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# The History of Ramsgate FC

Ramsgate has had senior football teams within the town since the late **1800s**, and despite the paucity of newspaper coverage of football on the Channel side of the Isle of Thanet in the late 19th century there are reports of Ramsgate Athletic playing at Southwood in **1895**.

The principal side was Ramsgate Town from about **1886**, team photos of whom exist from **1898**. At this time matches were played on several pitches around the town, including the Rams' current home - Southwood. Football in east Kent closed down during the Great War.

In **1919** the Southwood ground (pictured) was provided for Ramsgate Town by Henry Weigall JP and Lady Rose Weigall, by then known as Ramsgate. In their first season they finished 3rd in the Kent FA League and reached the Kent Senior Cup final but lost to Northfleet at Maidstone 1-0 before a crowd of 10,000.

In **1924** Ramsgate Town folded and Ramsgate Grenville moved to Southwood and, apart from the rise and fall of Ramsgate (Press Wanderers) in the **1930s**, they became the senior Ramsgate side until another World War cancelled football.

Football resumed after the WW2 and Southwood was taken over by the current club in **1945**, originally called Ramsgate Athletic, who played in the Kent FA League. Post-war honours have been many, especially in the late **1940s** and through the **1950s**, and again in the late **1960s** and **1980s** (and not forgetting the mid-2000s),

Some say the 'golden period' was from **1954 to 1957**, when former Scottish international Jimmy Blair was player/manager, and the Rams were back-to-back League Champions in **1955/56** and **1956/57**, with a new attendance record being set in 1955/56 when 5,083 watched the derby against Margate.

They also made Club history when they reached the 1st Round Proper of the FA for the first time in **1955**, narrowly losing 5-3 at Watford (a record that stood for 50 years before they reached that round again). With the demise of the Kent FA League in **1959**, the Club joined the Southern League, as well as the Thames & Medway Combination, and a new main stand was erected along the southern side of the pitch.

In **1971/72** the Club were promoted to the Southern League and changed its

name to just Ramsgate, but after a decline in fortunes off the pitch the Club was relegated to Division 1 and then resigned from the League in 1976, with the 1st team taking the Reserves' place in the new Kent League. In **1998/99** the Club was eligible for promotion back to the Southern League after winning the Kent Premier League championship and the Kent FA Senior Trophy, but decided the time was not right. This was followed with more silverware in **2000/01**, winning the Kent Premier Division League Cup.

The **2004/05** season saw the Rams playing (and defeating) 4 sides from higher leagues pre-season, including old rivals Margate. In competitive football they made good progress in the FA Cup, winning at Kingstonsian (2 leagues higher) before falling in the 2nd half to Dulwich Hamlet (1 league higher), whilst in the FA Vase they again reached the 3rd Round Proper.

The best form was saved for the domestic season where the Rams again did the double winning both the Kent League Premier Cup and League Championship by a clear margin, and after extensive ground improvements entered Ryman 1 South in 2005.

Summer **2005** saw the Rams start the new era with 2 more pieces of silverware, beating Herne Bay in the Kent League Challenge Shield and Margate in the Kent Messenger Challenge Cup.

The Club reached the 1st Round Proper of the FA Cup, the only Step 4 club in the country to do so that season, equalling the Club record set 50 years earlier, but were defeated at Nuneaton.

They won the League at their first attempt however, securing back-to-back promotions to the Ryman Premier Division for **2006/07**. For most of their inaugural season in the Premier the Rams were settled in the 'play-off spots' and for several weeks in 2nd place, but the toll on the small squad was noticeable and they slipped to 9th place in the run-in.

This meant another new record, as the Club had only managed to stay in the Southern League Premier for a single season in 1972. The **2007/08** season saw more club records being set, winning the Isthmian League Cup as well as reaching the play-offs for the Conference South.

In **2008/09** an average performance



on the pitch dipped in the last months with relegation back to Division 1 South. Key players left to remain at the higher level, although a much younger local side avoided a further drop in **2009/10** as some predicted.

Back in Division 1 the Rams usually finished around the play-offs until, after five managers in 14 months, they ended up in 21st place in **2013/14**. This saw the return of Jim Ward for his 3rd spell in charge, and though the Rams were in 2nd place at Christmas the form dropped and they finished mid-table.

