southern League					
Sat	25-Apr	3:00 PM	H	Real Bedford	Southern League					

# Bromsgrove Sporting FC - Appearances / Goalscorers

## Season 2024-2025

	League							Cups							Season Total				Sporting Career							
Name	App	Sub	Bench	Capt.	Yellow	Reds	Assts	Goals	App	Sub	Bench	Capt.	Yellow	Reds	Assts	Goals	App	Sub	Tot	Assts	Goals	App	Sub	Tot	Goals	
Koby Arthur		5	1		1				1								6	6					6	65		
Luke Benbow	5				1	1	2	1	1								5	1	6	2	1	5	1	6	1	
Ash Carter	1			1													1	1				3	43		34	1
Nick Clayton-Phillips	4	2							1								1	5	2	7		1	5	2	7	1
Romehl Critchlow		3	3									1						3	3				3	3		
Tom Edge	5				3				1								6	6				6		6		
Josh Ezewele	3	1								1							3	2	4			13	2	15		
George Gillon																										
Kobe Hall	4	2					1	2	1						1		5	2	7	2	2	8	6	14	2	
Adam Harrison	6				1				1								7	7				7		7		
Jack Kelly	6				2		1		1								7	7	1			7		7		
Reece King	2			2					1			1					3	3				50		50	5	
Jordan Lyden	1		1														1	1				6	13	19		
Paul McCone	3				1	1											3	3				3		3		
Charlie McNamara																						1		1		
Bo Morris	5	1			1				1								6	1	7			7	4	11		
Taylor Morrison	1		2														1	1				1	3	4		
Lewis Neal																										
Jack Newell	5				1				1								6	6				99	26	125	6	
Charlie Pavey	1																1	1				1		1		
Ryan Pratt			1								1															
Aaron Roberts	1																1	1				316	14	330	22	
Gus Sanches		5	1								1							5	4				17	17	2	
Billy Shaw	6				3	2			1	1							1	7	7		2	56	11	67	6	
Luke Softley	3		1		1				1								4	4				4		4		
Aksum White	4		1						1								5	5				68	17	85		

Up to and including Saturday 6th September 2025

## Bromsgrove Sporting - Player Profiles

Name: Scott Adey-Linforth      Squad Number: n/a      DoB: 6/9/94, Birmingham  
Position: Manager      Height: 6' 0"      Weight: 75kg  
Previous Clubs: Stourbridge, (Current) Aston Villa 1st Team Performance Analyst

Scott was promoted as 1st Team manager in November 2024 following a successful spell as first team coach and interim manager. A manager, who despite his young age has a wealth of knowledge and experience.

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Name: Richard Batchelor      Squad Number: n/a      DoB: 20/10/88, Birmingham  
Position: Assistant Manager      Height: 6' 3"      Weight:  
Previous Clubs: Rushall Olympic, Alvechurch, Stourbridge, Redditch United, Leamington, Sporting Khalsa, Worcester City and Hednesford Town, He was most recently playing at Racing Club Warwick.

Popular and respected midfielder who recently retired from playing at Alvechurch where he took on a player-assistant manager role and looking forward to building his experience in management with Sporting.

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Name: Karl Fellows      Squad Number: n/a      DoB: 22/4/85, Solihull  
Position: Coach      Height: 6' 1"      Weight: 86kg  
Previous Clubs: Aston Villa

A former Bromsgrove Sporting player, Karl is well known to manager Scott Adey-Linforth following their time together at Aston Villa.

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Name: Ryan Pratt      Squad Number: 25      DoB: 17/1/02, Stourbridge  
Position: Player/Goalkeeper coach      Height: 6' 1"      Weight: 75kg  
Previous Clubs: Redditch United, Aston Villa, Coventry City, Lye Town, Darlaston Town, Sporting Khalsa, Bedworth united, Rushall Olympic, Stourport Swifts.

Our player/goalkeeper coach Ryan is a passionate coach who has great knowledge and experience in non-league football. Now into his second spell with the club.

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Name: Dan Eyre      Squad Number: n/a      DoB: 18/5/03  
Position: Sports therapist      Height: 5' 8"      Weight: 90kg  
Previous Clubs:

Dan joined Sporting at the start of the 2024/25 season. He is the Head Sports therapist at the club and outside of football is the head of medical for the Worcester Royals American football team.

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Name: Dean Ashford      Squad Number: n/a      DoB: 22/2/67  
Position: Kitman      Height: 5' 7"      Weight:  
Previous Clubs: Austin Ex-apprentices

An invaluable member of the backroom staff 'Deano' joined the club at the start of the 2024/25 season and is a popular member of the squad.

