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From the Boardroom - Rod Brown, Chairman



Good evening.

Can we firstly welcome all the directors, management, players and fans from our opponents Alvechurch FC tonight for their first visit to the UK Electrical Stadium in 2026?

We are both at the wrong end of the table so tonight's match will be critical for both teams, a proverbial 6-pointer. In addition, our opponents will be looking for revenge after we stole the three points in added time against them in the reverse fixture last August

However, we can see a determination amongst our squad. We have looked fitter in recent performances and stronger in the last fifteen minutes of the game as was shown in the match against Leiston last Saturday when we had to defend well to gain a useful point.

Tim (Flowers, manager) and Leon (Broadhurst, assistant manager) have been working really hard to improve the squad for what is going to be a tough last quarter of the season but an exciting one.

Excitement was the word that was used a few times following the board's decision to accept a proposal from successful local businessmen. They have offered to purchase sufficient shares to give them a controlling interest to thus save the Club and then set it on to a better financial future.

We recently organised an informal meeting to give shareholders the opportunity to see and hear their plans, firstly securing the short-term future and then an insight to some of the exciting plans for improving the club's presence in the community, and more importantly increasing the commercial strength of the Club. The meeting was well-attended, and the shareholders asked many questions, and by the end I believe there was a unanimous feeling of excitement and positivity.

We are currently going through all the necessary protocols with the FA and the Southern League, and we are hoping to make a formal statement very soon.

What has been made noticeably clear is the importance of everyone pulling together, hopefully trying to secure step 3 football, and then planning to bolster the squad to improve the product on the pitch so that this then increases the gates and the experience. Exciting times ahead!

However, lets' get tonight game out of the way first

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Manager - Tim Flowers



Good evening, everybody and a welcome to our opponents Alvechurch from just down the road!

It was disappointing that our last home game against Harborough Town was postponed as I was looking forward to a home match as there has only been two since I returned as the manager.

However, here we are back at the UK Electrical Stadium on the back of two useful

away draws.

Against Stamford we shaded them for most of the match and could have come away with three points. However, a draw was not a bad result.

Leiston were not only a different team but sitting just outside the play-offs, a useful outfit. After a long and arduous journey, we were not at our best but we defended manfully and showed endeavour and although our opponents had the better of the play for much of the game we came away with a point with no small thanks to a fantastic performance by our goalkeeper, Ellis Litherland who had only signed on loan from Huddersfield Town the day before owing to an injury to our usual 'keeper, Rory Brown.

Anyway, on to tonight's match and both teams are at the bottom end of the table and for both of us not just tonight's match but all the for the remainder of the season are important. We need to put points on the board and give ourselves a decent breathing space. There are several decent sides around us, and they can easily pick up a few points themselves and put us under more pressure.

One problem I do not have is motivation; everybody works hard and plays for the club and the badge so let's push forward.

Many thanks as usual for all the fans who follow us home and away, through thick and thin. We all appreciate your support.

Tim

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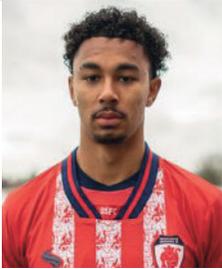


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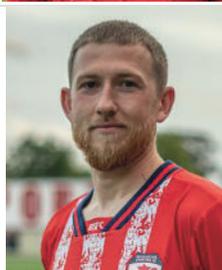
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Jack Kelly

Defender

Birthplace and Date of Birth?	Wolverhampton, 25/9/96 (age 30)
Height, weight?	6' 0", 81kg
Left or right footed?	Left
Previous clubs?	Wolves, Nottingham Forest, Hemel Hempstead, Kettering Town, Halesowen Town, Redditch United
Best moment playing football?	Playing in front of 28,000
Biggest influence on your career?	My Dad
Which team do you support?	Aston Villa
Favourite all-time player?	Sergio Ramos
Best player you have played against?	Steven Gerrard
Favourite position on the pitch:	Left back
What boots do you wear?	Adidas
What football law would you change?	Referees and Linesmen!
Which team do you most like to beat?	Birmingham City
Nickname in the changing room?	Kells
Do you play any other sports?	Fishing, golf
Pets?	A dog
Where do you live?	Wolverhampton
Job outside football?	Steel engineer
What car do you drive?	Mazda CX-5
Favourite food?	Indian
Favourite drink?	Oasis
Favourite newspaper?	The Sun
Favourite biscuit?	Malted Milk
Favourite TV programme?	Stranger Things
Favourite Film?	Fury
Favourite actor or actress?	Sydney Sweeney
Favourite band or singer?	Chris Brown
Favourite Album or Single?	Indigo (Chris Brown)
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From The Archives, 8 Years Ago

Midland Football League - Premier Division - Saturday 17th February 2018 - 3:00 p.m. kick-off

Shawbury United 0 (0) Bromsgrove Sporting 3 (1) at the Ludlow Football Stadium

A CLINICAL Richard Gregory struck another brace to fire Midland League Premier Division leaders Bromsgrove Sporting to a 3-0 victory away at relegation-threatened Shawbury United.

The former Stafford Rangers sharpshooter scored in his tenth consecutive game for the Rouslers, finding the back of the net either side of half-time with second-half substitute Liam Holt completing the scoring late on as Paul Smith's men eased to the three points at the SBS Stadium in Ludlow.

Victory for Sporting keeps them one point clear of second-placed Coleshill Town, who have played one game more, after they ran out 3-1 winners over Lye Town.

Smith made three changes to the team which came from behind to beat Rugby Town 2-1 last Saturday with Max Loveridge, Ahmed Ali and Sean Brain coming in for Daniel Morris, Drew Canavan and Holt.

And Loveridge almost made an impact just seven minutes into the game after meeting Ali's cross on the edge of the area, but the midfielder's curling effort cannoned off the crossbar.

This seemed to give Shawbury some impetus as Benjamin Robinson tricked his way past skipper Craig Jones before seeing his drilled shot blocked at the near post three minutes later.

Joseph Delacoe then sent an effort wide of the mark from the edge of the area before Sporting keeper Reece Francis showed superb reactions to get save at his near post as Liam Armstrong's effort looked destined for the top corner.

Those missed chances came back to haunt the hosts as they fell behind just three minutes before the interval.

Brain's cross from the left-hand side was diverted goalwards by Jason Cowley whose flicked header was only parried by Shawbury keeper Ian Havard into the path of Gregory who made no mistake from just two yards out.

However, just a minute after the break Shawbury should have been level when Armstrong's trickery led to him leaving only Francis to beat but the lively No.8 could only strike the outside of the post.

And seconds later Delacoe tried his luck from the edge of the area, but his effort flew just wide as the Shropshire side started at an incredible tempo.

But just like the first half, Shawbury's wasted chances hit them hard when Sporting doubled their lead in the 54th minute.

Again, Brain was the architect with his deep cross finding Gregory at the back post who jinked inside, then outside and then back inside before firing into the opposite corner to notch his 17th goal in 13 games.

