# Sevenoaks Town v Sittingbourne The Official Match Programme

Pitching In Isthmian South East Division, Saturday September 30th







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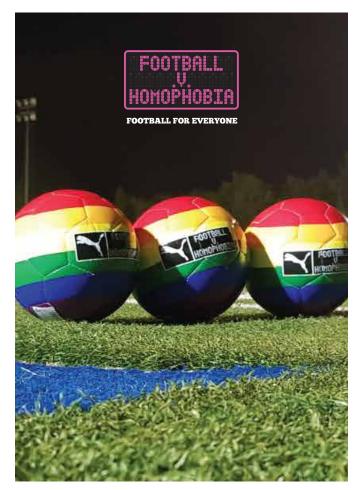
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#### PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN SOUTH EAST: SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST 2023

Three Bridges	5	3	2	0	13	9	+4	11
Chichester City	4	3	1	0	11	0	+11	10
Cray Valley PM	3	2	1	0	12	6	+6	7
Sittingbourne	4	2	1	1	8	5	+3	7
Herne Bay	4	2	1	1	9	7	+2	7
Sevenoaks Town	3	2	0	1	9	5	+4	6
Ramsgate	3	2	0	1	8	5	+3	6
Hythe Town	3	2	0	1	6	5	+1	6
Ashford United	3	2	0	1	6	6	0	6
Sheppey United	3	1	2	0	8	4	+4	5
Broadbridge Hth	4	1	2	1	8	7	+1	5
Burgess Hill Town	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1	4
Littlehampton T	3	1	1	1	3	6	-3	4
Phoenix Sports	5	1	1	3	9	18	-9	4
Erith & Belvedere	3	1	0	2	2	3	-1	3
Lancing	3	1	0	2	1	4	-3	3
Beckenham Towr	א 1	1	0	3	4	8	-4	3
Horndean	4	0	2	2	5	10	-5	2
Merstham	4	0	1	3	3	7	-4	1
East Grinstead	4	0	0	4	3	12	-9	0

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#### SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

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Horndean Willett 45, Sibley 90 **Herne Bay** Salako 38, 48, German 41, Osinfolarin 87 130

#### **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

Beckenham Town v Chichester City Burgess Hill Town v Merstham Cray Valley PM P-P Lancing East Grinstead Town v Ashford United Erith & Belvedere v Hythe Town Herne Bay v Phoenix Sports Lancing v Littlehampton Town Ramsgate v Horndean Sevenoaks Town v Sittingbourne Three Bridges v Broadbridge Heath

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# SOL MOVES ON



# THE OPPOSITION: SITTINGBOURNE FC

The club was started as Sittingbourne United back in **1881.** In **1886** it became Sittingbourne Football Club and played at the Bull Ground in the centre of town and in 1892 the club gained senior status. The club won its first major title in **1897/98** when it won the Kent League.

The Kent Senior Cup followed in **1902** and after the First World War more senior cup and league titles followed with the club also enjoying the first of three spells in the Southern League.

Success followed and in another spell in the Southern League Sittingbourne twice in succession missed promotion to the Premier Division only on goal average. The club reached the first-round proper of the F.A Cup in **1962** but lost 3-0 at Hinckley Athletic.

Back in the Kent League Sittingbourne were one of the strongest teams throughout the **1970s** and **1980s** in an era - unlike the one that followed, when what happened on the field got more attention than what went on off it!

In February **1990,** the club decided to sell its town centre Bull Ground (now Sainsbury's supermarket) and buy a 23-acre site on the town's Eurolink estate. A magnificent stadium with a 2,000-seater stand, restaurants, bars, luxurious dressing rooms, greyhound track and training pitches was the envy of non-league football.

There was success too, on the pitch when, in their first season at Central Park, Sittingbourne won the Winstonlead Kent League without losing a game - the only senior football team throughout Europe to achieve that feat in the **1990/91** season.

Promotion to the Beazer Homes Southern League followed with the championship of the Southern Division secured in **1993** followed by promotion to highest level achieved by the club since its foundation in 1891.

The ground record was broken five times during that one season with 5,951 spectators watching a friendly with Spurs and more than 3,000 at the match with local rivals Gravesend – a Beazer Homes Southern Division record.

