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HELLO AND WELCOME TO KAYTE LANE FOR MORE MARCLIFF GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE ACTION AS WE HOST HENBURY & ROCKLEAZE.

Tuesday night saw us advance in the Everyone's Energy Senior Amateur Cup after a 3-2 win over Hellenic Alliance side Bourton Rovers, though Full Time somewhat confusingly credits three goals to Bourton and a Will Hawes brace for us.

We will face Wickwar Wanderers in the third round on the 14th of November.

Wickwar currently sit ninth in the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League Division One and will present another decent challenge to us. It's easy to look at cup draws, see a lower division and go into the game with the wrong mindset, but Tuesday night shows why you cannot afford to do that.

The first team look to have some news on their County Cup fixture too with their trip to Yate Town in the GFA Senior Challenge Cup set for Tuesday the 15th of December at Lodge Road, meaning our Men's and Ladies First Teams will both have made the short trip there in cup games this season.

Our Ladies First Team and Development Team are also in County Cup action soon, the former taking on Hartpury at Kayte Lane and the latter heading to Viney St Swithins to face Cheltenham Town Development in the GFA Women's Trophy on the 15th of November.

We are expecting some harsh weather in certain parts of the country so please do endeavour to keep safe if you're joining us today. As we have an artificial pitch, we have a solid chance of the game going ahead, however if it is unsafe to travel then there may be some deliberation. Knowing English weather, it will be the nicest day of the year, but please bear in mind the conditions when planning your trip to Kayte Lane today.

Good luck, also, to Paul Collicutt and his Men's First Team who make the trip down to the south coast to face Portland United which, we've been told, is windy enough at the best of times!

Best of luck to all the other Cleeve teams in action this weekend, including the Bs who played last night but after this programme's deadline to be sent off.

Fingers crossed you picked up a result.

Thank you for joining us for a wet and windy one today and we hope you enjoy the game.

And, of course...

COME ON YOU MITRES!

from the MANAGER



GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO KAYTE LANE, AND THANK YOU FOR POTENTIALLY BRAVING WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE SOME TOUGH WEATHER.

We've been weathering a storm of our own in recent weeks, we're picking up wins and putting points on the board but we're not doing that in any way which pleases us.

By no means do I think we should be cruising past anyone in this league or any other, but some of our performances have still given me and my staff a headache post match.

On a more positive note, I'd like to wish a very warm welcome to all players, staff and supporters from Henbury & Rockleaze. They sit just one place below us and we enjoyed some close and competitive games last season.

Our very last game of the 2025/26 campaign brought a 1-0 at Henbury and we beat them by the odd goal in five here back in December of last year.

I should, of course, look at the positives from our performances too. We're scoring goals, plenty of them. Only three teams, the three positioned above us, have scored more, but we have conceded ten more than league leaders Quedgeley.

We've won three in a row in all competitions too, advancing in the GFA Everyone's Energy Senior Amateur Cup with a trip to Wickwar Wanderers in the next round.

I said in my programme notes on Tuesday that I was eager to make it through the round to build some confidence among the group if nothing else.

We're heading into a huge spell now with many of those around us on the fixture list and we'd really appreciate your support.

Thank you for joining us and enjoy the game.

- CHEALY

development HISTORY

Evidence of a development team/reserve side at Bishops Cleeve dates back to the mid 1930s when Bishops Cleeve II lifted the 1934/35 Cheltenham Association Football League Junior Charities Cup.

The next moment of note came in the early 1960s when Bishops Cleeve II were crowned champions of the Cheltenham Association Football League Division Four. This sparked a monumental rise for our second string as they lifted the Cheltenham League Division Three title at the first attempt to enter Division Two for the 1964/65 season, sitting one league below our First Team in Division One.

Our last recorded league title at this level came in 1966/67 as we won Division Two, by this time the first team had earned their place in the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League, winning the Cheltenham League's top tier that same season.

At some point between then and the 80s, the second team dropped down the leagues, our next honour being the 1987/88 Division Six title.

A third team also appeared in this time, with Bishops Cleeve III winning Division Seven in 1966/67, then Division Three in 2001/02 and Division Two in 2004/05. This third team is now known as the A Team, they would go on to add Three Junior Charities Cups to our trophy cabinet (in 2018/19, 2022/23 and 2023/24) and now compete in the Cheltenham League Premier Division.

A fourth team, the Development Reserves, was added in 2016 and entered at Division Four under current Ladies First Team manager Chris Gough, they now play under former player Keith Carter in Division Two as Bishops Cleeve B.

Bishops Cleeve Reserves were promoted into the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League as Cheltenham League Division One champions for the 2003/04 season, entering at Division Two. We were members of Division Two for two seasons, 2004/05 and 2005/06, meaning we would earn promotion in the 2005/06 season under champions Tuffley Rovers, swiftly climbing to the League's top tier. Our first season in Division One, the 2006/07 season, saw us finish fourth.

