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Season 2010/11	<i>Promoted to The Midland Combination Division One</i>
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From the Boardroom - Rod Brown, Chairman



Can we warmly welcome all the directors, management, playing staff and fans of Leiston FC to the UK Electrical stadium today for our Southern League Premier Division Central fixture?

We come into this game with both sides struggling for any consistency in league form. We unfortunately went out of the FA Trophy last week away to Leek Town, going down 3 - 0. Finding the net has become a problem recently and we have failed to score in our last three fixtures.

Away from the pitch I continue to talk with our three main sponsors plus another three local businessmen who are very interested in putting together a financial and commercial proposal that can put the Club as a whole on a stable footing.

Trying to maintain step three football is a challenge for all football clubs at this level and unfortunately, money is the necessary evil.

We as a club continually try to find ways to engage the wider community but the catch 22 is that if the team is doing well on the pitch and winning games then more people come in to watch. To win more games we need better players, that then increases the budget. We must find ways to make the facilities that we have, the assets sweat! Hence, why I hope to finalise negotiations with this local consortium.

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Rod

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Manager - Scott Adey-Linforth



Good afternoon everybody and it is good to be back at the UK Electrical Stadium after a 2½ week absence.

Unfortunately, we have hit a sticky patch after a decent run of matches starting with the win against Banbury United in September.

Against Harborough Town, we were up against the team at the top of the league who at that point were unbeaten. We played well in that match but were unfortunate to lose to a late goal.

We thought that we would carry that form into the next match away to Worcester City at The Sixways Stadium but that did not happen, and I was disappointed to lose an important local derby. We were well off the pace and on the night, Worcester deserved their win. I apologise to travelling fans for our performance as we can play much better than that.

On to our match last Saturday against Leek Town in the FA Trophy when I was hoping that we could progress to the next round for the first time. We rode our luck a little bit in the first half but played well going in all square at 0-0 at half-time. However the mistake that led to their scoring a penalty cost us dearly and having lost our composure, it was difficult to get back into the game. However, the final scoreline was a bit generous for them as they scored another couple of late goals.

Since then, we have had a busy schedule working hard in training and playing a couple of practice matches.

Today we face Leiston who are a good side, and they will be no pushover, so we need to be focused and at our best.

Last Saturday Luke Benbow returned to the team after an injury, so it was good to get him back on the pitch. Also, Jack Newell and Jordan Lyden are now both fit again so with no real injuries, I have a full squad to choose from.

As usual my thanks for all your support and we will do our best to get maximum points today.

Scott

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	<p>Karl Fellows <i>First Team Coach</i> Available for sponsorship</p>		<p>Matt Ballard <i>Goalkeeping Coach</i> Available for sponsorship</p>
	<p>Dean Ashford <i>Club Kit Man</i> Sponsored by Phil & Jane Baker</p>		<p>Dan Eyre <i>Sports Therapist</i> Available for sponsorship</p>
	<p>Reece King <i>Team Captain/ Midfielder</i> Sponsored by Kevin Baggott</p>		<p>Adam Harrison <i>Goalkeeper</i> Sponsored by Keaton Troth</p>
	<p>Charlie McNamara <i>Goalkeeper</i> Available for sponsorship</p>		<p>Koby Arthur <i>Midfielder</i> Sponsored by Happy House Childminding Services.</p>

Meet The Rouslers (2)



Luke Benbow
Striker
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Josh Burgess
Defender
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Finlay Carson
Midfielder
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vice-captain
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**James Freeman at
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Profile:
Luke Softley
Defender



Birthplace and Date of Birth?	Worcester, 4/10/04 (age 21)
Height, weight?	6' 2", 81kg
Left or right footed?	Right
Previous Clubs?	Aston Villa, Hungerford Town
Football Honours?	FA Youth Cup with Aston Villa. Won tournaments in Frankfurt, Germany and Prague, Czech Republic.
Best moment playing football?	Walking out on Villa Park as captain of the Academy.
Biggest influence on your career?	My Dad
Which team do you support?	Manchester United
Favourite all-time player?	Sergio Ramos
Best player you have played against?	Philippe Coutinho
Favourite position on the pitch:	Centre-back
What boots do you wear?	Black Tempos
What football law would you change?	Change extra time to golden goal
Which team do you most like to beat?	Any in a local derby
Nickname in the changing room?	Softs
Do you play any other sports?	Try to play golf but not great
Relationship?	Single
Kids?	No
Pets?	Cockapoo called Willow, two rabbits, Wallace and Winston
Where do you live?	Bewdley
Job outside football?	Coach kids' football
What car do you drive?	Audi A4
Favourite food?	Fajitas or a good burger
Favourite drink?	Orange Lucozade and a fruity cider
Favourite biscuit?	Chocolate Hobnobs
Favourite Newspaper	Don't read them
Favourite TV programme?	The Traitors
Favourite Film?	Any Harry Potter
Favourite actor or actress?	Kevin Hart, Scarlett Johansson
Favourite band or singer?	Wouldn't say that I have a favourite as I listen to a lot of everything
Favourite Album or Single?	Piano man - Billy Joewl
Guilty Pleasure?	I like Harry Potter books and films
Least like to sit next to on an aeroplane?	Robbo (Aaron Roberts) or Carts (Ash Carter)
Put in Room 101	Leaner drivers and Lee Mack
Favourite Holiday destination?	Portugal
Top of Bucket List	To travel the world and see every continent, do a skydive and a safari
Claim to fame?	My Mom played international badminton for England!