More money flowed in with the £21,000 sale of Neil Emblen and Mickey Harle to Millwall before the bubble spectacularly burst. Debts of more than £1 million were revealed, the team got relegated, the ground was closed for a while despite the intervention of the local council in taking it over, and the club was officially wound up.

Somehow Sittingbourne have survived it all and even got back to the Southern Premier Division during this traumatic time (in Steve Lovell's first spell as manager), finishing an equal highest ever eighth before the financial problems again began to bite and relegation followed.

A new management committee headed by Andy Spice made great strides in tackling the debt problem and getting Sittingbourne Football Club back on an even keel financially and to ensure survival of the club, the decision was made to move out of the imposing main stadium and move to another pitch on the complex.



Because of the FA reorganising the leagues Sittingbourne faced a brand-new challenge playing a number of "unknown" teams in the Ryman Isthmian League for season **2006-2007.** 

The **2009-10** season, was one of the best since the financial problems, Sittingbourne being in playoff contention for much of the time but failing at the end.

Still, a 9th place finish was no disgrace and for the first time in fifty years, Sittingbourne won the Kent Senior Cup in front of 618 at Folkstone Invicta.

For the **2013–2014** season, Sittingbourne decided to leave their home of 10 years and accept an invitation to move to Woodstock Park a 14-acre area with superb social facilities.

Andy Spice, who almost single handed kept Sittingbourne as a senior club, stood down as Chairman making way for Maurice Dunk, a director of the company that holds the leasehold for Woodstock Park.

After a three year reign as manager, Nick Davis resigned along with his Assistant manager, Tony Cornwell, and in February **2018** after the committee decided a budget cut was necessary when it became clear that Sittingbourne would be unlikely to challenge for the play offs.

Coach, Aslan Odev took over and after initially taking The Brickies to the play off places failed to maintain this and after a number of losses it was mutually agreed that he would stand aside, paving the way in January **2019,** for Dover Athletic Academy development manager, Chris Lynch, to take over.

After a disappointing end to the now expunged **2019-20** season Chris Lynch resigned to be replaced by his Assistant Darren Blackburn.

Because of Covid restrictions Darren's first full season was 2021-22 when the club had an early exit from both major cup competitions and finished in a mid-table position in the league. The Directors decided that a change at the top was required to enable the Brickies to push for a play-off place in season 22-23 and Nick Davis was appointed as first team manager, returning 8 years after leaving the club. Unfortunately a run of 12 games without a win ended in Nick Davis resigning in early January 2023 and the club brought in Ryan Maxwell to take his place.

The club became a limited company by guarantee in May **2018** and now has 6 Directors.

## SITTINGBOURNE PEN PICS

ALEX BENTLEY – experienced defender joins from Cray Valley PM. Made almost 300 games for AFC Hornchurch and has also played for Tonbridge Angels and Bowers & Pitsea

ALFIE BLOOMFIELD – signed from Beckenham Town in the summer after helping Town to gain promotion to the Isthmian League after joining from Bromley in October 2021

JARMARIE BRISSETT – skilful winger who joined from Beckenham Town and has also featured for Tooting & Mitcham United and Redhill

**CORREY DAVIDSON** – one of former boss' Nick Davis's last signings for the Brickies and played in every game after his arrival just before Christmas. The popular Irishman quickly became a fans favourite at Woodstock Park

**AYMAN EL-MORGHARBEL** – previously with VCD Athletic, the midfielder spent most of last season with Bowers & Pitsea after a short spell with Corinthian Casuals. Signed after impressing pre season.

JEAN-BAPTISTE FISCHER – French midfielder who began the youth books of PSG. Spent most of last season with Hayes & Yeading after starring with Oxford City

VINCENT FOLLEA – another returning Brickie. The midfielder signed at the start of the Maxwell era – played an important role coming off thhe bench in the survival last season.

