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Athenian League Division 2 runners up 1969/70

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London Junior Cup runners up 1907/08  
London League Division 1(B) winners 1909/10  
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Middlesex Senior League winners 1940/41

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London Senior Cup winners 1990/91  
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Eastern Region League Premier Division Champions 2016/17  
Eastern Region League Cup winners 2016/17



## 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. The merged Club played in the Athenian League until it ceased to operate at the end of the 1983/84 season and then played for 4 seasons in Division 2 North of the Isthmian League. After a period of instability culminating in a year in the wilderness away from Senior football in 1988/89 they were admitted to the Spartan League in 1989/90 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 for 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.

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 quickly 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 what was then 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 at 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 qualifying 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 another great but ultimately disappointing 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 surprising 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 Semi-final 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 has always been near the top of the table and continued to do well in the following seasons.

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. They were Divisional winners of the Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League in 2004/05 (and also winners of the League's Colwyn Cup competition) and 2009/10. After a few seasons absence from Youth football the Under 18s rejoined the Southern Counties competition in 2017/18, winning its Divisional Championship at the first attempt. This 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 Women's Team was formed in 1999 and competed in the Eastern Region Womens League winning promotion in its first season and then to its Premier Division for 2002/03; and there they have remained save for two seasons, the first being in 2011/12 following relegation to Division 1 from which they made an immediate Premier Division return as runners-up. Steady improvement began and we were extremely fortunate to have been approached midway through the 2014/15 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. In 2017/18, 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 which was 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. Now under the stewardship of Bobby Cato significant steps forward seem certain and promotion is again a realistic prospect.

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 a challenge for at least a Play-off position is a realistic prospect as we pursue our ambition to achieve promotion to the National League 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.

However, the Club reserves the right to refuse admission to any person and the right to remain within the ground is conditional upon compliance with directions given by Club Officials. Spectators and other visitors must not encroach upon the playing area, deface or damage Club premises or equipment, take any glasses, alcohol or bottles outside of the Clubhouse or use obscene or insulting language or gestures (and especially any of a racist nature).

The Club cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage howsoever caused or arising to property of any or every kind brought into the ground including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, motor vehicles or anything therein or thereon or items left in changing rooms





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## HISTORY OF ENFIELD TOWN FC



Formed on 23rd June 2001, Enfield Town FC started life in the Essex Senior League in 2001-02. The club finished runners-up in that first season before winning the league championship the following year. Their time spent in the ESL was successful, with two championships, two league cups, a Middlesex Charity Cup and wins in the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy and Capital Counties Feeder Leagues Trophy finals to show for their efforts.

After securing promotion to the Southern League (East) in 2005 under manager Jim Chandler, the Towners had a successful first season at that level, before eventually losing to Wivenhoe Town in the promotion play-offs. The following year, following a move into the Ryman League for 2006-07, the club again finished 3rd – this time losing out in the play-offs to AFC Sudbury. In 2009-10, the club yet again only just missed out on promotion, being beaten this time by Concord Rangers in the play-off final.

The club originally played at Goldsdown Road, the home of Brimsdown Rovers, in a ground share arrangement. But in October 2008, the London Borough of Enfield announced a deal with the club which paved the way for it to relocate to the Queen Elizabeth II Stadium. Realising a long-held dream, the club worked closely with the Council to see the old athletics arena restored and upgraded to be able to host Isthmian League football. At last the club had a home of its own, a short distance from the former Enfield FC stadium in Southbury Road. While retaining a running track as a training facility for local use, the club has been able to provide an atmospheric environment. The Stadium was formally opened in November 2011 with a match against a Tottenham Hotspur XI.

Following the move to the new ground, after finishing as Ryman League Division One (North) runners-up under manager Steve Newing, Town overcame Grays Athletic and Needham Market in two very close play-off matches to secure promotion to Step 3. Subsequently, after aiming for a period of consolidation, safety was only guaranteed on the final day of the 2013-14 campaign with a 2-1 win at Cray Wanderers.

Bradley Quinton succeeded George Borg as first team manager in August 2014 and, such was the team's improvement that a play-off place was achieved, only for three crucial points to be deducted in controversial circumstances towards the end of the campaign which consequently led to a final league placing of 7th.

In 2015-16, the side embarked upon an impressive late run, but missed out on a play-off spot by two points. Then in 2016-17, the club's Premier Division play-off dream was realised, but a 2-4 reverse at Dulwich Hamlet in the semi-final put paid to further progress.

Following the departure of Quinton to Braintree Town, Andy Leese took over the managerial reins at the start of the 2017-18 season and, under his management, the club have progressed further in the FA Cup and FA Trophy than ever before and won the Velocity Trophy (Isthmian League Cup) for the first time.

In June 2017, the club were awarded the Charter Standard Community Club of the Year by the Middlesex Football Association, one of several awards received in recognition of all the hard work being done to support the local community. In November 2017, a 3G training facility was opened adjacent to the club's stadium. This London Borough of Enfield project was made possible with a grant via the Football Foundation and is used primarily by Enfield Town FC as well as a range of local schools and other clubs. Subsequently, Enfield Town FC Community Sport Development Ltd, a not-for-profit organisation run independently of the football club, was formed to support local community activities, which currently include football schools, holiday clubs, disability football and walking football. This organisation was recently granted charity status.

