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Welcome everyone, and a heartfelt thanks for joining us despite the recent severe weather. It's been so challenging that we've managed only two matches this season, both in the early days of January. Since then, we've faced a complete halt in play.

Today, we're up against Ramsgate, a team that's been excelling remarkably. Their consistent growth and strength are admirable, and it wouldn't surprise me to see them move up this year.

I'd like to update you on our efforts to secure funding for our new 3G pitch. We're expecting a definitive answer by mid-February. This journey hasn't been easy, and it's only through the steadfast support of Richard Munn (our secretary), Graham McDonnell (Youth Chairman), and our exceptional marketing team, led by Cheryl Griffith, that we've come this far. I'm hopeful to bring positive news soon.

In other encouraging developments, we've teamed up with Nuffield Health to launch a Health Hub at Three Bridges, available every Tuesday and Thursday. It's a comprehensive initiative, addressing everything from joint pain to providing support for remarkable women undergoing breast cancer treatment. Their participation in the Pink Ribbon Pilates sessions, led by Jo Michaels and supported by Olive Tree, our local charity, is truly inspiring.

As I conclude, I must express my deepest gratitude to our devoted fans. Our community may be small, but it is unmatched in spirit and loyalty. A special thanks also goes out to the Ramsgate supporters who have embarked on the long journey to be here today.

Finally, I extend my best wishes to all the players and staff for today's game, with just a bit of extra luck for our team.

Warm regards,

Paul Fails

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Broadbridge Heath	1-0	3-3		0-0	0-3		0-1		1-1							0-2		2-2	0-2	
Burgess Hill Town					3-5		3-0	0-2	2-1			2-4	1-1	5-1	2-2		1-0		1-1	
Chichester City	1-2	4-0	2-1						1-3	1-3	5-0	3-0			1-3				0-2	0-1
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Hythe Town	2-2		2-1	2-2	0-2		4-0										4-0	2-2		
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Littlehampton Town	1-0	2-1	2-1		0-3	0-5	1-2			1-1					2-1		1-5	0-6		
Merstham		4-3						2-0		1-1	0-2	1-2	0-1		3-0	0-3		3-2	0-1	3-2
Phoenix Sports	3-1		0-4		0-0	2-7		0-0	0-2	1-0	0-4	1-2					3-2			2-6
Ramsgate		1-0		4-2	4-0		5-0	4-1	3-1	2-0	3-1		4-0		9-1		1-0			
Sevenoaks Town				3-3	1-0	0-1	4-1		1-2	3-2				2-2		4-2		0-1	3-2	2-2
Sheppey United		2-0	1-0	0-0	1-3		3-0		2-2	2-3		3-0	2-1		4-0	0-1			3-3	
Sittingbourne	1-0	4-0				2-3		6-0	2-0		0-1				2-1	2-3		2-2		4-1
THREE BRIDGES			4-2	2-3			4-2	6-1		2-2			3-1	3-3	4-2			6-0		



SOUTH EAST DIVISION – 2023/24

(As at 21st January 2024)

	Home	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Away
1	23/01	RAMSGATE	21	18	1	2	64	20	44	55	27/04
2	06/02	CRAY VALLEY PM	18	13	5	0	47	16	31	44	02/03
3	24/02	LANCING	22	13	2	7	42	32	10	41	0-4
4	06/04	SITTINGBOURNE	20	11	6	3	44	19	25	39	1-4
5	09/03	HERNE BAY	22	10	7	5	44	33	11	37	3-3
6	6-0	SHEPPEY UNITED	23	10	6	7	47	35	12	36	03/02
7	X	THREE BRIDGES	19	10	4	5	55	39	16	34	X
8	27/01	CHICHESTER CITY	21	10	3	8	38	26	12	33	1-0
9	20/04	SEVENOAKS TOWN	21	8	5	8	38	33	5	29	2-2
10	23/03	ASHFORD UNITED	22	9	2	11	33	41	-8	29	2-3
11	13/01	HYTHE TOWN	16	8	3	5	30	20	10	27	16/03
12	2-3	BURGESS HILL TOWN	20	6	8	6	33	32	1	26	01/04
13	4-2	EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN	20	7	2	11	28	42	-14	23	2-1
14	2-2	HORNDEAN	18	6	3	9	28	37	-9	21	27/02
15	3-1	LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN	21	6	3	12	27	49	-22	21	17/02
16	4-2	PHOENIX SPORTS	23	5	4	14	29	64	-35	19	6-2
17	3-3	MERSTHAM	20	5	3	12	27	44	-17	18	2-3
18	4-2	BROADBRIDGE HEATH	19	4	5	10	25	30	-5	17	TBA
19	6-1	ERITH & BELVEDERE	21	3	3	15	10	51	-41	12	14/04
20	30/03	BECKENHAM TOWN	19	2	3	14	23	49	-26	9	2-1

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HISTORY OF THREE BRIDGES FC

Founded in 1901, Three Bridges joined the Mid Sussex Football League in 1902 and were Champions of that League for the first time in the 1907/08 season. Their first major success came in 1933/34, when they won the Sussex Junior Cup, and sundry other minor honours came their way before they joined the Sussex County Football League in 1952/53, and two years later were crowned Second Division Champions.

In 1962/63 they won the Division Two Invitation Cup and in 1968/69, 1973/74 and 1979/80 were Second Division Runners Up. 1970/71 produced an against-the-odds triumph when winning the League's Invitation Cup against Southwick (3-2). The 1980s heralded a run of successes, starting with reaching the last 16 of the FA Vase for the first time in 1981/82 before losing at Molesey (1-2). A season later they made it to the last 32 but also won the Sussex RUR Charity Cup for the first time, beating Hastings Town 3-2. Another year on saw them finish runners up in the Thorn EMI National six-a-side tournament, winning a set of floodlights. 1985/86 saw them finish as County League Division One runners up, a feat they repeated in both 1987/88 (when they also won the RUR Cup again) and 1988/89. A fire destroyed their clubhouse in 1993 which re-focused their priorities and ultimately resulted in relegation in 1996/97. They won the Division 2 League Cup a season later and then finished runners up in Division 2 to regain Division 1 status. They were RUR Cup runners up in 2003/04 and then winners of that same prestigious trophy in 2007/08. In season 2010/11 hopes were high when they started by winning their first nine League games, but eventually finished the season in 5th place. However they did win the John O'Hara League Challenge Cup for the first time that season, beating Rye United 2-1, a tremendous feat that they achieved again in 2011/12, this time AFC Uckfield being defeated 2-1. It looked like being another tough League campaign when they lost four of the first nine matches, but then lost only one of the remaining 29 games, which was concluded by beating Championship rivals Rye United 1-0 at home on the final day of the season! This tremendous run meant the club had achieved its ambition and become Sussex County Football League Champions. With a superb run in the FA Vase too, losing in the last 32 on a penalty shoot-out with Derbyshire side, Gresley FC, the 2011/12 'Double' season had undoubtedly been the best in Three Bridges' history.

Their first season in the Ryman Isthmian Football League South Division saw them struggle for much of the time. However, having been 10 points adrift at the bottom of the table in mid-February, they went on a run of 11 matches that produced 7 victories, 2 draws and just 2 defeats, earning them Team of the Month Awards in both March and April as a result. It meant that they survived the drop, but their second season in the Ryman League saw them struggle at times again but some key signings midway through the season helped them to 19th place. The 2014/15 season saw an even greater improvement with a healthy mixture of youth and experience guiding them into 7th position and, whilst they were happy to score 94 League goals, they were less than happy about the 95 they conceded! They improved their defensive record in conceding 67 goals in season 2015/16 but only scored 59, hardly helped by long-term injuries to strike partners Allan Tait and Tony Garrod. With 66 points, they slumped to 14th position, although they only accumulated 6 points fewer than in the previous campaign!

