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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).

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## HISTORY OF HORNCHURCH FC



The club's history dates back to 1923 when the team were formed as Upminster Wanderers. They played in the Romford League until 1938 when they stepped up to the Spartan League, at the same time dropping the 'Wanderers' from their name as an original Upminster club had folded several years earlier.

When action resumed after the war Upminster were worried about a shortage of players and returned to the Romford League for 1945-46, winning the title and the Essex Junior Cup, before returning to the Spartan League.

Promoted to the Premier Division in 1951, they joined the Delphian League a year later, changing their name to Hornchurch & Upminster as they prepared to move into the new Hornchurch Sports Stadium. They took up residence there in November 1952 and have remained there ever since. It is actually in Upminster, though in 1960 that town was dropped from the club's title and it became Hornchurch FC.

By then, in 1959, the club had been elected to the Athenian League. They were to win the Division One championship in 1967 but were relegated in 1969 and promoted back again in 1971.

1974/5 saw the club reach the Fifth Round of the very first FA Vase competition where they lost to eventual finalists Epsom & Ewell by one goal. That performance helped the club gain election to the Isthmian League. In 1978, the club once again suffered relegation but three years later they were back after achieving the runners-up slot behind Feltham. It was a false dawn, to say the least. Apart from a tenth-place finish out of 21 in 1995, it would be 19 years before Urchins again finished in the top half of their table. They survived several brushes with relegation before losing their Division One place in 1986 and continued to struggle in Division Two North. Matters became even worse in 1989 when a fire destroyed the clubhouse and it took many years to recover. Inevitably, Urchins found themselves in Division Three when the regionalised divisions were scrapped in 1991 and an appearance in the final of the Associate Members Cup – a competition for the bottom two divisions – in 1994 was a rare taste of success.

Mick Marsden was appointed manager in February 1998 and in his second season in charge of the club took them to fourth place. After that, 2000/01 was disappointing as far as league performances were concerned, but the team had an excellent run in the FA Vase before being knocked out by eventual finalists Berkhamsted in an exciting replay.

Things were soon to change dramatically as the club was taken over and restructured. Second place in Division Three in 2002 brought promotion to Division One North as the league was reorganised and another runners-up spot followed in 2003 to take Urchins into the Premier Division for the first time. Much work was also done on the near-derelict stadium, allowing the club to take its place in the new Conference South after finishing fifth in 2003-04, though the season was more notable for a run to the Second Round of the FA Cup in which Darlington were beaten 2-0 before Tranmere stole a controversial 1-0 victory in front of TV cameras and a capacity crowd at Bridge Avenue. The dream continued a little longer as, under former Dagenham manager Garry Hill, the team stormed to the top of Conference South. It seemed too good to be true, and it was. On a grim Thursday in November the entire squad was released.

They had reached the First Round of the FA Cup before the collapse and the tie at Boston United was fulfilled by six debutants and a collection of youth-team players, who took an early lead and gave a valiant show before going down 5-2. The season descended into chaos. Almost 100 players wore first-team shirts as new manager Tony Choules contrived to avert relegation despite a ten-point deduction. Indeed, without it the club would have finished in a remarkable ninth place.

But the off-pitch affairs could not be resolved and the club reformed under the name AFC Hornchurch, to be placed by the FA in the Essex Senior League. Former youth manager John Lawrence took charge in May 2005.

A brand-new Urchins squad proceeded to run away with the championship and also won the league's two cup competitions, becoming the first side to achieve the treble.

Even so, Lawrence was replaced by former Thurrock manager Colin McBride for the return to the Ryman League and Urchins romped to a second successive title, amassing 103 points to finish 21 clear of runners-up Harlow. They also won the Essex Senior Cup for the first time in the club's history, beating Great Wakering 2-1 at Southend United's Roots Hall.

