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**THREE BRIDGES V HYTHE TOWN**

**TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 – KO – 7.45 pm**

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# Three Bridges Football Club

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Crawley & District Youth Football League

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|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| President:       | Alan Bell    |
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| Vice Presidents: | John O'Dwyer |
|                  | Alan Ladd    |

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|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Chairman:          | Paul Faili   |
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|-----------------------|-----------------|
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### CLUB MANAGEMENT

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
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|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1st Team Manager:     | Jamie Crellin   |
| 1st Team Assistant:   | Brannon O'Neill |
| 1st Team Coach:       | Joe Kay         |
| Club Physiotherapist: | Tracey Weller   |
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### YOUTH SECTION

|                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Youth Chairman:               | Graham McDonnell                 |
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| U18 Isthmian League Managers: | Brannon O'Neill                  |
|                               | Chris Hayden                     |
| U16 Managers:                 | Dylan Charles                    |
|                               | Tony Mott                        |
| U16 Girls Manager:            | Ilija Dinkovski                  |
| U15 Youth Manager:            | Simon Rollings                   |
| U15 Youth Coaches:            | Steve Thompson / Toby O'Sullivan |
| U14 Managers:                 | Graham McDonnell                 |
|                               | Craig Burrows                    |
| U14 Girls Manager:            | Courtney Holmes                  |
| U13 Managers:                 | Andrew Waight                    |
|                               | Ben Dunning                      |
|                               | Karl Mitchell                    |
| U12 Managers:                 | Brad Wood                        |
|                               | Nick Thomas                      |
| U11 Managers:                 | Dan Mobsby                       |
|                               | Ben Godfrey                      |
|                               | Lee Wood                         |
| U10 Managers:                 | Kieron Thorp                     |
|                               | Ben Godfrey                      |
|                               | Kieron Thorp                     |
| U9 Managers:                  | Ben Godfrey                      |
|                               | Courtney Holmes                  |
|                               | Kieron Thorp                     |
| U8 Managers:                  | Karl Mitchell                    |
|                               | Clarke Byrne                     |

### VETS TEAM

|          |               |
|----------|---------------|
| Manager: | Clinton Moore |
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Greetings to our esteemed guests from Hythe Town FC who have embarked on the mid-week journey to join us—a testament to the unwavering spirit of football, especially on a challenging Tuesday evening. The adverse weather conditions in recent months, seemingly endless, have necessitated this reschedule, underscoring our pressing need for a 3G pitch at Three Bridges. The question of "have we got it yet?" often echoes, and while we're closer than we were six months ago, the finish line remains just out of reach. The journey, challenging yet enlightening, has seen Chris, Richard, and myself gain invaluable insights.

A landmark development for our club is the integration of Crawley AFC's girls and women's football teams into the Three Bridges FC family. This represents not just a significant leap forward for our club but also a monumental stride for our community. Initially aiming for organic growth within our girls' teams, this merger accelerates our progress by several seasons, reinforcing our commitment to fostering a youth pathway to the women's first team, mirroring our boys' teams' structure. The excitement this merger has generated within the club is palpable and profoundly positive.

Our ethos—"once a Bridges player, always a Bridges player"—resonates through our connection with today's Match Ball Sponsor, Mr. Mike Denman. A former player in the 60s and 70s, Mike's contributions were instrumental in our promotion from County Div Two to the prestigious County Div One. Mike, your generosity and enduring bond with the club are deeply appreciated.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible supporters, the lifeblood of our club, whose optimism and loyalty never wane, regardless of the outcome. Your support is the backbone of our community.

Equally, the dedication of our team behind the scenes, orchestrating operations seamlessly and keeping the club's spirit alive, deserves our utmost gratitude. Your efforts are the glue holding us together, ensuring every match day is a success.

In closing, let me express my hope for an enjoyable experience for everyone present today. Your support is the foundation upon which our club thrives. Thank you for being here.

Warm regards,

*Paul Faili*

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| <b>SOUTH EAST<br/>DIVISION</b>                                                 |      |      |      |       |           |      |     |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| Ashford United                                                                 |      | 3-2  |      | 1-0   |           | 0-2  | 0-1 | 4-1   |      |      | 0-1  | 3-4  |      | 3-2  | 3-5  | 2-3  | 2-1  | 3-2  |      | 3-2 |
| Beckenham<br>Town                                                              | 0-1  |      | 0-4  | 0-4   | 0-2       |      | 3-0 | 1-1   | 3-3  |      |      | 2-3  | 1-6  | 2-1  |      |      | 2-2  |      |      | 1-2 |
| Broadbridge<br>Heath                                                           | 1-0  | 3-3  |      | 0-0   | 0-3       |      | 0-1 | 1-0   | 1-1  |      |      |      |      | 6-6  |      | 0-2  |      | 2-2  | 0-2  | 3-0 |
| Burgess Hill<br>Town                                                           |      |      |      |       | 3-5       |      | 3-0 | 0-2   | 2-1  | 1-0  |      | 2-4  | 1-1  | 5-1  | 2-2  |      | 1-0  |      | 1-1  |     |
| Chichester City                                                                | 1-2  | 4-0  | 2-1  |       |           | 0-3  | 7-1 |       | 1-3  | 1-3  | 5-0  | 3-0  |      | 1-1  | 1-3  |      |      |      | 0-2  | 0-1 |
| Cray Valley PM                                                                 | 2-0  | 2-1  | 2-2  |       | 0-0       |      |     | 3-0   |      | 1-1  |      | 1-1  | 2-2  | 4-1  | 3-1  | 1-1  |      | 3-1  | 2-2  |     |
| East Grinstead<br>Town                                                         | 6-0  |      | 1-1  |       | 1-1       | 0-4  |     |       | 1-2  |      |      | 0-2  |      | 4-1  | 1-1  |      | 0-3  |      | 1-2  | 1-2 |
| Erith &<br>Belvedere                                                           | 0-1  | 0-2  | 1-2  |       | 1-1       |      | 0-4 |       |      |      | 1-0  | 0-3  | 2-1  |      | 1-0  | 0-5  | 0-1  | 0-4  | 0-4  |     |
| Herne Bay                                                                      | 2-2  |      | 3-1  | 2-2   |           | 0-1  |     | 0-0   |      | 4-3  |      | 3-1  | 4-1  | 2-0  | 2-0  | 1-2  |      |      | 0-3  | 3-3 |
| Horndean                                                                       |      | 4-1  | 4-0  | 1-0   |           |      | 1-3 |       | 2-4  |      | 0-4  |      | 2-1  |      |      |      | 3-0  |      | 0-3  |     |
| Hythe Town                                                                     | 2-2  |      | 2-1  | 2-2   | 0-2       |      | 4-0 | 1-3   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 2-2  | 4-0  | 2-2  |      |     |
| Lancing                                                                        |      |      | 2-1  | 0-1   |           | 0-1  |     |       | 0-3  | 4-1  | 2-1  |      |      | 1-0  |      | 4-2  | 1-2  | 1-2  | 0-0  | 4-0 |
| Littlehampton<br>Town                                                          | 1-0  | 2-1  | 2-1  |       | 0-3       | 0-5  | 1-2 |       |      | 1-1  | 4-4  | 0-1  |      |      | 2-1  |      | 1-5  | 0-6  |      |     |
| Merstham                                                                       |      | 4-3  |      |       |           | 0-1  |     | 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  | 0-2  |      |      |      | 3-2  |      |      | 2-6 |
| Ramsgate                                                                       |      | 1-0  |      | 4-2   | 4-0       |      | 5-0 | 4-1   | 3-1  | 2-0  | 3-1  |      | 4-0  | 0-2  | 9-1  |      | 1-0  | 0-0  |      |     |
| Sevenoaks<br>Town                                                              |      |      |      | 3-3   | 1-0       | 0-1  | 4-1 |       | 1-2  | 3-2  | 0-0  | 4-2  |      | 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  | 1-0 |
| Sittingbourne                                                                  | 1-0  | 4-0  |      | 5-0   |           | 2-3  |     | 6-0   | 2-0  |      | 0-1  |      |      |      | 2-1  | 2-3  | 2-1  | 2-2  |      | 4-1 |
| THREE BRIDGES                                                                  |      |      | 4-2  | 2-3   | 3-2       | 0-2  | 4-2 | 6-1   |      | 2-2  |      |      | 3-1  | 3-3  | 4-2  | 0-2  |      | 6-0  |      |     |



