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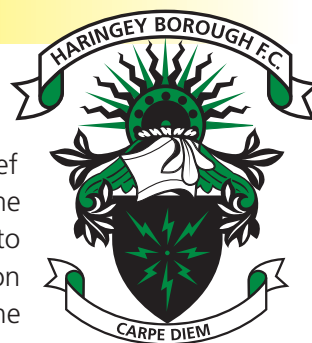
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HARINGEY BOROUGH FC - A BRIEF HISTORY

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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BOGNOR REGIS TOWN FC CLUB HISTORY

WHO ARE WE?

Bognor F.C. were founded in 1883 and the club became founding members of the West Sussex Football League in 1896, joining the Senior Division. They won the championship of this league for five successive years in the early 1920s, after which they joined the Brighton & Hove District League in 1926. Just one year later, however, they joined the Sussex County League where they were to remain until 1972. The club became Bognor Regis F.C. in 1929 after King George V added the suffix 'Regis' to the seaside resort.

The club won the Sussex County Division One championship in the 1948-49 season. At the end of that season, they added "Town" to their name so as not to be confused with the local rugby club.

At the end of the 1969-70 season they were relegated, but won Division Two at the first attempt. The club won the Division One championship title the following season and were promoted to Division One South of the Southern League. In 1972-73 they reached the first round of the FA Cup for the first time, losing 6-0 at Colchester United. In 1976 Jack Pearce became manager at the age of just 26, and went on to hold the position until 2007.

In 1981 the club were transferred to Division One of the Isthmian League, and were promoted at the end of the 1981-82 season after finishing second. In 1984-85 they reached the first round of the FA Cup again, beating Swansea City 3-1 in a replay after a 1-1 draw at the Vetch Field. In the second round they lost 6-2 at Reading. They reached the second round again the following season, beating Enfield in the first round, before losing 6-1 at Gillingham. They went on to reach the first round again in 1986-87 (losing 1-0 in a replay to Slough Town) and 1987-88 (losing 3-0 at home to Torquay United). In 1988-89 they beat Football League opposition again, defeating Exeter City 2-1, before losing to Cambridge United.

In 1991-92 Bognor finished in the relegation zone, but were reprieved after Dagenham and Redbridge Forest merged. However, the following season they finished bottom of the Premier Division, and were relegated to Division One. In 1995-96 they reached the second round of the FA Cup for a fourth time, before losing 4-0 at Peterborough United.

In 2002-03 they finished second in Division One South, and were promoted back to the Premier Division. After finishing tenth the following year, the club were placed in the newly established Conference South. They were relegated back to the Isthmian League Premier Division at the end of the

2008-09 season, and were relegated again the following season.

Season 2010-11 saw the club compete in the Isthmian League Division One South and they missed out on promotion back to the Premier Division by the tightest of margins. Having finished with a club record total of 96 points, they lost out in the title race to Metropolitan Police on goal difference by just one goal, having led the table by two points, going in to the last fixture. As a result, they found themselves having to participate in the end-of-season play-offs, where they lost at home to Dulwich Hamlet who had finished 31 points behind. Revenge was sweet, however in the 2011-12 they again finished second in Division One South. They won the end-of-season play-offs, defeating Godalming Town in a thrilling semi-final, before beating Dulwich Hamlet 1-0 in the final, and thus gaining promotion to the Premier Division.

The 2012-13 season saw them finish in 14th place in the Ryman Premier. The 2013-14 season started slowly with just one point from the opening four matches. However they soon rose up the table, eventually finishing in third place and qualified for the end of season play-offs, although this ended in defeat in the semi-final at home to Lowestoft Town.

Season 2015-16 saw them miss out on the Ryman Premier title by one point and then lost in the play-offs to Dulwich Hamlet. They did however, also enjoy their best ever run in the FA Trophy by reaching the semi-finals. They beat a number of teams from higher divisions along the way, including Bath City, Maidstone United, Altrincham, Sutton United and Torquay United. But hopes of an appearance at Wembley Stadium were dashed when they were defeated in the semi-final by Grimsby Town, losing 1-0 in the first leg at Nyewood Lane, before also losing the second leg 2-1 at Blundell Park (3-1 on aggregate), despite putting up spirited displays in both legs.

Season 2016-17 saw them finish in second place for the second season running, but this time they triumphed in the play-offs, beating Wingate & Finchley in the semi-final, before victory over Dulwich Hamlet in the final, to win promotion to the Vanarama National League South for season 2017-18.

Season 2017-18 unfortunately saw the club relegated back to the Isthmian League, with the season after being one of consolidation and a mid table finish. However the season did at least bring the excitement of winning the Sussex Senior Cup for the first time in 32 years in May at Brighton's Amex Stadium, with a 2-1 win after extra time against Burgess Hill Town.

Since then we have maintained our position in Isthmian premier division and since Jack Pearce stepped down as manager, have appointed former Premier League star striker Robbie Blake to the role.



