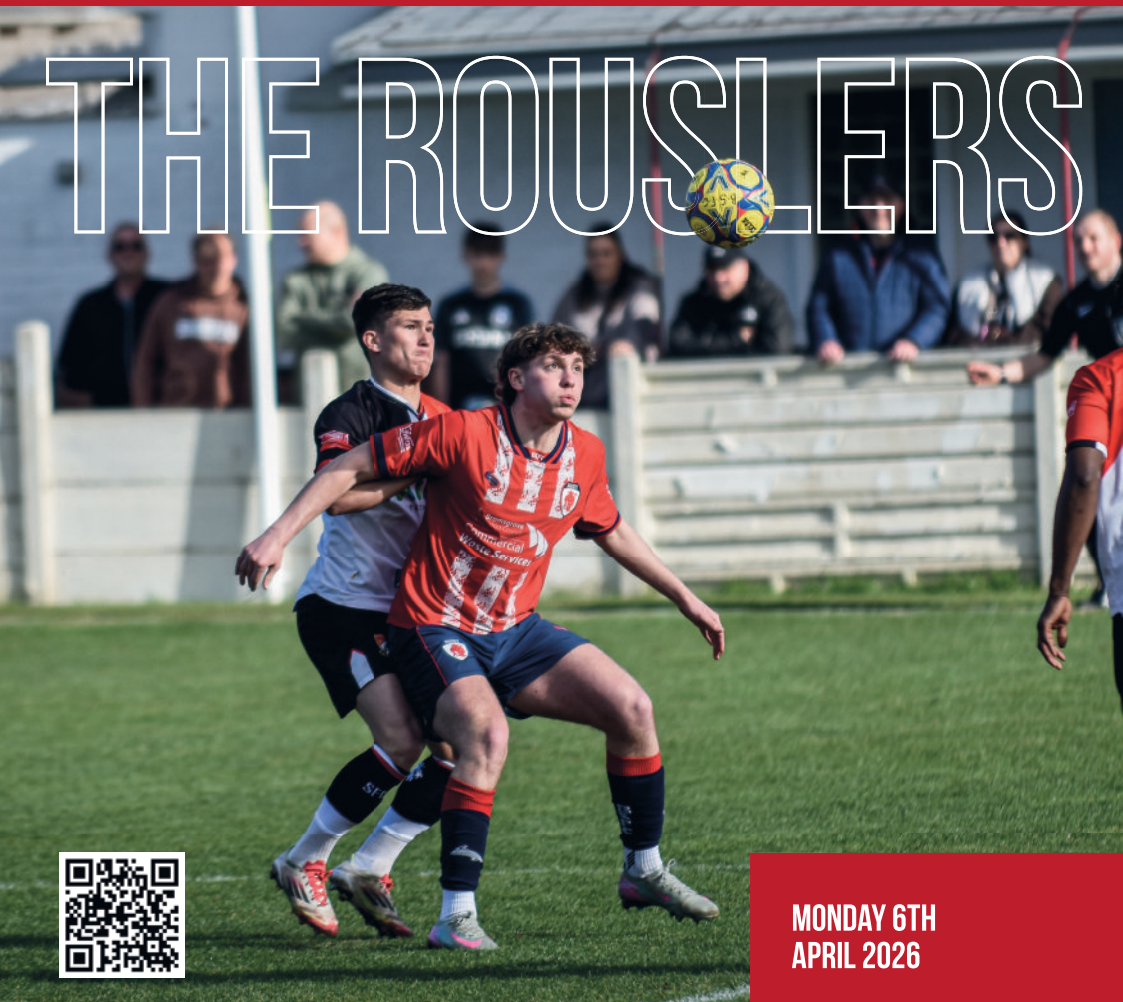


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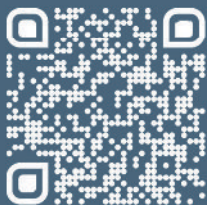


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<b><i>Season 2012/13</i></b>	<i>Champions - The Midland Combination Reserves Division Two</i>
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<b><i>Season 2013/14</i></b>	<i>Runners-up - The Midland Combination Premier Division</i>
<b><i>Season 2013/14</i></b>	<i>Winners - The Smedley Crooke Memorial Challenge Cup</i>
<b><i>Season 2014/15</i></b>	<i>Runners-up - The Midland Football League Division One</i>
<b><i>Season 2014/15</i></b>	<i>Winners - The Les James Challenge Cup</i>
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<b><i>Season 2016/17</i></b>	<i>Champions - The Midland Football League Division One</i>
<b><i>Season 2017/18</i></b>	<i>Winners - The Worcs Football Association Senior Invitation Urn</i>
<b><i>Season 2017/18</i></b>	<i>Champions - The Midland Football League Premier Division</i>
<b><i>Season 2018/19</i></b>	<i>Runners-up - The Southern League Division One Central</i>
<b><i>Season 2018/19</i></b>	<i>Winners - The Southern League Division One Central Play-off Final</i>
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<b><i>Graham Scott</i></b>	<i>2013</i>
<b><i>Adrian Mander</i></b>	<i>2013 - 14</i>
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<b><i>Brendan Kelly</i></b>	<i>2018 - 21</i>
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<b><i>Rod Brown</i></b>	<i>2023 -</i>

## From the Boardroom - Rod Brown, Chairman



Firstly, Can we welcome all the directors, management, players and fans from our friends at Halesowen Town? Also, my apologies but because of printing deadlines, I am writing these notes before we have played the vital game against Needham Market on Good Friday.

We come into this Easter Bank Holiday fixture at the business end of the season for both sides. Halesowen are aspiring to be in the shake up for the playoffs and we are fighting hard to continue our step 3 status.

As part of today's entertainment, we shall be enjoying at half-time the Michael Fellows modern dance group.

As everyone enters the ground there will be bucket collections for Dave Connel and MND (Motor Neurone

Disease). Dave was a part of the former Bromsgrove Rovers management team during 2006 - 2008 seasons as part of the reserve team management. He then assisted me when I was the first team manager during our promotion season of 2007. Unfortunately, Dave has progressive MND, so anything you can offer will help towards finding ways to eradicate this dreadful disease would be appreciated.

Within the last week, in fact on 26th March, we can now officially announce that the shareholders, in excess of 85%, signed to allow the consortium of local businessmen to take control of the club. This is very exciting for the future ahead on both a commercial standpoint and for the greater engagement within the community.

There will be many changes ahead, including cosmetic improvement to the stadium, new kit, improved hospitality fixturing and offerings.

There is an intention to improve the playing squad as a whole with Tim and Leon making us more competitive.

It is very important that the fabric of the club, the VOLUNTEERS, is maintained, this shall be!

The overall direction shall be governed by the consortium and myself as Chairman.

We have a huge desire and passion to turn this club back into a force on the pitch and a club that will offer a major place for the whole of Bromsgrove and the wider community to be associated with and proud of.

We enjoyed a fantastic result and performance away to Spalding United last week, where the lads put all their effort into getting that result. What we need now is the same from them and our local crowd to get us over the line.

Our last game of the season is at home versus Real Bedford, when we shall asking for everyone to show their appreciation to celebrate all the Colts, Girls, Ladies and Under 21s teams as they parade around the pitch at halftime.

