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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. The 2021/22 season was more or less a non-event as regards any real challenge for the League top spots but the semi-finals of The League Cup and the London Senior Cup were reached with both game ending in odd goal defeats in the space of a week. We may well have set a Club record for the highest number of injuries sustained in any season and that even led to an outside chance of relegation towards the end of the season but the failings of others meant we were never in serious danger.

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 which 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.

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, continued to do well in the following seasons and won the North Division Championship in 2021/22 but lost to South Division Champions Hastings United in the "Champion of Champions" play off.

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 and finishing towards the top of the table in the following seasons. 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. An exceptionally young and talented squad was unlucky to find itself in danger of relegation towards the end of the 2021/22 season due to a high number of odd goal defeats but pulled clear with 4 vital points from the last two games. They look capable of going places if they stick together when experience is added to their armoury.

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

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# HISTORY OF CARSHALTON ATHLETIC FC



1903 onwards ...in too few words

## **The early years**

Carshalton Athletic traces its roots to two separate teams playing in the area of Wrythe Green in Carshalton in the early twentieth century. Whilst the club's history is dated to the formation of Mill Lane Mission in 1905 it also recognises the importance of officials, players and supporters of Carshalton St Andrews in its history.

Mill Lane Mission was organised by the Mill Lane Mission recreational facility for teenage boys and began playing friendlies in 1903. They were formally registered with the Surrey County FA in September 1905 and continued to play only friendly matches until 1906 when they joined the Croydon & District League Division 2A. During 1905 and 1906 discussions were held with Carshalton St Andrews over amalgamation.

Carshalton St Andrews was formed in 1897 by the vicar of St Andrews, Revd. C.W. Cleaver and began playing in the Surrey County Herald League. In 1902 they were promoted into the Southern Suburban League Division 2 West. They agreed to fold and amalgamate with Mill Lane Mission in 1906 but did not formally do so until they had honoured their remaining obligations at the end of the 1907–08 season.

Meanwhile, Mill Lane Mission registered their name change with the Surrey F.A. and began playing under the name Carshalton Athletic F.C. in 1907. The first ever match under this name was on 7 September 1907 at home on the Wrythe Green recreation ground in a friendly against Westbrook (Thornton Heath).

Carshalton Athletic's first colours were red with white stripes - adopted from St Andrews from whom the Robins were formed when they merged with Mill Lane Mission.

After the name change the club went on to win successive promotions in 1908, 1909 and 1910 which were rewarded with election to the Junior Division of the Southern Suburban League. During this time the club put out a reserve side and a midweek Carshalton Wednesday side (many different clubs set up these sides to play after the shops had shut 'early' on Wednesdays) and these two sides both performed well – the reserves winning the Croydon and District League Division 2A in 1909 and Carshalton Wednesday were runners up in the inaugural Surrey County Midweek Cup.

Before the outbreak of the First World War further success in both league and junior cup competitions was achieved. In 1913 the club won the Suburban League Division 1 West and the following season added the Suburban League Division 1 East title to this. In the same period they also won the Surrey Junior Cup, Surrey Junior Charity Cup and the Croydon Charity Cup and were runners up in the London Junior Cup. The outbreak of the war curtailed this period of success and the club went into a period of suspended animation during the war as its home ground was given over to agricultural use.

Following the reformation of the club on 31 March 1919, and after playing on a number of different grounds, Carshalton Athletic finally moved into their new (and current) home in Colston Avenue during the 1920–21 season. This was built as a memorial to those members of the club who lost their lives in the War.

The inter-war years were otherwise relatively uneventful. The only silverware the club won was the Surrey Intermediate Cup, in 1922 and 1932. In the league, the club remained in the Southern Suburban League, finishing as runners up in 1922 before becoming founding members of the Surrey Senior League in the 1922–23 season. At the same time the club gained Football Association senior club status and this allowed Carshalton Athletic to enter FA national competitions and county senior cups for the first time.

## **Post-war and the Corinthian League**

With the upheavals of the Second World War in Europe over, preparations for the resumption in football at Colston Avenue began 1945 with applications made to join the London League (senior side) Surrey Intermediate League (reserve side) and to enter the London Senior and Surrey Senior cups.

The club did not apply to enter the FA Challenge Cup or FA Amateur Cup because facilities at the ground were not up to standard for these competitions. The club did make it a priority to improve the standard of the ground and facilities to make them suitable for the higher reaches of the amateur game but all this work had to be funded and carried out by volunteers as the local District Council were unwilling to help support these improvements. Fortunately it proved possible to find volunteers and donors to enable this work to be carried out. The work on the ground proved to be needed the following season as Carshalton Athletic were elected into the Corinthian League, which had been set up in the previous year, for the 1946–47 season.

Several years of indifferent league form followed with only minor highlights in cup competitions, although the club continued to grow as evidenced by a record attendance of over 8000 for an FA Challenge Cup 3rd round qualifying tie against local rivals Tooting and Mitcham United. Behind the scenes the club was taking steps to improve the club's chances on the pitch including hiring a coach for all sides for the first time but the club committee ensured that they retained the final say in selection decisions.

A far better period began with the first match Carshalton Athletic played against a team from overseas at the start of the 1952–53 season. Hengelo from the Netherlands were the opponents in what was to become a regular friendly fixture over following years. Carshalton went on to win the Corinthian League title by 3 points from Hounslow Town at the end of the season and the reserve team finished second in their league, 2 points behind Uxbridge. The 1953–54 season brought further success as Carshalton Athletic retain the league title, finishing 2 points ahead of Edgware Town, although cup success was still proving elusive. This was rectified somewhat in the 1954–55 season as the club reached the final of the Surrey Senior Shield and the quarter finals of the FA Amateur Cup for the first time in their history (this was also the first year in which two Corinthian League teams reached the quarter finals). The 1955–56 season was unremarkable on the pitch but did see further advances around the ground as Carshalton Athletic's success of recent season was reflected in the size of the supporters club with over 2000 members. It was also the club's last appearance in the Corinthian League as the summer of 1956 saw election to the Athenian League.

### **Athenian League**

For the next 17 years the club competed in the Athenian League with very little success never really threatening to win the league, and finishing at the bottom of the table twice (1959–60 and 1960–61 seasons). Their best performance coming in the 1963–64 season when the club managed to finish the season in third place. Around the ground floodlights were finally erected on six pylons in 1967.

Limited cup success was achieved. A first appearance in the Surrey Senior Cup final came in the 1957–58 season, although Dulwich Hamlet won the final 1–0 and it would be another 31 years before Carshalton Athletic appeared in the final again. There was also success in the FA Amateur Cup as the club reached the quarter finals for the second time in 1959–60. In the same season the club won the Southern Combination Cup for the first time, after losing in the final the previous season.

### **Isthmian League 1973–2004**

In the summer of 1973 Carshalton Athletic finally achieved a promotion of sorts when they were elected as founder members of the newly created Isthmian League Division 2. The first two seasons proved to be a struggle and in their third they just missed out on promotion finishing third in the league. Three years of struggle paid off in the 1976–77 season when promotion to the Isthmian Premier Division after finishing as runners up in the league in a year in which they also won the Surrey Senior Shield.

After promotion in the league the club entered another period of struggling, not finishing in the top half until the 1987–88 season. This coincided with the start of years of upheaval in the organisation of the ownership and running of the club both on and off the field. The best that could be offered to supporters in this period was a solitary cup run as the club reached the second round proper of the FA Challenge Cup for the first time before losing 4–1 to Fourth Division Torquay United. Over this period Carshalton Athletic had 8 different managers and it was only the final appointment of Billy Smith in August 1986 that began to turn the club's fortunes around.

The first Billy Smith era lasted for nearly 9 years and was the most successful period in the club's history. During his time in charge of the club twice reaching the 1st Round Proper of the FA Challenge Cup, winning the Surrey Senior Cup three times in four years and reaching the final 5 times in 7 years, recording its highest ever placing in the league at the end of the 1988–89 season and winning the London Challenge Cup in 1991. This period came to an end when Billy Smith left to take charge of Kingstonian, and was followed by a rapid turnover of managers.

Under John Rains, the club reached the third round of the FA Trophy. Gary Kilby led them to the first round proper of the 1997–98 FA Cup, in which they lost to Stevenage Borough after a replay, and former player Gary Bowyer twice led a successful fight against relegation. In 2000, with the club in severe financial difficulties, the ownership changed hands twice, Bowyer was dismissed, the clubhouse was destroyed in an arson attack, and the ground's landlords, Sutton Council, threatened the club with eviction for breaching their lease.<sup>[1][2]</sup> At the end of that season, Carshalton were relegated to Division One. Two years later, Graham Roberts led them to the Division One South title, to gain promotion to the Premier Division. The following season, they finished seventh, thus qualifying for the new Conference South.

## Conference South

After a £12 million plan to rebuild the ground fell through,[3] chairman Steve Friend resigned, followed by manager Billy Smith. Under Jimmy Bolton, Carshalton retained their place in the Conference South in 2004–05.

In 2005–06, the club's centenary season, the Club was relegated back to the Isthmian League.

## Isthmian League 2008–onwards

The new millenium did little to help the club's financial problems. Like many clubs at the time Carshalton Athletic found it difficult to pay its bills and was severely overstretched by a hefty playing budget.

The previous season's relegation was a blow, but the Club was not new to hard times - over the previous two decades the club had been on the edge of bankruptcy numerous times, seeing five different owners and a long line of chairmen. In 2008 the club was technically insolvent. Despite having some sucess in stabilising Carshalton Athletic, the then current owners could not see a way through its financial difficulties without change, there were large tax bills that the club could not pay.