A good start in **2016/17** didn't last and with only 1 point from 3 games over Christmas coach Lloyd Blackman replaced 'Wardie' as manager. A 10-match unbeaten run saw a mid-table finish reprieve, with Blackman confirmed as gaffer for **2017/18**. In **2018/19** there were several changes in chairman, and despite a good run in the FA Cup (ending at NLS Hemel Hempstead in the 3rd Qualifying Round) and an 8-game unbeaten League run, Blackman resigned in November. Ex-Sittingbourne manager and former player Nick Davis took over the Rams for the remainder of the season but, after indifferent results, he was replaced by current manager Matt Longhurst a month into the **2019/20** campaign.

The club continues to grow and now has a total of 76 affiliated teams, from senior men to women and youth, and following the

installation of the first fixed Panna cages at an English football stadium last year has now replaced the pitch at Southwood with a new all-weather surface that was opened with a visit from Spurs' U23s in **July 2021**.

## Ramsgate Post-War Honours

Isthmian League Cup Winners – 2007/08  
Isthmian League Division 1 Champions – 2005/06  
Southern League – Southern Division Runners Up – 1971/72  
Southern League Cup Finalists – 1967/68  
FA Cup 1st Round Proper – 1955/56, 2005/06  
Kent League Champions – 1949/50, 1955/56, 1956/57, 1998/99, 2004/05  
Kent League Runners Up – 1996/97  
Kent League Cup Winners – 1948/49, 1992/93, 1993/94, 1994/95, 2000/01, 2004/05  
Kent League Cup Finalists – 1988/89  
Thames & Medway Combination Cup Winners – 1959/60  
Thames & Medway Eastern Division Champions – 1958/59, 1959/60, 1960/61  
Kent Senior Cup Winners – 1963/64  
Kent Senior Cup Finalists – 1947/48, 1957/58, 1966/67  
Kent Senior Shield Winners – 1960/61, 1967/68, 1968/69  
Kent Senior Shield Finalists – 1946/47, 1949/50  
Kent Senior Trophy Winners – 1987/88, 1988/89, 1998/99  
Kent League Charity Shield Winners – 1994, 1995, 1997, 2005  
Kent League Charity Shield Runners Up – 1993, 2001





A photograph of three men in blue jackets, likely football managers or staff, looking off to the side. The man in the foreground has a grey beard and is looking intently. The man behind him is bald and also looking in the same direction. The third man is partially visible on the left. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting like a stadium.

# Micky's Message

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the Bourne Stadium for this League fixture, I would like to extend this welcome to our visitors today Ramsgate FC I hope you enjoy your short stay with us.

This week has been a rollercoaster of emotions with a great performance away at Phoenix Sports with a clean sheet and 3 good goals but losing Joe Tennent to a broken Fibula near the end was devastating to say the least. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

It was also positive on the night to see Michael Peate, one of our youth team products making his debut at 17, he has a very bright future.

After today we have a break from midweek games so will be able to train once more, which is something we have really missed. Next Saturday we had a free weekend due to getting a bye in the FA Trophy so as we speak we are trying to arrange a League fixture which will hopefully be VCD away, so watch the app or social media for confirmation.

All that's left for me to say is I hope you enjoy the game and thank you from the management and players for your continued support.

I wish you all a safe journey home.

**MC**

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## Literally a family affair

By Matt Badcock

It's funny how things fall into place sometimes. As much as we plan The NLP's pages each week, occasionally you stumble into the perfect storm.

Take last week's paper, where three of our FA Cup previews worked perfectly in tandem with a family theme.

In many ways, it shouldn't be a surprise. Non-League football in particular has always had the family feel. In this weekend's FA Cup, that's no different.

But these feel-good stories only served two underline just how many strong links run through the game.

First stop is Nuneaton Borough, where dad and son are making waves in the FA Cup. Carl Baker has had a fine career that took him from Non-League with Prescot Cables and Southport to the Football League where he won promotions with MK Dons and Portsmouth, after spending five seasons with Coventry City.

