# Sevenoaks Town v Welling United

### The Official Match Programme

DFDS Kent Senior Cup 2nd Round, Wednesday November 29th, 2023















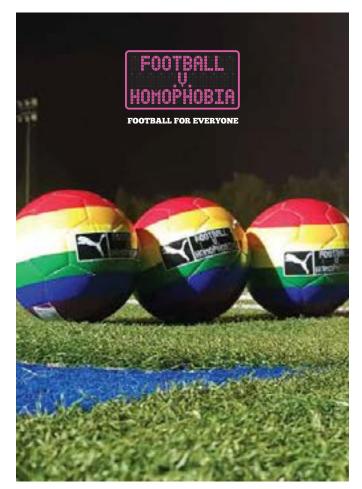
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# THE MANAGER: MARK DACEY



Good evening and welcome back to you all.

It's been a long time since we had a midweek game and I am very much looking forward to a match under lights.

We host Welling United from National League South, a Step 2 club with a great history and I would like to send a warm welcome to their manager Danny Bloor, all his staff, players and the Wings supporters.

It was great to get my first win in charge at Littlehampton - for me the performance matched the result and now we are hoping to kick on tonight and then again on Saturday when we face Three Bridges. I must thank all the supporters who made the trip - and for their birthday wishes - three points was the perfect present. We said in the huddle afterwards and in the dressing room that from start to finish the boys were exceptional - once we got our shape off the ball right, they were brilliant. It was our first away game since I took over and I was asked afterwards if there was a difference tactically in the way we are playing under me than Harry.

My view is that they are very similar, there may be a slight tweak or adjustment about things we want to do, and I think we have showed that in the last three games.

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As I have said before Harry planted the seeds and I am just watering the grass - but the important thing is we want keep improving as a side players and staff pushing each other to find solutions in matches and during games.

We have our own ideas and are getting things worked out, the players are understanding what we want - and I think the result at Littlehampton was born out of the frustrations we all felt after the result against Merstham. **Mark.** 

# THE CHAIRMAN: PAUL LANSDALE

Good evening and welcome to the Bourne Stadium for this evening's DFDS Kent Senior Cup Second Round tie against Welling United.

We offer the same to their officials, players and supporters and extend it to the officials appointed.

The competition has benefited from the sponsorship of the Copenhagen based ferry company since last year when they became the Kent FA's County Cup Partner.

This not only includes the Senior Cup, but also the Intermediate and three Junior Cups and Women's Cup.

This is the first meeting between the two clubs in any senior competition and Welling will provide a good test for us tonight

The victory at Littlehampton last weekend was built around an excellent performance and goals and on Mark's birthday as well. Off the pitch, Littlehampton were



celebrating after hearing they are to receive grant funding worth a six figure sum from the Football Foundation to help finance the building of a new 150 plus seat new stand which they hope to complete by June next year.

Welcome back to goalkeeper Dan Colmer who made his return at Littlehampton.

He was here in pre-season and has been dual registered since then

- a third spell with us having been a member of Harry's side in his first game in charge at Corinthian in February 2022.

"It was great to see one of our Under-18 youngsters, Lennon Willlows, named among the substitutes at Littlehampton."

It was also great to see one of our Under-18 youngsters, Lennon Willlows, named among the substitutes at Littlehampton. A reminder that the game at Broadbridge Heath - postponed earlier this month has been rearranged for Tuesday December 12 - one of four away games in the month.

Tonight, if it's a draw after 90 minutes we go straight to penalties. Enjoy the game and wish everybody a safe journey home afterwards. **Paul** 

## THE OPPOSITION: WELLING UNITED FC

Welling United Football Club were founded in 1963. An incredible journey in the early years saw the club rise from an U15 Sunday youth team to the heights of the Football Conference where the Wings remained for a remarkable 14 years. History has proved this to be one of the most astonishing journeys in the modern football era.

Originally formed in 1963 with just one youth team playing in local league football on a nearby park pitch, the club expanded its youth system before embarking on a period of Saturday football in the London Spartan League. Membership of the Athenian League and Southern League (South) followed.

For the first 15 years, Welling played on a sports ground at nearby Butterfly Lane, Eltham, before taking their present ground at Park View Road, after the demise of Bexley United who, at the time, were members of the Southern League.