## SOUTH EAST DIVISION – 2023/24

(As at 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024)

|    | Home  | Team                | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | Pts | Away  |
|----|-------|---------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1  | 0-2   | RAMSGATE            | 25 | 19 | 3 | 3  | 68 | 24 | 44  | 60  | 27/04 |
| 2  | 0-2   | CRAY VALLEY PM      | 24 | 17 | 7 | 0  | 56 | 17 | 39  | 58  | 02/03 |
| 3  | 06/04 | SITTINGBOURNE       | 24 | 16 | 6 | 3  | 60 | 21 | 39  | 54  | 1-4   |
| 4  | 24/02 | LANCING             | 26 | 15 | 2 | 9  | 47 | 39 | 8   | 47  | 0-4   |
| 5  | 09/03 | HERNE BAY           | 25 | 12 | 7 | 6  | 50 | 37 | 13  | 43  | 3-3   |
| 6  | 6-0   | SHEPPEY UNITED      | 25 | 11 | 7 | 7  | 48 | 35 | 13  | 40  | 0-1   |
| 7  | 3-2   | CHICHESTER CITY     | 26 | 11 | 5 | 10 | 48 | 34 | 14  | 38  | 1-0   |
| 8  | X     | THREE BRIDGES       | 24 | 11 | 4 | 9  | 58 | 49 | 9   | 37  | X     |
| 9  | 20/04 | SEVENOAKS TOWN      | 25 | 9  | 6 | 10 | 43 | 40 | 7   | 33  | 2-2   |
| 10 | 2-3   | BURGESS HILL TOWN   | 23 | 8  | 8 | 7  | 38 | 37 | 1   | 32  | 01/04 |
| 11 | 23/03 | ASHFORD UNITED      | 24 | 10 | 2 | 12 | 36 | 45 | -9  | 32  | 2-3   |
| 12 | 13/01 | HYTHE TOWN          | 20 | 8  | 6 | 6  | 37 | 29 | 8   | 30  | 16/03 |
| 13 | 2-2   | HORNDEAN            | 22 | 8  | 4 | 10 | 36 | 39 | -3  | 28  | 27/02 |
| 14 | 4-2   | BROADBRIDGE HEATH   | 25 | 6  | 7 | 12 | 37 | 44 | -7  | 25  | 0-3   |
| 15 | 3-1   | LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN  | 24 | 7  | 4 | 13 | 33 | 54 | -21 | 25  | 17/02 |
| 16 | 4-2   | EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN | 24 | 7  | 3 | 14 | 31 | 54 | -23 | 24  | 2-1   |
| 17 | 3-3   | MERSTHAM            | 25 | 6  | 5 | 14 | 37 | 54 | -17 | 23  | 2-3   |
| 18 | 4-2   | PHOENIX SPORTS      | 25 | 5  | 4 | 16 | 29 | 67 | -38 | 19  | 6-2   |
| 19 | 6-1   | ERITH & BELVEDERE   | 25 | 5  | 4 | 16 | 15 | 54 | -39 | 19  | 14/04 |
| 20 | 30/03 | BECKENHAM TOWN      | 23 | 3  | 4 | 16 | 28 | 58 | -30 | 13  | 2-1   |

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

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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> place. The 2014/15 season saw an even greater improvement with a healthy mixture of youth and experience guiding them into 7<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

### TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

|                      |            |                              |
|----------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| East Grinstead Town  | 0-2        | Lancing                      |
| Horndean             | 4-0        | Broadbridge Heath            |
| <b>Hythe Town</b>    | <b>1-3</b> | <b>Erith &amp; Belvedere</b> |
| Sittingbourne        | 2-1        | Sevenoaks Town               |
| <b>THREE BRIDGES</b> | <b>0-2</b> | <b>CRAY VALLEY (PM)</b>      |

### SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

|                           |            |                   |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Cray Valley (PM)          | 0-0        | Chichester City   |
| Herne Bay                 | 3-1        | Broadbridge Heath |
| <b>Littlehampton Town</b> | <b>4-4</b> | <b>Hythe Town</b> |
| Ramsgate                  | 0-2        | Merstham          |
| Sevenoaks Town            | 4-2        | Lancing           |

### SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

|                   |     |               |
|-------------------|-----|---------------|
| Erith & Belvedere | 0-4 | Sittingbourne |
|-------------------|-----|---------------|

### TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

|                      |          |                   |
|----------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Broadbridge Heath    | v        | Sevenoaks Town    |
| Horndean             | v        | Ramsgate          |
| <b>THREE BRIDGES</b> | <b>v</b> | <b>HYTHE TOWN</b> |

### WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

|                |   |                |
|----------------|---|----------------|
| Phoenix Sports | v | Beckenham Town |
|----------------|---|----------------|

### SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

|                           |          |                      |
|---------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| <b>Burgess Hill Town</b>  | <b>v</b> | <b>Hythe Town</b>    |
| Cray Valley (PM)          | v        | East Grinstead Town  |
| Herne Bay                 | v        | Beckenham Town       |
| Horndean                  | v        | Sheppey United       |
| Lancing                   | v        | Phoenix Sports       |
| <b>LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN</b> | <b>v</b> | <b>THREE BRIDGES</b> |
| Merstham                  | v        | Ashford United       |
| Ramsgate                  | v        | Broadbridge Heath    |
| Sevenoaks Town            | v        | Erith & Belvedere    |



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# Match Report



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**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

**Referee : Steven Goldup**

**Reporter : Alf Blackler**

Bridges, having only lost twice up to Christmas, have now finished on the losing side in six of their last seven games, but at least they showed plenty of competitive spirit in a game where both their manager and centre forward were shown red cards.

Both sides had debutants in goal, Beau Hudd having to hold onto a Billy Irving header in just the second minute and Nathan Bryson making a good low save a minute later to deny Zachariah Dainkeh Junior.

Noel Leighton received his first yellow card for dissent and shot wide after bludgeoning his way through soon after. He managed to get his head to a superb Ibrahim Jalloh cross but couldn't get enough purchase to trouble Hudd.

The half ended with two controversial decisions, neither in the visitors' favour, as first Kevin Rivera was clinically halted by Connor Wilkins, who despite being the last Sheppey man, was only shown a yellow card. And opinions were divided when Bryan Villavicencio slipped a lovely ball through to Nabeel Ghannam, who went over in the box as Hudd challenged. Bridges boss Jamie Crellin felt it was a clear penalty and was shown first a yellow and then a red for arguing with the referee.

A long range effort by Dainkeh went just wide before Leighton then was shown a second yellow for voicing his displeasure at another decision, and when Richard Hamill hit the bar almost immediately, Bridges fans might have expected an onslaught.

But Bridges defended well and also had plenty of attacks of their own, Jalloh seeing an effort held whilst another good run by Rivera from Harvey Woollard's splendid pass finished with him running out of room as he was forced wide.

