

FLEET TOWN v BARNSTAPLE TOWN

Saturday October 13th 2018 – 3.00 P.M

BUILDBASE F.A. Trophy Preliminary Round



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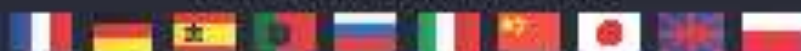
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WELCOME TO CALTHORPE PARK

Good Afternoon and a warm welcome to Calthorpe Park for this afternoon's Buildbase F.A. Trophy Preliminary Round fixture.

Especially of course to the supporters, committee and players of our visitors Barnstaple Town. Following our very narrow defeat against Mangotsfield United last weekend we were hit with the basically good news that our young Manager Sam Waters had accepted a great coaching job at Southampton's much acclaimed Academy which is a big step forward for him in his career. Whilst being delighted for Sam we realized of course that this would mean he would not be able to give as much time to Fleet Town as he does at present.

Following a meeting with our Chairman and Vice Chairman it was agreed that Sam would stand down as Manager and accept a new role as Head of Football to ensure continuity and to build on the good work he has already done. A copy of Sam's letter to fully explain is on the next page for those who have not seen it yet.

As part of the new plan we are delighted that our 1st team coach Dave Kelly has been promoted to Manager. I am sure you will join me in wishing Dave all success in his new role. On the playing side today's match is an important one for us not just because we want to go as far as we can in The Buildbase F.A. Trophy but because of the much needed prize money on offer.

Barnstaple Town our opponents today, like us have had a difficult start to the season and it will be interesting to match ourselves against another side who have a similar playing record to us. They have had a very long journey up from North Devon so let's hope this has gone well and they have a safe one home afterwards. We are of course very conscious that we need to win today as a draw would mean an equally difficult journey for us next Tuesday night. Anyway enjoy the match and hopefully you home supporters will be back for our next match here on Tuesday night against Badshot Lea in The Aldershot Senior Cup.

Come on you Blues

Martin Griffiths

CHAIRMAN: Alec Grant

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Alec Grant, Richard Whittington,

Chris Arnold, Harry Cannon, Darren

Edwards, Nathan Cookson & Sam Waters.

CLUB SECRETARY : Richard Whittington

HEAD OF FOOTBALL : Sam Waters

1ST TEAM MANAGER : Dave Kelly

1ST TEAM COACH : Chris Neate

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Fleet Town is an unincorporated association, managed by a committee, currently comprising of the following individuals:
Alec Grant, Richard Whittington, Chris Arnold, Harry Cannon, Darren Edwards, Sam Waters and Nathan Cookson.



CLUB STATEMENT

An important message from Sam Waters

'I regret to announce that I have decided not to accept The Clubs offer to instate me permanently as first team manager and as such have resigned from my position as interim first team manager with immediate effect. This is because I have been offered an opportunity to further my coaching career which I simply cannot turn down. The current league position has had no impact on my decision, as a club we have made incredible progress in such a short space of time, to be relatively competitive at this level given the circumstances & resources available to the club is a real achievement.

Despite stepping down as manager I will not be leaving the club and will instead be accepting a place on the club's committee as 'head of football' to provide continuity and ensure the progress that has been made continues. I will re-direct my efforts combined with my expertise to help re-structure the club both on & off the pitch. After the turmoil the club faced over the summer & the financial implications that followed, our priority in the short term was to simply keep the football club alive by putting a team out every week. As previously mentioned, to put together a relatively competitive squad within such a short period with probably the smallest budget the club has had for many years & most likely the smallest at step 4 & 5, combined with the quality of football has been a real achievement. Our next objective is to ensure the football club remains at step 4 and to do that we must start winning games. We are confident that as this squad continues to gel & develop, we will begin to get the results that our performances have deserved. Once we get that much-needed confidence boost, we are more than capable of putting a run together. Almost every team we have faced have been surprised by the quality of player & quality of football we have produced considering our league position. We know we are not far away now from turning that corner & we know that given the average age of our squad is 19/20, that the team & players will go from strength to strength which is why I am extremely disappointed not to be able to remain in my current capacity. To achieve this, we will be adding new players to the playing squad as well as a bit of experience to the coaching team, all of which will be revealed very shortly. I will remain heavily involved with the team, supporting the coaching staff as much as I can around my new commitments.

Finally, the long-term objective is to create a self-sufficient & financially sustainable football club. We aim to achieve this by playing a brand of football that gets spectators excited to watch, however playing good football is great but we must be winning games. The first team squad will be made up of a combination of experienced non-league players with young players who are hungry, want a platform to showcase their qualities & an opportunity to progress. Likewise, the coaching team will consist of modern, young coaches with some more experienced coaches to ensure we have that balance. We also have big plans off the pitch which will also be revealed shortly.