Local businessman Paul Dipre purchased the club in 2008, paid off substantial tax bills and set out a ten year plan to develop the club into a community hub. Dipre promised to re-juvenate the club from the bottom up. Carshalton finished mid table in 2006–07 but the following season 2007–08 saw disappointing early results and as a result the manager Dave Garland left the club in October 2007. The appointment of Hayden Bird was one of the last acts of the previous owners.

Hayden made some high profile signings and there was a noticeable commitment to playing attractive, passing football but the Robins still faced another nail-biting fight for survival in the Isthmian League Premier Division. Paul Dipre injected sufficient funds to strengthen the squad in an effort to avoid relegation. It went right to the wire and, miraculously, last day results elsewhere fell perfectly and Carshalton's home win over Tonbridge Angels was enough to secure their status.

The season 2008–09 was the first full season under new ownership. The reserves and junior sections were axed in favour of a new academy and junior section. The club began a long-term investment program to renew its crumbling facilities. Directors and staff were axed in favour of a new management team.

The first year under Dipre was one of the club's most successful. On the pitch, aided with 31 goals from Richard Jolly, The Robins finished in 4th place, setting up a play-off semi-final with Tonbridge Angels. Athletic claimed a thrilling 3-2 win to meet Staines Town in the final. Held at Staines's Wheatsheaf Park Ground, Carshalton more than held their own against Staines, who had finished 2nd in the regular season. Sadly for The Robins, an 85th-minute penalty was saved by Staines 'keeper Louis Wells, and Scott Taylor scored an extra-time winner for Staines.

At the end of this season the club decided to revert to its original colours of Red and also modernised its badge. The change was supported by the majority of fans who saw the colour change as one that reflected the club's early heritage, but a small group of fans (largely led by the club officials ousted by Dipre) lobbied against the change strongly.

On 1 September 2009, manager Hayden Bird resigned as the club's first team manager; Ian Hazel was placed in caretaker charge. On 10 September the club announced the appointment of former Carshalton player Francis Vines as Bird's permanent replacement.

Shortly before the 2010–11 season Mark Butler was placed in charge of the club. After a promising first half of the season, Butlers results went from bad to worse until finally the owner Paul Dipre too the reins. The team finished 13th.

The 2011–12 season was a rollercoaster for the first team. Dipre's first season as manager ended in 16th position. Despite the inconsistent league form there was much to celebrate in the FA Trophy with one of the most Historic results in the club's history when they beat Lincoln City 3–1 at Colston Avenue, Paul Vines scoring a hat-trick. At the beginning of the following season Dipre removed himself from the manager's position and coach Tommy Williams, also a former player of the club, took the reins and officially took the job in October 2012.

Carshalton Athletic was bestowed with three community club awards throughout 2012 – the South East Regional Community Club of the Year, the Surrey FA Community Club of the Year and the FA National Community Club of the Year, the latter awarded to (the then) club chairman Frank Thompson, youth development officer Paul Williams and club director Kelly Anscombe by ex-professional footballers Chris Kamara and Martin Keown, plus TV presenter Ben Shepherd.

In the following year the club won the UEFA silver award for the best grassroots club in Europe, one of the

greatest accolades in the club's history. In Tommy Williams first season as manager, Carshalton finished 21st in the Isthmian Premier in 2012-13, which ordinarily would have seen them relegated. However, a points deduction and consequent relegation for Thurrock gave them a reprieve, keeping them in the Isthmian Premier for the 2013-14 season.

In the following season Carshalton Athletic were relegated to the Ryman South under Stuart Massey.

### **The 3G**

In 2015 the club decided to apply for planning permission to install a 3G pitch. The application was supported by almost everyone at Carshalton Athletic. The 3G was intended to provide facilities for the 500 or so junior players and other local clubs. It would secure the club's future. The club applied for planning. The original planning application was recommended by the council for approval, but rejected by councillors in January 2014. The club appealed, and won in January 2015.

The 3g was installed in the Summer of 2015. The entire Ground was also refurbished between May 2016 - August 2017. Colston Avenue has become a busy sports and community hub seven days a week serving teams, clubs and community organisations.

### **2015/6**

The 2015/16 was a reasonable year for the first team finishing a respectable 10th place in Ryman South. Managers Matt Howard and Chris McGinn each had good spells on the pitch. Fans favourite Tommy Bradford won the players of the year award with 24 goals and performances improved as the season went on. By the end of the season and following a number of unsuccessful appointments over recent years, the club decided on a new approach to the 1st team management structure. That new structure was implemented in April 2016 when Peter Adeniyi, Ted Dale and Mike Gilham were appointed as Manager, Head Coach and Coach respectively.

### **2016/17**

Peter Adeniyi's first season was a good one. Peter further improved the teams style of play and pushed the youth policy with renewed vigour. Ex- player Stuart Searle joined Peter's team as coach in replacement of Mike Gilham who had moved into an Academy role at Fulham. The club was in the playoff places for much of the season but not at the time when it counted and finished one place short of a valuable playoff position. Nevertheless The Robins had made clear their ambitions on the pitch and Peter Adeniyi agreed to stay on for the season 2017/18.

### **2017/18**

Peter Adeniyi's second season started with some important new signings. Billy Bishop took the number 1 shirt, Raheem Sterling Parker joined from Chipstead and Jordan Cheadle from Walton casuals. At Christmas Keith Boanas joined the Robins in the role of head Coach. In January, academy graduate and Top goalscorer Mickel Miller transferred to Scottish Premiership side Hamilton Academical for an undisclosed fee.

The Robins won the Isthmian South League and were promoted to the Isthmian Premier.

### **2018/19**

The Robins made a comfortable start in the Isthmian Premier league. There were very few team changes from the previous season, but one important signing was that of Harry Ottaway, who joined in January 2019.

The team enjoyed a long winning run in the second half of the season to finish runners up in the Isthmian Premier league, but lost their first playoff game against Merstham FC.

In 2019 the club launched its Football Academy Programme - a combined education and football development programme for 16-18 year olds.

### **2019/20**

The 2019/20 season Club Chairman Paul Dipre announced the clubs ambitions to reach the National League by 2025. "The last ten years have put the club in a very good place organisationally, financially and structurally, its time to push on with our first team ambitions"

Unfortunately, in March 2020, with Carshalton comfortably placed in the playoff positions, the league was curtailed by the COVID pandemic.

### **2020/21**

After the disappointment of the previous season's curtailment due to COVID, First Team manager Peter Adeniyi once again was set the task of promotion. However, COVID was to ruin the teams success on the pitch once again. For the second year in succession, with Carshalton comfortably seated in the playoff positions, the league was stopped by the COVID pandemic.







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## Chairman - Haringey Borough FC

A warm welcome to all from Carshalton and a special welcome to our old boy Femi who after playing for us in the memorable 2018/19 season moved on and ultimately secured a pro deal at Stevenage and is now facing us for the first time since then. I am sure I speak for all of you in wishing him well for the future apart from today of course!! Our season is still alive after we won last Saturday in what really was a make or break match, results above us went in our favour and if we can produce a run we can close that gap. Some looking at the table may think I am living in cloud cuckoo land but I really believe in the quality we have in this team. We have played better than our results suggest and we are certainly under the radar at the moment and if we are to make a move it needs to be soon. Our opponents have similar ambitions so I know it will be a tight cagey affair but I feel as a relatively new team this season we are showing glimpses of what we can do and we need to be more consistent and push forward. You will see today that we have had a bit of a turnaround in playing personnel this last week, several have departed and good luck to all of those who have left and whilst their departure is a little disappointing at this stage of the season it has given opportunity and paved the way for others. I know I am stating the obvious to many of you but I feel sometimes people do not appreciate how really hard it is to get into a squad at this level and often I feel some players are misguided, naïve or misadvised by the plethora of agents who claim to have the player's best interests at heart. I rarely comment on these individuals but often they are inexperienced and have no idea what is best for a young player who seeks guidance and is promised a dream that is not there. I heard last week of one player who is playing at a lower level saying he has been told he can skip our level and a higher team is coming in for him!! Good luck listening that sort of advice. Of course I do not deny some players can jump a level or two but when an opportunity presents itself to play higher, even one level, it should be considered not dismissed as being beneath them. I hope to be unveiling a couple of more signings over the next few days in addition to Helge who has recently joined and Erald who signed this week. I was at training last week and witnessed myself an intense session which pleased me and I heard that training this week has been equally intense and the boys are ready to fight for every point. get behind them as usual, lets try and secure the win that we need to close that gap ahead of us. Come on Boro!

Aki Achillea - Chairman Haringey Borough F.C

## Manager - Haringey Borough FC

A good win last weekend after the disappointment of our Enfield defeat in our last home match. I cannot say I was impressed with two poor goals we conceded which cost us the game. I thought we handled them well, created the better chances and should certainly have at least equalised after a very good strong second half performance before we switched off with 5 minutes to go and gifted them a second. Although we did manage to pull one back with Olu's penalty that should have been a winner not a consolation. Another 3 points dropped and we had a clear the air meeting this week after a few players left and the players certainly responded in training and I feel that I have a group now who are all singing from the same hymn sheet and willing to fight for each other. They know the pressure we are under, we cannot afford too many defeats if we are to have any chance of closing the gap on those numerous teams above us. I demand a lot from them simply because I know what they can produce. We have had spells in recent matches where we have been dominant and torn teams apart. We have not sustained it for 90 minutes and that has been our down fall. We need to be more consistent for longer periods and we need to finish teams off when we are on top. Today we face a consistent side, a side who have improved considerably since we last played them and a side who I know will make it difficult for us. We need to stand up to them and get them on the back foot and let them worry about us. That way I truly believe we can go on to win the game and start a run going that can take us where we want to be. Your support in helping us on the way will again be key so sing your hearts out, the players love it and believe it or not so do I !!

