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In this edition ...

From the editor's desk

Welcome back once again to the Bourne Stadium for what is already our 14th home game of the season – and we're still a week away from November!

We'd like to welcome the players, officials and directors of Cray Valley who of course did our division proud this time last season when they stunned Charlton by drawing 1-1 at the Valley in the FA Cup first round, earning a replay, something that sadly wouldn't be possible this year due to rule changes.

They were worthy champions last season and have adapted very well to life in the Premier Division. After this weekend's results they are in the play-off places and will represent a stiff test for us this evening. Finally we'd also like to thank everyone who made Saturday's tribute to Eddie Diplock such a moving occasion. It was a fitting tribute for a great club servant. Up the Oaks!



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The Oaks Report ...

A well deserved point against one of the fancied Pitching In Isthmian League South East title contenders this season. Another wet Wednesday night at The Bourne Stadium was the back drop to an entertaining contest with both sides missing late chances to snatch victory late on.

Ryan Sawyer cleared off the line at one end, while Oaks substitute Dan Duncanson missed out at the other end. Brickies skipper Liam Smith put the visitors in front after 11 minutes, before Oaks went close 10 minutes before half-time - Josh Wisson saw his effort stopped by Bourne keeper Harley Earle before Kevin Diomande's follow-up was blocked. Ayominde Majekodunmi set-up the stoppage-time equaliser - his pass setting up Jefferson Aibangbee shrugging off a heavy challenge to touch the ball past Earle

A cagey second half burst into life as the clock ticked down - Bourne had an effort disallowed for a foul on Jordan Perrin - then with seven minutes came chances. Sawyer's last-ditch clearance, before Duncanson raced away - one-on-one against Earle, who claimed the ball and the chance went.

Bourne went close again - one effort deflected for a corner - then substitute Mitchell May headed wide in the last action of the game.

Sevenoaks Town: Jordan Perrin, **Kevin Diomande 81**, Charlie Dickens, Jack Bath, Ryan Sawyer, Josh Wisson, **Jefferson Aibangbee 53**, Sammy McCleod, James Jeffrey, Rodney Eruotor, **Ayominde Majekodunmi 84** **Substitutes:** Gael Kileba (Aibangbee 64 mins), Salim Futa (Eruotor 79 mins), Dan Duncanson (Jeffrey 80 mins), Oliver Gray (McCleod 87 mins).

Sittingbourne: Harley Earle, Henry Lukumbo, **Donvieve Jones 90**, Ayman-El-Mogharbel, **Liam Smith 63**, Chris Arthur, Henry Sinai, Ritchie Hamill, Ryan Kingsford, Jay Beckford, Troy Howard.

Substitutes: Joe Boachie (Howard 64 mins), Cody Cosgrave (El-Mogharbel 64 mins), Mitchell May (Sinai 73 mins), Jack Steventon (Lukumbo 84 mins)

Referee: Callum Packe (London)

HT: 1-1 (47:20) **FT:** 1-1 (97:30)

Attendance: 146

Reaction: Marcel Nimani

"We went toe-toe against a side who I think are destined for great things. It was a point, but I was gutted because we had opportunities to win it. We must be the team that has scored most open play goals, and most who concede from set-pieces - there was another here. "It was very disappointing and I was frustrated at the beginning to concede early. Knowing how good they are at them, I felt we were tremendous in the way we defended after going behind, so I let them off for that one."



Match Stats

Shots on target

4 3

Shots off target

4 5

Shots blocked

2 2

Corners

1 8

Free-kicks conceded

10 16



... Sittingbourne

Michael Tapp hands Ayo Majek his Sevenoaks Sport & Well Being Man-of-the-Match Award



STFC Club news

Callum Heath's second half winner earned Sevenoaks Town Reserves their first league victory of the season against Kemsing United on Saturday. The visitors led the Sevenoaks League Premier Division standings before the game - Heath scoring 18 minutes from time converting Dom Miller's assist. Manager Steve McGinn said: "It was an excellent performance and feels like we have taken a positive turn in recent form." "The new additions are fitting in and hopefully it's the start of a better run of form."

