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A poor start at Burgess Hill ultimately cost the Oaks, despite an otherwise impressive performance on the back of the East Grinstead game. The manager reflects on both matches.



BREAKING: Sevenoaks Town have been drawn away to Herne Bay in the first round of the Kent Senior Cup. The date for this fixture is still to be confirmed.

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Corinthian FC History

Corinthian FC was founded in 1972 by Mr RJ Billings (snr) to provide football in a safe environment, whilst teaching the players the principles that he believed to be important in sport.

The motto was simply “pro omnium beneficio” – for the benefit of all, but on the pitch the principles were simple; “Hard, but fair”. Losing wasn’t considered before the game, but if the result went against us then the players were taught to take it graciously.

For the first ten years of the club’s existence we were pleased to welcome such teams as Tottenham, Charlton and Norwich amongst other league teams as well as county and district representative sides as our opposition. On top of these games there were many regular visitors to Gay Dawn Farm from local clubs making up a fixture list of over 60 games per season.

During the 1980s with the arrival of an experienced football manager, Mr Tony Sitford, we progressed from youth football into men’s football playing in the old

Southern League. This level of football by a totally amateur club made us unique, but caused problems in the long run in attracting new players. Into the 1990’s we dropped back down to the Kent League and enjoyed many a season in this set up.

Early into the new century we reviewed the whole structure of our football club and decided that we had lost our roots in youth football and this was having a detrimental effect on our senior side.

So, we decided to withdraw temporarily from senior football, whilst we rebuilt the lower levels of the club. In 2008 we had managed to create a club running 5 sides, from 13 years old through to 18 years old and it became obvious that we needed to consider the next step in our restructuring. For two seasons we had a liaison with Welling United, integrating a senior side within Welling United and developed a reserve side initially playing in Kent Division 2 (season 2008/09) and then moving on (2009/10) into the Suburban League South Division. This partnership has now come to an end.

When the opportunity came for us to re-enter senior football as Corinthian Football Club, we did not hesitate to take it.

Probably two years too soon, but the challenge was one we were keen to take. We introduced a second senior side playing in the Suburban League to help us progress our u18’s into men’s football.

The 2010 / 11 season saw Corinthian FC running two senior sides one in the Kent Football League Premier Division and one in the Suburban League South Division plus three youth sides – u14, u15 and u18 in the Kent Youth League. For the 2011/12 season as well as all the above, Corinthian FC had an u18 side in the Ryman Youth League. We feel that that this fills the gap from Kent Youth League to senior football, enabling us to offer a true progression for all our players. The 2012/13, 14/15, 15/16, 17/18, 18/19 and 19/20 seasons saw the addition of u13 and u15 team playing in the Kent Youth League.

After untimely ends to the 2019/20 & 2020/21 seasons, when the boys were flying high, we are delighted to have retained the main squad, with the addition of some of last season u18’s.

Corinthian Football Club are delighted to have been promoted into the Isthmian League Division 1 South East for the 2021/22 season and are looking forward to the challenge, to visiting new grounds and making new friends.

THE LAST TIME WE MET

Tuesday September 22 2020
FA Cup First Qualifying Round:

Corinthian 3
Sevenoaks Town 1
Scorer: James Bessey-Saldana (17 mins)

HT: 0-1:
Attendance: 252

Sevenoaks Town: Max Huxter, Reion McFarlane, Joey Taylor, Stefan Wright, Joe Tennent, Tom Ripley, James Bessey – Saldanha, Ben Davisson (Ryan Fowler 72 mins), Jason Thompson (Reece Deakin 72 mins), Kyle De Silva, Tyrell Richardson-Brown, (Alec Fiddes 46 mins).



A photograph of three men, likely football managers or coaches, standing in profile and looking towards the left. They are wearing dark blue tracksuits. The man in the foreground has a grey beard and is looking intently. The man behind him is balding and also looking forward. The third man is partially visible on the far left. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting like a stadium.

Micky's Message

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the Bournie Stadium for another League fixture. I would like to extend this welcome to everyone connected with our visitors today Corinthian FC.

Last Saturday saw us lose away to Burgess Hill to a late goal, we started the game poorly, conceding two early goals but put on a spirited comeback and dominated the remainder of the game. That sums up our luck of late.

The previous Wednesday the boys put in a great performance beating East Grinstead two goals to nil with goals from Freeman Rogers and Brad Schafer. Brad followed that goal with another one Saturday and it's so good to see him getting back that form he had prior to his injury.

