



Bristol City Supporters Club & Trust

Monthly Meeting, The Supporters Bar, Ashton Gate, Bristol BS3 2EJ
Wednesday, November 3rd 2021

Colour Blindness as it affects choice of away kits - discussion paper

One in 12 men and 1 in 200 women are affected by some form of colour blindness, the most common form being Green-Red. Barnsley's choice of green on 30th October was therefore a bad one, particularly as they have a third white kit, which would have contrasted well with City's red home kit.

Each club's kits are listed here: <https://www.footballkitarchive.com/championship-2021-22-kits/>

Official FA/UEFA guidance for Clubs is downloadable from here:

https://www.colourblindawareness.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/FA_COLOUR_BLINDNESS_IN_FOOTBALL_ENG.pdf

Paragraph 3.1 on page 28 explains some of the most common issues with kits.

Page 38 provides some 'best practice' guidelines to help in choice of kits.

I asked one fan, who has been in correspondence, to make recommendations for City to wear as the away club for the rest of 2021/22. On five occasions he strongly recommends the purple kit rather than black and on one occasion our home kit is preferable:

Opponent	Home Colour	Best BCFC Option
Birmingham	Blue	Red
Coventry	Sky Blue	Black
Sheffield Utd	Red/White	Purple
Hull	Orange/Black	Purple
Luton	Orange	Black
Fulham	White	Either
Preston North End	White	Either
Blackpool	Orange	Black
Swansea	White	Either
Nottingham Forest	Red	Purple
Blackburn Rovers	Blue/White	Black
Barnsley	Red	Purple
Bournemouth	Red/Black	Purple
Stoke	Red/White	Black
Derby	White	Either
Huddersfield	Blue/White	Black

Notes

Birmingham's Blue is quite dark; therefore if it were to rain it may cause issues with our black kit. For that reason he recommends we wear our home kit, *as we did in March 2021*.

Stoke - with white shorts and socks, the black kit works better than against Sheffield Utd.

He has also covered the remaining home games - see over.

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Best Visitor Option for our remaining home games

Blackburn Rovers	Home Kit
Stoke	Away Kit
Derby	Away Kit
Huddersfield	Home Kit
QPR	Home Kit
Millwall	Away Kit
Cardiff	Home Kit
Reading	Any
Middlesbrough	Third Kit
Coventry	Home Kit
Birmingham	Any
West Brom	Third Kit
Peterborough	Third or Home
Sheffield Utd	Away Kit
Hull	Home Kit

Notes

Stoke have only two kits - their red/white home kit and a light green away kit. Both will be problematic against our red kit. Strangely here the green kit is the better of a very bad choice

Sheffield Utd have three kits - red/white, black, and green. Here there is no good option. The black away kit is the best of a terrible trio.

More guidance is available from the Colour Blind Awareness Organisation:

<https://www.colourblindawareness.org/>

NB Colour blindness is not a binary condition. There are broad categories such as "red/green" or "red only" but everyone experiences it slightly differently. Therefore the above recommendations are based upon the correspondent's experience and the UEFA/FA guidance. This hopefully produces the fewest issues for the fewest people.

Proposal

- a) We contact Bristol City and ask them to consider applying the recommendations for away kits for the rest of this season.
- b) Having taken that approach, Bristol City are then in the best position to contact the visiting teams about the best kit for them to wear at Ashton gate.