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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 HASTINGS UNITED FC



**HASTINGS UNITED**  
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The present Hastings United Football Club appears to have existed continuously since 1901 having undergone three changes of name. One consequence of those name changes has been that the club's history has become inclined to be interwoven with that of other clubs with similar names and only recently may its history have been disentangled which is why this what is considered accurate history may now read somewhat differently to previous versions. The origins of the club began with the founding of old town side Rock-A-Nore in 1894; however, five years later they became defunct but in 1901 a new club started-up using the same name. They won the East Sussex League Championship in 1907/08 and were to be amongst the foremost local sides regularly winning trophies until World War One called a halt to proceedings.

The Rock-A-Nore club resumed in 1919, this has lead to some confusion as to whether the Club was actually founded in 1901 or 1919 and Hastings United has taken the view that it was 1901 in which year the club won five local trophies plus the Sussex Junior Cup, the latter success being crucial as it not only secured them an invitation to become a founder members of the Sussex League when it started in 1920 but led to the Council developing a community ground. They purchased Pilot Field Meadow where the first pitch was prepared on the upper area, later "The Firs", with Rock-A-Nore having first call upon it. Their opening match there was a County League fixture against Chichester on September 11th, 1920 when a crowd of over one thousand saw them lose by the odd goal of three. Having previously rejected a proposal to add Hastings to the club name, in April, 1921 it was agreed to change the name to Hastings and St. Leonards Football Club. As Hastings & St. Leonards, the club attracted the area's better players and immediately achieved a second place finish in the County League, a feat they repeated in 1926. During this period the Council invested substantial amounts in developing the lower pitch turning it into a stadium, complete with the concrete grandstand that still graces the ground.

After rejecting ideas of turning professional but having failed to gain admission to the Athenian or Isthmian Leagues, the club joined Eastbourne in the Southern Amateur League who accepted them but only in Division Two which they won at the first attempt in season 1927/28. Promoted, the club made a sensational entry to the top division playing their opening league game at Wembley Stadium, the home for one season of Ealing Association, where they lost 0-1. Season-on-season progress saw their finishing positions improve whilst in 1933 they reached the final of the Sussex Senior Cup for the first time only to lose to Eastbourne after a replay. The following season they were runners-up to Ipswich Town but in season 1934/35 Hastings & St. Leonards won their first league championship although they were beaten by Worthing in the final of the Sussex Senior Cup.

In season 1935/36 the club won a second league championship and recorded a first Sussex Senior Cup success, defeating Lewes 2-0 in the final, while being beaten finalists in the AFA Senior Cup going down 0-2 to holders Harwich & Parkston at Crystal Palace. The following year there were no major cup final appearances but they became only the second club to win the Southern Amateur League championship in three consecutive seasons. In an ironic twist of fate a record breaking fourth title was denied them by one point as a result of their first home league loss since August, 1935, a 0-1 defeat, to eventual champions Civil Service; however, they did record a first success in the national AFA Senior Cup and a second Sussex Senior Cup victory. The fourth league championship came in 1939 and that season the club also lifted the Sussex RUR Charity Cup for the first time.

The Southern Amateur League did not operate between 1939 and 1945 but for season 1939/40 the Sussex County League staged a war emergency competition which was played in two geographical sections; the Sussex Senior Cup operated in a similar manner. By winning the eastern section of both competitions, Hastings reached the final of each where they met Worthing who had won both west sections; the two sides were also invited to contest the RUR Charity Cup, thus the sides were scheduled to meet in three finals. The first meeting was in the Senior Cup and that resulted in a draw, after extra time, with Worthing then winning the replay. Two weeks on, Hastings won the Charity Cup after extra time and so the League Play-Off became a decider which Worthing won. Shortly afterwards the club suspended operations for the duration of the Second World War but maintained a link with local youth football and, therefore, were able to field teams in a full programme of club matches during season 1944/45.

Resuming in the Southern Amateur League, the club were again runners-up in 1946 and decided that the time was right to look for challenges elsewhere and, unable to gain entry to either the Athenian or Isthmian Leagues, they entered the Corinthian League. Despite bringing a good class of amateur football to the town, there was a clamour in Hastings for professional football and in the summer of 1948 Hastings & St. Leonards found that the lease on the Pilot Field stadium had been awarded to the newly formed Hastings United F.C. who had gained admission to an enlarged Southern League without ever having kicked a ball.

With no suitable ground available, "The Amateurs" were forced to withdraw from the Corinthian League but the club continuing with teams in the local leagues playing on the top pitch at the Pilot Field. In 1952 the club became founder members of Division Two of the Sussex County League, however, the transition was a huge step for which the club was not prepared and in the first three seasons they finished bottom of the division. Eventually in season 1959/60 the club finished as runners-up but with only the top side eligible for promotion they remained in Division Two for a further twenty years. During that period the club changed its name to Hastings Town and improved The Firs ground re-profiling the pitch and constructing a purpose built clubhouse. Success returned to the club in season 1979/80 when they won both the Division Two title and the divisional cup. The following season they won the League Challenge Cup and finished in fourth place in Division One with a further four seasons being spent in Division One.

Meanwhile Hastings United, who had struggled during season 1984/85 just retained their place in the Southern League's Premier Division, however, in June, 1985 the club ceased trading when it was found they could no longer sustain their accumulated debts. Hastings Town made application to takeover their Southern League place but Witney objected as United's demise had saved them from relegation from the Premier Division and, instead, Town were offered a place in the League's Southern Division. Several ex-United players joined Town and the unified side featured in the promotion race during their first two seasons but just missed out finishing third and fourth in 1986 and 1987, respectively.

