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# ***CLUB HONOURS AND ACHIEVEMENTS***

|                       |                                                                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Season 2010/11</b> | <i>Promoted to The Midland Combination Division One</i>                     |
| <b>Season 2011/12</b> | <i>Promoted to The Midland Combination Premier Division</i>                 |
| <b>Season 2011/12</b> | <i>Finalists - The Evesham Hospital Junior Cup</i>                          |
| <b>Season 2012/13</b> | <i>Champions - The Midland Combination Reserves Division Two</i>            |
| <b>Season 2012/13</b> | <i>Winners - The Worcestershire Football Association Youth Cup</i>          |
| <b>Season 2013/14</b> | <i>Runners-up - The Midland Combination Premier Division</i>                |
| <b>Season 2013/14</b> | <i>Winners - The Smedley Crooke Memorial Challenge Cup</i>                  |
| <b>Season 2014/15</b> | <i>Runners-up - The Midland Football League Division One</i>                |
| <b>Season 2014/15</b> | <i>Winners - The Les James Challenge Cup</i>                                |
| <b>Season 2015/16</b> | <i>Finalists - The Worcestershire Senior Invitation Urn</i>                 |
| <b>Season 2015/16</b> | <i>Finalists - The Smedley Crooke Memorial Challenge Cup</i>                |
| <b>Season 2015/16</b> | <i>Runners-up - The Midland Football League Division One</i>                |
| <b>Season 2016/17</b> | <i>Semi-Finalists - The FA Vase</i>                                         |
| <b>Season 2016/17</b> | <i>Winners - The Worcs Football Association Senior Invitation Urn</i>       |
| <b>Season 2016/17</b> | <i>Winners - The Worcs Football Association Saturday Under 18s Cup</i>      |
| <b>Season 2016/17</b> | <i>Champions - The Midland Football League Division One</i>                 |
| <b>Season 2017/18</b> | <i>Winners - The Worcs Football Association Senior Invitation Urn</i>       |
| <b>Season 2017/18</b> | <i>Champions - The Midland Football League Premier Division</i>             |
| <b>Season 2018/19</b> | <i>Runners-up - The Southern League Division One Central</i>                |
| <b>Season 2018/19</b> | <i>Winners - The Southern League Division One Central Play-off Final</i>    |
| <b>Season 2019/20</b> | <i>Joint Winners - The Worcs Football Association Senior Invitation Cup</i> |
| <b>Season 2019/20</b> | <i>Joint Winners - The Worcestershire Football Association Youth Cup</i>    |

## ***BROMSGROVE SPORTING MANAGERS***

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Myles Day</b>           | <i>2010</i>       |
| <b>Stewart Brighton</b>    | <i>2010 - 12</i>  |
| <b>Keith Draper Snr</b>    | <i>2012-13</i>    |
| <b>Graham Scott</b>        | <i>2013</i>       |
| <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>       |
| <b>Mike McGrath</b>        | <i>2022 -2024</i> |
| <b>Tim Flowers</b>         | <i>2024</i>       |
| <b>Paul Smith</b>          | <i>2024</i>       |
| <b>Scott Adey-Linforth</b> | <i>2024 -</i>     |

## ***BROMSGROVE SPORTING CHAIRMEN***

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>John Teece</b>          | <i>2009 - 15</i>   |
| <b>Jon Prescott</b>        | <i>2015 - 16</i>   |
| <b>Jeff Rea</b>            | <i>2016</i>        |
| <b>Mike Burke</b>          | <i>2016 - 2023</i> |
| <b>Brian Seymour-Smith</b> | <i>2023</i>        |
| <b>Graham Scott</b>        | <i>2023</i>        |
| <b>Rod Brown</b>           | <i>2023 -</i>      |

## From the Boardroom - Rod Brown, Chairman



We would like to offer a warm welcome to all the directors, management, players and fans of our opponents today, Bury Town. We welcome them to the UK Electrical stadium for our league fixture.

We meet with both teams not quite settling down into this season yet but we come into this game on the back of two wins from our last three fixtures.

Last Saturday's win against Barwell in the FA Trophy was very pleasing, and convincing. This has now thrown up a nice away fixture against Leek Town in North Staffordshire on the 25th October.

We have been very pleased with the new youngsters that we have taken on loan. Charlie Pavey from Aston Villa has settled in well, proving to be very useful on the assist front and James Sanderson from Notts County scored on his debut last Saturday. It's really good to see us making good use of the loan system with our local senior clubs.

Off the field, we have recently held an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the company that owns the Club (Bromsgrove Sporting Limited) to ask the shareholders to consider altering the articles of association that restricts any shareholder having a limit of 10% voting rights.

This limit is no longer fit for purpose as it is impossible to attract investment that is urgently needed when investors have no incentive to control in how their investment is going to be used. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that this change was carried unanimously on the night.

This decision now allows me to now work on the essential investment that hopefully can be secured to stabilise the club's future.

We commence this week by offering all children under the age of 13 free entry when accompanied by an adult to try and encourage more youngsters within the community to attend Bromsgrove Sporting matches. We already make this offer to our membership with all our teams affiliated to Bromsgrove Sporting and they have the additional benefits of 10% off all drinks, crisps, sweets and items in club shop.

We hope you all enjoy your experience today and the game is exciting.

Thank you.

**Rod**



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## Manager - Scott Adey-Linforth



Good afternoon everybody and it's nice to be back at the UK Electrical Stadium again today after a 4½-week absence due to away matches and free weekends.

Last Saturday we played Barwell again at their end and again came away with a victory, this time in the FA Trophy.

I thought we were outstanding and played brilliantly all over the pitch against a useful team who had beaten Stourbridge the week before.

The result was doubly pleasing after the disappointment of going out of the FA Cup at the first attempt and it is nice to get into the hat for the next round though it will be a tough encounter with Leek Town.

I was particularly pleased for James Sanderson on loan to us from Notts County, playing really well on his debut and getting a goal.

Today we face Bury Town who I have to admit, I have not seen before and like us they have had a mixed start to the season so it will be a test for us.

After today we have a series of tough matches against Stamford, Harborough Town and Worcester City in the league, so we need to get some momentum and be up for the challenge.

Charlie Pavey, on loan from Aston Villa has fitted in well with the squad, has bought into what we want to do and responded so far with one goal and three assists.

Jack Kelly is back in training after an injury and hopefully will be available if not today then on Tuesday. Luke Benbow needs a bit more time will probably be another week before he is back.

We have now won 3 of after last 4 matches so things are looking a lot better. I was disappointed with the loss at Quorn and maybe we could have got a point out of that match.

Anyway, as usual, thanks for your support.

## **Scott**

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## Meet the Rouslers (1)

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|     | <p><b>Scott Adey-Linforth</b><br/> <i>Manager</i><br/> <b>Bromsgrove Dog Walking &amp; Pet Services</b></p>  |    | <p><b>Richard Batchelor</b><br/> <i>Assistant Manager</i><br/> <b>Available for sponsorship</b></p>          |
|     | <p><b>Karl Fellows</b><br/> <i>First Team Coach</i><br/> <b>Available for sponsorship</b></p>                                                                                                 |    | <p><b>Matt Ballard</b><br/> <i>Goalkeeping Coach</i><br/> <b>Available for sponsorship</b></p>               |
|     | <p><b>Dean Ashford</b><br/> <i>Club Kit Man</i><br/> <b>Sponsored by Phil &amp; Jane Baker</b></p>                                                                                            |    | <p><b>Dan Eyre</b><br/> <i>Sports Therapist</i><br/> <b>Available for sponsorship</b></p>                    |
|    | <p><b>Reece King</b><br/> <i>Team Captain/<br/> Midfielder</i><br/> <b>Sponsored by Kevin Baggott</b></p>                                                                                     |   | <p><b>Adam Harrison</b><br/> <i>Goalkeeper</i><br/> <b>Sponsored by Keaton Troth</b></p>                     |
|  | <p><b>Charlie McNamara</b><br/> <i>Goalkeeper</i><br/> <b>Available for sponsorship</b></p>                                                                                                   |  | <p><b>Koby Arthur</b><br/> <i>Midfielder</i><br/> <b>Sponsored by Happy House Childminding Services.</b></p> |

