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# Micky's Message

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Greatness Park for another league fixture. I would like to extend this welcome to the management, players, officials and spectators of our visitors today, Hastings Utd. I hope you enjoy your stay with us and wish you all a safe journey home.

Last Saturday saw us take on Bracknell Town (away), a very tough game against a well organised side. Two pivotal moments that didn't go our way may have given a different outcome, but that's football.

This week I've managed to strengthen the squad as Zak Guerfi has joined us. He's a centre midfielder with a great pedigree, a full Tunisian international who has a wealth of experience at such a young age.

We also welcome back fans favourite Frankie Sawyer as his move to step 5 Glebe hadn't worked out how he would have liked.

Today will be a tough game against one of the title favourites and it should be a cracker.

On Tuesday night we travel to Ashford for another League fixture it would be great to see some of our fans there supporting the boys, your support this has been tremendous and we all really appreciate it.

I hope you all enjoy today's game

**MC**

# The History of Hastings United

The present Hastings United Football Club appears to have existed continuously since **1901** having undergone three changes of name.

As a result the club's history has become interwoven with that of other clubs with similar names.

The origins of the club began with the founding of old town side Rock-A-Nore in **1894**; five years later they became defunct but in 1901 a new club started-up using the same name.

They won the East Sussex League Championship in **1907/08** and were to be amongst the foremost local sides regularly winning trophies until World War One called a halt to proceedings.

The Rock-A-Nore club resumed in **1919**, this has led to some confusion as to whether the Club was actually founded in 1901 or 1919 and Hastings United has taken the view that it was 1901 in which year the club won five local trophies plus the Sussex Junior Cup.

The latter success was crucial as it not only secured them an invitation to become a founder members of the Sussex League when it started in **1920** but led to the Council developing a community ground.

They purchased Pilot Field Meadow where the first pitch was prepared on the upper area, later "The Firs", with Rock-A-Nore having first call upon it.

Their opening match there was a County League fixture against Chichester on September 11th, 1920 when a crowd of over one thousand saw them lose by the odd goal of three. Having previously rejected a proposal to add Hastings to the club name, in April, 1921 it was agreed to change the name to Hastings and St. Leonards Football Club.

As Hastings & St. Leonards, the club attracted the area's better players and immediately achieved a second place finish in the County League, a feat they repeated in 1926. During this period the Council invested substantial amounts in developing the lower pitch turning it into a stadium, complete with the concrete grandstand that still graces the ground.

After rejecting ideas of turning professional but having failed to gain admission to the Athenian or Isthmian Leagues, the club joined Eastbourne in

the Southern Amateur League Division Two, which they won at the first attempt in season **1927/28**. Promoted, the club made a sensational entry to the top division playing their opening league game at Wembley Stadium, the home for one season of Ealing Association, where they lost 0-1. Season-on-season progress saw their finishing positions improve whilst in **1933** they reached the final of the Sussex Senior Cup for the first time only to lose to **Eastbourne** after a replay. The following season they were runners-up to Ipswich Town but in season **1934/35** Hastings & St. Leonards won their first league championship although they were beaten by Worthing in the final of the Sussex Senior Cup.

In season **1935/36** the club won a second league championship and recorded a first Sussex Senior Cup success, defeating Lewes 2-0 in the final, while being beaten finalists in the AFA Harwich Cup going down 0-2 to holders Harwich & Parkston at Crystal Palace.

The following year there were no major cup final appearances

but they became only the second club to win the Southern Amateur League championship in three consecutive seasons. A record breaking fourth title was denied them by one point as a result of their first home league loss since August, 1935, a 0-1 defeat, to eventual champions Civil Service; however, they did record a first success in the national AFA Senior Cup and a second Sussex Senior Cup victory. The fourth league championship came in **1939** and that season the club also lifted the Sussex RUR Charity Cup for the first time.