It was the return of former Hastings United manager Peter Sillett that saw Town establish themselves as a force in the Southern League winning the Southern Division in 1992. Playing at their highest level ever, Town struggled and Sillett was replaced by Dean White, the local former Chelsea and Gillingham player, who saw them to safety. The club was to spend a further six seasons in the Premier Division of the Southern League, during which they won the Challenge Cup, and reached the final of the Sussex Senior Cup four times in five seasons, lifting the trophy in 1996 and 1998.

Season 1998/99 saw an attempt to transfer to the Isthmian League refused but having resigned from the Southern League they were only accepted back as new entrants and started season 1999/2000 in the Eastern Division which they won in 2002. At this time the club acquired the company name Hastings United and since have played under that title, however, promoted to the Premier Division a twentieth position finish saw them make an immediate return to the Eastern Division but a first appearance was made in the F.A. Challenge Cup competition proper when the side went through to the first round proper after winning in a replay at Kettering Town. Sadly, there was to be no meeting with a Football League side to evoke memories of their namesake's glorious cup history, instead it was a visit to another Conference side, Stevenage Borough, where the dream ended with a 0-1 defeat. Relegation and the F.A.'s Non-League restructuring moved the side into the Ryman Isthmian League where they finished in eleventh and twelfth places in Division One in 2005 and 2006. Following a fourth place finish in season 2006/07, promotion to the Premier Division was won by defeating second placed Tooting & Mitcham United in the end of season play-off final.

During season 2007/08 Hastings United struggled in the Premier Division and mid-term the club dispensed with the services of Nigel Kane, reserve team manager John Lambert acting in a caretaker capacity, until former Millwall player and ex-Tonbridge Angels boss Tony Dolby arrived and steered the side clear of relegation. Tony did not stay at the Pilot Field and Lambert was appointed as manager for season 2008/09 but once again United found themselves in the lower half of the table for much of the season and after a prolonged spell in or just above the relegation places Tony Dolby returned to replace Lambert and once again oversaw them retain their place in the Premier Division.

The 2009/10 season was United's most successful since gaining promotion. They looked likely to make the end of season play-offs until a late dip in form saw them finish in seventh place. They reached the semi-finals of the Sussex Senior Cup, losing to Brighton & Hove Albion but found no success in the FA Cup, FA Trophy or League Cup.

Manager Tony Dolby left the club in December 2010 and was replaced by Jason Hopkinson who was previously assistant manager at Lewes. Results picked up which enable the club to retain its Premier Division

status. Results in the cup competitions were again disappointing. Jason left the Club during October 2011 following a disappointing start to the season and was replaced by central defender Sean Ray. United again found themselves in a relegation battle but managed to preserve their Premier Division status.

A poor league season in 2012/13 saw the club relegated from the Ryman League Premier Division. There was considerable cup success however. An FA Cup run saw United reach the third round proper before losing 4-1 away to Championship side Middlesbrough. They also reached the semi-finals of the League Cup, losing away to Concord Rangers, and the Sussex Senior Cup when they lost 1-0 to Bognor Regis Town.

Three days prior to the start of the new season manager Sean Ray resigned his position. Assistant Mark Stapley and coach Terry White are in temporary charge. John Maggs was appointed as manager towards the end of August 2013, formerly with Crawley Town, Horsham and Crawley Down Gatwick.

John Maggs was dismissed towards the end of January 2014 and replaced by former player Terry White. Two other managerial changes were made during the season when results were disappointing especially as many had tipped the club to be challenging for a play-off place.

Towards the end of season 2014/15 the club changes hands when a new board of directors was appointed. Garry Wilson was appointed as manager during the close season with Danny Bloor joining as assistant manager.

Garry Wilson and Danny Bloor stepped down at the end of the 2015/16 season to be replaced by former United player Darren Hare who had previously been with Gillingham FC undertaking a number of roles including caretaker manager. Darren rebuilt the squad during the close-season with a number of new signings.

After an excellent season which ended with a play-off semi-final defeat, on penalties, away to Dorking Wanderers, Darren Hare resigned. His replacement was Adam Hinshelwood who once again had to rebuild the side as a number of players moved on. Adam resigned during September to take on the manager's role at Worthing FC and was replaced by his assistant Chris Agutter who remains at the helm to this day on a full time basis combining his role with being Head of Coaching & Recruitment within the Club's education and football scheme which it operates in conjunction with East Sussex College Group from Hastings College.





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## Chairman - Haringey Borough FC

A warm welcome to everyone this afternoon and of course our visitors from Hastings United. I have to start my notes by expressing my amazement and my gratitude to all of you who come to the home games, many of you with children and give your support to the team. I very much hope that our free season ticket that has promoted yet further our open door policy has been a contributory factor and that your match day experience has enriched you as much as us at the Club. As for those of you who also travel away I have been overwhelmed by your support to the boys. I travelled by train last weekend to Folkestone with the supporters both there and back and what a fantastic day we all had, even the poor result did not dampen spirits and the sing songs in the pub afterwards and on the train home really took my breath away as I pondered where we had come from in such a short period of time. Without you we are nothing but with you the sense of community created is something that I am so proud of and something that I hope will be long lasting. We all want to win football matches but it is so refreshing to see that the bond created by all of you is not in any way associated with the results on the pitch. Having said that I was so happy a couple of weeks ago when your patience and support was finally rewarded with an excellent home win in a tight game against very good opponents. That certainly made the weekend and then off we all went to Folkestone in fine voice and with high hopes only to be frustrated by the result after a very good performance . With a bit of luck we certainly should have got something from the game . Since then we have signed Ben Allen who I am sure you will get behind and welcome and who's signing really shows our ambition to try and push in the final 17 games to get amongst the promotion chasing pack. We have another signing or two to come in the next few days and once again we need your help to drive the boys forward. A tough game today against a very strong side who have done so well since their promotion last season and have high aspirations themselves. We know it will be a key game and we have to be up for the challenge . Get behind the boys as ever – enjoy the game.