Tom Loizou - Manager Haringey Borough F.C

## THE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

This afternoon we welcome the players, Officials and supporters of CARSHALTON ATHLETIC FC to the CVS Van Hire Stadium for this Pitching in Isthmian League Premier Division match. A warm welcome also, of course to our match officials who are Jack Oxenham in the middle while Dele Sotimirin and Jack Phillips have the flags. Whatever the outcome we hope all will leave having enjoyed an entertaining afternoon's sport and have a safe journey home.

Although this is the 5th season as an Isthmian Premier Club for both teams this is only the seventh meeting of the Clubs as Covid put paid to three others. In 2018/19 both matches ended in 3-1 home wins. A 2-2 draw at Coles Park took place in 2019/20 but Covid scotched the return visit and both the 2020/21 games. Last season it was 1-1 at Coles Park and Carshalton won their home game by 3-0. We visited them on 27th August last and an astonishing game ended with only one goal scored and that was by us through Anthony Mendy midway through the first half by which time we had been reduced to ten men through the early red-carding of Mikey O'Donoghue. As a "backs to the wall" ninety minutes it is probably our finest performance of the season to date although we undoubtedly rode our luck at times and were grateful that the Carshalton finishing was a bit wayward.

Over the last few weeks there have been a number of comings and goings. Anthony Mendy has returned to Uxbridge and Cheynie Burgin has signed on for Sittingbourne, Matthew Young has returned to Leyton Orient at the conclusion of his 3 month loan and Johnny Ashman has returned to East Thurrock United. Kaylen Hinds is now dual registered with Hemel Hempstead Town. We thank them all for their efforts for Borough and hope they will flourish in their new environments. Andronicos Georgiou has been temporarily loaned to Kings Langley. Joining us are midfielder Helge Orome and attacker Erald Desa both having extensive Isthmian experience with other Clubs most recently Faversham Town in the case of Helge and Corinthian Casuals for Erald. A familiar face has also made a welcome re-appearance as Bobson Bawling has rejoined us after his half season sojourn with Hendon. We welcome all to Coles Park and hope that they will enjoy long and successful spells with Borough. Helge and Bobson have already made three appearances each with Bobson having got on the scoresheet as well last week; and Erald will likely be in today's squad.

### **Monday 2nd January 2023 HARINGEY BOROUGH v ENFIELD TOWN (Pitching In Isthmian League Premier Division)**

The decision as to whether the last game of 2022 or the first of 2023 was the most dispiriting is a difficult one as both will doubtless garner votes so a draw may well be the answer. Against Enfield Town the first half was fairly even but it was the visitors who went in one up at the interval. It would have been two but for an acrobatic backward leap by Luke. The lesson which should have been learned last month at Cray Wanderers, when their lofty central defender was allowed all the space he needed to direct home a free header from a few yards out as a free kick reached him, obviously wasn't. The Enfield version in the form of Josh Hill took advantage of the similar space generously granted to him by our defence and selected the top corner to Luke's left for his header when a corner was not effectively dealt with. Our finishing had never looked very likely to trouble the visiting 'keeper and one shot (most likely an eyes shut hit and hope) probably bounced all the way down Fenton Road and into Rivulet Road !!. The second half was one of total possession by Borough but the lack of any cutting edge meant that all the promising and threatening approach work just came to nothing. The Enfield defence absorbed all our pressure and in a rare sortie after 40 minutes Adam Cunningham swept home a cross from the right from close range. Had he not done so we would probably have got a draw for at the end of 90 minutes our pressure finally earned us a penalty which Olu blasted home. Whether we would have deserved a point is open to conjecture; some might say "yes" because of our persistent second half pressure but the "no" camp would take the view that possession without any end result is of no value. Worse was to follow as Olu and other Borough players rushed forward to retrieve the ball from the net with the Enfield 'keeper and some team mates equally determined to hold on to it. A prolonged "hand bags" took place inside the actual goal at the conclusion of which the referee issued the obligatory one card per team but unfortunately although the Enfield 'keeper got away with a yellow Olu's was red and just how the referee could be sure who did what in such a melee is a bit of a mystery. Be that as it may Olu is not in today's line up and will also miss the upcoming away fixtures at Potters Bar Town in the Velocity Cup and the League match at Folkestone Invicta. In the end we were lucky the match did not finish in a 3-1

defeat as our ex-player Lyle Della-Verde raced clear as we threw everything forward but when confronted by his one-on-one opportunity didn't hit the ball hard enough to get it past Luke who just managed to get a hand to it and divert it narrowly outside his right hand post and that was the last action of the afternoon.

### **Saturday 7th January 2023 CORINTHIAN CASUALS v HARINGEY BOROUGH (Pitching In Isthmian League – Premier Division)**

Bearing in mind that our hosts recorded a fine win at Kingstonian last week we had not expected to cruise through this match as comfortably as we did. We dominated both halves and the nearest Casuals came to a score was midway through the first half when they were denied what looked like a reasonable shout for a penalty which the referee deemed not to be such. The slick and speedy interchanges between Mikey, Tage, Bobson and Kaylen down our left flank were a thorn in the side of the home defence and had them struggling to contain us throughout the first half. The only goal of the first 45 minutes came after half an hour when Bobson finished one of our sorties down the left by cutting into the penalty area and bending a precise low cross shot just inside the far post. A well deserved lead for earlier only the cross-bar had denied Rakim's header following a corner. Normally a team a goal down at the interval can be expected to restart with all guns blazing and throwing the kitchen sink at the opposing defence but nothing of that nature materialised as it was Borough who seized the initiative right from the off and quickly earned a number of corners without being able to force one home. A one goal lead is always a cause for some nervousness but we never looked in serious danger of relinquishing it and substitute Stefanos scored a superb second, picking up a loose ball just inside our own half, as Casuals necessarily pressed forward with time running out and outsped all the home defenders as he raced down the left wing and cut in to unleash a shot very similar to Bobson's first half effort. That was in the 80th minute and he had only been on the field for five minutes. That was the clincher and although Casuals did show considerable urgency in the final minutes it was too little, too late for them and our goal never looked seriously threatened. It was a vital 3 points for although we started 7 points behind the 13th placed team and so remain 14th several of the Clubs below us and the 3 immediately above us picked up a point or three and had Casuals beaten us we would have been uncomfortably close to the drop zone into which our win pushed Casuals and we ended the match 10 points clear of it, 6 points behind 13th placed Horsham and 11 points behind the final play off spot

### **KNOCK OUT COMPETITIONS FOR THE FIRST TEAM**

Our early exit from both FA Competitions left us depending upon the Velocity (ie League) Cup and the London Senior Cup for some knock out excitement at the end of the season. Maybe there is a hopeful precedent from last season when we went through to the Semi-Finals of both Cups, albeit aided by some opponents withdrawals. We thought we had reached the quarter finals of the Velocity Cup via 2 penalty shoot out successes against Hashtag United and then Enfield Town in the 4th Round but in a somewhat unusual scenario we now have to play another game, curiously also described as a 4th Round tie, in which we will visit Potters Bar Town (a past Cup competition graveyard for us !!) on Tuesday 17th January and they too have already played a 4th Round tie in which they defeated Hullbridge Sports by 3-1. In the London Senior Cup following a bye in the First Round we progressed to the third round, none too convincingly by 3-1, when Step 5 Glebe FC of the Southern Counties East League Premier Division visited Coles Park early last month. Our next opponents in the quarter finals will be the victor of the Dartford v Metropolitan Police tie but we have a long wait as they are not meeting until 17th January. We will be the away team.

### **NEWS OF OUR OTHER TEAMS**

**The Under 23s.** Their most recent fixture was last Monday January 9th when table topping Heybridge Swifts visited Coles Park. When they left after losing 4-1 it was Borough – who had been next to bottom of the 6 team Division - who were topping the table. Not often that a top team is seen to have a negative goal difference. The four teams chasing them in a very tight competition all have a game or two in hand but any of the top 5 could finish as Champions by putting a winning run together. No match in the coming week but on Mondays 23rd and 30th home games are scheduled against Brentwood Town and Felixstowe & Walton United respectively. Following the withdrawal of two Clubs reducing the complement to 6 Clubs there was a move to increase the number of times each Club would meet the other 5 from 3 times to 4 but after a "ballot" resulted in a 3-3 draw the League cast its deciding vote for the status quo of 3 times.



# ISTHMIAN DEVELOPMENT SECTION – NORTH DIVISION

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	HARINGEY BOROUGH	9	5	0	4	17	20	-3	15
2	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	8	4	2	2	18	14	4	14
3	FELIXSTOWE & WALTON UNITED	8	4	2	2	20	17	3	14
4	BRENTWOOD TOWN	8	4	1	3	19	10	9	13
5	BURY TOWN	6	4	0	2	26	7	19	12
6	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	9	0	1	8	10	42	-32	1

**The Under 18s.** A mid-table finish looks to be on the cards; when Edgware and Kingsbury visited Coles Park a week ago last Tuesday six goals were shared equally and last Wednesdays visit to Hilltop FC fell foul of the weather and they are not scheduled for any further action until 9th February when they visit Enfield Borough.

