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# HARINGEY BOROUGH FC - A BRIEF HISTORY

It was not until 1970 that a team competed under the name of Haringey Borough when WOOD GREEN TOWN who had played at Coles Park since 1930 changed their name to Haringey Borough. A merger with EDMONTON FC resulted in a brief change of name to Edmonton & Haringey FC until 1976 when the present name was re-adopted. After a period of instability and a year in the wilderness away from senior football they were admitted to the Spartan League in 1989 retaining Premier Division membership throughout until the South Midlands League merger in season 1997/98 when they finished 7th. in the Premier Division South to secure membership of the new "combined" Premier Division in 1998/99 as well as being runners up in



the League's Premier Division Cup. In 2004 after an unsuccessful attempt to move the Club to the nearby New River Sports stadium and a walk out of the existing Committee Aki Achillea who had commenced his association with the Club in 1995 was appointed to lead the Club forward and together with George Kilikita and Secretary John Bacon the club sought to engage more with the local community and tap into the talent locally. Youth teams were commenced and run successfully for many years at various age levels with some considerable success particularly at the older age groups including progress into the 2nd round proper of the FA Youth Cup in 2006/07. The Women's Team, formed in 1999 were promoted to the top Division for 2002/03 of the Eastern Region Women's League where they have had notable success over the years. In 2005/06 they were losing League Cup finalists by the odd goal of seven in a thrilling contest with Norwich City Canaries.

The senior men's team having been relegated to Division One of the Spartan South Midlands League in 2006/7 bounced back with promotion at the very first attempt and a fine season ended with both promotion and the winning of the Division One Cup. Back in the Premier Division for the season 2008/09 the Club again guickly found itself among the relegation strugglers leading to the appointment of the current Manager - the vastly experienced Tom Loizou. Tom and his excellent loyal team of coaching staff have been instrumental in turning around the Club's fortunes in the intervening years. In 2011/12 a highest ever 5th place was achieved and the League Challenge Trophy won. After massive stadium improvements in the close season with the erection of a new Clubhouse and new dressing rooms hopes were high for 2012/13 but the poor weather and the problematic pitch led to a massive fixture backlog which negated any chance of a serious challenge for honours and the Club finished 9th. In 2013/14 the Club's challenge for promotion took place in the Essex Senior League following a sideways switch imposed by the FA. The Club had its most successful season ever finishing runners up by just a solitary point to Great Wakering Rovers and ended the season with 20 wins and one draw from the final 21 League games. The League title was nevertheless secured at the second attempt in 2014/15 with a haul of 103 points from 38 games and with it promotion to Step 4 in which we were allocated to the Ryman League Division One North. The first season at the higher level was a baptism of fire when only 7 points were garnered from the first 17 games but by the close of the season a further 43 points had been amassed from the remaining 29 games and the Club finished in a comfortable 15th place. The first season in the FA Trophy produced two fine victories before a replay loss to Hitchin Town of the Evostik South Premier Division. The summer of 2016 saw yet further investment in the close season in the form of a 3G synthetic main pitch and added improvements to the perimeter, the spectator rails and the floodlights and has created a facility of which the Club can be proud; and has afforded a greater opportunity for the Club to move forward in all aspects. The first team in 2016/17 improved markedly on the previous season and had an excellent all round campaign although rather unfortunate not to finish the season on a high having ended with the "double heartbreak" of missing out on promotion through a 4-5 closely fought semi final play-off defeat to Maldon & Tiptree FC after finishing 5th in the Division and an odd goal 2-3 London Senior Cup semi-final loss at Metropolitan Police. But 2017/18 was to be the Club's best ever and culminated in promotion to Step 3 via the play-off route with a 3-1 win over Canvey Island after automatic promotion had been missed by just two points. And in FA Competitions the 4th and final round of the Qualifying rounds for the FA Cup was reached, although that ended in disappointment with a 2-4 home defeat by Heybridge Swifts who then enjoyed a visit to Exeter City in the First Round Proper. In the FA Trophy we went right through the gualifying campaign and were lucky enough to draw Leyton Orient in the First Round Proper which brought a record attendance of 1,133 to Coles Park and "The O's" left mightily relieved at having come back to win 2-1 after going a goal down in the fifth minute.

2018/19 was to be the Club's best ever season with an FA Cup run which took us into the First Round Proper where it was ended rather cruelly by AFC Wimbledon's last minute goal at Coles Park in front of a record crowd of 2,710. Having led the Premier Division for several weeks in mid-season it was somewhat disappointing that we dropped from 2nd to 3rd on the last day of the season after a poor late run but still enjoyed home advantage in the Play-Off Semifinal in which a 45 minute second half onslaught on the Tonbridge Angels goal produced only one goal in response to the two they had scored before the interval.

The 2019/20 season's early termination was less of a disappointment for us than for most other Isthmian Premier Division Clubs as we were marooned in mid-table with no realistic prospect of entering either the promotion or relegation zones. The highlight of the season should have been the visit of National League Yeovil Town in the Final Qualifying Round of the Emirates FA Cup but, as is well known, appalling crowd behaviour brought that game to an early end and the second game seemed something of an anti-climax. In fact, without making excuses, that unpleasant episode seems to have adversely affected our players for some time for, whereas we had been well in the promotion places mix, thereafter we just drifted downwards

The early termination of League Fixtures for 2020/21 was more of a blow than was the previous seasons voiding as we were well placed to make a charge towards a play-off place at least. However the Buildbase FA Trophy continued and we enjoyed a run through to the 4th Round Proper when Oxford City of the National League South finally eliminated us 4-2 after we had been two up; en route we had overcome Faversham Town, Bishops Stortford, Eastbourne Borough and Dartford, the last two also being National League South Clubs. The London Senior Cup also carried on and due to withdrawals, we reached the quarter-final without playing a game but lost a penalty shoot out to Hanwell Town after a 2-2 draw.

