

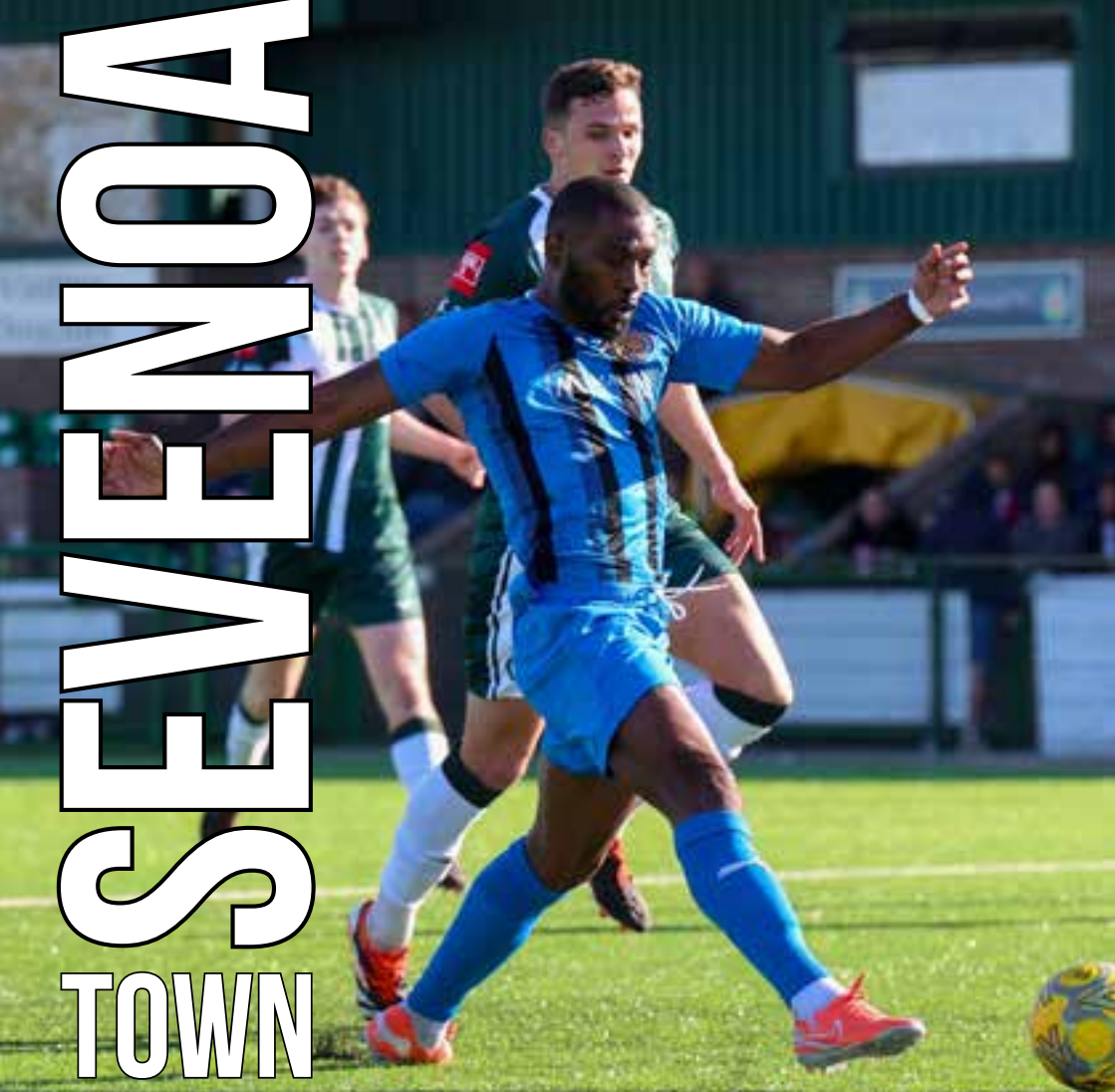
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VS MARGATE FC

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2025

OFFICIAL MATCH PROGRAMME: £2

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN SOUTH EAST DIVISION



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You can call the FA on 0800 085 0508 or Kick it Out on 020 7253 0162.

STFC welfare policy

As a 3-Star Accredited Club, child welfare & safeguarding is at the heart of what we do.

Sevenoaks Town FC Directors and Trustees are responsible for the Club's compliance with the child protection and welfare issues that are related to running a youth football club.

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:

- 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

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@sevenoakstownfc.co.uk

FA Respect

As an FA Charter Standard Community Club, we expect the highest standards of conduct from our players, parents and supporters.

We are passionate supporters of the FA Respect campaign.

FA Whistleblowing Policy

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Margate FC history



Congratulations to Marcel who, as we went to press, was named Vita Risk Solutions Manager-of-the-Month for March 2025!

Marcel Nimani

“Make no mistake, I think the South East Division next season will be as tough as it has been this ...”

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Ben Greenhalgh and Adam Flanagan and the rest of the Margate management team, committee and supporters.

