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Sevenoaks Town FC v East Grinstead Town

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THE MANAGER: HARRY HUDSON



Good afternoon to you and welcome on this August Bank Holiday Monday. Having a spare Saturday is very unusual so early in the season but circumstances surrounding the installation of Ashford's new pitch mean't the game was pushed forward to last Tuesday night.

"The lesson here is that when you are on a caution, don't give the referee a decision to make."

The boys trained at the weekend instead of our having usual Wednesday session, in preparation for today's game and we reflected on the fine margins that cost us the chance of grabbing a point from a game we contributed a lot to, but gained nothing from.

Alex Addai's sending off was a real game changer from our point of

view. The second one was probably a booking, but how he was booked for the first was beyond baffling. The lesson here is that when you are on a caution, don't give the referee a decision to make. Ashford certainly gained a bit of momentum from it, but a point would have been deserved reward for the hard work the boys put in again.

Manny Mensah's displays in an Oaks shirt since he came to the club have only lacked one thing - goals That is why it is so pleasing for me to see him start the season so well adding that bit to his all running wholehearted contributions week in week out.

The goal against Colliers Wood in the FA Cup came at such an important time in the game We had dominated things but faied to score - thanks to a stand-out display by their keeper, We needed a break in front of goal, Manny provided it and I think we worthy winners in the end. And so to the draw, when we

learned we'll have a home tie against Whitehawk.

It's fantastic to have a home draw against a Step 3 club who were promoted last year.

We will relish the challenge against higher level opposition and we are looking forward to the match.

As far as injuries are concerned, both Rowan Liburd and Jack Sammoutis are improving and we hope to have them available in the next couple of weeks. Enjoy the game.

THE CHAIRMAN: PAUL LANSDALE

Welcome to you all for this Pitching in Isthmian League South East Division fixture against East Grinstead.

We offer the same to their officials, players and supporters, and the three match officials appointed for the game.

Tuesday's defeat agaiinst Ashford at Chatham was hard to take for all sorts of reasons, but the manner of it, losing to the last kick of the game, made it that little bit worse.

Thanks to everyone who supported the boys on the night.

We move on though, with a busy and important couple of weeks ahead which could determine the direction of our season.

It was good to progress in the Emirates FA Cup with victory over Colliers Wood United but they didn't make it easy for us, particularly in the



first half.

We now look forward to hosting Whitehawk in the First Qualifying Round here on Saturday and it's now the eighth successive year we have reached this stage of the competition.

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The following week we begin our Isuzu FA Trophy with a Friday night trip to face Uxbridge in the First Qualifying Round tie, being played at Slough Town FC.

I'd like to offer our thanks to Steve Ridley of Rhino Scaffolding in Sevenoaks, who kindly offered his services to the club in helping us strengthen all the ball supports at both ends of the ground.

We have also installed new nets in each goal so another two jobs have been ticked off.

All step 3 to 6 clubs are being assessed as part of a new FA and Premier League initiative called the Stadium Accreditation Programme

The digitial app be big used is called Stadium Power - which will provide a central database of facilities. It was started in July and goes on until October.

We await news on when they will visit us.

Thanks for your continued support and we wish you a safe journey home later.

THE OPPOSITION: EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN

East Grinstead Town Football Club was formed on May 8, 1890 although it was another ten years before they played their first competitive match as founder members of the Mid Sussex Football League.

In those early days the club played in blue and white with the town's coat of arms on the breast pocket. It was some years before they adopted their current colours of amber and black and were nicknamed 'The Wasps,' both of which survive to this day.

They won the Mid Sussex League in 1902 and their first major honour followed seven years later when they shared the Sussex Junior Cup with Arundel.

In 1909 they were awarded senior status which they have held ever since apart from two seasons when they were relegated to the intermediate third division of the Sussex County League in 1989.

In 1912 Grinstead reached the Sussex Senior Cup final for the only time in their history but lost 4-1 to St Leonards Amateurs in a ferocious snowstorm.