2016/17 saw the introduction of a much needed "second" team, formed to compete in the Ryman Development League it being basically intended for Under 21 players but with the facility to include up to 4 older players in every squad. The team held their own comfortably in the League finishing a very creditable 6th place and the benefits of the Club's participation were all too evident with the introduction of a number of players into the first team squad throughout the season and the opportunity for first team squad players to keep fresh and those who were returning from injury had a platform to get fit. Thereby proving the benefits of having such a side. The age restriction was amended to Under 23 for 2017/18 and the team was always near the top of the table.

In the 2017/18 season the Club also entered an Under 18's Youth side into the Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League which will again provide a pathway for talented local boys to make their way into the first team squad and ultimately the first team itself. The team won its Divisional Championship in its debut season. The Women over the years have steadily improved and were extremely fortunate to have been approached midway through the 2013/14 season by renowned coach and former professional footballer Steve Browne who at the time was involved in the highly successful S & T Academy Girls football .Steve was duly appointed Manager and preserved the Women's Premier Division status. In 2015/16 a mid table position was easily secured from an uneven campaign which included convincing away wins at the top 2 Clubs and some surprisingly disappointing performances against lower placed teams. Last season, by Christmas the team were runaway League leaders only to be thrown off course by the tragic early death of Steve on New Years Day but after a shaky period the Women re-asserted themselves to win the League Championship on the last day of the season and with it, promotion to the Women's Premier League and followed that up by adding the League Cup with a 5-1 win over Cambridge City to complete the double. The best ever season for the Women and a fitting lasting legacy for their Manager. The loss of many of the successful squad, several to American University Scholarships proved too much of a handicap at the higher level and relegation back to the Eastern Regional League was an unsurprising outcome.

The foundations are in place for an eventual assault on the title to secure a National League place for the men's senior side and an exciting season is in prospect in which the ability to go one better and obtain promotion to the National League at the second attempt should be within the capabilities of our talented squad. The facilities and structures are in place for all the Club's teams to improve and enhance on recent successes

The Directors and Committee of *HARINGEY BOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB* take pleasure in extending a warm welcome to all visitors to Coles Park and hope that they will make use of the bar and refreshment facilities available to increase their enjoyment of the occasion.

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# HISTORY OF OXFORD CITY FC

Oxford City Football Club was formed in 1884, serving as a 'representative club' comprised of players from multiple teams within the city including, but not limited to Oxford Cygnets, Oxford United College Servants, and Oxford Wanderers. The club initially played friendlies against other local sides, but gradually expanded to take on more prestigious sides from further afield.



For a number of reasons, the representative model proved unworkable and, in 1896, the club was restructured and relaunched in its present form at the beginning of the 1897 season.

Winning the Oxfordshire County Cup (now the Senior Cup) in 1900 was the first real success, as well as appearing at the 1st Round stage of both major FA competitions in 1901/02. The FA Cup run took them to the final 32, equivalent to today's 4th Round, and saw the club take 2nd Division Lincoln City to a replay – an achievement which, to this day ranks among the club's greatest moments.

This was the start of a golden era, with Amateur Cup Final appearances in 1903, 1906 and 1913 - the first and last ending in defeat after replays. 1906 was the pinnacle of success, with City beating Bishop Auckland 3-0 in a snowstorm. In the following season, City again reached the First Round of the FA Cup, losing 3-0 at home to 1st Division side Bury.

City were invited to join the Isthmian League in 1907, finishing runners-up in 1934/35 and again in 1945/46, and made a further FA Cup First Round appearance in 1933/34, losing 5-1 at home to Gillingham, then in League Division 3 (South). In most respects, though, the inter-war years were rather unremarkable.

During World War Two, the Hoops built up a strong team competing in the Great Western Combination under the captaincy of Percy James, and for a few years after the war produced some excellent results. Several of this side joined the ranks of the professionals and, through the '50s, City's fortunes went into decline with them finishing near the bottom of the League on several occasions and even being warned that their performances would need to improve if they were to remain members of the League.

In the 1960s the Club's fortunes turned the corner and they enjoyed a sustained run of FA Cup success: reaching the 1st Round five years running, making it to the 2nd Round in 1969/70, and forcing replays against Bristol Rovers and Bournemouth along the way. The Quarter-Final stage of the Amateur Cup was also reached in 1950/51 and 1967/68, City losing out to Pegasus and Chesham United respectively, and the Oxfordshire Senior Cup was won several times during this era.

During the 1970s and 1980s, however, success eluded the club, despite the glamour of Bobby Moore and Harry Redknapp as the managerial team in 1980-81. There was relegation into Division 1 of the Isthmian League twice, and in 1988 came the undignified and undeserved eviction from the White House Ground, City's home since 1900, on a legal technicality.

Dedicated officials and supporters kept the Club's name alive and - from 1989 - a team was rebuilt, moving steadily up the Pyramid from park football to the South Midlands League.

In 1993 the Hoops deservedly achieved both promotion back into the Isthmian League and the acquisition of the new Court Place Farm stadium, a superb joint effort by committee, supporters, sponsors, and landlords Oxford City Council. City's first match on the new pitch was a 3-1 win over neighbours Oxford United in front of 1,800 spectators.

The 1994/95 season was doubly successful, with the club making history by reaching the final of the FA Vase at Wembley Stadium. They lost 2-1, but were consoled by promotion into Division 1 of the Isthmian League. The 1995/96 season saw a gripping finale as they pipped Heybridge Swifts to the Championship, and so City had regained a place in the top flight of the League after 16 years.

This success lasted just two years before relegation to Division 1 in 1998. There they stayed until the Pyramid restructuring in 2004 took them into the Southern League Division 1. Finding adjustment difficult, City were relegated into the Spartan South Midlands League, but showed great determination in bouncing back at the first attempt. Further progress was made in 2008 as they achieved promotion via the play-offs into the Premier Division of the Southern League, following victory over local adversaries Didcot Town in the Semi-Final (on penalties) and Uxbridge in the Final (1-0).

