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Pitching In Isthmian South East Division,
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THE MANAGER: HARRY HUDSON



Good afternoon everyone - welcome back from me and my staff to the start of a new season.

It's always an exciting time, optimism is high at every club - and we are no exception.

Pre-season produced mixed results and performances, and was cut short by our involvement in the Emirates FA Cup as one of the 416 clubs involved in the 208 Extra Preliminary Round ties staged last weekend.

Last season's good run started with a 5-0 win at Horley - and a quirk of the draw paired us away at Lingfield - now playing there in a season long ground-share.

I said before the game that being drawn against teams from levels below make ties like that a real banana skin.

We survived an early penalty had that gone in, it might have been a very different story.

Just getting through was definitely our first emotion.

I had question marks about both penalties awarded against us - the first was one of the most bizarre decisions I have ever seen.

The fact Lingfield missed it was karma

for us- the decision rocked the boys, and left them dumbfounded.

They settled into the game, grabbed control of things - and our two goals just before half-time could not have come at a better time.

Losing Rowan Liburd was another early blow - but Dan Carr came on - and him getting the second in stoppage-time was huge.

I thought he was exceptional when he came on -and got the assist for the first - that's all you can ask when somebody comes off the bench with a point to prove - I only took him off later as a precaution for him and us.

"I had question marks about both penalties awarded against us - the first was one of the most bizarre decisions I have ever seen.

The fact Lingfield missed it was karma for us ..."

I thought Dan Bennett oozed class - he arrived at big moments in the game and was unlucky not to get a hat-trick.

Today we face Ramsgate then go to Ashford - two tough opening games - both will be really good tests - as they will be up there this season - we are really looking forward to them.

Losing Danny Lear in pre-season was a blow - he faces a long lay-off but we hope to see him back later in the season.

Lex Beedon was involved in pre-season but has now joined Carshalton, while Ben Cheklit has linked up with Whitstable on dual-registration.

Enjoy the game.

THE CHAIRMAN: PAUL LANSDALE

Welcome to all for our opening Pitching In Isthmian League South East home game of the new season. We offer the same to the officials, players and supporters of Ramsgate - and to the three officials appointed for the game.

It seems the gap between seasons grows shorter by the year - and this one seems to have been no exception.

Another successful awards day was held in June, the first pre-season games followed in early July, and here we are heading towards mid August, having already made progress in the FA Cup, with victory over Lingfield last Sunday, earning us a home draw in the next round against Colliers Wood United here a week today.

They are through after beating



Abbey Rangers in a replay on Wednesday night.

As always our division promises to be competitive and challenging and we hope to be both of those.

Last season's highest ever finish was a continuation of our gradual progress at this level - and we will hope to feature prominently again.

Harry has added several new faces to his squad from last season - and we look forward to seeing them make an impact.

Off the field plenty of work has gone on - we have been working hard to progress the clubhouse development, currently we are hoping to start building next summer.

Across our youth pitch venues we have invested heavily in Seal Recreation Ground and the grass pitch at Greatness Park.

Within the stadium we have opened up the area in front of the tea bar, and added a medical room.

Our 3G pitch passed the FIFA annual test with flying colours and now enters its seventh season.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that have given up many hours this summer to help with repairs and improvements.

There is more cup football here on Monday night when our under 18's begin their FA Youth Cup campaign against Cray Wanderers (kick off 7pm. Good Luck to the youngsters.

Thanks for your support and we wish everyone a safe journey home after the game.

THE OPPOSITION: RAMSGATE FC

EARLY YEARS

Ramsgate has had senior football teams within the town since the late 1800s, and there are reports of Ramsgate Athletic playing at Southwood along with the principal side, Ramsgate Town, who started about 1886.

Matches were played on several pitches around the town, including the Rams' current home – Southwood. Football in east Kent closed down during the Great War and in 1919 the Southwood ground was provided for Ramsgate Town by Henry Weigall JP and Lady Rose Weigall, the club by then known as Ramsgate. In their first season they finished 3rd in the Kent FA League and reached the Kent Senior Cup final but lost to Northfleet at Maidstone 1-0 before a crowd of 10,000.

