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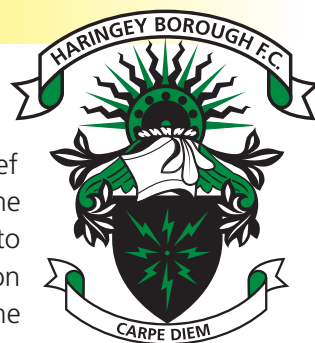
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## HARINGEY BOROUGH FC - A BRIEF HISTORY



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.

However, the Club reserves the right to refuse admission to any person and the right to remain within the ground is conditional upon compliance with directions given by Club Officials. Spectators and other visitors must not encroach upon the playing area, deface or damage Club premises or equipment, take any glasses, alcohol or bottles outside of the Clubhouse or use obscene or insulting language or gestures (and especially any of a racist nature).

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## HISTORY OF CRAY WANDERERS FC



Cray Wanderers have been in exile from the Cray's since 1973 when they lost the Grassmeade ground in Chelsfield Road, due to housing development. They moved to Oxford Road, on the borders of Footscray and Sidcup, but when that ground was ruled to be unsuitable for Step 5 football (the Wands were then playing in the Kent League) it became necessary from 1998/99 to play first team matches at Hayes Lane, as tenants of Bromley FC.

However, an off the field victory was obtained in March 2018 as approval by Bromley Council was granted for a new Football Stadium/Community Hub at Flamingo Park in Sidcup which on Monday 26th November received a further boost when approval was given by the GLA (Mayor of London) giving the green light to a bright future for the club and community. The 2018-19 season saw Cray Wanderers now playing in the newly formed Isthmian South-East and were crowned the first champions of the division and despite a season of struggle in 2021-22 Cray retained their place in the Isthmian Premier for the fourth straight season. The first origins of Cray Wanderers are linked to the construction of the London, Chatham & Dover railway line during 1858 to 1860. During their leisure time, migrant workers kicked a ball around, and that is how the club originated in the St Mary Cray village. The pitch at Star Lane is now a cemetery, and is located beneath the nine-arch railway viaduct that spans the Cray Valley. The industrial belt of the River Cray, especially the paper mills, provided much of the club's support up till the 1950s.

Cray Wanderers were a strong force in senior county football at the turn of the century. After being Kent Junior Cup semi-finalists and finalists in 1890/91 and 1891/92 they entered the first ever FA Amateur Cup competition in 1893/94. They had a spell as a professional club between 1895 and 1907. They were a nursery club for Woolwich Arsenal during part of this period. They were one of the founder members of the Kent League in 1894/95, and they won the championship in 1901/02. Other honours included Southern Suburban League champions in 1898/99, West Kent League champions in 1903/04, and Kent Senior Cup runners-up in 1899/1900.

After World War One, Cray switched to the London League where they remained till 1934. In 1930/31 they won the Kent Amateur Cup. Cray rejoined the Kent League in 1934/35, but their four year stay came to grief when 1936 saw the loss of the Fordcroft ground in Cray Avenue, their home since 1898. Cray were forced to drop into a lower level of football, drifting from one temporary pitch to another while the club committee dwindled to a perilously small number. The team struggled badly in the South London Alliance and the Kent Amateur League.

1951/52 heralded a new era, and an upturn in the club's fortunes, when local businessman Mick Slater took over at the helm. The club was elected to the London League and regained its senior status. Cray moved to a new ground at Grassmeade in 1955. Their stay there was a very successful period in the club's history. Drawing extra support from the commuter town of Orpington, they played in the London League and then the Aetolian League. They were three times crowned champions, won the League Cup twice, and also won the Kent Amateur Cup three times.

Cray switched to the semi-professional Metropolitan League for five seasons commencing in 1966/67. In 1971/72 a merger of the Metropolitan League and the Greater London League created the Met London League.

Cray moved to Oxford Road in 1973/74. Johnny Biddle and Jimmy Wakeling proved to be successful managers. In 1974/75 Cray won the Met London League and League Cup, scoring 170 goals in all matches that season. In 1976/77 and 1977/78 Cray won the London Spartan League championship.

Cray decided to return to the Kent League in 1978/79. Success came quickly because Cray won the championship in 1980/81, having been runners-up the year before. Their powerful new team under manager Harry Richardson reached the FA Vase quarter final and 5th round in those two seasons. After that, the 1980s decade brought only one more piece of silverware, the Kent League Cup in 1983/84. After finishing Kent League runners up in 1990/91, Cray had a lean period during most of the 1990s, with the exception of 1992/93 when they won the Kent Senior Trophy.

A new club chairman Gary Hillman arrived in 1994/95 and Ian Jenkins, a Cray player since 1993, was

appointed manager in 1999. By now, Cray were tenants of Bromley FC. As champions of the Kent League in 2002/03 and 2003/04, also reaching the FA Vase quarter final, they achieved promotion into the Ryman League Division One. Five years later at the end of season 2008/09 came further promotion into the Ryman Premier League, the highest level of football that the club has played at since the war.

After parting company with long-serving manager Ian Jenkins, relegation into the Ryman Division One North came at the end of 2013/14. The 2014/15 season started with much optimism but this was soon dispelled with a run of difficult results and three changes in management. Looking very much like having to suffer back to back relegations at Christmas and with 10 games to go after suffering a home defeat to the eventual League Champions the Wands went on a 10 game winning run, with a team assembled by the then manager Tommy Warrilow to secure survival and became the Ryman North League Team of the Year.

For 2015/16 The Wands were managed by former player Tony Russell. The Wands finished third in the Ryman North Division losing in the play-off semi final. Two years later and now in the Bostik League South they were beaten by Walton Casuals at the same stage after an excellent season saw Cray finish third and as top scorers with 112 goals.

The 2018-19 season saw Cray Wanderers now playing in the newly formed Isthmian South-East and after a 15 game unbeaten start to the season the team were on their way and were crowned the first champions of the division on Saturday 13th April and Cray took their place in the Isthmian Premier after a five year absence. Cray were lying 2nd in the division on 7th March, 2020 but the continuing escalation of Coronavirus led to the season being considered null and void. The 2020-21 season began and the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup was reached for the second time but with the Wands lying 5th in the Isthmian Premier the season was curtailed with the introduction of tier systems and two more national lockdowns.

The 2021-22 season saw the start of a new era for Cray Wanderers as Tony Russell and his coaching team departed the club in March 2021 and in April, former Welling United, AFC Wimbledon and Gillingham forward Danny Kedwell was appointed as new manager. However, Danny departed the club at the end of December and ex-Wands player Grant Basey took over in an interim capacity but ex-Bromley boss Neil Smith was appointed on 22nd March to guide Cray through the remaining league games and managed to stave off relegation and became Cray Wanderers first ever full time manager in May 2022 and the club are looking to prosper on and off the field. Cray Wanderers in 2022-23 have amassed a record points total for an Isthmian Premier League season and on the verge of a highest ever league position and since the autumn have been contenders to reach the playoffs for the first time.

The move to the new ground is taking shape and grass pitches were laid for Cray Wanderers youth sides to play on while the main stadium is being built and the club are finally playing football at what will be their new home and with 30+ youth teams including for the first time, girls football and the launch of a new academy side the future is looking rosy and bright.





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## Chairman - Haringey Borough FC

A warm welcome to everyone from Cray today and I hope you all enjoy the match, I fully appreciate that you need a result to secure your play off hopes and therefore there is much at stake which is not always the case in the final game of the season. We will do our utmost to play the game in the right way and I do not think anyone from Cray would expect us to do otherwise. We have our own cup final on 2 May and the players know they are playing for their place. We started the season hoping to end up in the same position as Cray currently stand, how we would dearly love to have had the opportunity today to cement a play off place. It wasn't to be and we have for the last few weeks been trying to set ourselves up for a better campaign next season. We have been much improved of late with some very good results against the leading contenders which again supports what I have been saying, namely, we are not far short of being a very strong side, consistency has been our issue and we know about a couple of positions where we can and need to improve if we are to challenge and we will be working on that throughout the summer. What cannot be disputed is the incredible increase in our fan base and we have today allowed everyone, home and away fans, in free to see what we have to offer, we have spread the word to the local schools and I hope the crowd will be by far the biggest of the season and I hope that those of you who do attend will enjoy it and tell you friends and family and secure your absolutely **FREE season ticket for ALL of next season's home league matches**. That is an amazing saving of £210 on current prices for each one of you. Go to the [haringeyboroughfc.net](http://haringeyboroughfc.net) website and follow the instructions. One gripe as usual is the time that those with a free ticket arrive!! I have said it a few times this season and it is improving but I am the one at the turnstile at 3 pm along with others who are on gate and car park duty. We all miss the first 10 -15 mins waiting for you to arrive!! That is not on – we let you in free, please do us the favour of turning up before kick off so we can all watch the game. I do not want to start putting in a time whereby if you are not here you have to pay to come in because that goes against everything I am seeking to do with the free offer. I invite as many of you as possible in to watch the Boro, support the Boro, get engaged with the Club, enjoy the facilities, make new friends and create an atmosphere of wellbeing and camaraderie. I do not want to impose rules and regulations that can lead to conflict so please, please return the Club's generosity by simply arriving on time! As you are aware we are having the annual presentation after the game starting at around 6.15 pm in the clubhouse where we will have the under 18's, the under 23's, the women and the men's first team present where we can all mingle and have a Club night and reward the players for their performances. After that please keep an eye on social media and the website for up to date news in particular in relation to the pre season friendly itinerary. Have a great summer and see you when it all begins again – Come on Boro!

