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Division One South

Prog 6. v Evesham United - Tuesday 3rd November 2020. 7.30pm



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has made the journey from **Evesham United**. We trust that you will enjoy your short stay with us.

It has not yet been confirmed but it looks as though lockdown will put a stop to all football below Step Two, until early December. Our clubs are in the same position as we were in March. Our sport cannot continue without spectators.

I was watching a National League game on BT Sport last week. I will be honest, and say that I was not interested enough to remember which game it was, but there was a gate of around 600. There was hardly any social distancing and there were groups of people tightly packed, and there were not too many masks either!

So what is the point of it all? In my opinion, Lockdown will achieve very little and we will all be back in this situation again next year.

We have to live with Covid 19, (or die from it), but it does seem to me that the people who caused this, have escaped any major criticism. I digress, and don't intend to get political.

The visit of **Evesham United**, gives me great memories of their time at Common Road. I have not visited their new home, but Common Road was a great place for faggots, peas & Chips!! In all the grounds I used to travel to, this was the best food you could get.

Our fondly remembered friend, **Brian Gollege**, who passed away a few years ago, would sometimes meet up with his cousin, and they would have to endure our taunts about collecting train numbers, as they passed by up on the embankment. Happy Days!!

Saturday's 0-3 home defeat by **Cirencester Town**, did not really come as a great surprise, but that is in no way putting our lads down. As I have said many times, our record against **The Centurions** is very poor, home or away.

Their club is at a different level to us with better resources, and it's no surprise that they are top of the division.

Previously, we went down by the same scoreline at **Basingstoke Town** – another big club – who are finding their way back to where they used to be.

Our next two scheduled matches are at **Cinderford** and **Sholing**, but we will have to wait and see how everything pans out, as we are unlikely now to be playing until early December.

Cheer the lads on this evening. They will appreciate your support.....

Just remember the cry.....

COME ON THE FIELD



Stay safe during lockdown

CIRENCESTER ACTION – by Martin Preedy



Spotlight

The 2020/21 campaign, is Evesham's 29th consecutive season as a Southern League club, (*which includes last season's void campaign*) with Manager **Neil Hunt** being the new man at the helm. Since their return to Division One South & West in 2012/13, they have finished 14th, 16th, 2nd (losing in the play-offs), 6th and 5th (again, defeat in the play-offs). They finished 4th in 2017/18 but lost on penalties in the play-offs to Swindon Supermarine. In 2018/19, they were 7th. They spent four seasons in the Premier Division from 2008/09 – 2011/12.



This is their ninth season at their new home at the Jubilee Stadium, Cheltenham Road, following their six seasons sharing Worcester City's St. George's Lane (2006-2011 inclusive). They had previously sold their ground at Common Road, for development, but it took quite a while, for their new ground to be built – hence the ground-sharing.

The Football Club that we know today, dates from just after the Second World War, when the club was re-formed by soldiers returning from action, and they immediately joined the Worcester League. After some early success, they moved to the Worcester Combination, taking the league title in 1952/53. In 1956, they joined the Birmingham League, and then the Warwickshire League in 1959. They returned to the Worcester Combination (now Midland), in 1963.

They moved to Common Road in 1968, and opened their clubhouse in 1975. In order for the club to realise their ambition of Southern League football, they had to bring the championship to Common Road for the first time since 1968/69, and in 1991/92, they re-wrote the record books by lifting the Midland Combination Premier Division title and the Combination Challenge Cup. United also reached the Quarter-Finals of the FA Vase, losing to eventual finalists Guisely. After ground improvements were put in place, The Robins finished 15th in their first season in the Midland Division.

The 2007/08 season proved to be one of the more memorable in the club's history. They took Conference side Halifax Town to a replay in the 4QR of the FA Cup, losing 1-2 at The Shay. In the FA Trophy, then Manager, Paul West saw his side beat higher graded Bromsgrove Rovers and Corby Town enroute to the 3QR, before going out to Conference North side Redditch Utd, after a replay. Their league form caught the imagination, as they put together a rather remarkable run of form.

Despite suffering 3 defeats in their opening six matches, they stormed to the top of the Midlands Division, only losing twice in the next 34 matches. 91 points were bagged and a staggering 22 clean-sheets were kept in 40 games, with the experienced Mark Owen topping the goalscoring charts, with 33 goals, which included two hat-tricks.