From then on there looked like there would be only one winner and the points were sealed 15 minutes from time as Holt fired in Sporting's third.

Home keeper Havard will have thought he could have done better with the shot, though, as he palmed Holt's long-range drive into the net. Cowley came close to adding a fourth in the first minute of stoppage time, but he placed an effort just wide of the far post after latching on to Canavan's acute through ball.

Report courtesy of Craig Gibbons (Bromsgrove Standard)

Sporting: Reece Francis, Aaron Roberts, Craig Jones, Dan Preston, Max Loveridge, Robbie Bunn (Drew Canavan 79 mins), Josh Quaynor, Ahmed Ali (Liam Holt 68 mins), Jason Cowley, Sean Brain (John Pykett 61 mins), Richard Gregory. Unused substitutes: Wade Malley, Jack Wilson.

Goals: Richard Gregory (43, 55 mins), Liam Holt (76 mins)

Shawbury: Ian Havard, Liam Taylor, Sean Evans, Jordan Jones, Harry Farnsworth, James Askey, Keanu Cooper, Liam Armstrong, Benji Robinson, Joe Delacoe, Reis Mahey.

Subs: Matthew Ballard, Matthew Rooke, Dave Cooper, Stu Lewis, Marc Stallard.

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Crowd: 202 Sporting Man of the Match: Richard Gregory



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To Boo or Not to Boo?

Booing at football is an accepted part of the game. It's been around since time began, as normal now as pre-match pints and half-time pies.

For players and match officials it is what they have come to expect at some point in their careers. But are fans booing their *own* team and manager more nowadays? And if so, why? This season we've seen some high-profile examples in the Premier League, most notably with Thomas Frank on the receiving end of disgruntled Spurs fans. Before his seemingly inevitable sacking the Dane was booed by home supporters once again - Tuesday's 2-1 defeat by Newcastle proving to be the final straw.

With Tottenham having won just two of their past 17 league matches, Frank himself acknowledged he understood the frustration of fans in one of his final interviews.

"I understand the frustration, I also understand the easiest thing is to point at me."

Frank is not alone. Arne Slot and his players have had similar treatment at times this season, albeit from a much smaller number of the Liverpool faithful.

It's not just at Premier League games either. In the Women's Super League Brian Sorensen couldn't fail to hear the disgruntlement from sections of Goodison Park as Everton's dismal run of form led to his eventual sacking.

Do players notice and does it matter?

Wayne Rooney, who made headlines in 2010 after hitting out at England fans for booing the team, remembers being booed quite a lot in his career.

"It's always been there. Fans obviously have their opinions and sometimes they're with you and sometimes they're against you," he said.

"It's probably just picked up a little bit more now with more TV cameras, with social media and with phones filming from the stands.

"Obviously if a player or a player's family is getting abused at stadiums then it can become more of an issue, but generally I think booing is fine."

Like his former England team-mate, Joe Hart agrees it's part of the game.

"You get booed by the away fans," said Hart. "That's kind of par for the course. I've probably received a few from home fans in my time - not many. If I was being booed I was probably doing something wrong!"

Both players think booing has always been there. But did it affect them?

"Maybe it did at the time," says Hart. "I've got no scars from it though, put it that way. I was very much focused on what I was doing so whether I was getting applause or boos it didn't make any difference to how I tried to play the game."

Former Liverpool, Spurs and Fulham midfielder Danny Murphy also remembers difficult moments during his career.

"At Fulham when we were fighting relegation there were lots of boos," he explains. "You have to take it as a challenge. You have to want to overcome it rather than go the other way and let it affect you, drain your energy and put fear into your play.

"I always felt like it was a challenge to overcome it, to try and do better. I think if you're playing Premier League football and you're at that level that's your job to do so.

"We all love it when the fans are singing your name when you've scored the winner or when the team's winning - you can't have just one and not the other."

The science behind booing

Why do we boo in the first place? The answer lies in thousands of years of human evolution.

Stephen Smith is chair of the British Psychological Society's Division of Sport and Exercise Psychology.

"We love to believe we are logical, rational animals at the pinnacle of evolution but that's not how we work," Smith said. "85-90% of human decisions are irrational, illogical and completely emotionally driven.

"When fans boo they make a sound which is guttural and vibrates through the bones, which means it has to be deep. It sounds like a hunting animal and it goes to the heart of our DNA.

"Emotions feed through a crowd like nothing else. Emotions are infectious. It only needs one or two people to start leading the booing and if someone else starts doing it you want to fit in with the tribe.

"The emotional part of the brain kicks in and says 'right, I want to display my emotions, the tribe around me are

doing it with this behaviour, I'm going to fit in with them'. Booing is the most natural behaviour to show that you're displeased."

Smith also thinks the psychological relationship between clubs and fans has changed.

"Previously there was almost an agreement that existed between fans and the club. They wanted you in to come and support the team, wear the colours and support the boys, but they weren't going to rip you off in terms of the cost.

"Clubs nowadays have changed that model, that psychological contract between club and fans is broken.

"They've said 'we're just going to treat you as any other customer, all we're interested in is what you have in your wallet, we're not actually interested in your loyalty to the club'."

Fans views

So is booing your own team and manager ever justified? The fans we spoke to have mixed feelings.

Spurs supporter Ali Speechly says she would never do it but can understand why some fans do: "I've booed the ref during the game, but I don't think I've ever booed the manager.

"I think there's definitely a correlation between ticket prices and booing. When you're spending a lot of money on a product and you're not satisfied with that product then you feel more entitled as a consumer - rather than a fan - of voicing your disappointment and your frustration."

Fellow Spurs fan Darren Harvey says he *would* boo if the team was consistently bad.

"I would tend to feel similar to most other fans and therefore if there was booing and I agreed I'd probably go with it.

"Sometimes it feels like certain things are quite funny to be part of a group and you don't think until afterwards that maybe you shouldn't have done that, you just get carried away in the moment."

A Manchester United fan we spoke to is less keen, however: "I heard the boos at Arsenal when they lost to United and I think they're spoilt fans to be honest.

"You shouldn't really boo your team, you should stick with them through thick and thin."

One supporter, who wishes to remain anonymous, thinks alcohol and drugs play a role.

"Because you can't drink, fans get tanked up before they come to the match and that creates more of a problem.

"I was at the Euros final when England lost to Italy. I witnessed men snorting cocaine right in front of me. The use of alcohol and drugs means fans don't care how they come across."

The changing media landscape and its impact

There is no doubt the mainstream media - including the BBC - plays a role in highlighting booing when it takes place.

In the case of Frank, the fact a large number of Spurs fans have booed this season is newsworthy and therefore inevitably makes headlines.

Social media plays a huge role too. Influencers - some with hundreds of thousands of followers - can help to spread a certain narrative.

Speechly says that probably makes fans more likely to boo: "On social media, the people who get the most traction are the ones who are spreading negativity.

