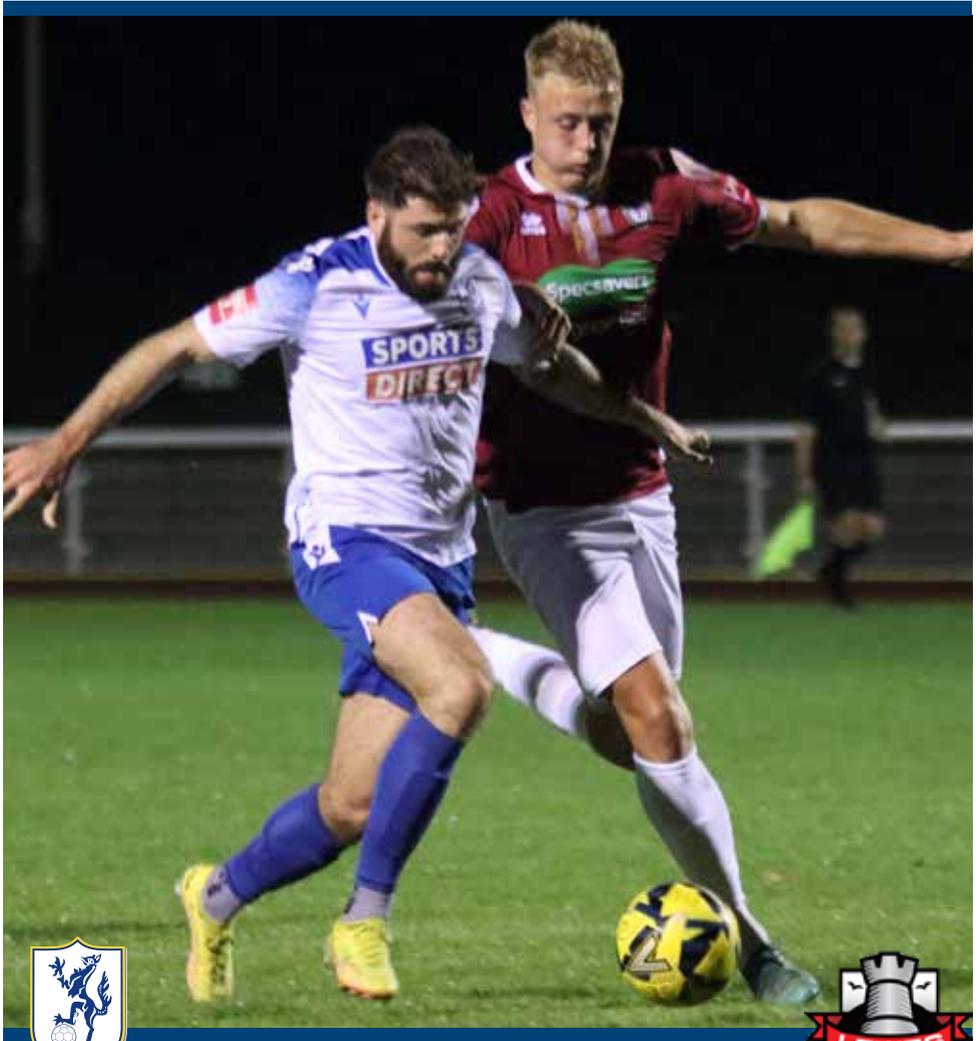




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WELCOME

A warm welcome to Donkey Lane this afternoon
as we welcome our friends from Lewes FC in the
Isthmian League Premier Division

We hope our guests have a safe trip back to Sussex tonight. This is the last in a long sequence of home games over the last month or so, and selfishly, I'll enjoy a much-needed week's rest from putting back-to-back-to-back programmes together! Nonetheless, there's the small matter of today's match to settle before then.

It's always a pleasure to welcome any fellow fan-owned club, not least a club like Lewes, whose staunchly progressive outlook in terms of fan experience & participation, equal pay, and membership continues to be admirable. As per usual, we wish them well, albeit with the exception of this afternoon! That said, Tony Russell's side are a far better outfit than their league position or form might imply – we only have to look at last season for an example of some of the football they can play on their day – and I'm sure they will be keen to show what they can do. We ourselves recovered somewhat against Bognor on Tuesday night from what was – no sugar-coating it – a pretty miserable exit from the FA Trophy last weekend. It still looks as though we're finding a balance with players coming back into the squad, so hopefully that will pay dividends as they start to bed into the team again.

Off the pitch, this publication continues to be healthily supported: thank you for reading and picking up your copy. Part of the matchday experience at The Dripping Pan is of course the Rooks' famed Progcast, which I must admit has crossed my mind as a format once or twice, both for the sake of

content presentation, wastage and also deadlines; though it appears the consensus for now is very much that a printed edition is preferable. Elsewhere, Dave Square – who I'm sure many of you will recognise from his time at Harlow, or from his superb weekly interviews with [“the living legend himself”] Andy over the past season or so – has come aboard and is a welcome addition to the club's media output. He is looking to start producing live commentary for games on our @ETFCOfficial Twitter Spaces, with Rian Bray joining him up in the gantry for what will hopefully be a successful debut today, and a really useful outlet for fans to keep up with events on a matchday if they are unable to make it to the ground. As I stress practically every time I write to you, we are always looking for volunteers to help keep the club ticking. Media volunteers perhaps go a little under the radar in that respect, but any help with our social media platforms, website, programme columns, or anywhere else you might be of use – however much help you can offer – would be most welcome, as would anyone pitching in right across the club.

With both teams looking to regain some consistency, it should be a keenly-contested affair today. Please do continue to get behind the lads – they really do appreciate it, and it does make a difference.

Enjoy the game. Up The Town!

Gabriel Meytanis
Programme Editor



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Welcome to Lewes FC for this afternoon's Isthmian Premier League match.

We know from last season that we will have our work cut out today. They are in a false position in the league table right now, and we will have to be at our best to get something from the game.