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From The Archives, 11 Years Ago

Saturday 1st November 2014 - 3:00 p.m. kick-off, F.A. Vase - Round 1

Bromsgrove Sporting (3)3 Nuneaton Griff (1)2

The Rouslers progressed to the 2nd Round of the F.A. Vase at the expense of Nuneaton Griff thanks mainly to a three-goal burst in 15 minutes at the end of the first half.

The visitors started the game strongly and quickly had Bromsgrove on the back foot, twice hitting the woodwork in the first 5 minutes. In the first minute Aden Moore's shot was tipped onto the post by Jake Bedford and then a low drive from Jack Colley hit the base of the right-hand post from the edge of the area a couple of minutes later.

The Griff took the lead on 15 minutes when they scythed through a motionless home defence and Adam Russell found Moore in acres of space in the area to give Bedford no chance from 12 yards.

This cajoled the home side into life and after Sam Wills had hit the side netting after great approach play by Will Tibbetts, they equalised on the half hour when Sean Brain netted from close range after Aaron Daniels had forced his way into the left-hand side of the area and delivered a perfect cross.

Bromsgrove were almost ahead within seconds of the restart Brain crossing for fellow striker Daniels to hit the post. The home team continued to press hard, and they took the lead on 40 minutes when a Reece Hewitt finished a strong run into the area with a pinpoint cross that Tibbetts head past a stranded Alex Horton.

The Nuneaton 'keeper was fortunate to escape with only a yellow card on the stroke of half time when he brought down livewire Brain from an accurate Hewitt pass. The penalty was struck by Tibbetts at the right height for Horton to make a save to his right, but the Sporting player made amends seconds later when he extended Bromsgrove's lead with a header from Brain's cross just before the interval.

The visitors scored on 53 minutes to reduce the deficit to a solitary goal when Moore scored his second with a low shot after great work by Jack Colley.

The remainder of the half was an entertaining affair, most of the chances falling to Bromsgrove who were deprived from extending their lead by poor shot selection and some decent saves by Horton. Bedford was never seriously tested by Nuneaton as the Bromsgrove defence were not really further troubled

At the final whistle Sporting Supporters were singing "We're on our way to Wembley"; it's a mere 6 further victories away.

Sporting: Jake Bedford, Chris Duggan, Chris Sockett, Simon Fitter (Capt.), Craig Jones, Ryan Mahon, Will Tibbetts (Jozsef Jakab 67 mins), Reece Hewitt, Aaron Daniels, Sam Wills (Charlie Wilson 84 mins), Sean Brain (Danny Lennon 67 mins). Unused subs: Scott Smith, Luyanda Kwinana

Griff: Alex Horton, Ryan Aston (Connor Corden 86 mins), Andy Evans, Mark Williams (Capt.), Liam Baginskis (Josh Wills 80 mins), Corey Faulconbridge, Connor Faulconbridge, Steve Fekekang, Adam Russell, Aden Moore, Jack Colley. Unused subs: Josh McEwan, Ben Scoffham
Referee: Mr P Hamblin (Hereford), Assistants: Mr J Widdett (Worcester), Mr D Anfield (Worcester)

Crowd: 319 Weather: Dry Sporting Man of the Match: Chris Duggan

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Cathedrals of capital: Europe's stadium arms race escalates

As Barcelona's revamped Spotify Camp Nou begins to reopen, the game's new temples promise both grandeur and gridlock



One day next month, part of the upgraded 'Spotify Camp Nou' will open in Barcelona as the architectural arms race of European football stadiums intensifies.

The new grounds of the biggest clubs are competing for scale, grandeur, naming rights and what used to be called turnstile cash. Barcelona travel to Real Madrid for the Clasico last weekend knowing their claim to inhabit the game's largest cathedral will be restored in stages after two years in temporary accommodation at the Olympic Stadium.