Aki Achillea - Chairman Haringey Borough F.C

## Manager - Haringey Borough FC

The worst possible start at Lewes after the heroics and the drama of the Enfield game only a few days earlier. I warned the players that Lewes start fast, told them to be strong and secure at the back and once we quieten what I knew was going to be a big crowd we could get a foothold in the game and cause them problems. I know we are dangerous going forward but that start made it impossible. 3-0 down after a quarter of an hour yet we went on to play some excellent football, create loads of chances and in truth it would not have flattered us if we had drawn 3-3. Their management staff told me at the end we were one of the best teams they had played!! that after they won 4-0 and it wasn't them being polite we actually created chance after chance. That is why I am not too upset as it helps me watching the boys reaction to that first 15 minutes, we could have folded and got beat by 6 or more, the last goal at the end they didn't deserve and I think that made the score line a little skewed. We gave it our all as we had done against Enfield and Aveley before that and how we will approach this game. We will always uphold the integrity of the league and I will put a team out to win today regardless of who may benefit. I look back at the away game with Cray earlier in the season where for 45 minutes we looked like world beaters, going in 1-1 at half time when we could easily have been 3 or 4 goals to the good. The less about the second half capitulation the better. To lose like that was an embarrassment and not something I want to see today. We have the London Senior cup final to look forward



to and it could be against Charlton so everyone is hoping they beat Hendon next week, it will be disappointing to play Hendon in the final at their ground where we lost the semi final of the same competition last season. They would have home advantage and the London FA have refused to look at moving the game if Hendon do prevail. After that the real work starts as I seek to put a squad together for next season. A few weeks off for the players but not me and my staff as we speak to players and try and reach agreement with them that falls within our budget. Although we will not be able to compete with many in our league financially I believe we have something to offer and you the fans are a big part of that, everyone says what you create no other club does in our league and that is true. 1300 at Lewes last Saturday, how many songs from them? you sang for 90 minutes despite the scoreline, similarly when we went to Hastings, Bognor, Folkestone and the others who attract big crowds. It is so helpful to me and the players hearing you, it makes us want to give something back, long may it continue, the more noise you make as long as you are respectful to the opposition the better – Enjoy the game and the break and see you all in pre season –Come on Boro

Tom Loizou - Manager Haringey Borough F.C



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## THE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

This afternoon we take the opportunity to welcome the players Officials and supporters of CRAY WANDERERS FC to the CVS Van Hire Stadium; For us little is at stake for the best we can hope for is to hold on to our current 13th place and if we do not win three of the Clubs breathing down our neck could overtake us; but in any event it would be very surprising if our players didn't strain every sinew to make it difficult to omit them when Tom selects the team for our remaining game on Tuesday 2nd May (at the ground of Hendon FC) when we take on Hendon or Charlton Athletic Under 23s in the Final of the London Senior Cup (Sponsored by Veo). Our opponents will be decided this coming Tuesday when they play their long delayed semi-final. For our visitors today the match is of tremendous importance as they arrive holding that precious fifth place in the table which puts the holder in the play-offs for a chance of gaining National League status next season. Anything less than a win would leave them vulnerable to losing it to Lewes.

It is astonishing that 5 of our final 7 League games have been matches in which the outcome was crucial to the visiting side. First up it was the then title favourites Hornchurch who left with only one point and came within a whisker of it being none. Bishop's Stortford you owe us big time! Next up was Aveley when we produced a performance which might be kindly described as abject and they duly left with all 3 points. Our Bank Holiday "derby" with Enfield Town followed and effectively we put an end to their hopes with the 2-2 draw – and how we fought to achieve it! No one can accuse us of going easy on a local team. Last Saturday it was off to Lewes from whence we returned beaten 4-0 which suggests a one sided encounter but that could scarcely be further from the truth. They were deserving winners after their opening 15 minute onslaught left them three ahead but had we been able to overcome our finishing deficiencies they could well have lived to regret taking their foot off the gas.

Last season Cray escaped relegation on goal difference so the point they took from us when they visited Coles Park on 9th November was obviously crucial. Nobody knew that at the time and I don't suppose we were best pleased as we still harboured promotion ambitions of our own at that stage but in the final scheme of things two more points would have been of no material benefit to us; so we are glad Cray left with their point as they are a team we always enjoy playing home or away. Ironical that a season later we have the opportunity to terminate their promotion hopes and thus preserve two enjoyable fixtures for next season! Whatever, we are sure that both teams will give their all and may the better team win. We are hoping that our "free entry" offer to all will attract many first time visitors so will want to put on a display which will encourage them to return next season.

We welcome too, of course, our Match Officials who are Joshua Crofts with the whistle assisted by Robert Davies and Steven Walsh with the flags.

This will be the 9th meeting of the Clubs since we regained Isthmian status in 2015/16 and the previous results have been

22/9/15 HB 0 CW 0 Isthmian Division One North

20/10/15 CW 4 HB 2 Isthmian Division One North (Cray promoted at end of that season)

5/9/19 HB 1 CW 0 FA Cup Qualifying Competition 3rd Round

14/9/19 CW 1 HB 1 Isthmian Premier Division (Home game not played, Covid)

17/10/20 HB 1 CW 3 Isthmian Premier Division (Away game not played, Covid)

9/11/21 HB 1 CW 1 Isthmian Premier Division

9/3/22 CW 1 HB 2 Isthmian Premier Division

11/12/22 CW 5 HB 1 Isthmian Premier Division

Before that, In the FA Vase of 1977/78 Borough won 2-1 away from home. The London Senior Cup has paired us together at least twice the most memorable occasion being our astonishing 5-0 win away (at Bromley) in 1999/2000. But in 2010/11 we returned from a 3rd Round game played at Beckenham Town's ground having lost by 3-0.

Our visit to Cray earlier this season followed a strange pattern for at half time it was 1-1 and even Cray supporters could not believe they were not already beaten out of sight as we had dominated throughout creating but wasting (as is known to be our wont) chance after chance with nothing to show for it except Mikey's late equaliser when he smashed a loose ball into the roof of the net. By full time we were 5-1 losers and our propensity to collapse after conceding a goal has never been better demonstrated!

**LONDON SENIOR CUP (SPONSORED BY VEO)**

**Will take place on TUESDAY 2nd OF MAY 2023 (7.45pm) at JUBILEE PARK,  
TOWNSEND LANE, KINGSBURY, NW9 2NE  
(the home of Hendon FC)**

**Jubilee Line Underground to Kingsbury then bus 183 to Townsend Lane  
(6 Minute journey) & 10 minute walk to Stadium**

**OUR OPPONENTS will be either Hendon or Charlton Athletic Under 23s**

**ENTRANCE COST:- Standard Adult £12\*\* Concessions (Students, OAPs, Under18s) £5\*\***

**\*\* (but advance purchase on line is recommended and**

**Adult cost will be £10 (concessions still £5)**

**Link below**

**<https://www.seetickets.com/event/2022-23-london-senior-cup-final/hendon-fc-silver-jubilee-park/2645652>**

**Friday 7th April 2023 HARINGEY BOROUGH v MARGATE**

**(Pitching In Isthmian League Premier Division)**

This was one of the comparatively few matches in this very tight Premier Division when neither Club had any interest in chasing a play-off entry or drop avoiding result. That certainly showed in the first half of end to end play but no goals. Borough took the opportunity to give debuts to our three very late signings so as to make them eligible for London Senior Cup Final selection - right back Rio Davidson-Phipps, striker Sonny Fish and returning goalkeeper Alex Zamani. The game livened up considerably in the second half and the introduction of Sonny Fish (on Youth Loan from Leyton Orient) in the 62nd minute immediately added threat to our attack as he very quickly let the visiting defence know he was there and came very close to opening the score. But worryingly his debut lasted only 21 minutes as an accidental clash of heads with an opponent necessitated both retiring from the game. That was in the 83rd minute and led to the introduction of Sam Owusu, not normally regarded as a striker, but it was he who scored the only goal of the match in the 2nd minute of stoppage time; and it was not an easy net either as he raced in towards a low cross from the left and got right across the goalmouth and in front of the Margate defenders to flick it home at the near post. An eventful 13 minutes for him as he had managed to get himself booked too before scoring. Straight from the restart Margate had the ball in the net but fortunately we were saved by a flag although there were some among the spectators, including Borough people, who questioned whether it should have been raised at all. Probably proof that taken over a long enough period the law of averages will result in equality of favourable and unfavourable decisions.

