

# Sevenoaks Town

## v Herne Bay FC



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Pitching In Isthmian South East Division,  
Saturday January 6th, 2024, kick-off 3pm



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## THE MANAGER: MARK DACEY



Good afternoon and welcome back to the Bourne Stadium.

We welcome Steve Lovell and Herne Bay for our second Pitching In Isthmian League South East home game of 2024.

Having suffered two heartbreaking defeats at Ramsgate last weekend and here against Cray Valley after a very pleasing performance on Monday we are looking to return to form.

We lost our skipper Corey Holder to a hamstring injury at Ramsgate which mean't we welcomed back Jahmal Howlett-Mundle back into the side on Monday.

He has been getting game time at SCEFL side Whitstable Town.

Jaiden Drake-Thomas was back in training this week after suffering a dislocated toe against Phoenix Sports last month.

On the flipside, we have said goodbye to 12 -goal top scorer Daniel Carr as he moves to National League South side Welling United.

It has been a pleasure to work with and watch him over his time with us here at Sevenoaks, and his recent form deserves the opportunity for him to progress his career again.

We wish him all the best and nothing but success.

We would like to welcome two new additions to the squad.

Aiden Paine-James has joined us from National League side Woking. He is an exciting young 18-year-old prospect - and will definitely excite our fans.

He made his debut as a second half substitute at Ramsgate, having been on the bench for the first time in the win at East Grinstead.

***“It has been a pleasure to work with Dan at Sevenoaks and he deserves the opportunity to progress his career again.”***

The second new arrival is Josh Ajayi who has joined from Erith & Belvedere.

Josh was with Crystal Palace at Under-18 level before spending two seasons at Ramsgate scoring 28 goals ahead of a move to Dover a year ago.

He impressed in his time at Ramsgate and more recently at Erith - making 25 appearances scoring five goals.

He is a target we have been after for a while and we are excited to welcome him to the club.

Finally, after being away over the Christmas period I would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year.

I look forward to you seeing our first win of the 2024.

**Mark**

## THE CHAIRMAN: PAUL LANSDALE



while Lancing have been the big movers - sixth at start of play - one place above ourselves.

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The twice postponed trip to Broadbridge Heath has now been re-arranged for Tuesday January 16, while the DFDS Kent Senior Cup quarter final at Dartford is scheduled for Tuesday January 30th

Thank you for your continued support and wishing everyone a safe journey home after the game.

**Paul**

### GET WELL SOON YAHYA

Our former player Yahya Bamba is recovering well after being injured playing for Cray Wanderers against Margate on Boxing Day.

He was taken to hospital with a suspected neck fracture but has been given the all clear after investigations and scans and is recovering well. Thanks to Cray physio Ally Maloney for the update.

## THE OPPOSITION: HERNE BAY FC

Herne Bay were formed in **1886** and began life in the East Kent League, then having a short period in the Kent League before winning the East Kent League in four successive years between **1902** and **1906** returning to the Kent League as a result.

**1953** saw the move to Winch's Field. Over 1,000 spectators saw their first match at their new home; a 2-2 draw against Tunbridge Wells Reserves in Kent League Division 2. Within two years they lifted the Division 2 title, winning promotion to Division 1.

In the **1957/58** season the club won The Kent Amateur Cup beating Bromley 2 - 0 in the final. The following season saw the Kent League fold and a move to the Aetolian League followed. The **1964/65** season saw another move to Division 2 of the Athenian League, where they enjoyed several successful seasons followed by promotion to Division 1 on winning Division 2 in **1970/71**. A good run in the FA Cup saw the Bay reach the 4th qualifying round, where they lost to the then 'mighty' Margate in front of a record home attendance of 2,303.

At the start of the **1974/75** campaign the Club returned to the Kent League, and in the **1978/79** season they had good runs in the Cup competitions, winning the Kent Senior Trophy and losing to Sheppey United in the final of the Kent League Cup. The nineties were the glory years which saw the Club become the most successful and consistent side in the Kent League, winning four Kent League titles.

The **1996/97** season was without equal in the history of Herne Bay and the Kent League. Within the space of four weeks the Club won the Kent Senior Trophy, The Kent League

Division 1 Cup and The Kent League Championship. A unique treble at the time!

A complete change of management and playing staff took place after the **1997/98** season, with manager Tommy Sampson leaving the Club to take over the reins at Deal Town taking the majority of the established first team players with him. Nick Denly (father of England cricketer Joe Denly) received an unprecedented three manager of the month awards in his first full season at the helm.

A major grant was awarded to provide new perimeter fencing and refurbishment of the changing facilities and these works were complete prior to the start of the **2003/04** season when the club celebrated 50 years at Winch's Field.

Jason Lillis took over the reins for the **2004/05** season which proved to be very successful as Bay finished runners up in both the League and League Cup. Both the **2005/06** and **2006/07** campaigns proved to be very disappointing with several senior players, and Lillis, leaving the Club during the **2007/08** season.

In came Barry Morgan and the Club turned to youth with the introduction of a number of very good young players into the squad who formed the basis of the first team for the **2008/09** season.