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

## Manager - Haringey Borough FC

It is never great to lose a few players in one go as we have done over the last couple of weeks. I am pleased to tell you we have done a lot of work behind the scenes to try and replace those players, you saw Erald last weekend and we have Ben Allen joining us in today's matchday squad and a couple more hopefully very soon. We have reached a critical stage in our season, we need wins to get some momentum and help our push higher up the league. There are so many teams within a few points of each other who all have to play each other so I still believe that if we can go on a run of wins which we are well capable of doing we can catch some of these teams above us. It is becoming increasingly more difficult, I am a realist, we have lost too many games and the disappointment is that we have been so close to winning and drawing some of those games. I believe the new signings, the return from injury of players and the confidence we have following our last 3 performances will get us the results we need to make a concerted push. Today's opponents we know are going to be tough but we matched them away for a long time before we capitulated with some horrendous defensive mistakes that cost us dearly. We have defended well recently and we look more dangerous going forward and I hope the boys can repeat that desire, heart and energy shown recently and get us the three points we need and continue our drive up the table, sing your hearts out as usual – come on boro!

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

## THE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

This afternoon we welcome the players, Officials and supporters of HASTINGS UNITED 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 Christopher Poole in the middle while Samuel Laidler and Thomas Frost have the flags. Whatever the outcome we hope all will leave having enjoyed an entertaining afternoon's sport and have a safe journey home.

This is the first season the Clubs have found themselves in the same Division of the same League and our visit to The Pilot Field earlier this season is not one we will remember fondly as our one goal half time lead had been turned into a 4-1 defeat by the final whistle as Hastings took full advantage of our rather abject second half performance. Hastings were Champions of the League's South East Division last season, are having no difficulty coping with the demands of the higher level and are among the many Clubs with a realistic chance of making the play-offs

### **Saturday 14th January 2023 HARINGEY BOROUGH v CARSHALTON ATHLETIC (Pitching In Isthmian League Premier Division)**

A very satisfying afternoons work. We completed a 1-0 double over our visitors. Back to back League wins for only the second time this season and consecutive clean sheets also for only the second time. The performance showed that there is no cause for concern over the spate of departures. 90 minutes of unrelenting concentration and hard work by the whole team without exception brought just reward. A game without any particularly memorable moments other than the well created opportunity and the finish applied to it by Tague. The first half was a very even affair and nil-nil at half time was a fair reflection of the play and the control which both defences had maintained. But the second half was a different matter as we stepped up the pressure and certainly enjoyed the greater share of possession. The highlight was the 73rd minute winner which ended an intricate interchange down the right which left Tague with enough room to steady himself and fire an accurate low curler into the far corner from the edge of the area which had goal written all over it from the moment it left his foot and beat the visiting 'keeper all ends up. At that stage of the game an all out onslaught from the opponents might have been the expected response but it never really materialised and the game carried on in much the same vein with neither team really creating any gilt edged opportunities. In the closing stages Carshalton did win a succession of corners and although dealing with set pieces has sometimes been a problem for us this season they were repelled without our lead ever having looked in real danger. For such a team effort it would be unfair only to mention the name of the scorer so the squad was:- Luke Mewitt, Stef Georgiou, Mikey O'Donoghue, Rakim Richards, Scott Mitchell, Christos Djamis, Mekhi McLeod (Erald Desa 69), Georgios Aresti (Jorge Sambu 80), Bobson Bawling, Helge Orome, Tague Kennedy (William Dupray 89) Unused Subs Kwame Danso and Josiah Bridgeman.

### **Tuesday 17th January 2023 POTTERS BAR TOWN v HARINGEY BOROUGH (Velocity Cup 4th Round) MATCH POSTPONED – FROZEN PITCH**

### **Saturday 21st January 2023 FOLKESTONE INVICTA v HARINGEY BOROUGH (Pitching In Isthmian League Premier Division)**

Disappointingly déjà vu. Yet again we finished without reward in a game when a point was the least we deserved. Easy to feel sorry for ourselves because the referee did not award what looked like a clear penalty when Mikey O'Donoghue was bundled over when we were going all out for an equaliser. But in truth yet again it was the dismal finishing to our threatening approach play which was the real cause. And not having learned the lesson that it is unwise to leave lofty defenders unmarked a few yards from goal at set pieces (think Cray Wanderers and Enfield Town) didn't help as it gifted Folkestone their equaliser when a corner was not effectively dealt with only three minutes after Tague Kennedy had finished some fine approach work down the right by sweeping the ball home from a central position when it was crossed in the 32nd minute. It was a match between two contrasting styles of play and we were hard pressed to compete with a physically very strong side, especially in aerial challenges while we often had Folkestone struggling to cope with our slick approach play. No doubt whose style the pitch favoured but away teams just have to adapt. In the first half it was Folkestone who made the greater number of chances but so wayward was their finishing – they seemed