**Monday 10th April 2023 ENFIELD TOWN v HARINGEY BOROUGH**

**(Pitching In Isthmian League Premier Division)**

A feisty game between two sides of vastly different styles of play. Enfield Town are well endowed with 6 foot and over players and, while we are not midgets, adopting their style of bombarding the opponents defence with a multitude of high crosses and long up and unders was never a sensible option for us. So slick passing movements were our weapon and in the end both methods produced two goals. Many corners and crosses had rained in on our defence with immaculate handling by Max snuffing out the danger before in the 19th minute Jorge was adjudged to have fouled Enfields striker Adam Cunnington and after a considerable delay while he was treated Jake Cass took the penalty bringing a fine diving to his left save by Max but unfortunately he could not hold it and he had no chance as Cass followed up to blast it home from a few yards out. Little had been seen of Borough as an attacking force until the home 'keeper Nathan McDonald was finally called into action to turn close range effort round for a corner. But it mattered little for (who else but) Scott Mitchell – although far from the tallest player in a crowded penalty area – got in a superb angled header as the kick was fired over from the right and sent it accurately across goal out of the keeper's reach. The second half continued in much the same vein and when Cass netted his second in the 64th minute that put the home side firmly in the driving seat but Borough shrugged off the reverse and probed away determinedly. A few minutes from time Cass wasted a glorious chance to make the game safe as having done all the hard work to create a clear opening in a central position just outside the six yard box he sent his finishing effort over the bar. What a costly miss that was to prove as Borough refused to lie down and pressed forward at every opportunity and were rewarded with a penalty in the last minute of the game for handball as Enfield dealt with a corner. A lengthy melee ensued during which Cass diligently scuffed away at the

penalty spot for which he was duly booked while Sam O and Enfield's Andre Coker were both yellow carded for adopting an aggressive attitude towards each other. Ben Allen who had been substituted after picking up a yellow for persistently ignoring the rules of the game, and he had indeed been a constant annoyance to the home 'keeper, joined in the melee thus earning a second yellow and with it a suspension which prevents his selection in today's final League game. Several minutes passed before Erald was able to take the penalty and the scuffling of the spot may well have been effective for the 'keeper dived to his left to repel it and it was Stefanos who raced forward to be first to the loose ball and smashed it home. So two penalties into the same goal, both saved with leftward dives and two rebounds emphatically fired home.

The win simply lifted us to 13th place in the table and that is the highest we can finish as we are 8 points behind 12th placed Billericay Town. But for Enfield the loss of two points has done grievous harm to their play off hopes as the loss of the 2 points meant they dropped to 6th place, one outside the play off zone. It did not put them right out of it but left them with a mountain to climb as they visited leaders Bishops Stortford last Saturday and finish today with a home game with fellow play off contenders Aveley. Even if they garnered six points their final position might still be outside the top 5 unless other results favour them. (update - they lost at Stortford and will not secure a play off spot).

#### **Saturday 15th April 2023 LEWES v HARINGEY BOROUGH (Pitching In Isthmian League Premier Division)**

A game of two halves is a cliché often used but it would not be appropriate to this game which was on the lines of one sixth/five sixths. After 15 minutes Lewes were three up and so total had been their domination that thoughts of the most embarrassing of scorelines ever were a worry. To keep their hope of a play off place alive they had to win and having taken a three goal lead presumably thought that was adequate. Unwise, for given the opportunity to seize the initiative we did so for the remainder of the game. In the event their lead was sufficient but only because we put on one of our master classes in making but wasting chances and it could easily have been level pegging by half time. Although having nothing much at stake we continued to look like the more committed team throughout the second half and the home 'keeper was certainly the busier of the two custodians despite our propensity to miss the target even when it looked easier to score. Had Jorge put away the opportunity created by Ben's fine low cross from the right midway through the half that could have been the prelude to a grandstand finish and would certainly have frayed Lewes nerves but unfortunately from just a couple of yards out he directed it the wrong side of a post. Lewes tore into us from the off and it was no surprise when Razz Coleman De-Graft fired them ahead as he cut in from the right and drove home low hard and straight from the edge of the penalty box just inside Max's left hand post. Five minutes later prolific scorer Joe Taylor (he who is on £xxx per week – you fill in the figures for your speculation is as good as anyone else's) trundled home what looked like a scuffed shot and four minutes later it was 3-0 as left back Jaydn Mundle-Smith raced virtually the full length of the field without an effective Borough challenge and coolly slotted home. Then we took over but were undone by our lack of finishing prowess and three minutes from time substitute Archie Tamplin, who had only joined the fray a few minutes earlier, scored the final goal almost identical to the first except that he made his progress down the middle rather than via a wing.

A four goal stuffing mathematically but not a true reflection of the flow of the game. It is a little ironic that Lewes having got the points they need for a possible play off spot from us must now depend on our ending the hopes of Cray Wanderers today – and must, of course win their own final game at 3rd placed Canvey Island, which may not be as demanding as it sounds for the Islanders are already sure of a play-off spot.

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

**The Under 23s.** Their season in the 6 team Development Division North ended last Wednesday with a visit to Brightlingsea Regent from where they returned 5-2 losers. They will not finish top, bottom or 5th so it matters little if they end up 2nd, 3rd or 4th with 3rd looking the most likely. Currently they are 2nd with a record of Won 8 Lost 7 For 31 Against 35 Points 24. Heybridge Swifts and Bury Town who are in 3rd and 4th place could both overtake them but as they have to play each other only one may do so. There will be no Isthmian Under 23 Division next season.

**The Under 18s.** Mid-table also for this team following an inconsistent season which has seen some surprising results, both good and bad. Postponement has followed postponement this season and they still have two games to play, both away from home.

**Our Womens Team.** Firstly about the immediate future. This coming Sunday the scheduled League game with Colney Heath has been cancelled as they have to give precedence to a Cup game of theirs. But at Coles



Park we have instead an interesting match against a touring American team – Nordic Soccer Club. It is likely to be a real test for our talented young side and we do hope there will be a good turn out of our supporters to witness it. Sadly the wheels have come off our promotion charge in the last three weeks but we can look forward to an even better campaign next season based on the experiences gained this time round. On April 2nd we finally encountered a team capable of stopping us scoring for the first time this season - AFC Sudbury, the most likely Champions from among the 4 Clubs then still in contention who scored 2 themselves. That gives massive importance to their visit to us on Sunday April 30th which at one time we thought might be the Championship decider – and still might be although victory would not make us the beneficiary. The following Sunday we scraped together a team of just 11 players who put up a tremendous performance against one of the other Championship chasers Luton Town who had a full complement of 16 players. We fell behind, equalised before half time, took an early second half lead with a free kick virtually from the half way line only to lose through 2 stoppage time goals when we were understandably struggling to compete physically having had no substitution opportunities. That the winner was a debatable hand ball penalty in the 19th of 23 minutes of stoppage time demonstrated, if such be needed, just how cruel a game football can be. That's not a typo you read nineteenth correctly and another 4 followed – the equaliser had arrived in the 101st minute; I can rarely recall having left the ground feeling so dejected in 68 years of attending Coles Park games. But no such feelings last Sunday when we played our final away game of the season at Colney Heath. A sluggish start saw us fall behind after only a few minutes play but once we got our act together there never seemed to be much doubt that we would turn things round. So many chances, some gilt edged, had been made and wasted by half time that it seemed like it might have been a continuation of yesterday's first team game. But parity had been restored by half time and three more successful efforts in the second half gave us a comfortable 4-1 win. Not that our defence and 'keeper were just spectators for the Colney attacks, although fewer, often looked threatening and some last ditch clearances and saves by Maisie were needed to preserve the three goal lead. With nothing at stake for either team it was played in a fine spirit, excellently and unfussily refereed by Rhys Stewart. And as for Colney's post match hospitality..... unsurpassed. I have been to every 21 of our Isthmian Premier Division games and can recall none as having bettered it and few have even equalled it – us and Cray Wanderers being two of the few. We certainly look forward to meeting them again when Sundays cancelled return game has been re-arranged, which is likely to be on a midweek day in May.