The Wasps were original members of the Sussex County League when it was founded in 1920, but they struggled to make any impact and after finishing bottom in 1927 and replaced by Horsham, they were not re-elected.

Rather than returning to the Mid Sussex League, they had four successful seasons in the Brighton League before stepping up to the Southern Amateur League. A fresh challenge reinvigorated the club and they won the Division Three title in 1932 with 15 victories out of 18. Three years later they played on the Test match cricket ground at Trent Bridge in Nottingham when they defeated Nottinghamshire Amateurs 6-0 in the old FA Amateur Cup.

Determined to regain their place in the Sussex County League, they were

re-elected back in 1937 after winning the Mid Sussex League again and finished fifth in their first season.

In those halcyon days either side of the Second World War, four-figure crowds were the norm at their old ground in West Street, East Grinstead, which they shared with the town's cricketers. The club's record attendance is 2,006 for an FA Amateur Cup tie against Lancing in November, 1947.

Success eluded Grinstead until 1952 when they won the Baldwin Cup, the forerunner of the Sussex County League Cup. That team is reckoned by many to be the finest the club has ever produced. It was certainly the most entertaining - 42 games that season in league and cup

produced 222 goals!

Grinstead were third in 1955, but their fortunes began to decline along with crowd numbers after that. They left West Street in 1959 and had a spell at King Georges Field in the town centre. Following the spell at King

Georges Field in the town centre it wasn't until 1967 that they final-

ly moved to their current home at East Court after a protracted battle to get the ground, which was prone to waterlogging, fit for football.

The club again finished third in 1973 but that was as good as it got for another 30 years although Grinstead did reach their first cup final since 1952 when they lost 4-1 to Haywards Heath in the RUR Cup in 1974 despite taking the lead.

Wasps found themselves in Division Two for the first time in 1979.

During the 1980s the club regularly hosted Crystal Palace and Brighton in charity fixtures watched by crowds of over 2,000 spectators.

However during this time the Wasps had dropped even lower with two seasons in Division Three before regaining senior status.



An image from East Grinstead's website showing football in the town, dating back to the 1900s

They were promoted back to Division One in 1993, but lasted just two years. Floodlights were installed in 1997.

Bob Smith led Wasps back to Division One in 2003 and they also won their first trophy for 52 years, beating Three Bridges 4-0 in the final of the RUR Cup.

Unfortunately, the club were relegated back to Division Two on the final day of the 2004-05 season and in October 2006 Smith, the longest-serving manager in the club's history, was replaced by former player Steve Norris.

In his second season Wasps romped to the Second Division title by a massive 18 points, losing just twice all season. Their winning run of 14 successive league games at the start of the season meant they became the last senior non-league team in the country to drop points.

Since then the club has established itself in the top flight, most recently under former Brighton striker Simon Funnell and their progress on the field has been matched off it.

A new drainage system laid in 2003 transforming the playing surface, which is now one of the best in Sussex.

The club were awarded the prestigious FA Standard Chartered Development Club award in 2003 and were registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club in 2005.

In 2008 two new stands and a pitch perimeter barrier were erected.

in 2014 with the GAC Stadium already meeting the requirements of the Isthmian Football League after installing additional seating, the club began work on a new dressing room and hospitality complex, a new turnstile block and entrance and a resurfaced car park. Part of the 2014 funding included a £50,000 grant from FA Cup sponsors Budweiser, £100,000 from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund, £40,000 from Mid Sussex District Council and £35,000 from SITA Trust.

Funnell's side finished the season in second place, their highest ever County League position, and in May 2014, the club were accepted into the Isthmian League for the first time in our history.

Funnell left the club during our first season at Step 4 and Tony Beckingham returned to East Court for a second spell. 'Becks' kept the club in the League but he resigned in October 2015 and Matt Longhurst took over. Matt made sure Wasps retained their Isthmian status in his first season and in his two following seasons.



ROUND-UP

FA CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND

Like Sevenoaks Town, most of the division was involved in the FA Cup this week, with Tuesday night seeing a number of replays.