At 38 he may be on the back nine of his career, but he's still going strong — although son Louis is now grabbing the headlines too. There can't have been a much better feeling for Carl to be on the same pitch as his 20-year-old son, and Boro team-mate, when he scored an excellent goal against Lichfield City.

"I probably celebrated his goal more than I've ever celebrated any of my own," he said. "The stats on my GPS probably showed I ran quicker than than at any other time in the game as I went to jump on his back. It was a fantastic feeling.

"We were leading 1-0 at the time with about five minutes to go. As he's striding up the pitch I'm on the opposite side thinking he should just go and hold it up in the corner. "I could see what he was going to do so when he cut in and scored it was probably the best feeling I've ever had on a football pitch — you can see that from my reaction."

There will be a slightly different feel at Brackley Town's game with Coalville Town where Dean twins Gaz and Alex play each other in a competitive game for the first time.

At 31, they've had to wait for the chance — although mum Gill isn't thrilled about the showdown!

"Mum's not happy," Brackley defender Gaz told us. "I got a text saying, 'Be nice to your brother'. She says it's her worst nightmare come true because she's going to have one disappointed twin.

"But it's probably my dad's dream to see us go toe-to-toe with each other — it's opposite ends of the spectrum between the two parents, I think."

Alex added: "When we were little we were terrible — we used to fight all the time over any sport in the garden.

"We were blessed with where we lived because we had a good sized garden so we were forever playing football, cricket, badminton — anything like that. I am competitive. But he is ten times worse. He gets ever so grouchy."

Although Gaz has promised to buy his brother a pint in Brackley's bar after.

And at Sutton Common Rovers it will be a proud day for manager Darren Salmon. The gaffer has been involved with the club for 35 years having played and become manager of the team, then playing in Sunday League, aged 21.

His dad, Alan, founded the club in 1978 and is still chairman while his brother Justin is club secretary.

"I think that's been a real strength for us keeping that family feel and continuity," said Salmon, whose in-laws look after the matchday hospitality and stewarding, brother-in-law is youth club secretary and sister operates the tea bar on matchdays. Family ties will be everywhere in Non-League this weekend. We enjoyed scratching the surface.





# Player Profile: Hayden Skerry

**Age:** 21:

**Position:** Winger

**Birthplace:** Guildford

**Home:** Faygate near Crawley

**Occupation:** Electrician/Builder

**Previous Clubs:** Worthing, South Park, Three Bridges

**Club Supported:** Aldershot Town

My dad played for Crystal Palace and Millwall and finished there. I was growing up then and have followed them ever since.

**Favourite Player:** Cristiano Ronaldo

**Best Mate in Football:** Hard to narrow it down to one because I have made so many in football – and outside of the game as well.  
**Best Football Memory:** Either coming on for Worthing in the FA Cup at Ebbsfleet or playing for Worthing Under-18s – it was the last game of the season – we turned up with only nine men – went 2-0 down and I scored all four in a 4-2 win.

**Favourite Drink:** San Miguel

**Favourite Meal:** Fajitas

**Thoughts on coming to Sevenoaks:** “I had played against us for Three Bridges – and it all happened after that.

“I only played two games last season – before lockdown – but they were very good ones – winning 3-2 at Ashford in the last minute was wicked – and then getting a point in a 2-2 draw at Haywards Heath, (thanks to Joey Taylor’s late equaliser).

.....and this season: “stay even stronger as a unit – sometimes I think we are too nice on the pitch and we need to make it harder for teams really.”



## Sevenoaks Town Fixtures 2021-22 season

All home Saturday games kick off at 3pm. Wednesday games at 7.30pm.

Key: ISE: Isthmian South East – FAC: FA Cup – FAT: FA Trophy

1 Goal scored - \*Own Goal 1st sub 2nd sub 3rd sub Sent off

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# Ramsgate Player Profiles

## Jerald Aboagye

29-year old right back, Jerald signed for the Club last season and is a powerful player who has become a fans' favourite with his energy levels. Very experienced and vital to the young players at the Club's development centre.

