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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

As you will have noticed, we have decided to make our matchday programme, 'The Seagull', 100% digital and free of charge for all supporters, meaning it is even more accessible to the fans, whether they're able to make the game at the Optima Stadium or not.

While there is a tinge of disappointment we are not carrying on with tangible paper programmes, we feel it is becoming less and less practical in this day and age due to the financial and environmental costs.

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MANAGER'S BLOG



SCOTT BARTLETT

Good afternoon and welcome to everyone associated with our club for today's game.

I'd like to also extend a warm welcome to Angelo and his Chelmsford team.

It's great to be back at the Optima for our first home game of the season, the pitch is looking great after the last two summers work and it's really appreciated.

The squad is healthier now with Emlyn back from suspension and with both Cane and Pope now back fully fit we have some competition for places.

We have recently signed Michael Smith who is a class act on and off the pitch, his influence is already being felt amongst the squad and we are delighted to have him.

Despite the disappointing result at Hornchurch we are looking forward to the season and are excited about the challenge ahead. The league has changed, there is no doubt about it, the level of finance has increased, it's not just the top teams but teams that finished mid to low table last season have invested heavily.

Chelmsford are one of the newly founded full time teams, of which there are now 12 in the league. Whilst it's a big advantage, we have built a squad over time with stability and have some brilliant players within our model that is sustainable for our club.

There will be ups and downs of course but the challenge now is to continue to punch above our weight and keep improving in one of the most exciting leagues in the country in terms of level of competition.

I have had some questions regarding post match media on match days, we are reviewing and updating how we produce this but will be back after today's game v Chelmsford.

It's the start of my 7th season at WsM, on behalf of my players and staff I hope you all enjoy the game and the season to follow.

Thanks for your continued support.

Scott

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CHAIRMAN'S BLOG



Last Monday night, chairman Oli Bliss made a comprehensive statement on various matters regarding the football club ahead of a new National League South season at the Optima Stadium. In case you missed it, this is what Oli had to say:

"As we start the new season, I thought it would be a good time to do a review of the close season and update everyone.

We would normally have had a fans' forum by now but the men's first team pre-season trip and training programme has meant that we have not found a suitable date to arrange one. We will do one before the halfway stage of the season.

CHAIRMAN'S BLOG

It has been a busy close season around the stadium. As most of you would have seen, we have new dugouts, a terrace stand instead of the closed-off seated stand area, and we are getting some new directors/sponsors seats installed over the next month.

Lots of general maintenance and painting has been completed and we have removed the scaffolding tower as we use the video recording on tripod, this opens that side up a lot more.

We have ordered a new bar and food outlet that will be set up in the away end. This will accommodate our segregated games better and mean that we can have all the normal clubhouse facilities for our fans. The close season pitch works have also gone very well and it is looking very good ahead of the start of the season.

Unfortunately we haven't been able to install a new scoreboard yet, finances meant that this was something that had to be delayed. It is a big investment which we have not been able to cover by a sponsorship deal yet but we will continue to work on this.

CHAIRMAN'S BLOG

I am very happy with how the club is progressing in all areas as we make continual steps forward. Walking Football continues to grow, the Women's section now has added 12s, 14s and 16s to our 18s and first team, the first team have been drawn at home in the FA Cup, so will get to play their first FA Cup game on the Optima Stadium pitch on 7th September, so please come down and support.

The Academy is starting this season with Gary (Warren) heading them up for the first season. The numbers and quality continue to improve and we are looking forward to seeing some Academy players join the first team squad during the season. Our attendances continue to grow and we will be putting on regular pre-match entertainment and offers again this season. I am confident the football on the pitch will ensure that we keep attracting more fans to the ground. Because of all this, our sponsorship for all sections continues to move from strength to strength.

What all the above allows us to do is continue improving our first team squad. I am a firm believer that we have to keep moving forward at a steady stable pace. In football, this is not always the case and you see clubs spending beyond their means but this is a short-term approach with no planned long-term future.

CHAIRMAN'S BLOG

Although we have made some great additions to our squad, it is too early to gauge what others have done with their budgets. It does seem that there has been some heavy investment this year in our league but all we can do is focus on ourselves and continue to achieve beyond our budget, from well planned thorough recruitment and a stable club for everyone. Good luck to Scott and his team for the forthcoming season.