Bridges maintained most of that season's squad for the 2016/17 campaign. However, with at least 11 first team players out injured by September, they had to use a lot of the U21s, Academy and U18s players and by November had lost 12 games in a row, drew three and won just one game. Towards the end of the season, they strengthened the squad but it was too late to avoid relegation. For the 2017/18 season, Bridges kept a few of the best of the players from the previous season and strengthened the team with more experienced players in the hope of promotion once again. Having dispensed with the services of Simon Wormull, Paul Hammond and Danny Lee from the coaching team and folding the Academy team, Bridges also strengthened the management team with the additions of the experienced ex-Bridges player, Martin Dynan as Assistant Manager, and UEFA 'A' licensed Coach, Marc Wardley. That season turned out to be an extremely tough one with every team wanting to beat us. However, Bridges accomplished what they set out to do by gaining promotion back to the Isthmian League having finished second place in the Southern Combination League Premier Division, just one point behind the winners, Haywards Heath Town, and despite having only lost 3 games all season. After serving 25 years with the Club as a manager, Paul Faili stood down as First Team Manager for the 2018/19 season in order to concentrate on his role as Club Chairman, and handed the management reins over to Martin Dynan, assisted by Liam Collins alongside Keith George. He also recruited a new U23s manager in Oliver Saunders, another UEFA 'A' licensed coach, to work closely with the First Team in developing both the U23s and U18s. After losing 8 out of 12 League games by the end of November, as well as being knocked out of all four cup competitions (FA Cup, FA Trophy, League Cup and Sussex Senior Cup), the future looked bleak for Martin Dynan. However, the team then went on an unbeaten run in December, earning Martin the League's Manager of the Month Award. Unfortunately, that didn't last and Martin's demise was inevitable by the end of February, having lost 8 of the last nine games with relegation looming. Paul Faili stepped in for the remaining 9 games of the season attaining 4 wins, 2 draws and 3 losses – enough for a 14th place finish and 14 points clear of relegation.

Paul remained as Manager, ably assisted by Keith George and coached by Jamie Crellin who played for the Club for five seasons, but sadly had to hang up his boots after sustaining an ankle injury early in the 2018/19 season, after making 164 appearances for the Club. Oliver Saunders remained as U23s Manager, assisted by Tom Hayward who had been involved with the U18s as both Assistant Manager and Manager over the previous four seasons, while First Team player, Brannon O'Neill, was appointed as U18s Manager. Sadly Oliver decided to move to South Park as First Team Coach in November 2019, following Martin Dynan's appointment there so Tom was appointed as U23s Manager for the remainder of the season. For the 2020/2021 season, the only change was a new manager for the U23s (Development Squad) with Ryan Gayler appointed as Manager and Tom Hayward becoming Vice Chairman. 2021/22 saw Jamie Crellin take over as First Team Manager, with Danny Lee (former Academy manager) returning to the club to join Jamie in the dugout as assistant manager. The U23s were disbanded but we had an additional U18s (all U16s) playing in the Southern Combination Football League on Sundays but this year playing in the U17s division.

This season sees Brannon O'Neill appointed as Assistant Manager following Danny Lee's departure and Joe Kay joining as First Team Coach.



SOUTH EAST DIVISION RESULTS AND FIXTURES

SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER 2023

Broadbridge Heath	3-3	Beckenham Town
Herne Bay	4-3	Horndean
Hythe Town	0-2	Chichester City
Lancing	1-2	Sheppey United
Phoenix Sports	3-1	Ashford United
Sevenoaks Town	3-3	Burgess Hill Town
Sittingbourne	3-0	Merstham
THREE BRIDGES	4-2	EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 2023

Erith & Belvedere	0-5	Ramsgate
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WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER 2023

Erith & Belvedere	2-1	Littlehampton Town
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SATURDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2023

Chichester City	2-1	Broadbridge Heath
Littlehampton Town	0-5	Cray Valley PM

TUESDAY 26th DECEMBER 2023

Ashford United	0-1	Hythe Town
Burgess Hill Town	2-4	Lancing
Cray Valley PM	3-1	Phoenix Sports
East Grinstead Town	0-3	Sevenoaks Town
Horndean	2-1	Littlehampton Town
MERSTHAM	3-2	THREE BRIDGES
Ramsgate	3-1	Herne Bay
Sheppey United	3-3	Sittingbourne

SATURDAY 30th DECEMBER 2023

Ashford United	4-1	Erith & Belvedere
Beckenham Town	1-6	Littlehampton Town
Burgess Hill Town	2-1	Herne Bay
Chichester City	1-3	Phoenix Sports

Cray Valley PM	2-2	Sittingbourne
Merstham	1-2	Lancing
Ramsgate	1-0	Sevenoaks Town
SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2023 (continued)		
Sheppey United	1-0	Broadbridge Heath
MONDAY 1ST JANUARY 2024		
Erith & Belvedere	0-4	East Grinstead Town
Herne Bay	2-2	Ashford United
Hythe Town	2-2	Sheppey United
Lancing	4-1	Horndean
Littlehampton Town	0-3	Chichester City
Sevenoaks Town	0-1	Cray Valley PM
Sittingbourne	2-3	Ramsgate
THREE BRIDGES	2-3	BURGESS HILL TOWN
SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY 2024		
ASHFORD UNITED	3-2	THREE BRIDGES
Burgess Hill Town	3-0	East Grinstead Town
Horndean	2-0	Erith & Belvedere
Lancing	4-2	Ramsgate
Merstham	0-1	Littlehampton Town
Phoenix Sports	0-4	Broadbridge Heath
Sevenoaks Town	1-2	Herne Bay
Sheppey United	1-3	Chichester City
Sittingbourne	4-0	Beckenham Town
TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2024		
Broadbridge Heath	1-0	Ashford United
Cray Valley PM	1-1	Lancing
Merstham	2-0	Erith & Belvedere
WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2024		
Ramsgate	5-0	East Grinstead Town

Results from Saturday 13th January onwards will appear in this Saturday's programme v Chichester City.

Two results from that day in the Fourth Round Proper of the F.A.Trophy saw the last remaining Isthmian League clubs take their exit from the competition, Horsham losing 0-3 at home to Peterborough Sports and Hythe Town being beaten 1-2 at home to Chorley.



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Match Report



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Saturday 26th December 2023

Referee: Jake Woodman

Reporter: Tom Fry

Bridges put in a lacklustre Boxing Day performance and suffered a third league defeat of the season as struggling Merstham took all three points in this festive, and feisty, fixture. The home side started the better, with debutant Tom Collins seeing a shot denied by Jasper Sheik within the first five minutes. The Bridges defence took no notice of that warning, and just three minutes later **DEAN GUNNER** had Merstham ahead, tapping in from six yards out after Lorenzo Lewis had cut back from the by-line.

Giani Ashley was struggling to deal with tricky winger Lewis in the opening exchanges, but got back just in time to deny Lewis doubling the lead for the home side within fifteen minutes. Just after that however, Bridges woke up, and this was mainly due to Ibby Jalloh. Our own tricky winger took on half the Merstham team, jinking past body after body on a solo run from the halfway line, before seeing his shot saved by Johnson, the home side's 'keeper. **NOEL LEIGHTON** was on hand though to tap-in the rebound, our fiftieth League goal of the season to date, and the game was level.

A few minutes later, Jalloh managed to ghost past another set of Merstham players and saw his goal bound shot deflect onto the post. The game then settled for ten minutes, but just before the half-hour mark Merstham went back ahead. Tresor Difika failed to deal with a simple long ball and **KORREY HENRY** said thank you very much, nipping the ball from Difika and finishing left-footed into the corner of the net.

