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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. 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 BISHOPS STORTFORD FC



The club was formed on Thursday 28th January 1874 at the Chequers Hotel in the town. Just over two weeks later the first match was played with the East of England Non Conformist Grammar School (now Bishop's Stortford College) being defeated 2-1, with goals coming from Rev. R J Tomes. In that first season 15 games were played, three of which were won, with seven others drawn. The club colours at that time were vivid crimson and olive green. After several years of playing just friendly matches the club became one of the founder members of the Hertfordshire Football Association in 1885 and played in the first ever County Senior Cup competition that same season, beating Aspely 2-1 away from home in their first match.

The club progressed into league football in the 1890s by joining a succession of locally based competitions. The highlights between 1889 and 1929 were the "double" seasons in 1912-13, when both the Saffron Walden & District League and the Stansted & District League titles were secured, and 1919-20, when the East Herts League and the Stansted & District League were won.

The club was accepted into the FA Cup for the first time in the 1924-25 season and then it was in 1929 that the next milestone was reached when the club was accepted into Division Two (East) of the Spartan League. A good start was made with the Ministry of Health being well beaten 5-0. Three years later, at the end of the 1931-32 season, the Division Two (East) championship was won and with it promotion to Division One of the Spartan League. A year later Stortford won the Herts Senior Cup for the first time.

During the Second World War the club played mainly friendly matches against locally based service units. The 1945-46 season saw Stortford compete again in the Spartan League, where they stayed until the formation of the Delphian League in 1951.

The 1950s saw steady progress in the club's fortunes with the Delphian League title being won in season 1954-55. Until this time progress in the FA Amateur Cup had been nothing but a dream but in season 1962-63 Stortford found themselves only two games away from Wembley.

In a tense quarter-final, in front of 9,000 people, Stortford were defeated 1-0 by the Isthmian League champions Wimbledon at Plough Lane and Wimbledon went on to win the cup. The mid 1960s turned out to be a very exciting period for the club as in the space of three years, the Bishops having by now joined the expanded Athenian League, were runners-up in Division Two, champions of Division One and runners-up in the Premier Division.

The Premier Division title was eventually captured in the 1969-70 season. Then, a long-term ambition was realised when an application to join the Isthmian League was accepted for the 1971-72 season. The early 1970s was also another very successful period in the club's history, third place in the League was achieved in season 1973-74, Stortford's best ever position, whilst six cup final victories were achieved in the space of four seasons. The undoubted pinnacle of these highlights came fittingly in the club's centenary season when the FA Amateur Cup was won at Wembley Stadium by beating Ilford 4-1 in front of over 30,000 spectators. This in fact was the last FA Amateur Cup final ever held. Scorers for Stortford were Dave Lawrence, Peter Leakey, Dennis Murphy and lastly Martin Smith from the penalty spot.

The rest of the decade was something of an anti-climax, with the club being relegated to Division One, but there was another huge upturn in the club's fortunes as the 1980-81 season was another memorable one in the Bishop's history. The club won the Isthmian League Division 1 title and the "double" came in May 1981 in the final of the FA Trophy when Terry Sullivan scored a late goal to leave Isthmian League Premier Division side Sutton United defeated 1-0. This victory came after a record breaking run of 13 games that had begun in the preliminary round in the September of the previous year. In achieving this success, Stortford became the first ever club to capture both the FA Amateur Cup and the FA Trophy.

After reaching the quarter final of the FA Trophy again in 1982 and setting the record for consecutive unbeaten matches in that competition (17), Blues turned their attention to the FA Cup. Though they had reached the competition proper five times before, it was in the 1982-83 season that they really made an impact. After disposing of local rivals Harlow Town, third division Reading were beaten at Elm Park in the first round and then Slough Town were defeated in the second round. The third round saw the Bishops drawn away at Middlesbrough, then managed by Malcolm Allison. In the tie at Teesside, Stortford fought

back from a two goal half-time deficit to earn a well merited replay thanks to two Richie Bradford goals. The following Tuesday over 6,000 people packed into the Rhodes Avenue ground for the replay. Lyndon Lynch gave Stortford the lead on the stroke of half-time but Middlesbrough's superior fitness told in the end and they fought back and eventually won through with two late goals. Stortford again faced League opposition in 1985 going out after a replay to Colchester United.

Towards the end of the 1980s, two former favourite players of the Rhodes Avenue crowds returned as Managers. Firstly, former England international John Radford, who had played in the FA Trophy winning side, became manager in 1987. He took the club to success in the Herts Senior Cup in his first season and continued the following season, 1988-89, by winning the AC Delco Cup (Isthmian League Cup). Apart from the cup run in, he also took the team on a promotion challenge, which only faltered in the closing weeks and the club finished seventh in the table. Terry Moore, a record holder in his days as Stortford's goalkeeper when he collected both FA Amateur and FA Trophy cup winners' medals – the only player to do so for the same club, then became manager and he led the Blues to victories in the Premier Inter-League (Clubcall) Cup and Isthmian League Full Members (Loctite) Cup.

In more recent times, the club was relegated to Division 1 at the conclusion of the 1991-92 term, but with ex-Arsenal star John Radford now as the Blues manager Stortford regained Premiership status by winning the Division One championship in season 1993-94. Life back in the Premier Division was not easy, with a best position of 12th being achieved in season 1995-96. Off the field the club suffered delays moving to its new ground at Dunmow Road having left the Rhodes Avenue ground at the end of 1997, which they had been at since 1919.