The players came in for some harsh words this week after our disastrous FA Trophy exit last weekend: it was not an acceptable performance in so many ways. It has been a very disappointing season in the national competitions which may have implications later in the season. We went some way to rectifying that on Tuesday when we played Bognor, and I felt we dominated the possession but lacked quality in the final third. We had some players on the pitch who have been missing games, and it was good to get them back up to speed ahead of a demanding run of fixtures.

We find ourselves just short of our points target for the season so far, but we have settled the squad now and they are showing a desire to repeat what we did last season in the league.

We have to keep the momentum we have built in the last month and also a level of

performance in every session, every week, if we want to replicate the success of last year.

We might have some changes to the squad this week as we get everyone back fit and available. You may have seen some players going out to get games at Walthamstow FC (Kian Wilkes, Ryan Kirwan, Te Hudson and Josh Urquhart). We have dual-registered them to keep their match time up and to allow us to call them back at short notice. We have also not renewed the loan for Gucci Soulya from Sutton. We also have players returning from injury with Jake Cass and James Richmond, and Lewis Taaffe is back available again. I don't particularly like a revolving door policy with the squad as you know from my time here, but we have to get the balance of the group right and that will inevitably mean one or two more changes.

One thing that does not change is your support. Please do stick with us while we get it right. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing you again today.

Andy Leese
Manager

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Jake Cass (50' pen) Nick Dembele (15')

Pitching In Isthmian League Premier | Tuesday 11th October 2022

Match Report: Andrew Warshaw

First things first. This was a massive improvement after Saturday's ignominious FA Trophy exit, with each and every player showing hunger, purpose and desire.

That we didn't pick up all three points was more down to the strength of the opposition than any particular failings on our part though critics will doubtless point to our lack of fire power up front and the absence of sufficient midfield creativity.

Overall, a draw was a fair result which keeps us extremely handily placed on the coat tails of Bishop Stortford and Potters Bar. Early days still, of course, but victory over Lewes in this afternoon's home game might yet send us top if other results fall in our favour, albeit with only a quarter of the campaign completed and other sides having played fewer games.

The management team made three changes to the starting line-up, including the return of James Richmond, who brought composure and stability to the back line.

Right from the off, Town showed intent with Jake Cass twice going close, but it was the visitors who took the lead on 15 minutes when a risky squared clearance fell to Bognor frontman Nick Dembele who finished well. Bognor's movement and transition play was always a threat, but right on half time James Dayton almost levelled when a corner was headed back across goal and his header was hit straight at the keeper.

We haven't always had the rub of the green with

decisions this season but got back in the game from a softish penalty on 51 minutes. Dayton was adjudged to have been obstructed by Nathan Odokonyero and Cass made no mistake from the spot. Thereafter, as the game opened up, both sides had chances to win the game though the Rocks arguably had more.

Luckily for us, Odokonyero screwed his shot just wide of the upright when it looked certain he would score on 75 minutes. And five minutes later, Alfie Bridgman blasted wide with only Nathan McDonald to beat.

But Town might well have snatched it late on through Dayton and Richmond, both of whose efforts looked easier to score. Bognor claimed they would have won the game but for the officiating and poor finishing. At times we did ride our luck but we fully deserved a share of the spoils for application and effort.

"I'm pleased with the response after Saturday," said Andy Leese. "A difficult game tonight. Bognor are young, well-drilled and energetic. At times they stretched us. I clearly would have preferred a win – it could have sent us top which would have been a boost – but really pleased."

Town: McDonald; Spencer, Richmond, Wilson-Braithwaite, Payne; Thomas (Wyllie, 70), Youngs, Dayton; Della-Verde (Hercules, 81), Coker (Sayoud, 63), Cass



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LEWES FC

Lewes Football Club was formed following a meeting of Lewes Priory Cricket Club at The Royal Oak pub on 23 September 1885.

Just a few yards from the pub, the club's Dripping Pan home was chosen as it already served as their cricket ground since the club's foundation in 1831. The cricket club would relocate to a new ground nearby in 1937, with Lewes FC playing at the Pan ever since, save for a couple of seasons before the First World War at the Convent Field up the road. During the football club's first eight years, Lewes players wore green shirts designed to reflect the surrounding South Downs landscape, with the more familiar black and red club colours of today eventually adopted in 1893. The Rooks became founder members of the East Sussex League in 1896, but early successes were few and far between, as they finished bottom of the league in 1898-99 and again the following season. The league was expanded to two divisions in 1899, with Lewes placed in the Senior Division, but they would finish last for a third season in a row. After finishing bottom of the Senior Division again in 1900-01 without winning a match, the club left the league. After then joining the Mid-Sussex League's Senior Division in 1905, the club were runners-up in 1907-08 and again in 1909-10 before becoming league champions the season after. In 1920, Lewes became founder members of the Sussex County League, winning the League Cup in 1938-39.

Though progress over the next few years would be a slow, arduous feat, Lewes were runners-up in 1963-64, and won the title the following season – earning promotion up to Division Two of the Athenian League, and after winning the Division Two title in 1968, promotion to the Premier Division was gained within two years when the Division One title was snatched from Boreham Wood. A further Sussex Senior Cup triumph would follow in 1971. Six years later, the club entered the newly expanded Isthmian League, remaining in Division One until being relegated to Division Two at the end of the 1990-91 season. Despite an immediate return, relegation would follow in successive years – again – consigning the club to Division Three football by 1994. It was a case of survival more than anything for the club during the nineties, but the arrival – first of Jimmy Quinn as manager – and of Martin Elliott & a new board of Directors at the turn of the millennium – seemed to turn the tide. The Sussex



Senior Cup was captured in 2001, Lewes beating Bognor Regis in the final. The following season saw the Rooks reach the first round of the FA Cup for the first time, with their home tie against Stoke City moved to the Britannia Stadium. Lewes finished the 01-02 season by winning the Division Two title to secure promotion to Division One South.

