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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 CHESHUNT FC



Cheshunt FC was the oldest amateur team in Hertfordshire back in 1931. Then the club disbanded, only to reform the year after the Second World War ended.

A gentlemen's amateur side of the same name preceded the current club. They were formed in 1880 and competed in the Athenian league, having future Spurs Manager Arthur Rowe amongst their numbers, before folding in 1931.

A new Club was formed in 1946, making national headlines only four years later when they knocked holders Bromley out of the Amateur Cup in front of a still-record 5,000 spectators at their newly opened Cheshunt Stadium on Theobalds Lane. Over the next twenty years the Club switched various leagues before finally emulating their old namesakes and joining the Athenian league in 1964, gaining promotion to the top division under former Spurs and Wales winger Terry Medwin a few years later.

The 1970's saw the arrival of John Drabwell as Manager and during his spells in charge, the London Charity Cup, the Athenian league and Cup double and entry into the Isthmian league were all achieved. In 1978 the Ambers also reached the FA Cup 4th qualifying round for the fourth time, an achievement they have yet to equal or better.

Four years later they were knocked out of the last eight of the FA Vase, the furthest they've gone in any national competition, and also saw the beginning of a young Iain Dowie's career who would go onto great success both as a top flight player, a Northern Ireland international and eventually as a premier league manager.

Takeovers and withdrawals saw the near collapse of the club in the mid-80's causing them to tumble down into the Spartan league before returning to the Isthmian league six years later.

New Manager Andy Leese took over in 2002 and guided his side to two successive promotions and the top of the Isthmian premier league before his sudden departure and near relegation in 2005 when the club was switched across to the Southern premier league.

Relegation back to the lower Isthmian divisions came after three nail-biting seasons and another frustrating ten years would follow as the Club's new Chairman and owner, Dean Williamson, went through several managers before appointing Craig Edwards in January 2018.

Initially steering his side away from relegation, everything then clicked for Edwards and his team halfway through the following campaign and promotion to the Isthmian Premier league was achieved with victory in the play-off final against Bracknell Town.

With level-three football finally regained and major plans for redevelopment of the ground in hand, things are looking good for the Ambers.



# THE **NON-LEAGUE** PAPER



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

NORTHERN PREMIER League chairman Mark Harris has a good way of explaining the value of volunteers. If you offer a club £10,000 or ten volunteers, he poses, then the majority will take the volunteers without a second thought. Volunteers are so vital.

They are the heartbeat that keep Non-League clubs going. Turn up at a random Non-League ground during the week, and the chances are pretty high someone will be there, be it cutting the grass, adding a lick of paint to the fences – all done for the love of the game and their club.

We've seen the value of volunteers through the covid pandemic. The fact so many clubs were able to withstand the gates being shut for so long is, in the majority of cases, down to the selfless work of so many. It's a reminder that Non-League clubs will only thrive if they are able to find people to give up some of their spare time.

People probably underestimate how they can help. It's not only about weeding the terraces, there are so many different skills that are invaluable to clubs and transfer across from the world business, social media or many other different walks of life. And sometimes even just distributing a few fliers advertising games around the town can make a big difference.

We're really excited to have the return of the annual National Game Awards this season. If you've grabbed a copy of the paper recently, you would have seen all about it.

Among the individual and team awards for achievements on the pitch, there is a very special gong that never fails to raise a smile.


Our title sponsors Buildbase are also putting their name to this year's Unsung Hero award.

Every club has that special person who goes above and beyond. Not that they do it for the pats on the back, but it's nice to give them some recognition.

We need your help to make sure this year's Unsung Hero ends up in the most deserving hands.

If you know of someone you think should be in the running, then please drop us a line.

We'd love to hear all about the work they do at your club – and how valuable they are. Drop us a line to [nlp@greenwayspublishing.co.uk](mailto:nlp@greenwayspublishing.co.uk)



## THE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

PRIDE OF PLACE IN THIS PROGRAMME MUST GO TO THE UNDER 23s FOR THEIR 2-1 WIN AT BURY TOWN ON MARCH 29th. ALL THE GOALS CAME IN THE SECOND HALF WHEN, AFTER BURY WENT AHEAD, BOROUGH HIT BACK TO WIN WITH TWO GOALS FROM MICHAEL MELANARKITIS IN THE 70th and 89th MINUTES WHICH SECURED THE DEVELOPMENT NORTH DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP AND SETS THEM UP FOR THE FINAL WITH SOUTHERN DIVISION WINNERS, HASTINGS UNITED, AT AVELEY'S PARKSIDE STADIUM ON THE EVENING OF MONDAY MAY 9th. WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF THAT MATCH IT'S A "WELL DONE" TO MANAGER DEAN FENTON, HIS ASSISTANTS AND THE PLAYERS.