"Some people whip up a bit of a frenzy and lots of fans follow these people. They then go into the stadium having read and consumed that narrative online and they're already pre-fuelled with that rage."

Is booing getting worse?

This is where it gets tricky. It's difficult, perhaps impossible, to prove whether fans are booing their own team and manager more these days.

Compared with a generation ago it's a safe bet to say booing is *talked* about more nowadays because of the proliferation of media. It's probably hard for fans to escape all that noise.

Let's get the final word from someone who has been on the receiving end of boos.

"In an ideal world it makes no sense because if its anything that's likely to affect your players' performance and then affects your team's result why would you do it?" says Murphy.

"But we don't live in this idealistic world where everyone is logical. The passion of football fans is what makes the game great."

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The Pitching In Southern League - Premier Division Central Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Spalding United	31	20	7	4	81	37	+44	67
2	Harborough Town	27	19	6	2	52	21	+31	63
3	Real Bedford	26	16	5	5	49	28	+21	53
4	Quorn	30	15	5	10	59	47	+12	50
5	Needham Market	29	14	6	9	45	39	+6	48
6	Redditch United	29	14	4	11	42	41	+1	46
7	Halesowen Town	28	12	9	7	53	43	+10	45
8	Leiston	31	11	12	8	51	44	+7	45
9	Banbury United	28	13	5	10	41	37	+4	44
10	Worcester City	29	11	8	10	45	30	+15	41
11	Kettering Town	27	12	5	10	46	40	+6	41
12	Stratford Town	27	12	5	10	41	37	+4	41
13	Bury Town	30	11	7	12	41	39	+2	40
14	Bishop's Stortford	28	10	6	12	43	43	0	36
15	St Ives Town	29	8	8	13	38	49	-11	32
16	Bromsgrove Sporting	29	8	7	14	36	52	-16	31
17	Barwell	29	7	8	14	36	48	-12	29
18	Alvechurch	25	8	4	13	25	32	-7	28
19	Stourbridge	29	5	11	13	36	52	-16	26
20	Stamford AFC	28	6	6	16	21	49	-28	24
21	AFC Sudbury	30	5	7	18	36	75	-39	22
22	Royston Town	31	3	9	19	30	64	-34	18

Table as at Saturday 14th February 2026

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	W 2 - 0	550	19	15	Luke Softley
Sat	15-Nov	3:00 PM	A	Stourbridge	Southern League	D 3 - 3	949	20	15	Tom Edge
Tue	18-Nov	7:45 PM	A	Banbury United	Southern League	L 0 - 3	417	20	18	-
Sat	22-Nov	3:00 PM	H	Kettering Town	Southern League	W 3 - 0	560	23	15	Jaden Charles
Tue	25-Nov	7:45 PM	H	Quorn	Southern League	L 1 - 5	352	23	16	James Sanderson
Sat	29-Nov	3:00 PM	A	AFC Sudbury	Southern League	D 2 - 2	215	24	16	Tom Edge
Sat	06-Dec	3:00 PM	H	Stratford Town	Southern League	L 1 - 2	654	24	17	Charlie Pavey
Sat	20-Dec	3:00 PM	A	Bishop's Stortford	Southern League	L 1 - 2	336	24	18	Billy Shaw
Tue	23-Dec	7:45 PM	A	Worcester Raiders	Worcs Senior Cup QF	W 0-0 (5-4)	~100	-	-	Brad Stretton
Sat	27-Dec	3:00 PM	H	Redditch United	Southern League	D 1 - 1	1350	25	17	Joe Lyden
Sat	01-Jan	3:00 PM	A	Halesowen Town	Southern League	L 1 - 3	1563	25	17	Billy Shaw
Sat	17-Jan	3:00 PM	A	Bury Town	Southern League	D 1 - 1	664	26	17	George Wynne
Tue	20-Jan	7:45 PM	A	Real Bedford	Southern League	L 0 - 2	209	26	17	Jack Newell
Sat	24-Jan	3:00 PM	H	Barwell	Southern League	W 1 - 0	527	29	17	Aaron Roberts
Sat	31-Jan	3:00 PM	A	Stamford	Southern League	D 2 - 2	493	30	16	Niall Flint
Sat	14-Feb	3:00 PM	A	Leiston	Southern League	D 1 - 1	201	31	16	Ellis Litherland
Tue	17-Feb	7:45 PM	H	Alvechurch	Southern League					
Sat	21-Feb	3:00 PM	H	Worcester City	Southern League					
Sat	28-Feb	3:00 PM	H	AFC Sudbury	Southern League					
Mon	2-Mar	7:45 PM	A	Redditch United	Worcs Senior Cup SF					
Sat	07-Mar	3:00 PM	A	Kettering Town	Southern League					
Sat	14-Mar	3:00 PM	H	Stourbridge	Southern League					
Tue	17-Mar	7:45 PM	H	Harborough Town	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 2025-2026

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		21	7			1			3	1						24	24				24	24			
Max Asante-Boakye		1	1				1									1	1	1				1	1		
Luke Benbow	12	8				5	1	2	7	2	1					12	10	22	2	7	12	10	22	7	
Freddie Boakye	4					1										4	4				4			4	
Akai Bonnick	2	1					1									2	1	3	1		2	1	3		
Rory Brown	14					1	1	1								15	15	1			15		15		
Josh Burgess										1															
Finlay Carson			3							1															
Ash Carter	11		1	5	2				2		1					13	13				46		46	1	
Jaden Charles	4		1					1								4	4	1			4		4	1	
Nick Clayton-Phillips	4	3							1						1	5	3	8	1		5	3	8	1	
Archie Duerden		1	1													1	1				1	1			
Tom Edge	20	2		2	4		2	1	4		1	1				24	2	26	2	1	24	2	26	1	
Josh Ezewele	20	1				1	3	2	1							22	2	24	3		32	2	34		
Mekhi Farrell			2							1															
Niall Flint	4					1										4	4				4		4		
Kobe Hall	5	14	2			1	1	4	2	1	1			1	1	7	15	22	2	4	10	19	29	4	
Adam Harrison	14					1			3							17	17				17		17		
Jack Kelly	16	3				3	4	2								18	3	21	4		18	3	21		
Reece King	10	5		10	4		2	2	1		2					12	6	18	2		59	6	65	5	
Tyrone Lewthwaite	7							3								7	7	3			7		7	3	
Ellis Litherland	1															1	1				1		1		
Jordan Lyden	10	5	2			3	1	1	1	1	1					11	5	16	1	1	16	18	34	1	
Paul McCone	3					1	1									3	3				3		3		
Bo Morris	5	1	2			1			1							6	1	7			7	4	11		
Taylor Morrison	1		2													1	1				1	3	4		
Jack Newell	20	2	2			1	1	1	3	1					1	23	3	26	1	2	116	29	145	8	
Charlie Pavey	11	1	1			3	2	3	3					1		14	1	15	3	3	14	1	15	3	
Aaron Roberts	22	1		6	3	1	1	1	3			1				25	1	26	1		340	15	355	23	
Theo Robinson		4					1									4	4	1			31	17	48	13	
Kyle Rowley	5															5	5				5		5		
Gus Sanches	10	13	2			3	1	4	2	1	1		1			12	14	26	1	4	12	26	38	6	
James Sanderson	9	2				1	2	2	1	1						10	3	13	2	2	10	3	13	2	
Billy Shaw	28	1		6	7		3	5	4					1	2	32	1	33	4	7	81	12	93	11	
Luke Softley	24		2			7		2	4				1	1		28	28	1	2		28		28	2	
Bradley Stretton	11	8	2			1	2	1	1							12	8	20	2	1	12	8	20	1	
Aksum White	4		1						1							5	5				68	17	85		
George Wynne	5	1				2										5	1	6			5	1	6		
Ethan Young	3								1							4	4				4		4		
Own Goal								1												1					