Lastly, I am sure you will all want an update on the development that has now been in planning with the local authority for just over four years, which is unbelievable really. All I can say is that for the past six months, I can see that progress is being made with the Section 106 agreement between the club and council's solicitors and I am very hopeful to have some good news to share in the next couple of months (I know I have been saying that for some time but it is out of my hands).

Let's keep driving the Seagulls forward!"

Oli





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THE BIG INTERVIEW



WITH LUKE COULSON

Luke Coulson chatted to Rob Hammett about an incredible first season at the Optima Stadium, racking up a total of 45 goal involvements as he helped The Seagulls finish with their highest-ever points tally at Step 2, as well as reaching the FA Cup First Round Proper.

Hi Luke. 23 goals, 22 assists and a clean sweep of the club awards. How much did you enjoy the season?

I loved every moment of my first year at WSM and I was honoured to win all the awards. Every player will play their best football when surrounded by good people, enjoy what they're doing and love where they are and for me, it was a special season because of those aspects.

THE BIG INTERVIEW

Can you list your top five goals that you scored...

Hornchurch - From our own box makes it for sure!

Dorking - Freekick, great assist by Doddsy! Something we worked on.

Hornchurch - The first goal, I caught the volley sweet.

Torquay - Gambling off the long ball, my first touch set up the strike perfectly.

Hemel - To win the game with my left foot, low across goal.

What were the games that you enjoyed the most?

Obviously, for me personally, my hat-trick at Hornchurch stands out and getting four assists against Aveley! But as a team, Dorking away and Maidstone at home, we were immense.

We finished eighth in the league last season, our highest-ever points tally in this league. Overall, what did you make of the campaign?

It was a great season, we had a lot of proud moments and fantastic matches but ultimately, I go back to it all the time, we didn't achieve what we set out to do and so we need to look forward. Appreciate what we did and be proud but focus on our targets.

Quite a few of your Under 18s lads played their part in our Somerset Premier Cup success. As their manager, how did that make you feel?

It was a fantastic achievement. Success in academy coaching is seeing those journeys unfold and players develop. I'm proud of those players and there will be a lot more moments like it this season!

What has the experience of managing the 18s been like for you?

The Somerset Cup was a highlight, although the league season ultimately didn't turn out how we wanted. This year, we have seen a huge growth in numbers and competition for places which I strongly believe will lead to a positive campaign. I think the Weston fans can be excited about a few Academy prospects!

THE BIG INTERVIEW

Returning to Weston was a big pull factor for you when you joined last summer, how good has it been for you to return home?

I spent 12 years playing football around the country and being away from my family. It's amazing to be home and have so many family members with season tickets and in the crowd each week. I do want to give a special mention to my wife, Isabel, who comes to every game with my 8 month old son, even after a stray Max Harris goal kick did smack him in the face last season.

Can you explain your golf-swing goal celebration?! Where did that come from?!

It's no secret, I love golf. I did try to put a clause in my contract about my Weston-super-Mare Golf Club membership being paid for but apparently, it was too much. The celebration simply came when my golf coach came to watch and I've done it ever since!



THE BIG INTERVIEW



What did you make of the start to the season at Hornchurch last Saturday?

Our first game at Hornchurch obviously was a disappointing start but the second half performance held many positives and gives us something to build on.

And finally Luke, we play Chelmsford City this weekend. What sort of challenge are you expecting from them?

Chelmsford have clearly rebuilt for the upcoming season and I know a lot of their players having played against them throughout my career. They will be a tough test, especially on the back of winning their first game but it's a test we are looking forward to embracing.



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Today's National League South meeting between The Seagulls and Chelmsford is the 27th between the two sides in the competition. Since the first-ever meeting in September 2008, Weston have won seven games and The Clarets have been victorious on thirteen occasions.

Two of those seven victories for Weston came in last season's games with the Essex side, as Scott Bartlett's team completed an impressive double over Chelmsford.

Similarly to this season, Weston hosted City in August during the last campaign. The Seagulls had gone into the game having just won their first match of the season at Chesham, and were looking to pick up their first three points at home.