## Meet The Rouslers (2)



**Luke Benbow**  
Striker  
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Edna May  
Parker*



**Finlay Carson**  
Midfielder  
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**Ash Carter**  
Centre-back and  
vice-captain  
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Smiles Turkey UK*



**Romehl Critchlow**  
Midfielder  
*Available for  
sponsorship*



**Tom Edge**  
Midfielder  
*Sponsored by our  
accountant Sarah  
Lammas of*



**Josh Ezewe**  
Right-back  
*Sponsored by  
Chris Curtis*



**Mekhi Farrell**  
Right-back  
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**George Gillon**  
Midfielder  
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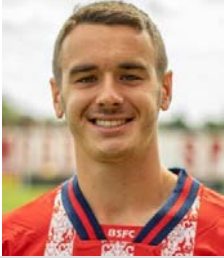


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Forward  
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## Meet The Rouslers (3)

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|    | <p><b>Jordan Lyden</b><br/>Midfielder</p>  <p>Sponsored by Rich Holliday in awareness of<br/><b>ANDYSMANCLUB</b> charity</p> |    | <p><b>Taylor Morrison</b><br/>Defender<br/>Available for sponsorship</p>                                                                                              |
|    | <p><b>Jack Newell</b><br/>Defender/Midfield<br/>Sponsored by Kevin Baggott</p>                                                                                                                                |    | <p><b>Charlie Pavey</b><br/>Forward<br/>Sponsored by Tim Reeb, who lives in New Jersey, USA</p>                                                                       |
|    | <p><b>Aaron Roberts</b><br/>Defender<br/>Available for sponsorship</p>                                                                                                                                        |    | <p><b>Gus Sanches</b><br/>Forward<br/>Sponsored by Daniel Blythe and Kelly Downing</p>                                                                                |
|   | <p><b>James Sanderson</b><br/>Forward<br/>Available for sponsorship</p>                                                                                                                                       |   | <p><b>Billy Shaw</b><br/>Midfielder<br/>Sponsored by: The Fox family (Margaret, Christopher and Adrian)</p>                                                           |
|  | <p><b>Luke Softley</b><br/>Defender<br/>Sponsored by The Groundforce Team</p>                                                                                                                                 |  | <p><b>Brad Stretton</b><br/>Midfielder<br/>Sponsored by Spartan Hot Tub Hire</p>  |

**Profile:**  
**Tom Edge**  
**Midfielder**



|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Birthplace and Date of Birth?</b>              | Wolverhampton, 8/11/98 (age 26)                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Height, weight?</b>                            | 6' 2", 88kg (13st 12lb)                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Left or right footed?</b>                      | Right                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Previous Clubs?</b>                            | Alvechurch, Boston United, Rushall Olympic                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Football Honours?</b>                          | National championship in the USA along with national player of the year.                                                                                                     |
| <b>Best moment playing football?</b>              | Reaching the 2nd Round Proper of the FA Cup, beating Cheltenham Town away and being on Match of The Day.                                                                     |
| <b>Biggest influence on your career?</b>          | My Dad                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Which team do you support?</b>                 | Wolves                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Favourite all-time player?</b>                 | Wayne Rooney                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Best player you have played against?</b>       | Christian Benteke                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Favourite position on the pitch:</b>           | Centre mid-field/number 8                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>What boots do you wear?</b>                    | Nike Phantoms                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Which team do you most like to beat?</b>       | Any in derby games                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Nickname in the changing room?</b>             | Edgy                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Do you play any other sports?</b>              | Golf and padel tennis                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Relationship?</b>                              | In a relationship                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Pets?</b>                                      | Two dogs                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Where do you live?</b>                         | Newport, Shropshire                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Job outside football?</b>                      | Sales                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>What car do you drive?</b>                     | Kia                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Favourite food?</b>                            | Steak                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Favourite drink?</b>                           | Water                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Favourite biscuit?</b>                         | Hobnobs                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Favourite Newspaper</b>                        | Daily Mail                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Favourite TV programme?</b>                    | Power                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Favourite Film?</b>                            | Taken                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Favourite actor or actress?</b>                | Jason Statham                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Favourite band or singer?</b>                  | Justin Timberlake                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Favourite Album or Single?</b>                 | Justified                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Guilty Pleasure?</b>                           | Rom-coms                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Least like to sit next to on an aeroplane?</b> | Jack Kelly                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Put in Room 101</b>                            | Traffic jams                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Favourite Holiday destination?</b>             | Croatia                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Top of Bucket List</b>                         | Travel to see more of the world, climb Mount Everest, fly in an F-35 fighter aircraft                                                                                        |
| <b>Claim to fame?</b>                             | (as above), was on MoTD after scoring in the round that took us to play Cheltenham Town in Round 1. After beating them we played Forest Green Rovers that was shown on BBC1. |





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**The Midland Football League Division One**

Saturday 10th October 2015, 3:00 p.m. kick-off at the Victoria Ground

**Bromsgrove Sporting 3 (2) Pershore Town 0 (0)**

A record crowd saw Bromsgrove Sporting breeze to a 3-0 victory over Pershore Town in the Midland Football League Division One on Saturday afternoon.

A delicately placed Simon Fitter free kick from just outside the area got the home side's afternoon off to the best possible start after a quarter of an hour. Further goals from Liam Spink and Sean Brain helped Sporting to record another league win, with 553 people in attendance on what was "Non-League Day".

Spink almost opened the scoring on twelve minutes but his shot was wide of the post. However, Fitter was more accurate with his free kick, which followed a foul on the lively Connor Collins. Keeping the ball low, it sailed past the wall and into the bottom corner. Sporting almost doubled their lead after half an hour when a Luke Dugmore corner came to Ricardo Richards, who hoisted his volley over the bar as he seeks his first goal on his return to the club.

Richards was to be involved in the second goal though, his blocked effort inside the box fell to Spink, whose effort collided off the underside of the bar and into the net, giving Sporting breathing space as they headed into the break.

The Rouslers almost added to their tally after the interval but squandered numerous chances. Pershore keeper Andrew Yarnold saved shots from Collins and Spink plus another free kick from Fitter that was destined for the top corner.

Substitute Brain had three chances of putting the game to bed inside the final ten minutes. The first a shot struck wide after some neat interplay with Reece Hewitt, the second well saved by Yarnold but the third was coolly placed into the corner after benefiting from a pinpoint Spink pass.

For the second Saturday in a row, the talismanic Brain scored with virtually the last kick of the game and it sealed what was a routine victory for Sporting, with goalkeeper Josh Moreton having a fairly quiet afternoon.

Sporting: Josh Moreton, Aaron Roberts, Brendan Kelly (Capt), Simon Fitter, Craig Jones, James McKeon (Sean Brain 67 mins), Liam Spink, Reece Hewitt, Connor Collins (Dale Edwards 82 mins) Ricardo Richards (Josh McKenzie 76 mins), Luke Dugmore. Subs unused: Sam Delaney, Ollie Gibson

Pershore: Andrew Yarnold, Steve Webb, Jack Donnelly, Peter Jenvey (Jacob Snape 60 mins), Adam Guest, James Walker (Capt), Dan Carter, Joe Walsh, Stuart Hall (Grant Baker 74 mins), Craig Connor, Steven Roche. Subs unused: Matt Mitchell, Shaun Griffith, Jake Bastable.

Referee: Mr B Hall (Great Barr), Assistants: Mr R Osbourne, Mr V O'Reilly

Crowd: 553      Weather: Mild breezy      Sporting MoM: Liam Spink

*Reporter: Max Banner*

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### **Bury Town recently found themselves in the national press after one of their opponents travelled via Bury FC**

**The wrong Bury: footballer takes 200-mile diversion after mixing up towns.**



A non-league defender played a vital cameo in securing three away points for his team on Tuesday night. But in playing the last two minutes of Spalding's backs-to-the-wall away win at Bury St Edmunds, Lewis White was carrying a guilty secret: he had gone to the wrong Bury first.