Up to and including Saturday 14th February 2026

Bromsgrove Sporting - Player Profiles

Tim Flowers Squad Number: n/a DoB: 3/2/67, Kenilworth

Position: Manager Height: 6' 2"

Previous clubs: Wolves, Southampton, Swindon Town, Blackburn Rovers, Leicester City, Stockport County, Coventry City.

Enjoyed a stellar career as a goalkeeper picking up 11 England caps. Has been goalkeeping coach and manager at a number of clubs. Recently re-joined Sporting after a short spell at the end of the 2023-24 season.

Leon Broadhurst Squad Number: n/a DoB: 10/04/84, Bromsgrove

Position: Assistant Manager Height: 6' 0" Weight:

Previous clubs: Bromsgrove Rovers, Leamington, Stourbridge

Local lad who joined Sporting in 2019 following 16 years at Stourbridge where he became a club legend with a record number of appearances. Returned to Stourbridge for a brief spell as joint manager. Recently re-joined Sporting in new position.

Dan Price Squad Number: n/a

Position: Goalkeeping Coach

New arrival at the UK Electrical Stadium as part of the management team.

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.

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, 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.

Max Asante-Boakye Squad Number: 4 DoB: 24/1/07

Position: Centre-back Height: Weight:

Previous clubs: Aston Villa, Sheffield United.

Currently on a one-month loan from Sheffield United and is a regular U21 starter with the Blades, having joined from Aston Villa in the summer.

Luke Benbow Squad Number: 9 DoB: 21/8/91, Birmingham

Position: Centre forward Height: 5' 10" Weight: 95 kg

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.

Akai Bonnick Squad Number: 20 DoB: 11/6/06

Position: Midfielder Height: Weight:

Previous clubs: Forest Green Rovers, Cribbs, Alvechurch

On loan from Forest Green Rovers until the end of the season who signed him from Nottingham Forest Under 16s. A capable and industrious youngster.

Rory Brown Squad Number: 1 DoB: 25/5/00, Derry

Position: Goalkeeper Height: 6' 3" Weight: 90kg

Previous clubs: Wolves, Coleraine, Glenavon, Institute, Ballinamallard, Solihull Moors

Now a permanent signing after playing on loan from Solihull Moors. An experienced keeper who is a good communicator.

Jaden Charles Squad Number: 21 DoB: 21/1/02

Position: Left-back Height: 5' 8" Weight:

Previous clubs: Rushall Olympic, Stamford, Nuneaton Borough, Mansfield Town, Hereford, York City, Derby County U18.

A recent signing who is a top left back with excellent delivery in the final third. Jaden has represented the Republic of Ireland at U18 level.

Archie Duerden Squad Number: 19 DoB: 9/3/06

Position: Centre-half Height: Weight:

Previous clubs: Aston Villa

Recent signing and a ball-playing centre-half. A regular in the Villains' youth set-up, the 19-year-old signed for Sporting after being released by the Premier League side.

Niall Flint Squad Number: 2 DoB: 15/8/97

Position: Midfielder Height: Weight:

Previous clubs: Shrewsbury Town, Telford United, Scarborough, Matlock Town, Newtown, Cefn Druids, Aberystwyth, Stourbridge, Worcester City, Shifnal Town.

Recent signing that will boost the manager's options in mid-field.

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.

Tyrone Lewthwaite Squad Number: 14 DoB: 18/12/00, Aylesbury

Position: Centre forward Height: 6' 0" Weight:

Previous clubs: Corby Town, Spalding United, Kettering Town, Bedford Town, Aylesbury United, Beaconsfield, Chesham, Hampton & Richmond, Watford Youth, Rotherham U18.

Powerful striker who is a recent arrival in Bromsgrove, scoring in his first two appearances.

Ellis Litherland Squad Number: 13 DoB: 5/5/04, Blackburn

Position: Goalkeeper Height: 6' 3"

Previous clubs: Bolton Wanderer, Bamber Bridge, Matlock Town, Huddersfield Town

Currently on loan from Huddersfield Town. Awarded Player of the Match on his debut, after a string of fine saves.

Jordan Lyden Squad Number: 18 DoB: 30/1/96, Perth, Australia

Position: Centre midfield Height: 5' 11" Weight: 79 kg

Previous clubs: Aston Villa, Oldham Athletic, Swindon Town, Leyton Orient, Hereford.

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

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.

Aaron Roberts Squad Number: 5 DoB: 19/6/92

Position: Defender and team captain Height: Weight:

Previous clubs: Evesham United, Worcester City, Hednesford Town, Alvechurch, Redditch United.

Now on his fifth spell at Sporting having played in Sporting's first ever match and clocking up over 350 appearances.

Theo Robinson Squad Number: 16 DoB: 22/1/89

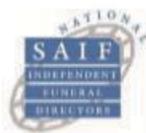
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"A family concern"

Thanks to Steve Richards for doing the quizzes again this season

Here is number 16, a few topical questions

1. Who scored Sporting's injury time winner in the reverse fixture at Lye Meadow in August?
2. Northern Ireland manager Michael O'Neill has been appointed as boss at which Championship club until the end of the season in a move that will see him juggle both roles?
3. Which four men have managed Nottingham Forest this season?
4. Newcastle United travel to Qarabağ in the Champions League play-off round this week. Which country are they from?
5. At Sporting's last home match against Barwell we celebrated captain Aaron Roberts reaching what landmark appearance for the club?
6. Which three countries have England been drawn against in the 26/27 Nations League?

Answers: 1) Kobe Hall 2) Blackburn Rovers
3) Nuno Espirito Santo, Ange Postecoglou, Sean Dyche and Vitor Pereira
4) Azerbaijan 5) 350 appearances 6) Croatia, Czech Republic and Spain

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

ALFIE LUND'S incredible memorabilia collection and fundraising were proudly honoured at The NLP's National Game Awards ten years ago - now the Essex Senior League are aiming to help boost his scarf tally to 5,000!

Alfie's dad Mark picked up the Unsung Hero award at our NGAs back in 2016 in recognition of all the family were doing in raising awareness of a rare life-limiting condition.