Over the last 6/7 years, Managerial changes have seen **Paul West & Leon West** in charge, succeeded by **Matt Clarke & Rob Elmes**, then **Paul West** return, followed by **Shaun Cunningham, Paul Collicutt** and lastly **Carl Abbott** as 'The Robins' look to reclaim their place in the Premier Division.

INTRODUCING....



The Robins

Aaron Basford - Forward

18-year-old Aaron Basford joined Evesham United this summer. He had previously been at the Jubilee Stadium last season on loan from Cheltenham Town where he had been within their scholarship programme. Aaron also had loan spells with Cinderford Town and Worcester City.

Adam Mace - Defender

25-year-old, Adam Mace joined Evesham this summer from Bishops Cleeve where he had been the captain. He was also at Cheltenham Town as a junior, before also playing for Shortwood United and Slimbridge FC.

Ben Hayes - Forward

26-year-old Ben signed during the summer, his previous club was Westfields whom he spent 4 years playing for. He previously played for Malvern Town and Bishops Cleeve. Ben was at Evesham previously making a substitutes appearance for the first team in 2014.

Calvin Dinsley - Midfielder

29-year-old Calvin signed from Swindon Supermarine in the summer. He started his career at West Bromwich Albion in the youth set-up. He then had spells with Cambridge United, Evesham United and Stourport Swifts, before playing in the National League South with both Gloucester City and Hereford.

Dan Tustin - Midfielder

21-year-old, Dan is a former youth team captain at Evesham United, who has progressed through to the first team squad. He spent most of last season playing at Pershore Town to gain valuable match time.

Harry Franklin - Defender/Midfielder

20-year-old Harry joined Evesham from Redditch United in October 2019 becoming a regular in the starting line-up. Harry has previously played for Hereford and Merthyr.

Jack Horrell - Midfielder

26-year-old Jack re-signed for Evesham in the close-season, Jack has also played at Slimbridge, Cirencester Town, Bishops Cleeve and Brimscombe & Thrupp.

Jamie Clarke - Striker

30-year-old Jamie is one of the local players, taking his opportunity to impress, Jamie has signed for Evesham United having previously played for a number of sides including Pershore Town, Studley and Littleton. He has represented both England and Great Britain at the Deaf World Cup and Deaflympics.

Jamie Lucas - Striker

24-year-old Jamie was on-loan here last season from Halesowen Town. Jamie started his career with Bristol Rovers and made four appearances in the Football League. After several loan moves, Jamie went on to play for Bath City, Brackley Town and Weston-Super-Mare all in the National League South or North.

**Joe Heywood - Defender**

20-year-old Joe is another product of the Evesham United youth set up, having played for the U18's under then manager Neil Hunt. He spent most of last season on loan at Fairfield Villa gaining valuable experience.

Jordan Lymn - Defender

22-year-old started his career at Cheltenham Town, before joining EUFC for the first time in 2017. He re-joined the club in the summer, having played at North Leigh, Westfields and Bishops Cleeve.

Jordan Staten - Defender

21-year-old Jordan was signed from Redditch United during last season, Jordan is a former England School boy International. He played at Burton Albion and Cheltenham Town before going to study at Hartpury College. He has also played for Bishops Cleeve.

Lewis Clayton - Goalkeeper

20-year-old Lewis signed for EUFC this summer having played at Cirencester Town last season, he was also registered for Gloucester City. A former Cheltenham Town youth player, Lewis has also featured for Bishops Cleeve and IFK Mora (Sweden)

Matt Williams - Defender

26-year-old Matt rejoined EUFC this summer. He had two spells with Gloucester City after initially joining them in 2014. He then had his first spell at the Jubilee Stadium, before joining Hungerford Town in December 2017, where he stepped up two divisions to play National League South football. He then returned to Gloucester City for the 2018/19 season, but a few months in he joined Swindon Supermarine. Matt started his football career at Football League side Cheltenham Town, where he was captain of the Under 18s team.

Ryan Paddock - Defender / Midfielder

31-year-old Ryan is another player in his second spell at EUFC, originally signing in 2016. Ryan has also represented the British Army and has previously captained the side. Ryan has played for Bristol Rovers, Weston-Super-Mare, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham Saracens, Cinderford Town, and Hinckley AFC.

Lorcan Sheehan - Midfielder

31-year-old Lorcan re-signed for EUFC during the summer, having previously played here between 2016 and 2018 during which time he made 51 appearances. He has also played for Bishops Cleeve and Cinderford Town.

