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Incorporated 2009

Club Honours and Achievements

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

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Club Records

FA Cup: 4th Qualifying Round Season 2021/22 vs Grimsby Town

FA Trophy: 1st Round Season 2021/22 vs Morpeth Town, Season 2025/26 vs Leek Town

FA Vase: Semi Final in 2016/17 vs Cleethorpes Town

Record Attendances:

2,984 in Season 2016/17 FA Vase Quarter Final vs Buckland Athletic

3,349 in Season 2016/17 FA Vase Semi-Final 1st Leg vs Cleethorpes Town

2,973 in Season 2018/19 Southern League Division One Central play-off Final vs Corby

3,216 in Season 2021/22 FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round vs Grimsby Town

Goalscorer in one season: Mark Bellingham 2013/14 - 45 goals in 36 appearances

Goalscorer: Jason Cowley 2016 to 2020 - 108 goals in 132 appearances

Appearances: Aaron Roberts 2010 to 2026 - 369 appearances

Bromsgrove Sporting Managers

Myles Day	2010
Stewart Brighton	2010 - 11
Keith Draper Snr	2011 - 12
Keith Draper Snr/Graham Scott	2012 - 13
Graham Scott	2013
Graham Scott/ Adrian Mander	2013
Adrian Mander	2013 - 14
Les Palmer	2014
Paul Smith	2014 - 18
Brendan Kelly	2018 - 21
Gavin Hurren	2021 - 22
Thomas Baillie	2022
Mike McGrath	2022 -2024
Tim Flowers	2024
Paul Smith	2024
Scott Adey-Linforth	2024 - 2025
Tim Flowers	2025 -

Bromsgrove Sporting Chairmen

John Teece	*2009 - 15*
Jon Prescott	*2015 - 16*
Jeff Rea	*2016*
Mike Burke	*2016 - 2023*
Brian Seymour-Smith	*2023*
Graham Scott	*2023*
Rod Brown	*2023 -*

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From the Boardroom – Darren Alderson

Good evening everyone, and welcome back to the UK Electrical Stadium for tonight's fixture against Kettering Town.

On behalf of the owners, I want to start by highlighting the fantastic work being done on the pitch, the first team is currently enjoying a brilliant run of form, remaining unbeaten after 10 league games. Considering where we found ourselves last season, this turnaround is truly commendable, and full credit must go to the management team and the players for their incredible consistency.
I also want to extend a massive thank you to every single fan who made the trip to our recent FA Cup fixture against Bury FC, your vocal support away from home was outstanding. While Bury proved to be a very strong side, we feel we absolutely deserved a result from that game, a draw and bringing them back to our place for a replay would have certainly been a fairer reflection of the match, however good luck to Bury in the next round.

We followed that up with a massive performance on Saturday away at Real Bedford, they went into the game with a perfect start to their Southern League campaign, boasting nine wins from nine. We gave them their stiffest challenge of the season yet. Billy Shaw continued his fine start to the campaign by breaking the deadlock, firing a brilliant effort into the bottom corner, while a late equaliser ultimately saved a point for our title rivals and dented their perfect record, we so nearly snatched all three points at the death when Josh Dugmore hit the post. Coming away with a point against the league leaders shows just how far we have come, even though we all still feel slightly deflated at not taking all 3, that's football.

Tonight, we extend a warm welcome to the directors, staff, players, and supporters of Kettering Town, they have started their own campaign strongly, sitting comfortably in 6th place and just four points behind us. We know we will need to be at our absolute best tonight to take maximum points off a very good, in-form side who play attractive expansive football.

Off the field, the board continues to work tirelessly to ensure the long term stability of the club, and we are very pleased with the direction we are heading in. We are delighted to announce that the new Sporting Bar has secured an exciting new pouring partnership with Heineken, and while there is still some minor work to be completed in the facility, the bar is fully operational and available for private bookings, parties, and community events. Please visit the official club website for more booking details.

Furthermore, we are incredibly proud to officially announce a brand new partnership between Bromsgrove Sporting Football Club and Young Futures Academy CIC. This collaboration brings together two organisations with a shared, deep rooted commitment to supporting young people and making a lasting, positive difference within our local community.

We continue to explore new collaborations and partnerships to support all our teams across the wider club group, if your business is interested in working with us or supporting the club in any way, please get in touch directly we'd be delighted to hear from you.

As always, we thank you for your unwavering and continued support, enjoy the game, get behind the lads, and we look forward to catching up with many of you around the club very soon.

Darren Alderson

Co-Owner
Bromsgrove Sporting FC

Manager - Tim Flowers

It was a terrific performance at Real Bedford from everybody involved. They're a fantastic team that can really hurt you if you're not set up right and you don't defend properly. We were excellent - there's no doubt whatsoever that we fully deserved a point at least, and probably in fairness should have taken all three.

They can hurt you, but we managed to put a lid on that and limit it. When we came out for the second half, I thought they may have changed a bit and had a little bit more energy but once we got a handle on that and got back into the game ourselves, I felt we carried the major threat really. An excellent performance and a very good result - but one that could have been even better.

We move onto Kettering; who are a very good team. But we're a good football team, we can play any way that is needed and it's a big game. When we've come out of this month, we'll have played pretty much all of the top seven teams - we've had a tough run and we've stood up to the tests so far.

In terms of the squad, Josh Toluwaloju has gone back to Coventry and gone to Harborough on loan. He's jumped a league and played 20 minutes for them on Saturday - he's a great kid and we wish him well. Kieron Freeman is now available and Jake Jervis made a return to first team action on Saturday which is fantastic - and he played very well on Saturday.

Tim

Meet the Rouslers (1)

Tim Flowers
Manager
Available for sponsorship

Leon Broadhurst
Assistant Manager
Sponsored by Bromsgrove Dog Walking & Pet Services

Gary Whild
Coach
Available for sponsorship

Jordan Lyden
Coach/Midfielder
Sponsored by Colmers School & Sixth Form College

Dan Price
Goalkeeping Coach
Available for sponsorship

Kevin Bunting
Analyst
Sponsored HSG UK

Auz Shah
Sports Therapist
Available for sponsorship

Dean Ashford
Club Kit Man
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Meet The Rouslers (2)

Tony Breeden
Goalkeeper
Sponsored by MKM Building Supplies

Dale Eve
Goalkeeper
Available for sponsorship

Lamine Barrow
Midfielder
Sponsored by Kevin Young, Lynn Harris, Jeff Rea, David Sheppard and Iain Queen

Brad Bood
Defender
Midfielder
Sponsored by Edwards Bathroom Plumbing & Heating Supplies

Jaden Charles
Defender
Available for sponsorship

Joe Doyle-Charles
Midfielder
Sponsored by Rich Holliday in awareness of

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Josh Dugmore
Defender
Sponsored by Kevin Baggott

Kieron Freeman
Midfielder
Sponsored by Morrison Nash Limited

Ollie Harrison
Defender
Sponsored by A-Z Skips Ltd

Meet The Rouslers (3)

Jak Hickman
Defender
Sponsored by Visiting Angels

Chris Hussey
Defender
Sponsored by the Sidewinders

Adam Jasper
Forward
Available for sponsorship

Jake Jervis
Forward
Sponsored by Tim Reeb, who lives in New Jersey, USA

Jamille Matt
Forward
Sponsored by Daniel Blythe and Kelly Downing

Simeon Maye
Midfielder
Sponsored by our webmaster, Chris Curtis

Hayden Reeves
Defender
Sponsored by Steve Hart

Billy Shaw
Midfielder
Sponsored by The Fox family (Margaret, Christopher and Adrian)