Success continued in the Premier Division as Urchins finished fourth to secure a play-off place but lost 3-1 in the semi-final to AFC Wimbledon in front of a crowd of 2,897 on a memorable night at Kingsmeadow.



The following season also proved to be an eventful one. The biggest thrill, and the bitterest disappointment, was a 1-0 defeat by Peterborough United at a packed Bridge Avenue in the First Round of the FA Cup. Urchins held their opponents for 90 minutes and even had a goal disallowed but their hearts were broken by a goal by Craig Mackail-Smith in added time. In the league Urchins were fourth going into the final day but a 2-1 defeat at Sutton meant that they finished sixth and missed the play-offs.

Things were still not right off the field and manager Colin McBride took control of the club as chairman midway through the 2009-10 campaign in an effort to sort out the problems caused by the previous regime. His assistant Jimmy McFarlane took over team affairs, initially as caretaker though later to be confirmed in the job. Urchins finished ninth in the league after being in and around the play-off places throughout the season. It was a similar story in 2010-11, when Urchins were unable to sustain their play-off bid in the closing weeks and missed out by four points, finishing tenth.

But the 'two Macs' achieved their ambition the following season as Urchins recovered from three successive defeats in August to storm into play-off contention. They topped the table more than once, eventually having to settle for the runners-up spot behind Billericay. Bury were beaten 3-1 in the play-off semi-finals and a tense final against Lowestoft was goalless after 90 minutes. After taking the lead in extra time only to be hauled back to level terms, Urchins snatched a 2-1 victory with a 119th-minute goal by Michael Spencer and returned to Conference South seven years after the unhappy ending to their first attempt.

It proved to be a difficult season and, despite a brief flirtation with the play-off spots, six dropped points to bottom club Truro proved decisive as Urchins finished 20th, two points short of safety. A second Essex Senior Cup triumph, coming from behind to beat Grays Athletic 2-1 in the final at Dagenham, provided some consolation.

Back in the Ryman League and shaking off the disappointment, Urchins enjoyed a 15-match unbeaten run early in the 2013-14 season and maintained their challenge for promotion to the very end. A poor finish to the season threatened to derail promotion hopes but Urchins scraped into fifth place on the final day and then reached the play-off final with a 1-0 victory at Kingstonian.

So, for the second time in three seasons, Urchins faced Lowestoft Town in the final. This time, though, it was away from home, and with four key men missing through injury or suspension. Others had to play while less than properly fit and Lowestoft won 3-0.

The following season started with high hopes but the club's landlords, the local council, closed the stadium to install new floodlights, forcing all the pre-season friendlies and the first eight league games to be played away from home. Just one point came from those matches and left Urchins facing a season-long fight to avoid the drop. With six weeks to go they had finally lifted themselves out of the bottom four and looked on course for survival, only for form to desert the team completely as just two points came from the last ten games.

Urchins had high hopes of regaining their Premier status quickly but it was not to be as they lost the 2016 Play-off final to Harlow Town and the 2017 semi-final to Thurrock. However it was third time lucky when in season 2017-18 they won Bostik North by 13 points, amassing 103 goals in total with a goal difference of +62.

The Urchins started life back in the Premier Division quite well but fell away and in November long serving manager Jimmy McFarlane stood down and in his place the club appointed Mark Stimson. A final position of 15th was obtained. The club reached the final of the Velocity Trophy (League Cup) but were beaten 2-0 by Enfield Town. They also reached the Semi-final of the Essex Senior Cup going down 3-1 to Chelmsford City. During the season an application was made to the Football Association to revert back to the club's previous name and so for season 2019-2020 the club will no longer be AFC Hornchurch but Hornchurch FC. The club were well set for a play-off place when the season came to a premature end.