The Southern Amateur League did not operate between 1939 and 1945 but for season **1939/40** the Sussex County League staged a war emergency competition which was played in two geographical sections; the Sussex Senior Cup operated in a similar manner. By winning the eastern section of both competitions, Hastings reached the final of each where they met Worthing who had won both west sections; the two sides were also invited to contest the RUR Charity Cup, thus the sides were scheduled to meet in three finals. The first meeting was in the Senior Cup and that resulted in a draw, after extra time, with



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# The History of Hastings United

Worthing then winning the replay. Two weeks on, Hastings won the Charity Cup after extra time and so the League Play-Off became a decider which Worthing won.

Shortly afterwards the club suspended operations for the duration of the Second World War but maintained a link with local youth football and, therefore, were able to field teams in a full programme of club matches during season **1944/45**.

Resuming in the Southern Amateur League, the club were again runners-up in **1946** and decided that the time was right to look for challenges elsewhere and, unable to gain entry to either the Athenian or Isthmian Leagues, they entered the Corinthian League.

Despite bringing a good class of amateur football to the town, there was a clamour in Hastings for professional football and in the summer of **1948** Hastings & St. Leonards found that the lease on the Pilot Field stadium had been awarded to the newly formed Hastings United F.C. who had gained admission to an enlarged Southern League without ever having kicked a ball.

With no suitable ground available, "The Amateurs" were forced to withdraw from the Corinthian League but the club continuing with teams in the local leagues playing on the top pitch at the Pilot Field. In **1952** the club became founder members of Division Two of the Sussex County League, however, the transition was a huge step for which the club was not prepared and in the first three seasons they finished bottom of the division. Eventually in season **1959/60** the club finished as runners-up but with only the top side eligible for promotion they remained in Division Two for a further twenty years. During that period the club changed its name to Hastings Town and improved The Firs ground re-profiling the pitch and constructing a purpose built clubhouse. Success returned to the club in season **1979/80** when they won both the Division Two title and the divisional cup. The following season they won the League Challenge Cup and finished in fourth place in Division One with a further four seasons being spent in Division One.

Meanwhile Hastings United, who had struggled during season **1984/85** just retained their place in the Southern

League's Premier Division, however, in June, 1985 the club ceased trading when it was found they could no longer sustain their accumulated debts.

Hastings Town made application to takeover their Southern League place but Witney objected as United's demise had saved them from relegation from the Premier Division and, instead, Town were offered a place in the League's Southern Division.

Several ex-United players joined Town and the unified side featured in the promotion race during their first two seasons but just missed out finishing third and fourth in **1986** and **1987**, respectively.

It was the return of former Hastings United manager Peter Sillett that saw Town establish themselves as a force in the Southern League winning the Southern Division in **1992**. Playing at their highest level ever, Town struggled and Sillett was replaced by Dean White, the local former Chelsea and Gillingham player, who saw them to safety.

The club was to spend a further six seasons in the Premier Division of the Southern League, during which they won the Challenge Cup, and reached the final of the Sussex Senior Cup four times in five seasons, lifting the trophy in **1996** and **1998**.

Season **1998/99** saw an attempt to transfer to the Isthmian League refused but having resigned from the Southern League they were only accepted back as new entrants and started season **1999/2000** in the Eastern Division which they won in **2002**. At this time the club acquired the company name Hastings United and since have played under that title, however, promoted to the Premier Division a twentieth position finish saw them make an immediate return to the Eastern Division but a first appearance was made in the F.A. Challenge Cup competition proper when the side went through to the first round proper after winning in a replay at Kettering Town. Sadly, there was to be no meeting with a Football League side to evoke memories of their namesake's glorious cup history, instead it was a visit to another Conference side, Stevenage Borough, where the dream ended with a 0-1 defeat.

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## The History of Hastings United

Relegation and the F.A.'s Non-League restructuring moved the side into the Ryman Isthmian League where they finished in eleventh and twelfth places in Division One in **2005** and **2006**.

Following a fourth place finish in season **2006/07**, promotion to the Premier Division was won by defeating second placed Tooting & Mitcham United in the end of season play-off final.

During season **2007/08** Hastings United struggled in the Premier Division and mid-term the club dispensed with the services of Nigel Kane, reserve team manager John Lambert acting in a caretaker capacity, until former Millwall player and ex-Tonbridge Angels boss Tony Dolby arrived and steered the side clear of relegation. Tony did not stay at the Pilot Field and Lambert was appointed as manager for season **2008/09** but once again United found themselves in the lower half of the table for much of the season and after a prolonged spell in or just above the relegation places Tony Dolby returned to replace Lambert and once again oversaw them retain their place in the Premier Division.