Dan Trickett-Smith
Midfielder
Sponsored by NexGen IT

Profile: Adam Jasper

Birthplace and Date of Birth?	Stafford; 14/10/2005
Height?	6'0"
Left or right footed?	Right
Previous Clubs	Stoke City, Crewe Alexandra, Chesterfield, Notts County
Football honours?	Birmingham Senior Cup with Tamworth 2025/26
Best moment playing football?	Making my professional debut for Tamworth/ Scoring my first professional goal
Biggest influence on your career?	Was and still is my Dad
Which team do you support?	Manchester United
Favourite all-time player?	Cristiano Ronaldo
Best player played against?	Rio Ngumoha
Favourite position on the pitch:	CAM/ST
What boots do you wear?	Skechers
What football law would you change?	5 Second Rule
Which team do you like to beat?	Redditch
Nickname in the changing room?	Jasp
Do you play any other sports?	No
Married, Single or Partner?	Girlfriend, her name is Ellie
Any kids?	None
Any Pets?	2 dogs (Jack Russell, French Bulldog)
Where do you live?	Yarnfield
Job outside football?	Evri Delivery Driver
What car do you drive?	BMW 118i M Sport Shadow Edition
Favourite food?	Enchiladas
Favourite drink?	Fanta Fruit Twist
Favourite biscuit?	Chocolate Hobnob
Favourite TV programme?	Inbetweeners
Favourite Film?	Wolf of Wall Street
Favourite actor/actress?	Will Smith/Sydney Sweeney
Favourite band/singer?	Bruno Mars
Favourite single or album?	When I Was Your Man
Guilty Pleasure?	None
Least like to sit next to on an aeroplane?	Ollie Harrison
Put in Room 101?	I don't know
Favourite Holiday destination?	Spain
Bucket list?	Play in the Premier League
Claim to fame?	When I was 10, I did 5110 kick ups in one standing. I was also in the paper when I was younger, and playing for Stoke as I got compared to the breakout star at Man United James Wilson

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From The Archives, 5 Years Ago

The Southern League Premier Division Central, Tuesday 12th October 2021

7:45 pm kick-off

Bromsgrove Sporting 1 (C. Taylor 12')
Banbury United 3 (Stevens 2', Wreh 42', Acquaye 74')

Banbury United continued their unbeaten start to the season on Tuesday evening, with a 3-1 victory at Bromsgrove Sporting.

Jack Stevens headed Banbury into the lead after just two minutes, before Connor Taylor equalised 10 minutes later.

A Chris Wreh goal three minutes before half time gave the Puritans the upper hand once more, with Ben Acquaye completing the scoring in the 74th minute.

The deadlock was broken early on; some haphazard Sporting defending eventually led to the visitors having a corner. This was whipped into the area, with Stevens on hand to confidently head home.

Sporting wouldn't have to wait long for the equaliser though, as a decent move forward was capped off by Taylor striking low into the net, scoring his second goal in as many games.

Taylor almost doubled his tally for the evening four minutes later, but he could only volley Cameron Ebbutt's free kick just wide of the goal.

It was a lively end to the first half; firstly, Wreh had a 40th minute penalty saved by Akos Onodi after James Mace committed a foul in the box. However, just two minutes later, Sporting were once again unable to defend a corner, as a ball into the box eventually fell to the feet of Wreh, who atoned for his spot kick miss by slamming in from two yards.

Stevens almost bagged his second of the evening six minutes into the second half, but his shot from a corner pinged the crossbar and went out. Wreh also almost recorded a brace soon after, but saw his shot merely flash across the goalmouth.

Taylor had a golden opportunity to pull Sporting level with a little over 20 minutes left; he controlled a great ball into the box but could only shoot straight at Banbury keeper Jack Harding.

The scoring was complete with 16 minutes remaining - the Puritans attacked a forlorn Sporting defence, with Acquaye hammering home from close range to extend the lead.

The game petered out thereafter, with the away team running out the winners. Next up for both sides are their respective Emirates FA Cup Fourth Round Qualifying matches on Saturday.

Entertainment Rating: 4/5 Player of the Match: Morgan Roberts (Banbury United)
Attendance: 645
Report: Max Banner

Tonight's Match Sponsor

Young Futures Academy CIC are a community-focused organisation dedicated to supporting young people to build brighter, more positive futures through education, personal development, skills development and meaningful opportunities.

As a Community Interest Company (CIC), Young Futures Academy has a strong social purpose at its heart. The organisation is focused on creating opportunities that can help young people develop the confidence, knowledge, practical skills and aspirations they need to progress in education, employment and life.

Young Futures Academy recognises that every young person has different strengths, experiences and ambitions. Its approach is therefore centred on providing supportive and engaging opportunities that encourage young people to discover their potential, develop their talents and make positive choices about their future.

Through education, training, mentoring, activities and community engagement, the Academy aims to help young people overcome barriers, strengthen their personal and employability skills, and become more confident about the pathways available to them.

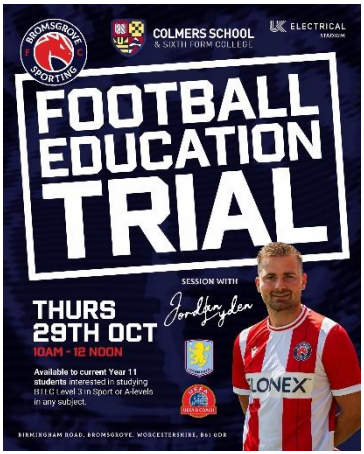
The Academy's work is particularly important because young people can face a range of challenges when moving from education into adulthood and employment. Young Futures Academy seeks to provide the encouragement, guidance and practical experiences that can help bridge that gap.

At the heart of Young Futures Academy is a simple belief: young people should be given the opportunity, support and confidence to realise their potential.

By working with young people, families, communities, education providers, employers and other organisations, Young Futures Academy CIC aims to create positive pathways into further education, training, employment and wider community participation.

Ultimately, Young Futures Academy is about investing in young people today so that they can build stronger, more confident and successful futures tomorrow.

If you are a prospective sponsor and interested in partnering up with Bromsgrove Sporting FC, please email iain@bromsgrovesporting.co.uk to find out how you or your business can get involved with the club



We are delighted to announce a showcase event for our Football & Education Programme, in partnership with Colmers School & Sixth Form College. This programme is aimed at current Year 11 students who are passionate about football and wish to develop their skills and knowledge of the game alongside their studies.

Our programme is inclusive to males and females, from beginners to experienced players. We welcome all students into our programme with a key focus on enjoyment and development. Prospective students will have the opportunity to train twice a week with our UEFA B qualified coach and compete in fixtures on a Wednesday afternoon.

Where our programme is unique is that students will have the opportunity to either enrol onto the Sports Pathway (BTEC Level 3) or a combination of A-Levels in whichever subject of their choosing (Art & Design, Psychology, English Literature, Chemistry plus many more...).

New for 2026/27 we have also planned a football camp in Spain where students will train and develop with a professional football club, further developing students' talent, and learning from different cultures and styles of play. This is something which the programme will run annually to aid and develop players experiences within football.

Our first taster session will be: on Thursday 29th October from 10am - 12 noon, and will be delivered by our UEFA B coach, and former Aston Villa coach Jordan Lyden. During this session students will have the opportunity to train on the pitch at the historical UK Electrical Stadium, which was built in 1910 and has a capacity of around 3500 people.

This taster day will give students the opportunity to meet our football coach, and prospective teammates for the 2027/28 season, whilst also uncovering more information about the course options on offer within our Football and Education pathway.

If you are interested in our Football & Education taster day, then please register your interest with us by contacting: iain@bromsgrovesporting.co.uk

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

TADLEY Calleva and SE Dons are assured to fly the flag for Step 5 clubs in next weekend's FA Cup fourth qualifying round after another round of upsets.

Combined Counties League Premier South side Tadley came from behind to beat Step 3 Dartford 2-1, while SE Dons, a Sunday side just two years ago and playing in the FA Cup for the very first time, thrashed higher-ranked Weymouth 5-1 away.

Basingstoke-based Calleva have gone well beyond their previous best of the second qualifying round with Joe Lawler's men facing a historic trip to National League side Aldershot Town in a crunch Hampshire derby at the EBB Stadium.

SE Dons, meanwhile, are undoubtedly the story of the FA Cup so far this season.

Founded by rapper Don Strapzy and friends, the club based in Bexleyheath were playing in the Orpington and Bromley District League as recently as 2022 and made their senior football bow when merging with Forest Hill Park two years later.

There, under chairman Andy Ansah and manager Antonio Gonnella, they joined the Southern Counties East League Division One and won promotion to the Premier in their first full season.

