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# Welcome from the Chairman

Good evening everyone, welcome to the Bourne Stadium for our first competitive home match of the new 2021-22 season. Tonight we entertain Cobham in this Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round replay following the 2-2 draw in Surrey on Saturday.

A warm welcome to their officials, players and supporters who have made the trip to join us this evening – and the same is also extended to our three match officials. If the tie is level after 90 minutes – thirty minutes extra-time will be played – if the scores are still level, the tie will be decided by a penalty shoot-out.

The winners will meet Erith Town in the Preliminary Round, 2-0 victors at Sheerwater last weekend, on Saturday week. After two seasons curtailed by Covid, everybody connected with the club is hoping we will be able to complete this campaign.

The club is continuing with protocols, successfully introduced since the beginning of the pandemic, including the sale of

tickets online via Eventbrite, temperature checks for all as they enter the ground and the use of two hand sanitisers.

**Paul Lansdale**



## Cobham 2 Sevenoaks Town 2

**By Andrew Gidley**

Craig Lewington's stoppage-time free-kick denied Sevenoaks Town victory in their Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round at Cobham on Saturday.

Louis Collins' double saw Oaks come from behind to lead with seven minutes left, before conceding again from a hotly disputed late free-kick.

Goalkeeper Ben Bridle-Card was adjudged to have handled outside the area, earning a booking in the melee that followed, before Lewington stepped up to keep Combined Counties League hosts in the tie having lost Jon Hood minutes earlier, sent off for two bookable offences.

Boss Micky Collins serving a one-match touchline ban, after being dismissed from the dug-out at Whitehawk last season, watched his side spurn several first half chances, new boy Max Walsh, closest to breaking the deadlock, crashing a 30-yard free-kick against the crossbar.

They paid the price four minutes after the restart, Monty Everett firing the Surrey side in front, breaking quickly down the right, before cutting inside and shooting home. Collins responded, sending on Jason Thompson and newcomer Lammin Bah, and as the weather improved, so did Oaks' fortunes.

Collins timed his run perfectly to head in Reece Deakin's 65th minute corner, before stabbing home his second 18 minutes later. Deakin again the provider, Collins tapping in after keeper Lee Norman failed to hold Thompson's downward header.

**Sevenoaks:** Ben-Bridle-Card, Danny Divine, Stefan Wright, Charlie Holmes, Joe Tennant, Dean Gunner, Max Walsh (Jason Thompson 57 mins), Bradley Schafer (Lammin Bah 60 mins), Reece Deakin, Louis Collins, Hayden Skerry.  
Subs: (not used) Dan Parkinson, Ryan Fowler, Riley Assam, Brian Delgado-Morales, James Town

# The History of Cobham FC

Cobham Football Club was formed on Friday 5 November 1886 by Founding President, Hon. Alan Egerton MP and villagers connected with the local Coffee Tavern. The Vicar offered to supply it with a football. On 4 November 1890, The Evening Telegraph reported on the death of our Centre Half, Arthur Smith, following injuries sustained in a match vs Kingston Wanderers. In 1892, the Club affiliated to the Surrey FA. The home ground was never settled with various fields around the outskirts of the village being used at different times. During the late 1920's they played in the Kingston and District League winning division 1 in 1928/29 and 1929/30. Following the Club gaining intermediate status in 1933, Cobham won the Surrey Intermediate League Cup (Central) in 1933/34 and 1935/36. The Club achieved senior status in 1938 upon election to the new Surrey Senior League.

The war years between 1939 to 1945 saw a vote to agree a temporary merger with the Avorians Sports Club to form Cobham Avorians to ensure local football continued.

After the War, the Club made home at Cobham recreation ground until 1955/6 when it moved to Anvil Lane also known as the Leg o' Mutton field. The club took its nickname from the word anvil and thus became the Hammers. Phil Walker and Trevor Lee of Millwall FC and Cricketer Bob Willis of Surrey & England are amongst famous ex-players. During the 70's, 80's and 90's the club had a really good local feel with the ground being a vibrant hub of football. The World Famous Rock Band, Moody Blues, played an Annual Charity Match at Cobham Football Club, giving us our record attendance of 2,000 in 1974/75. The floodlights were installed in season 1996/97 and were christened with a game against Conference side Woking FC on 18th February 1997.

