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## **From the Boardroom - Rod Brown, Chairman**



Firstly, can we welcome all the directors, management, players and fans of Royston Town for their visit to our UK Electrical stadium today.

We come into this fixture on the back of an excellent result and performance against Leiston last Saturday.

Leiston were sixth in the league coming into the game and we more than matched them and in fact we should have probably won by a larger margin.

I believe this fixture today and next week's game with Stourbridge will really identify

where we as a team as with both opponents are below us in the league?

Today, we also welcome a new goalkeeper signing in Rory Brown, a loan agreement with Solihull Moors, Rory has featured for their first team, and we all wish him the best.

It was also great to see our Ladies First team got back to winning ways with a good 7 - 0 win last Sunday here in Bromsgrove against Kingfisher Women.

Following the Annual General Meeting (AGM) last Thursday evening of the company that owns the Club (Bromsgrove Sporting Limited), I announced to all the shareholders present where the club currently stands, which is financially very precarious whilst the crowds are struggling, and the costs associated with Step 3 football.

However, I also updated everyone on the progress of a consortium that I have managed to put together of local businessmen, three of which currently support the club, who will hopefully put a 'rescue' package proposal together which will I believe to be essential but very exciting for the Club's future.

Watch this space and hopefully by the end of the month, I will have more to announce.

Meanwhile, let's all enjoy today's match.

## **Rod**

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## Manager - Scott Adey-Linforth



Good afternoon, everybody and welcome to today's match against Royston Town.

Can I start as usual with our last match played a week ago against Leiston? After three successive defeats, albeit away from home, I was really pleased to get a good result. We were really good on the ball in the first half and went in a half-time with a deserved lead. Second half, we had to do more defending, but I felt that we were in overall control for most of the match and apart from their goal kept them out.

Leiston, I think will be challenging for at least a play-off place towards the end of the season, so it was doubly pleasing to win the game late on with Luke Benbow coming off the bench to get the winning goal.

I must also make a big mention of Jack Newell who had an outstanding game and deservedly was given the Man-of-the-Match award.

On to today and we face a Royston team in an unfamiliar position near the foot of the table but from past experience they are a tough side and the last thing we shall do is underestimate them.

Last week, virtually all fans stayed until the end of the match despite the heavy and driving rain. That was much appreciated by the management team and the players. Having good support at matches really does have an influence and makes it a harder place for opposing teams to come and get a result.

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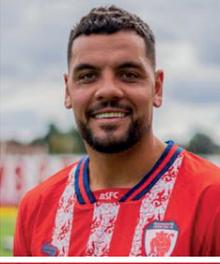
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## From The Archives, 4 Years Ago

Tuesday 9th November 2021 - 7:45 p.m. kick-off, The Southern League Premier Division Central

### Bromsgrove Sporting (0)1 Tamworth (1)1 at the Victoria Ground

Bromsgrove Sporting's interim management team made it four matches unbeaten on Tuesday evening, courtesy of a 1-1 draw with Tamworth at the Victoria Ground.

Jack Thomas put the visitors into the lead with a rather fortuitous effort after 16 minutes before Connor Taylor levelled proceedings 10 minutes into the second half.

Aaron Forde had an early effort sail wide for Tamworth, before Thomas broke the deadlock. From the left wing, he put what appeared to be a troublesome cross into the box that eventually looped over goalkeeper Akos Onodi and into the top corner.

Sporting's first chance of the half came just after the 30-minute mark, as a Demetri Brown cross was volleyed narrowly wide by Jourdain Masidi from just inside the area.

Former Rousler Shaquille McDonald had an opportunity moment later but could only strike wide from range.

Ryan Beswick sent a free kick from a promising position over the bar early in the second half, before Taylor bagged the leveller.

Some exquisite work out wide by new addition and substitute Jamie Molyneux allowed him to find Taylor, who tapped in from inside the six-yard box.

Sporting enjoyed plenty of pressure after the goal, with Tamworth stopper Jas Singh having to be alert to two good chances. Firstly, Jake Bloomer had a well struck shot from 30 yards saved low. Then, Molyneux produced a header that was brilliantly tipped over the bar.

Tamworth substitute Charlie saw his instinctively struck effort fly just over the top of the goal from the edge of the area in the 81st minute.

Molyneux and Masidi both had headed efforts that were off target as the game entered its final stages. Up the other end, in the third minute of additional time, another Tamworth substitute, Alex Jones, attempted an acrobatic effort from six yards out that missed the goal.

Sporting: Ákos Onódi, Josh Dugmore, Jake Bloomer, Nathan Hayward, James Mace, Joe Cole, Miro Pais, Jourdain Masidi, Demetri Brown (Jamie Molyneux 38 mins), Connor Taylor, Cameron Ebbutt Nehemia Zazi 81 mins). Unused subs: Jack Hallahan, Aaron Clayton, Roque Nchaso.

