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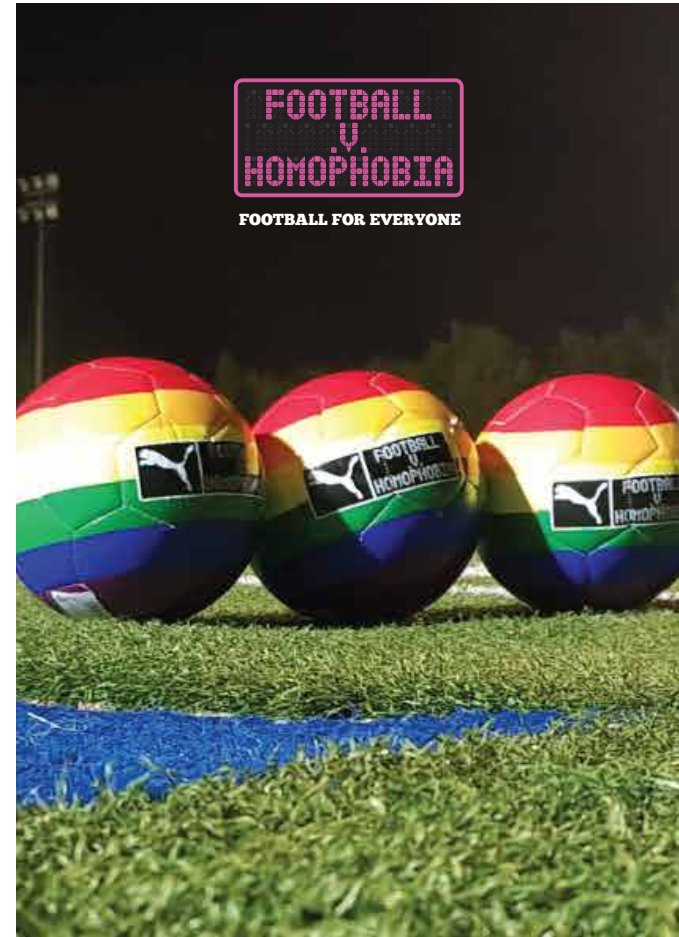
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## MARK DACEY



Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the Bourne Stadium for the first home game of 2024.

These notes were written before Christmas due to early printing deadlines, ahead of our Boxing Day trip at East Grinstead and the visit to Ramsgate on Saturday.

Looking back on the Old Year our record league finish of eighth was one of the highlights and we very much look to better that again this year.

A warm welcome to Steve McKimm and everybody from Cray Valley PM – a club who had an incredible end to last year, following their historic FA Cup run taking Charlton to a replay – as well as a very successful start to their league campaign.

Both teams will be looking to get the new calendar year off to a positive start.

We also welcome back Freddie Parker – our leading scorer in our two previous campaigns.

The announcement regarding the funding support for the ground development generated a great reaction.

It is critical support for the building of the new stand and other facilities which will be used by the local community as well as everyone connected with the club.

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Many congratulations to our chairman Paul Lansdale and all involved to get it over the line.

We hope as a team we can finish this current season as strongly as possible, and looking forward to a bright future on and off the pitch for the club.

Thanks again for your continued support.

**Mark**

## THE CHAIRMAN: PAUL LANSDALE



Add Horsham from the Premier Division into the mix – and their reprieve in the competition at the expense of League 1 side Barnsley – and the famous competition has proved very good news for sponsors Pitching In and the Isthmian League.

Another boost for the competition came last month with the news the league had signed a new four-year benchmark deal with Italian company Macron worth more than £600,000 pounds.

It renews a link between the two parties following a similar five-year involvement which ended in 2015.

***“Our own funding announcement was greeted with a hugely favourable response ...”***

Our own funding announcement confirmed on the eve of our last home game against Burgess Hill was greeted with a hugely favourable response and interactions across social media – almost 60,000 impressions on X – 201 reposts – and 42 likes – with our follower numbers continuing to rise on all platforms.

