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**RINGWOOD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**



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**RINGWOOD TOWN FC**

**VS**



**BLANDFORD UNITED FC**



DATE  
**TUE 24 AUG 2026**



COMPETITION  
**WESSEX LEAGUE  
DIVISION 1**



KICK-OFF  
**7:45PM**



VENUE  
**RINGWOOD COMMUNITY HUB  
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# CHAIR'S WELCOME

A very warm welcome to the Ringwood Community Hub for this evening's Wessex League Division One match against Blandford United FC.

We welcome our visitors' players, committee members, and spectators, together with match officials, referee **LEE VAUGHAN-HANDLEY**, and his assistants **JAMIE RHODES & KEVIN HORDER**.



One of the things I'm proudest of at our club is watching young players step onto the pitch with enthusiasm, confidence and a genuine love for football. Seeing them grow—both as players and as people—is one of the greatest rewards of grassroots sport. It leads to an important question: **are we developing our players properly, or are we sometimes too focused on results?**

Of course, everyone wants to win. Football is competitive by nature, and there's nothing wrong with celebrating a hard-earned victory or feeling disappointed after a defeat. Results matter. But at grassroots level, they should never be the only measure of success.

For our younger players especially, development must come first. Our pathway from youth football into senior football is proof of that. The progress we've seen across our U18s, U23s and Development squads over the past 12 months has been outstanding, and that same attention extends right through our U16s and U15s and to all our younger teams.

Development isn't always comfortable. In fact, the biggest strides are often made when mistakes happen—and players must be trusted to make those mistakes. That's where our coaches carry enormous responsibility. Their role is to teach, encourage, challenge and create an environment where players feel safe to learn. It's about building technical ability, decision-making, confidence and character.

We have that environment here. I'm proud of every coach supporting our 36 teams and the commitment they show to developing players the right way.

Results tell us what happened today. **Development tells us what might be possible tomorrow.** And for a club like ours, tomorrow matters just as much as today.

Enjoy the game  
Phil

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# MANAGER'S NOTES

Back-to-back wins against two good teams feels great, and it's brilliant to feel the confidence on the up again.

The win against Christchurch was another different type of victory, with us playing most of the second half with 10 men. The passion, desire and 'grit' that can elude us at times was evident throughout the whole squad. Regardless of Christchurch's own issues, it felt like a fantastic win and one we can be really proud of.

The weekend 'off' came at a good time for some very tired lads who have pushed exceptionally hard to enable the form we've been in. I'm absolutely delighted with them.

Holidays and injuries always sting at this time of year, with the understandable 'front-loaded' season putting pressure on most clubs. What's pleasing is that we're better equipped to deal with those challenges than we've ever been. I credit that to our medium/long term strategy and the work behind the scenes from my extended coaching team. We're now seeing the rewards of building from the 'bottom' up.

I was also delighted to see our new-look U23s get their league campaign underway with a decent point against a solid AFC Totton U23 side. We were unlucky not to win it in the end after a really good second half. We were very young, with our oldest player only 21 and our Player of the Match just 16.

It's early days all round, but recruitment and retention have been good, and there are plenty of positives to build on.

I'm looking forward to another couple of tough fixtures against Blandford and T&E, who will provide two very different types of test.

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# TODAY'S OPPOSITION

## Blandford United FC

### Club History

Blandford United Football Club is based in Blandford Forum Dorset, playing it's home games at the Recreation Ground, Park Road, Blandford.

Alongside its first team, it boasts a reserve team playing in the Dorset League and an affiliated youth section across all age groups. It is steeped in history being formed in 1882 as one of the inaugural members of the South Hants & Dorset Football Association, which became part of the Dorset FA in 1887. In 1896 the club became founder members of the Dorset League and continued to play in this league, only breaking for the two world wars.

Success has followed the club throughout, even reaching the third qualifying round of the FA Cup in the 1920–21 season after beating East Cowes Victoria 3–2 in the preliminary round. In the 1934–35 season the club won the Dorset Senior Cup for the first time, beating Weymouth 2–1 after a drawn match.

In 1957 the club left the Dorset league, to play in the Dorset Combination League (now Dorset Premier League) which had just been created, and the club went on to win the league that season. Further league wins followed in 1969-70, 1974-75, 1982-83 and 1991-92. Cup wins were also collected in the Dorset Combination Cup in 1973-74, 1975-76 & 1977-78 & 1978-79.

