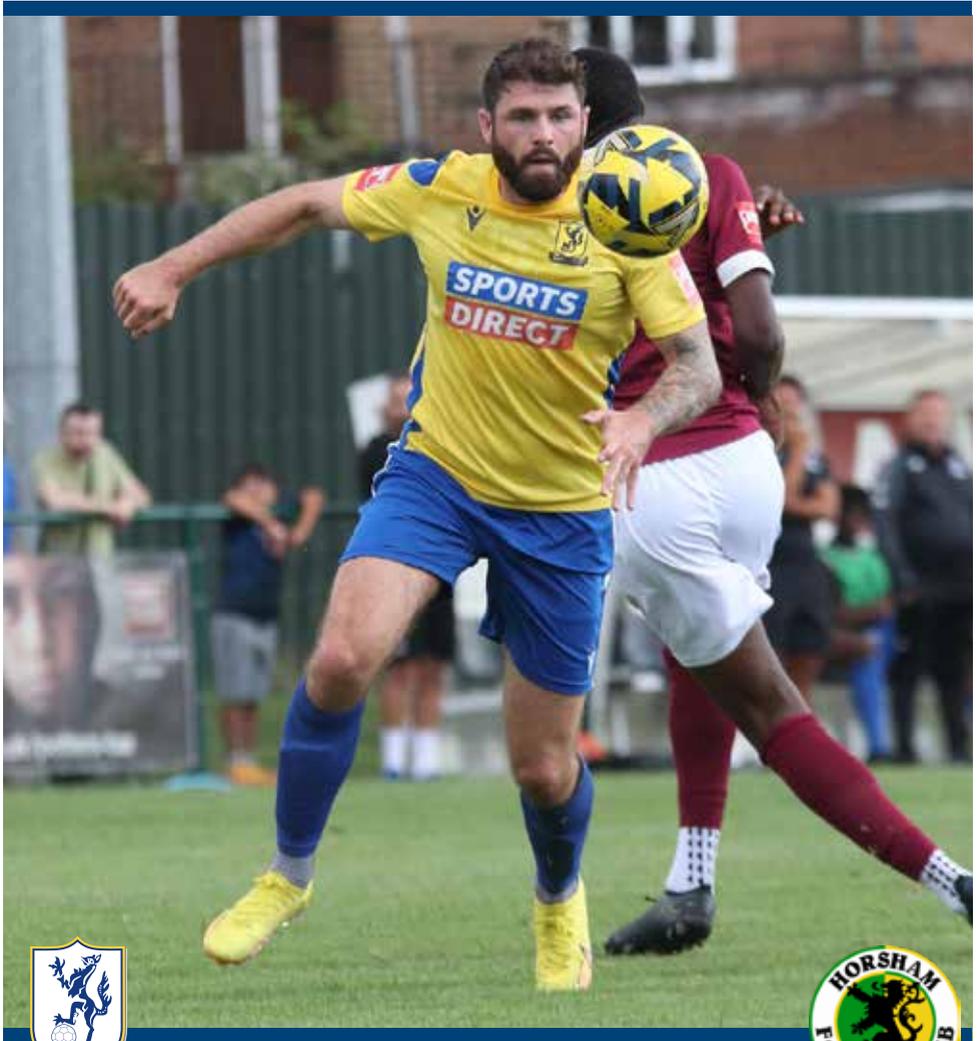




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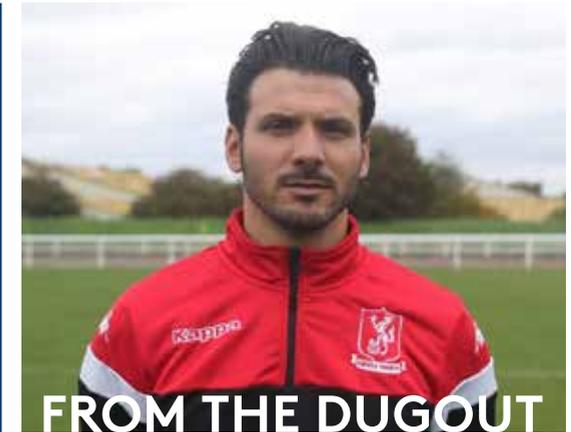
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## FROM THE DUGOUT

Hello and welcome to fans, officials,  
management and players for this  
afternoon's Isthmian League Premier match  
with Horsham. We wish our guests a safe  
trip back to West Sussex this evening.

With the summer and pre-season seemingly feeling like a life time ago we begin to get into the grind and routine of the season. It's been a difficult start with some tough games and mixed performances. We have struggled to find any rhythm - albeit there have been some good spells - but we have been lacking consistency to dominate games and pick up victories; our second half showings at Hornchurch and Potters Bar spring to mind.

These performances were based on hard work and the team competing for everything.

That brings me to last Saturday, for which we as a team would like to apologise as we fell well below the expectations, demand and performance you expect as fans, and a club and those that we set ourselves as a group.

On behalf of the players by Scott Thomas and Sam Youngs: We would like to

apologise for last Saturday. It was unacceptable from us all and nowhere near the standards we demand and expect of ourselves. Thankfully it is a long season and we are looking forward to making it another memorable one!

We have drawn a line under Saturday and the best thing about football is that there is another game to have the opportunity to put it right.

That said, today is going to be a tough game with our visitors Horsham, who have had a positive start to the season.

On the injury front, we have only one sidelined at the minute, with James Richmond still nursing a groin niggle.

Please get behind the team as you always do, and we hope the performance and results are both positive.

Enjoy the game.

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# The Cold End

**I'm sure many of you will have been paying some interest to Havant & Waterlooville's recent results after Mo Faal's move to The Hawks in the summer**

It's a huge game for our Mo's new club today as they entertain Ebbsfleet United in a top-of-the-table Vanarama South clash. The Fleet have won all seven of their league games so far and have shown no hangover from their heart-breaking and dramatic play-off final defeat at Dorking Wanderers last season. Paul Doswell's side have won six and drawn one of their seven games played. I'm sure there will be a massive crowd down in Hampshire for this one today with a sizeable contingent making the trip from Kent. Both teams have been in impressive scoring form with Ebbsfleet on an average of 3 goals per game to Havant on 2.57. I think it's one of those games which will either be a bit of stalemate ending 0-0 or be a complete goal fest and finish 3-3! Isthmian Premier champions Worthing are just below in third place having made a good start to life at Step Two with a very impressive 0-1 win at St Albans City in their last game - former Carshalton Athletic winger Lewis White netting the winner in the 86th minute. They host Tonbridge Angels today at home which is another game that should attract a decent attendance.

The FA Trophy gets underway today with Step Four clubs involved in the First Qualifying Round. The most local games to Enfield come at Hadley, Walthamstow and FC Romania. Hadley, after promotion from Step Five, make their debut in the competition with a home game against Isthmian South-East side Sevenoaks Town. The Bricks need to kick start their season as they have only played two league games so far which have been lost and also suffered a shock defeat at the hands of Essex Senior League side Stansted in the FA Cup. FC Romania host Westfield and The Stow are at home to Ashford Town (Middx). In the FA Cup (I was trying not to mention it after last week's result!) Thurlow Nunn Premier Division side Sheringham have made some headlines in East Anglia having so beaten March Town United, Fakenham Town and Lowestoft Town to equal their best run ever. Their result against The Trawlerboys avenged defeats in the 59/60, 60/61 and 61/62 competition which was the last time The Shannocks were in the competition. What a game they have in the next round: it's a battle between Suffolk and Norfolk as they travel to Southern League Premier Central side Needham Market.



Mo has two goals in four for Havant, who have made a promising start to their season

I think one of the most important games in the Isthmian Premier Division today is Wingate & Finchley hosting Brightlingsea Regent. The Blues haven't recorded a league win as yet with three defeats and two draws. Regent have won two of their five league games played. Their manager Brett Munyard brought in many players from lower down the pyramid in the summer and many people thought the Essex club may struggle but this has been proved wrong with their wins being against Billericay Town and Margate. Regent had a good FA Cup win against Step Five side Mildenhall Town last weekend with two of their scorers being former White Ensign players Connor Barnby and Zack Littlejohn, who followed their former boss from the Essex Senior League side. Wingate won their FA Cup game at home to Bowers & Pitsea with a late goal from former Dulwich Hamlet player Yanniss Ambroisine. Both sides will look at the game as winnable and want the all-important three points - we'll have a close eye on proceedings with our trip to Regent coming up in midweek. In the game you're watching here today, Horsham are currently top scorers in the league with an average of 2.8 goals scored per game - so it's probably the toughest game Andy Leese's squad have had so far this season. Come on Town!