## Josh Ajayi

19-year old centre forward who has signed a two-year contract with the Club from Crystal Palace and possesses all the attributes to become a top player. A fast, powerful forward who again, with development in senior football, can go as far as he wants in the game.

## George Baker-Moran

19 year old Sittingbourne-born striker who joins the Rams this season after 4 years with Gillingham, where he was top scorer for the Development team in each campaign.

## Mitch Chapman

22-year old centre midfielder, Mitch has played over 200 senior games at just 22 and is a whole hearted player with a great physical presence. He has scored goals from midfield and this season we expect him to continue to improve; certainly a player to watch progress in the game.

## Jordan Chiedozie

27 year old striker who started out at home-town Bournemouth as an 18 year old and has since played at the likes of Boreham Wood, Margate and Chelmsford City, and joins the Rams for 2021/22 from Braintree Town.

## Jamie Coyle

38-year old vastly experienced defender signed from Margate this summer to aid the young squad at the Rams. Has played at this level and above his whole career winning numerous titles along the way. Jamie is a UEFA A Licensed coach and an FA coach educator and is a fantastic addition to the squad.

## Callum Emptage

24-year old right/centre back, Callum played previously for the Gills as a professional and as Matt Longhurst's captain at East Grinstead, making over 150 appearances for the Wasps. A very competitive player with great quality, bringing vast experience to the young squad.

## Liam Hill

16 years old goalkeeper who has come through the ranks at Thanet Colts and then the Ramsgate FC youth section, he has also represented the Thanet Schools district team and Ursuline School. Liam is an exciting young prospect and is gaining valuable experience working with Jacob and the senior 'keepers at the club.

## TJ Jadama

22-year old midfielder. TJ progressed through the ranks to the first team at Ramsgate before moving to Whitstable Town. We are delighted to have brought TJ back to the Club this summer. TJ is also a full-time apprentice with the Club this season and really will become an icon and role model in the local area, as well as a goal-scoring midfield player.

## Beckham Kennelly

22-year old defender, Canterbury-born Becks has moved to Ramsgate from Peterborough and, having spent many years living and playing in Spain, is perfect for the way we want to play as a team. A left-footed centre back who had trials at Arsenal and Real Madrid, he is commanding and already a popular member of the group.

## Danny Lear

21 year old forward signed from Rust-hall in the summer after impressing in a game against the Rams. Has signed a year contract with the Club and is certainly an exciting prospect with his work rate and finishing.



## Jake McIntyre

26-year old centre/left back. Jake is the team captain and is a leader on and off the pitch. Having played over 250 games at this level at just 26 years age he brings a wealth of experience to the group, and is a tough-tackling defender who is also very comfortable with the ball.

## Ashley Miller

27-year old forward, Ashley is a talented player with ability way beyond this level of football; sometimes the things he can do with a football can be beyond believable. At 26 Ash is expected to flourish in this new squad of players that suit his style.

## Denzelle Olopade

19-year-old midfielder signed from Crystal Palace. Denzelle is a 6ft 4 powerful central player who we have high hopes for. He has all the attributes to progress back into the football league if he gains valuable senior football experience and is certainly one to watch.

## The last time we met

### November 23 2019:

Isthmian League South East:  
Sevenoaks Town 3  
Ramsgate 1

HT: 2-1.

Attendance: 164

Scorers: Louis Collins (2),  
Frankie Sawyer

Sevenoaks: Patrick Lee,  
Fraser Walker, Liam Smith,  
Jake Beecroft (Dan Parkinson 75 mins), Jack Miles, Ben Gorham, Louis Collins, Bradley Schafer, Tommy Whitnell,  
Frankie Sawyer, (Tyrell Richardson-Brown 72 mins), Alec Fiddes.

## Callum Peck

Striker signed from Kennington, who he joined prior to 2020/21 from Rochester United

## Lee Prescott

32-year old centre midfielder and one of the most experienced players in the squad, with spells playing at the higher level with Cray Wanderers and Margate. A strong, powerful midfielder who will be tasked with looking after the younger players on the pitch.

## Jacob Russell

20-year old goalkeeper who has spent 11 years at Crystal Palace, the last two as a professional. At 6ft 4" Jacob is a commanding goalkeeper as well as being very athletic. He is also our Head of Goalkeeping, and is busy working on our Emerging Talent Centre evenings.