#### **Rise to the Conference...**

After progressing from park football to senior football in a relatively short space of time, success was to continue with three promotions within five years. Initially winning the Spartan League and then after three more seasons in the Athenian League, progression and election to Southern League rounded off a marvellous period of success. This continued after just one more season when promotion to the Southern League Premier Division was secured after the league was re-organised. In the fifth season in this division, the Wings romped to the title by a record 23 points after an incredibly exciting season and were promptly promoted to the Conference

Welling found life in the Conference much more of a challenge and although they were one of the most consistent sides during their 14-year spell in nonleague's top flight. Success in the Conference was limited to four County cup wins. Cup football produced many of the highlights during the late 80s and early 90s with six successive First Round FA Cup appearances, and a Third Round appearance on one occasion at Park View Road, when Welling went out of the FA Cup by losing 1-0 to Blackburn Rovers.

The Wings dropped out of the top flight when they were relegated on the last day of the season in 1999/2000.

#### The new millennium...

After four years back in the Southern League Premier, Welling finished just high enough to qualify for the inaugural season of the newly formed Conference South as the FA restructured the leagues so that two fed into the Conference which became Conference National.

Welling's first foray in this league in 2004 was a struggle under former England defender Paul Parker. With the Wings languishing near the bottom for the first three months of the season Parker left the club by mutual consent.

Adrian Pennock took charge and guided the Wings to safety in 16th place. The next season was one where it was exciting to be following Welling again with notable success in the FA Cup where they lost in the First Round away to Huddersfield Town. The Wings spent most of the season in the play-off places but a succession of draws, and a few defeats at the end of the campaign saw Welling finish the season in ninth place.

They continued their improvement with an 8th-place finish, missing out on a playoff spot by four points. The final game of the season was the last for the management team of Adrian Pennock and Phil Handford who both departed. Neil Smith replaced Pennock as manager but struggled and was replaced by Andy Ford who managed to keep

the Wings afloat in the league that year.

2008-2009 saw Welling United become a real force in the Blue Square South and they won the Kent Senior Cup with a 6-1 defeat of Whitstable Town in the final, the Wings' first trophy for ten years. Ford's side finished 7th, the highest ever for the Kent side in this division.

After a disappointing start to the 09/10 campaign, with the Wings lying in 18th position after 12 games, Ford resigned and Jamie Day guided the Wings away to a final position of 9th.

At the start of the 2010–11 season, the Wings were rocked by the news of a winding up order by HMRC on the 12th August. Given 14 weeks to pay the outstanding debt the Wings' fans showed their devotion to the club raising almost all the  $\pounds 60,000$  needed to avoid the club going bust. Despite this, they were still deducted five points by the Conference and were handed a transfer embargo lasting until March 2011.

Against all the odds, Day's side held a place in the playoff positions for the majority of the season playing wonderful attacking football but fatigue eventually caught up on the small squad and the Wings missed out on the playoffs by one point.

2011/12 saw the Wings climb to their highest league position for 26 years finishing third in the table and earning their first ever venture into post-season football. After reaching the playoff final with a 2-1 aggregate win over Sutton United, the Wings were defeated by their arch rivals Dartford by a score of 1-0 at Princes Park meaning another year in the Conference South.

#### Conference South Champions...

That season saw Welling United finally regain their place in the Conference Premier after Jamie Day's team set a new Conference South league record of 12 consecutive wins and overcame a 10 point deficit by runaway leaders Salisbury City to win the league by four clear points.

In their first season back they enjoyed a comfortable season but a vacancy arose at Ebbsfleet and Day, along with his management team, found the lure too great and departed.

Jody Brown came and went, then Loui Fazakerley took over the reins. Although Welling survived that season by the skin of their teeth there was no escape the following season and they finished rock bottom.

Towards the end of that season Mark Goldberg bought the majority share holding of the club and also took on the role as team manager.

#### Back in the sixth tier...

Back in the Conference South, but now known as the National League South, Welling again struggled and Goldberg stood down to concentrate on off field affairs as he looked to re-build the whole structure of the club.

Having finished a disappointing season but safe from relegation, and with Goldberg now chairman, former player Jamie Coyle was appointed manager. 2017-18 was an improvement although it tailed off towards the end and Welling missed out on a play-off position and Coyle departed.

