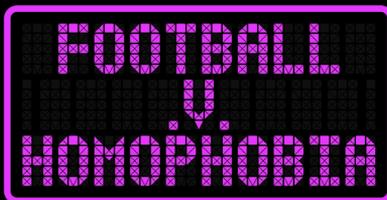


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# From the chairman

Hello everybody and welcome to the Bourne Stadium for today's Pitching In Isthmian League South East fixture against Burgess Hill.

We extend the same to their officials, players and supporters, who have made the trip to be here today, and our three match officials.

This week has been a very difficult and a particularly sad one for me.

Following a conversation with my very good friend Micky Collins, we decided it was time to make some changes.

As I said in the statement on Sunday, Micky has put little old Sevenoaks Town on the map and I want to say a heartfelt thank you to him for everything he has done

He has transformed the club and inspired so many to believe that we really can be a force in non league football.

***“Micky will be greatly missed around the club, Saturday afternoons just won't be the same.”***

Micky will be greatly missed around the club, Saturday afternoons just won't be the same. I know I am speaking on behalf of everyone at Sevenoaks Town by wishing him all the very best.

The last eight seasons have been nothing short of amazing and very enjoyable.

The search for a new manager has begun, we have been overwhelmed by the response so far.

We currently have 48 applications to consider, hopefully by the time you read this we will have a short list of candidates to meet and interview.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Julian Leigh, Jason Bourne and Terry Groom for stepping in and looking after first team matters today - and a big thank you to the players who I am sure will be trying their best for the club and hopefully get three points.

Away from our quest to appoint a new manager, it is an important day for us a club as we support the Football v Homophobia campaign.

It exists to challenge discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression at all levels in football.

As an international initiative, FvH engages in campaigning, education, advice and guidance, research, policy consultation and capacity building working all year round but February has been deemed a Month of Action with clubs, fans, players, football authorities and supporters across the whole football pyramid focusing their efforts and attention on support for the organisation.

All our teams from Under-15s through to our first team here today will be using the FvH Puma match ball in all matches over this weekend.

Another new project is the introduction of Wellbeing Football with weekly sessions due to start next Friday night.

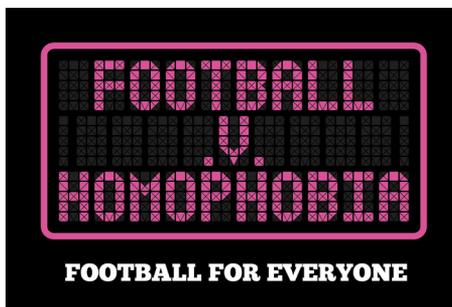
You can find lots of info on the following website:

[www.footballvhomophobia.com](http://www.footballvhomophobia.com)

This organisation provide size 5 footballs so all our sides from U15s up will also be supporting this campaign for their matches on 19th/20th February.

Thank you as always for your support - enjoy the game.

**Paul Lansdale**





# Thanks





# s Micky



After an amazing eight seasons, Micky and I have spoken and we feel it's time to make a change. It really has been an amazing journey and one the whole club will remember for many years to come.

Micky has put 'little old' Sevenoaks Town FC on the map and his support has always been unquestionable and unconditional. Micky is, and will continue to be, a much-loved member of the STFC family, and, despite this being a very disappointing announcement, Micky will always be very welcome at the club and fully deserves all the recognition for the amazing work and endless hours he has put into the success of the last few years.

On behalf of the whole club, I want to wish Micky all the very best for the future and a massive thank you for eight amazing years.

**Paul Lansdale**





# Chambers strikes at the death for leaders Hastings

by Ian Townsend

**Hastings United** left it very, very late, and Phoenix Sports won the battle of the bottom two in the Pitching In Isthmian League South East last weekend. United claimed the points with a last gasp winner at **Sittingbourne** by Tom Chambers.

United took a very early lead through Craig Stone, but were ahead for only nine minutes before Alex Flisher equalised for the Brickies.

United lost Andrew Sesay to a red card - and then deep into added time, Chalmers struck.

Two goals in seven second half minutes from Hassan Ibrahimy gave **Cray Valley PM** all the points at **Chichester City**. Those two goals were the only goals of the match, and make it three wins in a row for the Millers, and seven unbeaten.

Three points further back, albeit with a game in hand, are **Ramsgate**. The Rams were also in Sussex, at **Burgess Hill Town**, and went behind after a quarter of an hour when Lewis Finney put the hosts ahead with his seventh of the campaign. After the break Oliver Bate drew the visitors level, and then right at the end we had more action than expected, with a red card for the hosts Reggie Ward and a late winner from Jamie Coyle.

**Corinthian** beat **Lancing** with the only goal of the game. It came just before the break for Ryan Sawyer, and although the hosts lost Oscar Housego to a red card with twenty minutes to go the Lancers couldn't take advantage.