This afternoon it is our pleasure to welcome the players, Officials and supporters of CHESHUNT FC for this League match. This will be our 10th competitive meeting with "The Ambers" since we regained Isthmian Status in 2015 the results to date being:-

2015/16 HB lost 0-4 at home and 0-1 away

2016/17 HB lost 3-5 at home and drew 1-1 away

2017/18 HB won 3-2 at home and 5-0 away

2018/19 not in same Division HB won home pre season friendly 2-1

2019/20 Home match not played (Covid) HB won 1-0 away

2020/21 neither match played (Covid)

2021/22 drew 1-1 away HB won 2-1 in Velocity Quarter Final

The earlier League match this season at Cheshunt on 3rd January was particularly frustrating for us as after leading by one goal for so long and having missed a golden opportunity and several half chances to increase our lead we were pegged back by a penalty, needlessly and clumsily conceded in stoppage time.

Prior to our Isthmian encounters the Clubs met many times in various competitions. In non-league terms the current Cheshunt are by no means a long existing Senior Club having been formed as recently as 1946. After a period in the London League they became Delphians in 1951 and for 1 season (1954/55) competed against the Edmonton half of our Club then playing at the Barrass Stadium They left the Delphians to return to the London League in 1955 but 4 seasons later transferred to the short lived Aetolian League before becoming Spartan Leaguers in 1962 and immediately became its Champions and for two seasons games with the Coles Park based Wood Green Town half of our Club took place. Cheshunt joined the Athenian League in 1964/65 and for 2 seasons played in the same Division as Edmonton winning promotion from Division 2 in 1965/66 and the Clubs were not to meet again until the Athenian League became reduced to 2 Divisions when there were 4 seasons in Division one when they played our by then merged Club - then known as Edmonton and Haringey and playing at Coles Park - from 1973 /74 and the for the final season as Haringey Borough. They became Isthmians in 1977/78 and matches in Division 2 North of that League occurred for 3 seasons starting in 1984/85 when in our home game we managed to convert a 2-0 half time lead into a 7-2 defeat, all the more remarkable as we won our away game 4-1. We made amends with doubles in the following two seasons firstly by 3-0 and 1-0 and in 1986/87 won both games 5-1. After that Cheshunt rejoined the Spartans as did Borough in 1989/90 and matches between the Clubs continued until season 1993/94 where they rejoined the Isthmians where they have remained ever since save for a couple of seasons starting in 2005 when the FA allocated them to the Southern League, that being an experience we believe they found to be less than exhilarating.

We welcome also, of course, our Match Officials for the day who are Jonathan Bolland with the whistle while Stephen Williams and Benjamin Kelly are on the lines.

Whatever the outcome today we hope that everyone will depart having watched or participated in an exciting afternoon's sport and have a safe journey home.

Our last home game preceding 3 away matches saw Bowers and Pitsea visit Coles Park for a match in which both teams were anxious to garner at least a point to assist their endeavours to escape the danger spot 20th. This was the 16th game between the Clubs and in the course of the previous 15 both had scored 29 goals and there had never been a draw -7 Borough wins and 8 for Bowers. We were handicapped before kick off when Mikey O'D had to be pulled out of the intended starting line up through injury but Stefanos Georgiou stepped into the breach and produced a superb recovery when a Borough corner was quickly cleared upfield and after a lengthy chase back he just managed a great sliding tackle to thwart the Bowers

striker who looked a near certainty to score had he not been dispossessed. There was little in the way of drama during the first half at the end of which a 0-0 draw seemed on the cards and so it proved to be the case after the 90 minutes. We just about had the better of the second half which was a bit surprising as we played the last 37 minutes with only 10 men after the dismissal of our recently signed No.9 Hassan Nalbant but made light of the shortage. If there was to be a goal it looked very likely to come from a corner of which both sides had plenty but defences held firm. Georgios Aresti came closest to scoring when he unleashed a surprise effort from around the half way line which the visiting 'keeper fumbled round his right hand post and away for a corner, none too convincingly. The point we gained was a valuable one as for us to finish 20th it meant the then bottom 3 would have to go on superb runs to get past us even were we to lose all our last 6 games.. Cray Wanderers would have to get 3 wins (or 2 wins and 2 draws) from their remaining 5 games, Leatherhead would need 4 wins and a draw from their 5 and East Thurrock United would need 5 wins from their 6 games. Over confidence would have been unwise but it would be a surprise if any of them managed to climb above us. The match was played without a gate having been taken in recognition of it being Non-League Day. It attracted 494 spectators and the amount raised by the bucket collection for the Ukraine Refugees Fund averaged over £1 a head – totalling £622.

