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MANAGER'S BLOG



SCOTT ROGERS

MANAGER'S BLOG

Good afternoon and welcome to what should be a fantastic occasion this afternoon at the Optima Stadium.

I'd like to congratulate John Coleman on becoming the new Aldershot Town manager, and I hope he has a fantastic start to his tenure there - after today!! With all his experience and knowledge of the game I believe they have made an excellent appointment and given time I'm sure they'll be pushing for a place back in the Football League.

Since the Slough game at home, where our supporters were fantastic on the night, we had a long trip to Tonbridge where we came away with a hard-earned point and another clean sheet.

We were a bit disappointed at the end not to come away with all three points as we had some really good chances to win the game in the second half, but we would have taken the point if given to us on the way up, so you can't disrespect the point we came back with.

MANAGER'S BLOG



Here's hoping for another historic day where we will need to be at our best, and if we are, we will have the chance to make the Second Round of this wonderful competition for only the second time in the club's history.

We will not be able to achieve this unless we get the crowd on our side, so please sing, shout or even scream as much as possible and get behind the boys this afternoon and they will in turn give everything to make you go home proud to be a Weston-super-Mare supporter at the end of today.

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Weston-super-Mare AFC are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Marvin Brown, aged just 42. Marvin made 123 appearances for the club and scored 46 goals in two spells between 2005 - 2010.

As well as being an absolute gentleman, Marvin was an excellent player, coach, manager and mentor and will be sorely missed in the West Country football community and beyond.

He is Bristol City's youngest-ever player, making his debut for The Robins shortly after his 16th birthday, and is the younger brother of Aaron Brown who also played for City, as well as Weston later in his career.

RIP Marvin.