**Three Bridges** have suddenly gone goal crazy, with five in their last match and three in the game before, and they got another three - although they needed a late equaliser to take a point. Visitors **Hythe Town** will be disappointed after turning around a deficit and looking set for victory.

Brannon O'Neill gave the hosts a tenth minute lead, but the advantage was cancelled out only two minutes later by Tyler Sterling. Dan Perry restored home advantage just after the half hour, and

they held it until nineteen minutes from time when George Crimmen got an equaliser for the Cannons- and then with six minutes to go Sterling looked to have taken the three points back to Kent. Right at the end, however, Ben Bacon popped up to take a point for Bridges, who are twelfth, four points and four places above their visitors.

**Faversham Town** and **VCD Athletic** had to settle for a point each- and no goals, whilst the all Sussex meeting between **East Grinstead Town** and **Whitehawk** ended 1-1 The Hawks took the lead for minutes before the break, Javaun Splatt with his fourteenth of the season, but the Wasps stung six minutes from time to take a point, Andrew Briggs with the goal.

At the bottom **Phoenix Sports** revival continues after victory in the bottom-two contest against **Whitstable Town**.

The game was goalless until the seventieth minute when Steve Carvell made the breakthrough for Sports, and right at the end Alfie Evans doubled their advantage. That takes them off the bottom- swapping places with the Oysterboys. **Herne Bay** and **Haywards Heath Town's** battle was abandoned at half time, following injury to the match referee - with no replacement able to be found.

● In the only game to survive the weather on Tuesday night, **Haywards Heath** beat **Ramsgate** 1-0 thanks to a 54th-minute winner from Kieran Rowe.

## THE LAST TIME WE MET Saturday October 23 2021

**Burgess Hill Town 3**

Finney 2, 86, Miller 20

**Sevenoaks Town 2**

Fjord Rogers 43, Bradley Schafer 61

**Att:** 252

**Scorers:**

**Sevenoaks Town:** Ben Bridle-Card, Danny Divine, Conrad Lee (Kieran Scantlebury 58 mins), Stefan Wright, Freeman Rogers, Steve Smith, Kweku Ansah (Hayden Skerry 83 mins), Bradley Schafer, Fjord Rogers (Jason Thompson 68 mins). Louis Collins, Lamin Bah





**Saturday February 12th**

<b>Ashford United</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Sevenoaks Town</b>	<b>330</b>
Lockyer 17, 25, 61, Ter Horst 53				
<b>Burgess Hill Town</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Ramsgate</b>	<b>414</b>
Finney 16			Bate 55, Emptage 90	
<b>Chichester City</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Cray Valley PM</b>	<b>220</b>
			Ibrahiym 50, 57	
<b>Corinthian</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Lancing</b>	<b>82</b>
Sawyer 45				
<b>East Grinstead Town</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Whitehawk</b>	<b>228</b>
Briggs 84			Splatt 41	
<b>Faversham Town</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>VCD Athletic</b>	<b>209</b>
Herne Bay	A	A	Haywards Heath Town	
			Dos Santos 45	
(Match abandoned at half-time with Haywards Heath leading 1-0)				
<b>Phoenix Sports</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Whitstable Town</b>	<b>216</b>
Carvell 70, Evans 90				
<b>Sittingbourne</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Hastings United</b>	<b>349</b>
Flisher 23			Stone 14, Chalmers 90	
<b>Three Bridges</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Hythe Town</b>	<b>90</b>
O'Neill 10, Perry 31, Bacon 90			Sterling 12, 84, Crimmen 71	

**Tuesday February 15th**

<b>Haywards Heath</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Ramsgate</b>	<b>275</b>				
Rowe 54								
Hastings United	27	19	2	6	59	28	+31	59
Cray Valley PM	27	15	8	4	54	29	+25	53
Ramsgate	27	15	5	7	57	35	+22	50
Ashford United	26	15	4	7	53	31	+22	49
Haywards Heath	26	14	7	5	40	22	+18	49
Herne Bay	25	14	5	6	43	25	+18	47
VCD Athletic	27	12	6	9	51	35	+16	42
<b>Burgess Hill Town</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>41</b>
Chichester City	27	11	7	9	37	27	+10	40
Sittingbourne	27	12	4	11	38	35	+3	40
Corinthian	27	10	8	9	32	31	+1	38
Three Bridges	27	7	10	10	43	53	-10	31
Faversham Town	26	8	5	13	30	43	-13	29
East Grinstead T	26	7	8	11	26	42	-16	29
Whitehawk	27	6	9	12	29	39	-10	27
Hythe Town	27	7	6	14	31	60	-29	27
Lancing	27	6	7	14	25	46	-21	25
<b>Sevenoaks Town</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>23</b>
Phoenix Sports	27	6	4	17	27	46	-19	22
Whitstable Town	27	6	4	17	31	54	-23	22

Table includes Tuesday night's result.





