# **Sevenoaks Town** v Lancing



### The Official Match Programme

Pitching In Isthmian South East Division, Saturday February 10th, 2024, kick-off 3pm













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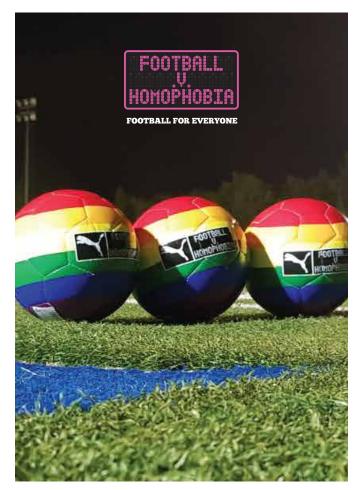


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### THE MANAGER: MARK DACEY



Hello again everyone. We're back at home today after a string of away games and it's good to be playing football on a good surface at Greatness Park once again.

I am very aware of and take full accountability for the poor run of form. that we've been on.

It's something both I the staff and players are doing everything we can to put right.

We've had some great performances, we've had some very disappointing moments but regardless, as a collective we are learning.

A positive note is seeing another player move on to higher levels. Fumnaya Shomotun left us for National League South Dartford late last week and we are delighted that he impressed them so much playing against them in the Kent Senior Cup at Princes Park last week that they decided to give him the chance to go back to the level where he belongs.

He made his debut for the Darts at Farnborough on Saturday and featured prominently in the reports of the game.

### "Today we welcome Lancing to the Bourne Stadium for what is due to be a great tactical battle of total football."

Today we welcome Lancing to the Bourne Stadium for what is due to be a great tactical battle of total football.

They play great stuff, clear and decisive patterns and are in a very rich vein of form arriving in fourth place in the table.

They have nothing but respect from me in the way they handle their business.

The game is set up to be a spectacle, one of excitement. Will today be the day our horrid

run ends?

I hope so. Enjoy the game, **Mark** 



Good afternoon everyone – welcome back to the Bourne Stadium for this afternoon's Pitching In Isthmian League Sourh East fixture against Lancing.

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

Lancing have had an impressive season to date and have been on a great run recently, apart from the home defeat against Herne Bay last week, arrive here in fourth place in the table and on course for the play-offs.

It's the sixth meeting between the clubs -and we won 2-1 there back in October.

As for ourselves we are still looking for our first win of 2024. An excellent performance in defeat at Dartford in the Kent

THE CHAIRMAN: PAUL LANSDALE

Senior Cup was followed by two disappointing losses at Horndean and Sittingbourne. This match is one of three fixtures that we have dedicated to the Football v Homophobia month of action.

### "Football v Homophobia is an international initiative that exists to challenge discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender, identity and expression at all levels of football."

The others are next week's home game against Erith and Belvedere and the Women's First Team against Parkwood Rangers on Sunday February 25.

FvH is an international initiative that exists to challenge discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender, identity and expression at all levels of football.

We have another away midweek fixture on Tuesday when we make our first visit to Broadbridge Heath - postponed several times already because of the weather.

Thank you for your support today and wish you all a safe journey home after the match, **Paul** 

### THE OPPOSITION: LANCING FC

The club was established in **1941**, initially as a multi-sport club under the name Lancing Athletic.

They joined the Brighton, Hove & District League in **1946** and went on to win the Division One and League Cup double in their first season.

The club applied to join the Sussex County League, but were rejected. However, after retaining the Brighton, Hove & District League title in **1947–48**, the club were then admitted to the Sussex County League, at which point they became a separate organisation to the remainder of the sports club. They were Sussex County League runners-up in **1949–50**, only missing out on the title on goal average. When the league gained a second division in 1952 the club became members of Division One, but were relegated to Division Two after finishing bottom of the table in **1956–57**.

In 1957 the club dropped Athletic from their name. They were Division Two champions at the first attempt, earning promotion back to Division One. The club won the League Cup in 1964-65, beating Chichester City 2–0 in the final, and went on to win the Sussex RUR Cup the following season with a 3-0 win over Rye United. However, they were relegated again at the end of the **1967–68.** Although the club won the Division Two title in 1969-70 and were promoted back to Division One, two seasons later they were releaated back to Division Two after finishina bottom of Division One. The club won the Division Two Cup in 1981-82.