Lorenzo Lewis was at it again up against Giani Ashley, leaving the Bridges full-back for dead but dragging his low shot wide. Kevin Rivera then should have done better with a shot of his own after beating Merstham defender Abnett, but Merstham 'keeper Johnson saved easily. Bridges did get level before half-time, and it was young centre-midfielder **HARVEY WOOLLARD** on the scoresheet for the third game running. The home side defence could only clear to the edge of the area and Woollard volleyed into the bottom corner.

Noel Leighton had two good chances to put Bridges ahead at half-time but saw one shot saved by Johnson and another that fizzed over the bar.

The second-half was in no way as exciting at the first, with both teams appearing to tire, but Merstham used the home advantage to their benefit and put in the better performance in the second 45 minutes.

The only notable Bridges chance of the second-half fell to Ibby Jalloh in the 53rd minute, who saw his free-kick superbly saved by Johnson.

The killer goal and overall winner came in the 72nd minute. At the second time of asking, Senior put a ball into the box and **KORREY HENRY** attacked it unmarked to head past Jasper Sheik and claim his second goal of the game.

The home side then saw the game out comfortably to claim their fourth win of the season (all coming at home) and inflict Bridges third defeat of the season (all coming on the road).

Merstham : Johnson, Mbele, Khinda, Abnett, Ogundega, Gunner (c), Senior, Greenwood, Henry, Collins (Jordan 83), Lewis (Dyer 65). Unused Subs: Taank, Brazier. Bookings: Abnett 30, Greenwood 33.

Bridges: Sheik, Ferreria, Ashley, Woollard (Agun 77), Jalloh, O'Neill (c), Leighton, Adesite, Rivera, Irving (Donaghey 79), Difika. Unused Subs: Villavicencio, Hanslow, Bendall. Bookings: Ashley 31, O'Neill 62, Irving 75, Jalloh 82.

Bridges Man of the Match : Harvey Woollard

Match Report



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Monday 1st January 2024

Referee: Ross Murphy

Reporter: Alf Blackler

A game that was a credit to Sussex football ended with a winner for the visitors in the fourth of five added minutes, but the general consensus afterwards was that the young Burgess Hill side were worthy of the three points by the final whistle.

This was a first home League defeat of the season for Bridges, who started brightly and went ahead after just six minutes. Noel Leighton threaded a fine pass to Kevin Rivera, who was fouled in the penalty area, giving **IBRAHIM JALLOH** the task of slotting home from the spot. Even then Hillians keeper Taylor Seymour got a hand to the ball as he went the right way but was beaten by Jalloh's power and placement, but both Seymour and his opposite number Jasper Sheik played their part in this game with some good saves and plenty to say for themselves.

Leighton was denied by the crossbar and Jalloh saw an effort cleared off the line by Jack Taylor, but it was then the turn of Hillians to see one cleared off the line whilst Sheik brilliantly denied the ever predatory Dan Perry.

Perry saw a header go just over within a minute of the restart, and Bridges were forced deeper as Hillians now started to take control with swift attacks and some delightful passing moves. The two wide men, with Marcel Powell particularly prominent, switched wings, but still it looked as though it might not be their day as they breathed a sigh of relief when Seymour denied Kevin Rivera following a mazy run by the Bridges player.

Just a minute after that 75th minute save came the equaliser, this time a penalty for the visitors when substitute **MARTYN BOX** was brought down and he slotted home himself from the spot. The momentum was certainly with Burgess Hill by now and a mixture of Bridges hesitancy and Hillians persistence saw Perry nudge the ball to another substitute **REECE HALLARD** to net from close range after 81 minutes.

But somehow Bridges responded with an equaliser within two minutes as Brannon O'Neill floated in a deep free kick and **BILLY IRVING** ghosted in to stab past Seymour. Both sides could have been forgiven for settling for the draw at that stage, but both tried for a win, and after 94 minutes it came for Burgess Hill when a cross fell to former Bridges Youth player **HALLARD** to net as the ball looped beyond the unfortunate Sheik into the far corner of the net.

Bridges : J.Sheik, D.Ferreira, C.Collcutt (G.Ashley, 57), B.Irving, T.Difika, H.Woollard, I.Jalloh, B.O'Neill, N.Leighton (E.Hanslow, 68), K.Rivera, A.Adesite (B.Villavicencio, 57).

Unused Subs. - S.Agun, C.Donaghey.

Booked - O'Neill (45), Leighton (62).

Burgess Hill : T.Seymour, R.Ward, H.Mills, J.Taylor, O.Spicer (D.Budd, 79), H.Lawson, J.Overy (R.Hallard, 53), K.Rowe, D.Perry, N.Hoffman (M.Box, 68), M.Powell.

Unused Subs. - A.Brewer, Z.Lawrence.

Bridges Man of the Match - Billy Irving.

Match Report



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Saturday 6th January 2024

Referee: Benjamin McDonald

Reporter: Alf Blackler

Having lost just two of their opening sixteen League fixtures, Bridges have now suffered three defeats in a row, all by the same score and – in the last two games – suffering a devastating late goal against. Yet they still remain in fourth position in the table but with plenty of teams breathing down their necks.

For the first half hour, Bridges looked by far the more composed side with lots of neat passing movements, but only forcing Ashford keeper Chris Lewington to one save of note, when he pushed an effort from the impressive Anthony Adesite into the side netting. And apart from a header by Tresor Difika that went just wide, they rarely caused the home side enough problems despite their domination on the ball.

Ashford meanwhile were content to generally play the long ball and it paid off for them after 32 minutes when it fell to **DANIEL PARISH** to lob over Jasper Sheik with Dan Ferreira not able to stop it from crossing the line.

But Bridges levelled within two minute of the second half starting when Bryan Vilavicencio's determination to chase a loose ball finally fell to **NOEL LEIGHTON** to break clear and round Lewington to score. And it was **LEIGHTON** on target again after 52 minutes when he headed home from Brannon O'Neill's inviting corner.

The game now became more open with Sheik having to deny Parish and Lewington keeping Leighton from a hat trick after a delightful through ball by Kevin Rivera.

The game started to turn Ashford's way when they ditched the long ball tactics and introduced Kymani Thomas from the bench. Fast and tricky, he started to torment the visitors, and within a minute of his introduction he created the opportunity for **VANCE BOLA** to equalise. Sheik then had to block a good shot from Thomas and then denied the same player when he broke free and looked odds on to score.

The pressure told in the 90th minute when Parish threaded the ball into the path of **IAN DRAYCOTT** for a cruel winner. And Bridges were then denied by a dubious offside decision in the fifth of six added minutes.

Ashford : C.Lewington, T.Ossei, B.Simms, D.Ozobia (I.Draycott, 86), C.Dymond, J.Tololupe, D.Parish, H.Brand, V.Bola, N.Carney (K.Thomas, 70), A.Edgar (R.Ovenden, 90). Unused Subs. – B.Gorham, R.Rees.
Booked – Brand (41), Dymond (60).

Bridges : J.Sheik, D.Ferreira, H.Woollard, B.Irving, T.Difika, B.Villavicencio (C.Donaghey, 90+2), I.Jalloh, B.O'Neill, N.Leighton, K.Rivera, A.Adesite. Unused Subs. – G.Ashley, J.Bendell, E.Hanslow, S.Agun.
Booked – Difika (4), Adesite (48), Leighton (80), Donaghey (90+5).

Bridges Man of the Match – Billy Irving.