Ben and Adam are both well respected in non league football, and it's no surprise to me they have built a strong side in Step 4 who have been consistently in the play-off spots all season.

Margate are a big club – one could argue they are playing at one of even two steps lower than where they should be – and are heavy on experience.

We go into the game into confident mood, having been on a fine run of form in March, unbeaten in eight matches – five wins and three draws, and have a good home record too.

Putting all those statistics together, and we show the necessary application to be the best version of ourselves, it will give us every chance of being successful.

As we head into the last part of the season I would like to highlight some of the great hurdles we have accomplished collectively.

The draw at Ashford United last week was against a tough side but we managed to maintain our unbeaten run.

The result wasn't one we wanted in terms of our aspirations to chase that last play-off spot and the dressing room was a little deflated, but shows how far we have come as a group. It won't dampen our spirits or enthusiasm.

We have definitely have some strong building blocks in the squad and will use the final five games to experiment, as we look towards next season.

Make no mistake I think the South East Division next season will be as tough as it has been this, especially with the teams set to come down.

We will lose Ramsgate and potentially Burgess Hill, Sittingbourne or Margate but with what's coming in, it's going to be even stronger.

That's for us to worry about next season, now we can enjoy some of the work we have done.

Thank you to everyone for being so supportive and hope we can all maintain this positive energy in the closing weeks of the season.

Marcel

The Paul Lansdale column

Good afternoon to you all. Welcome to the Bourne Stadium for today's Pitching in Isthmian League South East fixture against Margate. As usual we extend that to everyone connected with our visitors who are making their first ever visit today. They have a long and illustrious history, looking to return to their former glories, and arrive here on course for the play-offs. Heading into the final month of the season, to find ourselves in the top-10 at this stage is a great achievement. We go into today's game in eighth place, one point away from our highest ever total as a Step 4 club with five games left. March proved a very good for us, winning 16 points out of a possible 18 - 17 goals scored - and three clean-



sheets. It was probably in the script that Louis Collins would feature in some way at Ashford last week and he didn't disappoint, with both goals in the 2-2 draw, watched by dad Micky, dashing our hopes of ending the month with a 100% record. Last time out here against Lancing on Non League Day, we offered an Amazon voucher to one lucky spectator - the winner was Euan from Dunton Green - while another first time visitor from there also won the Golden Goal prize. Belated congratulations to our Ladies first team on retaining the South East Women's League Premier Division title. Also a mention to two of our youth teams who have finished runners up in two finals recently - the Under-18s in the Tandridge League Cup and Under-15s in the Kent FA Merit Youth Cup. Last but not least, before today's game we are planning to hold a minute's applause in honour of Shayne Reid-Watson, the Oaks Powerchair footballer who passed away recently.

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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 29th March 2025			
Ashford United Collins 11, 19	2	2	Sevenoaks Town 410
Beckenham Town Theophanous 34	1	3	Ramsgate 485
Broadbridge Heath Moteane 90+1	1	4	Sheppey United 172
Burgess Hill Town Vukojic 88, Cooper 90+1	2	1	Phoenix Sports 529
Deal Town Paxman 2, Chapman 43, 48	3	0	Three Bridges 582
East Grinstead Town	0	3	Littlehampton Town 123
Eastbourne Town Ding 61	1	0	AFC Croydon Athletic 246
Erith Town Dythe 4, Duncan 10, Miles 64, Taylor 72, Milton 79, 87	6	0	Steving TC 170
Lancing	0	1	Sittingbourne 268
Margate Derry 29, Olutade 62, Allen 80	3	0	Hythe Town 508
Merstham Henry 80	1	0	Herne Bay 504

Tuesday 1st April			
Beckenham Town Chalker 77	1	0	Phoenix Sports 201
Erith Town	0	1	Three Bridges 119

Wednesday 2nd April 2025			
East Grinstead Town Weaire 50	1	4	Burgess Hill Town 144

Today's fixtures

AFC Croydon Athletic v Burgess Hill Town
 Herne Bay v Lancing
 Hythe Town v Merstham
 Littlehampton Town v Eastbourne Town
 Phoenix Sports v Beckenham Town
 Ramsgate v Broadbridge Heath
 Sevenoaks Town v Margate
 Sheppey United v East Grinstead Town
 Sittingbourne v Erith Town
 Steving Town Community v Deal Town
 Three Bridges v Ashford United