The 24-year-old had travelled for the Southern Football League Premier central fixture against Bury Town under his own steam and driven from his home in Leicestershire. Instead of heading east to Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk, however, he drove north to Bury in Greater Manchester and added 200 miles to his journey in the process.

First reported by LincsOnline, White appears to have driven all the way to Bury FC's Gigg Lane before realising his error. After schlepping back down the A14, he arrived at Getaway Cars Stadium, home of Bury Town, in time to help close out victory for the Tulips, with Spalding winning 2-1 despite playing with 10 men.

Their manager, Jimmy Dean, said: "I asked the people at Bury if it had ever happened before and they said it hadn't. He must have been in a world of his own, but he's come and helped see the game out for us and it's always a fantastic feeling to win a midweek match."

Spalding moved up to fourth on the back of the result, ahead of Quorn on goal difference but four points off the leaders, Harborough. Their next fixture is an FA Cup qualifying round fixture against Dagenham & Redbridge on Saturday.

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**The Non-League Paper provides a column for club programmes each week. This week's contribution is from the Editor-at-Large, Matt Badcock.**

IS there any better weekend in the English football calendar than the FA Cup first round proper?

We've long felt this is where we see the true heartbeat of English football - even through the qualifying rounds there are clubs living out their FA Cup dreams.

But the anticipation certainly builds as the proper stage of the competition approaches.

This weekend, 64 clubs take to the pitch hoping they can be one of the 32 Non-League names in the big draw televised on Monday night. Dreaming they can get the plum tie that catapults them into the spotlight and, potentially, changes the course of their future.

We know there will be at least one Step 4 side in the famous velvet bag with Isthmian North title hopefuls Maldon & Tiptree welcoming Flackwell Heath, of Southern League Division One Central.

The hosts have a manager in Kevin Horlock who knows all about the big moments in football. He, of course, scored for Manchester City in that famous comeback play-off final win over Gillingham at Wembley in 1999.

And in their squad they boast former Premier League players like Freddie Sears and Gary Hooper, who even scored for Celtic against Barcelona.

Horlock freely admits the pressure is on when it comes to delivering promotion this season for their ambitious owners, but a big FA Cup run would be an added bonus.

Not that he's getting carried away with Flackwell Heath showing what they're all about in their 3-0 win at Step 3 Bracknell Town to get to this stage.

Two of their goalscorers that night – Jamie and Matthew Ayres – are the sons of manager Chris! How's that for an FA Cup fairytale if they could make it through to the first round proper?

Chris will be tuning in from holiday this week, however, with a long-booked trip of a lifetime to South Africa!

Runcorn Linnets are the other Step 4 side dreaming of glory. They upset Ashton United in the FA Cup third round qualifying and will need to overturn the odds again when they host National League North Buxton.

But the lowest-ranked side left in the competition are from Step 5 – and a team already familiar with the national stage following last season's FA Vase triumph.

Whitstable Town have knocked out three Step 3 sides – Dulwich Hamlet, Chichester City and Hungerford Town – to set up their away trip to Wealdstone.

It's already the club's best FA Cup run, and manager Jamie Coyle has been putting in the hours with his management staff to do their homework on the National League Stones.

A quirk of how the fourth round qualifying regions had to be split ahead of the third round qualifying replays means Billericay Town are making the long trip to Spennymoor Town on Saturday, while Gateshead are heading in the other direction to Aveyley!

And how about up-and-coming Farnham Town hosting one of the biggest games in their club's history when Sutton United are in town.

Sutton know all about causing an upset to create FA Cup history. Their motivation, as for many of the National League clubs this time out, is not to be on the other end this year!

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## **Rovers historians Michael Tovey and Graham Reynolds continue their journey though 140 years of Bromsgrove football, choosing their player of the decade for the 1900s**

The start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century saw Bromsgrove Rovers playing at the Well Lane ground and competing in the Birmingham & District League. It's fair to say they were finding life a bit tough, a couple of seasons in the early part of the decade they were required to go cap in hand to their peers and apply for re-election. The 1904/05 season provided a rare chink of light when they finished runners-up, although they spent most of the rest of the decade in the bottom half of the league. The 1908/09 season saw Rovers playing in the Birmingham Combination, although in truth this was purely a rebranding exercise, the same teams were in the League, just under a new name. A much bigger change came in 1909/10 when the Rovers moved from Well Lane to the Victoria Ground, their home for the next hundred years. Whilst they struggled in the League, the decade did end on a high with Rovers capturing the Birmingham Junior Charity Shield.

Although not one of the Rovers better decades, they were still blessed with some fine players. William "Gasser" Mason took over from George Stiles in goal for the second half of the decade and notched up over a hundred appearances himself. Roger Webley, another member of the '100 club', could always be relied upon to do whatever job was asked of him. While up front, goals were plentiful, courtesy of Tommy Atkins, Frank Stiles - the younger brother of George, and who for a period was the club's record goal scorer - and Leonard Stallard. Stallard tragically lost his life after playing for the Rovers and sustaining a knee injury, which turned into Lockjaw (tetanus), and he passed away in 1907 at the age of just 23. Who knows how great a player he could have gone on to be, but 46 goals in 56 games suggests he was on the right path.

There were however two particular stalwarts for the Rovers in this decade. Henry "Laddie" Harris, of Catshill, who made over 170 appearances, predominately in the half-back line, between 1899 and 1911, and Horatio Skinner, the first choice left back from 1903 to 1911. It is Skinner who we have chosen as our 'Player of the Decade' for the 1900s.

The wonderfully named Horatio Nelson Skinner was born on 24 August 1882, in Birmingham. He was given a trial by the Rovers in a Birmingham & District League match against Brades Park, a side from Oldbury, on 12 December 1903. Rovers got a 6-1 thumping, but he must have done something right as he was picked at left-back for the rest of the season. Although this was not a successful campaign for the Rovers as they faced the ignominy of having to apply for re-election.

He was briefly captain at the start of the 1904/05 campaign until a committee meeting at the end of September decided to give that role to his partner in the back line, J. Caldicutt. The Rovers really turned things around that season and they reaped the rewards of having a settled team, with Horatio certainly one of the first names of the team sheet. They finished runners-up in the league, although, in reality, they were never quite in contention for the title with Coombs Wood, a Halesowen based works side, ending up six points clear. And remember, it was two points for a win back in those days.

In the next three campaigns he missed just the one game and the *Messenger* often praised him in their match reports. He got one of his rare as hen's teeth goals in the game against Bournville Athletic in September, 1905, scoring directly from a free kick. But the Rovers as a team found the going tough finishing 10<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in the League over that period.

1908/09 saw the Rovers playing in the re-branded Birmingham Combination and Horatio was once more made captain. He obviously liked playing against Bournville Athletic, as he again found the net against them, this time in the Birmingham Charity Shield, scoring from the spot. He was ever present in the side until he twisted his knee in a match against Bournbrook in March, which put him out of action for the rest of the season.

1909/10 was an important season in the club's history as it saw the Rovers moving to the Victoria Ground. Horatio had obviously suffered a very nasty injury as he was still out of action at the start of the season, missing the first ever game at the Vic, a 3-3 draw against Willenhall Swifts. He returned for the next game and once again made the left-back position his own. Although Rovers finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the League, they did triumph in the Birmingham Junior Charity Shield, with Horatio playing a solid game in a 2-0 victory over Bournbrook at the Austin Motors Ground in Northfield.

He had one more season as first choice left-back before he was ousted in 1911/12 by Billy Barrett, who, after the War, went on to play in the Football League with Leicester City and Derby County. Barrett moved on to Nuneaton Town in the 1912/13 campaign and Horatio was back at left-back. In December, he even played in goal in a match when Wilmore, the regular keeper, failed to turn up. He played the first half between the sticks before swapping with fellow back Jerry Bridgwater at half-time. Apparently he made a couple of good saves, but couldn't stop Nuneaton netting four goals before the break.

Ahead of season 1912/13, his brother, Alfred, took part in one of the regular practice/trial matches the club would hold for prospective new players. Although Alfred signed with the Rovers, he only made the one appearance, as a half-back, against Dudley Phoenix in November. Horatio played in his customary left-back position in the same game, and while it was only one appearance, you can add the Skinners to the list of brothers that have played for the Rovers.

