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MANAGER'S BLOG



SCOTT ROGERS

MANAGER'S BLOG

Good afternoon and welcome to the Optima Stadium to Tom and his Needham Market side, and to all of our supporters for this afternoon's exciting FA Cup tie.

I was proud and felt privileged and excited this week to be announced as the new manager of this fantastic football club.

Two weeks ago we lost our manager after an approach from a team higher up the pyramid and I know it was a very difficult decision for him to leave. He did an amazing job during his time here and has left the football team in a far greater place than when he arrived, and the next time he steps foot in this stadium I really do hope he gets a fabulous reception for the job he did and I'm sure he is going to go on and do great things at his new club.

I'm truly grateful to him for badgering me in the summer just over two years ago to leave my role as joint manager at Tiverton Town to come and join him, and I've learnt a lot over the last two years. I really do have big boots to fill.

I also would not be in this position if it wasn't for Martyn Rogers who mentored me at Tiverton for three years as joint managers. Martyn has nearly 40 years of experience and I've learnt an awful lot in that time.

MANAGER'S BLOG

When Scott left, my initial thoughts were not to be the next manager and I was happy to continue my role if the new manager in charge wanted me to stay, as I was loving every minute of my time here. I was grateful for the offer to go to Eastleigh with Scott but with three young girls living in Devon I had to put my family first

As the days passed, the backing and confidence from Oli and the Directors to take the role on really inspired me into thinking about it seriously and once I'd spoken to my wife Kim, Mum and Dad and potential management/staff who'd be willing to help I can't think of a better place to give it my best shot.

Someone once told me when taking on a manager's job, the most important aspect to look at is the chairman not the football club and in Oli I don't think I could get a better one to cut my teeth with at this level. I watched from afar how him and Scott worked together and I know along with the rest of the board I'm going to be working for honest, hard working genuine people with a love for the football club over themselves.

I must thank the existing staff for their hard work over the last two weeks, and also Gary Warren and Adie Britton who have really stepped up into their roles, which has made the transition for me a lot easier.

MANAGER'S BLOG

I'd like to thank the players in the last two weeks. I couldn't have found a better group anywhere, they just get on and do their jobs to the best of their ability and hopefully they can be rewarded with a place in the First Round draw of the FA Cup on Monday, if we step up and do the business today.

Finally, to you the supporters...

I really have fallen in love with this football club over the last two and a half years and been blown away with your support home and away. Even on the bad runs we've had you stuck by the players and kept on supporting which dragged us through and out the other side, The support at Bristol Rovers last year was unbelievable and showed the potential this town has to support this club.

There's exciting times ahead with the development of the stadium and ever improving Academy so it's a great time to be a Seagull.

Let's hear you this afternoon get behind these lads, who you know will leave everything out there for you and hopefully give you plenty to cheer come 4.50pm today.

Scott

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CHAIRMAN'S BLOG



WITH OLI BLISS

We would like to welcome the players and officials from Needham Market to the Optima Stadium and hope you have had a good journey. It is nearly as long as our trip to Lowestoft Town last year.

As you are aware, we have been busy working on our management structure as soon as Scott Bartlett moved on. We knew that Scott Rogers was the right person to take the Manager's role on, but we also needed to make sure that he had the right people around him to support him in the role, so that the management team was the complete package.

We can confirm that Scott Rogers has accepted the offer to become the new Manager of Weston-s-Mare AFC.

CHAIRMAN'S BLOG

Scott has been at the club for over two years now and has been a great addition to the club, he understands how we want to play, what we are trying to achieve and most importantly he works well with our existing squad.

Continuing on an interim basis working with him as the Assistant Manager, will be our Academy Manager Gary Warren. This has always been the aim, to strengthen the link between the first team and Academy, which has improved over the last few years, but this will take it to the next level. We are working with Gary to make sure that these roles will work hand in hand, with the aim to make this a permanent arrangement.

Gary comes with a wealth of experience, specifically in his leadership roles as captain at most clubs he has played at. Scott and Gary have a very good working relationship.



CHAIRMAN'S BLOG



To support both of them in their roles we have now made the appointment of Adie Britton an official club appointment. He takes on the new role of Technical Director. Although Scott has managed previously, we understand that this is a big role and Scott and Gary are young in these positions, so Adie will be very important in bringing his experience and knowledge.

We are very excited to have this management team in place and thank the players and supporters for bearing with us whilst we made sure that we are in a strong position to keep pushing this club forward.

Our squad is full of top quality players and is very stable, we are in a great position. I will be working with the management team to further strengthen the squad over the coming weeks.

Let's turn our attention to the match today and continue our great run of form, particularly at the Optima Stadium.

Come on you Seagulls!