FIXTURES/RESULTS 2023/2024



Date	Comp	H/A	Opposition	Res.	Scorers
05/08	FAC-EP	H	CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK	2-2	Gayler, Difika
08/08	FAC-EPR	A	Crawley Down Gatwick	0-2	
12/08	League	H	HORNDEN	2-2	Irving, Leighton
19/08	League	H	PHOENIX SPORTS	4-2	Leighton (2), Difika (2)
26/08	League	A	Beckenham Town	2-1	Lawson (2)
28/08	League	H	MERSTHAM	3-3	Archer, O'Neill (2)
09/09	FAT-1Q	A	Beckenham Town	5-1	Rivera, Leighton (2), Lawson, O'Neill (pen)
12/09	VC-2	H	BURGESS HILL TOWN	3-2	Leighton (2), Archer
16/09	League	A	East Grinstead Town	2-1	Lawson, Rivera
23/09	FAT-2Q	A	South Park (Reigate)	1-2	Leighton
30/09	League	H	BROADBRIDGE HEATH	4-2	Leighton (2), O'Neill (pen), Ferreira
03/10	SSC-2	A	Hastings United	3-4	Irving, Leighton, Hanslow
07/10	League	A	Phoenix Sports	6-2	Leighton (3), Rivera (2), Jalloh
10/10	League	A	Chichester City	1-0	Leighton
21/10	League	H	LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN	3-1	Jalloh (3)
28/10	League	A	Lancing	0-4	
31/10	VC-3	H	CHATHAM TOWN	2-4	Lawson, Jalloh
11/11	League	A	Herne Bay	3-3	Jalloh (2), Rivera
18/11	League	A	Sittingbourne	1-4	Jalloh
21/11	League	H	SHEPPEY UNITED	6-0	Leighton (3), Jalloh, Rivera (2)
25/11	League	H	ERITH & BELVEDERE	6-1	Rivera (2), Jalloh (2 – 1 pen), Leighton (2)
02/12	League	A	Sevenoaks Town	2-2	Rivera, Woollard
16/12	League	H	EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN	4-2	Jalloh (2), Woollard, Leighton
26/12	League	A	Merstham	2-3	Leighton, Woollard
01/01	League	H	BURGESS HILL TOWN	2-3	Jalloh (pen), Irving
06/01	League	A	Ashford United	2-3	Leighton (2)
20/01	League	A	Broadbridge Heath	P-P	<i>New date to be arranged</i>
23/01	League	H	RAMSGATE		
27/01	League	H	CHICHESTER CITY		
03/02	League	A	Sheppey United		
06/02	League	H	CRAY VALLEY PM		
13/02	League	H	HYTHE TOWN		
17/02	League	A	Littlehampton Town		
24/02	League	H	LANCING		
27/02	League	A	Horndean		
02/03	League	A	Cray Valley PM		
09/03	League	H	HERNE BAY		
16/03	League	A	Hythe Town		
23/03	League	H	ASHFORD UNITED		
30/03	League	H	BECKENHAM TOWN		
01/04	League	A	Burgess Hill Town		
06/04	League	H	SITTINGBOURNE		
14/04	League	A	Erith & Belvedere		
20/04	League	H	SEVENOAKS TOWN		
27/04	League	A	Ramsgate		

FAC = FA Cup

FAT = FA Trophy

VC = Velocity Cup

SSC = Sussex Senior Cup

Bridges score shown first in all games

STATS

APPEARANCES	2023/24						Bridges First Team Career					
	League		Cup		Total		League		Cup		Total	
	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub
Anthony Adesite	4				4		4				4	
Sean Agun		1				1		1				1
Yassin Ainine		1		1		2		1		2		3
Leo Anderson	3		2		5		36		12	1	48	1
Ethon Archer	7	1	4		11	1	7	1	4		11	1
Giani Ashley	4	8		5	4	13	71	15	17	6	87	21
James Bendall			1		1				1		1	
Mitch Bromage	2		2		4		30		8		38	
Tadley Bromage			2		2		86	1	18	3	104	4
Conner Colcutt	4	5	4	1	8	6	5	15	5	3	10	18
Taylor Curran	7		1		8		7		1		8	
Tresor Difika	16		5		21		16	1	6	3	22	4
Callum Donaghey	1	4	2		3	4	118	31	38	4	156	35
Ridwan Euba	13		6		19		13		6		19	
Dan Ferreira	13	1	3		16	1	47	12	11	2	58	14
Curtis Gayler			2		2		77	7	23		100	7
Harvey Griffiths		1	1		1	1		2	1	2	1	4
Elliott Hanslow		6	1	2	1	8		7	1	3	1	10
Billy Irving	13	2	5	1	18	3	40	13	14	3	54	15
Ibrahim Jalloh	14		2		16		14		2		16	
Reegan Jeffrey		1				1		2	1		1	2
Camron Lawson	12	3	4	2	16	5	44	29	13	7	57	36
Noel Leighton	19		7		26		65	2	18	1	83	3
Brannon O'Neill	18		6		24		147	10	33	2	180	12
Sam Packham	3				3		3				3	
Kevin Rivera	18		5		24		46	7	11	1	57	8
Jasper Sheik	14		3		17		14		3		17	
Finlay Southwell				1		1				1		1
Bryan Villavicencio	8	5	3	1	11	6	56	9	16	1	72	10
Oscar Williams		2	1		1	2		2	1		1	2
Harvey Woollard	16	1	5	2	21	3	19	7	7	4	26	11