Father time was by now catching up with Horatio, and injury put him out of action, with the game against Birmingham Trams on 4 January, 1913, being his last in a Rovers shirt, bringing an end to a fine career. The esteem he was held in by his peers was made clear when he was presented with a pair of bronzes by Elizabeth Stiles, Landlady of the Rovers Headquarters, the Roebuck Inn, on the occasion of his marriage to May Noon, in April 1912, and as a mark of recognition of the good service he had rendered to the Rovers Club.

It is from this marriage that we were able, by checking marriage records, to work out his full name, as oddly, even though he played for the Rovers for over ten years, the *Bromsgrove Messenger* only ever referred to him as H. Skinner. Sadly, to date we have been unable to find any picture of Horatio.

After leaving the Rovers, he served as a Private in the First World War in both the Worcestershire and Royal Warwickshire Regiments. Away from football, he worked as a metal spinner for Randle & Smith in Birmingham. He passed away in October, 1960, aged 78. Horatio Skinner, a true Rovers great, 1903-1913. 238 appearances, 2 goals.

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

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

Table as at Saturday 27th 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  | W 3 - 0 | 520  | 6   | 19       | Reece King    |
| Sat | 20-Sep | 3:00 PM | A | Barwell             | Southern League  | W 2 - 0 | 223  | 9   | 16       | Jack Newell   |
| Tue | 23-Sep | 7:45 PM | A | Quorn               | Southern League  | L 1 - 2 | 272  | 9   | 16       | Tom Edge      |
| Sat | 04-Oct | 3:00 PM | A | Barwell             | FA Trophy Q3     | W 3 - 0 | 150  | -   | -        | Reece King    |
| 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 | A | Leek Town           | 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  |         |      |     |          |               |
| Tue | 09-Dec | 7:45 PM |   | TBC                 | Worcs Sen Cup QF |         |      |     |          |               |
| 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 | Asssts | Goals | App | Sub | Bench | Capt. | Yellow | Reds | Asssts | Goals | App | Sub | Tot | Asssts | Goals | App          | Sub | Tot | Goals |                 |  |  |  |
| Koby Arthur           |        | 8   | 1     |       | 1      |      |        |       | 2   |     |       |       |        |      |        |       |     | 10  | 10  |        |       |              | 10  | 10  |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Luke Benbow           | 5      |     |       |       | 1      | 1    | 2      | 1     | 1   |     |       |       |        |      |        |       | 5   | 1   | 6   | 2      | 1     | 5            | 1   | 6   | 1     |                 |  |  |  |
| Ash Carter            | 4      |     |       | 1     | 1      |      |        |       | 1   |     |       |       |        |      |        |       | 5   |     | 5   |        |       | 38           |     | 38  | 1     |                 |  |  |  |
| Nick Clayton-Phillips | 4      | 3   |       |       |        |      |        |       | 1   |     |       |       |        |      |        | 1     | 5   | 3   | 8   |        | 1     | 5            | 3   | 8   | 1     |                 |  |  |  |
| Romehl Critchlow      |        | 3   | 3     |       |        |      |        |       |     | 1   |       |       |        |      |        |       |     | 3   | 3   |        |       |              | 3   | 3   |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Tom Edge              | 8      |     |       |       | 4      |      |        |       | 2   |     |       |       |        |      |        |       | 10  |     | 10  |        |       | 10           |     | 10  |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Josh Ezewe            | 6      | 1   |       |       |        |      |        |       | 1   | 1   |       |       |        |      |        |       | 7   | 2   | 9   |        |       | 17           | 2   | 19  |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Mekhi Farrell         |        |     |       |       |        |      |        |       |     | 1   |       |       |        |      |        |       |     |     |     |        |       |              |     |     |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Kobe Hall             | 4      | 5   |       |       |        |      | 1      | 2     | 1   | 1   |       |       |        | 1    | 1      |       | 5   | 6   | 11  | 2      | 2     | 8            | 10  | 18  | 2     |                 |  |  |  |
| Adam Harrison         | 9      |     |       |       | 1      |      |        |       | 2   |     |       |       |        |      |        |       | 11  |     | 11  |        |       | 11           |     | 11  |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Jack Kelly            | 7      |     |       |       | 3      |      | 2      |       | 1   |     |       |       |        |      |        |       | 8   |     | 8   | 2      |       | 8            |     | 8   |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Reece King            | 5      |     |       | 5     | 2      |      | 1      |       | 2   |     |       | 2     |        |      |        |       | 7   |     | 7   | 1      |       | 54           |     | 54  | 5     |                 |  |  |  |
| Jordan Lyden          | 1      | 2   | 1     |       |        |      |        |       |     | 1   |       |       |        |      |        |       | 1   | 2   | 3   |        |       | 6            | 15  | 21  |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Paul McCone           | 3      |     |       |       | 1      | 1    |        |       |     |     |       |       |        |      |        |       | 3   |     | 3   |        |       | 3            |     | 3   |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Charlie McNamara      |        |     |       |       |        |      |        |       |     |     |       |       |        |      |        |       |     |     |     |        |       | 1            |     | 1   |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Bo Morris             | 5      | 1   | 2     |       | 1      |      |        |       | 1   |     |       |       |        |      |        |       | 6   | 1   | 7   |        |       | 7            | 4   | 11  |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Taylor Morrison       | 1      |     | 2     |       |        |      |        |       |     |     |       |       |        |      |        |       | 1   |     | 1   |        |       | 1            | 3   | 4   |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Lewis Neal            |        |     |       |       |        |      |        |       |     |     |       |       |        |      |        |       |     |     |     |        |       |              |     |     |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Jack Newell           | 8      |     |       |       | 1      |      |        | 1     | 2   |     |       |       |        |      |        | 1     | 10  |     | 10  |        | 2     | 103          | 26  | 129 | 8     |                 |  |  |  |
| Charlie Pavey         | 4      |     |       |       | 1      |      | 2      | 1     | 1   |     |       |       |        |      | 1      |       | 5   |     | 5   | 3      | 1     | 5            |     | 5   | 1     |                 |  |  |  |
| Ryan Pratt            |        |     | 1     |       |        |      |        |       |     | 1   |       |       |        |      |        |       |     |     |     |        |       |              |     |     |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Aaron Roberts         | 4      |     |       |       |        |      |        |       | 1   |     |       |       |        |      |        |       | 5   |     | 5   |        |       | 320          | 14  | 334 | 23    |                 |  |  |  |
| Gus Sanches           | 3      | 5   | 1     |       | 1      |      |        | 2     | 1   | 1   |       |       |        |      |        |       | 4   | 5   | 9   |        | 2     | 4            | 17  | 21  | 4     |                 |  |  |  |
| James Sanderson       |        |     |       |       |        |      |        |       |     | 1   |       |       |        |      |        |       |     | 1   | 1   |        |       |              | 1   | 1   |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Billy Shaw            | 9      |     |       |       | 2      |      | 1      | 1     | 2   |     |       |       |        |      | 1      | 2     | 11  |     | 11  | 2      | 3     | 60           | 11  | 71  | 7     |                 |  |  |  |
| Luke Softley          | 5      |     | 2     |       | 2      |      |        | 1     | 2   |     |       |       | 1      | 1    |        |       | 7   |     | 7   | 1      | 1     | 7            |     | 7   | 1     |                 |  |  |  |
| Bradley Stretton      |        | 2   |       |       |        |      |        |       |     |     |       |       |        |      |        |       |     | 2   | 2   |        |       |              | 2   | 2   |       |                 |  |  |  |
| Aksum White           | 4      |     | 1     |       |        |      |        |       | 1   |     |       |       |        |      |        |       | 5   |     | 5   |        |       | 68           | 17  | 85  |       |                 |  |  |  |
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Up to and including Saturday 4th October 2025



## Bromsgrove Sporting - Player Profiles

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 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: Matt Ballard                                                                                                                                      | Squad Number: n/a | DoB:    |
| Position: Goalkeeping coach                                                                                                                             | Height:           | Weight: |
| Previous Clubs: Old Wilsonians (10 years, team in South London), Rushall Olympic, Bilston Town, Cradley Town, Cadbury Athletic and Barnt Green Spartak. |                   |         |

Also helps out with physio duties. Available as a 'keeper if needed. 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: 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 midfielder                                           | 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 Ezeweale                                                                                                            | 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 Ezeweale rejoined 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: Mekhi Farrell                          | Squad Number: | DoB:    |
| Position: Defender                           | Height:       | Weight: |
| Previous Clubs:                              |               |         |
| Recent arrival at the UK Electrical Stadium. |               |         |

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| Name: Kobe Hall          | Squad Number: 20 | DoB: 25/8/06, Birmingham |
| 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: 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:                      Height:                      Weight:  
Midfield/Forward

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 |
| Position: Defender  | Height:       | Weight:      |

Previous Clubs: Evesham United, Worcester City, Hednesford, Alvechurch, Hednesford, Redditch United.