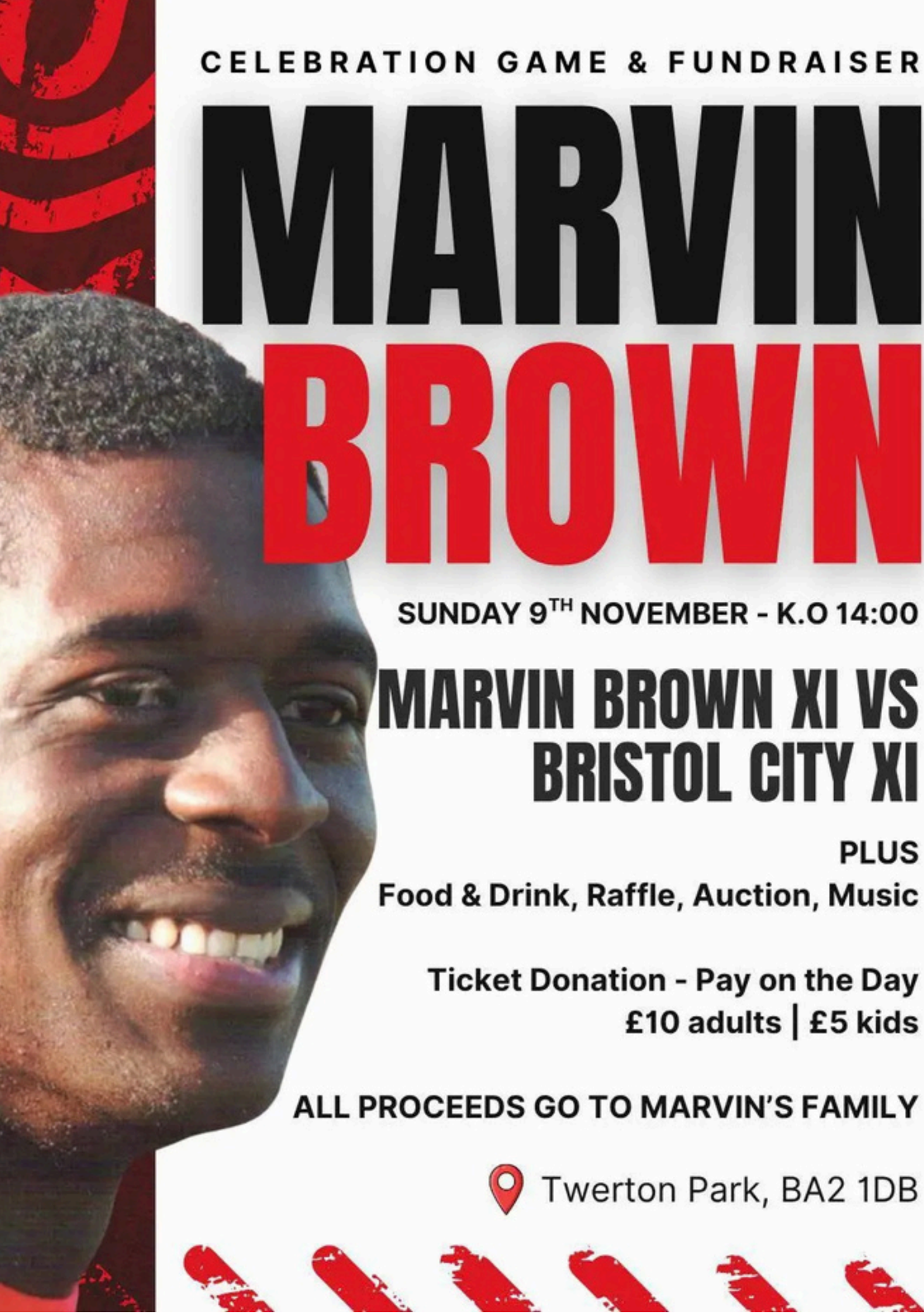


We are also deeply saddened to hear of the passing of supporter Graham William Bright, who sadly passed away very suddenly recently at the age of 69. He was a proud and loyal supporter of Weston-super-Mare AFC and a long-time season ticket holder. Matchdays at the Optima were a big part of his life, and the club truly meant the world to him.

Graham loved WsMAFC, was a true football man, a good laugh and a proud Seagull to the end.

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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 what is another huge day in the club's history, the First Round Proper of the FA Cup. A warm welcome to everyone connected with Aldershot Town: players, staff and travelling fans. We hope you enjoy your visit to Weston (but naturally, not the result).

The Memories and Magic of the FA Cup

The FA Cup has this ability to blur the lines between tiers, reputations and budgets. It reminds everyone why we play the game. For 90 minutes (and sometimes 90 plus 7 or 120 plus 3), it is eleven versus eleven. It is lads with other jobs and part time schedules going toe to toe with full time professionals. And it is the supporters who make it all the more real, dreaming of that one upset, that one goal, that one replay under the lights.

There is a beauty to the unpredictability of it all. And while we respect Aldershot massively, they are a strong and organised National League outfit, we also know that if we play to our potential, we can give anyone a game.

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

A mentor and good friend of mine, Professor Robyn Jones, explained the Magic of the FA Cup to me a few years ago when he shared stories of playing right back for Sutton United during their famous win over Coventry City in 1989. Coventry had won the FA Cup at Wembley just 18 months before that tie, and yet here was Robyn and his teammates upsetting the odds. That was the first time I truly understood what this competition means. You can still see the pride in Robyn's face when he talks about it. He has photos from the game up in his office and never fails to mention the set piece goal that gave them the lead. It has got me thinking, maybe I will speak to the Gaffer about drawing something up ourselves.

That sense of joy and belief is something we experienced last year in our trip to Bristol Rovers. That day will stay with me forever, even if I only lasted 20 minutes on the pitch. Hopefully today I can stay on a bit longer and help the team write another chapter in our own FA Cup story.



CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



Inside the Changing Room

Since my last blog after the Needham Market game, we have had a few important results. The last-minute winner by Dan Martin, followed by a more comfortable win against Slough, and then a well-earned point away at Tonbridge have all helped build momentum.