The crucial goal came from a very good passing move by Sheppey after 75 minutes with **JACOB LAMBERT** claiming the final touch, and it could have been worse in added time when Bryson saved Brannon O'Neill's blushes with a timely block. Jalloh then had another firm shot held by Hudd to somewhat atone for the 6-0 loss his side suffered at Bridges earlier in the season.

Sheppey : B.Hudd, F.Del Morgan, O.Majoyegbe, R.Hamill, C.Wilkins, D.Bradshaw, J.Splatt (D.Spencer, 75), J.Bessey-Saldanha, J.Lambert (O.Durowoju, 87), J.Taylor (D.Leonard, 63), Z.Dainkeh Jr.

Unused Subs. - H.McCall, R.Tenyue.

Booked - Wilkins.

Bridges : N.Bryson, D.Ferreira (T.Difika, 84), H.Woollard (E.Hanslow, 82), B.Irving, C.Donaghey, B.Villavicencio, I.Jalloh, B.O'Neill, N.Leighton, K.Rivera, N.Ghannam.

Unused Subs. - S.Agun, C.Collcutt, R.Euba.

Sent Off - Leighton (two yellows).

**Bridges Man of the Match – Callum Donaghey.**

# Match Report



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Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Referee: Ciaran Fidler

Reporter: Alf Blackler

Cray Valley continued their amazing away record with their eleventh win on the road this season from precisely the same number of League games. And whilst Bridges put up a brave fight, the visitors always seemed to have that little extra physical strength.

Cray's keeper Max Ovenden however was forced to be on the top of his game at times, and he was tested early on by a cracking Noel Leighton drive. But two minutes after that eleventh minute save, Cray opened the scoring when **Matthew Vigor** netted with a shot on the turn as the home defence failed to anticipate his actions.

Bridges were matching Cray in midfield, with Bryan Villavicencio looking back to the form of last season, and aimed to take advantage of the strong wind behind them. Billy Irving delivered a number of long throws and both Nabeel Ghannam and Kevin Rivera saw rugged defensive work keep out their close range efforts.

A tempting cross by Leighton was held by Ovenden as the second half started, but there was a scare for Bridges when Barney Williams' cross shot almost crept in. A deep free kick by Brannon O'Neill finished with a Leighton header comfortably saved, and another O'Neill free kick ended with the ball in the net only for Irving to be clearly offside.

A swift counter attack by the visitors after 59 minutes ended with **Calvin Ekpiteta** doubling their advantage, but Naythan Bryson was not seriously tested after that and it needed a couple more good saves by Ovenden to keep a clean sheet.

Bridges : N.Bryson, D.Ferreira (C.Collcutt, 68), H.Woollard, C.Donaghey, B.Irving, B.Villavicencio, E.Hanslow (S.Agun, 82), B.O'Neill, N.Leighton, K.Rivera, N.Ghannam.

Unused Subs. - R.Euba, J.Bendall, T.Difika.

Booked – Villavicencio, Leighton, Rivera, O'Neill, Woollard.

Cray Valley : M.Ovenden, B.Williams, T.Chambers, A.Lee, K.Oshilaja, D.Gayle, S.Black, A.Coombes (F.Parker, 74), C.Ekpiteta (M.Ademiluyi, 81), M.Vigor, H.Ibrahiym (L.Della-Verde, 62).

Unused Subs. – C.Asiedu, M.Barrington.

Booked – Ibrahiym, Coombes, Lee, Chambers, Vigor.

Bridges Man of the Match - **Bryan Villavicencio**.

# **FIXTURES/RESULTS** **2023/2024**

| Date  | Comp           | H/A | Opposition                   | Res.       | Scorers                                      |
|-------|----------------|-----|------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 05/08 | <b>FAC-EP</b>  | H   | <b>CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK</b>  | <b>2-2</b> | Gayler, Difika                               |
| 08/08 | <b>FAC-EPR</b> | A   | Crawley Down Gatwick         | 0-2        |                                              |
| 12/08 | League         | H   | <b>HORNDEN</b>               | <b>2-2</b> | Irving, Leighton                             |
| 19/08 | League         | H   | <b>PHOENIX SPORTS</b>        | <b>4-2</b> | Leighton (2), Difika (2)                     |
| 26/08 | League         | A   | Beckenham Town               | 2-1        | Lawson (2)                                   |
| 28/08 | League         | H   | <b>MERSTHAM</b>              | <b>3-3</b> | Archer, O'Neill (2)                          |
| 09/09 | <b>FAT-1Q</b>  | A   | Beckenham Town               | 5-1        | Rivera, Leighton (2), Lawson, O'Neill (pen)  |
| 12/09 | <b>VC-2</b>    | H   | <b>BURGESS HILL TOWN</b>     | <b>3-2</b> | Leighton (2), Archer                         |
| 16/09 | League         | A   | East Grinstead Town          | 2-1        | Lawson, Rivera                               |
| 23/09 | <b>FAT-2Q</b>  | A   | South Park (Reigate)         | 1-2        | Leighton                                     |
| 30/09 | League         | H   | <b>BROADBRIDGE HEATH</b>     | <b>4-2</b> | 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   | <b>LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN</b>    | <b>3-1</b> | Jalloh (3)                                   |
| 28/10 | League         | A   | Lancing                      | 0-4        |                                              |
| 31/10 | <b>VC-3</b>    | H   | <b>CHATHAM TOWN</b>          | <b>2-4</b> | 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   | <b>SHEPPEY UNITED</b>        | <b>6-0</b> | Leighton (3), Jalloh, Rivera (2)             |
| 25/11 | League         | H   | <b>ERITH &amp; BELVEDERE</b> | <b>6-1</b> | Rivera (2), Jalloh (2 – 1 pen), Leighton (2) |
| 02/12 | League         | A   | Sevenoaks Town               | 2-2        | Rivera, Woollard                             |
| 16/12 | League         | H   | <b>EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN</b>   | <b>4-2</b> | Jalloh (2), Woollard, Leighton               |
| 26/12 | League         | A   | Merstham                     | 2-3        | Leighton, Woollard                           |
| 01/01 | League         | H   | <b>BURGESS HILL TOWN</b>     | <b>2-3</b> | Jalloh (pen), Irving                         |
| 06/01 | League         | A   | Ashford United               | 2-3        | Leighton (2)                                 |
| 23/01 | League         | H   | <b>RAMSGATE</b>              | <b>0-2</b> |                                              |
| 27/01 | League         | H   | <b>CHICHESTER CITY</b>       | <b>3-2</b> | Jalloh (2 – 1 pen), Ghannam                  |
| 30/01 | League         | A   | Broadbridge Heath            | 0-3        |                                              |
| 03/02 | League         | A   | Sheppey United               | 0-1        |                                              |
| 06/02 | League         | H   | <b>CRAY VALLEY PM</b>        | <b>0-2</b> |                                              |
| 13/02 | League         | H   | <b>HYTHE TOWN</b>            |            |                                              |
| 17/02 | League         | A   | Littlehampton Town           |            |                                              |
| 24/02 | League         | H   | <b>LANCING</b>               |            |                                              |
| 27/02 | League         | A   | Horndean                     |            |                                              |
| 02/03 | League         | A   | Cray Valley PM               |            |                                              |
| 09/03 | League         | H   | <b>HERNE BAY</b>             |            |                                              |
| 16/03 | League         | A   | Hythe Town                   |            |                                              |
| 23/03 | League         | H   | <b>ASHFORD UNITED</b>        |            |                                              |
| 30/03 | League         | H   | <b>BECKENHAM TOWN</b>        |            |                                              |
| 01/04 | League         | A   | Burgess Hill Town            |            |                                              |
| 06/04 | League         | H   | <b>SITTINGBOURNE</b>         |            |                                              |
| 14/04 | League         | A   | Erith & Belvedere            |            |                                              |
| 20/04 | League         | H   | <b>SEVENOAKS TOWN</b>        |            |                                              |
| 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           |         | 2   |       |     |       | 2   |                           | 2   |       |     |       | 2   |
| Yassin Ainine       |         | 1   |       | 1   |       | 2   |                           | 1   |       | 2   |       | 3   |
| Leo Anderson        | 5       |     | 2     |     | 7     |     | 38                        |     | 12    | 1   | 50    | 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   |
| Naythan Bryson      | 2       |     |       |     | 2     |     | 2                         |     |       |     | 2     |     |
| Conner Collcutt     | 4       | 7   | 4     | 1   | 8     | 8   | 5                         | 17  | 5     | 3   | 10    | 20  |
| Taylor Curran       | 7       |     | 1     |     | 8     |     | 7                         |     | 1     |     | 8     |     |
| Tresor Difika       | 19      | 1   | 5     |     | 24    | 1   | 19                        | 2   | 6     | 3   | 25    | 5   |
| Callum Donaghey     | 3       | 6   | 2     |     | 5     | 6   | 120                       | 33  | 38    | 4   | 158   | 37  |
| Ridwan Euba         | 16      |     | 6     |     | 22    |     | 16                        |     | 6     |     | 22    |     |
| Dan Ferreira        | 18      | 1   | 3     |     | 21    | 1   | 52                        | 12  | 11    | 2   | 63    | 14  |
| Curtis Gayler       |         |     | 2     |     | 2     |     | 77                        | 7   | 23    |     | 100   | 7   |
| Nabeel Ghannam      | 5       |     |       |     | 5     |     | 5                         |     |       |     | 5     |     |
| Harvey Griffiths    |         | 1   | 1     |     | 1     | 1   |                           | 2   | 1     | 2   | 1     | 4   |
| Elliott Hanslow     | 1       | 7   | 1     | 2   | 2     | 9   | 1                         | 8   | 1     | 3   | 2     | 11  |
| Billy Irving        | 18      | 2   | 5     | 1   | 23    | 3   | 45                        | 13  | 14    | 3   | 59    | 15  |
| Ibrahim Jalloh      | 18      |     | 2     |     | 20    |     | 18                        |     | 2     |     | 20    |     |
| Reegan Jeffrey      |         | 1   |       |     |       | 1   |                           | 2   | 1     |     | 1     | 2   |
| Camron Lawson       | 12      | 3   | 4     | 2   | 16    | 5   | 44                        | 29  | 13    | 7   | 57    | 36  |
| Noel Leighton       | 24      |     | 7     |     | 31    |     | 70                        | 2   | 18    | 1   | 88    | 3   |
| Brannon O'Neill     | 23      |     | 6     |     | 29    |     | 152                       | 10  | 33    | 2   | 185   | 12  |
| Sam Packham         | 3       |     |       |     | 3     |     | 3                         |     |       |     | 3     |     |
| Kevin Rivera        | 23      |     | 5     |     | 28    |     | 51                        | 7   | 11    | 1   | 62    | 8   |
| Jasper Sheik        | 15      |     | 3     |     | 18    |     | 15                        |     | 3     |     | 18    |     |
| Finlay Southwell    |         |     |       | 1   |       | 1   |                           |     |       | 1   |       | 1   |
| Bryan Villavicencio | 10      | 6   | 3     | 1   | 13    | 7   | 58                        | 10  | 16    | 1   | 74    | 11  |
| Oscar Williams      |         | 2   | 1     |     | 1     | 2   |                           | 2   | 1     |     | 1     | 2   |
| Harvey Woollard     | 20      | 1   | 5     | 2   | 25    | 3   | 23                        | 7   | 7     | 4   | 30    | 11  |