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

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| Name: Gus Sanches | Squad Number: 19 | DoB: 23/2/04 |
| Position: Forward | Height: 5' 10"   | Weight: 72kg |

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 |
| Position: Midfield | Height: 5' 8"   | Weight: 70 kg              |

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 |
| Position: Centre Back | Height 6' 1½"   |              |

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: James Sanderson | Squad Number: | DoB: 30/11/06 |
| Position: Midfielder  | Height:       | Weight:       |

Previous Clubs: Notts County U21s

On loan from Notts County where he has played a couple of first team matches including scoring with one of his first touches making him the second youngest goalscorer in County's history.

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| Name: Brad Stretton           | Squad Number: | DoB:    |
| Position: Midfield/Right wing | Height:       | Weight: |

Previous Clubs: Coventry City, Oxford City, Alvechurch, Stratford Town, Rugby Borough.

Impressed for Alvechurch last season. A young, ambitious player who and adds quality and depth to the attack.

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

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

1. Which club did Sporting beat in the FA Trophy last week?
2. After nine matches, who are the only remaining unbeaten club in the Championship?
3. Which Everton player has picked up an early suspension this season after getting five yellow cards?
4. Jaidon Anthony is the top scoring English player in the Premier League so far this season. Which club does he play for?
5. Go Ahead Eagles are Aston Villa's next Europa League opponents. Which country are they based in?
6. In England's last competitive match, who were the five different scorers in the 5-0 win against Serbia?

Answers: 1) Barwell 2) Coventry City 3) Kierman Dewsbury-Hall 4) Burnley 5) The Netherlands 6) Harry Kane, Noni Madueke, Ezri Konsa, Marc Guéhi, and Marcus Rashford

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## Today's Visitors – Bury Town FC - Club History



Bury Town FC was founded by Mr William Lake at a meeting at the Suffolk Hotel in 1872, making the club one of the oldest non-league clubs currently still in existence in England.

The first official name of the club was Bury St Edmunds FC and royal blue and white were chosen as the club's official colours.

The club's first home ground was located on Kings Road and was also known as the Cemetery Road ground. The Club was a founder member of the Suffolk County Football Association in 1885.

A notable player for the club in the early days was Reginald De Courtney Welch who appeared as a defender for Bury St Edmunds in 1877. De Courtney Welch was a member of The Wanderers side that won the first ever FA Cup in 1872 and he also played in the first ever official international match for England, against Scotland in November 1872.

The club played in various local leagues until it became a founder member of the Eastern Counties Football League in 1935. The Club spent 22 consecutive seasons in the League, winning the League Challenge Cup in two occasions in 1961-62 and 1963-64.

Kings Road was the first football ground in East Anglia to operate floodlights when on Monday 12th January 1953, the Blues played their first ever floodlit game against Cambridge City in front of 2,105 spectators. A total of 14 bulbs of 1500 watts illuminated the Suffolk skyline for the first time and history was created. The lights were financed by the Bury Town Supporters Club.

The 1963-64 season was a memorable one for the club as it lifted the ECL league championship, the League Cup and the Suffolk County FA Premier Cup to record an historic treble.

This success saw the club elect to move to the Metropolitan & District Football League for the 1964-65 season and it was another period of success as the Club won the Metropolitan League championship in 1965-66 and 1968-69. There was another treble in 1965-66 as along with the championship, the Club won the Metropolitan League Cup and the Suffolk Premier Cup again.

In 1968, the Blues reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup and drew Third Division side Bournemouth & Boscombe at Kings Road. 3,000 spectators assembled and witnessed Bury hold the Football League side to a goalless draw. The replay saw Bournemouth win through by 3 goals to 0 at Dean Court.

After the Metropolitan League folded at the end of the 1970-71 season, the Club joined the Southern Football League for the first time in their history. Success at the higher level was harder to come by and after 5 seasons, the Club elected to drop back down to the Eastern Counties League.

On Wednesday 28th April 1976, Bury Town played their final match at the historic Kings Road ground when West Ham United were the visitors. 1,750 watched on as the sides drew 2-2, and a pitch invasion signalled the end of the Blues spiritual home.

It was another two years before the club had a permanent home, with the proposed new ground at Ram Meadow under construction. During this time the club were forced to play home matches on a local heath with a blanket collection before each game the only source of income and the club was in very real danger of ceasing to exist.

Thankfully the new home at Ram Meadow was completed and opened in 1978 and was celebrated with a visit from FA Cup holders Ipswich Town who paraded the trophy around the pitch before the opening game.

The Club stayed in the Eastern Counties League from 1976 to 1987. During this period the Club set the Ram Meadow record attendance when they took on Enfield FC in the 4th Qualifying Round Replay of the FA Cup. 2,500 packed into the ground with many more outside. The ground was creaking at the seams as Enfield won 1-0 to progress.

The Blues were promoted back to the Southern League for the 1987-88 season after finishing 3rd in the Eastern Counties League. Despite a promising first few seasons, the Club struggled at this level, finishing bottom of the Southern Division in 1992-93 and 1993-94. In 1995, the Club swapped placed with Forest Green Rovers to move into the Midland Division, but fortunes did not favour any better and the club were relegated back to the Eastern Counties League for the 1995-96 season.

After some early seasons of struggle, the Club turned the corner with the appointment of former Colchester United captain Richard Wilkins. He led the club to consecutive runners-up spots in 2004-05 and 2005-06 and also the Semi Final of the FA Vase, narrowly going out over two legs to Hillingdon Borough.

At the end of the 2005-06 season, the Clubs board decided to accept promotion to the Isthmian Football League for the first time in the club's history. They entered in the newly re-organised Division One North and spent two seasons' there before an FA re-organisation saw the Club moved to the Southern League for their third spell of membership.

It was during this spell that the Club reached the FA Cup First Round Proper for the second time in its history, progressing through five qualifying rounds before bowing out at Alfreton Town.

The 2009-10 season saw the Blues storm to the Southern League Midland Division championship recording 102 points and with it promotion to the Premier Division of the Isthmian League, clinching the title at home on the final day of the season in front of 1,550 spectators against Marlow FC.

The Club enjoyed a successful start to life at Step 3 in the Isthmian League and finished 3rd in 2010-11 season and 5th in the 2011-12 season, qualifying for the end of season Play Off's on both occasions, but losing to Lowestoft Town and AFC Hornchurch respectively.

The 2011-12 season saw the Club pick up honours in the form of the Isthmian League Challenge Cup, defeating the now defunct East Thurrock United 1-0 in the final at Staines Town Wheatsheaf Park.

The Club spent a total of 5 seasons in the Isthmian Premier Division and won the Suffolk County FA Premier Cup on three occasions in 2010-11, 2012-13 and 2013-14 before relegation in the 2014-15 season, with the side placed back in Division One North.

For the past 9 seasons, the club have competed in the Isthmian Division One North. Despite some encouraging seasons, the Club did not come close to a return to step 3 until the appointment of former professional Cole Skuse, who led the club to runners up spot in the 2023-24 season, but the Club were defeated in the play-offs by Brentwood Town.

The 2024-25 season saw the club again reach the Isthmian League play off's, defeating Waltham Abbey 4-0 in the semi-final and then a dramatic 93rd minute winner from Ed Upson saw the Blues clinch promotion with a 1-0 win over Brightlingsea Regent in front of 2,136.