# Burgess Hill FC History

Burgess Hill Football Club was founded in **1882** and was a founder member of the Sussex County Football Association.

The club attained the unique achievement of winning the Sussex Senior Cup three years running thus retaining it permanently in the process. The cup is on display in the trophy cabinet in the club boardroom. The current trophy was presented to the S.C.F.A. by Burgess Hill Town Football Club.

In the club's formative years they were also founder members of the Mid-Sussex Football League, and won the League Championship in its inaugural season.

Following several successful seasons the club joined the Sussex County League for the **1958–59** season, and stayed until attaining promotion to the Southern Football League in **2003**. In **1969** the club amalgamated with Worlds End F.C. and with the help of Burgess Hill Town Council were able to move to Leylands Park, the club's current home. In **1971**, the club gained promotion to Division One, only to be relegated two seasons later. **1974** saw the 'Hillians' reach another landmark achievement by becoming the only club ever to have won both the League Challenge Cup and the Division Two Cup in the same season. In **1976** a hat trick of achievements were completed by winning the Division One Championship by six points, having secured the Division Two title the previous season.

During the ensuing twenty years in the top flight of the County League success was modest. In **1980** the League Challenge Cup was secured and in **1992** the RUR Cup was added. However, all this changed in season **96–97** under the guidance of club manager, Alan Pook. The club became Division One champions by twelve points, won the Floodlight Cup, and were runners up in the League Challenge Cup. The 2nd XI finished runners up in the Reserve Premier and won the Mid-Sussex Charity Cup, while the Youth XI won their overall championship. In **1997–98**, the club 1st XI attained even more success by again winning the League Championship and the League Challenge Cup, also reaching the last sixteen in the F.A. Vase. Additionally they reached the Sussex Senior Cup Final and were top of the county's

merit table. The Youth XI also finished as 'Double Champions' in the sector.

**1998–99** season saw the Hillians achieve a unique treble in winning the Championship for a post war record third time and again securing a league and cup double, back to back. The 2nd XI won their cup and were runners up in the league, missing out by a single point. Not to be out done, the Youth XI won their league and only missed out on a double by goal difference. All in all an historic season.

The club then welcomed new manager, Gary Croydon for season **1999–2000**. He led the Hillians to take runners' up spot in the league and to a record fourth qualifying round FA Cup tie against Hereford United. Again, a last 16 place was achieved in the FA Vase as well as winning the RUR Cup and the Floodlit Cup.

The new millennium season saw Hillians take the league championship with the team remaining unbeaten in the league until April; the Club also had its best ever run in the FA Vase only being beaten after extra time by eventual finalists Tiptree United in the last eight, before a then club record attendance of 1598. With plans being laid for Southern League football, club directors, Gary Croydon and Eddie Benson appointed Danny Bloor as manager for season **2002–2003**. The club was rewarded with yet another championship crown, the fifth in seven seasons.

Gary Croydon took over the Hillians again as the club entered the Southern League for the first ever time. After just missing out on the play offs, Burgess Hill Town moved over to the Isthmian League due to the restructuring of the non-league pyramid.

For the next few years the Club established itself as a Ryman League club with a few mid table finishes and twice just avoiding relegation. In **2011/12** with the Hill struggling and with seven games to go Manager Simon Rowland was sacked and GK Coach John Rattle was put in charge. The club survived relegation with victories in the last two games of the season against Whitstable Town and Dulwich Hamlet FC, both 1-0.

The following season, **2012/2013**, the Hillians returned to their original green and black colours. Former Brighton & Hove Al-





## BURGESS HILL TOWN FC FACTS

**Founded:** 1882

**Ground:** The More Than Tyres Stadium

**Capacity:** 2500

**Record Attendance:** 2005 v AFC Wimbledon – 30th April 2005

**Nickname:** The Hillians

**Colours:** Home – Green/Black Stripes, White Shorts, Black Socks | Away – Yellow Shirt, Yellow Shorts, Yellow Socks.

**Best FA Cup Performance:** 4th Qualifying Round: 1999/00, 2006/07, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2017/18

**Best FA Trophy Performance:** 2nd Round Proper: 2003/04, 2004/05, 2014/15

**Record Club appearances:** Paul Williams 499

**Record Club goals:** Ashley Carr 179

**Biggest win:** 12-0 v Saltdean United 2001/02 Sussex County League

bion player and coach Ian Chapman was appointed as Manager and he guided the Hillians to eighth place in the table.

