



MATCH HEADER

Fixture: Gillingham vs Chesterfield
Competition: EFL League Two, Matchday 4
Date & KO: Tue 19 Aug 2025, 7:45pm BST
Venue: MEMS Priestfield Stadium (cap ~11,000)
Referee team: Craig Hicks; ARs: Ross Murphy, Rob Smith; 4th: David Hutton

OPPOSITION PREDICTED XI

No	Name	Pos	Age	Nat	Foot	Key Fact
1	Zach Hemming	GK	25	ENG	R	3 apps, 1 CS; sweeper-keeper.
20	Vontae Daley-Campbell	RB	24	ENG	R	Overlap pace; 1 YC this season.
22	Chey Dunkley	CB	33	ENG	R	Captain; dominant aerially on set plays.
6	Kyle McFadzean	CB	38	ENG	R	Scored last game; organiser at the back.
19	Lewis Gordon	LB	24	SCO	L	Energetic LB; scored at Cheltenham.
4	Tom Naylor	DM	34	ENG	R	Header in 3–1 win; leadership in pivot.
8	Ryan Stirk	CM	24	WAL	L	Tidy passer; 3 apps; left-footed control.
24	Dilan Markanday	RW	23	ENG	L	1 G; creative inverted winger.
17	Armando Dobra	AM	24	ALB	R	1 G, 1 A last match; talisman.
11	Dylan Duffy	LW	22	IRL	L	Direct FK goal at Cheltenham; 1 A.
10	Lee Bonis	ST	26	NIR	R	New signing; leads line; 0 G (3 apps).

MANAGER SNAPSHOT

- Paul Cook (58, ENG) – 4–2–3–1; front-foot, high tempo.
- Four promotions; led Spireites back to EFL last year.
- Win rate ~43% this spell; strong man-management.
- Targeting another promotion; deep, balanced frontline.

FORM & TABLE POSITION

Last 5: Bristol R H, 3–1, W | Mansfield (Cup) H, 0–2, L | Cheltenham A, 2–0, W | Barrow H, 1–0, W | Walsall A, 1–2, L
2nd (9 pts, GD +6).
Trend: fast starts; strong set-pieces; mean defence.

TACTICAL NOTES / S + W

- In-possession: 4-2-3-1; wingers invert; full-backs overlap.
- Out-of-possession: compact mid-block; spring press triggers.
- Build-up: short through pivot; switch wide; crosses to ST.
- Transitions: Dobra drives; Markanday drifts inside to link.
- Set pieces: big targets (Dunkley/McFadzean); quality delivery.
- Weakness: late lapses; older CBs susceptible to pace behind.

KEY PLAYERS & MILESTONES

- Armando Dobra, AM – 1G/1A last match; main creator.
- Chey Dunkley, CB – captain; aerial threat; organiser.
- Dylan Duffy, LW – DFK goal; left-foot delivery; tall runner.
- Will Grigg, ST – 99 EFL goals; impact bench option.

THREAT SUMMARY

- Wing overloads and cut-backs; inverted winger shots.
- Set-piece headers and second balls around box.
- High press to force errors near defensive third.

ANECDOTES

- Paul Cook chasing a fifth career promotion; second with Spireites.
- Will Grigg sits on 99 career EFL goals – century watch.