**Our Womens Team.** After the 1-1 draw at Royston Town way back on 4th December when we came back to equalise their "soft" penalty goal all subsequent matches were cancelled thanks to the weather, The World Cup, Christmas and the New Year until the January 8th visit to Needham Market where they completed their first double of the season with an astonishing win by the odd goal in 15!! Full report further on in the programme. The win made them League top scorers and lifted them over their opponents into 4th place. Sadly with 3 draws and 2 defeats meaning 12 points dropped in a 20 match campaign it is probably unrealistic to dream of promotion to the National League this season for only the Champions go up and both Luton Town and AFC Sudbury would have to collapse big time to let Borough through. Tomorrow sees them away again in the Capital Womens Senior Cup when they travel to Wadham Lodge Stadium (Kitchener Road, Walthamstow, E17 4LL to meet opponents one step higher up the pyramid, namely London Seaward - formerly Leyton Orient but no longer associated with that Club who have now created their own in house Womens Team. Kick off will be at 1pm and spectators entry charge will be £6 with concessions at £4, Under 18s £1, Under 14s free. Note particularly that cash will not be accepted at the Gate – Card payment only. BUT PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE HOME SIDE HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER WATERLOGGING AND ITS VERY DOUBTFUL IF THE MATCH WILL GO AHEAD. CHECK WITH [www/haringeyboroughfc.com](http://www/haringeyboroughfc.com) WHERE THE DECISION WILL BE DISPLAYED AS SOON AS IT IS MADE. Then on Sunday 22nd that should be the date of their first game at Coles Park since November 20th when AFC Acorns were defeated to set up tomorrows away game. It is League leaders Luton Town who will provide the opposition that Sunday but if this Sundays match gets cancelled then the match with London Seaward will almost certainly replace it and may be played at Coles Park if Wadham Lodge is still out of action. Harlow Town have withdrawn from the League so that's goodbye to 3 points and the +3 goal difference we secured when they visited Coles Park in August. The proceeds of the 50/50 draws are passed on to the Womens team to help with its running costs, which are quite considerable for a League which embraces Clubs as far apart as the North Norfolk coast and the Thames Estuary, as can be seen from the table below, and is much appreciated.

# EASTERN REGION WOMENS' LEAGUE - PREMIER DIVISION

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	LUTON TOWN	7	6	1	0	20	9	11	19
2	AFC SUDBURY	8	6	0	2	26	11	15	18
3	STEVENAGE FC	9	5	2	2	31	17	14	17
4	HARINGEY BOROUGH	9	4	3	2	34	26	8	15
5	NEEDHAM MARKET	9	5	0	4	31	28	3	15
6	BOWERS & PITSEA	9	4	0	5	26	22	4	12
7	WROXHAM	8	3	0	5	15	30	-15	9
8	ROYSTON TOWN	5	2	1	2	9	10	-1	7
9	KINGS LYNN TOWN	10	1	2	7	13	34	-21	5
10	COLNEY HEATH	5	1	1	3	10	18	-8	4
11	BEDFORD	7	1	0	6	13	23	-10	3

## HELP!!

AN AMBITIOUS, RAPIDLY GROWING CLUB SUCH AS OURS CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY HELPERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR "VOLUNTEER ARMY" WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU INTO THE FOLD. TO SET THE WHEELS IN MOTION THE FIRST STEP IS TO E-MAIL OR PHONE Dave BELL at **cfcdavebell@aol.com** or on **07976 606643**

### NEXT HOME FIRST TEAM MATCH

**Saturday 28th January v HASTINGS UNITED 3pm**

(Pitching in Isthmian League – Premier Division)

### NEXT AWAY FIRST TEAM MATCH

**Tuesday 17th January v POTTERS BAR TOWN 7.45pm**

(Velocity Cup – 4th Round )

at The Lantern Stadium, Parkfield, Watkins Rise (off The Walk)Potters Bar, EN6 1QB

298 bus from Arnos Grove, Southgate or Cockfosters Underground Stations to

junction of Southgate Road (the A 111) and Potters Bar High Street.

Then ten minute walk along High Street to The Walk

### FOLLOWED BY

**Saturday 21st January v FOLKESTONE INVICTA 3pm**

(Pitching In Isthmian League Premier Division)

at The BuildKent Stadium, Cheriton Road, Folkestone, CT19 5JU

South Eastern trains leave St. Pancras International at 07 and 37 minutes past the hour

Stadium just over half a mile from Folkestone Central Station.

### FOLLOWED BY

**Tuesday 24th January v HERNE BAY 7.45pm**

(Pitching In Isthmian League Premier Division)

at The MBS Stadium, Winch's Field, Stanley Gardens, Herne Bay, CT6 5SG

Direct trains from Cannon Street at 5.14pm (Journey Time approx. 1hr 35 mins)

St. Pancras International at 5.16pm (1 hr 30 mins)

and Victoria at 5.40pm (1 hr 30 mins)

Stadium just over half a mile from Herne Bay Station.

### *OTHER TEAMS UPCOMING MATCHES (before next home game)*

**Sunday 15th January - WOMEN away to London Seaward 1pm (BUT IN GRAVE DOUBT)**

**Sunday 22nd January - WOMEN at HOME to LUTON TOWN (League) 2pm BUT LIKELY TO BE POSTPONED AND REPLACED BY ABOVE MATCH IF NOT PLAYED ON 15th.**

**Monday 23rd January - UNDER 23s at HOME to BRENTWOOD TOWN Town (League) 7 45pm**

Keep an eye on [www.haringeyboroughfc.com](http://www.haringeyboroughfc.com) for updates

## THE VIEW FROM THE BELL END



Happy New Year!! It's been an eventful start to the new year already, losing players, losing a North London Derby but gaining an away win last Saturday.

On the player front, as fans it's difficult to understand or know the circumstances players consider when leaving, who knows the time it takes them to get Coles Park or away games or their personal circumstances, all I do know is that anyone that wears the Yellow and

Blue is held in the upmost regard and we will always wish them well on the next step of their careers.

That said it does make those players that have been with the Boro for a long time even more special, Raks, Scott, MoD, George, Jorge plus Olu who has returned countless times, can count themselves as club legends and when the Haringey Borough Hall of Fame starts inducting members, these players will be at the front of the queue, their loyalty is amazing and they are part of the DNA that makes Haringey Borough Football Club so great. I think even more unusual at our level is in the case of Scott, who I'm sure could have left numerous times early on in his career, but chose to stay and fight for his place and has reaped the benefits by establishing himself as a key first team player. "You'll never beat Scott Mitchell" has greater connotations than him just being a top centre-back.

In recent weeks we've welcomed back Bobson and it was great to see him score at Corinthian Casuals, putting us one up, he always plays with such enthusiasm and gives his all, it's no wonder he is a fans favourite, mind you that could be said of all the players. Also, his return means we are instantly two songs to the good.

On returning players, today we welcome back Femi Akinwande, who is playing for Carshalton Athletic, now he had a good song! Femi must go down as one of the unluckiest Boro players, missing the AFC Wimbledon game due to suspension following an absolutely innocuous attempt to win the ball in the air and being accused of trying to harm the player jumping with him, this was against Chesham United in the FA Trophy a week before the FA Cup game, in the same game the referee lost count of the number of penalties taken in the penalty shoot-out and at one stage awarded the tie to us, following protests from the opposition, the penalties resumed and we eventually lost. A truly bizarre game and one that as a result of extra-time and penalties didn't finish until late into the night.

So, what does 2023 hold? Given football fans work on a time-span of a season rather than calendar year, prayers said on New Year's Eve will have probably been restricted to the winning of the Velocity Cup or London Senior Cup. If you have the foresight to request we are still in the FA Cup come the end of the year, well I doff my cap, that's long termism. What I'm trying to say is we have a lot to play for in 2022/2023, two cups and a respectable league position is up for grabs. Some may say we've got a chance of the play-offs but currently I'm still looking down the table rather than up, let's hope the next time "The View From The Bell End" is published, this has changed and its play-offs here we come!

The next few weeks are going to be busy, Saturday / Tuesday's is the norm and hopefully we have the added dilemma of having to schedule further cup games in there as well. This Tuesday (17th) it would be great to take a large following to Potters Bar for the Velocity Cup tie, it's not been a fruitful venue for us in recent years but you never know, a bit of luck together with a good performance could see us in the semi-final. Come on Boro!

Thanks for reading, let's get behind the team and whilst players may come and go always remember "Sing if you're Haringey, sing if you're happy that way!"

**Nick Hoare**

## Sunday 8 January 2023 - Needham Market (7) v Haringey Boro Ladies (8)



It's not often in a league game you will see 15 goals! Well that's exactly what happened in the Boro Women's game away to Needham Market on Sunday 8 January 2023.

With games cancelled due to weather conditions before the Christmas break, the ladies were keen to get back into action and made the 160-mile round trip for what turned out to be a thrilling game, albeit some inevitable additional grey hairs for the leadership team!

Prior to the match Needham Market were placed three points above Boro in a league table where there are only 4 points between first and fourth place.

