

Today's teams and officials

DORCHESTER

TOWN

'The Magpies'

Manager:

Mark Morris

Colours:

Black & White

From

1. Craig Bradshaw
- G/K Mark Ormerod
2. Antony Griffin
3. Michael Walker
4. Mark Jermyrn
5. Alex Browne
6. Andy Harris
7. Mark Robinson
8. Jamie Brown
9. David Laws
10. Matt Groves
11. Justin Keeler
12. Warren Byerly
14. Steve Legg
15. Danny Cann
16. Michael White
17. Carl Poore
- Mark Kenway
- Paul Wood
- Steve Llewelyn

YEOVIL

TOWN

'The Glovers'

Manager:

Gary Johnson

Colours:

Green & White

From

- Chris Weale
Steve Collis
Terry Skiverton
Colin Pluck
Adam Lockwood
Steve Reed
Michael Rose
Darren Way
Lee Johnson
Roy O'Brien
Andy Lindegaard
Paul Terry
Adrian Cacares
Gavin Williams
Kevin Gall
Simon Weatherstone
Phil Jevons

Referee: L. Probert (Bridgewater)

Assistant Referee: R. Ganfield (Weston-Super-Mare)

Assistant Referee: R. Vaughan

Fourth Official: S. Snart (Bristol)

History of The Glovers

Looking back at Yeovil Town's past is like delving into the annals of FA Cup giant-killing. When the cult football game 'Subuteo' launched their one-and-only non-league team, it was Yeovil they chose. But in the new millennium, the Somerset Club is determined to be more than just a romantic FA Cup name. Nationwide Conference success and Football League status are the words on the lips of all Yeovil people today. Past glories should not be forgotten, but with the new century it is all about glories yet to come.

Certainly the magnificent Huish Park Stadium, opened ten years ago, is a far cry from the Club's beginning back in 1895. Formed as the Yeovil Casuals, it was another twenty-five years before a merger took place with Peiters United and the 'new' Club moved to Huish. In 1922 they progressed from the Western League to the Southern League, and remained there, apart from season 1930/31 when they joined Division Two of the London Combination, until 1979, when they became one of the founder members of the Alliance Premier League.

Now known as Yeovil Town, they reached national prominence with their spectacular FA Cup Fourth Round success over Sunderland, in front of over 16,000 ecstatic fans (a Club record). At the next hurdle, over 81,000 saw them lose to Manchester United at Maine Road, the biggest FA Cup attendance of all time, away from the final itself. All in all they have advanced to the First Round of the Cup on over forty occasions.

Between 1955 and 1973 they lifted the Southern League crown three times, with the runners-up spot being reached on two occasions. In 1955 they also clinched the Southern League double. 1979 saw the birth of what is now the Football Conference, the game's 'Fifth Division' - and the Glovers were founder members. Life was not always easy in the non-league game's premier league, and in 1985 they were relegated to the Vauxhall Opel League. After two years as bridesmaids, the Championship was eventually captured in 1988, and with it the prize of a return to the Conference.

There was success in the Bob Lord Challenge Trophy in 1990 and three years later fourth spot in the Conference was clinched, there best ever. In January 1995 Graham Roberts was appointed Manager, but demotion back to the Isthmian League (ICIS) soon followed. The 1996-1997 campaign saw them amass 101 ICIS points and with it the title. The Club's 'Sleeping Giant' tag was really borne out when, in 1997 over 8000 fans packed into Huish Park for their promotion shoot out with Enfield.

Following the departure of Roberts, Colin Lippiatt was placed in charge and another famous cup victory was gained, 2-0 over Northampton Town in Round Two. Round Three saw them draw thrillingly at Cardiff, before going down 2-1 in the replay at a packed Huish Park. The next campaign was full of many plus points and some minuses. Following a victory at Hayes, the Glovers climbed to the top of the Conference tree for the first time in their history. Then, soon afterwards, at the end of September, Colin Lippiatt resigned to be replaced by experienced midfielder Steve Thompson.

'Thommo' did a magnificent job at steadying the ship and several notable results were gained in the 5-1 thrashing of Rushden and Diamonds stands out from all others.

Towards the end of the campaign it was decided at board level that a change was needed. It was felt that with a more experienced boss at the helm, plus Thompson in an Assistant Manager capacity, the Club was much more likely to achieve its number one goal of League football. So, 54-year-old East London born Dave Webb was appointed. A tough defender himself, 'Webby' shot to fame when he netted Chelseas's winner in the 1970 Cup Final replay with Leeds. Later to manage the London Club, Dave's tactical know how is second-to-none.

In his first game in charge in March the Glovers put three past Doncaster Rovers without reply. His end-of-season record of just two defeats from eleven games was indeed impressive. The side played fast attractive football, with the emphasis very much on giving youth a chance. David Webb resigned from his post as Manager on the 30th September to take over the helm at Southend United, and within ten days Colin Addison had been interviewed and accepted the position as Manager. The season progressed with notable victories in the F.A. Cup over

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