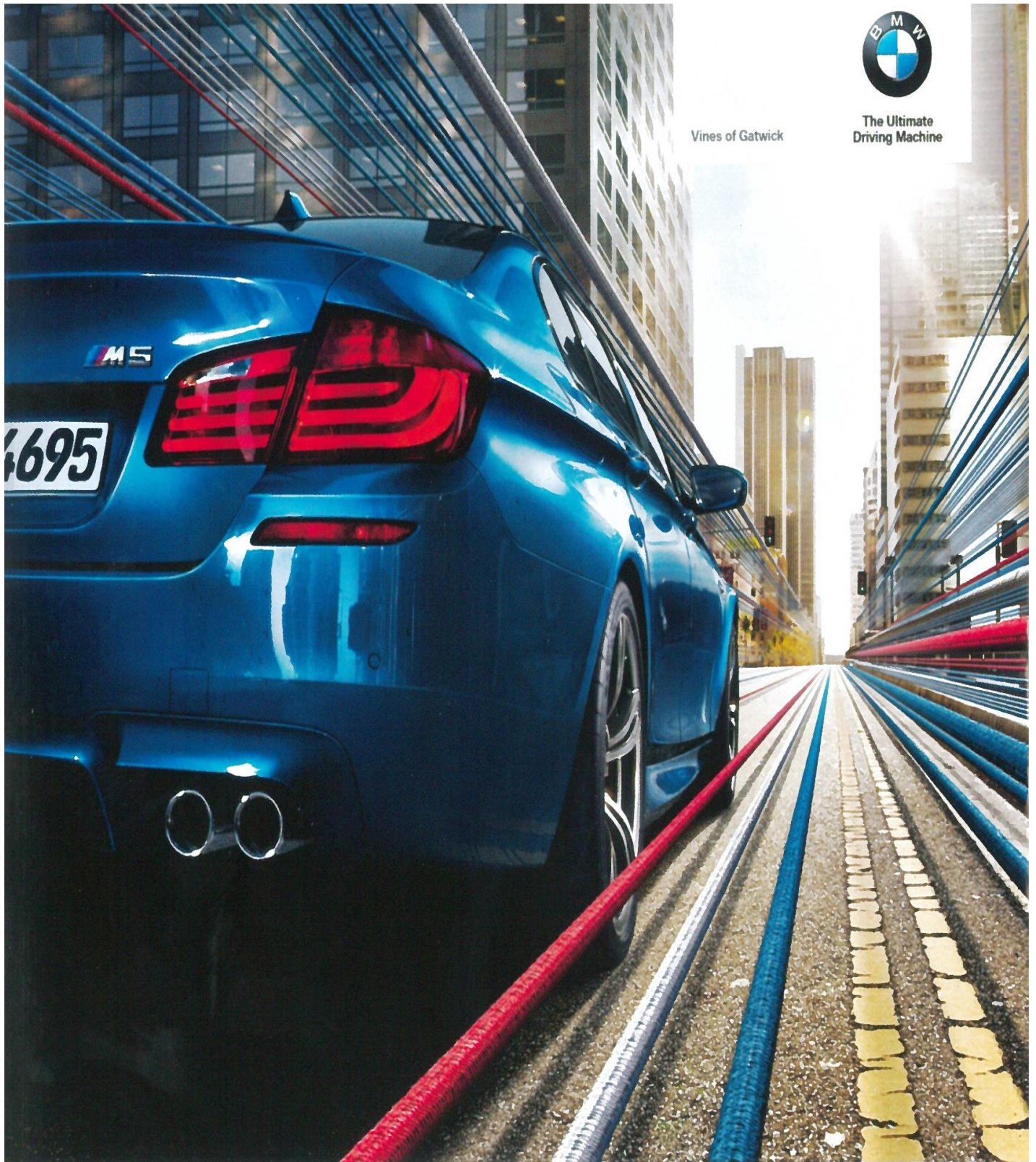
| GOAL SCORERS        | 2023/24 |     |       | Bridges First Team Career |     |       |
|---------------------|---------|-----|-------|---------------------------|-----|-------|
|                     | League  | Cup | Total | League                    | Cup | Total |
| Ethon Archer        | 1       | 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    |
| Nabeel Ghannam      | 1       |     | 1     | 1                         |     | 1     |
| Elliott Hanslow     |         | 1   | 1     |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Billy Irving        | 2       | 1   | 3     | 3                         | 3   | 6     |
| Ibrahim Jalloh      | 15      | 1   | 16    | 15                        | 1   | 16    |
| 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            |         |     |       |                           |     |       |