Last season will go as the greatest in the Club's history. When the season came to an end in November the Club was still in the FA Trophy and with the Football Association making the decision to complete the competition, be it behind closed doors the Club were able to continue. At first, as the Club were considered non-elite which meant they were not allowed to train. As Hornchurch progressed the Club were granted elite status and thus resume training. Having defeated Bowers & Pitsea and Wingate & Finchley in early rounds Hornchurch went on to defeat six clubs higher up the pyramid to make it to Wembley where they would play Hereford of National League North. On a never to be forgotten day Hornchurch came from 1-0 down at half time to win the game 3-1. This gave manager Mark Stimson his fourth success in the Trophy to go with his winners' medal as a player.



# 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

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## Chairman - Haringey Borough FC

A warm welcome to all associated with Hornchurch FC for what I am sure will be a robust and keenly contested match. The FA Trophy winners of last season really helped put the standard of our League on the map nationally, with so many victories against higher opposition and, on occasions, full time opposition they showed what a force teams from our League are and for that they deserve immense credit for an incredible feat. Whilst they may not have started the season the way they would have wished they are now truly the form team of the division and looking to maintain their current run of form as they push for a play off place. For our part we returned to form with a decent win last weekend which was pleasing in many aspects, a good quality performance and some new boys stepping up to the plate as we look to build a team that will challenge next season. The young boys from the under 23's will have enjoyed the experience in being involved and I hope that will give them the desire to work hard and seek to force their way into Tom's first team squads on a regular basis. It is certainly the way I see our future teams developing. There has to be a pathway for the under 18's and the under 23's into the first team. If young players know that they will be given a chance if they are patient then the word will spread to the local youth and that will ensure strong teams at those levels and in due course a strong first team. The under 23's are leading the way in the Isthmian North Development League and their success is keenly monitored by all of us and they are an integral part of the Club and as I say an important part of our future. We may yet see one or two of them today and if we do I am sure they will not let anyone down and the experience of playing against a top side will be invaluable. Get behind the boys as usual and support the younger players as they embark on what I hope for some of them will be a long lasting association with the Club- Come on Boro!

Aki Achillea - Chairman Haringey Borough F.C

## Manager - Haringey Borough FC

A good win last weekend and a real bonus to see the likes of Sami Bessadi really show his quality over the entire game, he was immense and a product of the youth system Aki has referred to above, as indeed is Charne Lemba who I thought showed that he too is one for the future with a solid performance at right back. We already have Callum Ismail as well and I saw much promise in the performance of Andre Odeku who showed in just a few minutes an energy and desire that I am looking for. I have always said that if I get a chance I will play the youngsters and see who can adapt from the under 23 level to the senior level. The jump is a big one and the only way I will ever see if they can handle it is to put them in. Now that promotion is not a possibility this season I have the opportunity to take some risks as I seek to build a younger squad for next season and one that will want to give it everything to help their own cause and help the Club get to the next level. I know we have the talent here with the players we already have as well as the younger ones coming forward and I am confident we will challenge next season. Your support is key as well, I know that results are not the be all and end all of your support of the Club, you can all see what we are trying to achieve and we are, as I have said before, at a disadvantage with many Clubs in our League from a financial point of view so we need to promote from within. Today will be a stern test, all sides managed by "Stimmo" are tough and resilient and they are in a rich vein of form as they make their bid for promotion. Whilst we have a poor record away at their ground we always have good games here with Hornchurch and I am expecting another one today. Get behind the boys, be respectful to the opposition as always and enjoy the game.