HEAD TO HEAD - CHELMSFORD CITY



After a goalless first-half, Scott Bartlett's side did just that and won by two goals to nil after composed finishes from Nick McCootie and Reuben Reid.

The Seagulls had only completed a league double over Chelmsford once before, in 2013/14, but would have headed to Essex in confident mood following another excellent midweek away win, this time at Weymouth.

Weston returned home with the win as they were victorious on the road once again, as they continued with their impressive away form. Dylan Kadji, who departed for National League football with Wealdstone this summer, hooked home the winner and it was enough to secure a 1-0 victory at Melbourne Stadium.

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NLS ROUND-UP

The brand new Enterprise National League South season started last Saturday, and there was every sign that we are in for another exciting campaign at this level.

Three sides were relegated into Step 2, and two of those teams faced each other at Victoria Road last Saturday as Dagenham & Redbridge hosted Ebbsfleet United. The Daggers are currently without marquee signing Andy Carroll and he was missed as Ebbsfleet claimed a 2-0 victory. The other relegated side, Maidenhead United, lost 2-1 at home to Chesham United.

There were also three sides promoted into Step 2 as Isthmian League play-off winners Dover Athletic took on Southern League South play-off winners, AFC Totton. The Hampshire side, who lost the services of Charlie Austin this summer, gained an excellent 3-2 win down on the Kent coast.

Horsham were last season's Isthmian champions and they lost by a single goal at today's visitors Chelmsford, as Harry Barbrook scored a late winner for The Clarets.

Torquay United picked up the biggest victory of the day as they beat Enfield Town 3-1 at Plainmoor. The Gulls were three-up at half-time as Cody Cooke was in amongst the goals, before the Devon side possibly took their foot off the gas in the second-half.

The only other side to pick up a victory was Hornchurch, as Nathan Bertram-Cooper scored the winner in an exciting clash against Weston at Hornchurch Stadium. Tom Wraight and Angelo Balanta put The Urchins into a two-goal lead at the interval. However, The Seagulls restored parity after goals from Luke Skinner and Sam Pearson.

The remaining six games finished in draws. Chippenham Town were another side with a healthy looking lead after Harry Parsons' early double against Dorking Wanderers at Hardenhuish Park. But Marc White's side ending up forcing a 2-2 draw after Alfie Rutherford's last-minute equaliser.

White was forced to watch the game from the camera gantry as he is currently serving a touchline ban after comments he made on the 'Undr the Cosh' podcast before last season's game with Weston.

Hemel equalised in injury-time to claim a 1-1 draw at home to Maidstone, as did Bath City in their 1-1 draw at Worthing. That same scoreline was also repeated at Cherrywood Road between Farnborough and Eastbourne Borough, although the two goals there were both scored in the first 17 minutes.

The remaining two results finished goalless as Tonbridge and Slough drew in Kent, while former Weston loanee Will Buse helped his new side Salisbury to a 0-0 draw at Hampton & Richmond.

Written By: Rob Hammett

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Sat 9th Hornchurch (a) L 2-3 (Skinner 65', Pearson 77')

Sat 16th Chelmsford City (h) 3pm

Tues 19th Chippenham Town (a) 7:45pm

Sat 23rd Maidenhead Utd (h) 3pm

Mon 25th Farnborough (a) 3pm

Sat 30th Dag & Red (h) 3pm

September

Tues 2nd Maidstone Utd (h) 7:45pm

Sat 6th Enfield Town (a) 3pm

Sat 13th FAC2QR (tbc) 3pm

Sat 20th Chesham Utd (h) 3pm

Sat 27th FAC3QR (tbc) 3pm

October

Sat 4th AFC Totton (a) 3pm

Sat 11th Ebbsfleet Utd (h) 3pm

Sat 18th Hampton & Richmond (a) 3pm

Tues 21st Slough Town (h) 7:45pm

Sat 25th Tonbridge Angels (a) 3pm

November

Sat 1st Worthing (h) 3pm

Tues 4th Hemel Hempstead (a) 7:45pm

Sat 8th Eastbourne Borough (a) 3pm

Sat 15th FATR2 (tbc) 3pm

Sat 22nd Dover Athletic (h) 3pm

Tues 25th Bath City (h) 7:45pm

Sat 29th Horsham (a) 3pm

December

Sat 6th Dorking Wanderers (a) 3pm

Sat 20th Chippenham Town (h)