Wishing you all a safe journey home after the game

Happy New Year

**Paul**

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the Bourne Stadium for our first Pitching In Isthmian League South East home game of 2024 against Cray Valley PM.

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

The exploits of Cray Valley, Ramsgate and Sheppey United in the Emirates FA Cup last year really put our division firmly on the map nationally with excellent media coverage and all three clubs had ties selected for live television.

It was a great advert for our division and Step 4 football and we, and the South East's other clubs can feed off that in our way.

# THE OPPOSITION: CRAY VALLEY PM FC

Records held by Kent FA show that Cray Valley Paper Mills FC (CVPM) was founded in 1919 - the team originally playing in green and white, matching the livery of the paper mills vehicles and company banner - and was supported by the Nash family who owned the paper mills until its closure in **1981**.

Playing in the newly formed Sidcup and Kent League Division 2, the Club's first match was a 1-0 victory against Hamilton House FC on September 20th 1919, followed by a 7-0 victory in our first away match at Sidcup Invicta. CVPM went on to win the division in their first season - gaining promotion to the Bromley & District League Division 1. The following season they were again champions - also winning the Kent County Junior Cup, defeating Sittingbourne Paper Mills 3-0 in the Final. Their next success came as members of the Kent Amateur League Western Section in **1932/33** - winning the Divisional title that season before finishing runners-up in **1936/37**.

Records between the late-fifties and the early-seventies are scarce, until 1975 when CVPM joined the South London Alliance League, winning Division 1 in **1979/80** and the Premier Division in **1980/81** - their final season playing at the sports ground of the mills at St Pauls Cray in Kent. Following a "nomadic existence" CVPM arrived at their present home at Badgers Sports Ground in Middle Park Avenue, Eltham for the season **1998/99**, when "Paper Mills" was abbreviated to "(PM)" in the Club's name. The Club continued to enjoy success in the South London Alliance - winning Division 1 in **1983/84** and finishing as runners-up in the Premier Division in **1988/89** - before joining the Spartan League, gaining promotion to Division 1 in **1990/91** by finishing as runners up, only missing out on the title on goal difference. They moved to the re-structured Spartan Midland League in **1997/98**, - finishing

as runners up in their first season - and became founder members of the London Intermediate League - reaching the Final of the League Cup in **1998/99** - before, under the management of Mark Edwards, being elected to Division One of the Kent County League in **2001/02**.

During Edwards' reign, CVPM enjoyed regular success - winning Division 1 West in **2002/03** before winning the Premier Division by 11 points in **2004/05**. They were also victorious in the London Intermediate Cup in 2003, 2004, 2010 and 2011. Willie O'Sullivan became manager in season **2009/10**, before leaving in January of the following season **2010/11**, at the end of which the Club effectively gained two "promotions" - moving from the "Step 7" Kent County League to the "Step 5" Kent League. With Steve Chapman having taken over at the helm, their first season at that level saw them finish in a highly creditable 11th position - also reaching the semi-final of the Kent Senior Trophy. The following two seasons saw further progress, with 8th and 7th placed finishes, while reaching the semi-final of the London Senior Cup - narrowly losing to eventual winners AFC Wimbledon.

**2012/13** saw The Millers make their debut in the FA Vase, before their first appearance in the FA Cup the following season - beating Lancing away in a replay, before losing to Redhill in the Preliminary round. After Paul Gross took over from Chapman for the **2014/15** season, CVPM finished 7th in the newly named Southern Counties East Football League (SCEFL) - a late season slump resulting in a disappointing 10th place finish the following season. James Collins then took over the reins, enjoying considerable success on the field. The **2016/17** campaign saw The Millers finish in a very creditable 4th place in the league, and reach the Final of the Kent Senior Trophy - losing 2-1 to



League Champions Ashford Town. They also became the lowest ranked team ever to win the London Senior Cup when, on a memorable night at Dulwich Hamlet, The Millers beat Ryman Premier Division opponents Metropolitan Police 2-1. It was also a successful season for the Club's youngsters - the Reserves under Mark Dobson winning the Suburban League South Division and narrowly missing out on doing the double, losing to Metropolitan Police Reserves in the League Cup Final.