**FIVE :** Ibrahim Jalloh  
**FOUR:** Kevin Rivera, Harvey Woollard  
**THREE:** Jasper Sheik  
**TWO :** Tresor Difika, Billy Irving, Noel Leighton  
**ONE:** Ethon Archer, Conner Collcutt, Callum Donaghey, Ridwan Euba, Nabeel Ghannam, Elliott Hanslow, Brannon O'Neill, Bryan Villavicencio, Oscar Williams

| FIRST TEAM FIXTURES / RESULTS / APPEARANCES 2023-24 |                      |        |   |     |           |           |          |               |           |               |          |               |           |           |          | SUBS USED     |               |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------|---|-----|-----------|-----------|----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| 05/08                                               | CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK | FAC    | D | 2-2 | Anderson  | Irving    | Euba     | Difika*       | T.Bromage | Villavicencio | Gayler*  | O'Neill       | Collcutt  | Leighton  | Rivera   | Lawson        | Ashley        | Woollard  |
| 08/08                                               | Crawley Down Gatwick | FAC    | L | 2-0 | Anderson  | Irving    | Euba     | Difika        | T.Bromage | Woollard      | Gayler   | O'Neill       | Collcutt  | Leighton  | Rivera   | Lawson        | Hanslow       | Griffiths |
| 12/08                                               | HORNDEAN             | LEAGUE | D | 2-2 | Anderson  | Packham   | Euba     | Difika        | Curran    | Villavicencio | Lawson   | O'Neill       | Collcutt  | Leighton* | Rivera   | Irving*       | Hanslow       | Ashley    |
| 19/08                                               | PHOENIX SPORTS       | LEAGUE | W | 4-2 | Anderson  | Packham   | Euba     | Difika*       | Curran    | Woollard      | Lawson   | O'Neill       | Collcutt  | Leighton* | Rivera   | Hanslow       | Ashley        |           |
| 26/08                                               | Beckenham Town       | League | W | 1-2 | Anderson  | Packham   | Euba     | Difika        | Curran    | Woollard      | Archer   | O'Neill       | Lawson*   | Leighton  | Rivera   | Ashley        | Collcutt      | Ferreria  |
| 28/08                                               | MERSTHAM             | LEAGUE | D | 3-3 | M.Bromage | Ferreira  | Euba     | Difika        | Curran    | Woollard      | Archer*  | O'Neill*      | Lawson    | Leighton  | Rivera   | Collcutt      |               |           |
| 09/09                                               | Beckenham Town       | FAT    | W | 1-5 | M.Bromage | Ferreira  | Euba     | Difika        | Donaghey  | Woollard      | Archer   | O'Neill*      | Lawson*   | Leighton* | Rivera*  | Ashley        | Villavicencio | Irving    |
| 12/09                                               | BURGESS HILL TOWN    | VC     | W | 3-2 | M.Bromage | Ferreira  | Euba     | Difika        | Irving    | Villavicencio | Archer*  | O'Neill       | Lawson    | Leighton* | Rivera   | Woollard      | Ashley        |           |
| 16/09                                               | East Grinstead Town  | League | W | 1-2 | M.Bromage | Ferreira  | Ashley   | Difika        | Irving    | Woollard      | Archer   | O'Neill       | Lawson*   | Leighton  | Rivera*  | Griffiths     | Hanslow       | Jeffrey   |
| 23/09                                               | South Park (Reigate) | FAT    | L | 2-1 | Sheik     | Ferreira  | Euba     | Difika        | Irving    | Woollard      | Archer   | O'Neill       | Lawson    | Leighton* | Rivera   | Collcutt      | Ashley        | Hanslow   |
| 30/09                                               | BROADBRIDGE HEATH    | LEAGUE | W | 4-2 | Sheik     | Ferreira* | Euba     | Difika        | Curran    | Villavicencio | Jalloh   | O'Neill*      | Lawson    | Leighton* | Rivera   | Archer        | Woollard      | Collcutt  |
| 03/10                                               | Hastings United      | SSC    | L | 4-3 | Sheik     | Collcutt  | Bendell  | Irving*       | Curran    | Woollard      | Archer   | Hanslow*      | Griffith  | Leighton* | Jalloh   | Ainine        | Southwell     |           |
| 07/10                                               | Phoenix Sports       | League | W | 2-6 | Sheik     | Irving    | Euba     | Difika        | Curran    | Villavicencio | Archer   | O'Neill       | Jalloh*   | Leighton* | Rivera*  | Lawson        | Collcutt      | Hanslow   |
| 10/10                                               | Chichester City      | League | W | 0-1 | Sheik     | Ferreira  | Euba     | Woollard      | Curran    | Villavicencio | Archer   | O'Neill       | Jalloh    | Leighton* | Rivera   | Lawson        | Irving        |           |
| 21/10                                               | LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN   | LEAGUE | W | 3-1 | Sheik     | Ferreira  | Euba     | Woollard      | Irving    | Villavicencio | Archer   | O'Neill       | Jalloh*   | Leighton  | Rivera   | Donaghey      | Ashley        | Lawson    |
| 28/10                                               | Lancing              | League | L | 4-0 | Sheik     | Ashley    | Euba     | Woollard      | Irving    | Villavicencio | Archer   | O'Neill       | Jalloh    | Leighton  | Lawson   | Collcutt      | Williams      | Hanslow   |
| 31/10                                               | CHATHAM TOWN         | VC     | L | 2-4 | Sheik     | Donaghey  | Euba     | Woollard      | Williams  | Villavicencio | Collcutt | O'Neill       | Jalloh*   | Leighton  | Lawson*  | Ashley        | Hanslow       |           |
| 11/11                                               | Herne Bay            | League | D | 3-3 | Sheik     | Ferreira  | Euba     | Woollard      | Difika    | Irving        | Jalloh*  | O'Neill       | Leighton  | Rivera*   | Lawson   | Williams      |               |           |
| 18/11                                               | Sittingbourne        | League | L | 4-1 | Sheik     | Irving    | Euba     | Woollard      | Difika    | Donaghey      | Jalloh*  | O'Neill       | Leighton  | Rivera    | Lawson   | Villavicencio | Ashley        |           |
| 21/11                                               | SHEPPEY UNITED       | LEAGUE | w | 6-0 | Sheik     | Ferreira  | Euba     | Woollard      | Difika    | Irving        | Jalloh*  | O'Neill       | Leighton* | Rivera*   | Lawson   | Ashley        | Villavicencio | Donaghey  |
| 25/11                                               | ERITH & BELVEDERE    | LEAGUE | W | 6-1 | Sheik     | Ferreira  | Euba     | Woollard      | Difika    | Irving        | Jalloh*  | O'Neill       | Leighton* | Rivera*   | Lawson   | Ashley        | Villavicencio | Ainine    |
| 02/12                                               | Sevenoaks Town       | League | D | 2-2 | Sheik     | Ferreira  | Ashley   | Woollard*     | Difika    | Irving        | Jalloh   | Villavicencio | Leighton  | Rivera*   | Lawson   |               |               |           |
| 16/12                                               | EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN  | LEAGUE | W | 4-2 | Sheik     | Ferreira  | Collcutt | Woollard*     | Difika    | Irving        | Jalloh*  | O'Neill       | Leighton* | Rivera    | Adesite  | Villavicencio |               |           |
| 26/12                                               | Merstham             | League | L | 3-2 | Sheik     | Ferreira  | Ashley   | Woollard*     | Difika    | Irving        | Jalloh   | O'Neill       | Leighton* | Rivera    | Adesite  | Agun          | Donaghey      |           |
| 01/01                                               | BURGESS HILL TOWN    | LEAGUE | L | 2-3 | Sheik     | Ferreira  | Collcutt | Woollard      | Difika    | Irving*       | Jalloh*  | O'Neill       | Leighton  | Rivera    | Adesite  | Ashley        | Villavicencio | Hanslow   |
| 06/01                                               | Ashford United       | League | L | 3-2 | Sheik     | Ferreira  | Woollard | Villavicencio | Difika    | Irving        | Jalloh   | O'Neill       | Leighton* | Rivera    | Adesite  | Donaghey      |               |           |
| 23/01                                               | RAMSGATE             | LEAGUE | L | 0-2 | Anderson  | Ferreira  | Euba     | Woollard      | Difika    | Irving        | Jalloh   | O'Neill       | Leighton  | Rivera    | Ghannam  | Villavicencio |               |           |
| 27/01                                               | CHICHESTER CITY      | LEAGUE | W | 3-2 | Anderson  | Ferreira  | Euba     | Woollard      | Difika    | Irving        | Jalloh*  | O'Neill       | Leighton  | Rivera    | Ghannam* | Donaghey      |               |           |
| 30/01                                               | Broadbridge Heath    | League | L | 3-0 | Sheik     | Ferreira  | Euba     | Woollard      | Difika    | Irving        | Jalloh   | O'Neill       | Leighton  | Rivera    | Ghannam  | Collcutt      | Donaghey      |           |
| 03/02                                               | Sheppey United       | League | L | 1-0 | Bryson    | Ferreira  | Woollard | Villavicencio | Donaghey  | irving        | Jalloh   | O'Neill       | Leighton  | Rivera    | Ghannam  | Hanslow       | Difika        |           |
| 06/02                                               | CRAY VALLEY (PM)     | LEAGUE | L | 0-2 | Bryson    | Ferreira  | Woollard | Villavicencio | Donaghey  | Irving        | Hanslow  | O'Neill       | Leighton  | Rivera    | Ghannam  | Collcutt      | Agun          |           |
|                                                     |                      |        |   |     |           |           |          |               |           |               |          |               |           |           |          |               |               |           |
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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           |
| 15/01 | League     | H   | LEWES                           | P-P  | <i>New date to be arranged</i>               |
| 29/01 | League     | A   | Horsham YMCA                    | 5-0  | Hanslow 3, Falzon, Jeffery                   |
| 01/02 | League     | H   | WHITEHAWK                       | 6-2  | Stilwell, Hanslow 3, Bishop 2                |
| 08/02 | League     | A   | Hastings United                 | P-P  | <i>New date to be arranged</i>               |
| 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               |      |                                              |
| 02/04 | League     | A   | Worthing                        |      |                                              |