Fri 26th Torquay United (a) 3pm

Tues 30th Salisbury (h) 7:45pm

January

Sat 3rd Farnborough (h) 3pm
Sat 10th Maidstone Utd (a) 3pm
Sat 17th Chelmsford City (a) 3pm
Sat 24th Hornchurch (h) 3pm
Tues 27th Hemel Hempstead (h) 7:45pm
Sat 31st Worthing (a) 3pm

February

Sat 7th Tonbridge Angels (h) 3pm
Tues 10th Slough Town (a) 7:45pm
Sat 14th Eastbourne Borough (h) 3pm
Sat 21st Dover Athletic (a) 3pm
Tues 24th Bath City (a) 7:45pm
Sat 28th Horsham (h) 3pm

March

Sat 7th Chesham Utd (a) 3pm
Tues 10th AFC Totton (h) 7:45pm
Sat 14th Hampton & Richmond (h) 3pm
Sat 21st Ebbsfleet Utd (a) 3pm
Sat 28th Maidenhead Utd (a) 3pm

April

Fri 3rd Torquay Utd (h) 3pm
Mon 6th Salisbury (a) 3pm
Sat 11th Enfield Town (h) 3pm
Sat 18th Dag & Red (a) 3pm
Sat 25th Dorking Wanderers (h) 3pm

WESTON-SUPER-MARE AFC TEAM

MAX HARRIS

GOALKEEPER



After time at Hereford, Oxford United, Oxford City and AFC Totton, Max eventually joined Cheltenham Town in 2021. During his time at Whaddon Road, Max spent four successful loan spells at Weston where he chalked up well over a hundred appearances for the club, and kept many clean sheets in the process. Max has also spent time at Redditch, Cinderford and Bath City before joining The Seagulls on a permanent deal in May 2025.

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JAKOB GLOVER

GOALKEEPER



Since breaking into the Mangotsfield United first team at the age of 16, goalkeeper Jakob has also spent time with nearby Nailsea & Tickenham as well as training with Weston during the 2024/25 season, before formally signing for The Seagulls in July 2025.

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SAM AVERY

DEFENDER



The popular central defender joined Weston in January 2020 after earlier spells at Chipping Norton, Carterton Town, Shortwood United, Bishops Cleeve and Gloucester City. As well as being a composed defender, Sam also has an eye for goal as he is a threat from set-pieces, and his vital goals have endeared himself even more to the Optima Stadium faithful.

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EMLYN LEWIS

DEFENDER



Club captain and centre-half Emlyn joined Weston in May 2024 after a long spell with Cardiff Met FC, where he combined playing with his extensive academic studies. Emlyn has also represented and captained the Wales C side, as well as featuring in the UEFA Europa League for Cardiff Met.

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JASON POPE

DEFENDER



Jason is a versatile player, capable of playing on either flank as a full-back, at centre-half or as a midfielder. Jason came through the Exeter City Academy and then went on to spend part of the 2015/16 season at Weston. After being released from St James' Park in 2016, Jason joined Weston on a permanent deal. 'Popey' then spent time at Hereford and Bath City before signing for The Seagulls again in the summer of 2021.

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MICHAEL SMITH

DEFENDER



After spells in his native Northern Ireland with Ballyclare Comrades and Ballymena United, Michael moved to England in 2011 when he signed for Bristol Rovers. After earning a place in the PFA League Two team of the year in 2013/14 he then earned a move to Peterborough United. Michael spent three years with The Posh before joining Heart of Midlothian. During his six seasons in Edinburgh he won the Scottish Championship and was a Scottish Cup runner-up on three occasions. In 2023 he moved to Yeovil Town and helped his new club to the National League South title in his first season, before joining Weston in July 2025 when he left Huish Park. Michael is the owner of 19 Northern Ireland caps, scoring one goal against Germany in 2019.

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CALLUM WOOD

DEFENDER



Left-footed defender Callum joined Weston on a permanent contract in May 2025, following his release from Championship side, Bristol City. Callum is no stranger to the Optima Stadium having spent a loan spell there in March 2024, as well as temporary stints at Bath City and Hereford at Step 2 after starting his footballing journey at the age of 16 at Cinderford Town.

