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# MANAGER'S BLOG



**SCOTT BARTLETT**

**Good afternoon and welcome to everyone for today's game with Maidenhead.**

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Alan Devonshire and his staff, directors and supporters also.

I write these notes on the back of a decent draw against Chelmsford and a good win away at local rivals Chippenham Town. I think those two games and the ssecond-half at Hornchurch have been good performances.

On Tuesday we saw the squad being used with Luke Coulson, Callum Wood and Sam Pearson making way for Will Dawes, James Waite and Jason Pope.



# MANAGER'S BLOG

The latter of the two have just returned to full fitness after injuries last season which is great news. I think with our squad size and with the intensity of the games and schedule we will need players to be ready to step in and perform.

As a group of staff we felt it worked on Tuesday and as a result we now have all three fresh for the weekend and good minutes into the others.

Tuesday also saw a first competitive goal for Louis Britton who was a handful again on the night.

We come into today's game with no injuries and in decent form, we are working on another signing which should happen soon, but we did get let down last minute on another which was frustrating but sometimes happens.

We now have two more tough challenges that we are looking forward to, I hope you all enjoy the game.

Thanks for your continued support.

Scott and staff

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
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# VICE-CHAIRMAN'S BLOG



**WITH ED BLISS**

I'm delighted to be writing my first blog of the season. The off season is our busiest time for commercial activity, welcoming in new sponsors to the club and a big thank you to ongoing sponsorship. Our sponsorship budget this year is another record budget that we are on course to hit. This either means we're incredibly efficient or that I've misread the spreadsheet again (in which case, apologies in advance to the finance team).

But let's assume I'm right, which I usually am, we push for more sponsors to bolster budgets across the board. A charity swim is looming in the background that I am working on and for the heads up for all reading, Emlyn will lose and I will win.



# VICE-CHAIRMAN'S BLOG

We will be having more live music and various different event days throughout the season, so watch this space and the media team will give updates on all social media platforms.

Of course, hitting budget so early doesn't mean we stop. You'd think this achievement would have me resting on my laurels. Trouble is, I don't own any laurels. I do, however, own a dying rubber plant. It's been with me since I joined the sponsorship drive in 2022 and has survived on a strict diet of neglect and the occasional splash of leftover tea. Some say it's a metaphor for resilience; others just say it smells faintly of Lapsang Souchong. More sponsors, more supporters. It all adds up. Like finding loose change down the back of the sofa and a remote that I have no idea what it does and not putting hands on the one that actually works the TV.

Some people ask me, "what's the secret?" Well, I'd love to say it's all careful planning, but the truth is probably a mix of charm, persistence, and the fact that we are a growing club with drive and direction. Often though I think people just sign the deal to get rid of me which perhaps falls under persistence.

So here we are: momentum building, new sponsors on board and a fast growing fanbase. A massive thank you to all the fans and sponsors for their ongoing support. And if you see me wandering off mid-conversation, don't worry. I'm probably just thinking about whether that missing TV remote still works.

*Ed*



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# THE BIG INTERVIEW



## WITH EMLYN LEWIS

**Centre-half and captain Emlyn Lewis chatted to Rob Hammett about his first season in BS24, and the first few games of this campaign.**

**Hi Emlyn. You had a tremendous first year at the club last season, what were the stand-out games for you?**

Thanks very much. It was a really enjoyable first season, and a few games definitely stood out. My first away win at Chesham was a big one, it felt like a real turning point for us. That week we also beat Chelmsford at home on the Saturday and Maidstone away on the Monday. A huge three game week that gave us real momentum moving forward.

# THE BIG INTERVIEW

**How enjoyable has your time been here at the club?**

I've absolutely loved it. It's a tight knit group, and both the coaching staff and players are striving to be as professional as we can. Everyone, from staff to players to fans, made it really easy for me to settle in. It's been refreshing stepping into a new environment and being tested in different ways.

**You had been with Cardiff Met for many years. Did it feel at all daunting coming into a completely new environment and new league?**

There were definitely a few nerves, it was a big change after spending so many years in one place. But I saw it as an opportunity to grow and challenge myself at a higher level. Once I got through the first few games, I felt I'd settled in well.



# THE BIG INTERVIEW

**You've played alongside Jason Pope and Sam Avery for the most part last season. What would you say are their greatest strengths and what are they like as defensive partners?**

Both are top players and great to play alongside, but very different. Popey is calm on the ball, quick, and covers me really well. Avo is a proper old school defender, vocal, aggressive, always organising, and does a great job of keeping me calm. They both make my job easier, just in different ways.



**Michael Smith, Dan Martin and Callum Wood have come in this summer. How would you rate their performances so far?** They've all slotted in brilliantly, good players and good people. Smudge brings loads of experience, quality, and composure. Dan has a serious engine and real energy down the left. Callum's added balance and has really grown since joining. The depth and competition they've brought in has lifted the level again, especially across the back four or five.