## **Bury Town – Profiles**

**COLE SKUSE – MANAGER:** A former professional who made 615 league appearances for Bristol City, Ipswich Town and Colchester United. Now in his third season as the manager at Ram Meadow, having led the club to promotion to the Southern Premier Division Central last season with a dramatic play off final victory.

**PAUL MUSGROVE – ASSISTANT MANAGER:** Paul joined with Cole Skuse and is now into his third season with the Blues. Previously a manager at Stowmarket Town and Walsham-Le-Willows, he has an extensive knowledge of the local scene and lead Stowmarket to the Isthmian League play offs in their first season in the division.

**CHARLIE BECKWITH D.O.B 14/01/2000:** Goalkeeper who joined in October 2023 from Thurlow Nunn League side Lakenheath where he won both the Suffolk Senior Cup and Thurlow Nunn League Cup. Has previous experience at step 3 with Leiston and missed just one game on our way to promotion last season.

**HARLEY CURTIS D.O.B 09-02-2003:** Harley joined the Blues in February 2025 from Ipswich Wanderers where he was dual registered with Leiston. A product of the Ipswich Town academy, he joined National League side Chesterfield on a one-year contract for the 2023-24 before heading back to Suffolk and Needham Market for the start of 2024-25.

**JOE CARROLL D.O.B 02-10-2003:** Joe joined from Stowmarket Town in January 2024 having joined them from AFC Sudbury. Joe is a strong defender with a great turn of pace who likes to burst forward, and with a giant throw in, he can cause all types of problems for defences. Sat out last season with an injury but is back and ready to go for 2025-26.

**ALLY CONWAY D.O.B 22-12-1998:** Ally joined the club in the summer of 2025 from Newmarket Town. The attacking minded midfielder had joined the Jockeys from Cambridge City and scored 16 goals to earn them promotion to the Isthmian League in 2024 but opted to make the short move up the A14 in the summer to join us at step 3.

**JOSH CURRY D.O.B 24-11-1992:** Josh joined the Blues ahead of the 2023-24 season from Stowmarket Town. He was with our youth system before going onto play for Lowestoft Town and Stowmarket Town. Captained the side to the play offs for the first time in 10 years in 2023-24 before going one better last season and seeing the side to promotion.

**MIKEY DAVIS D.O.B 05-10-1999:** Joined in the summer of 2024 from Cambridge City. Mikey was with EFL side Grimsby Town as a scholar but after leaving the Mariners he joined both Haverhill club, initially playing for Borough and then to Rovers. His performances prompted higher level Cambridge City to sign him in November 2018.

**TOMMY HUGHES D.O.B 28-10-2000:** Tommy joined Bury Town from King's Lynn Town in the summer of 2025. Made 71 appearances for the Linnets between 2023-25 in the National League North but returns to Ram Meadow having previously had a short loan spell with us in 2018 from the Ipswich Town academy, making 5 appearances. Has also spent time on loan at Torquay United.

**RYAN JOLLAND D.O.B 20-09-1996:** 27-year-old midfielder who started out with the Ipswich Town academy before joining our partnership academy at West Suffolk College. Ryan has now gone on to serve the club for 10 years and play an important part in regaining our step 3 status.

**MAX MAUGHN D.O.B 26-06-2001:** Max is now into his 6<sup>th</sup> year with the club, having joined in the summer of 2019 after being released by Colchester United. Over the years he has gone on to become a mainstay of the team, an exciting midfielder who is popular with the fans, who creates plenty of chances with his pace down the wing.

**ETHAN MAYHEW D.O.B 27-02-2002:** Ethan joined the club from Hadleigh United of the Thurlow Nunn League in the summer of 2023. A highly rated prospect who was a product of the AFC Sudbury



academy, who has gone on to establish himself in our midfield over the last three seasons.

LEWIS O'MALLEY D.O.B 06-11-2001: Lewis joined from local rivals AFC Sudbury in July 2022, having captained their side to the first round of the FA Cup. A tough defender who is one of the first names on the team sheet each week.

TAYLOR PARR D.O.B 18-12-1993: Primarily playing as a centre half, Taylor was with Cambridge United as a youth player before playing two seasons at Royston Town. He then spent 3 seasons as part of a successful St Neots Town side before making a move back to Royston Town. He moved to Cambridge City in 2021 and spent three years with them, making 107 appearances and scoring 14 goals before joining us in the summer of 2024.

GEORGE QUANTRELL: D.O.B 30-08-2002: George joined in the summer of 2025 from fellow Southern League Premier Division side Leiston. He scored 20 goals from an attacking midfield position last season but this season opted to join us at Ram Meadow and will be looking to perform similar this season.

CEMAL RAMADAN D.O.B 02-01-1997: Cemal has led our forward line for the best part of 10 years, having made his debut on loan from Ipswich Town in November 2015, scoring away at Waltham Abbey. Spent the next season away before rejoining permanently in the summer of 2017 and has now gone on to score over 150 goals for the club. Cemal has been our leading goal scorer for the past six seasons in a row.

JOE WHITE D.O.B 17-10-1996: Joe has been with the club for 10 years now, having worked his way up through to youth system after being with Ipswich Town at a young age. A well-respected tough-tackling defender who has been loyal to his hometown club for a number of years.

**The Record against Bury Town**

Bromsgrove Sporting have never played Bury Town so this afternoon's match will be our first meeting.

Bromsgrove Rovers, however played Bury Town on a number of occasions, all matches in the Southern League with the record as follows:

|       | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | For | Against |
|-------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|
| Home  | 6      | 1   | 3     | 2    | 6   | 10      |
| Away  | 6      | 2   | 1     | 3    | 10  | 7       |
| Total | 12     | 3   | 4     | 5    | 16  | 17      |

The last match between the sides was very significant for Rovers as it was their last ever home league match on 17th April 2010. Champions-elect Bury Town of the Zamaretto League Midland Division romped to an emphatic 4 - 0 victory in front of a crowd of 353.

Scorers for Bury were Lee Underwood (7 mins), Lee Read (19 mins), Kieran Leabon (57 mins) and Lee Underwood again (59 mins). The line-ups were:

Bromsgrove Rovers: Karl Lewis, James Beadle, Samuel Street, Robert Agar, Chris Godwin, Ryan Keen (Chris Bright 64 mins), Sam Wills, Edward Ryan, Nathan Waite, Leroy Curtis (Pheon Jolly 60 mins), Giovanni Dainty. Subs unused: David Budden, Kyle Halford, Kallum Blake.

Bury Town: Marcus Garnham, Sam Reed, Ben. Coker, Michael Steward (Craig Nurse 70 mins), Sam Nunn, Russell Short, Callum Kearns, Lee Underwood, Kieran Leabon (Rhys Henry 67 mins), Lee Reed, Chris Henderson (Roscoe Hipperson 84 mins).

Subs unused: Gavin Johnson, Nick Pope.

