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# DANNY HUNTER



***Today we welcome Bath City to the Mangata Pay UK stadium. May I wish their Directors, Manager, players and supporters an enjoyable time with us and a safe journey home.***

Well, if we've got our recruitment right our promotion push will begin in earnest this afternoon. That said, I've been told by a few of you in my recent BWTV interview, that I seemed a bit down, a bit grim and slightly grumpy haha.

If I did, I do apologise.... I was just trying to convey to those who listen to these type of things, a certain amount of honesty and bring a reality to the questions I was asked and, as always, try and tell you exactly how I feel and how I see things.

In terms of how I feel, I still feel like I have let my whole community, club, and certain parts of my dressing room down with our relegation last season and in truth I've genuinely struggled to come to terms with that failure.

That said, I've always in my professional life been a winner and so I now need to bring back more of my competitive edge, increase my personal investment and ensure my future ambition comes to the fore. To do that I will need to use my vast experience to hone in on realistic aims and re-focus more on attendances, you fans, our town, our club, our manager, our players and our staff. I need to see if you guys will match my drive, as we look to turn this season into a promotion season as I cannot do it without you all.

If you get behind us, I promise you I will give every ounce of my experience and

more investment to the cause - but I will need to see our attendances as an average top 750 and that I feel is more than achievable.

I have now seen five of our pre-season matches live and some of the others on video, and my honest feelings are that we will need to be more effective in both boxes if we want to win the title. I already knew in May that we would have a very strong squad of National League players and that the loan market would also be important.

That said, I also knew in July and early August that we would still need more quality, depth, drive, legs, and a real football focus regarding Ross' new way of playing if we are to succeed this season.

Possession football means you need to be incredibly fit, you need to show total concentration, it means everyone must believe in what they are doing and it means having a real understanding throughout the squad of what's expected of them.

To control the football and be pleasing on the eye, it will take players who can handle the ball, it will take superior fitness (we are full time), it will take 95 minutes of concentration in every match from each and every player and it will mean us showing a renewed level of confidence as one of only three full

time clubs in this division - these are the realities I've asked of my staff, the management team and the dressing room.

Possession football means defensively that you must as a unit make better decisions under pressure, certainly better than what we saw early in our pre-season programme. We must also show an understanding of how other teams will line up and we must eradicate risk football for the sake of it, through collective intelligence and decision-making.

Ross and the senior players already know that, so I expect to see our continued improvements in August and September, as we ease into the start of our league campaign. For clarity that is not me being negative in any way, that's just the reality of where I see things at present and what I would expect from the lads throughout August and September.

In truth, I'm now far happier with the balance of our squad and I feel our recruitment focus and intensity have picked up over the last two weeks. In that time we have added attacking midfielder/striker Abdul Abdulmalik on a permanent from Millwall, brought in experienced midfielder Gus Mafuta from Solihull Moors, and added Birmingham City's young striking talent Junior Dixon to the squad.

These signings have given Ross a balanced 19 man squad that I feel would comfortably compete in the League above. On top of the above we had

already secured defender/midfielder Charlie O'Connell from Peterborough United and re-signed the enigmatic Erico Sousa.

Early in post/pre-season, we had added John Goddard, who got 20 goals from midfield for Slough Town last season and we added the experienced Josh Hare from Dagenham, who was a player that I've long admired.

On top of that after extensive discussions we either re-signed, extended contracts or retained the nucleus of last season's squad in Femi Ilesanmi, David Agbontohoma, Nathan Ashmore, Chris Bush, Jack Payne, Tyrone Marsh, Lee Ndlovu, Mo Sagaf, Tom Whelan, Cameron Coxe, Charlie Clayden and Kwezi Appiah and I thank them for their loyalty.

The above are not the actions of a grim or grumpy Chairman, those are the actions of a driven, ambitious, focused (yes slightly angry) but none-the-less promotion driven Chairman, who wants our dressing room and club to succeed more than I can fully explain in these notes.

In April I promised you all that we would remain a full time club, with a full time staff and squad. At last seasons end, I promised you all a new stadium scoreboard and I promised you all an improved facility when you returned to the club after the early summer break. I also promised you all an improved first-team budget and an improved squad and I feel I've kept every one of my promises.