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Chairman - Haringey Borough FC

A warm welcome to all from Bognor today who arrive here full of confidence after their midweek win against Bishop's Stortford. We know ourselves how good a performance that must have been having witnessed the strength of Stortford ourselves here only a week earlier. Both of us occupying mid table at the moment but with the games in hand I am sure Bognor have not given up hope themselves of a top 5 finish. We on the other hand are getting to the stage where we need to go on some sort of phenomenal winning run if we are to have a chance of reaching the upper echelons of this league. I am sure you all share my frustration that such a good squad seems to have frittered away so many winning positions this season at what could be a significant cost. Last Saturday being a case in point, totally dominant, leading until the very last kick of the game and then conceding a poor goal to come away with a draw when 3 points were so desperately needed to maintain our recent good form and challenge. The midweek cup defeat to the same opponents at the same venue was equally frustrating after our inability to convert our chances in the first half and our poor defending in the second put paid to another chance to progress further in the prestigious League cup. The open top parade along Tottenham High road promised to the Bell End faithful will have to wait for at least another year!! Still we have a mouth watering London Senior cup tie at the end of the month against Dartford away and that is certainly something to look forward to. This team does excite me and all credit to Tom and the coaching staff for putting together a talented squad and I am sure we are very close to being a challenging squad, if not this season certainly next season. We all know the difficulties Clubs with our limited budgets have to compete at this level and I do not criticise other clubs who have invested heavily, all I know is that with the budget we have at our disposal we are nevertheless getting very close and if we can keep the majority of this squad and add only one or two in the summer we will be able to compete on the field of play against all comers. As I have said many times we have virtually a new squad this season, it has taken time but we are now looking the part and the aim is to achieve as much as we can in the remaining 14 games we have and re assess in the summer with a view to further improvement next season. There is a lot happening with the Club at the moment behind the scenes to make us a bit more professional in our outlook and in terms of the information we can now give the players, how that information is used and the style of play it will hopefully develop. We are not alone in utilising technology to provide information to players but I love the fact that we are embracing such technology and that can only have a beneficial effect on the team and its performances. The rest of us are also taking steps to enhance your matchday experiences and in due course further announcements will be made in this regard. In the meantime enjoy today's game, get behind the team – Come on Boro!

Aki Achillea - Chairman Haringey Borough F.C

Manager - Haringey Borough FC

A disappointing week if truth be told, we started last weekend with the two new signings in Josh in goal and Olalekan up top and right up until the 95 minute against Potters Bar I believed they had made a perfect start to their Boro careers. Josh having made a wonder double save a few minutes from the end seemed to have secured all 3 points for us, all to no avail with some shocking defending to the injury time corner allowing Potters Bar to secure an undeserved point from a game we totally dominated. That was not the first time we have made a significant error at the end of a game and we all know we should have at least a handful of points more than we have and if we did have those points things would look much healthier sitting here with 14 league games left and our ambition to achieve something this season. We know we have now left ourselves a mountain to climb but we are not done yet and today we face a strong side who always play well here and against whom we need to be right at it if we are to secure the win we so dearly need. On Tuesday we went out of the Cup and it did not help having both Ben and Erald cup tied. We just never seem to get a victory at Potters Bar and to go there twice in 4 days and leave without a win again was galling to say the least. I thought we did well in the first half but I was very unhappy with our application in the second half. The boys know how I felt and I want to see some improvement today, we played well in our last home game against Stortford and despite them being a very well organised strong side we grew into the game, had some chances and had we taken one when only a goal down we may well have secured something from the game, as it was two late lapses cost us. We still have plenty to play for and I once again ask you to sing your hearts out and drive the boys forward in our attempts to get the 3 points we need to keep us in the hunt. Get behind the boys as ever.

Tom Loizou - Manager Haringey Borough F.C

THE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

This afternoon we take the opportunity to welcome the players Officials and supporters of BOGNOR REGIS TOWN FC to Coles Park. And similarly to welcome our Match Officials who are Jorden Gibson with the whistle assisted by Jide Ogunba and Maros Valko.

The game has the look of a late-ish season mid-table game with Borough in 14th position on 35 points from 28 games, just 1 ahead of Bognor who have 3 games in hand and are entitled to arrive full of confidence following their fine 2-1 midweek win when League leader's Bishop's Stortford visited them.

Whatever today's result, we hope everyone will depart having witnessed or participated in an entertaining and exciting afternoon's sport and have a safe journey home

This will be the 9th meeting of the Clubs and "The Rocks" were our opponents for the first ever Isthmian Premier match we played following our promotion at the end of season 2017/18. It was also marked Bognor's return to the Isthmian Premier as they had been relegated back into it after one unsuccessful season in the Conference South. The actual results were:-

11/8/18 HB 2 BRT 2

23/2/19 BRT 0 HB 4

28/9/19 BRT 2 HB 0

22/2/20 HB 2 BRT 1

26/9/20 HB 2 BRT 1 (No game at Bognor that season because of Covid)

28/8/21 BRT 1 HB 2

4/12/21 HB 3 BRT 3

26/11/22 BRT 0 HB 1

So outcomes rather in our favour at the moment (W5 D2 L1 For16 Ag 10) and we will be looking to further improve that record today by completing the double this season.

Tuesday 31st January 2023 HARINGEY BOROUGH v BISHOP'S STORTFORD (Pitching In Isthmian League Premier Division)

(Report kindly provided by a neutral spectator –GRAHAM P. BRITTON)

Hugely impressive display from Bishops Stortford on this occasion, all very efficient and equally effective as well, especially in the final third. Nothing intrinsically wrong with the hosts performance, however they were never allowed to achieve any momentum and over the course of the contest it was a rare occurrence that they had sight of goal.