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IN TOWN TODAY

# HORSHAM

Horsham Football Club can trace its roots back to February 17th 1871, when it played its inaugural match against Reigate, but it wasn't until the club officially reformed in 1881 that fixtures were played on a more regular basis.

In September 1882, the club helped found the Sussex County Football Association before becoming founder members of the West Sussex Senior League in 1896, winning the championship three times in a row between 1900 & 1902. The 1930s was a golden era for the club and the County League was won six times during the decade, Horsham regularly scoring over one hundred goals a season. The Sussex Senior Cup was won in 1950, and in 1947-48 the club reached the First Round of the FA Cup for the first time, taking a first-minute lead against Notts County before losing 9-1. Having had successive applications to join the Athenian League rejected, the club instead joined the Metropolitan & District League that included the 'A' and reserve sides of several professional sides and a few amateur teams, with Horsham confounding common opinion by winning the championship at the first attempt. However, over the years the league became stronger and, following a later mass exodus of players, Horsham quit the league and were forced to rebuild with a young, local team. In 1966-67 the club once again reached the First Round of the FA Cup, with the visit of Swindon Town drawing a record 7,134 crowd to their Queen Street home. The 80s saw the Hornets endure a dark spell, and they flitted between Isthmian divisions 3 and 2 towards the turn of the millennium. Former Crawley Town boss John Maggs took over as manager in January 2000, achieving

promotion all the way to the Premier Division by 2005-06. The Hornets made history in 2007-08 by reaching the Second Round of the FA Cup and taking eventual League One champions Swansea City to a replay, with both matches shown live on Sky TV. Having sold their ground for redevelopment at the end of the season, Horsham played at Worthing during 08-09, and the following season saw a return to Horsham, entering into a groundshare agreement with their old neighbours Horsham YMCA as their quest for a new ground continued, but fortunes were on the wane and an acute overhaul of the club's finances in 2011 resulted in the departure of Maggs and virtually the entire playing squad. Following relegation back to county level in 2015, current boss Dominic di Paola was appointed, steering them back to Isthmian football at the first attempt and a record-equalling 8th county title. Off the pitch the club finally got the news it longed for when, on March 21st 2017, a revised ground application was approved by the district council, and work could finally begin on a new community stadium off the Worthing Road. With the arrangement at YMCA having come to an end, Horsham moved into Lancing's Culver Road in the summer of 2017 and two years later, after battling past Haywards Heath Town and Ashford Town in the play-offs, returned to the Premier Division after an absence of seven years. In recent years, the Hornets have continued to play very decent football at step 3 at a ground they can call their own. Last year they earned an FA Cup First Round tie at Carlisle United and, having beaten Folkestone Invicta 5-0 in the semi-finals, won last season's Velocity Trophy with a 4-0 victory in the final against Margate.



# THE MEN FROM... THE HOP OAST STADIUM

## MITCH BEENEY (Goalkeeper)

1.98m 'keeper Mitch Beene spent much of his early career with Chelsea among their Under-18 and Under-21 ranks, during which time he earned call-ups to the England U19 squad. After brief loan spells at EFL sides Newport and Crawley Town, he joined Sligo Rovers (League of Ireland) before moving into the Isthmian League with Cheshunt and Bowers & Pitsea, where he spent last season.

## TOM DAY (Defender)

Tom is a former Crystal Palace and Barnet scholar who joined Horsham from Lewes in the summer of 2020. Whilst at Barnet he spent time at Staines Town and Hemel Hempstead before joining Eastbourne Borough on a permanent basis. An initial loan spell at Lewes became permanent in 2018/19, as he went on to become an ever-present in the Rooks' side, and his defensive versatility makes his one of the first names on the Hornets team sheet.

## ALEX MALINS (Defender)

A former Crawley Town youngster, Alex made his name at Lewes for whom he amassed a century of appearances, despite missing the 2018/19 season through injury. He joined Horsham in July 2021 but spent the second half of the campaign on loan at Whitehawk, where he scored twice in seventeen matches. He has also played for Bognor Regis Town, Peacehaven & Telscombe and Horsham YMCA.

## BOBBY PRICE (Defender)

Right-sided defender Bobby is a summer arrival in West Sussex, having racked up almost 300 appearances during a near ten-year stay at Carshalton Athletic that began as a 15 year-old. He won a Division One South champions medal with the Robins in 2018 and reached the play-off semi-final a year later.

## LUCA COCORACCHIO (Defender)

Luca signed for Horsham this summer on a dual-registration with Worthing. He came through the Rebels' academy and made one first team appearance, in a Velocity Trophy tie with Burgess Hill Town, before being snapped up by Brighton & Hove Albion in December 2018. He progressed from The Seagulls' U18s to their U21s, before

rejoining Worthing following his Brighton release, and playing a part in last season's title-winning campaign, which also saw them reach the Sussex Senior Cup final at the Amex Stadium.

## CHRIS SESSEGNON (Defender)

Full-back Chris started out at Sutton United and had loan spells at Tooting and Kingstonian before joining Dover Athletic in 2012. Moves to Ebbsfleet, Eastbourne Borough and Whitehawk followed before going on to make more than 70 appearances for Margate in an injury-hit five-year stay. The brother of Fulham's Steven Sessegnon, and Spurs' Ryan Sessegnon, he joined Horsham in November of last year.

## HARVEY SPARKS (Defender)

Harvey has become one of the Hornets' most consistent performers since arriving from Bognor Regis Town in September 2018. Promoted to the Isthmian Premier Division with Worthing in 2016, he is more regularly found at full-back but is equally at home in the midfield, where he played a central role in Horsham's promotion-winning campaign of 2018-19. He was voted joint Player of the Season by the Hornets' supporters during that 18-19 season.

## DOUG TUCK (Midfielder)

After a two-year scholarship at Brighton & Hove Albion, Doug established himself at Bognor Regis Town where he made more than 300 appearances during a nine-year stay. A composed midfielder, he reached the FA Trophy semi-finals with the Rocks in 2016 and was a member of the side that won promotion to the National League South in 2017/18. He swapped green and white for green and gold in the summer of 2020.

## TOM KAVANAGH (Midfielder)

Tom is an experienced midfielder who played Conference South football at Sutton United, having come up through the youth system at Gander Green Lane. He had a brief stay at Dulwich Hamlet in 2014, either side of two spells at Kingstonian, before going on to spend four seasons at Merstham with whom he reached the Isthmian Premier Division play-off final in 2019. He rejoined the Ks ahead of the 2019-20 campaign, making the switch to Horsham last summer

## TOM RICHARDS (Midfielder)

A versatile left-sided player, Tom had three years in the Fulham youth set-up during which he made his professional debut on loan to League Two AFC Wimbledon in 2014. Experience with Aldershot, FC Kitzbühel [Austria] and Welling United, among others, followed, and he was part of the Dorking Wanderers side that won the Isthmian League in 2019, helping them to the National League South play-offs before joining Kingstonian for the 2020-21 campaign. He made the switch to Horsham in May 2021.

## LUCAS RODRIGUES (Midfielder)

Brazilian-born winger Lucas came up through the youth ranks at Whitehawk, making his debut as a 16-year-old before going on to make over 150 appearances for the Brighton-based club, and winning the Isthmian League Step 4 Player of the Season award for 2019/20. He joined Horsham in the summer of 2021, finishing his debut season with the Hornets with a Velocity Trophy winners' medal and a tally of six goals in 43 games. He has scored three times so far this campaign.

## LEE HARDING (Midfielder)

Attacking midfielder Lee came through at Burgess Hill Town to win both Isthmian Youth League and Isthmian League Division One South winners' medals in 2015. Despite being a near ever-present in the Hillians' side in 2017/18, he was allowed to join the Hornets the following season where he gained more silverware when helping the club to their Isthmian play-off final victory over Ashford United, and last year - scoring in their Velocity Trophy final win over Margate.

## MO JUWARA (Forward)

Mo started out in the Chelsea Academy before dropping in to non-league, first with Haywards Heath Town and then Lancing - where he spent two Covid-interrupted seasons - culminating in the Lancers' promotion to the Isthmian League on points-per-game. Capable of playing anywhere down the left, he appeared briefly for Three Bridges and Farnborough at the start of the last campaign before he joined Horsham this summer.

## EDDIE DSANE (Forward)

Eddie was on the books of Crystal Palace, Preston North End and Fleetwood Town as a youngster and also spent time in the League of Ireland with Longford Town and Finn Harps. He dropped into non-league football with Whyteleafe, going on to represent Maldon & Tiptree, Leatherhead and Kingstonian before joining Horsham in September 2020.