After 18 months during which home league matches were played at Boreham Wood, St. Albans City, Hitchin Town, Dagenham & Redbridge and Ware, the club were once again relegated to Division One at the end of the 1998/99 season. But a new and eagerly awaited chapter in the club's history began on Saturday 17th July 1999 when the new Woodside Park Stadium finally opened with a pre-season friendly against Norwich City. The match ended in a 2-2 draw in front of a 918 crowd.

On Friday 3rd September a crowd of 2,444 saw the official opening of the stadium performed by George Graham followed by a match against a strong Tottenham Hotspur side including Hans Segers, David Ginola, Chris Armstrong, Ruel Fox, Jose Dominguez, Mauricio Tarico, Steffen Freund, Stephen Clemence and Justin Edinburgh. Blues made the record books on Thursday 30th December 1999 when they won 5-3 at Chertsey in a Ryman League match, which was the last competitive match played in England in the 20th Century.

The club, supporters and team finally settled in at Woodside Park but only after some serious problems with the pitch had seen many postponed games and fixture headaches in those first two seasons. In the 2000/2001 campaign, Blues came with a late challenge after making wholesale squad changes at Christmas and narrowly missed out on a promotion place. However, by season 2001/2 the playing surface was immaculate and hosting Ryman and England representative games along with many local and junior league cup finals and Blues themselves were faring better in the League. Promotion back to the Ryman Premier after a three years absence was secured on the 6th April 2002 with a 2-0 home win against Walton & Hersham.

The 2002/3 campaign saw Blues back in the Premier Division and the near disaster of the Rhodes Avenue sale and ground sharing were fading in the memory. On Tuesday 14th January 2003, Martin Hayes team travelled to Tring in the semi-final of the Herts Charity Cup and recorded the club's best ever win in a competitive match away from home with a 9-1 victory. Blues fortune in that cup continued as Hemel Hempstead Town were defeated 3-1 in the May final and Captain Rob French lifted Blues first silverware for six years. Back in February, the club had sold star striker Vinnie John to Hornchurch FC for a club record fee.

2003/04 saw the restructure of the football pyramid with Blues among the founder members of Conference South thanks to an 11th placed finish and manager Martin Hayes led them to first round proper of the FA Cup where 600 Stortford fans saw them go down 6-0 at Mansfield Town. In April, exactly 30 years to the day that Blues won the last ever Amateur Cup Final at Wembley Stadium, Stortford retained the Herts Charity Cup by defeating Cheshunt 4-1 to match that Wembley scoreline. The last game of the season saw tearful scenes as the fans said goodbye to midfield supremo, inveterate goal scorer and triple winner of the player of the season trophy, Glen Southam. His £20,000 fee to Dagenham & Redbridge set a new club record.

A brave new world opened for Blues in August 2004 as they kicked off their Conference South campaign with a 2-1 win at home to Eastbourne Borough. It was a journey into the unknown with league trips as far afield as Weymouth and Newport but Blues held their own in the autumn with a position on the fringe of the play offs before finishing tenth.

By contrast the 2005-06 season was a disappointment and yet it ended with a trophy as the Herts Senior Cup was won for the first time in 20 years with a 1-0 win over Stevenage and the season was rounded off with a record Woodside Park league crowd of 1,016 as champions elect Weymouth visited. The Blues' leading goal scorer at this time was Steve Morison who went on to play in the Premiership for Norwich City.

In 2006-07 the club flirted with promotion to the National Conference, the top echelon of non-league football. A top-six league finish led to a play-off semi final against Salisbury City. The home leg, played in front of 1049 spectators ended in a 1-1 draw with Greg Pearson scoring for Stortford. Back at Salisbury, the score was again 1-1 after 90 minutes. But two extra time goals saw Salisbury march to the final and the Conference. The FA Cup first round was reached, but Blues lost 5-3 againsts Kings Lynn.

The 2008-2009 season saw Martin Hayes record 500 games and 10 years in the job. However, a shoestring budget and poor results led to his surprise dismissal and the promotion of reserve team manager, Mark Simpson assisted by Gordon Boateng. The new management team rung the changes and Stortford rallied to move from 20th in the league table to finish 9th.

Simpson remained at the helm until February 2011 during which time, in season 2009/10, Stortford again won the County Senior Cup. Simpson was replaced by ex-England and Spurs goalkeeper Ian Walker. A late three game winning run saw Walker save Blues from the drop and his side lifted the Herts Charity Cup with victory against Cheshunt. But the club were hit by a bombshell at the Conference AGM in early June when they were placed in the northern section following the demise of Rushden & Diamonds. Despite the signing of future Premier League star Dwight Gayle and on-loan Spurs keeper Jordan Archer, Blues struggled in their new surroundings and with the team in the relegation zone Walker departed early in December 2011 following a 5-0 FA Trophy at Isthmian League side Carshalton Athletic.

Under former Braintree boss Rod Stringer Blues had an excellent finish to the season, finishing tenth and winning both the Senior Charity Cups. The 2012/2013 season saw Blues drop to 17th as recruitment of players able to travel to the likes of Manchester and Workington on Tuesday evenings became an issue, but Stringer's side did win their way through to the first round proper of the FA Cup before going out to Hastings United.

A return to Conference South saw a fine first half to the 2013/2014 campaign contending for a "play-off" place and reaching the 1st Round of the FA Cup once again. They were handed a tie at home to Northampton Town that was televised live on ITV and attracted a record crowd of 2,548. Form dipped in the New Year however when faced with playing 22 games in final 50 days of the season and they finished below halfway in the League table. A small consolation was that the Herts Charity Cup was won once again.

The 2014/2015 campaign was not a great one for the Blues but after some inconsistent form up until the last few months of the season they improved to steer clear of the relegation zone to ensure another year as a member of the Vanarama National South.