There was a 6th place finish. The Club introduced some influential experienced players and had high hopes for a successful **2009/10** campaign. After some strange team selections Morgan left in October **2009**, with assistant Simon Halsey taking over.

Bay went on to finish as runners-up in the league and won the Kent

League Premier Division League Cup. The following season there was another Kent League Premier Division League Cup win and Herne Bay missed out on the League title on goal difference in the last few minutes of the last match where an own goal at Tunbridge Wells gave Hythe Town the title.

In season **2011/12** Herne Bay swept all before them, narrowly missing out on a Wembley appearance in the FA Vase and capturing the Kent League Premier Division title and promotion to the Isthmian League. After struggling in the lower regions of Isthmian League Division One South for much of **2012/13** Halsey was relieved of his duties in April **2013**.

The **2013/14** season saw another new start for Herne Bay with Sam Denly (son of former manager Nick) taking up the managerial reins. Denly held the post for four seasons and used many local players who had come through the town's youth systems.

There were finishes of 18th, 9th 8th and 17th. Denly resigned at the end of the **2016/17** campaign and the majority of the squad moved on and the Club lost individuals who had over 2,500 appearances between them.

For **2017/18** Jermaine Darlington and John Embery were handed their first senior management roles, at Herne Bay, and had the basis of a young team which played exciting, flowing football that was well received but had a tendency to be inconsistent.

After a mid-table finish in their first season things became more difficult the next year when money problems led to the loss of some key players. After being in the relegation zone early in the campaign things were being turned around when Darlington and Embery quit with Bay safe and six games of the season remaining.

By this time, it was a struggle mon-

ey-wise and some of the older directors offered to stand aside if suitable replacements could be found. This opened the door for a consortium to come in led by rookie-Chairman Stuart Fitchie who was surrounded by fellow Directors who had many years' experience of running a football club.

He had appointed Ben Smith, who had led Canterbury City to mid-table finishes in the Kent League for the past four seasons, as manager. **2019/20** was terminated by Covid-19, with Bay in the final play-off position, and the following season was too ended by Covid, after just six league matches with Herne Bay in 10th place.

At the beginning of April 2022 Herne Bay were out of the play-off places but then a run of four victories and with fellow play-off contenders falling short Bay ended in third place and went on to win the play-offs and gain promotion to the Isthmian Premier.

13 league matches into the **2022/23** season, with the team one place off the bottom and five points from safety, after eight points from a possible 39, having chopped and changed the team, using 26 different players, and losing to the only team below, Ben Smith resigned. By the time that ex-Cray Valley PM manager Kevin Watson came in it was too late to stop the rot and Herne Bay's brief flirtation with the Isthmian Premier was over.

Chairman Stuart Fitchie announced he was standing down in March **2023** although it was later clarified by the Club that he had been asked to stand down. The Club is now gathering together a capable, dedicated, determined and honest group of people to start a resurgence. Steve Lovell was brought in as the new manager.

## HERNE BAY PLAYER PROFILES

### **HARRY BROOKS**

Goalkeeper who started his career at Ebbsfleet United playing for their Academy, Reserves and first-team. Has also been with Whitstable Town, Sittingbourne, Ramsgate, Sheppey United, Tunbridge Wells, Chatham Town, Hollands & Blair and played in Norway and Sweden. He played 8 times for Herne Bay in 2022/23 and re-signed in September 2023.

### **HARRY BROWN**

A defender who made 60 appearances for Herne Bay between 2013/14 and 2016/17 after joining from Dover Athletic. Amongst his clubs since then have been Whitstable Town, Ramsgate, Canterbury City and Hollands & Blair.

### **ARCHIE BURNETT**

Central midfielder who spent his early youth in the academies at Crystal Palace and Bromley. His first taste of first team experience came at Margate where he made his senior debut aged 17. Has also spent time with Tonbridge Angels, Bromley, Cray Wanderers, Leatherhead, Horsham and Chipstead.

### **DAN CARRINGTON**

Defender/midfielder who came out of the Ebbsfleet United Academy and made 150 appearances for Faversham Town. He signed for Herne Bay from Ramsgate in January 2020 and over the next three seasons made 42 appearances for Bay. Spent time last season with Faversham Town and Erith Town.

### **GIL CARVALHO**

Forward who began his career in the academy of Tonbridge Angels. He moved on to Sittingbourne, Corinthian-

an-Casuals, Ramsgate, East Grinstead Town and Haywards Heath Town over the next five seasons. Last campaign he played for Hastings United, Ashford United and Ramsgate.

### **BOLA DAWODU**

Utility midfielder who played for Bowers & Pitsea in the Isthmian Premier last campaign. He had previously played for Faversham Town, Whitstable Town, Sittingbourne and Canterbury City before joining Herne Bay in July 2019 and making 49 appearances over the next three seasons, two of them truncated by Covid.

### **LIAM FRIEND**

Defender who spent 10 years with Folkestone Invicta and made nearly 550 appearances for them. Has since been with Margate, Ramsgate, Ashford United and Chatham Town.

**SAM GERMAN** Defender in the third month of his loan from Bromley.

### **JACOB GILBERT**

Attacking midfielder who came through the Maidstone United youth setup and also turned out for Corinthian, Canterbury City and spent a little time on loan with Haywards Heath Town. He signed for Hythe Town in July 2021 and then moved to Chatham Town in September 2022.