Oaks face Ukrainian refugee side FC

Hertz at Tonbridge Angels FC on Saturday (7pm). Double defeat for the two Sevenoaks Town women's teams at the weekend. Charlotte Bennett scored as the first team went down 3-1 against Premier Division leaders London Road in Chatham. The Development side lost 2-0 at home to Kent Division 2 West front-runners Foots Cray Lionesses, but played with only 10 players for much of the game following an early injury. The first team host Maidstone United on Sunday (2pm), while the Development side make the short trip to Ide Hill (2pm).



The first team (top) and reserves (above) both paid tribute to Eddie Diplock before their respective kick-offs on Saturday

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.



Good luck to all the teams this season!

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Isthmian Round-up

Saturday 19th October

AFC Croydon Athletic Pierrick 73, McCarthy 89	2	2	Littlehampton Town Jarvis 56, Pamment 68	148
Broadbridge Heath Goldson 1	1	3	Three Bridges Rivera 9, 45, Hallard 42	252
Burgess Hill Town ONeil 52, Davies 88, 90	3	1	Steyning TC Barnes 90+3	512
Deal Town Munday 13, 44, 50, Chapman 54	4	3	Merstham Somo 23, Drage 53, Henry 90+3	544
Eastbourne Town Ding 40	1	2	Ashford United Collins 2, Lockyer 74	266
Lancing	0	1	Beckenham Town Belford 85	277
Phoenix Sports Elliott 73	1	3	Herne Bay Haysman 26, Smith 36, Salako 59 pen	174
Sevenoaks Town	0	0	Erith Town	231
Sheppey United Christie 62, Leonard 90+1	2	3	Margate Olutade 40, 55, 78	419
Sittingbourne May 25, 33, 45+1, 53, Jones 41, Kingsford 90+3	6	0	Hythe Town	276

Pitching In Isthmian South East Division

Beckenham T	13	9	2	2	33	18	+15	29
Burgess Hill T	10	7	1	2	21	14	+7	22
Ramsgate	7	7	0	0	21	4	+17	21
Sittingbourne	9	6	2	1	28	10	+18	20
Sheppey United	9	6	1	2	19	12	+7	19
Margate 10	5	4	1	16	10	+6	19	
Erith Town	11	5	3	3	21	13	+8	18
Merstham	11	4	4	3	18	19	-1	16
Deal Town	10	5	0	5	24	21	+3	15
Herne Bay	7	4	1	2	14	11	+3	13
Eastbourne Town	10	4	1	5	15	19	-4	13
Broadbridge Hth	8	4	0	4	12	16	-4	12
Sevenoaks Town 10	3	3	4	16	23	-7	12	
AFC Croydon Ath	10	2	5	3	16	17	-1	11
East Grinstead T	10	3	2	5	14	17	-3	11
Three Bridges	9	2	3	4	16	16	0	9
Littlehampton T	8	2	2	4	17	18	-1	8
Ashford United	7	2	2	3	11	17	-6	8
Steyning TC	9	2	0	7	10	16	-6	6
Hythe Town	11	2	0	9	7	31	-24	6
Lancing	9	1	1	7	7	14	-7	4
Phoenix Sports	10	0	1	9	5	25	-20	1

Does NOT include Tuesday night's results

Velocity Trophy First Round Wednesday 4th September 2024

Sevenoaks Town Mfula 39, Aibangbee 51, Kileba 67	3	0	Phoenix Sports	63
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Tuesday 17th September 2024

Steyning Town Community Meehan 64	1	4	Broadbridge Heath Terry 45+2, Croal 68, Lemon 80, Marino 90+2	131
Second round				
Tuesday 3rd September 2024				
AFC Croydon Athletic	4	1	Rayners Lane	69
Agyemang 27, 53, Pierrick 45+2, Omilabu 79			Scott 8	
Badshot Lea	1	3	Binfield	90
Ceesay 90+3			Parker 35, 71 pen, George 53	
Concord Rangers	4	5	Basildon United	140
Sassi 2, Lewis 33, Allen 61, Adu Gyamfi 78			Jude 4, Bartlett-Antwi 28 pen, Mills 49, 64, Scales 70	
East Grinstead Town	0	1	Merstham	115
			Lawal 68	