Tamworth: Jas Singh, Chris Cox, Henri Wilder, Ryan Beswick, Orrin Pendley, Martin Riley, Shaq McDonald, Aaron Forde (Alex Jones 64 mins), Michael Taylor (Charlie Shaw 64 mins), Jack Thomas, Tyrell Waite (Michael Tait-Morgan 86 mins). Unused subs: Callum Cockerill-Mollett, Cameron Howkins

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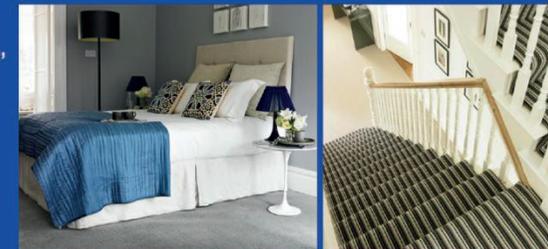
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## Rovers' historians Michael Tovey and Graham Reynolds continue their journey through 140 years of Bromsgrove football, choosing their player of the decade for the 1910s

The 1910s were really a desperate time for the Rovers. Obviously, in the second half of the decade there was no football due to the unimaginable horrors of the First World War, but if we just look at the performance of the side before war broke out, the facts do not lie. The best finish that could be managed was 10th place in the Birmingham Combination in 1911/12. The season before, in 1910/11, they missed out on having to apply for re-election on goal average. Basically, at the end of each season, the bottom three sides in the Combination wouldn't, in a sense, be relegated, but instead would need to be voted back into the League if they were to compete in it the following season. The vote would take place at the Combination's AGM with the number of teams in the vote varying from season to season depending on how many new applications the League had received. Unfortunately, in 1912/13 and 1913/14, both seasons did end up with the club having to apply for re-election. But worst of all was the 1914/15 season, where they finished rock bottom of the Combination. You do wonder if football had not been suspended due to the war, whether Rovers' peers might have lost patience after three re-election applications in consecutive years and kicked them out of the League.

Although it was not a great time for the long-suffering fans who frequented the Victoria Ground, there were a number of fine servants of the club in the 1910s. Jerry Bridgwater clocked up 87 appearances over 12 years, predominantly in the back line. J. Miller (one of four brothers to represent the Rovers) and A. Nicholls were consistent half backs with 84 and 70 appearances respectively, whilst Bert Satchwell became the latest member of the '100 Club', making 103 appearances between 1908 and 1924.

There were also some players who played for the Rovers in this decade and then went on to make their mark in the professional game. Billy Barrett was Rovers left-back in the 1911/12 season, before leaving for Nuneaton Town. After the war, he played over 140 games in the Football League with Leicester City. Arthur Cashmore, a centre-forward for Rovers in the 1912/13 season, joined Manchester United in 1913 after a brief spell at Stourbridge. He played three games for the Red Devils before moving on to Oldham Athletic. After the war, he continued his Football League career at Cardiff City and Notts County. Cashmore had arrived at the Rovers from Sparkhill Avondale in November, initially on trial, and whilst never a prolific scorer, his performances started to get noticed by Football League sides and before long scouts were down the Victoria Ground watching him. Towards the end of March, he transferred to Stourbridge and then, just one month later, Manchester United signed him. Whatever financial benefits Stourbridge got from this deal, the Rovers were right to feel aggrieved, their discovery pinched and profited on by someone else. Finally, Hubert Bourne was a forward for Rovers in the ill-fated 1914/15 campaign, where they finished bottom of the Combination. He joined Aston Villa for the 1919/20 season and made a handful of appearances before a persistent knee injury forced his retirement from the game at the age of 25. He was better known as the trainer for Villa for nearly two decades from 1934 to 1953, whilst he also assisted the England side in the late 1930s and 1940s under Walter Winterbottom.

But, as 'Player of the Decade' for the 1910s we have gone for Harold "Harry" Merrick, who played either centre-forward or inside-right for Rovers between 1910 and 1920.

Harry was born on 29 May 1890, in Moseley. He played for Stourbridge in the Birmingham & District League during the 1909/10 campaign. He had a trial with Worcester City at the start of

the 1910/11 season, but ended up joining Rovers in September 1910, making his debut at centre-forward in a 5-1 defeat to arch rivals Redditch Town at their Red Lane ground. Although he was in an out of the side that campaign, he still managed an impressive 7 goals in 10 games in a struggling side.

In the 1911/12 season, he was joint leading scorer for the Rovers - alongside Frank Crow - with 10 goals from 25 games. In November, he had a trial with Walsall Reserves, who plied their trade in the Central Alliance League. This was the start of an on-off relationship with Walsall.