Rarely have Borough delivered two goal-less draws in succession. But three days after the Bowers & Pitsea stalemate they managed it at Corinthian Casuals on 29th March. Certainly a contender for the worst game of the season irrespective of the result – perhaps even of all during our return to the Isthmian years seasons in the opinion of some watchers!. The ball did find its way into our net midway through the first half but the scorer was so far off-side its disallowance went unprotested. By and large passing aircraft were in more danger of being assaulted than the back of the nets. It certainly resembled an "I can kick the ball higher than you" contest at times. The depth of our injury crisis is revealed by the names of the wearers of our number 2 & 3 shirts – Stefanos Georgiou and Sami Bessadi - neither of whom would normally be considered for a full back berth but both coped well enough. So another valuable point which coupled with other midweek results meant that for us to finish 20th Cray Wanderers would have to win 3 games East Thurrock United 4 and Leatherhead 5. Like us, all 3 then had 5 games to play

When expectations are low they are not difficult to realise and naturally we knew we were not favourites when we visited runaway League leaders Worthing on Saturday 9th. But we were desperately unlucky not to secure our third successive goal-less draw and it will never be known if we would have done so had we not had to play out the last 25 minutes with ten men following two yellow cards for Georgios in the 55th and 65th minutes. After 10 minutes no-one would have forecast a 0-0 as "The Mackerel Men" launched a massive opening onslaught on our goal which we survived with some resolute defending, coupled with an outstanding performance by Alex including one last second tip over when all seemed lost which rightly drew plaudits from friend and foe alike; and a bit of help from the framework. But after that we forced ourselves more into the game although Worthing continued to enjoy the greater share of possession but their finishing had lost its earlier venom. Unfortunately venom is a word its rarely appropriate to mention in a sentence describing our attacking endeavours; and so it was at Worthing as several promising moves came to nought when the danger zone was reached through the choice of the wrong option. We looked comfortable enough at the start of the second half and shrugged off our numerical deficit but were undone by a messy goal in the 72nd minute when the ball was smashed home from close range after pinging across and around our penalty area and just defying our efforts to clear it. Even after that we had the best chance of the remaining time as Stefanos forced the home keeper to block him on the edge of the penalty area and Bobson's high loose ball blast just clipped the head of a defender and cleared the bar by inches when a precise low measured effort might well have been better rewarded. So its obvious where our problems lie - no goals scored in 270 minutes and only one conceded, rather unluckily, after 252 minutes play. Defensively we almost have an embarrassment of riches as Nathan Kpemou, Charne Lemba and Sam Cook have all seized the chance to show they can seriously compete for a starting position with those whose tenure seemed secure earlier in the season. Worthing had hoped they might clinch the Championship by defeating us but their rivals refused to suffer the requisite defeats in their games so their coronation was delayed – surely very briefly. We left the seaside at the wrong end of the table still having only 41 points and the absolute fail safe is 46. We are 16th and even in the unlikely event we lost all four of our remaining games it would be something of a surprise if more than 3 of the 6 below us surpassed our present total. They have 41, 33, 33, 33, 32 and 31 and all have a maximum of 12 points to play for, apart from Merstham, then on 33, who had the potential of 15. So no room for complacency.( Merstham lost their game in hand the following Tuesday so like all the others then had 4 games to play)