## SHAMIR FENELON (Forward)

Shamir joined the Hornets in the summer of 2021 and brings a wealth of experience to the side, having played for 12 different clubs including Brighton & Hove Albion, Tranmere Rovers, and Crawley Town in the Football League. He has been capped twice at U21 level for the Republic of Ireland.

## DANIEL AJAKIYE (Forward): Nippy forward

Daniel signed for Horsham over the summer, having last turned out for Kingstonian. He started out at West Ham's academy, scoring 24 times to earn a senior deal with Bromley at age 18. Spells with Grays and Whyteleafe followed, and his exploits during a 34-goal stint for Hastings United caught the eye of Havant & Waterlooville, who secured his services before a move to Ks last season. He has scored in Horsham's last two games, and netted for Kingstonian when Town travelled to Tolworth last season.

## JACK MAZZONE (Forward)

A proven goalscorer who has spearheaded the Met Police attack for the past four seasons, top-scoring in each, Jack is Horsham's - and the division's - leading goalscorer this season with six goals. Having started out in the Woking FC Academy, he first tasted senior football during loan spells with Chertsey and Hendon in 2011-12 before joining Godalming Town, Knaphill, and Tooting & Mitcham. An impressive return of 32 goals for South Park in 2017-18 earned him a move to Imber Court before making the switch to Hop Oast this summer.

## IN CHARGE:

### DOMINIC DI PAOLA

Former Worthing United, East Preston and Hastings boss Dom Di Paola joined Horsham in April 2015, having enjoyed success at County League level. He took the reins when the club found itself bottom of the Ryman League South, and has since guided the Hornets back to step 3 for the first time since 2012. During this time, the club have moved into their own home - The Camping World Community Stadium - and have been a consistent force at Isthmian Premier level, with the Hornets victorious in season's Velocity Trophy, and challenging for a play-off spot when the 19-20 campaign was curtailed.



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A look back at our previous encounters

### ENFIELD TOWN 1-4 HORSHAM

17th August 2019

The Hornets came to North London in August 2019 as a freshly-promoted team to the Isthmian Premier Division. Town had made a good start to the league campaign with a draw at Lewes and a thumping win over Bishop's Stortford, but defensive frailties crept in as we were stunned 1-4. In a scrappy first half, Town threatened through Sam Youngs, and a Billy Bricknell overhead kick, but the visitors hit the front as Chris Smith and Lea Dawson combined well before Smith struck the opener on the rebound. Town responded well after the break, with Ken Charles nodding in Jon Muleba's cross for a fourth goal in three, but Charlie Harris' powerful strike and another poacher's goal from Smith put the game beyond the hosts before Zack Newton sealed Horsham's first win of the season - their first away success in the Isthmian Premier for almost eight years. 333 were there.

### HORSHAM 5-2 ENFIELD TOWN

6th October 2020

The wheels came off again for the Towners when the sides met for the first time at Hop Oast on a chilly evening in October 2020. Again it was Chris Smith who opened the scoring, collecting Thomas Day's through ball and finishing high into the net. Will Miles' header off a corner was somehow hacked off the goal line, yet - somewhat against the run of play - it was Town who fought back to lead 2-1 at half-time: Sam Youngs nudged Jon Muleba's cross in at the near post before Billy Bricknell ghosted in to head home from Lyle Della-Verde's free kick. However, Town collapsed after the restart. A well-worked move down the left set up Harvey Sparks to make it 2-2 before Charlie Harris' two long-range efforts either side of a near-post finish completed a second-half hat-trick to make it 5-2, sending most of the 462 in attendance home happy.

### HORSHAM 3-4 ENFIELD TOWN

11th January 2022

It was another seven-goal thriller away at Horsham at the turn of the year, as Town cemented their status as last season's great entertainers: this was the third league match out of the last four where we'd scored four times. On a drizzly evening in West Sussex, Nathan McDonald spared his, and Town's blushes early on with a



Town's players mobbed after Jake Cass [somewhere among the crowd!] netted the winner at Horsham back in January

third-minute penalty save to deny Eddie Dsane, who had gone down in the penalty area. Sam Youngs, who'd already been denied by a stunning reflex save by Sam Howes, opened the scoring from close range - but within 60 seconds, the lead was wiped out when Lee Harding took advantage of a defensive ricochet, and moments later Shamir Felon raced through the middle to fire the hosts into the lead. Back came Enfield through Lyle Della-Verde before the goal of the game as Mo Faal marauded goalwards and unleashed a stunning strike into the top-right corner. After the restart, Felon fired into the side netting, but Horsham did get an equaliser when Dsane tapped in from point-blank range, only for Faal to tee up debutant Jake Cass to grab what proved to be the winner on 78 minutes.

### ENFIELD TOWN 1-0 HORSHAM

2nd April 2022

When the sides last met here back in April, Town made it six wins on the bounce to continue their push towards the playoffs. This match rather bucked the trend of recent encounters against the Hornets, with the changing weather and difficult pitch rendering control very difficult. In a well-contested opening half, Eddie Dsane's glancing header flew narrowly over the crossbar, while Manny Maja's long-ranger and Sam Youngs' free-kick were the closest the Towners came to breaking the stalemate in the first half. Town would ultimately find the winner on 68 minutes, as Jeremiah Gyebi marked his 50th appearance for the club by rising highest to power home a header from Lyle Della-Verde's corner.



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# Trouble at the top

**Every manager has his or her sell-by date but the brutal swiftness with which Scott Parker was sacked as Bournemouth manager late last month was disbelieving in the extreme, writes Andrew Warshaw...**

Parker was dismissed after just FOUR games of the new season. Okay, Bournemouth had just been thumped 9-0 by Liverpool. And okay, without Parker they took four points from their subsequent two games. But so much for getting promoted!

In fact, it has got to the stage when going up to the Premier League has become a poisoned chalice for managers. It's almost as if staying in the relative comfort of the Championship is a better bet in terms of pressure though not, obviously, from a financial standpoint.

There are exceptions of course such as Brentford's Thomas Frank who has bucked the trend of struggling for survival and is doing a fantastic job on relatively limited resources compared to the big boys. Clearly both Frank and Brentford are a perfect match but has Premier League football really reached the point when managers can be fired at the first sign of failure? Why not give them a mandatory period of time, say 10 games, before owners can legally wield the axe.

You have to feel sorry for Parker who was clearly blamed for Bournemouth's start by club owner Maxim Demin. It wasn't only about results, or performances. Or whether Parker had lost the dressing room. It was mainly for speaking out honestly about not being backed sufficiently in the transfer market. How many times have we seen owners and chairmen - those who pull the purse strings - refuse to take any of blame and the manager becoming the scapegoat. Rarely has this been more starkly illustrated than in the case of Parker.

Not only that. Bournemouth were not even bottom of the league when Parker was fired, plus they had played three of the top teams in the country in Manchester City, Liverpool and Arsenal. Explaining the decision, Demin delivered a lecture on how people must "show belief in and respect for one another", implying Parker had been too defeatist. The real truth is he couldn't handle the truth. Nottingham Forest have sunk over £150m into remaining a Premier League club, and Fulham have spent around £50m, but Bournemouth's outlay was half that, plus three free transfers. Parker couldn't lie when he went on tv to explain the Liverpool debacle. Wouldn't lie. Then got sacked



for his troubles. What a sorry state of affairs.

You wonder too whether, by the time you read this, Leicester City' Brendan Rodgers might have gone the same way, again for being honest. Whilst Premier League clubs forked out a record £1.9 billion in the transfer window - smashing the previous record of £1.4 billion in 2017 and dwarfing the rest of Europe - not all clubs splashed the cash. Some actually reined in their spending, not least Leicester who soon found themselves bottom of the league after five games after letting a string of their biggest stars leave including goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel and key defender Wesley Kofana.

"I understand the fans' frustration. They see all their rivals getting players in and we're not getting any," conceded Rodgers. "With the greatest respect, we have not had the help in the market this team needed."

I'll leave you with a couple more eye-watering statistics which illustrate the gap between top-flight football and the rest of the game. The Premier League clubs spent more than Spain's La Liga, Italy's Serie A and the German Bundesliga put together while Chelsea forked out more in a single window than any other club in Premier League history. Roman Abramovich might have departed but under their new owners buying success still seems to be the maxim at a club that dispensed with, wait for it, more than £250 million [which still didn't equal job security for Thomas Tuchel...]. Nice work if you can get it!

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# 200 up for Sam

**We caught up with popular midfielder Sam after reaching 200 appearances for the club**

**Sam, congratulations on 200 appearances on the Town – you must be delighted to bring up a milestone like that?**

Yes of course, it is a privilege to have played so many games for such a good club. Hopefully there are many more to come.