It was reported he signed for Walsall at the start of the 1912/13 season, but he continued to turn out for the Rovers, where he was, in fact, captain for much of the campaign. He was again top scorer, with 11 goals from 29 games. He netted his only hat-trick for the club this season, in an opening day 3-3 draw against Dudley Phoenix at the Victoria Ground.

The 1913/14 season saw him end up as Rovers leading scorer for the third consecutive season, bagging 13 goals from 21 games, this despite leaving the club in February, to play for Walsall Reserves.

Ahead of the 1914/15 campaign he moved to Nuneaton Town. That season they captured the Birmingham Combination title and, as usual, Harry was his club's leading scorer. The Great War robbed Harry of much of the prime of his career and during the conflict he served as an Able Seaman in the Royal Navy.

When football recommenced in the 1919/20 season, he rejoined Nuneaton but returned to the Rovers in February 1920. Even though he only featured in 10 games, he was once more joint leading scorer - with Payne - netting 5 goals. The fact that the club's leading scorers only scored five goals says it all really. The break from football hadn't changed the Rovers' fortunes and it



**Harry Merrick, a Rovers great, 1910-1920. 98 appearances, 46 goals.**

was another dismal season for them where they finished bottom of the Combination.

He played in the first three games of 1920/21, before leaving the Rovers for the final time, moving to Atherstone Town.

Harry was the father of legendary Birmingham City and England goalkeeper and 1960s/1970s Bromsgrove Rovers manager, Gil Merrick, and the grandfather of 1970s Rovers forward, Neil Merrick. He took a keen interest in both their careers and would have been a frequent visitor to the Victoria Ground well into his eighties. Away from football, he worked as a sheet metal engineer. He passed away in 1977. Here he is (left) pictured in his later years.



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## Season 2025/26

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

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Spalding United	14	9	3	2	34	17	+17	30
2	Harborough Town	12	8	4	0	21	5	+16	28
3	Quorn	14	8	3	3	30	19	+11	27
4	Redditch United	14	8	2	4	23	16	+7	26
5	Real Bedford	13	7	3	3	23	15	+8	24
6	Halesowen Town	14	6	5	3	22	17	+5	23
7	Needham Market	14	6	4	4	21	19	+2	22
8	Leiston	14	5	6	3	24	21	+3	21
9	Kettering Town	14	6	3	5	20	19	+1	21
10	Alvechurch	14	6	2	6	16	14	+2	20
11	Bishop's Stortford	13	6	1	6	24	19	+5	19
12	Stratford Town	14	5	4	5	19	21	-2	19
13	Worcester City	13	4	5	4	21	12	+9	17
14	St Ives Town	13	4	5	4	16	12	+4	17
15	Bury Town	14	5	2	7	15	21	-6	17
16	<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>	14	5	1	8	16	25	-9	16
17	Barwell	13	4	3	6	19	21	-2	15
18	Banbury United	12	3	3	6	17	23	-6	12
19	Stourbridge	13	2	4	7	14	24	-10	10
20	<b>Royston Town</b>	14	1	5	8	13	29	-16	8
21	AFC Sudbury	13	2	2	9	9	33	-24	8
22	Stamford AFC	13	1	4	8	8	23	-15	7

Table as at Tuesday 4th November 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	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 Ezewele
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	W 2 - 1	510	16	16	Jack Newell
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 Senior 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	12	2			1				2	1						14	14				14	14				
Luke Benbow	5	1			1	1	2	2	2							5	3	8	2	2	5	3	8	2		
Josh Burgess																										
Finlay Carson			2																							
Ash Carter	9				3	1			2		1					11	11				44	44	1			
<i>Nick Clayton-Phillips</i>	4	3							1							1	5	3	8	1	5	3	8	1		
<i>Romehl Critchlow</i>		3	3							1							3	3				3	3			
Tom Edge	12	1			4				3							15	1	16			15	1	16			
Josh Ezewele	10	1					1	1	1							11	2	13	1		21	2	23			
Mekhi Farrell			1							1																
Kobe Hall	4	7	1				1	2	2	1				1	1	6	8	14	2	2	9	12	21	2		
Adam Harrison	14				1			3								17	17				17	17				
Jack Kelly	8	3			3	3	2									10	3	13	3		10	3	13			
Reece King	8	2			8	3	1	2	1	2						10	3	13	1		57	3	60	5		
Jordan Lyden	2	4	2		1				1	1	1					3	4	7			8	17	25			
Paul McCone	3				1	1										3	3				3		3			
Charlie McNamara																					1		1			
<i>Bo Morris</i>	5	1	2		1				1							6	1	7			7	4	11			
Taylor Morrison	1		2														1	1			1	3	4			
Jack Newell	10				1		1	2	1						1	12	1	13	2	105	27	132	8			
Charlie Pavey	8				3	2	2	2						1		10	10	3	2	10		10	2			
Aaron Roberts	9								2							11	11			326	14	340	23			
Gus Sanches	8	5	1		2	1	3	1	1	1	1		1			9	6	15	1	3	9	18	27	5		
James Sanderson	3	2					1	1	1	1						4	3	7	1	1	4	3	7	1		
Billy Shaw	14				2	1	2	3						1	2	17	17	2	4	66	11	77	8			
Luke Softley	10		2		4		1	3				1	1			13	13	1	1	13		13	1			
Bradley Stretton	3	4					1	1								3	4	7	1	1	3	4	7	1		
<i>Aksum White</i>	4		1						1							5	5			68	17	85				
Own Goal							1														1					