UP TO DATE LEAGUETABLE BELOW.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
AFC SUDBURY	17	14	0	3	55	24	31	42
STEVENAGE	18	11	2	4	51	26	25	35
HARINGEY BOROUGH	18	10	3	5	64	41	23	33
NEEDHAM MARKET	15	11	0	4	43	34	9	33
LUTON TOWN	15	10	2	3	24	18	16	32
BOWERS & PITSEA	18	7	0	11	40	46	-6	21
WROXHAM	15	5	1	9	27	46	-19	16
ROYSTON TOWN	17	4	3	10	27	42	-15	15
KINGS LYNN TOWN	16	4	2	10	24	51	-27	14
COLNEY HEATH	14	3	2	9	16	33	-17	11
BEDFORD	16	2	1	13	29	47	-18	7

The proceeds of the 50/50 draws are passed on to the Womens team to help with its running costs, which are quite considerable as will be obvious from the table above and is much appreciated. £1,295 has been raised to date and we are hoping for a bumper addition today

NEXT AWAY FIRST TEAM MATCH - our only remaining game  
Tuesday 2nd May v Hendon or Charlton Athletic Under 23s 7.45pm  
The London Senior Cup (Sponsored by Veo) Final  
See page 15 for details

*OTHER TEAMS UPCOMING MATCHES (before end of season)*

Sunday April 23rd WOMEN at HOME to NORDIC SOCCER CLUB (from USA) 2pm  
Monday April 24th UNDER 18s away to Hayes & Yeading United (League) 7.45pm  
Sunday April 30th WOMEN at HOME to AFC SUDBURY (League) 2pm  
Thursday May 4th Under 18s away to Enfield Borough (League) 7.45pm  
Undated WOMEN at HOME to COLNEY HEATH

**ADVANCE NOTICE FOR NEXT SEASON**

THE CHAIRMAN HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED THAT - FOR YET ANOTHER SEASON  
THE FREE SEASON TICKET OFFER WILL BE CONTINUED.

**HOW TO GET ONE?**

KEEP AN EYE ON THE CLUB'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE [www/haringeyboroughfc.net](http://www/haringeyboroughfc.net)  
FOR THE APPLICATION OPENING DATE

(fellow IT Neanderthals like me are welcome to approach me to obtain a cardboard  
issue with no risk of being made to feel foolish)  
AGAIN WE WILL BE SEEKING TO ADVISE EVERY PUPIL IN THE BOROUGH'S SCHOOLS  
THAT ENTRANCE FOR THEM WILL BE FREE FOR EVERY 21 OF OUR LEAGUE GAMES  
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# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



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SO, ULTIMATELY, Football Association chiefs finally made the only sensible call they could have made in granting an extension to the season for clubs at Steps 5 and 6.

But even though that affords the likes of Sandhurst Town, Brook House, Horndean and Bacup Borough a bit of breathing space from their ridiculous end-of-season fixture avalanche – Sandhurst having to play 11 games in 10 days at one point – there is a bigger picture to consider here.

Tackling congested fixture pile-ups come March and April is no new dilemma for clubs these days, and therein lies the problem.

On average, you can expect to lose at least two or three league fixtures over the course of the season, but on the odd year of extraordinary weather patterns such as this, contingency plans have to be put in place.

It's not necessarily the regulation league season which is causing the problem – there are enough Saturdays and Tuesdays in the calendar to comfortably take in a 46-game season – but the numerous cup competitions which clubs are often obliged, or felt pressured to, compete in.

Take my old friends down at Fleet Town, for example. These days, the Blues ply their trade in the Wessex League Premier but that just scratches the surface of a gruelling first-team campaign which also takes in FA Cup, FA Vase, Wessex League Cup, Hampshire Senior Cup, Southern Combination Cup, Russell Cotes Cup and Aldershot Senior Cup.

Eagle-eyed readers of The NLP's extensive fixtures page may have noticed that there are some regional or district cup competitions still trying to get through delayed second or third round matches. Indeed, for some, the backlog of fixtures is often so great that the competitions have, in the past, been carried over into the pre-season of the following campaign.

Sadly, though, one of Non-League football's great institutions is also implicated here – the County Cup.

This week, we saw two instances of National League clubs having to all but relinquish their challenge for honours at the semi-final stage due to fixture clashes.

Firstly, in Hampshire, we heard that Aldershot Town had been informed by the Hampshire Senior Cup sub-group that their semi-final tie against Basingstoke Town HAD to be played on Tuesday April 18.

But the Shots – proud six-time County Cup winners - had already rearranged their crucial National League game with Wealdstone for that date, meaning that despite their best efforts to arrange an alternative date, they had no choice but to fulfil their fixture but field their Under 21 academy side.

"The club wanted to move the fixture to give our supporters an opportunity to attend both our League fixture with Wealdstone and Cup fixture with Basingstoke but regret that unfortunately a choice between the two will have to be made," a club statement confirmed.

"We're incredibly proud of their achievements so far in this year's Hampshire Senior Cup and will be supporting the youngsters from Wealdstone."

And, it was the same story along the south coast at Worthing.

Following the postponement of their National League South game with Cheshunt to a waterlogged pitch last week, the match was put back to the only available date left available, Tuesday April 25.

This, however, had been listed just 24 hours before the Rebels' already scheduled Sussex Senior Cup semi-final against Hastings United.

Despite constant dialogue with the National League and Sussex County FA to see if the congestion could be eased, a solution could not be found owing to "multiple factors", again meaning Worthing will have to field an under-strength side for the Hastings game with play-offs still very much in the offing.

Club chairman Barry Hunter commented: "Naturally this creates a huge conflict as it schedules us to play four games in eight days, which is not possible without compromise.

"We would also plan to speak with the Sussex FA at the end of the season in the hope we could work with



them and other clubs to find ways to avoid the congestion experienced this season.”

Barry is right, discussions do need to be had. Most supporters have some very fond memories from their club's respective County Cup competitions and take great pride in claiming regional bragging rights should their club be lucky enough to lift the trophy.

But the fact remains that County FAs such as Hampshire and Sussex can't expect the likes of Aldershot and Worthing to put their whole season on the line at this crucial stage when there is still so much to play for in the league. If anything, they should be supporting their member clubs in their quest to achieve a highest possible league position. I mean, it's in their best interests, right?

The plight of Aldershot and Worthing – and no doubt other clubs up and down the country – will once again place the future of the County Cup into doubt.

Personally, I like to think they still have a part to play in the fabric of a Non-League season, but unless there is more understanding and flexibility in the fulfilling of priority fixtures, then the more difficulty I have in making an argument for it to remain on the modern-day fixture list.

Something, somewhere along the line surely has to give.

By Jon Couch



## THE VIEW FROM THE BELL END



It's incredible how quickly the season has gone, the never-ending friendly games to today our 42nd league game, sprinkled with cup games in between. But hey it's not over today is it, Tuesday 2nd May, London Senior Cup Final @ Hendon against Charlton or Hendon. Difficult to express how excited it is to be in a final and how amazing it would be to win it. I'm sure our opponents will be saying the same thing though.

Looking ahead to the final, let's turn up in numbers, let's get behind the team but let's not let the occasion mean we should behave any differently to our friendly, fun but controlled selves.

This season we've had success on and off the pitch, we've secured our place in the Isthmian Premier for next season, which I personally think is our level. We flirted with needing to look over our shoulders at the bottom 4 at times but 50 points, 17 clear of 4th bottom sees us more than comfortable, and obviously we still have the cup final to look forward to. Off the pitch we've launched the 50/50 draw which is greatly assisting the Women's Team and providing a talking point amongst the fans, our fan base has grown, we are averaging over 400 at home this season and there's a real friendly buzz around the club, hopefully that continues and next season we average 500+.

Today the awarding of various player of the season trophies will be take place, we all have our favourites and I'm still shaking my head that Valery Pajetet, the world's greatest goalie, never won Supporters Player of the Season, we are clearly a hard bunch to please. Whoever wins will be a worthy recipient and I look forward to the festivities after the game.

Given its awards time, I thought about a few categories that won't be covered tonight.

Goal of the Season – Well it will be the winner in the London Senior Cup final of course but until then it has to be Matt Young v Wingate & Finchley in the Semi-Final. Unbelievable and perfect timing. We have scored so many great goals this season though. Jorge's dribble against Folkestone, Ashman's header at Hastings, Mendy's lob against Brightlingsea. I know I could have listed loads.

Game of the Season – Difficult one Bognor and Carshalton away were great, Herne Bay was massive. Dartford fantastic but I think the football we played against Kingstonian at home in the 5-2 was sensational and I still believe Kaylen's performance that night was as good as I've seen from a Boro player.