The **2009/10** season was United's most successful since gaining promotion. They looked likely to make the end of season play-offs until a late dip in form saw them finish in seventh place. They reached the semi-finals of the Sussex Senior Cup, losing to Brighton & Hove Albion but found no success in the FA Cup, FA Trophy of League Cup.

Manager Tony Dolby left the club in December **2010** and was replaced by Jason Hopkinson who was previously assistant manager at Lewes. Results picked up which enable the club to retain its Premier Division status.

Results in the cup competitions were again disappointing. Jason left the Club during October **2011** following a disappointing start to the season and was replaced by central defender Sean Ray United again found themselves in a relegation battle but managed to preserve their Premier Division status.

A poor league season in **2012/13** saw the club relegated from the Ryman League Premier Division. There was considerable cup success however. An FA Cup run saw United reach the third round proper

before losing 4-1 away to Championship side Middlesbrough. They also reached the semi-finals of the League Cup, losing away to Concord Rangers, and the Sussex Senior Cup when they lost 1-0 to Bognor Regis Town.

Three days prior to the start of the new season manager Sean Ray resigned his position John Maggs was appointed as manager towards the end of August **2013**, formerly with Crawley Town, Horsham and Crawley Down Gatwick.

John Maggs was dismissed towards the end of January **2014** and replaced by former player Terry White. Two other managerial changes were made during the season when results were disappointing especially as many had tipped the club to be challenging for a play-off place.

Towards the end of season **2014/15** the club changes hands when a new board of directors was appointed. Garry Wilson was appointed as manager during the close season with Danny Bloor joining as assistant manager.

Garry Wilson and Danny Bloor stepped down at the end of the **2015/16** season to be replaced by former United player Darren Hare who had previously been with Gillingham FC undertaking a number of rolls including caretaker manager. Darren rebuilt the squad during the close-season with a number of new signings.

After an excellent season which ended with a play-off semi-final defeat, on penalties, away to Dorking Wanderers, Darren Hare resigned.

His replacement was Adam Hinshelwood who once again had to rebuild the side as a number of players moved on.

Adam resigned during September to take on the managers role at Worthing FC and was replaced by his assistant Chris Agutter who remains at the helm to this day on a full time basis combining his role with being Head of Coaching & Recruitment within the Club's education and football scheme which it operates in conjunction with East Sussex College Group from Hastings College.



# Next up for STFC: Ashford, Haywards Heath and VCD

**Tuesday October 27**

**Ashford United a) Homelands Park: ko 7.45pm**

**Pitching In Isthmian League South East.**

**Ticket Details:** www.ashfordunited.fc.com

**Last meeting:** Saturday January 18 2020:

Ashford United 4 Sevenoaks Town 1

**Attendance:** 312

**Scorer:** Frankie Sawyer

**Line Up:** Patrick Lee, Fraser Walker, Joe Taylor, Dan Parkinson, Tom Ripley, Ben Gorham, Ryan Hayes (Tyrell Richardson-Brown 67 mins), Alec Fiddes, Tommy Whitnell (Liam King 76 mins), Frankie Sawyer, Kyle De Silva (Louis Collins 62 mins).

**Ashford United this season:**

The Nuts and Bolts were another team badly affected by last season being declared null and void - boasting a goal difference of plus 34 - having been in contention for much of the truncated campaign.

Tommy Warrilow has shuffled his pack following the eve of season loss of striker Jay May at the beginning of the season.

He has brought in several new signings including Johan Ter Horst from Folkestone and Tasha-Jay Kwayie who has re-signed recently.

Ter Horst and another new signing Jack Steventon both scored in the 2-0 midweek win over Whyteleafe.

Ex Oaks pair Ben Gorham and Adrian Stone look set to feature.

Ashford went out of the FA Trophy last week, beaten 7-6 on penalties at Hythe, having led 2-0 at one stage.