It was a brief spell in the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League as we would soon climb up the pyramid once more, entering the Gloucestershire County League (tier 11), the highest we've ever played. The Reserves first entered the County League for the 2008/09 season, remaining until 2016/17. We earned our place with a second placed finish in the 2007/08 Gloucestershire Northern Senior League, finishing behind future Southern League side Slimbridge AFC who now ply their trade in the Hellenic Premier Division.

A fourth placed finish in our first season was followed by 14th, 14th, 14th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 7th and finally a 14th place finish, showing a team consistently able to hold their own in the division until it was withdrawn by the club.

We would drop down to Hellenic Alliance Division West for the 2017/18 campaign, competing against five other reserve sides and five first teams, Newent Town came out on top while we ended the season in 5th. It was also at this point that we became known as the Development side, rather than the Reserves.

2018/19 saw us disappear, and it wouldn't be until 2022 that a Bishops Cleeve second string would return, entering Hellenic Alliance Division West and finishing ninth with 27 points from 24 matches.

2023/24 saw the Development side climb up to fifth with further improvement the following season as Alex Cheal led us to the Hellenic Division Two title with 30 points from 14 games. This didn't secure promotion, however, with the drama only just beginning.

With promotion to the Gloucestershire County League not guaranteed to the winner of Hellenic Division Two West, where promotion was by application only, we were forced to enter a play-off with the winners of the Bristol Premier Combination League and the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League Division One.

We would face Winterbourne United at the Gloucestershire FA's HQ in Almondsbury, sweeping aside our Bristol counterparts and going in to game two against Tewkesbury Town needing only to win to go up. Defeat meant that Tewkesbury would face Winterbourne, eventually losing on penalties, and creating even more confusion as to who was promoted.

Then, the Gloucestershire FA's acceptance of a player was rescinded after the Winterbourne match and we were forced to replay the fixture in June at Mangotsfield United's Cossham Street. Another simple 4-1 win would finally seal our return to the County League for this current season.

It has been a solid start to life back in the County League with a midtable finish set to secure our place in the division for another season, touch wood. So here's to 2026 where he hope to push on ever further!

the first TEAM

BISHOPS CLEEVE FC MAKE THE LONG TRIP DOWN TO PORTLAND UNITED THIS WEEKEND, AS THEY LOOK TO BOUNCE BACK AFTER FOUR GAMES WITHOUT A WIN.

BY DAN BRIAN

Last Saturday's outing at home to Bideford was the latest in a string of poor results, as the Mitres lost 3-2 despite a gift of an own goal and Ross Langworthy's 99th in green and white.

Portland are only two points behind Cleeve despite there being two teams between them in the league, so another loss for Paul Collicutt's side would mean that the Blues leapfrog them on Saturday afternoon.

One thing that will give the Mitres confidence, however, is that this weekend's opponents lost 6-0 on the road to Melksham Town on Tuesday night, a team that Cleeve recently dismantled 3-0.

The three goalscorers that day were Aaron Evans-Harriott, Jamal Lawrence and Adulai Sambu, with Evans-Harriott and Lawrence surely keen to be back in the goals on Saturday.

Sambu remains sidelined with knee and groin issues, but the good news for Cleeve is that Reegan Messenger, who was shown a straight red card in the Melksham game, has completed his three game ban and should be in contention for Portland.

Fellow centre-forward Tyler D'Cruz is fit again too, which is a plus considering Langworthy's return date is yet to be confirmed following a shoulder injury sustained against Bideford.

Portland's top goalscorer so far this league campaign is Jacob Coombs with five, closely trailed by Patrick Jenkins and Remus Nixon, who both have four.
Cleeve's chart, on the other hand, is topped by Evans-Harriott, Charlie Holliday and Messenger, who have all scored five.

A win on Saturday could see the Mitres climb back into the play-off spots, which they currently sit just one place and point out of.

Kick-off is at 3pm.





IN OPPOSITION

HENBURY & ROCKLEAZE

HENBURY AND ROCKLEAZE FOOTBALL CLUB WERE FORMED ON THE 1ST OF JUNE 2024 FOLLOWING THE MERGER OF HENBURY FC AND ROCKLEAZE RANGERS FC ADULT SECTIONS. THE CLUB WILL PLAY IT'S MATCHES AND BE BASED AT ARNALL DRIVE IN HENBURY. BOTH CLUBS HAVE A RICH HISTORY WHICH WE WILL STRIVE TO BRING TOGETHER IN ADDITION TO CREATING OUR OWN.

Henbury FC

Henbury Old Boys was formed in 1962 playing in Division 4 of The Bristol Downs Association Football League. Founder members included Chairman Bill Williams, Secretary Ron Excell, Treasurer Ron Crocombe and committee members Cliff Griffin, Jack Fisk, Fred Jones and Arnold Rogers, all of whom served the club for a great number of years.

While the first team remained playing on the Downs, the second and third teams, along with their youth teams played on pitches at Arnall Drive Playing Fields. Players changed in the Scout's hut in Satchfield Crescent and walked the two hundred meters to the pitch.