Of course I'm concerned that our season ticket sales are down 55% and, of course, it hit my budget forecasts that our pre-season attendances were down by around 75% on the previous pre-season attendances - but as an experienced Chairman, I'll wipe my mouth and deal with it.

Is it fair to say that I want to see my ongoing and ever-increasing investment, ambition and promise of remaining a full-time club matched by more of our fair-weather supporters and our wider community - yes I think it is fair but that's not something you didn't already know and don't already agree with.

Today though is about us concentrating on starting our season well, it's about us starting our season with a win, and it's about building early season confidence and starting this most important of seasons knowing that there is a title and a promotion up for grabs.

For me today is about looking around the ground and seeing my old school loyal supporters with renewed hope in their hearts and us all being part of a community that has true belief in the dressing room, in your club, in each other, in the knowledge that with our investment, quality and squad depth, we will be right up there challenging for the title from day one of this season.

This afternoon's opponents are Bath City and as we know when we met them in last season's FA Trophy, they are a decent side and they deservedly dumped us out of that competition. Today though it's all about what we do,

it's all about us winning those key on-pitch battles and about us getting three points. For me, it's all about us and the team putting down some early-season markers.

Bath City are one of the clubs who we know will be there or thereabouts, as such we of course respect their club, their manager Jerry Gill, his football team and their supporters, and we already know just how difficult today's game will be.

That said my programme notes are in truth only ever written for our supporters, our sponsors, our partners, our town and our wider community.....so let me finish by saying, "let this season be one of hope where the togetherness of our club and you, our supporters, shines through and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for staying with us".

In August for every club up and down the land 'hope springs eternal', so I pray that this will be a season for us all to look back on and remember for all the right reasons.

Finally whoever you support let's hope for an open, attacking game and may the best team win.

Take care

*Danny*

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# ROSS JENNINS



***Good afternoon. Firstly, I would like to welcome Jerry Gill, his staff and players to the Mangata Pay UK Stadium for our first game of the season.***

I think it's safe to say everyone is delighted the new season is up and running.

We've had a great pre-season in terms of fixtures against quality opposition, games where it's been competitive and challenging, which will only help our players through this season.

Today's game will be a great occasion for our players as they come against a new Bath City team.

I've been really impressed with the players and staff through this pre-season, coming in with fresh eyes on a group has given players a clean slate to show their stuff and play with confidence.

Having only lost 2 of our pre-season games against Watford and Arsenal the group have shown a real togetherness and resilience which will be needed today.

Sticking together as players and as fans will be key to our success. There will be ups and downs along the road, but consistency is important so we will try our very best to put in solid performances throughout this season and give the fans something to celebrate.

We thank you for your support today and hope you enjoy the game!

Enjoy the game,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ross". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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# IN THE DUGOUT



## Manager: Jerry Gill

Jerry Gill became Bath City manager in October of 2017 after playing for the Romans in the 90s. Gill began playing at Trowbridge Town, followed by Leyton Orient briefly before moves to Weston Super Mare and Yeovil Town. Gill then joined Birmingham City, helping the Blues reach League Cup Final and promotion to Premier League. After a knee injury, Gill played for Cheltenham Town, coached at Forest Green Rovers and later at academy level with Norwich City and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

# ONES TO WATCH



## Scott WILSON

**Born:** Bristol - 11 January 1993

**Position:** Striker

Wilson returned to Bath City in July of 2022 for his second spell with the club. Starting at Bristol City's youth setup, the striker played for various West Country non-league teams, including his previous stint at the Romans during the 2013/14 season. The 31-year-old striker has previously excelled at the likes of Oldham Athletic and Notts County and was the Romans' second top goal scorer last season with 17 goals.



## Ewan CLARK

**Born:** 24 June 2003

**Position:** Winger

Ewan Clark signed permanently for the Romans in January, having initially joined the club on loan in 2023. The 21-year-old winger made his professional breakthrough at Oxford City in July of 2021 and helped the Hoops reach the National League South play-offs. This was followed by a move to Bristol City's academy in June of 2022 as well as a short loan move to Yeovil Town for the technical winger.