### **TOM HANFREY**

Came through the Academy ranks at AFC Bournemouth. Has played for Concord Rangers, Tonbridge Angels, Cray Wanderers, FC Romania, Sheppey United, Sittingbourne and Enfield. Signed for Herne Bay in September 2023 from Carshalton Athletic.

## HERNE BAY PLAYER PROFILES

### **MO KAMARA**

Signed for Herne Bay in September 2023 after leaving Faversham Town. Has had two previous spells at Bay in 2017/18 and 2020/21. Other past clubs include Ashford United, Margate, Whitehawk, Whitstable Town, Potters Bar Town and Concord Rangers.

### **THEO OSINFOLARIN**

Wingback/winger. Among his former clubs are Welling United, Greenwich Borough and Ashford United. In 2021/22 he spent time at Brightlingsea Regent and Cheshunt. He signed for Ramsgate in August 2022 and turned out 30 times for them.

### **HARRISON PONT**

Defender who played youth football for Gillingham. Has also played for Hollands & Blair, Margate, Sittingbourne, Canterbury City and Phoenix Sports.

### **JACK RICHARDS**

Midfielder who rose through the ranks at Maidstone's before his debut at The Gallagher as a first-year academy player in 2015. He joined Margate in July 2019 where he made 50 appearances over the next three seasons. Ashford United in February 2022 and then moved onto Ramsgate in May 2022. Also had loan spells at East Grinstead, Sevenoaks, Welling and Chatham.

### **KANE ROWLAND**

Striker who started with Margate and Whitstable Town. Has been a prolific goalscorer for both Sittingbourne and Ramsgate.

### **MICHAEL SALAKO**

Striker who joined Herne Bay in Sep-

tember 2023 from Maldon & Tiptree. Previous clubs include Brightlingsea Regent, Basildon United, Hullbridge Sports, Corinthian-Casuals, Tooting & Mitcham United, Walton & Hersham and Bowers & Pitsea.

### **FRANKIE SMITH**

Smith was at Kent County League Kings Hill in 2021/22 winning the Kent Intermediate Challenge Shield. In the summer of 2022 he joined Hythe Town and then moved on to Hollands & Blair in September 2022. He was also in the SCL Youth Development League Southern Premier League for Soccer Elite FA U19 SEFA Blue.

### **DANNY WALDER**

Midfielder who already has 164 appearances for Herne Bay under his belt made between 2013/14 and 2016/17 when he scored 33 goals (24 of them penalties). Prior to this he had spells at Ramsgate, Gillingham and Dover Athletic before joining Tonbridge Angels and since has played for Ashford Town, Hythe Town, Whitstable Town and Hollands & Blair.

### **FINN WHITTON**

Defender who played at Youth level with Chatham Town and Maidstone United. Joined Sittingbourne for 2022/23 and also played for Lordswood U23s.

### **SAM WRIGHT**

Striker who signed from Hollands & Blair in September 2023. Previously with Sheppey United.

### **KAYAN HASSAN**

Joined on dual-registration from Dartford Academy in September.

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# MAN OF THE MATCH



## West Kent SPORT & WELLBEING

## WEST KENT M-O-T-M AWARD

Perhaps understandably, Dan Colmer was unable to raise a smile when he collected the West Kent Sport man-of-the-match award following our stoppage time defeat to Cray Valley PM on New Year's Day