This year's FA Cup marks a return to the limelight for former Brentford and Southend United striker Ansah, who became a household name in hit Sky One drama Dream Team in the late 1990s and later worked alongside former England captain Wayne Rooney in Wayne Rooney's Street Striker.

Next up for the Dons is a tricky trip to Southern League Premier South side Sholing, for whom Matt Le Tissier is an associate director.

The Boatmen, too, have equalled their best-ever FA Cup run and looking to reach the first round proper for the first side.

In all, there are also seven other clubs who have equalled their previous best by reaching the fourth qualifying round; AFC Rushden & Diamonds, Anstey Nomads, Bury, Chertsey Town, Cray Wanderers, Dorking Wanderers and Plymouth Parkway.

AFC Rushden and Plymouth Parkway both picked up victories over higher-ranked opposition, beating Braintree Town and Horsham respectively, while Salisbury FC too are celebrating a best-ever run after a handsome 5-0 win over Dulwich Hamlet – just 48 hours after returning from an impromptu visit to the Middle East, where they took on Kuwaiti Premier League big guns Al-Qadsia at the 22,000-seater Mohammad Al-Hamad Stadium.

At least one more side will make club history next weekend, should they come through their respective replays (played after this piece was written).

Another Step 5 side, Trafford, from the North West Counties League, travel to NPL West side Atherton Collieries on Tuesday night replay after a 2-2 draw in the initial tie.

Whichever side wins will be guaranteed to make club history when they make the tough trip to National League side AFC Fylde next weekend.

At the same time, Isthmian Premier side Wingate & Finchley can set a new record if they beat Bedford Town in their replay; their previous best was the third qualifying round.

One thing's for sure, our editors are going to have their work cut out selecting a star game for next week's NLP with so many crunch ties to choose from.

Bury FC versus Harrogate Town had a particular ring to it, similarly Leatherhead v Yeovil Town, Chesham United v Forest Green Rovers or perhaps an eagerly awaited Manchester derby between Altrincham and FC United.

Whatever happens, there's sure to be the usual array of thrills, spills and upsets that the world's most famous cup competition never fails to throw up.

The full fourth qualifying round draw is as follows…

Northern section: Harborough Town v Spennymoor Town, Chorley v Worcester City, Gateshead v Stafford Rangers or Halesowen Town, FC Halifax Town v South Shields, Leiston v Guiseley, Barrow v Gloucester City, Hartlepool United v Marine, Boston United v Scunthorpe United, Macclesfield or Scarborough Athletic v Anstey Nomads, Altrincham v FC United of Manchester, Bury v Harrogate Town, Bury Town or Spalding United v Alvechurch, AFC Rushden & Diamonds v Morecambe, Kidderminster Harriers v Solihull Moors, Carlisle United v Tamworth, AFC Fylde v Trafford or Atherton Collieries.

Southern section: Salisbury v Eastbourne Borough, Sutton United v Truro City, Chesham United v Forest Green Rovers, Leatherhead v Yeovil Town, Eastleigh v Brentwood Town, Southend United v Berkhamsted, Sholing v SE Dons, Plymouth Parkway v Chertsey Town, Dover Athletic v Dorking Wanderers, Bedford Town or Wingate & Finchley v Cray Wanderers, Uxbridge v Hornchurch, Aldershot Town v Tadley Calleva, Torquay United v Oxford City, Wimborne Town v Chelmsford City, Boreham Wood v Woking, Wealdstone v Worthing

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Season 2026/27

The Pitching In Southern League - Premier Division Central Table

#	Club		M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pt
1	REAL BEDFORD	W W W W D >	10	9	1	0	30	11	19	28
2	BURY TOWN	W L W W W >	10	9	0	1	19	8	11	27
3	BROMSGROVE SPORTING	W W W D D >	10	7	2	1	18	9	9	23
4 ▲	RUSHALL OLYMPIC	L W L W W >	11	7	0	4	22	17	5	21
5 ▼	ALVECHURCH	W W D D L >	10	6	2	2	17	5	12	20
6 ▼	KETTERING TOWN	W W L W D >	10	5	4	1	17	7	10	19
7	PETERBOROUGH SPORTS	W W D W W >	11	5	4	2	20	15	5	19
8	ANSTEY NOMADS	W W D L D >	10	4	4	2	17	14	3	16
9	NEEDHAM MARKET	D W W L D >	10	4	2	4	19	17	2	14
10 ▲	REDDITCH UNITED	W L W D W >	10	3	4	3	15	14	1	13
11 ▼	HALESOWEN TOWN	L L W W D >	8	4	1	3	9	9	0	13
12 ▲	STOURBRIDGE	D L D L W >	10	3	4	3	11	13	-2	13
13 ▼	LEISTON	L W L L D >	10	3	3	4	17	17	0	12
14 ▼	RACING CLUB WARWICK	L L D W D >	11	2	5	4	11	14	-3	11
15 ▼	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	W W W L L >	10	3	1	6	11	16	-5	10
16	LEAMINGTON	W L D W L >	10	2	3	5	13	16	-3	9
17 ▲	BANBURY UNITED	L L D L W >	10	2	3	5	12	18	-6	9
18 ▲	STRATFORD TOWN	D L L W W >	10	2	3	5	11	19	-8	9
19 ▼	WORCESTER CITY	L L D D L >	10	1	4	5	7	13	-6	7
20 ▼	HITCHIN TOWN	D L W L L >	11	1	4	6	7	17	-10	7
21	LEIGHTON TOWN	L L L L L >	10	1	2	7	13	22	-9	5
22	STAMFORD AFC	L L L L L >	10	0	0	10	3	28	-25	0