**2013/14** saw the Hillians achieve their highest ever finish in the Football pyramid, finishing sixth in the table and just missing out on the play offs by one point. The newly formed Under 21 side finished third in the Ryman U21 League whilst the Youth Team had their most successful season ever. They won the Ryman Youth League and the Ryman Youth Champion of Champions whilst also lifting the Sussex County Youth Cup. Two Ladies teams were also introduced as part of Burgess Hill Town FC and they enjoyed mid table finishes in their first season.

**2014/15** saw the Club enjoy the greatest season in the Club's History. Ian Chapman's side were unbeaten in the league until mid – March and went on to win Ryman League Division One South title by 11 points and gain promotion to the Ryman Premier League for the first ever time. They also equalled their best – ever FA Cup run, eventually losing away to Dartford in the 4th qualifying round but having gained a memorable 3-1 victory at Sutton United in the previous round. In the FA Trophy, the club reached the 2nd round, finally losing at home to Dartford FC. In the previous round the team had beaten Aldershot Town of the National League 1-0 away.

A confident start to the Hillians first season in the RPL before Christmas saw the team 8th in the league, but a disappointing second half saw them finish in 20th position. The club avoided relegation due

to Farnborough FC being relegated for financial irregularities. The following two seasons saw the Hillians avoid relegation on the last day of the season to keep its Isthmian Premier status. The Hillians did enjoy excellent cup runs in the FA Cup both seasons narrowly missing out on the FA Cup 1st round proper.

After four seasons in the Isthmian Premier League, the club were relegated in the **2018/19** season. The season was full of mixed emotions, with the long standing management team of Ian Chapman and Stuart Tuck leaving the club after six very successful years. Ian was replaced by Ex-Lewes manager, Simon Wormull. Under Wormull, the team rallied over the Christmas period and towards the end of season with some spirited performances. The team also reached the Parafix Sussex Senior Cup for the first time in some thirty years but lost 2-1 to Bognor Regis Town in extra time at the Amex Stadium. The U18's also reached their own Sussex Cup Final, losing 1-0, to Lewes.

The **2019/20** season started off with a 7-2 opening day victory over Hythe Town. Unfortunately, disappointing results followed, as well as early exits in both the FA Cup and FA Trophy, which saw Wormull depart in late October. Jay Lovett was appointed as First Team Manager in November – following a successful spell in charge at South Park. His arrival saw an improvement in results and encouraging performances heading into the back-end of the season. A global pandemic drew the campaign to a premature close, with the Hillians sitting comfortably in mid-table.





# Oaks late anguish

## Sevenoaks Town 2 Lancing 3

By Andrew Gidley

Sevenoaks Town scored two of their best goals of the season – only to concede a stoppage-time winner.

They survived an early let-off as debut keeper Tyler McCarthy saved an early penalty, before Louis Collins headed them in front after 16 minutes. Matt Daniel made up for his earlier miss to put Lancing level 12 minutes after the break, before Mahamadou Juwara converted their second penalty with 18 minutes remaining. Ryan Palmer's thumped home Oaks' second 10 minutes later, before substitute Andrew Dalhouse hit the late winner. Stephen Ikpeme conceded both spot-kicks, earning a booking for the second. Oaks recovered from a poor start to go in front, Bobby Dunn's cross picking out Louis Collins to head in off the far post.

Dunn blasted a long-range effort against the crossbar a minute after Oaks went 2-1 behind, but Palmer raised hopes with the 82nd minute equaliser.

Dunn's corner was knocked back to him by Collins to the edge of the box, and took one touch before firing home. McCarthy did well to keep out Daniels' late effort, before veteran Dalhouse condemned Oaks to their eighth home defeat of the season.

Sevenoaks Town: Tyler McCarthy, Jon Pilbeam, Jason Fregene (Luke Leppard 90 mins), Joe Bingham, Freeman Rogers, Stephen Ikpeme, Ryan Palmer, Jordan Johnson (Jedd Smith 72 mins), Kweku Ansah (Fjord Rogers 73 mins), Louis Collins, Bobby Dunn.



# Ashford too strong

## Ashford Town 4 Sevenoaks Town 0

By Andrew Gidley

Sevenoaks slipped to a fourth successive defeat at play-off contenders Ashford on Saturday.

The build-up to the game couldn't have been worse with news that top goal scorer Louis Collins is set to miss the rest of the season, after suffering a serious ankle injury in training. He was due to have a scan this week to determine the exact problem.

Bournemouth youngster Jacob Ferguson and former Sittingbourne midfielder Jedd Smith made their first starts, while another Simon Hammond, started on the bench.

Oaks struggled against Ashford – beaten themselves 5-1, at Three Bridges last time out.

Ryan Palmer playing as a lone striker had one chance at 0-0 before Oaks conceded twice in eight minutes.