Isthmian Round-up

Pitching In Isthmian South East Division									
Ramsgate	37	32	3	2	113	30	+83	99	
Sittingbourne	37	29	5	3	105	25	+80	92	
Burgess Hill Town	37	25	8	4	77	35	+42	83	
Margate	37	22	10	5	72	41	+31	76	
Merstham	37	19	10	8	78	55	+23	67	
Beckenham Town	36	18	8	10	76	57	+19	62	
Three Bridges	37	19	4	14	74	63	+11	61	
Sevenoaks Town	37	16	9	12	72	71	+1	57	
Deal Town	37	17	2	18	78	75	+3	53	
Sheppey United	37	15	6	16	62	60	+2	51	
Erith Town	37	13	11	13	65	50	+15	50	
Ashford United	37	14	7	16	63	66	-3	49	
AFC Croydon Ath	37	11	13	13	53	58	-5	46	
Broadbridge Hth	37	12	10	15	58	65	-7	46	
Eastbourne Town	37	12	8	17	50	63	-13	44	
East Grinstead T	37	13	5	19	46	75	-29	44	
Herne Bay	36	10	8	18	47	66	-19	38	
Littlehampton T	37	9	7	21	60	79	-19	34	
Phoenix Sports	37	8	5	24	36	81	-45	29	
Hythe Town	37	6	4	27	32	87	-55	22	
Lancing	37	6	3	28	34	98	-64	21	
Steving TC	37	5	4	28	39	90	-51	19	

Includes midweek results



STFC Club News

Peter Dance-Harvey's second half goal earned **Sevenoaks Town Reserves** a point in a 1-1 draw against Ukrainian refugee side FC Hertz. Beaten 7-0 at Westerham - their heaviest defeat of their Sevenoaks League Premier Division season the previous week, Oaks responded by playing some of the best football of the season according to manager Steve McGinn. He said: "A draw was probably a fair result. Both teams could have won or lost it. "We set out to correct what we happened at Westerham. "Hertz are a good side, well organised on and off the ball. "What was pleasing it that we tweaked a few things when in possession. And we probably had the better of them in the

second half." Hertz led in first half stoppage-time, before Dance-Harvey's leveller, heading in Liam Earl's free-kick soon after the restart. Oaks are without a game today and visit local rivals St Lawrence next Saturday. Sarah White netted **Sevenoaks Town Women** a consolation as the Development Team bowed out of the Kent Divisional Cup losing 2-1 at Hollands & Blair after extra-time on Sunday. Matilda Noble scored twice in a 3-1 win at Crayford Arrows the previous week. Deianira Gyampa-Boamsh hit the other. They finish the D2W season at home to Ide Hill tomorrow (2pm) Meanwhile the club's First team, Premier Division champions for a second successive season end with a trip to Tonbridge Angels (4.30pm)