## 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: DoB:  
 Position: Goalkeeping coach Height: Weight:

Previous Clubs: Old Wilsonians (10 years, team in South London), Rusthall (Kent), 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

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, Birmingham City, Cheltenham, Macclesfield, 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: Rory Brown Squad Number: DoB: 25/5/00, Londonderry  
 Position: Goalkeeper

Previous Clubs: Wolves, Coleraine, Glenavon, Institute, Ballinamallard, Solihull Moors Currently on loan from Solihull Moors. An experienced keeper who is a good communicator.

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 midfield Height: 5' 11" Weight:

Previous Clubs: Leek Town, Alvechurch, Boston United, Rushall Olympic

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

Name: Josh Ezewele 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 Ezewele 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:

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.

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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 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.

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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: Midfielder      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

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.

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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: Midfielder      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

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 9, on the England team.

1. Who is the only country to beat England since Thomas Tuchel took over as manager?
2. England are currently fourth in the FIFA rankings. Which three countries are above them?
3. Who is the top scoring English player in the Premier League so far this season?
4. Who scored two hat-tricks for England and is also the last player to record a double hat-trick (six goals) in a top-flight league match, doing so in 1968?
5. Name the last two players sent off for England, in 2020 and 2023, both were and still are Manchester United players?
6. Which are the only three countries with a superior head-to-head record in matches against England?

Answers: 1) Senegal 2) Spain, Argentina and France 3) Danny Welbeck 4) Geoff Hurst 5) Harry Maguire 2020 vs Denmark and Luke Shaw 2023 vs Italy 6) Brazil, Italy and Uruguay

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## Today's Visitors - Royston Town - Club History

Records show that the club came into existence in 1875 making Royston the third oldest club in Hertfordshire after Hitchin and Bishop's Stortford.

The club's first notable achievement occurred during the 1911/12 season when they won the Creake Charity Shield by defeating Wisbech 1-0 in extra time.

In more recent times, Royston achieved significant success when they were promoted to the Herts County Premier League during the 1969/70 season. Subsequently, they became champions in 1972/73 and 1976/77. The team rejoined the South Midlands League in 1978 and secured the Division One title immediately. The club's success continued with appearances in the Herts Charity Shield final in 1979 and as runners-up in the South Midlands League Premier Division in 1980. The Herts Charity Shield was won in 1981/82, and two years later, Royston joined the Isthmian League Division Two North, remaining there for a decade before returning to the South Midlands League in 1994.

After facing a challenging period that led to relegation from the South Midlands League Premier Division at the end of the 2006/07 season, Paul Attfield was appointed as the manager, with Tony Galvin returning as the 1st Team Coach in November 2007.

Under Paul's leadership, the team underwent significant changes, and a 17-game unbeaten streak propelled them from the bottom of the table to a commendable 5th-place finish in the League. This set the foundation for the successful 2008/09 season, where they secured the South Midlands Division One League title with impressive stats: W33, D4, L3, GF138, GA30, GD+108, PTS 103.

The 2011/2012 season marked a pivotal moment in the club's history when they clinched the South Midlands Premier Division title, earning promotion to Step 4 in the form of the Evo-Stik Southern League Division One Central.

In their first season back at Step 4 after 19 years, Royston exceeded expectations, consistently performing well and even contending for a playoff spot. However, a last-minute equaliser in the final game dashed their hopes. The following season also saw them reach the playoffs, but the team faced challenges after Paul Attfield's resignation due to ill health. Steve Castle was appointed Manager in December 2013, and the team continued to strive for success, ultimately earning promotion to the Southern League Premier Division, marking the highest level of play in the club's 142-year history.

Seasons **2017/18** and **2018/19** were characterised by solid performances, finishing 7th and 9th respectively in the Premier Division Central. The **2019/20** season proved to be one of the most successful and thrilling in the club's history, with remarkable performances in both the FA Cup and FA Trophy. The team's standout performance in the FA Trophy brought immense pride, especially with victories against higher-ranked teams, although the Concord Rangers quarter-final tie ended in disappointment. Despite strong contention for the league title, the Covid-19 pandemic forced the nullification of the season, leading to bitter disappointment.