Today we are without Steve Smith (suspension) and Stefan Wright who's unavailable which means we bring back into the squad Harvey Welford, who plays in our under 18s and at the age of 16 has become a prolific goalscorer at Kent Youth League level.

I hope everyone enjoys today's game and look forward to seeing you at Herne Bay next Saturday for another tough fixture. I wish you all a safe journey home and don't forget the clocks go back tonight.

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Pitching In Isthmian South East

Cray Valley PM	11	8	2	1	31	12	+19	26
Haywards Heath	10	8	1	1	23	8	+15	25
Ashford United	10	7	2	1	20	7	+13	23
Herne Bay	9	6	2	1	17	4	+13	20
VCD Athletic	11	5	3	3	21	14	+7	18
Hastings United	8	5	1	2	20	12	+8	16
Sittingbourne	9	5	1	3	18	15	+3	16
Ramsgate	9	4	2	3	21	15	+6	14
Corinthian	10	4	2	4	13	14	-1	14
Three Bridges	11	2	6	3	11	22	-11	12
Whitehawk	10	3	2	5	10	16	-6	11
Faversham Town	9	3	2	4	9	16	-7	11
Hythe Town	9	3	2	4	9	17	-8	11
Lancing	11	3	2	6	9	21	-12	11
Chichester City	10	2	4	4	15	12	+3	10
Sevenoaks Town	11	3	1	7	14	27	-13	10
East Grinstead Town	10	2	3	5	11	15	-4	9
Burgess Hill Town	9	2	2	5	11	16	-5	8
Whitstable Town	9	1	1	7	10	18	-8	4
Phoenix Sports	10	1	1	8	8	20	-12	4

Saturday 23rd October 2021

Ashford United	2	0
Fagg (41'), Ter Horst (90')		
Burgess Hill Town	3	2
Finney (2', 86'), Miller (20')		
Chichester City	1	1
Prichard (18')		
Corinthian	2	1
Mahoney (60'), Oloyede (66')		
East Grinstead Town	1	1
Brown (53')		
Faversham Town	1	0
Denny (16')		
Herne Bay	3	0
Ansah (40', 69'), Johnson (50')		
Phoenix Sports	2	4
Ikeije (21'), Walker (87')		
Sittingbourne	0	6

Three Bridges	1	6
Gayler (72')		

Tuesday 26th October 2021

Corinthian	0	4	Whitehawk	78
			Lambert (12'), Splatt (32', 79'), Fraser (34')	
Cray Valley PM	4	0	Hythe Town	98
Gayle (23'), Sammoutis (49'), Green (56' pen), Barrington (61')				
East Grinstead Town	0	0	Herne Bay	214
Hastings United	1	3	Ashford United	1,303
Azeez (45')			Ossai (71'), Kwayie (81'), Ratti (90')	
Lancing	1	1	Faversham Town	85
Daniel (52')			Spencer (87')	

Whitstable Town 385

Sevenoaks Town 252

Rogers (43'), Schafer (61')

Hythe Town 178

Gilbert (88')

Ramsgate 158

Chiedozie (44')

Lancing 107

Lewis (69')

Whitehawk 226

VCD Athletic 435

Hastings United 174

Pogue (7', 12', 90' pen), Azeez (81')

Cray Valley PM 157

Green (21'), Hill (24'), Barrington (59', 84', 85'), Gayle 90

Haywards Heath Town 122

Clack (4'), Cravid (52'), Cadman (56'), Ndozid (63'), Dos Santos (84'), Remfry (86')

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Player Profile: Freeman Rogers

Age: 26

Position: Central Defender

Born: Medway

Home: Sevenoaks

Occupation: Golf Professional at High Elms GC in Orpington

Previous Clubs: Sittingbourne, Chatham Town, Tunbridge Wells, Faversham and a lot more. Made my senior debut at the age of 16 for Woodstock Sports in the Kent County League.

Club supported: Manchester United

Favourite Player: David Beckham

Best Mate in Football: George Monger

Best Moment in Football: "Playing for Dartford against Chelsea in the FA Youth Cup at Stamford Bridge.

We lost 4-0, and were 3-0 down in 20 minutes. We were up against the likes of Ruben Loftus-Cheek and Tammy Abraham and others.

Best Goal Scored: "Probably against East Grinstead, diving header at the front post. I'll take that. I try to set myself a target of five or six a season from set pieces, so maybe there is a couple more to come."