We did have a slow start, however when the likes of Darren Foxley who has always impressed when seen in the past and Oliver Peters asserted themselves in midfield then the opportunities to gain an advantage started. Initially, the direction of the visitors shooting lacked direction as Peters placed a shot wide after the referee played a good advantage after Ryan Charles had been felled near the half way line and then a free kick from Foxley ended up in the adjacent car park. The free kick was awarded as a result of the home keeper Luke Mewitt neglecting to realise that he had strayed some yards out of his penalty area and was caught out by a swift move forward and as Johnson attempted to travel past him, the latter was cynically pulled down. The visiting supporter to my right who shouted that the referee had 'bottled' the decision to simply issue a yellow card was from this angle completely correct in his opinion. Almost immediately there was a rare attack from Haringey Borough however Ben Allen's volley from a none too favourable angle ended up in a neighbouring garden.

The visitors continued to have by far the better of play especially in midfield but Mewitt was proving to be a difficult barrier to breach as he pushed away a close range header from Charles that admittedly was directed straight at the home keeper and then he parried an angled drive from Foxley. The visitors attacking persistence was finally rewarded with the first example of a quick response from Frankie Merrifield, latching onto a pass in from the left after a quickly taken free kick caught the home defence momentarily unaware. Good control from Merrifield with a deft touch taking Sam Owusu out of the defensive equation and the move was completed by a vigorously struck shot into the roof of the net to give the visitors a long overdue lead.

The second half continued a familiar pattern to what had occurred previously. However, stubborn defending

and a lack of direction with the visitors shooting meant that the lead remained at a solitary goal. The visiting hordes behind the goal momentarily thought that the lead had been doubled when Thomas angled into the side netting, however the wait for the all important but elusive second goal ceased when a perfectly flighted inswinging corner from Jonathan Giles which was just out of reach of Mewitt was nodded in from a matter of inches by Merrifield. Suspect from the video showing the goal on the Bishops Stortford Twitter that Giles' corner would have found the far corner even without Merrifield's intervention. Merrifield then completed his hat trick after a further corner from Giles failed to be cleared by the home defence and Anthony Church's shot could only be parried into Merrifield's path by Mewitt. What was an excellent performance from the visitors could have led to a win by a greater margin but late on Foxley's curling effort from the edge of the area rebounded back off the bar and in the final minute, a pass from Merrifield showing a sensible unselfish approach was met by well directed shot from Charles which clipped the outside of the post. Haringey Borough although being subordinate for 98% of proceedings did push forward on occasion and a cross from George Aresti narrowly in front of two home forwards stretching limbs deserved more. With the win Bishops Stortford climbed to the summit of the ILP and on if this sort of performance is repeated over forthcoming contests, then they will be extremely difficult to dislodge from their current position.

Coles Park is a venue where the transformation from a falling apart venue where attendances were nearly always in the tens and consisted predominantly of those following the visitors to what is found today with the 4g pitch and the vibrant surrounds is remarkable and is one of the reasons why visits are far more frequent than before. The attendance on this occasion was one of the lower of the season but was ten times what would have been present a decade ago. Despite the fact that the hosts were second best in this contest, the home ultras kept up their repertoire of songs throughout and it must be said that they are far more tuneful than their Woodford counterparts and also there is no need to resort to bang away at a bass drum.

Slight concern on the outward journey that the destination may have to be revised after the c2c service had to travel very very slowly behind a equally very slow moving early evening freight train on the approaches to Barking. However, all was rectified as the late running service had the effect of delaying the onward Gospel Oak line service which departs from the same platform, therefore only a slight delay in arriving into Haringey Green Lanes and thus able to arrive at Coles Park twenty minutes before kick off. No issues on the return journey with no freight services delaying travel, Indoors at 23.38...

Saturday 4th February 2023 POTTERS BAR TOWN v HARINGEY BOROUGH (Pitching In Isthmian League Premier Division)

It would be a bit of an exaggeration to say that we were just a second away from a miracle when a stoppage time header rescued a point for "The Scholars", but by not too great a margin for Parkfield has been a graveyard for our hopes ever since we recovered our Isthmian status with just a 0-0 draw punctuating our defeats in the five League and Cup matches played there following our recovery of Isthmian status. Both the Potters Bar goals were headers created by corners with the first being in the 35th minute when centrally placed Miles Mitchell-Nelson was free to head one in virtually unchallenged. The stoppage time equaliser was nodded in from close range by substitute Liam Hope as the corner was not emphatically cleared and was returned into the danger zone. The referee blew the full time whistle a second after we restarted. That the only save of real note by our debut making 'keeper, Joshua Strizovic on loan from Dagenham & Redbridge, was also from a header which he repelled at the foot of a post with a fine diving save a few minutes before the finish seems to suggest where our Achilles heel might be for before that late header "The Scholars" had rarely seriously threatened from open play. Our two goals were fine clinically executed finishes firstly by Erald Desa in the 38th minute, just three minutes after Bar had taken the lead as he angled a low cross shot well beyond the reach of the 'keeper. Ben Allen put us ahead on the hour mark as he stayed onside to race completely free of defenders challenges onto a through ball and composed himself before drilling his shot past the advancing 'keeper. That we were undone in the last second of stoppage time was galling to say the least and cemented our mid-table position of 14th which we are finding it difficult to get away from and are still 4 points behind Folkestone Invicta and 1 above Bognor Regis Town who have 3 games in hand and so will overtake us today if they win. More pertinently we are now 13 points behind the last play-off spot and 12 above the drop zone; Mathematically we are not out of the running for a play-off place but its beginning to look ever more out of reach as two points which appeared to have been secured were thrown away at the death.