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Walthamstow Njie 90+7	1	1	Grays Athletic Hirst 8	78
			Grays Athletic win 4-2 on penalties	

Tuesday 17th September 2024

Ascot United Igozouln 32, Payne-James 61	2	1	Sutton Common Rovers	80
Deal Town Oni 7, Penny 47	2	0	Hythe Town	250
Erith Town Bullas 51, Ash 62, Dyer 68, Kareem 72	4	1	Sittingbourne	115
Hayes & Yeading United Matangi 2, Williams 39, Hinds 67, Brown 69, Sippetts 89	5	3	Moneyfields	81
Leatherhead Date 45+2	1	0	South Park Reigate	185
Newmarket Town Conway 33, 73, Foster 83, 88, Lee 90+1	5	2	Sporting Bengal United	96
Ramsgate Bola 73	1	1	Sevenoaks Town	355
			Majekodunmi 71	
Sheppey United	0	0	Herne Bay	222
			Sevenoaks Town win 7-6 on penalties	
			Sheppey United win 5-4 on penalties	

Tuesday 24th September 2024

Harrow Borough Miskin 11, Stewart 35	2	2	Southall	78
			Ebanda 84, Amate 90+6	
Westfield	2	0	Hanworth Villa	91
Afrane-Kesey 17, 47				

Tuesday 1st October 2024

Witham Town Osude 79	1	2	Brightlingsea Regent	105
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Sevenoaks Town

Fixtures & Results 2024-25

KEY:

1 = Goal Scored

* Player subbed

■ = Red Card

+ = Own goal

*Oaks win 7-6 on penalties

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

	DATE	V OPPONENT	COMP	RES	ATT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub 1	Sub 2	Sub 3	Sub 4	Sub 5
AUG	Sat 3	H Whitstable Town	FAC	2-1	253	Perrin	Sawyer	JHM	Bath	Futa	AM	McLeod	Eruotor 1*	Martin 1*	Efambe*	WHM	Kileba	JA	Divine		
	Sat 10	H Burgess Hill Town	ISE	3-1	129	Perrin	Divine*	Futa	Bath	JHM	AM	McLeod*	Eruotor	Martin	Adesite*	Mfula*	Hagan	Mahoney	JA	Kileba	
	Sat 17	H Leatherhead	FAC	0-2	319	Perrin	Divine*	Gray	JHM	Futa	DD	McLeod	Eruotor*	Martin*	Adesite*	Mfula	Kileba	Hagan	Sarpong	Albangbee	
	Sat 24	A Sheppey United	ISE	1-3	352	Perrin	Divine*	Futa	Bath	JHM ■	McLeod	JA	AM*	WHM*	Eruotor 1	Martin*	Sawyer	Efambe	DD		
	Mon 26	H East Grinstead	ISE	2-2	107	Perrin	Divine	Sawyer	Bath	JHM	McLeod	JA*	AM*	Eruotor 1*	Adesite	WHM1	DD	Mahoney	Kileba	Gray	
	Sat 31	H Beckenham Town	ISE	0-5	112	Perrin	Futa	Sawyer	Bath*	Gray	McLeod	JA*	AM*	WHM*	Eruotor	Adesite*	Divine	DD	Efambe	Kileba	
SEPT	Wed 4	H Phoenix Sports	ATT	3-0	63	Northwood	Sawyer	Lehan	Gray*	Divine	McLeod*	JA	Futa 1*	WHM	Kileba 1*	Martin 1	DD	AM	Eruotor	Hagan	
	Sat 7	H Harrow Borough	FAT	3-0	134	Perrin	Divine	Futa	Sawyer	Lehan ■	McLeod	JA 2	Wisson	Kileba	Eruotor 1	DD	WHM	Martin	AM	Hagan	
	Tue 10	A Beckenham Town	ISE	3-4	165	Perrin	Divine	Futa	Wisson	Sawyer	Lahan	JA	McLeod 1*	WHM	Eruotor 1	DD	Jeffrey	Hagan 1	Kileba		
	Sat 14	H Hythe Town	ISE	1-0	123	Perrin	Divine	Futa	Bath	Wisson	JA	McLeod*	WHM	Kileba*	Jeffrey*	Eruotor	Hagan	AM 1	Lahan	Sarpong	
	Tue 17	A Ramsgate	VT	1-1 ■	355	Northwood	Divine*	Futa	Bath	Gray	JHM	Kileba	AM 1	Jeffrey	Eruotor	Sarpong	Wisson	Lahan	Kileba	Jeffrey	Northwood
	Sat 21	H Leatherhead	FAT	1-2	137	Perrin	Sawyer ■	Futa	Bath	JHM*	Wisson	JA 1	AM	WHM*	Eruotor*	McLeod*	Gray*	Sarpong	Sawyer	JA 1	
	Wed 25	H Beckenham	KSC	1-3	66	LN*	Divine	Futa	Bath	Lahan	Wisson	Kileba	AM	Sarpong	Eruotor	Jeffrey	Perrin	Efambe			
OCT	Sat 5	H Three Bridges	ISE	0-4	137	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	Bath	Lahan	Wisson*	JA	AM	WHM	Jeffrey*	Sarpong ■	Eruotor	DD			
	Sat 12	A Herne Bay	ISE	5-3	382	Perrin	Diomande	Dickens	Bath	Sawyer	McLeod	JA 1	AM*	WHM 2	Jeffrey 1*	Eruotor 1	Kileba	Gray	Lahan		
	Wed 16	H Sittingbourne	ISE	1-1	146	Perrin	Diomande	Dickens	Bath	Sawyer	Wisson	JA 1*	McLeod*	Jeffrey*	Eruotor*	AM	Kileba	Futa	DD	Gray	
	Sat 19	H Erith Town	ISE	0-0	231	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	Bath	Sawyer	Wisson	Kileba*	McLeod*	WHM	Eruotor	AM*	Jeffrey	JA	DD		
	Wed 23	H Cray Valley PM	VT																		
	Sat 26	A Steyning Town	ISE																		
	Tue 29	A Ramsgate	ISE																		
NOV	Sat 2	H Littlehampton T	ISE																		
	Sat 9	A Hythe Town	ISE																		
	Tue 12	A Broadbridge Hth	ISE																		
	Sat 16	H Ramsgate	ISE																		
	Sat 23	A Sittingbourne	ISE																		
	Sat 30	H Deal Town	ISE																		
DEC	Sat 7	A Croydon Athletic	ISE																		
	Sat 14	H Eastbourne Town	ISE																		
	Sat 21	A Lancing	ISE																		
	Thu 26	H Merstham	ISE																		
	Sat 28	A Burgess Hill Town	ISE																		
JAN	Wed 1	A East Grinstead	ISE																		
	Sat 4	H Phoenix Sports	ISE																		
	Sat 11	A Margate	ISE																		
	Sat 18	H Ashford United	ISE																		
	Sat 25	A Deal Town	ISE																		
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	Sat 8	A Three Bridges	ISE																		
	Sat 15	H Herne Bay	ISE																		
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	Sat 15	A Eastbourne Town	ISE																		
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	Sat 12	A Phoenix Sports	ISE																		
	Sat 19	H Broadbridge Hth	ISE																		
	Mon 21	A Merstham	ISE																		
	Sat 26	H Sheppey United	ISE																		

The Oaks Report ...

Stalemate in this first Step 4 contest between two old rivals.

The last time they met was in April 2018, when Oaks won the Southern Counties East League title after a 2-1 win at VCD's Oakwood ground confirming them as champions with a game to spare.

Eddie Diplock was there to see skipper Corey Holder lift the trophy - and it was fitting that Erith Town were the opposition on the day Oaks paid tribute to him following his death last week aged 93. They also included Harrison Carnegie, a member of Micky Collins' title-winning squad as one of their substitutes.

Family, friends and representatives of the Kent FA joined in a minutes applause - held before both this match and at half-time in the reserves' Sevenoaks League Premier Division game against Kemsing on the adjoining Greatness Park pitch. It was another ex-Oaks man Luke Leopard who missed the best chance of a winner, heading wide of the far post as things ticked into stoppage-time.