**Season 2021/22** resulted in an eighth place in the league following an inconsistent league campaign. Performances in FA competitions were disappointing, beaten at Garden Walk by Step 4 Mildenhall Town and exiting the FA Trophy early, beaten by Kingstonian in a penalty shoot-out. The highlight of the season was winning the Southern League Challenge Cup, beating the Southern League Premier (South) champions Taunton Town 7-0 on aggregate.

**In season 2022/23** injuries to key players and poor away form in the league ended with a 13th place finish in the table. In the FA Cup and Trophy Royston Town were defeated at the second hurdle, by Hemel Hempstead and Heybridge Swifts respectively.

**Season 2023/24** saw Chris Watters take over as manager, mixed form resulted in a mid-table finish, with early exits in the FA Cup and FA Trophy.

We finished **last season** in a mid-table position in the league after slipping away towards the end of the season when drawing eight of our last twelve games. We performed better in the FA competitions, falling at the third hurdle both in the FA Trophy and FA Cup, losing to higher-league opposition in both cases.

## Royston Town - Profiles

### Jamie Head (Goalkeeper)

Joined us last season on a dual-registration basis with St Albans City before signing on for us as our Number 1 this season. Jamie's previous clubs include Berkhamsted, Cambridge City, Dunstable Town and AFC Dunstable.

### Reuben Rabstein (Goalkeeper)

Joined the Crows in season 2023/24 from New Salamis FC. Reuben's other previous clubs include Wingate & Finchley and Maccabi London Lions.

### Adam Murray (Defender)

Team captain, who can play as a central defender or striker, joined us at the beginning of season 2017/18, having spent the previous two seasons at Cambridge City where he made 60 appearances. Given the different positions that Adam has played, he has amassed an impressive haul of 70+ goals in around 300 appearances for the Crows.

### James Brighton (Defender)

Experienced full-back who joined us in November 2019 from Kettering Town, where he had spent a successful four seasons. James has previously played for Hemel Hempstead Town, Cambridge City & Cambridge United.

### Archie Locke (Defender)

Young defender who joined us from Harpenden Town last season and quickly made a good impression, Archie previously played for Hoddesdon Town & Hertford Town.

### Ed Asafu-Adjaye (Defender)

Re-joined the Crows in 2019 after spending a season at Hayes & Yeading, Ed started his playing career at Luton Town and broke into the 1st team during the 2008/9 season. In total he made 64 appearances for The Hatters before moving to Forest Green Rovers and then to Hemel Hempstead Town, Ed is a versatile defender who can play anywhere across the back line.

### Luke Warner-Eley (Defender)

Rejoined the Crows towards the end of last season from Bishop's Stortford, Luke was previously with us in season 2019/20. His other clubs include Peterborough Sports, Billericay Town and St Albans City.

### Anton Matthews (Defender)

Signed for the Crows for the start of this season, Anton is a commanding defender who was with Witham Town last season.

### Jesse Akubuine (Midfield)

Started his career at Brentford before moving to Queen of the South in 2017. After 2 years North of the border Jesse joined AFC Rushden & Diamonds before spells with Stratford Town, Bedford Town and Waltham Abbey. Joined the Crows at the start of last season.

### Harvey Beckett (Midfield)

Signed in July 2024 following his release by Cambridge United. Whilst at The Abbey he spent time on loan at St Neots Town, Concord Rangers and a successful spell with the Crows at the start of the 23/24 campaign.

**Josh Boorn (Midfield)**

Joined us at the start of this season after being at Bracknell Town last season, a former Luton Town academy graduate, Josh has also played for Kings Langley, Marlow and Chalfont St Peter.

**Will St Clair-Burton (Midfield)**

Midfielder who joined us on a dual-registration basis from Chesham United at the end of October, Will joined Chesham last season from Aylesbury United and was previously with the MK Dons Academy.

**Freddie Price (Midfield)**

Attacking midfielder who joined us for the start of this season, Freddie was with Bowers & Pitsea last season. and previously had spells with Chatham Town and Concord Rangers.

**Thomas Avgoustidis (Midfield)**

Joined us at the start of this season from Leyton Orient, where he was part of their academy. Whilst with the O's Thomas spent time on loan at New Salamis, Cheshunt, Hornchurch and Potters Bar Town.

**Kian Harness (Forward)**

Rejoined us in last season following a brief spell at Bishop's Stortford this season. Local lad Kian played for Royston Town Youth and Royston Town Under 18s. He progressed to our First Team in season 2022/23, scoring around 20 goals to date.

**Joe Iacofano (Forward)**

Talented striker who joined us for the start of this season, Joe was originally a graduate of the Northampton Town academy. Last season he was with Hemel Hempstead Town and previously represented St Albans City, Oxford City and Hampton & Richmond, scoring goals consistently.

**Kash Odiase (Forward)**

Young striker who joined The Crows on loan from Watford at the end of October, Kash was awarded a professional contract with The Hornets in May 2025.