In the summer of 2018, the QEII Stadium hosted eight matches (including the final) of the Confederation of Independent Football Associations (CONIFA) Football World Cup. Between January 2019 and January 2020 three players – Rian McLean, Josh Davison and Muhammadu Faal – were signed by EFL clubs. From September 2020 a partnership between the club and the EDSV Academy (now Level 7 Academy) was started with a view to providing a pathway for Under 18 players to progress, potentially into the first team squad in due course. This season, the club's twentieth, Enfield Town celebrated ten years at their current home, the Queen Elizabeth II Stadium, and marked the occasion by showcasing the club's various teams at all age groups and abilities; a testament to its status as a footballing hub in the local area. The senior men's side have



reached the Third Round of the FA Trophy, a stage never before achieved by the club.

The first supporter-owned club in the country, growth continues at a sustainable pace. Over the years, successful Reserve, Youth and Ladies sides have been developed, alongside other teams of various age groups and abilities, including a learning difficulties squad and a walking football side. The club continues to pursue its vision as an inclusive club for all and a football and social centre for the community, with a range of teams playing at the highest sustainable levels possible.

### HONOURS

Isthmian League Division One (North) Runners-up and play-off winners 2011-12
Essex Senior League Champions 2002-03 and 2004-05
Essex Senior League Runners-up 2001-02
Isthmian League Cup Winners 2018-19
Essex Senior League Cup Winners 2001-02 and 2003-04
Middlesex Super Cup Winners 2009-10
Middlesex Charity Cup Winners 2001-02 and 2007-08
Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy Winners 2002-03
Capital Counties Feeder Leagues Trophy Winners 2001-02
Middlesex Senior Cup Runners-up 2002-03 and 2015-16
Middlesex Charity Cup Runners-up 2005-06 and 2009-10

### Vision

An inclusive club for all and a football and social centre for the community, with a range of teams playing at the highest sustainable levels possible.

### Mission

To develop football facilities for Enfield Town FC which will improve the quality and the experience of playing and spectating for the local community;

To increase and sustain participation in all club activities; and

To improve the standards of play of all Enfield Town FC teams.



## Chairman - Haringey Borough FC

A warm welcome to all of those travelling the short distance along the A10 for what promises as always to be another enthralling encounter.

Whilst we have not been at our best for large parts of the season it is evident from recent performances that we are back on track and I hope that we will show this afternoon what a good side we are. I know our opponents are in a strong position in the League and Tom will have a bit more to say about them later, but for my part I want to see, as always, an attacking game with plenty of chances and incident. It looks as though we may yet get away with the season running its course after the fears surrounding the voracity of the Omicron variant proved unfounded and we have all managed to remain socialising with family and friends although all asked to show some caution. The virus is still with us and for fear of sounding like professor Van-Tam I also urge you to simply use your common sense when around fellow fans in the stadium, keep a little distance and enjoy the experience but do not put yourselves at unnecessary risk. I think this time around many of us, myself included, have caught the virus and had to isolate. I missed our last home game and I know many of you have also missed matches and some of our players have also contracted the virus. Most teams will be in a similar position to us so no one can really complain about any team having an unfair advantage in such circumstances, it is really the luck of the draw and with so many games left I cannot see how anyone can argue they have been unfairly treated. The League is taking shape and the big guns at the top have much to play for. Our position has been fortified by our recent run of results, two good wins and a very well worth draw against Cheshunt with victory taken away from us with virtually the last kick. No game last Saturday so I went to Enfield!! Spying on the oppo I may have been and I have to say it was a fierce game and Lewes played very well in the second half, much to the disappointment of the home contingent. A victory in midweek has set them up for today's match and they will no doubt be in good voice again. We may have little chance of making a play off place but we do nevertheless have much to play for. We are in the process of renewing our tenure at the ground, we are submitting a football foundation bid for further stadium improvements designed to enhance your match day experience and we are formulating a structure for the future progression of the Club. Exciting times and whether we achieve anything on the field of play this season or next we are certainly moving in the right direction however. Enjoy the game, be respectful as ever – Come on Boro!

**Aki Achillea - Chairman Haringey Borough F.C**

## Manager - Haringey Borough FC

A good midweek win in the London Senior cup has helped our confidence and with 3 wins and a draw in 4 we are beginning to look like a proper team again. I rested players on Tuesday but those who played did really well and have given me much food for thought as I need to prepare for this afternoon's game. Andy has once again done a great job with Enfield. They have been there or thereabouts from the first game and they are mounting a strong push for promotion. It looks to me like Worthing have the upper hand due to their consistency but the likes of Enfield, Folkestone and Lewes to name but 3 are hot on their heels and ready if there is a slip up. I've seen a bit of Enfield this season and they certainly score a lot of goals, not surprising with Muhammadu Faal up top with our old player Lyle Della-Verde. I know they play a certain way and I have to devise a means of stopping that ball getting to those two, if we manage that then I believe we are a threat. We have good pace going forward, we are getting our injured players back and those who missed games through covid. Those who have played have taken their chances, Callum and Sami in particular, Bobson is looking a threat up front, as is Andronicos on the wing and Mekhi on the other. We are creating good chances, we are still missing many of them and when it clicks and they do go in someone is going to get a proper beating. In the matches before our recent run we have missed so many chances and we have then slipped up by letting in late goals. You do not need reminding of what happened at Enfield's ground last September when we threw the match away in injury time. That's unfortunately been repeated a few times recently so I was pleased with the way we held out against Tooting in the Cup Tuesday and the teams we played in the league before then since Boxing day. We need to retain our concentration to the end and when we do we are a difficult side to beat. Make sure you sing as usual and remember to be respectful and above all else enjoy the game.

