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CHIPPING SODBURY TOWN
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Vs Chipping Sodbury Town

UhsIport Hellenic League Div 1

Tuesday 30th January 24

7:45pm KO

Welcome from Ant Brown

Good evening,

I would like to start by welcoming the Chipping Sodbury players, staff, committee and fans. I would also like to send a warm welcome to the match officials today.



Last time out was back in 2023, where we picked up a point at Cheltenham Saracens which was probably the right result although we should have been out of sight in the first half. Unfortunately, if you don't put away your chances and capitalise on the pressure in the end you get punished. We have had plenty of time over the last few weeks to work on things in training and hopefully we're not lacking match fitness today. It's been one of the most frustrating months of my time as manager. Game after game has been called off and with everyone fit and ready to go the lads are chomping at the bit to get back out and play some football.

Today we have Chipping Sodbury who are a much improved side than the side we played earlier in the season they have picked up some key players and have produced much better results so we know we're in for a battle today.

It's been a long time coming that we return home and hopefully we can put on a good show for everyone watching. So get behind the team and we will see you in the bar after.

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Recent Results

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Competition
⊕	HL1 30/01/24 19:45	Cheltenham Saracens	Postponed P - P	Division One
⊕	HL1 27/01/24 15:00	Calne Town	3 - 1	Division One
⊕	HL1 27/01/24 15:00	Chipping Sodbury Town	0 - 2	Division One
⊕	HL1 27/01/24 15:00	F C Stratford	1 - 0 (HT 0-0)	Division One
⊕	HL1 27/01/24 15:00	Hartpury University	2 - 1 (HT 1-0)	Division One
⊕	HL1 27/01/24 15:00	Malmesbury Victoria	Postponed P - P	Division One
⊕	HL1 27/01/24 15:00	Newent Town	1 - 1 (HT 0-1)	Division One
⊕	HL1 27/01/24 15:00	Shortwood United	0 - 4	Division One
⊕	HL1 27/01/24 15:00	Stonehouse Town	5 - 1	Division One
⊕	HL1 23/01/24 19:45	Newent Town	Postponed P - P	Division One
⊕	HL1 23/01/24 19:45	Southam United	1 - 0 (HT 0-0)	Division One

Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Hartpury University	25	21	2	2	56	65
2	Clanfield 85	26	20	1	5	40	61
3	Malmesbury Victoria	23	16	4	3	29	52
4	Devizes Town	28	16	3	9	31	51
5	Sporting Club Inkberrow	26	15	5	6	33	50
6	FC Bristol	26	15	2	9	26	47
7	Calne Town	25	13	4	8	11	43
8	F C Stratford	24	11	5	8	18	38
9	Tytherington Rocks	24	12	2	10	0	38
10	Shortwood United	23	10	5	8	4	35
11	Abingdon United	26	11	1	14	-4	34
12	Stonehouse Town	26	10	4	12	-4	34
13	Southam United	24	10	2	12	-8	32
14	Cheltenham Saracens	25	5	6	14	-20	21
15	Kidlington Res	25	5	4	16	-30	19
16	Moreton Rangers	25	5	4	16	-48	19
17	Chipping Sodbury Town	25	4	3	18	-54	15
18	Newent Town	21	3	5	13	-30	14
19	Long Crendon	27	3	2	22	-50	11



Manager: **Ant Brown**
Assistant: **Jordan Stallard**
Physio: **Paul Carson**

Malmesbury Victoria

- Travis Wood(GK)
- Matt Fusco
- Aaron Stevens
- Lewis Toop
- Andy Baker
- Kyle Pitts ©
- Matt Jones
- Chalmers Phin
- Jack Smith
- Kyle Witt
- Danny Gudger
- Harvey Scholes
- Kyle Parker
- Freddie Lawton
- Kian McNally
- Martin Sinclair
- Josh Langley



Manager: **James Mapstone**
Assistant: **Kevin Ashwood**
Coach: **Lee Rendall, Jon Britton**
Physio: **Ken Purnell**

Chipping Sodbury

- George Hale
- Jamie Ferris
- Kylan Mapstone
- Jensen Mannings
- Tyrese Carter
- Joshua Law
- Lewis Bryan
- Mahad Ali Ahmed
- Luke Bailey
- Jamie Smith
- Keane Ashwood
- Owen Bell
- Owen Lingard
- Zayd Muhammed
- Callum Ball
- Jordan Hickman
- Tyler Dacres
- Josh Pandolfino
- Archie Williams
- Charlie Davis
- Joe Wintle

Today's Match Officials

Referee	Mr Liam Brace
Assistant 1	Mr Luke Rees
Assistant 2	Mr Mark Niermirski

The Vics Squad 23/24



Manager : **Ant Brown**

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Adam Clatworthy
Keeper



Experienced keeper, played at this level for many years, superb shot stopper.