The Hammers were founder members of the Combined Counties League moving up from the now defunct Surrey Senior League. They finished second to Ash United in 1998/9. Amongst long serving stalwarts such as Dave Tippetts who first joined the club in the 1980's, the pride of place on the clubhouse wall goes to a painting

of Reg Madgwick, who served as player, committee member and fund raiser. When he died in 1995, he requested his ashes be scattered on the pitch and left all his worldly possessions to the club and the decision was made to rename the ground The Reg Madgwick Stadium in his honour. The Club won the Combined Counties Premier League Challenge Cup in 2001/02 beating Bedfont FC 3-2. After the stand went up in 2004, the club was a mainstay in the Combined Counties Division 1 under the overall guidance until 2015 of the late Ken Reed who died in 2018.

After a new committee was elected in 2015, the club has built its Junior football with 16 sides to compliment the men's team and the new seated stand, new fencing and the dual turnstile were put in during April 2016 to allow the ground to achieve a Grade D (Step 4) rating.

2017/2018 saw the club promoted to the Combined Counties Premier Division under the guidance of Sam Merison and the introduction of an Under 23 side to support the first team. In August 2019 the club was awarded the status of FA Charter Standard Club. During the covid years, Cobham enjoyed record cup runs in the FA Cup (1st qualifying round) and last 16 of the FA Vase in 2020/21. The club most recent trophies are the unique weekend double achieved by Pete Doherty's Under 23's - winning the Surrey Elite Intermediate League's Reserve Division Covid Cup & Challenge Cup in 2021 beating Frimley Green

Under 23's & Virginia Water Reserves both on penalties. This adds to their 2019 triumph over SCR FC under 23's also on penalties to win the Combined Counties Development League Cup. With many of the town's businesses now on board as sponsors and suppliers, the Hammers are on a firm footing for progression. Committee stalwarts such as Ewemade Orobator and Mark Cornish have helped to grow the club and gain many of the town's businesses on board as sponsors and suppliers, the Hammers are on a firm footing for progression with the town and families at the heart of our plans.





# Micky's Message

Good evening and welcome to Bournie Stadium for an FA cup replay.

I would like to extend this to our opposition tonight Cobham FC and hope they enjoy our stay with us and have a safe journey home.

Well at last the season has begun and a 2-2 draw Saturday sees us having to play tonight. I wasn't impressed with our performance at all but we didn't lose and showed great character to come back into it.

We have a few new signings this season who I'm sure you'll all get to know in the coming weeks.

On Saturday we travel to Whitstable Town for our first league game of the campaign. Look forward to seeing you all there. I hope you all enjoy the game tonight.

**MC**



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## Fingers crossed for 'normal'

So, here we go again! The 2021-22 season is almost upon us – for some it's already underway.

Most of Step 5 and 6 started from July 31 – July! – while this weekend (August 7) the FA Cup gets started with the Extra Preliminary Round, only nine months before the final on May 14.

For many, competitive football makes a welcome return after an enforced break from the game due to the pandemic.

At NLP HQ we have everything crossed for a 'normal' season, Covid has taken its toll on us too, but we'd like to thank our loyal readers for helping us to keep producing the paper every Sunday. We've not missed one weekend since the pandemic began or indeed for the last 21 years!

The previous 18 months in Non-League has been tough to say the least for all involved. The 2019-20 and the 2020-21 seasons proved fruitless for many although the FA's restructuring did at least provide some upward movement for clubs at Steps 4-6.

Step 3 can rightly feel hard done by having been stagnant throughout this time.

It's why the FA's Alliance Committee has been formulating contingency plans, with the feedback of clubs, to try and prevent any more 'null and void' seasons.

There are three approaches to the contingency plans:

Approach 1 – if the season successfully starts between August 14, 2021 and October 31, 2021, but it becomes clear that a division cannot complete 100 per cent of its fixtures, league tables would still be finalised providing the division

has completed at least 75 per cent of its fixtures. Final league standings would be determined by using unweighted points per game and promotion and relegation would take place based on those standings.

Approach 2 – if the 2021-22 season cannot commence on or before October 31, an alternate competition would be implemented, with several potential formats under consideration determining promotion and relegation.

Approach 3 – if there is insufficient time for the regular season to achieve 75 per cent of fixtures, or an alternate competition to be completed, a supplementary competition would utilise results from completed fixtures in the 2021-22 season to avoid clubs playing opponents more than twice and ensure there is sufficient data to determine league standings.

The objective is to ensure promotion/relegation but, of course, this cannot be guaranteed. Who knows which way the pandemic will turn next. Such was the extent of the disruption last season, any number of contingency plans wouldn't have prevented the curtailment of Steps 3-6.

Hopefully, these plans will never see the light of day, but at least they are there if needed.