The Santiago Bernabeu, which will host them, was refurbished with a wraparound skin to become a more fitting luxury entertainment centre. Gone were the echoes of the Puskás and Di Stéfano era, the salty taste of Madrid life the old Bernabeu evoked.

This week Barcelona's treasurer Ferran Olive admitted they should have started the Camp Nou's reconstruction "years ago," adding, "we're late."

La Liga's house envy can be traced in part to Europe's paranoia about the financial dominance of England's Premier League. Status anxiety, commercial mega-partnerships and gigantism are also driving competition in the 60,000-100,000 seat range. In an increasingly Americanised sport, you can trace the construction template as well to the major US cities.

If 'Spotify Camp Nou' sounds all wrong, it's here to stay. A club that recoiled at shirt sponsorships before making an exception for Unicef went full download in 2022 on a colossal deal with the music streamer. With the refurb, the club expects annual stadium revenue to rise on completion in 2027 from £151m now to £347m. The final phase is a kind of Barcelona heresy: a full roof.

While Valencia have a third go at selling the historic Mestalla, Inter and AC Milan prepare to shed the skin of the San Siro for a new 71,500-seat amphitheatre in time for the 2032 European Championship. It's not just Spain and England in the grip of a building frenzy.

Here at home, Everton's Hill Dickinson Stadium is the latest architectural behemoth. When it opened in 2006 with 60,704 vantage points, Arsenal's Emirates Stadium satisfied the dreams of the most ambitious Islingtonian. Now, there is talk of the team relocating to Wembley for a rebuild that would add 10,000 places and take the Emirates into the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium modernity league.

In Manchester, United's fantasy is a 100,000-seat arena with a mini-city wrapped around it, with an estimated £2bn cost. Urban regeneration is the go-to spin for clubs chasing local authority help and even central government funding. Manchester City are also pressing on with a £300m expansion of the Etihad Stadium from 53,400 to 60,000 seats.

Another club in nation state ownership, Newcastle, are trying to decide whether to redevelop St James' Park or start afresh at Leazes Park. Reported uncertainty over how much the club's Saudi owners would be willing to invest in construction makes this one a slow burner.

In London, Stamford Bridge's 42,000 capacity has long tormented Chelsea. They want 60,000 places (that magic minimum number again) but remain stuck in the bind of whether to redevelop 'the Bridge' or build a new ground nearby. Either option would be hideously expensive.

Fans of all these clubs will feel both awe and dread. Awe, because the Evertonian flavour of Goodison Park was consigned to history faster than predicted when supporters drank in the Hill Dickinson's splendour. Nostalgia for what White Hart Lane represented was set aside when fans began gathering in what feels like a giant outdoor business class lounge.

The dread kicks in when regulars at the biggest grounds try to get there or get away after the match - an under-reported trial of the spirit. The derision heaped on those who leave before the end ignores their understandable urge to avoid heading to a train station at 10pm at the same time as 60,000 others.

When they were built, the new homes occupied by Middlesbrough, Southampton, Leicester and Brighton assumed heroic scale. All clubs in the 20,000-40,000 bracket are now scrambling for other ways to compete with rivals bringing in two or three times their gate receipts. Player sales make up much of the difference. Happily, Bournemouth started the week third in the Premier League table with an 11,307 capacity.

Now, even adequate big grounds are considered anachronistic. It's forever champagne o'clock for lawyers, developers, builders and architects. But before we grow too smug about the UK's arenas, fan surveys say the actual football and tradition are still more important than architecture. Popularity polls tend to nominate Barcelona, Real Madrid, AC/Inter Milan, Bayern Munich and Liverpool as the top five.

If the football boom ever ends, and these super-grounds struggle (like British pubs increasingly) to get people in, there will be a lot of half-empty real estate out there - palaces, that could perhaps serve as climate disaster havens, like the New Orleans Superdome after Hurricane Katrina.

For now, the construction mania is itself a good spectator sport. It will leave a replica urban American landscape across Europe. The stadiums shrink the average spectator to a dot and create vast human flows onto transport networks.

We talk all the time about the inflationary traffic of players between the richest clubs. Those big names will come and go. But the stunning architecture of the 21st century TV rights and speculator bonanza will remain. Enjoy - and good luck getting home.