Our fine performance at Worthing justified our traveling to Horsham with some confidence especially as it seemed their focus might be directed more towards their upcoming Velocity Cup Final against Margate at Aveley the following Wednesday. But it wasn't to be and bearing in mind injuries, suspensions and sundry non-availabilities meant that, of our squad of sixteen, nine were teenagers perhaps that is not too surprising. "The Hornets" were a real force to be reckoned with going forward and it took just 5 minutes for a cross from the right to be powerfully headed home. Fine goalkeeping by Alex, some very near misses and an outstanding display by "the Unbreakable Scott" at the heart of our makeshift defence meant that it was not until the 68th minute that the score was doubled and not trebled until the 86th minute. The score against us could easily have been 6 or more but equally we created but squandered some fine chances which could have given us the draw. But putting chances away is an art completely alien to us now as the last 4 matches have seen us draw blanks and that unwanted 360 minute hiatus becomes 447 when the last League goal was netted at Margate is taken into account for our sole success in that game came as early as the 3rd minute. But we did score two Velocity Cup goals against Margate on the Tuesday following the League game there. So are we safe? On the balance of probabilities "yes" but not mathematically. We occupy 17th place and will not finish 22nd as Leatherhead cannot overtake us and to climb over us and condemn us to 20th then three of the other teams below us currently occupying 18th to 21st spots (Brightlingsea Regent, East Thurrock United, Merstham and Cray Wanderers would have to win all their remaining games and we would have to lose all our three. Either Cray or East Thurrock must finish below us as they have to play each other so the lowest we can finish is 20th. But sadly it looks ever more likely that the 20th Isthmian Club will be one of the 2 from the 4 20th placed Step 3 Clubs to be relegated. Salvation is, of course, also in our own hands and just 1 point from our remaining 3 very difficult fixtures – two home games against play-off chasers and an away game at a fellow struggler – would suffice.

**The 1st Team Men's Supporters Player of the Season vote has been organised by supporter Jim Shepherd and can be found at the link below:**

**<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/8XQDTL/>**

**voting closes on the 22nd April with the shield being awarded at the Folkestone game on the 23rd. Please make your vote count!**

**The 2022/23 Isthmian League season will start on Saturday 13th August.**

As for our other teams the Under 23s have secured their Divisional Championship – see panel at the top of these notes. Before the inter-Divisional Championship decider on 9th May they have a final away League match with nothing at stake at Potters Bar Town this coming Thursday 21st.

The Under 18s outside chance of the Delphian Division Championship disappeared on 8th March when visiting Hendon left Coles Park as 4-1 winners and also as confirmed Divisional Champions. Borough finished 4th in the 9 team Division, 12 Points behind the winners and 27 points ahead of the table footers.

The Women's last league game at home to Colney Heath on Sunday 3rd was a superb affair and the 1-1 draw was a just result. The point gained made it mathematically impossible for the team to finish lower than 10th but complicated FA rules about relegation between the Womens Premier League and the Regional Leagues mean that in certain geographical circumstances the 10th could still be relegated to make room for those coming down from above. Last Sunday they played their semi-final League Cup game at Coles Park against League Champions Wymondham Town and gave a mistress-class demonstration of the art of being the better team but losing – so much so it was difficult to believe the First Team had not been coaching them in that speciality as they totally dominated the League leaders throughout the first half but had only one goal to show for it when 16 year old Shakira Roberts reached a ball, which the visiting 'keeper thought would run out of play, and somehow screwed it into the net from the tightest of angles. Only a whistle which halted a clear run through for a one on one for a Wymondham head injury which turned out not to be a head injury prevented us from almost certainly doubling our lead. Too many first half spurned chances gave rise to a sense of inevitability and it was no surprise when a Wymondham breakaway enabled them to equalise with a neat finish on the stroke of half time. Borough started the second half confidently enough but then produced their worst missed opportunity of all before the roof fell in, as in what seemed to be rather over fussy refereeing, a yellow followed in a matter of seconds by a despatch to the sin bin for the same player reduced us to 10 players and took the wind out of our sails. The visitors grew in confidence and it was unsurprising that they ran in three goals easily enough to finish 4-1 winners. We might reasonably feel that our fine first half performance deserved reward but teams that include clinical finishing in their armoury have a vital trump



card. Wymondham have it and we can but wish them well in the Final and also hope they will find the step up into the Women's Premier League less of a hurdle than some of the other recent Eastern Regional Champions have done. Our one year is best erased from memory and last season's Champions Harlow Town will be back with us next season. Astonishingly, only Wymondham have scored more League goals than us although our games are over and most other Clubs still have some to play so we will probably be overtaken but if we had put away the same proportion of chances created as they do we would have been challenging them at the top of the table rather than languishing dangerously near its foot.