unaware that the net is below the crossbar not over it – that we could almost recognise our own fallibility in their wastefulness although Luke did have to be at his best to thwart them on several occasions. The second half belonged to us in terms of possession and chances created – umpteen of them – and it was at least some comfort that the opponents 'keeper did have to earn his crust on this occasion although he was helped by our generosity in making it somewhat easier for him by directing really fine chances straight at him. But by the end of the 45 minutes only one goal had been scored and that was by Folkestone who took advantage of a moments indecisiveness in our defence to bundle the ball home in the 55th minute. Plenty of time for a comeback and no lack of effort on our part in trying, albeit unsuccessfully. That only three goals were scored in a match which might easily have finished as a high scoring draw was rather surprising. So after two promising winning performances the hope that we had made a start to the winning run, which cannot long be much further delayed if we are to have any chance of reaching that precious 5th spot, was dashed. We remain in 14th place, 6 points below the 13th team and 6 above the 15th. Mid-table obscurity made flesh! More pertinently 11 points behind the 5th placed team and 13 above the 19th.

**Tuesday 24th January 2023 POTTERS BAR TOWN v HARINGEY BOROUGH  
(Velocity Cup 4th Round)**

**MATCH POSTPONED – FROZEN PITCH**

**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 reached the quarter finals of the Velocity Cup via 2 penalty shoot out successes against Hashtag United and then Enfield Town, and after two postponements our quarter final with Potters Bar Town has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 7th February - which will mean two trips to Parkfield in the space of 4 days as we are there in the League on Saturday 4th February. 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 either Dartford or Metropolitan Police whose tie has twice been postponed and is now re-scheduled for 31st January. We will be the away team.

**NEWS OF OUR OTHER TEAMS**

**The Under 23s.** Having briefly led the table they dropped to third after last Monday's 2-0 defeat when Brentwood Town visited Coles Park - Heybridge Swifts having taken over at the top. But they did have a run-out last Wednesday against visiting Greek side MGC Sports and won 3-2. They will be in action again this coming Monday when Felixstowe & Walton United visit Coles Park. 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

**The Under 18s.** A mid-table finish looks to be on the cards; their most recent game was the visit of Edgware and Kingsbury on 3rd January when six goals were shared 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! 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. However in the Capital Womens Senior Cup last Sunday Borough showed that they would be well able to cope in the higher sphere as they held their own with London Seward of the Division into which they would be promoted and who have won twice as many League games as they have lost. A 5-3 penalty shoot-out win followed a 2-2 draw. Full report later in the programme. For us to make an appearance in the 3rd Round of this competition is a rarity for the Eastern Region Womens League Premier Division is the lowest level for Clubs entering the Senior Cup with many being National League sides

taking part and we have been drawn at home to one of them in the highest Division of that League - National South - namely London Bees (Barnet in plain speak). The Club as a whole is doing rather well in shoot outs this season - that's the third after the Mens two Velocity Cup shoot-outs and all have been won. 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, and is much appreciated.

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### NEXT HOME FIRST TEAM MATCH

**Tuesday 31st January v BISHOP'S STORTFORD 7.45pm**  
(Pitching in Isthmian League – Premier Division)

### NEXT AWAY FIRST TEAM MATCH

**Saturday 4th February v POTTERS BAR TOWN 3pm**  
(Pitching in Isthmian League – Premier Division)

at The Lantern Stadium, Parkfield, Watkins Rise (off The Walk)Potters Bar, EN6 1QB  
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### *OTHER TEAMS UPCOMING MATCHES (before next home game)*

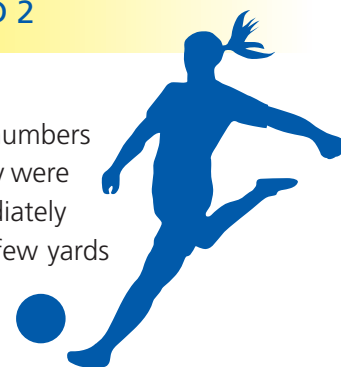
**Sunday 29th January – WOMEN at HOME to STEVENAGE (League) 2pm**

**Monday 30th January - UNDER 23s at HOME to FELIXSTOWE & WALTON UNITED  
(League) 7.45pm**



### (5-3 to Borough on penalties)

If our National League opponents thought Borough were just there to make up the numbers having done the early pressing and taking a 5th minute lead with a softish goal they were in for a rude awakening. Which wasn't long in coming as Borough hit back immediately and determinedly and before long were level. When a free kick was awarded a few yards outside the penalty area slightly right of centre, up stepped Tori Campbell and if the Club ran a competition for "free kick of the season" she would surely win it as she blasted it over the wall and it dipped beautifully just under the top corner to



the 'keepers right and she had no chance whatever of saving it. In truth I doubt if there are many goalkeepers of either gender who would have got anywhere near it. Gordon Banks maybe! After that the game settled down into a really exciting cut and thrust affair which could have gone either way but nothing further had been netted by half time. Presumably the Seaward Coaches used the interval to make their displeasure with what they had witnessed known, so it was no surprise that a more purposeful opposing force emerged; but