Referee: Mr. M. Granda (Shrewsbury)



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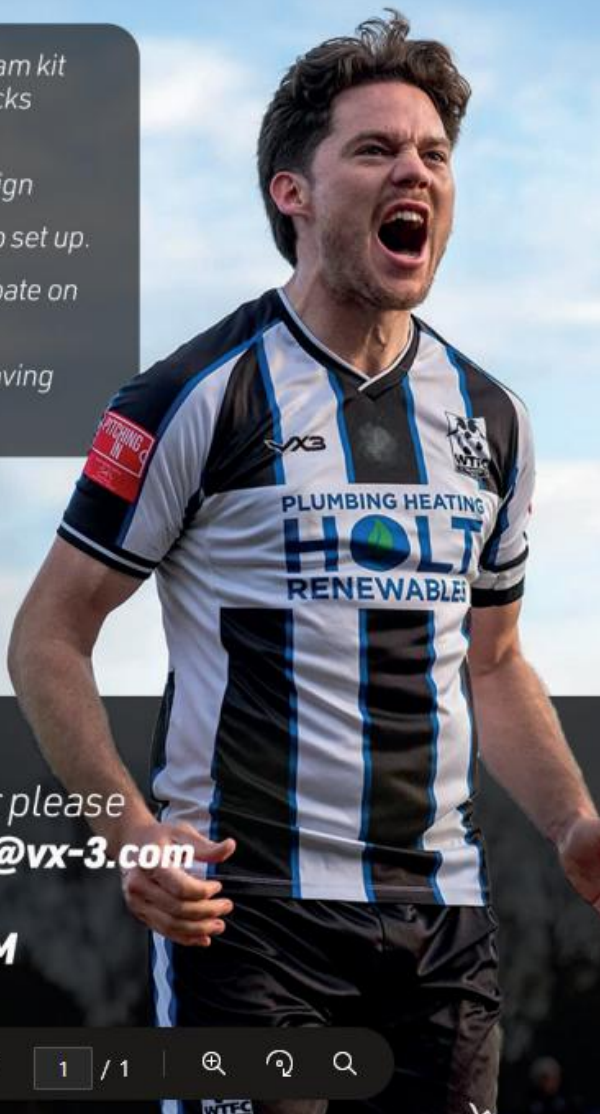
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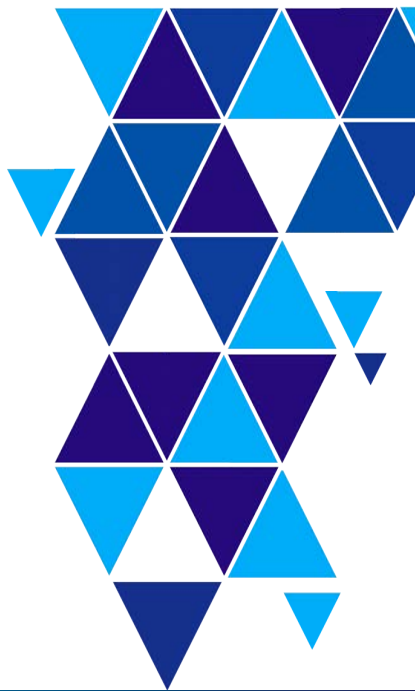
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## Recent Results

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

|              |       |             |     |
|--------------|-------|-------------|-----|
| St Ives Town | 2 - 0 | AFC Sudbury | 283 |
|--------------|-------|-------------|-----|

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

|                            |       |                 |       |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Alvechurch                 | 1 - 0 | Halesowen Town  | 704   |
| Bishop's Stortford         | 0 - 1 | Leiston         | 310   |
| <b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b> | 3 - 0 | Banbury United  | 520   |
| Harborough Town            | 1 - 0 | Quorn           | 639   |
| Kettering Town             | 2 - 4 | Spalding United | 1,002 |
| Real Bedford               | 2 - 0 | Bury Town       | 268   |
| Royston Town               | 1 - 1 | Needham Market  | 244   |
| Stamford                   | 1 - 1 | Redditch United | 243   |
| Stratford Town             | 4 - 1 | Barwell         | 358   |

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

|             |       |                |     |
|-------------|-------|----------------|-----|
| Stourbridge | 2 - 2 | Worcester City | 966 |
|-------------|-------|----------------|-----|

### **The Emirates FA Cup Second Qualifying Round, Saturday 13th September**

|                       |       |                        |       |
|-----------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| AFC Sudbury           | 1 - 2 | Aveley                 | 260   |
| AFC Telford United    | 3 - 1 | Kidderminster Harriers | 1,906 |
| Alvechurch            | 3 - 0 | Leamington             |       |
| Bedford Town          | 1 - 1 | Dagenham & Redbridge   | 770   |
| Bury Town             | 1 - 1 | Woodford Town          | 635   |
| Buxton                | 3 - 0 | Redditch United        | 658   |
| Chasetown             | 0 - 0 | Banbury United         | 557   |
| Coleshill Town        | 0 - 7 | Hednesford Town        | 447   |
| Gainsborough Trinity  | 2 - 1 | Rushall Olympic        | 498   |
| Grimsby Borough       | 1 - 1 | Halesowen Town         | 243   |
| Harborough Town       | 3 - 2 | Workshop Town          | 633   |
| Hemel Hempstead Town  | 4 - 1 | Bishop's Stortford     | 458   |
| Leiston               | 4 - 1 | Hackney Wick           | 175   |
| Quorn                 | 2 - 1 | Kettering Town         | 757   |
| Racing Club Warwick   | 3 - 3 | Evesham United         |       |
| Royston Town          | 1 - 0 | Brentwood Town         | 409   |
| Shepshed Dynamo       | 0 - 2 | Stamford               | 474   |
| Spalding United       | 3 - 0 | Alfreton Town          | 734   |
| Sutton Coldfield Town | 3 - 1 | Stourbridge            |       |

### **The Emirates FA Cup Second Qualifying Round replays, Tuesday 16th September**

|                      |               |                     |     |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----|
| Dagenham & Redbridge | 1 - 0         | Bedford Town        | 636 |
| Banbury United       | 1 - 1 (5 - 3) | Chasetown           | 418 |
| Halesowen Town       | 6 - 1         | Grimsby Borough     | 695 |
| Evesham United       | 1 - 0         | Racing Club Warwick | 468 |

### **The Emirates FA Cup Second Qualifying Round replay, Wednesday 17th September**

|               |             |           |     |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----|
| Woodford Town | 1 - 0 (aet) | Bury Town | 279 |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----|

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

|             |       |                |     |
|-------------|-------|----------------|-----|
| AFC Sudbury | 1 - 1 | Stratford Town | 256 |
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| Banbury United                                                                           | 4 - 1 | Spalding United            | 604   |
| Barwell                                                                                  | 2 - 0 | <b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b> | 223   |
| Bury Town                                                                                | 0 - 1 | Alvechurch                 | 670   |
| Halesowen Town                                                                           | 1 - 0 | St Ives Town               | 934   |
| Kettering Town                                                                           | 3 - 1 | Bishop's Stortford         | 960   |
| Leiston                                                                                  | 2 - 2 | Harborough Town            | 152   |
| Needham Market                                                                           | 4 - 1 | Stamford                   | 345   |
| Quorn                                                                                    | 1 - 2 | Royston Town               | 266   |
| Redditch United                                                                          | 3 - 1 | Stourbridge                | 576   |
| Worcester City                                                                           | 1 - 3 | Real Bedford               | 1,012 |
| <b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Monday 22nd September</b>   |       |                            |       |
| Redditch United                                                                          | 0 - 3 | Harborough Town            | 521   |
| <b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Tuesday 23rd September</b>  |       |                            |       |
| Banbury United                                                                           | 1 - 4 | Real Bedford               | 520   |
| Bury Town                                                                                | 1 - 2 | Spalding United            | 573   |
| Halesowen Town                                                                           | 1 - 0 | Stratford Town             | 885   |
| Kettering Town                                                                           | 1 - 1 | Stamford                   | 994   |
| Leiston                                                                                  | 2 - 2 | St Ives Town               | 167   |
| Needham Market                                                                           | 0 - 4 | Bishop's Stortford         | 302   |
| Quorn                                                                                    | 2 - 1 | <b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b> | 272   |
| Worcester City                                                                           | 0 - 0 | Alvechurch                 | 657   |
| <b>The Emirates FA Cup Second Qualifying Round, Tuesday 23rd September</b>               |       |                            |       |
| Sporting Khalsa                                                                          | 2 - 3 | Hereford                   | 421   |
| <b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Friday 26th September</b>   |       |                            |       |
| Barwell                                                                                  | 2 - 0 | Stourbridge                | 216   |
| <b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 27th September</b> |       |                            |       |
| St Ives Town                                                                             | 1 - 1 | Bishop's Stortford         | 292   |
| <b>The Emirates FA Cup Third Qualifying Round, Saturday 27th September</b>               |       |                            |       |
| AFC Telford United                                                                       | 4 - 1 | Evesham United             | 1,338 |
| Alvechurch                                                                               | 1 - 2 | Chelmsford City            | 431   |
| Enfield Town                                                                             | 5 - 1 | Quorn                      | 701   |
| Halesowen Town                                                                           | 0 - 0 | Aveley                     | 1,131 |
| Harborough Town                                                                          | 4 - 1 | Peterborough Sports        | 909   |
| Hednesford Town                                                                          | 0 - 0 | Billericay Town            | 2,016 |
| Hemel Hempstead Town                                                                     | 2 - 2 | Hereford                   | 706   |
| Leiston                                                                                  | 0 - 3 | Banbury United             | 236   |
| Needham Market                                                                           | 2 - 1 | Witham Town                |       |
| Royston Town                                                                             | 1 - 5 | King's Lynn Town           |       |
| Spalding United                                                                          | 2 - 1 | Dagenham & Redbridge       | 925   |
| Sutton Coldfield Town                                                                    | 0 - 1 | Stamford                   | 379   |
| <b>The Emirates FA Cup Third Qualifying Round replay, Monday 29th September</b>          |       |                            |       |
| Aveley                                                                                   | 1 - 0 | Halesowen Town             |       |
| <b>The Emirates FA Cup Third Qualifying Round replay, Tuesday 30th September</b>         |       |                            |       |
| Billericay Town                                                                          | 2 - 0 | Hednesford Town            | 636   |

