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Pitching In Isthmian South East Division



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The Club Welfare Officers are responsible for the welfare and safeguarding of all our club members. Three of the club's codes relate specifically to club welfare issues:

Player Welfare

The club has four Welfare Officers: Sean Jarvie, Shannon Hyner, Darron Mace and Jennifer Mason. The Board Champion is Paul Lansdale who can be contacted on 07876444274. You can also email welfare@sevenoaks-townfc.co.uk

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Safeguarding Children Policy

Child Protection Policy
Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure
All team managers and coaches must complete the following before taking charge of a team:

- valid Enhanced DBS check
- have or be working towards a minimum FA Introduction to football coaching qualification
- FA Safeguarding Children Training
- FA Introduction to First Aid in Football

STFC Club Information



Chairman and Director: Paul Lansdale
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Marcel Nimani



"It is a far more stable environment, but a second season comes with a bit more pressure ..."

From the manager's desk

Good afternoon to you all on the first day of the new Pitching In Isthmian League South East season. We welcome Danny Kedwell and his AFC Croydon Athletic management team, committee and supporters who have made the trip to join us. We began with victory in the Emirates FA Cup last week but the 3-1 victory was tempered by the early injury to our new signing James Stone. For it to happen so early in the game was a big blow for us. I have spoken to him, he is in good health and has been checked out but he's been ruled out for two weeks, so we lose him for the first three games, and we will reassess things then. For us though this is the real start - with league points at stake - and where all our focus and ambition is going forward. We want to get to that 46-point mark, which ensures preserving our Step 4 status, as soon as possible then we will re-group and look again at the objectives for the rest of the season. A year on from my appointment I feel we have made positive progress. It is a far more stable environment but a second season comes with a bit more pressure on myself and the management team because the expectation is we have got to perform better than we did last season. The South East Division is going to be far more challenging, so the room for errors will be minimal. Looking at today's game, we have analysed the opposition and they are a terrific footballing side - and must focus on that, rather than the team who finished mid-table last season. I feel they have invested very heavily, and will be top half finishers and maybe feature in and around the play-offs. Generally clubs who did well last season have recruited well and will be equally strong, while the new ones, whether they have come up or down will be exemplary - both in financial terms and momentum. With Ashford to come next Tuesday - and the likes of Crowborough Athletic and AFC Whyteleafe before the end of the month, it's a very tough start, but one that we are embracing. Enjoy the game. Marcel

The Paul Lansdale column

Good afternoon and welcome to the Bourne Stadium for the opening Pitching In Isthmian League South East fixture of the season against AFC Croydon Athletic. We offer the same to their officials players and supporters together with the three match officials appointed for today's game.

The gap between seasons seems to get shorter every year and this one has been no exception.

The wonderful Lionesses retaining their UEFA European Championship crown, and the Club World Cup kept football firmly in the spotlight.

Closer to home our players were back in pre-season training only two months after the last ball was kicked against Sheppey United in April.

For us as a club though, succeeding in gaining the £1.8m funding for the building of our new clubhouse was the highlight. It has taken a lot to reach this stage, even before the actual work starts, but we were delighted when it was confirmed in June. News came through a few days before our Club Day should have gone ahead. It would have been the perfect time to have



celebrated, both that and the achievements of last season across the whole club.

However a poor weather forecast predicting high winds forced us to postpone for safety reasons until later in the month.

Our six-part documentary highlighting all aspects of the club has been very well received and we thank our sponsors Manak for their support and involvement. A new idea has seen us offer season tickets to all our members and more than 250 have been taken up so far. Last weekend saw us progress in the Emirates FA Cup with a 3-1 Preliminary Round win at Athletic Newham.

Things didn't start well with new signing James Stone suffering a badly cut head seconds into the game and then we were trailing at half-time. However we did the job required in the second half to win. Thanks to those who travelled to support on the day.

It's now 10 years since we went out of the competition at the first hurdle – and our travels continue again next week renewing past rivalries against Corinthian Casuals.

Today league points are the priority with as always being competitive and preserving our Step Four status, the key to the season ahead, which looks a touch stronger than last, on paper at least. The reserves and ladies teams are preparing to start later this month.

Steve McGinn's side have stepped up from the Sevenoaks League to the NRG Kent County League and will play in Division Two Central.

Meanwhile the ladies first team, promoted last season as South East Counties League Premier Division champions – start their London and South East Division 1 South season with a trip to Hastings United.

The Development team continue in Division 2 West.

Thanks for your support today and wishing everybody a safe journey home later.