Josh Rogers - Goalkeeper

21-year-old Josh has been a part of the EUFC set up for a number of years having played within the youth and U21 set up. He has also made appearances for local sides including Malvern Town.

INTRODUCING....



The Robins

Josh Hunt - Striker

26-year-old Josh joined the club in the summer, he has previously played for Cinderford Town and Malvern Town.

Charlie Johnson - Defender

19-year-old Charlie has signed for Evesham this season – he was previously with Cambridge United and Royston Town

Will Davidson - Defender

20-year-old Will has previously been on the books of Redditch United, Forest Green and Studley. He signed for EUFC during the summer.

Will Holland - Midfield

18-year-old Will has come through the youth team set up at Evesham, featuring for the U18's last year.

Henry McMahon - Striker

17-year-old Henry is another of the EUFC juniors he broke into the first team squad last season, making his debut, whilst also featuring regularly for the U18 squad.

Callum Clayton – Midfield

17-year-old Callum has been a regular for the U18's over the last season, he has now become part of the first team squad.

Neil Hunt – Manager

Neil stepped up from being the U18's manager in March. His involvement at Evesham has been over a number of years, including being the assistant manager here in the past. Neil's other management experience has seen him in charge at Malvern Town, Stourport Swifts and Pershore Town. He is focussed on helping the club to develop a pathway for the juniors to have opportunities to make it to the first team. Neil had been on Cheltenham Town's books as a youngster.

Pete Haynes – Assistant Manager / Coach

Pete has joined the club as the First team coach. He is combining this role with his position at Cheltenham Town FC, where he is the Professional Development Phase Lead Coach within the academy and the U18's Manager. Pete holds the UEFA A Licence and was one of the youngest people to achieve this qualification. He had previously been a Cheltenham Town academy player.

Pete Sollis – Physio

Pete has returned to EUFC as the club's sports therapist / physio, having previously been here up until 2017. He had been working at Kidderminster Harriers in the interim. Pete brings a wealth of experience and qualifications to the role and will also be helping the youth section with their fitness.

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GOOD EVENING EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO COSSHAM STREET for tonight's Southern League clash against our old friends from EVESHAM UNITED. Thank you for your attendance & for reading this programme on-line once again! This is how it is going to be for some time to come now, especially as we are about to go into a one-month lockdown & when I wrote this on Sunday, it wasn't completely clear at the time how our level of football would be affected in the next 4 weeks. Let us just therefore concentrate on tonight's game in this shortened column & see if we can break our duck this evening – **COME ON THE FIELD!!**

NOW I WAS AWAY IN EAST CORNWALL for the whole of last week, in which we lost 3-2 to SLIMBRIDGE, 3-0 at BASINGSTOKE in midweek & then 3-0 at home to CIRENCESTER on Saturday. I haven't seen any of the reports, although I know we were very unlucky to lose to Slimbridge, so I can't really comment on any of those scores. Suffice to say, we are where we are in the league table & tonight, we will try & address the issue, before Thursday's lockdown kicks in.



I AVOIDED FOOTBALL ALMOST COMPLETELY IN CORNWALL (the weather was wet for much of the week), but I did manage to pop in at a ground that MUFC visited many times in years gone by – LISKEARD ATHLETIC. I never did see us play at Lux Park (pictured below), but I did see a holiday game there once in 2005, a 1-1 draw v Torpoint. Last Saturday's scheduled game v Mousehole (see advert) was rained off in the end, which was no real surprise, but from my 2005 memories, the ground itself hadn't changed that much, although it is clearly now part of a bigger leisure park complex. Maybe it was in

2005 too, but I don't remember, tbh.

THOSE OF YOU WITH LONG MEMORIES WILL NO DOUBT RECALL when both Liskeard & rivals Saltash United were always strong sides in the Western League & they were usually up at the sharp end of the league table. Indeed, there were one or two occasions when we would play both sides away on the same weekend – one game on Saturday & one on Sunday, with an overnight stay. Those were the days – imagine doing that now! Both Liskeard & Saltash quit the WL at the end of the 1994-95 season – is it REALLY that long ago? – and Liskeard's last visit here was actually on my 40th birthday in April 1995 when Andy Perrett scored for us in a 1-1 draw. Anyway, enjoy the game tonight & let's hope we are back here in action soon.