## Kieran PARSELLE

**Born:** Bristol - 1 December 1995

**Position:** Centre Back

Skipper for the Romans, Kieran Parselle joined the club in June 2022 from Chippenham Town. He emerged from Newport County's youth academy, securing a pro contract in May 2015. After stints at Salisbury and Gloucester City, the centre-back joined Chippenham Town and made a great impact, with the 27-year-old amassing 150 appearances for the Bluebirds and earning a spot in the 2021/22 National League South team of the year.

## CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

# BATH CITY

Football historian **LEIGH EDWARDS** selects ten post-war Bath City 'Classic Campaigns'

### 1959/60

Bath City stormed to the Southern League title in 1959/60. They lost just two of their first 24 games and beat Yeovil, Millwall and Notts County to reach the FA Cup third round for the first time since the war, losing 1-0 at home to Brighton in front of a record 18,020 crowd. Bath hammered Gravesend 6-0, King's Lynn 8-2, Kettering 7-2, Hereford 6-2 and Dartford 8-0, clinching the title with a 2-1 victory at home to Yeovil and finishing seven points clear of runners-up Headington. Charlie Fleming and Peter Wilshire scored 66 of Bath's 116 goals, while other stars included Tony Book, Ian Black and Ian MacFarlane.

### 1963/64

Bath City took top-flight Bolton Wanderers to an FA Cup third round replay in 1963/64. Malcolm Allison's side defeated Falmouth Town, Maidenhead United and Wimbledon to reach the FA Cup third round. Ken Owen's goal was cancelled out by Francis Lee's penalty as Bath drew 1-1 with Bolton in front of 12,779 at Twerton Park. Bolton triumphed 3-0 with second-half goals from Gordon Taylor, Francis Lee and Wyn Davies at Burnden Park. Top scorer Charlie Fleming, Tony Book, Keith Sanderson, Len Phillips, Tony Gough and John Cartwright starred as Bath finished third in the Southern League Premier Division.

### 1968/69

Bath City won promotion back to the Southern League Premier Division in 1968/69. New manager Arnold Rodgers took ten members of his Welton Rovers championship side with him to Twerton

Park. Bath were unbeaten in their opening 16 Southern League First Division games and top of the table for six months. They remained unbeaten at home but were overtaken by Brentwood Town in the closing weeks. Winning 26 of their 42 games, they finished runners-up with 62 points. John Allen was leading marksman, while other key players included Wilf Carter, Tony Gough, Roy Lambden, Doug Clarke and Brian McAuley.

### 1973/74

Bath City won promotion back to the Southern League Premier Division in 1973/74. They gained just one point from their first seven matches in the Southern League First Division (South) and Bert Head replaced Roy Bence as manager in October. Captained by Paul Gover, Bath steadily climbed the table and lost just one of their final 16 games. They won 5-0 at home to Andover in their penultimate match and clinched promotion with a 1-0 victory in the return match. Winning 20 of their 38 games, Bath finished runners-up with 48 points, pipping Waterlooville and Minehead to promotion. Peter Harman was leading marksman.

### 1977/78

Brian Godfrey managed Bath City to the Southern League title in 1977/78. Bath kicked off with a 3-1 victory at home to Worcester City and remained unbeaten in their first 29 Southern League games, also taking Plymouth Argyle to an FA Cup first round replay. Andy Provan scored four times in a 7-2 victory at title rivals Weymouth on Boxing Day, then Jimmy Jenkins grabbed a hat-trick in a 6-0 win at Cheltenham Town. Kenny Allen, Nigel Ryan and George Gibbs were



ever-present as Bath lost just two of their 42 Southern League games and won the title by four points, also reaching the Anglo-Italian Cup final.

## 1989/90

Bath City regained Conference status in 1989/90. George Rooney's side kicked-off with a 2-1 defeat at Cambridge City but won their next five games. Top scorer Paul Randall grabbed hat-tricks as Bath beat Chelmsford 5-1, Dorchester 6-0 and Alvechurch 5-0. Goals by John Freegard and Paul Randall gave Bath a 2-2 FA Cup first round draw at home to Fulham but they lost 2-1 in the replay at Craven Cottage. They also reached the FA Trophy fourth round. Despite losing just four Southern League games, Bath were runners-up with 98 points but gained promotion after champions Dover failed to meet ground grading requirements.