YLC = Youth League Cup

FAYC = FA Youth Cup

SCC = Sussex County Cup

### (Isthmian League South Division as at 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024)

|    | Home     | Team                 | P        | W        | D        | L        | F         | A         | GD        | Pts       | Away     |
|----|----------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 1  | 26/02    | WORTHING             | 10       | 8        | 1        | 1        | 52        | 14        | 38        | 25        | 02/04    |
| 2  | TBA      | LEWES                | 10       | 8        | 0        | 2        | 29        | 17        | 12        | 24        | 18/03    |
| 3  | 1-3      | BURGESS HILL TOWN    | 9        | 5        | 2        | 2        | 39        | 21        | 18        | 17        | 26/03    |
| 4  | <b>X</b> | <b>THREE BRIDGES</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>X</b> |
| 5  | 4-3      | BOGNOR REGIS TOWN    | 9        | 4        | 2        | 3        | 28        | 24        | 4         | 14        | 11/03    |
| 6  | 1-2      | HORSHAM              | 10       | 4        | 1        | 5        | 24        | 17        | 7         | 13        | 20/02    |
| 7  | 6-2      | WHITEHAWK            | 8        | 3        | 1        | 4        | 13        | 19        | -6        | 10        | 07/03    |
| 8  | 04/03    | HASTINGS UNITED      | 8        | 3        | 1        | 4        | 15        | 26        | -11       | 10        | TBA      |
| 9  | 3-1      | EASTBOURNE BOROUGH   | 11       | 3        | 0        | 8        | 18        | 40        | -22       | 9         | 13/02    |
| 10 | 2-0      | HORSHAM YMCA         | 12       | 0        | 0        | 12       | 7         | 58        | -51       | 0         | 5-0      |

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

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 League (away) Horsham YMCA Won 5-0

Team : H.Webb, J.Oliver, Y.Tsyhanenico, F.Bishop (F.Dean), L.Stilwell, O.Cowdrey, E.Hanslow (S.Bah), H.Stewart, G.Falzon (H.Stone), S.Tuesley, R.Jeffery.

Unused Subs. – D.Munorrah, C.Hayden-Pickering. Scorers – Hanslow (7, 30, 67), Falzon (68), Jeffery (78). MOM – Elliott Hanslow.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 League (home) Whitehawk Won 6-2

Team : D.Krecisz, J.Olover, T.Tsyhanenico, F.Bishop, L.Stilwell (M.Anderson), O.Cowdrey, E.Hanslow, C.Hayden-Pickering (D.Munorrah), G.Falzon, S.Tuesley (H.Stewart), R.Jeffery. Unused Subs. – H.Stone, S.Bah. Scorers – Stilwell (7), Hanslow (20, 80, 90), Bishop (65, 90). MOM – Oliver Cowdrey.

**NEXT HOME MATCH v WORTHING Monday 26th February 2024, k.o. 7.45 pm.**

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# HYTHE TOWN

Hythe Town Football Club was formed in August 1910 although football in Hythe can be traced back into the previous century. The club joined the Folkestone and District Leagues and after the First World War had some success with four championships and only once outside the top three in fourteen seasons. They moved up into the Kent Amateur League in 1936 and were promoted into Division One before the Second World War intervened. The 50s and 60s saw little league success but that changed in the early 70s under manager Bob Davis with three successive league titles and a Kent Junior Cup win. Hythe were granted senior status and elected into the Kent League in 1977, playing at the newly acquired Reachfields, a former army sports ground on the edge of the town's firing ranges. The club were runners-up in the Kent League on three occasions. When property developer Tony Walton took over Hythe Town in February 1988 there was a rapid rise on and off the pitch.

That summer saw the ground developed to Southern League standard with new seating and a social club, with viewing balconies, above new dressing rooms. Standing cover extended behind one goal and for the whole of the far side, and floodlights were installed. The ground capacity still remains at 3,000 with the majority under cover. The chairman proved to be a high-profile character who attracted much media attention with his high spending on the ground and team. Town won the 1988/9 Kent League title by 14 points and set a league record of 133 goals. The club moved up into the Southern League.

The next season saw another promotion as the main aim, but the club's great run to the FA Vase semi-finals handicapped their league ambitions, with four games a week at times, and a sixth-place finish. Hythe lost out to the eventual Vase winners Yeading, winning the home leg 3-2 in front of the club's record attendance of 2,147, but losing the second leg 2-0 with the crucial goal coming from a big deflection. Hythe did have one trophy success, winning the Eastern Professional Floodlight Cup at their first attempt.