During this time City again reached the 1st Round of the FA Cup, in 1999/2000, against old Isthmian League

rivals Wycombe Wanderers, now risen to League 2. After two sensational draws, the second abandoned just before the newly established penalty shoot-out after an electrical fire, the Hoops narrowly lost the unique third encounter at Oxford United's Manor Ground, before more than 4,000 fans. In 2009/10 another exciting cup run eventually saw them lose in the dying seconds of the match by the odd goal in five at League 2 Burton Albion.

The First Round was reached again in 2011/12, but City lost to Isthmian League Redbridge in Oxford after a draw in East London. However, the season did see manager Mike Ford take the Club to its highest level in the Pyramid as they disposed of Cambridge City and AFC Totton in the play-offs to claim a place at Step Two. City were placed in Conference North providing plenty of novel opponents...and some long journeys.

The Hoops adjusted well to life at Step 2, finishing 10th in their first season. Despite this success, the long journeys took their toll on the squad and a summer of departures followed. The 2013/14 season proved to be a rollercoaster for the fans with long winless streaks in the league being contrasted by a number of good results in cup competitions, plus an invaluable run of three wins and a draw in one extremely busy week. The club eventually avoided relegation by the finest of margins, finishing 20th but being spared from the drop by Vauxhall Motors' resignation from the league.

City's final season in the Conference North was also their best as a late season surge came just too late to break into the playoffs, missing out by a point despite an unbeaten April. The reward was a transfer to the South where the Hoops once again finished their debut season in a safe, mid-table position.

Whilst recent history suggested that the next season should have been a relegation battle, this was not the case as a seemingly unremarkable league campaign resulted in a 14th place finish. The real story, however, was far more complex as the tragic passing of long-serving managing director Colin Taylor during pre-season threw the club into emotional and financial turmoil. Whilst manager Justin Merritt was initially able to hold things together on the pitch, the experienced businessman stepped out of the dugout midway through the season to focus on ensuring the club's financial future behind the scenes, allowing current manager Mark Jones to take the helm.

Jones' first full season in charge, 2017-18, saw City finish 16th in the National League South, however he was able to guide his side to history in the FA Cup. Victory in the First Round Proper against Colchester United, the first time the club had ever beaten Football League opposition competitively, earned a Second-Round place for only the second time since 1969/70. It ended in heartbreak however with a last-gasp equaliser at Notts County denied City a first ever appearance in the Third-Round draw. The campaign ended with the Oxfordshire Senior Cup returning to Marsh Lane for the first time since 2003, thanks to a 5-3 final victory against Kidlington.

A 33rd title would follow in just the next season, as the Hoops beat old rivals Banbury United 4-3 in the final to claim back-to-back titles.

The 2019/20 campaign saw a change at the helm for City, with Justin Merritt and Andy Ballard taking temporary charge, before David Oldfield was appointed to the position in March 2020. His start, however, was hit by the Covid-19 pandemic after just two matches, and so it wasn't until October 2020 before he really was able to put his mark on the team.

However, in just his first season, he guided the Hoops to only their third appearance in the FA Cup Second Round, beating League One Northampton in the process, before also taking the Hoops to the Quarter-finals of the FA Trophy for the first time in their history.

Promotion was certainly on the cards for the Hoops, who were climbing up the table, and sat third in the National League South table as the season was null and voided in February 2021.

Nowadays, the Club provides a high standard of competitive youth football at all age groups from U7's to U19's. The college programme, in association with Activate Learning and Ignite Sport, has seen great success with numerous players coming through and earning caps with the first team. The talent from the programme has seen the club break records in the FA Youth Cup, getting to the Second and Third Round in consecutive seasons in 2015-16 and 2016-17. The club also runs Ladies and Girls sides that have had great success in the Southern Region Women's Football League. All of these helped the club to earn the prestigious FA Charter Standard Community club status in 2006. This was followed by the award of Community Club Regional Winner for the South East in 2007.



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#### **Chairman - Haringey Borough FC**

It is a pleasure to welcome Oxford City this afternoon as our pre-season preparations continue. It was little over 6 months ago that we played Oxford in the FA trophy last 32 and what a game that was. As a committee we were very well looked after and although played behind closed doors the match was live streamed and we understand several of our fans tuned in to watch one of our best displays of the curtailed season, we ended up on the wrong side of a 4-2 defeat but against such opponents I was so proud of how far we as a Club have come in recent times where we go away from home to a much higher placed Club and leave disappointed. It is a testament to Tom and the coaching staff that we can play in consecutive Cup matches 3 top National League South sides, beat two of them and perform so creditably against another. Oxford beat Peterborough Sports in the next round and narrowly lost away to Notts County in the last 8. They are a super side and will have high hopes this coming season and I know it will be a stern test for us. We will be keen to avenge that defeat and show we can compete at this level. I think if we can demonstrate we are not a million miles away it will give the boys the confidence they need to make a bold statement this season. We know the odds are against us with the level of finance several other teams have in our League but you will not hear me complaining. We are all seeking to reach the holy grail, those with money will try and use their superior financial muscle to get there and others like us will rely on talent, spirit and determination. We have all 3 in abundance at this Club. I look at our squad and I pinch myself that we can get so many quality players with such great characters in our squad, several have been here a few seasons which I am sure helps but also Tom does a lot with the others to make sure he signs the right people who want to be here, want to show what they can do, take on board the challenge and relish it. We have to my mind looked excellent so far in pre season. It is a bit of a standing joke that we need to play well but lose all pre season matches so that we can start the season well as we have done for the last two seasons. We blotted the copy book a little when we beat Royston but we have subsequently drawn and lost the next two so do not be disappointed if we do not win today as it is all part of the master plan!!!! On a serious note the team is coming together and with your voice and help they will get better, sing your hearts out as usual – enjoy the game – Come on Boro

Aki Achillea - Chairman Haringey Borough F.C.