Boro started strong with most of the possession but were (1-0) down after 15 minutes due to some defensive confusion. 10 minutes later and Boro followed up with two goals in two minutes with a fantastic strike from Caitlen scoring from 30 yards and then Chloe capitalising on Needham's defensive errors, taking the ball past two defenders and slotting home under the keeper into the bottom corner (1-2)

Needham were quick to pounce working the wing and just 10 minutes later Boro were two goals down (3-2) before Caitlen capitalised on space outside the box and bagged her second goal. (3-3)

The first half finished with Needham's striker slotting their fourth goal under Teida. (4-3).

Grey clouds, floodlights on and the heavens opened as we started the second half. Boro started fast with Kylie scoring in the first minute looping a great goal over the Needham keeper (4-4) but Needham returned with another goal just one minute later (5-4).

In a good phase of the game, Boro retained good possession but couldn't seem to capitalise in the final third however again, approx. 20 minutes into the second half Needham scored another goal (6-4).

A corner to Boro and Caitlen scores her hat-trick (6-5). Needham are quickly back to a two-goal advantage after their top goal scorer scores from an acute angle (7-5). But this Boro team are not to be defeated and were quickly back in possession and putting pressure on Needham's defence. 81 minutes and Boro have a free kick and Tori delivers a great shot into the back of the net (7-6).

A handball inside the box gives Boro a penalty in the 90th minute. Katie stands over the ball and hitting low and hard buries the ball into the left-hand corner (7-7)

The ref announces six minutes extra time, and this determined Boro side pile on the pressure and in the last 30 seconds of extra time Rimini shoots. The ball is deflected off a Needham defender and into the back of the net with Boro clinching all 3 points!! The result takes Boro into fourth place in the league with equal points to Needham now in fifth.

A phenomenal match and a testament to the strength in mentality and depth of quality that we have been building in the Boro ladies team since Manager Bobby Cato took the reins. There is an indisputable correlation to our partnership with Haringey Girls Academy through Adem Ali giving us a true pathway from girls to women's football in Haringey.

Boro ladies now turn their attention to the Capital Women's Cup Second Round and take on London Seward on Sunday 15 January 2023. Would be great so get some support at the game.

If the Needham game is anything to go by, the future is VERY bright indeed! #UTB #UpTheBoro #OneBoro"

**Karla Parker**  
Women's Team Secretary



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IT'S the debate which has raged on in Non-League football for years but one which, up until now perhaps, has consistently been likened to flogging a dead horse.

But now it appears there could be light at the end of a long dark tunnel.

With all but a couple of National League clubs are operating full-time – and often out-performing many of their League Two counterparts – surely it's only right that the idea of increasing the number of promotion places from the top-flight to the Football League to three is revisited?

At their current pace, the National League's top three of Notts County, Wrexham and Chesterfield are all on to go through the 100-point barrier – and it wouldn't be a surprise if they all (only) exceeded 90.

But with just one automatic promotion spot, and six ultimately battling it out for the second place through the play-offs, there are going to be some very disappointed clubs when the bubbly has dissipated in a few months' time.

This week, NLP editor-at-large Matt Badcock spoke to three of the Football Conference's unlucky losers from over the years – Non-League legends from the last decade who missed out on promotion by the narrowest of margins, despite enjoying ground-breaking campaigns.

Wrexham fans still talk about their 98-point season. A cloud has hung around since 2012 when they missed out to Fleetwood Town by five points.

In the play-offs, they had their second chance wrecked in the semis by a Luton who finished 18 points behind.

"It's talked about all the time, the 98-point season," legendary defender Mark Creighton told us. "That was the chance we should have got out.

"To have a season as solid as that and not go up because there's only one automatic is poor – it's a kick in the b\*\*\*\*\*s of every single person who worked their nuts off to get to that position.

"Play-offs are a lottery. You have one bad game and it ruins you. That's what we had two years on the bounce. If you don't perform even for half of one of those games, it's over, it's done. That's what happened."

Kidderminster Harriers felt similar pain the following year. Steve Burr's side racked up 93 points but Mansfield Town won it on the final day, finishing two clear. Kiddy went out in the semi-finals, ironically to Wrexham.

"If I remember right, we lost the first five games and then we drew the next five," said Kyle Storer, who this week left Solihull Moors to join Nuneaton Borough. "We were bottom of the league after ten matches and didn't have a win to our name.

"Then we went 26 unbeaten. It was an incredible run and we got it to the last day of the season.

"I say we lost it on the last day, we actually lost it the week before when we drew with Woking. We were 2-0 up and should have won and it would have been in our hands.

"The biggest disappointment was we'd beaten everyone in the top six twice.

"But it was heartbreak – 93 points, put that run together and then lose the play-offs to a team 13 points below us. It was tough to take."

Steve McNulty won the title with Fleetwood and Luton Town but had to navigate the play-offs with Tranmere Rovers. They did it eventually but only a year after finishing on 95 points, four behind Lincoln City. They lost in the final to Forest Green Rovers.

Like Creighton and Storer, McNulty, now manager at Bootle, believes it's time for an extra spot.

"Obviously I was down at Luton and they'd struggled to get out," he says. "You've got Wrexham in there now, Chesterfield and teams like that.

"But, on the other hand, it would also be good for these so-called smaller teams. I was in the league when the Cowleys took Braintree into the play-offs. It would be great for them to have that extra chance where they can get into the EFL."

As it stands, talks are currently deadlocked between the EFL and Premier League for more funding from the top-flight.

It is acknowledged, however, that the EFL have a responsibility to assist clubs further down the pyramid and

the best way of achieving this, in many eyes, is by offering an additional promotion place.

And if anyone had any doubt as to whether current Non-League sides could cut the mustard, they need look no further than this week's FA Cup performances.

Wrexham recorded a fine 4-3 victory at Championship Coventry City, while Chesterfield came within a whisker of toppling West Bromwich Albion, denied only by a 94th-minute equaliser in a thrilling 3-3 draw.

Boreham Wood, mid-table in the National League gave Frank Lampard's Everton a stern test in the fifth round last season and are in the fourth round hat again after a 1-1 draw with League One Accrington Stanley.

Currently, no fewer than seven clubs in English football's third tier have come up through the Non-League system over the last decade or so, with one club, Luton Town, competing in the higher reaches of the Championship.

"It's not like they're asking for a lot – it's only one extra space," added McNulty, who eventually won promotion into the EFL three times with Fleetwood, Luton and Tranmere Rovers.

"There has got to be some compromise somewhere. They've got to bridge that gap and give clubs a chance."

By By Jon Couch



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## 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 in second spell with us who left for Hendon at the end of last season but came back at Christmas. Originally joined us from Enfield Town at the start of the 2020/21 season having previously been with Crawley Town, Woking and St. Albans City.

**KWAME DANSO** – tall, commanding central defender signed in the close season. As a youth player had spells with West Ham United and Crystal Palace and is still under 20. Was with Hackney Wick last season.

**ERALD DESA** – attacker recently signed who has considerable past Isthmian experience with Merstham, Cray Wanderers, Cheshunt and, most recently, Corinthian Casuals and has also been with Welwyn Garden City and Brimsdown. Has represented Albania at Youth International level.

**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.

**WILLIAM DUPRAY** – tall, strong defensive midfielder in his second spell at Borough. Signed in the close season having been with Ware last season. A much travelled player who has had spells at Northwood, Corinthian Casuals, Bracknell Town, Harlow Town, Wingate & Finchley, Welwyn Garden City, Chalfont St. Peter, Cambridge City and Scunthorpe United.

**SCOTT DUROJAIYE** – a familiar name who re-joined us this season. “Olu” is a very experienced and widely travelled midfielder with experience at several National League sides including Hungerford Town, Welling United, Braintree Town, Maidstone United, Woking, Dartford and most recently Peterborough Sports for which Club he played two games earlier this season and is now dual registered.

**ANDRONICOS GEORGIU** – mid season signing; a 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.

**KAYLEN HINDS** – dangerous striker who moved on from Arsenal Under 23s and a loan to Stevenage to play in Germany for VFL Wolfsburg and Greuther Furth. Returned to England in August 2019 firstly with Watford and then Aldershot Town, Welling United and finally in January this year with Hayes & Yeading United.

**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.

**ALPHANSO KENNEDY** – Goalscoring winger signed in close season. Was with Wingate & Finchley last season and also played for FC Romania; played against us when we lost 1-0 at Wingate & Finchley on August Bank Holiday Monday 2019.

**MEKHI LEACOCK-McLEOD** – wide attacking midfielder who has just re-joined us from Farnborough; also numbers Halifax Town, Accrington Stanley, Eastleigh and Romford among his previous berths and Fulham, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Glasgow Rangers at Under 23 level.

**LUKE MEWITT** – a young goalkeeper recruited in the close season with several years experience at Huddersfield Town and a season on loan at Hyde United of the Northern Premier League. Has also appeared for Hertford Town

**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.

**ANDRE ODEKU** – speedy striker who was the League “Golden Boot” winner for the Development Section in 2021/22 with 25 goals. After several appearances from the bench became a serious contender for a first team starting place and will doubtless continue his free-scoring habit when he gains more Senior level experience. Rejoined us after a brief spell with Brightlingsea Regent earlier this season



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

**HELGE OROME** – much travelled defender who joined us at Christmas from Faversham Town. Has a wealth of experience with Isthmian and National League Clubs including Margate, Cray Wanderers, Grays Athletic, Oxford City, Lordswood (Southern Counties East), Whyteleafe, Sheppey United and Herne Bay.

**MAX OVENDEN** – a goalkeeper signed in the close season with previous Isthmian experience at Cray Valley (PM) and the now defunct Thamesmead Town as well as extensive Southern Counties East experience with Punjab United.