Apart from being an amazing story about a dad and lad's connection to the beautiful game, it was touching to see the impact they were having.

What started at the local park grew into father and son travelling to games throughout the steps to collect enough items to surround a football pitch if tied together.

Mark arrived at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge - where we held the awards back in 2016 - with rolls of scarves he unfurled to decorate the room. It was quite the talking point among guests as they scoured the colourful display looking for clubs they knew.

Shirts donated along the way were later sold, with the funds raised going to MECP2 Duplication Syndrome UK, supporting families with respite breaks, long hospital stays, sensory equipment and, sadly, funeral costs.

Since then, Alfie's scarf haul has passed 3,438 and the ESL are hoping to help them reach a huge milestone with clubs already donating their own colours.

"There is now a new target in sight, we at Essex Senior League would like to help get Alfie to 5,000 scarves!" the ESL said. "If any level of the game can help make that happen, it's Non-League football.

"If any club, supporters or league can donate a scarf, old or new, you can help Alfie take another step towards that incredible milestone."

While Alfie isn't able to travel as far any more, the duo can often be seen out and about at Non-League grounds in the north west or at their Wigam Athletic.

If you've got any scarves you'd like to donate and help boost the target, they'd be pleased to hear from you.

Mark Lund is contactable via his Facebook page <https://facebook.com/mark.lund.127>

Our Visitors This Evening - Alvechurch FC



Alvechurch - The Early Years

The earliest mention of a Football Club in Alvechurch dates back to 1913 when a team called Alvechurch Juniors was recorded. By the 1920s, the team were known as Alvechurch Swifts and were playing football on Crown Meadow and using the Red Lion Inn as their headquarters.

1926 brought the General Strike followed by the depression. The club folded until late in 1929 when a team of young players, resurrected the Alvechurch Juniors name, but was disbanded following the outbreak of war.

It took a little while after the war for Alvechurch Football Club to re-establish itself. The club became the hub of village life and matches were still being played at the Meadows, but as this venue belonged to the village no admission charge could be made. So, when the opportunity arose to move to a new ground at the Gaunts, situated below the Church, off Snake Lane, the club took the decision to do so. But when the land was required for building houses a further move was necessary. Mr Philip Palmer sold the field adjoining his house on Redditch Road to the club for £1,000. As a result of determined fund raising, the club was able to raise this sum in five years, this providing a permanent home - Lye Meadow.

Lye Meadow - The Glory Years

The move to Lye Meadow in 1957 was the turning point in the club's history and it began to go from strength to strength. In 1961 under the guidance of Rhys Davies, they joined the Worcestershire Football (now Midland) Combination and claimed their first league title the following year. In twelve seasons they won the championship four times and were runners-up on five other occasions. They also claimed the League Challenge Cup five times and were runners-up twice in this period.

The club captured the imagination and enthusiasm of the Midlands in the mid-sixties with the team's giant-killing runs in the FA Amateur Cup. In the 1964/65 season Alvechurch were the first side in the history of the Worcestershire FA to reach the quarter finals, before losing 3-1 at home to Enfield before an estimated crowd of 16,000. The following season they were one step from Wembley, reaching the semi-final, played at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge before losing 1-0 to Wealdstone in front of a 14,225 gate.

In their second year in the FA Cup Church reached the 1st round proper in 1971/72 after the 11 hour, 6 match marathon in the 4th Qualifying Round against Oxford City. This tie is now recorded in the Guinness Book of Records. However, Alvechurch then went down 4-2 to Aldershot in the first round proper, in a match that was the 12th in 3 weeks for some of the team.

1973/74 was, in fact the most successful season in the club's history. Joining the West Midlands (Regional) League, the club won the Premier Division Championship, the League Challenge Cup, the Birmingham Senior Amateur Cup and the Worcestershire Senior Cup. In the FA Cup Church reached the Third Round Proper, going down 4-2 at Bradford City after beating Exeter City at St James Park in the First Round Proper.

The club entered the Southern League for the 1978/79 season and as the only true village club playing in the league finished in a creditable third position.

1980/81 saw another milestone for Alvechurch with the winning of the Midland Division and the Championship of the Southern League having beaten Southern Division Champions Dartford in the two legged final.

The 1981/82 season produced a seesaw battle to retain the League Championship, but Nuneaton finished the stronger to push Alvechurch into the runners-up position. During that season Alan Smith gained international honours when representing the England Non-league team and subsequently joined Leicester City. He then joined Arsenal for £800,000 where he gained full international honours playing for England.

It was back to success in the 1982/83 season when having gaining promotion to the Southern League Premier Division, the club won the Southern League Cup following a 7-2 aggregate win against Waterlooville. The club achieved its highest Southern Premier league finish in 1985/86, finishing 4th.

The Decline

Following the demise of benefactor Philip Palmer and the president Alan Wiseman, the club were relegated to the Midland Division of the Southern league at the end of the 1989/90 season, and there began a gradual decline. Geoff Turton of the Rockin' Berries pop group stepped in to keep the club alive aided by the sale of Andy Comyn to Aston Villa for a club record fee of £30,000. At the end of the 1991/92 season, the club were relegated to the WMRL Premier Division. Financial speculators gained control of the club in 1992 resulting in closure the following November 1993.

The Resurrection

In 1994 a dedicated band of supporters resurrected the club as Alvechurch Villa, rebuilding the seated stand and refurbishing the clubhouse to gain admission to the Midland Combination Premier Division, finishing in fifth position in the league. The team went onto reach the League Cup Final the following season, only to lose out to League Champions Bloxwich Town.

In 1996 the club reverted back to its original name and became simply, Alvechurch F.C.

The next few seasons were a struggle, but the 2000/01 season ended with clubs first trophy since being reformed, when the Smedley Crook Cup was won.

Season 2001/02 introduced the management duo of Andy Hibbert and Neil Bryan, after a management and player exodus. The club struggled through the season, just escaping relegation finishing 20th. The board kept faith however and season 2002/03 witnessed Church's best season in 20 years with the League and Cup double, winning the Midland Combination Premier League and Challenge Cup, a feat last completed in 1971/72. At the end of the season, Church were promoted into the Midland Football Alliance.

The MFA years

In season 2003/04 the Worcestershire Senior Urn was won for the first time and then retained the following season.

In season 2009/10 Church reached their highest league position since reforming by finishing 7th in the Midland Football Alliance. In the cup the Worcestershire Senior Urn was won for the 4th time of asking and the final of the Birmingham Senior Cup was reached, falling to a stoppage time winner against Nuneaton Town.

Season 2010/11 proved to be a tumultuous one - with three sets of managers running the first team throughout the campaign. Church's lowest MFA finish resulted in a run of poor results leading up to the end of the season could have seen the club in relegation trouble - but just enough points had been secured in the first half of the campaign proved sufficient to maintain league status.

A new beginning - The MFL

2014/15 saw the Midland Football Alliance and Midland Combination Leagues merge into the

newly formed, Midland Football League, with Alvechurch playing in the Premier Division. The club finished a disappointing 15th.