# Manager - Haringey Borough FC

Sutton United League two !!! That is the calibre of teams we now manage to get to come here pre season, Oxford city are another and Aldershot next week of the National League will certainly show me where we are at. Although I may have thought we may not be able to compete with Sutton who are a full time League side I was nevertheless disappointed with goals we conceded. It doesn't matter who you are you will get punished by wrong choices and a lack of concentration. that is precisely what we did last Tuesday, to allow them to take a quick free kick and get exposed like that was in truth an embarrassment. I would not mind that a team of their stature scores a goal in open play, with quality free flowing crisp passing, but to concede by simply being asleep when they got a free kick irks!! The second goal was just as bad, being unable to clear a set piece with the size of our players in the box. Again wrong choices leading to the ball bouncing around the area and a player unmarked to slot home. I thought we looked positive in patches in the first half and the second was even although I have to accept that we did not at any stage really look like scoring. Of course they were very strong at the back but we need to be braver on the ball and try and make things happen, to try and get them out of their comfort zone, to ask guestions and see if they have answers. We were too predictable and against these types of sides you have to do something different or defending is easy for them. Overall we did well but we need to gel more together but these are useful games, the opposition is strong and we will learn and these matches will serve us well as we get closer to starting our League campaign. Oxford City showed us in the Trophy how it is done, 2-0 down, no panic, they knew they would get chances and they had the quality to take them. I know they have lost a couple of players during this close season but I still have no doubt they will test us. I appreciate them wanting to come here and play us and that we can reciprocate the hospitality they gave us as in January. Get behind the boys, sing your songs and bring some smiles onto the boys faces, Enjoy the game

Tom Loizou - Manager Haringey Borough F.C.

# THE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

This afternoon it is our great pleasure to welcome the players, officials and supporters of OXFORD CITY FC to the CVS Van Hire Stadium for our 6th pre-season game of 2021/22. Our last meeting with them was at the height of the January Covid crisis when we travelled to Oxford to meet them behind closed doors in the 4th Round Proper of the Buildbase FA Trophy on January 16th. We took a 2-0 lead before going down 4-2. Not making excuses but it seems a fair comment that we had not played for four weeks during which restrictions made even serious training difficult whereas City by virtue of their Elite Status had been allowed to carry on so it was no great surprise that as the game wore on we ran out of steam. It is to be hoped that no such interference with normal procedures will occur this season and we can but enjoy normality while it lasts. Previously the Clubs had met twice in season 2005/06 when for one season only City joined us in the Spartan South Midlands League. They were Champions on goal difference over Hillingdon Borough having received quite a lot of help from us with their 4-0 home and 3-0 away wins.

We also extend a warm welcome, of course, to our match officials who are Conor Griffin with the whistle. Andreas Anastasiou and Deryll David assisting him.

Saturday 3 July	3pm	ROMFORD Lost	1-2
Tuesday 6 July	7.45pm	ROYSTON TOWN	Won 4-1
Saturday 10 July	3pm	CHELMSFORD CITY	L 1-3
Saturday 17 July	3pm	BILLERICAY TOWN	Drew 0-0
Tuesday 20 July	7.45pm	SUTTON UNITED	Lost 0-4
Saturday 24 July	3pm	OXFORD CITY	entry £10 adults £5 Concessions U16s free
Tuesday 27 July	7.45pm	ALDERSHOT TOWN	entry as above
Saturday 31 July	3pm	Opponents being sought	
Saturday 7 August	3pm	MARLOW	entry £5 adults Under 16s free

Our pre-season schedule and results to date:-

Our 5th match against newly promoted Football League Sutton United last Tuesday failed to provide a shock result. We went down 0-4 despite possession probably being around 50/50. The score reflects the inevitable in that our visitors naturally made better use of their share. An early goal sloppily conceded followed by a second mid way through the first half effectively settled the result before half time. Sutton actually changed their whole XI after an hours play and they too helped themselves to two further goals.

It was a pleasure to see Borough stalwart Coby Rowe back at Coles Park albeit in the visitors colours and we do hope he will establish himself as a defensive king-pin in the higher echelons of the game.

Borough's last season's results, up to the time of abandonment of the League Competition, are shown further on together with the League tables for both our Premier Division and the National League South Division when the towel was thrown in. It appears that we were quite well placed to challenge for a play-off spot, as were many other Premier Division teams. Our highlight was obviously the Buildbase FA Trophy run which ended in the 4th Round Proper defeat at todays visitors.

All League fixtures for all our teams are shown on our supporters website www.haringeyboroughfc.com with the actual dates for the First Team games now shown. The Pitching In Isthmian League have now released the season fixtures and they also appear in full elsewhere in this programme. Cups and the weather invariably enforce changes and these are always recorded promptly on the supporters website www.haringeyboroughfc. com. The Under 23s fixtures are also now dated on that website. Dates for the fixtures of the Club's other 2 teams will be inserted as soon as the Leagues release them.

This season, the First Team will be playing 42 League games against the same teams as were in the Premier Division last season, there having been no promotion, relegation or sideways movements.

The League highlight for all Clubs will probably be the two games against Hornchurch in the light of their fantastic achievement in winning the Buildbase FA Trophy and we congratulate them heartily. You can see our 21 League home games without admission charge as we are maintaining the Free Season Ticket offer for another season. To obtain one go to the Club's official website www.haringeyboroughfc.net

and use the "Ticket Store" option. It is also worth bearing in mind that by becoming a Club Member for the sum of £50 (again via the "Ticket Store" option) you would then be able to see all of our pre-season friendlies at no cost and the aggregate charge for all such matches will exceed the cost of Membership. Of course

there are many other benefits which Membership will bestow. The draws have not yet been made but the team will again be competing in the FA Cup (exempt until the 1st Qualifying Round on 4th September and FA Trophy (exempt until the 3rd Qualifying Round on 30th October) in which we hope for our now customary extended run in one or both, as well as the London Senior Cup and the Isthmian League Cup (all these being Competitions where we are obliged to charge for entry and share the proceeds 50/50 with the opposing Club so the Free Season Ticket will not be valid). No charge is made for the Under 23, Under 18 and Women's team home matches.