**SAMUEL OWUSU** – midfielder signed from East Thurrock United on Christmas Eve 2021 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 and has firmly established himself as a serious starting line up contender.

**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.

## 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 on their toes - not just the players!

**DAVID CUMBERBATCH (FIRST TEAM ASSISTANT MANAGER)** Long serving back up to the Manager and the first to judge the merits of the many applicants seeking trials with the Club.

**JOHNNY FITSIOU (HEAD OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS)** Has a wealth of experience in professional and non-league football. He supports Tom and the Chairman, Aki, in everything football related.

**THOMAS O'DONOGHUE (FIRST TEAM HEAD 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 player Michael.

**MUSTAFA BASHKAL (FIRST TEAM COACH)** "Bash" has joined the first team coaching staff, having previously managed Leatherhead football club 1st team.

**ALEXIE NICOLAIDES (ASSISTANT COACH)** Has joined the club to gain experience in senior football is always willing and able to assist when required.

**PHIL STONE (GOALKEEPING COACH)** Started out with Clapton FC then moved to Leatherhead.

**JESSICA DEHAAN (FIRST TEAM PHYSIO)** Qualified therapist with previous experience in Rugby and NFL.

# PLAYER FOCUS

Happy New Year... Not often, in the 3G pitch era at least, do Boro suffer a home postponement. Alas, on the afternoon we should have been playing Bishop's Stortford the only thing on the pitch was a hastily constructed snowman.

For all that time, we've held this one in the bank. Forgive us, then, if the questions are a bit stale! But no matter, it's still our great pleasure to introduce one of Boro's defensive powerhouses - WILLIAM DUPRAY takes the hotseat.

YET ANOTHER DEFENDER GRACES THIS PAGE, BUT YOU'RE NOT JUST A CENTRE BACK! YOU'RE ALSO AT HOME IN DEFENSIVE MIDFIELD. HOW DO YOU ADAPT YOUR STYLE AND APPROACH TO THE GAME BETWEEN THE TWO ROLES?

I have good experience playing both roles, I'm comfortable in both. I feel like good footballers can adapt to any role when called upon and I'm always ready to play where the manager needs me - whether it's in midfield or defence.

IT'S BEEN A DIFFICULT PERIOD WITH INJURIES IN THE BACK LINE, BUT YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB COMING IN, PLAYING ALONGSIDE A NUMBER OF OTHER CENTRE HALVES. HOW HAVE YOU DEALT WITH THAT OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS?

I'm always ready to play, I work hard during the week in preparation which allows me to show what I can do on match days.

IT FEELS WE'VE BEEN THE ARCHITECTS OF OUR OWN DOWNFALL AT TIMES THIS SEASON. HOW DO YOU THINK IT'S GONE?

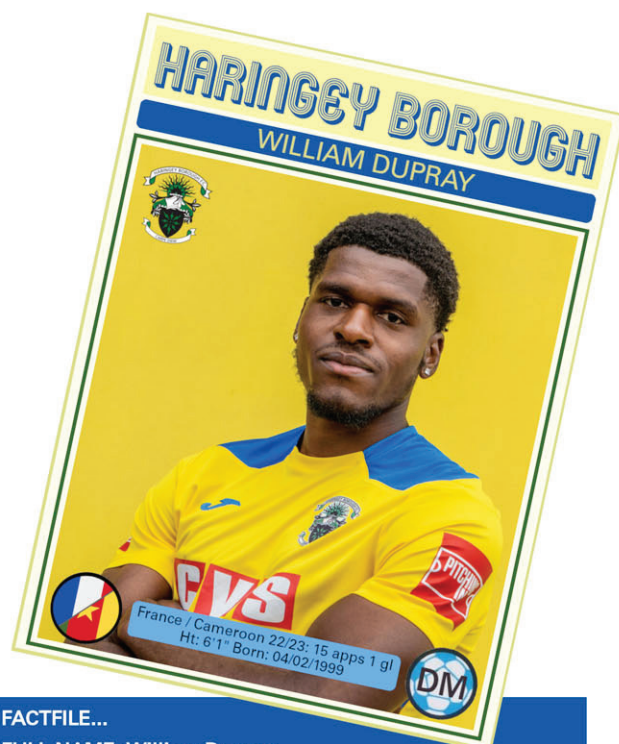
We've set high goals for ourselves, I feel like at times we've been unlucky with injuries and at times we've definitely been the reason for our downfall, but I think we're still gelling together as a group and we'll find that consistency we're looking for.

YOU'RE A BIG PRESENCE ON THE FOOTBALL PITCH; HOW DO YOU MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SIZE?

Being athletically gifted I try to use it to my advantage, but knowing I'm a presence on the pitch, I also like to show more than my size and that I'm also comfortable on the ball.

FINALLY, WHAT A CLASSY HEADER IT WAS AGAINST LEWES TO OPEN YOUR ACCOUNT - NOT DISSIMILAR TO THE SEVERAL LONG RANGE HEADERS WE'VE SEEN AT THAT OTHER (LESS IMPORTANT) ONGOING FOOTBALL COMPETITION...! - DO YOU LIKE GETTING IN THE GOALS OR WAS THIS A BIT OF A RARITY?

It felt great to open my account, would like to get into the goals more and I can - but my priority will always be the team and performing every game. I enjoyed that goal a lot though!



## FACTFILE...

FULL NAME: William Dupray

## FOOTBALL...

JOINED BORO IN: 2022

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Messi

TEAM: Arsenal

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: I'm not sure to be honest; I fancy myself against anybody

FAVOURITE ISTHMIAN AWAYTRIP: Bognor (clean sheet)

WORST THING ABOUT FOOTBALL: Playing in cold weather  
*[probably pleased the Stortford game WAS postponed then]*

## FAVOURITES...

FOOD: Lasagne

BEVERAGE: Ice Tea

CRISP FLAVOUR: Pringles Ready Salted (my guilty pleasure)

HOLIDAY DESTINATION: America

FILM: Rush Hour

TV SHOW: Power

ACTOR: LaKeith Stanfield

MUSICIAN: Gunna

BOOK: Mastery

HOBBIES: I like to chill at home and watch series

OFF-SEASON ACTIVITY: Jet skiing

## FINALLY...

CLAIM TO FAME: If I didn't play football, in another world I'd probably be an actor

DISLIKES: Spurs

*[Ouch! Shots fired!]*

BIGGEST INFLUENCE: My mother

ANY OTHER BUSINESS?: I've got a clothing brand called Premium Prosecco Playwear - check it out!

Got a burning question you really need to know the answer to? Want to interview a Boro star yourself? Let us know - tweet @stourdave or email stourdave [at] gmail [dot] com

## CARSHALTON ATHLETIC FC PLAYER PROFILES 2021-22



**DANNY BRACKEN - GOALKEEPER (31)**

**TOM BEERE - MIDFIELD (27)** - Joined the Robins from Tonbridge Angels in June 2022.

Started his career with AFC Wimbledon, for whom he made around 30 first team appearances, winners in the 2014 London Senior Cup Final and in the home leg of the 2016 League Two Playoff Finals. Twice promoted from Step 3 to Step 2, first with Hampton and Richmond Borough and then with Tonbridge and says he is looking to add a third with Carshalton.

Favourite TV show: Prison Break.

Supports Arsenal

**CROSSLEY LEMA - WING BACK (23)** - Signed during the summer of 22. Crossley came through the youth ranks at Sutton United, with a highlight being a last-minute header that took the club through to the first-round proper of the FA Youth Cup. Started the 2021/22 season with Leatherhead before joining Margate, where his performances earned him several fan nominations for the Isthmian League Premier Division team of the year.

Speaks three languages.

Supports Arsenal.

**AARON SMITH-JOSEPH - MIDFIELD (25)** - Aaron came through the Woking academy and plays in midfield or as a striker. After a successful spell at Burgess Hill Town, he moved to Tonbridge Angels where he spent the 21-22 season. Signed for Carshalton in June 2022.

Cousin of West Ham United's Michail Antonio.

Supports Arsenal.

**FEMI AKINWANDE - FORWARD (27)** - Liam signed at the start of the 2022/23 season. Liam was voted Supporters Player of the Season in 2021/22 at Metropolitan Police after helping them reach the Southern League Premier South Playoff semi-final. Also earned end of season honours at previous clubs, Farnborough, Fleet Town, Walton and Hersham and Guildford City.

**BRADLEY PEARCE - CENTRE BACK (23)** - Another product of the Sutton United academy where he was voted Young Player of the Season in 2019 and earned a National League winner's medal in 2021. Bradley also had loan spells with Farnborough and Hampton and Richmond Borough during his time with the U's and spent the 2021/22 season with Welling United.

Played rugby until he was 13.

Supports Chelsea.

**BOBBY MILLS - FORWARD (21)** - Striker signed for the start of the 2022/23 season from Corinthian Casuals, for whom he scored nine goals in 43 appearances in the 2021/22 season, including one against the Robins on New Year's Day and a brace in the FA Cup upset of Worthing. Bobby started his football career in the AFC Wimbledon Academy before signing pro for Bromley. He has also had loan spells at Hampton and Richmond Borough, Cheshunt and Merstham.

Supports Millwall.

**TOMMY BRADFORD - FORWARD (27)** - Carshalton Athletic stalwart, having joined the club in 2011 and graduated from the club's academy. In over 300 appearances for the club, midfielder/striker Tommy has scored more than 150 goals and was part of the team that won the Isthmian League South title in 2017/18.

Favourite TV show is Breaking Bad.