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Name: Koby Arthur      Squad Number: 11      DoB: 31/1/96, Kumasi, Ghana  
Position: Attacking midfield      Height: 5' 6"      Weight: 72kg  
Previous Clubs: Lincoln City, Birmingham City, Cheltenham Town, Macclesfield Town, Kidderminster Harriers, Dover Athletic, Maidenhead United, Hereford, Stourbridge, Rushall Olympic, Barwell.

Joined Sporting in August 2025, the former Birmingham City player is a fast and tricky player who likes to get on the ball. Comfortable in a variety of positions and his versatility is a big asset to the squad.

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Name: Luke Benbow	Squad Number: 9	DoB: 21/8/91, Birmingham
Position: Centre forward	Height: 5' 10"	Weight:
Previous Clubs: Redditch United, Solihull Moors, Hednesford Town, Nuneaton Borough, Stourbridge.		

Joined at the start of the season from Stourbridge, Luke is well regarded centre-forward with extensive experience of Step 3 football. A strong and powerful forward with an eye for the spectacular.

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Name: Ash Carter	Squad Number: 6	DoB: 12/9/95, Birmingham
Position: Centre-back	Height: 6' 2"	Weight: 91 kg
Previous Clubs: Wolves, Chesterfield, Tamworth, Kidderminster Harriers, Alvechurch, Nuneaton Borough, Stourbridge, Halesowen Town, Coalville Town, Walsall Wood.		

Vice-Captain Ash joined us last season following a spell with Walsall Wood and made a huge impact in our upturn in results. A natural leader with valuable experience Ash offers a strong and physical presence to our backline.

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Name: Nick Clayton-Phillips	Squad Number: 10	DoB: 23/9/95, Birmingham
Position: Left midfield	Height: 5' 8"	Weight:
Previous Clubs: WBA, Braintree Town, Kidderminster Harriers, Solihull Moors, Stourbridge, Alvechurch, Walsall Wood, Halesowen Town, Redditch United.		

Known as NCP, the creative midfielder with an eye for the spectacular. Comfortable playing as a striker or number 10, Nick has the ability to score and create goals.

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Name: Romehl Critchlow	Squad Number: 14	Age 21, b. West Bromwich
Position: Centre Midfield	Height:	Weight:
Previous Clubs: Solihull Moors, Hednesford Town.		

An exciting young player with bags of energy. Romehl impressed during pre-season and joined the club in August 2025. A hard-working player who covers plenty of grass and likes to get on the ball.

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Name: Tom Edge	Squad Number: 8	DoB: 8/11/98, Wolverhampton
Position: Centre midfield	Height: 5' 11"	Weight:
Previous Clubs: Leek Town, Alvechurch, Boston United, Rushall Olympic		

The box-box midfielder is known for his no-nonsense style of play. A leader who has experience of playing Step 2 and abroad, Tom has made a big impact since he arrived at Bromsgrove Sporting.

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Name: Josh Ezewe	Squad Number: 2	DoB: 21/1/97, Birmingham
Position: Right-back	Height: 5' 11"	Weight: 80 kg
Previous Clubs: WBA, Yeovil Town, Kidderminster Harriers, AFC Fylde, Alvechurch, Stourbridge, Spalding United, Halesowen Town.		

A strong and attacking full back, Josh Ezewe rejoining us last season, before injury prematurely ended his season. Now fully fit, Josh's energy down the right-hand side of the pitch is a big asset for the club.

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Name: Kobe Hall	Squad Number: 20	DoB: 25/8/06, Birmingham
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Position: Centre forward                      Height: 6' 2"                      Weight:  
Previous Clubs: Kidderminster Harriers, Coleshill Town, Stourport Swifts, Quorn, Alfreton Town, Rushall Olympic.

Returning to the club after a brief spell in 2023, Kobe is a player with big potential. Despite his young age he has good experience at the level. A powerful forward with an eye for goal.

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Name: Adam Harrison                      Squad Number: 1                      DoB: 19/2/99, Nuneaton  
Position: Goalkeeper                      Height: 6' 1"                      Weight:  
Previous Clubs: Leicester City, Bedworth United, Tividale, Worcester City, Redditch United, Bedford Town, AFC Rushden & Diamonds.

Joined the club at the start of the season following a spell with AFC Rushden & Diamonds. A highly regarded keeper who had a successful spell with local rivals Redditch United.

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Name: Jack Kelly                      Squad Number: 3                      DoB: 1/1/96  
Position: :Left back                      Height: 5' 11"                      Weight:  
Previous Clubs: Nottingham Forest, Hemel Hempstead Town, Kettering Town, Newtown AFC, Shifnal Town, Hednesford Town, Walsall Wood, Sporting Khalsa, Redditch United.