**Did you know before last Saturday's game that you'd hit the two hundred mark?**

I knew it was coming up as Neil text me in the week saying I was one or two games off of the milestone. I think I am just a touch shy of how many games he has been involved in though!

**Do you have any favourite memories or matches during that time?**

The play-off run last year was great, obviously it is a shame how it ended but the way everyone came together especially in the last few months of the season was amazing. I've been lucky enough to be around some good changing rooms but the connection we had last year with each other, the staff and the fans was really special. Hopefully we can get back to that this season.

**Best player(s) during that time?**

There has been a lot of good players during my time here, obviously a few have gone on in to full time football and it is hard to not say Mo after the amount of goals he has scored but for me it has to be the skipper Scotty Thomas. Maybe this is from a selfish point of view as his positioning and understanding of the game makes my life so much easier playing in midfield with him!

**How well do you remember joining the club, and how it came about?**

It's been a few years now but I remember I had come off the back of a good season with Chesham where I had scored a few goals and had some decent offers. The gaffer had just joined here and persuaded me to come. I came because of him to be honest - I had a lot going on with work at the time and I knew he trusted me and I wanted to keep enjoying my football. I guess I was lucky in a way as I had no idea that I was joining such a good club.

**You've skipped the side of late, and are one of the more experienced heads in the dressing room – how have you taken to being a leadership figure within the team?**

Obviously I enjoy being skipper when Scotty's not available and as you say I think it comes more naturally with experience; I must have played close to 500 games now so I'd like to think I understand the game a bit. The key aspect of being a leader is earning the respect of your team mates and the only way to do that is to be an exceptional player or in mine and many at this levels case go and work your nuts off every time you step on the pitch and set the example there.

**You made 48 appearances last term, winning man of the match eight times and scooping Fans' Player and Players' Player of the Season – how do you reflect on that, it must be satisfying to look back on last season individually?**

Funnily enough it was comfortably the worst start to a season I have ever had; I picked up a knock at the end of pre-season and missed the first few games, then Scotty had a knock and I ended up playing a lot of games deeper than I normally would. I don't think I scored my first goal until November, but yeah after my 'winter break' to Barbados I came back flying to be fair and managed to maintain my levels to the end of the season. Of course, it is a great feeling to win those awards but I would have traded them all for promotion, except maybe goal of the season as I liked that one!

**It's only a few weeks in, but what have you made of our start to the season?**

It's safe to say it's been a slow start to the season. It was never going to be easy coming off the highs and ultimate low at the end of last season and also losing a few key players. Saying that the levels and expectations have been set, we have made some very good signings so I fully expect us to start picking up results and moving in the right direction very soon.

**Finally, do you have a message to the fans?**

It is hard to put into a few lines how great the fans have been since I came here. I've been lucky to have played in some big games but the atmosphere they created for that play-off game was crazy, it was so much fun to play in. Just stick with us and we will bring back some good times again this season, Up the Town!





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# Going with the stream

SO, finally, the ongoing debate into live streaming for National League matches seems to getting closer to a happy resolution. But it took the intervention of a Hollywood A-lister and a very public, high-profile social media post to get the ball rolling...

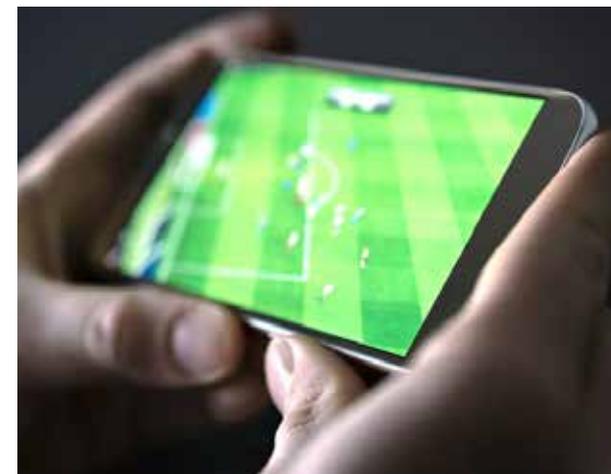
In last week's NLP, we revealed that live streaming of fifth-tier games looks set to be introduced with the National League board due to consider a proposal on September 15.

The news came directly after Wrexham joint-owner Ryan Reynolds tweeted to his 20 million twitter following about the club's frustration that they can't stream games "domestically or internationally". Interest in the title favourites is, it seems, almost global following the recent release of documentary 'Welcome to Wrexham' on Disney Plus.

"After months of maximum effort, the decision (through inaction of the National League) to not allow domestic/international streaming of matches of Wrexham and the other clubs in the league is truly baffling," Reynolds wrote. "Depriving every team in our league the chance to expand the fanbase while adding to league revenue benefits everyone. This is a spotlight and a chance and we ask the National League to take it. And we urge Vanarama and BT Sport to help them find the wisdom to do so."

He then went on to tag all 24 Step 1 teams, while a letter to each of Wrexham's rivals was drafted explaining how they want to start streaming with immediate effect before a standardised platform is introduced. Suddenly, on Wednesday, within just hours of Reynolds' tweet, the National League released a statement detailing their position. They insisted that discussions have already been taking place to allow clubs to stream games on a standard platform, much like the EFL have with iFollow. As it stands, BT Sport hold the contractual rights to National League games as part of their long-running live broadcast deal. But agreement to this new proposal would allow clubs (Step 2 yet to be confirmed) to show games outside of the Saturday blackout between 2.45pm and 5.15pm as laid out in UEFA Article 48 and not up against live BT Sport games.

The embargo on highlights packages is also being discussed. As it stands, clubs are not allowed to show footage from Saturday games until midnight on Sunday. The National League general manager Mark Ives told us exclusively: "The National League



are completely committed to working with our partners to deliver a unified streaming platform that benefits all of our clubs in the National League."

"We are currently working up proposals that will be presented to the board for consideration. This is not a new discussion. It has been worked up in close consultation with BT Sport over the last few months. Whilst commercially we can't give details at this time until they are confirmed, it is an exciting time that would be of great benefit to the league and its member clubs collectively."

Naturally, I welcome the National League's stance as Reynolds shares a widely general view that streaming live matches benefits everyone - both club and its supporters - especially in these desperately hard times. But I couldn't help but smile at the National League's sudden apparent surge of activity and speed of response after one of the richest and most powerful public figures on the planet had reached out to his 20 million-plus social media following.

Call me a cynic, but would they have they reacted so swiftly had the owner or chairman of any other club made the same request?



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## SAM'S DOUBLE-UP

Congratulations to our midfield maestro Sam Youngs on notching up his 200th game for the club at last weekend's match at Canvey Island. Sam joined us from Chesham United, making his Town debut against Cheshunt on 25th July 2017. Since then, he has racked up a double century of appearances for us. Sam's honours from last season were:

- Jets Player of the Year
- Supporters' Player of the Year
- Players' Player of the Year
- Goal of the Season

Says it all - and one of the nicest guys you could hope to meet.

Play it again Sam!

Les Gold

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6th September 2003  
Essex Senior League  
Hullbridge Sports 2-3 Enfield Town

Town's previous encounters with Hullbridge Sports at Lower Road had been eventful, and this one didn't buck the trend as both sides flew out of the traps. Inside the very first minute, Enfield went ahead as Brad Quinn ghosted in to nod Stuart Snowden's long free kick over goalkeeper Matt Faulkner and into the far corner of the net. Hullbridge responded well, looking menacing on the break, and they were rewarded on four minutes as Town's Steve Baldwin conceded a penalty with the defence found wanting. Andrew Jillins dispatched the spot kick to level the scores. Town lacked a little composure on the ball for a spell, while a stranded Andy Hall was mightily relieved to watch a hopeful Hullbridge cross meet the angle of post and crossbar. The hosts did then take the lead on 7 minutes; Ben Saveall tapping home after Jillins had outpaced the visitors' defence and squared from the edge of the box. However, Town's response was equally impressive. Just a minute later and debutant Ian Cooper weaved his way into the area to fire home a superb solo goal for the equaliser. Not to be outdone, Town's other marksman Peter Ulatowski latched onto Bradley Brotherton's header and hit a fine goal from the edge of the penalty area to put the visitors ahead on 37 minutes. That proved to be the winner, as Town saw out a comparably quieter second half to seal the points.

Town: A Hall, Riley, Baldwin (Everitt), Snowden, Gant (Nash), Brotherton, Negus, Quinn, Ulatowski (Smith), Geraghty, Cooper.