Eventually, we will have all stopped talking about Covid! Until then, we wish you a safe return to football and a successful season following your team. One thing is for sure, win or lose, we must cherish standing on the terraces at 3pm on a Saturday!

**Sam Emery**

# Pre-season round-up

## **July 10: Canterbury City: (h) won 3-1**

Louis Collins (2), Kyle De Silva

## **July 17: Brentwood Town: (h) lost 2-4**

Ryan Fowler, Ryan Atkinson

## **July 21: Lewes: lost 2-4**

Elliot Duncan, Dean Gunner

## **July 24: Hollands & Blair: (h) won 4-1**

Joe Tennent, Louis Collins, Stefan Wright, Bradley Schafer

## **July 28: Tonbridge Angels: (h) won 1-0**

Louis Collins

## **July 31: South Park (h): won 3-0.**

Bradley Schafer (2), Max Walsh

## **Sevenoaks Town 3 Canterbury City 1**

Louis Collins scored twice as Sevenoaks Town made a winning start to pre-season on

All the goals came inside the opening 25 minutes, with Collins Jr netting either side of Teddy Nelson's equaliser, before Kyle De Silva added the third.

Oaks were forced to postpone their opening fixture against Cray Wanderers due to a an Oaks player testing Covid-19 positive.

Boss Micky Collins named a 20-man squad.

Bradley Schafer returned following a lengthy lay off due to injury, as well as goalkeeper Ben Bridle-Card, Stefan Wright, Dean Gunner, Kyle De Silva, Hayden Skerry, Reece Deakin, Charlie Holmes and Ryan Fowler, who all featured last season.

The Oaks boss also included four of the club's under-18s, including 16-year-old central defender Stan Kenny who set-up Collins' second, as well as several trialists. Back at his old club after being released by National League Dover, Collins, looked sharp, putting the hosts in front after only three minutes, with a smart finish following Danny Divine's swift break down the right. Centre back Nelson headed City level six minutes later, unchallenged from a corner, after Bridle-Card blocked Sam Lawford's close-range effort.

Collins got his second, running onto Kenny's thorough ball, before netting with a low angled drive into the far corner. Youngster Sam Harris and ex-Whyteleafe man Ryan Atkinson combined well down the left for De Silva's third.

Collins missed out on a third, skying his effort over the bar 10 minutes before half-

time.

Gunner headed against a post three minutes after the break, City also hitting the woodwork later - also missing out on an open goal from the rebound.

## **Sevenoaks Town 2 Brentwood Town 4**

Ryan Fowler and Ryan Atkinson scored first and last in this pre-season run-out against Brentwood Town on a sweltering afternoon.

The Isthmian League Division 1 North side answered a late SOS to fill the gap left by original opponents Erith & Belvedere, who pulled out the day before after one of their squad proved Covid-19 positive.

Once again Micky Collins fielded a mixture of first team, youngsters and trialists - against the Essex club's mix of first team and Under-23s, after their own game against Tilbury had also been called off late.

They made a strong start going close twice in the opening stages - with stand-in home keeper Jim Town blocking another close-range effort.

Fowler made the breakthrough after 15 minutes finishing well from Hayden Skerry's set-up.

Brentwood immediately hit the woodwork before levelling things up - Town unlucky, blocking the first effort, only to be beaten by a deflected finish.

A swift break put Brentwood in front before adding a third just before half-time.

Oaks made a positive start to the second half, Kyle De Silva's effort was blocked, before Louis Collins missed out with a far post header, coming off worse after colliding with the perimeter fencing.

Brentwood added a fourth from the spot, Town denied them again, before second half substitute Atkinson got Oaks late second.

## **Sevenoaks Town 2 Lewes 4**

Elliott Duncan scored his first senior goal in a hugely entertaining midweek run-out. Oaks trailed 2-0 at one stage, before Duncan, Under-18 top scorer in the club's Kent Youth League's title winning side, and Dean Gunner struck either side of half-time to level things up, before Lewes scored twice late on to clinch victory.

The East Sussex visitors under new boss Tony Russell following his switch from Cray Wanderers made a fast start, going in front after 11 minutes from a free -kick before Charlie Holmes headed another effort off the line.

Bradley Schafer and Louis Collins went close, before Lewes doubled their lead as Oaks conceded a second from another set-piece.

Duncan pulled one back a minute later before Joe Tennent and Gunner both saw late first half efforts clawed away by the busy Lewes keeper.

Oaks started the second half on the front-foot, Kyle De Silva going close before setting -up Gunner to make it 2-2.