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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Spalding United	12	8	2	2	31	16	+15	26
2	Harborough Town	11	7	4	0	19	5	+14	25
3	Quorn	12	7	2	3	25	15	+10	23
4	Redditch United	13	7	2	4	22	16	+6	23
5	Real Bedford	12	6	3	3	20	13	+7	21
6	Leiston	13	5	6	2	23	19	+4	21
7	Needham Market	12	6	3	3	19	15	+4	21
8	Alvechurch	13	6	2	5	16	12	+4	20
9	Halesowen Town	13	5	5	3	20	17	+3	20
10	Kettering Town	13	6	2	5	20	19	+1	20
11	Bishop's Stortford	12	6	1	5	21	15	+6	19
12	Stratford Town	12	5	3	4	15	16	-1	18
13	St Ives Town	12	4	4	4	16	12	+4	16
14	Barwell	12	4	3	5	19	20	-1	15
15	Worcester City	12	3	5	4	15	12	+3	14
16	Bury Town	13	4	2	7	13	20	-7	14
17	Bromsgrove Sporting	13	4	1	8	14	24	-10	13
18	Banbury United	11	3	3	5	16	21	-5	12
19	Stourbridge	12	2	4	6	13	21	-8	10
20	Royston Town	12	1	4	7	12	26	-14	7
21	AFC Sudbury	11	2	1	8	8	26	-18	7
22	Stamford AFC	12	0	4	8	5	22	-17	4

Table as at Saturday 25th October 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	H	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	D 2 - 2	855	10	18	Charlie Pavey
Tue	14-Oct	7:45 PM	H	Stamford	Southern League	W 2 - 0	352	13	14	Josh Ezeweke
Sat	18-Oct	3:00 PM	A	Harborough Town	Southern League	L 0 - 1	732	13	15	Ash Carter
Tue	21-Oct	7:45 PM	A	Worcester City	Southern League	L 0 - 3	899	13	16	Billy Shaw
Sat	25-Oct	3:00 PM	A	Leek Town	FA Trophy R1	L 0 - 3	406	-	-	Adam Harrison
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					
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

Name	League							Cups							Season Total				Sporting Career						
	App	Sub	Bench	Capt	Yellow	Reds	Assts	Goals	App	Sub	Bench	Capt	Yellow	Reds	Assts	Goals	App	Sub	Tot	Assts	Goals	App	Sub	Tot	Goals
Koby Arthur		11	2		1				2	1						13	13					13	13		
Luke Benbow	5				1	1	2	1	2							5	2	7	2	1		5	2	7	1
Josh Burgess																									
Finlay Carson			2																						
Ash Carter	8			2	1			2		1						10	10				43	43	1		
<i>Nick Clayton-Phillips</i>	4	3						1							1	5	3	8	1		5	3	8	1	
Romehl Critchlow		3	3						1							3	3					3	3		
Tom Edge	12			4				3								15	15				15	15			
Josh Ezewele	9	1				1		1	1							10	2	12	1		20	2	22		
Mekhi Farrell			1						1																
Kobe Hall	4	7				1	2	2	1			1	1			6	8	14	2	2	9	12	21	2	
Adam Harrison	13			1				3								16	16				16	16			
Jack Kelly	8	3			3	3		2								10	3	13	3		10	3	13		
Reece King	8	1		8	3	1		2	1	2						10	2	12	1		57	2	59	5	
Jordan Lyden	1	4	2					1	1	1						2	4	6			7	17	24		
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		
Jack Newell	9			1		1	2	1							1	11	1	12	2		104	27	131	8	
Charlie Pavey	8			3	2	2	2					1				10	10	3	2		10		10	2	
Aaron Roberts	8							2								10	10				325	14	339	23	
Gus Sanches	7	5	1		2	1	3	1	1	1		1				8	6	14	1	3	8	18	26	5	
James Sanderson	2	2				1		1	1							3	3	6	1		3	3	6		
Billy Shaw	13			2	1	2	3					1	2			16	16	2	4		65	11	76	8	
Luke Softley	9		2		4		1	3				1	1			12	12	1	1		12		12	1	
Bradley Stretton	2	4					1									2	4	6	1		2	4	6	1	
<i>Aksum White</i>	4		1					1								5	5				68	17	85		
Own Goal							1														1				

Up to and including Saturday 25th October 2025

Bromsgrove Sporting - Player Profiles

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

A strong and attacking full back, Josh Ezewe 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.

Name: Mekhi Farrell	Squad Number:	DoB:
Position: Defender	Height:	Weight:
Previous Clubs:		
Recent arrival at the UK Electrical Stadium.		

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.

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.

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.

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.

Name: Jordan Lyden	Squad Number: 18	DoB: 30/1/96, Perth, Australia
Position: Centre midfielder	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.

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.

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.

Name: Charlie Pavey	Squad Number:	DoB: 26/3/06
Position: Midfield/Forward	Height:	Weight:
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.		
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.		
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.		
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.		
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.		
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.		
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 adds quality and depth to the attack.		