Rather disappointingly, the Under 23s League contains only 7 Clubs which will provide them with 18 games as they will play each other three times; if the weather is kind and the League season is completed reasonably early it is likely that the League will introduce some kind of supplementary competition

The number of teams in the Southern Counties Floodlight Youth League Nemean Division has increased to 10 which will also provide the Under 18s with 18 matches. The possibility of a supplementary competition may also arise in the event of early League match completion. They will also be competing in the FA Youth Cup their first game in which will be at Home to Southend Manor in the week commencing 30th August, on a day yet to be agreed, as well as their League Cup

The Women will play 22 League games as they remain in the 12 team Eastern Region Women's League Premier Division with one change from last years list as Harlow Town have been promoted to the Womens Premier League and Kings Lynn Town promoted from the League's First Division to replace them. They will also be playing in the Womens FA Cup, their League Cup and the Capital Womens Cup. Their first friendly on Sunday 10th July produced a fine all round performance against visitors Billericay Town Reserves who returned home 9-1 losers although the game was by no means as one sided as the score suggests and our opponents would certainly have been dangerous up front had our defence not shown them full respect throughout. Last Sunday Hutton FC were our visitors and anyone frustrated by the lack of goals in last Saturdays First Team game would have been well pleased had they attended the match which produced no less than 19 goals. 15 - 4 is not a common score but that's how it finished and Hutton actually scored first but their lead was very short lived and by half time Borough were 7-3 up. It is a measure of just how much we have improved over the last year under the stewardship of Bobby Cato, for we played Hutton in our first pre-season friendly of 2020/21 and lost 3-6. This weekend the team is off an a brief Midlands tour which will see them play Long Eaton United and Derby County both of the FA Womens National League – Division 1 Midlands(which is one level above the League in which we play) and the Northern Division (two above) respectively. Our Manager was formerly a Derby County Coach.

The normal midweek home match day will be Tuesday for all our teams except the Under 23s who will usually play on Mondays but keep an eye on the .com website which is updated daily as cancellations and re-arrangements are inevitable, especially in the early weeks of the season, due to the unpredictable insertion of Cup Competitions and the weather, and maybe even Covid this season.

Finally, we can confirm that our Groundshare with New Salamis FC, now promoted to the Premier Division of the Spartan South Midlands League, has been renewed for another season.

# HARINGEY BOROUGH 2020/21 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Isthmian League Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

Tue 18 Aug	Н	NEW SALAMIS (FRIENDLY)	W 1-0
Tue 25 Aug	Н	ALDERSHOT TOWN (FRIENDLY)	D 1-1
Sat 29 Aug	Н	HANWELL TOWN (FRIENDLY)	L 1-3
Sat 5 Sep	А	Kings Langley (Friendly)	L 1-2
Tue 8 Sep	Н	QPR UNDER 23S (FRIENDLY) 7PM	L 0-2
Sat 12 Sep	Н	SUTTON UNITED (FRIENDLY)	L 0-2
Sat 19 Sep	А	Corinthian Casuals	W 2-1
Tue 22 Sep	Н	TUNBRIDGE WELLS (FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round)	W 5-1
Sat 26 Sep	Н	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	W 2-1
Mon 28 Sep	Н	LEATHERHEAD	L 0-1
Sat 3 Oct	Н	CHERTSEY TOWN (FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round)	W 2-0
Mon 5 Oct	Н	EAST THURROCK UNITED	W 3-1
Sat 10 Oct	А	Brightlingsea Regent	W 3-0
Tue 13 Oct	Н	BRACKNELL TOWN (Emirates FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round)	W 5-1
Sat 17 Oct	Н	CRAY WANDERERS	L 1-3
Sat 24 Oct	А	Maldon & Tiptree (Emirates FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round)	L 0-1
Tue 27 Oct	А	Hornchurch	L 1-3
Sat 31 Oct	А	Faversham Town (Buildbase FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round)	W 2-1
Wed 4 Nov	А	Kingstonian	L 1-3
Sat 5 Dec	Н	HENDON (FRIENDLY)	W 5-3
Tue 8 Dec	Н	BISHOP'S STORTFORD (Buildbase FA Trophy 1st Round Proper)	W 2-1
Tue 15 Dec	Н	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH (Buildbase FA Trophy 2nd Round Proper	W 3-1
Sat 19 Dec	А	Dartford (Buildbase FA Trophy 3rd Round Proper)	W 1-0
Sat 16 Jan	А	Oxford City (Buildbase FA Trophy 4th Round Proper	L 2-4
Thur 13 May	Н	NEW SALAMIS (FRIENDLY)	W 8-1
Tue 25 May	Н	HANWELL TOWN (LONDON SENIOR CUP QUARTER FINAL) (Lost 4-5 on penalty shoot out)	D 2-2

# HARINGEY BOROUGH FIRST TEAM 2021/22 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Isthmian League Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

(All Saturday kick offs 3pm and midweek kick offs at 7.45pm unless otherwise indicated)