Lewes went in front again with the best goal of the night, 15 minutes from time before adding a fourth late on.

## **Sevenoaks Town 4 Hollands & Blair 1**

Bradley Schafer continued his return from a long injury lay-off by featuring among the scorers as Sevenoaks Town continued their pre-season build-up with a 4-1 win over Hollands & Blair. Schafer out since New Years Day last year came off the bench to rifle home the final goal and cap a strong second half home display.

Joe Tennent put Oaks ahead after eight minutes, converting Stefan Wright's long throw.

Blair journeyman Luke Harvey headed wide from a free-kick before new defender Emmanuel Dasho's last ditch far post challenge denied the Southern Counties East Leaguers a late equaliser a minute before half-time.

Oaks upped their game in the second half - Hayden Skerry set-up Louis Collins to blast home the second of the under-side of the bar five minutes in. Wright punished a defensive slip-up three minutes later, before Blair immediately pulled one back.

Schafer, one of several second half substitutes powered home the fourth with 15 minutes left.

## **Sevenoaks Town 1 Tonbridge Angels 0**

Louis Collins hit his fourth goal in five games as Sevenoaks Town claimed a notable pre-season scalp.

Collins struck seven minutes after the break, earning himself an early 20th

birthday present, seizing upon a poor back pass, then winning the race to the ball with Angels goalkeeper Jon Hendy, before joyfully tucking the ball inside the near post.

He was inches away from getting a second 13 minutes from time, chesting down a perfect through ball, only to stab the ball wide of the far post.

Newcomer Max Walsh fired just wide midway through the first half and went close again soon afterwards

Angels enjoyed plenty of possession without really testing goalkeeper Ben Bridle-Card.

However the Oaks stopper endured a painful end to the night, suffering a blow to the face in a collision, which forced him off late in the game.

## **Sevenoaks Town 3 South Park 0**

Sevenoaks Town boss Micky Collins hailed this win as the perfect way to wrap up Sevenoaks Town's pre-season preparations.

Bradley Schafer's first half double and a third for new midfielder Max Walsh capped a good afternoon.

A torrential thunderstorm soon after the start, and several injury stoppages affected both sides, with Schafer treated for a kick in the mouth before getting Oaks up and running.

He put them in front after 11 minutes and doubled the lead six minutes before half-time, with Hayden Skerry seeing another effort saved.

Louis Collins was inches away from a third soon after the break - just failing to get on the end of Reece Deacon's cross, following good work by another new-boy, defender Danny Divine.

Oaks keeper Ben Bridle-Card denied South Park, tipping a close range effort against a post, while Joe Tennent and Walsh both had shots blocked.

Walsh introduced at half-time added the third just after the hour with a fine finish - his first for the club.

Collins confirmed his signing having impressed on pre-season, together with defender Emmanuel Dasho.

## **All reports by Andrew Gidley**





Key: ISE: Isthmian South East – FAC: FA Cup – FAT: FA Trophy  
 1 Goal scored – \* Match abandoned 1st sub 2nd sub 3rd sub Sent off

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## Player Profile: Bradley Schafer

Midfielder Bradley Schafer is the first player in the spotlight this season. Great to see Brad back in pre-season and scoring goals after a long spell on the sidelines.

### **Bradley Schafer**

**Age:** 22

**Birthplace:** Bermondsey

**Position:** Central Midfielder

**Previous Clubs:** Herne Bay, Sittingbourne

**Home:** Gillingham

**Occupation:** Land Surveyor

**Favourite Drink:** Coke

**Favourite Meal:** Chinese

**Favourite TV programme:** Love Island

**Favourite Film:** The Wolf of Wall Street

**Club Supported:** Millwall

**Favourite Player:** Cristiano Ronaldo

**Best Football Memory:** Being at Millwall between the ages of seven and 14.

**Best Goal Scored:** Herne Bay v Horsham: FA Cup

**Best Thing about Football:** "Scoring goals and winning games."

**Worst Thing:** "Losing games."

**Thoughts on season:**

"I was out of action injured after scoring in the 1-1 draw at home against Cray Valley on New Years Day 2020.

"It has been all about taking my time during my recovery, not rushing anything, and doing the right prep, with the right people around me - now I am back ready to go.

As for the team: "We are shaping up well, people are coming back after injury and illness, and will be looking to take our pre-season form into the games, and see how we go.

"For me personally, it is all about getting back among goals, and hopefully things will be all right."



# 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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Sevenoaks Computer,  
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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.