Steve King was invited to be the manager for the following season and he led Welling to a third placed finish and a play-off final but defeat in a tight game at Woking meant that there was to be no promotion.

Over the summer, another management overhaul saw King depart with Goldberg restoring himself as manager for the 2019-20 season however disappointing results caused him to stand down and Bradley Quinton was appointed as manager in January 2020. There was an immediate improvement before the season was curtailed, due to the pandemic, with the club safely in mid-table.

Uncertainty before the 2020/21 season resulted in another squad overhaul and sadly the team failed to gel so one year and two days after joining, Quinton left the club to be replaced by experienced manager Steve Lovell.

Goldberg's ownership finished at the end of that season and Feeney was appointed by the new board to build a more competitive squad for 2022/23, with his side securing a mid-table finish.

The summer of 2023 brought about more change following Feeney's departure, with former Eastbourne Borough boss Danny Bloor stepping into the dugout at Park View Road ahead of the 2023/24 season, bringing about an air of positivity around DA16.



### Sevenoaks Town Fixtures & Results 2023-24

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

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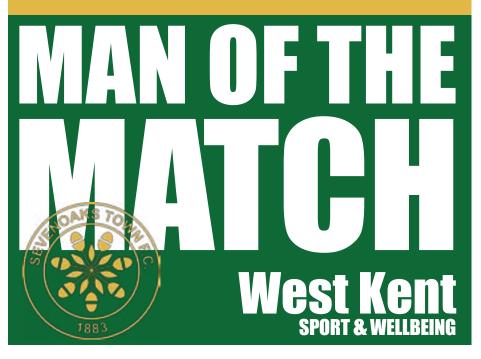
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### MAN OF THE MATCH



### OAKS ON THE RECORD



#### When and Where: Bourne Stadium:

### Date: Saturday November 11 2023 Pitching In Isthmian League South East:

Weather: Overcast and Damp Result: Oaks 0 Sheppey 1 Attendance: 247

Referee: Elliot Spencer

Line-Up: Sevenoaks Town: Amadou Tangara, Jerald Aboagye, Karn Miller-Neave, Jordan Drake-Thomas, Rian Bray, Corey Holder, Fumnaya Shomotun, Dominic Morgan-Griffiths, (Kyle De Silva 75 mins) Rowan Liburd (Dan Carr 81 mins), Dan Bennett (Keiran Cadogan 75 mins).

### Yellow Card: Jaiden Drake-Thomas Oaks Review:

Life after Harry Hudson began with a first home Pitching In isthmian League South East defeat of the season.

The outcome was decided by two chances - one missed one scored in the space pf 60 seconds, just past the hour mark on a chilly Armistice Day afternoon at The Bourne Stadium.

Oaks afforded Sheppey a guard of honour in appreciation of their historic FA Cup run before both teams went toe-to toe in an entertaining contest.

Oaks old boy James Bessey-Saldanha whose spectacular strike against Walsall could be one of the competition's goals of the season, tested his former team twice early on, while Fumnaya Shomotun's near post cross was blocked.

Oaks cleared two other efforts off the line in a goalless first half as Sheppey threatened again.

Karn Miller-Neave was prominent in the first half and created Oaks best chance as the second half settled into a similar pattern before the game's two defining moments.

Firstly the left back produced the perfect cross, only for Dan Bennett to head inches wide of the post. A minute later Sheppey went in front, Josh Wisson's effort rebounding off the post to Alex Willis who fired home. Sheppey went close twice in stoppage-time through D'jean Spencer and skipper Richie Hamill, before substitute Dan Carr saw his effort cleared off the line with almost the last kick of the game.

#### **Reaction:**

#### First Team Coach Adam Flemming: "Dan was fuming at missing his chance.

"You make your own luck, so if you're not going to score your chances, you'll be punished when the opposition gets the opportunity to do so.

"Only a minute or so in between our chance and them scoring? It's the fine margins.

"We haven't played our best and won games. "We need to get our rhythm back together.

"It was just the cutting edge that was missing. "We need to get the final ball correct, get us finishing and not overthink it when we get into the final third."