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JORDAN BASTIN

MIDFIELD



Jordan signed from Tiverton Town in the summer of 2021 and has scored some important goals for Weston, including some Goal of the Season contenders along the way. Jordan spent time at Exeter City and Plymouth Argyle before a prolific spell at Elmore, prior to his move to Tiverton.

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JACOB JAGGER CANE

MIDFIELD



Jacob came through the famous Exeter City ranks and had loan spells with Poole Town and Weymouth before joining Weston in August 2014. The popular midfielder has gone on to play over 400 games for The Seagulls and is an integral member of the squad. Jacob also had a spell in National League North with Hereford before re-joining Weston.

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JAMES DODD

MIDFIELD



Another fine player to have emerged from Exeter City and went on to play a handful of games for The Grecians. James initially joined Weston on loan in September 2021 before joining permanently in the summer of 2022 despite interest from other clubs. During his time at the Optima Stadium, James has been a virtual ever-present and has chipped in with his fair share of goals.

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OLLIE CHAMBERLAIN

MIDFIELD



Another 2024 signing, Ollie has played on the right side of defence and midfield in his first season with The Seagulls. Ollie started in the Taunton Town youth set-up before going on to play locally with Bridgwater and Wellington. After returning to Taunton he helped The Peacocks to two promotions and an appearance in the First Round proper of the FA Cup against Barrow.

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LUKE COULSON

MIDFIELD



After spending parts of his early career at Manchester City and Cardiff City, Luke then went on to represent Oxford City, Eastleigh, Barnet, Ebbsfleet United, Bromley and Dartford. Luke joined Weston in May 2024 and had a phenomenal first season with The Seagulls, scoring 23 goals and assisting with 22 for his team-mates. As well as being a men's first-team player, Luke is also the Weston Academy U18s coach and has a degree in Sports Broadcasting.

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JAKE HICKS

MIDFIELD



After spells at Longwell Green, Mangotsfield United and Larkhall Athletic, Jake's performances for The Larks attracted the interest of several clubs, but it was Weston who landed his signature in February 2025. He was immediately loaned back to the Bath-based club before returning to Weston and going on to make his Seagulls' debut towards the end of the campaign.

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OLI JENKINS

MIDFIELD



Oli is primarily an attacking midfielder, however he did turn out at right full-back on occasions for Weston late in the 2024/25 season. Oli signed for The Seagulls in August 2024 from Yate Town and had productive loan spells back at Yate and also with Tiverton Town. Before his first spell at Yate, Oli was with Mangotsfield United and Cribbs FC.

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JOSH SALMON

MIDFIELD



Josh is from Weston-super-Mare but joined the Southampton Academy at the age of eight. Upon leaving The Saints once he had turned 16, Josh moved along the South Coast to AFC Bournemouth where he embarked on a two-year scholarship. Towards the end of 2024/25 he spent time on loan at Hordean before linking up with his hometown club for pre-season training and putting pen to paper in July 2025.

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SAM PEARSON

FORWARD



Sam started his professional career at Bristol City. Whilst at Ashton Gate, Sam spent loan spells at Bath City, AFC Wimbledon, Inverness Caledonian Thistle and Yeovil Town, before joining The Glovers permanently in January 2024. After helping Yeovil claim the National League South title, Sam joined Weston in October 2024, where he enjoyed a fine first season. Sam is also the proud owner of thirteen Wales U21 caps.

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DYLAN MITCHELL

MIDFIELDER



After serving as a scholar at Aston Villa and spending some time out on loan at nearby Alvechurch, Dylan signed for Swindon Town in the summer of 2024. Dylan made a handful of appearances for the Wiltshire club and also spent time away from the County Ground with a good loan spell at Hereford. Dylan played for Ian Holloway's side in pre-season ahead of the 2025/26 campaign, but joined Weston on loan just before the start of the season.

WILL DAWES

MIDFIELD



Will started out as a Cheltenham Town scholar before being released in 2019. Will then turned his attentions to studying at Loughborough University, and whilst at Loughborough, Will played for Stratford Town. After his impressive spell at Stratford, Yeovil Town signed Will in 2022. After two years at Huish Park, Will signed for Chippenham Town in June 2024, before joining Weston in March 2025, where he has played at both right-back and right-wing.