## 1993/94

Bath City took Stoke City to an FA Cup third round replay in 1993/94. Tony Ricketts' side won 4-2 at home to Cheltenham Town in the fourth qualifying round replay, after a 1-1 draw, then 4-0 at Molesey in the first round proper. Nicky Brooks and Paul Batty scored in their 2-1 win at home to Hereford United, broadcast live on Sky Sports. The following team drew 0-0 at Stoke in the third round: Dave Mogg, Jerry Gill, Grantley Dicks, Paul Batty, Ian Hedges, Rob Cousins, Chris Banks, Paul Chenoweth [Gary Smart], Paul Adcock, Adie Mings [Delon Vernon], Nicky Brooks. They lost 4-1 in the replay at Twerton Park.

## 2006/07

Bath City won the Southern League Premier Division title in 2006/07. John Relish's side lost only two of their first 14 games and went top of the table with a 3-2 victory at Stamford in mid-November. They won 5-0 at home to local rivals Team Bath on Boxing Day and Scott Partridge grabbed a hat-trick as they repeated the feat against Cheshunt. Losing just one of their final 25 matches, they beat Chippenham Town 1-0 in front of 2,044 at

Twerton Park. They ended the season with a 6-0 victory at home to Rugby Town, winning 27 of their 42 games. Gaining 91 points, they finished 13 points ahead of runners-up Team Bath.

## 2009/10

Bath City returned to the top level of non-League football in 2009/10 after an absence of 13 seasons. They survived a tense run-in to finish fourth in the Conference South, losing just three games at Twerton Park, then beat Chelmsford City 3-0 on aggregate in the play-off semi-finals. Kaid Mohamed, who scored in both legs, then netted a second-half penalty as Bath defeated Woking 1-0 in the play-off final watched by 4,865. They beat Willand Rovers, Bishop's Cleeve and AFC Totton to reach the FA Cup first round proper and gained a 2-1 win at Grimsby Town before losing 2-1 at home to Forest Green Rovers in the second round.



## 2014/15

Bath City reached the FA Trophy semi-finals for the first time in 2014/15. Lee Howells' side won 3-1 at home to Gloucester City in the third qualifying round, after a 0-0 draw, then Chas Hemmings and Frankie Artus scored to give them a 2-0 victory at Bristol Rovers watched by 3,505 in the first round proper. Bath won 3-1 at Wealdstone in the second round, then beat Altrincham 1-0 and Dover Athletic 2-1 after a 3-3 draw. They drew 3-3 on aggregate with North Ferriby in the two-legged semi-final but lost 4-2 on penalties to the eventual winners. They scored seven goals in both Conference South games against Farnborough.

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# BATH CITY



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9 December 2023 // 15:00 // FA Trophy - Thrid Round

**The Wood were the dominant of the two sides in the first half, a half which saw near misses from Tom Whelan and Bath City's Jordan Thomas.**




Despite attempts from Bath City, the Romans' keeper was put to the test with efforts from Erico Sousa. Jordan Thomas would go on to have another opportunity but lacked power, saved by Nathan Ashmore. A missed opportunity by Charles Clayden left Lee Ndlovu needing a touch at the far post, but the striker couldn't convert.

The second half saw Bath City come out with attacking intent, Luke Russe and Cody Cooke with key chances for the Romans. Lee Ndlovu and Chris Bush would test the Bath City goalkeeper, but it would be the Romans who capitalised on a chance, securing the win through a well-executed goal by Dan Hayfield. The Wood struggled to respond and were consequently knocked out of the FA Trophy.