Table as at Monday 12th October 2026

Bromsgrove Sporting - Fixtures and Results - Season 2026/27

Day	Date	K/O	V	Opponents	Competition	Result		Att	Pts	Lgue Pos	MoM
Sat	11-Jul	3:00 PM	A	Stourport Swifts	Friendly	W	5 - 0	~130	-	-	-
Tue	14-Jul	7:45 PM	A	Sporting Khalsa	Friendly	W	4 - 2	-	-	-	-
Sat	18-Jul	3:00 PM	A	Rugby Town	Friendly	W	2 - 1	-	-	-	-
Tue	21-Jul	7:45 PM	A	Bedworth United	Friendly	W	2 - 0	~150	-	-	-
Sat	25-Jul	3:00 PM	H	Trefelin BGC	Friendly	W	8 - 0	223	-	-	-
Tue	28-Jul	7:45 PM	H	Malvern Town	Friendly	W	3 - 0	322	-	-	-
Sat	1-Aug	3:00 PM	H	Hereford	Friendly	L	0 - 1	593	-	-	-
Sat	8-Aug	3:00 PM	A	Needham Market	Southern League	W	3 - 1	345	3	2nd	Dan Trickett-Smith
Tue	11-Aug	7:45 PM	H	Rushall Olympic	Southern League	W	2 - 1	747	6	2nd	Chris Hussey
Sat	15-Aug	3:00 PM	H	Anstey Nomads	Southern League	L	1 - 2	745	6	6th	Ollie Harrison
Sat	22-Aug	3:00 PM	A	Redditch United	Southern League	W	2 - 1	1093	9	4th	Billy Shaw
Sat	29-Aug	3:00 PM	H	Bishop's Stortford	Southern League	W	3 - 0	514	12	4th	Kieron Freeman
Mon	31-Aug	3:00 PM	A	Worcester City	Southern League	W	1 - 0	1016	15	4th	Lamin Barrow
Sat	5-Sep	3:00 PM	H	Nuneaton Town	FA Cup Q1 Round	W	2 - 0	915	-	-	Ollie Harrison
Sat	12-Sep	3:00 PM	H	Bury Town	Southern League	W	1 - 0	745	18	4th	Billy Shaw
Sat	19-Sep	3:00 PM	H	Leek Town	FA Cup Q2 Round	W	2 - 1	687	-	-	Ollie Harrison
Tue	22-Sep	7:45 PM	A	Stratford Town	Southern League	W	3 - 2	711	21	2nd	Josh Dugmore
Sat	26-Sep	3:00 PM	A	Racing Club Warwick	FA Trophy Q3 Round	W	1 - 0	583	-	-	Simeon Maye
Tue	29-Sep	7:45 PM	H	Leamington	Southern League	D	1 - 1	684	22	3rd	Simeon Maye
Sat	3-Oct	3:00 PM	A	Bury FC	FA Cup Q3 Round	L	1 - 2	3342	-	-	Ollie Harrison
Sat	10-Oct	3:00 PM	A	Real Bedford	Southern League	D	1 - 1	576	23	3rd	Joe Doyle-Charles
Tue	13-Oct	7:45 PM	H	Kettering Town	Southern League						
Sat	17-Oct	3:00 PM	H	Banbury United	Southern League						
Tue	20-Oct	7:45 PM	A	Alvechurch	Southern League						
Sat	24-Oct	3:00 PM	A	Anstey Nomads	FA Trophy 1st Round						
Tue	27-Oct	7:45 PM	H	Stratford Town	Southern League						
Sat	31-Oct	3:00 PM	A	Leighton Town	Southern League						
Tue	03 Nov	7:45 PM	A	Stamford	Southern League						
Sat	07-Nov	3:00 PM	H	Leiston	Southern League						
Tue	10-Nov	7:45 PM	A	Leamington	Southern League						
Sat	14-Nov	3:00 PM	H	Racing Club Warwick	Southern League						
Sat	21-Nov	3:00 PM	A	Peterborough Sports	Southern League						
Sat	28-Nov	3:00 PM	H	Hitchin Town	Southern League						
Sat	5-Dec	3:00 PM	A	Halesowen Town	Southern League						
Sat	12-Dec	3:00 PM	A	Bury Town	Southern League						
Sat	19-Dec	3:00 PM	H	Stamford	Southern League						
Sat	26-Dec	3:00 PM	A	Stourbridge	Southern League						
Sat	2-Jan	3:00 PM	H	Worcester City	Southern League						
Sat	09-Jan	3:00 PM	A	Kettering Town	Southern League						
Sat	16-Jan	3:00 PM	H	Real Bedford	Southern League						
Sat	23-Jan	3:00 PM	A	Banbury United	Southern League						
Sat	30-Jan	3:00 PM	H	Alvechurch	Southern League						
Sat	6-Feb	3:00 PM	A	Racing Club Warwick	Southern League						
Sat	13-Feb	3:00 PM	H	Peterborough Sports	Southern League						
Sat	20-Feb	3:00 PM	A	Leiston	Southern League						
Sat	27-Feb	3:00 PM	H	Leighton Town	Southern League						
Sat	6-Mar	3:00 PM	H	Needham Market	Southern League						
Sat	13-Mar	3:00 PM	A	Anstey Nomads	Southern League						
Sat	20-Mar	3:00 PM	H	Redditch United	Southern League						
Fri	26-Mar	3:00 PM	A	Rushall Olympic	Southern League						
Mon	29-Mar	3:00 PM	H	Stourbridge	Southern League						
Sat	3-Apr	3:00 PM	A	Bishop's Stortford	Southern League						
Sat	10-Apr	3:00 PM	A	Hitchin Town	Southern League						
Sat	17-Apr	3:00 PM	H	Halesowen Town	Southern League						

Bromsgrove Sporting FC - Appearances / Goalscorers

Season 2026-2027

	League								Cups								Season Total					Sporting Career			
Name	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
Lamin Barrow	6	4			1		1	4	3	1					1	1	9	5	14	2	5	9	5	14	5
Brad Bood	8				1				4								12		12			12		12	
Tony Breeden	10				3				4								14		14			31		31	
Jaden Charles		2				1				1								3	3			7	3	10	1
Joe Doyle-Charles	7				2			1	4				1				11		11		1	11		11	1
Josh Dugmore	8	2					1		4								12	2	14	1		58	3	61	
Dale Eve			4								4														
Kieron Freeman	7	1			1				2				1				9	1	10			9	1	10	
Ollie Harrison	10			1	1		1	4	4				1			2	14		14	1	6	14		14	6
Jak Hickman	4	6			2		1			3	1						4	9	13	1		16	10	26	
Chris Hussey	9			9			2	2	4			4	2		3		13		13	5	2	13		13	2
Adam Jasper	1	6			1				1	2							2	8	10			2	8	10	
Jake Jervis	5				1		1	2			1						5		5	1	2	5		5	2
Jordan Lyden		2	7							1	3							3	3			19	24	43	1
Jamille Matt	7	2			1		2	1	4				1			1	11	2	13	2	2	11	2	13	2
Simeon Maye	6	1							3	1							9	2	11			9	2	11	
Hayden Reeves	7	1	2		2		1		2	1							9	2	11	1		9	2	11	
Billy Shaw	9	1					3	3	4				2			2	13	1	14	3	5	100	15	115	16
Josh Toluwaloju		2	1				1			3								5	5	1			5	5	
Dan Trickett-Smith	6	2	1		2		1	1	1	1							7	3	10	1	1	7	3	10	1

Up to and including Saturday 10th October 2026

Bromsgrove Sporting - Player Profiles

Tim Flowers DoB: 3/2/67 Kenilworth

Position: Manager

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 DoB: 10/04/84 Bromsgrove

Position: Assistant Manager

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.

Gary Whild DoB: 30/11/60

Position: Coach

High experienced coach and having worked as the assistant to Tim Flowers managed at a number of local clubs including Kidderminster Harriers and Solihull Moors.

Dan Price

Position: Goalkeeping Coach

Second season at the UK Electrical Stadium as part of the management team.

Kevin Bunting

Position: Analyst

Auz Shah

Position: Sports therapist

Former Redditch United physio, joined Sporting this summer

Name: Dean Ashford DoB: 22/2/67

Position: Kitman

Previous Clubs: Austin Ex-apprentices

An invaluable member of the backroom staff ‘Deano' joined the club at the start of the 2024/25 season and is a popular member of the squad.

Tony Breeden DoB: 31/1/88 Birmingham

Position: Goalkeeper

Previous clubs: Hednesford Town, Spalding United, Nuneaton Borough, Leamington, Solihull Moors, Tamworth, Kidderminster Harriers.

Popular keeper who is regarded as one of the most well known in non-league locally. Most recognisable for a successful stint at Leamington, with other previous clubs including Hednesford Town, Nuneaton Borough and Spalding United, as well as a previous spell with Sporting in 2019. Joined Sporting from Hednesford in the summer.

Dale Eve DoB: 9/2/95 Bermuda

Position: Goalkeeper

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.

Josh Dugmore DoB: 26/11/02 Birmingham

Position: Defender

Previous clubs: Walsall, Everton, Birmingham City.

An energetic full back who was previously on the books of the Birmingham City Academy. Joined Bromsgrove from local rivals Alvechurch in the summer, where he previously played under Sporting manager Tim Flowers. Enjoyed a successful stint with Sporting a few years ago, during which he wore the captain's armband on a handful of occasions.

Brad Bood DoB: 24/8/03 Wolverhampton

Position: Defender

Previous clubs: Stourbridge, Rushall Olympic, Telford United.

Despite his age, the lively full back has a wealth of non-league experience already, having played at the likes of AFC Telford United, Rushall Olympic and Stourbridge. He had a successful 2025/26 campaign with Stourbridge, which saw him win the Directors' Player of the Year.

Jaden Charles DoB: 25/1/02 Harlow

Position: Defender

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

The talented full back joined Sporting in November last season. He hit the ground running immediately with a sensational Man of the Match display in a home win over Kettering Town.

Jak Hickman 11/09/98 West Bromwich

Position: Defender

Previous clubs: Coventry City, Mickleover, Ashton United, Hereford, Redditch United, Bolton Wanderers, Kings Lynn Town, St Patricks Athletic, Stourbridge, Banbury United, Halesowen Town.

No stranger to Sporting fans, having excelled throughout his first spell in a Bromsgrove

shirt in the 2019/20 season. Became a favourite amongst Halesowen fans amassing over 100 appearances.

Chris Hussey DoB: 2/1/89 Hammersmith

Position: Defender

Previous Clubs: Hednesford Town, Stratford Town, Stockport County, Walsall Town, Port Vale, Cheltenham Town, Sheffield United, Swindon Town, Bury Town, Burton Albion, AFC Wimbledon, Crewe Alexandra, Coventry City.