Sat 3 July	Н	ROMFORD (Friendly)	L 1-2			
Tues 6 July	Н	ROYSTON TOWN (Friendly)	W 4-1			
Sat 10 July	Н	CHELMSFORD CITY (Friendly)	L 1-3			
Sat 17 July	Н	BILLERICAY TYOWN (Friendly) D 0-0				
Tues 20 Jull	Н	SUTTON UNITED (Friendly)	L 0-4			
Sat 24 July	Н	OXFORD CITY (Friendly)				
Tues 27 Jul	Н	ALDERSHOT TOWN (Friendly)				
		Friendly fixture being sought				
Sat 7 Aug	Н	MARLOW (Friendly)				
Sat 14 Aug	А	Kingstonian				
Sat 21 Aug	Н	HORSHAM				
Sat 28 Aug	А	Bognor Regis Town				
Mon 30 Aug	Н	WINGATE & FINCHLEY				
Sat 4 Sep		FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round (draw not yet made)				
Sat 11 Sep	Н	CORINTHIAN CASUALS				
Tues 14 Sep	А	Enfield Town				
Sat 18 Sep	А	Leatherhead *				
Sat 25 Sep	Н	EAST THURROCK UNITED				
Tues 28 Sep	Н	POTTERS BAR TOWN				
Sat 2 Oct	А	Hornchurch *				
Sat 9 Oct	Н	CRAY WANDERERS				
Tues 12 Oct	А	Bishops Stortford				
Sat 16 Oct	А	Merstham *				
Sat 23 Oct	Н	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC				
Sat 30 Oct		FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round (draw not yet made)				
Sat 6 Nov	Н	MARGATE *				
Sat 13 Nov	А	Lewes				
Sat 20 Nov	А	Bowers & Pitsea				
Sat 27 Nov	Н	WORTHING				
Sat 4 Dec	Н	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN *				
Sat 11 Dec	А	Folkestone Invicta				
Sat 18 Dec	Н	KINGSTONIAN +				
Mon 27 Dec	А	Wingate & Finchley				
Sat 1 Jan	Н	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT				
Mon 3 Jan	А	Cheshunt				
Sat 8 Jan	А	Corinthian Casuals *				
Sat 15 Jan	Н	ENFIELD TOWN +				
Sat 22 Jan	Н	LEATHERHEAD				
Sat 29 Jan	А	East Thurrock United				
Sat 5 Feb	Н	HORNCHURCH				

Sat 12 Feb	А	Potters Bar Town +
Tues 15 Feb	Н	BISHOPS STORTFORD
Sat 19 Feb	А	Cray Wanderers
Sat 26 Feb	Н	MERSTHAM
Sat 5 Mar	А	Carshalton Athletic
Sat 12 Mar	Н	LEWES +
Sat 19 Mar	А	Margate
Sat 26 Mar	Н	BOWERS & PITSEA
Sat 2 Apr	А	Worthing
Sat 9 Apr	А	Horsham
Sat 16 Apr	Н	CHESHUNT
Mon 18 Apr	А	Brightlingsea Regent
Sat 23 Apr	Н	FOLKESTONE INVICTA

\* Match would be postponed if either Club engaged in the FA Cup

+ Match would be postponed if either Club engaged in the FA Trophy

#### HARINGEY BOROUGH U 23 DEVELOPMENT TEAM 2021/22 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Isthmian League Development Division North Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

Mon Jul 19	Н	COCKFOSTERS (Friendly)	W 5-4
Mon Sep 13	Н	BURY TOWN	
Mon Sep 27	Н	POTTERS BAR TOWN	
Thur 7 Oct	А	Tilbury	
Mon 11 Oxt	Н	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	
Mon 18 Oct	А	Barking	
Tues 26 Oct	А	Bowers & Pitsea	
Mon 1 Nov	А	Bury Town	
Thur 18 Nov	А	Potters Bar Town	
Mon 22 Nov	Н	TILBURY	
Wed 1 Dec	А	Heybridge Swifts	
Mon 6 Dec	Н	BARKING	
Mon 13 Dec	Н	BOWERS & PITSEA	
Mon 10 Jan	А	Heybridge Swifts	
Mon 24 Jan	Н	BARKING	
Mon 31 Jan	Н	TILBURY	
Tue 8 Feb	А	Bowers & Pitsea	
Mon 14 Feb	Н	POTTERS BAR TOWN	
Mon 21 Feb	А	Bury Town	

#### HARINGEY BOROUGH WOMENS TEAM TEAM 2021/22 FIXTURES & RESULTS

Sun 11 July	Н	BILLERICAY TOWN RESERVES (Friendly) W 9-1			
Sun 18 Jul	Н	HUTTON (Friendly)	W 15-4		
Fri 23 Jul	А	Long Eaton United (Friendly)			
Sun 25 Jul	А	Derby County (Friendly)			
Sun 1 Aug	Н	HARLOW TOWN (Friendly)			
Sun 8 Aug	А	Hounslow (Friendly)			

(All Eastern Region Womens League Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

Isthmian League Premier Division 2020/21 -			- at Time of Termination					
	Р	W	D	L	F	А	+/-	Pts
Worthing	8	7	0	1	22	10	+12	21
Cheshunt	10	6	1	3	13	14	-1	19
Enfield Town	10	6	0	4	15	17	-2	18
Kingstonian (+3)	9	5	0	4	15	18	-3	18
Carshalton Athletic	8	5	1	2	14	10	+4	16
Folkestone Invicta (+3)	9	4	1	4	13	13	0	16
Cray Wanderers	7	5	0	2	21	10	+11	15
Bishop's Stortford	6	4	2	0	13	5	+8	14
Hornchurch	10	4	2	4	17	12	+5	14
Horsham	10	4	2	4	19	15	+4	14
Haringey Borough	8	4	0	4	13	13	0	12
Leatherhead	9	3	3	3	8	15	-7	12
Bowers & Pitsea	5	3	1	1	13	5	+8	10
Bognor Regis Town (-3)	7	4	1	2	12	6	+6	10
Potters Bar Town	9	3	1	5	13	11	+2	10
Wingate & Finchley	8	3	1	4	18	17	+1	10
Lewes	8	2	2	4	8	15	-7	8
Brightlingsea Regent	10	2	1	7	11	20	-9	7
Margate	9	1	3	5	6	13	-7	6
East Thurrock United	9	1	2	6	10	21	-11	5
Merstham	8	1	1	6	8	18	-10	4

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recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and providing access and opportunities for all members of the community."