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Josh Langley
Keeper



Lang is a local lad who has played at a higher level, and you can see why. Excellent commanding keeper.

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Travis Wood
Keeper



Trav re-joins the Vics this season after a couple of seasons the other side of the bridge. A great addition with brilliant distribution and shot stopping.

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Kyle Pitts
Defender – Captain

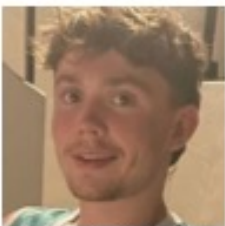


Pittsy is a commanding, experienced leader at centre back. Came to the Vics last season and has taken on the armband this year.

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Colin Pitts

Ben Patey
Defender



Patey has been with the club a few seasons now. Young defender with great potential. Great energy across the pitch.

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Aaron Stevens
Defender



Az re-joined the Vics after a spell at Chipping Sodbury. He's a strong centre back who's good in the air and loves a challenge.

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Andy Baker
Defender



Bakes is coach, club captain, fines master and key member of the squad. A brilliant attitude on and off the pitch and a consistent performer.

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Zac Berry
Defender



Zac came to the club last season from Hartpury. A young left back full of potential. Strong, quick and fit lad.

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Matt Fusco
Defender



Fusco, been back with the club a few seasons now and recently converted to right back. One of the best touches around this level.

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Dale Richards
Defender



Dale joined last season from Wootton Bassett. He is a ball playing defender who has an eye for goal. When he strikes it, it stays struck.

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Lewis Toop
Defender / Midfielder



Toop came to the club last season and has played a variety of positions. Set piece specialist who loves a tackle.

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George Evat
Midfielder



George is a homegrown lad who has huge potential for a young lad. A tricky midfielder with excellent feet.

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<div>Biagio Mazzotta</div> <div>Midfield</div> <div></div> <div>Biag joined the club last season from Fairford. A centre midfielder who rarely gives the ball away, keeps us ticking.</div> <div>Sponsored By</div> <div></div> <div>Aluma Property Management Ltd</div>	<div>Matty Jones</div> <div>Attacker</div> <div></div> <div>Matty joined last season from Fairford town. Massive part of the squad on and off the pitch. Loves a long throw.</div> <div>Sponsored By</div> <div></div>	<div>Harvey Scholes</div> <div>Midfield</div> <div></div> <div>Scholesy is a new addition this season. Previously at Wantage. Scholesy loves getting on the ball and has an excellent range of passing.</div> <div>Sponsored By</div> <div></div>	<div>Kyle Witt</div> <div>Attacker</div> <div></div> <div>Kyle is a local lad who has shown brilliant commitment to the club. Tricky winger with an eye for goal.</div> <div>Sponsored By</div> <div>Charlie Reid</div>
<div>Danny Gudger</div> <div>Attacker</div> <div></div> <div>Gudger recently joined from Fairford town. A winger with an excellent eye for goal. A huge summer addition.</div> <div>Sponsored By</div> <div></div>	<div>Aidan Bennett</div> <div>Attacker</div> <div></div> <div>Aidan joins on a dual sign with Cirencester Town, a talented and potent striker who has been on the managers radar for a long time now. Slots in perfectly with the lads around him.</div> <div>Sponsored By</div> <div></div>	<div>Jack Smith</div> <div>Attacker</div> <div></div> <div>Smithy was new to the club last season. Quality at holding the ball up and has an excellent touch. A key part of the squad.</div> <div>Sponsored By</div> <div></div>	<div>Chalmers Phin</div> <div>Attacker</div> <div></div> <div>Chalmers returns to the Vics from a short stay with Brimmy, last season's top goal scorer slots into the front line just fine.</div> <div>Sponsored By</div> <div></div>

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The Sods started playing friendlies in 1885 against teams from Bristol, Swindon and South Gloucestershire. In 1898 the Sods joined the North Bristol & District League Division 1. They later dropped out of the league and continued playing friendlies until the 1905-06 season, when they joined the Wotton & District League as founder members. The Sods played two seasons in this league before again returning to friendly fixtures until the 1911-12 season. For the next 40 years, the Sods played association football on and off and were members of different leagues until they resigned from the Western League Division 2 at the end of the 1952-53 season. The history books also show that Women's Football first began in the town in the 1940's.