|          |       |                      |
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| Hereford | 0 - 3 | Hemel Hempstead Town |
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### **The Isuzu FA Trophy Third Qualifying Round, Friday 3rd October**

|                |               |            |
|----------------|---------------|------------|
| Worcester City | 2 - 2 (3 - 0) | Rugby Town |
|----------------|---------------|------------|

### **The Isuzu FA Trophy Third Qualifying Round, Saturday 4th October**

|                         |               |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| AFC Rushden & Diamonds  | 3 - 1         | Malvern Town        |
| AFC Sudbury             | 4 - 0         | Bury Town           |
| Anstey Nomads           | 3 - 2         | Stourbridge         |
| Barwell                 | 0 - 3         | Bromsgrove Sporting |
| Basford United          | 0 - 0 (4 - 5) | Alvechurch          |
| Bishop's Stortford      | 4 - 0         | Cray Wanderers      |
| Chatham Town            | 0 - 0 (3 - 2) | Needham Market      |
| Cleethorpes Town        | 0 - 0 (4 - 5) | Redditch United     |
| Evesham United          | 0 - 2         | Ilkeston Town       |
| Gainsborough Trinity    | 3 - 2         | Shifnal Town        |
| Halesowen Town          | 1 - 2         | Leek Town           |
| Harborough Town         | 2 - 0         | Hednesford Town     |
| Lewes                   | 1 - 2         | Leiston             |
| Quorn                   | 2 - 2         | Corby Town          |
| Real Bedford            | 3 - 1         | Stamford            |
| Royston Town            | 0 - 3         | Welling United      |
| Rushall Olympic         | 0 - 2         | Spalding United     |
| Sporting Club Inkberrow | 1 - 2         | Stratford Town      |
| St Ives Town            | 1 - 0         | Kettering Town      |

## **Today's Matches**

### **The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 11th October**

|                            |   |                 |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Alvechurch                 | v | Kettering Town  |
| Bishop's Stortford         | v | Redditch United |
| <b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b> | v | Bury Town       |
| Real Bedford               | v | Barwell         |
| Royston Town               | v | Halesowen Town  |
| Stourbridge                | v | Leiston         |
| Stratford Town             | v | AFC Sudbury     |

## **Forthcoming Matches**

### **The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Monday 13th October**

|         |   |                |
|---------|---|----------------|
| Barwell | v | Banbury United |
|---------|---|----------------|

### **The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Tuesday 14th October**

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

### **The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Wednesday 15th October**

|             |   |                 |
|-------------|---|-----------------|
| Stourbridge | v | Harborough Town |
|-------------|---|-----------------|

# Bromsgrove Sporting Ladies

## Recent Matches

The West Midlands Regional Women's Football League – Division One South - Sunday 28th September

### Kingfisher FC Women 1 Bromsgrove Sporting Ladies 4

Sporting were ahead on 30 minutes, Elloise Russell heading back a cross to Ashleigh Kennedy, who volleyed the ball over the keeper's head and into the net against her former team.

As half time approached, a driving run by Amy Goodison saw her get into a shooting position, which was turned round the post by the goalkeeper. The resulting corner was swung in by Ruby Brett and brilliantly met by Elloise Russell who headed the ball into the corner.

With 68 minutes on the clock, Charlotte Wallis won the ball back and played the ball wide to Ruby Brett, who's pin-point cross was met again by Elloise Russell to sweep the ball home.

Kingfisher were given a lifeline in the 87th minute after the referee gave away an extremely soft penalty, as the attacker fell into Charlotte Wallis. This was converted by the striker.

Sporting rallied after this and continued to push for a 4th goal. Breaking forward, Elloise Russell was brought down on the edge of the box. Elloise got up to take the free-kick herself, brilliantly striking the ball into the top-right corner to complete her hatrick.



The West Midlands Regional Women's Football League - Division One South - Sunday 5th October

### Bromsgrove Sporting Ladies 2 Droitwich Spa LFC 1

It didn't take long for Sporting to take the lead, after Charlotte Wallis and Elloise Russell linked up brilliantly, before Elloise was taken down in the box. Captain Amy Goodison stepped up to slot the ball home from the penalty spot to give Sporting the lead.

Sporting knew they had to start the second half brightly to stifle any response from the visitors. It only took 5 minutes for the Ladies to extend their lead. Alice Eva won the ball back in the attacking half, played through Elloise Russell, who showed great composure to score and make it 2-0.

Droitwich rallied after going 2 behind and managed to pull a goal back with a smart finish by the wing-back.



## Forthcoming Matches

The West Midlands Regional Women's Football League - Division One South - Sunday 12th October  
2:00 pm kick-off at Hereford FC (Edgar Street)

### Hereford FC Women vs Bromsgrove Sporting Ladies

The West Midlands Regional Women's Football League - Division One South - Sunday 19th October  
2:00 pm kick-off at The UK Electrical Stadium

### Bromsgrove Sporting Ladies vs Leamington Ladies FC

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| red & white striped shirts, navy blue shorts and navy blue & red socks |                    | white shirts, navy shirts, white socks |                  |
| Teams to be chosen from the following:                                 |                    |                                        |                  |
| 1                                                                      | Adam Harrison (GK) | 1                                      | Charlie Beckwith |
| 2                                                                      | Josh Ezewele       | 2                                      | Joe White        |
| 3                                                                      | Jack Kelly         | 3                                      | Lewis O’Malley   |
| 4                                                                      | Reece King (Capt)  | 4                                      | Ally Conway      |
| 5                                                                      | Aaron Roberts      | 5                                      | Taylor Parr      |
| 6                                                                      | Ash Carter         | 6                                      | Tommy Hughes     |
| 7                                                                      | Billy Shaw         | 7                                      | Max Maughn       |
| 8                                                                      | Tom Edge           | 8                                      | George Quantrell |
| 9                                                                      | Luke Benbow        | 9                                      | Cemal Ramadan    |
| 10                                                                     | Brad Stretton      | 10                                     | Harley Curtis    |
| 11                                                                     | Koby Arthur        | 11                                     | Mikey Davis      |
| 12                                                                     | Charlie Pavey      | 12                                     | Ethan Mayhew     |
| 14                                                                     | Romehl Critchlow   | 14                                     | Joe Carroll      |
| 15                                                                     | Jack Newell        | 15                                     | Josh Curry       |
| 16                                                                     | James Sanderson    | 16                                     | Kye Webb         |
| 17                                                                     | Taylor Morrison    | 17                                     | Theo Carter      |
| 18                                                                     | Jordan Lyden       | 17                                     |                  |
| 19                                                                     | Gus Sanches        | 18                                     |                  |
| 20                                                                     | Kobe Hall          | 19                                     |                  |
| 21                                                                     | Luke Softley       | 20                                     |                  |
| 22                                                                     | Mekhi Farrell      | 21                                     |                  |

## Match Officials

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Referee:</b>     | <b>Mr M Cartwright</b> |
| <b>Assistant 1:</b> | <b>Mr I Croston</b>    |
| <b>Assistant 2:</b> | <b>Mr J Strumidlo</b>  |



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