Tuesday 7th February 2023 POTTERS BAR TOWN v HARINGEY BOROUGH (Velocity Cup Quarter Final)

One of the most disappointing results of the season and our loyal travelling supporters were surely entitled to expect at the very least a greater show of passion than we exhibited. More was surely to be expected with a Semi-Final place and a favourable home draw as the prize on offer. But we can have no complaints about the outcome and peppering the lofty home central defenders with a constant stream of high balls was easy pickings for them against our smaller strike force so was unlikely to be rewarded, and nor was it. The robust and direct home attackers gave our defence more to think about and once again it was a corner kick that put us on the back foot after 22 minutes when one was not decisively dealt with and Dejon Noel-Williams took advantage to stab the ball home from close range. Briefly we looked as if we might get back into the game when Callum Ismail was bundled over 8 minutes later as he threaded his way into the penalty area, again following a half cleared corner, and Olu Durojaiye made no mistake from the spot; the 'keeper dived the right way but fortunately the shot had too much power for him to get down in time to intercept. But just two minutes into the second half we were behind again as a low centre from the left goal-line somehow found its way into our net from among a bevy of players and perceived wisdom is that it was Max Mitchell it touched last on its way into our net. When a team goes a goal down in a Cup Tie with virtually a whole half to retrieve the situation a furious onslaught might be the expected response but there was no sign of it and it was all over bar the shouting when the unmarked Noel-Williams added a third a few minutes later having been allowed plenty of time to bring down and control a high cross around the penalty spot area before driving it accurately into the corner to Joshua Strizovic's right giving him no real chance of reaching it. Little in the way of excitement was generated thereafter and even in the dying seconds of stoppage time we managed to waste one of the few chances we created in open play when it seemed, albeit from a distance, easier to score. Truly the expression "bogey team" must have been created with us and Potters Bar Town in mind.

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. Last Tuesday one of the two possibilities was extinguished as our second visit to Potters Bar Town in the space of 4 days saw us produce an uninspiring display which inevitably resulted in our quarter final exit from the Velocity Cup. So only the London Senior Cup now offers the prospect of some end of season excitement. 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 in December. We now face formidable opponents in the next round – Dartford flying high in the National League South - who will doubtless be determined to avenge our wonderful FA Trophy win at their ground behind closed doors in December 2020. We will be the visiting them on Tuesday 28th February

NEWS OF OUR OTHER TEAMS

The Under 23s. Its an extraordinary competition as all but one of the teams in the 6 team North Division is seriously challenging for the top spot and the lead is constantly changing. Last Wednesday Borough should have visited the odd one out – table footing Brightlingsea Regent – but a frozen pitch put paid to that. This coming Monday we will be entertaining Bury Town with a 7.45pm kick off. We have played more games than any other team on the Division and will probably need to win all four remaining matches to secure the title,. 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 & Kingsbury .on 3rd. January when six goals were shared and their scheduled game for next Monday away to Hayes & Yeading United is unlikely to take place as the home Club has floodlight problems - although they are looking into the possibility of finding an alternative ground.

Our Womens Team. All good things come to an end and that includes the Women's team erstwhile season long undefeated record at Coles Park at the 11th time of asking (8 competitive matches and 3 Friendlies) They were not at their strongest last Sunday and a scrappy game saw them go down by the odd goal in five after twice coming from behind before falling to Royston Town's late winner. The sparkle displayed in

recent games was missing and it is to be hoped this was just a one-off blip and that "normal service" will be renewed tomorrow when they visit Bedford and even more so on Sunday 19th when National League South London Bees (i.e Barnet thus masquerading) will be at Coles Park in a Capital Women's Cup game. Lingering hopes of the Championship were badly dented by the defeat which was particularly unfortunate as Luton Town suffered their first defeat of the season at Stevenage, the League leaders, ironically the team whose own hopes we dealt a severe blow to last Sunday week. In the remainder of the season we will have a big say in the destination of the title as the favourites Luton Town will be visiting Coles Park and we have home and away fixtures to come against AFC Sudbury. Luton have dropped 5 points, Sudbury 9 and us 15. Just an outside chance both may implode but even 9 points from those three games will probably not see us beyond the Runners-up spot. But the youthful team has shown enough for optimism to abound as regards next season's campaign. In the 3rd Round of the League Cup they will face AFC Sudbury – so that's three fixtures yet to come against that Club – one of the hardest draws possible. 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.

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

Tuesday 14th February v CANVEY ISLAND 7.45pm
(Pitching in Isthmian League – Premier Division)

NEXT AWAY FIRST TEAM MATCH

Saturday 18th February v BILLERICAY TOWN 3 pm
(Pitching in Isthmian League – Premier Division)

At New Lodge, Blunts Wall Road, Billericay, CM12 9SA

Journey would normally be 30 minutes by Greater Anglia trains from Liverpool Street but trains are likely to be replaced by buses that day and Central Line Underground to Newbury Park where replacement buses to Billericay can be boarded is the alternative and is likely to take about an hour and 20 minutes. Stadium one and a half miles from Station

OTHER TEAMS UPCOMING MATCHES (before next home game)

Sunday 12th February - WOMEN away to Bedford (League) 2pm

Monday 13th February - UNDER 23s HOME to BURY TOWN (League) 7 45pm

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THERE'S an old wives' tale at NLP Towers which continually succeeds in amusing and bemusing us in equal measure.

It's a theory which has haunted us for as long as we can remember, it just won't go away and it regularly returns to make fools out of anyone who has dared edit, report for or contribute towards our news pages over the years. It's called The Curse of The NLP.