We all love a goal celebration so the award for the "Player of the melee celebration" is an easy one and he would win it every year, the height that Olu gets in the bundle is incredible, I've watched him he waits for that optimal moment and bosh over the top he comes. Love it!

Endurance Award – John Bacon, today is his 37th Secretary Musings of the season. Fantastic, tells it as it is and always raises a smile. As this is The View From The Bell End an obvious favourite describing a George Aresti goal was "Had the Bell End Boys not been making such a din we would probably have been able to hear Zeus and his Godly comrades celebrating his strike on Mount Olympus!" Brilliant.

Every team needs one award – Goes to Christos Djamas, sadly due to injury he won't be considered for other awards today but his calm, play it short, no-nonsense approach brings a reassurance. Every team needs a Christos. Very reminiscent of Lionel Stone another underrated player who went about his business with minimal fuss.

So that's it from The View From The Bell End for 2022/2023, as times it's been a frustrating view and others a view filled with pride but whatever the view, it's been great to share that with so many lovely people, home and away, shoulder to shoulder, through good times, bad times and injury time!

I'm proud that we are the best fans that we can be for Haringey Borough and that we represent the club the way we do and long may that continue.

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

**Nick Hoare**



# PLAYER FOCUS

We've been through a lot together. From some of Boro's finest days - the 1-0 rearguard at Carshalton, demolitions of Brightlingsea and Kingstonian, brilliant home wins over Folkestone and Horsham - to some we'd rather forget - Cray in the fog, Aveley, Bognor at home. In any case, it's been quite the ride - not least in our humble Focus feature!

11 men, 2 women and a Tucker later we arrive at the finish with one of Boro's finest. Cypriot international and never-say-die hero GEORGE ARESTI rounds off Player Focus for 2022/23.

GEORGE, A FITTING END TO THE PLAYER FOCUS SERIES - NO ONE EMBODIES THE SPIRIT OF 100% EFFORT THAT WE EXPECT FROM OUR BORO HEROES QUITE AS MUCH AS YOU. WHAT MAKES YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CLUB SPECIAL?

Thank you for your kind words, it is always nice to see that my hard work and dedication gets appreciated both on and off the pitch! Having played for the Boro for the last 5 seasons now, I have developed a very special relationship with the club. I spend so much time here and through the years, I feel like this club has become my second family now. When I first moved to London and I was introduced to the Boro, I never expected to become this connected to the club. My close relationship with Aky, Tom, the coaching staff and of course all our amazing fans contributed to this! I love the fact that the fans are at the heart of the club and I can definitely say that you are the driving force of the club! This is why whenever I play, I make sure that I play for the shirt by giving my 100%

IT'S BEEN AN INCONSISTENT YEAR, WITH SOME MARVELLOUS RESULTS AND SOME REALLY RATHER ANNOYING ONES! WHAT'S YOUR VIEW ON BORO'S CAMPAIGN?

It is very clear that this year we were very inconsistent as a team and unfortunately that has been an issue for the last couple of seasons I would say. We haven't managed to get a winning momentum going. I believe this is what costs us a lot especially this year. We need to collectively as a team find ways to be able to score early in the games which will then give us the necessary confidence to end games with wins.

YOU SUFFERED QUITE THE KNOCK A FEW WEEKS BACK - WITNESSES SUGGESTED YOUR ANKLE LOOKED TWICE THE SIZE IT SHOULD! HOW HAVE YOU MANAGED YOUR FITNESS TO BE BACK WITH US BEFORE THE END OF THE SEASON?

It was indeed a knock. However it has always been my mentality that with hard work and consistency you can achieve anything you set your mind on. I was determined to come back before the end of the season, I wanted to help the team and not give up. Therefore with the help of our physio, the support of Tom and all the coaching staff, I took some time off and then as soon as I got the green light I immediately started working on my fitness. I did extra training on my own time to be able to cover lost ground, never missed a training session during my injury to mentally support the team and through team trainings, I managed to recover my previous fitness level. I still don't feel that I am back to 100% however during games I always try to do my best no matter what.

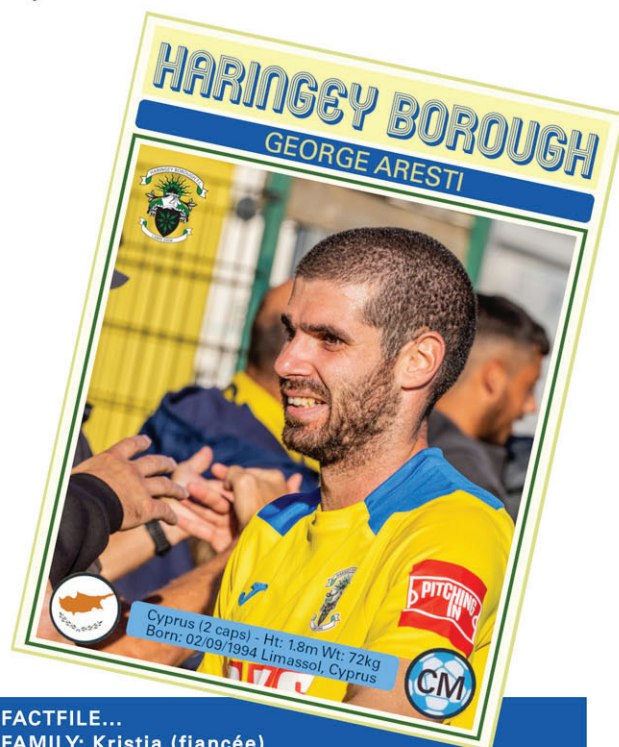
WHAT DO YOU THINK TOM'S PRIORITIES WILL BE OVER SUMMER?

I think that Tom will have individual and team conversations with the current players. He will address the targets and goals for next season and will try to sign players that can add quality to the team, play to their best ability and are consistent.

FINALLY, IT'S NOT OFTEN WE GET TO ASK THIS QUESTION IN THIS FEATURE! WHAT DID IT MEAN TO YOU TO PLAY FOR YOUR COUNTRY?

Playing for my country was my greatest achievement to date. I can't describe the feeling of representing your country on international level. Wearing the shirt with your country's flag, and playing for your country is every football player's dream. Since I started playing football at the age of 3, I remember that this has always been my dream. The first time I was called for a friendly game with Northern Ireland in 2014, I remember how emotional I was! Not to mention the moment I stepped foot on the pitch for my first game against Bosnia back in 2015. It is definitely one of my most proud moments!

Thank you all for your readership this season! Keep an eye out for more Player Focus and other new features when Boro return in August! Enjoy the holidays!



## FACTFILE...

**FAMILY:** Kristia (fiancée)

**CAR:** Toyota Aygo

**JOB OUTSIDE FOOTBALL:** Football Coach

## FOOTBALL...

**JOINED BORO IN:** 14th March 2018

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** AEK Athens FC, Enosi Neon Paralimni FC, Ayia Napa FC, Doxa Katokopias FC, Ethnikos Achnas FC

**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Eric Cantona The King

**"OTHER" TEAM:** Manchester United

**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** Luka Modric

**FAVOURITE ISTHMIAN AWAY TRIP:** Bognor Regis

**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:** FA Cup 1st round vs AFC Wimbledon

**WORST THING ABOUT FOOTBALL:** Nothing, I enjoy everything.

## FAVOURITES...

**FOOD:** Pork Souvlaki

**BEVERAGE:** Mastic Mojito

**PIZZA TOPPING:** Cheese, Ham, Mushroom, Halloumi

**CRISP FLAVOUR:** Prawn Cocktail

*[By far the most popular answer in these pages this season!]*

**CHOCOLATE BAR:** Ferrero Rocher

**HOLIDAY DESTINATION:** Cyprus

**ACTOR:** Adam Sandler

**BOOK:** Jamie Vardy

**HOBBIES:** Ludo

**OFF-SEASON ACTIVITY:** Playing basketball with friends and cycling

## FINALLY...

**CLAIM TO FAME:** Played against Luka Modric

**DISLIKES:** Tea with milk

**BIGGEST THRILL:** Played in front of 70 thousand spectators (Saitama Stadium, Japan)

**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Losing the game vs AFC Wimbledon from a deflection

**FANTASY DINNER PARTY:** Steven Gerrard, David Guetta and Adam Sandler

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS?:** I started playing professional football at the age of 16