In recent years a resurgence has been seen by the Royals fans, who regularly turn out with 300+ strong crowds. This has given the club a platform to make the required ground improvements in order to be considered in to step 6 football. After finishes in the Dorset Premier League of 5<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, the 2025-26 season saw Blandford United FC be crowned champions of the Dorset Premier League. Promotion to the Wessex League Division One followed for the first time in their history.



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# TODAY'S OPPOSITION

## Blandford United FC

### Recent Results

| Type | Date / Time       | Home Team                                                                                        | Score | Away Team                                                                                          |
|------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DIV1 | 22/08/26<br>15:00 | Romsey Town     | 1 - 1 |  Blandford United |
| FAV  | 15/08/26<br>15:00 | Bashley         | 1 - 3 |  Blandford United |
| DIV1 | 04/08/26<br>19:45 | Amesbury Town   | 0 - 0 |  Blandford United |
| DIV1 | 01/08/26<br>15:00 | Alresford Town  | 3 - 2 |  Blandford United |

### Goal scorers

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Jimmy Fry (Att)       | 2 |
| Lucas Phillips (Mid)  | 2 |
| Bobbie Redknapp (Def) | 1 |
| Dan Kelly (Mid)       | 1 |



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| Date       | H/A | Opponents       | Comp   | Result | H | A | Scorers                       |
|------------|-----|-----------------|--------|--------|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Sat 01-Aug | H   | AFC Aldermaston | Wx Lg1 | Draw   | 2 | 2 | Bradwell, May                 |
| Tue 04-Aug | H   | Newport (IOW)   | HSC    | Won    | 3 | 0 | Correia (2), Bradwell         |
| Sat 08-Aug | A   | Whitchurch Utd  | Wx Lg1 | Lost   | 1 | 2 | Harris                        |
| Tue 04-Aug | H   | Ham Utd         | Wx Lg1 | Draw   | 1 | 1 | Vint (pen)                    |
| Sat 15-Aug | H   | Frimley Green   | Wx Lg1 | Won    | 3 | 2 | Harris (2), Bradwell          |
| Tue 18-Aug | H   | Christchurch    | HSC    | Won    | 3 | 1 | Brown (pen), Harris, Bradwell |



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# FIXTURES COMING UP

| Type | Date / Time       | Home Team       |                                                                                   | Away Team |                                                                                                    |
|------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DIV1 | 25/08/26<br>19:45 | Ringwood Town   |  | VS        |  Blandford United |
| DIV1 | 29/08/26<br>15:00 | Ringwood Town   |  | VS        |  Totton & Eling   |
| DIV1 | 05/09/26<br>15:00 | Cove            |  | VS        |  Ringwood Town    |
| HSC  | 08/09/26<br>19:45 | Ringwood Town   |  | VS        |  AFC Stoneham     |
| DIV1 | 05/09/26<br>15:00 | Cove            |  | VS        |  Ringwood Town    |
| FAV  | 12/09/26<br>15:00 | Ringwood Town   |  | VS        |  Hamworthy United |
| DIV1 | 16/09/26<br>19:45 | New Milton Town |  | VS        |  Ringwood Town    |



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# Today's Squads

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> August 2026  
KO 7.45pm

Wessex League  
Division One



## RINGWOOD TOWN FC

All red

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Felix Bruce       |  |
| Isaac Jackson     |  |
| Ben Bradwell      |  |
| Josh Ridland      |  |
| Will Orchard      |  |
| Cal Whitelaw      |  |
| Luke Pothas       |  |
| Denys Tysplakov   |  |
| Danny May         |  |
| Riley Claxton     |  |
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| Ollie Brown       |  |
| Ben Harris        |  |
| Harrison Clarke   |  |
| Zach Bennett      |  |

**MANAGER: FRAN MATHERS**

Assistant Manager: Oscar Easton

## BLANDFORD UTD FC

All blue

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Lucas Goad (GK) |  |
| Bobbie Redknapp |  |
| Charlie John    |  |
| Logan Laird     |  |
| Ryan Horwood    |  |
| Tom Oliver      |  |
| Tom Weeks       |  |
| Callum Streamer |  |
| Dan Kelly       |  |
| Finlay West     |  |
| Jake Kelly      |  |
| Lucas Phillips  |  |
| Samuel West     |  |
| Elliot Manson   |  |
| Jimmy Fry       |  |
| Taylor Webb     |  |

**MANAGER: DAN HOLLAND**

## OFFICIALS

Referee: LEE VAUGHAN - HANDLEY

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