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Good afternoon, everyone,

It is my pleasure to extend a heartfelt welcome to our friends from Merstham Football Club here at Chatham. Although this isn't the journey any of us anticipated, we at Three Bridges are deeply appreciative of the warm reception we've received.

A special mention must go to Kevin and Gary, who have shown tremendous kindness by allowing us to groundshare during this period. Their friendship and hospitality have made a significant difference, and we have truly felt at home here thanks to them and everyone involved.

I'm thrilled to report that the long-awaited work on our pitch has finally commenced, and I must say, it's been quite impressive so far. It's hard to believe that over 250 lorry loads of soil have been removed—transforming our once-familiar pitch into what now resembles a desert!



Many have asked me how I feel about seeing the pitch being torn up, and to be honest, I couldn't be more excited. This project has been a labour of love for Chris and me, spanning over four years of planning and preparation. Now, seeing it come to fruition is both rewarding and exhilarating. While it's true that we've said goodbye to a pitch that holds so many cherished memories, this is a necessary step as we look forward to building a bright future.

I'd also like to extend my deepest gratitude to my incredible team, who have worked tirelessly to ensure everything is in place here at Chatham. Their dedication and hard work have been invaluable.

Of course, I must also acknowledge the fantastic supporters from both sides who have traveled here today. This was supposed to be a nice local Bank Holiday fixture, yet you've made the journey, showing your unwavering support and passion for the game.

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A 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. First Team player, Brannon O'Neill, was appointed as U18s Manager. 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. Last season saw Brannon O'Neill appointed as Assistant Manager following Danny Lee's departure and Joe Kay joining as First Team Coach. The team finished in their highest ever League position (fourth) but were beaten in the final of the Play Offs at home to Chichester City.

Brannon moved to Burgess Hill Town in the Summer, so Joe Kay is now Jamie's Assistant. Matt Calver and Chris Hayden are in charge of the Under 18's.



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PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH-EAST DIVISION FIXTURES

Monday 26 August 2024

AFC Croydon Athletic		15:00		Beckenham Town
Deal Town		15:00		Ramsgate
Eastbourne Town		15:00		Burgess Hill Town
Erith Town		15:00		Phoenix Sports
Hythe Town		15:00		Sheppey United
Margate		15:00		Herne Bay
Sevenoaks Town		15:00		East Grinstead Town
Sittingbourne		13:00		Ashford United
Three Bridges		15:00		Merstham