These days, 'The Curse' comes with an acceptance from us all in the office, but in recent weeks it's returned to bite us on the backside more often than usual.

Take our edition of January 29 for example. On page 33 we ran an interview with Ramsgate manager Steve Lovell after he had led the Rams into title contention in Isthmian League South East.

Lovell spoke at length about how much he was enjoying life at the Southwood Stadium and how there was so much more to come from the Kent side for the rest of the campaign.

That weekend they were surprisingly beaten at Three Bridges which is ironic enough in itself, but two days later Lovell was unceremoniously sacked and later replaced by the defender he brought to the club, Jamie Coyle. Sorry Steve.

In that same edition, we also ran a piece on Altrincham following their recent upturn in form. In it, assistant manager Neil Sorvel told how the club's new full-time model had contributed to a 10-match unbeaten run which had propelled the Robins into play-off contention.

Granted, that unbeaten run ended with a narrow defeat at Chesterfield in the midweek prior to publication but Alty have lost their last two games since and have slipped back down into the bottom half of the table. Sorry Robins.

This week 'The Curse' struck again – and just when we least expected it.

In that same edition of January 29, Hereford boss Josh Gowling, a regular columnist at The NLP, explained about the highs and lows of football management after having watched the heart-warming video of Mark Hudson telling his children that he has lost his job at Cardiff City.

"Management is the best job in the world, but also it can feel the most lonely," Gowling said. "We went through a period in November and December where we didn't win. I'd just won manager of the month in October. I was miserable. I was in my office every day, away from my family, trying to find ways to fix it.

You have to keep working to try and get it right – plus I put the manager of the month award away in my desk under a load of books! We've been winning again since I did that so maybe I will keep it out of sight."

So, imagine our surprise a little over a week later when Hereford parted company with playing favourite Gowling after three straight defeats in National League North. Sorry Josh.

We just hope that Steve, Neil and Josh don't have second thoughts when the name 'Non-League Paper' flashes up on their phone the next time we call for a chat.

But, in the meantime, be warned. If an article appears on your club or your star player and then subsequently leads to a Manager of the Month style voodoo affecting their form, then you know you've been struck by 'The NLP Curse'.

By By Jon Couch

THE VIEW FROM THE BELL END



What is it about Potters Bar away? After two contrasting performances in four days, one we should have won, one we didn't come out for the second half for, the curse of The Lantern Stadium continues. The disappointment of conceding a 96th minute equaliser last Saturday was surpassed by losing in the Quarter Final on Tuesday night. Gutted is the strongest word I'll use in print to describe the emotion after the game but the journey home contained much more industrial language.

So, we exit the Velocity Cup and are now left with just the London Senior Cup and cementing a decent finishing position in the league for the season.

On the subject of league positions, I may be getting a little carried away with the fact we've been 14th since Boxing Day, but I find that really strange, is it that unusual? I mean teams may be 1st or 22nd in the league for long periods of time but to be 14th for over 40 days is some feat. Incredible consistency. Please don't take my enthusiasm for being 14th for so long as being satisfaction, I feel we should be significantly higher than we are and I can't count the number of times I've said 'they weren't very good' following a loss or a draw and I'm talking about the opposition.

Before I get onto the pluses of the past month and there have been some, I think I'm echoing a lot of fans thoughts when I say Bishop's Stortford are the best team we've had visited Coles Park or we've seen away. They were well organised, had a pace about them that we struggled with and I certainly wasn't too disappointed after the game. It was also nice to applaud an ex-Boro hero in Tosin when he left the field. Maybe chanting 'Who are yeah?' wasn't interpreted by all as a sign of affection but his smile and acknowledgement was appreciated and showed he knew it was in jest.

Onto the pluses, Ben Allen 3 games, 2 goals. It is clear he won't let anyone take advantage of him, he's been in the face of every centre half, not given them any rest and worked hard for the team, hopefully there's more to come but he's made a great start to his Boro career. Erald Desa has done well too, setting up the winner against Carshalton and getting a good goal against Potters Bar. Shame they were both cup-tied Tuesday night.

Another pleasing thing has been the performances at Coles Park, Stortford aside the games against Carshalton and Hastings were great and brought back memories of fortress like Coles Park when any team coming to our manor knew they were in for a tough time. I hope we can continue that for the rest of the season and there's no better time than with today's game and Tuesday's game against Canvey Island.

I cannot end the pluses without mentioning the support, here he goes again I'm sure you are thinking, but to have averaged over 500 for Hastings and Carshalton is fantastic, I've chatted to some new faces at away games who have said how much they enjoy attending games and the atmosphere generated, it means a lot and the more the merrier. I know the Chairman has mentioned his delight in recent programmes notes at the growth of the fan base and it great that is acknowledged by the club and that they are proud and value our support.

On attendances they always dip from Saturday to Midweek games due to the number of families that come but with Canvey Island being on Valentine's night our attendance may drop again, we have many romantic supporters amongst us so if you aren't attending Tuesday may I wish you a Happy Valentine's. If you need any inspiration, the best rhyme I can come up with is "Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, there's Haringey Borough and then there is you". I'm brave but I'm not that brave.

Get behind the team, go home hoarse from all that singing and fingers crossed we get 3 points.

Sing if you're Haringey, sing if you're happy that way!

Nick Hoare



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HARINGEY PLAYER PROFILES 2022-23



BEN ALLEN – attacker signed from Aveley on the last Saturday morning of January 2023 who made a scoring debut that afternoon. He was a young player at Phoenix Sports when snapped up by Gillingham, where he turned out for their Under 18 side and a few times for the first team. Loan time at Greenwich Borough followed, and then he moved to National League Bromley, before having some loan time at Lewes. Also has National League experience with Welling United, Concord Rangers and Hungerford Town.