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Thanks to Steve Richards for doing the quizzes again this season

Here is number 8, a few general questions

1. Who are the only remaining EFL club yet to lose a league match this season?
2. Losing to Sporting in our last home match, who are the only Southern League Premier Central club yet to win a league match this season?
3. Who are the only non-Premier League or Championship club left in this season's EFL Cup?
4. Which former Rousler is (joint) top scorer in the Southern League Premier Central with seven goals this season?
5. Who are the only visiting club so far to win at Everton's new ground?
6. Previously unbeaten Liverpool have now lost their last four league matches in a row, against which clubs?

Answers: 1) Coventry City 2) Stamford 3) Cardiff City 4) Jason Cowley 5) Tottenham Hotspur 6) Brentford, Manchester United, Chelsea and Crystal Palace

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Today's Visitors - Leiston FC - Club History



Leiston Town Football Club were first established in 1880 and at the time were undoubtedly closely associated with the striving Richard Garrett Engineering Works based in the town. The club joined the North Suffolk League in the early 1890's and games were played on the old Recreation Ground adjacent to Gas Hill (now known as Park Hill) and players would change either at the White Horse Hotel or at the Works Hall. At the turn of the century

the club competed in the FA Amateur Cup and after the First World War made their FA Cup debut.

The club has competed in nine League competitions in their history namely North Suffolk, Suffolk & Ipswich (Ipswich & District), Southeast Anglian, East Anglian, Essex & Suffolk Border, Norfolk and Suffolk, Eastern Counties, Isthmian and Southern.

After the First World War Richard Garrett's bought the land off Victory Road, providing a sports area and clubhouse for the local community naming it the Leiston Works Athletic Association in 1921 and this has been the home for the Football Club for over 100 years although the ground name was changed in the 1980's to LTAA (Leiston Town Athletics Association) following the closure of the Garrett's Works.

The club has been playing at Step 3 for thirteen seasons, making the end of season play off's twice and for the new season will have Chris Wigger at the helm as First Team Manager. The Reserves currently play at Step 6 and have done so since 2014. The Youth side (Under 18) are part of the Eastern Counties set up while the striving boys and girls Youth sections compete in the Eastern Junior Alliance and South Suffolk Youth Leagues.

Leiston Town were 'full members' of the Football Association from the early 1950's until 1982 during which time the club received the 'Illuminated Address' from the Football Association to celebrate the club's centenary. In the mid 1980's the club dropped the Town part to become just Leiston FC, but the club regained its Full Membership with the FA in 2020 after a few years as Associate Members. Leiston Youth side were the first club in Suffolk to enter the FA Youth Challenge Cup reaching the First Round and a trip to Highbury to face Arsenal in 1954. Later this century the club first entered the FA Vase in 1987 before first entering the FA Trophy in 2011. Leiston have appeared in 34 Suffolk FA County cups (Senior) and have won the Premier Cup (2), Senior Cup (1), Junior Cup (4) and Charity Cup (4). In the last 20 odd years, as well as League titles, they have also won the Jewson League Division One KO Trophy and the East Anglian Cup.

The Record against Leiston

Sporting have played Leiston nine times, all in the Southern League Premier Division Central. These matches include Sporting's record win and defeat at this level.

Back in season 2019/20 on 2nd November, Sporting visited Victory Road and came away with an 8 - 0 win. Hat-tricks from Greg Mills and Mikey Taylor were seen by a crowd of 148.

Since then, Leiston have pretty much had the advantage and in season 2022/23 on 15th October, they ran out 7 - 1 winners at the Victoria Ground watched by 618 spectators. The record between the two clubs is as follows:

Venue	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
Home	4	0	1	3	1	12
Away	5	2	1	2	13	6
Overall	9	2	2	5	14	18

The last match played was on 18th January earlier this year at the UK Electrical Stadium when Leiston won 1 - 0. The only goal coming from Kyran Clements on the 90th minute with 725 fans in attendance.

There is no record of Bromsgrove Rovers having played Leiston.

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

THE week leading up to Halloween proved to be something of a horror show for Non-League bosses everywhere as the managerial merry-go-round clicked into overdrive. As a result, it caused endless nightmares for us at NLP Towers as the news pages had to be constantly updated and, in the case of John Coleman's Friday afternoon arrival at Aldershot Town, ripped up and rewritten completely.

We were perhaps given a sign of what was to come when Kettering Town announced the departure of Simon Hollyhead just minutes after their 4-0 defeat at Redditch United on Saturday with the former assistant at Champions League side Malmö having resigned from his Poppies' post at two days previous.

It's fair to say it wasn't a good week for Isthmian League bosses with a high percentage of departures coming in and around the M25.

Club legend Drew Cooney left East Grinstead Town after four years in charge. Cooney made over 500 appearances for the Wasps before taking over the hotseat in 2021. He quit after picking up just one win from his opening 11 games in charge of the Isthmian Southeast club.