There was a Kent derby at **Cray Valley,** where the hosts beat **Lordswood** 4–1, after being held 1–1 during Saturday's game in Medway.

Kyrell Lisbie put the Cray in front after 34 minutes and although Jeffrey equalised from the spot just before the break, former Oaks man Freddie Parker soon restored the lead, before Ademiluyi scored twice to kill off the visitors.

Having also drawn 1-1 on Saturday, Herne Bay are also through after a comfortable 3-0 win over **Bedfont Sports,** watched by a healthy crowd of 363 at Winch's Field. Carvalho and Rowland gave them a 2-0 lead and Carrington added the

third just before the hour mark.

Burgess Hill Town needed injury time to see off Erith Town, Lewis Finney hitting the winner in the 113rd minute after both games had ended 1-1 after normal time,

Saturday's matches saw **Beckenham** come from behind to beat **Ashford United** in a match staged at Chatham Town's ground.

An own goal by Carter had put the Nuts and Bolts in front but Anthony Adesite made it 1-1 at the break. Tom Carlse put Ashford back in the lead two minutes after the restart, but George Goodwin equalised almost immediately and Dieko Falade hit the winner on the hour mark. Today's opponents **East Grinstead** went down 3-1 at home to **Hythe Town,** with all the goals coming in the second half. Johan Caney-Bryan gave Hythe a 2-0 lead and although Glenn Wilson pulled one back from the penalty spot, Brad Schafer scored Hythe's third seven minutes from time.

Erith & Belverdere are through after a 2-0 win over **Stansfeld**, Finn O'Mara and former Charlton man Chris Dickson scoring both goals in the first half.

Horndean were comfortable 3-0 winners over Brockenhurst, while Ramsgate eased to a 4-1 win over over Bexhill United at Southwood. Joe Ellul gave them a fourth minute lead and Joe Taylor hit a hat-trick.

Sheppey beat Sussex side **Midhurst** & **Easebourne** 3-0, with Bradshaw scoring in each half an Allsop adding a third in the 8rd minute.



ISTHMIAN SOUTH EAST

The only league fixture was at **Three Bridges**, where two late goals saw the home side complete a 4-2 win over **Phoenix Sports.**

Leighton gave Bridges and early lead and scored again after Mills' equaliser. Hayes made it 2-2 before half-time before Difika struck twice in the final eight minutes.



Action shot by Alan Coomes from Saturday's 3-0 win over Colliers Wood United

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN SOUTH EAST: SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST 2023

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FUTURE OF GREATNESS



Sevenoaks Town Council are working to improve amenities for local residents to ensure that they continue to reflect the needs of the community, and are currently looking at Greatness Recreation Ground.

To enable this to be done effectively. we are seeking views of local people to ascertain how people use the facilities and what they would like to see improved in the future.

A key partner in this work is Sevenoaks Town Football Club (STFC). STFC provide competitive and recreational football sessions for over 1000 local residents and also run specific Women, Girls, Inclusive and Walking Football Sessions at the Bourne Stadium, which is located on Mill Lane.

STFC are working with Sevenoaks Town Council to build a new and improved community pavilion (as image shown) as the Stadium which will support football and community provision whilst also freeing up the existing pavilion for alternative community use.

We would be grateful for your opinion as to the future improvements proposed and being considered for the Greatness Recreation Ground facilities.

The survey can be completed online by scanning the QR code, or by filling out a paper copy - available to download and print via the below link, or by picking up a copy from the Town Council Offices on Bradbourne Vale Road.

Survey download link: https://qrco.de/ beDMfc

End date for consultation 15/09/2023 If posting the printed survey, please post your answers to C/O Georgie Elliston, Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, TN13 3QG, or email a copy to planning@sevenoakstown.gov.uk.