An energetic left back who joined Sporting from Redditch United in June 2025. Jack has good experience at Step 3 and is a threat from set pieces with both his hands and feet.

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Name: Reece King                      Squad Number: 4                      DoB: 29/7/95, Worcester  
Position: midfield and team captain                      Height: 6' 3"                      Weight:  
Previous Clubs: Stourbridge, Buxton Town, Malvern Town.

Club captain, Reece joined us at the start of the 2024/25 season and impressed with his all-action style of play and scored some vital goals. Naturally a centre midfielder but also comfortable playing in centre defence.

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Name: Jordan Lyden                      Squad Number: 18                      DoB: 30/1/96, Perth, Australia  
Position: Centre midfield                      Height: 5' 11"                      Weight: 79 kg  
Previous Clubs: Aston Villa, Oldham Athletic, Swindon Town, Leyton Orient, Hereford.

Former Australia U20 international, Jordan has spent the majority of his career in the professional game. A technical player with and an excellent touch and range of passing.

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Name: Bo Morris                      Squad Number: 16                      DoB:  
Position: Defence                      Height:                      Weight:  
Previous Clubs: Bromsgrove Sporting Under 21s, Pershore Town

A young player who impressed with our U21 team and broke into the first team at the end of the 2024/25 season following a successful loan spell with Pershore Town. Comfortable playing at right back or centre half.

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Name: Taylor Morrison                      Squad Number: 17                      DoB: 7/6/99  
Position: Left back                      Height: 6' 0"                      Weight:  
Previous Clubs: WBA, Alvechurch, Stratford Town, Evesham United, Redditch United, Worcester City, Tamworth, Littleton, Walsall Wood.

Taylor joined the club towards the end of 2024/25 season. A versatile player who can play in multiple positions, and will be a big asset to the club throughout the season.

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Name: Jack Newell                      Squad Number: 15                      DoB: 22/1/01, Kingston-upon-Thames  
Position: Midfield                      Height: 6' 0"                      Weight: 80 kg

Previous Clubs: Northampton Town, Barwell, Highgate United.

Now into his 5th season at the club, and with over 100 appearances to his name for the club, Jack continues to impress in the centre of midfield. A player who reads the game well and specialises in breaking up play.

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Name: Charlie Pavey	Squad Number:	DoB: 26/3/06
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Position: Midfield/Forward	Height:	Weight:
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Previous Clubs: Aston Villa (on loan)

On loan from Aston Villa. A technical, creative player with an eye for a goal. Signed a scholarship in 2002 and professional in 2024.

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Name: Aaron Roberts	Squad Number:	DoB: 19/6/92
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Position: Defender	Height:	Weight:
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Previous Clubs: Evesham United, Worcester City, Hednesford, Alvechurch, Hednesford, Redditch United.

Now on his 5th spell at Sporting having played in the first ever match, and clocking up over 300 appearances.

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Name: Gus Sanches	Squad Number: 19	DoB: 23/2/04
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Position: Forward	Height: 5' 10"	Weight: 72kg
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Previous Clubs: Boldmere St Michaels

Returned to Sporting following a brief spell in the 2023/24 season. A player with pace to burn, Gus can turn a game in an instance and has a fantastic work ethic.

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Name: Billy Shaw	Squad Number: 7	DoB: 17/12/01, Stourbridge
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Position: Midfield	Height: 5' 8"	Weight: 70 kg
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Previous Clubs: Halesowen Town, Worcester City, Redditch United.

A versatile player who is a big fan favourite at the club. Returned to Sporting after a brief spell away in 2024. Known for his all-energy style of play, an excellent dribbler who has the ability to score and create goals.

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Name: Luke Softley	Squad Number: 5	DoB: 21/4/05
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Position: Centre Back	Height 6' 1½"
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Previous Clubs: Aston Villa (youth), Hungerford Town

A local lad who impressed when playing against us in pre-season. Luke is a centre back who loves defending and getting on the ball, and is comfortable playing anywhere across the backline.

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Name: Aksum White	Squad Number: 12	DoB: 21/12/00
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Position: Right back	Height: 5' 11	Weight: 77kg
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Previous Clubs: WBA, Tamworth, Sporting Khalsa, Worcester Raiders, Coleshill Town, Stratford Town, Barwell.

Returned to Sporting in August 2025 for his 3rd spell at the club. A solid full back who is good in the 1 v 1 and likes to get forward and support higher up the pitch.