The following season was very similar, topping the table in November but runs in four cups again caused fixture congestion and a final placing of eighth. Hythe lost out to Trowbridge Town in a Vase quarter-final second replay, lost to Chelmsford City over two legs in the Southern League Cup final, but won the Kent Senior Trophy and retained the Eastern Professional Floodlight Cup. The club played 40 league games and 33 cup ties.

In 1991/2 Hythe again topped the table in the early months but the money was beginning to run out. With little cup success, the exit from the Vase at Evesham United in February saw many of the team sold and their replacements could only finish thirteenth. The club did reach the final of the Kent Senior Cup, losing in extra-time to Bromley at Gillingham's Priestfield Stadium. That match proved to be Walton's last game, and he put the club into liquidation soon after.

Supporters rallied round and entered a scratch side, as Hythe United, into the following season's Kent County League and negotiated continued use of Reachfields Stadium. After three seasons the club regained senior status and in 1995 were elected back into the Kent League. The early seasons saw the club struggle in the wrong half of the table. In 2001 Hythe dropped the "United" suffix, reverting to "Town" and in November 2002 appointed Paul Fisk as manager. This proved a turning point and Hythe became a regular top-six Kent League club.

Season 2007/8 saw Hythe top of the table in March but fall away to finish fourth. The highlight was a fantastic FA Cup win over Andy Hessenthaler's Dover Athletic before a crowd of 1,109 at Reachfields, and achieving the important Ryman League ground grading.

The club achieved the runners-up spot the following season and then Scott Porter, who had been Paul Fisk's assistant, took over as manager for the 2009/10 season with Clive Cook as his number two. There was a third-place finish in the league and another good FA Cup performance, holding Woking to a draw at Reachfields before losing the replay in Surrey.

The 2010/11 season was possibly the most successful in the history of the club, with Porter leading the side to the Kent League Championship for the first time in over twenty years and promotion to the Ryman League. After a 22-match unbeaten run in the new year, dropped points over Easter took the championship to the wire and the league title was clinched in dramatic fashion on the final day of the season thanks to a last-minute equaliser at Tunbridge Wells. Brendan Cass won the Kent League Golden Boot.

This fine achievement was coupled with the club's best ever F.A. Cup run, and the best for any Kent League side since the 1950s. Hythe negotiated their way through six rounds, including memorable wins over higher-league opposition at Concord Rangers of the Ryman Premier and at home to Staines Town of the Blue Square Bet South. The prize was an away draw in the First Round Proper to League Two side Hereford United. It was one round too far on the pitch, the hosts comfortably winning 5-1 with Gary Mickelborough getting the Hythe goal.

During the 2011/2 season the club maintained their progress and finished in eighth place in Ryman Division One South. Hythe were also able to get their hands on some silverware as wins over Ebbsfleet United and Dover Athletic were followed by a single goal victory in the final at Dartford to lift the Kent Senior Cup. The following season ended with a 17-match unbeaten run and a fourth-place finish. This brought about the club's first play-off appearance but there was defeat at Faversham Town in the semi-final. Dave Cook scored 28 goals in total and won the Ryman One South Golden Boot.

After another eighth-place finish Porter and Cook left the club at the end of 2013/4. Tim Dixon was appointed as the new manager but it was a disappointing season that saw Hythe finish in sixteenth position. After a poor start to 2015/6 the club parted company with Dixon in September. Clive Cook returned to take over, this time as manager and led a remarkable turnaround from the relegation places to finish fourth as the club qualified for the Ryman One South play-offs for a second time. Defeat followed at Worthing in the semi-final.

Alfie May's 49 goals in 65 Hythe appearances from September 2015 to December 2016 attracted the attention of League Two Doncaster Rovers, who signed him in January 2017. He played there for three years before moving to his current club, Cheltenham Town, in January 2020.

Hythe parted company with Cook in January 2017 and appointed ex-Herne Bay manager Sam Denly in his place. The club finished in seventh place, six points outside the play-offs. The following season, 2017/8, saw Hythe unbeaten in the last 14 games but missing the play-offs on goal difference. Only drawing on the last day of the season was the difference, and seventh place again.

In 2018/9 Hythe again claimed seventh position but this time a distant eleven points from the play-offs. Zak Ansah scored 32 goals during the season and won the Ryman One South Golden Boot. A poor start to the following season resulted in the departure of Denly, to be replaced by Steve Watt in September 2019. The season was brought to a premature end due to the Covid-19 pandemic with Hythe in eleventh position after 29 games. The 2020/1 season hardly started, with Hythe eighth after only six matches when it was curtailed. The club looks forward to a new and hopefully uninterrupted season. Steve Watt did leave during 2021-22 to be replaced by James Rogers who saw us safe from relegation but Steve returned at the start of this season to take the reins again.

## **Hythe Town FC Player Profiles 2023-2024**

### **Steve Phillips Goalkeeper Age 34**

Fans favourite. Steve Phillips returned from Haywards Heath Town in September after leaving the club at the end of last season when he was instrumental in the push for the play offs. Steve originally joined last season from SCFL side East Preston but spent seven years with Phoenix Sports. He has also turned out for Wick, Selsey, Worthing United, Alresford Town, Erith Town, and for Horsham.

### **Liam Smith Defender Age 23**

Full Back, Liam joined the Cannons from Tonbridge Angels a couple of seasons ago. He came through the Angels' Youth System. He spent a short period of time on loan at Sevenoaks Town. In his time with us he has developed into a fine defender. He can also play in midfield and is now the club captain.

### **Jack Steventon Defender Age 25**

Jack joined the Cannons during the close season from local rivals Ashford United. He is a versatile player who can also play in midfield. He came to Ashford from Hastings United having also played for VCD Athletic, Herne Bay, Sittingbourne and Faversham Town.

### **Sam Itauma Defender Age 20**

Sam is in his second season with us having joined us at the beginning of 2022-2023 from Faversham Town. He is a quality left back who has also spent time at Whitstable Town and Hollands & Blair.

### **Marcus Goldsmith Defender Age 24**

Marcus joined the Cannons at the start of last season having been a member of the title winning Hastings United in 2021-2022. Marcus had spent two seasons at Eastbourne Town in the Southern Combination before moving to Pilot Field. He had previously played for Crowborough Athletic and Hailsham Town.

### **Lex Allan Defender Age 24**

At six-foot seven inch tall, Lex is a giant in the back four. He joined Hythe at the start of last season from Sittingbourne whom he joined from Sunday League football. He is highly rated having had trials at a number of league clubs including Norwich City and Millwall. He had a short spell at Sheppey United before returning to the Bourne.

### **Leo Vowles Midfield Age 18**

Leo is a promising young midfielder who came through the youth set up at Tonbridge Angels and has signed for us on dual registration.

**Aaron Barnes Midfielder Age 26**

The 26-year-old started his career in the Charlton Athletic youth set up where he made one first team appearance. He had a loan spell at Torquay United before he had a permanent move to Colchester United. where he also had another spell at Torquay. He moved onto Dulwich Hamlet before joining Welling United.

**Kane Phillip Midfielder Age 29**

A much-travelled midfielder who has returned to the Cannons for his third spell. He has also played for Herne Bay, Sittingbourne and Chatham Town.

**Sam Flisher Midfielder Age 28**

Utility player Sam (brother of former Cannon Alex Flisher) joined Hythe from Larkfield and New Hythe. He is a versatile player who brings a number of options. He has also played for Sittingbourne and Hollands & Blair

**Ethan Smith Midfielder Age 20**

Younger brother of club captain Liam, Ethan joined us at the start of last season having been released by Gillingham. He has started well scoring three goals in pre-season and looks like he will be a huge asset to the Cannons. He had short loan spells at Faversham Town and Sittingbourne last season.