Oli



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CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



WITH EMLYN LEWIS

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

P'nawn da a chroeso! Good afternoon and welcome to the Optima Stadium for today's FA Cup clash against Needham Market. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to their players, staff, and travelling supporters. I hope you enjoy your visit (but not too much!).

When Rob asked me to write this blog, I'll be honest, I was a bit hesitant. What could I say that's not just the usual "we're working hard, taking it one game at a time" stuff? But here I am, falling into line and doing as I'm told. That said, I'll be adding a bit of Cymraeg into these blogs from time to time, just to keep things fresh and give you something a little different whilst trying to offer an alternative view from inside the camp. Any requests for topics from fans are encouraged.

FA Cup Fever

There's something special about the FA Cup, isn't there? It's a competition steeped in history, full of giant-killings and unforgettable moments. For players, staff, and fans alike, it brings a buzz that's hard to match. We're all excited to be part of it again this year, and today's tie is no different.

Needham Market will be a tough test. They're a physical side, well-organised, and difficult to break down. We've prepared properly and know we'll need to be at our best to get through. It's the kind of challenge we relish, brwydr go iawn (a real battle).

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

Season So Far

It's been a positive start to the season. We've played some good football and, let's be honest, some not-so-good football too, but we've ground out results and find ourselves sitting second in the league after 10 games. That's a credit to the squad's resilience and togetherness.

We're now in the 4th Qualifying Round, just one win away from the First Round Proper. That's a stage we reached last season, and the experience against Bristol Rovers was unforgettable - even if I only lasted 20 minutes on the pitch.

Even though we're a tight group and have a strong togetherness, I wanted to congratulate two individual players, Louis Britton and Max Harris, who've picked up Player of the Month awards over the past two months. It's a testament to their quality and hard work, but also to the team around them who've helped them shine. Da iawn bois!

Changing of the Guard

I want to take a moment to thank Scott Bartlett for everything he's done for this club. Scott brought me to Weston and gave me the chance to be part of something special here. His impact on the squad, both on and off the pitch, has been huge, and we wish him all the best at Eastleigh. Pob lwc, Scott.

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

At the same time, I'd like to offer our congratulations to Scotty Rogers on stepping up as manager. Scotty's someone we know well, he's been part of the journey for a few years now and he brings great energy, experience, and a real understanding of what this club is about. As a group, we're excited to get going under his leadership.

He'll be joined by Gary Warren as assistant, and the rest of the backroom staff remains the same, which gives us that sense of continuity and stability. From a captain's point of view, that's massive. It means we can keep building on what we've started, with people who know the club, know the players, and know what it takes.



CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

Message to the Fans

I'm always mindful of how I speak to our supporters, because I know just how much effort, time, and money you commit to following this club, whether it's here at the Optima or on the road. Your dedication means a great deal to all of us.

Earlier this week, I was having a coffi (yes, that is the translation to coffee) with Matty Harris, the Merthyr Town captain, and he brought up that moment when Avo scored a last-minute winner against them. He still remembers that noise and that's how memorable your support can be, even for opposition players.

As a group of players, we genuinely appreciate the love and support you show us. There's nothing better than seeing a full stand, hearing the chants, and catching those classic moments of: "Go on, go on... *silence*... YESSSSS!"

We'll do our best to give you more of those moments today and we welcome any noise you can make.

Diolch yn fawr iawn/Thank you very much.

Emlyn

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THE BIG INTERVIEW



WITH JAMES DODD

THE BIG INTERVIEW

Midfielder James Dodd played his 200th game for Weston last Saturday, a fairly remarkable achievement considering all of those games have been played in a little over four years.

James chatted to Rob Hammett earlier this week to discuss his time at the club so far.

Hi James, you made your 200th appearance for the club last Saturday. How proud are you of reaching that achievement, and particularly in such a short space of time?

Yeah I am really proud of reaching 200 games, especially as the club have been quite successful during that time, in getting promoted and also cementing ourselves in the National League South. Over the four years to play around 50 games a season is something I'm very proud of.

Your friendship and midfield partnership with Caney is well documented, but what other midfielders have you enjoyed playing alongside whilst you've been here?

There's been loads to be fair that have been great to play with! Grubby was a great player and we had a good connection on the pitch.

The midfield with me, Caney and James Morton was also really well balanced and he is a brilliant player.

THE BIG INTERVIEW

If you had to pick one single game and one single goal, which ones have been your favourites?

My favourite game would be Hendon away in the season we won the league, where I scored two and we scored last minute to win the game. It felt like a big turning point in that season.

What have you made of the start to the season, both for yourself and the team as a group?

Overall, I think we have had a strong start to the season, we have a really connected group who are all willing to work hard for each other, which is the reason for our good results I believe!