Tom Loizou - Manager Haringey Borough F.C

## THE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

This afternoon we take the opportunity to welcome the players Officials and supporters of HORNCHURCH FC to Coles Park for our fifth home League match of 2022. Since we became an Isthmian Club again in 2015/16 we have played them 13 times and the results do not make pretty reading for us as the record is W 1 D 2 L 10 For 14 Against 33. We have no doubt today's game will be as hard fought as is inevitably the case in our meetings especially as they arrive as one of the play off chasing pack so will be out to complete the double over us having won 3-0 at their Bridge Avenue Stadium in November. Prior to that series of matches the many games which had taken place between the Clubs were with the Hornchurch side which reached the Conference South Division but collapsed in 2005 and was then reformed and placed in the Essex Senior League. The last meeting with that former Club was an FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round game at Coles Park in 1993/94 which Hornchurch won 3-1. Both Clubs were members of the Isthmian League Division 2 North for two seasons in the mid-eighties and Borough's record in the 4 games played was W2 D1 L1. There were five seasons of Delphian League matches in the late 1950s against the Edmonton half of our merged Club and at that time our visitors were playing under the name of Hornchurch & Upminster. There were also 3 seasons when both were in the same Division of the Athenian League which would have seen them visit Coles Park twice in 1973/74 and 1974/75 when we were playing as Edmonton & Haringey and in an earlier season - 1970/71 - with the Edmonton half of our merged Club, then playing at the Barrass Stadium.

They arrive as FA Trophy holders having defeated several National League sides on their way to Wembley for the final of last seasons disrupted Competition and bearing in mind our League season ended in December while the National League played on they are to be congratulated on a truly remarkable achievement against the odds.

A welcome too, of course, to our Officials for the day who are Robert Claussen in the middle while Jack Owen and Abdul Olol 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 afternoon's sport,

Our last home match on 25th January produced the classic game of two halves and was a particularly bitter pill to swallow for only three days after Leatherhead left Coles Park 3-2 winners thanks to an 89th minute goal Kingstonian did the same but scored their clincher two minutes earlier; this despite our having led 2-0 at the interval thanks to a brace from Jorge. Yet another point, now totalling 14, lost to a goal scored in the 80th minute or later. We remained in 15th place.

"Bell End" Nick's take on the game is;

The cliché "A game of two halves" was never more apt than for the home game against Kingstonian; you might have thought after the Leatherhead game heads would have dropped but far from it as we scored two first half goals, both from Jorge Djassi-Sambu, a header from a corner and a beautifully struck shot from the edge of the penalty area that rifled home inside the left hand post at the Trellis End. Half Time 2-0 to the Boro. Despite being 2 goals to the good there was still an air of concern. You could feel the tension in the stand and we could see it on the pitch. Two quick Kingstonian goals in the 58th (Oliver Cook) and 63rd (Elliott Buchanan) minutes justified that concern and it was now us on the back foot. We weathered the onslaught well until Buchanan scored the winner with 3 minutes to go. Disappointing to have conceded all three points but a much spirited and improved performance nevertheless.

Fortunately the fixture list gave us the opportunity to put those frustrations behind us as last Saturday found us visiting struggling East Thurrock United, although as they are only kept off the foot of the table by Leatherhead over confidence was clearly not justified. Again we had a 2-0 lead by half time but when Thurrock pulled one back two minutes after the interval thoughts of recent history repeating itself could have crept in; but happily a third goal gave us a comfortable cushion and we never really looked in danger of dropping any points thereafter and moved a place up the table to 14th. But sterner tests await and few are likely to be sterner than today's game.

The "Bell End" take;

We travelled to East Thurrock who were 2nd bottom not wanting to achieve an unwanted double having lost the previous Saturday to the bottom team, Leatherhead. Early on we were under the cosh and the low sun that had seen East Thurrock win the toss and play with the sun in our eyes was clearly a factor, our



goalkeeper Alexander Zamani produced on two occasions fine saves when forwards were one on one to keep the scores level.

Once we had weathered the early pressure we were able to start to impose ourselves more on the game, and following some of our own pressure we took the lead from a free kick swung into the area finding Tosin Olufemi who steered the ball into the net. That was after 23 minutes. Boro's second goal on 39 minutes was a strange affair as it is doubtful that Rakim knew he had scored as the ball looped up high following his touch at the far post from a Scott Mitchell cross, to end up dropping into the net, certainly the travelling supporters had a delayed reaction in their celebrations as it wasn't clear the ball was in the net. Given Tuesday's exploits of throwing away a two goal lead at half time, no one was comfortable going into the 2nd half and if Tom's advice was "not to concede early" it fell on deaf ears as after a string of corners directly from the kick off, East Thurrock grabbed a goal back through Olly Miles on 47 minutes. Here we go again we thought, although Sami Bessadi had other ideas as when finding himself in the penalty area he flicked the ball skilfully up over a defender before volleying the ball into the net in the 65th minute; cue much relief.