Stringer resigned after four and a half seasons at the end of the 2015/16 campaign to take charge of Chelmsford City. That season saw the Blues again finish around midway in the League table and win the Herts Charity Cup. Striker Elliott Buchanan was the top goalscorer in the league and won the Vanarama Conference "Golden Boot" award.

The 2016/17 season was a disaster for the club and probably the worst in the history finishing in the second-from-bottom place to be relegated to the Evo Stik Southern League after 13 seasons in the Conference set-up. Stortford had two management teams running affairs before ex Spurs, Swindon, Rotherham United, Reading and Colchester United midfielder Kevin Watson was appointed manager late in the season. Stortford did reach the Senior Cup final but lost 2-1 to Hitchin Town.

A first season in the Southern League saw Watson's young side finish 18th in the 24 team league. A switch back to the Isthmian League saw former Witham Town boss Adam Flint step into the manager's shoes but he failed to win a game and was replaced in mid-September by club owner Steve Smith and former Norwich City striker Jamie Cureton. The pair took the club to seventh th place in the table, just missing out on the play-offs as well as reaching the league cup semi-final.

Cureton celebrated the achievement of playing 1000 competitive games in the 3-2 win against Brightlingsea Regent, netting twice on the way to finishing as leading scorer in the Isthmian Premier, and he remains joint boss with Smith as The Blues head into the 2019/20 season.

THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

When I was a junior reporter starting out at The NLP, there was a Friday afternoon task I dreaded. Through the long summer months, and with blank pages to fill, we used to have a weekly short on every club at Steps 1 and 2.

The idea was to fill it with the latest transfer, maybe a nice little quote from the manager about how his squad was shaping up or similar.

Without naming names, there were a few clubs you didn't want on your list. Nothing against them, but there were a handful of teams where finding a fresh nib of news was not easy.

Club websites wouldn't be updated since the last time you checked. The manager's phone would have the dialling tone you hear when someone is on holiday...it was a thankless task and all part of the learning.

Of course, this was all before the days of twitter and a constant stream of updates.

Back then, people would nominate people for our Goal of the Season with a written description of the goal. If you were lucky, you'd get a hazy piece of footage to go from.

It's amazing quite how much the media landscape has changed for Non-League clubs.

Now games are filmed by automated cameras and wonder goals – the National League teams aside with their weekend embargo – are there to see within 30 minutes of the final whistle.

Ollie Babington scored a screamer for Clevedon Town at the weekend that is being mentioned as a Puskas contender and has been seen worldwide.

It's now commonplace to see Step 5 and 6 clubs using animated graphics when they score a goal, uploading interviews with managers and players, putting excellent highlights packages together, all on top of their other social media posts.

While the odd account will use their platform to hammer a referee over a perceived injustice, the majority are becoming more and more 'professional'. No doubt it has an impact on getting more people through the gate. Being proactive can make a big difference.

Dorking Wanderers have an insider documentary that is on YouTube and has millions of views on TikTok. The club say it is noticeable people have attended their games, or purchased items from the club shop, on the back of it.

There is so much high-quality content to consume and is a credit to all those who do their bit for their local club. It certainly keeps us at The NLP on our toes and helps keep our team informed on what is happening across the country.

We could even bring back those news nibs this summer...

By Matt Badcock

Chairman - Haringey Borough FC

This evening it really is with the greatest of pleasure that I welcome our friends from Bishop's Stortford. As you will recall I say every year that I have a fondness for the people who run this club and I have to say they do it the right way and this season in particular it is certainly working for them as they strive to get one of the two promotion places on offer. We are at the business end and a quick look at the table will show you the top sides have much to play for and as the pressure mounts you will see some unexpected results. I am sure Stortford are hoping they can keep their impressive form going and waiting to take advantage if those above slip up and open the door. We have our own interests to look out for and I can assure all of you that we will not be resting on our laurels and waiting for the end of the season. We have much to work on and improve and get together a settled squad for the summer and beyond. We didn't play well last weekend against Potters Bar and we seem to reserve our worst performances for that ground!! Two defeats and a lucky home draw is all we have to show this season against them!! Regardless of results I still nevertheless feel that as a Club we are certainly heading in the right direction. A lot of new faces at home, an astonishing game against Hornchurch in our last home game and our away support is just getting ridiculous. We seem to be outnumbering the home fans at many a ground we visit and for that I thank and commend you all. The singing is non stop and all the fans at these grounds then go on to social media and congratulate you. The numbers who attended both last Tuesday in the London Senior cup away at Erith and the numbers away last Saturday really make me so proud of all of you, the new bobble hats, the scarves, the singing!! Astonishing and the creation of such a great atmosphere that everyone enjoys. Long may that continue, enjoy tonight's game when I am sure the players will give it everything they have to reciprocate the support everyone has for all of you – enjoy the game , come on Boro!