**Saturday October 31**

**Haywards Heath (a) Hanbury Park Stadium, RH16 3PT ko 3pm**

**Pitching In Isthmian League South East**

**TicketDetails:** www.haywardsheathtownfc.co.uk

**Last meeting:** Saturday February 22 2020:

Haywards Heath 1 Sevenoaks Town 0

**Attendance:** 132

**Line-Up:** Patrick Lee, Jack Miles, Joe Taylor, Ryan Fowler (Kyle De Silva 62 mins), Joe

Tennant, Tom Ripley, Ryan Hayes, Liam Gillies, Tommy Whitnell, James Bessey-Saldanha, Tyrell Richardson-Brown.

**Haywards Heath this season:**

A poor start has seen long-time manager Sean Saunders leave and return in the space of five weeks.

Former co-manager Lloyd Cotton took over - but has now left the club and joined Whitehawk as a player.

The club have won only one point out of 15 before today's game against Hythe.

**Saturday November 7**

**VCD (h) Bourne Stadium ko 3pm**

**Pitching In Isthmian League South East**

**Ticket Details:** www.sevenoakstowncf.co.uk or via the Club App.

**Last meeting:** Saturday February 29 2020:

**Scorers:** Ryan Hayes, Andy Pugh

**Line-Up:** Patrick Lee, Dan Parkinson, Joe Taylor, Mitchell Chapman, (Frankie Sawyer 63 mins), Joe Tennent, Tom Ripley, Ryan Hayes, Ryan Fowler (Kyle De Silva 87 mins), Tommy Whitnell, James Bessey-Saldanha, Tyrell Richardson-Brown.

**VCD this season:**

Long-time boss Keith McMahon's exit was a surprise but successor Nick Davis has overseen four wins in five games - Hastings inflicting their only defeat - and now the nearest challengers to the early-season pacesetters.

All this after a 6-0 FA Cup home drubbing by Cray Valley (PM) last month, and FA Trophy defeat at home to Herne Bay last weekend.

Davis' new-look squad includes ex-Oaks players Chris Edwards, Joe Bingham and Marcus Elliott.

VCD are without a game today, they travel to Faversham next week, before home dates against Whitstable and East Grinstead.

# Isthmian South East Table

VCD Athletic	5	4	0	1	15	5	+10	12
<b>Hastings United</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>11</b>
Hythe Town	5	3	1	1	12	8	+4	10
East Grinstead	3	3	0	0	11	2	+9	9
<b>Sevenoaks Town</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>9</b>
Whitstable Town	6	3	0	3	9	15	-6	9
Faversham Town	4	2	2	0	6	2	+4	8
Whyteleafe	4	2	1	1	7	5	+2	7
Ashford United	5	2	1	2	7	8	-1	7
Herne Bay	4	2	0	2	7	6	+1	6
Phoenix Sports	5	2	0	3	6	8	-2	6
Cray Valley PM	4	1	2	1	5	5	0	5
Burgess Hill Town	5	1	1	3	5	6	-1	4
Whitehawk	4	1	1	2	5	6	-1	4
Sittingbourne	4	1	1	2	6	9	-3	4
Ramsgate	4	1	0	3	6	9	-3	3
Chichester City	4	1	0	3	5	10	-5	3
Three Bridges	5	1	0	4	5	15	-10	3
Haywards Heath T	5	0	1	4	5	15	-10	1

Includes results of matches played on Tuesday October 20th (below).

**Ashford United 2**

Steventon (7'), Ter Horst (25')

202

**Whyteleafe 0**

**Hastings United 3**

Pope (10', 68' pen), Rodari (82')

400

**Three Bridges 0**







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

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# Player Profile: Reion McFarlane

**Age:** 24

**Birthplace:** Lewisham

**Position:** Defender

**Previous clubs:** (include) Fisher, Faversham, Romford, Rochester United, Thamesmead Town, Sporting Club Thamesmead

**Club supported:** I followed Arsenal when I was younger.

**Favourite player:** Lionel Messi

**Boyhood Hero:** Ross McCormack

**Best Mate in Football:** Bode Anidugbe (Ashford United)

**Best Football Moment:** I was about 18 at the time and playing for Romford.

We had to beat Harlow to stay-up - they were in the play-offs - and we beat them 3-2 with the last kick of the game.