LEADING GOALSCORERS

Leading Goalscorers – League only

Up to & including 31st October 2020



PREMIER DIVISION CENTRAL

Timothy Berridge	Coalville Town	6
Ravin Shamsi	Nuneaton Borough	6
Jordan Clement	Redditch United	6
Luke Shaw	Coalville Town	5
Brandon Adams	Royston Town	5
Jonathan Giles	Biggleswade Town	5
Jacob Wakeling	Alvechurch	5
Joe Neal	Biggleswade Town	5

PREMIER DIVISION SOUTH

Alex Fletcher	Tiverton Town	8
Tony-James Lee	Poole Town	6
Francis Amartey	Hayes & Yeading United	6
Jack Mazzone	Metropolitan Police	5
Marvin Brooks	Salisbury	4
Harry Baker	Salisbury	4
Tobias Holmes	Taunton Town	4
Shaun Lucien	Hendon	3



DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

Benjamin Worman	St. Neots Town	5
Jordon Crawford	Corby Town	5
Mitchell Piggon	Bedworth United	5
Nathan Tshikuna	Barton Rovers	5
Lewis Toomey	Berkhamsted	5
Simeon Cobourne	Halesowen Town	5
Jack Bowen	Daventry Town	4
Jamie Rudd	Aylesbury United	4

DIVISION ONE SOUTH

Brett Williams	AFC Totton	6
Joshua Grace-Parsons	Cirencester Town	6
George Hallahan	Basingstoke Town	5
Lucas Vowles	Bristol Manor Farm	5
Conor Lynch	Thatcham Town	5
Zackary Drew	Cinderford Town	5
Ollie Balmer	Winchester City	5
Johan Flo	Slimbridge AFC	4

FIXTURES / RESULTS / SCORERS – SEASON 2020/21

12/09	Tavistock AFC	EFAC-Pr A	1-2	161	Marcus Kelly
19/09	FROME TOWN	SL-D1S H	0-1	220	
29/09	Winchester City	SL-D1S A	1-5	158	Harry Simons
06/10	WILLAND ROVERS	SL-D1S H	1-2	148	Harry Simons
10/10	Larkhall Athletic	SL-D1S A	0-3	210	
17/10	CINDERFORD TOWN	FAT-2QR H	1-2	174	Matthew Binding
24/10	SLIMBRIDGE AFC	SL-D1S H	2-3	165	Abe Noad, Wayne Nderemani
27/10	Basingstoke Town	SL-D1S A	0-3	400	
31/10	CIRENCESTER TOWN	SL-D1S H	0-3	230	
03/11	EVESHAM UNITED	SL-D1S H			
07/11	Cinderford Town	SL-D1S A			
10/11	Sholing	SL-D1S A			
14/11	THATCHAM TOWN	SL-D1S H			
21/11	Bideford AFC	SL-D1S A			
28/11	BRISTOL MANOR FARM	SL-D1S H			
05/12	Highworth Town	SL-D1S A			
12/12	MELKSHAM TOWN	SL-D1S H			
19/12	AFC Totton	SL-D1S A			
26/12	Paulton Rovers	SL-D1S A			
2021					
02/01	BARNSTAPLE TOWN	SL-D1S H			
09/01	Willand Rovers	SL-D1S A			
16/01	MONEYFIELDS	SL-D1S H			
23/01	Cirencester Town	SL-D1S A			
30/01	BASINGSTOKE TOWN	SL-D1S H			
06/02	Evesham United	SL-D1S A			
13/02	CINDERFORD TOWN	SL-D1S H			
20/02	Bristol Manor Farm	SL-D1S A			
27/02	BIDEFORD AFC	SL-D1S H			
06/03	Thatcham Town	SL-D1S A			
13/03	HIGHWORTH TOWN	SL-D1S H			
20/03	Slimbridge AFC	SL-D1S A			
27/03	LARKHALL ATHLETIC	SL-D1S H			
03/04	Moneyfields	SL-D1S A			
05/04	PAULTON ROVERS	SL-D1S H			
10/04	Frome Town	SL-D1S A			
17/04	SHOLING	SL-D1S H			
24/04	AFC TOTTON	SL-D1S H			
01/05	Melksham Town	SL-D1S A			
03/05	Barnstaple Town	SL-D1S A			
08/05	WINCHESTER CITY	SL-D1S H			