An attack broke down in the Ashford half, before play switched quickly,

before home striker Gary Lockyer put the hosts ahead after 17 minutes. Lockyer and ex-Oaks loanee Jack Richards went close again, before the former doubled the lead – one on-one against keeper Tyler McCarthy – playing against his old club – having been released last month.

Lockyer missed out on his hat-trick just before half-time, the ball sticking under his foot 10 yards out.

Johan Ter Horst made it 3-0 seven minutes after the break, before Lockyer got his third on the hour, McCarthy saved his first effort, but beaten by the second.

Oaks created only one chance on target in the whole game, – new signing Jedd Smith's 25-yard strike palmed away by home keeper Damian Niemczycki.

The margin of defeat could have been worse as Fjord and Freeman Rogers both cleared off the line late on. **Sevenoaks Town:** Tyler McCarthy, Jon Pilbeam, Joshua Ferguson, Joe Bingham, Freeman Rogers, Ryan Palmer, Jedd Smith, Luke Leppard (Jordan Johnson 73 mins), Bobby Dunn (Dominic Welsh 85 mins), Kweku Ansah (Simon Hammond 62 mins).





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# Sevenoaks Town Fixtures 2021-22 season

All home Saturday games kick off at 3pm. Wednesday games at 7.30pm.

				1	2	3	4	5
Sat 7 Aug Cobham	FAC	77	2-2	Bridle-Card	Divine	Wright	Holmes	Tennent
Wed 11 Aug Cobham	FAC	144	3-1	Bridle-Card	Divine	Bah	Holmes	Tennent
Sat 14 Aug Whitstable	ISE	315	2-1	Bridle-Card	Divine	Cooney	Holmes	Tennent
Sat 21 Aug Erith Town	FAC	115	2-2	Bridle-Card	Divine	Cooney	Dasho	Tennent
Wed 24 Aug Erith Town	FAC	204	3-1	Bridle-Card	Divine	Cooney	Dasho	Tennent
Sat 28 Aug Haywards Heath	ISE	151	1-2	Bridle-Card	Divine	Cooney	Holmes	Tennent
Mon 30 Aug Three Bridges	ISE	143	2-2	Bridle-Card	Divine	Cooney	Wright	Tennent
Sat 4 Sep Redhill	FAC	174	1-1*	Bridle-Card	Cooney	Divine	Wright	Tennent
Wed 8 Sep Redhill	FAC	183	3-4	Bridle-Card	Holmes	Cooney	Davisson	Carbune
Sat 11 Sep Hastings United	ISE	206	1-4	Bridle-Card	Divine	Cooney	Carbune	Tennent
Tue 14 Sep Phoenix Sp	ISE	84	3-0	Bridle-Card	Bah	Carbune	Wright	Tennent
Sat 18 Sep Ramsgate	ISE	150	0-5	Bridle-Card	Skerry	Bah	Carbune	Divine
Sat 25 Sep VCD Athletic	ISE	81	0-5	Bridle-Card	Divine	Lee	Wright	Smith
Sat 2 Oct Lancing	ISE	82	1-2	Bridle-Card	Divine	Lee	Davisson	Rogers
Sat 9 Oct Burgess Hill Town	FAT	338	1-1*+	Bridle-Card	Divine	Lee	Davisson	Rogers
Sat 16 Oct Ashford United	ISE	169	0-3	Bridle-Card	Divine	Lee	Davisson	Rogers
Wed 20 Oct East Grinstead	ISE	108	2-0	Bridle-Card	Divine	Lee	Wright	Rogers
Sat 23 Oct Burgess Hill Town	ISE	252	2-3	Bridle-Card	Divine	Lee	Wright	Rogers
Sat 30 Oct Corinthian	ISE	101	1-0	Bridle-Card	Divine	Lee	Holmes	Rogers
Sat 6 Nov Herne Bay	ISE	281	1-2	Bridle-Card	Divine	Fregene	Wright	Rogers
Sat 13 Nov Chichester City	ISE	105	1-1	Bridle-Card	Divine	Fregene	Smith	Rogers
Sat 27 Nov Faversham	ISE	167	2-1	Docherty	Divine	Fregene	Smith	Rogers
Sat 4 Dec Whitehawk	ISE	117	0-3	Blendell	Divine	Fregene	Smith	Rogers
Sat 11 Dec Whitstable Town	ISE	105	0-1	Docherty	Divine	Fregene	Wright	Rogers
Sat 18 Dec Haywards Heath	ISE	412	1-2	Blendell	Divine	Fregene	Davisson	Rogers
Mon 27 Dec Three Bridges	ISE	166	2-4	Blendell	Divine	Leppard	Davisson	Rogers
Sat 1 Jan Sittingbourne	ISE	305	0-1	Docherty	Divine	Fregene	Leppard	Rogers
Mon 3 Jan Hythe Town	ISE	183	3-1	Colmer	Divine	Fregene	Davisson	Rogers
Tue 11 Jan Corinthian	VT	78	1-2	Colmer	Pilbeam	Lee (sub JNB)	Leppard	Rogers
Sat 15 Jan Ramsgate	ISE	726	1-2*	Colmer	Pilbeam	Fregene	Bingham	Rogers
Sat 22 Jan Phoenix Sports	ISE	137	2-0	Colmer	Pilbeam	Fregene	Bingham	Rogers
Tue 25 Jan Herne Bay	KSC	147	1-1++	Chandler	Jno-Baptiste	Lee	Davisson	Divine
Sat 29 Jan East Grinstead	ISE	366	1-2	Colmer	Pilbeam	Fregene	Bingham	Rogers
Tue 1 Feb Cray Valley PM	ISE	130	0-3	Colmer	Pilbeam	Fregene	Bingham	Rogers
Sat 5 Feb Lancing	ISE	126	2-3	McCarthy	Pilbeam	Fregene	Bingham	Rogers
Sat 12 Feb Ashford United	ISE	330	0-4	McCarthy	Pilbeam	Ferguson	Bingham	Rogers
Sat 19 Feb Burgess Hill	ISE							
Sat 26 Feb Corinthian	ISE							
Sat 5 Mar Herne Bay	ISE							
Sat 12 Mar Chichester City	ISE							
Sat 19 Mar VCD Athletic	ISE							
Sat 26 Mar Whitehawk	ISE							
Sat 2 Apr Faversham Town	ISE							
Sat 9 Apr Cray Valley PM	ISE							
Sat 16 Apr Hythe Town	ISE							
Mon 18 Apr Sittingbourne	ISE							
Sat 23 Apr Hastings United	ISE							