## HARINGEY PLAYER STATS 2022-2023 ALL COMPETITIONS

Player	League			Cup			Total		
	Starts	Subs	Goals	Starts	Subs	Goals	Starts	Subs	Goals
Alex Zamani	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Andronicos Georgiou**	5	6	0	1	1	0	6	7	0
Anthony Mendy*	9	5	5	4	1	2	13	6	7
Ben Allen	15	1	9	2	0	0	17	1	9
Bobson Bawling	13	3	3	0	0	0	13	3	3
Callum Ismail	20	5	1	5	2	0	25	7	1
Charne Lemba*	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Chaynie Fage Burgin*	9	10	3	3	2	3	12	12	6
Christos Djamass	8	4	0	0	1	0	8	5	0
Daniel Aldana Ortiz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	7	10	3	1	1	1	8	11	4
Georgios Aresti	19	10	4	5	1	1	24	11	5
Harry Philippou	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Helge Orome*	7	2	0	1	0	0	8	2	0
Johnny Ashman*	14	4	3	4	2	0	18	6	3
Jorge Djassi-Sambu	17	8	1	6	2	0	23	10	1
Joshua Strizovic*	8	0	0	2	0	0	10	0	0
Josiah Bridgeman*	2	3	2	1	1	0	3	4	2
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	22	0	3	6	0	1	28	0	4
Max Ovenden	9	0	0	3	0	0	12	0	0
Mekhi McLeod	2	5	0	1	3	0	3	8	0
Michael O'Donoghue	29	0	1	6	0	0	35	0	1
Micheal Dome-Bemwin*	4	3	0	2	0	0	6	3	0
Olalekan Osideko	1	3	1	1	0	0	2	3	1
Olu Durojaiye	28	3	4	6	0	2	34	3	6
Rakim Richards	24	1	3	4	0	0	28	1	3
Rio Davidson-Phipps	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Samuel Owusu	25	4	1	4	2	0	29	6	1
Scott Mitchell	33	0	2	5	0	0	38	0	2
Sonny Fish	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stefanos Georgiou	19	6	4	5	1	0	24	7	4
Tage Kennedy	33	8	5	5	2	1	38	10	6
William Dupray	17	5	1	6	0	0	23	5	1

\* No Longer at Club

\*\* On Loan to Kings Langley



## 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 now virtually an automatic selection for every match

**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.

**RIO DAVIDSON – PHIPPS** – Deadline day signing. A right back who was with Bishop's Stortford last season but has been out of action this season through injury.

**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 9th 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 early 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.

**SONNY FISH** – deadline day signing on Youth Loan terms from Leyton Orient. Tall, strong centre-forward who has represented Wales at Youth level and was on loan at Bowers & Pitsea earlier in the season.

**ANDRONICOS GEORGIU** – mid season 2021/22 signing; a forward who graduated from Stevenage Academy and played in their EFL team. Also played for 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 March 2022 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** – attacking midfielder who rejoined us earlier this season from Farnborough. Wide attacking midfielder who also numbers Halifax Town, Accrington Stanley, Eastleigh and Romford among his previous berths and Fulham, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Glasgow Rangers at Under 23 level.

**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 thereafter; now an established member of the squad who sometimes wears the captains armband.

**MICHAEL O'DONOGHUE** – powerful full back who re-joined us after spending some time at National League side Concord Rangers. Formerly a professional with Colchester United. Superb dead-ball deliverer.

**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.

**HARRY PHILIPPOU** – Long serving midfielder who has come through our Under 18 and 23 teams and made a scoring debut at Kingstonian on his First Team debut.

**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. Captain for 2022/23.

**MATT YOUNG** – Classy mid-fielder in his second loan spell from Leyton Orient with us. Has also been on loan to Hemel Hempstead Town this season.

**ALEXANDER ZAMANI** – Goalkeeper from last season returning for second spell at the Club as a late addition to the squad just before the deadline. Dual registered with Bexhill United of the Southern Combination Premier Division and also with Billericay Town for a time earlier in the season.

## 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! With us since early 2009

**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 FITSIU (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.

**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.

## CRAY WANDERERS FC PLAYER PROFILES 2022-23



**YAHAYA BAMBA** – Midfield/Striker – Cray Wanderers are delighted to announce the signing of Yahaya Bamba to the club. Yahaya can play either at right back or as a forward player and comes to the Wands from Sevenoaks Town. Previously with Phoenix Sports, Yahaya made a huge impact when signing for Sevenoaks Town in March last season and scored 10 goals in 9 games to help Sevenoaks steer clear of relegation from the Isthmian South-East. He made 17 appearances in league and cups this season scoring 3 goals and scored against Cray in a pre-season game in July. Yahaya made his Wands debut as a substitute against Leyton Orient in the London Senior Cup on 2nd November and scored his first league goal at Canvey Island on 7th January.

**DANNY BASSETT** – Striker – Danny is a centre-forward with a prolific scoring record who has signed for the Wands from Carshalton Athletic this summer. Danny played at Egham, Godalming and Staines Town before joining Tooting & Mitcham United where he scored 64 goals in 3 seasons. He then moved on to Hampton & Richmond for the 2020-21 season and had a couple of spells there, having briefly joined Braintree Town. He transferred to Carshalton for the 2021-22 season and finished top scorer for the Robins with 20 goals including a hat-trick against Cray in the remarkable 5-4 Wands win back in January 2022. Danny's goals have helped take Cray Wanderers up into the Isthmian Premier higher echelon this season and has 13 goals to date.

**RIO CAMPBELL** – Wide Midfield – Rio is a recent newcomer to Cray Wanderers having signed in March from Bowers & Pitsea. Rio made an instant impact scoring on his debut off the bench against Potters Bar Town on 11th March and at Herne Bay on Easter Monday. Rio had a solid youth career with Barnet, Charlton Athletic and Tottenham and spent three seasons with Chelsea where he made his debut for the U18s at the end of the 2017/18 season. The following season he moved on to Watford and was part of the team which reached the Semi Finals of the FA Youth Cup in 2018/19. After being released he joined Swansea City being part of their U18s and U21s set ups. Earlier this season Rio signed for Wingate & Finchley making seven league and cup appearances and moved on to Bowers & Pitsea making his debut on Boxing Day and made five appearances before joining the Wands.

**FREDDIE CARTER** – Defender – Centre-half Freddie Carter has signed for the Wands on a season-long work experience loan from Gillingham. Freddie joined the Gills U18s setup in March 2021 after signing from Eastbourne Borough but has yet to make a first team appearance for Gillingham. Freddie made 3 appearances for Faversham Town earlier this season and made his debut for the Wands on 24th September at Hornchurch and had a very composed game and has huge potential. Freddie scored his first goal for the Wands against Horsham on 25th March.

**MITCH CHAPMAN** – Midfield – Midfielder Mitch signed for Cray from Ramsgate where he spent the last three seasons. Mitch is the son of former Millwall, Leyton Orient and Cray Wanderers midfielder Danny Chapman and has also played for Faversham Town, East Grinstead Town, Hythe Town and Ebbsfleet United. Mitch has made a big impact with the Wands with his all action performances in midfield but has also filled in successfully as a centre half on occasions. Mitch has scored three goals for the Wands including the winner against Aveley at Hayes Lane in early November.

**NYREN CLUNIS** – Winger – Cray Wanderers are delighted to announce the signing of Nyren Clunis to the club. Nyren is a versatile midfielder/winger who signed for the Wands from Kingstonian. Nyren came through the Dulwich Hamlet youth system and made his league debut in 2009 and went on to make an impressive 486 appearances for Hamlet scoring 117 goals and was part of two promotion winning sides and a former player of the year. After being released at the end of the 2019-20 season Nyren moved on to Carshalton Athletic and then joined Kingstonian at the start of the 2021-22 season going on to make 44 appearances scoring 3 goals. Nyren has scored seven goals for the Wands including three against Horsham this season and three in the Easter games against Corinthian Casuals and Herne Bay.

**ANTHONY COOK** – Midfield/Winger – Club captain Anthony had an influential first season with Cray Wanderers where he played in all 42 league games, scoring twice on the opening day against Lewes and finished club top scorer with 13 goals. He scored his 100th career goal against Cheshunt in March 2022. Anthony has continued that form into this season and a hugely versatile player who has played in virtually every position including in goal over the last two seasons. A stylish midfielder who also played out on the wing made his league debut for Dagenham & Redbridge in December 2007, Anthony via an appearance on Sky TV's Football Icon series had a spell at Cardiff City as a youth team player. After spells at Concord Rangers, Carshalton and Braintree Town he

really came into his own after signing for Chelmsford City where he played for four seasons scoring 22 goals in 93 league games. Anthony moved on to Ebbsfleet United for the 2013-14 season but then signed for Bromley in January 2015 where he helped Bromley to the Conference South title before returning to Ebbsfleet in the summer of 2015. He remained at Stonebridge Road until 2018 and then after a loan spell at Woking signed for Dulwich Hamlet in the summer of 2018 and then onto Welling United ahead of the 2019-20 season.