# 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

	DATE	V OPPONENT	COMP	RES	ATT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub 1	Sub 2	Sub 3
AUG	Sat 5	A Lingfield	FAC	3-1	105	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	Mensah	Bray	JHM	Shomotun	Cadogan	Liburd	Bennett 2	Baugh	Carr 1 >	Francis	Aghatise
	Sat 12	H Ramsgate	ISE	4-2	257	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	Warren	Bray	JHM	Shomotun	Cadogan	Francis	Mensah 1	Baugh 1	De Silva	Carr 1	
	Tue 15	A Sittingbourne	VST	3-3*	89	Tangara	Aghatise	De Silva	Thompson	JHM	Holder	Shomotun	JDT	Addai	Bennett	Baugh 1	Cadogan	Mensah	Okello 2
	Sat 19	H Colliers Wood U	FAC	3-0	136	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	Warren	Bray	JHM	Shomotun	Mensah 1	Bennett	Cadogan	Baugh	Francis 1	De Silva	Okello
AUG	Tue 22	A Ashford United	ISE	1-2	131	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	Warren	Bray	JHM	Shomotun	Mensah 1	Barrett	Cadogan	Baugh	Francis	Addai ■	De Silva
	Mon 28	H East Grinstead T	ISE	4-1	141	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	Warren	Bray	JHM	Shomotun	Mensah	Francis 2	Cadogan	Baugh 1	Thompson	Bennett 1	De Silva
	Sat 2	H Whitehawk	FAC	0-0	304	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	Thompson	Bray	JHM	Shomotun	Mensah	Cadogan	Francis	De Silva	Baugh	JDT	Carr
	Tue 6	A Whitehawk	FAC	1-2	251	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	Thompson	Bray	JHM	Shomotun	Cadogan	Francis	Mensah	Baugh 1	Carr	JDT	De Silva
SEPT	Sat 9	A Uxbridge	FAT	2-1	121	Tangara	Aboagyie	De Silva	Thompson	Bray 1	JHM	Shomotun	JDT	Francis	Mensah	Baugh	Cadogan	Carr 1	Bennett
	Sat 24	A Ramsgate	FAT	1-3	404	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	Warren	Bray	Thompson	Bennett	JDT	Carr	Mensah	Francis	Liburd	Shomotun	Cadogan 1
	Wed 27	H Herne Bay	KSC	3-0	85	Tangara	Mensah	KMN	Warren	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Thompson	Francis 1	Bennett 1	Cadogan	Walters	JDT	Francis
	Sat 30	H Sittingbourne	ISE	2-2	137	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	Warren	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Mensah	Carr	Bennett	Cadogan	Liburd	JDT	Francis
OCT	Sat 7	A Lancing	ISE	2-1	234	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	Mensah	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Bennett	Carr 1	Warren 1	Cadogan 1	JDT	Liburd	Thompson
	Tue 10	A Hythe Town	ISE	0-4	170	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	Thompson	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Cadogan	Liburd	Mensah	Carr	JDT	Walters	Bennett
	Sat 14	H Horndean	ISE	3-2	131	Tangara	Mensah	KMN	JDT	Thompson	Holder	Shomotun	Bennett 1	Carr 1	Warren 1	Walters	Osbourne	Liburd	Cadogan
	Tue 24	A Burgess Hill Town	ISE	0-1	294	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	JDT	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Mensah	Carr	DMG	Cadogan	Liburd	Bennett	Osbourne
NOV	Sat 28	H Chichester City	ISE	1-0	107	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	Thompson	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	JDT	Liburd 1	Mensah	Cadogan	JHM	Carr	Osbourne
	Tue 7	A Erith & Belvedere	ISE	1-0	80	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	Thompson	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Bennett 1	Liburd	Cadogan	Warren	Mensah	Carr	DMG
	Sat 11	H Sheppey United	ISE	0-1	247	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	JDT	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	DMG	Liburd	Warren	Bennett	Cadogan	De Silva	Carr
	Sat 18	H Merstham	ISE	2-2	201	Tangara	Aboagyie	KMN	JDT	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	DMG	Liburd 1	Warren	Bennett	Thompson	Cadogan	
NOV	Sat 25	A Littlehampton	ISE	5-1	190	Colmer	Aboagyie	Mensah	JDT	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Warren	Liburd 2	DMG 1	Bennett 1	Cadogan	Osbourne	Thompson
	Wed 29	H Welling United	KSC	7-1	136	Colmer	Aboagyie	Mensah	Thompson	JHM	Holder	Shomotun	Cadogan	Carr 3	JDT 1	Osbourne	KMN	DMG	Bennett
	Sat 2	H Three Bridges	ISE	2-2	129	Colmer	Aboagyie	KMN	JDT	Bray	Holder 1	Shomotun	Warren	Liburd	DMG	Cadogan 1	Mensah	Bennett	
	Sat 9	A Phoenix Sports	ISE	2-3	89	Colmer	Aboagyie	KMN	JDT	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Warren 1	Liburd 1	DMG	Cadogan	Cadogan	Carr 1	
DEC	Sat 16	H Burgess Hill Town	ISE	3-3	102	Colmer	Aboagyie	KMN	Mensah	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Warren	Cadogan	DMG	Bennett 1	Carr 1	Liburd 1	Osbourne
	Tue 26	A East Grinstead	ISE	3-0	161	Colmer	Aboagyie	KMN	Mensah	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Warren	Carr 2	DMG	Bennett 1	Osbourne	Liburd	Thompson
	Sat 30	A Ramsgate	ISE	0-1	1042	Colmer	Aboagyie	KMN	Mensah	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Warren	Liburd	DMG	Bennett	APJ	Cadogan	Osbourne
	Mon 1	H Cray Valley PM	ISE	0-1	176	Colmer	Aboagyie	Mensah	Warren	Bray	JHM	Shomotun	Cadogan	DMG	Bennett	Osbourne	KMN	Liburd	APJ
JAN	Sat 6	H Herne Bay	ISE																
	Sat 13	A Beckenham	ISE																
	Tue 16	A Broadbridge Hth	ISE																
	Sat 20	A Sittingbourne	ISE																
FEB	Sat 27	H Hythe Town	ISE																
	Tue 30	A Dartford	KSC																
	Sat 3	A Horndean	ISE																
	Sat 10	H Lancing	ISE																
MAR	Sat 17	H Erith & Belvedere	ISE																
	Sat 24	A Chichester City	ISE																
	Sat 2	H Broadbridge Hth	ISE																
	Sat 9	A Sheppey United	ISE																
APR	Sat 16	H Beckenham	ISE																
	Sat 23	A Herne Bay	ISE																
	Sat 30	H Ashford United	ISE																
	Mon 1	A Cray Valley PM	ISE																
APR	Sat 6	A Merstham	ISE																
	Sat 13	H Littlehampton	ISE																
	Sat 20	A Three Bridges	ISE																
	Sat 27	H Phoenix Sports	ISE																