# Sevenoaks Town FC



**History:** Sevenoaks Town were originally formed in 1883, one of the founding members of the Kent League.

In April the same year, the club played Royal Arsenal, then the only professional club in the South East of England in front of around 1000 spectators at Knole Paddock.

They combined with St Johns United in 1951, and joined the Western section of the Kent Amateur League.

Division 1 League Cup winners in 1965-66, they were twice winners of the Premier Division in 1968-69 and 1975-76. They won the Kent County League - three times - 1984-85, 1995-96 and 2002-3.

The club were Kent Intermediate Challenge Shield and Inter-Regional Challenge Cup winners twice, and lifted the Sevenoaks Charity Cup on 12 occasions.

## Recent successes:

Southern Counties East League Cup champions: 2016-17

Southern Counties East League champions: 2017-8

**Best FA Cup Performance:** Second Qualifying Round: 2016-17

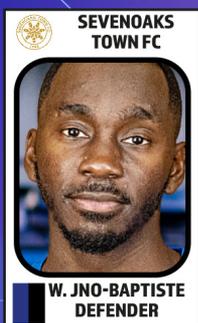
**Best FA Trophy Performance:** First Qualifying Round: 2018-19

**Best FA Vase Performance:** Third Round Proper 2017-18.

A new state of the art 3G pitch was installed in June 2017, and plans are in place to construct a brand new stadium in the next two years.



# 21-22 Squad Pictures



# Sevenoaks Town the



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# Oaks join Wellbeing in Mental Health initiative

Wellbeing and Mental Health are two subjects highlighted by the pandemic.

Wellbeing Football combines the two and is the idea of local man Matt Bromley who is bringing it to Sevenoaks Town, having been involved in a previously successful project on the Isle of Sheppey.

Matt, a Mental Health Social Prescriber based in the town working for Tunbridge Wells based charity IMAGO said: "I founded it in 2014 to help people with mental health challenges to have a release from their thoughts and stresses by using football.

"Twenty plus years of coaching/playing sport has helped me manage my own mental health more times than I can count and at times stopped me going into crisis.

"In addition to the many benefits of being physically active, it has opened my eyes to understanding that I will always have my mental/physical health challenges, but have the ability to manage them.

"Sport is a fantastic way of me do this and is the main driving force in me bringing it to the club."

He added "Football has incredible social benefits. It is an opportunity to meet new people, to be part of a group, and to rekindle a sense of camaraderie within a team environment.

"Team sport builds confidence, develops friendships, and encourages social opportunities away from the football pitch. "Most of our sessions are followed by a visit to the clubhouse which gives everyone an opportunity to foster relationships off the field."

The five-a-side sessions will take place every Friday evening starting at 7pm, tailored for those experiencing mental health challenges.

Chairman Paul Lansdale said: "I am really pleased

to be able to begin these sessions.

"After a difficult few years, the benefits of playing football and being active have never been clearer.