## Mekael Williams

20-year old right-footed striker from Hackney, who joins the Rams for 2021/22. Previous teams include Enfield Town and Hackney Wick.





# Sevenoaks Town FC

# 2021 Squad Pictures



**History:** Sevenoaks Town were originally formed in 1883, one of the founding members of the Kent League.

In April the same year, the club played Royal Arsenal, then the only professional club in the South East of England in front of around 1000 spectators at Knole Paddock.

They combined with St Johns United in 1951, and joined the Western section of the Kent Amateur League.

Division 1 League Cup winners in 1965-66, they were twice winners of the Premier Division in 1968-69 and 1975-76.

They won the Kent County League - three times - 1984-85, 1995-96 and 2002-3.

The club were Kent Intermediate Challenge Shield and Inter-Regional Challenge Cup winners twice, and lifted the Sevenoaks Charity Cup on 12 occasions.

**Recent successes:** Southern Counties East League Cup champions: 2016-17  
Southern Counties East League champions: 2017-8

**Best FA Cup Performance:** Second Qualifying Round: 2016-17

**Best FA Trophy Performance:** First Qualifying Round: 2018-19

**Best FA Vase Performance:** Third Round Proper 2017-18.

A new state of the art 3G pitch was installed in June 2017, and plans are in place to construct a brand new stadium in the next two years.



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# Support Sevenoaks

Sevenoaks Town FC has prided itself on providing for the local community to serve and assist those in the local area.

In March, the football season came to an abrupt end. In the unprecedented months that have followed, the club has had to re-focus, re-plan and re-model in order to find our feet again.

Following every step of Government and FA guidance, we were able to get back playing again in June.

Throughout lockdown and as measures have eased, our committee have recognised the need for the club to support those who need our help the most. One of the clear areas to focus upon was local business.

**"We take great pride in our identity and the area we are a part of. We know first-hand, how challenging the past few months have been."**

As a club, we want to be there for the people living, working and socialising in the area and have devised a proud to launch a new scheme we hope you'll support and get involved with.

Support Sevenoaks is our campaign set up to help local businesses get back on their feet. We have created a Support Sevenoaks card which is free a loyalty scheme. If you make a purchase at stores and services who are a part of the scheme, you'll receive a stamp of thanks.

Once your Support Sevenoaks card is full of stamps, you can use it to gain free entry

to a First Team games during the 2020/21 season, when crowds are allowed to return. You simply bring the fully stamped card along to your chosen game and present at the turnstile.

And if for whatever reason, you don't want to use your card to attend a game, you can email [hello@sevenoakstownfc.co.uk](mailto:hello@sevenoakstownfc.co.uk) with your details and an upload of your complete card and we will donate the equivalent of the match day entry to a local charity.

Club Chairman, Paul Lansdale hopes the scheme will further incentivise local people to support businesses in the area.

"I am extremely proud to be launching our Support Sevenoaks initiative. The scheme was devised by us as a club because we know just how important local provision and services are.

"We take great pride in our identity and the area we are a part of. We know first-hand, how challenging the past few months have been. The impact of Covid19 on businesses and organisations of all shapes and sizes has been huge. We want to help these businesses, their owners and employees find their feet again."

"We hope the idea is something those involved with the football club alongside residents and the businesses of Sevenoaks itself can get behind. Businesses can get in touch with us to be a part of Support Sevenoaks and we will equip them with the materials, the card and branding required. The Eat Out to Help Out scheme finishes at the end of the month, whereas this card will be in operation by us throughout the 2020/21 season and maybe even beyond if it proves to be valuable and enjoyed by people living, working and visiting Sevenoaks."

If you'd like to get involved with the Support Sevenoaks initiative please email [charlotte@sevenoakstownfc.co.uk](mailto:charlotte@sevenoakstownfc.co.uk)

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Hoads,  
The Hardware Centre,  
Sevenoaks Computer,  
White Stuff.