Supports Manchester United.

**OLLIE COOKE - DEFENDER (25)**

**GHAUSS SOW - MIDFIELDER (27)** - Joined in July 2022. Well known to Robins' fans for his influential role in midfield for first Merstham and then Kingstonian, who he led to the final of the Surrey Senior Cup in the 2021/22 season. Gus was with Crystal Palace from the age of 10 to 22 after which he moved into non-league with St Albans City and Dulwich Hamlet, before joining Lewes and helping them gain promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division. Represented England Schools at under 16 level. Born in Liberia and moved to UK when he was eight.

Supports Arsenal.

**WALTER FIGUEIRA - FORWARD (27)** - Known to Robins fans as a thorn in their side when scoring prolifically for



Merstham in the 2018/19 season. After winning the FA Youth Cup with Chelsea, he made his professional debut in the Greek Super League with FC Platanias. Having recently been playing in the League of Ireland, he finished the 2021/22 season at Kingstonian where he scored three goals.

Supports Chelsea.

**CALVIN EKPITETA - MIDFIELD** (27) - Joined in July 2022. Midfielder Calvin is another familiar face to Carshalton fans, having turned out for Kingstonian and Potters Bar (for whom he opened the scoring at Colston Avenue) during the 2021/22 season. After a youth career which included playing against Chelsea in the 3rd round of the FA Youth Cup, his non-league travels have also taken him to Grays Athletic, Bishops Stortford, East Thurrock United, Merstham, Concord Rangers and Margate.

**LEO HAMBLIN - FULL BACK** (19) - Leo moved across from Woking in the summer. Was voted 1st year Academy Player of the Year while there and went on to make 10 National League appearances, including one live on BT Sport against Sutton United. Has also had loan spells at Farnborough, Hartley Wintney and Hampton and Richmond Borough.

A single figure handicap golfer. Supports Tottenham.

**ARTHUR LEE (CAPT) - CENTRE BACK** (30) - Joined in June 22. Defender Arthur has twice reached the Playoff Final, firstly as captain of Hendon in 2017/18 when they lost on penalties to Dulwich Hamlet and then as part of the Tonbridge Angels side that won promotion under Steve McKimm in 2018/19. Has also played for Hornchurch.

**SAM MVEMBA - FULL BACK** (22) - Joined Carshalton in the off-season after a brief spell with Brightlingsea Regent towards the end of the 2021/22 season. Sam made his name at Aveley where he was voted Young Player of the Year and helped the club to the quarter final of the 2019/20 FA Trophy. Has also played for Bishops Stortford and Welling United.

Describes himself as a fan of fashion and the NBA. Supports Chelsea.

**IFFY ALLEN - FORWARD** (26) - Winger who joined the Robins in the off season from Hampton and Richmond Borough after appearances for Lewes earlier in the 2021/22 season. Iffy's higher league experience includes making his debut for Barnet in the FA Cup alongside Dutch legend, Edgar Davids. Has also played for Yeovil, Torquay United, Aldershot Town, Wrexham, Bromley, Maidstone United and Ebbsfleet United.

**BRADLEY WILLIAMS - MIDFIELD** (21) - Became a fixture in the Robins team in 2021/22, initially in midfield from where he claimed his first goal for the club at Horsham but spent much of the season filling in at centre back. Brad started out in the Crystal Palace and Bromley academies before moving into non-league with Sutton Common Rovers and Saltdean United.

From a family of four brothers and three sisters. Supports Arsenal.

**VENCE BOLA - FORWARD** (28) - Vance joined in the off-season after being a regular for Margate in 2021/22, scoring 15 goals and helping them to the final of the Velocity Trophy. Started his career with Crystal Palace before moving on to Bristol City, Enfield Town, Harrow Borough, Wealdstone and Royston.

Supports: Arsenal

**PARIS HAMILTON-DOWNES - MIDFIELDER** (29) - Another jewel mined from the Robins Academy. Paris originally joined the club in 2008. With a break for university, the long-time inspirational skipper has spent his entire playing career with Carshalton Athletic, winning promotion as part of the 2017/18 Isthmian League South title winners and regularly chipping in with important goals, including seven in the 2021/22 campaign.

Favourite TV show is Prison Break.

Supports Arsenal.

## MANAGEMENT

**STEVE MCKIMM - MANAGER** - Steve took over at Carshalton Athletic ahead of the 2022/23 season, having spent eight successful years in charge at Tonbridge Angels. He guided the Angels to a Bostik (Ryman) Premier play-off semi-final spot in 2015/16 and promotion to the National League South via the Isthmian Premier play-offs in 2018/19. Prior to that Steve had been Head Coach under Paul Doswell for two years at Sutton United. As a player, central midfielder Steve represented Hayes, Kingstonian, Ebbsfleet United and Sutton United.

**BARRY MOORE - ASSISTANT MANAGER** - Barry made the move across to Carshalton with Steve McKimm in May 2022, having worked together at Tonbridge Angels for eight years. Barry was First Team Coach at both Bromley and Merstham and played at National League level with Woking and Hayes.

## HARINGEY PLAYER STATS 2022-2023 ALL COMPETITIONS

Player	League			Cup			Total		
	Starts	Subs	Goals	Starts	Subs	Goals	Starts	Subs	Goals
Alphanso Kennedy	18	5	3	3	1	0	21	6	3
Andronicos Georgiou	5	6	0	1	1	0	6	7	0
Anthony Mendy*	9	5	5	4	1	2	13	6	7
Bobson Bawling	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	1
Callum Ismail	13	2	0	4	0	0	17	2	0
Charne Lemba*	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Chaynie Fage Burgin*	9	10	3	3	2	3	12	12	6
Christos Djamas	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	3	0
Daniel Boateng*	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Destiny Olapido*	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
Georgios Aresti	11	8	3	4	2	1	15	10	4
Helge Orome	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Johnny Ashman*	14	4	3	4	2	0	18	6	3
Jorge Djassi-Sambu	9	1	1	4	1	0	13	2	1
Kaylen Hinds	12	3	4	4	2	2	16	5	6
Kwame Danso	6	3	0	1	0	0	7	3	0
Lewis Byrne-Hewitt*	3	1	0	1	1	0	4	2	0
Luke Mewitt	20	0	0	4	0	0	24	0	0
Matthew Young*	12	0	2	4	0	0	16	0	2
Max Ovenden	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0
Mekhi McLeod	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	0
Michael O'Donoghue	16	0	1	3	0	0	19	0	1
Micheal Dome-Bemwin	4	3	0	1	1	0	5	4	0
Olu Durojaiye	18	1	3	4	0	1	22	1	4
Rakim Richards	11	0	3	2	0	0	13	0	3
Samuel Owusu	14	0	0	3	1	0	17	1	0
Scott Mitchell	16	0	0	2	0	0	18	0	0
Stefanos Georgiou	9	3	2	2	1	0	11	4	2
William Dupray	11	3	1	4	0	0	15	3	1

\*No Longer at Club



## Isthmian League Premier Division 2022/23 - up to and including 7/1/2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Hornchurch	22	14	4	4	53	24	+29	46
2	Cray Wanderers	25	11	10	4	47	28	+19	43
3	Bishop's Stortford	22	12	5	5	30	19	+11	41
4	Enfield Town	22	11	6	5	40	23	+17	39
5	Aveley	24	11	6	7	40	30	+10	39
6	Canvey Island	24	11	6	7	36	26	+10	39
7	Carshalton Athletic	22	11	5	6	30	24	+6	38
8	Potters Bar Town	23	12	2	9	39	41	-2	38
9	Billericay Town	24	11	4	9	39	35	+4	37
10	Hastings United	22	10	5	7	28	18	+10	35
11	Lewes	22	9	8	5	39	31	+8	35
12	Folkestone Invicta	23	11	2	10	43	38	+5	35
13	Horsham	23	9	7	7	40	32	+8	34
14	Haringey Borough	23	7	7	9	36	41	-5	28
15	Bognor Regis Town	22	6	7	9	35	40	-5	25
16	Margate	22	6	6	10	29	37	-8	24
17	Kingstonian	22	5	7	10	23	31	-8	22
18	Wingate & Finchley	22	4	9	9	24	31	-7	21
19	Corinthian-Casuals	23	5	3	15	24	49	-25	18
20	Bowers & Pitsea	22	3	8	11	23	40	-17	17
21	Brightlingsea Regent	22	3	6	13	22	58	-36	15
22	Herne Bay	22	3	5	14	29	53	-24	14

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## HARINGEY BOROUGH FIRST TEAM 2022/23 FIXTURES