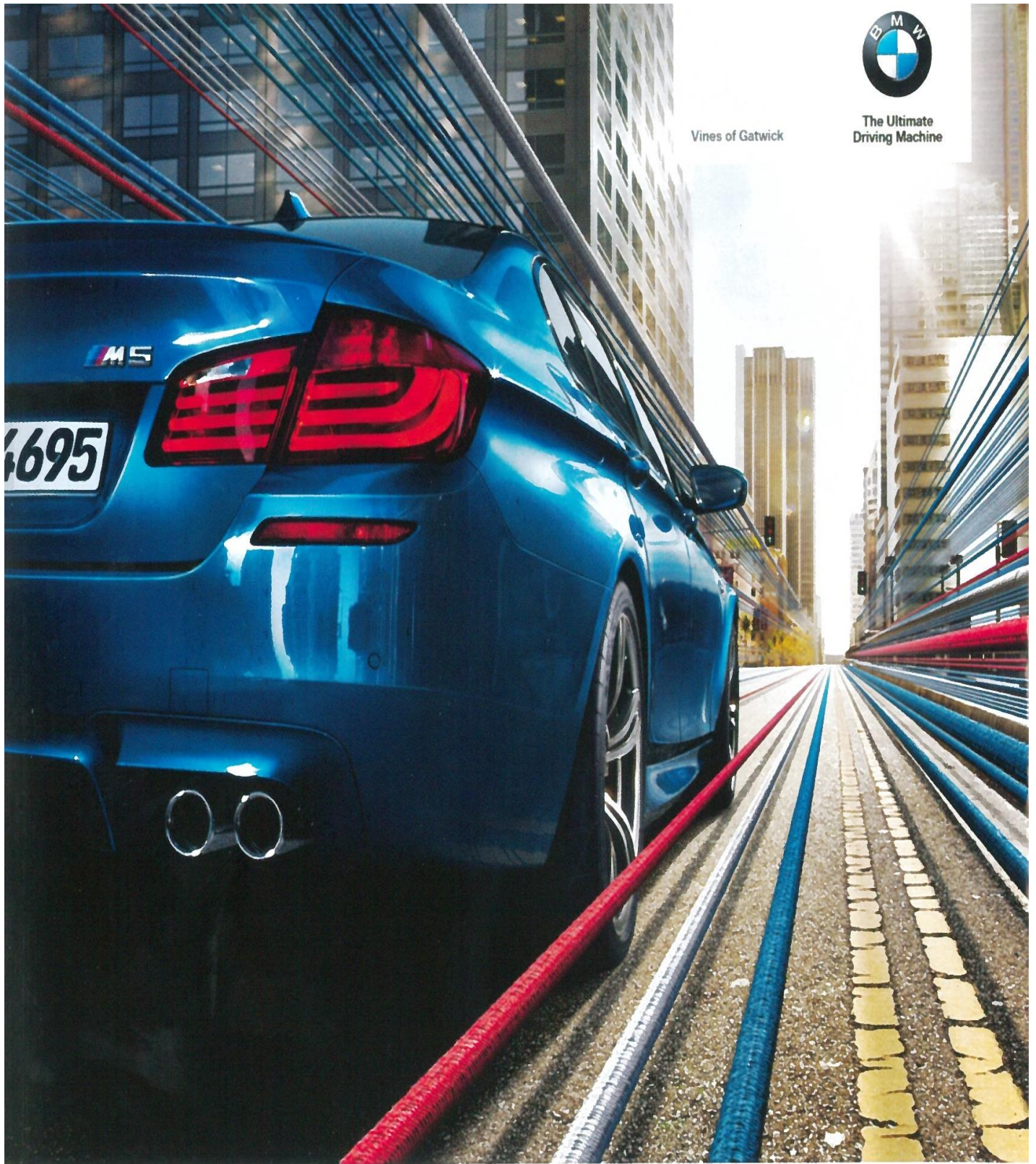


GOAL SCORERS	2023/24			Bridges First Team Career		
	League	Cup	Total	League	Cup	Total
Ethon Archer	1	1	2	1	1	2
Giani Ashley				2		2
Conner Collcutt				1	1	2
Tresor Difika	2	1	3	2	1	3
Callum Donaghey				10	5	15
Dan Ferreira	1		1	3		3
Curtis Gayler		1	1	19	5	24
Elliott Hanslow		1	1		1	1
Billy Irving	2	1	3	3	3	6
Ibrahim Jalloh	13	1	14	13	1	14
Camron Lawson	3	2	5	8	4	12
Noel Leighton	18	6	24	33	10	43
Brannon O'Neill	3	1	4	26	8	34
Kevin Rivera	9	1	10	14	2	16
Brian Villavicencio				3		3
Harvey Woollard	3		3	3		3
Own Goal						



FOUR: Ibrahim Jalloh, Kevin Rivera, Harvey Woollard
TWO : Tresor Difika, Billy Irving, Noel Leighton, Jasper Sheik
ONE: Ethon Archer, Conner Collcutt, Ridwan Euba, Elliott Hanslow, Brannon O'Neill, Oscar Williams

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UNDER 18'S ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH 2023/24

Date	Comp	H/A	Opposition	Res.	Scorers
21/08	League	H	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	3-1	Kaye (2), Milner
29/08	YLC	H	WELLING UNITED	1-3	Southwell
04/09	FAYC	H	SEAFORD	7-0	Timlin, Tuesley (3), Hanslow, Kaye, Anderson
10/09	County Cup	A	Burgess Hill Town Juniors Green	1-4	Hayden-Pickering
09/10	League	H	HORSHAM	1-2	Cowdrey
23/10	League	H	HORSHAM YMCA	2-0	Kaye, Falzon
27/11	League	H	BURGESS HILL TOWN	1-3	Kaye
11/12	League	H	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	4-3	Cowdrey, Bishop, Tuesley, Munorrah
09/01	League	A	Worthing	P-P	<i>New date to be arranged</i>
15/01	League	H	LEWES	P-P	<i>New date to be arranged</i>
22/01	League	A	Horsham YMCA		
01/02	League	H	WHITEHAWK		
08/02	League	A	Hastings United		
13/02	League	A	Eastbourne Borough		
20/02	League	A	Horsham		
26/02	League	H	WORTHING		
04/03	League	H	HASTINGS UNITED		
07/03	League	A	Whitehawk		
11/03	League	A	Bognor Regis Town		
18/03	League	A	Lewes		
26/03	League	A	Burgess Hill Town		

YLC = Youth League Cup

FAYC = FA Youth Cup

SCC = Sussex County Cup

(Isthmian League South Division as at 21st January 2024)

	Home	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Away
1	26/02	WORTHING	7	6	0	1	35	9	26	18	TBA
2	TBA	LEWES	7	6	0	1	23	12	11	18	14/03
3	1-3	BURGESS HILL TOWN	7	4	1	2	30	17	13	13	26/03
4	1-2	HORSHAM	8	4	1	3	23	14	9	13	20/02
5	X	THREE BRIDGES	5	3	0	2	11	9	2	9	X
6	4-3	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	7	2	2	3	17	22	-5	8	11/03
7	18/03	WHITEHAWK	4	2	1	1	9	6	3	7	18/12
8	04/03	HASTINGS UNITED	6	2	1	3	13	23	-10	7	08/02
9	3-1	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	8	2	0	6	10	25	-15	6	13/02
10	2-0	HORSHAM YMCA	9	0	0	9	6	40	-34	0	22/01

(Bridges score shown first in both home and away columns)

Monday 27th November 2023 League (home) Burgess Hill Town Lost 1-3

Team : D.Krecisz, J.Oliver (S.Bah, 82), Y.Tsyhanenico (S.Tuesley, 71), F.Bishop, L.Stilwell, O.Cowdrey, D.Munorrah, J.Timlin, A.Kaye (R.Jeffery, 63), E.Hanslow, M.Anderson. Unused Subs. – H.Stewart, C.Hayden-Pickering. Scorer – Kaye (37). MOM – Oliver Cowdrey. Sent Off – Hanslow yellow after 66 and 79mins.)

Monday 11th December 2023 League (home) Bognor Regis Town Won 4-3

Team : D.Krecisz, J.Oliver, M.Anderson, F.Bishop, O.Cowdrey, Y.Tsyhanenico, R.Jeffrey, H.Stewart (S.Bah, 63), A.Kaye (G.Falzon, 42), S.Tuesley, D.Munorrah (F.Dean, 84). Unused Subs. – L.Stilwell, B.Dakombe. Scorers – Cowdrey (27), Bishop (36), Tuesley (49), Munorrah (68). MOM – David Krecisz.

NEXT HOME MATCH v WHITEHAWK Monday 1st February 2024, k.o. 7.45 pm.

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RAMSGATE

Ramsgate is one of the largest non-League clubs in Kent, and last season fielded 78 senior and youth teams, and for 2023/24 again includes 3 for women and 10 for girls as well as 2 senior men's teams comprising the 1st Team and Under 23s. The club continues to grow and following the installation of the first fixed Panna cages at an English football stadium in 2020 replaced the pitch at Southwood with a new all-weather surface that was opened with a visit from Spurs' U23s in July 2021. The current club restarted in 1945, after the ban on football in east Kent during World War 2 was lifted, and originally called Ramsgate Athletic have played at the Southwood Stadium continuously ever since.

Ramsgate has had senior football teams within the town since the late 1800s, and despite the paucity of newspaper coverage of football on the Channel side of the Isle of Thanet in the late 19th century there are reports of Ramsgate Athletic playing at Southwood along with the principal side, Ramsgate Town, who started about 1886 (and team photos of whom exist from 1898). At this time matches were played on several pitches around the town, including the Rams' current home - Southwood. Football in east Kent closed down during the Great War and in 1919 the Southwood ground was provided for Ramsgate Town by Henry Weigall JP and Lady Rose Weigall, the club by then known as Ramsgate. In their first season they finished 3rd in the Kent FA League and reached the Kent Senior Cup final but lost to Northfleet at Maidstone 1-0 before a crowd of 10,000. In 1924 Ramsgate Town folded and Ramsgate Grenville moved to Southwood and, apart from the rise and fall of the more successful Dumpton-based Ramsgate (Press Wanderers) in the 1930s, Grenville became the senior Ramsgate side until another World War cancelled football.