	National League	South	Table 20	20/21 at	: Time o	f Termir	nation		
		Р	W	D	L	F	А	+/-	Pts
1	Dorking Wanderers	18	12	3	3	18	7	+23	39
2	Dartford	19	10	4	5	11	8	+9	34
3	Eastbourne Borough	19	9	6	4	15	10	+10	33
4	Oxford City	17	9	5	3	18	12	+18	32
5	St Albans City	15	9	5	1	9	3	+12	32
6	Hampton & Richmond Borough	17	9	2	6	18	5	+8	29
7	Hungerford Town	19	9	2	8	17	17	-1	29
8	Ebbsfleet United	18	8	4	6	18	15	+2	28
9	Havant and Waterlooville	14	6	2	6	7	7	+4	20
10	Hemel Hempstead Town	18	6	2	10	17	15	-10	20
11	Maidstone United	13	5	4	4	11	11	+6	19
12	Dulwich Hamlet	13	4	4	5	12	10	-2	16
13	Chelmsford City	16	4	4	8	12	12	-4	16
14	Tonbridge Angels	14	5	1	8	7	12	-7	16
15	Billericay Town	17	4	4	9	9	13	-9	16
16	Chippenham Town	14	4	4	6	6	11	-9	16
17	Concord Rangers	14	3	5	6	8	15	-8	14
18	Bath City	13	4	1	8	10	14	-7	13
19	Braintree Town	16	4	1	11	10	17	-15	13
20	Slough Town	12	3	3	6	3	9	-8	12
21	Welling United	14	2	6	6	12	18	-12	12

### HARINGEY PLAYER PROFILES 2021-22

GEORGIOS ARESTI – Cypriot International midfielder who numbers AEK Athens among his previous Clubs; 2017/18 deadline day signing and near automatic selection last season. BOBSON BAWLING – attacking midfielder who joined us from Enfield Town at the start of this season having previously been with Crawley Town, Woking and St. Albans City SAMI BESSADI – attacking midfielder who has come right through the ranks with the

Under 18s and Under 23s and is now a challenger for a First Team berth. **CHRISTOS DJAMAS** – Cypriot Under 21 International signed in October 2020. Midfielder who was most recently on contract at Othello Athienoy and previously with Apoel Nicosia and Agia Napa

**JORGE DJASSI-SAMBU** – midfield powerhouse now in 7th season with Club; opponents know when they have been tackled by this non-stop box to box player. Dangerous in opponents box at set piece situations.

**CALLUM ISMAIL** – skilful young full back previously with Bowers and Pitsea who joined us in September 2018 and after establishing himself in the Under 23s and on the bench made his first start in December 2019

**ANTHONY McDONALD** – fast tricky wide player entering his 9th season with us; excellent finisher with 13 League goals in an injury hit 2016/17; first team regular but appearances have been interrupted by injuries.

**MEKHI LEACOCK-McLEOD** – recent signing lastly with Romford. Wide attacker who numbers Halifax Town, Accrington Stanley and Eastleigh among his previous berths and Fulham, Wolverhalmpton Wandereres and Glasgow Rangers at Under 23 level.

**ROMAN MICHAEL-PERCIL** – our first signing of 2020 from Potters Bar Town; a winger who has been with several Isthmian Clubs after moving on from Tottenham Hotspurs Under 21s

JONATHAN MILES – December 2019 signing; goalkeeper most recently with Ramsgate whose other past Clubs include Ebbsfleet United and Margate after leaving Tottenham Hotspur Under 18s

**SCOTT MITCHELL** – a summer 2017 signing; 22 year old central defender who was previously with Dagenham & Redbridge. Almost an ever present in 2017/18 season and now an established member of the squad

**JAMIE-LEE O'DONOGHUE** – strong running striker re-joining us this season; was with Baldock Town last season and numbers Cleethorpes Town among his previous Clubs. Older brother of our full back, Michael

**MICHAEL O'DONOGHUE** – powerful full back rejoining us after a year away at National League side Concord Rangers. Formerly a professional with Colchester United.

**DAVID "TOSIN" OLUFEMI** – attack minded full back who rejoins us this season after a year away with National League side Concord Rangers. Also numbers Colchester United among his former Clubs.

**CHIDUBEM ONOKWAI** – strong, powerful centre forward now in his second spell at the Club. Was with St. Albans City last season and numbers Hayes & Yeading United among his previous Clubs.

**RAKIM RICHARDS** – versatile player with us since 2010 and most usually to be found in a defensive role but quite at home in midfield and a menace in the opponents penalty area when corner kicks arrive.

**JOSEPH RUSSELL** – defender/misfielder; January 2020 signing from Cheshunt who played against us in an August 2019 fixture; numbers Ware, Northwood, Hoddesdon Town and Egham Town among his previous Clubs.

#### MANAGEMENT

**TOM LOIZOU (MANAGER)** – a man with wealth of experience and knowledge of the game who is always running around for the club; his passion is there for everyone to see and he keeps everyone at the Club their toes - not just the players!

**DAVID CUMBERBATCH (ASSISTANT MANAGER)** Often sits in the main stand watching the game and recording bits for time to time known sometimes as 'Terry Connor or Howard the Halifax man" who gives you extra..."

**JOHNNY FITSIOU (COACH)** his extensive knowledge and experience of conditioning has made the Borough players more aware of how to exert their power and pace game plan

**THOMAS O'DONOGHUE (COACH)** known as 'Tucker' is an experienced coach who joined the coaching staff at the Borough in 2016. Having started with the first team. Father of players Michael and Jamie.



# **OXFORD CITY PLAYER PROFILES 2021-22**

**BEN DUDZINSKI** – Goalkeeper – Young goalkeeper who joined Oxford City in August 2020, after a spell at Gosport Borough and Sutton United. Ben already has a season of National League experience under his belt as he lined up for Havant & Waterlooville in the 2018/19 season. Previously been at Lowestoft, Hartlepool and Darlington.