In 1924 Ramsgate Town folded and Ramsgate Grenville moved to Southwood and, apart from the rise and fall of the more successful Dumpton-based Ramsgate (Press Wanderers) in the 1930s, Grenville became the senior Ramsgate side until another World War cancelled football in East Kent.

POST WORLD WAR TWO ...

... honours have been many, especially in the late 1940s and through the 1950s, and again in the late 1960s and 1980s (and not forgetting the mid-2000s). Some say the 'golden period' was from 1954 to 1957, when

former Scottish international Jimmy Blair was player/manager, and the Rams were back-to-back League Champions in 1955/56 and 1956/57, with a new attendance record being set in 1955/56 when 5,083 watched the derby against Margate.

They also made Club history when they reached the 1st Round Proper of the FA for the first time in 1955, narrowly losing 5-3 at Watford (a record that stood for 50 years before reaching that round again). With the demise of the Kent FA League in 1959 the Club joined the Southern League and a new stand was erected on the southern side of the pitch.



In 1971/72...

... the Club were promoted to the Southern League and changed its name to just Ramsgate, but after a decline in fortunes off the pitch the Club was relegated to Division 1 and then resigned from the League in 1976, with the 1st team

taking the Reserves' place in the new Kent League. In 1998/99 the Club was eligible for promotion back to the Southern League after winning the Kent Premier League championship and the Kent FA Senior Trophy, but decided the time was not right. This was followed with more silverware in 2000/01, winning the Kent Premier Division League Cup.

The mid-2000s boom ...

... the 2004/05 season saw the Rams

make good progress in the FA Cup, winning at Kingstonian (2 leagues higher) before falling in the 2nd half to Dulwich Hamlet (1 league higher), whilst in the FA Vase they again reached the 3rd Round Proper.

The best form was saved for the domestic season where the Rams again did the double winning both the Kent League Premier Cup and League Championship by a clear margin, and after extensive ground improvements entered Ryman 1 South in 2005.

Summer 2005 saw the Rams start the new era with 2 more pieces of silverware, beating Herne Bay in the Kent League Challenge Shield and Margate in the Kent Messenger Challenge Cup. The Club reached the 1st Round Proper of the FA Cup, the only Step 4 club in the country to do so that season, equalling the Club record set 50 years earlier, but were defeated at Nuneaton. They won the League at their first attempt however, securing back-to-back promotions to the Ryman Premier Division for 2006/07.

For most of their inaugural season in the Premier the Rams were settled in the 'play-off spots' and for several weeks in 2nd place, but the toll on the small squad was noticeable and they slipped to 9th place in the run-in.

This meant another new record, as the Club had only managed to stay in the Southern League Premier for a single season in 1972. The 2007/08 season saw more club records being set, winning the Isthmian League Cup as well as reaching the play-offs for the Conference South.

Rebuilding ...

... In 2008/09 an average performance dipped in the last months with relegation back to Division 1 South. Key players left to remain at the higher level, although a much

younger local side avoided another drop in 2009/10 as some predicted.

Back in Division 1 the Rams usually finished around the play-offs until, after five managers in 14 months, they ended up in 21st place in 2013/14.

This saw the return of Jim Ward for his 3rd spell in charge, and though the Rams were in 2nd place at Christmas the form dropped and they finished mid-table.

A good start in 2016/17 didn't last and with only 1 point from 3 games over Christmas coach Lloyd Blackman replaced 'Wardie' as manager. A 10-match unbeaten run saw a mid-table finish reprieve, with Blackman confirmed as gaffer for 2017/18. In 2018/19 there were changes in chairman and despite a good run in the FA Cup (ending at NLS Hemel Hempstead in the 3rd Qualifying Round) and an 8-game unbeaten run ending in October, Blackman stepped down and ex-Sittingbourne boss and former Rams' captain Nick Davis took over. Indifferent results saw by ex-Herne Bay boss Jason Lillis appointed in October 2019, who in turn was replaced by Matt Longhurst in January 2020.

After 2 years in charge, 4 losses in a row saw Longhurst replaced by former Gills coach Steve Lovell in April 2022 for the last 4 games.

Although a turn around in form saw the Rams just fail to return to the play-off places, they had been in for the first 8 months of the season, Lovell was retained for 2022/23, with the Rams topping the table or sitting in 2nd for the majority of the season until after Christmas.