The remainder of the game went without issue and Boro collected a much needed 3 points and remain unbeaten on grass during January!

So are we safe from relegation? Almost certainly yes. With 15 games to play we now have 31 points and from our last 15 League matches we collected 15 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, starting with today's match. 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 are we in with a chance of making the play offs? Mathematically yes – but in practical terms very unlikely. If we won all our remaining matches we would total 76 points. In the last completed season the 5th placed team totalled 70 points. It is difficult to imagine that less than 5 of the 13 Clubs above us will not reach that level this season. The current 5th place holder needs only 7 wins from their remaining 17 fixtures to pass the 70 barrier. If we won twice as many remaining games as we lost and gave up our penchant for draws we would have 61 points and that would certainly be insufficient.

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 on 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 six 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, for the Under 23s it seems that the Northern Division Championship is now theirs to lose following the 8-1 slaughter of Tilbury last Monday. That followed on from the previous weeks win over Barking by the same score. Probably few teams can claim a season in which they recorded a trio of wins by that score, but Borough can having similarly dispatched Heybridge Swifts by that score in October. It's a straight race between us and Bowers & Pitsea and at the moment we are 7 points ahead although Bowers have a game in hand. So next Tuesday's visit to Bowers could well almost clinch the title if we bring back the points.

With 5 games to play the Under 18s look destined for 2nd. or 3rd spot in the table for they are currently 9 points behind the leaders Hendon, who also have 5 games left and 6 behind 2nd placed Woodford Town who have only 4 games to play

The Women's last hope for glory was not helped by their League Cup draw which will see them visit either Luton Town or Needham Market Town in the quarter final. And it is to Luton Town that they will be travelling tomorrow for a League match. Last Sunday they had no game and the bottom Club, AFC Dunstable, who are 10 points behind Borough lost the first of their 4 games in hand so improving Borough's probability of escaping relegation.

**NEXT FIRST TEAM HOME GAME**  
**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15th 7.45pm**  
**v BISHOPS STORTFORD**  
(Isthmian League - Premier Division)

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**OTHER TEAMS HOME GAMES BEFORE THE NEXT HOME GAME**

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Monday February 14th UNDER 23s v Potters Bar Town (League) 7.45pm

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**NEXT FIRST TEAM AWAY GAMES**  
**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8th 7.45pm**  
**v ERITH & BELVEDERE**

(London Senior Cup Sponsored by Veo – Quarter Final)

At the Stadium of National League South Club Welling United.

The Park View Road Ground, Welling, Kent, DA16 1SY

Direct trains to Welling from Victoria at 04 and 34, Charing Cross at 24 and 54,  
Cannon Street at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour, Journey time approx. 35 minutes.  
20 minute walk to Stadium; or take bus on Route 89 or 486 which passes Stadium.

**FOLLOWED BY**  
**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12th 3pm**  
**v POTTERS BAR TOWN**  
(Isthmian League - Premier Division)

At The LA Construction Stadium, Parkfield, Watkins Rise, off The Walk Potters Bar EN6 1QB

Bus 298 from Arnos Grove, Southgate or Cockfosters Underground Station  
to Potters Bar High Street then 10 minute walk to Stadium

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

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Sunday 6th February WOMEN away to Luton Town (League) 2pm

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Tuesday 8th February UNDER 23s away to Bowers and Pitsea (League) 7.45pm

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# 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	
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	
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	

## 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	
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 Youthb 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	
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 1/2/2022