# LATEST RESULTS



## SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2023

<b>Ashford United</b> Parish 9, 15, Ovenden 13, Bola 29	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Erith &amp; Belvedere</b> Lewis 56	<b>406</b>
<b>Beckenham Town</b> Townsend 81	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Littlehampton Town</b> Short 8, Bobomurodov 29, Starkey 73, 85, 89, Dolaghan 90	<b>285</b>
<b>Burgess Hill Town</b> Powell 45, Overy 59	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Herne Bay</b> Osinfolarin 60	<b>468</b>
<b>Chichester City</b> Bello 73	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Phoenix Sports</b> Brodie 65, King 82, Hayes 90	<b>257</b>
<b>Cray Valley PM</b> Williams 21, 51	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Sittingbourne</b> May 38, Illic 55	<b>240</b>
<b>Merstham</b> Collins 55	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Lancing</b> Briggs 74, Laing 80	<b>261</b>
<b>Ramsgate</b> Jadama 89	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Sevenoaks Town</b>	<b>1,042</b>
<b>Sheppey United</b> Taylor 81	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Broadbridge Heath</b>	<b>367</b>

## MONDAY JANUARY 1ST 2024

<b>Erith &amp; Belvedere</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>East Grinstead Town</b> Dos Santos 18, Lawson 37, Martin 40, Onabanjo 79	<b>107</b>
<b>Herne Bay</b> Salako 16, Rowland 83	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Ashford United</b> Brand 30, Bola 45	<b>534</b>
<b>Hythe Town</b> Allan 16, Embery 45	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Sheppey United</b> Bradshaw 51, Morgan 65	<b>361</b>
<b>Lancing</b> Scott 9, Briggs 51, Heath 72, Jenks 82	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Horneadean</b> Scutt 4	<b>276</b>
<b>Littlehampton Town</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Chichester City</b> Prichard 6, 50, 84	<b>261</b>
<b>Phoenix Sports</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Beckenham Town</b>	
<b>Sevenoaks Town</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Cray Valley PM</b> Waldren 90	<b>176</b>
<b>Sittingbourne</b> Stone 5 og, Hope 83	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Ramsgate</b> Green 45, Jadama 65, Taylor 83	<b>509</b>
<b>Three Bridges</b> Jalloh 7 pen, Irving 83	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Burgess Hill Town</b> Box 77 pen, Perry 82, Budd 90	<b>232</b>

# NEW YEAR'S DAY ROUND-UP

After their last-minute win against the Oaks on Saturday, leaders **Ramsgate** won a five goal thriller at **Sittingbourne**, to remain nine points clear of Cray Valley.

An own goal put the hosts ahead on five minutes, and they held that lead until just before the break, Jordan Green sending the Rams in level. With twenty five minutes to go, TJ Jadama scored his eleventh of the season to put the Rams ahead for the first time, and five minutes later the Brickies went down to ten men, Chris Harris seeing red.

Ten minutes from time Joe Taylor scored his one hundredth Rams goal, and his thirty first of this particular campaign, but the ten men quickly hit back through Harry Hope to set up a grandstand finish.

**Three Bridges** are third, but they suffered a second successive three-two defeat, this one against Sussex rivals **Burgess Hill Town**.

Ibrahim Jalloh's seventh minute penalty put Bridges ahead, and they held that lead until thirteen minutes from time, when Martyn Box made it 1-1 from the spot. Five minutes later Dan Perry got his tenth of the season to put Hill ahead against his old club. Billy Irving made it 2-2 but right at the end, Darren Budd gave the visitors a second win in a row.

**Hythe Town** took a 2-0 lead against **Sheppey United** following goals from Lex Allen and Jake Embery. The visiting Ites weren't about to give up without a fight, however, and Dan Bradshaw quickly halved the arrears. On sixty five minutes they levelled, Frankie Del Morgan with the equaliser, and neither side could find a winner. The Ites stay fifth and Hythe are six points behind them- albeit

with five games in hand.

**Lancing** have been in superb form of late, and it continued against **Horneadean**, despite an early shock. Tommy Scutt put the Deans ahead after just four minutes, but the Lancers were level on nine minutes through Knory Scott, and after the break took complete control.

Andrew Briggs put them ahead, Harry Heath made it three-one with eighteen minutes to go, and eight minutes from time the match was as good as over, Eliot Steven Jenks making it four.

**Chichester City** travelled to **Littlehampton Town** for a local derby, and came home with three goals and three points. Ethan Pritchard also came home with the match ball, scoring after six, fifty and eighty four minutes to give his side a third win from four matches and move them up to ninth.

**Herne Bay** and **Ashford United** shared four goals at the MBS Stadium. Bay, with only one win from five prior to this match, went ahead on sixteen minutes, Michael Salako with his fourteenth of the campaign. Harvey Brand and Vance Bola put Ashford in front but Kane Rowland, who got the equaliser for Bay with seven minutes remaining.

**East Grinstead** ended a run of three straight defeats by thumping Erith and Belvedere. Jerson Dos Santos, Camron Lawson, Kiye Martin and Olu Onabanjo scoring in a four-nil win.