UPDATE: The Support Sevenoaks initiative continues to gather impetus with more than 20 shops now signed up. Picking up a card at any of those listed allow shoppers in the town to make it a purchase and get it stamped. Every completed card will give free entry to a Pitching In Isthmian League first team game. Shoppers not taking advantage can send the card to [hello@sevenoakstownfc.co.uk](mailto:hello@sevenoakstownfc.co.uk), and the club will donate the equivalent of the matchday ticket price between West Kent Mind and Hospice in the Weald.





# Grow the Oaks!

Since 1883, Sevenoaks Town FC has provided playing opportunities for footballers of all ages and abilities. As our club seeks to take each step of the Government's Covid 19 roadmap and beyond with care, we are determined to find our feet as quickly as possible, making sure Greatness Park returns to becoming a safe, friendly hub of footballing activity for the local community and our football family.

It is now over a year since the global pandemic was declared, it is poignant to reflect on the things we've learned from these, tough, strange and unprecedented times. With our lives changed beyond recognition, we have learnt to appreciate all the things we enjoy – football being one of them. All the people who dedicate hours of time to helping Sevenoaks Town FC run are providing a selfless service we all appreciate goes beyond supplying physical benefits. It's the social elements of being part of a team; the mental health release of being active and empowered; its feeling and being a part of something unique, constructive and valuable.

With lots of people impacted economically, whether that be by being placed on furlough, losing employment or having planned opportunities postponed or cancelled, we are aware there may be individuals and groups out there who want to seize opportunity

once lockdown eases. Opportunity to give back. Opportunity to contribute to their local community. Opportunity to reignite with the game they love and have most probably sorely missed.

We want to #GrowTheOaks with a specific push to recruit volunteers to be a part of our team at Sevenoaks Town FC. However, no specifics are required for you to be a part of it. Whatever your skills, whatever your experience; if you want to get involved, if you'd like to contribute some hours and if you'd like to give up your free time, then you'd be most welcome.

Every volunteer at Sevenoaks Town FC is supported and given guidance around their role and responsibilities. We pride ourselves on looking after our players, coaches, officers and wider community. As a volunteer at our FA Charter Standard Community club, you will be a part of a club that prides itself on meeting and exceeding standards. You'll have opportunity to improve both yourself and the club in turn.

We are looking forward to a continued safe and positive return to football and if you want to be a part of it you can explore volunteering options and be a part of #GrowTheOaks by emailing [info@sevenoakstownfc.co.uk](mailto:info@sevenoakstownfc.co.uk)

## Zero tolerance for racism

"The Isthmian Football League strongly supports the FA statement that there should be a zero-tolerance approach against racism and all forms of discrimination. Accordingly, any form of discriminatory abuse whether it be by reason of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion and belief, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, sex and sexual orientation or any other form of abuse will be reported

to The Football Association for action by that Association." (The FA 0800 085 0508 / Kick it Out 020 7253 0162). The Isthmian League and all Member Clubs in the League are committed to promoting equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and providing access and opportunities for all members of the community."

## STFC COVID-19 Policy Statement

The entire team at Sevenoaks Football Club are committed to providing a safe football environment.

COVID-19 Restrictions In accordance with the current Government guidelines and The FA guidelines, individuals can play match football and carry out competitive training with additional control measures in place. All of the well-publicised Government social distancing and hygiene requirements must be fully observed in and around the match and training pitches and parking areas at all times.

At the Bourne Stadium, anyone entering will be subject to a machine temperature check with anyone failing this check refused entry on safety grounds. In addition, there will be no access to the changing rooms except where league guidance requires it for matches or for safeguarding purposes. We have provided player/parent guidance and we are constantly receiving updates from The FA and Government which we will ensure to update our control measures when any further changes can be made. The measures that have been put in place are for you, your family and everyone else's safety.

• An individual is required to self-assess before travelling to a match/training and if showing any symptoms of the virus or has been in contact with someone displaying symptoms within the last two weeks, then they should stay at home and call 111. They should remain isolated until it is safe to return.

• We will be complying with additional control measure when carrying out match play and training with social distancing measures before, during breaks and after match play/training. Please respect each other and any decisions that are made on behalf of the club for safety reasons.