Borough never looked in any danger of being over-run even after a lofted long cross shot sailed high into the top corner. Fortunately the Seaward finishing was somewhat wayward but even so Borough 'keeper Tida Yokomoto had to be at her best to keep us in the game and repelled a number of close range efforts of which a team of Seaward's experience really ought to have put one away. Borough stepped up a gear after falling behind but needed a massive helping hand from the opponents defence when a long straight down the middle free kick was somehow allowed to bounce and fly up and over everyone's head allowing two Borough players to race forward to apply the coup de grace with Kylie Manktelow's being the head

which nodded it into the gaping net from just a yard or so. As in the first half the match thereafter could have gone either way as both sides obviously wanted to decide the game without a penalty lottery and it was Borough who so nearly scored the winner with what was almost the last kick of the game at the end of quite a lengthy additional period but the finish was just half blocked and went wide. Our 5 shoot out heroines in order of stepping up were Amber Leighton, Rimini Lowe, Shakira Roberts, Emily Pickard and Chloe Ions. Tida had sprawled to her right to keep out Seaward's third effort with the help of a post piling further pressure on Emily and Chloe not to surrender our advantage. No chance of that as all five of our takers appeared totally nerveless and put their kicks away emphatically and unfussily. We had gone first so

Tida only had to face 4 kicks. It was the older and more experienced opposing players who appeared less confident. It being such a real team effort with everyone giving 100% it would be remiss not to give every player a mention and those not named above were Louise Askey, Lola Shack, Megan Peters, Sarah McDermott, Naomi Rawling, Alena Hubbard and Javine McKnight. It is a 5 subs all can be used competition and only substitute goalkeeper Maisie Swann was not called on.



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ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

AS part of our extensive coverage of the National League in The Non-League Paper, we include a statistics box, detailing significant moments of a game to give you, the reader, some kind of idea as to how the end result was determined.

Shots on target, Shots off target, Corners, Offsides, Free-Kicks Conceded, Yellow Cards and Red Cards are the seven categories featured and, when collaborated, usually offers a relatively accurate reflection and insight into the balance of play.

The key word in the above paragraph, however, is usually 'as', quite often, this is not the case. In fact, it can also portray the exact opposite.

Take my team, Ipswich Town, for example. Now, under manager Kieran McKenna this season, Ipswich are League One's stats kings. Top of the possession charts, most passes completed and chances created, they own the lot.

However, there is one quite important stat that Ipswich do not top, the points column. Defeat at Oxford United on Saturday left them third in the table, 10 points behind leaders Plymouth Argyle and seven adrift of second placed Sheffield Wednesday.

Indeed, in one game, at home to Lincoln City on October 15, the Tractor Boys enjoyed 76.7% possession and had 33 shots to Lincoln's three. They lost 1-0 to a goal from former Eastleigh striker Ben House.

In the Champions League of 2012-13, Barcelona had 89 per cent possession and 14 shots on target against Celtic, but still lost 2-1.

To modern-day managers like McKenna – the Football League's youngest boss at the age of 35 – data analysis has become a vital part of their make-up. The philosophy of possession based football, building from the back and 'putting numbers on the board' is seen as key to producing an attractive brand of football.

Call me old school, but I would suggest that the best brand of football is winning football and traits such as wingers booming long, high crosses into the box for a good old-fashioned centre forward to power into the net will always prevail.

A great deal of emphasis is also put these days on 'assists'. For me, though, statistics showing the number of 'assists' a player has accumulated (or numbers as the statisticians call them) are often also misleading and don't give a true reflection of a player's overall performance. Midfield players these days are often judged by these 'numbers', in my day, it was simply a midfielder's job to assist the strikers and create opportunities to score. And this new age terminology doesn't stop there. Recently, I heard a player described as "one of the best assist assists in the league". For those of you as baffled by this as me, an assist assist is the player who passes to the player who then assists a goal. Apparently that's a thing!

And my favourite thing right now is 'Expected Goals' and 'Expected Assists' (or xG and xA as they are called). This is a new revolutionary football metric designed to measure the probability of a shot resulting in a goal or a pass that will lead to a goal.

According to their descriptions, the xG model uses historical information from thousands of shots with similar characteristics to estimate the likelihood of a goal on a scale between 0 and 1. For assists, it considers several factors including the type of pass, pass end-point and length of pass that leads to a goal.

Years and years of data analysis, compiled by some very clever people, has gone into devising this system but, I'm sorry, I just don't get it. Unsurprisingly, Ipswich are regularly 'expected' to score three or four goals a game so surely they should be winning every week and sitting on top of the table, shouldn't they?

Thankfully, Non-League football is that bit purer so such factors don't come into play. 'Expected Goals and Expected Assists' will have precious little bearing on the North West Counties League, for instance.

The only stat that really matters is the one stated in the scoreboard – and The NLP highlights that quite prominently too.

By By Jon Couch

Behind every football fan, there's a story of how they got here. In this special contribution, Boro regular JENNY COLLINS tells us about her connection with today's opponents - and a very important Us fan in particular...

## WHY I'M AT HOME IN THE BELL END

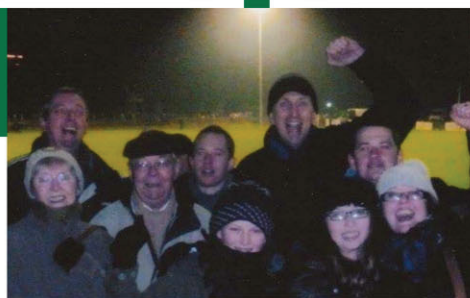
**T**here are mixed loyalties for me with the visit of Hastings United to Coles Park, because Hastings is my home town and the football club was my dad's great love.