10th September 2011  
Isthmian Division One North  
Enfield Town 2-2 Needham Market

210 watched on as Enfield recovered from a two-goal deficit to draw level at Theobald's Lane. Town rather sat back in the early stages, allowing Marketman Scott Chaplin to fire in a shot which was deflected just behind. The home side eventually regrouped and grew into the game, with Mark Kirby's headed effort testing goalie Andrew Plummer, and Stuart Blackburne going close after being put through - only to see his chipped shot narrowly clear the crossbar. Almost immediately afterwards, Needham Market struck first as Chaplin received the ball in space, and sent a lofted effort over a motionless Rob Blackburne and in from 20 yards. Town were somewhat fortunate not to go into half time two down; Sam Newson's shot striking the post. Newson would get his goal after the break, turning away from Mark Kirby and steering the ball under the Town keeper. Jey Siva's introduction jolted Town into life, and they pulled one back as Stuart Blackburne's knock-down was powered home by Walid Matata. Blackburne was withdrawn for Liam Hope, who quickly sent a shot just wide, before each side jittered; Town goalie Blackburne penalised for picking up an apparent back pass, while Siva teed up Jon Moore who grazed the post. Hope would ultimately be the man to earn the hosts a share of the points with 15 to play, as he picked up possession on the edge of the area and placed the ball into the bottom corner.

Town: R Blackburne, Forward, Kane (Siva), Kendall, Kirby, Pennant, Wallace, Moore, Stevens (Ailey), Matata, S Blackburne (Hope)



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## Mike North – Enfield football hero

My brother, Mike passed away on 27th August aged 77 after a long illness. He had been in hospital for most of the last 4/5 months with cancer of the oesophagus but was at home when he died.

Some of you will remember him as a regular at the QEII stadium but his Enfield football journey starts way back before that. Enfield football has been ingrained in the North family for as long as I can remember. Our Dad, in carrying on the tradition of his own Dad and Uncle Charlie from the late 1920s, took us to E's matches as boys. Mike could never quite remember exactly when he started regularly attending, he anecdotally told of being taking to his first game in his pushchair with his Grandad, which would have likely been in 1948/9.

This was the era of the old Athenian League and the three Ronnies in the Enfield ranks: Mitchell, Spendlove and Phipps. Dave Potter was another player particularly remembered. We lived at Forty Hill, and we would cycle to matches – over the New River bridge in Carterhatch Lane and then up Donkey Lane and across the playing fields to the Stadium. There were no turnstiles in those days, and we could wheel our bikes through and left them at the back of the grassy bank on the far side of the ground. We always watched from that side, on the halfway line, a position that Mike stayed with for the rest of his life. Some of you may recall in recent years seeing him struggle round on his walking sticks to the far side at the QEII to get there; appropriately, the North side of the ground.

That first visit all those years ago led to his lifelong love for the E's who he followed through the Tommy Lawrence and Isthmian years into the new semi-professional era with the abolition of amateurism in the 1970s. He saw the E's reach their pinnacle of winning the Gola (now National) League just missing out on election to what is now League 2, the winning of the FA trophy, plus numerous FA cup expeditions including the trip to Barnsley. He then sadly saw the decline of the club facilitated by financial irregularities and was ready to join to the Towners on the collapse of the old club and founding of the new.

Mike would attend as many games as he was able each season, home and away, travelling numerous miles alongside his good friend

John Henderson and myself. As mentioned, supporting football in Enfield is a family tradition. Our dear sister Lesley, who died in 2015, was always kept up to date with the latest performances whilst she lived away from North London.



Mike also introduced his children Alison and Trevor to the E's in the 1980s, taking them to many games including Wembley in 1988, and they have followed his lead in supporting Town. Alison sponsored one of the seats in the North Stand during the move to the QES and Trevor is an ETFC member. They both come to games whenever they can.

But Enfield football, whilst a passion for Mike, was only a part of his life. He had many other interests including music in a variety of genres and bird watching. His own family was of the uttermost importance. He considered himself the luckiest man in the world when he married Carole 51 years ago, and they have enjoyed a strong unshakable marriage. No matter whatever he had on his plate he always found time for others and put them first. He was always warm and cheerful, friendly and good humoured even through his various health problems in his later years. Everyone loved him and everyone who met him and considered him a friend will mourn his loss.

Love you, my dear Bruv. Rest in peace.

Stuart North



# ENFIELD TOWN FC

## PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2022-23 FIXTURES

DATE	OPPOSITION	SCORE	POS	ATT	STARTING XI	SUBS
<b>AUGUST 2022</b>						
Saturday 13	<b>FOLKESTONE INVICTA</b>	D1-1	8	421	McDonald, McLean, Kirwan, Bray, Thomas, Richmond, Taaffe**, Youngs, Cass*, Wylie, Della-Verde***	Cunnington*, Riley-Snow**, Sayoud***, Soulja-Osekanongo, Spencer
Tuesday 16	Hornchurch	L2-3	17	492	McDonald, McLean, Kirwan**, Bray, Thomas*, Richmond, Taaffe***, Youngs, Cass, Wylie, Riley-Snow	<b>Della-Verde*</b> , Sayoud**, Spencer***, Soulja-Osekanongo, Cunnington
Sunday 21	Kingstonian	D0-0	20	275	McDonald, McLean, Kirwan**, Bray, Riley-Snow**, Richmond, Youngs, Cass, Cunnington***, Wylie*, Della-Verde	Sayoud* Soulja-Osekanongo**, Taaffe***, Dayton, Spencer
Saturday 27	<b>BOWERS &amp; PITSEA</b>	W2-0	11	381	McDonald, McLean, Kirwan, Bray, Richmond, Sayoud*, Shulton, Youngs, Dayton**, <b>Della-Verde*** Cass</b>	Cunnington* Spencer**, Taaffe***, Wilson-Braithwaite, Riley-Snow
Monday 29	Potters Bar Town	L1-2	14	531	McDonald, McLean, Wilson-Braithwaite, Bray, Taaffe, Youngs, Shulton, Sayoud*; <b>Della-Verde** Cass, Cunnington</b>	Coker* Wylie**, Taaffe***, Spencer, Riley-Snow, Dayton
<b>SEPTEMBER 2022</b>						
Saturday 3	Canvey Island (FAC)	L1-5	-	346	McDonald, McLean, Wilson-Braithwaite, Bray, Shulton, Youngs, Taaffe*, Sayoud, Youngs, Della-Verde**, <b>Cass, Wylie***</b>	Spencer* Dayton**, Cunnington***, Thomas, Connolly, Marfo, Coker
Saturday 10	<b>HORSHAM</b>	3.00pm				
Tuesday 13	Brightlingsea Regent	7.45pm				
Tuesday 20	<b>CANVEY ISLAND</b>	7.45pm				
Saturday 24	Margate	3.00pm				
<b>OCTOBER 2022</b>						
Saturday 1	Corinthian-Casuals	3.00pm				
Saturday 15	<b>LEWES</b>	3.00pm				
Saturday 22	Cray Wanderers	3.00pm				
Saturday 29	<b>HERNE BAY</b>	3.00pm				
<b>NOVEMBER 2022</b>						
Saturday 5	<b>HASTINGS UNITED</b>	3.00pm				
Saturday 12	Carshalton Athletic	3.00pm				
Saturday 19	<b>BILLERICAY TOWN</b>	3.00pm				
Saturday 26	Wingate & Finchley	3.00pm				
<b>DECEMBER 2022</b>						
Saturday 3	<b>BISHOP'S STORTFORD</b>	3.00pm				
Friday 9	Aveley	7.45pm				
Tuesday 13	<b>HORNCHURCH</b>	7.45pm				
Saturday 17	Folkestone Invicta	3.00pm				
Monday 26	<b>POTTERS BAR TOWN</b>	3.00pm				
<b>JANUARY 2023</b>						
Monday 2	Haringey Borough	3.00pm				
Saturday 7	<b>KINGSTONIAN</b>	3.00pm				
Saturday 14	Bowers & Pitsea	3.00pm				
Saturday 21	Hastings United	3.00pm				
Saturday 28	<b>CARSHALTON ATHLETIC</b>	3.00pm				
<b>FEBRUARY 2023</b>						
Saturday 4	Billericay Town	3.00pm				
Saturday 11	<b>WINGATE &amp; FINCHLEY</b>	3.00pm				
Tuesday 14	<b>BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT</b>	7.45pm				
Saturday 18	Canvey Island	3.00pm				
Saturday 25	<b>MARGATE</b>	3.00pm				
<b>MARCH 2023</b>						
Saturday 4	Bognor Regis Town	3.00pm				
Saturday 11	Lewes	3.00pm				
Saturday 18	<b>CORINTHIAN-CASUALS</b>	3.00pm				
Saturday 25	Herne Bay	3.00pm				
<b>APRIL 2023</b>						
Saturday 1	<b>CRAY WANDERERS</b>	3.00pm				
Saturday 8	Horsham	3.00pm				
Monday 10	<b>HARINGEY BOROUGH</b>	3.00pm				
Saturday 15	Bishop's Stortford	3.00pm				
Saturday 22	<b>AVELEY</b>	3.00pm				
TBA	<b>BOGNOR REGIS TOWN</b>					