League rivals Hastings United also made a change with former Whitehawk boss David Altendorff replacing Lee Carey in the U's hotseat, while former England manager Peter Taylor stood down at Isthmian North side Canvey Island after five months in charge following the Gulls' midweek defeat to Benfleet in the Essex Senior Cup.

Tilbury too have new joint-bosses with George Christou and Jack Toghli coming in for Marc Harrison and Liam Wallace, who left the Dockers by mutual consent.

It was all change also at Lewes after it was announced that popular former boss Craig Nelson had returned to the Dripping Pan hotseat after six months away, replacing Bradley Pritchard. Nelson steered the Rooks to their best league start in over a decade last season before being snapped up by Tonbridge Angels.

There's no busier owner in English football right now than Bracknell Town's Kayne Steinborn-Busse. He is looking for his FIFTH manager in the space of just 17 league games after dispensing with former Wealdstone and Notts County assistant Matt Saunders. Saunders had just one point and an FA Cup win over Tadley Calleva to show for his seven games in charge of the Robins - a tenure which will be remembered for releasing the club's two longest serving players after questioning the commitment of the senior members of the squad.

Perhaps the highest profile departure last week was that of Altrincham chief Phil Parkinson after eight years at Moss Lane. The 44-year-old led the Robins to two promotions in three seasons, from the NPL Premier to the National League, and then a play-off campaign in 2023-24, where they finished fourth before falling to Bromley in the semi-finals. However, after losing a plethora of key players in the summer, including the likes of Regan Linney, Justin Amaluzor and Alex Newby, the Robins have struggled to find the same consistency this season and Parkinson leaves after a seven-match unbeaten league run.

Altrincham will now be looking to appoint a new man in charge, much like league rivals Aldershot Town, who brought in John Coleman to replace Tommy Widdrington, who left a fortnight ago, and has since rejoined Eastbourne Borough. Harsh perhaps on Alan Dowson, who took interim charge of team affairs for Saturday's trip to Scunthorpe and told The NLP of his desire to make the most of his opportunity in the Shots hotseat. Dowson, the former Woking, Hampton & Richmond Borough and Kingstonian boss, has now left the EBB Stadium and looking for his next challenge.

At Step 5, Richard Brodie left Glossop North End after two years in charge of Northwest Counties League side and is now back playing with former club Skelmersdale United at the age of 38.

Dan Bailey quit as player/manager and coach of Combined Counties Premier North strugglers Virginia Water, Mark Scott resigned from Southwest Peninsula Premier East side Axminster Town after a 12th successive defeat and Clay Cross Town's management team of Ian Cotton, his assistant Ian Birtley and player/coach Kieran Coupe joined United Counties Premier North rivals AFC Mansfield.

Aaannnnd breathe. Until the next instalment anyway. Happy Halloween everyone.

And here is last week's contribution by Matt Badcock, Editor, The Non-League Paper.

THERE'S something about seeing an outfield player having to go in goal that always stick in the memory.

Be it for an injury or a red card, the sight of a big defender - or even a slight midfielder - reluctantly standing between the posts can liven up even the dullest of games.

Perhaps it's the oversized top and gloves, mixed with the emergency stopper's shorts and socks. Maybe it's that every cross into the box seems to be laced with added jeopardy.

In my case, it's happening to be at a game when the volunteer even saves a penalty as Niall Quinn once did for Manchester City!

Whether it's clearing routine low shots with a cultured hoof rather than a comfortable two hands - surely anyone who does it comes out with an appreciation of what it's like to actually be a goalkeeper. As we all know, it's position where any mistake is in the full glare of everyone watching and tends to end up in the net.

It came to mind after a story we carried in last Sunday's NLP about Clevedon Town striker Sam Beresford - he played in goal for two different teams, only three weeks apart!

Beresford was called upon for what proved to be his final game for Bridgwater United when goalkeeper Ben John was forced off injured at half-time in a match against Helston Athletic.

With no keeper on the bench, Beresford, a summer signing from Clevedon, took the gloves and did enough to earn Bridgwater a 3-2 win.

Front man Beresford then left United to re-join Clevedon in September and returned to the day job, adding two goals in ten games to his previous Clevedon tally of 46 in 85.

But the striker was soon back in unfamiliar(ish) territory a week recently when the Western League leaders took on Wellington.

Goalkeeper Jacob Glover was forced to leave the field after only 18 minutes of his Seasiders debut when he injured his shoulder trying to prevent Wellington scoring.

Beresford took the gloves and pulled off a string of fine saves to keep the visitors at bay earning him man of the match honours.

Beresford's heroics went on to help secure the Seasiders a 3-1 win, but managers Nic Steadman and Jamie Smith will be banking on him to score the goals, rather than keep them out!