**TOM DERRY** – Striker – Cray Wanderers are delighted to announce the signing of striker Tom Derry for the 2022-23 season. Tom joined the Wands from Welling United who he joined in December 2021 after earlier spells at Slough Town and Braintree Town. Tom has settled nicely with the Wands and scored in successive games against Billericay Town, Margate and Herne Bay over Christmas and New Year and has 10 goals to date. Tom is an experienced striker who can also play centre-back who started out in the Gillingham youth system and was on the books for the Gills before going into non-league football. Tom has played for a handful of Step 2 clubs including Tonbridge Angels, Hayes & Yeading and at Leatherhead, East Thurrock and Kingstonian.

**TANER DOGAN** – Midfield – Taner is a midfield player who signed for Cray Wanderers in March. Tamer is an American University graduate from Harvard who captained their Soccer side and caught the eye of League of Ireland side Dundalk and trained with them during the summer of 2020 before having a spell at Athlone Town. Taner signed for Dundalk in February 2021 but returned to the US to play for Foward Madison in August 2021. Taner became a Sports Consultant for FirstPoint USA earlier this year before looking to resume his football career with Cray Wanderers and made his Wands debut as a substitute at Herne Bay on Easter Monday.

**DAJON GOLDING** – Winger/Striker – Dajon is a recent newcomer to Cray Wanderers having joined from Tonbridge Angels in January 2023. Dajon marked his Cray Wanderers debut with a goal against Bishop's Stortford on 15th January and has since scored against Lewes and Horsham both at Hayes Lane. Dajon came through the Dartford FC Academy and went on to gain first team experience at Phoenix Sports during the 2016-17 season. From there he moved on to Hastings United for the 2017-18 season and then after an initial loan spell signed for Lewes in October 2018. Dajon went on to Worthing in February 2020 and scored the winner against Cray in August 2021 and was part of the Rebels Isthmian Premier championship winning side. He moved on to National South newcomers Cheshunt at the start of this season and scored against Hampton & Richmond on the opening day before joining Tonbridge in October.

**DAVID IJAH** – Midfield – David is an experienced player who had been training with the club from pre-season. David was a youth team player at Chelsea and Wolves where he played for the U18s before going into the non-league game with Harrow Borough in 2010. He went on to play for St. Albans City, Tonbridge Angels, Hayes & Yeading United and Whitehawk where he made 62 appearances between 2014-16 before being signed by Plymouth Argyle where he made three appearances during the 2016-17 season. After a short spell at Wealdstone, David returned to Whitehawk for the 2017-18 season and then on to Welling United, Dulwich Hamlet and Dartford at the end of the 2021-22 season and another short spell at Whitehawk. David scored his first goal for the Wands in the 2-1 win at Bowers & Pitsea on 4th March.

**JALEN JONES** – Defender – Central defender Jalen Jones came to Cray Wanderers in the summer of 2022 from Braintree Town. Jalen came through the Crystal Palace youth system before going on to Merstham and Worthing and then had a spell in Swedish football with Skelleftea. From there Jalen has played for Carshalton Athletic, Cheshunt and Braintree Town and has been capped at full international level by Guyana and was in their recent CONCACAF Nations League squad for the games against Bermuda and Montserrat. Jalen scored his first goal for the Wands against Haringey Borough in December and has three for the season after scoring in both games against Herne Bay this season.

**LEEVI KING-BASSETT** – Midfield – Leevi is a midfield player who joined the Wands in December 2022 and made his debut as a late substitute against Haringey Borough on 11th December. Leevi is the brother of Wands striker Danny Bassett and has come through the Tooting & Mitcham United youth system and definitely has a bright future.

**LIAM NORTHWOOD** – Goalkeeper – Liam is a recent signing from Sheppey United and made his debut against Horsham on 25th March. Liam started his career with Charlton Athletic's Academy U9's-U15s and had a spell at the Arsenal's Academy before joining Maidstone United's Under 18s/U23s side. He went on to Sheppey United at the start of last season and was part of their SCEFL Premier Division Championship winning side after earlier having a successful spell at Cray Valley PM. He went on to Punjab United at the start of the 2022-23 season but returned to Sheppey United in January but never made an appearance before joining the Wands. Liam has great pedigree



as the son of one of Cray Wanderers most popular goalkeeper's Steve Northwood who made 144 appearances between 2004-2007 in the Isthmian Division One South and a former Wands Supporters Player of the Year in 2005-06.

**DESTINY OLADIPO** – Striker – Destiny is a striker and a recent arrival to Cray Wanderers signing from Hornchurch in March 2023. Destiny got off to a cracking start to his Wands career scoring just two minutes after coming on as a substitute against Potters Bar Town on 11th March and followed that up with the winner against Brightlingsea Regent the following Saturday. Destiny who was a part of Forest Green Rovers U18s side went on to play for Romford, Forest Hill FC, Lowestoft Town and Hampton & Richmond Borough in February last year. This season he has played for Isthmian League clubs Haringey Borough, Ramsgate and Faversham Town and on to Hornchurch in January where he also scored on his debut within a couple of minutes as a substitute against Billericay Town in the Essex Senior Cup

**SHAUN ROWLEY** – Goalkeeper – Shaun Rowley is a newcomer to Cray Wanderers after signing in the summer of 2022. Shaun is a goalkeeper who played for Matlock Town and Carlton Town last season. Shaun has kept 13 clean sheets this season and has been voted Supporters Player of the Year. Shaun came through the youth system at Shrewsbury Town turning professional in 2015. Whilst with the Shrews he went out on loan to Halesowen, Chorley and Tamworth then signing for Halifax Town in 2018. From here Shaun went on to Solihull Moors and Kettering Town before joining Matlock in September 2020 spending the latter part of the season with Carlton Town.

**MARCUS SABLIER** – Midfield – Cray Wanderers are delighted to announce the signing on loan of midfielder Marcus Sablier from Bromley for the remainder of the season. Marcus has come through the Bromley FC academy and has played for the first team making his breakthrough in the 2021-22 season. Marcus has gained valuable experience with loan spells at Welling United last season and this season has played for Hampton & Richmond Borough and more recently at Bowers & Pitsea. Marcus made his debut for the Wands off the bench at Brightlingsea Regent on 18th March and started against Horsham the following Saturday and is a player with huge potential.

**SAM SKEFFINGTON** – Midfielder – Cray Wanderers welcome Sam Skeffington to the club who re-joins the Wands from Bromley after spending a loan spell with the club last season. Sam is an attacking midfielder who came through the Millwall Youth and Development system and played for the U18s and U23s in three years at the Lions. After a spell on loan at Barnet he signed for Bromley in the summer of 2021 and joined Cray in November making his debut against Folkestone Invicta making 5 appearances in league and cup before returning to Bromley. Wands manager Neil Smith noticed Sam's potential and signed for the Wands for the 2022-23 season and is a great passer of the ball. Sam scored his first goal for Cray Wanderers at Bognor Regis Town in December.

**HARRISON SODJE** – Full Back – Full back/defender Harrison Sodje has returned to Cray Wanderers until the end of the season for a second loan spell from Leyton Orient. Harrison made his debut for Cray Wanderers against Brightlingsea Regent on 19th October and had a fine game playing the full 90 minutes. Harrison made his return in the 2-1 win at Bowers & Pitsea on 4th March and notched his first goal against Horsham on 25th March and also scored a crucial goal at Enfield Town the following Saturday. Harrison played for Cray as a young youth player twelve years ago and went on to Chelsea and Charlton Athletic before joining Leyton Orient as a 16 year old two years ago and signed his first professional contract this season. Harrison has played for Aveley on loan last season and a spell at Heybridge Swifts this season. Harrison returned to Leyton Orient in early January and was part of their first team squad as an unused substitute before coming back to Cray in March.

**JEPHTE TANGA** – Full back – Jephte has been signed on loan from Leyton Orient as cover for the suspended Kellen Fisher and made a full 90 minutes debut at Carshalton Athletic on Saturday. Jephte played superbly and made a big impression with the Cray Wanderers supporters. Lambeth born Jephte came through the Leyton Orient youth system and made his first team debut in the EFL Cup last season as substitute against Southampton and also played at MK Dons later in the competition. He made eight appearances on loan at Sutton Common Rovers from January 2022 before returning to Leyton Orient and made his league debut against Colchester United as a substitute in March 2022. Jephte along with Harrison Sodje signed professional forms with Leyton Orient in the summer and has recently returned to Sutton Common Rovers on loan making a further eight appearances and scoring a couple of goals.