Post-World War 2 honours have been many, especially in the late 1940s and through the 1950s, and again in the late 1960s and 1980s (and not forgetting the mid-2000s), Some say the 'golden period' was from 1954 to 1957, when former Scottish international Jimmy Blair was player/manager, and the Rams were back-to-back League Champions in 1955/56 and 1956/57, with a new attendance record being set in 1955/56 when 5,083 watched the derby against Margate. They also made Club history when they reached the 1st Round Proper of the FA for the first time in 1955, narrowly losing 5-3 at Watford (a record that stood for 50 years before reaching that round again). With the demise of the Kent FA League in 1959 the Club joined the Southern League, as well as the Thames & Medway Combination, and a new stand was erected on the southern side of the pitch. In 1971/72 the Club were promoted to the Southern League and changed its name to just Ramsgate, but after a decline in fortunes off the pitch the Club was relegated to Division 1 and then resigned from the League in 1976, with the 1st team taking the Reserves' place in the new Kent League. In 1998/99 the Club was eligible for promotion back to the Southern League after winning the Kent Premier League championship and the Kent FA

Senior Trophy, but decided the time was not right. This was followed with more silverware in 2000/01, winning the Kent Premier Division League Cup.

The 2004/05 season saw the Rams playing (and defeating) 4 sides from higher leagues pre-season, including old rivals Margate. In competitive football they made good progress in the FA Cup, winning at Kingstonian (2 leagues higher) before falling in the 2nd half to Dulwich Hamlet (1 league higher), whilst in the FA Vase they again reached the 3rd Round Proper. The best form was saved for the domestic season where the Rams again did the double winning both the Kent League Premier Cup and League Championship by a clear margin, and after extensive ground improvements entered Ryman 1 South in 2005. Summer 2005 saw the Rams start the new era with 2 more pieces of silverware, beating Herne Bay in the Kent League Challenge Shield and Margate in the Kent Messenger Challenge Cup. The Club reached the 1st Round Proper of the FA Cup, the only Step 4 club in the country to do so that season, equalling the Club record set 50 years earlier, but were defeated at Nuneaton. They won the League at their first attempt however, securing back-to-back promotions to the Ryman Premier Division for 2006/07. For most of their inaugural season in the Premier the Rams were settled in the 'play-off spots' and for several weeks in 2nd place, but the toll on the small squad was noticeable and they slipped to 9th place in the run-in. This meant another new record, as the Club had only managed to stay in the Southern League Premier for a single season in 1972. The 2007/08 season saw more club records being set, winning the Isthmian League Cup as well as reaching the play-offs for the Conference South. In 2008/09 an average performance dipped in the last months with relegation back to Division 1 South. Key players left to remain at the higher level, although a much younger local side avoided another drop in 2009/10 as some predicted.

Back in Division 1 the Rams usually finished around the play-offs until, after five managers in 14 months, they ended up in 21st place in 2013/14. This saw the return of Jim Ward for his 3rd spell in charge, and though the Rams were in 2nd place at Christmas the form dropped and they finished mid-table. A good start in 2016/17 didn't last and with only 1 point from 3 games over Christmas coach Lloyd Blackman replaced 'Wardie' as manager. A 10-match unbeaten run saw a mid-table finish reprieve, with Blackman confirmed as gaffer for 2017/18. In 2018/19 there were changes in chairman and despite a good run in the FA Cup (ending at NLS Hemel Hempstead in the 3rd Qualifying Round) and an 8-game unbeaten run ending in October, Blackman stepped down and ex-Sittingbourne boss and former Rams' captain Nick Davis took over. Indifferent results saw by ex-Herne Bay boss Jason Lillis appointed in October 2019, who in turn was replaced by Matt Longhurst in January 2020. After 2 years in charge, 4 losses in a row saw Longhurst replaced by former Gills coach Steve Lovell in April 2022 for the last 4 games. Although a turn around in form saw the Rams just fail to return to the play-off places, they had been in for the first 8 months of the season, Lovell was retained for 2022/23, with the Rams topping the table or sitting in 2nd for the majority of the season until after Christmas. With a dip in form Lovell was released in March, and despite improved results and the

Rams finishing as runners-up, disappointment in the play-offs resulted in a 15th season at Level 4 for 2023/24.

This season, however, they are currently sitting pretty at the top of the table, having suffered just two defeats to date, 2-4 losses away to Sevenoaks Town and Lancing. But their story of course has been with their fantastic F.A.Cup run, beating Woking 2-1 in the First Round Proper before losing at AFC Wimbledon (0-5).

PEN PICTURES OF RAMSGATE F.C.

Bode Anidugbe – 28-year-old attacking midfielder who started off with Dartford a decade ago, and after spells with the likes of Leatherhead, Thamesmead and Ashford United. Had a stint with the Rams in 2019/20, whom he joined from VCD, after which he returned to Ashford for 2020/21. Moved to Herne Bay for 2021/22 and then joined Faversham in January 2023.

Benny Bioletti – 19-year-old midfielder who rose through the ranks at Faversham Town, including 38 competitive 1st team appearances, before moving to League 2 Colchester last summer at 17. Spent most of last season on loan at Isthmian North Maldon & Tiptree where he made 20 appearances for the Jammers, before joining Bowers & Pitsea in January '23 for the remainder.

Medy Elito – 33-year-old midfielder who brings plenty of Football League experience to Southwood, having played for Colchester, Dagenham, Newport and Cambridge. He had spells with Barnet and Wealdstone in the National League before spending last season at Welling in National South. The midfielder scored on his first pre-season appearance for the Rams, a 7-2 friendly win over Canterbury.

Jordan Green – 28-year-old ex-Barnsley winger who has joined the Rams from Gillingham after an issue with the manager saw him benched at Christmas. Jordan dropped out of League football with Yeovil and Barnsley originally as he was not enjoying a full-time football career, and had a spell at Dulwich Hamlet in National South before he moving to Gillingham last summer, where he made 26 appearances and scored against AFC Wimbledon in the EFL Cup before being dropped.

Tom Hadler – 27-year-old Canterbury-born shot-stopper who came through the Gillingham Academy and made his Football League debut in April 2018. After his release from Priestfield in the summer of 2019, he signed for Eastbourne Borough and spent the following season with Ebbsfleet United, before joining Maidstone United for 2021/22.

Tristan Holden – 16-year-old midfielder who has moved from Margate to play for the Rams (just like his striker dad Scott did for 2 spells in the 2000s).

Tijan Jadama – 24-year-old midfielder. TJ progressed from the youth section and through the academy to the 1st team at Ramsgate before moving to Whitstable Town for a season. He returned to Southwood in summer 2021 where he has become a firm fans' favourite and role model for local youngsters, as well as a goal-scoring midfield player.

Zack Jobe – 21-year-old midfielder who was playing at Hartsdown Park last season, making the fringe of their 1st team, but is now seeking an opportunity with the Rams.

Dan Johnson – 28-year-old defender who made his senior-football debut as a 17-year-old on loan with the Rams from Maidstone in 2013/14. Dan returns to Southwood from Herne Bay, with whom he also had two spells, after the first of which he played for Bromley and Dartford, and while at Bromley also became an England C international. He then spent time with Margate before returning to Bay for the shortened 2020/21 campaign, before playing a full part in securing the Bay promotion during 2021/22.