A classy centre back and Sporting's captain, he has Southern League Premier Central experience following his time with Stratford Town, and he also brings a wealth of experience to the club, through spending 13 years in the EFL with the likes of Coventry City, Sheffield United and Walsall to name just three sides. Joined Sporting from Hednesford in the summer.

Ollie Harrison DoB: 11/11/99 Newcastle-under-Lyme

Position: Defender

Previous clubs: Hednesford Town, Leek Town.

Imposing centre back who was an integral part of Hednesford Town's back-to-back promotion winning side, picking up multiple Player of the Month awards last season. He joined them from Leek Town, where he amassed 195 appearances, enjoying another promotion in the process too.

Kieron Freeman DoB: 21/3/92 Nottingham

Position: Defender

Previous Clubs: Alfreton Town, Hednesford Town, Spalding United, Hartlepool United, Oldham Athletic, Swansea City, Portsmouth, Swindon Town, Sheffield United, Derby County, Mansfield Town, Notts County, Nottingham Forest.

The versatile defender has enjoyed a glittering professional career, having played 20 games in Sheffield United's Premier League-promotion winning side in the 2018/19 season. He also played for the Blades in the Premier League during the 2019/20 season and has one Wales cap to his name. In non-league, he has plied his trade with Alfreton Town, Hednesford Town and Spalding United.

Hayden Reeves DoB: 15/5/01 Sandwell

Position: Defender

Previous Clubs: Stourbridge, Worcester City.

Combative centre back who captained Stourbridge during the 2025/26 season, having joined them from Worcester City. At Worcester, he tasted promotion, when they won the 2024/25 play-offs at Step Four to secure their Southern League Premier Central status.

Billy Shaw DoB: 17/12/01 Stourbridge

Position: Midfielder

Previous Clubs: Halesowen Town, Worcester City, Redditch United.

An energetic and versatile midfielder who celebrated his 100th Sporting appearance in a win at Stratford Town in April 2026. Last season, the fans favourite enjoyed yet another impressive campaign in a Bromsgrove shirt - full of important goals and tireless performances.

Jordan Lyden DoB: 30/1/96 Perth, Australia

Position: Centre Midfielder

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

Former Australia U20 international, A classy midfielder who joined Sporting during the 2024/25 season, who is also part of the club's management staff in a coaching role. The former Premier League player - with Aston Villa - is already involved in Sporting's youth pathway coaching system, at a local school and sixth form college.

Simeon Maye DoB: 21/7/94 Birmingham

Position: Midfielder

Previous Clubs: Hednesford Town, Rushall Olympic, Banbury United, Brackley Town, Leamington, Hereford, Solihull Moors, Redditch United.

The midfielder has a wealth of non-league experience, having played for Solihull Moors, Hereford, Brackley Town, Banbury United and Rushall Olympic. Joined Hednesford for a second spell in 2024, where he was part of the side that won back-to-back promotions, the most recent of which seeing the Pitmen reach the National League North.

Dan Trickett-Smith DoB: 8/9/95 Newcastle-under-Lyme

Position: Midfielder

Previous Clubs: Hednesford Town, Leek Town, Port Vale, FC United, Curzon Ashton, Sacramento.

Stylish attacking midfielder who was a key member of the Hednesford side that won back-to-back promotions during the last two seasons. Prior to joining the Pitmen, he was part of a title winning side at Leek Town. He started his career with Crewe Alexandra, when Liverpool paid a fee of £300,000 for him in 2012.

Joe Doyle-Charles DoB: 14/10/95 Leicester

Position: Midfielder

Previous Clubs: Hednesford Town, Leamington, Matlock Town, Alfreton Town, Ilkeston Town, Burton Albion.

The experienced midfielder joined Hednesford Town in November 2024, where he enjoyed back-to-back promotions. A familiar face in the Southern League Central from

his time at Coalville Town, where he was captain and played 214 games. From there, he played National League North football at Leamington, before moving to Hednesford in the autumn of 2024.

Lamin Barrow DoB: 30/9/04 Dyppakunda, Gambia

Position: Midfielder

Previous clubs: Fairfield Villa.

An exciting attacking midfielder who impressed in pre-season. His final game as a trialist saw him come off the bench to score two goals against Welsh Premier side Trefelin BGC. Hailing from the Gambia, he was previously plying his trade at local side Fairfield Villa, where Sporting scouted him after a string of impressive performances.

Jake Jervis DoB: 17/9/91 Wolverhampton

Position: Forward

Previous Clubs: Hednesford Town, Brackley Town, Kuopion Palloseura, East Bengal, Luton Town, SJK Seinäjoki, Salford City, AFC Wimbledon, Plymouth Argyle, Ross County, Portsmouth, Elazigspor, Birmingham City, Tranmere Rovers, Carlisle United, Preston North End, Swindon Town, Hereford United, Notts County.

Striker Jake joined Hednesford in 2024. Started his career at Birmingham City and amassed a wealth of experience with Football League and non-league teams along with a spell with Ross County and stints in Turkey, Finland and India. Best known when with Plymouth Argyle, where he made 108 appearances and scored 27 times.

Jamille Matt DoB: 20/10/89 St Andrew, Jamaica

Position: Forward

Previous Clubs: Walsall Town, Forest Green Rovers, Newport County, Blackpool, Grimsby Town, Fleetwood Town, Plymouth Argyle, Stevenage, Kidderminster Harriers, Sutton Coldfield Town.

The Jamaican joined Bromsgrove in the summer following his departure from League Two Walsall, after a successful three-and-a-half years with the Saddlers, where he made 140 appearances, wore the captain's armband and became a firm fans' favourite.

Adam Jasper DoB: 14/10/05 Stafford

Position: Forward
Previous Clubs: Tamworth, Darlaston Town, Whitchurch Alport.

On loan from Tamworth.

Joshua Toluwaloju DoB: 16/3/07 Los Angeles, USA

Position: Forward
Previous Clubs: On loan from Coventry City, Stratford Town Brackley Town.

The highly rated 19-year-old has come up through the ranks at the Premier League club and has featured in the Sky Blues' U21s side. The imposing striker had a loan spell with Stratford Town last season and has had a month's loan with Brackley Town this season.

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Thanks to Steve Richards for doing the quizzes again this season

Here is Number Eight

Which players were involved in the following English record transfers from the last six decades?

1. 1979 from Aston Villa to Wolverhampton Wanderers for £1,469,000
2. 1989 from Tottenham Hotspur to Olympique Marseille for £4,250,000
3. 1999 from Arsenal to Real Madrid for £22,500,000
4. 2009 from Manchester United to Real Madrid for £80,000,000
5. 2018 from Liverpool to Barcelona for £105,000,000
6. 2025 from Newcastle United to Liverpool £125,000,000

Answers 1) Andy Gray 2) Chris Waddle 3) Nicolas Anelka 4) Cristiano Ronaldo 5) Philippe Coutinho 6) Alexander Isak

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Our Visitors Today – Kettering Town

Kettering Town were originally formed in 1872, turning professional in 1891. The club graduated through twelve different leagues from 1892 until they became founding members of the Alliance Premier League in 1979. The club maintained its status in the top flight of semi-professional football until the 2000–01 season.

Many honours have found their way to Rockingham Road, winning the Midland Football League title in 1896 and 1900. The Southern League Championship was won on three occasions by the club, in 1928 and 1957 under Tommy Lawton and in 1973 under the guidance of Ron Atkinson. In the 1930s the club won the East Midlands League and in 1948 the Poppies became Birmingham League Champions.

In a Southern League game against Bath City on 24 January 1976, Kettering became the first British club to play with a sponsor's name printed on their shirts after signing a deal with local firm Kettering Tyres. The deal was brokered by chief executive and manager Derek Dougan. Four days later, The Football Association ordered the club to remove the slogan, but Dougan changed the words on the shirts to "Kettering T", and claimed that the T stood for "Town". Nonetheless, the FA ordered the club to remove the words, which the club did due to the threat of a £1,000 fine. Shirt sponsorship was eventually legalised within the English game in 1977. Kettering are also the first ever British team to have their initials on their ground's floodlights.