The committee decided to leave The Downs League after four seasons and joined The Bristol & District League. The dressing rooms were positioned in the Blaise Castle estate across the road to Arnall Drive Playing Fields. The single-story changing rooms was an old R.A.F. concrete hut. All the work to erect this building and associated works was carried out by players and volunteers connected to the club.

The first team finished in fourth position and the following season in 1968/69 played in Division 2 of the Premier Combination until the end of season 1985-86. After several failed attempts to progress through the Football League Pyramid System to join the Gloucestershire County League, the club realised this was only possible with a new clubhouse and changing rooms alongside their pitch.

This overcame the problem of crossing the road and the new changing rooms meeting the approval of the management committee. The club was voted into the County League in 1987 and only one club Patchway Town has since played more seasons in the County League. That being one more season than ourselves.

Of the many seasons in the Gloucestershire County League, the most noticeable came in the season of 1994-1995 in which we claimed our one and only Gloucestershire County League title under the captaincy of Bob Pritchard who later became club chairman.

Henbury then endured a long 15-year drought in which there was minimal success, until the season of 2010/11 becoming the winners of the Les James league Cup. Since the title winning season in 1994/95 Henbury claimed the runners up spot on four occasions, these coming in the season of 1997/98, 2002/03, 2011/2012 and 2015-2016 (also in 1988/89).

This ambition took a backward step after a thirty-five-year spell playing in the Gloucester County League, when the club was unable to avoid relegation at the end of the 2022/23 season.

Rockleaze Rangers FC

Rockleaze Rangers Football Club was established in 1976 as a Sunday team under the name of Nat West Court FC. After a couple of seasons, the club expanded into Saturday football and joined the Bristol and Suburban League in 1979. Thereafter followed a number of years during which the club progressed through the divisions, with the highlight being GFA Minor Cup winners in 1986. The club were now known as Avonside Court, and this progression culminated in being crowned Premier 2 Division Champions in 1989.

After finishing the following season in 4th place in Prem 1, the early 90's marked a transitional period for the club, establishing closer ties with Bristol and West and, as by then the club had moved grounds to play at the Bristol and West Sports Club then on the Portway. Under the management of Geoff Bryant and latterly Paul Smith, the club attracted a core of young players. During this period the club enjoyed its most consistent performances, finishing in the top 6 in 4 consecutive seasons and narrowly missing out on the Prem 1 Championship in 1999 season, having to settle for the Runners-up spot.

Another difficult period for the Club followed, with the

club now known as B&W Avonside having to find a new home at the University Ground at Coombe Dingle, following the closure of the Bristol and West Sports Ground, and losing a number of key players to Gloucestershire and Somerset County League Clubs. This resulted in relegation back to Suburban Prem 2 in 2004, however, this was a turning point in the club's fortunes, with the appointment of Andrew Myland as 1st Team Manager, many of the clubs past players returned coupled with the recruitment of a number of new faces and the team bounced back to Prem 1 in 2005 as Prem 2 runners up.

The appointment of Carmelo Micciche as Manager saw season 2007/08 start with much optimism. This optimism was not unfounded, and the 1st team ended as GFA Senior Amateur Cup Champions, runners up in the Suburban League Premier 1 and promotion to the Gloucestershire County League.

During the summer of 2009 B&W Avonside amalgamated with a junior football club known as Rockleaze Rangers who were also based at the University Ground in Coombe Dingle to form a new Club known as Rockleaze Avonside FC. At the end of the 2009/10 season the decision was made to augment the merger fully by playing under a single banner, that being Rockleaze Rangers FC Since 2009 the senior section of the club expanded from 2 Saturday sides to 5 Saturday sides, 2 Sunday sides and two Under 18's.

At the end of 2012/13 Carmelo Micciche stepped down after 6 successful seasons in charge of the 1st team, Dave Johnson was appointed' however, things didn't work out for Johnson who was replaced by player Neil Simons in March with the team sitting second from bottom, however, the team ultimately finished ninth and reached the Les James League Cup where they lost to an exceptional Longlevens side.

The 2015/16 season saw ex Almondsbury UWE duo Rich Thomas and Lee Roberts given the responsibility of making the club a regular top 6 Gloucestershire County league side. The team achieved the clubs' initial goals by finishing 5th in the league and were once again runners up in the Les James League Cup and for the 4th time in 5 seasons won the Respect Fair Play League Award. A 6th place in 16/17 saw the club become a regular top 6 side. The Reserve team were also promoted to Prem 1 as Runners up in both the league and GFA Senior Amateur Cup. After 3 seasons in charge Rich and Lee stood down at the end of the 2017/18 season.

The 2018/19 season saw the club finally move into our new ground at the University of the West of England (UWE) to play at their Hillside Gardens facility. At the start of the 2018-19 season our successful Reserve team management duo of Peter Bradbury and Lee Douglas were appointed and despite two interrupted seasons due to the global pandemic, the duo orchestrated three top 4 finishes in their time in charge.