Paul

Oaks on the Radio

West Kent Radio are featuring Sevenoaks Town on their Saturday afternoon sports programme.

The show runs from 2pm to 6pm and includes three reports – preview, half-time and full time on all the club's matches, as well as midweek matches in breakfast sports bulletins the following morning.

The station is broadcast on 95.5, 106.7 and 107.2 and is available on online, on smart speakers and app, which has been launched recently.



*The celebrations after Warren Mfula made it 3-1 on Saturday.
The Oaks Report page 16 – Picture Matt White*

Sevenoaks Town

Fixtures & Results 2025-26

KEY:
1 = Goal Scored
* Player subbed
■ = Red Card
+ = Own goal

ISE = Isthmian SE
FAC = FA Cup
FAT = FA Trophy
ATT = Alan Turvey Trophy
KSC = Kent Senior Cup
TBC = To be confirmed

All Saturday home fixtures
kick off at 3pm
Wednesday fixtures at
7.30pm unless otherwise
stated

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	Sat 2	Athletic Newham	FACEP	3-1	54	Perrin	Diomande	Dickens	HanfreyI*	Sawyer	Jonah	Stone*	Wisson	Mfulal	Burnett 1*	Doughty*	Duncanson	Bernal	Jeffrey	JHM	
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	Tue 12	Ashford United	ISE																		
	Sat 16	Corinthian Casuals	FACP																		
	Sat 23	Crowborough Ath	ISE																		
	Mon 25	East Grinstead T	ISE																		
	Sat 30	AFC Whyteleafe	ISE																		
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	Sat 6	Bognor Regis T	FATIQ																		
	Tue 9	Faversham T	KSC																		
	Sat 13	Sheppey United	ISE																		
	Wed 17	Merstham	ISE																		
	Sat 20	Margate	ISE																		
	Sat 27	VCD Athletic	ISE																		
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	Sat 4	Deal Town	ISE																		
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	Tue 14	Merstham	ISE																		
	Sat 18	Beckenham T	ISE																		
	Sat 25	Sittingbourne	ISE																		
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	Sat 1	Jersey Bulls	ISE																		
	Sat 8	Erith Town	ISE																		
	Wed 12	Ashford United	ISE																		
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	Sat 10	Herne Bay	ISE																		
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	Sat 24	Hassocks	ISE																		
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	Sat 18	Faversham T	ISE																		
	Sat 25	Eastbourne T	ISE																		
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FA Cup Extra Preliminary



Results featuring Isthmian South East Division clubs

Saturday 2nd August

AFC Croydon Athletic 3 Roffey 0
 AFC Whyteleafe 5 Chipstead 0
Athletic Newham 1 Sevenoaks Town 3
 Balham 1 Faversham Town 1
 Broadbridge Heath 1 Cobham 3
 East Grinstead Town 1 Eastbourne United 4
 Eastbourne Town 2 Ashford Town (Middx) 2
 Erith Town 0 Sporting Bengal United 0
 Hassocks 1 Rayners Lane 0
 Haywards Heath Town 0 Ashford United 1
 Hollands & Blair 1 Herne Bay 0
 Hythe Town 2 Littlehampton Town 4
 Punjab United 2 Crowborough Athletic 2
 Sheppey United 3 Met Police 1
 Three Bridges 5 Shoreham 2
 Wick 2 VCD Athletic 3

Sunday 3rd August

Hilltop 2 Deal Town 2

Tuesday 5th August

Ashford Town (Middx) 3 Eastbourne Town 2
 Deal Town 4 Hilltop 1
 Faversham Town 5 Balham 1

Wednesday 6th August

Sporting Bengal United 2 Erith Town 4

The Oaks will be away to Corinthian Casuals in the Preliminary Round on Saturday August 16th, after their 4-2 win at Abbey Rangers