Personally I still think there is more to come from myself.

Scott Bartlett signed you and you played for him for quite some time, what was your reaction when he made the step up to Eastleigh?

Yeah I owe a lot to the Gaffer as he brought me in on loan, and then signed me for the club. He gave me that trust to play my best football and allowed me to play with confidence. I had no doubts that at some point he would move on higher.

THE BIG INTERVIEW

We play Needham Market in the FA Cup today, what are your best memories of playing in the cup for Weston?

I remember a few big FA Cup games throughout the seasons such as Barnet away. But last season's run was the most memorable, and I feel we were really unlucky to not get past Bristol Rovers!

Jake Hicks has been given quite a bit of game time recently. Bearing in mind he is still so young, what have you made of his impact?

Hicksy is a great lad and so eager to learn and listen, which I think will stand him in good stead for whatever he wants to do. He has made a real impact on the squad, whether it's starting, off the bench or in training, we have all been impressed by him.

And finally James, what are your targets for the rest of the season?

I think we have an opportunity to compete with all the teams in the division, and with the squad we have I feel we can improve on our position from last season!

Personally a couple of goals would be nice and I'm getting closer, so hopefully one will fall in!

THE BIG INTERVIEW





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October the 11th has proved to be quite a successful date for The Seagulls in recent years, as Weston take on Needham Market today.

On this day three years ago, Weston travelled to Dorchester Town in a midweek Southern League Premier South fixture. Scott Bartlett's side headed to The Avenue still unbeaten in the league after a phenomenal start to the season in all competitions.

It proved to be a fairly even first-half in Dorset, but The Seagulls were scintillating in the second-half and won by three goals to nil after three fantastic goals helped Weston head back to the top of the table.

Marlon Jackson opened the scoring after a flowing team move, before Dayle Grubb doubled the lead with another of his trademark free-kicks. There was a third before the end as Scott Laird scored with a sublime chip after spotting The Magpies' goalkeeper off his line.

ON THIS DAY

On October 11th 2014, eleven years ago to this day, The Seagulls were again in FA Cup action as they travelled to Flackwell Heath in the Third Qualifying Round.

After a shock defeat to Brislington at the same stage the previous season, Weston fans would have been wary of another upset as they travelled to Buckinghamshire.

However, a professional performance from Mickey Bell's side ensured The Seagulls progressed after a 4-1 victory.

Jacob Jagger Cane, who has now passed 400 games for Weston, made his 13th appearance at Flackwell Heath as goals from captain Tom Jordan, Sam Teale and a brace from Ryan Bath ensured victory.

That win paved the way for the eventual progress into the First Round Proper and the memorable home tie with Doncaster Rovers.

Written by Rob Hammett



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August

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

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) W 1-0 (Skinner 90+2)

Mon 25th Farnborough (a) W 3-1 (Skinner 53, Britton 70, Coulson pen 90+4)

Sat 30th Dag & Red (h) W 3-0 (Britton pen 61, og 71, Pearson 86)

September

Tues 2nd Maidstone Utd (h) W 3-0 (Waite 8, Britton 26, 48)

Sat 6th Enfield Town (a) W 1-0 (Pearson 84)

Sat 13th Taunton Town FAC2QR (a) D 1-1 (Pearson 33)

Tues 16th Taunton Town FAC2QR replay (h) W 3-0 (Britton 44, 65; Coulson 90+7)

Sat 20th Chesham Utd (h) W 1-0 (Britton pen 85)

Sat 27th Poole Town FAC3QR (a) W 2-0 (Coulson pen 5, Wood 39)

October

Sat 4th AFC Totton (a) L 1-3 (Coulson 8)

Sat 11th Needham Market FAC4QR (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

Tues 18th Ebbsfleet United (h) 7:45pm

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) 3pm

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

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Mon 6th Salisbury (a) 3pm
Sat 11th Enfield Town (h) 3pm
Sat 18th Dag & Red (a) 3pm
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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.

DAN MARTIN

DEFENDER



The left-sided full-back joined Weston in May 2025, his second spell with The Seagulls having played on loan from Cardiff City in the 2019/20 season. Dan went on to feature on loan at Bath City before leaving Cardiff for Torquay United. After leaving The Gulls in 2024 he joined Welling United but returned to Weston once more following The Wings' relegation.

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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. In August 2025, Oli linked up with Yate again for another loan spell at Lodge Road.

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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.

In August 2025, Josh was called up to the Wales Under 19s squad and has since gone on loan to Tiverton Town.

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CHARLIE CUMMINS

MIDFIELD



Combative midfielder Charlie joined Weston on loan from Exeter City in October 2025, becoming Scott Rogers' first signing after taking over as Weston manager.