PEN PICTURES

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

HARRY TRETT – GOALKEEPER
Former Newport County stopper, Trett brings a commanding presence to the side, blending pin-point distribution with excellent shot-stopping. Following an injury to long standing 'keeper Jordan Dunning midway through the 2024/25, Trett stepped up and put in a number of outstanding performances to cement his place in the side.

AIDEN HALL – FULL BACK
Calm composed player, solid defender with ability to play out and then join in attacks, great delivery into the box. Popular member of the squad and all-round nice bloke.

ABDUL BANGOURA – FULL BACK
Rejoins the club following a season with Cribbs Reserves, lots of ability with pace and athleticism. Loves to get forward and affect the play with good delivery.

NICK JONES – FULL BACK
Former Cribbs winger, Nick brings pace, experience and a winning mentality to the side. Nick loves to get forwards with his mazy runs, but is equally adept defensively, making him a real asset on the left.

BLERAN THAQI – CENTRE BACK
After a breakthrough season, former Henbury U18s player Bleran continues to put in mature performances at centre back. Strong both defensively and in possession. Bleran was awarded the 2024/25 Young Player of the Season before moving to Cribbs only to return at the start of this season.

JORDAN BUCKETT (CAPTAIN) – CENTRE BACK
A natural leader on and off the pitch, Jordan has matured well into the captaincy, leading by example through consistently putting in strong performances.

GEORGE JAMES – CENTRE BACK
George alternates between centre back and centre forward, both positions he has become adept at. Despite a questionable decision to don white boots this season, George has good feet, excellent vision and passing range, making him a real asset to the side.

CAMERON TARR – CENTRE BACK
A strong, physical presence at back, Cam is excellent in the air and a handful for opposition forwards. Cam has developed a good partnership with Buckett at the back which contributed to our second half of the season revival last season.

MARCUS WILLIAMS (VICE CAPTAIN) – MIDFIELD
Club stalwart, after starting at Under 6's with Rockleaze Marcus is equally adept at fullback or midfield. A tenacious player, Marcus is a nightmare to play against, winning a lot of ball, and whose low centre of gravity makes him very hard to dispossess. Known to shoot (and occasionally score) from corners.

DREW SAWDON – MIDFIELD
Hard hitting midfielder hailing from the North, 2025-26 Player's Player of the Season, Drew enjoyed another outstanding season in the 1sts, ending up as top goal scorer (12) as well as being a dominating presence in the midfield.

SAM BAILEY – MIDFIELD
Silent assassin, bandit-Bailey is a classy midfielder who both links up play and scores goals through his late runs into the box.

MATT HARRISON – MIDFIELD
Matt is a classy player (like a fine wine) who brings both calmness and an engine to the midfield. Great positional awareness means that Matt rarely needs to sprint, which is just as well…

JACK HOSKINS – MIDFIELD
Hoskins is a versatile midfielder who stepped up from the Reserves last season, putting in a number of key performances, who has continued to impress over preseason.

TOMMY COLLINS – MIDFIELD
Last year's Managers Player of the Year, outstanding technician, Tommy rarely misplaces a pass and has now added physicality to his game to make an all-round box to box midfielder.

SEAN HEAL – MIDFIELD
Henbury legend Sean rejoined the club at the start of last season after two seasons away at Sharpness. Sean brings both experience and grit to the midfield and has impressed over preseason.

JAMES CAPON - MIDFIELD
Joins from Cribbs Reserves. Technically gifted and can play anywhere in the midfield, scored 10 goals in the County League season and will add experience and quality in the final third.

FIN NELMES – MIDFIELD
Young player impressed in pre-season in the centre of midfield, calm in possession and learning with every game and will have a role to play this season.

HENRY PAYNE – MIDFIELD
Strong technical midfield player keeps the ball well and can pick a pass. Another player who has come through the Rockleaze Rangers junior ranks from Under 6's through to the 1st team.

HARVEY MORAN – WINGER
Harvey rejoined the club from Stoke Gifford midway through the 2024/25 season. Incredibly athletic, Harvey is a nightmare for opposition defenders as he has no 'off switch' and is unlikely to give them a moment's peace.

TATE SHAW – WINGER
He might be built like p!@#, but Tate brings extreme pace to the side, and is an excellent finisher, as demonstrated by his crucial and well taken goals against Bromley Heath and Wick last season.

KAI ELLIOTT – WINGER
Kai is a tenacious and hard-working winger who steps up from the Reserves after a strong 2024/25 season and impressing over preseason.

JOE HODSON – FORWARD
Joe's fitness levels have long been a club joke and have undoubtedly held him back. But no longer. Joe has put in some serious work over preseason to get fit. If he can maintain these levels across the season, he will be an exciting proposition.

KANE MANNINGS – FORWARD
The experienced forward joins the attack this season providing some know how and a focal point for the attack. Great touch and link up play, hoping to bring the goals

KINGSLEY MILLER – FORWARD
New signing from Easton Cowboys Kinglsey joins the attack and impressed during pre-season with his work rate and goals. Never stops running and a real handful for defenders.