(All Isthmian League Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

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

Fri 1 July	HOME	LEYTON ORIENT (Friendly) 7pm	Lost 1-2
Tue 5 July	HOME	WALTHAMSTOW (Friendly)	Won 4-0
Sat 9 July	HOME	CHELMSFORD CITY	Won 2-1
Sat 16 July	HOME	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	Won 2-1
Tue 19 July	HOME	QPR UNDER 23s	Won 2-1
Sat 23 Jul	Away	Cheshunt 3 match Round Robin Tournament - THE CHESHUNT COMMUNITY CUP	
		First game v Cheshunt	Won 2-0
		2nd game v Kings Lynn Town	Drew 1-1
		3rd game 0-0 draw between Cheshunt & Kings Lynn thus meaning BOROUGH won the Cup	
Tue 26 Jul	HOME	WOODFORD TOWN	Won 7-1
Sat 30 Jul	HOME	HENDON	Drew 1-1
Tue 2 Aug	HOME	NEW SALAMIS	Won 2-0
Sat 6 Aug	HOME	MARLOW	Won 5-0
Sat 13 Aug	Away	Bishop's Stortford	Lost 1-2
Tue 16 Aug	HOME	HERNE BAY	Lost 2-4
Sat 20 Aug	HOME	CORINTHIAN CASUALS	Drew 2-2
Sat 27 Aug	Away	Carshalton Athletic	Won 1-0
Mon 29 Aug	HOME	WINGATE & FINCHLEY 3pm	Drew 0-0
Sat 3 Sep	Away	Maldon & Tiptree (FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round)	Lost 0-1
Tue 13 Sep	Away	Canvey Island	Drew 1-1
Sat 17 Sep	HOME	HORSHAM	Won 2-0
Sat 24 Sep	Away	Brightlingsea Regent	Drew 1-1
Tue 4 Oct	Away	Margate	Drew 3-3
Sat 8 Oct	HOME	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT (FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round)	Won 1-0
Sat 15 Oct	HOME	BOWERS & PITSEA	Won 4-2
Sat 22 Oct	Away	Aveley	Lost 0-3
Mon 24 Oct	Away	Hashtag United (League Cup - aka Velocity Cup) Won 3-1 on penalties after draw 1-1	
Sat 29 Oct	HOME	BILLERICAY TOWN (FA Trophy 1st Round Proper)	Lost 1-3
Tue 1 Nov	Away	Hornchurch	Drew 3-3
Sat 5 Nov	HOME	FOLKESTONE INVICTA	Won 3-0
Tue 8 Nov	HOME	KINGSTONIAN	Won 5-2
Sat 12 Nov	Away	Hastings United	Lost 1-4
Sat 19 Nov	HOME	POTTERS BAR TOWN	Lost 1-2
Tue 22 Nov	HOME	ENFIELD TOWN (Velocity Cup 4th Round)	Won 4-3 on penalties after 2-2 draw
Sat 26 Nov	Away	Bognor Regis Town	Won 1-0
Sat 3 Dec	HOME	LEWES	Lost 1-2
Tue 6 Dec	HOME	GLEBE FC (London Senior Cup)	Won 3-1
Sun 11 Dec	Away	Cray Wanderers	Lost 1-5

Mon 26 Dec	Away	Wingate & Finchley (1pm kick off)	Drew 0-0
Mon 2 Jan	HOME	ENFIELD TOWN (1pm Kick off)	Lost 1-2
Sat 7 Jan	Away	Corinthian Casuals	Won 2-0
Sat 14 Jan	HOME	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC	
Tue 17 Jan	Away	Potters Bar Town (Velocity Cup)	
Sat 21 Jan	Away	Folkestone Invicta	
Tue 24 Jan	Away	Herne Bay	
Sat 28 Jan	HOME	HASTINGS UNITED	
Tue 31 Jan	HOME	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	
Sat 4 Feb	Away	Potters Bar Town	
Sat 11 Feb	HOME	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	
Tue 14 Feb	HOME	CANVEY ISLAND	
Sat 18 Feb	Away	Billericay Town	
Sat 25 Feb	HOME	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	
Sat 4 Mar	Away	Horsham	
Sat 11 Mar	Away	Bowers & Pitsea	
Sat 18 Mar	HOME	HORNCHURCH	
Sat 25 Mar	Away	Kingstonian	
Sat 1 Apl	HOME	AVELEY	
Sat 8 Mar	HOME	MARGATE	
Mon 10 Apl	Away	Enfield Town 3pm	
Sat 15 Apl	Away	Lewes	
Sat 22 Apl	HOME	CRAY WANDERERS	
undated	Away	Dartford or Metropolitan Police (3rd Round London Senior Cup)	

## HARINGEY BOROUGH U 23 DEVELOPMENT TEAM 2022/23 FIXTURES

(All Bluefin Sports Insurance - Isthmian League Development Division North unless otherwise indicated  
& all kick offs at 7.45pm)

Mon 1 August	HOME	COCKFOSTERS (Friendly)	Lost 1-2
Mon 15 Aug	HOME	GET SCOUTED (friendly)	Won 3-1
Mon 22 Aug	HOME	F C WOOD GREEN	Won 9-0
Mon 5 Sep	HOME	BRENTWOOD TOWN	Won 3-2
Mon 3 Oct	Away	Felixstowe & Walton United	Lost 0-2
Mon 10 Oct	HOME	ARSENAL IN THE COMMUNITY UNDER 23s (Friendly)	Won 3-2
Mon 17 Oct	HOME	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	Won 3-1
Wed 26 Oct	Away	Brentwood Town	Lost 0-4
Mon 31 Oct	HOME	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	Lost 0-2
Mon 7 Nov	HOME	BURY TOWN	Lost 0-5
Wed 30 Nov	Away	Heybridge Swifts	Won 3-1
Wed 7 Dec	Away	Brightlingsea Regent	Won 4-2
Mon 9 Jan	HOME	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	Won 4-1
Mon 23 Jan	HOME	BRENTWOOD TOWN	
Mon 30 Jan	HOME	FELIXTOWE & WALTON UNITED	
Mon 6 Feb	Away	Brightlingsea Regent	
Mon 13 Feb	HOME	BURY TOWN	
Mon 20 Feb	Away	Felixstowe & Walton United	
Mon 6 Mar	Away	Bury Town	



## HARINGEY BOROUGH UNDER 18 TEAM 2022/23 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League League Delphian Division Fixtures unless otherwise indicated. Home matches kick off at 7.45pm. Away matches at discretion of Opponents)

Fri 2 Sep	Away	Heybridge Swifts (FA Youth Cup)	Lost 2-3
Wed 7 Sep	Away	Langley	Drew 2-2
Mon 12 Sep	HOME	ENFIELD BOROUGH	Lost 3-4
Wed 28 Sep	Away	Harrow Borough	Won 5-0
Wed 12 Oct	Away	Potters Bar Town	Lost 1-3
Mon 24 Oct	HOME	HILLTOP	Drew 1-1
Mon 14 Nov	Away	New Salamis - at Coles Park	Won 3-2
Wed 23 Nov	Away	Edgware & Kingsbury	Lost 2-3
Wed 28 Nov	HOME	HANWELL TOWN	Lost 1-5
Mon 5 Dec	HOME	HARROW BOROUGH	Lost 3-4
Mon 19 Dec	HOME	NEW SALAMIS	Won 3-2
Tue 3 Jan	HOME	EDGWARE & KINGSBURY	Drew 3-3
Thur 9 Feb	away	Enfield Borough	
Mon 13 Feb	away	Hayes & Yeading United	
Wed 22 Feb	away	Hilltop	
Mon 27 Feb	HOME	POTTERS BAR TOWN	
Mon 20 Mar	HOME	LANGLEY	
undated	HOME	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	
undated	away	Hanwell Town	

## HARINGEY BOROUGH WOMEN 2022/23 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Eastern Region Womens League Premier Division Fixtures with 2pm kick offs unless otherwise indicated)

Sun 10 Jul	HOME	HARINGEY GIRLS ACADEMY (friendly)	Drew 3-3
Sun 24 Jul	Away	Wodson Park (friendly)	Won 9-1
Sun 31 Jul	HOME	EBBSFLEET UNITED (friendly) 1pm	Won 6-0
Sun 14 Aug	HOME	MILTON KEYNES DONS DEVELOPMENT TEAM (Friendly)	Won 8-3
Sun 21 Aug	HOME	NEEDHAM MARKET	Won 4-3
Tue 30 Aug	HOME	HARLOW TOWN	Won 5-2
Sun 4 Sep	Away	Luton Town	Lost 2-3
Sun 18 Sep	HOME	CAMDEN TOWN (friendly)	Won 2-1
Sun 25 Sep	HOME	KINGS LYNN TOWN	Drew 2-2
Sun 2 Oct	Away	Hastings United (WFA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round)	Lost 1-2
Sun 9 Oct	Away	Wroxham	Won 8-0
Sun 30 Oct	Away	Bowers & Pitsea	Lost 1-3
Sun 6 Nov	HOME	BEDFORD	Won 4-3
Sun 20 Nov	HOME	AFC ACORNS (Capital Womens Senior Cup)	Won 4-2
Sun 27 Nov	Away	Stevenage	Drew 4-4
Sun 4 Dec	Away	Royston Town	Drew 1-1
Sun 8 Jan	Away	Needham Market	Won 8-7
Sun 15 Jan	Away	London Seaward (Capital Womens Senior Cup) - 1pm kick off	
Sun 22 Jan	HOME	LUTON TOWN	
Sun 29 Jan	HOME	STEVENAGE	
Sun 5 Feb	HOME	ROYSTON TOWN	
Sun 12 Feb	Away	Bedford	
Sun 5 Mar	Away	Kings Lynn Town	
Sun 12 Mar	HOME	WROXHAM	
Sun 26 Mar	Away	AFC Sudbury	
Sun 2 Apr	Away	Colney Heath	
Sun 16 Apr	HOME	AFC SUDBURY	
Sun 30 Apr	HOME	COLNEY HEATH	
Sun 7 May	HOME	BOWERS & PITSEA	



## TODAYS TEAMS



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Erald DESA

Stefanos GEORGIOU

Kwame DANSO

Helge OROME

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Tage KENNEDY

Johnny ASHMAN

Tage KENNEDY

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Aaron ANTHONY ANTON SMITH-JOSEPH

Ghassimu SOW

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