**NEXT FIRST TEAM HOME GAME**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 23rd**  
**v FOLKESTONE INVICTA**  
(Isthmian League Premier Division)

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

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NONE

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**NEXT FIRST TEAM AWAY GAME**  
**MONDAY APRIL 18th 3pm**  
**v BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT**  
(Isthmian League Premier Division)

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

The two nearest train stations to Brightlingsea are Alresford and Wivenhoe, but Colchester trains run more frequently. Bus services are either number 87 (Hedinghams) bus or 62/62A (First) bus. These services run between Colchester and Brightlingsea every 30 minutes, 27 past the hour and 3 minutes to the hour. Alight at Tesco's on Brightlingsea High Street, turn up Queen Street, left into Spring Road and then right onto North Road where the ground is situated at the bottom of the road.

Wivenhoe is served by a direct train from Liverpool Street at 18 minutes past the hour (65 minute journey) Alresford served by trains from Liverpool Street at 11.02, 12.00 and 12.36 all with a change at Colchester. (Journey time 80 to 100 minutes)

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

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Thursday 21st April UNDER 23s away to Potters Bar Town (League) 7.45pm

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# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

WHEN I think back to those slightly strange March 2020 days where we knew Covid was about to have a large impact on our every day lives, let alone Non-League football, for some reason The NLP's National Game Awards stick in the mind.

We were all set to launch the build-up for the 2019-20 season but, in that ever-changing world, decided at the last minute to press the pause button.

Let's see what happens, we thought, and hopefully it won't be long before we can kick it off. It soon became apparent we wouldn't be holding the annual event!

Eventually we did a virtual awards, while last season we decided not to at all. Although Step 1 completed a season - mostly behind closed doors - of course the majority of Non-League hadn't played much past October. But, after two disrupted seasons, the finish line is in sight for all. Titles are being won, promotions being decided, and we're delighted to launch our NGAs again.

And we need you! The awards are what they are because of the loyal support of our readers across the country.

So, please, let us know who you think deserves to be honoured in our categories.

Although date and venue are yet to be confirmed (keep you eyes peeled shortly), we can announce that Buildbase are once again our title sponsor this year, adding The NGAs to their current sponsorship of the FA Vase and FA Trophy.

We're hugely grateful for their support and we're working closely with Buildbase for our much-loved Unsung Hero Award.

Pitching In, title sponsors of the Northern Premier, Southern and Isthmian Leagues, are backing our Step 3-4 Player of the Year, while Our Game Football will honour our Player of the Year.

Huck Nets have once again put their name to the Goal of the Season accolade, while Reusch are also back — they couldn't miss the chance to crown the season's Goalkeeper of the Year.

S&C Slatter return as well and they will once again present the Manager of the Year award while The Acerbis Cup Run of the year is always a hotly contested award.

Our friends at Sportsbeat sign up once again – they didn't need asking twice to support the Young Player of the Year.

We love the William Hill Fan of the Year category and again we need your help with this one, while the SK Kits Team of the Year award honours one side for their herculean efforts this season.

The FA are supporting the Community Club of the Year, while The NLP Lifetime Achievement award is one of our personal favourites.

Football Supporters' Association Away Day Experience of the year recognises the efforts clubs make to cater for travelling fans.

Keep an eye on The NLP over the coming weeks as we bring you award-by-award guides as well as all the information you need to ensure the decanters end up in the right hands!

**Matt Badcock**

**Editor-at-large**

**The Non-League Paper**

## 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 TYOWN (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	ALDRSHOT 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	L 0-6
Tue 22 Feb	A	Brightlingsea Regent (Velocity Cup)	W 1-0
Sat 26 Feb	H	MERSTHAM	W 1-0
Sat 5 Mar	A	Carshalton Athletic	L 0-3
Wed 9 Mar	A	Cray Wanderers	W 2-1
Sat 12 Mar	H	LEWES	D 2-2
Tue 15 Mar	A	Hendon (London Senior Cup Semi-Final)	L 0-1
Thur 17 Mar	H	CHESHUNT (Velocity Cup Quarter Final)	W 2-1
Sat 19 Mar	A	Margate	L 1-3
Tues 22 Mar	H	MARGATE (Velocity Cup semi-final)	L 2-3
Sat 26 Mar	H	BOWERS & PITSEA	D 0-0
Tue 29 Mar	A	Corinthian Casuals	D 0-0
Sat 2 Apr	A	Worthing	L 1-0
Sat 9 Apr	A	Horsham	L 0-3
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	D 1-1
Mon 14 Feb	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	W 3-0
Tue 29 Mar	A	Bury Town	W 2-1
Thur 21 Apr	A	Potters Bar Town	
Mon 9 May	Neutral Championship Play off v Hastings United at Aveley		