**Tom Loizou - Manager Haringey Borough F.C**

## THE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

This afternoon we welcome the players, Officials and supporters of ENFIELD TOWN FC to the CVS Van Hire Stadium for this, an "A10 derby". It should have been the eighth Isthmian Premier Division game between the teams but due to the 2 Covid interrupted seasons is only the fourth. Most recently we went down to the only goal of the match in stoppage time at the QE II Stadium last September. Both matches fell victim to the Seasons early termination in 2020/21 and in 2019/20 only the game at QE II took place and Town won that 5-3. But in season 2018/19 we enjoyed the better of the encounters with a 2-2 draw away in November and a late season 3-1 win at Coles Park which was vitally important in our reaching the play offs, albeit with a disappointing outcome. This season it is our visitors who are chasing a play off spot and while its not mathematically impossible for us to reach that target only a super-optimist would forecast such an outcome. Our destination seems to be mid-table respectability.

A welcome too, of course to our match officials who Steven Scott with the whistle, assisted by Steven Walsh and Robert Davies with the flags.

Our last home game on New Years day provided us with a comfortable three points at the expense of Brightlingsea Regent and after 13 unsuccessful attempts to bag three points it was a great relief to secure a back to back win, after the Boxing day victory at Wingate & Finchley, the more so as we also recorded a clean sheet for only the second time this season. A low snapshot from Ade low to the 'keepers right when a corner was not effectively cleared put us ahead after twenty seven minutes and 12 minutes later we were two up courtesy of a powerful blast by Jorge. Brightlingseas had their moments and were rather unlucky not to pull one back on the stroke of half time with a free kick that smashed against the bar and led to a goalmouth scramble we eventually cleared. The second half might have been a different story had it gone in but was largely illuminated by two penalty awards, both for fouls on Sami with the first being driven home confidently by Andronicos in the 51st minute. Sami picked himself up in the 79th minute to take the second kick himself but unfortunately it was not the best penalty the Brightlingsea 'keeper will have faced and he kept it out relatively easily. But it mattered not as there was never any realistic prospect of a successful Brightlingsea comeback although Borough did ease off somewhat in the closing stages and it would not have been a surprise had the visitors spoiled our rare clean sheet; but they did not.

Since the last home game we have played two away matches starting with what, based on recent results and League positions, was expected to be a daunting trip to play-off (or better) chasing Cheshunt on the Bank Holiday Monday. In fact, such trepidation turned out to be quite unjustified and any un-knowing neutral could have been forgiven for assuming we were the play off chasing team as we were on the front foot throughout. If, after our two competently effected wins, we thought that we had finally shaken off our propensity to be the League's foot shooting specialists a rude awakening lay in wait until the 94th minute when a spectacular demonstration of the art in the shape of a completely needless penalty was conceded and two more points disappeared down the drain. It would be easy to point the finger at the guilty defender but in truth the penalty should have been of no consequence for it was astonishing that at the time all we had to show for our endeavours was Bobson's 40th minute goal as we had reverted to type and squandered chance after chance while limiting the oppositions opportunities very successfully; and questions might be asked as to why we were enthusiastically chasing a needless second goal in stoppage time when it would have been so much easier to adopt the risk averse safety first approach which our opponents almost invariably adopt when they are holding on to a one goal lead. Bobson's goal owed everything to his speed as he raced away from the half way line onto a well weighted through ball completely out running the chasing defenders to drive home a low shot which the advancing keeper touched but could not deflect wide enough to keep it out of his net. Cheshunt had what they thought was an equaliser just a minute later but an eagle eyed ref had spotted a foul on Rakim just before the shot was unleashed and Cheshunt's celebrations were quickly extinguished. To award the very late penalty the ref needed no eagle eye for it was an offence right under his nose as a corner was fired over from the right and the player fouled would have had no chance of reaching it, unless he is a budding high jump champion, for it went way over his head to be easily dealt with at the far post. Even more galling than the 94th minute winner we conceded at the QE II Stadium in September for that did at least decide what had been a thrilling end to end game in which both sides had given the other's keeper plenty of chances to shine whereas in this game justice would only have been served had we won it. Our League game at Corinthian Casuals fell foul of last Saturday's weather and has been re-arranged for this coming Tuesday 18th so next up was last Tuesday's trip to Tooting & Mitcham United for our London Senior Cup 2nd Round game and a team with a number of changes did the necessary very effectively. It was

pleasing to see a game won when we made far fewer chances than in many of our defeats as we took two of the few which came our way and overall the home side probably enjoyed somewhat more possession and worked our 'keeper harder than we did theirs. Narcis-Florin Filip making the starting line up for the first time took only 10 minutes to open his first team scoring account and a good finish it was too as he used his speed to race clear and coolly drive the ball past the outcoming 'keeper. Making a first appearances after several unused bench warmings was goalkeeper Alexander Zamani and he came very close to producing what would have been only the third clean sheet of the season as he got a hand to the 52nd minute equaliser but could not quite push it round the post. Taylor Curran who is on a 4 week loan from National League Maidstone United also made his Club debut in the centre of our defence and Sam Cook made his first start on the other side of Scott Mitchell providing us with plenty of height at the back – the tallest of all Tyrese having been moved forward into midfield. Also making his first start after several introductions from the bench was Samuel Owusu with a full 90 minute contribution. When another penalty shoot out was beginning to look probable, it was Captain for the night Scott who administered the coup de grace in the 79th minute when he went upfield for a corner and was quickest to the ball in the ensuing goal mouth scramble; a valuable habit he has developed this season and long may it continue. It was also good to see Tosin making a mid-second half appearance after what has been quite a long injury absence. And so it came to pass that we despatched the holders of the Cup having eliminated last seasons runners up in the First Round. Our reward is a quarter final tie away on February 8th to Erith & Belvedere – a step 5 Club in the Southern Counties East Premier Division – who play in the stadium of National League South Welling United. Victory there would see us visiting either Southern League Premier Division Hendon or National League South Dulwich Hamlet in the Semi-Final. The winners would then play the Final on a neutral ground against the survivor from Dartford, Erith Town, Barking, Harrow Borough and Brentford "B".