Early in the **2017/18** campaign Kevin Watson was appointed manager. A very successful second half of the season saw The Millers finish in 6th place, while again reaching the final of the London Senior Cup - on this occasion being beaten by Balham.

The Club's centenary season **2018/19** saw The Millers again scale new heights - winning the SCEFL title by a single point, accruing 91 points from 38 matches while scoring 108 goals with a goal difference of +72, and securing promotion to the Isthmian League. CVPM also made their first appearance at Wembley - Combined Counties League side Chertsey Town beating them 3-1 after extra time in the FA Vase Final in front of a crowd of 42,962. When the Club's first season in the Isthmian League South East Division (Step 4) came to a premature end due to the Covid-19 outbreak, The Millers were placed in 3rd position looking set to chal-

lenge for further promotion.

While the **2020/21** season was also curtailed in December 2020 due to Covid-19, there was still time for The Millers to embark on a record breaking run in the FA Cup. Progress to the First Round Proper will live long in the memory - in particular a famous 3-2 victory at National League side Maidenhead United in the Fourth Round Qualifying.

Season **2021/22** finally saw a full season completed at step 4. An excellent first half of the season unfortunately lost momentum but The Millers still managed to achieve their highest ever finish in 5th place to secure a play off spot - a 1-0 defeat in the semi final at Ashford United ended any promotion hopes.

Following Kevin Watson's departure in November 2022, his assistant Tommy Osborne took over the reins and continued to gain plaudits for a pleasing on the eye passing game but narrowly missed out on a play off spot, finishing in 6th place. A new era now beckons with a complete managerial change in preparation for the coming **2023/24** season with the appointment of Steve McKimm and Barry Moore.

The club continues to operate a thriving youth section which saw both its Isthmian Youth U18's and Kent Youth league U16's crowned champions of their respective divisions under their managers Graham Knight and Steve Axam.