Aki Achillea - Chairman Haringey Borough F.C

Manager - Haringey Borough FC

A mixed bag of results in our last 3 games since my previous notes. A great game against Hornchurch, one of the best of the season and I feel a little frustrated not to have taken all 3 points although one moment a couple of minutes from the end nearly stopped my pacemaker when their forward hit the inside of the post!! We played so well in front of a really loud and noisy crowd which definitely lifted the players, particularly in that incredible second half. I think Hornchurch will certainly be right up there at the end and it is apparent to me that they are a very functional side who have a set method of play that invariably wins them matches. They will never be free flowing and open but they will be consistent and that is something we have lacked for some time. We have drawn with the majority of the top sides this season and with a bit of extra quality in front of goal we could easily have beaten the vast majority of them. That shows to me that on our day we can beat anyone. The problem is the lack of consistency over an entire season. The current squad are excellent and not many new faces need to arrive in the summer. We have strengthened in the last week with the incredible signing of striker Adam Morgan who will be a great asset to the club. His pedigree is second to none, ex Liverpool and now playing for us!! Wow, that shows you all how far we have come as a club and the mere fact that we can attract players of his calibre says what we are all about. Tonight will be tough make no mistake. Stortford have been on an amazing run of games which started way back last October and one defeat in 26 is incredible and shows the task we have ahead of us this evening. We are however up for the challenge, I tell the players every game to show me what they can do and the better the opponent the better we seem to play and I do not fear good teams, on the contrary I relish the chance to beat them and that is what I am looking for from the characters in the dressing room, embrace the challenge I demand and stand up to it. With your incredible help as well I am sure we can achieve something, be respectful to the opposition and enjoy the game.

Tom Loizou - Manager Haringey Borough F.C

THE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

This evening we take the opportunity to welcome the players Officials and supporters of BISHOP'S STORTFORD FC to Coles Park for our sixth home League match of 2022. We can be under no illusions as to the magnitude of the task we face this evening as after a somewhat indifferent start to the season, including a 1-1 draw against us which we could well have won, "The Bishop's" are now firing on all cylinders in a determined chase for a play off spot at the very least. They are unbeaten in their last seven games – 5 wins and 2 draws – and won a real 6 pointer at Enfield Town by 2-0 last Saturday while we were going down at Potters Bar Town where they won 3-0 win last Tuesday.

Since we became an Isthmian Club again in 2015/16 we have played them six times. Honours were even in 2018/19 as we won 3-1 at home and lost 2-0 away; in 2019/20 season we completed a 2-1 double. Neither of the League fixtures got played in the second Covid disrupted season of 2020/21 but as the FA Trophy was granted elite status that was allowed to continue and just days after the League season was terminated in December we played them in the 1st. Round proper at Coles Park and won 2-1 and then went on to beat National League opponents Eastbourne Borough and Dartford before going out at Oxford City in the 4th Round. Isthmian League Hornchurch went on to win the Trophy. Before that "The Bishops" had probably not been seen at Coles Park for some 70 years after leaving (in 1951) the Spartan League in which the Wood Green Town half of our merged Club also competed, as did Stortford from around 1930. There were many matches with the Tufnell Park / Tufnell Park (Edmonton) / Edmonton / Edmonton & Haringey half of the Club - have we set a record for name changes? - as both were members of the short lived Delphian League for 9 seasons beginning in 1954/55 and it would be an understatement to say that "The Bishops" enjoyed the better of the proceedings for we managed only 2 wins and 4 draws the other 11 being losses (season 1962/63 was abandoned because of prolonged adverse weather hence the odd number of matches) and then for a further two seasons following it being absorbed into the Athenian League with Stortford winning all four games. There were 7 matches in League Cup and FA Competitions where we fared little better winning one, drawing 2 and losing 4 – the solitary win being the first of the seven in 1934 when we won 2-1 away in the FA Cup. But Home matches after the Spartan days would have taken place at Edmonton's Henry Barrass Stadium.

A welcome too, of course, to our Officials for the day who are Charles Martland in the middle while Pavlos Anastasi and Yashar Yekta have the flags.

Whatever the outcome of the match we hope all will enjoy themselves and have a safe journey home, after witnessing an entertaining evening's sport,

Our last home match on 5th February against visiting FA Trophy holders Hornchurch was an absolute 90 minute thriller. It was obvious from the off that neither side wanted a draw as the visitors seek to force their way into the play-offs and we have simply had enough of them. But as hard as both teams strived that was the eventual outcome and the 2 points Hornchurch dropped kept them just outside the play off zone in 6th place while we became the most prolific draw specialists in the all four Divisions of the League with eleven. The pace was frantic throughout; we were quickest out of the blocks and Mekhi put us ahead after just two minutes with a fine shot via the inside of a post. We maintained our ascendancy for a while but when Hornchurch stepped up a gear we quickly found ourselves in arrears at the half hour mark as the ever dangerous Liam Nash was able to direct a header accurately into the corner when he met a cross from the left unchallenged in the 23rd minute and Charlie Ruff then finished from close range. "The Urchins" could have been out of sight by half time as a marginal off-side decision cut short their celebrations as they found the net again and they had hit the bar before Nash, inexplicably left in acres of space, failed to slot his one on one past our debut making 'keeper, Alfie Marigliani, who made a fine vital block. How Hornchurch must have rued that miss for we came out really fired up after the interval and deservedly found the net just five minutes into the half when Jorge clinically drove a low cross shot beyond the reach of the 'keeper. But we failed to maintain control of the proceedings and it was no surprise when Nash put his side back in front from close range five minutes later. After that it was anyone's game but all the determined efforts of both teams were rewarded only once and that was in the 71st. minute. Bobson was upended just inside the area as he threaded his way in from the left and would have had much to do to create a clear cut opening either for himself or a team-mate but a penalty it was. Hornchurch 'keeper Joseph Wright made a fine save to repel Tosin's penalty kick but could only turn it on to the bar and Tosin just got to the loose ball first to nod it home. So

intense was the end to end attacking of both teams that it was a little surprising that no further goals ensued. By the final whistle, Hornchurch had wasted the best chance with a close range shot which hit a post when a goal seemed almost certain. Hornchurch were the last team to beat Bishop's Stortford prior to their current seven match unbeaten run and it is often the case that we play much better against the top teams than the stragglers so lets hope this evening's match follows that pattern.