Lancing remained in Division Two until a second-place finish in **1982–83** saw them promoted to Division One. They were relegated again at the end of the **1989–90** season and spent the next ten seasons in Division Two, winning the Division Two Cup again in **1992–93**, before earning promotion with a third-place finish in **1999–2000.** However, the club were relegated back to Division Two at the end of the following season. In **2010–11** they were Division Two runners-up, earning promotion to Division One. In **2015** the league was renamed the Southern Combination, with Division One becoming the Premier Division.

In the **2017/18** season, first team manager Jon Sharman, assisted by Nigel Geary & Malcolm Saunders, led the Lancers to 10th place in the Southern Combination Premier League. At the end of the season, Chairman, Jon Rea, resigned from his role, in addition to Jon Sharman and Nigel Geary.

For the 2018/19 season, Steve Taylor was elected Chairman to replace the departing Jon Reg, and was joined by Daniel Fuller-Smith as Secretary, whilst Barry Sutton was promoted to the role of Vice-Chairman. With 4 new teams - Ladies, two Under-18 sauads and a Veterans side – joining the existing First Team and Under-23s, the club gained FA Charter Standard Community status in February 2019. Unfortunately Ash Bailey was forced to retire from his post as First Team manager in September for family commitments, and was replaced by Mark Pulling who enabled the team to finish 13th in the SCFL Premier Division table.

During the season, the club launched a new mental health initiative, named the 'You're Not In This Alone' campaign, through offering free entry to supporters with mental health issues, raising over £400 for Mind Lancing, supporting the Time to Talk Day in February 2019, and raising over £1,000 for CALM - The Campaign Against Living Miserably. In addition, Lancing supported the Fairtrade Foundation through the purchasing of Fairtrade certified footballs for the new Ladies squad. The club came runners-up in the Active Sussex 'Club of the Year' category in November 2018, where a presentation was held at The Grand Hotel, Briahton.

On 16th February 2019, the club was saddened to hear about the passing of long-serving committee member, Michael Clark, who managed the 100 Club, manned the turnstile and supported the club in the later years of his life.

In the **2019/20** season, the club introduced a new Disability team, and appointed a new First Team management team, consisting of Naim Rouane, David Altendorff and Kane Louis for the season. The first team had an excellent season, the best in the club's history, however the season was brought to a premature end following the COVID-19 outbreak. The Lancers were top of the league looking to be promoted, but with the season voided by the FA, were left to compete in the SCFL for another season.

Ahead of the **2020/21** season, Kane Louis and James Rhodes were appointed Joint Managers of the first team following the departure Rouane's & Altendorff. James and Kane kept the existing backroom staff of Matt Evans, Mark Stuart, Lloyd Osland and Georgina Hill.

Following a second curtailed season due to COVID-19, thanks to FA restructuring, Lancing were promoted to the Pitching In Isthmian League – South East Division, finishing top on PPG in the SCFL Premier Division over the course of two seasons.

This movement from Step 5 to Step 4 in the English football pyramid marked a

huge achievement for the club, in what was appropriately also their 80th anniversary. The Lancers successfully survived their first Isthmian season, following a play-off victory against Newhaven in May 2022. Managers Alex Walsh and Dale Hurley left mid way through the following season to join rivals Haywards Heath and former Brighton and Orient midfielder Dean Cox was swiftly appointed, guiding the Lancers to 13th.

Dean himself left for Burgess Hill before the **23/24** season and Lancing appointed former first team coach Dave Altendorff as his replacement. There was also a change behind the scenes as chairman Steve Taylor was replaced by Barry Sutton, stepping up from his Vice Chairman role.

This season also saw Lancing represented on the international stage as player Knory Scott was called up to the Bermuda squad making him the first Lancing player to win a full international cap while at the club.