The Revival

2015/16 saw the start of the Church revival, with yet another new management team in place, with former Tividale, title winning management team of Ian Long and his assistant, Richard Colwell taking charge and bringing most of their squad with them from Tividale. The club amassed a record 101 points and 99 goals scored, finishing runners-up to phoenix club, Hereford F.C. The club also won the Worcester Senior Urn, beating Bromsgrove Sporting 3-0 in the final.

2016/17 saw the club finally win the Midland Football League Premier Division, beating Coleshill Town by six points with 92 points to gain promotion to step 4. They won the league and cup double by beating Hinckley AFC 2-1 in the Polymac Packaging League Cup Final at Walsall F.C. and completed a historic treble when they beat Wednesfield 4-1 in the final of the J.W. Hunt Cup at Molineux.

2017/18 saw the club promoted to the Northern Premier League Division One South and achieve back-to-back promotions, finishing runners up to Basford United and gaining promotion to Step 3 at the first attempt.

2018/19 with the re-organisation of Non-league at steps 3-4, the club competed in the new Southern League Premier Division Central. After finishing 4th, they beat Stourbridge 2-1 in the play-off semi-final, before losing to Kings Lynn Town 3-0 in the final. They also beat Redditch United pre-season, to claim the Worcester Senior Cup for the first time since 1977.

The Covid Years

2019/20 started under new management with Darren Byfield taking over after Ian Long took his staff and majority of the team to Stourbridge. Dean Holtham took over in November, but with only 4 league wins from 30 games, the team found themselves in deep relegation trouble, before Ian Long returned for 1 game in March. Covid-19 put a premature end to the season and saved Church from almost certain relegation.

2020/21 saw Church play only 9 league games before the season was again cut short.

Post Covid

2021/22 saw Longy's team reach the final play-off spot losing 2-1 to Peterborough Sports who went on to clinch promotion. We also reached the semi-final of the Birmingham Senior Cup, losing 3-0 to Stourbridge

2022/23 witnessed Church's best FA Cup run since they reached the 3rd round proper in 1974, beating 1st division side Cheltenham Town away 1-2 in 1st round proper, before losing to Forest Green Rovers 2-1 away in round 2 and missing out on a lucrative 3rd round home draw v Birmingham City. The club also reached the semi-final of the Birmingham Senior Cup again, losing 3-2 to Coventry City.

Season 2023/24 started with another team rebuild and after a poor start the club parted company with manager Ian Long and assistant Richard Colwell. New manager Jimmy Fry came in and despite the club struggling, managed to steer clear of relegation, finishing 16th, whilst winning the Worcester Senior Cup, beating Evesham United on penalties.

Season 2024/25 saw Jimmy Fry leave in November with ex Blackburn Rovers, England and Premier League winner, Tim Flowers taking over. The team finished in 13th in the league and lost in the Worcestershire Senior Cup Final to Worcester City 3-1.

Season 2025/26, we look forward once again with optimism and to continue our proud history.

Alvechurch FC - Profiles

Redman Evans, Squad #: 1, Position: Goalkeeper **DoB:** 30/09/2005 **Place of Birth:** Oxford. **Previous clubs:** Swindon Town

Debut: v Stamford (A) 09/08/25

Joined Swindon Town Academy in 2022, where he was a regular for their youth side, before earning a place in the first team squad on numerous occasions in 2023-24. Made his league debut in Swindon's final game of the season against Morecambe April 24, having originally made his first-team debut earlier in a Bristol Street Motors Trophy group stage game against Exeter back in November 2023. Joined Church on a season long extended loan.

Jenson Kilroy, Squad #: 13, Position: Goalkeeper **DoB:** 12/10/2006 **Place of Birth:** Birmingham. **Previous clubs:** Walsall

Debut: v Yeovil Town (A) FA Trophy 10/01/26

Joined Walsall aged 10 and has risen through the ranks in WS1 to sign his first professional deal. Joined on loan in December 25 and made his debut in FA Trophy v Yeovil Town in January. Big future ahead

Josh Dugmore, Squad #: 2, Position: Full Back

DoB: 26/11/2002, **Place of Birth:** Birmingham. **Previous clubs:** Banbury United, Everton U18, Birmingham City U18, Bromsgrove Sporting, AFC Telford United

Debut: 10/01/23 v Boldmere St Michaels (BSC) Attacking full back who likes to get forward and create chances.

Ethan Sephton, Squad #: 3, Position: Full Back

DoB 14/05/2000, **Place of Birth:** Birmingham. **Previous clubs:** Boston United, Derby County, Solihull, Alvechurch **Debut:** Kidderminster Harriers (FA Cup) on 03/10/20

Second spell with Church after leaving for Boston United. Natural left back who likes to get forward

Kyle Storer, Squad #: 4, Position: Midfield **DoB:** 30/04/1987 **Place of Birth:**

Previous clubs: Kettering Town, AFC Telford United, Nuneaton Borough, Solihull Moors, Cheltenham Town, Wrexham, Kidderminster Harriers, Nuneaton Town **Debut:** v Stamford (A) 09/08/25

In July 2015, Storer signed for National League club Cheltenham Town. In October 2016, he made his first League 2 appearance for the club in a match against Crawley Town. In January 2018, Storer left Cheltenham Town and signed for National League club Solihull Moors. In November 2019 he made his 600th career appearance against Oxford City in the FA Cup

Storer departed Solihull Moors in January 2023 after five years with the club. On 9 January 2023, Storer rejoined Nuneaton Borough. In July 2023, Storer was promoted to the role of player/assistant manager.

In January 2024, he was promoted to manager of Nuneaton Borough. Joined AFC Telford United in January 2024 before joining Kettering Town.

Krystian Pearce, Squad #: 5, Position: Central Defender **DoB:** 24/05/2004 **Place of Birth:** Birmingham. **Previous clubs:** Kidderminster Harriers

Debut: v Bishop's Stortford 10/08/24

'Chief' began his career at Birmingham City. Spent time on loan at Notts County with whom he made his EFL debut and also had loan spells at Port Vale and Scunthorpe United. Left Birmingham to join Huddersfield Town in 2010 for a brief spell before joining Notts County. Joined Torquay United in

2013, Mansfield Town in 2015 and Solihull Moors in 2020. Signed for Boreham Wood in 2021 then joined Hereford. Last club before joining Church was Kidderminster Harriers in 2022. Barbados international with 13 caps

Sam Perry, Squad #: 7, Position: Midfield

DoB: 29/12/2001, **Place of Birth:** Walsall. **Previous clubs:** Macclesfield, Salisbury, Waterford, Walsall (loans to Yeovil Town, Leamington)

Debut: Sub v Hitchin Town (A) on 07/09/24

Started career at Aston Villa academy before joining Walsall in 2019. Signed first pro contract in May 2020 and made his league debut for Walsall in Feb 21. Moved on loan to Yeovil in 2022 and then to Leamington in 2023. Signed for League of Ireland side Waterford in July 23. Before returning to Salisbury in Dec 23. In Feb 24 joined Macclesfield.