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Worthing	27	18	4	5	65	38	+27	58
2 Enfield Town	28	17	5	6	67	39	+28	56
3 Bishop's Stortford	27	14	9	4	52	28	+24	51
4 Lewes	28	15	5	8	67	43	+24	50
5 Folkestone Invicta	25	14	7	4	59	30	+29	49
6 Hornchurch	26	15	3	8	45	25	+20	48
7 Kingstonian	26	15	3	8	50	39	+11	48
8 Carshalton Athletic	26	12	6	8	49	32	+17	42
9 Margate	26	12	4	10	45	46	-1	40
10 Cheshunt	25	11	6	8	41	28	+13	39
11 Bognor Regis Town	26	9	10	7	41	38	+3	37
12 Corinthian-Casuals	26	10	6	10	35	36	-1	36
13 Horsham	27	9	6	12	40	40	0	33
14 Haringey Borough	27	7	10	10	42	47	-5	31
15 Merstham	26	9	3	14	35	46	-11	30
16 Wingate & Finchley	28	8	5	15	40	50	-10	29
17 Brightlingsea Regent	28	8	3	17	28	70	-42	27
18 Bowers & Pitsea	27	7	5	15	28	44	-16	26
19 Potters Bar Town	23	7	3	13	36	51	-15	24
20 Cray Wanderers (-3)	28	7	5	16	39	55	-16	23
21 East Thurrock United	25	4	5	16	26	65	-39	17
22 Leatherhead	27	4	5	18	27	67	-40	17

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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 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.

**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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## HORNCURCH PLAYER PROFILES 2021-22



**NATHAN BARTRAM-COOPER** (Defender) Nathan was signed in September 2015 after an impressive performance against us for Romford, and became a key member of the Hornchurch defence. Not content with stopping goals, Nathan also chipped in at the other end, with sixteen goals. Nathan was voted both 2017-18 Players' player of the season and Supporters' player of the season. Nathan made his 100th appearance for the club in the FA Trophy replay against Thamesmead Town on 10th October 2017. He was club captain, but missed the majority of the 2018 season after sustaining an injury in October 2018, and did not play again until August 2019. When the 2019 season was curtailed in November, Nathan joined Hemel Hempstead on dual registration (scoring two goals in nine appearances before their season was also curtailed), though he returned to Hornchurch to take his place in the squad for FA Trophy matches. He joined Braintree Town at the start of the current season, making 13 appearances. He returned to Hornchurch in January 2022.

**ELLIS BROWN** (Midfield/Defender) Ellis spent ten years at the Charlton Athletic academy, before signing for Southend United. After playing for Thurrock, he was at Waltham Abbey for a season, where he was their player of the year. He then joined Merstham, where he made 34 appearances, scoring four goals, one of which was against Hornchurch in the opening match of the 2019-20 season. He set the seal on our Wembley win when he scored the third goal in the fifth minute of stoppage time.

**JOE CHRISTOU** (Midfield) Joe made 15 appearances in his initial season at Hornchurch, before moving to Thurrock where he made 131 appearances, scoring 19 goals. He had a brief spell at East Thurrock United before joining up with Mark Stimson at Waltham Abbey at the start of the 2018-19 season. He missed over four months of the season due to injury, and although he re-signed for Hornchurch in December 2018, it was several weeks before he was able to play, but he quickly established himself as a regular in the starting line-up.

**JORDAN CLARK** (Defender) Jordan spent six seasons at Thurrock, where he scored thirty goals in 152 appearances. With the unfortunate demise of Thurrock at the end of the season, manager Jim McFarlane quickly signed him for Hornchurch. Jordan played his 100th match for Hornchurch in our FA Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium.

**RICKIE HAYLES** (Defender) Rickie first played for Hornchurch in 2010, and quickly became a regular in the first team, making 167 appearances, before leaving at the end of the 2013-14 season. He returned to Hornchurch in August 2019, having played for Lowestoft, East Thurrock, Bishop's Stortford, Welling Utd, Billericay Town and Dulwich Hamlet in the interim. He again became an automatic choice, but he was injured at Folkestone in January 2020 and did not play again until September, since then he has once again been an automatic choice.