With a dip in form Lovell was released in March, and despite improved results and the Rams finishing as runners-up, disappointment in the play-offs resulted in a 15th season at Level 4 for 2023/24.

RAMSGATE FC

BODE ANIDUGBE – 27-year-old attacking midfielder who started off with Dartford a decade ago, and after spells with the likes of Leatherhead, Thamesmead and Ashford United. Had a stint with the Rams in 2019/20, whom he joined from VCD, after which he returned to Ashford for 2020/21. Moved to Herne Bay for 2021/22 and then joined Faversham in January 2023.

BENNY BIOLETTI – 19-year-old midfielder who rose through the ranks at Faversham Town, including 38 competitive 1st team appearances, before moving to League 2 Colchester last summer at 17. Spent most of last season on loan at Isthmian North Maldon & Tiptree where he made 20 appearances for the Jammers, before joining Bowers & Pitsea in January '23 for the remainder.

MEDY ELITO – 33-year-old midfielder who brings plenty of Football League experience to Southwood, having played for Colchester, Dagenham, Newport and Cambridge. He had spells with Barnet and Wealdstone in the National League before spending last season at Welling in National South. The midfielder scored on his first pre-season appearance for the Rams, a 7-2 friendly win over Canterbury.

JOE ELLUL – 34-year-old defender who moved into Isthmian football via Sittingbourne last January, whom he joined from Maidstone United owing to a change in work patterns. His previous clubs include East Thurrock United, Billericay Town and Braintree Town, as well NL side Maidenhead United in 2018/19. Had a 3-month spell with New Zealand Premiership side Tasman United in before joining Maid-

stone in 2020.

JORDAN GREEN – 28-year-old ex-Barnsley winger who has joined the Rams from Gillingham after an issue with the manager saw him benched at Christmas. Jordan dropped out of League football with Yeovil and Barnsley originally as he was not enjoying a full-time football career, and had a spell at Dulwich Hamlet in National South before he moving to Gillingham last summer, where he made 26 appearances and scored against AFC Wimbledon in the EFL Cup before being dropped.

TOM HADLER – 27-year-old Canterbury-born shot-stopper who came through the Gillingham Academy and made his Football League debut in April 2018. After his release from Priestfield in the summer of 2019, he signed for Eastbourne Borough and spent the following season with Ebbsfleet United, before joining Maidstone United for 2021/22.

TRISTAN HOLDEN – 16-year-old midfielder who has moved from Margate to play for the Rams (just like his striker dad Scott did for 2 spells in the 2000s).

TIJAN JADAMA – 24-year-old midfielder. TJ progressed from the youth section and through the academy to the 1st team at Ramsgate before moving to Whitstable Town for a season. He returned to Southwood in summer 2021 where he has become a firm fans' favourite and role model for local youngsters, as well as a goal-scoring midfield player.

ZACK JOBE – 21-year-old midfielder who was playing at Hartsdown Park last season, making the fringe of their

PEN PICTURES

1st team, but is now seeking an opportunity with the Rams.

DAN JOHNSON – 27-year-old defender who made his senior-football debut as a 17-year-old on loan with the Rams from Maidstone in 2013/14. Dan returns to Southwood from Herne Bay, with whom he also had two spells, after the first of which he played for Bromley and Dartford, and while at Bromley also became an England C international. He then spent time with Margate before returning to Bay for the shortened 2020/21 campaign, before playing a full part in securing the Bay promotion during 2021/22.

FREDDIE MARSH – 17-year-old 'keeper who has crossed the Isle of Thanet from Margate to join the Rams.

LEE MARTIN – 36-year-old midfielder who came through the youth ranks at Manchester United, and counts Ipswich, Millwall, Gillingham and Exeter among his former sides. Dropped into non-league with Ebbsfleet in 2020 before spending last season at Dover. He has been coaching at Gillingham in the youth section, and will be exploring this aspect of football further with support at Ramsgate.

LEO MOORE – 16-year-old defender of great promise who is stepping into senior football on the channel-side of the island having played on the estuary-side as a youth.