# THE BIG INTERVIEW



**Your first game this season was against Chelmsford. How pleased were you with your performance and the Man of the Match award that followed?**

Missing the Hornchurch game was frustrating, I felt I could've made a real difference. So I was excited to get back in and contribute with a solid defensive performance. Man of the Match is always a nice bonus, but I was more pleased with the clean sheet and how we performed as a team.

**Onto Chippenham and our first win of the season with an assist for yourself. How were you feeling after that game?**

It was a great feeling, not just getting the win but also contributing to a goal. That's something I want to do more of this season. There's always a bit of relief when that first win comes, and we looked much more of a threat going forward. It felt like real progress.

# THE BIG INTERVIEW



**What games are you looking forward to most this season?**

The derby games always bring that extra bit of edge and energy, especially with the fans, so I'm definitely looking forward to those. I also enjoy testing ourselves against the so called big teams with big budgets, it's always a good challenge.

**And finally, we play Maidenhead United this weekend. What sort of challenge are you expecting?**

They'll be tough, like every other team in this league. Having come down from the National League, they'll be one of the sides fancied to be up there. Like most National League teams, they're physical, well organised, and experienced at this level. We'll need to be sharp in and out of possession, but we're building momentum and I'm confident we can cause them problems.

**Diolch, Emlyn!**



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# HEAD TO HEAD - MAIDENHEAD UNITED



**Maidenhead United visit the Optima Stadium today for the first time since October 2023, when Alan Devonshire's side travelled west for an FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round tie.**

With both sides just one round away from the FA Cup First Round Proper, it was the Berkshire side who emerged victorious with a 3-0 win, courtesy of a Tobi Sho-Silva hat-trick, to set up a First Round tie at Oxford United.

The first ever game between the two sides came way back in September 2004 in the newly-formed Conference South. In addition, it was only the fourth league game played at the brand-new Woodspring Stadium. Frank Gregan's Seagulls side won by two goals to one after finishes from Dave Gilroy and Marc McGregor, who went on to manage Weston between 2017 and 2019 (pictured at the top of the next page).

# HEAD TO HEAD - MAIDENHEAD UNITED



In between those first and last fixtures, there have been some memorable wins for Weston against Maidenhead. The home victory over Maidenhead in April 2016 was hugely significant as the 2-0 win was enough to guarantee National League South survival with a game to spare. Second-half goals from Scott Wilson and Dayle Grubb ensured there were scenes of both joy and relief around the Woodspring Stadium at the final whistle.

Weston's record victory over Maidenhead was a 3-0 victory at York Road in February 2014, thanks to Grubb's double and one from Alec Fiddes, while Maidenhead's record victory over The Seagulls came just eight months later at the same venue. The Berkshire side won by six goals to two thanks mainly to Dave Tarpey's hat-trick. Jamie Lucas and Ryan Bath scored consolation goals for Weston that day.

**Written by Rob Hammett**



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# NLS ROUND-UP

**Following the midweek action in National League South, there are just two teams with 100% winning records.**

Of the two, Ebbsfleet United are top after Tuesday's 1-0 home victory over Chelmsford. The Kent club are top on goal difference above Hornchurch who won 1-0 at Enfield Town after a late winner from their captain, Tom Wraight.

Torquay United, Chesham United and Hemel are the only other teams who remain unbeaten so far.

The Gulls beat Totton 3-1 at Plainmoor as ex Weston loanees Dylan Morgan and Matt Jay were on target.

After winning their first two games, Chesham could only draw 0-0 with Horsham at The Meadow, while Hemel fought back from falling behind twice at Maidenhead to earn a 2-2 draw. All four goals came before half-time in an entertaining first-half at York Road.

Since losing their first game of the season following promotion, Dover Athletic have won twice on the road after fantastic wins at Bath City and at Eastbourne Borough, who themselves have had a tough start since reaching last season's play-offs. Dover's George Nikaj scored the only goal in their 1-0 victory at Priory Lane.

Maidstone beat Hampton 2-0 at the Gallagher as ex-Bristol Rovers striker Deon Moore scored their first.



Farnborough and Worthing are eleventh and tenth respectively in the very early table. They played each other at Cherrywood Road on Wednesday with Farnborough winning by one goal to nil. Mason Bloomfield scored a late winner in a game that will be sadly remembered for the terrible injury to midfielder Aaron Kuhl. We wish Aaron a speedy recovery.

Weston won their first game of the season after their 2-1 success at Chippenham Town. Will Dawes and Louis Britton scored in each half as Chippenham are still searching for their elusive first victory.

Bath City also picked up their first win after Tuesday's 1-0 victory at Salisbury. Will Jenkins-Davies scored the only goal at the Ray Mac as The Whites have now gone 270 minutes without scoring. Their first two games finished 0-0, the only time a National League South side have drawn their opening two games by that scoreline.