Best Thing About Football: Winning

Worst Thing About Football: Losing

Thoughts on the team huddle (in the 3-2 defeat at Burgess Hill).

"The first 20 minutes was just not good enough, we didn't come out of the blocks, we looked flat - and I told the boys we needed the same desire and work rate we had against East Grinstead.

"For 70 minutes after that I couldn't fault us, but we can't start games like that."

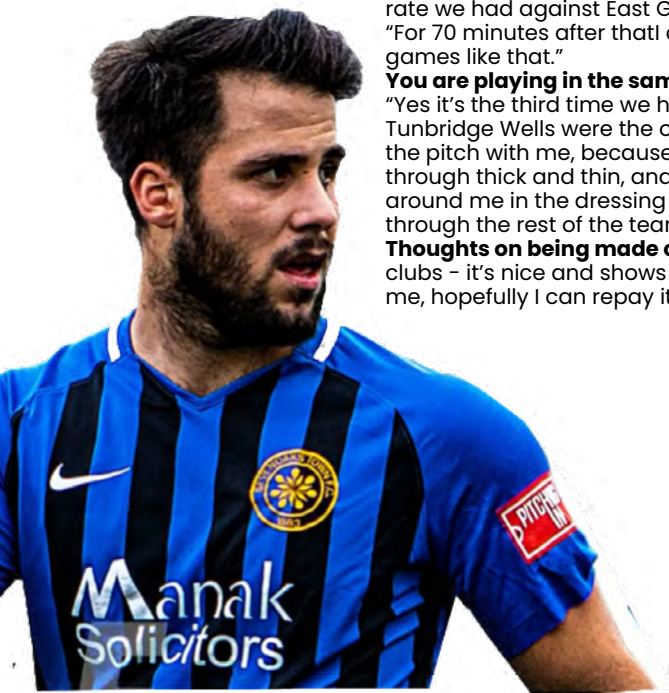
You are playing in the same team as your brother Fjord?

"Yes it's the third time we have done it, (Lordswood and Tunbridge Wells were the other clubs). I love having him on the pitch with me, because I know he is going to stand there through thick and thin, and is going to fight, that's what I want around me in the dressing room - if we can transcend that through the rest of the team, then I am sure we will be all right."

Thoughts on being made captain: "I have done it at a few clubs - it's nice and shows the manager has got a lot of faith in me, hopefully I can repay it over the course of the season.

"I was a bit surprised to get the call but it comes naturally to me.

"I am not much of an attacking or flair ball player, but leadership skills are part of what I do on the pitch, so happy to take it on board and go from there."



Deja vu all over again as Oaks stumble at Hill

Burgess Hill 3 Sevenoaks Town 2

By Andrew Gidley

Sevenoaks paid the price for a poor start at Leylands Park on Saturday.

Beaten in a penalty shoot-out on the same ground in the FA Trophy a fortnight earlier, Oaks trailed 2-0 after only 20 minutes to Lewis Finney and Max Miller, before battling back to level with goals by loan striker Fjord Rogers - his first for the club - and Bradley Schafer's second in successive games - only for Finney to hit the winner four minutes from time.

New skipper Freeman Rogers' mid first half team huddle had the desired effect as Sevenoaks rallied - boosted

by brother Fjord pulling one back two minutes before half-time.

Schafer made it with great build up and cross for Rogers to head home inside the far post.

Steve Smith had gone close twice earlier, home keeper Taylor Seymour palming his first effort away and stopping the second one with his right foot at the near post.

Oaks started the second half on the front foot again - Schafer's shot was saved, scorer Rogers saw his header tipped over the bar before Louis Collins fired over.

Schafer capped his good afternoon with Oaks' well deserved equaliser on the hour, his deflected shot going in off a defender.

Hill missed out on a third when Ben Bridle-Card stopped home youngster Jayden Perez's miscued effort on his own line, Anisah shot wide before youngster Finney pounced to dash Oaks' hopes - having time and space to pick his spot with a far post finish.

Chances still came and went - Collins shot wide before Seymour saved his second effort.

Latest new signing Kieran Scantlebury - made his debut off the bench, following his move from Crowborough.