The following Tuesday we trekked to the Stadium of National League South side Welling United to play our London Senior Cup quarterfinal tie against their Groundsharers, Erith & Belvedere of the Southern Counties East. The outcome was a respectable and predictable 3-0 win for us against our Step 5 hosts. The first half was even enough and Alexander Zamani was called upon for an important early save as he dived to his push a low cross shot round the post but after that our goal never looked seriously threatened despite some determined Erith approach play. We were one up at half time thanks to Bobson who seized on some sloppy defensive play to work his way into a central position to blast home a fierce finish after 20 minutes. There might have been an expectation that Erith would tear into us straight from the restart but quite the opposite happened as we steamrolled ourselves into a three goal lead by the 52nd minute as Tosin finished a flowing move with a clinical low shot as he ran in from the right and when a corner was only partially cleared Jorge swivelled to drive home our third from just inside the area. Game over really as we controlled the rest of the proceedings easily enough and Erith probed away without ever looking likely to make a comeback. Little worth individual comment occurred except that Tosin probably set the record for the miss at the closest ever range – a bit difficult to judge the precise distance from the back of the stand but it looked to be practically on the line when he somehow managed to lift it over the bar. Would have been the clearance of the season had it been at the other end. Cannot close without a mention of our ever loyal and enthusiastic travelling support. In the attendance of 102 I suspect they were probably in the majority. It is doubtful if Erith have ever experienced anything like the relentless non stop encouraging chanting that our contingent maintained throughout the whole 90 minutes. Probably as loud as the Borehamwood supporters managed at Bournemouth despite the disparity in numbers. So we find ourselves facing a semi-final trip on date as yet unfixed to either Hendon or Dulwich Hamlet who play on 22nd February. If we win that game we will play either Barking, Erith Town, Dartford or Brentford "B" in the Final on a neutral ground on a date not yet known.

And so that just leaves Last Saturdays visit to Potters Bar Town to be commented upon. Predictability ruled. Ever a graveyard for our hopes we have to go back to the closing days of the last century to find the last occasion on which we returned victorious from Parkfield – specifically on 18th September 1999 when an odd goal in three win came our way in the Spartan South Midlands League. In this century we have played them eleven times having drawn two and lost the rest. In 2000/2001 we even managed to throw away a three goal lead to lose a League Cup game. Seven goals scored (three of them on the aforementioned League Cup loss) and twenty five conceded. Adding in the three games prior to that isolated win we get a final record of P 14 W 1 D 2 L 11 For 9 (9x0, 2x1, 2x2 and 1x3) Against 35. Forgive the history lesson- just trying to postpone writing about the specifics of Saturdays game as long as possible, but here goes

3rd Minute - in their first attack a looping header just eludes 'keeper Alfie Marigliani's despairing backward leap to drop in at the angle of the bar and post to his left. 4th to 43rd minute - nothing worthy of recording 44th minute – the referee allows a fierce scything tackle to go unpunished prompting our No.10 Andronicis Georgiou to express his opinion of that decision apparently in a way which contravened Clause 56 of the FA's delightfully worded offence chart "Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" Red card so Andronicos won't be pulling on a shirt at Cray Wanderers or Brightlingsea Regent.

55th Minute – debut making Adam Morgan is upended in what many present felt was a yard or so inside the area. Unfortunately the referee was not one of those inclined to such belief and the free kick on the edge of the box came to nothing.

Remainder of the second half – plenty of attractive and threatening approach play by us but no end product – sounds a bit familiar ? Number of meritorious comment worthy saves we forced the Potters Bar 'keeper to make - 0. Number of meritorious comment worthy saves Potters Bar forced Alfie to make – 0 (he should have had two such opportunities in the second half but a free header was directed into the side-netting and the ball was lofted over the bar when a one-on-one situation arose.

So were we hard done by? The referee did us no favours but the failure to launch any finishes to give the home 'keeper palpitations really says it all.

Are we safe from relegation? Probably yes. With only two definitely going down and the bottom two Clubs having only 17 points each we should avoid those two spots. But there is a slight risk of being dragged into

the 3rd from bottom points per game lottery as we are in 14th position with 32 points and the clubs in the 15th to 20th positions have 30,30,30,30, 27 and 27 points. With 13 games to play we now have 32 points and from our last 13 League matches we collected 14 points so if we carry on in the same vein a total of 46 points should be more than enough. It would have been In the last completed season 2018/19 which was also the first following the Premier Divisions reduction to 22 teams. But we do have some tough games to come, with this evening's not far off being one of the toughest. Our last 2 home games are against Cheshunt and Folkestone Invicta, both then very likely to be desperately chasing play-off place points. And a visit to probable Champions Worthing also adds to a difficult April programme. So no room for complacency or over-confidence.

Are we in with a chance of making the play offs? Mathematically yes – but in reality there is probably more chance of it being discovered the world is actually flat. Our maximum points total is now 71 and it would need an astonishing multi-team collapse among the 13 clubs above us for at least 5 of them not to exceed that total. In the last completed season the 5th placed team totalled 70 points.

We now know that our opponents in the 4th Round of the Velocity (ie the League) Cup will be Brightlingsea Regent following their 2-0 win at Maldon & Tiptree last Tuesday. We will be visiting them next Tuesday 22nd February and our League visit to Corinthian Casuals scheduled for that day has been put back a week to 1st. March.

If you have not already obtained one, Free Season Tickets are still available which would enable you to see our last five home League games without charge. Application should be made on line via the Club's official website 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 are one win away from the Development North Division Championship following their 3-0 win against Potters Bar Town at Coles Park yesterday evening. Hopefully they will clinch it in the first of their two remaining games at Bury Town next Monday. Should they fail then their final opportunity will be on Thursday 3rd March when they visit Potters Bar Town - not normally a very happy hunting ground for us as we know all too well. A win at Bury would give them 41 points and the maximum achievable by Bowers & Pitsea is 40. Two draws would be sufficient unless Bowers managed to overturn a 20 goal inferior goal difference in their remaining three games.