Meanwhile, we hope that you enjoy today's match and I wish you a safe journey home.

***Rod***

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## Manager - Tim Flowers



Unfortunately, Tim has been unable to pen his column this week but Following our 2-0 win at title contenders Spalding on Saturday, the delighted manager had the following to say in reaction...

Spalding are a really good team – they've got good players, who would pretty much get into any team in our division. We knew that before the game and we rode our luck a bit with a couple of chances early doors and they could have gone one or two up.

After 10 minutes, we really grew into the game and created some chances of our own. The referee booked George Wynne inside two minutes and then he gave away another foul moments later – I felt the referee couldn't wait to give fouls against us and then he tells Azza that it's one more foul and he's off – so I had a decision to make – to bring him off.

Other than that, we made some of our own problems in the first half with a lack of game management and discipline, but we did look half decent.

We won, and I'm really pleased for everybody at the football club – none more so than our fans, but also the directors, the staff and players.

I'm the fiercest critic in the world but, as far as I'm concerned, I cannot criticise any of my players from Saturday – they were outstanding from start to finish. They gave it everything, and there's a great spirit around the place and a real togetherness.

It was a real coupon buster of a result – it was a wonderful effort from everybody, against an outstanding football team, with many players better than this level – and I don't think they can have any qualms that we didn't deserve it.

I spoke to many players approaching the deadline day – none of them really wanted to get their hands dirty and muck in with us lot, so it's us against the world at the end of the day.

I thank the fans who followed us very much for coming – and I really hope they enjoyed the result. The big thing that came out for me was the spirit amongst everybody – everything you need to have any chance.

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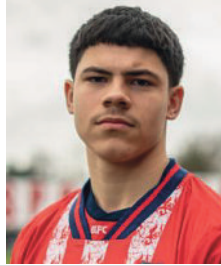
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	<p><b>Tim Flowers</b>  <i>Manager</i>  <b>Bromsgrove Dog Walking &amp; Pet Services</b></p> 		<p><b>Leon Broadhurst</b>  <i>Assistant Manager</i>  <b>Sponsored by Tim Reeb, who lives in New Jersey, USA</b></p>
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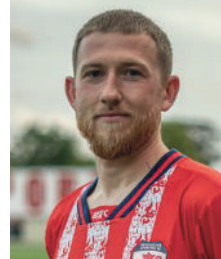
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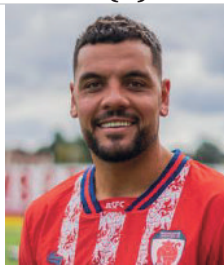
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**Profile:**  
**George Wynne**  
*Midfielder*



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<b>Height, weight?</b>	1.68m (5' 6"), 70kg (11st 0lb)
<b>Left or right footed?</b>	Right
<b>Previous clubs?</b>	On loan from Birmingham City
<b>Football honours?</b>	Winning the Under 18s League
<b>Best moment playing football?</b>	Playing in the winning finals for the Under 18s
<b>Biggest influence on your career?</b>	My parents
<b>Which team do you support?</b>	Birmingham City
<b>Favourite all-time player?</b>	Lionel Messi
<b>Best player you have played against?</b>	Max Dowman
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<b>Which team do you most like to beat?</b>	Aston Villa
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<b>Do you play any other sports?</b>	Golf
<b>Married, single?</b>	Single
<b>Where do you live?</b>	Lickey End, Bromsgrove
<b>What car do you drive?</b>	Mercedes A Class
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<b>Favourite drink?</b>	Fanta Fruit Twist
<b>Favourite biscuit?</b>	Chocolate Digestives
<b>Favourite TV programme?</b>	The Inbetweeners
<b>Favourite Film?</b>	The Hangover
<b>Favourite actor/actress?</b>	Adam Sandler
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Midland Football League Division One - Tuesday 5th April 2016 - 7:45 p.m. kick-off

### **Hinckley AFC 1 (0) Bromsgrove Sporting 3 (2) at St Johns Park**

The third meeting between these two teams this season with Sporting completing the league double and firmly putting the FA Cup defeat behind them. However, they had to work hard and concentrate for their win against a well-organised side who always looked capable going forward.

Playing on a cool evening with mercifully no rain and little wind, the healthy crowd of 226 were treated to some good end-to-end play for the first few minutes but with few chances as both back fours mopped up any danger.

With the mid-field getting crowded, Sporting attempted to open up the game and make more use of the flanks and the benefits were almost immediate. On 11 minutes Danny Morris moved forward from left-back putting over a delightful cross to the head of Joe Jakab whose glance looped over Tom Cross in the Hinckley goal to give the Rouslers the lead.

Hinckley were already playing well in particular former Rousler Darius Darkin controlling their centre of mid-field but going a goal down meant they needed to step up a gear. There was no lack of commitment as they went for the equaliser and it nearly came on the 25th minute when another former Rousler Sean Williams received the ball just in front of the box. He passed to Luke Richards unmarked on the left whose shot beat Chris Jay between the sticks for Sporting only for the ball to hit the post and roll along the line allowing Jay to make amends and gather.

Cue for the Bromsgrove outfit to re-gain control and their efforts were rewarded seven minutes later after forcing a corner. Sam Wills floated over a well-aimed effort that met the head of Jakab who this time thundered the ball into the top corner giving Cross no chance.

Before the half-time refreshments Sean Brain's long-range shot was put wide by Cross and captain Craig Jones headed just over from another corner but both sides went in with the Rouslers two up.

Just four minutes after the interval, Sam Wills pretty much put the match beyond Hinckley when he found himself with plenty of space and time on the edge of the box to hit a low angled drive beyond the outstretched arm of Cross for Sporting's third.

Both sides used up their substitutes and the pace slowed down as the half went on and although not a physical game, tackles were becoming more assertive with the home side racking up three yellow cards and Sporting worryingly giving away too many free-kicks.

With 80 minutes gone Hinckley were still trying to rescue something from the game and a Richards screamer went just over the bar. Then three minutes later they finally made the scoresheet after a great run down the right by Javia Roberts who crossed to an unmarked Greg Pearson who easily tapped home from a few yards out. Richards forced a late save from Jay but the goal was too little too late as referee Mr Moule blew for full-time after three added minutes and much to the relief of the contingent of travelling away fans behind the goal.

After the match Joe Jakab (aka the Magic Magyar) said, "I was pleased with my two goals and I hope they help with the push for promotion".

Hinckley: Tom Cross, Isaac Cooper (Javia Roberts 64 mins), Lee Thomas, Mitchell Tomlinson, Adam Goodby, Lee Butler (Greg Pearson 55 mins), Sean Williams, Darius Darkin, Sam Agar, Ryan Seal (Jean Kalenda 55 mins), Luke Richards (Capt.). Substitute not used: David Blenkinsopp

Sporting: Chris Jay, Aaron Roberts, Danny Morris, Simon Fitter, Craig Jones (Capt.), Luke Dugmore (Connor Collins 72 mins), 76 mins), Simon Fitter, Josh Westwood (Will Tibbetts 55 mins), Liam Spink, Jozsef Jakab (Kyle Turner 69 mins), Sean Brain. Substitutes not used: Brendan Kelly, Ümit Eminoğlu.