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## Thanks to Steve Richards for doing the quizzes again this season

### Here is the number five, on England internationals

1. Truro City created an English football record for the longest distance covered for a league fixture on Saturday travelling 440 miles to which club?
2. Celtic beat that with a 3,500 mile trip for their Champions League qualifier against Kairat Almaty in which country?
3. Alongside an Andorran own goal, who was England's goal scorer in their 2-0 win on the weekend?
4. Germany lost their first ever World Cup qualifying match away from home last weekend against Which country?
5. Which Italian club has Jamie Vardy signed for this season?
6. Marcus Rashford last week became the second player to be capped for England whilst Playing for Barcelona. Who was the first?

Answers: 1) Carlisle United    2) Kazakhstan    3) Declan Rice    4) Slovakia  
5) Cremonese    6) Gary Lineker

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## Today's Visitors – Banbury United FC - Club History

Banbury United's genesis is to be found in a works club formed by the Spencer Corsets Factory of Banbury in 1931. Friendly matches were played on a ground on the town's Middleton Road in their first two seasons. The club joined the Banbury & District Junior League for the 1933-34 season, initially competing as Spencer Villa before changing their name to Banbury Spencer mid-season, winning the championship of Section C at their first attempt. The club moved to their current ground for the start of the 1934-35 season in which they competed in the Oxfordshire Senior League. This too they won at their first attempt. During the season they were elected to the Birmingham Combination for the start of the 1935-36 season.

After the war, Banbury resumed in the Birmingham Combination and turned professional for the 1946-47 season. In 1947-48, with attendances averaging 3,500, they finished runners-up in the league and reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup for the first time, losing 2-1 at Colchester United, at that time a Southern League club. The next season the ground attendance record was broken when 7,160 turned up to see Banbury lose to Oxford City in the third qualifying round of the FA Cup. Banbury's manager at this time was Jimmy Cringan, who had joined them in 1936 and was to remain 'The Boss' for no less than 25 years until his retirement in 1961.

The status of the Birmingham Combination began to decline in the early 1950s. At the end of the 1953-54 season the league disbanded and, along with most of its remaining clubs, Banbury joined the Birmingham League. In 1961-62, Banbury reached the first round of the FA Cup for the second time, travelling to Third Division Shrewsbury Town, losing 7-1.

The Birmingham League continued to expand and became the West Midlands League in 1962. This coincided with the effective independence of the football club, the Spencer company having all but ended its association. The club name remained unchanged, however, until April 1965 when, with the club's finances suffering – attendances had fallen to a historical low – a group of local businessmen acquired the club. Banbury Spencer became Banbury United.

The new owners were ambitious and were looking to a higher grade of football. Former Chelsea, West Ham, Arsenal and England player Len Goulden was installed as manager. During the summer of 1966 Banbury were elected to the Southern League. Significant improvements were made to the ground. Floodlights were installed and the famous old railway coaches that had been used as changing rooms were removed and replaced by a new clubhouse.

United then embarked on an unbroken 24-season run as members of the Southern League. They came close to league honours in 1967-68 when they finished in seventh place in the First Division, just two points and three places behind Rugby Town who were promoted to the Premier Division. The First Round Proper of the FA Cup was reached twice more; in 1972-73, United lost 2-0 at home to Barnet, then a Southern League club, and the following season, after a 0-0 draw at home, they lost 3-2 away to Fourth Division Northampton Town in a replay. United twice reached the last sixteen of the FA Trophy, losing 1-0 in a replay to Hereford United in 1970-71 and, in 1973-4, by the same score in a second replay to eventual Southern League champions Dartford.

From the late 1970s, United's fortunes declined sharply as debts mounted. The ownership of the ground was given up in the 1980s as security against the club's debts. On the field the team was also struggling, finishing in the top half of the table just twice in twelve seasons after 1978. In 1990, United finished 21st of 22 and were relegated for the first time in their history, starting season 1990-91 in the Hellenic League. Those fans who expected a quick return to the Southern League were to be disappointed. However, from 1997 onwards a revived and expanded committee brought about such an improvement in financial circumstances that the club was ready to aim for promotion. Former Oxford, Newcastle and QPR player Kevin Brock was appointed first team manager for the 1999-2000 campaign.

United's form up to Christmas of 1999 was good but they entered the New Year no fewer than nineteen points behind leaders Highworth Town. In only eight weeks they overhauled their rivals with a run of 13 consecutive victories and remained unbeaten for the rest of the season. A 3-1 victory at Wantage Town clinched the Hellenic League championship with two games remaining and Banbury United were back in the Southern League.

United took a couple of seasons to find their feet in the Eastern division, finishing 13th and 15th. Eighth place in 2003 was their best in the Southern League in 25 years. That was equalled the following season, enough to qualify for a play-off for a place in a reformed Premier Division in the restructured non-League pyramid. Banbury beat Sutton Coldfield Town of the Western division, coming from behind to win in stoppage time in extra-time.