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### ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2022/23 LATEST TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PT
1 Potters Bar Town	5	4	0	1	8	3	+5	12
2 Aveley	5	4	0	1	8	9	-1	12
3 Folkestone Invicta	5	3	2	0	8	5	+3	11
4 HORSHAM	5	3	1	1	14	5	+9	10
5 Hornchurch	5	3	0	2	9	6	+3	9
6 Lewes	5	2	3	0	6	3	+3	9
7 Cray Wanderers	5	2	2	1	6	5	+1	8
8 Canvey Island	5	2	1	2	9	7	+2	7
9 Bognor Regis Town	5	2	1	2	10	9	+1	7
10 Kingstonian	5	1	4	0	6	5	+1	7
11 Bishop's Stortford	5	2	1	2	6	6	0	7
12 Carshalton Athletic	5	2	0	3	6	7	-1	6
13 Brightlingsea Regent	5	2	0	3	7	12	-5	6
14 ENFIELD TOWN	5	1	2	2	6	6	0	5
15 Margate	5	1	2	2	5	5	0	5
16 Hastings United	5	1	2	2	5	6	-1	5
17 Haringey Borough	5	1	2	2	6	8	-2	5
18 Corinthian-Casuals	5	1	2	2	8	11	-3	5
19 Herne Bay	5	1	1	3	7	8	-1	4
20 Bowers & Pitsea	5	1	1	3	4	10	-6	4
21 Wingate & Finchley	5	0	3	2	5	7	-2	3
22 Billericay Town	5	1	0	4	4	10	-6	3

### ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES

**TODAY**  
 Billericay Town v Hornchurch  
 Bishop's Stortford v Aveley  
 Bognor Regis Town v Bowers & Pitsea  
 Canvey Island v Kingstonian  
 Carshalton Athletic v Folkestone Invicta  
 Corinthian-Casuals v Cray Wanderers  
 Enfield Town v Horsham  
 Hastings United v Potters Bar Town  
 Herne Bay v Lewes  
 Margate v Haringey Borough  
 Wingate & Finchley v Brightlingsea Regent

**MONDAY NIGHT**  
 Aveley v Potters Bar Town

**TUESDAY NIGHT**  
 Billericay Town v Bishop's Stortford  
 Bognor Regis Town v Carshalton Athletic  
 Bowers & Pitsea v Wingate & Finchley  
 Brightlingsea Regent v Enfield Town  
 Canvey Island v Haringey Borough  
 Folkestone Invicta v Cray Wanderers  
 Hastings United v Kingstonian  
 Hornchurch v Corinthian-Casuals  
 Horsham v Lewes  
 Margate v Herne Bay





# TOWN

Manager: Andy Leese

From:

- Nathan McDonald
- Adi Connolly
- Rian Bray
- James Richmond
- Rian McLean
- Dequane Wilson-Braithwaite
- Wynford Marfo
- Nathan Smith
- Josh McLeod-Urquhart
- Jon Muleba
- Ryan Kirwan
- Juevan Spencer
- Scott Thomas
- Scott Shulton
- Blaise Riley-Snow
- Gucci Soulya Osekanongo
- Sam Youngs
- James Dayton
- Bilal Sayoud
- Lewis Taaffe
- Lyle Della-Verde
- Marcus Wyllie
- Adam Cunnington
- Jake Cass

## MATCH OFFICIALS

**Referee:** Christopher Hope  
**Assistant Referees:**  
 Vitalii Burnus & Alexandru Birnea



# HORSHAM

Manager: Dom di Paola

From:

- Mitchell Beeney
- Tom Day
- Luca Cocoracchio
- Alex Malins
- Bobby Price
- Chris Sessegnon
- Harvey Sparks
- Harry Osborne
- Charlie Hester-Cook
- Jack Brivio
- Doug Tuck
- Archie Burnett
- Tom Kavanagh
- Tom Richards
- Lucas Rodrigues
- Lee Harding
- Mo Juwara
- Eddie Dsane
- Shamir Fenelon
- Daniel Ajakaiye
- Jack Mazzone

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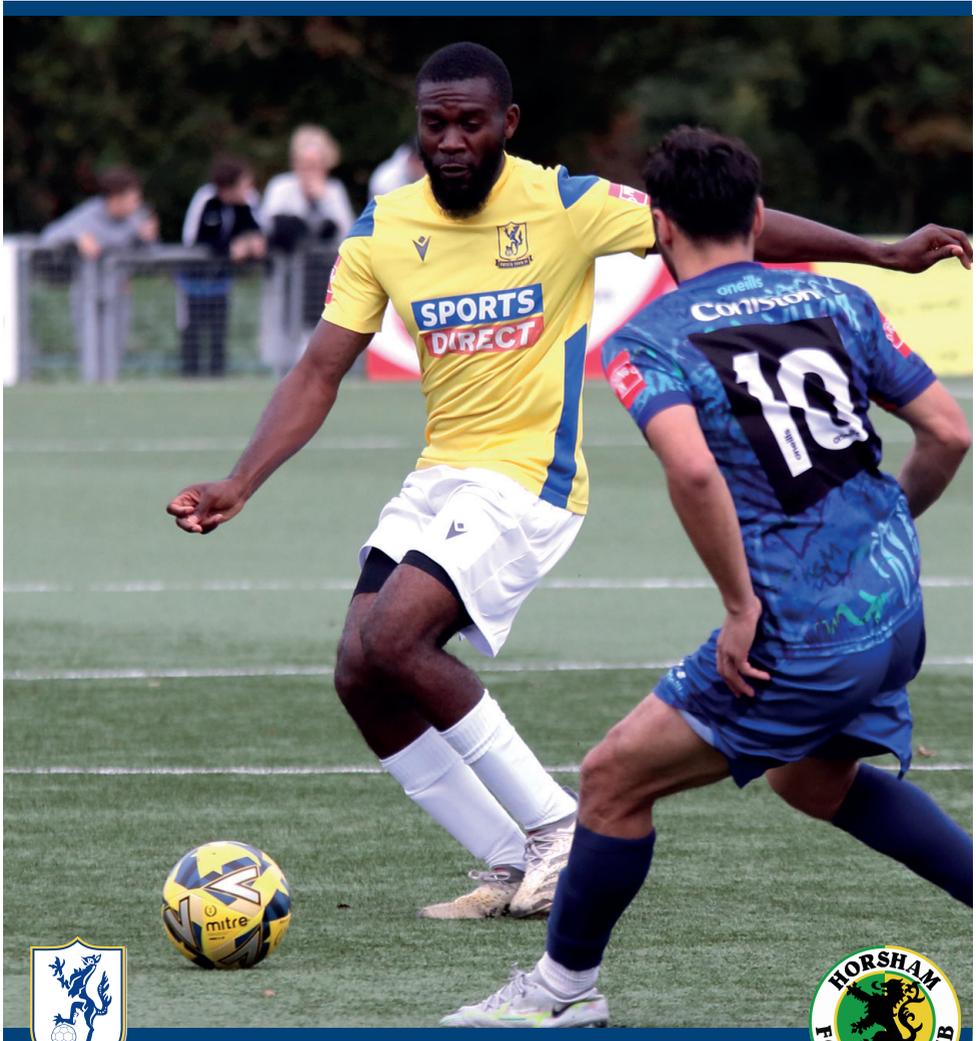
**Canvey Island**  
 Tuesday 20th September 2022 @ 7.45pm  
 Pitching In Isthmian Premier Division



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# THE TOWN

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## HORSHAM

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN PREMIER DIVISION | TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022 | 7:45PM

PROGRAMME UPDATE



## ENFIELD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

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### HONOURS

Ryman League Division One North  
Runners-Up 2011/12  
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Essex Senior League  
Winners 2002/03, 2004/05  
Runners-Up 2001/02  
Essex Senior League Cup  
Winners 2001/02, 2003/04  
Capital Counties Feeder Leagues Trophy  
Winners 2001/02  
Middlesex Charity Cup  
Winners 2001/02, 2007/08  
Runners-Up 2005/06, 2009/10  
Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy  
Winners 2002/03  
Middlesex Senior Cup  
Runners-Up 2002/03, 2015/16  
Middlesex Super Cup  
Winners 2009/10  
Velocity Trophy  
Winners 2018/19

# WELCOME

Good evening to our visitors from Horsham, hopefully the journey from West Sussex has not been too arduous on a Tuesday evening.