Referee: Mr T Moule (Leicester), Assistants: Mr S Walker (Aylestone), Mr J Meadows (Kenilworth)

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### **Bromsgrove Sporting Ladies - Match Report**

#### **Sunday 21st March - Hereford Pegasus 2 (1) Bromsgrove Sporting 3 (2)**

Sporting travelled away to Hereford Pegasus today, as they looked to return to winning ways after back-to-back league defeats.

The Ladies started the game in a very composed manner, playing controlled football and moving the opposition around. Being on the front foot, Sporting had many attempts on goal from range in the opening 20 minutes but didn't trouble the keeper. Just after the half an hour mark, Elloise Russell battled through a number of challenges before being brought down in the box. The Sporting penalty was saved by the Pegasus keeper, but the clearance found Nat Sabin, who arrowed the ball into the top-left corner from 25 yards. 1-0.

Sporting kept pressing and tried to extend their lead, but many last-ditch tackles and blocks from the Pegasus defence kept the score at 1-0. Just before half time, a long ball over the top forced Sporting to concede a corner. A well taken corner was met by a Pegasus attacker on the edge of the 6-yard box, who poked the ball home. 1-1. A score line which didn't reflect Sporting's dominance, saw the Ladies level at the break. Taking lots of positivity from their first half performance, Sporting once again started on the front foot and created many chances on goal.

The front-foot performance by the Ladies paid off and it was another wonder strike which gave Sporting the lead again in the 70th minute. Abi Bourne won the ball back in the attacking half, laid the ball into Ash Kennedy who struck the ball into the roof of the net from 30 yards. 2-1.

15 minutes later, Sporting extended their lead. A corner was cleared by Pegasus, Ruth Tarnowski laid the ball to Elloise Russell 20 yards out, who struck the ball into the top corner. 3-1.

Moments later, Sydney Demetrius nearly added to the spectacular goals. Winning the ball back on half-way, she drove towards the box and unleashed an effort which was tipped onto the bar.

As the 90th minute came, Pegasus pulled another goal back. Another corner swung in and hit the bar, before being bundled in at the back post.

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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.

NON-LEAGUE Day has once again proved to be a roaring success with a record number of fans clicking through the turnstiles in support of their local clubs. Celebrating its 16th year in existence, the initiative, started 2010 by QPR fan James Doe, took full advantage of the international break by welcoming supporters of Premier League and EFL clubs through their doors as the Non-League football took centre stage on the fixture calendar.

It proved a day to remember also for 60-year-old retired school teacher Danny Burkey, who was chosen to lead his local team, Ossett United, for a crucial game from the manager's dugout. Superfan Danny was named as assistant manager for the day as the Sheepicorns hosted Grimsby Borough in a crunch relegation six-pointer in NPL East. Diagnosed with incurable prostate cancer in June 2021, Burkey had planned to attend the match, together with friends and family, to raise funds and awareness for Prostate Cancer UK. But upon learning of his story, Ossett decided to centre the day around him. Burkey was introduced to the players by manager James Walshaw during a rain-swept training session on Tuesday night and presented with a personalised branded bench-coat, plus a match shirt emblazoned with 'Burkey 45' - the 45 to highlight how one man dies every 45 minutes from the disease.

Non-League Day now attracts strong and widespread support from the FA, Premier League and Football League clubs to MPs, media organisations, charities, and Non-League teams across the country. But alarming figures from a survey conducted by sports media brand LiveScore actually reveal low awareness of local clubs, and divided views on the 3pm blackout.

The fans' survey, capturing perspectives from fans of professional clubs, Non-League fans, and those who follow both, showed that just 23% of Non-League fans care about the outcome of a game - demonstrating that it's not just about winning, but the full experience of following your team and love of the game. The report also reveals a visibility gap - 55% of professional football club fans say they'd be open to attending Non-League games, but four in ten can't name their local Non-League club.

Additionally, fans across both the professional and Non-League game doubt the relevance of the 3pm blackout, with just 27% of professional club fans feeling the 3pm blackout protects Non-League attendances, reopening the age-old debate of its usefulness in the modern game. The findings shine a light on what draws fans to Non-League football, the barriers that still exist, and the opportunities to strengthen its appeal.

They underline the importance of preserving the fan experience at all levels, while reinforcing the unique role Non-League clubs play in sustaining the spirit and community of the game. In an era shaped by shifting priorities in the professional game, Non-League Day serves as a timely reminder of football's roots and the vital role supporters play at every level. Dominic Vye, Marketing Director at LiveScore, said: "Our fan report underlines the fact that Non-League is not only the lifeblood of English football, but also has significant growth potential - the data shows that the interest is there, but there's a visibility gap.

"With over half of fans of pro clubs being open to attending Non-League games, we want to champion the unique strengths of further down the pyramid and empower existing fans to bring their friends along to Non-League Day 2026. Being able to attend games with your closest friends can act as a powerful catalyst, reconnecting supporters with the heart of the game and ensuring the future of football remains as vibrant at the grassroots as it is at the top."

For regular readers of this column, and for us at The NLP of course, every day is Non-League Day, but these figures from LiveScore prove that more work is required to promote the game at this level and encourage supporters across the UK to attend their local club. Their mission to fuel fans' passion for sport is most welcome. To view the full survey, visit [www.livescore.com/en/media/non-league-fan-survey/](http://www.livescore.com/en/media/non-league-fan-survey/). Happy Easter everyone.



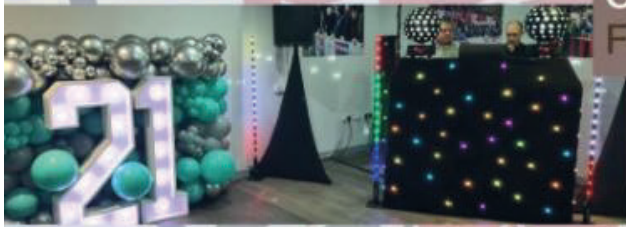
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## **Today's Mascots**

**We have mascots today who will accompany The Rouslers on to the pitch before the kick-off.**

**Unfortunately, at the time of publication, nobody from our Colts outfit has been in touch to tell us which team will be present, so apologies for no information or photos.**

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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Harborough Town	37	25	9	3	70	29	+41	84
2	Spalding United	37	23	8	6	91	44	+47	77
3	Real Bedford	36	20	9	7	69	40	+29	69
4	Redditch United	36	19	5	12	55	49	+6	62
5	Kettering Town	36	18	7	11	68	47	+21	61
6	Quorn	37	18	7	12	74	61	+13	61
<b>7</b>	<b>Halesowen Town</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>+18</b>	<b>60</b>
8	Worcester City	37	16	9	12	53	34	+19	57
9	Needham Market	36	16	9	11	55	47	+8	57
10	Leiston	36	14	13	9	57	47	+10	55
11	Stratford Town	37	15	8	14	54	50	+4	53
12	Banbury United	36	15	8	13	45	45	-	53
13	Bury Town	37	13	11	13	54	50	+4	50
14	Bishop's Stortford	37	13	7	17	49	57	-8	46
15	Alvechurch	37	12	6	19	42	49	-7	42
16	Stourbridge	36	10	12	14	50	62	-12	42
<b>17</b>	<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>38</b>
18	Stamford AFC	36	10	6	20	32	61	-29	36
19	St Ives Town	37	8	10	19	45	67	-22	34
20	Barwell	37	8	8	21	47	75	-28	32
21	AFC Sudbury	37	6	7	24	46	100	-54	25
22	Royston Town	37	4	10	23	33	74	-41	22