# 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.

• 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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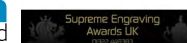
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# Sevenoaks Town Women and Girls' Strategy

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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## An open letter from the FA

**Mark Bullingham thanks everyone involved in the competition, wishes them the very best of luck and outlines the significance of its 150th anniversary.**

To all those involved in the 2021-22 Emirates FA Cup, which kicked-off up and down the country over the weekend I would like to wish you the very best of luck on behalf of The Football Association. As many of you may already be aware, this season marks 150 years since the world's longest-running knockout football competition was born on 20 July 1871. We will be celebrating the competition's rich history and traditions throughout the season, and look forward to seeing you create even more in every round. To the 729 clubs competing across ten levels of the English football pyramid, we as the competition's organiser are extremely proud of you all. Despite the difficult times experienced by everyone over the past 18 months, we have seen not just grit and determination, but many clubs shining as beacons of hope to their staff, players, supporters and local communities.

The Emirates FA Cup has supported the transformation of numerous clubs throughout its 150 years and hopefully this season's £16m prize fund can help to tackle some of the issues you may be facing as we move out of the pandemic. To those local communities, you often represent the true magic of the Emirates FA Cup. Whether it is an extra preliminary round game this weekend in front of 100 people, or the Final at Wembley Stadium next May with 90,000 fans, you are a key part of a national institution that continues to capture the imaginations of football fans all over the world.

The fact that everyone has the chance to progress and compete at the highest level is a powerful force that has sustained this competition for 15 decades and we can't wait to hear new stories of how you have come together to support your local teams this season.

To all of the invaluable club officials and volunteers, you are the lifeblood of the game in the National League System and beyond. Whether it be preparing the pitch, cleaning the changing rooms,

making the teas and coffees, or any of the other essential jobs that are required each season to ensure your team is ready to play, we take our hats off to you. No one will understand or appreciate the significance of this season's competition more than you and we hope your involvement goes some way to make up for all of those early mornings and late nights spent preparing.

To the fans, we are delighted that you will be able to return and cheer on your teams from the outset of this season's competition. It has been said many times in recent months, but football truly is nothing without fans, and this competition wouldn't be what it is today without you.

From the first six figure football crowd at Sheffield United v Tottenham Hotspur in 1901, to an estimated 300,000 at the old Wembley Stadium's infamous 'white horse final' in 1923, the interest and passion you have for the competition have driven its development and created atmospheres that will always be remembered.

To the thousands of players who are set to take part, we hope you can look back on this season's competition with pride, regardless of the level you play at or the stage you reach.

No other football competition offers the chance for amateur or semi-professional players to take on the very elite or turns dreams into a reality by offering the opportunity to walk out at Old Trafford or Anfield every season.

Fittingly, this will also be the first season a top scorer is crowned, and someone that gets off the mark this weekend could actually end up beating the likes of Mason Greenwood or Mo Salah to our new Golden Ball in partnership with Mitre.

To the small but invaluable group of match officials without whom none of this would be possible, we would also like to pay tribute. As well as being the people 'in the middle', you are also at the heart of this competition and the wider game in general. More often than not, you don't receive the credit or respect that you deserve for your time, expertise or patience, but we will always be incredibly grateful for your efforts.



# Today's team sheet

## Sevenoaks Town

1: Ben Bridle-Card

2: Danny Divine

3: Stefan Wright

4: Charlie Holmes

5: Joe Tennant

6: Dean Gunner

7: Max Walsh

8: Bradley Schafer

9: Reece Deakin

10: Louis Collins

11: Hayden Skerry

12: Jason Thompson

14: Lammin Bah

15: Dan Parkinson

16: Ryan Fowler

17: Riley Assam

16: Brian Delgado-Morales

17: James Town

## Cobham FC

1: Lee Norman

2: Ryan David

3: Tommy Williams

4: Craig Lewington

5: Mike Dart

6: James King

7: Ben Senior

8: Jack Sims

9: Reis Stanislaus

10: Jonathan Hood

11: Monty Everett

12: Will Hellestoe

14: Dominic Lugard

15: Dre Grobler

16: Miguel Matos

17: Ayran Kugathas

16: Niall Stillwell

17: Alex Body



Wednesday August 11th 2021, FA Cup Extra-Preliminary Round  
vs Cobham FC, kick-off 7.30pm.

**Referee:** Andrew Simmonds

**Assistant Referee 1:** James Beadle

**Assistant Referee 2:** TBA

**Next home match:** Saturday August 28th, v  
Haywards Heath Town, kick-off 3pm.