The men's team's fortunes were mixed over the noughties, as they would win promotion to the newly-formed Conference South, but would twice be denied a play-off spot to the Conference National as their Dripping Pan home was not deemed up to standard. Promotion to the top of the non-league pyramid would finally be earned in 2007-08, though the Rooks would only compete for a single season in the fifth tier, as the economic recession meant funds dried up and the club again plummeted down the divisions. There have, however, been significant developments over the last decade or two. The club's hugely successful women's team, spearheaded by Jacquie Agnew, began life in the 2002-03 season and has climbed to the second-tier FA Women's Championship, where they have been comfortable over the last few seasons. Significantly, in 2010, six supporters – known as Rooks125 – took the club out of private ownership and into the mass-ownership model it remains today: Lewes Community Football Club. The club has continued to build on its foundations, and maintain a fiercely, and admirably, progressive outlook – launching the EqualityFC campaign in 2017, as the first club side in the world to have equal playing budgets for its women's and men's teams.



IN TOWN TODAY... LEWES

LEWIS CAREY (Goalkeeper)

Having previously played in the 2018/19 season, winning Supporters Player of the Season, Lewis has been back between the sticks for the Rooks since last season. A former Tonbridge Angels youth player scouted at 16 by Bristol City, he is an experienced non-league keeper having also appeared for Bromley, Eastbourne Borough, Weston Super-Mare and Cray Wanderers.

WILL SALMON (Defender)

Will is an experienced centre-back who started out at Aldershot before moving to AFC Wimbledon and then Ebbsfleet United in the 2009-10 season. He switched to AFC Telford and was part of their Conference North promotion-winning side, making over 80 appearances for the club before moving to Bath City in the summer of 2013. Spells at Woking, Met Police and then Leatherhead followed, before joining the Rooks – initially on loan – in October 2021, with the move made permanent a month later.

MITCHELL NELSON (Defender)

Centre-back Mitchell has accrued plenty of footballing experience, having started his career as a Colchester United youth product, going on to join Bournemouth and subsequently turning out for Eastleigh, Sutton United, Margate, Dulwich Hamlet, Welling United, Tonbridge Angels and Cray Wanderers. He has previously played for the Rooks, joining on loan from Bournemouth during the 2010-11 season.

TOM CHAMPION (Midfielder)

Commanding centre back Tom started his professional career at Barnet, subsequently joining Bishop's Cleeve before moving on to Dartford, where he was an ever-present in their promotion to the National League in 2012-13. Another promotion followed at Cambridge United, this time to League Two. The Rooks' skipper for this season, he has also accrued experience with Lincoln City, Boreham Wood and Woking, from whom he joined Lewes in the summer.

ALFIE YOUNG (Defender)

Alfie is a ball-playing centre back who played over 100 games for Worthing before departing for Potters Bar Town in October 2021. He joined Kingstonian in late January 2022, making 15 league appearances for The Ks before signing on at the Dripping Pan in August 2022.

MARCEL ELVA-FOUNTAIN (Defender)

A technical and strong right back, Marcel progressed through the youth ranks at Reading, before joining Burnley's Under-23s side in 2020. He signed with Hayes & Yeading in November 2021 and joined Aldershot Town in August 2022 before heading to the Rooks on loan.

JAMIE MASCOLL (Defender)

An attacking full back who has previously played for Charlton, Wycombe Wanderers and Bolton in the Football League, as well as Irish side Waterford, Jamie is a recent addition to the Rooks' squad, joining earlier this month and making his debut in their FA Trophy victory over Sevenoaks Town.

JOHNVILLE RENEE (Defender)

A versatile player who can play right back, right midfield, or in the middle of the park, Johnville progressed through the youth sides of Stoke City, AFC Wimbledon, Colchester and Leyton Orient. He has had a number of spells with Maldon & Tiptree and Bishop's Stortford – for whom he scored a late winner against Town last season – as well as spending a season with Braintree Town of the National League South. He joined Lewes earlier this month.

MICHAEL KLASS (Midfielder)

After departing to join Aldershot Town in July, Michael has returned to the Lewes midfield on loan this month. He began his career in the youth ranks at Fulham and QPR, going on to join Southend United and making 12 appearances for the first team at Roots Hall, scoring in the EFL Cup and EFL Trophy for the Shrimpers. He had an impressive spell on loan with Bromley in the 2019-20 season before returning to Southend and joining the Rooks in 2021/22, making 42 appearances in red & black last term and scoring five times – including two at Donkey Lane – to earn a spot in the Isthmian League's Managers Team of the Season.

AYO OLUKOGA (Midfielder)

Previously of Romford, Ware (loan), Cheshunt and East Thurrock, some impressive performances in pre-season earned centre-mid Ayo a move to the Dripping Pan last year, making 19 appearances for the Rooks before departing for a two-month stint with Witham Town in January 2022. He was a Dagenham & Redbridge youth player earlier in his career.



BRADLEY PRITCHARD (Midfielder)

Former Charlton Athletic and Leyton Orient man Bradley is another who made the switch from Hayes Lane to the Dripping Pan ahead of this campaign. The evergreen ball-winning midfielder has also had stints in non-league football with Carshalton Athletic, Nuneaton Borough, Tamworth, Hayes & Yeading United and Greenwich Borough.

RONAN SILVA (Midfielder)

An athletic and technical box-to-box midfielder, Ronan deviated from the conventional route of a professional footballer by committing to studying, gaining a degree from Loughborough University. After concluding his studies, he returned to football with local club Biggleswade Town and his impressive performances and goalscoring capability quickly alerted the attentions of Crawley Town who signed him to a professional contract in February 2022. He joined Eastleigh at the start of March 2022, making ten appearances for The Spitfires in the National League, and signed for Lewes on loan from Crawley in August 2022, scoring on his debut against Wingate & Finchley.