**MATTHEW WEAIRE** – Defender – Matthew is a recent arrival at Cray Wanderers having joined in late December from Sevenoaks Town and made his debut against Billericay Town on 17th December. Matthew started out in the Brighton & Hove Albion youth system coming through their U18s in 2018 spending a short loan spell at Gosport

Borough. He then went on to the Colchester United U21s set up going on loan to Leiston before going on to Lewes for the 2021-22 season joining Sevenoaks Town in March 2022.

**SAM WOOD** – Defender/Midfield – Cray Wanderers club legend Sam Wood re-joined the club almost seventeen years after his last appearances in January 2022 from Dover Athletic. Sam made an instant positive impact to the side making 13 appearances and scoring 3 goals and signed again for the 2022-23 season and played at left back as well as midfield and scored his fifth goal of the campaign at Herne Bay on Easter Monday. Sidcup born Sam started out with the Long Lane youth system but came through the ranks at Cray Wanderers emerging from the very successful reserve side and made his Wands first team debut in 2003. Sam was a key part of the side which won the Kent League titles in 2003-04 and also won the Kent Senior Trophy and helped Cray to the last 8 of the FA Vase. The Wands reached the playoffs in their first season in the Isthmian League Division One in 2004-05 and scored the goal of the season in the 2-0 win against AFC Wimbledon at Hayes Lane in December 2004. At the end of the season Sam moved on to Cray Wanderers landlords Bromley after 94 appearances and 8 goals and helped them to promotion from the Isthmian Premier in 2006-07. Sam's performances attracted the interest of Brentford in the Football League and in 2008 joined the Bees and helped them to promotion from League 2 in 2008-09 making 126 appearances. In 2011-12 he spent a year on loan at Rotherham United and then in 2012 joined Wycombe Wanderers spending 5 seasons including a spell with Wands manager Grant Basey with the Buckinghamshire club making 213 appearances. Sam was released in 2017 and returned to non-league football with Eastleigh in 2017-18 and then back to Bromley up to 2020 and then on to Dover Athletic in the National League. Sam's career turned full circle when he re-signed for Cray Wanderers on 1st February and made his first appearance since 2005 at Potters Bar Town.

## MANAGEMENT

**NEIL SMITH** – Manager – Cray Wanderers announced on 22nd March the appointment of Neil Smith as manager. Neil came in for the remaining six games of the season and helped to stave off relegation and continued on as manager into the 2022-23 season and has turned the clubs fortunes around completely and have been playoff contenders since the autumn. Neil had a distinguished Football League and Non-League career as a player and coach and later as a manager. He started out in the Tottenham Hotspur youth system and was signed as an apprentice in 1990 but never got a chance to play so initially went on loan to Gillingham in 1991 and remained there for six years making over 200 appearances for the Medway club. He moved on to Fulham in 1997 for two seasons and scored against Tottenham in the FA Cup. In 1999 he moved to Reading and all three Football League clubs he gained promotion as a player. He had a short spell at Stevenage Borough and then on to Woking in 2002 for five seasons and became interim manager for a spell. He continued in player management at Welling United and after short spells as a player at Bromley and Maidstone United he called time on his playing career. He went into coaching at Grays Athletic, Croydon Athletic and Lewes and then to Bromley in 2011 and was Assistant Manager when Bromley won the National South title in 2014-15. He became first team manager in 2016 and established Bromley as a credible National League force and took them to the FA Trophy final at Wembley in 2017-18. He remained at Bromley until March 2021 until his departure from the club but took on on a new challenge at Cray Wanderers where he runs the clubs new Academy with the prospect of the new stadium at Flamingo Park.

**TIM O'SHEA** – Assistant - Manager – Tim joins Neil Smith as Assistant Manager of Cray Wanderers after arriving in March 2022. Tim is an experienced manager and coach who took the reins at Grays Athletic, Croydon Athletic and Lewes. Tim represented Republic of Ireland at Youth level and came through the Tottenham Hotspur youth system and went on to make 3 appearances for the first team between 1983-88 which included a loan spell at Newport County and went on to Leyton Orient for the 1988-89 season. He went on to star at Gillingham as a defender making 112 appearances between 1989-1992. After later playing in Hong Kong he went into non-league football with Farnborough Town and Welling United and from here went into management at Grays, Croydon and Lewes where Neil Smith was a coach.

## Isthmian League Premier Division 2022/23 - up to and including 18/4/2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
C	Bishop's Stortford	41	26	7	8	70	33	+37	85
2	Hornchurch	41	24	9	8	96	48	+48	81
3	Canvey Island	41	24	9	8	79	41	+38	81
4	Aveley	41	22	9	10	62	41	+21	75
5	Cray Wanderers	41	20	13	8	76	46	+30	73
6	Lewes	41	19	14	8	79	53	+26	71
7	Enfield Town	41	19	12	10	72	47	+25	69
8	Horsham	41	19	12	10	78	56	+22	69
9	Hastings United	41	19	11	11	61	42	+19	68
10	Billerica Town	41	18	8	15	64	58	+6	62
11	Carshalton Athletic	41	17	10	14	50	52	-2	61
12	Folkestone Invicta	41	18	5	18	73	63	+10	59
13	Haringey Borough	41	13	11	17	65	73	-8	50
14	Potters Bar Town	41	15	5	21	53	84	-31	50
15	Bognor Regis Town	41	14	7	20	68	72	-4	49
16	Wingate & Finchley	41	12	12	17	52	61	-9	48
17	Margate	41	11	11	19	46	62	-16	44
18	Kingstonian	41	10	9	22	42	75	-33	39
R	Bowers & Pitsea	41	8	9	24	44	76	-32	33
R	Herne Bay	41	8	9	24	60	96	-36	33
R	Corinthian-Casuals	41	7	5	29	36	85	-49	26
R	Brightlingsea Regent	41	5	9	27	40	102	-62	24

"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 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	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	Lost 2-5
Tue 14 Feb	HOME	CANVEY ISLAND	Lost 1-2
Sat 18 Feb	Away	Billericay Town	Lost 1-3
Sat 25 Feb	HOME	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	Won 6-1
Tue 28 Feb	Away	Dartford (3rd Round London Senior Cup)	Won 1-2
Sat 4 Mar	Away	Horsham	Drew 3-3
Sat 11 Mar	Away	Bowers & Pitsea	Lost 1-2
Tue 14 Mar	Away	Herne Bay	Won 1-0
Sat 18 Mar	HOME	HORNCHURCH	Drew 1-1
Sat 25 Mar	Away	Kingstonian	Won 3-0
Tue 28 Mar	HOME	WINGATE & FINCHLEY (London Senior Cup Semi-Final)	(aet) Won 1-0
Sat 1 Apl	HOME	AVELEY	Lost 1-2
Fri 7 Apl	HOME	MARGATE 3pm	Won 1-0
Mon 10 Apl	Away	Enfield Town 3pm	Drew 2-2
Sat 15 Apl	Away	Lewes	Lost 0-4
Sat 22 Apl	HOME	CRAY WANDERERS	
Tue 2 May	Neutral	London Senior Cup Final to be played at Silver Jubilee Park, Kingsbury. Opposition will be Hendon or Charlton Athletic Under 23s.	

## 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	Won 5-3
Mon 20 Feb	Away	Felixstowe & Walton United	Won 1-0
Mon 6 Mar	Away	Bury Town	Lost 2-5
Wed 19 Apr	Away	Brightlingsea Regent	Lost 2-5

## 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	Won 4-0
Mon 27 Feb	HOME	POTTERS BAR TOWN	Lost 0-1
Mon 13 Mar	HOME	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	Won 2-0
Mon 20 Mar	HOME	LANGLEY	Won 6-1
Tue 4 Apl	away	Hanwell Town	Home win awarded
Mon 24 Apl	away	Hayes & Yeading United	
Thur 4 May	away	Enfield Borough	

## 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	Won 5-4
Sun 19 Feb	HOME	LONDON BEES (Capital Womens Senior Cup)	Lost 3-5
Sun 26 Feb	Away	AFC Sudbury (League Cup)	Lost 4-5
Sun 5 Mar	Away	Kings Lynn Town	Won 8-0
Sun 12 Mar	HOME	WROXHAM	Won 5-1
Sun 26 Mar	HOME	BOWERS & PITSEA	Won 3-1
Sun 2 Apl	Away	AFC Sudbury	Lost 0-2
Sun 9 Apl	HOME	LUTON TOWN	Lost 2-3
Sun 16 Apl	Away	Colney Heath	Won 4-1
Sun 23 Apl	HOME	NORDIC SOCCER CLUB (from USA)	
Sun 30 Apl	HOME	AFC SUDBURY	
undated	HOME	COLNEY HEATH	





## TODAYS TEAMS



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Mitch CHAPMAN

Nyren CLUNIS

Anthony COOK

Taner DOGAN

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