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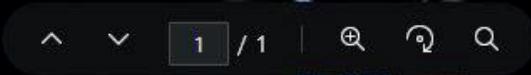
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Josh Ezewele and Tom Edge in action against Harborough Town.



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Bishop's Stortford	1 - 4	Spalding United	289
Bromsgrove Sporting	2 - 0	Stamford	352
Bury Town	1 - 0	St Ives Town	510
Halesowen Town	2 - 3	Redditch United	1,078
Royston Town	1 - 3	Leiston	217
Stratford Town	1 - 0	Worcester City	772
The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 18th October			
Banbury United	0 - 3	Halesowen Town	606
Harborough Town	1 - 0	Bromsgrove Sporting	732
Leiston	2 - 2	Barwell	237
Needham Market	3 - 0	Stourbridge	325
Quorn	2 - 0	Bury Town	332
Real Bedford	2 - 0	Royston Town	386
Redditch United	4 - 0	Kettering Town	610
Spalding United	5 - 1	AFC Sudbury	557
St Ives Town	2 - 0	Alvechurch	263
Stamford	1 - 2	Stratford Town	340
Worcester City	2 - 0	Bishop's Stortford	787
The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Monday 20th October			
Redditch United	1 - 0	Alvechurch	777
The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Tuesday 21st October			
Banbury United	0 - 2	Kettering Town	574
Harborough Town	0 - 0	Stratford Town	392
Leiston	3 - 1	AFC Sudbury	123
Quorn	2 - 2	Halesowen Town	311
Real Bedford	3 - 1	Stourbridge	212
Spalding United	4 - 0	Royston Town	440
Worcester City	3 - 0	Bromsgrove Sporting	899
The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Wednesday 22nd October			
Needham Market	4 - 2	Bury Town	1,105
The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 25th October			
Kettering Town	0 - 1	Needham Market	928
Stamford	0 - 4	Barwell	261
The Isuzu FA Trophy - First Round, Saturday 25th October			
AFC Sudbury	2 - 1	Leiston	245
Alvechurch	0 - 0 (4 - 3)	Worcester City	412
Anstey Nomads	4 - 0	Stratford Town	391
Harborough Town	4 - 1	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	702
Ilkeston Town	3 - 1	St Ives Town	375
Leek Town	3 - 0	Bromsgrove Sporting	406
Real Bedford	3 - 2	Ashford United	
Redditch United	1 - 2	Gainsborough Trinity	
Spalding United	0 - 1	Corby Town	627
The Isuzu FA Trophy - First Round, Sunday 26th October			
Bracknell Town	1 - 0	Banbury United	

Today's Matches

The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 1st November

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

Forthcoming Matches

The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Tuesday 4th November

AFC Sudbury	v	Royston Town
Spalding United	v	Quorn
Stratford Town	v	Needham Market

The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 8th November

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

Bromsgrove Sporting has some exciting opportunities for female footballers to be part of our growing pathway!

Our Vision

To establish Bromsgrove Sporting as the flagship venue for female football in the West Midlands, by offering facilities and coaching in an atmosphere that is conducive to nurturing and developing the talent from within the local community and the creation of a pathway to the first team and beyond.

- The Pathway

The establishment of the female football pathway is an integral part of Bromsgrove Sporting Football



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- The younger age group teams from under 8 to under 16.

Over the next few years, we plan to get girls playing football at all age groups, with the emphasis on skills development, team engagement and the creation of friendships.

- The under 18 team

This is for the younger aspiring players who have shown potential and need to gain experience in a very competitive environment in order to progress to the first team.

- The Ladies Development team

A mixture of experienced players, supported by younger girls, who are looking to take the next step into adult ladies' football - this will act as an ideal preparation for the first team.

- The Ladies First team

The goal for the first team is to play at the highest level possible, providing the opportunity for local 'home grown' players to progress as far as their abilities and commitment will take them.

Spotlight on our Girls Under 14's team

The Under 14 girls have had a challenging run of fixtures to start the new season but have put in some good performances and been very competitive without quite getting the results they've deserved in the early exchanges.

We have introduced a couple of new signings over the summer, and they have settled in brilliantly



and already established themselves with this very close group of friends. This season is their first season using full-size 11v11 goals so that has taken a little getting used to, but our goalkeeper is already pulling off fantastic saves and improving her positional sense with every game.

Our core focus for the player development this season is adapting footballing principles and tactical awareness to their game, alongside continuing to work on technical aspects and tailoring the individual training

needs.

Our centre half, Roisin sustained a detached ACL and fractured tibia injury back in January this year and after surgery and working tirelessly on her recovery with the excellent assistance of Sporting's very own physio Dan Eyre, she has made a brilliant comeback and played every minute of the new season so far, even managing to get a player of the match award in our most recent league game. The under14s are a great group of very close friends and absolutely love playing together.