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Division One South

2020-21

Up to and including Sunday 1st November 2020

Pos		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD	Results
1	Cirencester Town	8	7	0	1	20	3	21	17	0-3 x
2	AFC Totton	8	6	1	1	21	7	19	14	x
3	Basingstoke Town	7	5	1	1	23	13	16	10	x 0-3
4	Winchester City	7	5	0	2	14	8	15	6	x 1-5
5	Slimbridge AFC	9	4	2	3	22	21	14	1	2-3 x
6	Paulton Rovers	8	4	1	3	14	8	13	6	x
7	Willand Rovers	8	4	1	3	14	13	13	1	1-2 x
8	Highworth Town	8	4	1	3	11	14	13	-3	x
9	Frome Town	6	3	1	2	11	6	10	5	0-1 x
10	Larkhall Athletic	7	3	1	3	11	11	10	0	x 0-3
11	Sholing	5	3	0	2	9	6	9	3	x
12	Evesham United	6	2	2	2	5	7	8	-2	x
13	Bristol Manor Farm	6	2	1	3	10	13	7	-3	x
14	Cinderford Town	7	2	1	4	10	21	7	-11	x
15	Thatcham Town	7	1	3	3	7	11	6	-4	x
16	Bideford AFC	6	0	4	2	7	9	4	-2	x
17	Moneyfields	4	1	0	3	7	7	3	0	x
18	Melksham Town	6	1	0	5	5	14	3	-9	x
19	Barnstaple Town	6	0	2	4	9	22	2	-13	x
20	Mangotsfield United	7	0	0	7	4	20	0	-16	x x x

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY...

“People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day.”
A.A. Milne



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Frome Town

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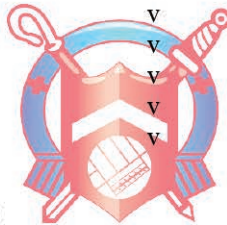
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AFC Totton

Evesham United

Cinderford Town

Barnstaple Town

Bristol Manor Farm

Sholing

Wednesday 4th November 2020

Highworth Town

Paulton Rovers

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Basingstoke Town

Cirencester Town



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SOUTH WEST COUNTIES YOUTH LEAGUE

FIXTURES

21/09	Keynsham Town	A	FAYC-pr	8-0	
03/10	Bridgwater Town	A	GELC	- postponed	
07/10	YATE TOWN	H	FAYC2qr	9-0	Seb Scott 4, Owen Humphries 2, Harry Roe, Harry Johnson Isaac Flynn
10/10	Bath City	A	SWCL	0-0	
17/10	SWINDON SUPER	H	GELC	0-0	(6-0 pens) Charlie McCrae 2, Otis Lewis, Harry Johnson Marcel Lewis
21/10	EASTLEIGH FC	H	FAYC3qr	1-2	
24/10	Wimbome Town	A	SWCL	3-2	Joah Hall 2, Miguel Alves
31/10	NEW COLL SWINDON	H	SWCL	5-0	
07/11	BRIDGWATER TOWN	H	SWCL		
14/11	Torquay United	A	SWCL		
21/11	Bath City	A	GELC		
28/11	Swindon Supennarine	A	GELC		
05/12	CHAMPION SPTS ACA	H	SWCL		
12/12	New College Swindon	A	SWCL		

2021

09/01	Bridgwater Town	A	SWCL		
16/01	Champion Sports Academy	A	GELC		
23/01	BATH CITY	H	SWCL		
30/01	WIMBORNE TOWN	H	SWCL		
06/02	SWINDON SUPER	H	SWCL		
13/02	TORQUAY UNITED	H	SWCL		
20/02	Champion Sports Academy	A	SWCL		

Guide: SWCL – South West Counties League. GELC -Gary Else Memorial League Cup.
All games played on Saturdays at 10.30am. Home Games at Filton.



PHOTOCALL – RUSS GREGORY



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY



Looking Back.....

“THERE IS A PERCEPTION ALL OVER THE WORLD THAT THE FANS CARE ABOUT MANCHESTER UNITED MORE THAN THE PROFESSIONALS DO. THAT IS TOTALLY WRONG, TOTALLY WRONG. NOBODY IN MANCHESTER, OR CONNECTED WITH MANCHESTER – CARES MORE ABOUT THE CLUB THAN ME. WE, THE PROFESSIONALS AT THE CLUB, FEEL EVERYTHING ABOUT THE CLUB – EVERY SECOND, EVERY DAY”. The words of Jose Mourinho, as quoted in The Sun on 12 December 2018, as once again, he opened his trap to (yet again) antagonise the United fans, who – by and large – remained TOTALLY unconvinced about this bloke managing their team, because, more often than not, the media circus was all about HIM. Thankfully, he was SACKED a short while later!