**Charles Noyelle Midfielder Age 22**

Promising midfield who joined the Cannons at the end of last season having returned from the USA where he played for Grand Canyon University. Prior to his time on the other side of the Atlantic he has come through the youth system at Gillingham.

**Bradley Schafer Midfielder Age 24**

Attacking Midfielder who decided to return to Hythe Town for the new season after signing from Sheppey United. He had played earlier in the 2022-2023 season for Faversham Town. He did have short spell with the Cannons during the 2021-2022 where he played five games after joining from Sevenoaks Town. He left us then for Herne Bay.

**Jarred Trespaderne Midfielder Age 24**

Jarred is an exciting midfielder who first joined in October 2019. He has also played for Folkestone Invicta, Herne Bay, Tunbridge Wells, Corinthian and East Grinstead Town. He had a short spell at Ashford United before returning to Hythe. He did spend some time last season on dual registration with Lydd Town.

**Kai Garnde Defender Age 20**

Kai is a young left back who started his career in the Charlton Athletic youth set up before moving on to Millwall where he signed a professional contract. He was released by the Lions during the Summer.

**Frannie Collin Striker Age 36**

Highly experienced striker, Frannie Collin originally joined us from Margate. He started his career with Gillingham where he made nine first team appearances before moving onto Dover Athletic. He has also had spells with Tonbridge Angels, Maidstone United, Leatherhead and Hastings United. He left for a short spell with Ashford United but returned at the start of 2022-2023.

**Johan Caney-Bryan Striker Age 28**

Johan is now in his second spell with the Cannons having been in the squad in 2015-16 season making seven appearances. He spent his early career in the youth set up at Maidstone United and Dartford. He played for the University of East London during his studies. He had a long spell with Sittingbourne before returning to Reachfields at the beginning of 2022-2023.

**Jake Embury Striker Age 24**

Prolific goal scorer Jake Embury signed for the Cannons at the start of the season. Jake began his career at Herne Bay before moving onto Maidstone United. He spent a period on loan at Leatherhead before spells at Margate, Tonbridge Angels and a permanent time back at Leatherhead. He started last season at Carshalton Athletic before moving to Sheppey United.

**LAST SEASON v HYTHE TOWN**

Hythe won 3-1 here on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023, our goal coming from Joe Tennent, whilst the away game on 25<sup>th</sup> February ended in a 1-1 draw, Hythe obligingly scoring an own goal on our behalf!

# CLUB



# NEWS

## THREE BRIDGES FOOTBALL CLUB AND CRAWLEY AFC WOMEN AND GIRLS ANNOUNCE HISTORIC MERGER.

Three Bridges Football Club is proud to announce its merger with Crawley AFC Women and Girls (formerly AFC Acorns). This strategic union marks a new era in the region's football history, combining tradition with the rapidly growing influence of women's football in Crawley.

The merger symbolises a blend of rich tradition and progressive vision. By combining resources, expertise, and passion, the new entity aims to enhance football development for all genders and ages in Crawley. This union will provide enhanced opportunities for players, coaches, and fans alike.



Three Bridges chairman Paul Faili (right): "Joining hands with Crawley AFC at Three Bridges Football Club marks a new era of promise and potential. Our commitment to nurturing young talent goes beyond the field; it's about shaping the future with values that foster not just physical prowess but mental resilience.

Together, we are set to offer an unparalleled journey, crafting a pathway that promises excellence and empowerment for every aspiring girl in the game."

Chris Minn, co-founder and chair of Crawley AFC (left): "It's so refreshing to see a football club like Three Bridges with an appetite for women's and girls' football. Paul and his team want to elevate the women's game in Crawley, and we are working on plans to build an experience for both the players and spectators on match days."

We invite the community, fans, and supporters to join us in celebrating this exciting new chapter. Further details on the merger and upcoming events will be announced in due course. Stay tuned for more updates as we embark on this exciting journey together.



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# PLAYER PROFILE

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## PLAYER PROFILE

ELLIOTT HANSLOW

## BIRTHDATE

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| 16 December  | East Grinstead Town  |                                | <b>Peter Addison</b>           |
| 1 January    | Burgess Hill Town    |                                | <b>American Pathway</b>        |
| 23 January   | Ramsgate             | Paul Coleman                   |                                |
| 27 January   | Chichester City      | Tom Hayward                    |                                |
| 6 February   | Cray Valley PM       | Paul Coleman                   |                                |
| 13 February  | Hythe Town           | Mike Denman                    |                                |
| 24 February  | Lancing              | Sarasota Villa PL              |                                |
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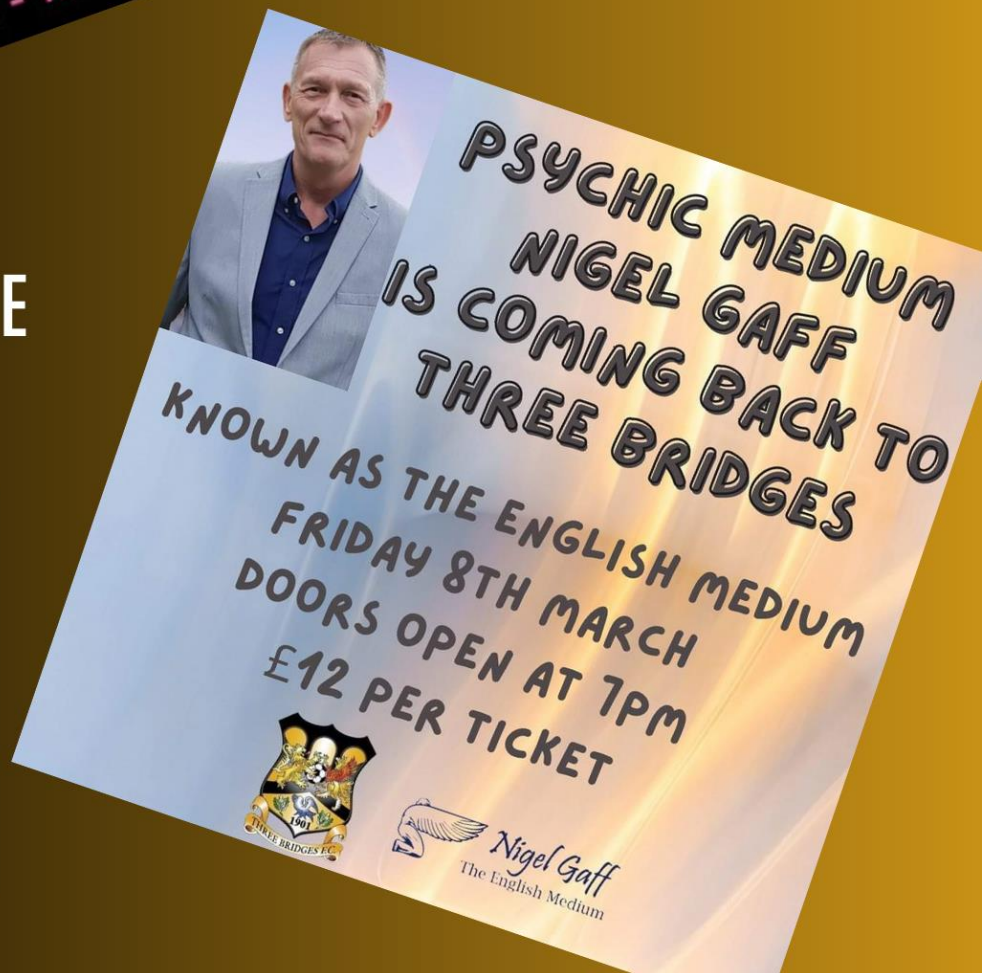
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