Charlie is from the Republic of Ireland and joined Cobh Ramblers at the age of 15, progressing up through the age groups before breaking into the first team.

After impressing in a trial match for Exeter he was snapped up by The Grecians. Charlie has since had loan spells at Mousehole, Poole Town, Taunton Town and Tiverton before returning to St James' Park and breaking into the first team there.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE AFC TEAM

JORDAN BASTIN

MIDFIELDER



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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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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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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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 had 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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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 ROGERS

MANAGER



Rogers joined Weston as Scott Bartlett's assistant in the summer of 2023. When Bartlett left Weston for Eastleigh, Rogers was appointed as manager in October 2025.

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, Weston, 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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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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GARY WARREN

INTERIM ASSISTANT MANAGER



Gary started his career locally with the likes of Mangotsfield United and Team Bath, before joining Newport County in 2009 when the University side folded.

Warren captained Newport to the Conference South title in his first season in Wales. After three successful years with The Exiles, Warren signed for Inverness Caledonian Thistle, managed by Terry Butcher. Whilst North of the Border, Warren enjoyed another successful spell as he again captained his new side in Scotland's top flight and won domestic honours. Upon returning to England, Warren had spells at Yeovil Town, Torquay United and Tiverton Town. Now retired from playing, Warren has coached at the Ross County Academy in Scotland, before becoming Weston's Academy Manager from January 2025, and first-team Interim Assistant Manager from October 2025.

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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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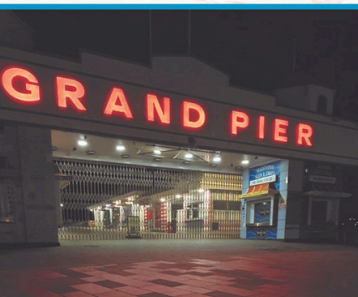


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'THE MARKETMEN'



Today's FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round tie with Needham Market is the first-ever fixture between The Seagulls and the Suffolk side.

The Marketmen make the long journey west hoping to make the First Round proper for only the second time in their history.

The only previous occasion came as recently as the 2022/23 season. The Marketmen were managed by former Northern Ireland international Kevin Horlock at the time, and he guided his team through the qualifying rounds after victories against Leiston, Sheringham, Brightlingsea Regent and a shock win over Maidstone United to set up a First Round tie at League One Burton Albion.

'THE MARKETMEN'

The cup run was to end at the Pitelli Stadium that day, however The Brewers needed a 94th minute goal to ensure victory against their Southern League Central opponents.

The following season, 2023/24, was even better for The Marketmen as they won the Southern Premier Central to earn promotion to National League North, the highest step they have ever played at.

Sadly, life in Step 2 didn't last long as Needham Market suffered relegation. Horlock left the club to join Maldon & Tiptree in February 2025, with assistant manager Tom Rothery taking over the Market hotseat. Despite some notable results, particularly against Farsley Celtic, Oxford City and Chorley, Rothery was unable to prevent demotion back to Step 3.

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ONE TO WATCH - REGGIE LAMBE



Photo: Ben Pooley

After a long and nomadic career, Needham Town forward Reggie Lambe is quite probably the best-known player in the Suffolk side's ranks, and will certainly be one to watch today.

Lambe began his professional career with Ipswich Town, joining from Bermudian club Dandy Town Hornets. He played in the youth team and eventually joined the reserve squad, as well as making a first team appearance in a League Cup match against Shrewsbury Town. Lambe made his league debut in Ipswich Town's victory over Middlesbrough at the Riverside Stadium in August 2010.

ONE TO WATCH - REGGIE LAMBE

Lambe joined Bristol Rovers on loan in March 2011 and made seven league appearances as The Gas were relegated to League Two.

After leaving Ipswich, Lambe had spells with Toronto in the MLS, Swedish side Nyköpings, Mansfield Town, Carlisle United, Cambridge United, Stowmarket Town and AFC Sudbury.

In June 2023, Lambe joined Braintree Town following a successful promotion campaign with Sudbury. In May 2024, he scored the winner with a diving header in the second-half of extra-time as Braintree defeated Worthing 4-3 to earn promotion to the National League.

In September 2024, Lambe joined National League North side Needham Market, where he remains to this day.

Internationally, Lambe has gained 62 caps for Bermuda, making him their most-capped international player. Lambe's recent performances for Bermuda have been recognised by Concacaf as he was named as one of the top five players in the Concacaf World Cup Qualifiers after his winning goal in a 2-1 victory against Cuba in June 2025, as Bermuda hope to make it all the way to the World Cup finals in 2026.

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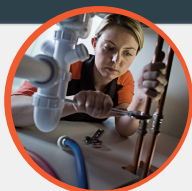
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