As a group, we continue to grow, not always in performances but certainly in mentality. We have got quality, strength and a group of lads who care about each other and the shirt. Whether you are starting or supporting from the bench, the collective spirit is strong and that has really shown in the last few weeks.

Morale is high, even though there are a few grumps and groans from time to time (usually from me), but the belief is there, and we are all looking forward to getting out there today and giving our best for the club and the fans.

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

A Word to the Fans

You might get tired of hearing it, but I will keep saying it. Your support matters. These days are special because of what they mean to the town, the club and the wider community. Seeing you packed into the stands, flags waving and chants ringing out gives us that extra push when the legs are tired and the pressure is high.

I remember vividly the noise you created at Bristol Rovers. I was actually outside the ground in a wheelchair, sat with my Mam, sister and aunty, waiting for the car to take me to A and E. Suddenly, I heard a massive roar. I thought, that is game done. Two nil down. Mountain to climb. Then a steward walked past, shaking his head in disgust. Turns out we had scored. Yes Bastin, we knew it was you. That sound, that moment, it was not the five thousand Rovers fans making the noise, it was you. Our fans. That moment is now part of Weston's history.

Hopefully today, you can help create another one, and maybe, just maybe, spur us on to a place in the Second Round.

Diolch yn fawr iawn. Thank you.

Emlyn

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THE BIG INTERVIEW



WITH JACOB JAGGER CANE

THE BIG INTERVIEW

Long-serving midfielder Jacob Jagger Cane chatted to Rob Hammett about the start to this season, his midfield partners and his favourite FA Cup memories.

Hi Caney, you're now in your twelfth season with The Seagulls. What have you made of the start to the campaign, both for yourself personally and the team as a whole?

We've had a great start again, very similar to last season, but obviously we fell short of what we wanted to achieve, which was the play-offs. But I think with what we have got now we can hopefully achieve that. And personally I think I've started pretty well, I missed too many games through injury last season, so I want to try my best to stay as fit as possible and contribute as much as I can.

There's been a managerial change with Scott Rogers replacing Scott Bartlett. What were your thoughts on this?

Yeah we achieved a lot with Bartlett and fair enough for his move to the National League, it was well deserved. But with Scotty taking over it's been a real seamless transition. He's brought Gary Warren in alongside him as well, who is also a great person and coach and they're both trying to add and improve us at all times. So yeah on behalf of myself and all the other lads, we're all buzzing.

THE BIG INTERVIEW

It's the FA Cup v Aldershot today. What have been your best and worst moments in the FA Cup for Weston?

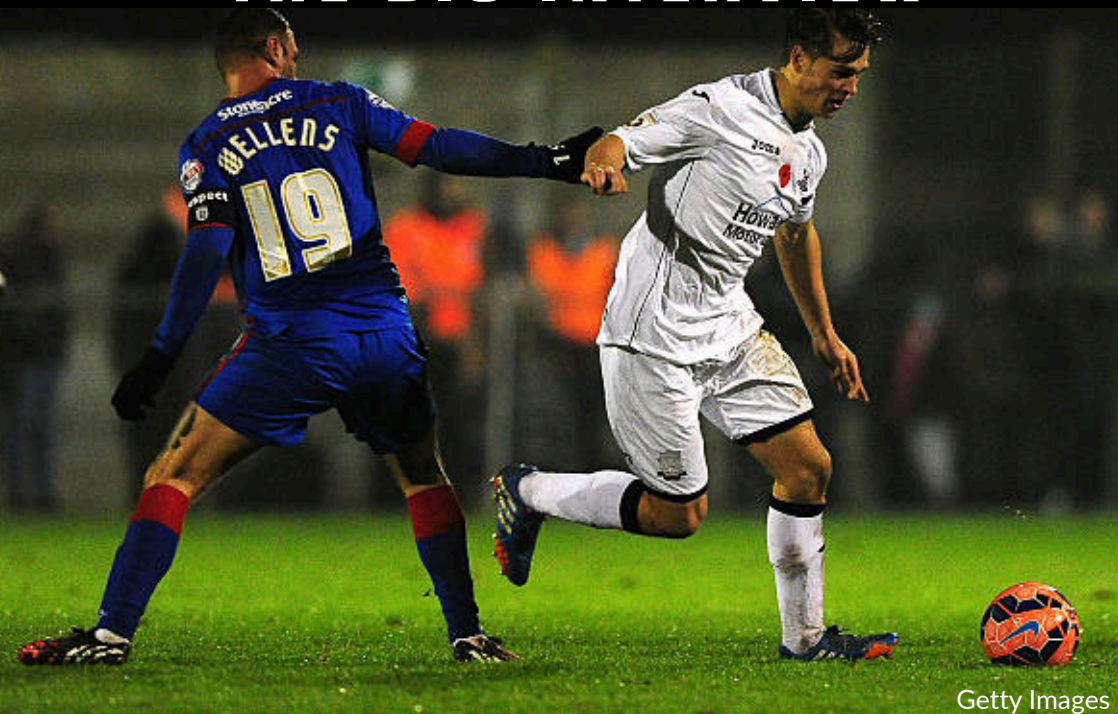
I think the best moment for myself was the game against Doncaster, getting to the First Round in my first season here after so many years was great and the turnout from the town was brilliant. My worst, although it was such a good day and we played so well, was probably last season getting injured before the Bristol Rovers game, I was absolutely gutted but the lads were unreal and Bastin's goal will live long in the memory.