Table as at Saturday 28th March 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 Ezewe
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	L 1 - 4	595	31	17	-
Sat	21-Feb	3:00 PM	H	Worcester City	Southern League	L 0 - 1	750	31	18	George Wynne
Sat	28-Feb	3:00 PM	H	AFC Sudbury	Southern League	W 5 - 3	580	34	15	Theo Robinson
Mon	2-Mar	7:45 PM	A	Redditch United	Worcs Senior Cup SF	L 0 - 1	635	-	-	Luke Benbow
Sat	07-Mar	3:00 PM	A	Kettering Town	Southern League	L 0 - 1	945	34	16	Jack Newell
Sat	14-Mar	3:00 PM	H	Stourbridge	Southern League	L 1 - 2	799	34	17	Kyle Belmonte
Tue	17-Mar	7:45 PM	H	Harborough Town	Southern League	L 1 - 2	353	34	17	Luke Softley
Sat	21-Mar	3:00 PM	A	Royston Town	Southern League	D 1 - 1	338	35	17	Nile Timson
Sat	28-Mar	3:00 PM	A	Spalding United	Southern League	W 2 - 0	675	38	17	Kyle Belmonte
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
<i>Koby Arthur</i>		22	8		1				4	1						26	26				26	26			
<i>Max Asante-Boakye</i>		1	1				1									1	1	1			1	1			
Kyle Belmonte	5															5					5			5	
Luke Benbow	14	12			6	2	3	9	1	2	1		1			15	14	29	3	9	15	14	29	9	
<i>Freddie Boakye</i>	4				1											4	4	4			4			4	
Akai Bonnick	3	2					1									3	2	5	1		3	2	5		
Rory Brown	20				1		2		2							22	22	2			22			22	
<i>Ash Carter</i>	11			1	5	2			2						1	13	13				46			46	1
Jaden Charles	7							1								7	7		1		7			7	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			
Archie Duerden		4	2												1	4	4				4	4			
<i>Tom Edge</i>	20	2		2	4		2	1	4				1		1	24	2	26	2	1	24	2	26	1	
Dale Eve																									
<i>Josh Ezewe</i>	20	1			1		3		2	1						22	2	24	3		32	2	34		
Niall Flint	10	2			2			1	1							11	2	13		1	11	2	13	1	
Isaac Godwin	2	1				1			1							3	1	4			3	1	4		
<i>Lewis Green</i>	4				1				1							5	5				5			5	
Kobe Hall	5	14	2		1		1	4	2	2	1			1	1	7	16	23	2	4	10	20	30	4	
<i>Adam Harrison</i>	14				1				3							17	17				17			17	
Jack Kelly	19	7			5		5		3							22	7	29	5		22	7	29		
<i>Reece King</i>	10	5		10	4		2		2	1		2				12	6	18	2		59	6	65	5	
<i>Tyrone Lewthwaite</i>	10	2						5								10	2	12		5	10	2	12	5	
<i>Ellis Litherland</i>	3															3	3				3			3	
Jordan Lyden	12	5	7		4		1	1	2		1		2			14	5	19	1	1	19	18	37	1	
<i>Paul McCone</i>	3				1	1										3	3				3			3	
<i>Bo Morris</i>	5	1	2		1				1							6	1	7			7	4	11		
<i>Taylor Morrison</i>	1		2													1	1				1	3	4		
Jack Newell	28	2	2		3		2	2	4	1					1	32	3	35	2	3	125	29	154	9	
<i>Charlie Pavey</i>	11	1	1		3		2	3	3					1		14	1	15	3	3	14	1	15	3	
Aaron Roberts	30	1		14	3	1	1	1	4			1	1			34	1	35	1	1	349	15	364	24	
Theo Robinson	5	7			1		2	2		1						5	8	13	2	2	36	21	57	15	
<i>Kyle Rowley</i>	8	1	1		1				1							8	2	10			8	2	10		
Kian Ryley	4	1			1											4	1	5			4	1	5		
<i>Gus Sanches</i>	10	13	2		3		1	4	2	1	1		1			12	14	26	1	4	12	26	38	6	
<i>James Sanderson</i>	9	2			1		2	2	1	1						10	3	13	2	2	10	3	13	2	
Billy Shaw	31	2		6	8		3	5	4					1	2	35	2	37	4	7	84	13	97	11	
Luke Softley	32		2		8		1	2	5			1		1		37		37	2	2	37		37	2	
<i>Bradley Stretton</i>	12	11	2		3		3	1	1							13	11	24	3	1	13	11	24	1	
Nile Timson	1	1			1											1	1	2			1	1	2		
Charlie Trustram	2		1		1											2	2				2			2	
<i>Aksum White</i>	4		1						1							5	5				68	17	85		
Shay Willock		3			1			1									3	3		1		3	3	1	
George Wynne	11	1			5			1	1							12	1	13		1	12	1	13	1	
<i>Ethan Young</i>	3								1							4		4			4			4	
Own Goal								1												1					

Up to and including Saturday 28th March 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.

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**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.

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**Dan Price** Squad Number: n/a  
Position: Goalkeeping Coach  
New arrival at the UK Electrical Stadium as part of the management team.

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**Karol Blicharski** Squad Number: n/a  
Position: Analyst  
UEFA C football coach with extensive experience in youth development, community programs, and international coaching environments.

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**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.

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**Kyle Belmonte** Squad Number: 6  
Position: Forward/midfielder  
On loan from Worcester City until the end of the season. Energetic midfield man made 26 appearances for Worcester this season, scoring four times. He also played a starring role in Worcester's 3-0 win over Sporting at Sixways, back in October.

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**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

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with an eye for the spectacular.

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<b>Akai Bonnick</b>	Squad Number: 4	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.

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<b>Rory Brown</b>	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.

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<b>Jaden Charles</b>	Squad Number: 12	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.

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<b>Archie Duerden</b>	Squad Number: 19	DoB: 9/3/06
Position: Centre-half	Height:	

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.

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<b>Dale Eve</b>	Squad Number: 13	DoB: 9/2/95, Bermuda
Position: Goalkeeper	Height: 1.93m	

Recent clubs: Alvechurch, Redditch United, Walsall Wood, Hereford, Spennymoor Town, Robin Hood (Bermuda), Kidderminster Harriers, Rushall Olympic, Ilkeston.

Bermudan international who has a wealth of Step 3 experience.

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<b>Niall Flint</b>	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.

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<b>Isaac Godwin</b>	Squad Number: 21	DoB: 26/10/06
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Position: Left back

Previous clubs: Vauxhall Motors, Newcastle Town, Shrewsbury Town under 18s

Currently on loan from Shrewsbury Town. Usually a defender but can play in midfield.