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## AUGUST 2024

Sat 10 Aug - Bath City (H)

Sat 17 Aug - Chesham United (A)

Tues 20 Aug - Dorking Wanderers (A)

Sat 24 Aug - Weymouth (H)

Mon 26 Aug - Salisbury (A) 15:00 KO

Sat 31 Aug - Maidstone United (H)

## SEPTEMBER 2024

Mon 2 Sept - Worthing (H)

Sat 7 Sept - Hampton & Rich (A)

Sat 14 Sept - Emirates FA Cup 2QR

Sat 21 Sept - Welling United (H)

Sat 28 Sept - Emirates FA Cup 3QR

## DECEMBER 2024

Sat 7 Dec - Isuzu FA Trophy 3R

Sat 14 Dec - Chesham United (H)

Sat 21 Dec - Tonbridge Angels (H)

Thurs 26 Dec - Enfield Town (A) 15:00 KO

## JANUARY 2025

Weds 1 Jan - Slough Town (H) 15:00 KO

Sat 4 Jan - Hemel Hempstead (A)

Sat 11 Jan - Hampton & Rich (H)

Sat 18 Jan - Welling United (A)

Sat 25 Jan - Chippenham Town (H)

Tues 28 Jan - Worthing (A)

## APRIL 2025

Sat 5 Apr - Salisbury (H)

Sat 12 Apr - Hemel Hempstead (H)

Fri 18 Apr - Slough Town (A) 15:00 KO

Mon 21 Apr - Enfield Town (H) 15:00 KO

Sat 26 Apr - Tonbridge Angels (A)

### Please note:

Fixtures are subject to change.

Unless stated, weekend fixtures kick-off at 15:00 and midweek fixtures kick-off at 19:45.



## OCTOBER 2024

Sat 5 Oct - Chippenham Town (A)  
**Sat 12 Oct - Truro City (H)**  
Sat 19 Oct - Weston-Super-Mare (A)  
**Weds 23 Oct - Hornchurch (H)**  
Sat 26 Oct - Eastbourne Boro (A)

## NOVEMBER 2024

**Sat 2 Nov - St Albans City (H)**  
**Weds 6 Nov - Farnborough (H)**  
Sat 9 Nov - Aveley (A)  
Sat 16 Nov - Isuzu FA Trophy 2R  
**Sat 23 Nov - Torquay United (H)**  
Mon 24 Nov - Chelmsford City (A)  
Sat 30 Nov - Bath City (A)

## FEBRUARY 2025

Sat 1 Feb - Truro City (A)  
**Sat 8 Feb - Weston-Super-Mare (H)**  
Tues 11 Feb - Hornchurch (A)  
**Sat 15 Feb - Eastbourne Boro (H)**  
Sat 22 Feb - St Albans City (A)  
**Weds 26 Feb - Chelmsford City (H)**

## MARCH 2025

Sat 1 Mar - Torquay United (A)  
**Sat 8 Mar - Aveley (H)**  
Tues 11 Mar - Farnborough (A)  
Sat 15 Mar - Weymouth (A)  
**Sat 22 Mar - Dorking Wanderers (H)**  
Sat 29 Mar - Maidstone United (A)

## FA CUP DATES

2nd & 3rd qualifying rounds listed above  
Sat 12 Oct - 4th qualifying round  
Sat 2 Nov - 1st round proper  
Sat 30 Nov - 2nd round proper  
Sat 11 Jan - 3rd round proper  
Sat 8 Feb - 4th round proper  
Sat 1 Mar - 5th round proper  
Sat 29 Mar - Quarter-final  
Sat 26 Apr - Semi-final  
Sat 17 May - Final

## FA TROPHY DATES

2nd & 3rd rounds listed above  
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Sat 1 Feb - 5th roundx  
Sat 1 Mar - 6th round  
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O'Connell (9'), [55'], [63']



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Moreira (28'), Burstow (44'), Gilchrist (60')

27 July 2024 // 15:00 // Pre-Season Friendly

**Boreham Wood went ahead through a superb long-range strike from Charlie O'Connell, followed by goalkeeping heroics from Ashmore, denying the visitors.**

However, Chelsea levelled through Diego Moreira and the match was intense, chances for both side showcasing the teams' attacking prowess. However, unfortunately for Ross Jenkins' side, the first half would conclude with Chelsea in the lead after a strong run by Deivid Washington who would go on to set Mason Burstow up for the goal.

