



5 Feb, 2026

Dear Mr. Tanner,

We hope you are well.

It has been brought to our attention that you recently slandered your own performance on an open forum.

Having reviewed the match footage, we concur that Mr. Robertson, in particular, got the better of you on occasion. However, that you continued to engage – and indeed use every part of your anatomy to repel a series of ferocious strikes – does you credit. This is not the first time that Mr. Robertson has caused players to question their relevance; not will it be the last.

Moreover, we applaud you for abstaining from the various, desperate tactics employed by your teammates; this includes falling over (Mr. Blathwayt), angry muttering (Mr. Jones), feigning injury (Mr. Thomson), dodging shots (Mr. O'Mahony) and cynical trips (Mr. King).

Furthermore, Bathford FC is a data-driven club. Subjective player feedback, including from our growing and eclectic fanbase, is respectfully received but completely ignored.

Indeed, your Average Weighted Win Ratio® currently stands at a healthy 0.0. While seemingly unimpressive, this places you ahead of all our founders (-7.1, -5.5, -1.8) and every member of the awards committee (-3.0, -1.4, -0.9). Rest assured that remedial action with these players is ongoing.

We therefore reject your application to move into the role of orange slicer and/or ball fetcher, and look forward to seeing you back on pitch soon.

Yours faithfully,

The BFC Statistics Office

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