## 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
Wed 23 Feb	A	Hendon	L 2-6
Tue 8 Mar	H	HENDON	L 1-4
Tue 15 Mar	H	LANGLEY	Walkover win for Borough
Mon 28 Mar	A	Brimsdown Rovers	W 2-0

## 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 30 Jan	A	Wroxham	Walkover win for Wroxham
Sun 6 Feb	A	Luton Town	D 3-3
Sun 13 Mar	A	Needham Market (League Cup Quarter Final)	Walkover win for Borough
Sun 20 Mar	A	Bedford	W 2-0
Sun 3 Apl	H	COLNEY HEATH	D 1-1
Sun 10 Apl	H	WYMONDHAM TOWN (League Cup Semi Final)	L 1-4

## Isthmian League Premier Division 2020/21 - up to and including 15/4/2022

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
C Worthing	39	29	4	6	93	42	+51	91
2 Bishop's Stortford	39	23	12	4	83	31	+52	81
3 Hornchurch3-0	40	25	6	9	87	38	+49	81
4 Enfield Town	40	24	6	10	88	57	+31	78
5 Cheshunt	39	20	9	10	65	37	+28	69
6 Lewes	39	20	8	11	84	57	+27	68
7 Folkestone Invicta	39	19	11	9	80	57	+23	68
8 Kingstonian	39	17	6	16	62	64	-2	57
9 Margate	39	16	8	15	54	59	-5	56
10 Carshalton Athletic	39	14	12	13	62	49	+13	54
11 Bognor Regis Town	39	13	14	12	58	56	+2	53
12 Potters Bar Town	39	16	5	18	54	67	-13	53
13 Horsham	39	13	9	17	57	55	+2	48
14 Corinthian-Casuals	39	12	12	15	48	53	-5	48
15 Wingate & Finchley	39	11	9	19	54	70	-16	42
16 Bowers & Pitsea	39	11	8	20	48	66	-18	41
17 Haringey Borough	39	9	14	16	51	70	-19	41
18 Brightlingsea Regent	40	10	6	24	41	91	-50	36
19 East Thurrock United	39	9	7	23	39	89	-50	34
20 Cray Wanderers (-3)	40	9	9	22	59	81	-22	33
21 Merstham	39	10	3	26	40	77	-37	33
22 Leatherhead	39	8	8	23	39	80	-41	32

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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.

**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.

**STEFANOS GEORGIU** – younger brother of Andronicos signed from St. Margaretsbury a few days before the Registration deadline; a right sided midfielder who immediately looked at home at this higher level of the game.

**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.

**NATHAN KPENOU** – tall powerful central defender or wide midfielder who has come through our Under 18 and 23 ranks and patiently awaited his opportunity; when injuries gave him his chance he seized it and he will not easily relinquish his starting place status.

**CHARNE LEMBA** – tall powerful defender who has made steady progress through our Under 18 & 23 teams and has seized the chance to step up which absences and injuries presented. Already looks at home at Senior level and will certainly challenge to keep his place.

**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.

**HASSAN NAIBANT** – a striker signed from Basildon United just before this seasons Registration deadline who has previously plied his trade in Turkey, Sweden and Gibraltar; a constant thorn in the side of opposing defenders.

**ANDRE ODEKU** – speedy striker who has stepped up from our Under 23s and after several appearances from the bench is now a serious contender for a starting place and will doubtless continue his free-scoring habit when he gains more Senior level experience.

**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.

**OSANEBI OKOH** – attacking 17 year old signed on Work Experience Loan terms from AFC Bournemouth's Academy just before the Registration deadline. Fantastic start saw him score within four minutes of his immediate debut appearance at Margate.

**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.

**SAMIR SEDAOU** – under 23 player whose introduction has strengthened our injury hit squad late season who has already made a starting line up after several substitute appearances; an all action central midfielder.

**JUDE SPEARING** – young central midfielder who is another late season signing from Hemel Hempstead Town. Previous berths include Chelmsford City Academy.

**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.

## CHESHUNT PLAYER PROFILES 2021-22



**CHARLIE TAYLOR – GK** – Charlie joined Cheshunt this season, having spent the previous two seasons playing in Bulgaria for FC Septemvri Simitli, Charlie has also represented Panama at u20 level. Currently on loan at Harlow Town

**GEORGE MARSH – GK** – George joined Cheshunt during last season's lockdown period as we started playing games behind closed doors, he has experience playing at Witham Town & Basildon Utd.