Sevenoaks: Ben Bridle-Card, Danny Divine, Conrad Lee (Kieran Scantlebury 58mins), Stefan Wright, Freeman Rogers, Steve Smith, Kweku Anisah (Hayden Skerry 81 mins), Bradley Schafer, Fjord Rogers (Jason Thompson 68 mins), Louis Collins, Lamin Bah

Schafer seals vital win

Sevenoaks Town 2 East Grinstead 0

By Andrew Gidley

Second half goals by new skipper Freeman Rogers and Bradley Schafer completed a vital first home Pitching In Isthmian League South East win of the season.

Rogers, joined in the side by brother Fjord, making his debut on loan from Cray Wanderers, headed Sevenoaks in front two minutes after the restart, before Schafer doubled the lead 10 minutes from time in a game completed in monsoon like conditions. Both sides had chances in a

lively opening half hour. Ben Bridle-Card tipped Troy Walters' effort over the bar after only three minutes, before Schafer fired over after good work by another new signing Kweku Anisah and Stefan Wright. Grinstead's Marco Sousa Pina shot past the far post, before Wright's burst into the box saw him squeeze his effort wide. Frants Bakalis then missed out twice in six minutes as the visitors threatened on the break.

Rogers, leading the side for the first time, made the breakthrough immediately after the restart, running in

on the blind side to head in Conrad Lee's well flighted free kick. Grinstead keeper Mattie Pierson then kept out Louis Collins' effort, Anisah curled another effort just past the post, before Rogers fired over following a corner. Oaks thought they got a second, only for Danny Divine's far post header from another Lee free kick to be ruled out for offside, before Collins set-up Schafer to make it 2-0 with a low 20-yard strike.

Sevenoaks: Ben Bridle-Card, Danny Divine, Conrad Lee, Stefan Wright, Freeman Rogers, Steve Smith, Kweku Anisah, Bradley Schafer, Fjord Rogers (Jason Thompson 57 mins) Louis Collins, Lamin Bah.



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 + Lost 3-1 on penalties 1st sub 2nd sub 3rd sub Sent off

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Permission for Greatness!

Sevenoaks Town FC is delighted to announce the club has been granted planning permission for a new club house, covered stands, changing room facilities and associated landscaping works at Greatness Park.

As a FA England Accredited club in the heart of the local community, Sevenoaks Town offers football provision to over 60 teams including 54 youth teams including three girls' teams, seven adult teams including a women's team and four disability teams. Alongside this, the club runs a Wildcats Centre and popular community scheme for children aged 4- to 8-year-olds who wish to try football for the first time.

"After lots of hard work and endeavour, I am thrilled for everyone connected to the football club to reveal this brilliant news."

The plans for the future will enable The Oaks to enhance the playing experience for those currently enjoying the game at Greatness Park but importantly it means the club can explore new opportunities to offer even more to those across the community with a first-class facility that provides a base for people

of all ages and abilities to enjoy.

Speaking about the news, Club Chairman Paul Lansdale said: "After lots of hard work and endeavour, I am thrilled for everyone connected to the football club to reveal this brilliant news. Greatness Park welcomes hundreds of participants and visitors each week and our new clubhouse will be a catalyst for us to further progress as a club and build upon what we offer to our players, coaches, parents, volunteers and local community."

"We wouldn't have been able to get this far without the help and support of many people and now we can look ahead to making our plans a reality which is incredibly exciting."

Lansdale added: "We are looking forward to working very closely with our landlords and our key stakeholders and partners. The future looks incredibly bright especially after two very tough seasons and we are all excited to push forwards and make Greatness Park even greater."

Councillor Peter Fleming expressed his delight at the news.

"Sevenoaks Town FC is truly one of the towns sporting giants, however it is the sheer scale

of the club, its unstinting commitment to the community and provision of access to football for all that sometimes goes under the radar, these amazing facilities will allow this outstanding work to continue for many generations to come."

Laura Trott, MP for Sevenoaks and Swanley was delighted with the news, adding:

"This is absolutely fantastic news, and I applaud the whole team at Sevenoaks FC for all their hard work, and the support shown by Sevenoaks Town Council. The last 18 months have been so difficult for sports clubs, but the dedication from Paul and his team has been remarkable throughout. I was struck during my visit that they have never lost sight of what matters most - the future of the club and its community."

Sevenoaks Oaks Sports Council Chair Edward Oatley believes the news marks a positive new chapter for sport in the area.

"This is such brilliant news and will help put

Sevenoaks even more on the British Map on the contribution that the town makes to the development of youth sport from 5 to 18. We are without doubt role models for the whole of GB in the way that qualified volunteer coaches in all sports dedicate themselves to improve the wellbeing and development of the self-confidence of the young and help them understand that teamwork is the essence of success in all walks of life."