You nearly missed the Doncaster Rovers game in 2014. For those not aware, what happened in the Fourth Qualifying Round at Witham Town to put your place in jeopardy?!

Well we were 1-0 up and Witham were attacking, they were bound to score but I unlocked my inner Max Harris (aka the octopus) and saved the ball on the line, probably the best save in Weston's history. I was given my marching orders but they then went and missed the penalty and we saw the game out and won.

My suspension was then supposed to fall on the First Round tie vs Doncaster but, luckily for me, it was called off so I was able to play! So yeah a bit of a mad one but a great and funny memory!

THE BIG INTERVIEW



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Youngsters Jake Hicks and Charlie Cummins have come in and played alongside you in recent weeks, what have you made of their impact?

Hicksy is class. I love him and he's a top top player who has got a big future in my opinion, he just has to believe it himself! Charlie has just come in and is one of the boys already, he's been brilliant in every game so far and it's a great addition having him here on loan from Exeter. They're still young but for me they are two of the top young midfielders in the league, we're very lucky to have them and I'm looking forward to playing alongside them and helping them as much as possible. And above all else they are great lads as well!

THE BIG INTERVIEW

James Dodd recently made his 200th appearance for the club. As a team-mate and a good friend of his, how proud are you of this achievement for him?

Doddsy boy, my brother in the middle. What a player and human being, to have been able to play so many games alongside him has been an absolute pleasure. He's a level above in my opinion and we're so lucky to have him. I really hope we can go on and achieve even more at the club together as he massively deserves it! One of the very best I've played with, but one area he needs to improve on though is his chat with the women, terrible!





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PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Today's meeting with Aldershot Town is only the third-ever meeting between the two sides, and the first time ever that The Seagulls and The Shots have faced each other in the FA Cup.

The two previous meetings came back in the 2013/14 season, in manager Craig Laird's final season in charge at the Woodspring, with both games coming in the space of three days in the FA Trophy.

The first tie was played at Aldershot's Recreation Ground on the final Saturday of November 2013. As both sides are today, The Shots were in the National League and Weston were in National League South.

In this FA Trophy First Round tie, The Seagulls took a shock lead through Tristan Plummer in the 76th minute, against the side he joined a month later. Just as a surprise result was on the cards, Aldershot's Aidan O'Brien, who would eventually go on to play for the Republic of Ireland, equalised right at the death with a spectacular volley.