The club finished runners-up in the Football Conference in 1981, 1989, 1994 and 1998. The GMAC Cup, (the non-league, league Cup) was won in 1987 and the Poppies were runners-up in 1995, then known as the Bob Lord Trophy. County competitions have been won regularly by Kettering Town, with the Northants Senior Cup won on 28 occasions and the Maunsell Cup 13 times.

The FA Cup has brought success and publicity to Rockingham Road with the first-round proper being reached on 41 occasions. In 1901 the club reached the last sixteen and in more modern times the Poppies reached the fourth-round proper in the 1988–89 season and also the third round in 1991–92 only to lose to Kenny Dalglish's Blackburn Rovers. During the 1994–95 season the club made their debut live on Sky TV in a first-round tie against Plymouth Argyle, soon followed by another appearance against Wrexham at Rockingham Road. As of 2013 (June) the Poppies had scored more goals than any other team in the FA Cup history, with 846 goals scored.

Wembley has been reached on two occasions before. The Poppies lost 2–0 to Stafford Rangers in the 1979 FA Trophy Final. More recently, the FA Trophy Final in 2000 saw the Poppies lose a closely fought final with Kingstonian 3–2.
Most recently, the club were narrowly relegated on the last day of the 2000–01 season which ended 30 years in the top flight of non-league football. The Poppies made a quick return to the Conference in the 2001/02 season winning the Southern Football League with a last-day victory at Tiverton Town under Carl Shutt, his first full season in charge.

Season 2005–06 was to be one of massive change at Rockingham Road. In October 2005 it was announced that long-serving Chairman Peter Mallinger was to hand over the reins to a consortium consisting of Imraan Ladak, Mick Leech and England legend Paul Gascoigne. Gascoigne was installed as manager, replacing Kevin Wilson, and ex-Arsenal stalwart Paul Davis was recruited as assistant manager.

The eyes of the world were on Gascoigne and the Poppies, and media interest was massive. However, for a variety of reasons, Gascoigne was only to remain in the job for thirty-nine days. Kevin Wilson was given his old job back, but only held onto it for two months as a run of one win in twelve games saw the Poppies slump into the bottom half of Conference North.

Chairman Imraan Ladak installed former Tamworth manager Mark Cooper as the new Kettering Town manager for the 2007–08 campaign. The club finished the season as Conference North champions, breaking several records along the way (including seven consecutive wins at the start of the season, 29 wins overall, and a divisional record of 97 points). As a result, the club was promoted to the Conference National.

In the 2008–09 season, Kettering Town beat Lincoln City, Notts County and Eastwood Town to reach the fourth round of the FA Cup, where they faced Fulham at home. While twice pulling even with the Premier League side and looking like they could possibly produce a draw late in the second half, they gave up two goals and ultimately lost a spirited match, 4–2.

Creditable finishes were achieved in the Blue Square Bet Premier League, until a disastrous move in 2011 from Kettering to Nene Park, the former home of Rushden and Diamonds, saw the Club in financial turmoil and relegation of two divisions followed a bottom of the table finish and the declaration of a CVA.

In February 2012 George Rolls took over control of the club from Imraan Ladak, although Rolls wasn't officially the Kettering Town owner, he was involved in the day to day running of the club and John Beck was appointed manager. On the 6th June 2012, George Rolls was suspended from football for five years after breaches of Football Association betting laws were proven, Rolls was also fined £10,000, and this led to the appointment of Ritchie Jeune as Chairman.

In September 2012, Imraan Ladak the owner of the Club assumed the role of Interim Chairman after a dispute. John Beck who had been appointed as Manager in June 2012 was asked to leave the premises just before a game against Bashley on 6th October. On 8th October, the lights were switched off at Nene Park and several games were postponed by the Southern League in order that the Club could find new investors. On 10th November 2012, Kettering recommenced their fixtures by playing Redditch United at Corby's Steel Park with Alan Doyle as Caretaker Manager. Volunteers, led by Northampton businessman Ritchie Jeune, ran the Club in the absence of the majority shareholder and Director with the support of the Kettering Town (Poppies) Supporters Trust.

Thomas Baillie, the former head of the Youth set up, took over as Manager in February 2013 with Alan Doyle becoming Football Technical Director, and the experienced Dean Thomas arrived to become Assistant Manager. The inevitable relegation followed another season of turmoil and the club was placed in the Southern League Division One Central, with Dean Thomas assuming the Manager's role and Thomas Baillie reverting to become Assistant Manager. The Poppies moved again to Latimer Park ground sharing with Burton Park Wanderers.

After a disappointing start to the 2013-14 Kettering whose Chairman was now Ritchie Jeune, went on a record 21 game unbeaten league run, following that up with 10 consecutive victories (9 in the league) in April, ending the season in third place just, 2 points behind Champions Dunstable Town and losing to Slough Town in the Calor League Division One Central Play-off final in front of 2,331 at Latimer Park, the club's most successful season in the last four campaigns. Sensationally though Dean Thomas stood down as manager of the club in mid-May 2014, leaving his assistant Thomas Baillie to return as joint manager along with Scott Machin.

The combination of the joint managers reaped the benefits from the previous season as the 2014-15 Evo-Stik Southern League Division One Central Championship was won in style, at their first attempt, winning the division by 11 points. But the club wanted a sole manager for the 2015-16 season, Tom Baillie soon resigned and after that shock so did Scott Machin, paving the way for the return of Marcus Law to become the club's 57th manager. Marcus steered the club to 6th position in the Evo-Stik Premier missing out on the play-offs by just one point. In 2016-17 the club finished in 9th place while winning the Northamptonshire Hillier Senior Cup (for the first time since 2001) in a thrilling final against rivals Corby Town at Sixfields, Northampton.

The 2018-19 season saw manager Marcus Law guide the Poppies to the Evo-Stik League South Premier Central title, winning the league by a massive 14 points and promotion back to the Conference North. But Marcus resigned his position in June 2019, paving the way for former Poppy Nicky Eaden, to guide the club in the Vanarama National League North for the 2019-20 campaign. After 11 league games with just two wins and an FA Cup exit against Sutton Coldfield Town, Eaden was sacked. Former Poppy and ex-Eastwood Town, Mansfield Town, Torquay United, Barrow and Guiseley manager Paul Cox was appointed in October with the Poppies bottom of the league!

Cox transformed the Poppies fortunes and was well on course to finish in a respectable league position until the Covid-19 pandemic forced the season to end null and void with only 31 of the 42 games played, final positions were decided on a points per game ratio. The following 2020-21 season was even shorter, just 14 games for the Poppies, as financial implications due to the continued restrictions on fans in the ground, lockdown and the Covid-19 pandemic, again made the season null & void after a vote in the National League North to discontinue (well the majority of clubs) the campaign.

Paul Cox embarked on the 2021-22 season, technically having not managed a game for the club despite being at the club for almost two seasons! But with the club in mid-table Cox's

tenure during his first full season lasted until Friday January 21st 2020, a day before our game away at Bradford (Park Avenue), when it was announced he and his staff had resigned to join rivals Boston United.

The club wasted no time in appointing a successor as former Kings Lynn Town guru, Ian Culverhouse was appointed as the 60th Kettering Town manager, along with former Poppies goalkeeper Paul Bastock as his assistant and coach Joe Simpson. They continued and improved the club's form with the Poppies finishing 8th in the Vanarama National League North. Only engaged until the end of the season it was a surprise though that Culverhouse and his staff left the club two weeks later.

The search for a new manager began and in mid-May former Nottingham Forest and Port Vale star Lee Glover was appointed as the Poppies 61st for the onset of the 2022-23 season. But a disappointing season with just 3 players on the books when he arrived, Lee built a squad that ultimately saw relegation on the final Saturday of the season when safety a few weeks earlier seemed most likely.

Lee left the club in May by mutual consent. The club prior to Lee's departure saw long term chairman and owner Ritchie Jeune leave the club as a new owner was sought after. The 2023-24 season saw Poppies in the Southern League Premier Central with Andy Leese being appointed as the new manager, Again, he only had 4 players at his disposal at the start of his tenure at the club so the rebuilding began. But a poor start to the season saw the Poppies in the relegation zone, after 21 games Leese was replaced with his assistant and former Poppies player Jim Le Masurier, first in an interim capacity and then appointed as manager. After a promising start he in turn took a step back in February and became part of new manager Richard Lavery's backroom team. 'Lavs' was no stranger to the club being part of Marcus Law's, (his assistant), title winning side in 2018-19. He steered the club away from relegation, winning 5 consecutive league games, with 4 games to spare as the rebuild for the 2024-25 season began in earnest.