A difficult first season in the Premier division (2004-05) was followed by a much better second. Seventh place in season 2005-06 was an improvement of ten places but thirteenth in 2006-07 was a big disappointment. However, it was troubles off the field that made the headlines. Shortly after the season ended, manager Kevin Brock resigned.

Relegation was avoided in 2009 as the annual bout of resignations and demotions elsewhere in the Pyramid resulted in a reprieve. In 2012 a last-day victory ensured safety. Season 2013-14 began well enough – United were eighth in the table in early February – but more drastic budget cuts were applied. Another player exodus resulted; there followed a most embarrassing run of defeats as the team plummeted to 19th, conceding 43 goals in nine games. The dismal form continued into the 2014-15 season and the inevitable occurred. After 11 years in the Premier division level the club was relegated and was placed in the South & West division for the 2015-16 season.

Change, however, was on its way. For a year, fans had been discreetly working on a takeover. Advised by Supporters Direct, the supporters club launched its bid towards the end of the season. Agreement was reached with the existing board and in May 2015 the club appointed a new manager, ex-Oxford United player and Brackley Town and Oxford City manager Mike Ford. He had to assemble a new squad from scratch. Early form was moderate with only four wins from the first 12 games but the team hit form to win 24 of the next 30 and finish runners-up to Cinderford. A nervy victory in the play-off semi-final against Winchester set up a final showdown with third-placed Taunton Town. In front of more than 1,200 spectators, the club's biggest attendance for more than 21 years, United won 2-0 to regain their place in the Premier Division at the first attempt.

Season 2016/17 saw United finish in sixth place, the club's best in the post-2004 Pyramid. Though this was followed by a creditable ninth place finish in season 2017/18, season 2018/19 was rather a disappointment, albeit never in serious danger of relegation, with the club finishing down in 17th place. In season 2019/20 the club were just outside the play-offs when the season was abandoned.

May 2020 would see Mike Ford leave the manager's post, to be replaced by former Andy Whing. Though season 2020/21 was seriously curtailed due to Covid, the club reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup for the first time since 1973, United losing 2-1 at home to Canvey Island.

Few would argue that season 2021/22 was the best in the club's over 90 years history. The FA Cup First Round Proper was reached for the second consecutive season, the club hosting League 2 side Barrow. Though losing 3-0, it was great to see supporters, unlike the previous year, able to enjoy the occasion with a sell-out crowd of 2,400 in attendance. But it was United's league form for which the season will most be remembered, just two defeats all season with the club hitting the top of the table in mid-December and pulling away to win the Southern League Central Division Championship by an incredible 23 points to earn for the first time in the club's history a place in the National League Regional Divisions.

Season 2022/23 began well for the Puritans, challenging for a play-off place until a poor run of form from March onwards saw the club sliding down the table. Despite just one win in their last 18 league games, the good start to the season meant United managed to finish just above the relegation zone. The end of the season saw Andy Whing resign from the manager's position with the club appointing former Oxford City and Hemel Hempstead Town boss Mark Jones to the post. However, after a poor run of form, the end of January saw Jones relieved of his duties and the club appointed former Banbury United player Kevin Wilson to the manager's post but he was unable to turn United's form around and the club finished third from bottom of the table, meaning relegation back to the Southern League for last season. The summer of 2024 saw Simon Hollyhead, a former Assistant Manager at Malmö, SK Brann, Odense and Stevenage, appointed as the club's manager. The club finished in mid-table last season but Hollyhead was subsequently dismissed. Former United player Kelvin Langmead who made 375 Football League appearances in his playing career was appointed manager ahead of the current season.

## **Banbury United - Profiles**

**Kelvin Langmead (Manager)**

Former player for Banbury United who was appointed the Club's manager in June 2025.

**Craig McKay (Assistant Manager)**

Appointed First Team coach at Banbury United In the summer of 2023 after previous coaching experience with Oxford United and Southampton Academies.

**Peter Abimbola**

21-year-old central midfielder who joined Banbury United in June 2025. A product of the Northampton Town Academy having spells with AFC Rushden & Diamonds, Aldershot Town, St. Ives Town and Bromsgrove Sporting prior to his release at the end of season 2023/24. Spent last season with St. Ives Town.

**James Alabi**

30-year-old left-sided striker whose career started as a Youth player at Tottenham Hotspur, Celtic and Stoke City before making his professional debut with Stoke City.

**Joel Anker**

20-year-old attacking midfielder who came through the MK Dons Academy, progressing to earn a professional contract in June 2023.