## The Record against Royston

Royston have the edge over Sporting in the nine matches played all in the Southern League Premier Division Central with the record as follows:

Venue	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
Home	5	2	1	2	6	6
Away	4	1	1	2	5	6
Overall	9	3	2	4	11	12

The last match played was at Garden Walk on 12th April earlier this year when The Crows ran out 2 - 1 victors. Jack Newall gave Sporting the lead on 39 minutes, but Archie Locke and Harvey Bennet grabbed the winners for Royston on the 51st and 60th minutes respectively. 394 spectators saw the game and Reece King was made Sporting Player of the Match.

There is no record of Bromsgrove Rovers having played a Royston team.

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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.

IN a funny way, Kevin Horlock's quote after Maldon & Tiptree's defeat to Port Vale encapsulated what the FA Cup is all about.

"We had them on the ropes for five minutes - we probably scored 85 minutes too soon," the Jammers boss said of Anisius Lewis' very early strike that put the Step 4 side ahead, "but what a magical moment."

Less than 20 minutes later and Horlock's side were 4-1 down to the League One Valiants, the lowest-ranked team in the first round's FA Cup adventure was coming to an end.

But it's those moments that make the FA Cup. For a few minutes, nine to be more precise, their travelling fans would have been wondering 'what if'.

We all know about the financial rewards that comes with the FA Cup - the TV cash to boost the coffers, the benefit of prize money, extra sponsorship and ticket sales. But, also, it gives unforgettable moments.

Think of Havant & Waterlooville all those years ago when they led the mighty Liverpool not once but twice at Anfield. Think of Kidderminster Harriers taking West Ham to the final moments before Declan Rice bailed the Premier League side out.

Think of Tamworth last season as they took Tottenham into extra-time but almost won it in the dying stages of the 90 minutes.

At the weekend Chelmsford City caused the first upset of round one when they beat Braintree Town at Saturday lunchtime - a feat repeated by fellow Step 2 sides Weston-super-Mare, who knocked out Aldershot Town, and Slough Town as they piled the woe on Altrincham.

There were some all Non-League ties that brought Sutton United, Wealdstone and Buxton success and a place in the second round.

We also saw Gateshead upset League One AFC Wimbledon, Brackley Town beat Notts County on penalties and Boreham Wood take, what feels like, their annual EFL scalp in Crawley Town.

Carlisle United looked to be on their way out at Reading before Regan Linney scored two stoppage-time goals to force extra-time - where he then scored the winner to complete his hat-trick.

"It was a good three points," he accidentally said live on Match of the Day the next day. "I've crumbled here!" Thankfully the striker doesn't crumble when he's in the box!

"Where's the matchball?" presenter Jason Mohammad asked. "It's still in my car," Linney responded with a smile. That's the magic of the FA Cup!

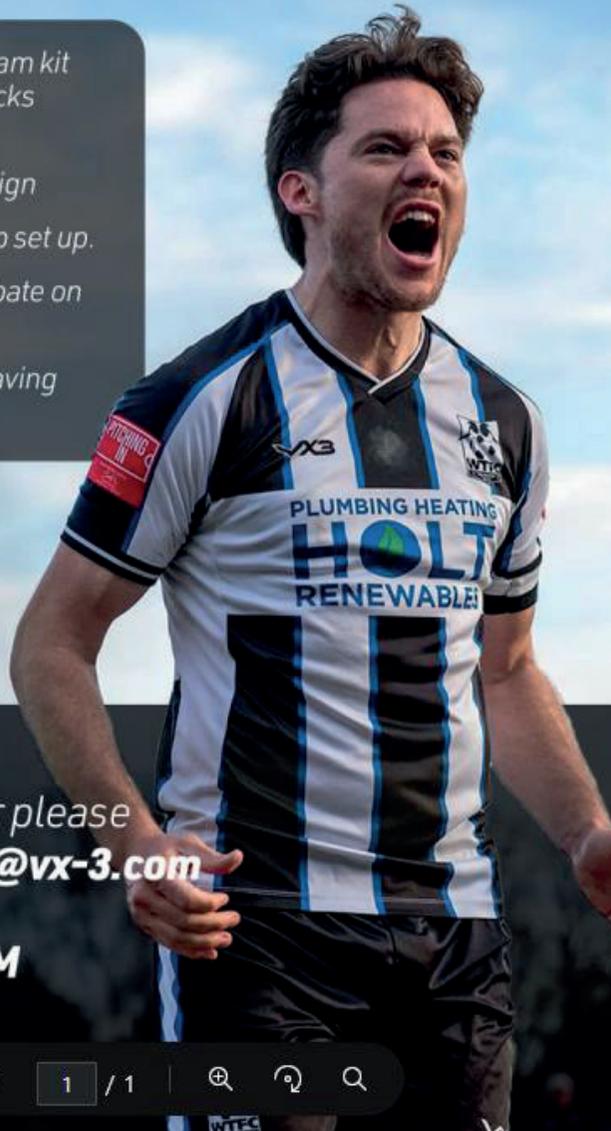
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AFC Sudbury	0 - 6	Worcester City	291
Alvechurch	0 - 2	Spalding United	
Barwell	0 - 1	Redditch United	303
Bishop's Stortford	3 - 4	Quorn	441
<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>	2 - 1	Leiston	510
Bury Town	2 - 1	Banbury United	700
Halesowen Town	2 - 0	Needham Market	1,027
Kettering Town	0 - 0	St Ives Town	994
Royston Town	0 - 2	Harborough Town	377
Stourbridge	1 - 3	Stamford	556
Stratford Town	2 - 3	Real Bedford	608