<b>Kobe Hall</b>	Squad Number: tba	DoB: 25/8/06, Birmingham
Position: Centre forward	Height: 6' 2"	Weight:
Previous Clubs: Kidderminster Harriers, Colehill 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.		
<b>Jack Kelly</b>	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.		
<b>Jordan Lyden</b>	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.		
<b>Jack Newell</b>	Squad Number: 15	DoB: 22/1/01, Kingston-upon-Thames
Position: Midfield	Height: 6' 0"	Weight: 80 kg
Previous clubs: Northampton Town, Highgate United.		
Now into his 5th season at the club, and with over 150 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.		
<b>Aaron Roberts</b>	Squad Number: 5	DoB: 19/6/92
Position: Defender and team captain		
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.		
<b>Theo Robinson</b>	Squad Number: 16	DoB: 22/1/89
Position: Striker	Height: 5' 9"	Weight:
Previous clubs: Gloucester City, Brackley Town, Hartlepool, Bradford, Port Vale, Southend United, Colchester, Swindon Town, Lincoln City, Motherwell, Doncaster, Scunthorpe, Derby, Huddersfield Town, Millwall, Watford, Hereford, Wealdstone		
Recently returned to the UK Electrical Stadium after playing most of last season. Vastly experienced striker who has played for several Football League clubs clocking up over 500 appearances as well as picking up seven caps playing for Jamaica.		

<b>Kian Ryley</b>	Squad Number: 20	DoB: 1/4/05
Position: Midfielder	Height: 5' 11"	
Previous clubs: Solihull Moors, Hereford, Mickleover, Studley, Stourbridge, Brackley, Rushall Olympic.		
Attacking midfielder who can also play on either wing. On loan from Solihull Moors until the end of the season.		
<b>Billy Shaw</b>	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 can score and create goals.		
<b>Luke Softley</b>	Squad Number: 17	DoB: 21/4/05
Position: Centre Back	Height 6' 2"	Weight: 81kg
Previous clubs: Aston Villa (youth), Hungerford Town		
A local lad who impressed when playing against us in pre-season. Centre back who loves defending and getting on the ball and is comfortable playing across the backline.		
<b>Nile Timson</b>	Squad Number: 14	DoB: 22/12/05, Birmingham
Position: Centre Back	Height 6' 1"	
Previous clubs: Alvechurch, Stourbridge and Rushall Olympic		
Another recent signing who started at Aston Villa's academy. Impressed on his debut against Royston Town.		
<b>Charlie Trustram</b>	Squad Number: 10	DoB: 18/10/06
Position: Midfielder		
Previous clubs: Luton Town under 18s and 21s, Bedford Town		
On loan from Luton Town. A box-to-box midfielder signed for the Hatters as an Under-13 from Stevenage's academy		
<b>Shay Willock</b>	Squad Number: 11	DoB: 15/9/03, Birmingham
Position: Centre-forward	Height: 6' 3"	
Previous clubs: Alvechurch, Stourbridge, Walsall, Worcester Raiders, Coventry Sphinx, Stafford Rangers		
Combative striker who made first team appearances whilst at Walsall.		
<b>George Wynne</b>	Squad Number: 8	DoB: 14/05/07
Position: Midfielder		
Previous clubs: on loan from Birmingham City		
The 18-year-old, who has been at the Blues for over a decade, will spend the rest of the season with Sporting. Has impressed playing for Birmingham City under 21s.		

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Here is number 20 again with the World Cup, this time the 1990s

1. 1990 - In England's penalty shoot-out exit to West Germany Stuart Pearce and Chris Waddle famously missed, but which 3 England players scored?
2. 1990 - Scoring 6 goals, which Italian striker won the Golden Boot?
3. 1994 - Who famously missed a penalty during the opening ceremony?
4. 1994 - Who missed the last penalty in the final shoot-out to give Brazil the trophy?
5. 1998 - Which South American became the first player to score hat-tricks in two tournaments, against Jamaica this year and against Greece in 1994?
6. 1998 - Host nation France went on to win the tournament, the last host to do so. Which five other countries have achieved this?

Answers: 1) Gary Lineker, Peter Beardsley and David Platt 2) Salvatore Schillaci  
3) Diana Ross 4) Roberto Baggio 5) Gabriel Batistuta  
6) Uruguay 1930, Italy 1934, England 1966, West Germany 1974 and Argentina 1978

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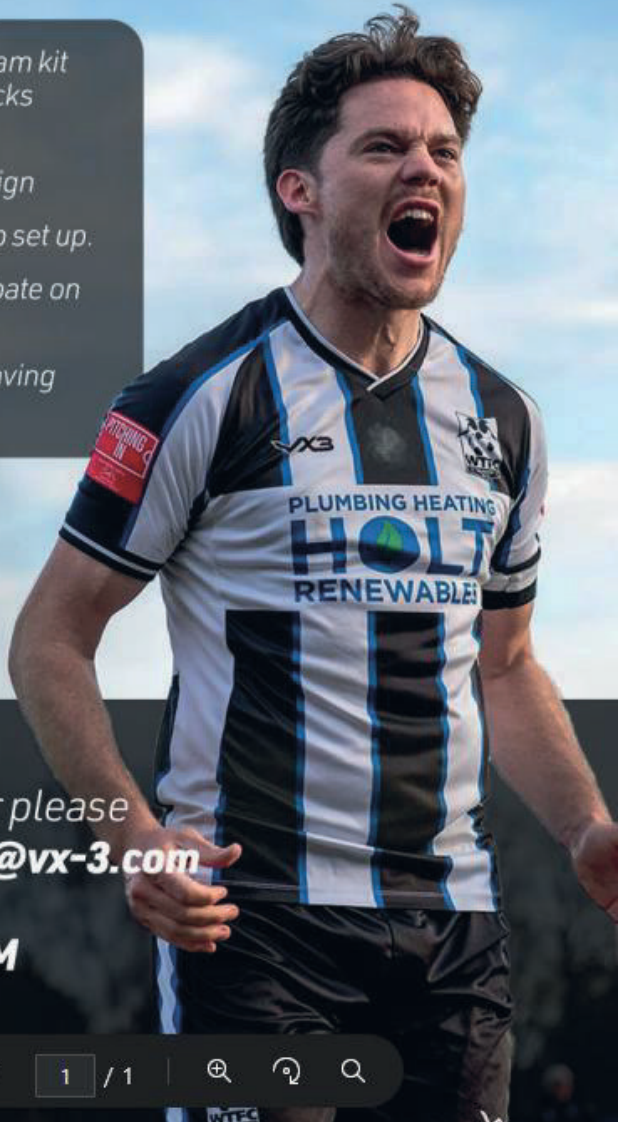
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## Our Visitors Today - Halesowen Town



Halesowen Town is one of the oldest teams in the country and claims to have been formed in 1873. Local historian Norman Jones wrote "there is evidence which shows that for the first ten years of the team's existence it was the James Grove Button Factory team and that it adopted the present name in the early 1880's. The earliest records that the Football Association have on file relating to Halesowen Town F.C. are dated 1882....."

When peacetime returned after World War II, the Club reformed. In season 1951/52 both Birmingham and Worcestershire Senior Cup Finals were reached. In front of a 6,000 crowd at Stourbridge, we lost in the Birmingham final to Brierley Hill Alliance but triumphed over Hednesford in the Worcestershire final, played at Bromsgrove. The same season saw us suffer our worst ever post-war defeat when we travelled to Merthyr Tydfil in the Herefordshire Senior Cup and were soundly beaten 0-9.