RAZZAQ COLEMAN DE-GRAFT (Forward)

A technical and powerful winger, Zaq can be deployed in a front three or as a left wing-back. A former Hampton & Richmond Borough player, he has also gained experience with Tooting & Mitcham and Erith Town, and signed for Lewes last year following a series of impressive performances in pre-season, including a goal against Dartford FC. He was one of the Rooks' standout performers last season, and netted here in their 4-1 win back in January.

RHYS MURRELL-WILLIAMSON (Forward)

Wide forward Rhys signed for Lewes back in February after concluding his second spell with Kingstonian. He began his career in the youth ranks with Fulham, Crystal Palace and then Celtic before

moving into non-league football. He was in the National League South team of the year in 2017-18 whilst a St Albans City player and also played for the likes of Billericay Town, Dulwich Hamlet and Braintree Town before joining Tony Russell's Cray Wanderers in January 2020.

DEON MOORE (Forward)

Centre-forward Deon previously played for the Rooks on a one-month loan in October and November 2021, and has joined Lewes this season from Dulwich Hamlet, with whom he has spent the past two years. He started his youth career at Carshalton, progressing onto Peterborough, where he made his debut against Norwich in the EFL Trophy at just 17 years old. That was followed by a move to Bristol Rovers in 2018 and a short spell at Hemel Hempstead in 2020.

FRASER MIDDLETON-TOZER (Forward)

Youngster Fraser signed for the senior side this campaign, in addition to joining Lewes' Under 18's side. Still only 16 years old, he has impressed in pre-season after joining from Eastbourne Borough, having previously played for QPR's youth team.

JOE TAYLOR (Forward)

Prolific striker Joe Taylor is an experienced goalscorer and counts Ramsgate, Folkestone Invicta, Margate and Cray Wanderers amongst his former clubs. He was – unsurprisingly – manager Tony Russell's first signing as Lewes boss after making the switch from Cray, and managed almost a goal a game in the curtailed 20-21 campaign. He hit 33 in 43 games last term, and is Lewes' top scorer this season, having scored nine and counting so far.

IN CHARGE:

TONY RUSSELL

Tony joined the Rooks in the Summer of 2021, having left Cray Wanderers in March, where he had been Wands boss since the summer of 2015. He originally cut his teeth in management at Erith Town following a spell as Thamesmead Town player-coach. He then went on to manage VCD Athletic for two years, taking them to two promotions and keeping them in the Isthmian League Premier Division. His first season at Hayes Lane saw him win two manager-of-the-month awards, and he oversaw another promotion into the Isthmian Premier. In 2017-18 under his stewardship Cray scored over 100 goals in a season and finished third in the league before losing out to Walton Casuals in the play-off semi-finals, but Cray would be crowned champions the following campaign during which he was voted Isthmian South-East Manager of the Year.





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WE'VE MET BEFORE:

Town v Lewes

Jim Cunneen details our previous meetings with this afternoon's opponents



We first travelled to Lewes in August 2012, and despite travel problems causing a delayed 3.30pm kick off, we made a winning start to our first ever season at Step 3 of the national game, coming from behind to take the points.

A combination of the delays and the fact that our opposition was a level above last year's seemed to knock our players off their stride and Lewes deservedly took the lead through Karl Beckford. Just before half time, Mark Kirby fired home from distance to bring the scores level and Town really came into the game from this point. We started the second half brightly and Liam Hope lobbed back a punch by home 'keeper Thorp to give us the lead with about 35 minutes left. There were a few scares and we could have added to the lead but in the end the score stayed 2-1. An impressive 511 watched the game.

Lewes came back to us for the return game in March 2013 and Town again took all three points to maintain an improved patch of form. We were two up at half time after a knock down from Mark Kirby allowed McGleish to beat the keeper low into the bottom corner, as Town dominated the first half. He almost had a second goal a minute later but for a fine save from goalie Thorpe, but he turned provider when Bryan Hammatt smashed the ball over the line after 34 minutes. Adam Wallace could have sealed the game early in the second half, but fired McGleish's centre over from close range. Defending a bit deeper, Town invited Lewes on and were finally caught napping when a ball played across the goal from the right was fired home by Ben Godfrey. A nervous finish from Town allowed the visitors more chances and they could have levelled. 412 were there.

We then went to Lewes in the league in October 2013. Town started positively, but to little effect, and once Ben Austin was allowed a free header to open the scoring, the positivity ebbed away. Austin couldn't believe his luck when it happened a second time as Town's defence lost the Lewes defender yet again at a corner, and he thundered home his second. At two goals down Mark Kirby's goal gave some hope but it was soon snuffed out as Lewes struck again before half time through Nathan Crabb. 287 were there. The return game, in April 2014, saw Town continue their bid to escape from relegation. An awful first half saw Town go one down to Luke Blewden's goal, but then dominate their opponents in the second. Tyler Campbell levelled after 75 and then joy was unconfined when Liam Hope smashed in the winner with 5 to go. This opened a nice gap between Town and the sides below them! 337 watched the drama unfold.

When the Rooks visited Enfield in October 2014, we were showing a bit of form and that continued with an emphatic 3-0 win in front of 348. Liam Hope equalled Rudy Hall's goalscoring exploits for the first, and Mark Kirby and Jon Constant added the others. We went to the Dripping Pan in March 2015 on a run of form that

had seen us rise to fifth spot after four consecutive wins. Unfortunately, though, two defensive lapses saw us lose 2-1 in a game that could have gone either way. Aryan Tajbakhsh scored our leveller with a great strike in front of 393, but Emmett O' Connor's second half winner for the hosts meant we remained fifth.

We travelled to East Sussex for the last game before Christmas 2015 and came away with a 2-0 win after two goals in the final 10 minutes from Phil Lowen (his first for the club) and Harry Ottaway. 377 saw us win our fourth league game on the spin. The reverse fixture, in February, also had late drama. Corey Whitely had given us an early lead but Jonte Smith levelled for Lewes in the 89th minute from the spot. That seemed to be it, until Ryan Doyle popped up with the winner in added time. 348 were there.