In the summer of 1959 Cliff Phelps decided to bring football back to the town. It had been six long years since the club had worn the blue and white of Sodbury in the West of England. After several meetings at the Bell Inn (now Brooks Bar & Restaurant) the club was formed. Major L.M Harris became President, Mr C. Phelps Vice Chairman, Club Captain Greenaway and Youth Captain Michael Boulton. In the summer of 1960 the Sods entered a senior team into the Dursley & District League and a team into the Youth Section. In the following season they joined the Bristol & District League and through the years moved up to Division 3.

1970s

The early 70's didn't get off to a great start and the Sods were relegated from Division 3 and subsequently Division 4. It wasn't until the mid-70's that the Sods luck began to change. Mike Fox became player manager and in the 1976-77 season the Sods finished third in Division 5, which was enough at the time to gain promotion. The 1978-79 season saw the club go one better and finish runners-up in Division 4. To finish the decade and celebrate twenty years of the club's rebirth, the Sods went on to become Division 3 champions and earned promotion to Division 2.

1980s

The early 80's saw continued success and a fourth promotion was enough to give the Sods promotion to the Bristol & District Senior Division. The following year saw the Sods secure promotion to the Bristol & District Senior Division. The Sods did not drop from the Senior Division in the 1985 - 86 season but were relegated in the 1988 - 89 season. Another big success story for the club was the rebirth of the Reserves Team in the 1981 - 82 season. In the following years, the Reserves Team achieved six promotions, moving up to Division 5 to the Senior Division.

1990s

The 90's kicked off with a third-place finish and promotion to the Bristol Premier Combination Division 1. In the 1992 - 93 season the Sods achieved a fourth-place finish and were crowned Bristol Premier Combination League Cup Champions. The Sods remained in Division 1 of the Bristol Premier Combination League until securing promotion to the Premier League in the 1999 - 00 season. Another significant milestone for the club was in the early 90's when the club's players and volunteers came together to build the Sods clubhouse and changing rooms.





2000s

After three seasons in the Premier Division, the Sods faced relegation in the 2001-02 season. A new era began for the Sods when in the 2002-03 season, former players Les Underdown and his Assistant Jeff Clark took charge. A mid table finish in their first season saw Les leave and Jeff step up. In the 2004-05 season the club launched a third team and in the 2005-06 season the First Team secured promotion back into the Premier Division. The following season saw success for both the Reserves and Third Team, both achieving promotion. The 2007-08 season proved to be another great year for the Sods when the First Team finished as champions of the Premier Combination League and the Reserves Team finished as champions of the Bristol and District League One. Then under a new Manager and in their first season, the Sods were unfortunate to finish bottom of the County League, however were fortunate to escape relegation. Mark Stenner was soon appointed as the new Manager and tasked with helping the club climb once again.



2010s

Stenner helped the club rise to a third-place finish in the 2010-11 season and after his early departure, Scott Gibson took charge. At the beginning of the 2014-15 season, Karl Reese was appointed First Team Manager. In his first season Reese secured promotion to the Western League, in his second season the team became Western League Division 1 Champions. The following season, 2016-17 saw the club earn a credible mid table finish and compete in the FA Vase competition for the first time. Reese then departed along with several key players. This provided a tough challenge for new Manager Neil Simons who achieved a 13th place finish along with an FA Cup victory and a quarter-final place in the GFA Challenge Trophy. Simons then left early in the 2018-19 season which provided an opportunity for local duo Joe and Steve White. Under their leadership the club went on to achieve a 10th place finish in the Western League and a good run in the FA Cup. However three weeks before the start of the 2019-20 season, the White duo left along with a number of key players.

This decade also saw the rebirth of women's football in 2016 when a team joined the Gloucestershire County League, Division 2. In their first season the Women's Team achieved a league runners up and promotion to Division 1, along with a semi-final cup finish.

2020s

Scott Gibson and former player Justin Bishop took over as managers and they remained in post until the end of the season as a result of the Corona (COVID-19) pandemic. At the start of the 2020-21 season a new management team led by Justin Bishop remained in post until half-way through the 2021-22 season. His departure also triggered the departure of a number of players. To replace Jeff, the club appointed local coach James Bishop.

The year 2020-21 also saw the Sods enter the Mid-Counties Floodlight Youth League in an attempt to develop a player pathway. Sadly the Women's team folded at the end of the season.

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