Dorking Wanderers also earned their first three points after beating Slough 2-0 at Meadowbank, a welcome result for them after a shock 0-3 home defeat to Hampton last Saturday. It's been a tough start for Scott Davies' Rebels, meanwhile, who are bottom of the table heading into this weekend.

Dagenham & Redbridge remain without a win, although they were looking set for their opening victory as they led Tonbridge Angels 2-0 early on at Victoria Road. But The Angels fought back to earn a 2-2 draw. The Daggers were looking comfortable after goals from Donovan Wilson and Ashley Hemmings, before the Kent side rescued an excellent point after Matty Warren and Alfie Allen found the back of the net.

**Written by Rob Hammett**

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Sat 16th Chelmsford City (h) D 0-0  
Tues 19th Chippenham Town (a) W 2-1 (Dawes 41, Britton 67)  
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, during which time he spent loan spells at Weymouth and Oxford City, 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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# WESTON-SUPER-MARE AFC STAFF

**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.

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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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**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.

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**LIAM DRURY**

**KIT MANAGER**



Despite having never used a washing machine, Liam was surprisingly handed the role of kitman in the summer of 2025. Liam has supported the club for many years and started reporting on the club in 2015, before going on to fulfil a number of various media duties. What Drury doesn't know about Weston AFC isn't worth knowing. A real Jack of all trades...

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**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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**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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**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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**GORDON MACKAY**

**MATCHDAY KITMAN**



Hailing from the Scottish village of Brora, Gordon moved to the West Country in 1978 to embark on a long and enjoyable career in telecoms. Gordon attended his first Weston game in 2016, a 2-1 victory over Ebbsfleet United. Since then, Gordon has been a turnstile operator at the Optima before taking over as kitman in 2023. In 2025 Gordon moved to the role of Matchday Kitman.

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## FIXTURES 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)

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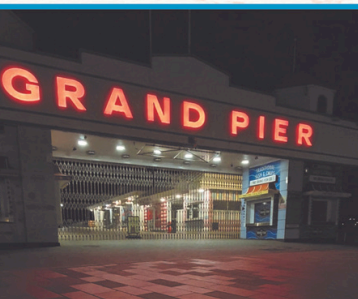
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# OPPOSITION GAFFER - ALAN DEVONSHIRE



Photo: Darren Woolley

**If there was only one adjective you could use to describe Maidenhead United manager Alan Devonshire, that word would simply be 'loyalty'.**

Devonshire spent an incredible 14 years with West Ham United as a player, having joined The Hammers in 1976 for £5,000 from non-league side, Southall. Clearly a bargain, the signing has been described as West Ham's best ever signing.

In 1980, Devonshire scored one of the goals in The Hammers' FA Cup semi-final victory over Everton to set up a final with Arsenal. This was even more remarkable considering West Ham were in the old Second Division at the time. Quite naturally, The Gunners were clear favourites for the Wembley final, but against all odds, Devonshire's delightful cross set up Trevor Brooking for a rare headed goal to help The Hammers to a shock 1-0 win and claim the FA Cup.

The following season, West Ham won promotion from the Second Division with Devonshire and Brooking forming a formidable partnership.

During this time, 'Dev' won the first of eight England caps, playing for both Ron Greenwood, who had signed him for West Ham, and Bobby Robson.

In his later years at Upton Park, Devonshire supplied the ammunition for the prolific Tony Cottee and Frank McAvennie as West Ham finished third in the old First Division in 1986.

When Devonshire eventually evolved into management in men's football, he was the manager of Maidenhead between 1996 and 2003. After a successful first spell at York Road, Devonshire then spent lengthy spells at Hampton & Richmond (2003-2011), Braintree Town (2011-2015), before returning to Maidenhead in 2015.

In the last ten years at York Road, Devonshire led the Berkshire outfit to the 2016/17 National League South title. They then spent the subsequent eight years in the National League before relegation last season.

With so many large clubs in the National League, to spend so long at non-league football's top table is a great achievement, and they are a great example to all similar sized clubs.

We welcome Alan and his Maidenhead side to the Optima Stadium this weekend in what should be an entertaining fixture.

**Written by Rob Hammett**



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Louis Britton heads home the winner in Tuesday's 2-1 win at Chippenham Town (above), before wheeling away in delight, closely followed by James Dodd and Jacob Jagger-Cane (below).





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**The Club reserves the absolute right to grant admission.**

**Where admission is granted, the right to remain within the Ground is upon the following conditions:**

**THE SPECTATORS SHALL:**

1. COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY A STEWARD OR CLUB OFFICIAL.
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**Manager: ALAN DEVONSHIRE**

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**ASSISTANT REFEREE: ADAM MCANOEY**

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