**BAGASAN GRAHAM** – Joined in the summer of 2022. Arrived as a left sided midfielder but has found his place

at the heart of the Brickies defence. Has played in the Football League for Cheltenham Town

**CHRIS HARRIS –** Experienced striker who was part of Bishops Stortfords Isthmian Premier title success last season, also played for Cheshunt in 2022/2023

**DONVIEVE JONES** – last season's Supporters Player of the Year and Golden Boot winner. Joined in summer of 2022 from neighbours Faversham Town and has played for East Grinstead Town

DARNELL KITHAMBO - striker who joined the Maxwell Revolution in the summer. Played previously for clubs including East Thurrock United and Aylesbury United

**BOBBY MASON –** keeper who joined from Canvey Island in the summer. Played a key role in Canvey's run for the Second Round of the FA Cup in 2020 and was important in Essex's side promotion to the Isthmian Premier

MITCHELL MAY – striker signed in Spring 2023 and quickly became a fan favourite after being part of the Clubs revival after scoring on his debut. Previously with Basildon United, FC Romania and Coggeshall Town

**CRUIS NYADZAYO –** comes to Woodstock from Bury Town, the winger has also played for AFC Sudbury, Lowestoft Town, and Mulbarton Wanderers of the Eastern Counties League

JOSH OSUNDE – exciting winger who moved from Coggeshall Town who started last season at Grays Athlet-

## SITTINGBOURNE PEN PICS



ic and has also played for Hashtag United – impressed in pre-season

**DARREN PHILLIPS** – the experienced defender makes the short trip up the A2 from Faversham Town. He started last season at Heybridge Swifts and has previously played for Tilbury, Canvey Island, Basildon, and East Thurrock.

**GABRIEL PIORKOWSKI** – A combative midfielder who signed for the Brickies in the summer after nearly a year out with injury. Started at Staines Town and previous clubs include Braintree Town

**TOCH SINGH –** signed from Brightlingsea Regent shortly after Ryan Maxwell became Brickies manager. Was one of the first to re-sign for this season and has represented Punjab in the CONIFA World Cup

**BRUNO TAVARES** – Portuguese born striker joins from Concord Rangers

having also played for Hungerford Town and Hayes & Yeading and was a former Swindon Town trialist

JOE TYRIE - has returned for a second spell on loan at Woodstock after a hugely successful spell at the back end of last season where he played a big part in the Brickies recovery and rise up the League.

MATT WEAIRE – Defender who started at Brighton & Hove Albion, Colchester United and Sevenoaks Town. The 21-year-old comes to Woodstock from Isthmian Premier side Cray Wanderers

LUKE WOODWARD – Former Brightlingsea Regent midfielder signed in the summer. Made thirty-six appearances for Regent last season and has previously played in the Essex Senior League for White Ensign and Frenford



## 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 \* = 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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## OAKS ON THE RECORD



#### When and Where:

Ramsgate: WW Martin Stadium Date: Saturday September 23 2023: Isuzu FA Trophy Second Qualifying Round: Weather: Sunny Result: 1-3

Scorer: Keiran Cadogan (71 mins) Attendance: 404

Referee: Marcin Indyk (Kent) Line-Up: Sevenoaks Town: Amadou Tangara, Jerald Aboagye, (Fumnaya Shomotun 58 mins), Karn Miller-Neave (Rowan Liburd 58 mins), Matthew A Warren, Rian Bray, Ricardo Thompson, Dan Bennett, Jaiden Drake-Thomas, Dan Carr, Emmanuel Mensah, Palace Francis (Kieran Cadogan 68 mins).

Yellow Cards: Karn Miller-Neave (21 mins)

#### Oaks Review:

Oaks showed three changes from the side that won at Uxbridge - Karn Miller-Neave, Dan Bennett and Matthew A Warren returned - the latter leading the side. Kyle De Silva (hamstring) and Howlett-Mundle (foot) were ruled out while Solomon Baugh has left the club joining Cheshunt. Playing their first game for 15 days since victory in the previous round against Uxbridge at Slough, they finished second best - conceding twice in 11 minutes either side of the interval. Emmanuel Mensah produced his usual lively all action display, but had luck in front of goal.

Oaks survived two anxious moments early on Wes Harrington shooting wide after a mix-up between goalkeeper Amadou Tangara and defender Ricardo Thompson. Two minutes later Tangara saved well from home striker Joe Taylor, but Oaks responded well, ex-Ram Jerald Aboagye crossing from the right, only for Mensah to miss his kick inside the 18-yard box. Mensah then failed to convert Dan Carr's cross 10 minutes later, before Jaiden Drake-Thomas and Dan Bennett had efforts saved.

Rams went in front a minute before half-time Manny Eto's free header from a cross from the right breaking the deadlock.