With 5 games to play the Under 18s look destined for 2nd. or 3rd spot in the table for they are currently 12 points behind the leaders Hendon, who have only 3 games left and 6 behind 2nd placed Woodford Town who have only 4 games to play. If Hendon win their home game against Edgware Town tomorrow they will need only one point to be champions unless Woodford Town finish with a remarkable run. But all is not yet lost for Borough as it is home and away games with us that form Hendon's last two games and on goal difference we have the edge, but we would also need to win our other 3 games too.

The Women's last hope for glory was not helped by their League Cup draw which will see them visit Needham Market Town in the quarter final following Needham Market's surprise 2-1 win at Luton Town last Sunday after being behind at the interval. Borough drew their last game 3-3 at Luton a week ago on Sunday. But Needham Market will provide a formidable challenge as they are runaway leaders of Division One North and average over 4 goals per game.



NEXT FIRST TEAM HOME GAME
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26th 3pm
v MERSTHAM
(Isthmian League - Premier Division)

OTHER TEAMS HOME GAMES BEFORE THE NEXT HOME GAME

None

NEXT FIRST TEAM AWAY GAMES
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19th
v CRAY WANDERERS

(Isthmian League - Premier Division)

At Bromley FC, Hayes Lane, Bromley BR2 9EF

8 direct trains every hour from Victoria to Bromley South.

Approx 15 minute journey then 5 minute ride to ground on bus 119 or 146

FOLLOWED BY
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22nd 3pm
v BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT
(Velocity Cup)

At The Taydal Stadium, North Road, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7 0PL

Trains leave Liverpool Street for nearest station - Alresford – at 17:08 (direct)
and 17:38 (change at Colchester). Approx 1hr 15 minute journey.

Then taxi for 4.6 miles to Stadium

OTHER TEAMS AWAY GAMES BEFORE NEXT HOME GAME

Monday 21st February UNDER 23s away to Bury Town 7.45pm

Wednesday 23rd February UNDER 18s away to Hendon 7.30pm

THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

SO, after much deliberation, doubt and concern, England C is back – and in a whole new guise.

It's been two-and-a-half years since Paul Fairclough led out Non-League's Young Lions with many fearing that crippling FA finances from the pandemic may spell the end of the institution which has had young semi-professionals dreaming of representing their country since 1979.

You needn't go far to realise just what donning those Three Lions means to a Non-League footballer. Players now playing in the top-flight of English pride have done so with immense pride and speak fondly about how the experience helped develop them as a player – and as a man.

Only a few weeks ago, NLP columnist Tony Incenzo spoke to QPR's former Watford striker Andre Gray about his six England C caps won between 2012 and 2014 while playing for Luton Town.

"I loved my time with England C," he said. "We travelled to countries that we probably never would have visited otherwise and saw some unreal places.

"The support from the coaching staff was really hands on and they were very good at the diet and psychology side of things. People might be surprised by how professional the England C set-up is run.

"It was such an honour to be capped at international level as a Non-League player. I found it a great opportunity to test myself against top young footballers from places like Russia and Turkey.

"Most of the players around me in Paul Fairclough's squad moved into the Football League and the Premier League. I am sure that my England C appearances helped me progress as a footballer. The whole experience prepared me towards playing at a much higher level of club football.

"I would definitely recommend England C to any young Non-League players who are aspiring to move forward in their careers."

Thankfully, calls for a reunification of the England C post-Covid have been heard and last week it was announced that the Three Lions would return to play their first game since June 2019 when they take on Wales C at Caernarfon Town on Wednesday, March 30.

As he has since 2003, Paul Fairclough will once again take the reins – but this time has an altogether different job on his hands with his squad selections no longer limited to players under the age of 23.

That means, the veteran former Barnet and Stevenage chief literally has the pick of Non-League football to choose a squad from and with the likes of Wrexham, Stockport and Chesterfield all spending big and taking the National League to a whole new level, that's a pretty mouthwatering task.

I mean, can you imagine a strike force, for example, containing the likes of Kabongo Tshimanga and Michael Cheek and boosting with the experience and firepower of an Ollie Palmer, Paddy Madden or Paul Mullin?

Interestingly, this new England C set-up will no longer be funded by the Football Association but instead jointly by the National League and the Trident Leagues at Steps 3 and 4.

The FA have remained pretty tight-lipped on the reason for this but, thinking about it, with the TV connections that the National League have, could it be that the England C team begin to get the exposure that they deserve?

This, in turn, can resurrect careers and propel new ones with players of all levels vying for their chance to go under the spotlight.

At The NLP, we are naturally delighted to see the England C team back in action and can't wait to see how the new venture unfolds.

It may have taken a while but the Three Lions are roaring again.