After being demobbed from the army in early 1948, he started going to games at the Pilot Field and was soon a devoted supporter (coincidentally, Spurs was his second team, as I've heard sung at the Boro). But there was one big problem for my dad in expressing his passion for The U's - he had a very quiet voice. One of my earliest memories is of him beating the partition next to the directors box when a goal went in - he had smashed several watches over the years as a result. That was until one day my mum and I found an old and really loud school bell in a second-hand shop in Hastings Old Town - problem solved!

My dad became famous amongst both home and away supporters as the bell ringer. He rang it enthusiastically for goals of course, but also had some entertaining variations, such as the slow death knell which he saved for the opposition if they had a particularly wayward shot, or - best of all - a player sent off.

Understandably he rattled a fair few away supporters with this, and on more than one occasion was advised exactly which part of his anatomy they would like to insert said bell. But mostly it was taken in good part, and a favourite response to its first ringing was a chorus of "Unclean! Unclean!" On another occasion someone told him he'd never win the No Bell Peace Prize.

I loved watching Hastings with him, home and away, and I was blessed to have many years of



▲ Celebrations for Jenny (right), her dad (third left) and three generations of the family after The Us booked a third round trip to Middlesbrough by beating Harrogate Town on penalties in a televised replay at the Pilot Field on 13/12/2012.

travelling with him to support Hastings, from Yeovil to Margate, Worthing to Chelmsford. He gave me the love of football, especially non league football, that's stayed with me ever since.

My dad's particular passion was for the FA Cup - in fact we had to plan our wedding to be on a non-Cup weekend. He'd seen Hastings play against Swindon, Norwich and Sheffield Wednesday during their 1950s cup runs, and had always wanted his family to see them play League opposition again. His dream was fulfilled in 2013 when the U's reached the 3rd round - and so finally at the age of 86 he led eleven members of his family to Middlesbrough for the game. Hastings lost 4-1 but at least he had a penalty save and a pearler of a consolation goal to celebrate.

My dad died in the summer of 2017, aged 91. In his final weeks we all reminisced with him about some of his favourite HUFC memories, and this is why our family sponsored a trophy to be awarded at the end of each season: the John Collins Magic Moment Award. I delivered the eulogy at his funeral wearing my claret and blue Hastings United scarf, and on his final journey the cars paused outside the Pilot Field, where he'd been supporting Hastings for almost 70 years. The original bell remains on permanent display in the bar.

His sons and grandsons still support the U's, and now his great-granddaughters are starting to catch the bug; some of them will be visiting today. After five years of coming to Coles Park, I consider myself properly a Boro fan now, but a corner of my heart will forever be Claret and Blue.

■ Jenny Collins



▲ John in his usual place by the director's box at the Pilot Field, spurring on his beloved Hastings.

▼ John's original bell now takes pride of place in the club bar at the Pilot Field.







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## HARINGEY PLAYER PROFILES 2022-23



**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

Alright, we'll level with you: this week's dive into the world of our Boro favourites may not accurately reflect the feature's title. Focus it definitely is; Player... well, maybe not anymore.

With temperatures dropping and the Potters Bar pitch stubbornly refusing to drain, we respond to the damp midwinter by introducing you to one of the club's warmest characters - his will be a Guinness and, in this weather, so will ours. First Team Coach TUCKER O'DONOGHUE caught up with us after our recent trip to Folkestone.

A FRUSTRATING OUTCOME TO OUR TRIP TO KENT LAST WEEKEND, TUCKER - FEELS LIKE WE'VE SAID THAT QUITE A LOT THIS SEASON! WHAT DID YOU MAKE OF IT?

Firstly, let's remember we were playing a team bang in form, pushing for play offs and, for me, probably the best front three in this division. I thought we'd done well overall. We started well, got our noses in front and at times looked comfortable. We're probably one of the only teams this year to stop any of the front three scoring. A bad goal to concede for their equaliser - we've got to defend properly. They got a foothold in the game in the second half and got their rewards with the winning goal. We did have a good finish to the game; if we were a bit more clinical we may have got something out of it, but we're working on that.

YOU'VE BEEN AROUND THE CLUB FOR SOME TIME NOW - HOW HAVE THINGS CHANGED SINCE YOU FIRST CAME IN?

Prior to Covid we had a good, settled team with decent players in every position. We had a great FA Cup run and were doing well in the league before lockdown. If you stand still in football you go backwards - and as fans will have seen over the last couple of years, other clubs in this division seem to have bottomless pockets. We've managed to compete, but it is getting harder every year. The biggest change has been the growth of the fanbase. It is amazing to see all the children on the pitch after a game - I love it! We need to buy into this more as a club as well.

BACK IN DECEMBER, WE ASKED MIKEY ABOUT POST-MATCH DEBRIEFS OVER THE O'DONOGHUE SUNDAY ROAST! HE SAID DISCUSSIONS STARTED BEFORE THAT ON SATURDAY! WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE COACHED MICHAEL (AND HIS BROTHER JAMIE) AT THIS LEVEL?

I'll be having a word with Michael - family discussions are private! Obviously, it has been amazing. Not only coaching the team but having both sons on the pitch. One game in particular sticks out, where both of them had a big part to play - the FA cup win against Welling. Michael has been a scholar and a pro - he's probably one of the easiest players I've had to coach in fairness. A very intelligent player. As for Jamie, who likes to do what he wants and doesn't get told easily, he's been a much tougher task (big time).