• For training, a maximum number of people are allowed into the designated training area within the red zone at any one time in order for social distancing to take place when contact training is not taking place. STFC and their coaches will abide by this maximum number as provided by The FA.

• All training activities are undertaken entirely at your own risk and parents/players must sign up to participate in footballing activity along with signing up to The FA's 'Code of Behaviour'.

• All players and attendees to training and matches are required to provide contact information to enable STFC to support the NHS Track and Trace program and all information provided will be covered under the club's Data Protection Policy.

• Players/parents/officials should arrive at the designated match/training time as entrance to the pitch will not be permitted before this time.

• All parents not remaining pitch side will be asked to drop and collect their children at the allotted time from the edge of the pitch or if at the Bourne Stadium from outside the ground exit.

• Players should bring to training with them, named hand gel bottle and named water bottle as well as naming any other item they bring such as sun cream, medication, etc, for their own personal use.

• All training equipment will be appropriately sanitised including football equipment such as footballs, cones, goal posts and any other training equipment being used.

• At the Bourne Stadium, all signage for social distancing is installed in the ground to remind everyone of social distancing with volunteers to provide continued guidance.

• At the Bourne Stadium, the entrance and exit touch points, along with other areas at the ground will be sanitised with a cleaning sanitiser which continues to work for up to 30 days after it has been applied.

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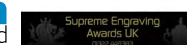
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# Sevenoaks Town Women and Girls' Strategy

Sevenoaks Town FC are currently in the exciting process of putting together three-year plan for the women and girls' section of the club, in which they are aiming to help the team move from tier 7 (b) to tier 4 within the next 3 years. This is an ambitious jump to a high standard of football which STFC are confident they can achieve.

In order to help Sevenoaks Town accomplish this, the club has been working with two consultants who both have a lot of first-hand experience in women's football: Natalie Curtis, a Football Development Officer for Women & Girls Football at the Kent FA who has also played for a pro club and managed and coached at the same level, and Charlotte Richardson, an FA Club Consultant who has been involved in the Women's Sport & Leadership Academy.

Both Natalie and Charlotte have experience of working with clubs and taking their Women's and Girls' teams up a few tiers, which is what Sevenoaks Town aspires to achieve. Natalie and Charlotte have begun to map out this three-year plan to help STFC achieve our goals.

Furthermore, Sevenoaks Town have also appointed Paul McDonagh who will be a great addition to the Women's and Girls section at Sevenoaks Town. Paul is a UEFA A Coach, and has also been Technical Director for Women's and Girls football at Charlton Athletic for two years.

Paul will take on and oversee STFC's Women and Girls' section, and he will also manage the Women's First

Team for the upcoming 21/22 season supported by Maddie Smith and Dan Thomas who bring a wealth of experience and have been instrumental in our progress so far.

We at Sevenoaks Town FC are confident that with the addition of Natalie, Charlotte and Paul to STFC's Women and Girls' section, as well as

the foundation we have built since our first girls' team in 2012, we will be able to really push on and increase the profile and exposure of women's football at the club. The ultimate aim is to have our women's and men's teams run in the same way and be on the same level, and we hope to achieve this starting with the three-year plan which is being put in place.



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# Phoenix from the flames

## Phoenix Sports 0 Sevenoaks Town 3

Micky Collins shuffled the pack as Sevenoaks Town bounced back from a difficult week to clinch their second Pitching In isthmian League South East away win of the season at Barnehurst on Tuesday night. However the victory and a first clean-sheet was marred by stand-in skipper Joe Tennent suffering a broken leg. Lammin Bah made an impressive first start at left wing back while there were recalls for Max Walsh and Hayden Skerry. Frankie Sawyer returned on the bench after recovering from a knee ligament injury, with teenage defender Michael Peate also named among the substitutes. Louis Collins hit his seventh of the season Danny Divine, his first for the club with Kyle De Silva completing the scoring. Oaks made a bright start