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	Eruotor1*	Martin1*	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	Sarpong	DD	Albangbee	
	Sat 24	A Sheppey United	ISE	1-3	352	Perrin	Divine*	Futa	Bath	JHM ■	McLeod	JA	AM*	WHM	Eruotor1	Martin*	Sawyer	Efambe			
	Mon 26	H East Grinstead	ISE	2-2	107	Perrin	Divine	Sawyer	Bath	JHM	McLeod	JA*	AM*	Eruotor1*	Adesite	WHM1	DD	Mahoney	Kileba	Gray	
SEPT	Sat 31	H Beckenham Town	ISE	0-5	112	Perrin	Futa	Sawyer	Bath*	Gray	McLeod	JA*	AM*	WHM*	Eruotor	Adesite*	Divine	DD	Efambe	Kileba	
	Wed 4	H Phoenix Sports	ATT	3-0	63	Northwood	Sawyer	Lehan	Gray*	Divine	McLeod*	JA	Futa1*	WHM	Kileba1*	Martin1	DD	AM	Eruotor	Hagan	
	Sat 7	H Harrow Borough	FAT	3-0	134	Perrin	Divine	Futa	Sawyer	Lehan ■	McLeod	JA 2	Wisson	Kileba	Eruotor1	DD	WHM	Martin	AM	Hagan	
	Tue 10	A Beckenham Town	ISE	3-4	165	Perrin	Divine	Futa	Wisson	Sawyer	Lahan	JA	McLeod1*	WHM	Eruotor1	DD	Jeffrey	Hagan1	Kileba		
	Sat 14	H Hythe Town	ISE	1-0	123	Perrin	Divine	Futa	Bath	Wisson	JA	McLeod*	WHM	Kileba*	Jeffrey*	Eruotor	Hagan	AM1			
OCT	Tue 17	A Ramsgate	VT	1-1 ■	355	Northwood	Divine*	Futa	Bath	Gray	JHM	Kileba	AM1	Jeffrey	Eruotor	Sarpong	Wisson	Lahan	Sarpong	Jeffrey	Northwood
	Sat 21	H Leatherhead	FAT	1-2	137	Perrin	Sawyer ■	Futa	Bath	JHM*	Wisson	JA1	AM	WHM*	Eruotor*	McLeod*	Gray*	Sarpong	Kileba	JA1	
	Wed 25	H Beckenham	KSC	1-3	66	LN*	Divine	Futa	Bath	Lahan	Wisson	Kileba	AM	Sarpong	Eruotor	Jeffrey	Perrin	Efambe	Sawyer		
	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	JA1	AM*	WHM2	Jeffrey1*	Eruotor1	Kileba	Gray	Lahan		
NOV	Wed 16	H Sittingbourne	ISE	1-1	146	Perrin	Diomande	Dickens	Bath	Sawyer	Wisson	JA1*	McLeod*	Jeffrey*	Eruotor*	AM	Futa	DD		Gray	
	Sat 19	H Erith Town	ISE	0-0	231	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	Bath	Sawyer	Wisson	Kileba*	McLeod*	Jeffrey*	Eruotor	AM*	Jeffrey	DD			
	Wed 23	H Cray Valley PM	VT	2-4	96	Northwood	Sarpong	Futa	McLeod	Sawyer	Babalola*	Wisson1	DD*	Jeffrey*	Kileba	JA	Eruotor	Bunclark			
	Sat 26	A Steyning Town	ISE	3-0	85	Northwood	KD1	Futa	Bath	Sawyer	McLeod*	JA*	Wisson*	WHM1*	Eruotor1*	Babalola	Sarpong	JHM	Jeffrey	AM	Kileba
	Tue 29	A Ramsgate	ISE	1-5	937	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	Bath*	Sawyer	McLeod*	JA1	WHM	AM	Eruotor*	Babalola	JHM	Jeffrey	Wisson		
DEC	Sat 2	H Littlehampton T	ISE	1-1	103	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	McLeod*	Sawyer	JHM	JA*	Wisson	WHM	Jeffrey1*	Babalola	AM	Kileba	Eruotor		
	Sat 9	A Hythe Town	ISE	4-2	249	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	McLeod*	Sawyer ■	JHM	JA	Wisson3	WHM*	Eruotor1*	Jeffrey*	Bath	AM	Kileba		
	Tue 12	A Broadbridge Hth	ISE	2-2	89	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	Bath	JHM	McLeod*	JA	Wisson	WHM2	Eruotor*	Jeffrey*	AM	Babalola	Kileba		
	Sat 16	H Ramsgate	ISE	2-3	293	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	Bath	JHM	McLeod	Wisson	Babalola*	JA1	Eruotor	Jeffrey1*	Kileba	Sarpong			
	Sat 23	A Sittingbourne	ISE	0-3	197	Perrin	Splatt	Futa	Bath	JHM	McLeod	JA	Wisson	WHM*	Jeffrey	Babalola	Sarpong	Kileba	Eruotor		
JAN	Sat 30	H Deal Town	ISE	2-1	112	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	Splatt*	JHM	McLeod	Kileba	Wisson	JA1	Eruotor1*	Jeffrey*	DD	Sawyer	Bunclark		
	Sat 14	H Eastbourne Town	ISE	4-1	117	Perrin*	Diomande	Futa1	Splatt*	JHM	Sawyer	JA	Wisson	WHM1	Eruotor1*	Jeffrey*	DD	Kileba1	Olugbodi	Eyers	
	Sat 21	A Lancing	ISE	3-4	261	Perrin	Diomande	Futa*	McLeod	JHM	Sawyer*	JA	Wisson2	WHM1	Eruotor*	Jeffrey*	Brooke	Splatt	Kileba	Olugbodi	
	Thu 26	H Merstham	ISE	2-2	263	Perrin	Diomande	Splatt*	McLeod	JHM	Sawyer	Kileba	Futa	JA	Eruotor1*	Wisson1*	Olugbodi	Jeffrey	Brooke		
	Sat 28	A Burgess Hill Town	ISE	0-2	402	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	McLeod*	JHM	Sawyer	Kileba	Wisson	JA	Eruotor*	Jeffrey	Brooke	Bunclark			
FEB	Sat 4	H Phoenix Sports	ISE	2-0	183	Perrin	Diomande	McLean	McLeod	JHM	Sawyer	Kileba	Wisson1*	WHM*	Eruotor1*	Jeffrey	DD	Brooke	Futa		
	Tue7	A Croydon Athletic	ISE	3-1	103	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	McLeod	JHM	Sawyer	Brooke*	Wisson*	WHM	Eruotor1*	Jeffrey*	JA1	AM1	Kileba	DD	
	Sat 11	A Margate	ISE	2-1	418	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	McLeod	JHM	Sawyer	JA1*	Wisson	WHM1	Eruotor1	Jeffrey*	AM	Kileba			
	Sat 18	H Ashford United	ISE	3-1	237	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	McLeod	JHM	Sawyer	JA*	Wisson*	WHM2*	Eruotor1	Jeffrey	DD	AM	Kileba		
	Sat 25	A Deal Town	ISE	1-3	473	Perrin	Diomande	Futa*	McLeod	JHM	Sawyer	Kileba*	Wisson*	WHM	Eruotor1*	Jeffrey	Osaretin	AM	DD	Brooke	
MAR	Sat 1	H Croydon Athletic	ISE	0-2	157	Perrin	Diomande	McLean*	McLeod*	JHM	Sawyer	Ababio*	Wisson	WHM	Eruotor	Jeffrey	Futa	Otote	DD	Bunclark	
	Sat 8	A Three Bridges	ISE	1-5	116	Perrin	Diomande	McLean*	McLeod	JHM	Sawyer	Ababio1	Wisson*	WHM	Eruotor	Jeffrey*	AM	Kileba	Futa		
	Sat 15	H Herne Bay	ISE	1-1	164	Perrin	Diomande	McLean	McLeod	JHM	Sawyer	Ababio*	Wisson*	WHM	Jeffrey1	JBS	Itauma	AM	Bunclark		
	Sat 22	A Erith Town	ISE	2-2	122	Perrin	Diomande	Itauma1	McLeod	JHM	Sawyer	Ababio*	Wisson	WHM	Jeffrey1	JBS*	Eruotor	AM	Futa		
	Sat 1	H Steyning Town	ISE	4-3	173	Perrin	Diomande*	Dickens	McLeod	JHM	Wisson	Ababio2	DD*	WHM	Jeffrey2	JBS*	AM	Futa	Otote		
APR	Sat 8	A Littlehampton T	ISE	4-0	247	Perrin	Diomande*	Dickens	McLeod	Hanfrey	JHM	Ababio	Wisson	WHM4*	Itauma	JBS*	Jeffrey	DD	Tickle		
	Sat 15	A Eastbourne Town	ISE	2-0	242	Perrin	Diomande	Dickens	McLeod	JHM	Hanfrey	Ababio	Wisson1	WHM	Jeffrey*	Itauma*	JBS	DD1	Sawyer		
	Sat 22	H Lancing	ISE	2-0	163	Perrin	Diomande	Itauma	McLeod*	Hanfrey1	JHM	Ababio	Wisson	WHM	Jeffrey1	JBS*	DD	Sawyer	Tickle	McLeod F	
	Tue 25	A East Grinstead	ISE	3-1	116	Perrin	Itauma	Dickens	DD1*	Sawyer	JHM	Ababio	Wisson*	WHM2	Jeffrey	JBS	AM	Babalola	Hanfrey		
	Sat 29	A Ashford United	ISE	2-2	410	Perrin	Itauma	Hanfrey	McLeod*	Sawyer	JHM	Ababio	Wisson	WHM1	Jeffrey*	JBS*	DD	Bunclark			
MAY	Sat 5	H Margate	ISE																		
	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