**PRESTON EDWARDS – GK** – A vastly experienced goalkeeper at this level, Preston started his second spell with Cheshunt FC in January 2022, having played at the end of the 2019/20 season.

**OLA WILLIAMS – D** – Ola was one of manager Craig Edwards first signings from Wingate & Finchley. The versatile defender can play anywhere along the back line and has developed his leadership to captain the side. Ola runs Sporting Kids, a coaching business operating across multiple sports aiming to support & build children's confidence & give them positive pathways in their education & future careers.

**CHEVRON MCLEAN – D** – A left sided solid defender signed from Billericay Town this season who has slotted into the squad comfortably and established his position.

**ENOCK EKONGO – D** – A dual national DR Congo & Netherlands player, Enock started his senior career with Roda JC in the Netherlands, but since moving to the UK has played for Halesowen, Chippenham, Hayes & Yeading and Northwood before impressing in trials at Cheshunt in early 2021 & signed up for the 2021/22 season. An attacking full back he is a versatile player who looks comfortable playing wide in a more advanced position when required.

**ADAM CROWTHER – D** – A former England Schools International, Adam is a Centre Half signed from Royston Town in 2019/20 At 6ft 4in he is a threat in the air, but also comfortable with the ball at his feet and keen to advance his team forward at every opportunity. Adam is also a skilled scratch golfer.

**TOM GARDINER – D** – The former Hibernian and Tottenham Hotspur academy player joined Cheshunt from Cambridge City in July 21 and has immediately slotted comfortably into the back four to be a commanding and calming presence.

**TAYLOR MCKENZIE – D** – Taylor McKenzie made his Notts County debut on 9 November 2014 in a 0– 0 draw against Accrington Stanley at Meadow Lane, in the first round of the FA Cup, coming on as a 37th-minute substitute for Hayden Mullins. A vastly experienced player at step 3 he has played at Chesham & Enfield Town before joining Cheshunt in 2018. Taylor recently completed 100 competitive appearances for the Ambers

**DANIEL OJO – D** – Daniel joined Cheshunt from Billericay this season, he has Italian nationality having been born in Parma Italy, so has defending in his DNA. He has youth football experience with Charlton Athletic & has played previously for Yeovil Town, Dulwich Hamlet & Billericay.

**MO CAMARA – CH/M/F** – Mo wrote his name into Cheshunt folklore after a late goal against Brightlingsea Regent in the FA Cup. Mo is versatile player, capable of playing as a Striker, operating as a target man. In central midfield or as a central defender. The majority of Mo's career has been spent in France, signing for Cheshunt at the start of the 2019/2020 season. Mo will be looking to secure himself more involvement in front of goal this season, rising highest for one of his trademark headers, or letting fly with one of his net bursting shots.

**JOE RE – M** – Joe spent two and half years with Nottingham Forest before switching careers to become a chartered accountant. Joe plays a central midfield role for Cheshunt & has developed into a consistently high performer, winner of both the Players Player & Supporters Player of the last two years Joe is a fan favourite and has vowed to score more goals from midfield this year. Joe clocked up 100 competitive appearances for Cheshunt earlier this season.

**TAYLOR MILES – M** – A vastly experienced central midfielder, Taylor can list Lincoln City, Boston Utd, Chelmsford City, Hemel Hempstead, Braintree, Concord & St Albans as previous clubs, injured at St Albans Taylor joined Cheshunt to get back to playing regular first XI football and has become a driving force behind recent success. Taylor is a player who makes things happen on & off the pitch & has become a favourite with the Ambers crowd.

**JAMIE REYNOLDS – M** – A Spurs Academy player for over a decade, versatile player Reynolds was brought up in Grays in Essex, and he had been playing for Chelsea's Academy and also Grays Cosmos prior to joining Spurs. After working his way up the Academy ranks at Spurs, Reynolds joined the Spurs on a fulltime basis in the summer 2016. Mark Hughes, former Ambers captain & assistant manager bought Reynolds to Cheshunt in 2019 initially as a left back, but soon settling into a midfield role and a regular first team starter for the Ambers.

**SAM ALDERSON – M** – Sam returns to the Ambers in 2022 having spent time in Sweden with Ytterhogdals IK.

An industrious and skilful midfielder with an eye for a telling pass, Sam is also a free kick & corner specialist.