Horsham have made a good start to this year's League campaign and are currently 5th in the table and this could prove to be a six-pointer in race for a play-off spot. It's a bit too early in the season to classify games in those terms but it does look like the league will be very competitive this year. There are currently only 7 points separating Horsham in 5th, and Brightlingsea in 19th and the relegation zone.

In my opinion we have made a satisfactory start considering we lost the likes of Mo Faal, Jerry Gyebi and Manny Maja during the close season, who are all now with National League South Clubs. Our FA Cup defeat at Canvey apart, we have been competitive in all our fixtures.

However, we are still a "work in progress" as our squad develops and only last week, we added Wraynel Hercules to our squad. Saturday's squad included 9 players who joined or re-joined us this season. The fact that despite such a change in personnel we are in touching distance of the top 5 is a credit to our management team and the players themselves.

You have hopefully seen that our fixture with Corinthian-Casuals, originally scheduled to be an away fixture on

Saturday, will now be played here at the QEII Stadium on Friday evening. This situation arose when a tree fell on the club house and dressing room area at Casuals' ground making the stadium unavailable. Both clubs agreed to reverse the fixture and play the fixture on Friday at the QEII Stadium. This had to be ratified by the League which it was on Sunday. This means the return game scheduled for 18th March will now become Casuals' home fixture.

When we considered this situation, we decided to experiment with the idea of a Friday evening fixture to see how popular this option would be, we were also mindful that the Arsenal v Spurs fixture on Saturday could adversely affect our attendance. Let's see how popular the Friday fixture arrangement proves to be.

Both these issues have generated a lot of work for Match Secretary John Dolan who as always has gone the extra mile to ensure Wraynel was available for selection on Saturday and that the Casuals game could be switched. We are very lucky to have his services.

Enjoy the game, and whichever team you support get behind your team.

COYT

Dave Bryant  
Director



# FROM THE DUGOUT

Welcome to Horsham FC for this evening's Isthmian Premier League game.

They currently occupy a play-off spot and are always a strong attack-minded side – our encounters are often lively and no doubt we will find tonight a challenge.

It has been a good week for us, with four more points on the board after the draw with Canvey Island and the win at Margate. They were all hard-earned points for different reasons, as we were resilient against Canvey and far more of an attacking threat against Margate. We identified our issues from the Canvey game and worked well in training to rectify them. It took us an hour to play as we can at Margate but it was worth the wait, and we were well worth the entrance fee with some of our finishing. We are also gradually finding our consistency with players back in the team. That said, it has been disrupted again with Jake's injury and Lyle's suspension.

We have added to the squad of late with Wraynel Hercules joining us as you will have

seen elsewhere. Wraynel is a local lad and is still young, but I saw enough during last Saturday's friendly and again in training this week to put him in against Margate. His pace unsettled their back line and he had a hand in a couple of goals which was really pleasing.

It's still too early to be looking at the league table, but we have a great opportunity this week to improve our position with two home games under the lights. Hopefully most of you can join us for the rearranged game against Corinthian-Casuals on Friday night.

Please do stick with us and let's enjoy the ride again. Your support was fantastic at Margate, and remains consistent, knowledgeable, and loud as always. Keep it up - it really does help the lads.  
COYT

Andy Leese  
Manager

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# Clinical Town too strong



**MARGATE** **2-5** **TOWNERS**

Cameron Brodie (22')  
Harry Hudson (47')

Wraynel Hercules (25')  
Joseph Payne (56'), Andre Coker (57')  
Harry Hudson (69'og), Bilal Sayoud (79')

Pitching In Isthmian Premier | Saturday 24th September 2022

Match Report: Andrew Warshaw

Anyone leaving the ground after 20 minutes at Margate yesterday – or even at halftime for that matter – could not possibly have imagined how the game would pan out. We simply hadn't been at the races, didn't get close enough to the opposition, especially in midfield, and Towners fans feared the worst.

But as the old cliché goes, goals change games and once we levelled for the second time on the Kent coast, there was only going to be one winner as the hosts collapsed in spectacular fashion. Missing the likes of Lyle Della-Verde (still suspended) and Jake Cass (injured), the fact that we managed to score five – albeit one an own goal – backs up the theory that we have goals all over the pitch despite Mo's departure. And there was a stack of positives, with Adam Cunnington simply outstanding in the air, a hungry Andre Coker again looking like a new player, and an excellent debut on the right wing for Wraynel Hercules.

But it was an ominously worrying start.

Not once, not twice but four times in the opening period, we escaped by the skin of our teeth as Margate came charging out of the blocks, prompted by their captain Ben Greenhalgh who actually has a Champions League medal on his CV. It was no surprise when they took the lead on 22 minutes, Cameron Brodie rifling home from 20 yards after pouncing on a loose ball. Our response was immediate with our first effort on target and a stroke of good fortune. Hercules mishit a cross-shot, bamboozling the Margate keeper who saw the ball squirm into the net at his near post. Coker almost gave us the lead with a sublime strike that clipped the top of the bar but Margate had certainly been superior in the opening half.

We needed to up our game but within two minutes of the restart, we fell behind again as Greenhalgh's left-footed freekick was touched home by Harry Hudson. But instead of capitalising on their chances,

Margate again left the door open at the back and Joe Payne, who had another fine game, was left unmarked to lash home our second equaliser. Now the whole pattern of the game changed as the momentum switched. Within a minute, James Dayton's excellent cross was side-footed home by Coker to put us 3-2 up, and as the home defence panicked, Hudson's own goal gave us a fourth. The best was still to come courtesy of two substitutes. On 79 minutes, Marcus Wyllie showed great control to set up Bilal Sayoud for the sweetest of curling efforts that had the purists purring. There was still time for Nathan McDonald to make a flying stop from Greenhalgh but by then we were out of sight and celebrating a well-earned, hard-fought three points that can only boost confidence. It's not easy replacing so many quality players and although we may not look totally settled yet, we are now sitting in seventh with back-to-back home games to come, starting tonight against Horsham.

"I thought we were dreadful for the first 25 minutes," conceded Andy Leese. "It was a hard-earned 5-2 win but I thought the way in which we saw the game out was top class."

"If you look at their results at home, we knew it would be difficult down here. But really pleasing to come away and score as many goals as we did. That 35 minutes in the second half we were excellent. We are slowly getting back to how I want us to play."

**Town:** McDonald; Spencer, Bray, Wilson-Braithwaite, Payne; Thomas, Youngs, Dayton; Hercules (Wyllie 72), Coker (Sayoud, 78), Cunnington (Urquhart 81)

**Attendance:** 549



# This week in Town history...

## A LOOK BACK AT ENCOUNTERS FROM THE PAST TWO DECADES



29th September 2007  
FA Cup, Second Qualifying Round  
Enfield Town 2-2 Hillingdon Borough

With Town seemingly cruising to victory in this FA Cup tie, they let a two-goal lead slip in the last ten minutes, as Hillingdon battled back to not only draw this game, but go on to win the replay 2-1 at home in a fractious affair. Town were looking good for the majority of the game at Goldsdown Road, handling the aerial threat of Leon Nelson well at the back and creating enough chances to have won this, or indeed any other, game. Rudi Hall eventually opened the scoring with a cracking drive from distance three minutes before the break. After the restart, Town continued to mount attacks and they were rewarded in the 72nd minute as the Town midfielder found himself on the scoresheet again. Ricci Crace latched onto a through ball and just as he was about to shoot, he was brought down from behind by Ryan Fenton for a penalty, which was duly despatched by skipper Hall for 2-0. With eight minutes to play, however, James Duncan pulled a goal back, and a totally unexpected comeback was complete when a slip by Dave Allen let in Sam Byfield for the equaliser in the 87th minute.

**Town:** Hayward, Campbell (Allen), Dickie, Carroll, Magona, Stephens (Velandia), Jones, Hall, Crace, Hammatt, Nyamah.



29th September 2012  
FA Trophy, First Qualifying Round  
Enfield Town 4-1 Cambridge City

Town enjoyed a comfortable win against fellow supporter-owned club Cambridge City at a sun-drenched Queen Elizabeth II Stadium. The hosts took an early lead when right-back Jordan Lockie's low effort from just outside the box found its way into the visitors' net, possibly with the aid of a slight deflection. However, City were level just four minutes later. Mitchell Bryant, once of the Manchester United Academy, found space on the left, cut inside and drove in off the far post. Town restored their lead after 23 minutes when skipper Mark Kirby rose highest to get his head to a corner from the right and record his fifth goal of the season. With Town two-one up at the break, it was 3-1 eleven minutes after the restart thanks to the goal of the day. After Tyler Campbell had done well to get in a cross from the bye-line on the right, Liam Hope rose above a defender to send a towering header into the roof of the net over visiting 'keeper Zac Barrett. With twenty minutes left to play, Town manager Steve Newing sent on new signing Jonathan Hunt for his debut. But it was Adam Wallace who completed the scoring in the 79th minute when he found room in the penalty area to fire a shot under Barrett.