"Football is a powerful tool, and we want to introduce this football experience to help those in our local community."

"Anyone who signs up can trust they'll be warmly welcomed in a safe space which we hope will become one they look forward to visiting regularly.

"There is no pressure applied whilst our aspiration is to expand upon the social elements of the football training, as the sessions build."

***"Football can serve as a means of breaking down barriers and stigma around mental health."***

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"By adding these sessions to our weekly provision of football, we will support our community and be able to welcome even more faces to Greatness Park."

Players - male and female - must be over the age of 18 - those who attend the session are required to wear boots which are appropriate for a 3G surface. If you require support with sourcing boots or cannot afford a pair, please get in touch with the club in advance.

For further information, please contact Matthew on 07920753806 - or email wellbeing@sevenoakstowntfc.co.uk

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"The Isthmian Football League strongly supports the FA statement that there should be a zero-tolerance approach against racism and all forms of discrimination. Accordingly, any form of discriminatory abuse whether it by reason of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion and belief, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, sex and sexual orientation or any other form of abuse will be reported

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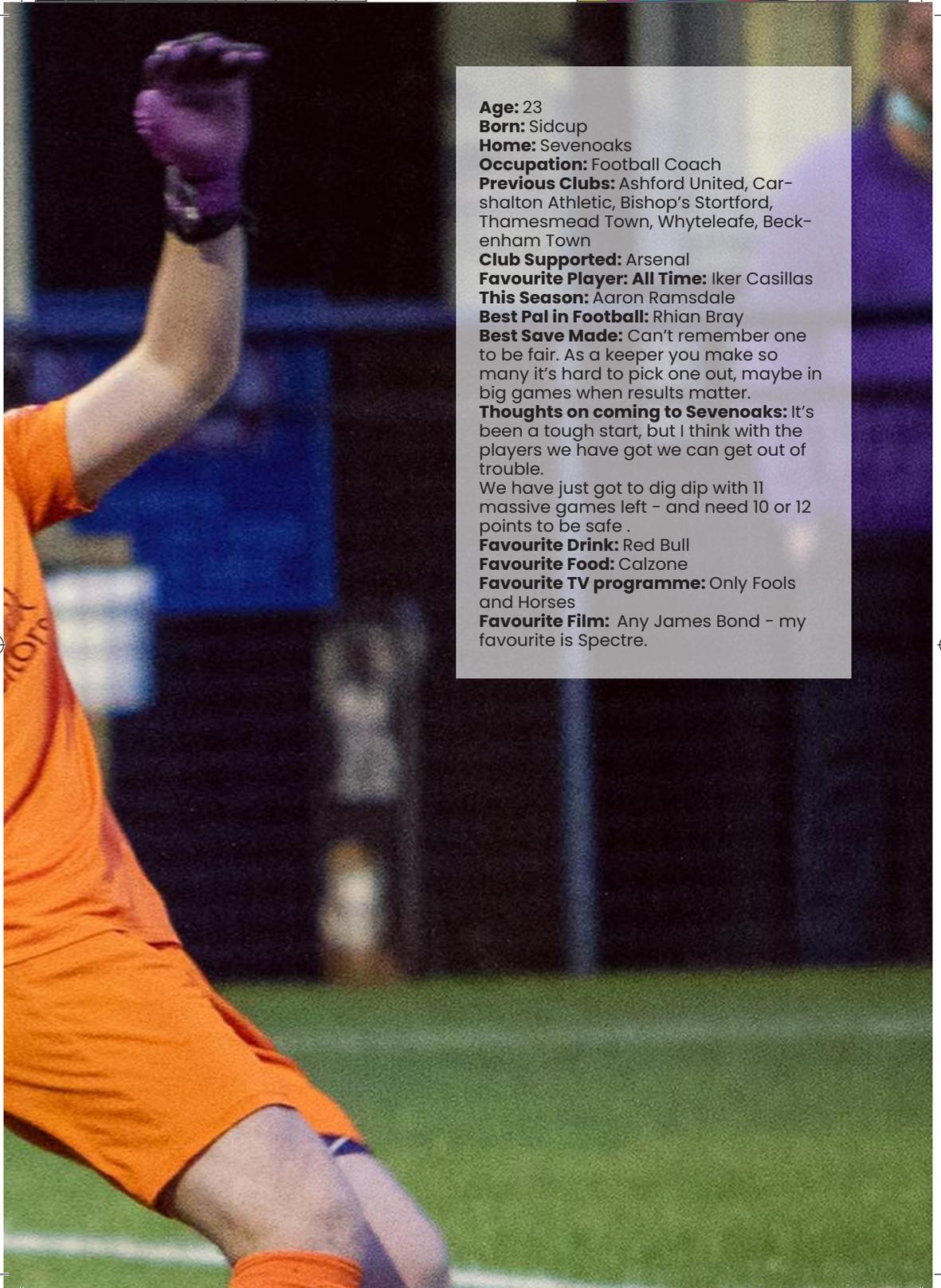