**Phoenix Sports v Beckenham Town** was abandoned following an injury to Harry Gamble. Get well soon Harry.

Tuesday's match between **Broadbridge Heath** and **Merstham** was postponed due to heavy rain.

## PITCHING IN DIVISION 1 SOUTH EAST TABLE

Ramsgate	17	15	1	1	50	12	+38	46
Cray Valley PM	15	11	4	0	42	14	+28	37
Three Bridges	18	10	4	4	53	36	+17	34
Sittingbourne	18	9	6	3	38	19	+19	33
Sheppey United	20	9	6	5	43	28	+15	33
Lancing	17	10	1	6	32	27	+5	31
<b>Sevenoaks Town</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>28</b>
Hythe Town	15	8	3	4	29	18	+11	27
Chichester City	17	8	3	6	29	19	+10	27
Ashford United	17	8	2	7	28	33	-5	26
<b>Herne Bay</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>25</b>
Burgess Hill Town	18	5	8	5	28	28	0	23
East Grinstead T	16	6	1	9	26	33	-7	19
Phoenix Sports	20	5	3	12	28	57	-29	18
Horndean	16	4	3	9	23	36	-13	15
Merstham	17	4	3	10	25	41	-16	15
Littlehampton T	18	4	3	11	24	47	-23	15
Erith & Belvedere	18	3	3	12	10	44	-34	12
Broadbridge Hth	16	2	5	9	20	28	-8	11
Beckenham To	16	2	2	12	21	39	-18	8

Table correct as of Tuesday January 2nd

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

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

## TOP 10 LEADING SCORERS

**1 Joe Taylor** Ramsgate **20**  
**2 Noel Leighton** Three Bridges **15**  
**3 Ibrahim Jalloh** Three Bridges **13**  
**4 Michael Salako** Herne Bay **12**  
**5 Kyrell Lisbie** Cray Valley PM **11**  
**6 Kevin Rivera** Three Bridges **9**  
**6 Zackary Willett** Horndean **9**  
**8 Daniel Bradshaw** Sheppey United **8**  
**8 Dan Perry** Burgess Hill Town **8**  
**8 Alexander Willis** Sheppey United **8**  
 Info via Football Web Pages

## OAKS ON THE RECORD



### When and Where

**Date:** Saturday December 23 2023:

The OHOB Community Stadium:

Pitching in Isthmian League South East:

**Result:** Wasps 0 Oaks 3

**Weather:** Dry and Chilly

**Attendance:** 161

### Line-Up:

Daniel Colmer, Jerald Aboagye, Karn-Miller-Neave (Tyrese Osbourne 67 mins), Emmanuel Mensah, Rian Bray, Corey Holder, Fumnaya Shomotun, Matthew Attenborough-Warren, (Ricardo Thompson 81 mins), Dan Carr, Dominic Morgan Griffiths, Dan Bennett

**Referee:** Marcyn Indyk (Kent)

### Yellow Cards:

Dan Bennett (34 mins)  
 Jerald Aboagye (72 mins)

**Oaks Review:** A goal up inside 20 seconds proved the perfect start as Oaks completed a season league double over mid-table East Grinstead.

Dan Bennett notched his eighth goal of the season in a quickfire start, from top scorer Dan Carr's assist before his double took him to 12 for the season, confirming a fourth away victory. Grinstead missed a chance to level, Matt Daniel shooting inches wide after Terrique Hall Anderson set-up the chance. Carr doubled Oaks lead soon after the half hour, finishing with a powerful left-footed bottom corner finish - celebrating with a double somersault. Connor Tighe almost pulled one back for the Wasps, close to half-time, only to be denied by an impressive goal line clearance.

### H-T: 2-0

Grinstead created two more good

chances following the restart, first from Kiye Martins free-kick and then Tighe's 40-yard effort went wide.

Carr made it 3-0 after 64 minutes finishing from an acute angle, before being denied his second hat-trick of the season a minute later by a fine save from home stalwart Pop Matte Pierson's fine save. Hall-Anderson skimmed Dan Colmer's bar with 15 minutes left - the young keeper on his way to completing his first clean-sheet since returning to the club for a third spell in late November.

**F-T: 3-0**

### Reaction: Dan Carr

"We got off to a great start with Dan Bennett putting us in front, the move started with a ball from the centre halves, I got the flick on and Benno finished well.

"The second one saw me pick up the ball on the half-turn, saw the space in front of me so drove in to it, went past the first defender saw the goal open up, for a clean contact, and luckily it went in.

The third goal came from a good ball from Rian Bray to be fair, I managed to stay on-side and as I have gone to turn, the keeper has come out quick and so early I couldn't take it on the volley, and had to knock it round him.

"The angle was quite tight, but I looked first post and it went in.

"It was a great result, the lads played very well, so positive all round."

On his goals in the season so far - with injuries and suspension.

"Getting 12 going into the New Year is not a bad return, obviously you want more, but considering I haven't played as much as I would like to, it's not a bad return.

"Personally I am I not someone who sets targets, I just go into every game looking to score - every match is a target."