JACK PARTER – 29-year-old defender from Faversham and was with Gillingham for six years as a scholar, signing a pro contract for the 2013/14 campaign, and playing in several first-team pre-season games. After loan spells at Ramsgate in 2011/2

and 2013/14, and also at Whitstable Town, when he was released by the Gills in March 2014 and signed for them. Joined Tonbridge Angels in the summer of 2014 before trying his luck with Welling United during the close season in 2017, but after being injured in pre-season he was sent on loan to Kingstonian before re-joining Tonbridge in September 2017. In April 2021 he left Tonbridge, after 274 appearances for the Angels and scoring seven goals, to find a club closer to home and joined Herne Bay for 2021/22.

ALFIE PAXMAN – 25-year-old-striker who appeared in Ramsgate's youth set up, along with twin brother Jack, before studying at the Dover Academy and appearing for the senior team at Crabble. Returned to Southwood in 2015 with Jack and quickly became key to the Rams' forward line, becoming the team's top-scorer that culminated with 30 goals in 2017/18, resulting in a move to Premier Division Folkestone Invicta in 2018. Alfie spent last season with Dover, but returns to the Rams for 2023/24 where he will link up with his brother again.

JACK PAXMAN – 25-year-old right-sided midfielder/wingback who played for Ramsgate as a youth, with his twin Alfie, before joining the Dover Academy and making a 1st team appearance in the Kent Senior Cup. The brothers returned to the Rams 1st team for 2015/16, with Jack on a dual-registration with Deal. Jack moved to Margate for 2018/19 (when Alfie moved to Folkestone) but has returned to Southwood again in summer 2022.

Louie Procopi – 17-year-old defender from Dane Court who has played

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for Kent Schools as well as Margate Under 18s, and last season played at Hartsdown for the Under 23s and also made an appearance for the 1st team in the Velocity Cup against Whitehawk. Impressed in the Rams' pre-season, including scoring, and has earned a trial with The Bees.

MONTY SAUNDERS – 18-year-old midfielder who moved from the Rams' U18s to Herne Bay U18s last season, with a 1st team breakthrough in the closing stages of the campaign, but his 6 appearances for the Bay was not enough for them to retain their Premier Division status.

JAVAUN SPLATT - 22-year-old striker who has joined the Rams for the new campaign, rather than former club Whitehawk as had been predicted. Javaun scored 19 goals in all competitions in the 2021/22 campaign, and was the catalyst for the Hawks' eventual survival in the Isthmian League South East, before promotion was secured the following season. He made six appearances for Whitehawk last season, finding the net on two occasions before moving to Worthing, where he then featured for Billericay Town before ending the campaign with Leatherhead (with his twin brother Jamie). Starting out in Derby U18s, Javaun moved to Tonbridge Angels before his first spell with the Hawks.

JOE TAYLOR – 32-year-old striker who moved from Margate's U18s to Ramsgate in 2009, moving between the two clubs over the next three years including 3 spells for the Rams.

Returns to Southwood after a gap of 11 years, during which he had spells at Sittingbourne, Farnborough, Folkestone, Margate, Ebbsfleet, Cray Wanderers, and the last two seasons Lewes, for whom he scored 70 goals in 90 games with last season's tally of 30 League goals winning him the Isthmian Premier Division Golden Boot.

LEO TODD – 17-year-old midfielder who has joined the Rams for 23/24 from East Kent rivals Herne Bay.



MIKE WEST – 32-year-old midfielder who started as a trainee at Fulham before joining Ebbsfleet's PASE system, making his 1st-team debut aged 16 in a Kent Senior Cup match against Ramsgate in 2007, and went on to record his Conference debut at the tail-end of 2008/09. In 2010/11 he assisted Fleet

with promotion, scoring 6 goals during the play-offs, and in summer 2012 moved to League One Crewe Alexandra, where injuries saw him spend time on loan at Hereford. Returned to the Fleet in 2014 but again suffered injury, while in 2015/16 he helped propel Whitehawk into the play-offs while on loan in Sussex. Moved to Chelmsford in 17/18, and then Eastbourne in 18/19, before a return to Ebbsfleet in 20/21. A loan in March '22 assisted with Herne Bay's play-off promotion followed by a transfer to the Bay in 22/23 for their single season in the Premier Division despite suffering from a hernia suffered during the play-off game against Ashford United. Now fit again he has signed for the Rams for the new campaign.