The draw for the Velocity Cup (which is the Isthmian League Cup) has now been made and we have been drawn against Potters Bar Town. It should be on their ground but a venue reversal was agreed at their request owing to their current pitch problems. So the match will be taking place at Coles Park on Tuesday 1st February.

If you have not already obtained one, Free Season Tickets are still available which would enable you to see our last nine home League games without charge. Application should be made on line via the Club's official website [haringeyboroughfc.net](http://haringeyboroughfc.net). And on that website you can also see details of the benefits you could enjoy by becoming a Club member.

As for our other Teams, the Under 23s made a particularly comment worthy start to 2022 as last Wednesday they went to Heybridge Swifts and after going three down staged a magnificent comeback to finish 4-3 winners. This maintained their top spot place and with six games to play they are now five points clear of their closest challengers, Bowers and Pitsea, although Bowers do have a game in hand.

The Under 18s made a flying start to the New Year with a 9-2 demolition of Rayners Lane at Coles Park last Monday. Our free scoring Under 18s have recorded hauls of 12, 9 (twice) and 7. But having dropped 12 points and with only 6 games to play they are not well placed to overhaul the 2 Clubs above them in the table (Hendon and Woodford Town) who have only dropped 3 each.

The Women's season after the brightest start for many years has sadly deteriorated and it seems the best they can now hope for, bearing in mind they have played up to 4 matches more than all other teams in their 11 team Division is 10th. That should be enough to avoid relegation with the drop reduced to one team following a team withdrawing and the bottom team who currently have just 3 points – all from draws – would need to win three and draw one of their remaining 9 matches to overhaul Borough's ten point lead even if Borough failed to secure another point from their remaining 5. Last week's defeat by 3-2 at 10th placed St. Ives Town was particularly unfortunate for it leaves the victors just 3 points behind Borough with 2 games in hand. The League Cup for which the draw has not yet been made is the Women's last hope for glory this season.





**NEXT FIRST TEAM HOME GAME**  
**SATURDAY JANUARY 22nd 3pm**  
**v LEATHERHEAD**  
(Isthmian League - Premier Division)

**NEXT FIRST TEAM AWAY GAME**  
**TUESDAY JANUARY 18th 7.45pm**  
**v CORINTHIAN-CASUALS**  
(Isthmian League - Premier Division)

At King George's Field, St Mary's Close, Hook Rise South. Tolworth, KT6 7NA  
Direct trains to Tolworth leave Waterloo at 17 and 47 minutes past the hour and  
call at Vauxhall 4 minutes later. Journey time approximately 30 minutes  
then 15 minute walk to Stadium

**AWAY GAMES FOR OUR OTHER TEAMS BEFORE NEXT HOME GAME**

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Wednesday 19th January UNDER 18s away to Woodford Town (League) 7.45pm

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## 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	H	ROMFORD (Friendly)	L 1-2
Tues 6 July	H	ROYSTON TOWN (Friendly)	W 4-1
Sat 10 July	H	CHELMSFORD CITY (Friendly)	L 1-3
Sat 17 July	H	BILLERICAY TOWN (Friendly)	D 0-0
Tues 20 Jul	H	SUTTON UNITED (Friendly)	L 0-4
Sat 24 July	H	OXFORD CITY (Friendly)	L 0-4
Tues 27 Jul	H	ALDERSHOT TOWN (Friendly)	D 0-0
Sat 7 Aug	H	MARLOW (Friendly)	W 3-0
Sat 14 Aug	A	Kingstonian	L 0-1
Sat 21 Aug	H	HORSHAM	W 3-1
Sat 28 Aug	A	Bognor Regis Town	W 2-1
Mon 30 Aug	H	WINGATE & FINCHLEY	W 4-1
Sat 4 Sep	A	Peterborough Sports (FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round)	L 1-2
Sat 11 Sep	H	CORINTHIAN CASUALS	L 0-1
Tues 14 Sep	A	Enfield Town	L 0-1
Sat 25 Sep	H	EAST THURROCK UNITED	W 5-1
Tues 28 Sep	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	D 2-2
Sat 2 Oct	A	Leatherhead	D 0-0
Sat 9 Oct	H	CRAY WANDERERS	D 1-1
Tues 12 Oct	A	Bishops Stortford	D 1-1
Sat 16 Oct	A	Merstham	L 0-5
Sat 23 Oct	H	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC	D 1-1
Sat 30 Oct	A	Potters Bar Town (Buildbase FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round.	L 0-2
Sat 6 Nov	H	MARGATE	D 2-2
Tue 9 Nov	A	Hornchurch	L 0-3
Sat 13 Nov	A	Lewes	L 2-4
Sat 20 Nov	A	Bowers & Pitsea	L 1-2
Tue 30 Nov	H	An AFC WIMBLEDON XI (London Senior Cup)	W 5-4 on pens after 1-1 draw
Sat 4 Dec	H	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	D 3-3
Tues 7 Dec	H	WORTHING	D 2-2
Sat 11 Dec	A	Folkestone Invicta	L 0-5
Mon 27 Dec	A	Wingate & Finchley	W 2-1
Sat 1 Jan	H	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	W 3-0
Mon 3 Jan	A	Cheshunt	D 1-1
Tues 11 Jan	A	Tooting & Mitcham United (London Senior Cup Round 2)	W 2-1
Sat 15 Jan	H	ENFIELD TOWN	
Tue 18 Jan	A	Corinthian Casuals	
Sat 22 Jan	H	LEATHERHEAD	
Tue 25 Jan	H	KINGSTONIAN	