East Grinstead 1 Oaks 3



Two late goals the space of a minute by Warren Mfula continued Oaks' winning run with a 3-1 victory at East Grinstead. Sammie McCleod and Kevin Diomande missed out through injury, Dan Duncanson making a start, Charlie Dickens returned with Ayominde Majekodunmi and Francis Babalola recalled to the squad from dual-reg stints with Punjab United and VCD. Mfula set-up the opener for Duncanson to level 10 minutes from half time, before his quick-fire double rubber-stamped an eighth away win.

It was deserved reward on a good night for him and the team - having made near six-

hour round trip to and from a Bristol to make the game and continue his prolific scoring sequence.

Oaks recovered from trailing to Luke Harrison's good finish after eight minutes.

Jordan Ababio and James Bessey-Saldanha went close before Mfula's run and cross beat two defenders, Duncanson touching home his second goal in three games.

Bessey-Saldanha then saw another effort fall just over the bar two minutes before half-time.

Mfula and Ababio combined twice in three minutes soon after the restart, the game developing into an even contest, before Mfula struck.

He calmly beat home keeper Matte Pierson from the spot after Majekodunmi was felled in the area, then a minute later outpaced the Grinstead defence, before rounding Pierson, and sliding home the third, confirming a fifth successive win - all against Sussex opposition.

Oaks 2 Lancing 0



Oaks made it four wins in a row against second bottom Lancing. Warren Mfula's 25th goal of the season and Tom Hanfrey on his home debut scored in stoppage-time at the end of both halves. Lancing who had lost their previous 10 games conceding 43 goals went close themselves twice in the opening 20 minutes through Reece Price-Placid and Eugene Asike.

Mfula broke the deadlock in the fourth added minute, finishing off Kevin Diomande's cross following a quickly taken free-kick.

Lancing had keeper Alieu Secka sent off with 22 minutes left after pulling down Oaks substitute Dan Duncanson on the edge of the box - replacement Joe Hasler tested only once saving quiet his feet as Diomande and Mfula put efforts wide.

Hanfrey made sure of the win with another free-kick with almost the last action of the game - seven minutes having been added on at the end.

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The Oaks Report

Ryan Sawyer's stoppage-time goal line clearance earned Oaks a point in 2-2 draw at Ashford United to extend their unbeaten record to eight matches. Oaks trailed 2-0 after 19 minutes both scored by ex-striker Louis Collins, before Warren Mfula's 28th goal of the season, and Will Moses' own-goal levelled things. James Bessey-Saldanha missed out early on, before debut home keeper Jarvan Pitterson denied Mfula and then tipped away Tom Hanfrey's effort. James Jeffrey also went close - hitting angle of post and bar after getting on the end of another Hanfrey cross. Collins got United opener with a near post

finish, before finishing well for the second, following a swift home break following an Oaks corner.

Sawyer came to Oaks rescue as United pressed for a late winner and enjoyed his battle against former United team-mate Gary Lockyer - but it was Collins who proved the biggest threat watched by dad and former manager Micky.