# 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 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	Aboagye	KMN	Mensah	Bray	JHM	Shomotun	Cadogan	Liburd	Bennett 2	Baugh	Carr 1 >	Francis	Aghatise
	Sat 12	H Ramsgate	ISE	4-2	257	Tangara	Aboagye	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	Aboagye	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	Aboagye	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	Aboagye	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	Aboagye	KMN	Thompson	Bray	JHM	Shomotun	Mensah	Cadogan	Francis	De Silva	Baugh	JDT	Carr
	Tue 6	A Whitehawk	FAC	1-2	251	Tangara	Aboagye	KMN	Thompson	Bray	JHM	Shomotun	Cadogan	Francis	Mensah	Baugh 1	Carr	JDT	De Silva
SEPT	Sat 9	A Uxbridge	FAT	2-1	121	Tangara	Aboagye	De Silva	Thompson	Bray 1	JHM	Shomotun	JDT	Francis	Mensah	Baugh	Cadogan	Carr 1	Bennett
	Sat 24	A Ramsgate	FAT	1-3	404	Tangara	Aboagye	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	Aboagye	KMN	Warren	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Mensah	Carr	Bennett	Cadogan	Liburd	JDT	Francis
OCT	Sat 7	A Lancing	ISE	2-1	234	Tangara	Aboagye	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	Aboagye	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	Aboagye	KMN	JDT	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Mensah	Carr	DMG	Cadogan	Liburd	Bennett	Osbourne
NOV	Sat 28	H Chichester City	ISE	1-0	107	Tangara	Aboagye	KMN	Thompson	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	JDT	Liburd 1	Mensah	Cadogan	JHM	Carr	
	Tue 7	A Erith & Belvedere	ISE	1-0	80	Tangara	Aboagye	KMN	Thompson	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Bennett 1	Liburd	Cadogan	Warren	Mensah	Carr	DMG
	Sat 11	H Sheppey United	ISE	0-1	247	Tangara	Aboagye	KMN	JDT	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	DMG	Liburd	Warren	Bennett	Cadogan	De Silva	Carr
	Sat 18	H Merstham	ISE	2-2	201	Tangara	Aboagye	KMN	JDT	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	DMG	Liburd 1	Warren	Bennett	Thompson	Cadogan	
NOV	Sat 25	A Littlehampton	ISE	5-1	190	Colmer	Aboagye	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	Aboagye	Mensah	Thompson	JHM	Holder	Shomotun	Cadogan	Carr 3	JDT 1	Osbourne	KMN	DMG	Bennett
	Sat 2	H Three Bridges	ISE	2-2	129	Colmer	Aboagye	KMN	JDT	Bray	Holder 1	Shomotun	Warren	Liburd	DMG	Cadogan 1	Mensah	Bennett	
	Sat 9	A Phoenix Sports	ISE	2-3	89	Colmer	Aboagye	KMN	JDT	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Warren 1	Liburd	DMG	DMG	Cadogan	Carr 1	Liburd 1
DEC	Sat 16	H Burgess Hill Town	ISE	3-3	102	Colmer	Aboagye	KMN	Mensah	Bray	Holder	Shomotun	Warren	Cadogan	DMG	Bennett 1	Carr 1	Liburd 1	Osbourne
	Tue 26	A East Grinstead	ISE																
	Sat 30	A Ramsgate	ISE																
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	Sat 6	H Herne Bay	ISE																
	Sat 13	A Beckenham	ISE																
	Tue 16	A Broadbridge Hth	ISE																
FEB	Sat 20	A Sittingbourne	ISE																
	Sat 27	H Hythe Town	ISE																
	Sat 3	A Horndean	ISE																
	Sat 10	H Lancing	ISE																
MAR	Sat 17	H Erith & Belvedere	ISE																
	Sat 24	A Chichester City	ISE																
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	Sat 20	A Three Bridges	ISE																
APR	Sat 27	H Phoenix Sports	ISE																

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# MAN OF THE MATCH



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## OAKS ON THE RECORD



### When and Where

#### Bourne Stadium:

**Date:** Saturday December 16 2023:

Pitching in Isthman League South East

**Weather:** Dry and Chilly

**Attendance:** 102

**Referee:** Daniel Ripton (Essex)

#### Line-Up:

Sevenoaks Town: Dan Colmer, Jerald Abo-ogye, Karn Miller-Neave, Emmanuel Mensah, Rian Bray, Corey Holder, Fumnaya Shomotun, Matty A Warren (Tyrese Osbourne 85 mins), Kieron Cadogan (Rowan Liburd (62 mins) Dominic Morgan-Griffiths, Dan Bennett (Dan Carr 62 mins).

#### Oaks Review:

Mark Dacey hailed substitute Dan Carr as Sevenoaks Town's "fox in the box" after his 96th minute equaliser earned a Pitching In Isthman League South East point in a 3-3 draw at Bourne Stadium in the final home game of 2023.

Oaks trailed 3-1 with 21 minutes left before fellow sub Rowan Liburd pulled one back, then setting up top scorer Carr's late leveller - his 10th of the season - with almost the last kick of the game. Oaks made a shaky start surviving several anxious moments early on before

Dan Perry put the visitors in front after 14 minutes. Hill skipper Marcel Allen cleared against his own crossbar, then Dan Bennett made it 1-1 11 minutes before half-time finishing from Matty Warren's pass in one of Oaks' best moves of the match.

#### HT 1-1 48:35

Kieron Cadogan and Dan Bennett went close twice, early in the second half, before youngster Alex Brewer restored Hill's lead, and Darren Budd made it 3-1 eight minutes later.