The Wood and the Blues battled fiercely in the second half and Charlie O'Connell was the talking point. The new signing would go on to bag an impressive hattrick, showcasing his brilliance and levelling the game with his third after Chelsea had restored their lead through Alfie Gilchrist. The match would end at 3-a-piece and, despite neither side coming away with as victors, fans at both ends were delighted with an entertaining pre-season display.





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# MATCH ACTION



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Clayden (89'), (90')

3 August 2024 // 15:00 // Pre-Season Friendly

**Early on, the Darts dominated possession early on, but Boreham Wood had the first shot on goal. Lee Ndlovu and Gus Mafuta's attempts were blocked by Darts defenders and the Darts' Luke Allen missed narrowly for the hosts.**

Femi Ilesamni's presence boosted Boreham Wood's attack and despite a penalty foul by the Wood number 3, Nathan Ashmore saved Allen's penalty on the stroke of half time.

In the second half, the Wood had many chances to score but missed opportunities. Despite controlling possession, they struggled against Dartford's defense but the introduction of Abdul Abdulmalik, Junior Dixon, and Charles Clayden transformed the game. Mo Sagaf and Abdul Abdulmalik had close attempts, with Clayden finally scoring from a corner and completing his brace a minute later.

Boreham Wood's depth helped secure the win and Ross Jenkins side had gained extra winning momentum going into the season opener at home to Bath City.



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# LEAGUE NEWS



## FISHER IS A ROMAN

Bath City have signed striker Alex Fisher from Yeovil Town, a player who helped the Glovers win the National League South title last season with a goal in a decisive 2-0 victory over Truro City.

The 24-year-old made his first start of the season against Bath City last December but spent four months sidelined due to a severe leg injury. Fisher initially joined Yeovil in 2018 and returned in 2022 after a stint with Newport County, scoring 29 goals in 118 appearances and is off to a flying start to life with the Romans, scoring two in four pre-season friendlies.



## CLARETS TAKEOVER

New owner of Chelmsford City, Spencer Gore, who recently acquired a 60% stake in the Clarets, plans to review the club's playing budget to boost their chances of promotion to the National League.

Gore, aiming for English Football League status, intends to set clear goals and implement effective strategies. Despite finishing second last season, the team fell short in the play-offs, leading to manager Robbie Simpson's contemplation before recommitting.

Gore believes that Chelmsford City, located in one of 'the fastest-growing cities', can achieve more and aims to optimise resources for success. Current minority owner Dan Watkins retains a 40% share.

**KID Z CORNER ANSWERS:**  
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2	BATH CITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	BOREHAM WOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	CHELMSFORD CITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	CHESHAM UNITED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	DORKING WANDERERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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15	SALISBURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	SLOUGH TOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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## FIXTURES

### SATURDAY 10 AUGUST 2024

BOREHAM WOOD v BATH CITY  
 CHIPPENHAM TOWN v FARNBOROUGH  
 EASTBOURNE BOROUGH v CHESHAM UNITED  
 HAMPTON & RICHMOND v HORNCHURCH  
 HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN v SALISBURY  
 SLOUGH TOWN v CHELMSFORD CITY  
 ST ALBANS CITY v MAIDSTONE UNITED  
 TONBRIDGE ANGELS v WEYMOUTH  
 TORQUAY UNITED v ENFIELD TOWN  
 TRURO CITY v DORKING WANDERERS  
 WELLING UNITED v AVELEY  
 WESTON-SUPER-MARE v WORTHING

### SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 2024

AVELEY v TONBRIDGE ANGELS  
 BATH CITY v WELLING UNITED  
 CHELMSFORD CITY v HAMPTON & RICHMOND  
 CHESHAM UNITED v BOREHAM WOOD  
 DORKING WANDERERS v CHIPPENHAM TOWN  
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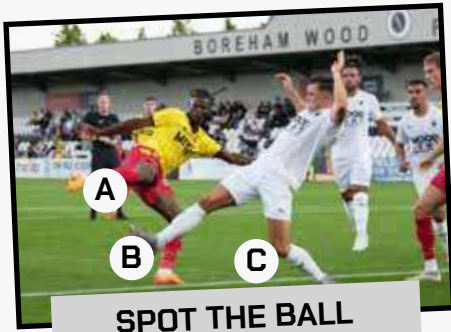
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
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