For further information, please contact: Georgie Elliston (Planning Committee Clerk) Email: planning@sevenoakstown. gov.uk Phone: 01732 459953

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Sevenoaks Town Fixtures & Results 2023-24

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+ = Own goal * = Oaks lost 4-3 on pens 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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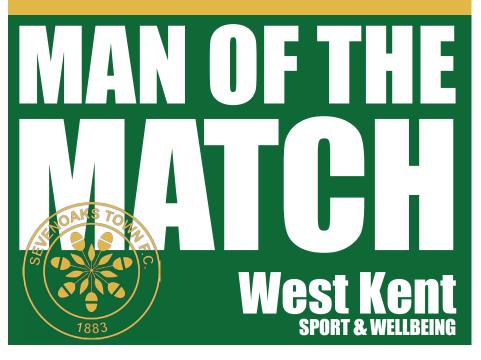
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MAN-OF-THE-MATCH



OAKS ON THE RECORD



Colliers Wood United - home -Bourne Stadium Date: Saturday August 19 2023

Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round Weather: Sunny and Warm Result: 3-0

Attendance: 136

Referee: Bruno Marqes (Hertfordshire) Line-Up: Amadou Tangara, Jerald Aboagye, Karn Miller-Neave, Matthew A Warren, Rian Bray, Jahmal Howlett-Mundle, Fumnaya Shomotun (Kyle De Silva 77 mins), Emmanuel Mensah, Daniel Bennett (Palace Francis 64 mins), Kieran Cadogan (Isaac Okello 85 mins), Solomon Baugh Scorers: Emmanuel Mensah (49 mins),

Kieran Cadogan (80 mins), Palace Francis (84 mins)

Yellow Cards: (Kieran Cadogan 74 mins).

Oaks Review:

One change from the opening day league win over Ramsgate saw Dan Barrett returning in place of Palace Francis who was among the substitutes.

Three second half goals ensured progress into the Emirates FA Cup First Qualifying Round for the eighth successive season, with victory over Combined Counties League Colliers Wood United. Oaks created chance after chance in a dominant first half, but were denied by vkeeper Jack Minchin who pulled off a series of fine saves, hit the woodwork, and solid defending by the visitors Minchin's early double save following an Oaks corner set the bar for a stand-out display by the Wood stopper Kieran Cadogan, Fumnaya Shomotun both went close, two more efforts were cleared off the line - another bounced off the woodwork with Minchin palming the follow-up clear under pressure. Wood went close themselves midway through the half, Amadou Tangara saving well from Alan Sanchez Perez.

HT 0-0 (51-15)

Blake Loyza, one of two former graduates from Harry Hudson's Kinetic programme in visitors line-up, went close soon after the break, before Manny Mensah made the breakthrough aided by a deflection. Keiron Cadogan's footwork and movement created the chance for the second and Palace Francis on for Daniel. Barrett, added the third - his first for the club following Solomon Baugh's run and cross from the left.

Sol was a constant threat from the first whistle to the last - denied again by Minchin's strong right hand block in stoppage-time. FT: 3-0 (50.00)

Reaction: Kieran Cadogan

"It was one of those games where we didn't score in the first half, and sometimes they can be the hardest matches. "We are on top - don't score and then they (could) go up the other end and score, and it's a totally different game. The half time message was to keep going -doing what we had been - don't change the plan - don't do anything roque, it was good for me but more for the team to aet the second - and pleased for Palace to get the third after great work by Solly - always nice to see a new player get off the mark. Kieran's versatility is important to the side - playing in a variety of positions and roles.

He added: "I am getting a bit older now - I feel I have the IQ to play wherever as a utility man - for me as long as I am on the pitch it is all about trying to give whatever I can for the team."

OAKS ON THE RECORD



Ashford United - away Bauvill Stadium Chatham Date: Tuesday August 22 2023 Pitching In Isthmian League South East Weather: Fine

Result: 2-1 Attendance: 131

Referee: Charlie Roberts (Essex)

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Scorers: Emmanuel Mensah (60 mins) Red Card: Alex Addai (88 mins)

Yellow Cards: (Karn Miller-Neave (16 mins), Jerald Aboagye (52 mins), Alex Addai (78 mins), Fumnaya Shomotun (83 mins) Harry Hudson (90 mins)

Oaks Review:

Oaks were unchanged from the FA Cup victory over Colliers Wood, with new signing Alex Addai among the substitutes. It was a tough defeat to take: beaten by a stoppage-time winner with the last kick of the game.