Isthmian Round-Up

Final Isthmian South East Division Table 2024-25

Ramsgate (C)	42	35	4	3	127	38	+89	109
Sittingbourne	42	31	8	3	117	29	+88	101
Burgess Hill (P)	42	27	9	6	87	42	+45	90
Margate	42	25	12	5	89	50	+39	87
Merstham	42	22	12	8	92	62	+30	78
Beckenham	42	22	8	12	89	65	+24	74
Deal Town	42	21	2	19	92	81	+11	65
Three Bridges	42	19	7	16	79	76	+3	64
Sevenoaks Town	42	17	11	14	81	81	0	62
Sheppey United	42	18	7	17	69	65	+4	61
Ashford United	42	16	8	18	75	78	-3	56
AFC Croydon Ath	42	14	13	15	63	62	+1	55
Broadbridge H	42	15	10	17	68	73	-5	55
Erith Town	42	14	11	17	72	64	+8	53
Eastbourne Town	42	15	8	19	56	66	-10	53
Herne Bay	42	12	9	21	62	79	-17	45
East Grinstead	42	13	5	24	49	91	-42	44
Littlehampton*	42	12	7	23	66	87	-21	43
Phoenix Sports (R)	42	10	6	26	41	86	-45	36
Stevington (R)	42	7	5	30	54	102	-48	26
Hythe Town (R)	42	6	4	32	39	109	-70	22
Lancing (R)	42	6	4	32	37	118	-81	22

* Transferred to the South Central Division



Today's fixtures

AFC Whyteleafe v East Grinstead Town
 Broadbridge Heath v Crowborough Athletic
 Deal Town v Sittingbourne
 Hassocks v Herne Bay
 Hastings United v Erith Town
 Margate v Jersey Bulls
 Merstham v Beckenham Town
Sevenoaks Town v AFC Croydon Athletic
 Sheppey United v Ashford United
 Three Bridges v Eastbourne Town
 VCD Athletic v Faversham Town
 View all of August's Fixtures and Results

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The Oaks Report



Words Andrew Gidley – Picture Matt White



Athletic Newham 1 Sevenoaks Town 3



James Stone may have made FA Cup history after his debut lasted only 10 seconds. Stone, just back from a spell playing in the United States, came off worst in a clash of heads almost straight from the kick off in the 3-1 Extra Preliminary Round win at Athletic Newham. He received lengthy treatment for several minutes, before being forced off with his head heavily bandaged and taken to hospital. Phil Annetts, editor of FA Cup Factfile confirmed his records showed no player having made a shorter debut. Stone was one of Marcel Nimani's summer targets, linking up with his team-

mates late last month after a spell playing for BOHFS St Louis in the Mid West Premier League's Gateway Conference. Oaks came from behind to win after trailing at half time – thanks to Tom Hanfrey's double and a late third by Warren Mfula. Defender Chris John headed the home side in front from a corner close to half-time at the Sir Bobby Moore Sports Hub in Dagenham after captain Jordan Perrin had kept out three efforts earlier on. Hanfrey gave them a perfect start to the second half, firing home from 25 yards to level things up only four minutes in. Oaks created several other chances, before Hanfrey made it 2-1 heading in from close range, before Mfula wrapped things up with a perfect finish.

Saturday August 2 2025: Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round:

The Bobby Moore Sports Hub,
Terrace Walk Dagenham, RM9
5PU.

Result: Athletic Newham 1
Sevenoaks Town 3

HT: 1-0

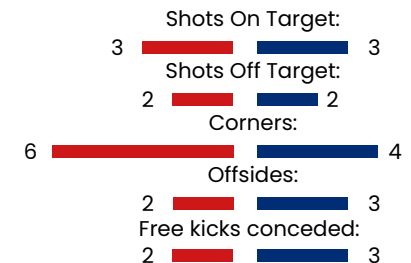
Attendance: 54

Athletic Newham: Harvey Simpson, Jack Yates, George Taylor, Ando Silver Baro, Chris John, Caleb Editula, Johnny Ashman, Tom Cottle-Wood, Chuck Uzor, Remarle Lawrence, Saddiq Mohammed.

Substitutes: Olad Karuchok (Chris John 64 mins), Trevor Harding (Saddiq Mohammed 80 mins).

Sevenoaks Town: Jordan Perrin, Kevin Diomande, Charlie Dickens, Tom Hanfrey, Ryan Sawyer, Tolo Jonah, James Stone, **Josh Wisson 82**, Warren Mfula, **Archie Burnett 41**, Mason Doughty.

Substitutes: Dan Duncanson (James Stone 4 mins), Wilson Bernal (Archie Burnett 54 mins), James Jeffrey (Mason Doughty 62 mins), Jahmal Howlett-Mundle (Tom Hanfrey 90 mins).



Reaction:

James Stone: "It was all just precautionary in the end, although I was very dazed on the pitch, and when I was walking off. "I didn't have any stitches – the cut wasn't too bad, but there was a lot of blood. "Glad to make it home and things are all good."