Sat 29 Jan	A	East Thurrock United	
Tue 1 Feb	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN (Velocity Cup)	
Sat 5 Feb	H	HORNCHURCH	
Tue 8 Feb	A	Erith & Belvedere (London Senior Cup Quarter final)	
Sat 12 Feb	A	Potters Bar Town	
Tues 15 Feb	H	BISHOPS STORTFORD	
Sat 19 Feb	A	Cray Wanderers	
Sat 26 Feb	H	MERSTHAM	
Sat 5 Mar	A	Carshalton Athletic	
Sat 12 Mar	H	LEWES	
Sat 19 Mar	A	Margate	
Sat 26 Mar	H	BOWERS & PITSEA	
Sat 2 Apr	A	Worthing	
Sat 9 Apr	A	Horsham	
Sat 16 Apr	H	CHESHUNT	
Mon 18 Apr	A	Brightlingsea Regent	
Sat 23 Apr	H	FOLKESTONE INVICTA	

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

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

Mon Jul 19	H	COCKFOSTERS (Friendly)	W 5-4
Fri Jul 30	A	Barking (Friendly)	W 2-1
Mon Aug 23	H	JH Sports FC (Friendly match)	W 5-0
Tue Sep 6	H	NORTH LONDON FC	L 1-2
Mon Sep 13	H	BURY TOWN	W 6-0
Thur 7 Oct	A	Tilbury	W 5-0
Mon 11 Oct	H	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	W 8-1
Mon 18 Oct	A	Barking	W 8-3
Tues 26 Oct	A	Bowers & Pitsea	L 2-3
Mon 1 Nov	A	Bury Town	W 4-3
Mon 15 Nov	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	L 2-3
Mon 22 Nov	H	TILBURY	W 3-2
Wed 1 Dec	A	Heybridge Swifts	D 2-2
Mon 6 Dec	H	BARKING	W 5-3
Mon 13 Dec	H	BOWERS & PITSEA	W 4-2
Wed 12 Jan	A	Heybridge Swifts	W 4-3
Mon 24 Jan	H	BARKING	
Mon 31 Jan	H	TILBURY	
Tue 8 Feb	A	Bowers & Pitsea	
Mon 14 Feb	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	
Mon 21 Feb	A	Bury Town	
Thur 3 Mar	A	Potters Bar Town	

## HARINGEY BOROUGH UNDER 18 TEAM 2021/22 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League - Delphian Division Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

Tue 31 Aug	H	SOUTHEND MANOR (FA Youth Cup)	W 4-0
Tue 7 Sep	H	BRIMSDOWN	W 12-0
Wed Sep 15	A	Romford (FA Youth Cup)	W 3-1
Tue Sep 28	A	Aveley (FA Youth Cup)	L 0-3
Tue 5 Oct	H	EDGWARE TOWN	L 1-2
Tue 19 Oct	H	BRIMSDOWN ROVERS	W 4-3
Wed 27 Oct	A	Rayners Lane	L 1-3
Tue 2 Nov	H	WOODFORD TOWN	L 3-5
Mon 15 Nov	A	Brimsdown	W 7-1
Wed 24 Nov	A	Langley	L 2-5
Mon 29 Nov	A	Potters Bar Town (at Coles Park)	W 9-3
Wed 8 Dec	A	Edgware Town	W 2-0
Mon 10 Jan	H	RAYNERS LANE	W 9-2
Wed 19 Jan	A	Woodford Town	
Mon 1 Mar	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	
Mon Mar 15	H	HENDON	
Undated	A	Brimsdown Rovers	
Undated	H	LANGLEY	
Undated	A	Hendon	



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

(All Eastern Region Womens League Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

Sun 11 July	H	BILLERICAY TOWN RESERVES (Friendly)	W 9-1
Sun 18 Jul	H	HUTTON (Friendly)	W 15-4
Fri 23 Jul	A	Derby County Academy (Friendly)	W 4-2
Sun 25 Jul	A	Long Eaton United (Friendly)	L 2-4
Sun 8 Aug	A	Hounslow (Friendly)	L 3-6
Sun 15 Aug	A	Kings Lynn Town	W 3-2
Sun 22 Aug	H	WROXHAM	L 2-3
Sun 29 Aug	H	BOWERS & PITSEA	W 2-1
Sun 5 Sep	A	AFC Dunstable	D 1-1
Sun 19 Sep	H	LUTON TOWN	L 2-5
Sun 26 Sep	H	ST. IVES TOWN	W 7-1
Wed 29 Sep	A	Royston Town	L 1-5
Sun 3 Oct	H	CLAPTON COMMUNITY (WFA Cup)	L 3-6
Sun 10 Oct	H	BEDFORD	L 3-4
Sun 24 Oct	A	Colney Heath	L 0-3
Sun 7 Nov	A	Wymondham Town	L 2-6
Sun 14 Nov	H	ROYSTON TOWN	L 1-4
Sun 21 Nov	A	Fulham (Capital Womens Cup)	L 2-8
Sun 28 Nov	H	KINGS LYNN TOWN	L 2-3
Sun 5 Dec	H	AFC DUNSTABLE	W 9-1
Sun 12 Dec	A	Bowers & Pitsea	L 1-4
Sun 9 Jan	A	St. Ives Town	L 2-3
Sun 23 Jan	H	WYMONDHAM TOWN	
Sun 30 Jan	A	Wroxham	
Sun 6 Feb	A	Luton Town	
Sun 13 Feb	?	League Cup - draw not yet made	
Sun 27 Feb	A	Bedford	
undated	H	COLNEY HEATH	

# THE **NON-LEAGUE** **PAPER**



**ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME**

THEY say that football and politics should never mix – just ask the officials at Chester FC this week.