IT'S PROBABLY FAIR TO SAY THERE'S A BIT OF A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR APPROACH AND THE GAFFER'S - WE ALL SEE (AND LOVE) TOM CARRYING OUT A WEEKLY TEST OF HIS FITBIT'S HEART RATE MONITOR, WHEREAS YOU ARE A PICTURE OF CALMNESS! WHAT'S THE ATMOSPHERE LIKE ON THE BENCH?

It can be quite intense at times, but also can be quite humorous. I suppose the worse the referee is, the harder it is to be alongside Tom. He does like a few quiet words with the officials!

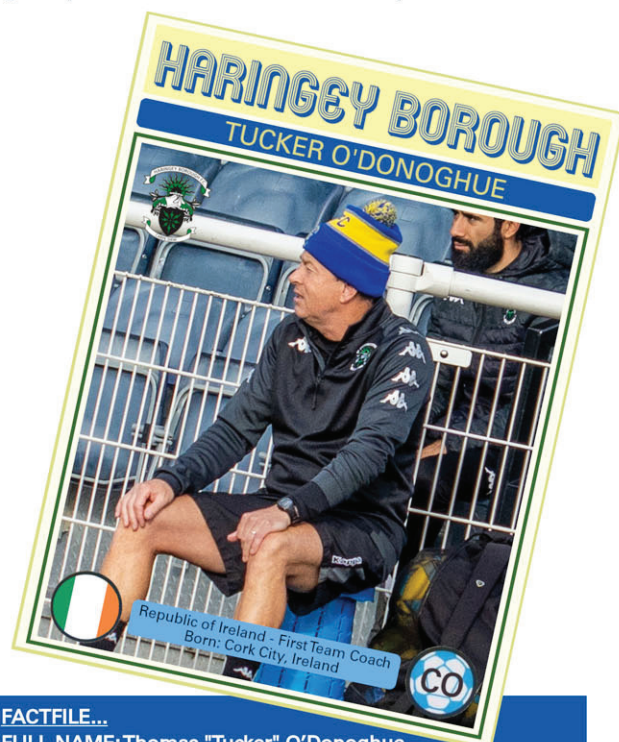
*[This may be one of the world's largest understatements...!]*

WE HAVE TO MENTION THE POSTGAME MINGLING BETWEEN PLAYERS, COACHES AND FANS - FIRST ON THE PITCH AND OFTEN IN THE BAR! HOW DOES THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT CONTRIBUTE TO OUR SUCCESS?

The community spirit is something we're very well aware of and the more of it the better. It lifts morale for staff and visitors and there's an overwhelming sense of belonging. We don't need to tell our players to go to the fans after the game, they choose to, which shows a mutual respect. The Creche End is growing and the result is lifelong fans, which is what any club wants. When players walk in the bar at the end of a good performance, hearing the fans singing their names is uplifting.

*So, Boro fans, you know what to do after today's game...*

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



## FACTFILE...

FULL NAME: Thomas "Tucker" O'Donoghue

FAMILY: Married 33 years to Emma aka "Queen", 5 children (two girls, three boys)

CAR: Nissan Micra

JOB OUTSIDE FOOTBALL: Football Coach/Minibus driver at Barnet Southgate College

## FOOTBALL...

JOINED BORO IN: 2016

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Arsenal, Reading, Wingate

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Coby Rowe

"OTHER" TEAM: Arsenal

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Razzaq De-Graft (Lewes)

FAVOURITE ISTHMIAN AWAY TRIP: Bognor Regis

MOST MEMORABLE GAME: Playoff final vs Tonbridge

WORST THING ABOUT FOOTBALL: Tuesday night away games

## FAVOURITES...

FOOD: Sunday roast | BEVERAGE: Guinness

PIZZA TOPPING: Pepperoni

CRISP FLAVOUR: Cheese and onion | CHOCOLATE: Freddo

HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Spain

FILM: Oliver | TV SHOW: Traitors

ACTOR: Bradley Cooper | MUSICIAN: Abba

BOOK: The Judge's List | AUTHOR: John Grisham

HOBBIES: Swimming and walking

OFF-SEASON ACTIVITY: Holiday, reading, planning pre-season!

## FINALLY...

CLAIM TO FAME: Mistaken for Lee Evans

DISLIKES: Losing [several colourful words were offered before Tucker settled on this!]

BIGGEST INFLUENCE: Arsene Wenger

BIGGEST THRILL: Finding my "Queen"

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing my daughter to hospital failings at North Middlesex

FANTASY DINNER PARTY: George Best, Oliver Reed and Jennifer Lawrence

ANY OTHER BUSINESS?: I played at Stamford Bridge with Craig David and Jimmy Bullard

## HARINGEY PLAYER STATS 2022-2023 ALL COMPETITIONS

Player	League			Cup			Total		
	Starts	Subs	Goals	Starts	Subs	Goals	Starts	Subs	Goals
Alphonso Kennedy	20	5	5	3	1	0	23	6	5
Andronicos Georgiou	5	6	0	1	1	0	6	7	0
Anthony Mendy*	9	5	5	4	1	2	13	6	7
Bobson Bawling	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	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	3	2	0	0	1	0	3	3	0
Daniel Boateng*	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Destiny Olapido*	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
Erald Desa	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Georgios Aresti	13	8	3	5	1	1	18	9	4
Helge Orome	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
Johnny Ashman*	14	4	3	4	2	0	18	6	3
Jorge Djassi-Sambu	9	3	1	4	1	0	13	4	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	22	0	0	4	0	0	26	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	1	4	0	0	2	0	1	6	0
Michael O'Donoghue	18	0	1	3	0	0	21	0	1
Micheal Dome-Bemwin*	4	3	0	2	0	0	6	3	0
Olu Durojaiye	19	0	3	4	0	1	23	0	4
Rakim Richards	13	0	3	2	0	0	15	0	3
Samuel Owusu	14	1	0	3	1	0	17	2	0
Scott Mitchell	18	0	0	2	0	0	20	0	0
Stefanos Georgiou	11	3	2	2	1	0	13	4	2
William Dupray	11	5	1	4	0	0	15	5	1