Joe Willis, Squad #: 8, Position: Midfield **DoB:** 03/10/2001 **Place of Birth:** Walsall. **Previous clubs:** Stafford Rangers, Walsall (loans at Salisbury, Leamington, Bromsgrove Sporting)

Debut: v Bishop's Stortford 10/08/24

Started career at Walsall making debut in Jan 2020 in EFL Trophy. Had loan spells at Salisbury, Leamington and Bromsgrove Sporting before joining Stafford Rangers in 2022.

Elliott Dugan, Squad #: 9, Position: Striker **DoB:** 18/09/2000 **Place of Birth:** Bath. **Previous clubs:** Frome Town, Connah's Quay, Taunton Town, Tiverton Town **Debut:** v Stamford (A) 09/08/25

Started his career at Swindon Town before playing in Sweden for Ytterhogdals IK. He then signed for APEA Akrotir in Cyprus in the summer of 2020 and went on to score 24 goals in 30 games. This earned him a move to third tier Cypriot club Kouris Erimis where he notched seven goals in 10 games before leaving in December 2021. A move to Northern Ireland followed a month later when he joined Portadown but left the Danske Premiership club at the end of the season before joining Cymru Premier side Haverfordwest County in September 2022 where he scored three times last season from 20 appearances. More recently played for Connah's Quay in Wales before joining Frome Town in Jan 25.

Name: Jonathan Ngandu, **Squad #: 10, Position:** Midfield

DoB: 25/10/2001, **Place of Birth:** Kinshasa. **Previous clubs:** Spalding United, Stratford Town, Darlington, Hamilton Academical, Stranraer, Coventry City

Debut: v Bromsgrove Sporting (H) sub on 11/03/25

Signed from Spalding United after spending some time on loan with Church last season.

He came through Coventry City's academy and spent time on loan at Icelandic club Keflavik before leaving Coventry in 2022 having made just one senior appearance, in the EFL Trophy. He spent a season with Scottish Championship club Hamilton Academical and Stranraer of Scottish League Two before returning to England with Stratford Town and Darlington

Temitope Obadeyi, Squad #: 11, Position: Striker

DoB: 29/10/1989, **Place of Birth:** Birmingham. **Previous clubs:** Kidderminster Harriers, Hereford, Banbury, Gloucester City, Oldham Athletic, Kilmarnock, Dundee United, Bury, Bolton Wanderers, Swindon Town, Rio Ave **Debut:** v Stamford (A) 09/08/25

Much travelled striker. Made his first team debut for Bolton as a sub in Premier League in December 2008. Signed for Swindon on loan and then Rochdale and Shrewsbury Town and then Chesterfield.

Obadeyi made 12 appearances in the Primeira Liga for Rio Ave during the 2012–13 season. Stints at Bury, Plymouth Argyle, Kilmarnock, Dundee United and Oldham Athletic followed.

On 25 July 2018, Obadeyi signed with Ligue 2 club Sochaux on a two-year contract. He left Sochaux in June 2020 before rejoining Oldham on a short term contract until the end of 2021-22 season.

Spells followed at Ilkeston Town, Gloucester City, Banbury United and Hereford before joining Hereford in 2024.

William Merrett, Squad #: 12, Position: Defender **DoB:** 25/10/2005 **Place of Birth:** Swindon.
Previous clubs: Forest Green Rovers, Larkhall

Debut: v Stamford (A) 09/08/25

Signed on loan from FGR until end of December 2025. Signed his first professional contract in September 2024. Joined via their Academy

Callum Sullivan, Squad #: 14, Position: Midfield

DoB: 28/08/2004, **Place of Birth:** Birmingham. **Previous clubs:** Birmingham City (loan to Rushall Olympic)

Debut: v Bishop's Stortford 10/08/24

Product of Birmingham City youth ranks, has been with club since age of 10. Signed first pro contract in summer of 2022. Joined Rushall on loan before joining Church last season

Kieran Wakefield, Squad #: 15, Position: Forward

DoB: 15/11/2003, **Place of Birth:** Birmingham. **Previous clubs:** Birmingham City

Debut: v Biggleswade Town on 17/08/24

Ex Birmingham City Academy player. Unlucky with injuries but blistering pace and an eye for goal.

Dieter Schwarm, Squad #: 16, Position: Midfield

DoB: 15/09/2007, **Place of Birth:** Birmingham. **Previous clubs:** Alvechurch Foundation

Debut: v Royston Town (A) as sub on 06/09/25

Product of our Foundation and has impressed enough to be part of our first team squad. Promising young player

Jessy Bavanganga, Squad #: 17, Position: Defender **DoB:** 11/01/2001 **Place of Birth:** London.

Previous clubs: Rushall Olympic, Stourbridge, Leek Town, Stoke City **Debut:** v Stamford (A) 09/08/25

Originally started his career at Stoke City Academy before joining Leek Town where he featured over 100 times for the Blues before joining Stourbridge where he had over 50 appearances before joining Rushall Olympic.

A powerful and athletic defender, he stands at 6'1" and comes highly regarded.

Nile Timson, Squad #:19, Position: Defender

DoB: 16/09/2005, **Place of Birth:** Birmingham. **Previous clubs:** Aston Villa, Rushall Olympic (Loan)

Debut: v Bromsgrove Sporting (H) on 12/08/25

Standing at 6'4", the strong and powerful centre half has been at Aston Villa for the best part of a decade and has featured heavily for the U18s over the last two years, whilst also having experience with the U21s before being released this summer. Combined with his impressive fitness and rapid pace, Nile can also play as a full-back.

Jack Sang, Squad #: 20, Position: Midfield

DoB: 28/09/2003, **Place of Birth:** Birmingham. **Previous clubs:** Romulus, Leamington, Hednesford, Wulfrunians

Debut: v AFC Sudbury (H) as sub on 16/08/25

Sang made his debut for Leamington in the Birmingham Senior Cup against West Bromwich Albion in November 2022 and also featured in the final.

He also spent time on loan at Northern Premier League Division One Midlands outfit Sutton Coldfield Town during the season as part of his development.

Signed on dual registration forms with Hednesford

Louie Clifford, Squad #: 21, Position: Midfield

DoB: 10/09/2006, **Place of Birth:** Birmingham. **Previous clubs:** Alvechurch Foundation

Debut: v Stratford Town (sub) on 25/08/25

Product of our Foundation and has impressed enough to be part of our first team squad. Promising young player

Manny Ilesanmi, Squad #: 18, Position: Forward **DoB:** 17/11/2004 **Place of Birth:** London. **Previous clubs:** AFC Telford United

Debut: v Evesham United (A) (h) on 09/12/25

Signed on a short term loan from AFC Telford United. Started career at Harrogate Town, making his debut in 2021. Spent loan spells at Scarborough Athletic and Basford United, before joining Derby County as an U21 player. Joined Torquay United for 2 loan spells before leaving in summer of 2025.