**SAM HIGGINS** (Forward) Sam joined Hornchurch in 2008, where he can best be described as 'the one that got away'. He had two spells at Hornchurch, playing for Brentwood and Fisher Athletic in between, but he is better known for his goal-scoring feats at East Thurrock, where he scored 275 goals in his ten seasons. Sam has also played for Concord Rangers and Chelmsford City in 2019-20. Manager Mark Stimson signed him for the current season, but an injury in the opening match of the season kept him out for three months. Since his return he has played a massive role in our Trophy run, scoring the winning goal at Darlington in the quarter final.

**TOBI JOSEPH** (Midfield) Tobi, well known to the Hornchurch faithful, joins from East Thurrock United where he made 20 appearances this term. In his first spell at Bridge Avenue he played over 100 times for the Urchins. Previous clubs include Hayes & Yeading, Brentwood Town, Barking and Canvey Island.

**OLLIE MULDOON** (Midfield) Ollie is a central midfielder who was with Chelmsford City last season, where he made 23 appearances, scoring one goal, despite missing a sizable amount of the season with a wrist injury. He was with Charlton Athletic as a youth player, and had spells on loan at Gillingham and Dagenham & Redbridge, where he played 19 games. Ollie joined up with Gillingham again in 2016 before moving to Maidstone United where he made 42 appearances in the National League. Since making his Hornchurch debut in October 2020 Ollie has been a regular choice in our line-up.

**CHIDUBEM ONOKWAI** (Forward) Chid, a forward, signs from Leatherhead. He made 8 appearances this term for the Tanners scoring twice, one of which was against the Urchins earlier this season. Previous clubs include St Albans City, Hayes & Yeading and Haringey Borough.

**LIAM NASH** (Forward) Liam is a highly prolific striker who rose to prominence in his one season at Maldon & Tiptree, where he scored 36 goals in 47 appearances in 2016-17. Perhaps this was not a surprise as previously he

had scored 16 goals in 44 appearances at Aveley. His consistent goalscoring attracted the attention of a number of clubs, and he joined Gillingham FC where he made 15 appearances. Liam then spent some time in Ireland at Cork City before returning to England. He played for National League sides Hemel Hempstead, Dartford and Concord Rangers where he continued his impressive goal scoring record. Liam had a short spell in Gibraltar, where he played for Boca Juniors. The difficulty in obtaining international clearance meant that Liam had to wait over three months before being able to make his Hornchurch debut. Liam scored seven goals in our FA Trophy run, including our second goal at Wembley, and was Player of the Match at Wembley.

**MICKY PARCELL** (Defender). Mickey joined from Enfield Town where he made 49 appearances in 2018-19, scoring twice and setting up a further 10 goals. The full back started out at Torquay United where he signed a professional contract following a two year scholarship there, but injury curtailed his time at Plainmoor, which included loan spells at Bideford and Truro City. He signed for Enfield Town ahead of the 2015-16 season. In four seasons at Enfield, Mickey made 160 appearances and scored five goals.

**OLA OGUNWAMIDU** (Midfield) Ola, an attacking winger, played for Barking in 2018, making 40 appearances before joining Tilbury the following season. After making 63 appearances for the Dockers, he joined East Thurrock in September 2021, making 8 appearances, one of which was against Hornchurch, before returning to Tilbury.

**CHARLIE RUFF** (Midfield) Charlie was with Hertford Town in 2015, and after a season at Broxbourne Borough he returned to Hertford for two more seasons, making a total of 63 appearances and 10 goals), In 2019, after briefly playing for Kings Langley, he joined Wingate & Finchley at the end of September 2019. appearing 31 times and scoring nine goals, one of which was against Hornchurch in December 2019. He joined Potters Bar at the start of the current season, moving to Hornchurch in October, and quickly establishing himself as a regular choice in the starting line up. Charlie scored our equalising goal at Wembley, to set up a grandstand finish.