**Town:** Imber, Lockie, Bardle, McKay, Kirby, Ewang (Pennant), Campbell, O'Brien, Hope, Wallace, Siva (Hunt).

# AROUND THE CLUB



## SQUAD UPDATE

In case you missed it, Town have added to their squad with the arrival of winger Wraynel Hercules.

Wraynel, who featured in last week's 5-1 friendly win over Beaconsfield, trialled for St Albans in the summer – scoring twice against us – and has previously been on the books at Brentford and Barnet's academies, as well as gaining experience in non-league with Staines Town and Chalfont St Peter. He started Saturday's game at Margate, scoring our equaliser and playing a hand in a couple of goals. Welcome, Wraynel!

## FA TROPHY DRAW

The draw for the Third Qualifying Round of the FA Trophy took place yesterday afternoon: Town will face Chesham United at home, with the tie due to take place on October 8th.

With the Towners out of the FA Cup, and with memories of last season's run to Eastleigh still fresh, fingers crossed that the squad can go on a run in this competition.



## MARIO'S MARATHON

All the best to Enfield Town assistant manager Mario Noto, who is running the London Marathon this Sunday in aid of two fantastic charities: the Royal Papworth Hospital in Cambridge, a centre for life-saving heart and lung transplants; and the Haven House children's hospice, who provide care, support, therapy and other lifeline services. If you would like to add a donation, visit [crowdfunder.co.uk/p/mariorunslondon22](http://crowdfunder.co.uk/p/mariorunslondon22)

## FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

A reminder that our next match in the Isthmian League will take place here at home, this Friday 30th September at 7:45pm. We'll host Corinthian-Casuals after both clubs agreed to switch the fixture to the QEII following damage to the clubhouse and changing rooms at King George's Field. Fingers crossed that Casuals can be back home soon!

# LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Ian Townsend rounds up the rest of the weekend's Isthmian action, as Potters Bar won impressively at Invicta, Stortford went third, and Hornchurch stayed top...

League leaders Hornchurch had won their previous five matches in all competitions, scored nineteen goals in the process, conceded two, and had three clean sheets from their last three. It was, then, no surprise when Sam Higgins opened the scoring for the Urchins on seventeen minutes against Cray Wanderers – but the visitors have also been impressive this season and one of their best performers, Dan Bassett, equalised four minutes before the break. It took until four minutes from time for the crucial moment of the match, and it came to the hosts, Higgins making it two-one. The Urchins striker now has ten goals for the season, and has scored in his last six matches.

Potters Bar Town had taken only two points from their last eighteen against Folkestone Invicta, and the last time they met in January, the Stripes won seven-nil – but this is a very different Scholars side, and they went ahead on three minutes, Dejon Noel-Williams scoring from the spot. Invicta were level almost immediately, however, Ade Yusuff with the goal, but just before the break Noel-Williams restored the visitors lead. The equaliser arrived with twenty-five minutes remaining, Ibrahim Olutade delighting the home faithful, but they didn't stay delighted, as Noel-Williams got his hat trick four minutes from time and sealed a famous win for the visitors, who are level on points with Hornchurch at the top of the table.

A point behind the leading duo are Bishop's Stortford, who are beginning to look more like the side who came closest to challenging Worthing last season. The Blues took the lead at Horsham six minutes before the break, Matthew Johnson with the goal. Frankie Merrifield doubled their advantage ten minutes after half time to the disappointment of most of the nine hundred and forty-seven present, and that was that. Horsham are fifth.

Aveley welcomed Herne Bay and a crowd of three hundred and fifty-seven to Parkside. After a goalless first half, George Sykes broke the deadlock from the spot on fifty-one minutes, his fifth goal of the campaign, but the visitors were soon level, Rory Smith with the equaliser. One-all it finished, the Millers in fourth, Bay still bottom – if only on goal difference.

Hastings United welcomed Carshalton Athletic, and after a goalless first half the first significant action was a red card, Tom Beere departing for the Robins. The hosts took advantage thirteen minutes from time, Sam Hasler opening the scoring, and Hastings saw out their third one-nil win in a row to take them up to sixth.

Canvey Island welcomed Corinthian-Casuals to the seaside. The Gulls' last league win had been on August 27th – whilst Casuals hadn't managed a victory in any competition since the opening day, and had lost their last three matches. It took only ten minutes for the hosts to take the lead, Bradley Sach opening the scoring. Evans Kouassi followed up soon after with his seventh of the campaign, and that was that until the last minute, when Elijah Simpson got one back for Casuals but it was too little, too late. The Gulls are ninth.

Bognor Regis Town were in turns scintillating and frustrating in their 2-2 with draw specialists Kingstonian on Wednesday night – and they faced another side specialising in draws, Wingate & Finchley, at Nyewood Lane. The Rocks hadn't won a league match since a 6-1 thumping of Aveley on August 20th but they were quickly ahead in this one; Isaac Olaniyan, who scored the opener in midweek, adding another – his fourth of the campaign. They doubled their tally when Nathan Odokonyero got his ninth of the campaign just after the half hour,

and the same player reached double figures from the spot just after the break. The Blues then confirmed their own fate, Camron Gbadebo seeing red, and most of the six hundred and twenty-seven watching on went home rather content, with their side up to eighth. Wingate are twentieth.

Billericay Town played host to Lewes and a crowd of eight hundred and sixty-nine; the Blues in their best form of the campaign so far, the Rooks seemingly having lost their way. Town had three wins and a draw from their previous four matches in all competitions, and had Alfie Cerulli in fine form, with six goals in his last four matches – but it was another source who scored the opening goal, John Ufuah putting the Blues ahead on eleven minutes. Town went two up seven minutes after the restart, Chris Dickson with their second, but the Rooks gave their fans hope when Joe Taylor got one back just before the hour. That hope was diluted when Michael Klass was sent off, and 2-1 was how it finished. Town are up to twelfth, whilst Lewes fall to fifteenth and have gone more than a month without a league win.

After five draws from seven matches, Kingstonian fans were hoping that their side could start turning draws into victories. They hit the road to Bowers & Pitsea, the hosts without a win since August 20th and having themselves drawn three of their last four. Bowers scored the first goal on the half hour – but sadly they scored it at the wrong end, putting the K's ahead. Jamal Allen made amends for his own goal by immediately scoring at the other end too, but Tyrese Owen, impressive in midweek against Bognor, soon restored the visitors lead. Mac Chisholm then made a super save to keep the K's ahead, but Bowers did equalise midway through the second half, Duane Ofori-Acheampong with the goal. That was that, six draws from eight for the K's, four from nine for Bowers.

Finally, Brightlingsea Regent welcomed Haringey Borough with both looking to bounce back after midweek defeats. After a goalless first half, and indeed a goalless first hour, Zack Littlejohn put Regent ahead; but the visitors levelled twelve minutes from time, Max Ovenden with the goal. One goal and one point apiece; Regent remaining in the bottom four on goal difference, Borough three points ahead in thirteenth.



# TOWN

Manager: Andy Leese

From:

Nathan McDonald  
 Adi Connolly  
 Rian Bray  
 James Richmond  
 Rian McLean  
 Dequane Wilson-Braithwaite  
 Wynford Marfo  
 Nathan Smith  
 Josh McLeod-Urquhart  
 Ryan Kirwan  
 Juevan Spencer  
 Scott Thomas  
 Scott Shulton  
 Gucci Soulya Osekanongo  
 Sam Youngs  
 James Dayton  
 Bilal Sayoud  
 Lewis Taaffe  
 Wraynel Hercules  
 Andre Coker  
 Lyle Della-Verde  
 Marcus Wyllie  
 Adam Cunnington  
 Jake Cass



# HORSHAM

Manager: Dom di Paola

From:

Mitchell Beeney  
 Tom Day  
 Luca Cocoracchio  
 Alex Malins  
 Bobby Price  
 Chris Sessegnon  
 Harvey Sparks  
 Harry Osborne  
 Charlie Hester-Cook  
 Jack Brivio  
 Doug Tuck  
 Archie Burnett  
 Tom Kavanagh  
 Tom Richards  
 Lucas Rodrigues  
 Lee Harding  
 Mo Juwara  
 Eddie Dsane  
 Shamir Fenelon  
 Daniel Ajakaiye  
 Jack Mazzone

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Gerry Heron  
 Assistant Referees:  
 Ronald Albert & Ericsson Temu

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**Corinthian-Casuals**  
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