### OAKS ON THE RECORD



#### When and Where:

Bourne Stadium: Date: Saturday November 18 2023: Pitching In Isthmian League South East:

Weather: Dry after earlier rain Result: Oaks 2 Merstham 2 Attendance: 201

Referee: Tolo Sangowawa (London) Line-Up: Sevenoaks Town: Amadou Tangara, Jerald Aboagye, Karn Miller-Neave, Jaiden-Drake-Thomas, Rian Bray, Corey Holder, Fumnaya Shomotun, Domonic Morgan-Griffiths, Rowan Liburd, Matthew A Warren (Ricardo Thompson 63 mins) Dan Bennett (Kieran Cadogan 82 mins). Yellow Cards: Rian Bray (25 mins), Dominic Morgan-Thomas (72 mins), Dan Bennett (81 mins)

#### **Oaks Review:**

Mark Dacey admitted he was "gutted" after being away from a first win in charge only to concede a late equaliser at Bourne Stadium on Saturday.

He was left to reflect on two defensive slips - the second on the cusp of stoppage-time, moments after Oaks missed out on a third and confirm victory.

Goalkeeper Amadou Tangara's throw out was intercepted by Merstham midfielder Michael Abnett who set up Lorenzo Lewis to score with a far post finish, earning the Surrey club a probably deserved point after dominating the second half in the first league meeting between the two clubs.

Moments earlier Merstham skipper Dean Gunner had prevented his old club scoring with a last ditch clearance off the line to deny Rowan Liburd his second of the game.

Three minutes earlier Johnson had palmed away another effort from FumnayaShomotun. Liburd and Shomotun earned Oaks a 2-1 half-time lead, after another mistake had gifted Merstham a way back just after the half hour. Tangara blocked Korrey Henry's first effort, the ball bounced towards goal, eluded defender Rian Bray leaving the striker to score into an empty net.

Dan Bennett and Shomotun had put early chances wide in a lively Oaks start before Johnson saved twice.

Liburd finished off a neat move involving Matty Warren and MOM Domonic Morgan-Griffiths for Oaks' first after 21 minutes, before Shomotun added the second with a deflected 20-yard effort close to half time.

#### Reaction: Mark Dacey

"I was gutted - it was a game of two halves, we were superb in the first, especially in the first 20 minutes when we could have been two or three up, but huge credit goes to their keeper Endurance Johnson.

"We scored but then took our foot of the gas - I was embarrassed by the first goal, and the second was disappointing as well.

"We fell off the rails in the second half, gave them a lot of momentum, stopped doing what we had been doing, and what happened at the end was hard to swallow.

"There's no easy games at this level. As a collective and it starts with me as the manager now, we didn't manage the game well enough second half. "It's a point on the board but it definitely

feels more like a loss.

"We are staying in the play-offs by the skin of our teeth, once everyone catches up on games, we're going to slide if we continue to drop points."

The Littlehampton report will appear in Saturday's programme.



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### Sevenoaks Town

Manager: Mark Dacey Colours: Black/blue shirts, black shorts, black socks



### Welling United FC

Manager: Danny Bloor Colours: All red

Amadou Tangara	Javarn Pitterson
Jerald Aboagye	Crossley Lema
Karn-Miller Neave	Cameron Green
Emmanuel Mensah	Anthony Grant
Rian Bray	Will Wood
Jahmal Howlett-Mundle	🗌 Ibra Sekajja
Fumnaya Shomotun	Tristan Abrahams
Kieran Cadogan	Dominic Odusanya
Rowan Liburd	Reice Charles-Cook
Dan Bennett	Antony Papadopoulos
Jaiden Drake-Thomas	Rob Howard
Dan Carr	TJ Bramble
Dominic Morgan Griffiths	Amadou Kassarate
Andrew Norburn	🗌 Ayo Lugboso
Tyrese Osbourne	🦳 Jephte Tanga
Jack Sammoutis	🗌 David Kamara
Jordan Aghatise	Josh Chambers
Matt Warren	Enoch Muwonge
Ricardo Thompson	Lachlan Byrd
Daniel Colmer	Donald MacAuley

Match Officials: Referee: Dan Blades Assistants: Benjamin Marshall and Harley Webster Next home match: Pitching In Isthmian South East Sevenoaks Town v Three Bridges Saturday 2nd December, kick-off 7.30pm