**LEWWIS SPENCE** (Midfield) Previous clubs - Crystal Palace, Wycombe Wanderers, Rushden & Diamonds, Dover Athletic, Bishop's Stortford, Greenwich Borough, Thurrock, Lewwis signed for Hornchurch in June 2018. He was previously with Thurrock where he made 181 appearances scoring 46 goals in five seasons, briefly interrupted by a spell at Greenwich Borough, where he scored one goal in 29 appearances. He quickly established himself at Hornchurch and has led the team out as captain.

**CHARLIE STIMSON** (Forward) Previous clubs – Gillingham, Barnet, Concord Rangers, Tooting & Mitcham Utd, Thurrock, Waltham Abbey.

Charlie joined the Urchins at the start of December 2018. In his six seasons at Thurrock he made 220 appearances, scoring 70 goals. He only played seven times at Waltham Abbey, scoring four goals, before injury caused him to miss the next three months of the season. He is the son of manager Mark Stimson.

**REMI SUTTON** (Defender)

Remi played for Hornchurch in their Capital League side in 2008-09. He played for Canvey Island, Great Wakering and Basildon United before joining Thurrock in December 2013. He had a short spell at Greenwich Borough before returning to Thurrock, and he made exactly 200 appearances, scoring eleven goals. He was out with injury and manager Mark Stimson sent him on in the final match of the season to limp around for a few minutes to chalk up number 2000.

**FINLEY THACKWAY** (Goalkeeper) Finn played for the Hornchurch Under 16 side in 2019 and has featured prominently in the pre-season matches in the 2020 season. He has been a regular member of our Trophy squad, as cover for Joe Wright.

**RONNIE WINN** (Midfield) Previous clubs - Redbridge, Thurrock, Waltham Abbey.

Ronnie signed from Waltham Abbey at the beginning of December 2018 where he had been from the start of the season. He previously played for Thurrock where he made 120 appearances scoring 31 goals.

**TOM WRAIGHT** (Midfield) Tom joins us from Chelmsford City. He made 79 appearances for the Clarets, scoring 17 goals, since joining from Maidstone United in May 2018 and was appointed captain at the start of the 2021/22 season. Previous clubs include Tilbury, Witham Town and East Thurrock United.

**JOE WRIGHT** (Goalkeeper) Joe joined Hornchurch from Enfield Town in May 2019 having made 39 appearances during the 2018-19 season. He is a former Queens Park Rangers youth goalkeeper who signed for Enfield in June 2017 from Bishop's Stortford, where he had two spells. His first senior club was Cheshunt in 2010, and after 45 appearances he joined Redbridge (29 appearances), Maldon & Tiptree (38 appearances in 2012-13), Billericay Town 2014 (14 appearances), Hendon in 2015 (41 appearances), and Welling United. In his first season at Enfield he was a regular in the first team, with 34 appearances in 2017-18. Since joining Hornchurch he has played an important

part in our Trophy run, including a hat-trick of penalty saves against King's Lynn, and an equally important penalty save against Notts County in the Semi-final.

## MANAGEMENT

**MARK STIMSON** (Manager) Mark had a professional playing career with Tottenham Hotspur, Newcastle United, Portsmouth and Leyton Orient. As a player he won the FA Trophy with Canvey Island in 2000-01. As a manager he won four FA Trophies, twice with Grays Athletic (2004-05 and 2005-06), once with Stevenage Borough (2006-07), and with Hornchurch (2020-21). He has also been manager at Gillingham, Barnet and Kettering Town. He had six seasons at Thurrock and a short spell at Waltham Abbey, before becoming manager of AFC Hornchurch, following the resignation of Jim McFarlane.



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