Bromsgrove Sporting Ladies

Recent Matches

The West Midlands Regional Women's Football League - Division One South - Sunday 19th October

Bromsgrove Sporting Ladies 1 Leamington Ladies 4

Sporting's perfect start to the season came to an end today against Leamington.

A very poor showing from Sporting saw them concede 2 goals inside the first 5 minutes. From then on, Sporting were chasing the game and found it difficult to get into the game and were not able to play their normal, fluid football.

Half time: Sporting 0-2 Leamington.

The second half started brighter from Sporting, creating a couple of brilliant opportunities that were not taken.

On 65 minutes, a well-struck freekick by Leamington's player found the top corner to make it 3-0.

Sporting did grab a goal on 78 minutes. Amy Goodison's throw-in found Elloise Russell who found the back of the net.

As Sporting pushed for a 2nd, Leamington broke away and scored a 4th to seal the victory.

Full time: Sporting 1-4 Leamington

A poor performance, where the Ladies did not turn up on the day. A well-deserved victory for our visitors.

Player of the match went to Amy Goodison. Amy covered every blade of grass and won many battles throughout the game. Amy drove forward with the ball to create chances and came up with the assist for Sporting's goal.

Amy is sponsored by Bev & Richard Claydon and Ian Jelfs.

The West Midlands Regional Women's Football League - Division One South - Sunday 26th October

Halesowen Town Ladies 1 Bromsgrove Sporting Ladies 3

Sporting Ladies bounced back to winning ways today, away to Halesowen Town.

On a rainy day, with a very bobbly playing surface, Sporting started very brightly to put the Halesowen defence under pressure. In the 6th minute, a ball over the top to Laura Shanley put her in a great position to shoot but was pushed over by the defender who received a yellow card. Unfortunately, the penalty was saved by the Halesowen keeper.

Despite this, Sporting continued their pressure, creating chances, but the final ball was not quite falling for Sporting to open the scoreline. The Ladies did open the scoring on 40 minutes, when Elloise's freekick found the bottom corner.



Half time: Halesowen 0-1 Bromsgrove

Knowing that Halesowen were going to push for an equaliser, Sporting controlled play for the opening 5 minutes of the 2nd half.

Sporting wanted to create some space between themselves and Halesowen going into the 2nd half and pushed for a second goal. This goal came on 70 minutes. Amy Goodison won the ball in midfield, played the ball to Ashleigh Kennedy, who lifted the ball over the defence to Elloise Russell. Elloise ran onto the ball and brilliantly lifted it over the goalkeeper to make it 2-0.

A few minutes later, Halesowen got a goal back after Sporting switched off defensively from a Halesowen corner, allowing an attacker to poke the ball home at the near post. This did not dishearten the Ladies, who pushed forward many more times in the last 15 minutes. The 3 points were wrapped up in the 80th minute, when Alice Eva lifted the ball through to Elloise Russell, who tried to replicate her 2nd goal. Elloise's first attempt hit the post, but she followed up well to finish, securing the win and her hat-trick!

Player of the match went to match winner Elloise Russell. Elloise's hard work, constant running and clinical finishing helped grab all 3 points away to Halesowen this weekend!

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Fixture

The West Midlands Regional Women's Football League - Division One South - Sunday 2nd November

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Today's Teams

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Teams to be chosen from the following:			
1	Adam Harrison (GK)	1	Billy Johnson (GK)
2	Josh Ezewele	2	Marcus Mehew (GK)
3	Jack Kelly	3	Fraser Alexander
4	Reece King (Capt)	4	Ronnie Blois
5	Aaron Roberts	5	Kyle Callan-McFadden
6	Ash Carter	6	Willie Clemons
7	Billy Shaw	7	Seb Dunbar (Capt)
8	Tom Edge	8	Ben Fowkes
9	Luke Benbow	9	Jude Frostick
10	Brad Stretton	10	Wyatt Hill
11	Koby Arthur	11	Eddie Jackson
12	Taylor Morrison	12	Ryan Jarvis
14	Charlie Pavey	13	Jack Manley
15	Jack Newell	14	Adam Mills
16	James Sanderson	15	Ewan Morgan Partlett
17	Luke Softley	16	Joao Soares Rangel
18	Jordan Lyden	17	Cameron Rayworth
19	Gus Sanches	18	Billy Walsh
20	Kobe Hall	19	Manager - Chris Wigger
21	Mekhi Farrell	20	Asst Manager - Ryan Jarvis
22	Finlay Carson	21	Head Coach - Lee Norfolk
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