Mfula made it 10 goals in six games with the opener.

Oaks added another new player to the squad in transfer deadline week - Archie Burnett joining from rivals Beckenham - making his debut off the bench in the second half.



Match Stats

Shots on target

7

4

Shots off target

4

3

Corners

5

3

Offsides

4

3

Free-kicks conceded

4

11

Ashford 2 Oaks 2

Ashford United: Jarvan Pitterson, Kane Penn, Harrison Pont, Will Moses, Joe Taylor, Jack Dixon, Michael West, Jacob Strouts, Gary Lockyer, Louis Collins, Noah Carney.

Substitutes: Will Dupree (Noah Carney 45 mins), Harry Waldock (Michael West 58 mins), Tolo Jonah (Joe Taylor 78 mins).

Sevenoaks Town: Jordan Perrin, Sam Itauma, Tom Hanfrey, Sammie McCleod, Ryan Sawyer, **Jahmal Howlett-Mundle**, Jordan Ababio, Josh Wisson, Warren Mfula, James Jeffrey, James Bessey-Saldanha

Substitutes: Dan Duncanson (James Bessey-Saldanha 55 mins), Archie Burnett (Sammie McCleod 55 mins)

Referee: Peter Conn (Kent)

HT: 2-2 (51:10)

FT: 2-2 97:20)

ATT: 410

REACTION:

Ryan Sawyer:

"I don't think we were at our best - 2-2 was probably a fair result - even for any neutrals watching - and (the clearance) was all about being in the right place at the right time.

"As a defender my job is to pick up a man when a cross comes into the box, and if not I tend to drop onto the line - if the ball doesn't hit JP (goalkeeper Jordan Perrin) it hits me.

"A draw is a little bit of a blow as we were still looking at the play offs, but we have to go again."

"I always enjoyed playing against Gary - he likes the balls in the air and the flick- ons as I do, and it's always a battle.

"Louis was dangerous and caused us a lot of problems finding space between the back line and midfield.

Marcel Nimani

"It wasn't a poor start - it was poor defensive interventions in the way we conceded the goals.

"We created enough in the first half to win three games of football - and both our goals came from catastrophic mistakes by the opposition.

"They had a couple of late chances and I felt both Ryan and Jahmal Howlett-Mundle were very strong in the last 20 minutes - when we were tiring had no legs in midfield and looked like we had played in midweek. "Warren has made a massive contribution to our season and it was disappointing we just couldn't give him another opportunity - we created far more clear-cut chances but none of them fell to the right player to score."



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Margate FC

The club was founded in 1896 and joined the Southern Football League in 1933. After a spell in the Kent League after World War II the team returned to the Southern League in 1959 and remained there until 2001 when they gained promotion to the Football Conference, the highest level of English non-league football.

Their stay at this level saw the team forced to ground share with other clubs due to drawn-out and problematic redevelopment work at their Hartsdown Park stadium, and during the three years spent away from their own ground they were expelled from the Conference National and subsequently relegated to the Isthmian League.

After the Second World War the Gate continued to play in the Kent League under new manager Charlie Walker, who led the team to two Kent League championships but was then controversially sacked.

The team slumped during a succession of rapid managerial changes which only ended in 1950 when Almer Hall was appointed manager, a post he was to hold for the next twenty years.

Under Hall the team won a host of local cup honours and reached the rounds proper of the FA Cup on several occasions, but never managed to match this success in league competition.

In 1959–60 Margate returned to the Southern League after the Kent League folded, and in 1962–63 won the Division One championship and with it promotion to the Premier Division.

Two years later the club turned full-time professional but this policy proved financially untenable when the team were relegated back to Division One in 1965–66. Nonetheless, they won promotion at the first attempt and returned to the Premier Division in 1967.

During the 1970s Margate endured

severe financial problems and a series of mediocre league seasons but took part in two famous FA Cup ties.

In 1971 the Gate lost 11–0 to Bournemouth, with Ted MacDougall scoring a cup record nine goals. Then, a year later, Margate beat Swansea City and Walton & Hersham to set up a third round tie against First Division Tottenham Hotspur, then UEFA Cup holders. A record crowd of over 14,000 packed into Hartsdown Park for a match which Margate lost 6–0.

In 1996, the club's centenary year, the club appointed Chris Kinnear as manager. In 1997–98 he took the team to the first round proper of the FA Cup where they played Fulham in a home tie that drew a crowd of 5,100.

Although the Gate took the lead, the Cottagers eventually won 2–1. The following season saw the club finally win promotion to the Southern League Premier Division, albeit only after an appeal was lodged against the league's initial refusal

to allow the team promotion due to the club failing to carry out necessary ground improvements in time.

The Premier Division championship followed in the 2000–01 season, and with it promotion to the Football Conference.

The 2001–02 season was Gate's first ever season of Conference football and they finished the season in eighth place. In the 2002–03 season the team began ground sharing at Dover Athletics' Crabble while redevelopment work took place at Hartsdown Park, but various problems stalled the planned redevelopment.