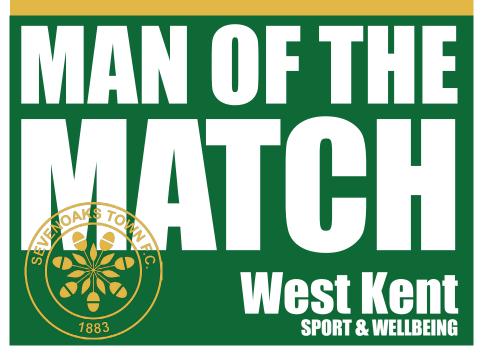
We'll take any excuse to show this classic Gothic image of Lancing's stand again ...

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### FOOTBALL V HOMOPHOBIA

FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE

LGBTIQ+ representation and visibility in football has never been greater – and with that comes an even greater responsibility to tackle discrimination.

That is the message being sent out by Football v Homophobia, marking its 15th annual Month of Action in February 2024.

In what is also LGBT+ History Month in the UK, organisations and individuals are being asked to activate the initiative across their football spaces, such as on the pitch, in the stands, in training sessions, and on social media.

Back in 2010, FvH was launched by The Justin Campaign, named after Justin Fashanu, the first professional player to be publicly out as gay. The call to action in February is linked to his birthday on the 19th.

Later extended to a week, and then the whole month, clubs and leagues are encouraged to get involved by showing support on a selected matchday.

Over the years, FvH has held

ational conferences, run tournaments, delivered education and training, produced resources, surveys and podcasts, partnered on projects, and more.

High-profile figures have lent their voices to the campaign, such as Manchester City legend Vincent Kompany, star of stage and screen Sir Ian McKellen, and Thomas Hitzlsperger – the only footballer to have played in the Premier League and come out publicly.

Among the positive developments seen in that time are the rise of the women's game and its many role models; the growth of the LGBTQ+ fan groups movement; the beginnings of out gay and bi representation in men's football; and the creation of more grassroots clubs that are helping gender-diverse people feel welcome and included.

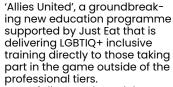
The nature of the fight against discrimination continues to change too, as recent studies have shown.

A report issued by FIFA and players' union FIFPro after the Qatar 2022 World Cup stated that "homophobia was prolific" online around the tournament, while equivalent research after the Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand found that "homophobic, sexual and sexist abuse accounted for almost 50% of detected verified abusive messages" sent to players.

At a domestic level in England, three clubs have been fined six-figure sums by the Football Association in recent months as a result of homophobic chanting by sections of their supporters on Premier League matchdays.

Meanwhile, the most recent reporting statistics released by Kick It Out showed reports of discrimination related to sexual orientation were up 58% on the previous year at grassroots level.

To help counter this, FvH has created



Crucially, FvH also celebrates

the LGBTIQ+ community within football. The FvH Awards gala returns for its fifth edition in Manchester on February 23, and the LGBTQ+ Professionals in Football Collective – an industry network group founded 18 months ago – continues to attract new members. An FvH Youth Panel has been running since 2018.

In addition, Football v Transphobia has its dedicated annual Week of Action in late March, while festival-style event Football Pride is set to return this summer after its success last year.

Lou Englefield, FvH campaign director, said: "So much has changed since 2010. LGBTIQ+ fans are visible across the game, we have a professional network for the football industry and phenomenal growth in representation across football media.

"We need to ensure this momentum continues, particularly during the divisive times in which we now find ourselves."

For the 2024 Month of Action, there is a new version of the iconic FvH rainbow football, in Progress Pride flag colours, as well as other exciting developments in store."



### 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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# LATEST RESULTS

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<b>Hythe Town</b> Allan 14, Embery 79	2	2	<b>Ramsgate</b> Paxman 44, Paxman 69	517
Lancing	0	3	Herne Bay Pont 60, Smith 72, Rowland	<b>232</b> 75
Merstham	0	1	<b>Cray Valley PM</b> Vigor 63	289
Phoenix Sports	0	2	<b>Littlehampton Town</b> Dolaghan 58, 90	110
<b>Sheppey United</b> Lambert 76	1	0	Three Bridges	474
<b>Sittingbourne</b> May 13, 34, Harris 31, 68, Jones 53	5	0	Burgess Hill Town	305