I would like to thank Dave, Chris & Ed who have been fantastic in supporting me in my role as manager, most of their work goes un-noticed but as a club we have full confidence in them. When you combine their level of expertise with their unbeatable work ethic, it's a winning recipe. Their work goes on and they are still as hungry as I am to continue on our pathway to success. I would finally like to thank all the players for their incredible attitudes & work ethic, all of them, including those who have left the club. They have all been a pleasure to work with & will have successful careers in football ahead of them.'

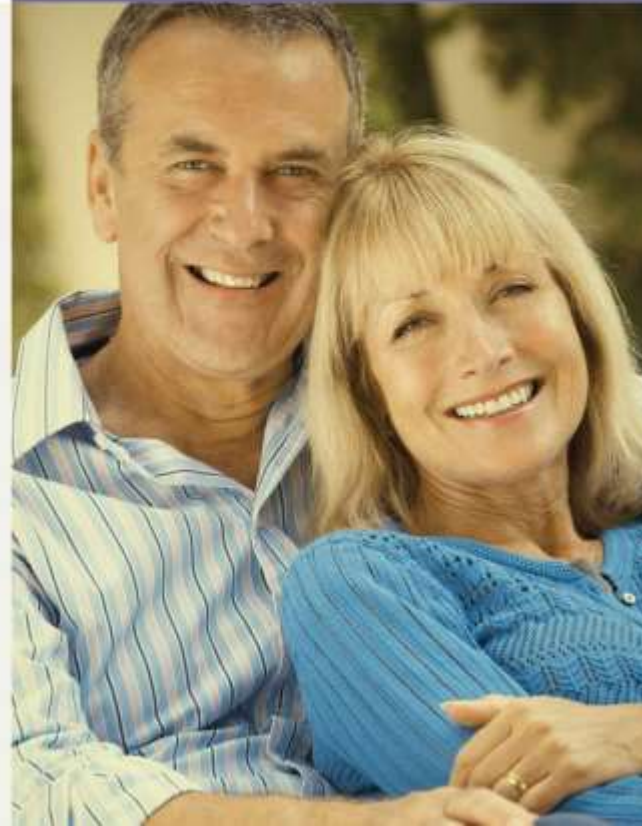
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HISTORY OF BARNSTAPLE TOWN F.C.

Founded in 1904 as Pilton Yeo Vale, the club entered the North Devon league. They were founder members along with Ilfracombe, South Molton, Pilton Social Barnstaple Y.M.C.A, Braunton and Bideford. Their first ever league Match was on 1st October 1904 when they played Ilfracombe at Pilton Park and were defeated 4-2.

The club changed its name to Barnstaple Town at the end of the season, and continued in the North Devon League, Devon & Exeter League and then the South Western League.

When the Western League was reformed after the Second World War, Barnstaple Town entered two teams, one in division 2 and a reserve side in division 3.

The early 1950's were one of the club's most successful times under the management of Arthur Coles.

In 1953, Barnstaple won the Western league First Division Championship but only after a nail biting climax to the season with everything depending on the results of matches being played on the final day of the League Season. On that day, Barnstaple Town beat Dorchester Town 6-1 and their challengers for the title, Street won 2-1 at Well City. That left the sides level on points and when the goal average was calculated Street had 2.07 and incredibly Barnstaple had 2.08. Rumour has it that most of the 3,000 crowd that watched Barnstaple beat Dorchester stayed behind at Mill Road after the match to await the Street result.

Barnstaple Town also beat Plymouth Argyle in the final of the Devon Pro' Cup at Home Park that season, but sadly Coles moved on to Weymouth and the club never had quite the same success again.

Cameron Buchanan, the former Wolves and Bournemouth player, local lads Fred Smale and Ray Smith, Bill Johnson formerly of Grimsby Town, Noel Peyton, the ex Leeds United and Eire International, John Hancock formerly with Exeter City and ex Barnsley and Doncaster Rovers player Lol Chappell all tried to revive Barnstaple's fortunes from the managers seat but with no great success.

Player Manager Charlie Sells, who had been with Exeter City, built up the club in the 1970's followed by the former Andover keeper Trevor Morris and then Brian Perks. Perks left Mill Road for Bideford during the season of 1979/80 and under the guidance of joint managers Brian Hill and Dave Baglow, Barum went on to win the Western League Championship for the second time, winning by one point from AFC Bournemouth Reserves. That title went virtually unnoticed as there was a printers strike at the time and no newspapers were printed.