<b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Tuesday 4th November</b>			<b>Att</b>
AFC Sudbury	1 - 1	Royston Town	191
Spalding United	1 - 1	Quorn	
Stratford Town	2 - 2	Needham Market	227

## Today's Matches

<b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 8th November</b>		
AFC Sudbury	v	Barwell
Bishop's Stortford	v	Banbury United
<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>	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

## Forthcoming Matches

<b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Monday 10th November</b>		
St Ives Town	v	Banbury United
<b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Tuesday 11th November</b>		
Harborough Town	v	AFC Sudbury
Stamford	v	Worcester City
<b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 15th November</b>		
Banbury United	v	Quorn
Barwell	v	Worcester City
Halesowen Town	v	Spalding United
Kettering Town	v	AFC Sudbury
Leiston	v	Stamford
Redditch United	v	Bury Town
Royston Town	v	Stratford Town
St Ives Town	v	Needham Market

Stourbridge	v	<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>
<b>The Isuzu FA Trophy, Second Round, Saturday 15th November</b>		
AFC Sudbury	v	Hereford
Alvechurch	v	Real Bedford
Bedford Town	v	Anstey Nomads
Bishop's Stortford	v	Cheshunt
Chesham United	v	AFC Telford United
Harborough Town	v	Enfield Town
Kidderminster Harriers	v	Corby Town
Leamington	v	Maidenhead United
Leek Town	v	Scarborough Athletic

<b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Monday 17th November</b>		
Barwell	v	Stratford Town

<b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Tuesday 18th November</b>		
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AFC Sudbury	v	St Ives Town
Banbury United	v	<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>
Bury Town	v	Real Bedford
Halesowen Town	v	Alvechurch
Leiston	v	Bishop's Stortford
Needham Market	v	Royston Town
Quorn	v	Harborough Town
Spalding United	v	Kettering Town
Worcester City	v	Stourbridge

<b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 22nd November</b>		
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Alvechurch	v	Banbury United
Bishop's Stortford	v	Bury Town
<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>	v	Kettering Town
Real Bedford	v	Quorn
Royston Town	v	Barwell
Spalding United	v	Needham Market
St Ives Town	v	Redditch United
Stamford	v	AFC Sudbury
Stourbridge	v	Halesowen Town
Stratford Town	v	Leiston
Worcester City	v	Harborough Town

## Sporting on The Road

Saturday 15th November, 3:00 p.m. kick-off

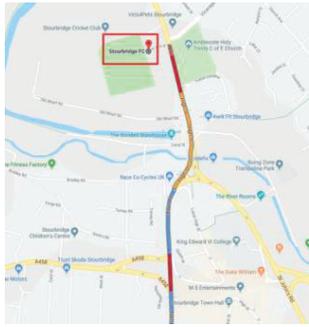
### **The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central**

Stourbridge vs Bromsgrove Sporting

Address: The War Memorial Athletic Ground, 85 High Street, Stourbridge DY8 4HN

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 Nearest Rail Station: Stourbridge Town railway station approx ¾ mile. Stourbridge Junction (on Birmingham to Kidderminster/Worcester line) approx 1½ miles  
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The match will not be segregated. The ticket link for Bromsgrove fans is:  
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 Bromsgrove Sporting supporters must purchase tickets from the away fan link to assist with an accurate breakdown of ticket sales.

Login to an existing account or register a new account if a first-time user of the Stourbridge ticket portal. Tickets will be priced as follows:

Adults - £13                      Over 65s- £10  
 Juniors 13-17 years of age - £7      Children aged 6-12 years of age - £5

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.  
 Tickets will go on sale from 12 noon tomorrow - 9th November.

Tuesday 18th November, 7:45 p.m.

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

Banbury United vs Bromsgrove Sporting

Address: The Spencer Stadium powered by egg, Station Approach, Banbury, OX16 5AB.