Both sides had good spells in the first half after a flurry of half chances inside the opening guarter of an hour.

Kieran Cadogan's effort was cleared off the line by ex-Oaks defender Tolo Jonah. He then fired over the bar before Ashford went close – Amadou Tangara cleared Bradley Simms long throw, another former Oaks man Ben Gorham did the same at the other end.

HT: 0-0 (47: 45)

United go in front (55 mins) Danny Parish heading home, but Oaks were level within five minutes, Manny Mensah scoring his third goal of the season, his 20 yard effort going under Ashford goalkeeper Jacob Russell.

Kieran Cadogan then shot wide a minute later.

Moving into the last 20 minutes and referee Charlie Roberts began to brandish cards.

Two to Ashford pair, Jonah and Connor Dymond, Oaks substitute Alex Addai for his challenge, then Fumnaya Shomotun, harshly after a tussle on the by-line which saw the Ashford player fall over his own feet.

Addai then picked up a second booking and his evening was over after just 10 minutes on the pitch.

Parish received another booking late on, before playing his part in the winner. Left back Tom Carsle credited with the goal with almost the last kick of the game. Oaks boss Harry Hudson completed the card tally following the final whistle. FT: (90+8)

Reaction;

Harry Hudson:

"I thought it was nip and tuck in the first half - felt we shaded it in the first half had what I would call half openings in the box which lacked the right decision making or the final strike, which was disappointing because we have players who have real quality at the top end of the pitch.

"Ashford came out a lot stronger and scored a goal of real quality, but that seemed to spark us into life. "We scored through Manny Mensah and I thought we were in the ascendancy then- and if anybody was going on to get the second then it would be us. "We made three attacking substitutions to try and win the game. - but Alex Addai's sending off changed things then. "My lasting memory of the game is that we had the ball in their half- and tried to score - instead of seeing out the game a little naive on our part - and within 30 seconds the ball was in the back of the net and we leave with zero points."

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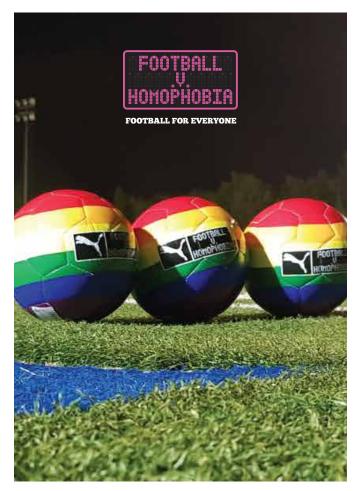
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RACISM: ZERO TOLERANCE

The Isthmian Football League strongly supports the FA statement that there should be a zero-tolerance approach against racism and all forms of discrimingtion.

Accordingly, any form of discriminatory abuse whether it by reason of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion and belief, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, sex and sexual orientation or any other form of abuse will be reported to The Football Association for action by that Association. The FA 0800 085 0508 / Kick it Out 020 7253 0162.

The Isthmian League and all Member Clubs in the League are committed to promoting equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and providing access and opportunities for all members of the community."





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EAST GRINSTEAD PEN PICS

THIBAULT ABIE

20-year-old with bags of potential who previously played in Step 5 for among others Fisher FC before developing in our under-23s last season and gaining a place in the first-team squad last season.

ALESSIO AKABUOGU

Young midfielder defender hoping to make his mark at senior level this season. Previously part of National League Bromley's youth set-up and our Under 18s and Under 23s last season..

CHRIS ALHASSAN

Chris is a young forward who joined

us in July 2023 and has impressed in preseason. He started his career with Cray Valley and then dropped down to play for Bridon Ropes in the Southern Counties East League where he was a regular goal scorer.

BEN AUBREY

Young striker who has been developed by the

club and began to make his mark at first-team level during the 2022-23 season when he contributed three league goals. Ben had a spell with National League Dorking last season before returning to Grinstead.