ALEX GRANTHAM – Goalkeeper – Young goalkeeper who has been on the books at the club for several years. He's made one competitive appearance for the club, albeit

in strange circumstances as he was brought on as an outfield player in an injury crisis! But he is a goalkeeper, we promise!

**DANIEL MATSUZAKA** - Defender – Joined Oxford City in August 2020, after spells at Braintree Town in the National League South, and also Sutton United in the National League Premier. He has also played in the Japanese J3 League for Kataller Toyama, and also featured as a youth international for Japan in their Under-19 squad in 2015.

**ZICO ASARE** – Defender – A product of the Fulham academy, Zico joined Oxford City in 2021 ahead of the 2021/22 season, after impressing on loan at the start of this campaign, and the previous. He's also been capped as a youth international for England – playing in an Under-16 side that also featured Bukayo Sako and Curtis Jones.

**CHARLIE ROWAN** – Defender – Joined David Oldfield's squad in July 2021 after a season at National League South rivals Ebbsfleet United. He started his career at Watford before moving to QPR in November 2018. He then spent time on loan at Barnet and Accrington Stanley before making the move to Ebbsfleet.

**REECE FLEET-** Midfielder – Longest serving player in the current squad, Reece has amassed well over 200 appearances in the Blue and White Hoops, in two spells since 2012. Still relatively young, Reece has become very reliable in the centre of the park, becoming a regular in that spot. Originally came through the Birmingham academy, while also spending time at Solihull Moors between his two City spells.

**JOSH ASHBY** – Midfielder – The latest member in the current City squad to have joined the '100 club' as he managed to pass three figures just before lockdown struck. His experience and passing in the centre of the park is crucial to the team, and has proven to be City's set-piece specialist over the past few seasons. Signed on loan in 2015 from Oxford United, before making it permanent a couple of seasons later.

**ZAC MCEACHRAN** – Midfielder – Near unplayable on his day. Zac first joined City as a 17-year-old, however had a few seasons at Banbury United before rejoining the Hoops. He's become a very important player for the Hoops with his quality on the ball, and somehow always seems to come out of a tight area with the ball. Will always score a few spectacular goals in a season!

**LEWIS COYLE** – Midfielder – Primarily a left sided winger who joined the Hoops in 2020/21, after having spent a long time at Kidlington and Thatcham Town. Scored plenty of goals, and earned a reputation as a set piece specialist, and has made the step up to National League Football in 2020/21.

AJ GEORGE – Midfielder – Returning for a second season with the Hoops, the Antigua and Barbuda international has plenty of experience already, having featured for Oxford United, Mansfield Town, and then more recently in the National League South with Chippenham Town. He has one international goal to his name, scoring in a Caribbean Cup qualifier in 2016 against Aruba.

ALFIE POTTER – Midfielder – A household name, Alfie Potter needs little introduction in Oxford. His goal in the 2009/10 Conference play-off final was legendary amongst Oxford United fans. He's also got a goal at Anfield to his name – famously putting Havant & Waterlooville ahead in the FA Cup in 2008. Most recently he played for Billericay Town between 2018 and 2020 before moving back to Oxford with the Hoops.

**NANA OWUSU** – Forward – Entering his second season at the club following a successful first season on the wing in 2019/20. Adds to City's option from dead ball situations and is designated penalty taker. Also capable of the odd spectacular strike. Previously at Maidenhead United in the National League, and previously Basingstoke Town.

**ELLIOT BENYON** – Forward – Experienced striker who has plenty of experience at this level. Joined mid-way through the 2019/20 season, and immediately became first choice striker. Although his goalscoring tally may have been unfair on him, he certainly made up for his with goals created. Football League experience with Southend, Wycombe Wanderers, Swindon Town, and Torquay United.

**HARVEY BRADBURY** – Forward – Big striker who joined the club in 2020 following his release from Millwall. Formally at Oxford United, Bradbury has plenty of experience at this level already, playing at Hungerford Town and Woking on loan from the U's. Started his career at Portsmouth, before moving onto Watford before his move to Oxford United.

JACOB BANCROFT – Forward – Young forward who joined Oxford City in September 2020 from Swindon Town. A hot prospect on the wing, Jacob has a Football League appearance to his name in 2018/19, and had time on loan in the Southern League last season at Salisbury, Thatcham and Wantage Town.

**JOE IACIOFANO** – Forward – Joe joined Oxford City from Havant & Waterlooville in July 2021. He is another player that Hoops fans are familiar with, having scored a brace for St Albans City at the Velocity Stadium back in 2018. He started his career at Northampton Town where he had numerous loan spells, including one at Banbury United and Brackley Town.

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Alex GRANTHAM (GK)
Zico ASARE (Def)
Josh ASHBY (Mid)
Jacob BANCROFT (Fwd)
Elliot BENYON (Fwd)
Harvey BRADBURY (Fwd)
Lewis COYLE (Mid)
Reece FLEET (Mid)
AJ GEORGE (Mid)
Joe IACIOFANO (Fwd)
Dan MATSUZAKA (Def)
Zac MCEACHRAN (Mid)
Nana OWUSU (Fwd)
Alfie POTTER (Mid)
Charlie ROWAN (Def)
Manager: David Oldfield
Assistant Manager: Andy Ballard
First Team Coach: Ross Jenkins
Goalkeeping Coach: Alan Foster
Physio: Aidan Keeble

From

Jonathan MILES
Charne LEMBA
Michael O'DONOGHUE
Rakim RICHARDS
Tyrese OWEN
Jorge DJASSI SAMBU
Mekhi LEACOCK-McLEOD
Ryan RICHEFOND
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Bobson BAWLING
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Sidi HAIDARA
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Michael PANDFORD
Aron GORDON
Christos DJAMAS
Manager: Tom Loizou
Assistant Manager: David Cumberbatch
Coaches: Johnny Fitsiou
Tucker O'Donoghue
Goalkeeping Coach: Robert Lewis
Physio: Montana Cameron

### MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: Conor Griffin assisted by Andreas Anastasiou & Deryll David