On the pitch, Margate enjoyed more success in the FA Cup when, after defeating Leyton Orient in the first round, they were drawn at home to Cardiff City in the second round, but lost 3–0 at Crabble.

The following season, despite finishing sixteenth, the Gate were forcibly relegated



... a brief history

ed one division due to the ongoing delays and problems with the redevelopment plans for Hartsdown Park.

Margate spent the 2004–05 season in the Conference South, now ground sharing at Ashford Town.

Amidst ongoing issues with the redevelopment work, which at one point made it seem very likely that the club would fold completely, Margate were again relegated to the Isthmian League Premier Division.

After 10 years in the Ryman Premier Division Margate won promotion back to the Vanarama National League South after beating Hendon in the play-off final at the Earlsmead Stadium. Ryan Moss scored the winning goal as Terry Brown's side celebrated promotion back to second tier of Non-league Football.

Margate's first season back in the National League South was a rollercoaster ride with survival secured on the final day of the season despite a 2–0 defeat to Bath City.

A run of 11 defeats from their final 12 games left Margate needing results elsewhere to keep them in the division and Weston Super-Mare's 1–1 draw away at Havant & Waterlooville meant Havant were relegated.

Since the 2017–2018 season Margate have been in the Isthmian Premier League, where under new ownership the Club have installed a state of the art 3G Pitch, plans are in place to develop the stadium further and build a hotel on site.

The Club narrowly missed out on the play offs in the 2017–18 season and after the departure of manager Steve Watt the Club went through a period of transition and were able to avoid relegation in the 2018–2019 season thanks largely to the presence of Jay Saunders as temporary manager.

At the start of the 2019–2020 campaign fan favourite Jay became our permanent manager and is still at the helm for season 2021/22, after season 2020/21 was made null and void.

The 2021/22 saw Margate enjoy their

most successful season in a while as they finished 8th in the Isthmian Premier Division, and reached the Velocity Trophy final for the first time in 24 years. The final ended in a 4–0 defeat to Horsham, however the Blues also reached the Quarter-final of the Kent Senior Cup, where they were beaten by eventual winners Dartford FC. At the end of the campaign, Manager Jay Saunders was approached by National League South side Tonbridge Angels, and he decided on a new chapter with them and left Margate in May 2022 to take up the position as Manager at the Longmead Stadium.

The Club moved quickly to install a new Manager as Andy Drury was appointed on the same day as Saunders departed. A former Ipswich, Luton Town and Stevenage player, Drury possesses extremely good knowledge of the game. He had spent just a handful of games in charge at Whitstable Town, however this is his first full season in Management.

Sadly, after just six months in the job, the Blues dismissed Drury and Reece Prestedge and Ben Greenhalgh were installed as interim joint managers on 26th December 2022.

Prestedge and Greenhalgh were handed the job on a permanent basis on Monday 10th April 2023 after securing the Blues survival in the Isthmian Premier Division. Margate ended the season with some celebration after they lifted the Kent Senior Cup in May at Gillingham after beating Chatham Town 5–4 on penalties after a 1–1 draw in 90 minutes.

It was the first time the Blues lifted the trophy since 2005.

After a run of bad results Reece was relieved of his duties in early December and Margate brought in the vastly experienced Mark Stimson to replace him.

Unfortunately Mark couldn't save us from being relegated to step 4 and at the end of the season was also relieved of his duties. The Board decided to appoint Ben Greenhalgh as player manager for this coming season.

Margate player profiles

TOM WRAY

The 21-year-old keeper came through the ranks of the Dartford academy where he impressed and earned himself a loan spell at Heybridge Swifts in the 22/23 season, and in 15 appearances he kept eight clean sheets, becoming a key player. After returning to Dartford, Heybridge would come back in for him on loan again the next season and once more, he would shine in between the sticks!

REECE HOBBS

Reece, 19, joined us at the start of last season on a dual-reg basis from The Darts where he then provided valuable cover as well as starting the first two games and performing well. He appeared this pre-season, and now he joins us officially after completing his time at the Dartford academy to compete with Tom Wray for the goalkeeper spot!

HARRISON HATFULL

23-year-old Harrison returns to the club this season after leaving Dulwich Hamlet. He has appeared 104 times already in Blue and became a favourite around the ground during his stints at the club! He started off as a midfielder but soon transitioned to right back where he shined, demonstrating his attacking and defensive capabilities to become a key player, as well as bringing lots of energy down the right-hand side!

HARRY HUDSON

Harry has been a key player since signing for the 'Gate at the start of the 22/23 season, and he has excelled on and off the pitch, from scoring the winning penalty in the Kent Senior Cup Final to bonding with the fans and becoming a real favourite around Hartsdown Park! Hudson is our captain for the 2024/25 season!

TYRONE STERLING

Tyrone Sterling joined the club at the start of last season and was a key feature in the backline for the 'Gate playing over 32 times! Sterling will also utilise his experience from a coaching perspective, talking up the role of player/coach for the 2024/25 season!