Oaks responded within two minutes, Liburd finishing from Manny Mensah's touch inside the box.

Perry fired wide at the other end - before Oaks broke again, Liburd beating his marker to provide the perfect cross for Carr to burst between two defenders and complete the comeback.

#### FT: 3-3. 51:20

#### West Kent Sport Man-of-the-match:

Manny Mensah, pictured receiving his award from Andrew Gidley

#### Reaction: Mark Dacey:

"Dan is a fox in the box with balls like that, and it was a great finish.

"Full credit to him, he has done a lot of that this season. Now he is fit that hopefully will come a bit more common. "We looked lost for long periods, and it was a bit draining to be honest.

"Burgess Hill were great... played some outstanding football and we got caught out.

"Credit goes to the boys....we changed things which gave



us a 20 minute spell to get back into it and off that we possibly deserved something out of it - it's a point and something to grow from.

"I wasn't feeling very well so watched the first half from high on the bank, and it's absolutely frightening how you see a game completely differently.

"I went into the dressing room at half time and raised my voice a little bit, but the last thing I said was 'I don't care about the result, I want to see this team and our philosophy. "And although we didn't do it for long spells - and I need to work out why that isn't happening - when we did - we got territory, we got chances and we scored goals."

**Editor's note:** Christmas printing deadlines mean that the reports for the game's over the holiday period will appear in our next edition.



# CARLY PAYNE IN PROFILE

*The season is going very quickly and it's great. to get the chance to feature you in the programme. You joined us in the summer - tell us a little bit about yourself - how you came to join us and your work away from the club?*

I qualified as Sports Therapist in 2010 having studied at the University of Kent based in Chatham. I was born and raised in Dartford and have twin brothers and a younger sister. Outside of Sevenoaks I work full time in London, based in the City I work in the credit department of a private bank, a complete contrast to the work I do here.

I was brought in pre season to join up with H, Dacey and the rest of the management team after previously working with them at Glebe. When Harry called and asked me to come down to Sevenoaks and join up with him, Dacey, Ads, Rosey, Creano, Dan Hogan and Bill again it was a no brainer.

The way he spoke about the club and the potential that there is here with the imminent plans for the new stadium etc I was sold after originally deciding last season was to be my last as a therapist.

*Is this your first involvement in the game?*

My previous clubs include Ebbsfleet United Thamesmead Town and most recently Glebe where I spent almost 5 years.

*Are you a football fan?*

Having two brothers who are only 19 months younger than me football played a heavy part in my childhood, my family were always very football orientated and I even tried my hand at it myself (I'm definitely better this side of the white line!). As a child I'd go to watch Charlton where my dad and brother had season tickets and I guess that's where my love of the game was born.

*When you arrived you made a point of ensuring we described you as a sports therapist rather than a physiotherapist. Why make the distinction?*

*Why make the distinction?*

There can be a lot of snobby around titles and what therapists call themselves plus I'm a really proud Sports Therapist so why not fly the flag?

*You follow in the footsteps of three other female therapists who have served us in the past. They also feature prominently on the staffs of several of our opponents. Why is football or sport proving so popular?*

I think now more than ever the representation of women in football and other elite sport is at an all time high. When I started my career there were hardly any female therapists and it's was a very male orientated field but slowly but surely more and more women are getting involved and it's great to see.

*What is your matchday routine?*

My match day routine will start on a Thursday evening/ Friday morning liaising with Dacey about any injury updates or concerns for the game. I will then reach out to players on my injury list and organise the matchday schedule. On game days I will arrive roughly half hour before the players and get everything set up ready for the mad rush when they arrive.

*You have to act very quickly when you are called on by the referee to treat a player.*

*What is your first thought and action when you get to him?*

Usually why did he have go down at the opposite end of pitch I'm too old to be doing this running ha ha! My first thought is get the player to communicate to me exactly where they are hurt if it's not immediately obvious, it's then to calm them down often there's a period of initial distress so getting them to talk to me is a good way of doing that. I will then assess the injury itself and go from there.