1955 brought our first major achievement when we reached the First Round of the FA Cup but lost 4-2 at home to Hendon in front of a packed Grove crowd. In March 1955, Ronnie Dugmore notched an incredible 7 goals when we won 10-0 at Dudley in a Birmingham League match. In August 1957, we achieved our highest post-war winning margin when we beat Coventry Amateurs 13-1 in the Birmingham Senior Cup.

The 1970's brought us a period of struggle, and for times the only thing keeping us running was the effort of 'Mr Halesowen Town' - Harry Rudge. Before his untimely death in 1990, 'H' filled every role in the club at one time or other, including player, manager, groundsman, secretary, and anything else you can think of.

Then suddenly something strange happened - we got a decent team together and started winning things. Manager Paddy Page assembled a squad of promising youngsters, and in 1982-83 we had an unbelievable year. We won the West Midlands League for the first time, as well as winning the League Cup, but more importantly we reached the final of the FA Vase at Wembley narrowly losing 1-0 to VS Rugby. Two years later we were back at the home of football. This time there was no mistake, as we beat Fleetwood 3-1 in the greatest day in the history of the club. The following year we once again won the Vase by beating Southall 3-0 in front of over 17,000 people, most of whom had come down from Halesowen. From 1985 to 1991, we reached the First Round of the FA Cup for 7 consecutive years. On 4 occasions we played professional teams, Southend United, Brentford, Cardiff City and Tranmere Rovers.

The season of 2010/11 saw one of the poorest playing records in the Club's history, finishing the season in bottom place and scoring only 24 goals on top of conceding 107 times. Two years later and in the 2013/14 season, a large amount of great success came the clubs way, as two goals from top scorer the previous campaign Ben Haseley, ensured the 3 points that crowned us league champions and promoted to step 3.

The Peter Swales Challenge Trophy was added the following week, with a 3-1 win against Curzon Ashton. John Hill added to his squad two players with league experience, Neil Mackenzie and Ilyseden Christie.

Fast forward to 2018 Club President and ex-Chairman Colin Brookes became the ultimate owner of the club with his daughter and chair Karen Brookes and Keith McKenna becoming Directors of the club. The Yeltz narrowly avoided relegation and for the 2017-18 season will be playing in the newly formed Evo-Stik South Premier Division Central. In November 2018 the

new management team of Rob Smith and his assistant Larry Chambers were appointed to replace John Hill and Matt Clarke. Sadly the 2018-19 season saw relegation to step 4 for the Yeltz with Lee Hughes and Asa Charlton at the helm for the last 10 games. Paul Smith took over as manager in the summer of 2019 as he looked to get the Yeltz back to step 3 at the earliest opportunity.

The Yeltz were looking at promotion back to

step 3 when the Covid-19 pandemic stopped football and the world in its tracks as the league results were expunged and the league declared was null and void. The Yeltz had also reached the Semi-Final of the FA Trophy and even took the lead at Concord Rangers before a late 2-1 defeat. The following season lasted no more than a dozen games before being curtailed. The 2021-22 season saw Halesowen reach the play off semi-final where defeat to Chasetown saw us stuck at step 4 for a third successive season. The 2022-23 season was quite different, a season where the Yeltz never slipped below a play-off place all season and gained promotion in a play-off final against Spalding United in front of 3,250 fans at a sellout Grove.

The clubs return to step 3 in the 2023-2024 after 4 seasons away, saw Halesowen hold their own in the Southern Premier Division Central and finish the season in 8th place. A status of which fans would have accepted before the season began. The first full season under current boss Russ Penn, the 2024/25 campaign, took the club to new heights in the English non-league pyramid. The club were top of the league for a total of 19 days throughout the season, the fourth most of any club in the division. Penn's Yeltz recorded a run of seven wins in nine league games over a period of two months, having beforehand lost three league games in four during the month of September. Earlier this year, we went on an unbeaten run of 13 matches, until our eventual defeat against AFC Telford United in the semi-final of the play-offs.

## **Halesowen Town - Profiles**

### **RUSS PENN – MANAGER**

His father played 504 games for Halesowen during the successful period of the 80's when three FA Vase finals at Wembley were achieved. Russ was a midfielder with Kidderminster Harriers, Cheltenham Town and York City as his main clubs during his playing career. In 2019 he became interim manager at Kidderminster Harriers which led into a permanent position until early 2024. In the 2022/2023 campaign he took Kidderminster through the play offs from the National League North to the National League. He joined Halesowen Town 27th February 2024 with a long term agreement.

### **GARY WHILD – ASSISTANT MANAGER**

Gary was appointed by Paul Smith as his assistant in the summer of 2023 having held Manager and Assistant Manager roles with Kidderminster Harriers, Solihull Moors, Macclesfield, Barnet and Redditch as well as a spell as Head of Recruitment at Grimsby Town.

### **MARTIN RILEY – FIRST TEAM COACH**

Martin took up his position of First Team Coach for the Yeltz during the 2023 closed season. UEFA B licence holder Martin played for Kidderminster Harriers, Mansfield Town and Wrexham and brings with him a wealth of experience. Riley has also featured as a player for the Yeltz in last season's Birmingham Senior Cup defeat to Leamington.

### **LEWIS SOLLY – GOALKEEPING COACH**

Lewis joined us in Summer 2024. He is also registered as a player, and made 3 appearances, 2 of which in the league for the club last season. After starting with Wolves reserves, Bury and Welsh

league he spent time at Rushall, Worcester and Redditch. However, he has spent many years with over 400 appearances at our local neighbours Stourbridge as both player and more recently coach.

#### **DANIEL PLATT – GOALKEEPER**

Dan first started his journey at the Yeltz in the Summer of 2015, before he left at the end of the 2018-19 season for a new adventure. Dan rejoined the club ahead of the 2022/23 campaign, and in April of this year he broke the record for the most appearances as a goalkeeper at the club of 336 and counting.

#### **BEN CASSIDY – DEFENDER**

Versatile former West Bromwich Albion Academy product who joined the Yeltz in the summer of 2024 from Alvechurch and missed just one of the clubs 48 matches in all competitions that season. Equally comfortable in defence or midfield.

#### **JAK HICKMAN – DEFENDER**

Jak joined the Yeltz towards the end of our 2022-23 promotion season where he made a couple of appearances. The two seasons that followed showcased Jak's full potential as a regular in a Yeltz shirt making over 70 appearances and showing his qualities as an attacking full back.

#### **MITCHELL ROBERTS – DEFENDER**

A centre half on loan from Hereford FC for the remainder of the season. Former Birmingham City Academy man featured once in Championship and 12 times in premier league 2. He's played National League for Oldham Athletic, Solihull Moors, Oxford City and Boston Utd. He has been on loan to Gloucester City earlier this season.

#### **REECE MITCHELL – DEFENDER**

Reece joined the Yeltz in the 2023 closed season and was signed by former boss Paul Smith from Rushall Olympic having previously made over 100 Pics appearances. As of the end of the 2024/25 campaign, Reece is on the verge of making a milestone 100th appearance for the Yeltz.