Richard Gray, the former Falmouth Town player, took over the following season and brought some success to the club although they never won the title. A couple of seasons later he left after a disagreement with the club, and after a succession of managers Town lost their Premier status in 1989/90. Brian Hill was again appointed manager to put Town back in the Premier Division and after 3 seasons in the wilderness won the First Division Championship in 1993/94 in fine style scoring more goals and recording more points than ever before.

Jimmy Hargreaves, Eddie Kelly, Phil Lloyd, Mark Jenkins and John Hore have all tried the manager's seat since but all without success.

Jeff Evans was appointed manager in 2002 and along with his assistant Peter Buckingham guided the club to the final of The Devon Bowl where they were narrowly beaten by Tiverton Town. The following season Peter Buckingham took over as sole manager and Barum finished in seventh place in the league, their highest finish for many a season. During the 2008/09 season Owen Pickard took over the manager's seat for his first taste of management and was able to save the club from what looked like certain relegation at the Christmas period of the season.

Owen Pickard left at the end of the 2011-12 season and the team is now lead by Dave Griffiths and former second team manager Terry Chapple. With the club now working within their means Town are now fielding a much younger side with many of their players experiencing Western League football for the first time.

Barnstaple remained in the Premier League until the end of the 2012/13 season when they were relegated to Division One – the first time in their history that they had finished at the bottom of their division.

The gloom surrounding Mill Road was to be short lived as in the December of 2013 the club appointed the joint management team of Barry Yeo and Karl Baggaley and the rest, as they say, is history. Building a squad where, on occasions, all eleven players on the field were born in Barnstaple – surely a record that not many teams at any level of football would be able to equal, the managers turned the 2013/14 season around and finished a creditable 3rd. In their first full season in charge, 2014/15, the club returned to the Premier Division by winning the First Division title for the 3rd time in its history. Their total of 100 points, 128 goals scored and a goal difference of 101 were among 15 club records set during the year, in addition to reaching the final of the Les Phillips Cup for the second time.

2015/16 was to be equally successful. After an average start the team went on two long unbeaten runs which saw them finish as runners up in the Premier Division, missing out on back to back titles by just 3 points, but securing the coveted prize of promotion to the Southern League Division One South & West. This would see them playing at the highest level in the club's history – the biggest step the club had taken since joining the Western League in 1948. At the end of 2016/17, having secured Southern League football for a second season with a 17th place finish, the management duo stood down and as is often the case in these situations, most of the players also left for challenges elsewhere. Richard Pears left Exmouth Town and took over as manager during the summer and took Barnstaple Town into 2017/18 with virtually a completely new squad. After a run of poor results he decided to step down in the December and his assistants Kevin Darch and David Griffiths were appointed managers initially to the end of the season.

BARNSTABLE TOWN F.C. PLAYER PROFILES

AARON SCREECH

Goalkeeper age 30 Previous clubs Bideford and Witheridge. Now in second season with Town

ROBERT HOLMES

Goalkeeper age 26, Previous clubs Ilfracombe Town, Bristol Rovers and Kidderminster Harriers. Also in second season with Town.

JAKE WELCH

Defender age 21. New signing this season for the club. Previous clubs Exmouth Town and Loughborough University.

DEJAN MARIC

Defender age 26. New signing this season. Previous clubs Ilfracombe Town, Stoke Gabriel, Bovey Tracey, Hele Rovers and Ofic Igalo.

GEORGE NANCEKIVELL

Midfielder age 22. Second season with club. Previous clubs Torridgeside

TONY RADFORD

Utility player age 32. Also in second season with club. Previous clubs Elmore, Witheridge and Cullompton

NEIL LAST

Left Back age 25. New signing this season. Previous clubs Newton Abbot Spurs.

RYAN WELCH

Midfielder age 25. New signing this season. Previous clubs Ilfracombe Town.

WILL PINNICK

Midfielder age 21. New signing this season. Previous club Elmore.

STUART CAMERON

Midfielder age 25. New signing. Previous clubs Sporting Barum and Ilfracombe Town.

JAMES DART

Midfielder age 29. Another new signing this season. Previous clubs Holsworthy.

JACK LANGFORD

Striker/ Centre Midfielder age 26. New signing. Previous clubs Appledore and Witheridge

BILLY HOPCROFT

Striker age 27. Regular scorer for the club. Top score last season.