Sevenoaks Town Fixtures & Results 2023-24

KEY:

1 = Goal Scored
 1st Player subbed
 2nd Player Subbed
 3rd Player Subbed
 > Sub subbed
 ■ = Red Card

+ = Own goal
 ISE = Isthmian SE
 FAC = FA Cup
 FAT = FA 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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	Tue 15	A Sittingbourne	VST																
	Sat 19	H TBC	FAC																
	Sat 26	A Ashford United	ISE																
	Mon 28	H East Grinstead T	ISE																
SEPT	Sat 9	A Uxbridge	FAT																
	Sat 16	A Burgess Hill Town	ISE																
	Sat 30	H Sittingbourne	ISE																
OCT	Sat 7	A Lancing	ISE																
	Tue 10	A Hythe Town	ISE																
	Sat 14	H Horndean	ISE																
	Sat 21	A Erith & Belvedere	ISE																
	Sat 28	H Chichester City	ISE																
NOV	Sat 4	A Broadbridge Hth	ISE																
	Sat 11	H Sheppey United	ISE																
	Sat 18	H Merstham	ISE																
	Sat 25	A Littlehampton	ISE																
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	Sat 20	A Sittingbourne	ISE																
	Sat 27	H Hythe Town	ISE																
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	Sat 10	H Lancing	ISE																
	Sat 17	H Erith & Belvedere	ISE																
	Sat 24	A Chichester City	ISE																
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AWARDS DAY



Over a thousand medals were handed out at the club's annual awards day, which was held at Greatness Park on June 11th.

A selection of pictures can be seen above and left, including chairman Paul Lansdale handing a pleasantly surprised Chris Bates the Trevor Haysler Award.



It was another hugely successful season for the Oaks, as demonstrated by the following figures:

- 140th season
- 1,288 players
- 1,174 junior players
- 114 senior players
- 204 volunteers
- 103 sponsors

Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support!

NEWS ROUND-UP

PRE SEASON RESULTS

Saturday July 1 AFC Whyteleafe

Home
Lost 1-3
Scorer:
Dan Carr

Saturday July 8 VCD

Home
Won 2-0
Scorers:
Dan Carr
Dan Bennett

Tuesday July 11 Holmesdale

Home
Won 2-0
Scorers:
Dan Bennett
Emmanuel Mensah

Saturday July 15 AFC Croxson Athletic

Home:
Kieran Cadogan
(2 including 1 penalty)

Tuesday July 18 Rusthall

Away
Drew 0-0

Saturday July 22 Stansfeld

Home
Lost 0-2

Saturday July 29 Carshalton Athletic

Home
Drew 1-1
Scorer:
Emmanuel Mensah



A trip to Sittingbourne awaits us in the first round of this season's Velocity Trophy. The tie is due to be played by the end of this month. The winners will host Hythe Town.

Meanwhile in the DFDS Kent Senior Cup Oaks have been drawn at home to Herne Bay in the first round, on a date to be arranged by the end of September. The winners entertain Welling United - to be played by the end of November



OAKS ON THE RECORD



When and Where:

Lingfield (away - at Horley Town FC)
Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

Date: Sunday August 6

Weather: Sunny

Result: Lingfield 1 Oaks3

Attendance: 105

Referee: Peter Andrews (Sussex)

Line-Up:

Amadou Tangara, Jerald Aboagye, Karn-Miller Neave (sub Jordan Aghatise 78 mins), Emmanuel Mensah, Rian Bray, Jahmal Howlett-Mundle, Fumnaya Shomotun, Kieran Cadogan, Rowan Liburd (sub Dan Carr 17 mins, Palace Francis 67 mins), Dan Bennett, Solomon Baugh.

Subs not used: Andrew Norburn, Sammy Johnson, Jack Sammoutis.

Scorers: Dan Bennett (2) Dan Carr

Yellow Cards: Rian Bray, Jahmal Howlett-Mundle, Dan Bennett, Palace Francis

Oaks Review:

Tough season opener - 9 new signings in 18-man squad, including goalkeeper Amadou Tangara named captain.

Lingfield's Richard Whetton missed early penalty (13 minutes) before Rowan Liburd limped off.