#### **ROB EVANS – DEFENDER**

Centre half Evans was one of Manager Paul Smith's signings in the summer of 2019 from Redditch United having joined them from Colehill Town. Left for Leamington helping them gain promotion back to step 2. Returning in November 2025. He is a no nonsense, solid central defender and has been described by many as a Rolls Royce of a player.

#### **RYAN WOLLACOTT – DEFENDER**

Ryan, a centre half, started out at Stourport, and had a spell playing for Aberystwyth, before finding his way back to Stourport via Alvechurch. The defender spent two years at Redditch and proceeded to join Halesowen to bolster the defence for the 2024-2025 campaign, where he made a streak of 21 successive starts, and missed just three matches all season.

#### **JOSHUA SMILE – MIDFIELDER**

Josh started out his football career with now Premier League side Fulham, in the clubs academy. Smile played at National League level, making 50 appearances for Maidenhead, but beforehand played for over two years at National League South Chippenham Town. Most recently he played for Banbury United and Gloucester City in the National League North, before joining the Yeltz in September 2024, and ending the season as the Manager's Player of the Season.

#### **KACY MILAN BUTTERFIELD – MIDFIELDER**

Milan, his preferred name, joined the Yeltz initially on loan until the end of last season from Basford Utd to reunite with manager Russ Penn, having previously played for him at Kidderminster Harriers. At 6 foot 5 he is the clubs tallest player, and lists Rushall Olympic, Alfreton Town, Nuneaton Borough and Stourbridge amongst some of his old clubs. The Bermuda international joins the Yeltz as a permanent signing for the 2025/26 campaign.

### **TODD PARKER – MIDFIELDER**

Todd signed for the Yeltz in July 2023 from Hednesford Town having spent 10 years at the Wolverhampton Wanderers youth/academy. Todd missed just one game for the Yeltz from the date he signed until January 2025 spanning across 73 games in all competitions and has been praised for his incredible fitness levels.

### **MCKAULEY MANNING – ATTACKING MIDFIELDER**

An attacking midfielder, Manning joined the Yeltz in 2019 from Coventry United having previously played under our old boss Paul Smith at Highgate United. The last few seasons have seen Manning feature as a regular in the Yeltz squad. The midfielder has featured over 150 times for the club and been well known for acrobatics when he scores.

### **KYLE FINN - ATTACKING MIDFIELDER**

A return to the Yeltz was finalised ahead of the current 2025/26 campaign for Finn, who had previously played for the club in the 2021/22 season. The midfielder known for marauding around the attacking third, featured 44 times in his only previous season at the club, scoring 11 goals which helped us reach the play-offs at step 4. In the summer of 2022 Finn joined then step 3 Tamworth, and after three seasons and two promotions at the Staffordshire club, joins back up with Halesowen.

### **JAMES KELLERMANN - MIDFIELDER**

At 14 years was signed by Wolverhampton Wanderers leaving them to sign for Aldershot Town. A two year contract at Scottish club St Mirren followed. Other clubs during his career include Kidderminster Harriers, AFC Flyde, Chesterfield, Woking and Ebsfleet.

### **FINLEY HOLMES - STRIKER**

In September 2025 he made the permanent move from Solihull Moors. Earlier this season he was on loan with Stourbridge and season 2024/2025 had loan spells with both Halesowen Town and Bromsgrove Sporting.

### **JASON COWLEY – STRIKER**

A prolific goalscorer, Cowley joins the Yeltz ahead of the 2025/26 campaign from Hereford. The striker scored 12 goals in 34 National League North appearances for the side from Herefordshire in the 2023/24 campaign but struggled through injury for chunks of last season. In his most recent season at step 3, the 2022/23 campaign, Cowley scored 24 goals at Stourbridge and finished as the Southern Premier Division Central's fourth highest scorer.

### **JORDAN PONTICELLI – STRIKER**

Joins on loan until the end of the season from Tamworth. After a couple of months last season as a Yeltz player he moved to Tamworth.

Previous teams include Kings Lynn, Coventry City and Wrexham.

### **TYRONE BARNETT - STRIKER**

Moved to the Yeltz from Stourbridge October 2025. A youth player at WBA played for several non-league clubs before becoming a professional at League Club Macclesfield Town. Spells at Crawley Town, Peterborough United, Bristol City, Shrewsbury Town, Southend Utd, Wimbledon, Port Vale and Cheltenham. 31 goals in 106 appearances for Eastleigh. Then Hereford and Leamington of the National League before Alvechurch in this league moving to Stourbridge.

## **The Record against Halesowen**

Bromsgrove Sporting have played Halesowen Town eleven times with five being friendly matches losing four and winning one. In competitive matches, the record is as follows:

Venue	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
Home	3	1	0	2	4	5

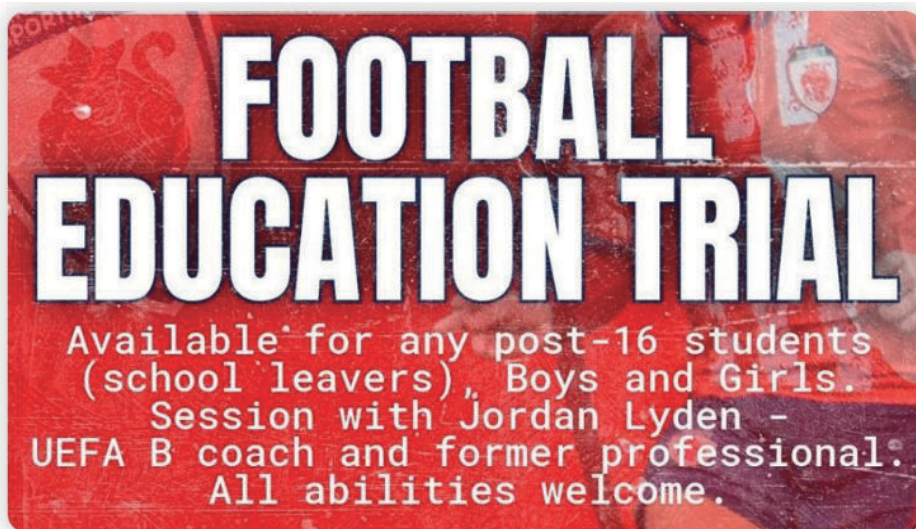
<b>Away</b>	3	1	0	2	3	5
<b>Overall</b>	6	2	0	4	7	10

The last match between the two sides was on 3rd January earlier this year when the Yeltz won 3 - 1. Sporting went in front on the 3rd minute via a close-range effort from Tyrone Lewthwaite. However, three goals inside 10 minutes from Kyle Finn (60 mins), Fin Holmes (67 mins) and Ryan Wollacott (69 mins) completely took the game away from the Rouslers.

Bromsgrove Rovers played Halesowen Town on many occasions over the years resulting in the following record in Rovers' favour:

Venue	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
<b>Home</b>	67	42	10	15	188	108
<b>Away</b>	61	21	7	33	97	115
<b>Overall</b>	128	63	17	48	285	223

Rovers also played Halesowen Harriers twice in the Midland Alliance in season 2001/2 losing 3-1- away at the Hayes Ground but winning 2-1 at home. Rovers also played them in a series of friendly matches between 1986 and 1998, drawing two and winning two with all matches played at Park Road.