Lee Martin – 36-year-old midfielder who came through the youth ranks at Manchester United, and counts Ipswich, Millwall, Gillingham and Exeter among his former sides. Dropped into non-league with Ebbsfleet in 2020 before spending last season at Dover. He has been coaching at Gillingham in the youth section, and will be exploring this aspect of football further with support at Ramsgate.

Leo Moore – 16-year-old defender of great promise who is stepping into senior football on the channel-side of the island having played on the estuary-side as a youth.

Freddie Oliver – 19-year-old midfielder who progressed from Whitstable's U18s to their 1st team in 2021/22, making his debut at Chichester in the FA Trophy. Moved to The Crabble last season and made the first of 10 1st Team appearances for Dover in the 1-0 win away against Taunton Town in the February of 2023, which also saw him named in the Kent Sport Online Team of the Week following his robust performance. Moves to Southwood for the 2023/24 campaign.

Jack Parter – 29-year-old defender from Faversham and was with Gillingham for six years as a scholar, signing a pro contract for the 2013/14 campaign, and playing in several first-team pre-season games. After loan spells at Ramsgate in 2011/2 and 2013/14, and also at Whitstable Town, when he was released by the Gills in March 2014 and signed for them. Joined Tonbridge Angels in the summer of 2014 before trying his luck with Welling United during the close season in 2017, but after being injured in pre-season he was sent on loan to Kingstonian before re-joining Tonbridge in September 2017. In April 2021 he left Tonbridge, after 274 appearances for the Angels and scoring seven goals, to find a club closer to home and joined Herne Bay for 2021/22.

Alfie Paxman – 25-year-old-striker who appeared in Ramsgate's youth set up, along with twin brother Jack, before studying at the Dover Academy and appearing for the senior team at Crabble. Returned to Southwood in 2015 with Jack and quickly became key to the Rams' forward line, becoming the team's top-scorer that culminated with 30 goals in 2017/18, resulting in a move to Premier Division Folkestone Invicta in 2018. Alfie spent last season with Dover, but returns to the Rams for 2023/24 where he will link up with his brother again.

Jack Paxman – 25-year-old right-sided midfielder/wingback who played for Ramsgate as a youth, with his twin Alfie, before joining the Dover Academy and making a 1st team appearance in the Kent Senior Cup. The brothers returned to the Rams 1st team for 2015/16, with Jack on a dual-registration with Deal. Jack moved to Margate for 2018/19 (when Alfie moved to Folkestone) but has returned to Southwood again in summer 2022.

Louie Procopi – 18-year-old defender from Dane Court who has played for Kent Schools as well as Margate Under 18s, and last season played at Hartsdown for the Under 23s and also made an appearance for the 1st team in the Velocity Cup against Whitehawk. Impressed in the Rams' pre-season, including scoring, and has earned a trial with The Bees.

Craig Stone – 34-year-old defender born in Gravesend who emerged from the Gillingham youth system with loans at Brentford, followed by spells at Ebbsfleet, Maidstone and Dover. Moved to Sussex in summer 2015, to join Eastbourne, and then returned to Kent with Tonbridge for 2017/18. In December 2018 of the following season he signed for Hastings, from whom he has joined the Rams in November 2023.

Joe Taylor – 32-year-old striker who moved from Margate's U18s to Ramsgate in 2009, moving between the two clubs over the next three years including 3 spells for the Rams. Returns to Southwood after a gap of 11 years, during which he had spells at Sittingbourne, Farnborough, Folkestone, Margate, Ebbsfleet, Cray Wanderers, and the last two seasons Lewes, for whom he scored 70 goals in 90 games with last season's tally of 30 League goals winning him the Isthmian Premier Division Golden Boot.

Leo Todd – 17-year-old midfielder who has joined the Rams for 23/24 from East Kent rivals Herne Bay.

Mike West – 32-year-old midfielder who started as a trainee at Fulham before joining Ebbsfleet's PASE system, making his 1st-team debut aged 16 in a Kent Senior Cup match against Ramsgate in 2007, and went on to record his Conference debut at the tail-end of 2008/09. In 2010/11 he assisted Fleet with promotion, scoring 6 goals during the play-offs, and in summer 2012 moved to League One Crewe Alexandra, where injuries saw him spend time on loan at Hereford. Returned to the Fleet in 2014 but again suffered injury, while in 2015/16 he helped propel Whitehawk into the play-offs while on loan in Sussex. Moved to Chelmsford in 17/18, and then Eastbourne in 18/19, before a return to Ebbsfleet in 20/21. A loan in March '22 assisted with Herne Bay's play-off promotion followed by a transfer to the Bay in 22/23 for their single season in the Premier Division despite suffering from a hernia suffered during the play-off game against Ashford United. Now fit again he has signed for the Rams for the new campaign.

Alfie Young – 26-year-old defender who was youth team Captain at Watford where he signed professional forms but was released in August 2016 without quite breaking into the first team. Started 2016/17 at Hendon before moving on to eventual play-off semi-finalists, Wingate & Finchley. Made his debut at Metropolitan Police on the opening day of last season and scored a 'rasper' against his former club, high-flying Hendon, in late October. Moved to Worthing for 2018/19, and then to Potters Bar in October 2021 followed by Kingstonian in January 2022. Started last season at Lewes and played for them throughout the campaign, but after limited opportunities this season has now joined the Rams.

LAST SEASON BRIDGES v RAMSGATE

Honours were shared last season with Ramsgate winning 4-1 at home on 12th November 2022, our goal being a Brannon O'Neill penalty, and Bridges winning 2-0 here on 28th January 2023, our scorers this time being Curtis Gayler and Noel Leighton.

PLAYER PROFILE

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FAMILY	BROTHER, SISTER AND DAUGHTER
PREVIOUS CLUBS	LEWES, GREENWICH BOROUGH, TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED, CRAWLEY DOWN, HORSHAM YMCA
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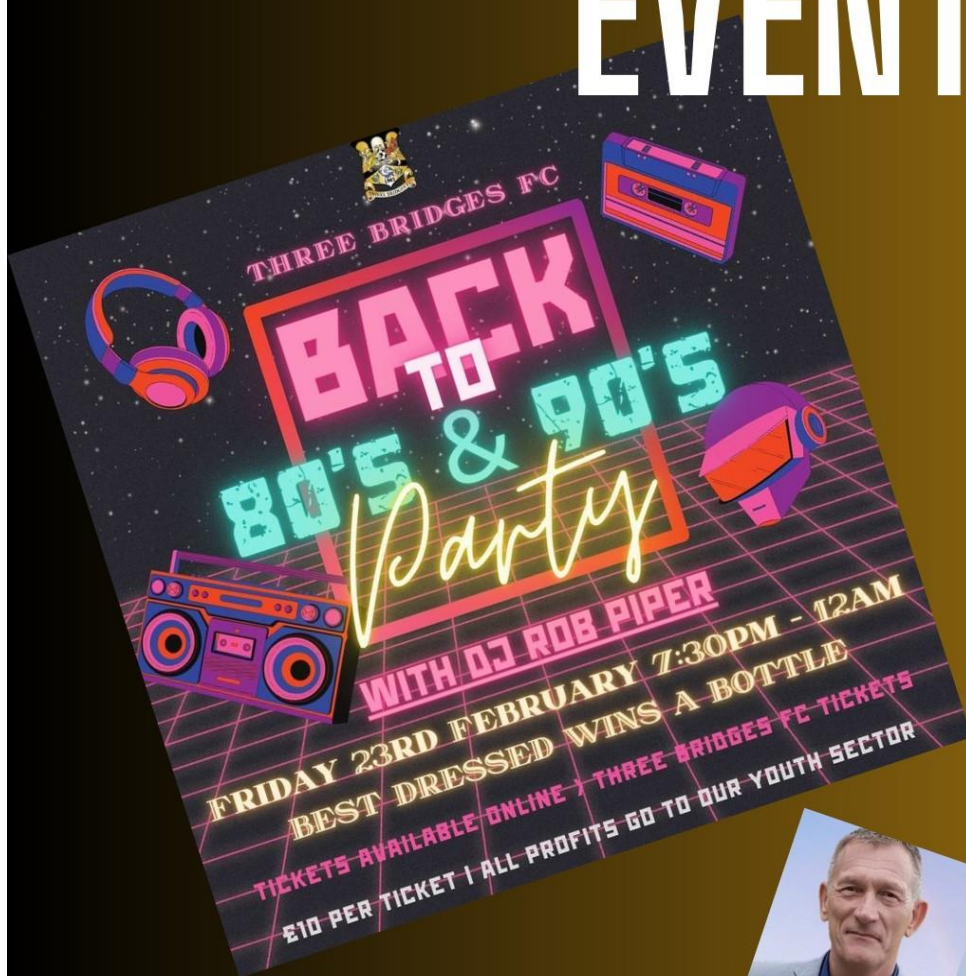