#### **TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY**

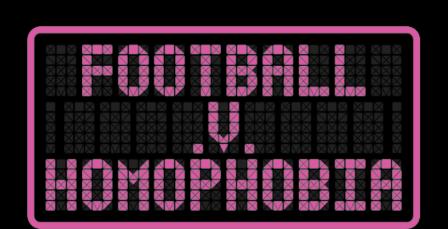
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### **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

Beckenham Town v Sheppey United Burgess Hill Town v Ashford United Cray Valley PM v Chichester City East Grinstead Town v Horndean Herne Bay v Broadbridge Heath Littlehampton Town v Hythe Town Ramsgate v Merstham Sevenoaks Town v Lancing

### PITCHING IN DIVISION 1 SOUTH EAST TABLE

Ramsgate	24	19	3	2	68	22	+46	60
Cray Valley PM	23	17	6	0	56	17	+39	57
Sittingbourne	24	15	6	3	56	21	+35	51
Lancing	25	15	2	8	45	35	+10	47
Sheppey United	25	11	7	7	48	35	+13	40
Herne Bay	24	11	7	6	47	36	+11	40
Chichester City	25	11	4	10	48	34	+14	37
Three Bridges	24	11	4	9	58	49	+9	37
Burgess Hill Town	23	8	8	7	38	37	+1	32
Ashford United	24	10	2	12	36	45	-9	32
Sevenoaks Town	24	8	6	10	39	38	+1	30
Hythe Town	19	8	5	6	33	25	+8	29
Horndean	22	8	4	10	36	39	-3	28
Broadbridge Hth	24	6	7	11	36	41	-5	25
Littlehampton T	23	7	3	13	29	50	-21	24
East Grinstead T	24	7	3	14	31	54	-23	24
Merstham	24	5	5	14	35	54	-19	20
Phoenix Sports	25	5	4	16	29	67	-38	19
Erith & Belvedere	25	5	4	16	15	54	-39	19
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### FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE

# OAKS ON THE RECORD



Where and When: Saturday January 27 2024:

Bourne Śtadium: ' Pitching in Isthmian League South East:

Weather: Cloudy and Dry Result: 0-0 Referee: Dan Blades (Kent)

Attendance: 128

Line-Up: Sevenoaks Town: Dan Colmer, Jerald Aboagye, Karn Miller-Neave, Matthew Attenborough-Warren, Rian Bray, Jahmal Howlett-Mundle. Fumnaya Shomotun, Dominic Morgan-Griffiths (Kayne Diedrick-Robert 80 mins), (Kieron Cadogan (Dan Carr 72 mins), Emmanuel Mensah (Dan Bennett 72 mins) Josh Ajayi.

#### Oaks Review:

A fourth goalless draw in 11 meetings proved the outcome of this Pitching In Isthmian League South East contest at Bourne Stadium on Saturday.

Mark Dacey admitted the 4-0 defeat in the reverse fixture in October was a humbling experience, but was much happier here, despite still waiting to record his first home win in charge. Hythe, still targeting a play-off spot for the second successive season, dominated the opening 20 minutes, before Oaks settled into the game creating several chances. Jerald Aboage's cross was palmed away by visiting keeper Steve Phillips, just eluding Manny Mensah at the far post.

Home debutant Josh Ajayi blasted over the bar after Kieron Cadogan's shot was blocked before Fumnaya Shomotun and Cadogan both missed out in stoppage-time. Hythe's Johan Caney-Bryan went close two minutes after the break, Shomotun shooting wide at the other end.

#### HT: 0-0 47:15

Oaks best chance of the game fell to central defender Jahmal Howlett Mundle 11 minutes after the break, stabbing wide, after good work by Ajayi and Cadogan - denying him a third goal in successive games. Dominic Morgan Griffiths also fired over. Ajayi showed up well - one run just after the hour took him past four challenges only to felled on the edge of the box

The game continued to entertain, Hythe almost snatching the points deep into stoppage -time - defender Lex Allan shooting wide at the far post, following Frannie Collin's corner. Another new signing Kayne-Deidrick-Robert also made his home bow, replacing Dominic Morgan Griffith, forced off after picking up a knock. **FT: 0-0 51.29** 

#### **Reaction: Mark Dacey**

"I thought from 20 minutes in to the end of the game we controlled it. Once we settled & got the ball into their half, we kept them locked in for long periods...