*How do you relax away from the job?*

Spending time with my family and friends is my favourite way to relax and switch off from the day to day stresses of work. I have 4 nieces and nephews who I totally adore and love to spoil rotten.





# CRAY VALLEY PLAYER PROFILES

## **STEVE MCKIMM (Manager)**

Steve was appointed Cray Valley first team manager at the beginning of June 2023 bringing with him his assistant Barry Moore. They had worked together at Tonbridge Angels for eight years and last season at Carshalton Athletic. Guided the Angels to an Isthmian League Premier Division play-off semi-final spot in 2015/16 before promotion to the National League South was secured via the Isthmian Premier play-offs in 2018/19.

## **MICHAEL ADEMILUYI (11)**

Michael now 27 joined Valley in July 2023 bringing with him a wealth of non league experience. An attacking midfielder / winger, started last season at Cray Wanderers making 17 appearances with 2 goals before moving to Faversham Town where he made a further 18 appearances and added 2 more goals. He was previously with Bowers & Pitsea scoring 12 times from 45 appearances in season 2021/22. Was a member of Haringey's Isthmian North Division promotion winning 2017/18 season.

## **JULIEN ANAU (12)**

Born and brought up in Paris, Julien now 29 has played in France, Spain and Ireland as well as spending time at English clubs Queens Park Rangers, Whitehawk, Dover Athletic and Welling United. After suffering a number of injuries and having a period out of the game the midfielder joined Valley in October last year, making 24 appearances, scoring the one goal.

## **CLEMENT ASIEDU (19)**

Clement now age 20 a left sided defender joined Valley in July 2023 from Horsham YMCA where he made 52 appearances including 34 last season in the Southern Combination premier division at step 5. A product of the Volenti Academy he represented Crystal Palace as a youth player.

## **MARCEL BARRINGTON (14)**

Striker Marcel now 28 re-joined Valley in November 2023 from Erith & Belvedere where he made 9 appearances scoring once. He originally became a Miller at the

end of April 2021, making 44 appearances and scoring 24 times before joining then newly promoted Isthmian Premier side Herne Bay in July where in their relegation season he was top goalscorer with 16 goals in 38 appearances. Earlier in his career netted twice in 5 international appearances for Guyana, and won promotion from the National League South with Braintree Town in 2017/18.

## **SONNY BLACK (8)**

Former Crystal Palace youngster Sonny joined The Millers in July 2022 making 44 appearances scoring 5 goals last season and winning Managers Player of the Year. The 27 year old central midfielder joined from VCD Athletic and previously spent two seasons at Westfield after winning promotion with Walton Casuals in 2017/18

## **TOM CHAMBERS (3)**

Left sided defender / wing back Tom joined The Millers in the summer of 2022 making 42 appearances scoring 5 goals. He joined from SCEFL Division 1 side Lewisham Borough after a spell at Whyteleaf. The 22 year old was a youth team graduate at Dulwich Hamlet – winning the Player of the Year award in 2018/19 before joining Fisher on loan.

## **ADAM COOMBS (10)**

Signed for Valley in the summer of 2022 Adam now 32 years old made 41 appearances scoring 15 goals last season. A product of the Chelsea academy and former England Under 16 striker Adam joined from Tonbridge Angels. During a career disrupted by injury, Adam has enjoyed goalscoring success at Welling United and Billericay Town among others

## **LYLE DELLA-VERDE (20)**

Versatile attacking player, now 28, who joined in from Enfield Town where over two spells he made 102 appearance for the Towners scoring 29 goals. As a youth he signed for Fulham at age 17 where he stayed for 4 years, after a loan spell with Bristol Rovers he went on to play for Fleetwood Town and Crawly Town before moving into non league football playing

at Braintree Town and Welling United.