Erith also had loud claims for a late penalty turned down.

The crossbar thwarted Josh Wisson in the second half, Erith clipped it twice in either half.

Jordan Perrin's first half goal saving challenge on James Dyer was another key moment.

Rodney Eruotor's cross was pushed away by Erith keeper Nathan Edwards.

Warren Mfula had an early effort ruled out for offside after only eight minutes - video showed it was the tightest of decisions as he beat keeper Nathan Edwards to the ball on the edge of the area, before scoring into an empty net.

Sevenoaks Town: Jordan Perrin, Kevin Diomande, Salim Futa, Jack Bath, Ryan Sawyer, Josh Wisson, Gael Kileba, **Sammie McCleod 24**, Warren Mfula, Rodney Eruotor, Ayominde Majekodunmi

Substitutes: Jefferson Aibangbee (Gael Kileba 61 mins), James Jeffrey (Sammie McCleod 61 mins), Dan Duncanson (Ayominde Majekodunmi 81 mins)

Erith Town: Nathan Edwards, Andrew

Dythe, Tom Ash, Tom Hanfrey, **Jerome Jayaguru 68**, Aaron Jeffery, James Miles, James Dyer, **Leo Mazzone 51**, Luke Leopard, Ollie Milton

Substitutes: Hayden Bullass (James Miles 57 mins), Kola Salami (Leo Mazzone 72 mins), Harrison Carnegie (Ollie Milton 82 mins)

Referee: Maros Valko (London)

HT: 0-0 (47:00)

FT: 0-0 (94:45)

Attendance: 231

Reaction Marcel Nimani:

"I think it was a missed opportunity - when we are the home team and had the chances we did in the second half.

"We kept a clean sheet which we don't often enough,

"I think Erith were the better side in the first half and we were fortunate to go in 0-0 at half-time

"I don't think they created too many - they came from us not picking up second men or our mistakes.

"I think both teams lacked quality."

Reflecting on the first 10 league games:

"As a group we are very ambitious, I think we are three to five points short of where we want to be, but we are still building"



The West Kent Sport and Well Being Man of the Match, Kevin Diomande, receives his award from Samir Mofteh from our club sponsor Manak Solicitors

... Erith Town



Match Stats

Shots on target

4 2

Shots off target

6 6

Shots blocked

2 0

Corners

1 4

Free-kicks conceded

10 10



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Cray Valley PM: History

Records held by Kent FA show that Cray Valley Paper Mills FC (CVPM) was founded in 1919 – the team originally playing in green and white, matching the livery of the paper mills vehicles and company banner – and was supported by the Nash family who owned the paper mills until its closure in **1981**.

Playing in the newly formed Sidcup and Kent League Division 2, the Club's first match was a 1-0 victory against Hamilton House FC on September 20th 1919, followed by a 7-0 victory in our first away match at Sidcup Invicta. CVPM went on to win the division in their first season – gaining promotion to the Bromley & District League Division 1. The following season they were again champions – also winning the Kent County Junior Cup, defeating Sittingbourne Paper Mills 3-0 in the Final. Their next success came as members of the Kent Amateur League Western Section in **1932/33** – winning the Divisional title that season before finishing runners-up in **1936/37**.

Records between the late-fifties and the early-seventies are scarce, until 1975 when CVPM joined the South London Alliance League, winning Division 1 in **1979/80** and the Premier Division in **1980/81** – their final season playing at the sports ground of the mills at St Pauls Cray in Kent. Following a “nomadic existence” CVPM arrived at their present home at Badgers Sports Ground in Middle Park Avenue, Eltham for the season **1988/89**, when “Paper Mills” was abbreviated to “(PM)” in the Club's name. The Club continued to enjoy success in the South London Alliance – winning Division 1 in **1983/84** and finishing as runners-up in the Premier Division in **1988/89** – before joining the Spartan League, gaining promotion to Division 1 in **1990/91** by finishing as runners up, only missing out on the title on goal difference. They moved to the re-structured Spartan Midland League in **1997/98**, – finishing as runners up in their first season – and became founder members of the London Intermediate League – reaching the Final of the League Cup in **1998/99** – before, under the management of Mark Edwards,

being elected to Division One of the Kent County League in **2001/02**.