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Bury Town	1 - 1	Redditch United	679
Harborough Town	1 - 1	Real Bedford	860
Needham Market	3 - 1	St Ives Town	368
Quorn	2 - 0	Banbury United	482
Spalding United	3 - 2	Halesowen Town	630
Stamford	2 - 0	Leiston	321
Stratford Town	2 - 0	Royston Town	410
Worcester City	2 - 1	Barwell	703
<b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Tuesday 17th March</b>			
Alvechurch	2 - 0	Stamford	184
<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>	1 - 2	Harborough Town	353
Halesowen Town	3 - 0	Banbury United	916
Kettering Town	6 - 0	AFC Sudbury	645
Real Bedford	0 - 0	Worcester City	218
<b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 21st March</b>			
Alvechurch	0 - 2	Harborough Town	424
Banbury United	1 - 1	Bishop's Stortford	680
Barwell	2 - 4	AFC Sudbury	208
Halesowen Town	3 - 1	Bury Town	1,222
Kettering Town	3 - 1	Quorn	1,063
Leiston	1 - 0	Worcester City	201
Real Bedford	3 - 0	Stamford	392
Redditch United	2 - 1	Needham Market	491
Royston Town	1 - 1	<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>	338
St Ives Town	1 - 1	Spalding United	411
Stourbridge	0 - 3	Stratford Town	646
<b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Tuesday 24th March</b>			
Alvechurch	1 - 1	St Ives Town	189
Kettering Town	0 - 0	Banbury United	846
Real Bedford	2 - 2	Harborough Town	522
Stratford Town	4 - 2	Stamford	479
<b>The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 28th March</b>			
AFC Sudbury	1 - 2	Alvechurch	223
Barwell	2 - 5	Kettering Town	538
Harborough Town	2 - 2	Bury Town	872
Leiston	1 - 0	Banbury United	220
Real Bedford	2 - 2	Halesowen Town	1,133
Royston Town	1 - 2	Redditch United	323
Spalding United	0 - 2	<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>	675

Stamford	1 - 0	Bishop's Stortford	453
Stourbridge	4 - 3	St Ives Town	757
Stratford Town	2 - 2	Quorn	871
Worcester City	1 - 0	Needham Market	725

## Today's Matches

### The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Monday 6th April

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

## Forthcoming Matches

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

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

## Sporting on The Road

Saturday 11th April, 3:00 p.m. kick-off



### The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central

St Ives Town v Bromsgrove Sporting

Address: The Quattro-Tech Westwood Road Stadium, St Ives, Cambs, PE27 6DT

Directions: From the A14 (Junction 26) continue along London Road (A1096). On entering the Town of St Ives (avoiding Town Centre), continue over the first roundabout and over the by-pass (Harrison Way), continue over the next two



Parking is not allowed on Duke's Close (the drive leading from Knights Lane to the Stadium).

The Sports Bar opens at 11:00 am on match days and 6:00 pm on match evenings and shows TNT Sport and Sky Sports. The turnstiles open at 1:15 pm.

## **Bromsgrove Sporting Under 21s**

Bromsgrove Sporting U21s ran out 2-3 winners last weekend, after a hard fought comeback against Stafford Rangers U21s away.

Most saw Bromsgrove as the favourites ahead of the weekend, with the Rouslers on four more wins and ahead of Stafford in the table by almost half way.

The home side, however, were no easy challenge. Controlling the ball and sniffing out chances when they came, Stafford scored twice in the first half.

Bromsgrove's Brendan Field also grabbed a goal for the visitors but as the Rangers held a 2-1 lead at half time, Sporting prepared themselves for a big second half.

Bromsgrove wasted no time after the break, pummeling the home side's back line to set up Jack Wyton's equaliser within minutes of the second half.

Both teams continued to lock horns realising that it was now anyone's to take.

Bromsgrove stayed composed and kept knocking on the door, until some impressive play allowed Alemi Obey-GM to score with a well-executed finish to complete a spirited Bromsgrove comeback.

Under 21s joint-manager, Stuart Carson, said: "Sometimes no matter how well you prepare, things just work against you.

"This was the feeling at the start of the first half, after a strange start to the game where we didn't get the ball back after an injury to the opposition and we conceded from the resulting corner.

"The second was more confusing, clearly offside and even commented on by Stafford's first team management.

"But what pleased us most is the fashion we grew into the game, scoring a good first and creating numerous chances.

"Going into half time 2-1 down didn't justify our attacking play. A few tweaks and we came out firing, on the front foot.

"Full credit to the lads we have worked on set pieces a lot during the break in games and it was only a matter of time before it paid off.

"Once we equalised, it was just a matter of time and another fine move released Alemi, who finished with composure.

"I thought we then managed the game well for the last 15 minutes and could have even extended our lead. Thanks to Stafford for a competitive game."

This week, Bromsgrove hit the road again to visit Mercia Athletic U21s. Mercia are currently 16th in the League with 10 points.

The home side have achieved three wins and one draw in the League this season, as well as a fair Cup campaign, with one win and a penalty shootout loss in the next round.

After enduring a three game losing streak, made even more painful by consecutive losses to Rushall Olympic U21s in the Challenge Bowl and MFL competitions, the team will be desperate to push for a win and regain some confidence.

On the other hand, Bromsgrove Sporting are enjoying a positive second half to the season, with four league wins out of five since the turn of the year.

The Rouslers are pushing hard to defend their eighth place standing – Coalville Town Ravens are also on 24 points and Stourport Swifts are a point behind on 23.

Sporting will need to be clinical if they are to fend off the competition, with every point counting as the end of the season creeps closer.

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## Today's Teams

<b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>		<b>Halesowen Town</b>	
red & white striped shirts, navy blue shorts and navy blue & red socks		anthracite grey shirts, shorts, socks	
<b>Teams to be chosen from the following:</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b>Rory Brown (GK)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Daniel Platt (GK)</b> <b>Ty Barnett</b> <b>Kacy Milan Butterfield</b> <b>Ben Cassidy</b> <b>Jason Cowley</b> <b>Robert Evans</b> <b>Kyle Finn</b> <b>AJ George</b> <b>Jak Hickman</b> <b>Finley Holmes</b> <b>James Kellermann</b> <b>McKauley Manning</b> <b>Reece Mitchell</b> <b>Todd Parker</b> <b>Jordan Ponticelli</b> <b>Mitchell Roberts</b> <b>Joshua Smile (Capt)</b> <b>Ryan Wollacott</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Niall Flint</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Jack Kelly</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Akai Bonnick</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Aaron Roberts (Capt)</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Kyle Belmonte</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Billy Shaw</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>George Wynne</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Luke Benbow</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Charlie Trustram</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Shay Willock</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Jaden Charles</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>Dale Eve (GK)</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Nile Timson</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b>	<b>Jack Newell</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b>	<b>Theo Robinson</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>17</b>	<b>Luke Softley</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b>	<b>Jordan Lyden</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>19</b>	<b>Archie Duerden</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>20</b>	<b>Kian Ryley</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b>	<b>Isaac Godwin</b>	<b>21</b>	

## Match Officials

<b>Referee:</b>	<b>Mr J Stevenson</b>
<b>Assistant 1:</b>	<b>Mr N Marriott</b>
<b>Assistant 2:</b>	<b>Mr J Hobbs</b>

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