"We haven't kept too many clean sheets this season but that is far and beyond the best one we have kept. Credit goes to Dan Colmer,the backline and the others when they came back to defend..."

"I am happy because the last couple of results, the performances weren't what we wanted from the players. Today the performance was top and they were really unlucky to not come away with 3 points."

# OAKS ON THE RECORD



#### Where and When:

Tuesday January 31 2024: Princes Park Stadium DFDS Kent Senior Cup Quarter-Final

Weather: Clear and Dry Result: Darts 3 Oaks 2 Referee: Steve Goldup (Kent) Attendance: 163 Line-Up: Sevenoaks Town:

Dan Colmer, Jerald Aboagye, Karn Miller-Neave, Matthew Attenborough-Warren, Jahmal Howlett-Mundle, Corey Holder Fumnaya Shomotun, Dan Bennett, Kieron Cadogan (Dan Carr 61 mins), Emmanuel Mensah (Tyrese Osbourne 63 mins), Kayne Diedrick-Robert (Dominic Morgan-Griffiths (63 mins)

#### **Oaks Review:**

Matty Attenborough-Warren's impressive double was the highlight as Oaks bowed out of the competition at Princes Park. They impressed for long spells in the game against the National League South hosts who fielded a mixture of first team and academy players.

Trailing to Ollý Box's early opener, Manny Mensah's bounced back off the woodwork, only for Kieron Cadogan's follow-up to be ruled out for offside.

Home striker Charlie Sheringham saw his effort chalked off for the same reason just after the half hour, before Oaks bossed possession for the rest of the first half, deservedly getting back on terms a minute before half-time courtesy of Warren's fine left foot strike inside the far post.

#### HT: 1-1 47.00

Oaks missed a great chance to go in front nine minutes after the break, Cadogan's block just eluding Dan Bennett in the box.

Darts regained the lead just after the hour Manny Adebowale netting after Jack Smith's effort was cleared off the line.

A third followed from the spot 19 minutes from time from the spot, Luke Coulson converting after Fumnaya Shomotun handled in the area. Jahmal Howlett-Mundle headed wide, before Warren added a fine second a minute from time, substitute Tyrese Osbourne playing him in, turning in the box to crash home past home keeper Tom Wray.

Oaks pressed again in stoppage-time, Wray doing well to keep out substitute Dan Carr's effort. FT 3-2 48:15

#### **Reaction: Mark Dacey**

"I was absolutely gutted for the boys. Some of the football we played was terrific, the chances we created. I thought the two goals we got were unbelievable. So yeah I'm honestly devastated for them.

"I can't speak any more highly of our performance. When you get an opposition manager saying 'you lot were brilliant'. That beats anything I could say." On Oaks' best spell in the game late in the first half

"We didn't want the first half whistle to go to be honest, when you gain momentum like that, the last thing you want is the game to stop."

# OAKS ON THE RECORD



#### Where and When:

Saturday February 3 2024: Five Heads Park Pitching In Isthmian League South East: **Weather:** Clear and Dry **Result:** Deans 3 Oaks 0

#### **Referee:** Danny Austin (Sussex) **Line-Up:**

Sevenoaks Town: Sevenoaks Town: Daniel Colmer, Jerald Aboagye, Karn Miller-Neave, Matthew A Warren, Jahmal Howlett Mundle (Rian Bray 73,mins), Corey Holder, Josh Ajahi, Dan Bennett, Kieron Cadogan, Emmanuel Mensah (Dominic Morgan-Griffiths 60 mins), Kayne Deidrick-Robert (Dan Carr 60 mins)

#### Oaks review:

The Oaks' winless start to the New Year continued in Hampshire on Saturday. The longest trip of the Pitching In Isthmian League South East season, saw them trail early on and survived several other anxious moments before half time. A second was conceded on the hour, before seeing Jahmal Howlett Mundle's effort ruled out for offside, and Kieron Cadogan hit a post, before a late third put the lid on a disappointing afternoon. Manager Mark Dacey made one enforced change from the side that lost 3-2 in the Kent Senior Cup quarter-final defeat at Dartford in midweek. Josh Ajayi replaced Fumnaya Shomotun who switched clubs 24 hours earlier. Tommy Scutt put the hosts in front after only eight minutes, heading in a cross from the right.