**George Ball**

26-year-old forward who joined Banbury United in July 2024. Previously with Daventry Town and Loughborough Dynamo. Quick and direct and can play through the middle or out wide.

**Keegan Bloom**

22-year-old full back who is happy on both flanks but normally plays as a right-back. First played for Harrow Borough in their under U23's before spells with North Greenwood United and Aylesbury United.

**Connor Ferguson**

22-year-old striker who was with Oxford United as a youngster and then after being released in the summer of 2020, he has played for Didcot Town, Thame United and Kidlington..

**Josh Flanagan**

21-year-old right back who came through the Northampton Town Academy, progressing to earn a professional contract in May 2021. After his release Josh joined Brackley Town in July 2022. Joined Banbury United in June 2025.

**Max Fuller**

16-year-old full back who has come through the Banbury United youth set-up, playing for the Club's U18 Development side last season.

**Harley Giles**

24-year-old midfielder who was with the Oxford United Academy and then after a spell with Ardley United Joined Southern League Didcot Town in February 2020. Returned to Banbury for a second spell at the start of this season.

**Marcel Guzynski**

18-year-old left sided player who is currently on loan from MK Dons. Signed a professional contract with Dons this past summer.

**Jack Harding**

33-year-old goalkeeper who came through the Banbury United youth side and would progress to be a regular in the reserve side, also making five first team appearances before having spells with Hellenic League sides Hook Norton and Ardley United. Returned to Banbury United in the summer of 2015.

Nico Jones

23-year-old central defender who came through the Fulham Academy before joining Oxford United on a scholarship, progressing to earn a two-year professional contract. Made three League One appearances whilst at Oxford and also had loan spells at Oxford City and Havant & Waterlooville. Joined Banbury in June 2024.

Sebastian Kola

18-year-old midfielder who has progressed to the first team squad from United's Development team. Signed for Banbury in August 2024, and looks very promising.

Jonathan Lawson

19-year-old striker who is currently on loan from Watford. Joined Watford Academy from Cray Valley Paper Mills in 2023, before being awarded a professional contract with Watford in May 2024.

Aaron McCreadie

24-year-old central midfielder who came through the Oxford United Academy, progressing to earn a professional contract in 2019. Joined Banbury in July 2025.

Yaw Ofosu

28-year-old central defender who joined Banbury in June 20124, having played for Alvechurch in season 2023/24 whom he joined the previous season from Cambridge City. Prior to his four seasons at Cambridge, Yaw has been with Newport Pagnell Town. Club Captain.

Gedeon Okito

28-year-old left back who is a product of the MK Dons Academy. Spent four seasons with Dunstable Town prior to joining Banbury United or the first time in the summer of 2019. Joined Banbury for a second spell in August 2024.

Alex Prosser

25-year-old midfielder who was at Aston Villa as a youngster, progressing to play for their U18 and U23 sides. Had a loan spell with Brackley Town towards the end of season 2018/19 before being released. Joined Banbury from the Glassboys in October 2024.

Luke Stokoe

23-year-old midfielder who began his career with Oxford City and spent time on loan at Kidlington. Moved to Corinthian Casuals for season 2022/23. Joining Banbury United in July 2025.

Reece Styche

36-year-old experienced striker who played for a host of clubs in his lengthy career, most notably Forest Green Rovers, Kidderminster Harriers, Gateshead, Tamworth, Darlington, Hereford and Stourbridge. Began Last season with Stratford Town before having spells with AFC Telford United and Bromsgrove Sporting. Has 31 international caps with Gibraltar. Joined Banbury for the start of this season.

Nathan Whyman

18-year-old goalkeeper, who has moved up to the first team squad after spending last season with the Banbury United Development squad. Also appeared as a goalkeeper replacement for the first team last.



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Aaron Roberts back in action for Sporting last Saturday.



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## Recent Results

### The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 6th September

AFC Sudbury	2 - 2	Banbury United	309
Barwell	1 - 1	Needham Market	218
Bishop's Stortford	0 - 1	Stourbridge	
<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>	0 - 4	St Ives Town	561
Harborough Town	1 - 1	Halesowen Town	804
Leiston	2 - 3	Quorn	224
Real Bedford	0 - 2	Redditch United	526
Royston Town	0 - 3	Alvechurch	345
Stamford	0 - 2	Bury Town	441
Stratford Town	2 - 2	Spalding United	532
Worcester City	1 - 1	Kettering Town	

### The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Monday 8th September

St Ives Town	v	AFC Sudbury
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## This Evening's Matches