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limited spectator parking at the ground but available for those requiring accessible parking. Spectators also cannot park on Station Approach or Tramway Road and are advised to use the multi-storey car park at Banbury train station (Merton Street, East side). Parking charges apply. Nearest Railway Station: Banbury, ¼ mile.

**Bromsgrove Sporting Ladies**

**Recent Match**

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

**Bromsgrove Sporting Ladies 7 Kingfisher Women 0**

Sporting Ladies returned to the UK Electrical Stadium today as they hosted Kingfisher in the league.

Looking to build on their victory last week, Sporting started very brightly and opened the scoring after just 2 minutes! Ruby Brett received the ball on the right, put in a cross which fell to Beth Breen who fired the ball in at the near post.

This set the tempo for the rest of the game, with Sporting dominating possession and creating plenty of chances. The Ladies' 2nd goal came after 10 minutes, Laura Shanley winning the ball, Alice Eva playing into Elloise Russell who found Ashleigh Kennedy on the edge of the box, who drilled the ball into the bottom left corner.

Sporting continued to press and were rewarded on 38 minutes. Alice Eva bringing the ball down, playing into Amy Goodison who returned the ball to Alice, having continued her run, before slotting the ball home to make it 3-0.

On 45 minutes, Sporting made it 4. A corner from Ruby Brett was bundled in at the back post by Ashleigh Kennedy for her 2nd of the day. This was very quickly followed by a Sporting 5th as Charlotte Wallis played a through ball to Elloise Russell who was composed to drive in and pass the ball past the goalkeeper.

Half time: Sporting 5-0 Kingfisher.

Going into the 2nd half, Sporting were relentless in attack to try and add to their impressive 1st half performance. The Ladies played some very sharp football, moving the Kingfisher defence around and had plenty of shots on the Kingfisher goal.

A 6th goal was added on 55 minutes. A throw on the left was switched to Eve Corlett in the middle, who played the ball out to Ruby Brett who got herself on the scoresheet with a rocket of the shot from the edge of the box.

The scoring was wrapped up in the 72nd minute. Amy Goodison and Eve Corlett linked up on the left, before Amy Goodison sent in a pin-point cross which was guided in by the head of Elloise Russell.

Full time: Bromsgrove 7 - 0 Kingfisher

An impressive performance by the Ladies, who dominated the match from start to finish.

Player of the match went to Ruby Brett. Ruby threatened the Kingfisher defence all game with her excellent crosses, bagging herself a goal and 2 assists in the process! She is sponsored by GMT Services and Scott - Edwaddory Ltd.

## Fixtures

The West Midlands Regional Women's Football League Cup - Sunday 9th November

2:00 pm kick-off

**Bromsgrove Sporting Ladies vs Coventry Sphinx Ladies at the UK Electrical Stadium**

Tomorrow sees the Ladies at home in the League Cup against WMRWFL Premier side Coventry Sphinx, in what will be a good test.

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The Worcestershire Football Association Sunday Women's Cup - Sunday 16th November

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**Bromsgrove Sporting Ladies vs Wyre Forest Phoenix Ladies at the UK Electrical Stadium**

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## Today's Teams

<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b> red & white striped shirts, navy blue shorts and navy blue & red socks		<b>Royston Town</b> yellow shirts, yellow shorts, yellow socks	
<i>Teams to be chosen from the following:</i>			
1	<i>Adam Harrison (GK)</i>	1	<i>Jamie Head (GK)</i>
2	<i>Josh Ezewele</i>	2	<i>Reuben Rabstein (GK)</i>
3	<i>Jack Kelly</i>	3	<i>Jesse Akubuine</i>
4	<i>Reece King (Capt)</i>	4	<i>Ed Asafu-Adjaye</i>
5	<i>Aaron Roberts</i>	5	<i>Thomas Avgoustidis</i>
6	<i>Ash Carter</i>	6	<i>Harvey Beckett</i>
7	<i>Billy Shaw</i>	7	<i>Josh Boorn</i>
8	<i>Tom Edge</i>	8	<i>James Brighton</i>
9	<i>Luke Benbow</i>	9	<i>Kian Harness</i>
10	<i>Brad Stretton</i>	10	<i>Joe Iacofano</i>
11	<i>Koby Arthur</i>	11	<i>Archie Locke</i>
12	<i>Taylor Morrison</i>	12	<i>Anton Matthews</i>
13	<i>Rory Brown</i>	13	<i>Adam Murray</i>
14	<i>Charlie Pavey</i>	14	<i>Kash Odiase</i>
15	<i>Jack Newell</i>	15	<i>Freddie Price</i>
16	<i>James Sanderson</i>	16	<i>Will St Clair-Burton</i>
17	<i>Luke Softley</i>	17	<i>Luke Warner-Eley</i>
18	<i>Jordan Lyden</i>	18	
19	<i>Gus Sanches</i>	19	
20	<i>Kobe Hall</i>	20	
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