DANNY BURD – FORWARD
Young forward learning the game and can use his height and strength to good effect

JORDAN DUNNING – GOALKEEPER
Great keeper, brings knowledge and experience to the squad and as back up keeper will provide excellent cover when required.

MANAGEMENT

ANDY SLEDGE – Manager
"Sledgy" was appointed the new First Team Manager in the summer, having spent five seasons managing at Cribbs. His playing career saw 200+ games in the County League scoring over 100 goals across his time with Roman Glass, (winning the GCL title and Golden Boot), Cribbs and Highridge Utd. Andy brings his management team with him and is looking to build on the solid foundations to take the club forward.

ANDY CAPON – Assistant Manager
"Capes" still technically gifted and made County League appearances for Cribbs last season alongside his coaching role. A playing career which was predominantly at Cribbs also included spells at Clevedon Utd and Bishop Sutton. His tactical knowledge of the game is invaluable to the coaching set up.

PAUL WESTWOOD – Assistant Manager
"Westy" has played for several local clubs as a striker in his younger years with electric pace and keen eye for a goal or three. Played most of his time in Bristol for Cribbs FC 1st team but also had spells at Mangotsfield United, Almondsbury Town and Winterbourne. Westy was part of the management team at Cribbs and his highlight of the week is now warming up the keeper pre match.

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This week, 64 Non-League teams will fight it out for a place in the FA Cup first round.

Leicester City at home? Sheffield Wednesday away? It won't happen if you're not in Monday's draw.

In many ways, the fourth round qualifying has the feel of the first round proper these days, with so many ex-Football League club names scattered throughout Non-League's top two tiers.

And it promises to be an action-packed Saturday.

Step 4 AFC Rushden & Diamonds are, of course, the next guise of the former Football League club and they take on Morecambe this weekend after knocking out National League South Braintree.

"The club are absolutely buzzing," boss Elliot Sandy said. "It's a fan-owned club so there are so many volunteers working



tirelessly to make the club run like it runs.

"I get the easy bit. We work hard but we've just got to concentrate on the football. Without all the people behind us, it would be impossible to do what we're doing on the pitch.

"I thank all the volunteers regularly because without them we couldn't do what we're doing at the minute."

Stafford Rangers are also a Step 4 side dreaming big – they've already seen off Hereford and Halesowen to set-up a trip to struggling Gateshead.

Boss Graham Deakin said: "I am so confident in our group. Regardless of the troubles (Gateshead) have off the pitch it will be very difficult but we go there full of confidence – we have to with the start we have had.

"We can only control what we can control. If we are on it then we will give anyone a game, I really believe that. Hopefully we can cause another shock."

For some it's about avoiding a shock. Chorley boss Andy Preece will take on his boyhood club Worcester City, the place his career began and a club he managed in the FA Cup second round against Huddersfield.

"Without Worcester City I wouldn't have had the career I have," Preece said.

"I was 17 when I made my debut against Scarborough at home from



the bench. I could not breathe! The game was so fast. I probably touched the ball four times."

Leatherhead host Yeovil Town in another eye-catching tie, FC United are making the short trip to Altrincham.

Then there are the two remaining Step 5 sides. SE Dons, who beat Weymouth to reach this stage, are off to Sholing and Tadley Calleva make the short trip to Aldershot Town.

"Tadley is a small village," manager Joe Lawler said. "We continue to be underdogs. But it's all about the magic of the FA Cup and trying to dream big. We've done that this year and we've had a superb run. We'll go to Aldershot full of confidence, and we'll give it our best shot.

"We've beaten the odds in the last two years, and being in the first round draw would just be another magical thing for the club."

ADMIN'S COLUMN

ADMIN'S LATEST RAMBLINGS



I WRITE THIS COLUMN, AS I HAVE DONE WITH MANY INSTALMENTS OF ADMIN'S COLUMN, SAT ON A TRAIN.

As I gaze out across the Severn estuary on the approach to Lydney, desperate for something to occupy my mind amidst the battle of a dying phone and dispersed signal, with any thought a luxury in my sleep addled mind.

So I'm writing this in my head, transcribing it later on once I've reached my destination.

A rather loud family behind me are discussing the expected disruption to services across the South West tomorrow. "Ah" I thought. "I didn't know that."

As much as I like Cardiff, I don't want to get stranded there with a trip to Portland on the agenda. It's a new ground in an area I've never visited. I was always more of a Devon man than Dorset. That is, of course, trusting that the game goes ahead with weather warnings across my beloved Devon and its neighbour Cornwall, not Dorset as far as I'm aware but surely it's close enough to be affected by that same boisterous gust.

If I can't make it home in time to embark the coach down to Portland, then I shall come and support the Development side here. Yes, unfortunately Admin is not always at Development games...a glass shattering moment I'm sure.

I plan, one day, to visit every stop along the Cheltenham Spa to Cardiff Central route and watch football (why else?) with three already ticked off.