Therefore a replay was required three days later on the Tuesday night at Woodspring Stadium. While the first game had been close, Andy Scott's side showed their class in the replay and won by five goals to two. Lewis Young and O'Brien fired the Shots into a two-goal lead, before Ben Kirk pulled one back for Weston.

Young grabbed his second, before The Seagulls halved the deficit again as Plummer got himself onto the scoresheet to make it 3-2. But any hopes of a grandstand finish were dashed as Matthew Paterson and Craig Stanley ensured The Shots went through.

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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) 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 FAC2QRr (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) W 1-0 (Britton 54)

Sat 18th Hampton & Richmond (a) W 1-0 (Martin 90+6)

Tues 21st Slough (h) W 5-1 (Britton 13, Lewis 24, Pearson 35, 74; J Cane 47)

Sat 25th Tonbridge Angels (a) D 0-0

November

Sat 1st Aldershot Town FAC1 (h) 3pm

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

Sat 8th Eastbourne Borough (a) 3pm

Tues 11th Paulton Rovers SPC (a) 7:30pm

Sat 15th Chippenham Town (a) FAT2R 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

Tues 9th Worthing (h) 7:45pm

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

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Sat 14th Eastbourne Borough (h) 3pm
Sat 21st Dover Athletic (a) 3pm
Tues 24th Bath City (a) 7:45pm
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April

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Popular central defender Clayton Fortune had two spells with Weston, and it was during his second spell with the club that the former Bristol City man enjoyed some relative FA Cup success with The Seagulls.

Ahead of our First Round Proper tie with Aldershot Town, Clayton chatted to Rob Hammett about the 2014/15 campaign and the tie with Doncaster Rovers and the lads he played with.

Hi Clayton, you played quite a few games for Weston, what are your favourite memories of your time with The Seagulls?

I would have to say the FA Cup run to the First Round Proper. I used to joke with the lads, saying I didn't know the FA Cup before November! But it was a great achievement getting to the First Round and Mickey Bell did a job getting us there.

You played in the FA Cup First Round for Weston versus Doncaster Rovers, what was the build-up to that like and what was it like to play in?

A bit anti-climactic to be honest. We prepared for a game on the Saturday by training on the seafront (it was freezing!) only for the game to be called off. It was a great day when the game finally went ahead despite the scoreline.

Who were the best players you played with here at Weston, and what made them so special?

I was lucky to play with some really good players and great characters. Caney, Kane Ingram, Marvin and Aaron Brown, Joe McLennan, Tom Jordan, Barnsey (Ollie Barnes), Jake Mawford.

But the front three of Tristan Plummer, Dayle Grubb and Ollie Watkins was something special, up there with MSN at Barca!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

You were player/coach at the time we brought in a young Ollie Watkins. What are your recollections of him, both as a player and a person?

As a player he was last pick on a Thursday 5 a-side (in the evening after a long training session at Exeter). But come matchday he was at another level. His work-rate, application and willingness to learn was amazing. Off the pitch, a really likeable person whom we all got on with, no ego about him even though he came from a pro team.

Who were the main characters in the Weston dressing room back in the day?

Again too many to mention. Tom Jordan, Kane Ingram, Luke Purnell and probably myself but Grubby, Joe Mac and Jake Mawford especially were, let's say, "special."



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Do you still keep tabs on how Weston are getting on, and if so how well do you think the club are doing?

I still keep tabs on Weston as I have fond memories of the place. I'm glad they're doing well and I wish Scotty Rogers and Adie the best of luck, two of football's good people.

You also had a spell at Aldershot, who we play today. How was your time there?

I had a bit of a funny time at Aldershot. It didn't really help that I used to travel in from Bristol every day, but I met some great people there whom I'm still in touch with.

What do you do these days? Are you still involved in football?

I work for a football agency now called Sport Management International, so it's great to still be involved helping out the next generation.

And finally Clayton, what is your score prediction for Weston v Aldershot?

I'll sit on the fence and just predict a good game of football, hopefully a high scoring one.





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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.