Jeremy Abbey, Squad #: 24, Position: Forward

DoB: 17/04/2003, **Place of Birth:** Netherlands. **Previous clubs:** Stourbridge, Redditch United, Bromsgrove Sporting, Alvechurch **Debut:** v Spalding United (H) on 01/11/25

Second spell at Church.

Zak Guinan, Squad #: 9, Position: Forward **DoB:** 29/01/2004 **Place of Birth:** Dudley. **Previous clubs:** Worcester City

Debut: v Leiston (A) on 20/01/26

Signed on loan from Worcester City in January 26. Holds line well

The Record against Alvechurch

This evening will be the 22nd meeting between Sporting and Alvechurch although that includes 5 friendlies and 2 Red Recruitment Cup matches played during the pandemic. For competitive matches, the record is as follows:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
Home	5	2	0	3	4	7
Away	8	2	1	5	10	13
Neutral	1	0	0	1	0	3
Total	14	4	1	9	14	20

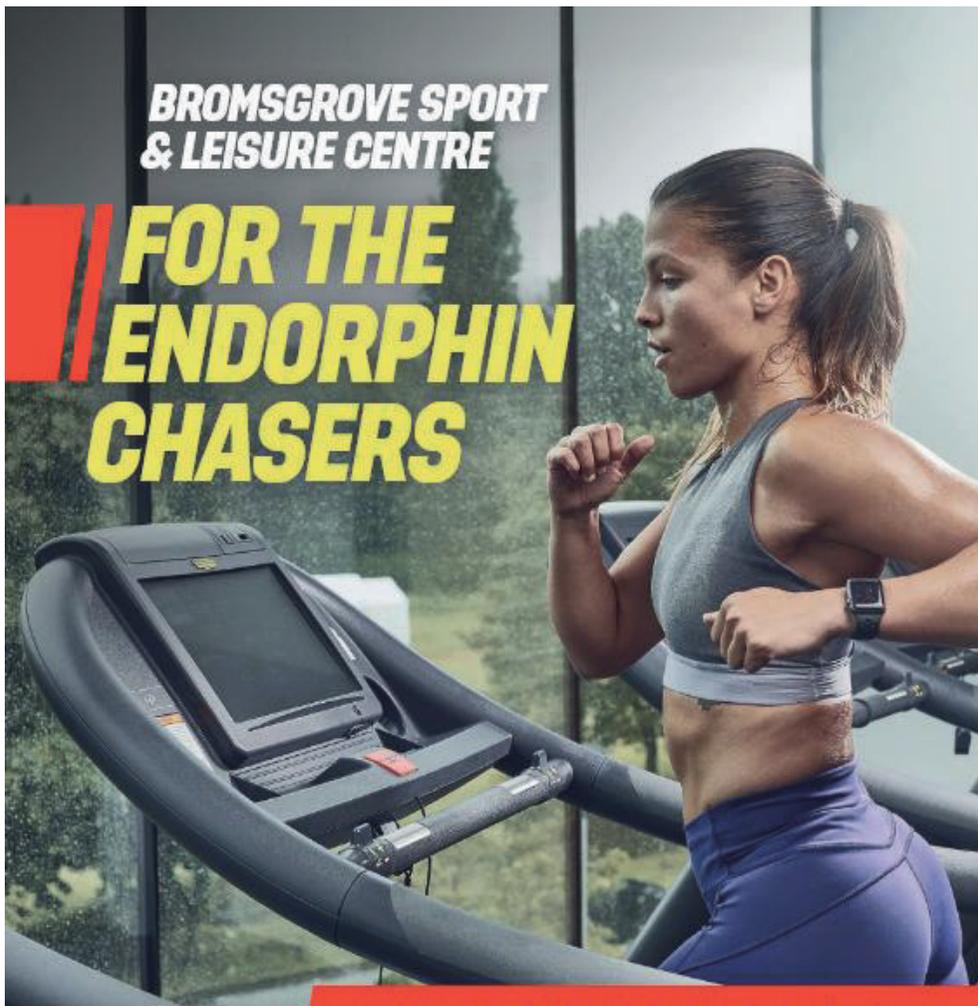
The last match between the sides was on 12th August earlier this season at Lye Meadow when Sporting won 2-1 in front of a crowd of 482. Nile Timson gave 'Church the lead on 7 minutes, Luke Benow got the equaliser on 88 minutes with Kobe Hall grabbing the winner 3 minutes into stoppage time.

Bromsgrove Rovers played Alvechurch on many occasions. Our records go back to 1970, but we suspect more matches were played before then. That record is as follows:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
Home	20	9	7	4	32	23
Away	25	10	5	10	45	42
Total	45	19	12	14	77	65

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Royston Town	0 - 2	Bury Town	187
The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Friday 13th February			
Redditch United	5 - 2	Barwell	386
The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 14th February			
Banbury United	1 - 0	Bury Town	
Harborough Town	2 - 1	Royston Town	587
Leiston	1 - 1	Bromsgrove Sporting	201
Needham Market	3 - 0	Halesowen Town	381
Quorn	1 - 0	Bishop's Stortford	478
Real Bedford	1 - 0	Stratford Town	283
Spalding United	3 - 0	Alvechurch	525
St Ives Town	1 - 3	Kettering Town	445
Stamford	1 - 1	Stourbridge	
Worcester City	0 - 0	AFC Sudbury	650

This Evening's Matches

The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Tuesday 17th February		
Bishop's Stortford	v	Real Bedford
Bromsgrove Sporting	v	Alvechurch
Stamford	v	St Ives Town

Forthcoming Matches

The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 21st February		
AFC Sudbury	v	Leiston
Alvechurch	v	Redditch United
Barwell	v	Stamford
Bishop's Stortford	v	St Ives Town
Bromsgrove Sporting	v	Worcester City
Bury Town	v	Needham Market
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2	Niall Flint	2	Josh Dugmore
3	Jack Kelly	3	Ethan Sephton
4	Max Asante-Boakye	5	Krystian Pearce
5	Aaron Roberts (Capt)	7	Sam Perry
6	Kyle Rowley	8	Joe Willis
7	Billy Shaw	9	Zac Guinan
8	George Wynne	10	Jonny Ngandu
9	Luke Benbow	11	Tope Obadeyi
10	Brad Stretton	12	Will Merrett
11	Koby Arthur	13	Jenson Kilroy (GK)
12	Ethan Young	14	Callum Sullivan
13	Ellis Litherland (GK)	15	Kieran Wakefield
14	Tyrone Lewthwaite	16	Dieter Schwarm
15	Jack Newell	17	Jessy Bavanganga
16	Theo Robinson	18	Manny Ilesanmi
17	Luke Softley	19	Nile Timson
18	Jordan Lyden	20	Jack Sang
19	Archie Duerden	22	Pa Sullay Njie
20	Akai Bonnick	24	Jeremy Abbey
21	Jaden Charles		

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