We next travelled to Lewes in September 2018 and 648 saw us score twice in the last 10 minutes to draw 2-2. Billy Bricknell came on as a sub and netted them both to preserve our unbeaten league record, cancelling out goals from Jonte Smith and Charlie Coppola.

It was another draw in our opening fixture of 2019-20 at the Dripping Pan. Ken Charles gave us the lead before half time but we lost momentum in the second half and they levelled 5 minutes from the end with a long-ranger from Stefan Ilic. Yet another 1-1 draw would ensue when the two sides met in March 2020. A very scrappy performance saw us fall behind before the break as Aaron Cosgrave rounded Nathan McDonald to finish off an incisive counter. Town would level after 72 minutes with a headed goal from Marc Weatherstone, in what proved to be our final home game of a truncated season.

Our first game of season 2020-21 was also against Lewes at home, and though the gate was limited to 250 because of Covid restrictions, those in attendance were treated to a resounding 4-1 win. An own goal opened the scoring, and Shaun Okojie, Ryan Blackman & Lyle Della-Verde were also on the scoresheet to give us a perfect start in the September sunshine.

Lewes did the league double over Town last season as we suffered a pair of 4-1 reverses. September's meeting at The Dripping Pan saw the Rooks inflict our first defeat of the 21-22 campaign as a series of defensive errors – and an inch-perfect free-kick from Taylor Maloney – saw us go in three down at half time, and although Mo Faal pulled one back shortly after the restart, a fourth goal from Killian Colombie settled our fate in front of 523. Fast-forward to January and Town's inconsistency was ruthlessly punished on a damp afternoon in EN1. Michael Klass' rebounded opener following Ollie Tanner's free kick was cancelled out by a superb looping header from Adam Cunningham, but that was as good as it got for Town, as Razz Coleman De-Graft and Klass each found the net with a pair of swerving long-range efforts before a patiently-crafted fourth was deftly finished by Joe Taylor.

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A catch-up with Juevan Spencer

We had a chat with our right-back on his footballing career and his thoughts on coming up against a few familiar faces...

Juevan, good to have you with us – how have you found settling into the club and the dressing room since pre-season?

I've found it good, to be fair, there were so many players to start with, and there are still so many now, but I think we've gelled – that's how we've had a good winning streak.

You've been a regular of late in that right-back spot, too, which – maybe surprisingly – wasn't immediate...

You know what, the gaffer has his reasons. I knew when I got my chance, I had to keep my shirt, and happily I have. Actually I think I haven't lost a league game, to be fair!

Generally, how do you think our season is going so far?

I think it's good, and I think being in this league a lot, you have to know how to play different ways. The passing; sometimes you have to go long or whatever. I think we've got that balance where we can pass or go long into our strikers.

How would you describe yourself as a player?

I like getting forward, but I also like one-on-ones – I don't like being beat – I hate being beat! I also like attacking, so pretty much both to be fair – balanced.

Have you always played right-back?

I haven't – I was a striker when I was younger at AFC Wimbledon. I had trials at Palace when I was younger, I was a striker. Then I think I was about 17, 18 and went to Corinthian-Casuals as a winger, and then I turned to a right-back only about five years ago...

...and were Casuals your first experience in non-league?

Yeah they were. Well, I played for Salisbury, because I moved to Southampton for a football scholarship at Sparsholt College. But really, Corinthians were probably my first non-league team.

Tell us a little about your earlier footballing experiences – how did you get into football...

Probably from school. It was crazy, because me and my best friend – Wilfried Zaha – went to school together and we both got scouted for Palace. He got into Palace at the time, I didn't, I wasn't really at that stage at the time and from then I just continued playing. I was playing Sundays for a team called Whitehorse Wanderers at the time, played for Whyteleafe, AFC Wimbledon. I've played from young – I think it's because I have three older brothers, and they all played football.

Of course, you were at Lewes last season (and had some joy down that right flank when you visited here!) I suppose from an outsider's perspective it was pretty surprising to see you guys miss out on the playoffs...

Ahh, yeah. To be fair, we had a good team at Lewes. I think we just weren't consistent enough as to why we didn't get into the playoffs. It was upsetting, but we move.

I suppose there'll be a few familiar faces today!

Yeah, I still speak to quite a lot of them, actually. We were talking about this game a while ago, I said "remember we've got you this Saturday" so it will be good, good turnout.

Facing former clubs, is there perhaps a slightly different feeling to facing Lewes than Casuals?

Yeah, I think it's probably because it's the first time this season. Casuals is different because I haven't played for them for a couple years now. Lewes is obviously the most recent one. Kingstonian was a bit different because there was only one or two players from when I was there – it's a whole different team now, but Lewes pretty much half the team – if not all the team – I know, so it will be good.

Overall, how did you find your time down at Lewes?

I thought it was good, I liked it. The setup down there is pretty good as well; the players, the coaching...



And how did you joining Enfield Town come about this season?

I think when I left Lewes, I was looking at teams: there were always a couple of teams, especially in the league, that I thought "ah, they'd be a good team to be at". Enfield was one of them, and I remembered Andre [Coker] plays for Enfield, so I messaged him to speak to the gaffer to ask "would you want me; can I come down for training?", and the gaffer was more than happy to have me there, as he already knew me. I was happy to come, I came to training and I think that was it – I realised this is the team for me.

Was Andre the only one you knew in the dressing room, or was there anyone else you knew or had worked with before?

Nah, Andre was the only one – everyone else I just know from playing against them, I didn't know them personally, but Andre I knew.

Tell us a little bit about Grand Athletic – it's not just Andre and yourself, there are a few Casuals and other non-league players involved!

To be fair, Grand Athletic came about because I've got a chauffeuring business called Grand Motion – and me and my friend wanted to make a Sunday team, so we called it 'Grand Athletic' as a sort of link between the two. It was good – just friends playing about, and for me it's extra fitness. As I've getting older, I want to be doing more stuff, and it's a good level – but we know our bodies. If we don't feel we can play, we won't play; if we've got a big game; played Tuesday, we won't play. For me it's more about fitness and playing with friends. It's like if you go to Goals, or go to the park.