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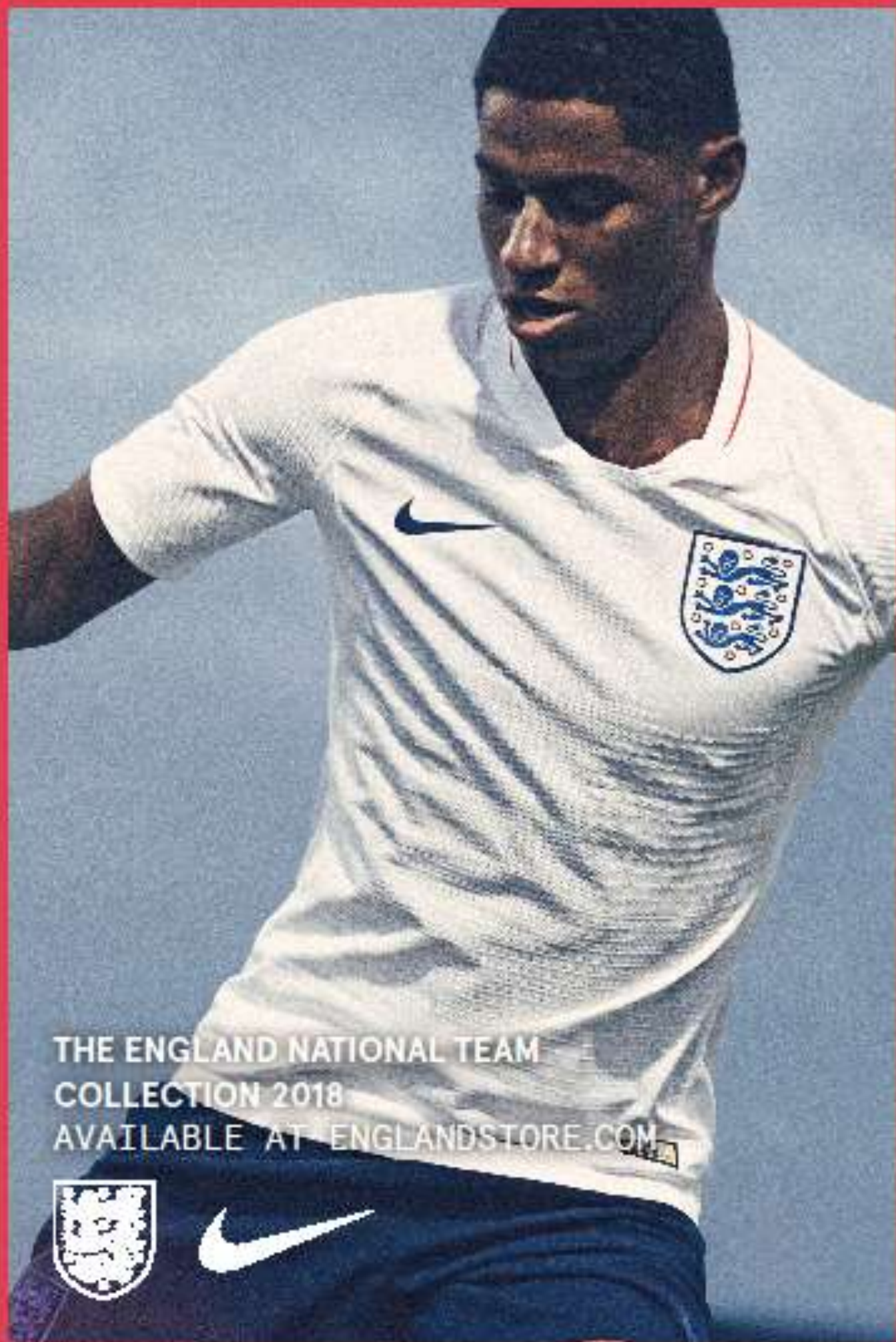


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BUILDBASE F.A. TROPHY PRELIMINARY ROUND

Saturday October 13th 2018



FLEET TOWN

MANAGER : Dave Kelly

COACH : Chris Neate

Colours ; Blue/Navy/Blue



BARNSTAPLE TOWN

JOINT MANAGERS :

Kevin Darch & Dave Griffiths

Colours : Red/Red/Red

1	Brendan Norris
2	Daniel Framp
3	Joe Wilson
4	Imran Uche
5	Stuart Derry (C)
6	Jordan Stepney
7	Danilo Cadete
8	Lamar Koroma
9	Meshach Williams
10	Connor Channon
11	Ricardo Andrady

SUBS

12	Matthew Deadfield
14	Abdul Rajab
15	Enow Ojong
16	Leyton Avenell
17	Amarni Bonsu

1	Robert Holmes
2	Steve Holland
3	Stephen Reed
4	Jamie Spence
5	James Dart
6	Oliver Gardner
7	Jack Jenkins
8	Ross Jones
9	Jack Langford
10	Jack Lethaby Rice
11	George Nancxekivell

SUBS

12	Neil Last
14	Will Pinnick
15	Alfie Moulden
16	Alex Montgomery
17	Kyle Darragh

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:

Thomas Holden of Poole, Dorset

Assistant Referees:

Charlie Bullock of Hungerford, Berks
Jake Atkinson of Reading, Berks