Tom Hanfrey: "First game of the season it was always going to be a tough one. "We made it difficult in the first half – but second half I thought we were superb,

and did what Marcel wanted us to do. "The message at half time was to get our shots away – luckily the ball fell to me for the first, I had a bit of space on my left foot and found the bottom corner. "I was a bit of a poacher for the second one – not really done that before, but definitely take getting two in the first game, and hope it continues. "Warren's goal was superb, I thought he was unlucky earlier on and could have got a couple – but that's Warren – he will always score."

AFC Croydon Athletic

AFC Croydon Athletic was officially born on 6th February 2012 after a group of supporters gathered at Selhurst Evangelical Church in South Norwood to form a new club. The newly appointed committee had just 7 weeks to put everything in place to convince the Football Association and the League that they were worthy of a place at Step 6 in the pyramid.

Despite the challenge it was a successful journey. The need to form a new club had come about because of the demise of Croydon Athletic FC who had folded playing its last game in December 2011.

A successful first season in Division One of the Combined Counties League saw a creditable 8th position. The club also won its first piece of silverware by winning the Lemon Recordings Division One cup by beating Staines Lammas 5-0 at Windsor.

The Club returned to its Spiritual home of Mayfield Stadium on 15th November 2014 with a game against Banstead Athletic.

The club maintained a promotion chasing position all season and finally clinched 2nd place with a 3-0 victory over Cobham FC. The club also won its 2nd piece of silverware when winning the London Senior Trophy beating Interwood 4-3 after extra time.

With the FA having placed the club in The Southern Counties East Football League following promotion for the 2015/16 season the club then maintained their position in the league by finishing 11th.

In the close season manager Antony Williams resigned as Manager and the club replaced him with Kevin Rayner. His first season saw a highest finish so far of 7th.

A move back to the Combined Counties League followed the reorganisation by the FA and two interrupted seasons due to Covid. Rayner remained at the helm throughout but the results were more of a struggle as the team finished in the lower half of the division.

In May 2023 Rayner recruited Lee Roots as his new joint Manager for the forthcoming season. Then in June 2023 it was announced that the Club had agreed to change ownership with a consortium of Danny Young, Wilfried Zaha and Stormzy taking control. The FA and the League gave their consent to that transfer just before the start of this season.

An opening day victory over Sutton Athletic in the FA Cup took place in front of a record 532 spectators. The next round at Horley Town was broadcast live on BBC Red Button and saw another victory.

However, this proved to be the highlight and in September, after exiting the FA Cup and a loss to Jersey Bulls it was decided to part company with the management team.

In October Jermaine McGlashan was named Manager and he took charge of his first game away at Jersey Bulls which ended in a 1-0 victory. There followed a steady rise up the table from 17th place ultimately securing a play-off place with a 5-0 victory over Horley Town in the penultimate league game.

The Playoffs involved two away fixtures first in Jersey and then at Knaphill winning both games 2-1 to secure promotion to the Isthmian League for the first time.

McGlashan left the club by mutual consent in September 2024 and Michael Kamara is in temporary charge of the team. In November 2024 experienced coach Keith Millen was appointed first team Manager. experienced coach Keith Millen was appointed first team Manager.

His reign, however, was brief and he was replaced by permanent Manager Danny Kedwell in February who arrived with his Assistant Dean Beckwith. They steered the team to a 12th place finish to lay the foundation on which to build for the season ahead.



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Kevin Diomande

Charlie Dickens

Thomas Hanfrey

Ryan Sawyer

Tolu Jonah

James Stone

Joshua Wisson

Warren Hughes Mfula

Archie Burnett

Mason Doughty

Jahmal Howlett-Mundle

Archie Howard

Wilson Bernal

James Jeffrey

Dan Duncanson

Sam Itauma



Amadou Tangara

Marcus Hill

Noaz Yusuf

Junior Savane

David Boateng

Pape Souare

Darryl Siaw

Michael Kamara

Cian McCarthy

Ben Cheklit

Nya Kirby

Harvey Kedwell

Ben Wynter

James Taylor

James Dunne

Kevant Serbonji

Kadell Daniel

Reece Grant

Daniel Thompson

David Bremang

Makhi Johnson-Reid

Manager: **Marcel Nimani**

Colours: **Black/blue shirts, black shorts, black socks**

Manager: **Danny Kedwell**

Colours: **All maroon**



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Match Officials:
Referee: **Rhys Jeffrey**
Assistants: **Chris Skilton & Luke Morley**
Next home match:
Sevenoaks Town v Crowborough Athletic
Pitching In Isthmian South East Division
Saturday August 23rd 2025, 3pm kick-off



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