Substitute Dan Carr off the bench to set-up Dan Bennett for the first (39 minutes) before heading in the second (45 minutes) from Fumnaya Shomotun's cross.
HT 0-2 (50 mins).

Tangara tipped Carl Brown's effort over the bar soon after the restart.

Sol Baugh then saw his effort ruled out for offside and had another blocked.

Oaks added a third (76 minutes) move straight off the training ground, Kieran Cadogan's corner, headed down by Rian Bray for Bennett to score from close range.

Lingfield awarded second penalty - Conor Wilford converts (80 minutes), after referee initially waved away claims, only to change his mind after speaking to his assistant.

Bennett then denied hat-trick lobbing keeper Jack Glassbarrow from distance, only to see it ruled out for an apparent shirt pull in the build-up.

Jerald Aboagye's brave defensive header stops another late Lingfield attack, before home midfielder Jason Stripp fired wide as clock ticked down.
FT 1-3 (96 mins)

Reaction:

Dan Bennett on two goal debut - missing out on a hat-trick and the victory.

"It was a shame not to get the hat-trick and it was a bit of a soft decision, but these things happen, and I will take the two, and happy to be in the next round. "Harry" signed me because I bring goals to the table.

"It was a great cross from Dan Carr for the first one, I took a touch and put it away.

"Mark Dacey would have been delighted with the third - and my second.

"We work on set pieces for 20 minutes before every session so he would be buzzing because it worked a treat.

"As for the third the referee says it was for a shirt pull, but I thought I just got the better of their player.

"I am not going to dwell on it, there will be many more that get disallowed during the season."

On signing for Sevenoaks.

"Harry and I have kept on contact it has just been timing really, and it was good to get it over the line. I buy in to what Harry wants, and it was a pretty easy decision to make.

"I am an attacking midfielder who score goals, and hoping to get 20/25 this season.

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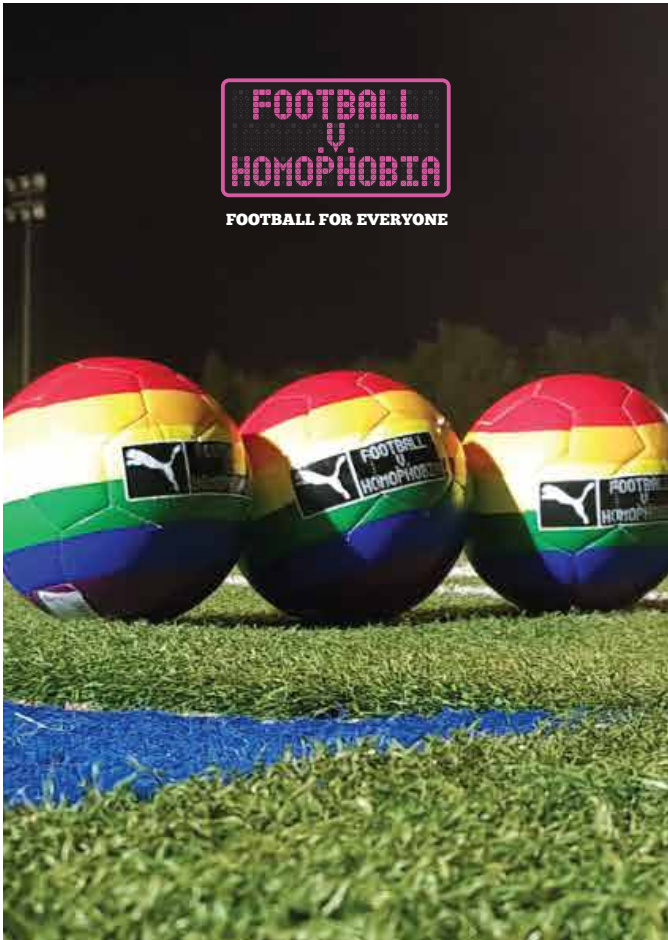
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IT'S BACK: HOLLYWOOD, HEAD ACHES AND HEART ACHES

By Jon Couch

IT SEEMS like only yesterday when FC Halifax Town's Jack Senior held aloft the FA Trophy at Wembley to signal the end of the 2022-23 season. And what a campaign it was!