In a bizarre twist to start the new year, the National League North Blues have been dragged into a Covid border war with both English and Welsh governments claiming authority on its jurisdiction.

As you may know, the club's Deva Stadium straddles the English/Welsh border but although Chester is an English football club, based in an English city and playing in an English league, the ground, although owned by Cheshire West and Cheshire Council is, apparently, governed by Welsh regulations.

This week, the Blues were presented with a joint letter from North Wales Police and Flintshire County Council informing them of potential Welsh Coronavirus Regulations breaches for their home games against AFC Fylde on December 28 and AFC Telford United on January 2.

As a result, the club have now informed supporters that further potential breaches could be brought if it continued to play home fixtures with crowds while the current restrictions in Wales are in place. Strict new rules mean that live sport in the country can only be attended by 50 people, as the likes of Wrexham and Merthyr Town are, as it stands, having to abide by.

Chester chiefs are currently seeking legal advice but, ultimately, it could mean Chester having to play home games behind closed doors until Welsh regulations are eased or lifted.

For Chester, playing to an empty Deva Stadium isn't an option, as vice-chairman Jim Green warned.

"I think all parties need to take a step back, reflect and take some more legal advice," he said. "The implications of this decision and outcome are very significant.

"It's not viable for us to play without fans in the stadium so it's going to need some cool heads and common-sense thinking."

What a bizarre situation this is. Pubs and clubs remain open and supporters are still free to pile onto coaches and cross the border to watch their away games.

In theory, Chester could erect a big screen in their car park and let thousands of fans attend to watch a game being played yards away.

The situation all makes for a very frustrating situation, with the Blues seeking legal advice to confirm their stance.

Chester have clearly been caught in some serious crossfire here as the British nations try to learn to live with Covid without having to shut down entirely.

For everyone's sake though, I just hope that common sense prevails and Chester are left alone to carry on safely as normal, without being used as a political football for parliamentary bigwigs.

By Jon Couch

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## Isthmian League Premier Division 2020/21 - up to and including 12/1/2022

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Worthing	23	16	2	5	56	35	+21	50
2 Folkestone Invicta	22	12	7	3	50	27	+23	43
3 Lewes	24	13	4	7	59	38	+21	43
4 Enfield Town	23	13	4	6	53	34	+19	43
5 Bishop's Stortford	23	11	8	4	40	26	+14	41
6 Kingstonian	22	13	2	7	42	32	+10	41
7 Cheshunt	22	11	6	5	39	23	+16	39
8 Hornchurch	22	12	2	8	36	23	+13	38
9 Margate	23	11	4	8	42	38	+4	37
10 Carshalton Athletic	22	10	6	6	41	24	+17	36
11 Corinthian-Casuals	22	9	5	8	29	28	+1	32
12 Bognor Regis Town	21	7	9	5	33	29	+4	30
13 Horsham	23	8	4	11	35	34	+1	28
14 Haringey Borough	23	6	9	8	35	40	-5	27
15 Wingate & Finchley	25	7	5	13	38	47	-9	26
16 Merstham	23	8	2	13	34	43	-9	26
17 Potters Bar Town	19	7	3	9	34	37	-3	24
18 Bowers & Pitsea	22	6	4	12	25	38	-13	22
19 Brightlingsea Regent	24	6	2	16	23	63	-40	20
20 Cray Wanderers	22	5	4	13	30	44	-14	19
21 East Thurrock United	23	4	5	14	24	58	-34	17
22 Leatherhead	23	3	3	17	24	61	-37	12

"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 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."

# Respect



## 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.

**ADEYINKA COLE** – much travelled attacking midfielder signed from Heybridge Swifts a few weeks into the current season who has appeared for many other Isthmian Clubs including Grays Athletic, Enfield Town, Aveley, Romford and Leiston; as well as Clubs now in the National League - Dulwich Hamlet, Billericay Town, Hemel Hempstead Town and Braintree Town.

**SAMUEL COOK** – tall strong central defender making a challenge for a first team starting berth having having just returned from a spell with German Clubs. Has made his first start after several substitute appearances.

**TAYLOR CURRAN** – a central defender on temporary loan to us from Maidstone United. Has first team experience with Swindon Town and numbers Southend United and Braintree Town among his previous Clubs.

**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.

**NARCIS-FLORIN FILIP** – energetic striker whose relentless closing down all action style will cause many a defence a headache. November signing who numbers FC Romania and Hoddesdon Town among his previous berths.

**ANDRONICOS GEORGIU** - recently signed forward who graduated from Stevenage Academy and played in their EFL team. Last season was with Wycombe Wanderers. Has also been loaned to Kings Langley, St. Albans City and Middlesbrough Under 23s.

**LAMAR JOSEPH-JOHNSON** – a much travelled goalkeeper signed in November after release from Bowers & Pitsea. St. Lucian International who numbers Concord Rangers, Grays Athletic and Aveley among previous Clubs.

**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

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

**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.

**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.

**SAMUEL OWUSU** – midfielder signed from East Thurrock United on Christmas Eve who immediately took a place on the Boxing Day match and made a 20 minute debut appearance.

**TYRESE OWEN** – Tall ball playing central defender or midfielder who was with National League South Hemel Hempstead Town last season. Numbers Potters Bar Town and Carshalton Athletic among his previous Clubs and spent a season in Sweden.

**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.



**CHRISTOS ROSSOS** – another goalkeeper signed in November having been released at the end of last season by Anorthosis Famagusta

**ALEXANDER ZAMANI** – a goalkeeper signed on Christmas Eve having played in Poland and after returning to England for Tonbridge Angels and Bexhill United. Made the bench on Boxing Day.