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.

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.

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.

LEKAN OSIDEKO – striker signed in late January from National League South Hereford FC. Previously with Chatham Town of the Southern Counties East League and his goals helped them to gain promotion to the Isthmian League in season 2021/22,

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.

JOSHUA STRIZOVIC – young goalkeeper loaned to us by Dagenham & Redbridge in February up to the end of the season. Has previously been loaned to Harrow Borough, Herne Bay and Hanwell Town.

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

February already! The season is rattling along and, after a strong start to 2023, the faint glow of the playoffs is - just about - still burning. It's the hope that gets you in the end!

As is inevitable in the world of non-league football, players come and go. Luckily for us, a very welcome Christmas present arrived in the form of a much experienced man who has had quite the say in Boro's robust and largely successful January. This week, we give a warm welcome to HELGE OROME.

ANOTHER RELATIVE NEWCOMER TO COLES PARK, HELGE - ALTHOUGH SEVERAL APPEARANCES ALREADY! WHAT HAVE YOU MADE OF YOUR TIME HERE SO FAR?

I'm really enjoying it. Everyone has welcomed me with open arms from the coaches, staff, players and fans! It's allowed me to settle down really quickly and concentrate on putting in the right performances.

IT WAS A COLD AND WET DAY DOWN IN TOLWORTH AGAINST CORINTHIAN-CASUALS, AS YOUR PLAYER CARD SUGGESTS! WHAT WAS YOUR VIEW OF BORO'S RESPONSE TO THE DOWNPOUR, AND WHAT WAS THAT FIRST WIN LIKE?

I thought I was gonna die out there! It had me considering if I was in the right sport at one point!

I thought we were fantastic. Every player to a man rolled their sleeves up and refused to leave Tolworth empty handed. Especially during and after the downpour with the pitch getting waterlogged and cutting up. It made the game harder as time went on but the concentration and application from every player in the squad set a marker of what is expected every time we step out on the pitch.

IT'S BEEN QUITE A STRONG START TO 2023 FOR BORO - SOME EXCELLENT WINS IN JANUARY, ALONGSIDE BATTLING PERFORMANCES IN TOUGH GAMES AGAINST FOLKESTONE AND ENFIELD. WHAT'S THE ATMOSPHERE LIKE IN THE DRESSING ROOM? There's a good feeling in the dressing room with a slight hint of disappointment. We've shown the performances and results we are capable of achieving with the squad we have. The disappointing thing is that it all started to gel and come together a little too late with a slight mountain to climb.

We haven't given up! The players and coaches still believe with the talent and ability we have in the changing room we can still cause a massive surprise at the end of the season.

YOU'VE BEEN AROUND THE ISTHMIAN FOR A WHILE, WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON THE LEAGUE THIS YEAR IN TERMS OF COMPETITIVENESS AND QUALITY?

The Isthmian League has always been a competitive league. I think over the years the competition has greatly improved. This year it's really tight at the top with 3-4 teams going for it. The bottom of the league is tight with 7-8 teams in and around it!

We've seen that any team can beat anybody in this league. The league positions cannot show or determine who the better sides in the league are. I've been hearing for weeks about the opposition's surprise at our league position. The key thing is CONSISTENCY!



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FACTFILE...

FULL NAME: Helge (Zahui) Orome
FAMILY: Wife and little daughter
CAR: Mercedes GLC Coupe
JOB OUTSIDE FOOTBALL: Social Media Manager

FOOTBALL...

JOINED BORO: 26th December 2022
PREVIOUS CLUBS: I don't think you have enough space in the programme! No seriously...
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Lionel Messi
"OTHER" TEAM: Arsenal FC
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: James Rodriguez [*who Helge faced in the 2011 Toulon tournament*]
FAVOURITE ISTHMIAN AWAY TRIP: Hastings United
MOST MEMORABLE GAME: Last season winning my fourth trophy in one season. The game wasn't a classic but the achievement is something that will live long in the memory.
WORST THING ABOUT FOOTBALL: Playing in the cold.

FAVOURITES...

FOOD: Jollof Rice | BEVERAGE: Rubicon Lychee
PIZZA TOPPING: BBQ base, Tuna, Cheese and Sweetcorn. Thank me later!
CRISP FLAVOUR: Thai Sweet Chilli
CHOCOLATE BAR: Toffee Crisp
HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Bali
FILM: Don't Be A Menace (Wayan Bros)
TV SHOW: The Office | ACTOR: Will Ferrell
MUSICIAN: Deeper Worship, Red Tips, J Monty
BOOK: The Bible | HOBBIES: Music & FIFA
OFF-SEASON ACTIVITY: Eat, Sleep & 6 a side football

FINALLY...

CLAIM TO FAME: I represent England at 6 a side level
DISLIKES: Cooked fruit, Custard and Crowded Areas
BIGGEST INFLUENCE: My wife. Also the biggest pain in the backside! Same thing right?
BIGGEST THRILL: Having one of my skits go viral. (A Dot coaching scene)
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Having 2 seasons cut short because of Covid!
FANTASY DINNER PARTY: Raymond Reddington, Grandad from Boondocks and Boris Johnson (for a not so pleasant conversation!)
ANY OTHER BUSINESS?: I am a full on creative! I make music, play Keys and Drums. I also create content for big brands and entertainment. Hopefully you'll see my work on the big screen one day!