Look, Manchester United are one of the biggest clubs in the world, possibly even THE biggest. They have fans in all parts of the UK & all across the globe. Those who attend games spend a fortune on tickets & travel & merchandise. Those who don't go to games just concentrate on live TV showings & merchandise. United fans in all parts of the globe spend a LOT of hard-earned money supporting their team – and then up popped Mourinho, on his multi-million pound contract, to say that HE & the players, who are also multi-millionaires, care more about the club than the fans do. ABSOLUTE NORTHAMPTON TOWN – and you know what their nickname is! Mourinho & the players are just employees. A fan is a fan for LIFE & most are glad that Jose has gone.

Mourinho's comment was patronising & insulting – and he came out with stuff like that a lot more these days than he ever did before, and because the team were under-performing as well, it's no wonder the United fans were angry up there. Less so now though!

But maybe we here at MANGOTSFIELD United (the “other” Man United) do have something in common with our most illustrious almost-similar namesakes at Old Trafford. Not so long ago, after one particular defeat, we had a manager here at MUFC who used social media to verbally criticise (1) the fans who HAD attended that game, and then (2), the fans who had NOT attended that game – and he was gone soon afterwards. A manager should never criticise the fans, or patronise them either & for me, I thought at the time that Mourinho was on very dodgy ground, particularly at their high level of the game, where media attention is relentless & before you knew it, he was indeed gone too. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has prevailed in charge & Jose is now history!

“WE LOSE, WE DON'T SCORE AND TO CAP IT ALL OFF, THE SHOWERS ARE COLD!” - The words of Blackpool boss Terry McPhillips – no, I don't know who he is either – as quoted in The Sun on 18 December 2018, as he tried to summarize Blackpool's 2-0 defeat at Oxford.

He could also have added the icy rain & wind that hit the Oxford ground, and indeed, the whole southern half of the country as well. We had plenty of it here at Cossham Street on the same day as well, but at least our showers were warm enough!

PHOTOCALL – TODD CARTER



Forward

MANGOTSFIELD UTD – A BRIEF HISTORY

The 2020/21 season is Mangotsfield's 21st campaign as a Southern League club, which includes the voided 2019/20 season. This is their twelfth season in the Pitchin In Southern Football League - (Division One South), previously finishing 9th in 2009/10, 3rd in 2010/11, (but losing the play-off semi-final, 1-3 to Frome Town), 14th in 2011/12, 13th in 2012/13, 11th in 2013/14, 10th in 2014/15, 14th in 2015/16, 8th in 2016/17, & 16th in both 2017/18 and 2018/19. The Board of Directors comprises, Mike Richardson as Chairman, & Pete Crowley as Director of Football Club Development.

There has been football in the village since 1888 and four years later, Mangotsfield FC became a founder member of the Bristol & District League (later to become the Western Football League in 1895) but the club folded after 10 years. From 1898 until the 1950s, Mangotsfield FC was disbanded and subsequently reformed on several occasions. In January 1951, the parent club dispensed with the Reserve X1 for financial reasons leaving many local players without a team to play for. These players decided to form a new club in the village and at the start of the 1951-52 season, the newly-established Mangotsfield United FC was entered into the Bristol & District League, Division VII. They achieved five successive promotions and gained entry to the Bristol & District Premier Combination in 1957. The club remained there until 1972-73, when it was accepted in to the Western League.

The Club became established in the Western League during the 1970's and despite being relegated to the first division in 1981-82, "**The Field**", as they were affectionately known, bounced straight back the following season and under the guidance of the charismatic Ralph Miller, who as Chairman, undertook the task of improving the ground and its facilities, became a force in the Premier, mainly featuring in the leading positions.

In 1991, the club, managed by Harold Jarman and assisted by Terry Rowles, achieved regional glory by taking the (then) Great Mills League Premier Division title, ahead of runners-up Torrington. Disappointingly, they were denied promotion to the Southern League as their ground failed to meet the grading requirements and there followed several lean seasons as the team disintegrated. Under newly-elected Chairman Richard Davis, however, off the pitch, things were improving.