Mensah missed out again in first half stoppage-time, Aboagye again delivered the perfect cross, Mensah got a touch as he fell - the ball hitting him on the head, as he lay on the ground inches from the line.

Palace Francis fired over soon after the break, only for Taylor to double the hosts lead after 55 minutes.

Bennett shot wide, before Rams added a third 10 minutes later, left back Jack Parter's run into the box, finishing with a shot that deflected off Rian Bray into the net.

Oaks pulled one back with 19 minutes left when Keiran Cadogan - on the field for only three minutes - knocked in fellow substitute's Fumnaya Shomotun's cross to the far post.

Tangara flew to his right to touch Louie Procopi's effort over the bar, before Rams were penalised two minutes from time for a back pass six yards out, Bennett's free-kick deflected for a corner - home keeper Tom Hadler booked for kicking the ball away.

#### **Reaction: Harry Hudson:**

"I was disappointed. I'm not quite sure how we haven't scored in the first half, we then switched off in the 44th minute and gone in 1-0 down at half time. "Ramsgate had fewer opportunities than us but scored three goals. "I couldn't fathom how Mannie Mensah's chance before half time didn't go in. I

didn't think we deserved to go in losing at half time but it's all irrelevant with how poor we were at the start of the second half."

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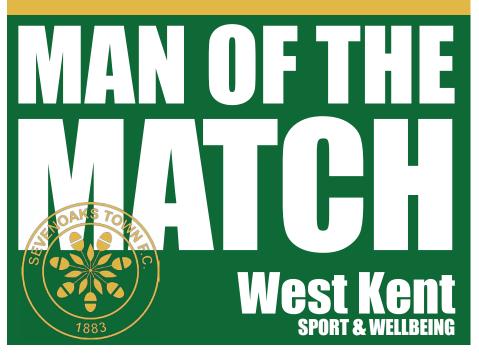
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# **MAN-OF-THE-MATCH**





# **SUPERDAN!**

Dan Brazenell is reflecting on completing an impressive test of endurance cycling to all 92 football grounds in the country raising £15,000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital in the process.

A total of 23 days - and nearly 245 hours in the saddle - saw him travel 2572 miles - setting off on August 15 and finishing at Plymouth Argyle on September 5.

The former Sevenoaks Town veteran footballer was supported by family and friends on the stamina sapping journey - which he did to say thank you to the London hospital for the treatment they have given his family in the past.

He said: "I didn't really have a bad

day because I knew it was a great thing for me to do.

"The support van broke down on day two, so that was a bad one. "Best part for me was getting pictures by the pitch with my daughter as she was in the support team.

"The stop at Harrogate Town left me with great memories as well – as they let me hold the cup they won when promoted to the Football League."

Dan wants to thank Tim at The Bike Warehouse in the town, as well as Vets team-mates and everyone else who donated for their "amazing" support, before and during the journey.

Well done Dan - great effort.



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# **SEVENOAKS TOWN FC 2023-24**



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### Sevenoaks Town

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



## Sittingbourne FC

Manager: Ryan Maxwell Colours: All yellow

Amadou Tangara	Bobby Mason
Jerald Aboagye	Donvieve Jones
Karn-Miller Neave	📃 🔲 Bagusan Graham
Emmanuel Mensah	Gabriel Piokowski
Rian Bray	Joe Tyrie
Jahmal Howlett-Mundle	Jake Goodman
Fumnaya Shomotun	Josh Osude
Kieran Cadogan	D'Shaun Theobalds
Rowan Liburd	Javaun Splatt
Dan Bennett	Ayman El-Moghaebel
Jaiden Drake-Thomas	Emmanuel Osei-Owusu
Dan Carr	] 🗌 Sergio Uyi
Palace Francis	Casey Nolan-Samuels
Andrew Norburn	Luke Woodward
Dan Carr	Jean-Baptiste Fischer
Jack Sammoutis	Mitchell May
Jordan Aghatise	Cruis Nyadzayo
Matt Warren	Bruno Tavares
Ricardo Thompson	Josh Usede
Tushaun Tyreece-Walters	

Match Officials: Referee: Peter Cruise Assistants: Ashley Rodi and Andrew Stanford Next home match: Pitching In Isthmian South East Division Sevenoaks Town v Horndean Saturday 14th October, kick-off 3pm