Gloucester I've seen a few times, I did used to live there after all (I'm in a better place now) with Newport also on the list of multiple visits. Chepstow was graced in pre-season for the visit of Bristol Manor Farm while Lydney is next on my list as it's the closest ground I haven't yet been too.

I'm not sure I'll have much luck at Severn Tunnel Junction. I'm not really sure what's there. It looks like some houses are going up around the station but I can't say I can see this place having any sort of senior footballing presence. I may stand corrected. I'll check when I get signal.

So there's Cheltenham Spa (tick), Gloucester (tick), Lydney (to be done), Chepstow (tick)...and now I need to do some thinking. Caldicot, that's on the route, Severn Tunnel as mentioned...then...oh yeah I can just look up at the screen to see where the train calls at.



Not my brightest moment.

And it gets worse...

This isn't the Transport for Wales service which stops at all the little places, it's the Cross County one which just does Gloucester and Newport (and doesn't have any plugs!) so mission accomplished, I suppose.

I guess, if I am stranded, I can at least use that Cardiff City season ticket I've managed to beep through a turnstile with just once (vs. Wrexham on a Monday night) but I'd rather be watching Cleeve.

That's a first, we've just had to slow down to a crawling pace to squeeze under a low hanging tree above the line and avoid any damage to the train. What are the odds I arrive at Cardiff Central tomorrow ready to return only to find the service cancelled due to a tree on the line. If you see any disruption to the east of Chepstow, you know why.

We're slowly getting there as I stare out across to the Prince of Wales bridge which, I discovered recently, actually has a monorail running underneath. Now that would have been a more interesting Admin's Column!

Yes, there's a monorail under that incredibly long and terrifying bridge used to transport staff and engineers/workers in a safe manner than walking up and down. There are even stations and everything down there, though there is a slight tendency to get stuck. If you're lucky, you're next to a station and can simply walk off, or you can use the back up auxiliary battery, or you'll have to abseil down to the water (or preferably a boat) a very long way below.

I've just seen a football club out the window. I wonder who it is? Not a proper ground, more of a park with dugouts and a pitch side barrier, not out of place in the County League here, but I'll have to check who that is another time as turning on the location will seep away my already dangerously low battery. "Please let me out, I promise I bought a ticket".

We're also stuck behind a freight train which isn't ideal. Running late with no real plans to get to.

I've almost finished this Column, and I've almost finished my journey. We just need this freight train to hurry up and let us speed up again. Newport is still to go and then onto Cardiff, though we're only set to be seven minutes late, not enough for delay repay. What a blessing that is by the way, the number of times I've had that in the last year is almost enough to pay for a holiday. Actually, I'm pretty sure it is enough to pay for a holiday, but rest assured I will not be going there by train. Now, if only buses could set up a similar system...I'd be absolutely minted.

Right now, chuck an image top left and move some of the text around and...hmm still need a little bit more.

A bit of a bigger image on the page to the left and ... ahh we're coming into Cardiff Central. There we go. Enjoy the game...and sorry you had to read this.


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THIS SEASON...