Terry Rowles returned to manage the club himself in 1995 and kept them in the spotlight by consistently finishing in the top three/four in the Great Mills/Screwfix League and an appearance in the FA Vase semi-final (losing to Clitheroe), but their ambitions of promotion and Southern League football were always thwarted by the continual success of Taunton and Tiverton Town. It was considered very important to establish a sound working base, improve ground facilities and secure a long-term tenure on their Cossham Street ground.

In earlier years, the Roger Pullin / Richard Davis partnership had seen many improvements take place, with the installation of Conference-style floodlights and at the end of the 2003/04 season, the Cossham Street end of the ground was covered, together with new toilet blocks and social club improvements. Ex player Andy Black returned to the club as Manager in 1999 and guided the club to promotion to the Dr. Martens Southern League and three successful campaigns. The 2003/04 campaign did not go too well and just before Christmas, Black was replaced by Martyn Grimshaw. Towards the end of the campaign, Nigel Webb came in as his Assistant, but the club could only finish in 13th place, which was not high enough for the planned re-structuring of the Pyramid.

The Management duo made promotion their priority in 2004/05 and the club headed the table for most of the campaign, eventually taking the Division One West title with a 21 match unbeaten run. After 28 seasons at Western League level, the club had spent just five campaigns at Southern League level before reaching the Premier Division. In April/May 2005, Roger Pullin left the club and Mike Richardson took over as Chairman, with a new Board. The club have looked for financial stability in recent years, with the need to reach out to the community and attract a broader fan-base and local sponsorship. There has been only limited success in that area.

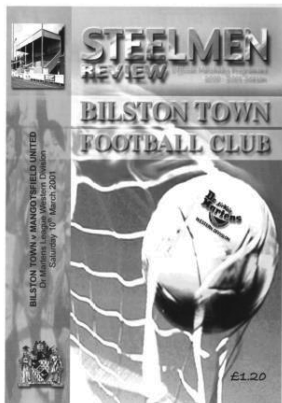
Sometimes now referred to as "**The Mangos**", the 2020/21 campaign, started with **Glyn Ashton**, at the helm. He had previously been in charge of the U18s Floodlit Youth side, then took over as temporary Manager, with the immediate aim of survival at Step Four level.

The ultimate aim is to stabilise the club, linking it to the **SGS College** and a re-introduction of the Youth team, and eventually return to the Southern Football League, Premier Division, where they spent four seasons from 2005-2009, finishing 10th, 9th, 14th and 22nd.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE FLASHBACKS

DR MARTENS WESTERN DIVISION

SATURDAY 10TH MARCH 2001



Striker **DARREN EDWARDS** plundered a hat-trick as Mangotsfield stepped up their outside promotion bid with a superb victory at fellow high fliers Bilston Town. The win pushed The Field into third place, just a point behind second-placed Bilston, with a game in hand. It was Mangotsfield's first season at **Southern League** level and under the guidance of Manager **ANDY BLACK**, they were scoring goals for fun.

Despite finishing in 5th place, they were the third highest scoring team in the division and only promoted **HINCKLEY UNITED** and **TIVERTON TOWN** scored more.

ROBBIE CLARIDGE gave The Field an idea start with a goal in the 11th minute. Edwards did the spadework with a good run down the right flank and Robbie finished off the move with a volley which went in off the underside of the bar.

Edwards then crashed the ball home from an acute angle five minutes later to make it 2-0. With **DAVE ELSEY** suspended, The Field gave a debt to ex Bristol Rovers defender, **MARK SMITH** and he played at the heart of the defence. The Steelmen had previously only lost three league games in 29 outings and they were again stunned after 34 minutes when **Edwards** scored the third, following a break when **NICK BROOKS** released **CHRIS CHURCHILL** and Edwards was clinical in his finish.

But Bilston were not riding high for nothing and in **SCOTT VOICE**, they boasted the league's leading scorer and he struck twice in the 62nd and 83rd minutes to drag the Steelmen back into the game. Mangotsfield keeper **PAUL THOMPSON** was called upon to make several important saves as the home side threatened to turn the game around, but with two minutes left, the visitors made the game safe and completed a superb double over the Black Country side. It was Mark Smith who broke through and presented **Edwards** with the opportunity to complete his hat-trick

END OF SEASON TABLE – leading positions.

Hinckley United	42	30	8	4	102	-	38	98
Tiverton Town	42	28	7	7	97	-	36	91
Bilston Town	42	27	9	6	88	-	48	90
Evesham United	42	27	5	10	86	-	46	86
MANGOTSFIELD UTD	42	25	9	8	91	-	45	84

MANGO LINE-UP:

Paul Thompson, Scott Hendy, Danny Hallett, Jon Crowley, Mark Smith, Gareth Loydon, Chris Churchill, Adam Sims, Darren Edwards, Robbie Claridge, Nick Brooks.