During Edwards' reign, CVPM enjoyed regular success – winning Division 1 West in **2002/03** before winning the Premier Division by 11 points in **2004/05**. They were also victorious in the London Intermediate Cup in 2003, 2004, 2010 and 2011. Willie O'Sullivan became manager in season **2009/10**, before leaving in January of the following season **2010/11**, at the end of which the Club effectively gained two “promotions” – moving from the “Step 7” Kent County League to the “Step 5” Kent League. With Steve Chapman having taken over at the helm, their first season at that level saw them finish in a highly creditable 11th position – also reaching the semi-final of the Kent Senior Trophy. The following two seasons saw further progress, with 8th and 7th placed finishes, while reaching the semi-final of the London Senior Cup – narrowly losing to eventual winners AFC Wimbledon.

2012/13 saw The Millers make their debut in the FA Vase, before their first appearance in the FA Cup the following season – beating Lancing away in a replay, before losing to Redhill in the Preliminary round. After Paul Gross took over from Chapman for the **2014/15** season, CVPM finished 7th in the newly named Southern Counties East Football League (SCEFL) – a late season slump resulting in a disappointing 10th place finish the following season. James Collins then took over the reins, enjoying considerable success on the field. The **2016/17** campaign saw The Millers finish in a very creditable 4th place in the league, and reach the Final of the Kent Senior Trophy – losing 2-1 to League Champions Ashford Town. They also became the lowest ranked team ever to win the London Senior Cup when, on a memorable night at Dulwich Hamlet, The Millers beat Ryman Premier Division opponents Metropolitan Police 2-1. It was also a successful season for the Club's youngsters – the Reserves under Mark Dobson winning the Suburban League South Division and narrowly missing out

Cray Valley PM: History



on doing the double, losing to Metropolitan Police Reserves in the League Cup Final.

Early in the **2017/18** campaign Kevin Watson was appointed manager. A very successful second half of the season saw The Millers finish in 6th place, while again reaching the final of the London Senior Cup – on this occasion being beaten by Balham.

The Club's centenary season **2018/19** saw The Millers again scale new heights – winning the SCEFL title by a single point, accruing 91 points from 38 matches while scoring 108 goals with a goal difference of +72, and securing promotion to the Isthmian League. CVPM also made their first appearance at Wembley – Combined Counties League side Chertsey Town beating them 3-1 after extra time in the FA Vase Final in front of a crowd of 42,962. When the Club's first season in the Isthmian League South East Division (Step 4) came to a premature end due to the Covid-19 outbreak, The Millers were placed in 3rd position looking set to challenge for further promotion.

While the **2020/21** season was also curtailed in December 2020 due to Covid-19, there was still time for The Millers to embark on a record breaking run in the FA Cup. Progress to the First Round Proper will live long in the memory – in particular

a famous 3-2 victory at National League side Maidenhead United in the Fourth Round Qualifying.

Season **2021/22** finally saw a full season completed at step 4. An excellent first half of the season unfortunately lost momentum but The Millers still managed to achieve their highest ever finish in 5th place to secure a play off spot – a 1-0 defeat in the semi final at Ashford United ended any promotion hopes.

Following Kevin Watson's departure in November 2022, his assistant Tommy Osborne took over the reigns and continued to gain plaudits for a pleasing on the eye passing game but narrowly missed out on a play off spot, finishing in 6th place. A new era now beckons with a complete managerial change in preparation for the coming **2023/24** season with the appointment of Steve McKimm and Barry Moore.

What followed contributed to a truly remarkable season. Isthmian South East Champions and with it promotion to step 3 for the first time, 97 points, 103 goals scored with just 32 conceded. Reached the FA Cup First Round Proper taking Charlton Athletic to a replay at the Artistic Stadium in front of a capacity crowd of 1,550 along with a FA Trophy Second Round Proper appearance for the first time.

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