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Player Profile  
**Tyler  
McCarthy**





**Age:** 23

**Born:** Sidcup

**Home:** Sevenoaks

**Occupation:** Football Coach

**Previous Clubs:** Ashford United, Carshalton Athletic, Bishop's Stortford, Thamesmead Town, Whyteleafe, Beckenham Town

**Club Supported:** Arsenal

**Favourite Player: All Time:** Iker Casillas

**This Season:** Aaron Ramsdale

**Best Pal in Football:** Rhian Bray

**Best Save Made:** Can't remember one to be fair. As a keeper you make so many it's hard to pick one out, maybe in big games when results matter.

**Thoughts on coming to Sevenoaks:** It's been a tough start, but I think with the players we have got we can get out of trouble.

We have just got to dig dip with 11 massive games left - and need 10 or 12 points to be safe .

**Favourite Drink:** Red Bull

**Favourite Food:** Calzone

**Favourite TV programme:** Only Fools and Horses

**Favourite Film:** Any James Bond - my favourite is Spectre.



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# THE **NON-LEAGUE** PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

## Sonny's milestone has got everyone talking

By Sam Emery

The NLP's Fan's Forum letters page gets all sorts of weird, wonderful – and sometimes unprintable – contributions from readers.

From debates about the Non-League Pyramid structure, printed programmes, officials, friendly clubs or nostalgic trips down memory lane, we get the full spectrum of letters and emails.

Often a reader will spark a great debate. This week, Ray Ellis from Tonbridge is that man with a question that has had our inbox flooded.

Tonbridge Angels' Sonny Miles recently claimed the club's record number of appearances with 377. Who, Ray asks, is the record holder at one club across the whole of Non-League?

Well, it certainly resonated.

A reader from Grays flagged 673 games played by Phil Sammons and there was a shout for Gerry Keegan

of South Liverpool, who played 544 times for the famous club.

Gloucester City fans have been on touch on their legendary midfielder Tom Webb, who made 718 appearances for the Tigers before retiring age 34.

Regular contributor to our letters page, Marine superfan Barry Lenton, suggests Peter Smith with 957, while we also had shouts from Bognor Regis Town and Hampton & Richmond Borough.

***"I'll go as long as my body lets me, it's starting to ache now!"***

The nature of Non-League football means it may be hard to come up with a definitive answer.

Earlier in the season, we spoke to Terry Buss at Hanworth Villa as the one-club man celebrated 800 official appear-

ances for the Step 5 outfit – although he wondered if it was even more than that.

The 35-year-old keeper made his debut when he was 16 – illustrating just how long it takes to rack up these numbers – and he was eyeing 1,000.

"I'll go as long as my body lets me, it's starting to ache now!" he told The NLP. "Now that the 800 is up, the magic 1,000 is in sight. It would be another three or four years without missing a game but I've not missed many over the last 19 years so, fingers crossed, I can have a good go.

"My son, Jimmy, is 12, I'm hoping when he gets to 16 he's good enough to come in and take over from me!"

We'll print some of the letters in Sunday's paper. If you think your club has a player that could crack the top 10, then please drop us a line – [nlp@greenwayspublishing.co.uk](mailto:nlp@greenwayspublishing.co.uk)



# Today's team sheets

## Sevenoaks Town

1: Tyler McCarthy

2: Wesley Jno-Baptiste

3: Jason Fregene

4: Joe Bingham

5: Freeman Rogers

6: Steve Smith

7: Ryan Palmer

8: Steve Ikpeme

9: Jon Pilbeam

10: Luke Leppard

11: Fjord Rogers

12: Kweku Ansah

14: Jordan Johnson

15: Kyle De Silva

16: Lamin Bah

17: Daniel Colmer

## Burgess Hill FC

1: Will Huffer

2: Leon Moore

3: Reggie Ward

4: Lewis Taylor

5: Harry Pollard

6: Nic D'Arienzo

7: Lewis Finney

8: Charles Towing

9: Hayden Skerry

10: Pat Harding

11: Martyn Box

12: Connor Tighe

14: Tom Chalaye

15: Charlie Kelly

16: Ollie Davies

17: Trammell Mthunzi



Saturday February 19th 3pm. Pitching In Isthmian South-East Division, Sevenoaks v Burgess Hill

**Referee:** Morgan Conn

**Assistant 1:** Richard Myers

**Assistant 2:** TBA

**Next home match:** Saturday Match 5th 3pm.  
Pitching In Isthmian South-East Division,  
Sevenoaks v Herne Bay