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JAMES WAITE

FORWARD



James started his career at Cardiff City and had a loan stint at Hereford before joining Weston twice on loan in October 2019 and September 2020. After another loan in the Republic of Ireland with Waterford, James left Cardiff and signed for Penybont before earning a move into the Football League with Newport County. When James left The Exiles in the summer of 2024, he was snapped up by Weston manager Scott Bartlett for a third time. James has also represented Wales at U19 and U21 level.

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LUKE SKINNER

FORWARD



Luke joined Weston on loan shortly before the start of the 2025/26 season from Bristol City. Luke has been with the Ashton Gate side from the age of six and signed his first professional contract in BS3 on his 17th birthday in November 2024. Luke has made tremendous progress and made his City U21 debut at the age of 16.

BRANDON BAK

FORWARD



Brandon represented the Weston Academy and played a few games for the first-team before earning a move to Bristol City in 2022. Brandon returned to Weston on loan in August 2024 and chipped in with some vital goal involvements before re-joining Weston permanently later in the season. Brandon then had loan spells at Taunton Town and Willand Rovers before heading back to Weston and scoring the only goal as The Seagulls lifted the Somerset Premier Cup. Joined Bristol Manor Farm on loan at the start of the 2025/26 campaign.

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LOUIS BRITTON

FORWARD



After successful spells with Brislington and Mangotsfield United, Louis earned a move to Bristol City in 2019. Whilst at Ashton Gate, Louis spent time out on loan at several clubs, most notably at Waterford where he found the back of the net on a regular basis. After leaving Bristol City in 2022, the tall striker enjoyed prolific spells at Maldon & Tiptree and Bristol Manor Farm before joining Weston in March 2025.

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SCOTT BARTLETT

MANAGER



After a playing career that saw spells at Salisbury, Weston, Bath City and Forest Green, Scott became manager of Weston for the first time in 2016, before becoming Forest Green's full-time Head of Academy. Upon leaving FGR, Scott returned to the Optima Stadium in May 2019. Since then, Scott has led The Seagulls to the Southern League Premier South title in 2022/23, before then guiding Weston to their highest-ever points tally in a Step 2 season in 2024/25. Has now managed Weston for over 300 games.

SCOTT ROGERS

ASSISTANT MANAGER



Rogers joined Weston as Scott Bartlett's assistant in the summer of 2023. Rogers had been the manager of Tiverton Town, alongside his family member Martyn Rogers. Before being in charge at Tivvy, Scott was also player-manager at Willand Rovers. His playing career took in the likes of Forest Green Rovers, Bath City, Newport County and Tiverton, where he scored the only goal in the 1999 FA Vase Final, the penultimate played at the old Wembley Stadium.

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STEVE LAKER

GOALKEEPING COACH



Goalkeeper coach Steve joined Weston in 2020 from Bridgwater United. 'Lakes' has earned UEFA B qualifications in Goalkeeping and Outfield and is Head of Goalkeeping for Weston's Academy.

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TAYLOR CORNISH

SPORTS THERAPIST



Physiotherapist Taylor joined Weston from a similar role at Dorchester Town in September 2021. Physiotherapy is obviously a family trait as his dad Tony is the current physio at Tiverton Town.

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RICHARD JOYCE

OPPOSITION ANALYST



Richard has been Weston's Opposition Analyst since the start of the 2023/24 season. He is also the first-team manager of Hellenic Premier League side, Thornbury Town. Prior to this, Richard has been an analyst at Forest Green Rovers, Redditch United, Evesham United and Brimscombe & Thrupp, as well as being the Media Manager at Cheltenham Town.

SAM TREGO

HEAD GROUNDSMAN



Sam has supported the football club from the terraces for many years, dating all the way back to Weston's Western League days. He is also a keen cricketer and eventually became groundsman at Weston-super-Mare Cricket Club. He now combines this role with being the Head Groundsman for Weston AFC.