**ZUBAYR BODIE – M** – Signed just before the season start Zubayr has impressed with his energy, range of passing and reading of the game to earn a place in the Ambers Squad. A busy player in midfield he rarely loses the ball, and is always looking to be available to receive a pass.

**AMADOU KASSARATE – M** – Originally from Paris, Amadou has played professional football in Greece and Scotland, as well as running a successful fashion clothing business. An experienced head, Amadou is usually a strong running, holding midfielder, he has good aerial ability, times a tackle, and can beat players with combinations of skill and pace, so often moves up and down through the spine of the team and performs equally well in all positions.

**REECE BECKLES RICHARDS – F** – A fan favourite, Reece made an instant impact when signing on loan for Cheshunt in 2019 from Wealdstone. Reece managed 11 goals in 22 appearances in the 19/20 curtailed Isthmian Premier League season, finishing top scorer. Reece re-signed for Cheshunt permanently in October 2020 after a brief spell at Hemel Hempstead Town, and came off the bench to score in a 1-0 victory over Bognor Regis Town to mark his return to Theobald's Lane. An Antigua & Barbudan international, Reece will be looking to add to his goal tally as Cheshunt look to repeat the start of last season & be in the top half of the table this season.

**ZACK NEWTON – F** – Zack didn't play competitive football until he was 16, but wasted little time once he started at Worthing FC, he later signed for Welling United before joining Horsham in July 2019. Zack was a Craig Edwards signing in November 2019. His speed, strength & ability to play wide or as a additional striker make him a much valued and versatile player.

**ROWAN LIBURD – F** – Rowan had played under Craig Edwards previously and was due to play for Cheshunt last year, but the Covid related curtailments meant he didn't get the opportunity. Rowan joined the Ambers from Billericay Town recently. He has experience at Reading, Stevenage, Hereford, Orient, Wycombe, Welling, Guiseley and Billericay. Rowan has represented St Kitts & Nevis at international level.

**KAYNE DIEDRICK ROBERTS – F** – Kayne rejoined the Ambers in February from Bognor Regis Town, having been registered with Cheshunt a couple of seasons ago, but not played due to the curtailment of the season. A fast & skilful wide player with an eye for goal and a good dead ball delivery, Kayne is a very useful addition to the squad.

## MANAGEMENT

**CRAIG EDWARDS – MANAGER** – A former professional boxer, and striker, Craig has managed multiple teams at steps 2, 3 and 4. and is probably one of the most well known managers at this level. Craig joined Cheshunt at the end of season 2017/18 in time to steer them clear of trouble, and set promotion as his target for 2018/19 and proceeded to meet it with a fine unbeaten run at the business end of the season culminating in a play off final win. Craig's former clubs include Barkingside, Barking, Southend Utd Youth, Grays Athletic, Redbridge, Chelmsford City, Dulwich Hamlet, Billericay and Kingstonian. Craig was inducted into the Isthmian League Radio Show Hall of Fame in 2017.

**UGO UDOJI – ASST MANAGER** – Ugo started his football career as a scholar at Rushden & Diamonds FC where he made his first team debut at 17. An achievement he cites as one of the proudest moments of his life. Ugo signed his first professional contract for Portsmouth FC where he played countless reserve team games. He became more of an established first team fullback in Non League winning the Conference South twice with Salisbury and Bromley FC alongside other regional cups and playing in the Conference Premier, now known as the National League. Cheshunt FC became home to Ugo since joining as a player in 2018 and has recently been appointed as Craig Edwards Assistant Manager.

**CURTIS WHYTE – COACH** – Curtis grew up in Trinidad and Tobago where he played for his country's youth team. At 16 he migrated to Florida USA, where he played for club teams Plantation Eagles and Lauderhill Lions as well as college team Broward Community College, where he made the All Star team. He then moved to England where he played in the reserves for both Southend United and Leyton Orient, before playing for Grays Athletic. After a serious injury, he then went into coaching where he's had stints at the Chelsea Academy, Welling United, Charlton Athletic, Tooting and Mitcham Ladies Manager, Whyteleafe FC Academy Scheme, Havering Town, where he won promotion to the Ryman's Premier, Basildon United, Great Wakering Rovers. He is now excited and happy to take on this new challenge at Cheshunt FC, where he's being reunited with Craig Edwards. He's looking to be as successful as possible, and achieve all the goals set for the upcoming season.



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