Connor Dutton - one-on-one against Dan Colmer - blazed over the bar eight minutes later -following a quick break after referee Danny Austin waved away appeals for a foul on Cadogan. Dutton limped off soon afterwards after colliding with the perimeter fence to be replaced by two goal Zack Willett. Harry Jackson and Willett put chances wide, before Oaks skipper Corey Holder and Ajayi went close for Oaks. **HT:** 1-0 45:59

Ajayi missed with a powerful 30-yard strike four minutes after the break before Horndean doubled the lead. Goalkeeper Cameron Scott launched a long kick downfield which fell invitingly for Willett to lob over Colmer. Cadogan hit the woodwork three minutes later, Scott saving substitute Dan Carr's follow-up.

Howlett-Mundle headed in Cadogan's cross at the far post, only for it to be chalked off, before Horndean added their third with seven minutes left. Colmer saved Dan Sibley's first effort, only for Willett to net the rebound. **FT:** 2-0 48:47



# OAKS ON THE RECORD



#### Where and When:

Tuesday February 6 2024: The Roman Stadium: Pitching In Isthmian League South East

Weather: Wet and Windy Result: Bourne 2 Oaks 1 Referee: Lukas Wood (Essex) Attendance: 151 Line-Up:

Sevenoaks Town: Sevenoaks Town: Daniel Colmer, Jerald Aboagye (Ricardo Thompson (62 mins), Karn Miller-Neave, Matthew A Warren, Rian Bray, Corey Holder, Dan Bennett (Tyrese Osbourne 76 mins), Daniel Carr (Kayne Diedrick-Robert 76 mins), Emmanuel Mensah. Kieron Cadogan

#### Yellow cards: Emmanuel

Mensah 50, Jerald Aboagye 53

Kieron Cadogan's 30-yard strike proved too little too late for Oaks.

His impressive finish 10 minutes from time, was the highlight on a wet and windy night, and sparked hopes of an unlikely comeback.

They created one more big chance, Josh Ajayi working himself into a great position only to fire over the bar.

Oaks conceded early for the third game running, losing possession – Sittingbourne breaking quickly with Harry Hope finishing past Dan Colmer.

Cadogan created Oaks first half chance crossing from the right only for Dan Carr to flick wide.

Matty Warren then crossed from the left, the ball falling to Manny Mensah who fired over.

#### HT: 1-0 49:07

Sittingbourne doubled the lead nine minutes after the interval.

Cadogan fouled Danny Parish - the Brickies latest signing after being released by Ashford - took the kick himself scoring inside the near post Colmer tipped home substitute Mitchell May's effort over the bar, before Carr's dipping effort was kept out by home stopper Bobby Mason. **FT:** 2-1 47:40



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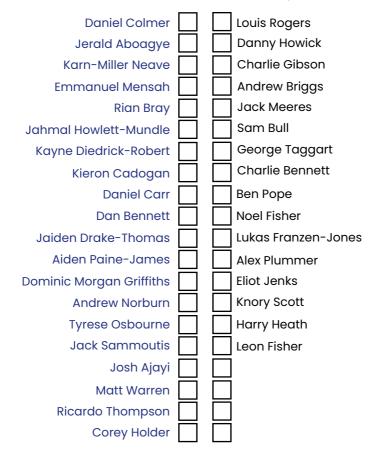
### Sevenoaks Town

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



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Manager: David Altendorff Colours: Yellow shirts, blue shorts, yellow socks



Match Officials: Referee: Thomas Whay Assistants: Nyasha Mukachana & Patrick Yates Next home match: Pitching In Isthmian South East Sevenoaks Town v Erith & Belvedere Saturday 17th February, kick-off 3pm