## 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. Tucker is also managing the Under 18s.



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## ENFIELD TOWN PLAYER PROFILES 2021-22



**NATHAN McDONALD** (Goalkeeper) 'Keeper Nathan signed from Braintree Town for his first spell at the club in the summer of 2014 and went on to be an ever-present in the league for three years. An England C international, he moved back to Braintree in time for the 2017-18 season, helping them to promotion via the play-offs. He switched to Chelmsford City in August 2018 before a move back to the QEI Stadium in May 2019. His other previous clubs include AFC Sudbury, Cambridge United and Southend United and he has now made over 200 Town appearances.

**ADI CONNOLLY** (Goalkeeper) 'Keeper Adi Connolly has made the jump from Enfield Town's U19 academy to the first-team squad this summer, gaining minutes in a number of pre-season friendlies. He has previously turned out for Berkhamsted Comrades and Leverstock Green FC.

**ELIAS NICHOLS** (Defender) Right-sided defender Eli is also adept in midfield, and began his footballing career as a youngster with Bristol City. He has since worn the shirts of Frome Town, Paulton Rovers, Met Police and East Grinstead Town, joining the Towners midway through the 21-22 season. After signing on a dual registration basis with Colney Heath, he was drafted into Town's lineup for the first time in January 2022: a 4-3 away success at Horsham

**JONATHAN MULEBA** (Defender) Right-back Jon started his career in the youth ranks at Chelsea before joining AFC Bournemouth's Under 21 squad. He had loan spells at Poole Town, Gosport Borough and Bishop's Cleeve before joining Folkestone Invicta in July 2016. Shortly afterwards he moved to Enfield Town, making 45 appearances, before following manager Bradley Quinton to Braintree Town in the summer of 2017. After playing a key role in the Iron's 2017-18 promotion campaign, he moved on to Kingstonian in February 2019 before committing to Town.

**JEREMIAH GYEBI** (Defender) 22-year-old central defender Jeremiah signed on the dotted line at the QEI Stadium for the beginning of the 2020-21 campaign, and has had experience with Yeovil Town – who he joined as a 16-year-old scholar, Barnstaple Town, Poole Town (on loan), Ankararan Hrvatini (Slovenia) and IFK Mora (Sweden).

**RIAN BRAY** (Defender) Centre-back Rian joined Town ahead of the 21-22 season. He has already racked up extensive experience, with over 170 appearances to his name with Millwall's academy, Welling United, Leatherhead, Bishop's Cleeve, Hampton & Richmond, Tonbridge Angels and Hendon, where he played a central role as The Greens reached the 2017-18 Isthmian Premier Division play-off final, only losing on penalties to Dulwich Hamlet.

**RYAN KIRWAN** (Defender) Defender Ryan Kirwan signed league forms at the Queen Elizabeth II Stadium for the 2021-22 season. Deployed primarily as a left-back so far this season, he's also capable of playing in midfield or as a centre-half, and previously turned out for North Greenford United, scoring his first goal last season against Arlesey Town.

**HAROLD JOSEPH** (Defender) Harold rejoined the club in October 2020, making his competitive return in an FA Trophy tie against Ramsgate. In his initial spell at the QEI he made 80 competitive appearances, scoring 9 goals. His other former clubs include Barnet, Stevenage, Wingate & Finchley, Hayes & Yeading United, St Albans City and Royston Town.

**NATHAN SMITH** (Defender) Enfield-born defender Nathan joined Town at the start of the league season. Capable of playing at left-back or centre-back, he has been capped twice by Jamaica and brings plenty of high-level experience with him, having represented Yeovil Town and Chesterfield between spells in non-league.

**LEE CHAPPELL** (Defender) Experienced defender Lee signed league forms at Town in September 2020. With extensive service given to clubs such as Wealdstone, St Albans City and Royston Town, on occasion in a central midfield role, he has added options onto Town's left flank and featured regularly last year before the league season was cut short.

**PERCY KIANGEBENI** (Midfield) 24-year-old Percy returned to Town during pre-season last year for his second spell with Town, having made 33 appearances (one goal) under Bradley Quinton's management. His positional versatility and commitment have made him a popular figure with supporters during his time in a white shirt. Following his initial spell at the QEI Stadium, he subsequently represented Concord Rangers, St Albans City, Hendon and Hertford Town.

**SCOTT THOMAS** (Midfield) Formerly with Hemel Hempstead Town, Chesham United, Boreham Wood and St Albans City, Scott made the short move from Boreham Wood, where he had won promotion to the National League, to St Albans in August 2015. He was subsequently on a dual registration arrangement with Royston

Town for a spell and featured in the Crows side that overcame Town 2-0 in the FA Trophy in October 2017. He also featured as a defender during his St Albans days. He was appointed Enfield Town club captain ahead of the 2021-22 campaign.

**SAM YOUNGS** (Midfield) A former Chesham United player, Sam originally made his Generals' debut at Didcot Town in March 2011, and then, after a spell away, returned to the Meadow in the summer of 2015. He has enjoyed three spells at Rugby Town, including scoring a dozen goals in season 2012-13, and has also spent time at Redditch United, Hemel Hempstead Town, Banbury United, Ware and Halesowen Town. He has made over 100 Town appearances.

**EMMANUEL MAJA** (Midfield) Young midfielder Mani signed on at the start of the 2021-22 season, joining from Welling United. A ball-playing centre-mid, he began his career at ninth-tier Croydon FC, where his performances earned him a trial with Manchester City's Under-18s, before he joined The Wings at the beginning of last season.

**MICHAEL DOME-BEMWIN** (Midfield) Defensive midfielder Michael joined Enfield Town in December 2021, strengthening the side's options in the centre of the park. He brings plenty of prior experience, including with Lewes and – most recently – Whitehawk.