## **DENZEL GAYLE (7)**

Jamaican born Denzel now 30 years old is currently the club's longest serving player having made 244 appearances, scoring 58 goals, in addition to countless assists, since joining from Erith & Belvedere in 2017. Last season the pacy right sided raider netted 7 times in 44 appearances. Key member of our SCEFL championship winning side in 2018/19 and appearing at Wembley in the FA Vase Final that season against Chertsey Town.

## **HASSAN IBRAHIYM (18)**

Former Barnet youngster Hassan joined The Millers from Ashford United in November 2019. Now 29 years old the London born midfielder powerhouse made 44 appearances scoring 7 times last season bringing his total to 102 games and 22 goals including a couple of contenders for goal of the season.

## **ARTHUR LEE (4)**

Arthur now 31 joined Valley in July 2023, a central defender who can also play left back has twice reached the Isthmian Premier League Playoff Final, firstly as captain of Hendon in 2017/18 when they lost on penalties to Dulwich Hamlet and then as part of the Tonbridge Angels side that won promotion under Steve McKimm in 2018/19. Has also played for Hornchurch and last season was captain, again under McKimm, at Carshalton Athletic.

## **KYRELL LISBIE (17)**

Kyrell now 19, initially signed for the Millers as a 16 year old where he played for the U23's and made 2 first team cup appearances at the end of Covid season 2020/21. An attacking wide player with an eye for goal he went onto play for both West Ham and Watford U18's. He joined Welling United in January 2023 from where he re-signed for the Millers in August 2023.

## **KIKI OSHILAJA (5)**

24 year old defender Kiki joined Valley in the summer of 2022 after making 50 appearances in two seasons at VCD Athletic. The Dulwich Hamlet youth product previously played for Carshalton Athletic, Thamesmead Town, Sheppey United and Beckenham Town before being named as

VCD's Player of the Year in 2021/22.

## **MAX OVENDEN (1)**

Goalkeeper Max now age 28 joined Valley in September 2023. He did in fact make a couple of Velocity Trophy appearances for the Millers back in 2019. More recently he made 35 appearances for Punjab United in season 2021/22 and last season was at Isthmian Premier side Haringey Borough. He made 14 appearances for Boro including the London Senior Cup Final which they lost to Charlton Athletic.

## **FREDDIE PARKER (9)**

22 year old striker Freddie Parker joined Valley in July 2023. Last season Freddie was at Sevenoaks Town who he joined at the end of February 2022, making a total of 46 appearances with 21 goals over a season and a half.. Previous club were Isthmian Premier sides Lewes and Cray Wanderer along with Millwall U18's.

## **MATTHEW VIGOR (16)**

Matthew Vigor now 19 joined Valley in July 2023 from Crystal Palace a product of their academy appearing for their U18 and U21 sides. A creative central midfielder, last season during a 5 month loan spell with Isthmian Premier side Carshalton Athletic he made 25 appearances scoring 5 goals.

## **DANNY WALDREN**

34 year old versatile defensive midfielder who signed for Valley in Nov 2023 bringing with him a wealth of experience. Joined from Beckenham Town where he was club captain and a member of their promotion winning side in 2021/22. He has also enjoyed promotion with two previous clubs Bromley, where he made 188 appearances, to the National League in 2014/15 and Billericay Town in 2017/18.

## **BARNEY WILLIAMS (2)**

28 year old defender Barney joined the Club from Barking in May 2022 making 35 appearances and scoring twice last season. After making over 70 appearances in the National League for Welling United and Braintree early in his career, Williams spent four successful seasons at Cray Wanderers – winning promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division in 2018/19.





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# Sevenoaks Town

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Colours: Black/blue shirts,  
black shorts, black socks



# Cray Valley PM

Manager: Steve McKimm  
Colours: All green

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Jerald Aboagye	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barney Williams
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Assistants: Stephen Gorman, James Black

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