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25/26



September

7th Corsham Town (H) 

14th Wells City (A)

21st Yeovil Town (A)

28th Appledore (H)

October

5th Feniton (H)

12th Appledore (H) 

19th Weymouth (A)

26th Wells City (H)

November

2nd Yeovil Town (H)

9th Appledore (A)

16th Feniton (A)

30th Weymouth (H)

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HOTHOUSE FLOWERS - DAVID LEE ROTH -
MUSE - GLEN CAMPBELL - FAITHLESS -
DISTURBED - EDDIE MURPHY - TOM
GRENNAN - BANARAMA - JEFF LYNNE -
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FOOTBALL TEAM:

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Come Fly With Me

FAVOURITE BOOK:

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FAVOURITE MUSIC:

At the minute Morgan Wallen/
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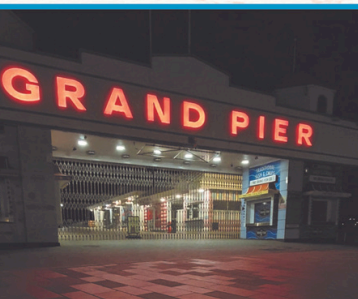
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'THE CLARETS' - FOUR TO WATCH



Josh Hedges

Josh Hedges joined The Clarets in June 2025 after two successful seasons with Salisbury. In the 2023-24 season, he played an integral part in their play-off campaign as they beat Gosport Borough in the semis and Totton on penalties in the final.

In Salisbury's first season back in National League South he went on to score ten goals and pick up eight assists in just 30 appearances. Prior to his time with Salisbury, he played for Didcot Town. It was another successful spell with them, as he gained promotion with them as well.

Ricky Holmes

Ricky Holmes completed a fairytale move in May 2025 as he returned to Chelmsford City. Already holding over 200 appearances for The Clarets, Holmes returns after various spells with clubs in the Football League. He has played for the likes of Barnet, Portsmouth, Charlton Athletic and Sheffield United. In the 2015/16 season, Holmes won League Two with Northampton Town and was included in the PFA Team of the Year for the division.

His return to Chelmsford City will see him look to add on the 200+ appearances, as well as the 65+ goals he has scored for the club. His role at the club sees him operate in a player and coach capacity, which he has done for the previous few seasons at Farnborough.



'THE CLARETS' - FOUR TO WATCH

Shiloh Remy

Shiloh Remy joined the Clarets in June 2025, after an 18-month spell with Dagenham & Redbridge, having joined the Daggers following an impressive spell with Eastbourne Borough.

Remy started out with QPR, having loan spells away from Loftus Road to Stratford Town and Waltham Abbey.

He then joined Eastbourne in July 2022. Across the 2022/23 season Remy was a standout player for The Sports, finding the back of the net 13 times in an Eastbourne side that narrowly missed out on the play-offs under Danny Bloor. He was the top scorer in the league for Eastbourne and was included in the National League South team of the season. He started the 2023/24 season on the South Coast, before being picked up by Dagenham & Redbridge in December 2023. During his time with the Daggers, he saw himself called up to the Saint Lucia national team, making two appearances.



Kai Corbett

Kai Corbett joined The Clarets in July 2025 after a trophy-winning season with National League outfit Aldershot Town. Corbett netted a hat-trick in the Shots' Fourth Round tie against Chertsey Town and featured in the Wembley win from the bench.

Born in Barcelona, he was part of the world famous La Masia Academy at a young age before settling with West Ham United for seven years. He departed The Hammers and went to Peterborough, making his debut for the club in the Championship.

After a loan spell with Scunthorpe United, and three years at Peterborough, he departed for Aldershot where he spent the 2024/25 season. He made 34 appearances in the National League and, as mentioned, was part of the side which secured Aldershot's first ever FA Trophy success.

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2. NOT TRESPASS ON THE PLAYING AREA OR ADJOINING AREAS.
3. NOT CLIMB ON ANY BUILDING, WALL, OR FENCE.
4. NOT USE OBSCENE, RACIST, OR INSULTING LANGUAGE OR MAKE OFFENSIVE OR INSULTING REMARKS, OR SPITTING ON ANY PERSON.
5. ONLY CONSUME ALCOHOL IN THE STADIUM DURING A MATCH THAT HAS BEEN PURCHASED INSIDE THE GROUND. ALCOHOL SALES ARE AS IN LINE WITH THE FULL GROUND REGULATION AS DISPLAYED & LISTED.
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Manager: SCOTT BARTLETT

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