# OAKS ON THE RECORD



## When and Where

**Date:** Saturday December 30, 2023:

WW Martin Community Stadium:

Pitching in Isthmian League South East:

**Result:** Rams 1 Oaks 0

**Weather:** Windy and Wet

**Attendance:** 1042

## Line-Up:

Daniel Colmer, Jerald Aboagye, Karn-Miller-Neave Emmanuel Mensah, Rian Bray, Corey Holder, (Aiden Payne-James 62 mins) Fumnaya Shomotun (Tyrese Osbourne 90 mins), Matthew Attenborough-Warren, Rowan Liburd, Dominic Morgan Griffiths, Dan Bennett (Kieron Cadogan 76 mins).

**Referee:** Michael Butcher (Kent)

## Oaks Review:

A tough one to take for Oaks as TJ Jidama's 89th minute winner settled the contest.

It wrecked Oaks' chances of becoming the first side to take a home point off the leaders and title favourites - still the only team to beat them this season following the 4-2 opening day win in August.

Oaks lost in-form striker Dan Carr in the warm-up with a tight quad - but they shrugged off that setback producing a solid defensive performance to frustrate Rams on a wet and windy afternoon in Thanet.

A hamstring injury saw skipper Corey Holder carried off just after the hour - he and Rian Bray keeping league top scorer Joe Taylor quiet - one short of 100 goals for the hosts.

Oaks won two early corners - Karn Miller-Neave fired over the bar before Rams started to pose questions.

Dan Colmer pushed away a free-kick before Craig Stone fired over.

Skipper Michael West missed out soon afterwards, Ben Bioletti fired straight at

Colmer, then struck the angle of bar and post from distance.

The Oaks keeper then tipped over another effort from Manny Elito, Bioletti put another chance over the bar, busy Colmer saving another Elito effort from 30 yards in the last action of the first half.

**HT: 0-0 46:10**

Oaks had their moments in the second half, Manny Mensah picking out Dan Bennett to head straight at home keeper Tom Hadler. However the key moment came after 65 minutes. Fumnaya Shomotun threatened-down the right - his run inside ending with a low shot against the post which Rams cleared.

Dominic Morgan Griffiths and substitute Kieron Cadogan both went close.

Jerald Aboagye produced a great late block and Oaks looked set to earn a deserved point as the clock ticked close to stoppage-time Rams broke down the right - Taylor played in Elito whose cross was tucked in by Jidama.

It was a head in hands moment for several of the Oaks players who deserved more for their huge effort.

New signing - Woking Academy midfielder -Aiden Payne-James was introduced as a second half substitute in the second half for his debut.

**FT: 0-1 99:00**

## Reaction: Adam Flemming

"Being brutally honest we didn't create too much first half - we were camped in for most of it, but in the second we got to grips and the game opened up a bit. Ramsgate had a few chances in the first half, but i felt we were very good defensively, with a lot of shots and crosses blocked. In the end it all boiled down to one chance we missed and then TJ Jadama scores in the last minute of normal time.

Fum has cut in and hit the post, Dan Bennett had a stretch at it, Rowan Liburd's shot was blocked, unfortunately it wasn't taken, and what we didn't want was that one chance to define the game, and it was.

"We defended valiantly from minute one to 99, and they scored from the one cross which made the box, which we didn't get first contact on. - and I think Dan Colmer got a save on it.

# OAKS ON THE RECORD



## Where and When:

Monday January 1 2024:

Bourne Stadium

**Pitching in Isthmian League South East:**

**Result:** Oaks 0 Cray Valley 1

**Weather:** Windy and Wet

**Attendance:** 176

## Line-Up:

Dan Colmer, Jerald Aboagye, Emmanuel's Mensah (Aiden Payne-James 90 mins), Matthew A Warren, Rian Bray, Jahmal Howlett-Mundle, Fumnaya Shomotun, Dan Bennett, Kieron Cadogan, Dominic Morgan Griffiths, (Karn Miller-Neave 78 mins), Tyrese Osbourne (Rowan Liburd 83 mins).

**Referee:** Joel Lamping (Sussex)

**Yellow Cards:** Jahmal Howlett-Mundle (39 mins), Rian Bray (72 mins), Matthew A Warren (90 mins)

## Oaks Review:

An injury time winner condemned Oaks to a second unlucky defeat in three days at Bourne Stadium on Monday.

Oaks produced another battling display only to lose to Danny Waldren's 95th minute decider.

It was tough luck on the hosts and young keeper Dan Colmer in particular, after a second successive solid display which earned him the sponsors Man of the Match award.

Even after going behind, Oaks went close twice before the end, Rian Bray's header was saved, while stand-in skipper Matthew Attenborough-Warren flashed a shot wide of the far post with almost the last kick of the game.

He led the side in place of Corey Holder who faces a lengthy absence after suffering a hamstring injury at Ramsgate. Oaks had their moments in the first half - Warren and Fumnaya Shomotun testing visiting keeper Max Ovenden, before

another chance just before the half hour. Bray headed Keiron Cadogan's corner back across goal, defender Jerald Aboagye got a touch, only for opposite number Barney Williams to block the effort close to the line. Colmer caught the eye in the second with his safe handling, punching another effort clear - before blocking another from substitute Denzil Gayle with his legs as Cray threatened again.