Best moment of your career so far?

Probably going to Brazil with Corinthian-Casuals. That was an experience! Just the fans, playing in front of 40,000 people. That was probably the best footballing experience for me...

...worst moment?

Ooh. What's off the top of my head is losing the playoff final at Casuals against Dorking on penalties. That was when Dorking and Casuals were the league below. Yeah, losing that final – hated it.

Biggest influences on your game?

I don't know. To be fair, just seeing all my friends doing well makes me want to do even better – seeing their team being up in the league, or seeing my friend play in the Prem or Championship. I think that's probably my biggest influence.

What are your hopes or aspirations with us this season?

Definitely playoffs at least – at least! But I think with the squad that we have, and maybe if we add a couple more, I feel we could win the league. We just need to be as consistent as we have been (not in the cups, but in the league!)

What do you do off the pitch?

Ah it's football, football, football. Obviously, I've got my chauffeuring business, and I work in schools as well as a coach.

Any favourite TV, music?

Yeah, I'm not sure – just a mix to be fair. Genres-wise I like action; adventure.

And finally, a message to the fans?

We see you – keep supporting us. We're trying our best; hopefully we'll be entertaining you a lot more this year.



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AROUND THE CLUB



MARIO'S MARVELLOUS MARATHON

Mario has managed to raise over £5,000 including a healthy donation from those who attended our league game against Corinthian-Casuals.

The money will be split between the Royal Papworth hospital and Haven House Children's Hospice, the former having performed a life-saving heart transplant operation on his godfather. Mario, who had trained for the race since July, hit the notorious pain wall around the 15-mile mark when his calf started to cramp but he was determined to continue. "I may have torn it but I just gritted my teeth and kept going," he explained. "I wanted the time to be a bit quicker but it was an amazing experience so I can't be too down on myself." "I had all my family there and even saw a few people I knew during the race including one lad I even used to coach. Everyone got behind everyone else regardless of gender, race or anything else. There was a proper community feel about it with so many people coming out to support. "It'll probably take me around a week to feel my body is back to normal but I'd definitely do it again." Well done Maz from everyone at Enfield Town FC!

SEASIDE TRIP IN THE VELOCITY TROPHY

The Velocity Trophy's third round draw was made on Thursday afternoon. We've been given an away trip to Suffolk to face Felixstowe & Walton United of the Isthmian League Division One North. No date has been confirmed as yet, but it will not be beyond the 11th November. After falling at the first hurdle last year, here's hoping we can mount a challenge!

WHOLE CLUB DAY

A reminder that Enfield Town FC's Whole Club Day is back for this season - pencil in the 29th October as we welcome Herne Bay to Donkey Lane. Just as last year, we will be showcasing the club as a whole, and the work that each one of our teams do - boys and girls, and across all age groups, to deliver football within the local area. We will be raising money for good causes on the day, and there will be a group photograph featuring all our youth sides as well as our first team squads.

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- Vote in any elections for Board members
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16th October 2007
Ryman League Division One North
Waltham Abbey 2-8 Enfield Town

Town enjoyed an enormously satisfying evening in more ways than one as we slaughtered one of our fiercest local rivals at the time by eight goals to two away from home. Ricci Crace and Bryan Hammatt each netted impressive hat-tricks in a scintillating display, and, thanks to his brace, Rudi Hall (72 goals) overtook Daniel Clarke (71 goals) as Enfield Town's leading scorer since its 2001 formation during the match. Another landmark fell as Steve Velandia was also making his 100th competitive appearance. While Abbey were forced to field a weakened side on the night, having a number of players injured or unavailable, they – and keeper John Hickman – endured a torrid night as Crace, from a free-kick, and Hammatt, opened up a two-goal lead for the visitors after half an hour. To compound the hosts' misery, centre-back Steve Sheehan was dismissed early in the second period for a last-man challenge on Bryan Hammatt in the home box and Town made it an unassailable 3-0 through Rudi Hall's spot kick in the 52nd minute. The heavens opened, and so too did the proverbial floodgates; Crace heading in for 4 before James Elmes, one of Abbey's few performers to do themselves justice on the night, pulled one back. Stephens then played in Crace for his hat-trick (5-1) just beyond the hour mark, and despite another Elmes consolation the scoreline was complete with another two strikes from Hammatt either side of a Rudi Hall blockbuster. 211 were there.

Town: Hasler, Gant (Tickner), Allen, Stephens, Campbell, Bastian, Jones, Hall, Hammatt, Crace (Foster), Grieves (Velandia).



18th October 2014
Isthmian League Premier Division
Enfield Town 3-0 Lewes

Despite languishing in 19th position, Town fans will have been pleased by this display – an ultimately comfortable 3-0 win against Lewes on a drizzly Saturday afternoon at Donkey Lane. In the fifth minute, Mark Kirby headed towards the target from a free kick, but he was penalised for climbing. The Towners found the breakthrough in the 18th minute; Liam Hope rewarded for his persistence when he swept home a Nathan Livings free-kick with aplomb. Town were looking good, playing some fluid football, and Corey Whitley hit the woodwork on 25 minutes. The visitors' Jack Dixon was shown a straight red card following a challenge on Whitley in the centre circle a few minutes later. Town pressed for a second goal, missing several good opportunities. But the cushion they were seeking arrived on the stroke of half-time when Kirby found himself in space following a corner on the right and he planted his header emphatically past Rikki Banks. The three points were virtually sealed a couple of minutes into the second period when Jon Constant netted his first goal for the club after man-of-the-match Phil Kane had hit the woodwork following another impressive move. Town went on to dominate the half as they looked to build up some momentum with games in hand in the table and, although Nathan McDonald was called upon to claw the ball away from Ollie Rowe's header with a few minutes left, Town saw the game out with plenty of possession and a welcome clean sheet.