In May 2024, after 12 dramatic seasons legendary club owner Ritchie Jenue sold Kettering Town Football Club to Nadim (George) Akhtar, a new era began. It was a great first season for the club, getting to the FA Cup 2nd round for the 17th time after dispatching Northampton Town 2-1 at Sixfields in front of millions around the world watching on BBC TV in the first round. A heart-breaking Play-off final defeat at the hands of AFC Telford United at Latimer Park saw the end of the Poppies campaign after finishing the regular season runners-up, in a tightly fought contest with eventual Champions Bedford Town.

It was all change in the summer of 2025, with the surprise departure of manager Richard Lavery and the majority of the 2024-25 squad. Former Banbury United manager Simon Hollyhead was appointed in July, becoming the manager of the Club, and so began his task of shaping a squad for the 2025-26 campaign. After a promising start winning the first 4 games fortunes changed dramatically with league defeats and early exits from both the FA Cup and FA Trophy, top players leaving the club, Simon resigned after just 13 games. The search for another manager began, with former Poppy Liam McDonald being appointed, becoming the 66th manager and 12th different since the Poppies arrived at

Latimer Park since 2013. Liam's first task was to resurrect the fortunes of the squad who were in fighting to avoid relegation. But with just 2 defeats in the last 18 league games McDonald's side finished 4th in the table, losing in the play-offs semi-final at Real Bedford. Having built a squad for the 2026-27 season Liam stood down from his role with a week to go of the new campaign. His assistant Nick Green and First team coach David Bridgewater took over as joint managers to stabilise and provide continuity.

Kettering Town Player & Management Profiles 2026-2027

JASON ALEXANDER – Goalkeeper

Jason returned to the Poppies in early August after an injury to Paul White on the opening day of the 2025-26 season. He needs no introduction as he became a cult hero with an absolutely unbelievable display during the 2024-25 FA Cup game against Cleethorpes Town paving the way for the Poppies superb run. In the competition. Among Jason's previous clubs include Boston United, Chesterfield, Belper Town, Corby Town, Belper Town and Melton Town. On leaving the Poppies he went onto to play for Bedworth United, Coventry Sphinx and Matlock Town. Jason's return to Latimer Park saw an impressive 3-0 win over Leiston, he went on to make 30 appearances during the 2025-26 season.

Currently at Wellingborough Town on a dual registration.

THEO ALEXANDROU - Forward

Young striker Theo joined the Poppies squad from St Ives Town during June 2026. Only 21 years old, Theo's career started at Stevenage before loan moves to Potters Bar Town, Cambridge City, Cheshunt and St Ives Town. He went onto play for Dorking Wanderers, Welling United (both in the National League South) and Wingate and Finchley before returning to The Ives. Theo is a resilient player with plenty of energy who can operate down the wing, which should bring a different option for joint managers Nick Green & David Bridgewater.

BAYLEY BROWN – Central Midfield

Originally Bayley was a product of Tottenham Hotspur before moves to Staines Town, Norwood, Egham Town, Beaconsfield Town, St Albans City, Hendon, Maidenhead United, Hemel Hempstead Town, Hampton & Richmond, Chesham United and Enfield Town. A towering midfielder at 6'5'' who operates from box to box with energetic prowess, is an exciting addition to the 2026-27 squad.

LEWIS COYLE – Defender

Lewis signed in early November 2025 have played originally on loan from Bedford Town. Prior to his time with the Eagles, the experienced defender spent 5 seasons with Oxford City. Lewis has also played for Thatcham Town. He made an impressive debut at Quorn as the Poppies returned to winning ways with a 2-0 success. Lewis made the move permanent in March 2026 and was an instrumental figure in the Poppies push towards the play-offs last season.

ISMAEL FATADJO – Winger

Ismael was born in Portugal and joined the Poppies in the 2025-26 closed season from Leiston, having previously played for Wroxham, Kings Lynn Town and Gorleston (on loan from the Linnets). With goals in his locker, he is an exciting prospect bringing a different attacking dynamic to the squad. Tragically 'Ish' broke his left arm in two places during the final game of the pre-season campaign which delayed his career with the Poppies, but he bounced back on his debut with a wonderful goal in the 3-1 home win against Bishop's Stortford, going on to have an outstanding first season with the club.

KAI FIFIELD – Midfield

Kai joined the Poppies during pre-season in 2024. He previously played for Wantage Town, Wellingborough Whitworths, Beaconsfield U23 and St Ives Town. He was noted for having a trial at Barcelona aged 7 when on holiday. A live wire with definite talent he was given the chance to showcase his skills in the new look Poppies squad. Kai scored his first goal for the club in the 4-0 home win over Spalding United at Latimer Park, just his second game for the Poppies. He went onto score 7 goals the most dramatic against AFC Telford United 5 minutes into time added on to rescue a 1-1 draw in a top of the table clash. Kai was hampered midway through the season with injuries that disrupted an impressive first campaign with the club. Kai returned to the club after a successful loan spell at Quorn FC.

Currently on loan at Wellingborough Town.

TAI FLEMING – Defender/Midfield

Suring up the defence and a new signing is former Kings Lynn Town defender Tai Fleming. He came through the youth system at Norwich City and Yeovil Town before moving into senior football with Kings Lynn Town.

Tai went on loan to Lowestoft FC, returning to the Linnets, before another move this time to Banbury United where he was the 2023-24 Manager and Boards of the season. In 2025 he re-joined Kings Lynn. Tai can also play in midfield where he has been dynamic with energetic performances making him an exciting prospect in the Poppies new look squad.

MICHAEL GYASI – Forward

Michael has joined the Poppies for two months on loan from Bedford Town. The experienced striker has previously played for Kidderminster Harriers (loan), Kings Lynn Town, Peterborough Sports, Dover Athletic, Chesterfield, Altrincham, Boston United, and Tamworth. He opened his goalscoring account with the equalising goal in the 1-1 draw at Leighton Town.

AMIR HADI – Forward

Amir joined the Poppies on loan from Hemel Hempstead Town in late August 2026. An Exciting, powerful striker who has scored goals throughout his career will be a valuable asset to Nick Green and David Bridgwater's new look squad. Amir has also played for Braintree Town, Farnborough FC, St Ives Town, Biggleswade FC, Campton and Shefford Town.

RYAN HAYNES – Wing back

The Northamptonshire born defender is another new addition to the 2026-27 squad. Having previously played for Brackley Town as a left wing back. Ryan is very experienced having played for Coventry City, Cambridge United (loan), Shrewsbury Town, Newport County, Northampton Town and Cheltenham Town. Ryan has played in League One, League Two and the National League making over 300 appearances in those competitions and will be a settling influence in Nick and David's new look squad.

SHAUN JEFFERS - Forward

An Experienced striker, Shaun joined the Poppies during the closed season as the Poppies strengthened there attacking options. Shaun's career started at Coventry City, before moving to Cheltenham Town, Cambridge United, Tamworth, Peterborough United, Newport County, Brackley Town, St Albans City, Bedford Town and Peterborough Sports to name but a few. Shaun's stellar period was while he was at St Albans almost reaching a

century of goals in almost 200 games for the Saints. He is a former England U19 international who has scored 150 goals throughout his career. Shaun will give the manager different options up front; he is another exciting signing who could be another fans favourite.

TOM LEAK – Defender

Tom an experienced defender was signed in June 2026. He has previously played for Walsall, Salisbury City, Bath City, Kidderminster Harriers, Alfreton Town, Boston United and Chester. Tom has played in the National League, North & South and League Two adding his vast experience to the Poppies new look squad.

JACK NEWELL - Midfield

Kingston born Jack is a new signing for the Poppies having spent 5 seasons at Bromsgrove Sporting where he became an established player in the 'Rouslers' first team. A central midfielder who played against the Poppies (making his 150th appearance for Sporting) last season has also played for Northampton Town, Barwell and Highgate United. Known as 'Chops' Jack also chips in with the odd goal which we all hope he continues to do so throughout his Poppies career.