At the very top of the pyramid, we'll probably never see of the like again; Wrexham and Notts County trading blows at the top of the National League table, both reaching well in excess of 100 points and scoring well in excess of 100 goals.

The Hollywood juggernaut stationed at the Racecourse Ground reached destination Football League first before the Magpies had to negotiate a few twists and turns in the play-offs before eventually joining them in dock.

Under Phil Parkison and Luke Williams, both sides were absolutely outstanding, raising the bar for the rest to follow.

But it wasn't just the National League which benefitted. A rippling effect from Step 1 all the way down took Non-League football to another level. All of a sudden, it wasn't just Wrexham A-listers Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney getting all the attention, Non-League football had captured a wider audience – and for all the right reasons.

So, with Wrexham and Notts County now switching their focus towards their League Two campaigns – where they are expected to compete

at the top end once again – the question is can Non-League football use that platform to push on and raise the bar even further?

Well, it's certainly made an encouraging start. With this week's FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round in mind, nine leagues at Step 5 kicked off the new campaign last Saturday, July 29, drawing in decent crowds up and down the country.

Undoubtedly, the biggest story of the day came at Bury FC, where almost 5,500 turned up to watch the newly-merged model of the old Bury FC and Bury AFC play their first ever league game at the town's spiritual Gigg Lane home for the first time in three years.

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At one point, long-suffering Southend United fans feared the club's proud 117-year history may grind to halt this summer amid debts of £2.5 million.



As fans protested outside the home of under-fire owner Ron Martin, the club were given extra time to clear a £275,000 tax debt and efforts to keep the Shrimpers in the National League were being made.

Despite boasting a squad of just 10 senior players at one point, manager Kevin Maher finally got the go-ahead to begin the club's pre-season preparations and thanks to the hard work of supporters in tidying up the run down Roots Hall ground last weekend, a safety certificate was issued ensuring Southend could at least host their opening day game against Oldham Athletic this afternoon.

Maher, of course, performed miracles in keeping Southend competitive in the top half of the National League last season amid impossible restrictions, but the Shrimpers will need to pull out all the stops once again if the Essex club are to challenge for honours again this time round.

That said, with last season's big two gone, Non-League's top-flight has a much more open look to it this time around with a number of former EFL big guns eyeing a route back into the top four tiers.

Chesterfield has spent well in the summer and will start as favourites, but cash injections at the likes of Oldham, York City and Eastleigh will certainly keep the Spireites on their

toes.

Last seasons relegated clubs – Rochdale and Hartlepool United – the former competing in Non-League for the first time – have got their houses back in order and will be desperate for an immediate return, while National League North and South champions, AFC Fylde and Ebbsfleet respectively, have momentum and ambition on their side.

The North, too, is wide open with Scunthorpe United spending big in a bid to put right the wrongs of last season's relegation, similarly Torquay United, Maidstone United and Yeovil Town who make the South division as competitive as it has been in years.

So, in the blink of an eye, August 5th is upon us and battle can at last commence. At the NLP, we feel your anticipation and will be with you every step of the way, taking you through the thrills and spills, the highs and the lows.

It promises to be another cracker so let the games begin.

Sevenoaks Town

Manager: Harry Hudson

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



Ramsgate FC

Manager: Ben Smith

Colours: All red

Amadou Tangara	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tom Hadler
Jerald Aboagye	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Parter
Karn-Miller Neave	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joe Ellul
Emmanuel Mensah	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dan Johnson
Rian Bray	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benedict Bioletti
Jahmal Howlett-Mundle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Louie Procopi
Fumnaya Shomotun	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ryan Cooper
Kieran Cadogan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Paxman
Rowan Liburd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tijan Jadama
Dan Bennett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lee Martin
Solomon Baugh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dode Anidugbe
Dan Carr	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike West
Palace Francis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medy Elito
Andrew Norburn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tristan Holden
Sammy Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rowan Liburd
Jack Sammoutis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jordan Green
Jordan Aghatise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alfie Paxman
Matt Warren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monty Saunders
Ricardo Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Match Officials:

Referee: Dennis Torres Miranda

Assistants: David Lambert, Stephen Hughes

Next home match: Saturday August 19th,
Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round

Sevenoaks Town v Colliers Wood United, kick-off 3pm