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



BOGNOR REGIS TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

TOBY STEWARD – Goalkeeper

On loan from Portsmouth. Toby is a young keeper with a good future ahead of him and has already been selected on the bench for a number of Portsmouth first team games as well as being called up to the England goalkeeping development squad.

ARCJIE BENNETT – Goalkeeper

Recently promoted from the youth team squad, Archie began with the Portsmouth Academy.

JOSHUA McCORMICK – Defender

A fast and direct full back, Josh played for Bognor several years ago, helping the club to victory in the Sussex Senior Cup. Moved to Winchester City before returning to the club this season.

JOE RABBETTS – Defender

Previously with Aldershot Town, Joe has joined on loan from Dorking Wanderers.

CALVIN DAVIES – Defender / Midfield

Former Portsmouth defender who joined Bognor in 2016 and quickly became a favourite with his strength in the tackle. Sadly missed two seasons with a serious knee injury but has come back as good as ever. Scored the goal of the season in 21/22

TOM BRAGG – Defender

On loan from Eastleigh. Has spent time in Scotland playing for Dunfermline Athletic and Kelty Hearts.

CRAIG ROBSON – Defender

Re-joined the club a year ago, having played with distinction for several years at Nyewood Lane earlier in his career. Moved from Bognor to Dagenham & Redbridge and then to Barnet, Billerica and Havant & Waterlooville.

DANNY HOWICK - Defender

Tough tackling and adaptable defender. Captain of the Rocks youth team last season and has earned his promotion to the first team squad.

JAMES CRANE – Defender

Played for the club for nine years before leaving to join Worthing for one year, returning to Nyewood Lane in 2020. Previously played for Arundel, Heart of Midlothian, Reading, and Cypriot sides Famagusta and AEK Larnaca. Due to make is 500th appearance for Bognor shortly.

SAM DE ST. CROX – Midfield

Sam joined from Metropolitan Police during the summer. In addition to playing for Aldershot, Farnborough and Godalming Town, also spent a couple of years in New Zealand playing for NP Rangers, Hamilton Wanderers, Hawkes Bay and North Shore United.

ISAAC OLANYAN – Midfield

Another new signing this season, Isaac developed through the youth system at AFC Wimbledon.

JOE BRIFFA – Midfield

A graduate of last season's youth team, Joe's calmness on the ball belies his young age.

JAKE FLANNIGAN - Defender

Jake spent time at Nyewood Lane two seasons ago on loan from Havant and Waterlooville and joined Bognor on a permanent basis. Began his career at Southampton where he featured in the first team. Has also played at Hampton & Richmond Borough.

LEON BAKER-NETO – Midfield

A tenacious and skilful midfielder who has also played for Havant and Waterlooville FC.

LUKE ROBINSON - Forward

A Bermudan international, Luke joined this season from Worthing. Has also represented Lewes and Peacehaven & Tescombe having developed at the Southampton and Brighton academies.

HARVEY WHYTE – Midfield

Played for the club during two loan spells before signing permanently seven years ago from Havant & Waterlooville. Great ball control and a blistering pace makes him very popular with the Rocks faithful. Son of 1980's Rock's favourite Dallas Whyte. Began as a winger but is now an accomplished attacking midfielder. Club captain.

BRADLEY LETHBRIDGE – Forward

Began his career with Portsmouth featuring in, and scoring for the first team. Joined Bognor on loan a couple of years ago before making the move permanent. Mover to Gosport Borough last season before choosing to re-join The Rocks again this season. Scored a number of impressive goals when previously with the club.

NATHAN ODOKONYERO - Forward

Former Chelsea youngster who also played for Lincoln City before joining Bognor at the start of last season.

MATT PATERSON – Forward

Recent signing from Gosport Borough. An experienced and well-travelled striker who developed at Southampton before playing for Southend United, Stockport County, Forest Green Rovers, Burton Albion, Aldershot, Havant & Waterlooville, Oxford City and Welling United. Has also represented Scotland at Under 19 level.

TOM CHALAYE – Forward

Has played for Worthing, Pagham, Aldershot Town and Burgess Hill Town (two spells) before joining Bognor this season. Has also played for the England Colleges team.

TOM HOLLAND – Forward

Tom is a young forward who stepped up from the Under 18s at the end of last season.

ALFIE BRIDGMAN – Forward

Spent a period at Nyewood Lane last season and has joined this season on loan from Portsmouth

CLUB MANAGEMENT

ROBBIE BLAKE – Team Manager

Made over 500 appearances in the Football League and the Premier League, including scoring the winner for Burnley against Manchester United. Robbie was previously first team coach at Portsmouth before making the switch to Bognor four years ago. Has now taken over as manager following the retirement of Jack Pearce.

JAMIE HOWELL – Assistant Manager

Jamie made over 400 appearances for Bognor before moving into management at Burgess Hill Town. Became Bognor manager some twelve years ago, leading them to promotion to the National League South five years ago. Moved onwards to Eastbourne Borough and Kingstonian before returning last season to assist Robbie Blake.