EDWARD PANTER – Striker

Eddie a young striker joined the Poppies in late November 2025, from Bedford Town. He was a member of the Eagles squad that won the 2024-25 Southern League Premier Central title, playing against the Poppies in the process. Eddie has also played for Biggleswade Town, Harborough Town and Bugbrooke St Michaels. Eddie's first season with the Poppies was outstanding, scoring on his debut against Stourbridge in our 5-0, he went on the score 19 goals (including the club's first league away hat-trick since 2016) in 25 league appearances. Eddie was voted the 2025-26 'Supporters Player of the Year', also winning a host of other awards to mark a very impressive first season with the club.

HARVEY PETERS – Centre-back

Harvey a towering centre-back joined the Poppies from AFC Sudbury on transfer deadline day in March 2026. He previously played for Watford U18/21, Wroxham, Brentford Town and Lowestoft Town before joining the Suds. Harvey made 12 appearances for the Poppies towards the latter part of last season proving to be a valuable asset as the Poppies pushed towards the play-offs.

AARON POWELL - Defender

A former 'Supporters Player of the Season' Aaron Powell re-joined the club in June 2026 after a season at Peterborough Sports. The former Peterborough United, Kings Lynn Town (loan), Welling United (loan), and Dereham Town, loanee full back, became a fans favourite during his first spell with the Poppies. Aaron, a versatile attacking defender made 50 appearances for the club, scoring a stunning goal against Stamford AFC at Latimer Park. He returned to the Posh once his season long loan period expired and, on his release, joined Sports in the Enterprise National League North. Gaining valuable experience, Aaron is valuable asset to Liam McDonald's new look squad.

BLAINE ROWE – Right back

Blaine joined the Poppies in late October 2025. The exciting defender previously played for Coventry City (youth/23), Ayr United, Falkirk, both on loan, Barwell, Darlington, Mickleover FC (loan), Hednesford Town and Stourbridge. Blaine has settled in well since joining the Poppies proving to be a valuable asset at the back.

WILLIAM VAN LIER - Midfield

It is a welcome back to midfielder Will, who was on loan towards the latter stages with the Poppies last season from Kings Lynn Town. Will made 15 appearances scoring one goal against Real Bedford as the Poppies ran out 2-1 victors at Latimer Park. Previously he played for Peterborough United, Peterborough Sports and Leamington. Will showed his capabilities last season and is certainly one for the future after putting in some impressive displays as the Poppies reached the play-offs last season.

PAUL WHITE – Goalkeeper

Paul originally signed for the Poppies in 2016, going on to make 175 appearances keeping 58 clean sheets (in two spells), a very impressive statistic. He was a member of the 2018-19 Title winning side before embarking on a career with Hereford, St Ives Town, Peterborough Sports Coalville Town and Rushall Olympic. Paul returned to Latimer Park during the closed season, making his first appearance against Royston Town on the opening day of the season, but injury stricken (a rehabilitation that took 7 months) in the thrilling 4-3 win. Paul came back towards the latter part of last season and was instrumental in the Poppies reaching the play-offs with some outstanding displays.

MANAGEMENT

JOINT MANAGER – NICK GREEN

Nick is a former Poppy having played for the club during the 2010-11 season. He had previously played for Aston Villa, Stourbridge Swifts, RC Warwick, Quorn and Barwell. On leaving Kettering he went onto to play for Solihull Moors. Nick became assistant manager at Redditch United, Rushall Olympic and Stourbridge all with manager Liam McDonald, he also managed Hednesford Town. Nick made 7 appearances for Kettering scoring 1 goal against Cambridge United in a thrilling 2-2 draw. Nick became joint manager of the Poppies in early August along with David Bridgewater after the shock departure of Liam McDonald.

JOINT MANAGER – DAVID BRIDGWATER

David originally was brought to the Poppies by manager Liam McDonald where he has been part of McDonald's management team as First Team Coach for over 13 seasons along with Assistant Manager Nick Green. He was previously the First Team Coach at Redditch United, Hednesford Town, Solihull Moors, Rushall Olympic and Stourbridge. David's playing career started at Preston North End as an apprentice having spent most of his school boy years at Aston Villa. After his 2-year apprenticeship he signed professional forms for Telford United playing in the National League. After 2 seasons at Telford, he had a 3-year stint playing professionally for TNS in the Welsh Premier League where he gained 6 Europa League (UEFA Cup) appearances. He signed for Aberystwyth Town playing semi-professionally gaining 2 more European appearances playing in the Europa Conference League (Intertoto Cup) before returning to the English system and signing for Moor Green playing in the National North for 3 seasons and Bromsgrove Rovers. He has also played at step 2 with Kings Lynn Town while spending the latter years of his career at step 3 playing for several Midlands clubs including Redditch United, Hednesford Town, Chasetown, Stourbridge and Rushall Olympic. David also has 15 caps representing England at Futsal. After Liam McDonald's surprise departure David along with Nick Green became joint managers of the Poppies.

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Photos from Our Last Two matches

Jak Hickman in good form against Bury FC in the FA Cup match at Gigg Lane.

Fine performance from Billy Shaw scoring the goal in the draw against Real Bedford last Saturday.
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Last Weeks's Results

The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 10th October

Alvechurch	0 - 1	Bury Town
Banbury United	3 - 2	Stamford
Hitchin Town	0 - 1	Peterborough Sports
Kettering Town	1 - 1	Halesowen Town
Needham Market	1 - 1	Anstey Nomads
Racing Club Warwick	0 - 0	Leiston
Real Bedford	1 - 1	**Bromsgrove Sporting**
Redditch United	3 - 1	Bishop's Stortford
Rushall Olympic	1 - 0	Worcester City
Stourbridge	2 - 1	Leighton Town
Stratford Town	2 - 1	Leamington

Tonight's Matches

The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Tuesday 13th October

Anstey Nomads	v	Rushall Olympic
Bromsgrove Sporting	v	Kettering Town
Bury Town	v	Needham Market
Halesowen Town	v	Alvechurch
Leamington	v	Redditch United
Peterborough Sports	v	Banbury United
Stamford	v	Stratford Town
Worcester City	v	Stourbridge

Next Week's Matches

The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Saturday 17th October

Bishop's Stortford	v	Racing Club Warwick
Bromsgrove Sporting	v	Banbury United Stamford
Bury Town	v	Stourbridge Peterborough Sports
Halesowen Town	v	Hitchin Town
Leamington	v	Needham Market
Leighton Town	v	Rushall Olympic
Stamford	v	Real Bedford

The Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central, Monday 19th October

Redditch United	v	Worcester City

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Tonight's Teams

Bromsgrove Sporting **red & white striped shirts, navy-blue shorts and navy-blue socks**		***Kettering Town*** ***blue shirts, shorts and socks***	
Teams to be chosen from the following:			
1	***Dale Eve (GK)***	***1***	***Paul White***
2	***Josh Dugmore***	***2***	***Blaine Rowe***
3	***Chris Hussey***	***3***	***Aaron Powell***
4	***Simeon Maye***	***4***	***Jack Newell***
5	***Ollie Harrison***	***5***	***Tom Leak***
6	***Hayden Reeves***	***6***	***Harvey Peters***
7	***Billy Shaw***	***7***	***Lawson D'Ath***
8	***Joe Doyle-Charles***	***8***	***Bayley Brown***
9	***Jamille Matt***	***9***	***Eddie Panter***
10	***Jake Jervis***	***10***	***Shaun Jeffers***
11	***Brad Bood***	***11***	***Theo Alexandrou***
12	***Kieron Freeman***	***12***	***Lewis Coyle***
13	***Tony Breeden (GK)***	***13***	
14	***Dan Trickett-Smith***	***14***	***Emmanuel Maja***
15	***Jaden Charles***	***15***	***Tai Fleming***
16		***16***	***Ryan Haynes***
17	***Adam Jasper***	***17***	***Ismael Fatadjó***
18	***Jordan Lyden***	***18***	***Michael Gyasi***
19	***Lamin Barrow***	***19***	***Amir Hadi***
20	***Jak Hickman***	***20***	***William Van Lier***

Match Officials

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