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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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JOSH SALMON

MIDFIELD



Josh is from Weston-super-Mare but joined the Southampton Academy at the age of eight. Upon moving 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 and Bristol Manor Farm.

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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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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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FREDDIE KING

FORWARD



Local youngster Freddie joined Weston in July 2025 after a prolific spell with Western League neighbours, Clevedon Town. In his final season at the Hand Stadium, Freddie scored 34 goals and assisted with 18 as The Seaside's narrowly missed out on promotion. On the eve of the 2025/26 Western League campaign, Freddie joined Bridgwater United on loan. He was recalled by Weston before going out on loan to Portishead Town in September 2025.

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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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KRYSTIAN WOODS

FORWARD



Krystian is a forward who joined the club midway through last campaign following the closure of Yeovil Town's Academy, where he had been a part of their U18 set-up and had sporadic appearances for their first-team in pre-season friendlies. As well as featuring for Weston's first team this season, he has also featured on a dual registration with Western League side Paulton Rovers.

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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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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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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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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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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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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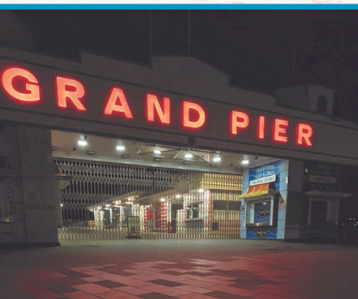
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ALDERSHOT TOWN FC



On Friday 24th October, Aldershot confirmed the appointment of John Coleman as the club's new First-Team Manager. The highly-experienced 63-year-old officially took over the position in the last week, following last Saturday's game at Scunthorpe United, meaning that today's game here at Weston is Coleman's first in charge.

Coleman arrives in Hampshire with over 25 years of managerial experience for the likes of Accrington Stanley, Rochdale, Gillingham and many more. Prior to this, John played as a forward in a playing career spanning nearly 20 years.

Alan Dowson and James Henry were in charge for last Saturday's game against The Iron following the shock departure of Tommy Widdrington to Eastbourne Borough.

Widdrington left The Shots following their 3-2 win at Dorking Wanderers in the Fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, but less than 48 hours later Widdrington announced his departure. Widdrington was popular with the Aldershot supporters, particularly after guiding them to a fabulous 3-0 victory over Spennymoor Town in the FA Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium last May, undoubtedly a marvellous day in Aldershot's history.

'THE SHOTS' - FOUR TO WATCH



'THE SHOTS' - FOUR TO WATCH

Hady Ghandour (top left): Ghandour signed for the Shots in April 2023. The striker has represented Lebanon at senior international level and was most recently playing for Maidstone United. Ghandour earned a move to Charlton Athletic after impressing with Tooting and Mitcham and made a handful of first-team appearances for the League One side in cup competitions.

Kwame Thomas (top right): Thomas signed for the Shots for the third time in June 2025, having spent the end of last season on loan from Ebbsfleet United and playing his part in Aldershot's FA Trophy win at Wembley Stadium. Thomas made his senior international debut for St Kitts & Nevis during his first spell with the Shots, having made a number of youth appearances for England during his time with Derby County.

Josh Barrett (bottom right): Barrett signed for the Shots in January 2024. Barrett worked with Tommy Widdrington at Kings Lynn, and has also played for Bristol Rovers and Coventry. Barrett has international experience, having made three appearances for the Republic of Ireland Under 21s, and after breaking through the youth ranks at Reading, went on to make ten Championship appearances with the Royals. Scored one of the goals in Aldershot's famous FA Trophy win at Wembley Stadium last May.

James Henry (bottom right): Henry joined the Shots in August 2023. Henry spent the 2023/24 season with Oxford United, who he joined in 2017/18, and made 14 appearances for the now Championship side as they won the League One play-offs last season and made a total of 260 appearances for them. The midfielder started his career with Nottingham Forest and earned England under 19 caps as a youngster, and has had brief spells at Norwich, Bournemouth, Reading and Bolton. Henry has made over 200 appearances in the Championship and his longer stints at Wolves and Millwall saw him surpass a century of appearances.