Town: McDonald, Lockie, Kane, Doyle, Kirby, Muguu, Kalu (Campbell), Livings, Hope (Cole), Whitley, Constant (Antoine).



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Without doubt, the most difficult and time-consuming job I had in that time was booking referees. Even though I had a list of qualified referees locally as long as your arm, finding one to officiate our game on a Saturday morning was nigh-on impossible. I'm talking in excess of 50-100 emails per week sometimes until I could find someone available. At the time, I remember questioning why it was so difficult. Especially for a teen, it kept them involved in the game, it was good exercise and the pay wasn't bad either. I didn't get it. Until kick-off that was.

Now, individually, and collectively as a team, we prided ourselves on our discipline and I can honestly say, hand on heart, I have never seen, first-hand, any incidents of abuse towards a referee. But I have heard horrible reports of it happening and I can understand how it does happen. It has to stop. A shortage of referees leads to a shortage of grass-roots football and, ultimately, in the Non-League game. In short, these young referees learning to officiate at grass-roots level are often promoted up the pyramid into the National League System. Without them, it would not exist. I mean, would you take verbal, and occasionally physical abuse from players, coaches or spectators for a measly £30? No, neither would I.

With that in mind, I had mixed emotions I read proposals for referees to trial wear body cameras in the adult grassroots game in the first half of next year. It came following reports that a referee in Lancashire was left with a broken nose, four broken ribs, a dislocated shoulder, a broken collarbone, concussion and whiplash during an alleged attack during a game. In fact, according to Football Association data, there were 1.1 'serious cases' reported per 1,000 matches, covering assaults, physical contact or attempted physical contact with match officials and discrimination cases. Last month, the FA have launched its 'Enough Is Enough' campaign to address behaviour within grassroots football,



setting out that any unacceptable conduct will result in action being taken.

"The aim of the trial, the first globally of this nature, would be to explore whether the use of bodycams improves participant behaviour, while providing additional safety for match officials in the adult grassroots game," an FA spokesman said. "We will be tracking the impact of the trial on behaviour and, if it's successful, will look to roll it out nationally and internationally."

Personally, I think it's very sad that football at grass-roots level has to go down this route but if a referee wearing body camera is to act as a deterrent and a means of their protection then the game owes it our whole-hearted support. The FA's hands have been tied.

It is understood, that even if the trial proves a success in improving behaviour and enhancing safety, the International Football Association Board [IFAB] will be determined to ensure that it is not deployed senior football. But with reports of verbal abuse towards officials to us at NLP Towers still as rife as ever it's left the lawmakers with a decision to make.

No-one wants to see Big Brother watching Non-League football's every move and taking away its purity but unless we clean up our act from the bottom of our game up, then he may well have to.

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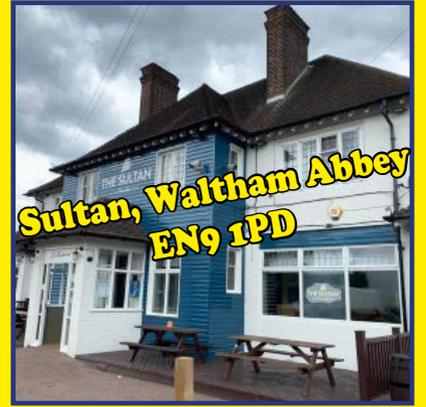
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Graham Dodd	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
John Abbott	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Kyri Neocleous	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Neil Butterfield	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE



ENFIELD TOWN FC

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2022-23 FIXTURES

DATE	OPPOSITION	SCORE	POS	ATT	STARTING XI	SUBS
AUGUST 2022						
Saturday 13	FOLKESTONE INVICTA	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	Della-Verde* , 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	BOWERS & PITSEA	W2-0	11	381	McDonald, McLean, Kirwan, Bray, Richmond, Sayoud*, Shulton, Youngs, Dayton**, Della-Verde*** Cass	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*; Della-Verde** Cass , Cunnington	Coker* Wylie**, Taaffe***, Spencer, Riley-Snow, Dayton
SEPTEMBER 2022						
Saturday 3	Canvey Island (FAC)	L1-5	-	346	McDonald, McLean, Wilson-Braithwaite, Bray, Shulton, Youngs, Taaffe*, Sayoud, Youngs, Della-Verde**, Cass , Wylie***	Spencer* Dayton**, Cunnington***, Thomas, Connolly, Marfo, Coker
Tuesday 13	Brightlingsea Regent	W4-0	8	201	McDonald, Spencer, Wilson-Braithwaite, Bray, Payne, Thomas, Youngs, Dayton***, Coker***, Della-Verde, Cunnington*	Cass*, Wylie**, Sayoud***, Shulton, McLean
Tuesday 20	CANVEY ISLAND	D0-0	8	395	McDonald, Spencer, Wilson-Braithwaite, Bray, Payne, Thomas**, Youngs, Dayton***, Coker***, Wylie*, Cunnington**	Sayoud*, Cass**, Shulton***, Soulja-Osekanongo, McLean
Saturday 24	Margate	^{OG} W5-2	7	549	McDonald, Spencer, Wilson-Braithwaite, Bray, Payne , Thomas**, Youngs, Dayton***, Coker***, Hercules* , Cunnington**	Wylie*, Sayoud** , Urquhart***, Soulja-Osekanongo, McLean
Tuesday 27	HORSHAM	W2-1	5	363	McDonald, Spencer, Wilson-Braithwaite, Bray, Payne, Thomas**, Youngs, Dayton***, Coker* , Hercules, Cunnington	Sayoud*, Soulja-Osekanongo**, Wylie***, Urquhart, McLean
Friday 30	CORINTHIAN-CASUALS	W2-0	2	346	McDonald, Spencer, Wilson-Braithwaite, Bray, Payne, Thomas, Youngs, Dayton**, Coker***, Hercules* , Cunnington	Sayoud*, Della-Verde**, Wylie***, Urquhart, McLean
OCTOBER 2022						
Saturday 8	CHESHAM UNITED (FAT)	L0-4	-	414	McDonald, Spencer, Wilson-Braithwaite, Bray, Payne, Thomas, Youngs, Dayton**, Coker***, Hercules* , Cunnington	Cass* Della-Verde**, Sayoud***, Connolly, Urquhart, McLean, Wylie
Tuesday 11	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	D1-1	3	330	McDonald, Spencer, Wilson-Braithwaite, Richmond, Payne, Thomas**, Youngs, Dayton, Coker*, Cass , Della-Verde***	Sayoud* Wylie**, Hercules***, Cunnington, Urquhart
Saturday 15	LEWES	3.00pm				
Saturday 22	Cray Wanderers	3.00pm				
Saturday 29	HERNE BAY	3.00pm				
NOVEMBER 2022						
Saturday 5	HASTINGS UNITED	3.00pm				
Saturday 12	Carshalton Athletic	3.00pm				
Saturday 19	BILLERICAY TOWN	3.00pm				
Saturday 26	Wingate & Finchley	3.00pm				
DECEMBER 2022						
Saturday 3	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	3.00pm				
Friday 9	Aveley	7.45pm				
Tuesday 13	HORNCHURCH	7.45pm				
Saturday 17	Folkestone Invicta	3.00pm				
Monday 26	POTTERS BAR TOWN	3.00pm				
JANUARY 2023						
Monday 2	Haringey Borough	3.00pm				
Saturday 7	KINGSTONIAN	3.00pm				
Saturday 14	Bowers & Pitsea	3.00pm				
Saturday 21	Hastings United	3.00pm				
Saturday 28	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC	3.00pm				
FEBRUARY 2023						
Saturday 4	Billericay Town	3.00pm				
Saturday 11	WINGATE & FINCHLEY	3.00pm				
Tuesday 14	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	7.45pm				
Saturday 18	Canvey Island	3.00pm				
Saturday 25	MARGATE	3.00pm				
MARCH 2023						
Saturday 4	Bognor Regis Town	3.00pm				
Saturday 11	Lewes	3.00pm				
Saturday 18	Corinthian-Casuals	3.00pm				
Saturday 25	Herne Bay	3.00pm				
APRIL 2023						
Saturday 1	CRAY WANDERERS	3.00pm				
Saturday 8	Horsham	3.00pm				
Monday 10	HARINGEY BOROUGH	3.00pm				
Saturday 15	Bishop's Stortford	3.00pm				
Saturday 22	AVELEY	3.00pm				