By Jon Couch

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	D 0-0
Sat 22 Jan	H	LEATHERHEAD	L 2-3
Tue 25 Jan	H	KINGSTONIAN	L 2-3
Sat 29 Jan	A	East Thurrock United	W 3-1
Tue 1 Feb		POTTERS BAR TOWN (Velocity Cup) WALKOVER FOR BOROUGH – opponents withdrawn	

Sat 5 Feb	H	HORNCHURCH	D 3-3
Tue 8 Feb	A	Erith & Belvedere (London Senior Cup Quarter final)	W 3-0
Sat 12 Feb	A	Potters Bar Town	L 0-1
Tues 15 Feb	H	BISHOPS STORTFORD	
Sat 19 Feb	A	Cray Wanderers	
Tue 22 Feb	A	Brightlingsea Regent (Velocity Cup)	
Sat 26 Feb	H	MERSTHAM	
Tue 1 Mar	A	Corinthian Casuals	
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	
Undated	A	Hendon or Dulwich Hamlet (London Senior Cup Semi-Final)	

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	W 8-1
Mon 31 Jan	H	TILBURY	W 8-1
Tue 8 Feb	A	Bowers & Pitsea	D 1-1
Mon 14 Feb	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	W 3-0
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	W 4-3
Weds 23 Feb	A	Hendon	
Tue 1 Mar	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	
Tue 8 Mar	H	HENDON	
Tue 15 Mar	H	LANGLEY	
Undated	A	Brimsdown Rovers	

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	L 2-3
Sun 6 Feb	A	Luton Town	D 3-3
Sun 27 Feb	A	Bedford	
Sun 3 Apl	H	COLNEY HEATH	
Undated	A	Wroxham	
Undated	A	Luton Town or Needham Market Town (League Cup Quarter Final)	

Isthmian League Premier Division 2020/21 - up to and including 12/2/2022

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Worthing	29	20	4	5	73	38	+35	64
2 Enfield Town	30	18	5	7	71	42	+29	59
3 Bishop's Stortford	30	16	10	4	60	31	+29	58
4 Lewes	30	17	5	8	72	46	+26	56
5 Hornchurch	28	16	4	8	52	29	+23	52
6 Folkestone Invicta	28	14	9	5	63	37	+26	51
7 Kingstonian	29	15	4	10	52	46	+6	49
8 Margate	29	13	6	10	46	46	0	45
9 Carshalton Athletic	28	12	7	9	51	35	+16	43
10 Cheshunt	26	12	6	8	42	28	+14	42
11 Bognor Regis Town	28	10	11	7	45	41	+4	41
12 Corinthian-Casuals	29	10	8	11	39	43	-4	38
13 Horsham	29	10	6	13	44	41	+3	36
14 Haringey Borough	29	7	11	11	45	51	-6	32
15 Wingate & Finchley	30	8	6	16	42	58	-16	30
16 Potters Bar Town	26	9	3	14	39	55	-16	30
17 Merstham	28	9	3	16	35	51	-16	30
18 Bowers & Pitsea	30	8	6	16	34	50	-16	30
19 Cray Wanderers (-3)	30	8	6	16	44	57	-13	27
20 Brightlingsea Regent	29	8	3	18	29	72	-43	27
21 Leatherhead	30	4	7	19	29	70	-41	19
22 East Thurrock United	27	4	6	17	28	68	-40	18

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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.

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.

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.

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.

ALFIE MARIGLIANI – recently signed young goalkeeper formerly with Wealdstone and dual registered with them. Made promising debut in hard fought draw with Hornchurch.

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.

ADAM MORGAN – striker signed in early February. A product of the Liverpool Youth Academy who includes Rotherham United, Yeovil Town, St. Johnstone, Accrington Stanley, Hemel Hempstead Town, FC Halifax Town, Sligo Rovers, Romford, Chelmsford City and, most recently, Braintree Town among his previous Clubs. Holder of 17 England Under 17 caps and 5 at Under 19.

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 bench and made a 20 minute debut appearance. After several further such appearances made his first start in the London Senior Cup game against Tooting & Mitcham United.

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.

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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BISHOPS STORTFORD PLAYER PROFILES 2021-22



JAKE CASS - Forward - The popular striker had a short but sweet first spell with the Club, scoring seven goals in nine games at the start of the 2018-19 season. Since then he has played for Braintree Town, Chesham United and Chelmsford City.

REISS CHANDLER - Defender - Reiss had joined us for a six month loan period from National League Southend United. The 18 year old has previously played on loan for Harlow Town

RYAN CHARLES - Midfielder - Ryan has previously scored 16 goals in 50 Blues appearances. The fan-favourite, nicknamed 'Spider', played at Wembley at the end of last season as Concord Rangers were runners-up in the delayed 2019-20 FA Trophy final.

ANTHONY CHURCH - Midfielder - Anthony returned to the club this summer for a second spell, having made 116 appearances with the Blues between 2013 and 2016, before joining up again with Rod Stringer at Chelmsford City, spending five years at the Clarets before his return.

ARCHIE EDWARDS - Defender - Archie played at Charlton Athletic in their youth teams at U18, U21 and U23 level, and represented England at U16 and U17. Since then he has played for Bognor Regis Town, Eastbourne Borough and Hornchurch, before signing for the Blues in the summer. He scored his first Blues goal in a 1-4 away win at Brightlingsea Regent in September

DARREN FOXLEY - Midfielder - Darren started his career with Soham Town Rangers and Cambridge City before his first spell with the Blues in the 2017-18 season. He left for Hungerford, and subsequently represented St Albans City and East Thurrock United before returning to the Blues in the summer of 2020. He scored the first goal in a 2-0 over his former club St Albans in front of the BT Sport cameras in the FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round in October 2020, and netted twice in the First Round tie at Brackley Town, which ended in a penalty shootout defeat following a 3-3 draw. He left for Billericay Town in the summer before returning initially on a one month loan.

JACK GIDDENS - Goalkeeper - Jack won the Isthmian League Premier Division with Billericay Town, having also played for St Neots Town, Aveley and Tilbury. His most recent club was East Thurrock United, where he won the Supporters' Player of the Season in 2018-19.

JONNY GILES - Midfielder - A physics graduate from Durham University, Jonny has previously played in League Two with Oxford United, as well as making nearly 100 appearances for Chelmsford City. A versatile attacking midfielder, he is capable of operating on either wing as well as a number 10.