**LEWIS TAAFFE** (Midfield) Winger Lewis returned to Concord Rangers in July 2017 after spells at Hemel Hempstead Town and Billericay Town. He went on to make over 150 appearances for the Beachboys and was a firm fans' favourite with his energetic style. He has also had experience with Leyton Orient and Histon, joining Town at the start of the 2018-19 campaign.

**LYLE DELLA-VERDE** (Midfielder) Lyle has rejoined Town for a second spell after first signing from Hayes & Yeading United, making his debut - and scoring - in a 5-3 win against Haringey Borough in December 2019. He started out with Tottenham Hotspur as a youth before moving on to Southend United and Fulham, where he signed his first professional contract aged 17. After a loan spell at Bristol Rovers, he subsequently signed for Fleetwood Town and then Crawley Town before moving into non-league football with Braintree Town, Concord Rangers, Dartford and most recently Welling United.

**ANDRE COKER** (Forward) 23-year-old forward Andre joined the Towners ahead of the new league season. Though primarily a winger or inside forward, he can play anywhere along the forward line and occasionally deeper in midfield. He has previously turned out for Kingstonian, Maidstone United, Cray Wanderers and Bromley.

**LUKE COOK** (Forward) 18-year-old Luke signed on at Donkey Lane in mid-October and is a highly-rated youngster who can be deployed anywhere up front. He has been on trial at Brentford B, but chose Enfield over a number of other interested clubs for the first step of his senior footballing career.

**ADAM CUNNINGTON** (Forward) In recent seasons, following spells at clubs including Barwell, Solihull Moors and Kettering Town, Adam has enjoyed National League experience at Tamworth, Cambridge United, Ebbsfleet and Bromley. He has also made EFL appearances for Dagenham & Redbridge as well as for Cambridge. He enjoyed the best part of three seasons at Billericay Town, and prior to his Town arrival wore the colours of Hornchurch and Cheshunt. He made his debut against Maldon & Tiptree in the FA Trophy in December 2020 and has been back amongst the goals this season.

**MUHAMMADU FAAL** (Forward) Forward Muhammadu has rejoined Enfield Town for a second spell ahead of the 2021-22 season. He needs practically no introduction having become a fans' favourite during his first stint in a blue and white shirt, netting 24 goals in 25 appearances in the first half of the 19-20 campaign to earn himself a move to EFL side Bolton Wanderers. He started his career at Chingford youth side Ryan before moving on to Boreham Wood, and has also represented L'Aquila [Italy], Dulwich Hamlet, Kingstonian and Barnet.

**JAKE CASS** (Forward) Jake joined Town in January 2022 following his surprise release from Bishop's Stortford, for whom he was top scorer in the 21-22 campaign with 15 goals. The 28-year-old is a powerful striker who brings with him a wealth of experience in non-league, having also represented Chelmsford City, Braintree Town, Maldon & Tiptree and Chesham United among others. He scored the winner on his Enfield debut, a 4-3 away win at Horsham.

## MANAGEMENT

**ANDY LEESE** (Manager) Before joining Enfield Town in June 2017, Andy had spent over a decade as manager at Chesham United, having moved to the Meadow in the summer of 2007 from Potters Bar Town. His spell at Chesham included reaching the Southern League Division One Midlands play-offs twice, including promotion at the end of the 2009-10 season. In the Premier Division, he led the Generals to three consecutive play-off places.

In 2015-16 the Second Round of the FA Cup was reached, and that was followed the following year with another appearance in the First Round. He began his management career at Somersett Ambury in the Spartan South Midlands League in 2000, before departing for Cheshunt in 2002. The following year, he guided the Ambers to the Ryman League Division 2 title, before leading them to promotion to the Premier Division the following season. He has also enjoyed spells at Boreham Wood and Wealdstone. Under his management, Town have progressed further in the FA Cup and FA Trophy than ever before.

**MARIO NOTO** (Assistant Manager) Mario started out with Tottenham Hotspur before moving on to Reading and then to Canvey Island. He subsequently had spells at Chelmsford City and Boreham Wood before joining Harlow Town in November 2015 prior to a move to Enfield Town in August 2017. He was appointed assistant manager in the summer of 2019.



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## TODAYS TEAMS



From

Lamar JOSEPH-JOHNSON

Callum ISMAIL

Michael O'DONOGHUE

Rakim RICHARDS

Scott MITCHELL

Tyrese-Jordon OWEN

Sami BESSADI

Jorge DJASSI SAMBU

Alfred BOBSON BAWLING

Mekhi LEACOCK-McLEOD

Adeyinka COLE

David Tosin OLUFEMI

Andronicos GEORGIU

Taylor CURRAN

Samuel OWUSU

Alexander ZAMANI

Manager: Tom Loizou

Assistant Manager: David Cumberbatch

Coaches: Johnny Fitsiou

Tucker O'Donoghue

Physio: Montana Cameron

From

Nathan McDONALD

Elias NICHOLS

Jeremiah GYEBY

Harold JOSEPH

Ryan KIRWAN

Scott THOMAS

Sam YOUNGS

Percy KIANGEBENI

Lyle DELLA-VERDE

Muhammadu FAAL

Jake CASS

Nathan SMITH

Rian BRAY

Adam CUNNINGTON

Lee CHAPPELL

Emmanuel MAJA

Andre COKER

Lewis TAAFE

Manager: Andy Leese

Assistant Manager: Mario Noto

Coaches: Ian Hart & Tom Festa

Sports Therapist: Josh Abbott

### MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: Steven Scott assisted by  
Steven Walsh & Robert Davies