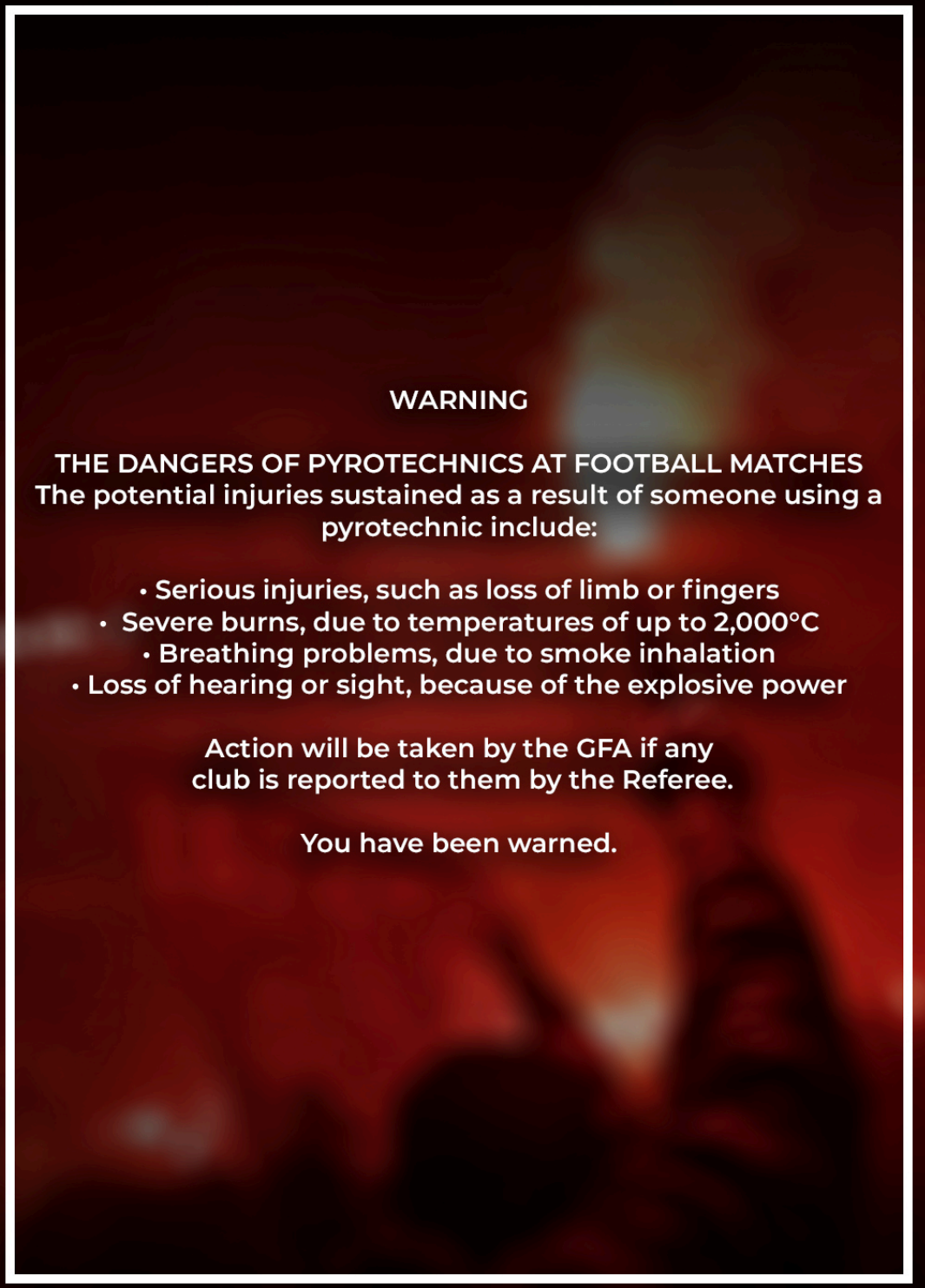
HOW THE SQUAD ARE GETTING ON

	APPS.	GOALS	YC	RC	POTM
BENJI ARELI	1	0	0	0	0
MIKE BROWN	0	0	0	0	0
CAM CHEAL	1	0	0	0	0
VLAD CHULOVSKYI	1	0	0	0	0
JOSH COAKLEY	1	0	0	0	0
GEORGE CUZNER	8	0	2	1	0
ADONNIS ESSEL-EFFUM	4	0	1	0	1
HENRY DANTER-WELCH	6	1	1	1	2
HARRY DAVIS	9	5	0	0	0
CALLUM DEBONIS	8	1	4	0	1
KIAN GARDINER	8	0	3	0	0
JOE GOODEY	1	0	0	0	0
ELLIOT GREEN	9	1	1	0	1
WILL HAWES	6	3	1	0	0
MIKE HODGINS	2	0	0	0	0
BEN HUNT	0	0	0	0	0
ROSS LANGWORTHY	2	1	0	0	0
JOSH LONG	7	0	1	0	0
BEN MAGUIRE	1	0	0	0	0
TOBY MOSS	2	0	1	0	0
MONTY NEW	8	4	1	0	2
SJ OSINUGA	4	1	1	0	0
NOAH PARKER	1	0	0	0	0
ISAAC PARRY	7	0	2	0	1
DAN PARRY	1	0	0	0	0
NATHAN PAYNE	8	1	1	0	0
UBAID SALEHBAI	5	0	0	0	0
BRUNO SLOWINSKI	1	0	0	0	0
FIN SMITH	6	1	0	0	0
SAM SMITH	9	0	0	0	0
ARCHIE TUCKER	7	0	3	0	0
BEN WILLIAMS	4	0	0	0	0