on a misty, murky evening, Divine heading them in front after 11 minutes from De Silva's near post corner. Collins saw one effort blocked, before Skerry's strike was pushed away for another corner by home keeper Steve Phillips. Oaks doubled the lead after 27 minutes - a great move involving four players, ending with Collins rounding Phillips before shooting home. Jason Thompson shot wide, and new-boy Max Cabune saw his effort cleared of the line before half-time. De Silva made it 3-0 seven minutes after the break with a neat finish inside the post, after Collin's run and cross caused problems. Sawyer almost scored with his first touch after replacing Thompson, in a double change with 24 minutes left - Tommy Cooney sent on for Bah who suffered a blow to the head. Oaks continued to create chances - Skerry's strike was

deflected wide, and Phillips stopped another Collins effort. Phoenix sub James Dyer produced their first shot on target with 11 minutes left, before Tennent's injury seven minutes from time. The defender who had a fine game in a reshuffled back line was booked for the challenge that saw him carried off - confirmation the following morning he had broken his fibula. Peate replaced him, making his senior debut - watched by family and friends from the club's youth team, who gave him and the team great vocal backing earning thanks from Micky and the players after the game.

Sevenoaks Town: Ben Bridle-Card, Maxim Cabune, Lammin Bah (Tom Cooney 66 mins), Stefan Wright, Joe Tennent (Michael Peate 83 mins), Danny Divine, Kyle De Silva, Max Walsh, Jason Thompson (Frankie Sawyer 66 mins), Hayden Skerry.  
Attendance: 84

## Tough week ends with Hastings loss

### Sevenoaks Town 1 Hastings United 4

A third successive home defeat capped a tough week for Sevenoaks Town. Beaten 4-3 after conceding a 3-0 half-time lead to exit the FA Cup at the hands of Redhill in midweek - the visit of Isthmian League South East pre-season favourites Hastings United, represented another difficult challenge. Oaks trailed 2-0 after 22 minutes and conceded a third soon after half-time. Substitute Hayden Skerry pulled one back on the hour, only to

concede a fourth late on, resulting in their heaviest home league reverse since winning promotion in 2017. Oaks suffered another blow when midfielder Stefan Wright was knocked unconscious and suffering facial injuries in an accidental collision in stoppage-time. He was carried off, but came round in the dressing room later, before being sent to hospital for a precautionary check-up. Gary Elphick put Hastings in front after 10 before two-goal Ben Pope doubled the lead 12 minutes later.

Sam Hasler added the third four minutes after the break, direct from a free-kick, before Oaks pulled one back just after the hour in their best spell of the game. Louis Collins' left wing cross setting up substitute Hayden Skerry to score three minutes after coming on to replace skipper Dean Gunner. Pope added the fourth with 10 minutes left.

Sevenoaks: Ben Bridle-Card, Danny Divine, Tom Cooney, Maxim Cabune, Joe Tennent, Dean Gunner (Hayden Skerry 59 mins), Kyle De Silva, Stefan Wright, Jason Thompson (Lammin Bah 78 mins), Louis Collins, Ben Davisson (Max Walsh 34 mins).





# Today's team sheet

## Sevenoaks Town

1: Ben Bridle-Card

2: Lammin Bah

3: Maxim Cabune

4: Stefan Wright

5: Tommy Cooney

6: Danny Divine

7: Kyle De Silva

8: Max Walsh

9: Jason Thompson

10: Louis Collins

11: Hayden Skerry

12: Frankie Sawyer

14: Bradley Schafer

15: Michael Peate

16: Dean Gunner

17: Ben Davisson

## Ramsgate

1: Jacob Russell

2: Jerald Aboagye

3: Mekael Williams

4: Callum Emptage

5: Denzelle Olopade

6: Callum Peck

7: Mitchell Chapman

8: Ashley Miller

9: Joshua Ajayi

10: Jamie Coyle

11: Tijan Jadama

12: Lee Prescott

14: Jordan Chiedozie

15: Sammi Takaloo

16: George Baker-Moran

17: Beckham Kennelly



Saturday 18th September 2021, Pitching In Isthmian South-East Division, kick-off 3pm. **Referee:** Luke Chapman

**Assistant Referee 1:** Edward Smith

**Assistant Referee 2:** Andrew Crossley

**Next home match:** Wednesday September 25th, 7.30pm.  
Pitching In Isthmian South-East Division, Sevenoaks Town v East Grinstead.