Lee Suter, Kent FA Senior Football Development Officer echoed the sentiments of those involved with the planning process so far, saying:

"This is fantastic news for everyone involved with Sevenoaks Football Club who positively support so many using the power of football. Paul and his army of volunteer work tirelessly to improve the lives of others and that of the Sevenoaks area, and this milestone will allow them to develop a facility at the heart of one of Kent's largest and well thought of football clubs".



An artists impression of the new look for Greatness Park. Full details can be found on the club's website www.sevenoakstown.co.uk



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 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

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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, 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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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

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.

• 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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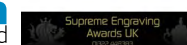
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Sevenoaks Town Women and Girls' Strategy

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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This joint IS big enough for the both of us

By Sam Emery

Stourbridge did something a little unusual last week.

The Southern League Premier Central club appointed Leon Broadhurst and Stuart Pierpoint as joint-managers – something seldom seen in English football.

The pair are no strangers at the War Memorial Athletic ground. Broadhurst is the Glassboys' leading appearance holder with 780 in total while Pierpoint has four fruitful seasons at the club.

They've been playing Non-League football for 20 years and were both still turning out this season – Broadhurst with Bromsgrove Sporting and Pierpoint at Coalville Town.

The popular duo had always said they would go into management together and once Stourbridge approached them it was near impossible to turn down.

Their return to the club has brought excitement added to by a 3-0 victory over Lowestoft Town last weekend in their first game in charge, but how will the uncommon approach of being joint-managers work in the long-term?

"We've been close friends and played together for many years so we know our skillsets," Broadhurst told The NLP. "The first training session it fell into place without our different skills. It was brilliant to see how Stu concentrated on one area and I concentrated on another."

Pierpoint added: "We didn't really verbalise how it was going to work because it's a learning curve for both of us. There will be different elements we're probably not aware of at the moment that will come up.

"But, as Leon said, we do have different

skillsets which will benefit us. We have a very similar outlook and similar approach with regards to our expectations and how we see the future.

"However, in terms of how we undertake the role we have different traits that we can bounce off each other. It's all about open communication. We're not going to agree on everything but that's great as well."

In the Premier League and Football League there aren't any managerial partnerships with only Danny and Nicky Cowley coming closest, having worked their way through Non-League, although older brother Danny is officially 'manager'.

Doug Livermore and Ray Clemence were once first-team bosses at Tottenham Hotspur but both were soon axed before Gerard Houlier and Roy Evans took charge of Liverpool in 1998, and Evans quickly resigned.

There are plenty of successful examples outside of the EFL. Chester bosses Anthony Johnson and Bernard Morley have won five promotions together at Ramsbottom United and Salford City while Neil Baker and Jon Underwood have taken Slough Town from Step 4 to National League South.

Carl Withers and Jamie McClurg led Binfield to last season's FA Vase final and promotion from Step 5. Rick Andrews and Angelo Harrop, in their short time in charge of AFC Sudbury this year, reached the FA Cup first round proper and are going well in the Isthmian League North.

Broadhurst and Pierpoint have the makings of another successful duo as more Non-League clubs will be asking themselves, is two better than one?

Today's team sheet

Sevenoaks Town

1: Ben Bridle-Card

2: Danny Divine

3: Conrad Lee

4: Ben Davisson

5: Freeman Rogers

6: Dean Gunner

7: Bradley Schafer

8: Lamin Bah

9: Steve Smith

10: Louis Collins

11: Hayden Skerry

12: Frankie Sawyer

14: Harvey Welford

15: Max Walsh

16: Maxim Cabune

17: Charlie Holmes

Corinthian FC

1: Aiden Prall

2: Jack Holland

3: James Truema

4: Josh James

5: James Billings

6: Ryan Sawyer

7: Andres Tobon

8: Jamie Miller

9: Emmanuel Oloyede

10: Jack Mahoney

11: Becka-Kah Dembele

12: Harry Lashley

14: Joshua Stirman

15: Louie Clarke

16: Charles Edmundson

17: Ryan Atkinson



Saturday October 30th 3pm. Pitching In Isthmian South-East Division, Sevenoaks v Corinthian

Referee: Gifford Manyange

Assistant Referee 1: Jamie Wells

Assistant Referee 2: Nik Garside

Next home match: November 13th 3pm. Pitching In Isthmian South-East Division, Sevenoaks v Chichester City