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2022/23 LATEST TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PT
1 Bishop's Stortford	11	6	3	2	17	8	+9	21
2 Potters Bar Town	10	7	0	3	19	12	+7	21
3 ENFIELD TOWN	11	5	4	2	20	10	+10	19
4 Aveley	10	6	1	3	15	10	0	19
5 Hornchurch	8	6	0	2	22	7	+15	18
6 Canvey Island	10	5	3	2	17	12	+5	18
7 Horsham	11	4	3	4	19	13	+6	15
8 Cray Wanderers	10	4	3	3	17	14	+3	15
9 Hastings United	8	4	2	2	8	6	+2	14
10 Bognor Regis Town	10	3	4	3	21	18	+3	13
11 Kingstonian	10	2	6	2	14	13	+1	12
12 Margate	10	3	3	4	16	16	0	12
13 Haringey Borough	10	2	5	3	13	16	-3	11
14 Folkestone Invicta	8	3	2	3	12	15	-3	11
15 Carshalton Athletic	8	3	1	4	10	11	-1	10
16 Billericay Town	8	3	1	4	11	13	-2	10
17 LEWES	8	2	3	3	8	11	-3	9
18 Herne Bay	9	2	2	5	12	20	-8	8
19 Bowers & Pitsea	10	1	5	4	11	19	-8	8
20 Brightlingsea Regent	9	2	1	6	9	23	-14	7
21 Wingate & Finchley	9	0	6	3	9	14	-5	6
22 Corinthian-Casuals	10	1	2	7	10	24	-14	5

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES

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

TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER
 Bognor Regis Town v Bowers & Pitsea
 Canvey Island v Kingstonian
 Corinthian-Casuals v Folkestone Invicta
 Herne Bay v Billericay Town
 Lewes v Aveley
 Wingate & Finchley v Hastings United

WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER
 Cray Wanderers v Brightlingsea Regent

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER
 Aveley v Haringey Borough
 Billericay Town v Bognor Regis Town
 Bishop's Stortford v Carshalton Athletic
 Bowers & Pitsea v Brightlingsea Regent
 Canvey Island v Wingate & Finchley
 Corinthian-Casuals v Potters Bar Town
 Cray Wanderers v Enfield Town
 Herne Bay v Hastings United
 Hornchurch v Horsham
 Kingstonian v Folkestone Invicta
 Lewes v Margate





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
- Joe Payne
- Juevan Spencer
- Scott Thomas
- Scott Shulton
- Sam Youngs
- James Dayton
- Bilal Sayoud
- Lewis Taaffe
- Lyle Della-Verde
- Andre Coker
- Wraynel Hercules
- Marcus Wyllie
- Adam Cunningham
- Jake Cass



ROOKS

Manager: Tony Russell

From:

- Lewis Carey
- Finley Jenkins
- Will Salmon
- Mitchell Nelson
- Alfie Young
- Tom Champion
- Jamie Mascoll
- Tom Carlse
- Kenny Yao
- Marcel Elva-Fontaine
- Johnville Renee
- Bradley Pritchard
- Jack Skinner
- Ayo Olukoga
- Michael Klass
- Ronan Silva
- Razzaq Coleman De-Graft
- Rhys Murrell-Williamson
- Deon Moore
- Fraser Middleron-Tozer
- Joe Taylor

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Mark Pond
Assistant Referees:
 George Younger & Nick Reece

NEXT AT THE QEII

Herne Bay
 Saturday 29th October 2022 @ 3.00pm
 Pitching In Isthmian Premier League