HARINGEY PLAYER STATS 2022-2023 ALL COMPETITIONS

Player	League			Cup			Total		
	Starts	Subs	Goals	Starts	Subs	Goals	Starts	Subs	Goals
Alphanso Kennedy	23	5	5	3	2	0	26	7	5
Andronicos Georgiou**	5	6	0	1	1	0	6	7	0
Anthony Mendy*	9	5	5	4	1	2	13	6	7
Ben Allen	3	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	2
Bobson Bawling	5	2	1	0	0	0	5	2	1
Callum Ismail	13	3	0	5	0	0	18	3	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 Djamias	6	2	0	0	1	0	6	3	0
Destiny Olapido*	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
Erald Desa	2	3	1	0	0	0	2	3	1
Georgios Aresti	15	8	4	5	1	1	20	9	5
Helge Orome	6	2	0	1	0	0	7	2	0
Johnny Ashman*	14	4	3	4	2	0	18	6	3
Jorge Djassi-Sambu	10	5	1	5	1	0	15	6	1
Joshua Strizovic	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
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	23	0	0	4	0	0	27	0	0
Matthew Young*	12	0	2	4	0	0	16	0	2
Max Ovenden	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	0
Mekhi McLeod	1	4	0	0	3	0	1	7	0
Michael O'Donoghue	21	0	1	4	0	0	25	0	1
Micheal Dome-Bemwin*	4	3	0	2	0	0	6	3	0
Olalekan Osideko	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Olu Durojaiye	19	0	3	5	0	2	24	0	5
Rakim Richards	13	1	3	3	0	0	16	1	3
Samuel Owusu	17	1	0	3	1	0	20	2	0
Scott Mitchell	21	0	0	3	0	0	24	0	0
Stefanos Georgiou	12	4	2	3	1	0	15	5	2
William Dupray	14	5	1	5	0	0	19	5	1

* No Longer at Club

** On Loan to Kings Langley

Isthmian League Premier Division 2022/23 - up to and including 7/2/2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Bishop's Stortford	27	16	5	6	45	23	+22	53
2	Enfield Town	26	15	6	5	54	25	+29	51
3	Aveley	29	15	6	8	47	33	+14	51
4	Hornchurch	25	15	4	6	57	30	+27	49
5	Canvey Island	27	14	6	7	44	29	+15	48
6	Cray Wanderers	29	12	11	6	52	34	+18	47
7	Lewes	27	12	9	6	52	35	+17	45
8	Carshalton Athletic	28	13	6	9	35	33	+2	45
9	Horsham	26	12	7	7	49	34	+15	43
10	Hastings United	27	12	6	9	34	25	+9	42
11	Potters Bar Town	26	13	3	10	44	46	-2	42
12	Billericay Town	29	12	5	12	46	46	0	41
13	Folkestone Invicta	28	12	3	13	50	47	+3	39
14	Haringey Borough	28	9	8	11	42	48	-6	35
15	Bognor Regis Town	25	9	7	9	43	44	-1	34
16	Margate	27	8	8	11	35	43	-8	32
17	Wingate & Finchley	27	5	10	12	28	42	-14	25
18	Bowers & Pitsea	28	5	9	14	28	48	-20	24
19	Kingstonian	27	5	8	14	26	48	-22	23
20	Brightlingsea Regent	26	4	7	15	30	68	-38	19
21	Corinthian-Casuals	29	5	3	21	27	62	-35	18
22	Herne Bay	25	4	5	16	35	60	-25	17

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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	Won 1-0
Sat 21 Jan	Away	Folkestone Invicta	Lost 1-2
Sat 28 Jan	HOME	HASTINGS UNITED	Won 2-0
Tue 31 Jan	HOME	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	Lost 0-3
Sat 4 Feb	Away	Potters Bar Town	Drew 2-2
Tue 7 Feb	Away	Potters Bar Town (Velocity Cup Quarter Final)	Lost 1-3
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	
Tue 28 Feb	Away	Dartford (3rd Round London Senior Cup)	
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 Apl	HOME	MARGATE	
Mon 10 Apl	Away	Enfield Town 3pm	
Sat 15 Apl	Away	Lewes	
Sat 22 Apl	HOME	CRAY WANDERERS	

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	Won 4-0
Mon 13 Feb	HOME	BURY TOWN	
Mon 20 Feb	Away	Felixstowe & Walton United	
Mon 6 Mar	Away	Bury Town	
Undated	Away	Brightlingsea Regent	

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
Wed 22 Feb	away	Hilltop	
Mon 27 Feb	HOME	POTTERS BAR TOWN	
Mon 20 Mar	HOME	LANGLEY	
Mon 13 Mar	HOME	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	
Thur 30 Mar	away	Enfield Borough	
Mon 3 Apr	away	Hanwell Town	
Undated	away	Hayes & Yeading United	

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	Won 1-0
Sun 5 Feb	HOME	ROYSTON TOWN	Lost 2-3
Sun 12 Feb	Away	Bedford	
Sun 19 Feb	HOME	LODON BEES (Capital Womens Senior Cup)	
Sun 26 Feb	Away	AFC Sudbury (League 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



From

Joshua STRIZOVIC

Olu DUROJAIYE

Michael O'DONOGHUE

Rakim RICHARDS

Scott MITCHELL

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Ben ALLEN

Erald DESA

Tage KENNEDY

Samuel OWUSU

Luke MEWITT

Olalekan OSIDEKO

Helge OROME

Christos DJAMAS

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Cameron BLACK

Craig ROBSON

Harvey WHYTE (C)

Sam DE ST CROIX

Isaac OLANIYAN

Dan HOWICK

Nathan ODOKONYERO

Alfie BRIDGMAN

Dan GIFFORD

Tom HOLLAND

Matt PATERSON

Bradley LETHBRIDGE

Manager: Robbie Blake

Assistant Manager: Jamie Howell

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