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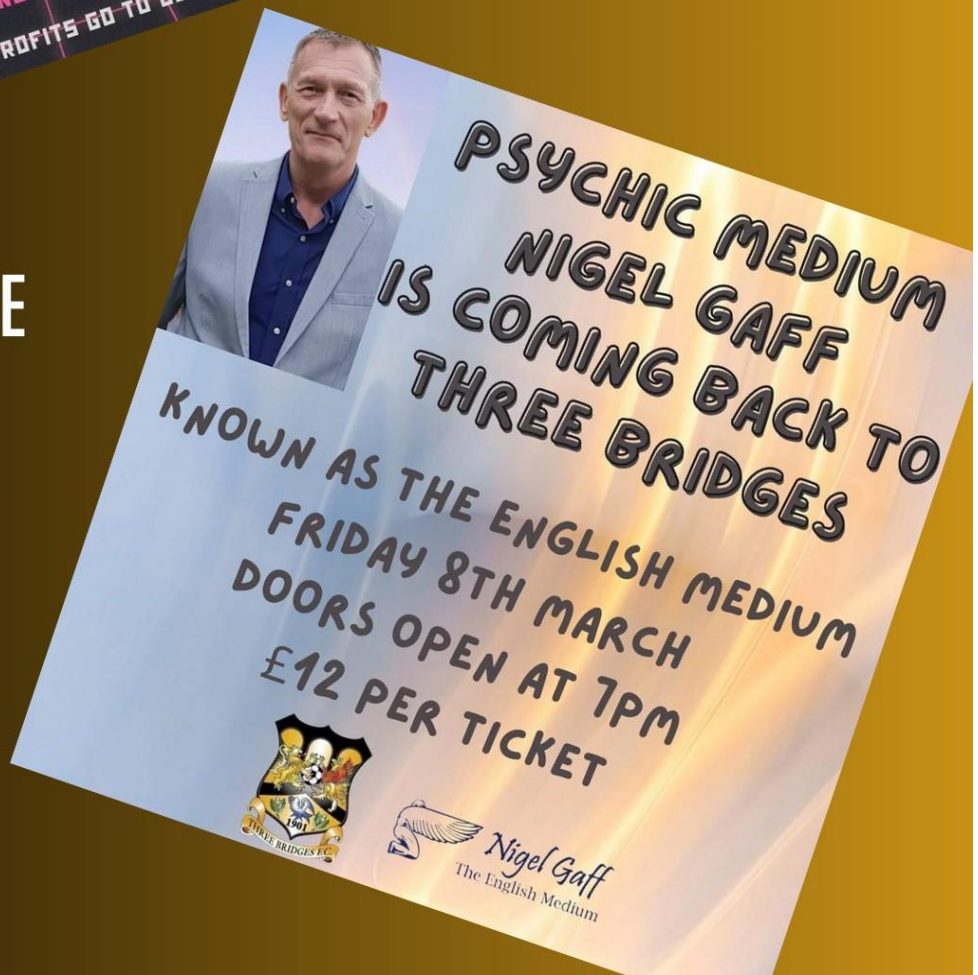
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WE have reached the stage of both the Isuzu FA Trophy and FA Vase where we can officially declare: Wembley's arch is about to peek over the horizon.

The Road to Wembley in both of Non-League's top cup competitions remains a long one that promises plenty of potholes, traffic and - judging by the current road network in this country - diversions.

Only 16 teams are still standing in each competition. In the Trophy, that means three more wins for a Wembley trip and three ties in the Vase, where the semis have returned to two-legged affairs.

Of the 16 in the Trophy, just six are in the National League's top flight. Step 2 accounts for seven, while there is a Step 3 trio completing the fifth round run down.

Southern League Premier South Hendon are on a dream journey and stunned Oldham Athletic last Saturday.

They led at the Latics only to concede a stoppage-time penalty that James Norwood duly finished to level at 1-1. A shoot-out looked on the cards until Niko Muir prodded home to send the travelling supporters barmy.

Manager Lee Allinson told us recently how much the tie itself meant to the club, let alone victory. Their reward is a tasty derby with National League Wealdstone.

The six National League clubs have all avoided each other. High-flying Bromley - winners in 2022 - will host Aveley.

The Millers, who beat AFC Fylde to get to this stage, are managed by Danny Scopes, who guided to Concord Rangers to Wembley in the delayed 2020 final that was eventually played in front of an empty house in 2021.

Barnet are off to National League South Welling United, who last weekend dumped out Chesterfield, albeit a very young squad side.

Solihull Moors have been going well this season under new boss Andy Whing. They face a trip to Chorley, who navigated past their own banana skin in round four away at Step 4 Hythe Town.

Gateshead were beaten at Wembley last season in a tense final with FC Halifax. Can the Heed get back on the hallowed turf? They are away to another side who also know what it's like to fall at the very last hurdle. Hereford were beaten by Step 3 Hornchurch in 2021.

Without wishing to turn this column into a pity party, Kidderminster Harriers lost the first ever FA Trophy final at the new Wembley way back in 2007.

With new manager Phil Brown now at the helm, they are off to Peterborough Sports, whose joint-manager Michael Gash used to play for Kiddy.

Bishop's Stortford's 6-1 hammering of Aldershot Town was one of the results of the fourth round. They're at home to Coalville Town, who upset Bath City last time out.

National League South Hampton & Richmond caused a shock at Hartlepool United. They face NPL Premier big guns Macclesfield - who won the competition twice in their previous guise of Macclesfield Town - fresh from a 5-0 thumping of Dorking Wanderers.

Non-League Finals Day has become a much-anticipated part of the calendar, with both finals played on the same day.

The Isuzu FA Vase is always considered to be wide open with a large number of clubs capable of going all the way.

One such outfit was Farnham Town. Boasting a 100 per cent winning record in the Combined Counties Premier South, they were fancied by many.

That was until Bridgwater United came into their back yard and won 2-1.

That's the beauty of the competition - it's all what happens on the day.

Up next for Bridgwater will be former FA Vase winners Deal Town, the Southern Counties East League side dreaming of more success 24 years on from their triumph at the old Wembley Stadium.

Channel Islanders Jersey Bulls march on and will host Falmouth Town.

Combined Counties Premier North duo North Greenford United and Hilltop are away to an Essex Senior League pair.

Leaders Tilbury host the former, while Romford will welcome the latter.

Also representing the Essex Senior League are Great Wakering Rovers and they're at Highworth Town.

In the North section, there is a very tasty all-ticket derby when Stourport Swifts host Worcester City.

Hallam - the second oldest association club in the world - will take on Lincoln United and Northern League Whickham make the trip to Northern Counties East title chasers Emley.

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