OLLIE CASH

Goalkeeper developing in our under-23s and who had regular experience on the bench as understudy to Matte Pierson last season. Ollie has played for us since the under-13s.

OMAR FOLKES

Powerful striker who joined Wasps in 2022 and became a regular member of the squad, contributing three league goals last season. Former clubs include Merstham and Three Bridges.

RYAN GREEN

Defender Ryan returned for a second spell with the Wasps in December 2022, having left us to join Corinthian Casuals in the Isthmian Premier after our first match of last season.

JACK KENYON

Energetic midfielder who joined Wasps in July 2023 after a successful

> trial in pre-season. Jack was part of Colchester's youth set up.

MATTE PIERSON

Matte has had experience at various clubs including Bedfont Sports, Merstham and Hampton & Richmond. He joined the Wasps in 2021 and has established himself as a key member of the squad and

first-choice goalkeeper.

CAMERON REARDON

Defender Cameron joined us for a third second spell in July 2023 after recovering from a knee injury sustained while he was with Hythe Town. Cameron joined us on loan from Kingstonian during the 2019-20 campaign and made six appearances before Covid-19 ended the season. He made six more the following campaign prior to joining the Cannons.



STEVE SARGENT

Hugely experienced player-coach who has served a number of Sussex clubs. Now part of the backroom team but he still makes the occasional appearance. Played for the club earlier in his career.

CONNOR TIGHE

Connor joined us in June 2023 to bring energy, creativity and goals from midfield. Previous clubs include Peacehaven, Whitehawk and Burgess Hill Town.

LEWIS UNWIN

Midfielder who joined the club last season. Rusthall, Crowborough and Whitehawk are among Lewis's former ports of call.

MAX WALSH

Versatile player who can operate all over the pitch. Joined us in February 2022 and scored twice in 13 appearances in his first season.

MATT WEAIRE

Central defender who joined the club in July 2023. Was a youngster

with Brighton and Colchester United before spells in non-league at Lewes and Cray Wanderers.

KHAVARN WILLIAMS

A young attacking player Khavarn had a very successful youth career at Fulham and Bournemouth before he moved to France to play for OGC Nice. Back in the UK, he linked up with Wasps this pre-season.

GLENN WILSON

Club captain and the most experienced player in the squad. Glenn played during Crawley Town's rise into the Football League a decade or so ago and has played at all non-league levels. Now 37, he joined his home-town club in 2019. Started his career at Crystal Palace.

MICHAEL WILSON

Midfielder who returned for a second spell at the club in July 2023 from Three Bridges. During his first period with the Wasps Michael played an important role in helping establish the club at Step 4 level and was a fans' favourite.



Sevenoaks Town

Manager: Harry Hudson Colours: Black/blue shirts, black shorts, black socks



East Grinstead Town

Manager: Drew Cooney Colours: Amber and black stripes

Amadou Tangara	Mattie Pierson
Jerald Aboagye	Ryan Green
Karn-Miller Neave	Michael Wilson
Emmanuel Mensah	Matthew Weaire
Rian Bray	Glenn Wilson
Jahmal Howlett-Mundle	Cameron Reardon
Fumnaya Shomotun	Kiye Martin
Kieran Cadogan	Darnell Bayley-King
Rowan Liburd	Connor Tighe
Dan Bennett	Max Walsh
Solomon Baugh	Omar Folkes
Dan Carr	Tom Summerfield
Palace Francis	Ben Aubrey
Andrew Norburn	Thibault Abie
Sammy Johnson	Jack Kenyon
Jack Sammoutis	🗌 Alessio Akabuogu
Jordan Aghatise	Christopher Alhassan
Matt Warren	Oliver Cash
Ricardo Thompson	

Match Officials: Referee: Robert Harrison Assistants: Paul Agyei-Tabi, Ian Lane Next home match: Pitching In Isthmian South East Division Sevenoaks Town v Horndean Saturday 14th September, kick-off 3pm