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NLS ROUND-UP

As well as Weston, there are five other National League South clubs who have made it to the First Round Proper of the FA Cup this weekend.

Joining The Seagulls in this stage of the competition are Hemel Hempstead, AFC Totton, Slough Town, Chelmsford City and Ebbsfleet United.

Ebbsfleet and Hemel are the only sides from the above who will face a Football League side. Ebbsfleet make the long trip to Grimsby Town, and Josh Wright's side will fancy their chances against The Mariners, while Hemel have an attractive tie at Wigan Athletic, who sensationally won the competition in 2013 when they beat Manchester City in the final.

Slough and Chelmsford have tricky home ties against Altrincham and Braintree respectively, while Totton will fancy their chances away at Macclesfield of National League North, particularly after their shock win at Truro City in their Fourth Qualifying Round replay.

As for the league itself, Hornchurch returned to the top of the table after their 2-1 home victory over Hampton & Richmond. Totton moved up to third after their 2-1 home win over Chelmsford, while Hemel are now fourth after Joe White's 99th minute penalty saw them beat Bath City 1-0. Weston and Hemel are now tied on fewest goals conceded this season with only nine goals scored against The Seagulls and The Tudors in the league.

PLAYED FOR BOTH



Ryan Jones played for the Weston Academy and broke into the first team in autumn 2019, and the exciting left-sided player scored his first goal for the club in an FA Trophy tie at AFC Totton (pictured).

His form at the start of the 2020/21 season was excellent, the highlight being a fantastic goal against Met Police, and this stunning form was enough for Bristol Rovers to pay a record fee for a Weston sale. He has now been at Aldershot since the summer of 2024 after he left the Memorial Stadium.

Tristan Plummer first joined Weston in 2013 and eventually had four spells with The Seagulls and two spells with The Shots, joining Aldershot from Weston and vice versa on two occasions.

Tristan is now extremely well-known for his media work, starring regularly on Channel 4's Gogglebox, and we hope to see him here at the Optima Stadium today.

PLAYED FOR BOTH

The tough-tackling **Naby Diallo** played with Plummer at both Weston and Aldershot. Naby had two spells with Weston and played 12 times for Aldershot in 2014/15.

Another popular Bristolian to have played for both sides is striker **Marlon Jackson**. Marlon first arrived at Weston in November 2018 and finished as the club's top-scorer despite joining so late in the season.

Marlon left in 2019 but came back in November 2021 and his goals were again crucial as they helped Weston into the 2021/22 Southern League play-offs. He was again top scorer a season later as The Seagulls won the Southern League Premier South. Marlon spent time on loan to Aldershot from Bristol City in 2009 and 2010.

Another player who endeared himself to Weston fans was **Clayton Fortune**. He first joined in 2009 under Andy Gurney but left for Aldershot at the end of that season. Clayton came back to Weston again in 2014 under Mickey Bell and played for Weston for two years, and was player-coach under both Bell and Ryan Northmore. Clayton left in late 2016, around about the time new manager Scott Bartlett signed **Rollin Menayese** from Cardiff City. Rollin had an impressive spell here at Weston and his performances caught the eye of several Football League clubs, with the young Welshman joining Bristol Rovers. Rollin subsequently played for Aldershot, as well as an array of Football League clubs

Menayese's defensive partner at Weston was the late **Chris Barker**, who had played for Aldershot beforehand and had also been their caretaker manager for a short time. As well as being a superb defender, Barker was Bartlett's assistant manager here at Weston.

There are a further three ex-Weston and Aldershot players to add to the list. **Scott Wilson**, **Alex Fletcher** and **Dylan Kadji** all spent time here in BS24, with all three also playing brief loan spells with The Shots.

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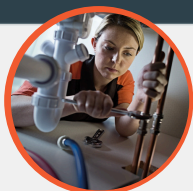
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