Subs who played, Dean Pendry and Lee Barlass. Result 2-4.

JUST A FEW QUICKIES:



Stoke Gabriel FC hammered again! Yes, those hearty lads down in South Devon let in another 17 (!) last Saturday at Honiton Town, but fair play to them, they did score two as well! When you are losing every single game by ridiculous scores like that – as SG are – it must be so soul-destroying....but a defeat is a defeat, whether it is 17-2 or 1-0 & that's what is reflected in the league tables..... **Maybe the tabloids got it right all along?** When Bristol City were in the top 2 of the Championship after 4 wins, they didn't get the column inches in 2 or 3 tabloids I looked at – it was almost as though they didn't

take City seriously & knew they would fall away sooner or later, and concentrated on bigger (but struggling) names like Derby, Forest or Cardiff instead. And yes, City have indeed fallen away..... **And last week, Barcelona's president, Josep Maria Bartomeu** and his entire board, stood down for a variety of reasons, including a recent fall-out with Lionel Messi. Proof then, overall, when you add it all up, all the pro's and cons, that one player CAN be bigger than the club itself.

IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH FOOTBALL!! Just the one topic tonight – Amazing to hear that story a week or so ago when our special military forces acted swiftly to overcome a group of Pirates, who had taken over an oil tanker just off the Isle of Wight. The ship had left Lagos (Nigeria) bound for Southampton, but 7 stowaways had tried to take over the ship before our UK military invaded the ship & sorted them out. Where exactly did the Pirates hope to take the oil tanker to? Penzance?? (Think about it....)

NEWS FLASH! NEWS FLASH! NEWS FLASH! NEWS FLASH! NEWS FLASH!

OK, some important stuff now which affects our programme, THE FIELD REVIEW:

EDITOR BOB SMALE HAS ALREADY ADVISED OUR CLUB THAT HE IS QUITTING THE ROLE OF PROGRAMME EDITOR AT THE END OF THE 2020-2021 SEASON. Bob has been the Editor of the Field Review since the start of the 1991-92 season, so a period of around 30 seasons in that role is well & above the call of duty at any football club, but he is 75 now & we all know that his health has not been too good of late. I'm sure we will talk more about Bob's decision as the season continues, but the news is now in the public domain, so you may as well all know now.

ASSISTANT EDITOR DAVE SMALE has been Bob's assistant in all those 30-odd years too, so it has always been a 2-man job to write the sort of programme you have been reading for all these years. **DAVE IS READY & WILLING TO STEP UP TO THE EDITOR'S DESK HIMSELF FOR THE 2021-2022 SEASON, BUT!! HE WILL NEED SOME HELP HIMSELF AS – FOR THE SAME REASON – IT IS ALL TOO MUCH FOR ONE PERSON TO DO.** No one has to make any decisions now, as it is all a long way off, but telling you all fairly early will at least give Bob & Dave time to plan ahead – and if anyone is willing to help Dave regularly, then please let us know! THE FIELD MARSHALL

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'ON THE FIELD TODAY'

Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Kick-off

7.30pm

The Pitching In Southern Football League - Division One South

Mangotsfield United

V

Evesham United FC

"The Field" - Maroon & Sky

"The Robins" - Blue /White

Squads

Jakob Glover	1	1	Lewis Clayton
Andre Freckleton			Aaran Basford
Wayne Nderemani			Jamie Clarke
Jai Semenyio			Calvin Dinsley
© Ben Payne			Harry Franklin
Abe Noad			Ben Hayes
Harry Haughton			Joseph Heywood
Harry Simons			Jack Horrell
George Neill			Joshua Hunt
Robert Belcher			Charles Johnson
Jon Invernizzi			Jamie Lucas
Olaoluwakitan Jaiyeoba			Jodan Lymm
Todd Carter			Adam Mace
Marcus Kelly			Ryan Paddock
Harvey Baker			Joshua Rogers
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Dion Chambers			Daniel Tustin
David English			Matt Williams

Glyn Ashton

Adam Young

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Next game at Cossham Street, Saturday 14th November 2020

3.00pm

The Pitching In Southern League - Div. One South

Thatcham Town

Programme 6.

2020/21