\*No Longer at Club



## Isthmian League Premier Division 2022/23 - up to and including 24/1/2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Hornchurch	23	14	4	5	54	27	+27	46
2	Cray Wanderers	27	12	10	5	50	31	+19	46
3	Enfield Town	24	13	6	5	46	24	+22	45
4	Aveley	27	13	6	8	43	32	+11	45
5	Bishop's Stortford	23	13	5	5	33	21	+12	44
6	Carshalton Athletic	25	13	5	7	33	26	+7	44
7	Canvey Island	25	12	6	7	39	27	+12	42
8	Billerica Town	27	12	5	10	45	39	+6	41
9	Folkestone Invicta	25	12	3	10	46	40	+6	39
10	Hastings United	24	11	5	8	32	22	+10	38
11	Lewes	24	10	8	6	42	33	+9	38
12	Potters Bar Town	23	12	2	9	39	41	-2	38
13	Horsham	24	10	7	7	44	32	+12	37
14	Haringey Borough	25	8	7	10	38	43	-5	31
15	Bognor Regis Town	22	6	7	9	35	40	-5	25
16	Margate	24	6	7	11	30	42	-12	25
17	Kingstonian	24	5	8	11	26	38	-12	23
18	Wingate & Finchley	24	4	10	10	26	34	-8	22
19	Bowers & Pitsea	25	3	9	13	25	46	-21	18
20	Corinthian-Casuals	25	5	3	17	25	54	-29	18
21	Herne Bay	23	4	5	14	32	54	-22	17
22	Brightlingsea Regent	23	3	6	14	24	61	-37	15

"The Isthmian Football League strongly supports the FA statement that there should be a zero tolerance approach against racism and all forms of discrimination. Accordingly any form of discriminatory abuse whether it be by reason of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion and belief, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, sex and sexual orientation or any other form of abuse will be reported to The Football Association for action by that Association." (The FA 0800 085 0508 / Kick it Out 020 7253 0162). The Isthmian League and all Member Clubs in the League are committed to promoting equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and providing access and opportunities for all members of the community."

# Respect



## HARINGEY 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	Won 1-0
Sat 21 Jan	Away	Folkestone Invicta	Lost 1-2
Sat 28 Jan	HOME	HASTINGS UNITED	
Tue 31 Jan	HOME	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	
Sat 4 Feb	Away	Potters Bar Town	
Tue 7 Feb	Away	Potters Bar Town (Velocity Cup Quarter Final)	
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	
Tue 14 Mar	Away	Herne Bay	
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	Lost 0-2
Wed 25 Jan	HOME	MGC SPORTS (from Greece) (Friendly)	Won 3-2
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 22 Jan	Away	London Seaward (Capital Womens Senior Cup) Won 5-3 on penalties after 2-2 draw	
Sun 29 Jan	HOME	STEVENAGE	
Sun 5 Feb	HOME	ROYSTON TOWN	
Sun 12 Feb	Away	Bedford	
Sun 19 Feb	HOME	LODON BEES (Capital Womens Senior Cup)	
Sun 5 Mar	Away	Kings Lynn Town	
Sun 12 Mar	HOME	WROXHAM	
Sun 26 Mar	Away	AFC Sudbury	
Sun 2 Apl	Away	Colney Heath	
Sun 16 Apl	HOME	AFC SUDBURY	
Sun 23 Apl	HOME	LUTON TOWN	
Sun 30 Apl	HOME	COLNEY HEATH	
Sun 7 May	HOME	BOWERS & PITSEA	
Undated	?????	??????? League Cup 3rd Round	



## TODAYS TEAMS



**HASTINGS UNITED**  
**FOOTBALL CLUB**

From

Max OVENDEN

Sam OWUSU

Michael O'DONOGHUE

Rakim RICHARDS

Scott MITCHELL

Christos DJAMAS

Bobson BAWLING

Georgios ARESTI

Ben ALLEN

Helge OROME

Tage KENNEDY

Callum ISMAIL

Stefanos GEORGIU

Erald DESA

Jorge DJASSI SAMBU

William DUPRAY

Luke MEWITT

Manager: Tom Loizou

Assistant Manager: David Cumberbatch

Coaches: Johnny Fitsiou

Tucker O'Donoghue

Mustafa Bashkal

Alexie Nicolaides

Goalkeeping Coach: Phil Stone

Physio: Jess Dehaan

From

Louis ROGERS

Ryan WORRALL

Craig STONE

Louis COLLINS

Jack DIXON

Ben POPE

Sam ADAMS

Alex BREFO

Kane PENN

Knory SCOTT

Jake ELLIOTT

Ilie BLACK

Sam HASLER

David SMITH

James HULL

Jahmal HECTOR-INGRAM

Manager: Gary Elphick

Coaches: Peter Herritage & Joe Meeney

Physio: Paige Wise

### MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: Christopher Poole assisted by  
Samuel Laidler & Thomas Frost