**Best Goal Scored:** "I don't score many - probably one when I was at Romford because it meant a lot as we were fighting relegation.

**Best Thing About Football:** Keeping clean sheets - clearances off the line like the one early on at Faversham. To me as a defender, they are better than scoring goals.

**Worst Thing in Football:** Days like today (losing at Bracknell), mess up your whole weekend - as it's another seven days before we go again.

**Favourite Drink:** Water

**Favourite Meal:** Anything with pasta

**Favourite Film:** White Chicks

**Thoughts on the season and joining Sevenoaks:**

"I am enjoying it, Micky has helped me settle in, he is an honest guy, I want to progress and kick on, so I can't fault anything, the boys have been brilliant and I am looking forward to the rest of the season.

"When you are young it is hard to settle in somewhere, normally people think going into teams at a higher league, sitting on the bench is the best thing.

"When I came in Micky said 'play well and you keep the shirt', since then he has been the man of his word."



# Sevenoaks Town FC



**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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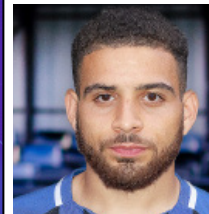
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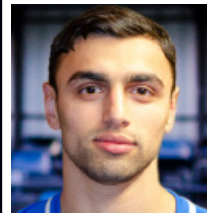
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# Support Sevenoaks

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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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.

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*Absolute scenes at Faversham after Tom Ripley's last-minute equaliser*



## 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.

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## 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.

Periodic touchpoint testing will take place to measure levels of microbes present on surfaces at the Bourne Stadium to ensure the sanitising program in place is effective. We look forward to welcoming you back to the club.

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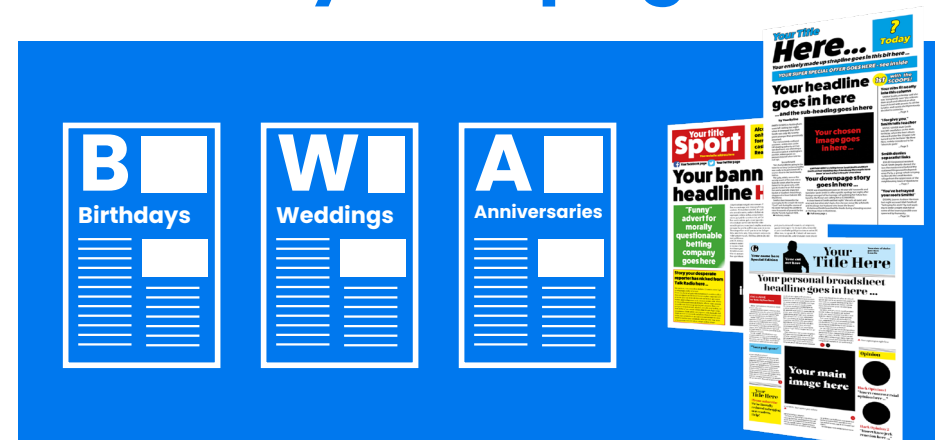
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# Last Meeting: Saturday January 25 2020 Sevenoaks Town 2 Hastings United 2



**Saturday January 25  
2020**

**Sevenoaks Town 2  
Hastings United 2**

**Attendance: 342**

**STFC:** Patrick Lee, Fraser Walker, Joe Taylor, Dan Parkinson, Joe Tennent, Tom Ripley, Kyle De Silva, Alec Fiddes, Tommy Whitnell, Frankie Sawyer, Tyrell Richardson-Brown. Substitutes: Ben Gorham (Ripley 71 mins), Adrian Stone (Sawyer 82 mins).