He made another important save six minutes from time as Oaks looked set to dent Cray's 100% record on the road, before those hopes were cruelly dashed.

Gayle's cross picked out Waldren who headed home, sparking huge celebrations on the visitors bench.

## Reaction: Adam Flemming

"The boys were deflated at the end.

"Unfortunately football treats you horribly at times, and it's all about going back to the drawing board, getting the boys spirits back up, and make them believe there were so many positive things to about of both games against Ramsgate and Cray Valley, if you marry them together - we deserved a point on Monday 110%

"We were better with the ball than we were at Ramsgate, but just didn't have the final piece of the puzzle.

"I genuinely thought it was a 0-0, very frustrating to lose like that - we can't dwell on it, but we have got to find the root of the problem having conceded so late in both games.

"We created more chances in the first half, but played so much better in the second, but our attacks finished on the edge of the box, while theirs finished inside the box."

**On MOM Dan Colmer:** "Dan has really stepped up to the plate, he felt he should have done better with the goal at Ramsgate, but today I don't think he put a foot wrong.

"I think he is going to get better and better. Long may his confidence grow, and his performances continue to step up.

"Dan's kicking has been very impressive.

"He played against us last season for Corinthian and everything he kicked dropped in our box, and it's a real weapon.

"He is still young, will value this experience, and we value him as a team-mate."



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# GREATNESS GRANT ...

Sevenoaks Town Football Club and Sevenoaks Town Council are delighted that their partnership bid to the meeting of Sevenoaks District Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund last month for £787,500 towards the new proposed Football & Community Pavilion was successful.

As part of the funding application Sevenoaks Town Council committed a further £87,500 match funding, which now brings the total project funding to £1 million pounds.

This is a major boost towards Sevenoaks Town Football Club's plans to redevelop Greatness Park facility both for the football club and the local community.

The project is to build a new football and community pavilion close to the current 3G pitch.

The current brick pavilion adjacent to the grass pitches will be released for future community use.

***"This is fantastic news and provides a real step forward in our aim to build a new clubhouse which will benefit the entire football community."***

The land and buildings are owned by Sevenoaks Town Council and provided to Sevenoaks Town Football Club on a peppercorn lease who manage the facilities.

Sevenoaks Town Football Club Chairman Paul Lansdale said: "This is fantastic news and provides a real step forward in our aim to build a new clubhouse which will benefit the entire football community at Sevenoaks Town FC with the provision of new changing rooms, kitchen and refreshment areas, other facilities and a new 300-seater

main stand. It will also bring economic, social, and environmental benefits to our wider local community.

The award is the culmination of a two-stage vetting process which received high praise from the CIL board saying our plans 'provide significant public benefit, represent good value for money and demonstrate appropriate use of our funds'."

Paul added: "A special word of thanks goes to the following: Sevenoaks Town Council, Offset Architects, Sustainable Schools Project and the CIL board for supporting our plans. We would also like to thank the following for providing letters of support: the Kent FA, Football Foundation, Head in The Game (Mental Health) and Sevenoaks Samaritans."

Cllr Claire Shea, Mayor of Sevenoaks said: The new pavilion at Greatness Park has been a long-term ambition of Sevenoaks Town Council within the Sevenoaks Sports Strategy and the recently successful endorsed Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Town Council is delighted that this partnership CIL Bid with the Football Club was successful and will take the project on to the next level working together to secure the final funding needed. The Town Council have been consulting on and reviewing potential improvements for Greatness Recreation Ground in the future, and this project will be a key element of this.

The project also seeks to be environmentally friendly through the design which will incorporate a green roof and living wall.

The CIL report added: "There is no doubt the project will have a positive impact within the local community. A public consultation last summer resulted in 98% of respondents supporting the proposals. It will cope with the population growth that is planned for the area, with a particular focus on underrepresented groups and those in need."

# ... THE FULL STORY



*An artist's impression of plans for the new stand at Greatness Park*



# SEVENOAKS TOWN FC 2023-24



# Sevenoaks Town

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



# Herne Bay

Manager: Steve Lovell  
Colours: All yellow

Daniel Colmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harry Brooks
Jerald Aboagye	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sam German
Karn-Miller Neave	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frankie Smith
Emmanuel Mensah	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harrison Pont
Rian Bray	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Liam Friend
Jahmal Howlett-Mundle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mo Kamara
Fumnaya Shomotun	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kane Rowland
Kieran Cadogan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Salako
Rowan Liburd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danny Walder
Dan Bennett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theo Osinfolarin
Jaiden Drake-Thomas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacon Gilbert
Aiden Paine-James	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finlay Whitton
Dominic Morgan Griffiths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sam Wright
Andrew Norburn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Archie Burnett
Tyrese Osbourne	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harry Brown
Jack Sammoutis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bola Dawodu
Josh Ayayi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dan Carrington
Matt Warren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gil Varvalho
Ricardo Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Richards
Corey Holder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tom Hanfrey

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Match Officials:

Referee: Zak Demetriades

Assistants: Andrew Stanford and Darren Kempson

Next home match:

Pitching In Isthmian South East

Sevenoaks Town v Hythe Town

Saturday 27th January, kick-off 3pm