CUP GAMES	GAMES PLAYED	LEAGUE GAMES
2	10	8

WINS	DRAWS	LOSSES
6	1	3

GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST
22	19



FIXTURES & RESULTS

					TIME/RES.	COMP.
SAT	AUGUST	1ST	AFC MANGOTSFIELD ROCKS	A	2-0	LEAGUE
SAT	**AUGUST**	**8TH**	**TEWKESBURY TOWN**	**H**	**0-1**	**LEAGUE**
SAT	**AUGUST**	**15TH**	**FILTON ATHLETIC**	**H**	3-3	**LEAGUE**
SAT	AUGUST	22ND	STOKE GIFFORD SGS UNITED	A	2-1	LEAGUE
TUE	**SEPTEMBER**	**1ST**	**LONGLEVENS RESERVES**	**H**	**2-1**	**LEAGUE**
SAT	SEPTEMBER	5TH	WICK	A	2-4	LJ CUP
SAT	SEPTEMBER	12TH	RUARDEAN HILL RANGERS	A	2-3	LEAGUE
SAT	**SEPTEMBER**	**26TH**	**WICK**	**H**	**2-1**	**LEAGUE**
SAT	OCTOBER	3RD	TOTTERDOWN UNITED	A	4-3	LEAGUE
TUE	**OCTOBER**	**20TH**	**BOURTON ROVERS RES.**	**H**	**3-2**	**GFA CC**
SAT	**OCTOBER**	**24TH**	**HENBURY & ROCKLEAZE**	**H**	**15:00**	**LEAGUE**
SAT	OCTOBER	31ST	FRAMPTON UNITED	A	15:00	LEAGUE
TUE	**NOVEMBER**	**10TH**	**CHALFORD**	**H**	**19:45**	**LEAGUE**
SAT	NOVEMBER	21ST	QUEDGELEY WANDERERS	A	15:00	LEAGUE
SAT	**NOVEMBER**	**28TH**	**BROADWELL AMATEURS**	**H**	**15:00**	**LEAGUE**
SAT	DECEMBER	5TH	UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL	A	14:00	LEAGUE
TUE	**DECEMBER**	**8TH**	**AFC MANGOTSFIELD ROCKS**	**H**	**19:45**	**LEAGUE**
SAT	DECEMBER	19TH	TEWKESBURY TOWN	A	14:00	LEAGUE
SAT	DECEMBER	26TH	FILTON ATHLETIC	A	14:00	LEAGUE
SAT	**JANUARY**	**2ND**	**STOKE GIFFORD SGS UNITED**	**H**	**15:00**	**LEAGUE**
SAT	JANUARY	9TH	LONGLEVENS RESERVES	A	15:00	LEAGUE
SAT	**JANUARY**	**16TH**	**RUARDEAN HILL RANGERS**	**H**	**15:00**	**LEAGUE**
SAT	JANUARY	23RD	WICK	A	14:00	LEAGUE
SAT	**JANUARY**	**30TH**	**TOTTERDOWN UNITED**	**H**	**15:00**	**LEAGUE**
SAT	FEBRUARY	20TH	HENBURY & ROCKLEAZE	A	15:00	LEAGUE
SAT	**FEBRUARY**	**27TH**	**FRAMPTON UNITED**	**H**	**15:00**	**LEAGUE**
SAT	MARCH	6TH	CHALFORD	A	15:00	LEAGUE
TUE	**MARCH**	**17TH**	**QUEDGELEY WANDERERS**	**H**	**19:45**	**LEAGUE**
SAT	MARCH	20TH	BROADWELL AMATEURS	A	15:00	LEAGUE
SAT	**MARCH**	**27TH**	**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL**	**H**	**15:00**	**LEAGUE**

CLEEVE ARE ALWAYS FIRST IN RESULT

THE STANDINGS

	CLUB	PL.	W	D	L	GD	PTS.
1	QUEDGELEY WANDERERS	8	6	2	0	24	20
2	UNI. OF BRISTOL	7	6	0	1	10	18
3	BROADWELL AMATEURS	6	5	1	0	12	16
4	BISHOPS CLEEVE DEV	8	5	1	2	4	16
5	HENBURY & ROCKLEAZE	8	4	1	3	0	13
6	LONGLEVENS RESERVES	9	4	1	4	-2	13
7	TEWKESBURY TOWN	4	3	1	0	4	10
8	STOKE GIFFORD SGS UNITED	10	2	3	5	-4	9
9	AFC MANGOTSFIELD ROCKS	8	2	2	4	1	8
10	FILTON ATHLETIC	8	1	5	2	-1	8
11	FRAMPTON UNITED	7	1	3	3	-5	6
12	RUARDEAN HILL RANGERS	5	2	0	3	-9	6
13	WICK	10	1	3	6	-10	6
14	CHALFORD	7	0	5	2	-4	5
15	TOTTERDOWN UNITED	9	0	2	7	-20	2

ELSEWHERE...

ON SATURDAY

AFC MANGOTSFIELD ROCKS V FRAMPTON UNITED

BISHOPS CLEEVE DEV V HENBURY & ROCKLEAZE

BROADWELL AMATEURS V QUEDGELEY WANDERERS

RUARDEAN HILL RANGERS V TEWKESBURY TOWN

TOTTERDOWN UNITED V STOKE GIFFORD SGS UNITED

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL V CHALFORD

WICK V LONGLEVENS RESERVES

UP NEXT AT HOME

BISHOPS CLEEVE DEVELOPMENT V CHALFORD
10/11/26 | 19:45 | COUNTY LEAGUE | £3 ENTRY

CLEEVE TEAMS IN ACTION

MEN'S FIRST TEAM @
PORTLAND UNITED
24/10/26 | 15:00
SOUTHERN LEAGUE D1S

LADIES FIRST TEAM @
STOCKWOOD WANDERERS
27/09/26 | 14:00
DIVISIONAL CUP

MEN'S FIRST TEAM VS.
SPORTING CLUB
INKBERROW
27/10/26 | 19:45
SOUTHERN LEAGUE D1S

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SC INKBERROW
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MICKLETON RANGERS
CHELTENHAM LEAGUE PREMIER
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