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# Faversham 1 STFC 1

By Andrew Gidley

Substitute Tom Ripley's stoppage-time equaliser maintained Sevenoaks Town's unbeaten start in Isthmian League South East at Salters Lane on Saturday. Club captain Ripley, starting on the bench for a second successive game after serving a one-match ban, was sent off in the corresponding fixture last season, out-jumped three players at the near post to head Stefan Wright's long throw over goalkeeper Luke Watkins and into the net with almost the last action of the game. Sent moments earlier to replace Kyle De Silva, and pushed up front with fellow defender Dean Gunner, in a last throw of the dice by boss Micky Collins and it worked a treat. Seconds later referee Kane Dempster blew the final whistle. It was the third time in four matches that an Oaks substitute had featured on the score-sheet. The game looked like ending in goalless

stalemate until Harry Harding put Faversham in front three minutes from time. Oaks failed to defend Lewis Chambers' long throw and unmarked Harding headed in from close in. The two goals were the highlights - with neither keeper really tested - stand-in skipper Joe Tennent and Jason Thompson having efforts saved. Oaks had lived dangerously early on - ex-Faversham man Wright, booked later for the fourth game running, deflected Donveive Jones' effort for a corner, Reion McFarlane headed off the line, and home winger Michael Hagan clipped another effort wide. Collins also introduced new signing Seb Messina off the bench late on. The youngster is back playing having undergone knee surgery in February. Sevenoaks: Bridle-Card, McFarlane, Taylor, Parkinson, Tennent, Gunner, Wright, Fowler (Davisson 72 mins), Thompson (Messini 85 mins), De Silva (Ripley 90 mins), Richardson-Brown. Attendance: 298

# Bracknell 2 STFC 0

By Andrew Gidley

Two refereeing decisions proved the major talking points as Sevenoaks Town made an early Buildbase FA Trophy exit at in-form Bracknell on Saturday. Stephen Hawkes ignored the visitors' strong appeals for deliberate handball in the box late in the first half, before pointing to the spot six minutes after the break when James Bessey-Saldanha and home skipper Max Herbert challenged for the ball close to the byline. It looked a soft award, but proved a game-changer in this lively Second Qualifying Round contest. Oaks goalkeeper Ben Bridle-Card got a touch on top scorer Seb Bowerman's spot-kick but was unable to keep it out. Nothing he could do though about Bracknell's second, 13 minutes from time, substitute Shaquille Ishmael, scoring from 20-yards, having been on the pitch only a minute.

Bridle-Card had produced one fine save earlier on, keeping out Mickel Platt's 18th minute effort. Oaks started brightly Joe Taylor shooting wide, while Tyrell Richardson Brown's powerful run from deep in his own half ended with a cross that was just too high for stand-in striker Tom Ripley. The Oaks skipper's header was saved by keeper Mark Scott, while Dean Gunner's last-ditch diverted Shamar Moore's effort for a corner. Gunner's first clearance of the game went out of the ground removing tiles on a nearby roof. Fellow central defender Joe Tennent saw his second half header saved, while substitute Alec Fiddes fired over the bar in stoppage-time.

Sevenoaks: Bridle-Card, McFarlane, Taylor, Parkinson (Davisson 68 mins), Tennent, Gunner, Bessey-Saldanha (Fiddes 65 mins), Fowler (Thompson 75 mins), Ripley, De Silva, Richardson-Brown.





# Today's team sheet

## Sevenoaks Town

1: Max Huxter

2: Reion Macfarlane

3: Joey Taylor

4: Stefan Wright

5: Joe Tennant

6: Tom Ripley

7: Dean Gunner

8: Ryan Fowler

9: James Bessey-Saldanha

10: Tyrell Richardson-Brown

11: Kyle De Silva

12: Jason Thompson

14: Reece Deakin

15: Charlie Holmes

16: Ben Davisson

17: Dan Parkinson

## Hastings United

1: Louis Rogers

2: Ollie Black

3: Ryan Worrall

4: Gary Elphick

5: Craig Stone

6: Jake Elliott

7: Davide Rodari

8: Jack Dixon

9: Ben Pope

10: Sam Adams

11: Tom Chalmers

12: Marcus Goldsmith

14: Kenny Pogue

15: Sam Cruttwell

16: Knory Scott

17: Aaron Capon



Saturday October 24th  
Isthmian South East vs Hastings United, kick-off 3pm.  
**Referee:** Joe Mckay  
**Assistant Referee 1:** David Rowland  
**Assistant Referee 2:** Jack Owen  
**Next home match:** Saturday November 7th, v VCD Athletic,  
kick-off 3pm.