### The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Tuesday 9th September

Alvechurch	v	Halesowen Town
Bishop's Stortford	v	Leiston
<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>	v	Banbury United
Harborough Town	v	Quorn
Kettering Town	v	Spalding United
Real Bedford	v	Bury Town
Royston Town	v	Needham Market
Stamford	v	Redditch United
Stratford Town	v	Barwell

## Forthcoming Matches

### The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Wednesday 10th September

Stourbridge	v	Worcester City
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### The Emirates FA Cup Second Qualifying Round, Saturday 13th September

AFC Sudbury	v	Aveley
AFC Telford United	v	Kidderminster Harriers
Alvechurch	v	Leamington
Bedford Town	v	Dagenham & Redbridge
Bury Town	v	Woodford Town
Buxton	v	Redditch United
Chasetown	v	Banbury United
Coleshill Town	v	Hednesford Town
Gainsborough Trinity	v	Rushall Olympic
Grimsby Borough	v	Halesowen Town
Harborough Town	v	Worksop Town
Hemel Hempstead Town	v	Bishop's Stortford
Leiston	v	Hackney Wick
Quorn	v	Kettering Town

Racing Club Warwick	v	Evesham United
Royston Town	v	Brentwood Town
Shepshed Dynamo	v	Stamford
Spalding United	v	Alfreton Town
Sporting Khalsa	v	Hereford
Sutton Coldfield Town	v	Stourbridge

***There is no scheduled fixture for Bromsgrove Sporting on Saturday 13th September***

#### **The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 20th September**

AFC Sudbury	v	Stratford Town
Banbury United	v	Spalding United
Barwell	v	<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>
Bury Town	v	Alvechurch
Halesowen Town	v	St Ives Town
Kettering Town	v	Bishop's Stortford
Leiston	v	Harborough Town
Needham Market	v	Stamford
Quorn	v	Royston Town
Redditch United	v	Stourbridge
Worcester City	v	Real Bedford

#### **The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Monday 22nd September**

Barwell	v	Stourbridge
Redditch United	v	Harborough Town

#### **The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Tuesday 23rd September**

AFC Sudbury	v	Royston Town
Banbury United	v	Real Bedford
Bury Town	v	Spalding United
Halesowen Town	v	Stratford Town
Kettering Town	v	Stamford
Leiston	v	St Ives Town
Needham Market	v	Bishop's Stortford
Quorn	v	<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>
Worcester City	v	Alvechurch

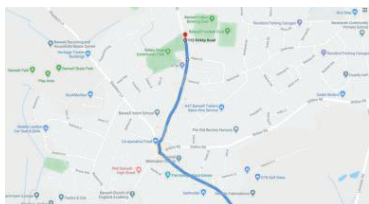
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Saturday 20th September, 3:00 p.m. kick-off

#### **The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central**

Barwell v Bromsgrove Sporting

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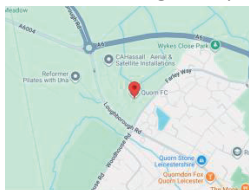
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Tuesday 22nd September, 7:45 p.m. kick-off

## **The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central**

Quorn vs Bromsgrove Sporting



Address: The Stotto Stadium, Farley Way, Quorn, Loughborough LE12 8RB. Phone: 01509 606364

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through Loughborough Town Centre towards Leicester. Leave Loughborough passing over Railway Bridge up to island, straight on for Quorn, at the 1st set of traffic lights, turn left, ground is on your left. M1 Junction 23: Take A6004 towards Loughborough passing over Railway Bridge up to island, straight on for Quorn, at the 1st set of lights turn left, the ground is on the left.

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## **Bromsgrove Sporting Girls**

This weekend saw the start of the season for the girls section of Bromsgrove Sporting, featuring a lot of new girls to all the teams - exciting times ahead !

### **Under 9 girls :**

A fantastic first league win for the under 9 girls today, away in Worcester in front of a sell out crowd.

A really tough opening 20 minutes meant we needed to be rock solid in defence enabling the midfield and attack to do their thing in the second half and bag us a victory.

All the girls did amazing and did not stop trying for the whole game.

Well done to Melissa who picked up the girl of the game award. And thanks to today's captain Annabel for leading the team.

### **Under 10 girls ;**

Bromsgrove Sporting U10 Girls kicked off their season in style with a thrilling away fixture at Catshill. With five exciting debutants—Maya, Daisy, Robyn, Emily, and Autumn—making their first appearances, it was a day full of energy, teamwork, and promise for the season ahead.

The first half was an evenly matched contest, with end-to-end action keeping the spectators on the edge of their seats. The defence held strong thanks to Amelia and debutant Maya, who both put in fantastic shifts at the back. Their composure and determination were vital in keeping the opposition at bay.