MARK HAINES - Defender - Mark arrived for his second spell on loan from Chelmsford City with a gap of almost seven years from his first spell having been on a month's loan from the Clarets in early 2012 when the Blues were in the Conference League North. Having played for West Ham United and Southend United youth teams, he joined Grays Athletic and then Chelmsford City - with whom he was named Young Player of the Season in 2009-10. He is the Essex side's longest serving player with almost 300 first team appearances.

CHRIS HARRIS - Forward - Chris signed on dual registration terms with Halstead Town of the Thurlow Nunn League First Division South in October 2020. His impressive goalscoring form of eight goals in 11 games this season earned him a move to the Blues - three tiers higher than Halstead. The stats for his full career with the Humbugs makes for impressive reading too, 57 goals in 103 games, and he scored the club's fastest hat-trick with three goals in nine minutes a 5-2 win against Haverhill Borough in October.

RYAN HENSHAW - Defender - Club captain Ryan joined Stortford in early November 2018 making his debut in a 1-0 home victory over AFC Hornchurch. His first club was AFC Sudbury, who he played for from the age of 16 and racked up over 300 appearances, and was in the side that won the Division One North Championship in 2015-16 to gain promotion to the Ryman Premier League, he was also voted into the league's Team of the Season. He transferred to Heybridge Swifts at the start of the 2017-18 season, making it to the First Round of the FA Cup, before losing to Exeter City. He was the Manager's Player of the Season as well as the Player's Player of the season. He notched his first Blues' goal when scoring the only goal in the 2018 Boxing Day win over Harlow Town.

ARCHIE JONES - Midfielder - Promising young central midfielder who initially joined on a six-month loan from Peterborough United in August 2020. He appeared for the Posh in 2019-20 in an EFL Trophy tie against Cambridge United. He scored two Blues goals in the curtailed 2020-21 campaign, both in the FA Trophy, the first was a superb curling effort in the win against Brentwood.

BEN MARLOW - Midfielder - A graduate of the West Ham United Academy, Ben played for the Hammers from the age of 8 to 23. He represented the Blues seven times in the 2015-16 season before joining East Thurrock United, where he made 86 appearances and scored 11 goals.

FRANKIE MERRIFIELD - Forward - Frankie played for the Blues in two seasons from October 2014 to July 2016 before joining Chelmsford City. He scored 17 goals in 37 appearances for East Thurrock United in 2019-20, and eight in 13 for the Blues last season, our top goalscorer in the curtailed campaign, with two braces and a hat-trick.

JOHNVILLE RENEE - Midfielder - Johnville began his career at Leyton Orient before leaving for Stoke City at 15 years old. He spent four years at The Potters before joining AFC Wimbledon in League Two. Comfortable in both defence & midfield, he spent six months at Maldon & Tiptree and he made his Stortford debut in August 2018, scoring his first Blues goal in a 4-3 defeat at home to Tonbridge Angels in January 2019. He rejoined the Blues earlier this season from Braintree Town.

SAM ROBBINS - Defender - Sam began his career at Wingate & Finchley before moving on to Waltham Abbey, where he made over 100 appearances. He signed for the Blues from the Abbots in the summer of 2018, making his debut in a Herts County Charity Cup tie against Hitchin Town, and scored his first goal for the club in a 2-1 win at Worthing in November 2018. He won the Manager's Player of the Season and the Players' Player of the Season for 2018-19.

JACK THOMAS – Midfielder - Jack spent two seasons with the Blues Academy set-up and gained valuable experience of senior football with Sawbridgeworth Town in the Essex Senior League in the 2016-17 season. He made his Blues first team debut in a Hertfordshire Charity Cup Semi-Final tie against Hitchin Town in September 2017 and has been a key part of the Blues' midfield since then. He won the Young Player of the Year award for 2018-19.

JIMMY WALLACE - Defender - Jimmy signed with Reiss on a six month loan from Southend United in August, where he captained the U18s to the EFL Youth Alliance Merit League Two title in May. The title was confirmed in his 67th and last appearance for United at youth level, in the last match of the season, winning 1-2 at Peterborough United.

MANAGEMENT

STEVE SMITH – Manager – Steve became First Team Manager on the resignation of Adam Flint in September 2018. He has had previous experience in charge with Stortford a couple of seasons ago and has had spells with Heybridge Swifts and Chelmsford City.

LUKE CALLANDER – Assistant Manager – A very experienced striker, Luke joined Stortford for a second spell in early November 2018 before retiring as a player in the 2019-20 season and joining Steve Smith's coaching team. He had previously played for the Blues in the 2016-17 season, making his debut in a 2-0 defeat at Bath City in January 2017 and going on to make 18 appearances and netting four goals by the end of that season. He won the Ryman North League Championship with AFC Sudbury in 2015-16, before returning to Heybridge Swifts in May 2017, becoming the club's record goalscorer with 117 goals in just over 200 matches.

JAMES BAKER - Player/First Team Coach – Experienced midfielder who is equally comfortable in defence. Joined the Blues in early 2020 from Needham Market having previously featured for the likes of Braintree Town, Chelmsford City, Eastleigh, Welling United and AFC Sudbury. Since last season, he has featured less on the pitch and more in the dugout, and James will be the Blues Academy First Team Coach as well this campaign.

MIKE WILLIAMS – Physiotherapist/Strength & Conditioning Coach – Mike replaced the Club's long term Physio Colin Taylor following his retirement. The former fitness coach at West Ham United and Colchester United now manages a gym in the town and will be working with the Blues Academy too.



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