BEN GREENHALGH



Ben has been a Blue since the 2021/22 season, where as a player, he lit the blue touch paper, scoring 24 goals and assisting 28 times, becoming an instant fan favourite around Hartsdown Park. Since then, he has continued to play and give his all for Margate FC, reaching 100 appearances at the club during the 2022/23 season and surpassing the 50-goal mark, towards the end of last season.

Greenhalgh also has experience as part of the coaching team, as he was player/assistant manager, where he helped aid the club on an incredible Kent Senior Cup run which ended with the 'Gate lifting the trophy at Priestfield Stadium! He becomes player/manager for the 24/25 season.

HARVEY BRAND

Harvey spent last season as captain of Ashford United and played a big part in their season, appearing 43 times, being a key player for the Nuts and Bolts! He's a player that covers the whole pitch and is a threat getting on the end of set pieces!

BEN ALLEN

23 year old forward Ben signed in October from Dartford. Scored in his debut for us. He was a product of Gillingham's U18's side and he went on to play for Bromley in 2020-21. Other notable clubs he has played for include Harringay Borough, Hungerford, Concord and Aveley.

MAX WALSH

22 year old Max is a goal scoring attacking midfielder signed in October from Ashford United. His previous clubs being East Grinstead Town, Sevenoaks Town, Bexhill United, Hastings United as well as playing in Dartford Academy under Ben Greenhalgh.

BRANDON DAVEY

Brandon joins us having been at Corinthian for the past three years and has been exceptional in the middle of the park, winning players player two years in a row, as well as playing over 100 games for Corinthian by the age of 20! He's an energetic midfielder with brilliant control of the football and has lit up pre-season with his range of passing and quick feet to evade pressure

IBRAHIM OLUTADE

26-year-old Ibrahim has experience playing in the National League South for both Maidstone and Tonbridge, scoring seven goals in that division and last season was on fire for Folkestone and Leatherhead, scoring 17 goals. He had his best spell at Folkestone, scoring 25 goals in his time there and was a popular player amongst the Invicta fanbase.

LEWIS KNIGHT

The 31-year-old centre-back started last season with Ashford United but rejoined Margate in October, where he went on to appear 28 times! Knighty, as he is known around Hartsdown Park, is popular amongst the fanbase after joining the 'Gate in July of 2021, and he featured 54 times his before he joined Enfield Town in the next season.

KAI GARANDE

The 21-year-old plays at left back and was a part of the Charlton and Millwall youth academies! He most recently played for Hythe Town in the Isthmian South-East last season and fans should remember his wonder-goal in the first pre-season game against Whitstable Town!

EMMANUEL OKE

22 year old Emmanuel is versatile playing either centre back or defensive midfield. He has also played for Kings Lynn Town and Hemel Hempstead.

TOM DERRY

30 year old striker Tom joined us from Folkestone Invicta in January 2025. He has played for Bishop's Stortford in the league above more recently, as well as playing at a higher level than that with Aldershot, Slough, Welling and Braintree. Tom played a key role in helping Tonbridge Angels gain promotion from the Isthmian Premier Division in 2019, going up through winning the playoffs.

TUSHAUN WALTERS

25 year old winger TT as he is known joined us in February from Hythe Town. A strong speedy winger who played youth football for Spurs and Chelsea. Previous clubs include Maidstone United, Herne Bay, Hastings United and Ramsgate.

SAM BLACKMAN

29 year old Sam rejoined us in February on loan from Folkestone Invicta. He was our captain in the 23/24 season. A strong, hard tackling midfielder with plenty of experience.

LOUIE ATKINS

19-year-old forward Louie was part of Dartford Academy who was on dual registration with us last season. Scored over 100 goals for the Academy. He has now joined us after finishing his time with them.

JACK PETERS

20 year old midfielder Jack was signed in November previously playing for Hollands & Blair. He was a product of Ben's Dartford Academy

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Jordan Perrin

Kevin Diomande

Salim Futa

Jahmal Howlett-Mundle

Sammie Mcleod

James Bessey Saldanha

James Jeffrey

Josh Wisson

Warren-Hughes Mfula

Ayomide Majekodunmi

Ryan Sawyer

Sam Itauma

Osaretin Otote

Jordan Ababio

Harry Bunclark

Colin Igboma

Kian Eyers

Dan Duncanson

Tom Hanfrey

Jack Tickle

Archie Burnett

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Tom Wray

Reece Hobbs

Harrison Hatfull

Harry Hudson

Tyrone Sterling

Ben Greenhalgh

Ben Allen

Max Walsh

Brandon Davey

Ibrahim Olutade

Kai Garande

Emmanuel Oke

Tom Derry

Tushaun Walters

Sam Blackman

Louie Atkins

Jack Peters

Manager: Marcel Nimani

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

Managers: Ben Greenhalgh

Colours: All white

Match Officials:

Referee: Charlie Roberts

Assistants: William Rough & Michael Williams

Next home match:

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Pitching In Isthmian South East Division
Saturday April 19th 2025, 3pm kick-off



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