Out wide, Kyra and Sophie impressed with tireless running, offering width and attacking threat down the flanks. Up front, Emily and Daisy rotated in the forward role, both showing great movement and a real eye for goal. In the heart of midfield, Autumn and Robyn delivered a solid performance, breaking up play and linking up well with the wings and attack.

Harriet was calm and confident in goal during the first half, making some important saves to keep the scores level.

In the second half, Sophie bravely stepped into goal, and we saw Harriet burst into life down the right wing, adding pace and pressure to the Catshill defence. Every player got stuck in, and the determination across the pitch was clear to see. The girls played with real spirit, showing impressive teamwork and communication for a side playing their first game together.

After a tightly contested game, we're proud to say that every single player left the pitch with heads held high. The strength, effort, and togetherness shown was a huge positive and sets the tone for the rest of the season.

Player of the Match: Maya – A fantastic debut showing calmness, strength in defence, and real promise for the games to come.

Well done, girls! A very positive start to the season—onwards and upwards from here!

#### **Under 11 girls ;**

The U11's started the season strongly against league newcomers Welland, they continued their progression from last year and have added several players who had been training with them as part of the girls foundation programme.

They started quickly with pressing the ball with intensity and we're rewarded quickly to set the tone for an opening day win.

#### **Under 14 girls :**

The Bromsgrove Sporting Girls Under 14s faced a tough start to the new season today against Inkberrow Eagles.

Unfortunately, we didn't start very well and were caught cold in the first couple of minutes with the ball dropping to an Inkberrow midfielder who tried a speculative shot on the turn, which seemed to catch everyone off guard as it looped into the net. Shortly after, an Inkberrow corner to the near post wasn't dealt with and was deflected into the goal. We had given ourselves a mountain to climb and the first half continued with very little in the way of chances and we were glad to get in at half time to regroup.

The second half was much better from Sporting, with us winning a few more challenges and getting the ball down to play our passing game. Some much better individual performances enabled us to put Inkberrow under a lot more pressure and we were finally rewarded when awarded a penalty following a handball in the box. Immy dispatched the penalty nicely to bring us back into the game. We ended strongly and had the better of the game in the second half but were unable to get the equalising goal.

Our player of the match today was Layla Tandy, it was her league debut for us and she put in a solid performance, full of running, tackles and excellent passing.

We will go again with a home game vs Wolverley next Saturday.

#### **Under 18 girls ;**

The girls entertained Knowle Phoenix in their first game of the season and came away worthy 6-2 winners. The game started with both teams testing each other out and it took 30 minutes for our girls to open the scoring to go into a 1-0 lead , this was short lived as a fast breakaway by Knowle caught us napping 1-1. Equally quickly we scored a second and so did they !! A mad 5 minutes . Things calmed down for a minute or so and right on half time we got our 3rd . 3-2 up at halftime .

After a change in formation Sporting we're a lot stronger in the 2nd half and pressured the Knowle defence and it came as no surprise when we scored 4, 5 and then 6 as we settled into the season .

Our Player of the match was our goalkeeper Rosie . Great to see the goals spread out amongst the players with Persia scoring 2 , Ellie, Ava, Faith and Evie getting on the score sheet.

Next week we are away v Solihull Moors .

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## Today's Teams

<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>		<b>Banbury United</b>	
red & white striped shirts, navy blue shorts and navy blue & red socks		Sky blue shirts, navy shirts, navy socks	
Teams to be chosen from the following:			
1	Adam Harrison (GK)	1	Jack Harding
2	Josh Ezeweke	2	Josh Flanagan
3	Jack Kelly	3	Marcel Guzynski
4	Reece King (Capt)	4	Aaron McCreddie
5	Luke Softley	5	Yaw Ofuso (Capt)
	Aaron Roberts	6	Nico Jones
6	Ash Carter	7	Connor Ferguson
7	Billy Shaw	8	Peter Abimbola
8	Tom Edge	9	Reece Styche
9	Luke Benbow	10	Luke Stokoe
10	Nick Clayton-Phillips	11	Joel Anker
11	Koby Arthur	12	James Alabi
12	Aksum White	13	Nathan Whyman
14	Romehl Critchlow	14	Harley Giles
15	Jack Newell	15	George Ball
16	Bo Morris	16	Keegan Bloom
17	Taylor Morrison	17	Max Fuller
18	Jordan Lyden	18	
19	Gus Sanches	19	
20	Kobe Hall	20	
	Charlie Pavey	21	

## Match Officials

<b>Referee:</b>	<b>Mr S Lee</b>
<b>Assistant 1:</b>	<b>Mr G Hill</b>
<b>Assistant 2:</b>	<b>Mr W Doyle</b>

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