Tuesday 27 August 2024

Littlehampton Town		19:45		Lancing
Steyping Town		19:45		Broadbridge Heath

Date	Comp	H/A	Opposition	Res.	Scorers
10/08	LEAGUE	H	SHEPPEY UNITED	1-2	Hallard
17/08	FA CUP	A	SALTDEAN UNITED	0-0	
20/08	FA CUP R	H	SALTDEAN UNITED	3-1	Hallard x2, Irving
24/08	LEAGUE	A	PHOENIX SPORTS		
26/08	LEAGUE	H	MERSTHAM		
31/08	FA CUP	A	ASHFORD UNITED		
07/09	FA TROPHY	A	HYTHE TOWN		
10/09	LEAGUE	A	EASTBOURNE TOWN		
14/09	LEAGUE	H	LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN		
21/09	LEAGUE	A	MARGATE		
28/09	LEAGUE	H	AFC CROYDON ATHLETIC		
05/10	LEAGUE	A	SEVENOAKS TOWN		
13/10	LEAGUE	H	LANCING		
19/10	LEAGUE	A	BROADBRIDGE HEATH		
26/10	LEAGUE	H	EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN		
02/11	LEAGUE	A	SITTINGBOURNE		
05/11	LEAGUE	H	EASTBOURNE TOWN		
09/11	LEAGUE	A	LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN		
16/11	LEAGUE	H	MARGATE		
23/11	LEAGUE	A	AFC CROYDON ATHLETIC		
30/11	LEAGUE	A	STEYNING TOWN COMMUNITY		
07/12	LEAGUE	H	HYTHE TOWN		
14/12	LEAGUE	H	ERITH TOWN		
21/12	LEAGUE	A	BECKENHAM TOWN		
26/12	LEAGUE	H	BURGESS HILL TOWN		
28/12	LEAGUE	A	SHEPPEY UNITED		
01/01	LEAGUE	A	MERSTHAM		
04/01	LEAGUE	H	RAMSGATE		
11/01	LEAGUE	A	ASHFORD UNITED		
18/01	LEAGUE	H	DEAL TOWN		
25/01	LEAGUE	H	STEYNING TOWN COMMUNITY		
01/02	LEAGUE	A	HYTHE TOWN		
08/02	LEAGUE	H	SEVENOAKS TOWN		
15/02	LEAGUE	A	LANCING		
22/02	LEAGUE	H	BROADBRIDGE HEATH		
01/03	LEAGUE	A	EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN		
08/03	LEAGUE	H	SITTINGBOURNE		
15/03	LEAGUE	A	ERITH TOWN		
22/03	LEAGUE	H	BECKENHAM TOWN		
29/03	LEAGUE	A	DEAL TOWN		
05/04	LEAGUE	H	ASHFORD UNITED		
12/04	LEAGUE	A	RAMSGATE		
19/04	LEAGUE	H	HERNE BAY		
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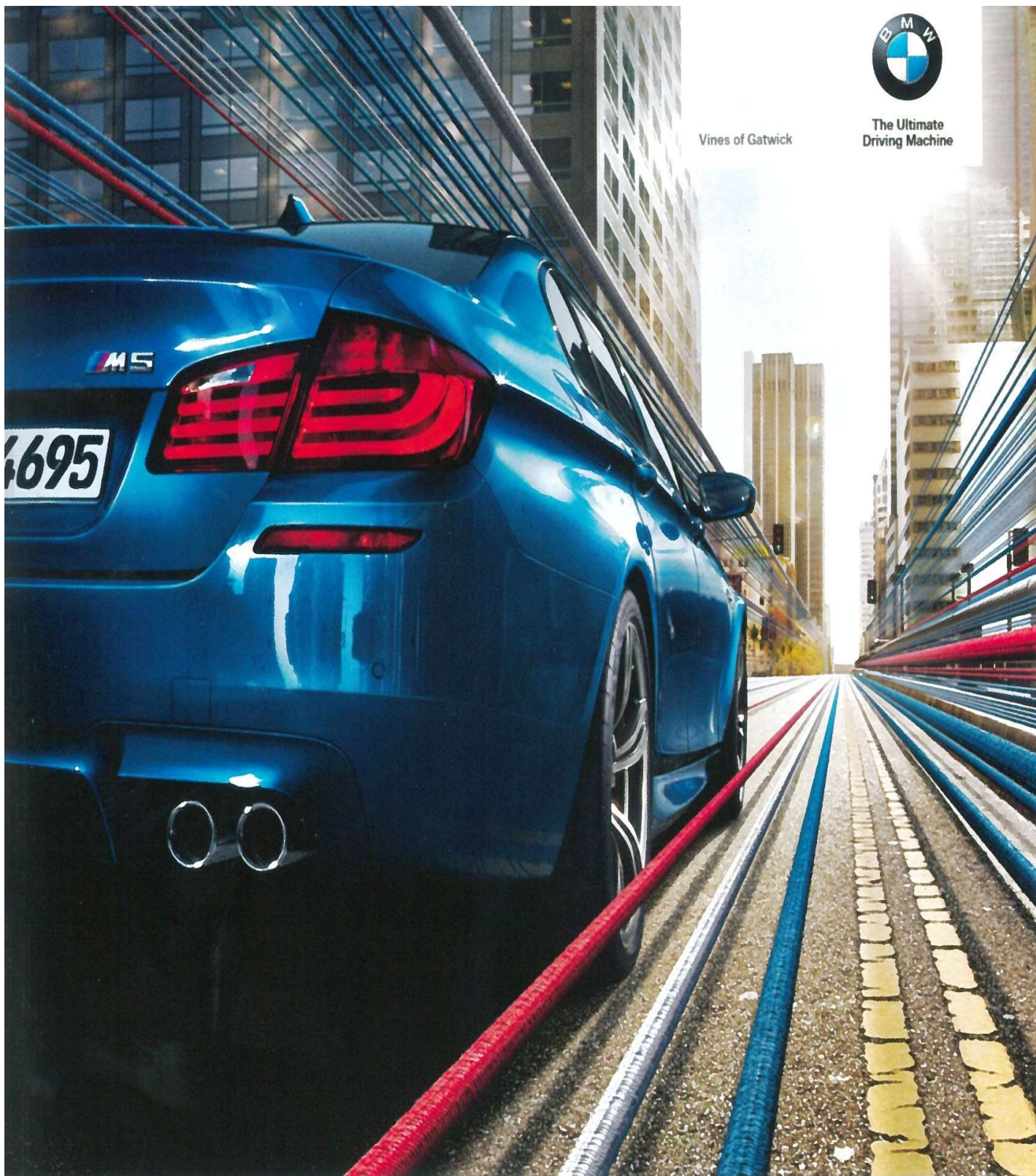
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A HISTORY OF MERSTHAM FC

The 2007/08 season, Mick Sullivan's seventh year in charge, brought the club into a new era with a treble winning side, a fantastic run in the FA Vase and promotion to the Isthmian League South Division as they finally finished top after two seasons as runners up. After losing on the opening day of the season at Cove, Merstham went undefeated in the league for the rest of the season winning 35 times, gaining 111 points and scoring 114 goals with Kevin Lock and Kwabena Agyei scoring 53 between them. The dream of a Wembley final in the FA Vase vanished in the Quarter Final when they lost at home to Needham Market 2-3 in extra time in front of 841. Merstham successfully defended the Premier Challenge Cup beating Bedfont Green 4-2 in the final. In the Surrey Senior Cup final against Whyteleafe, the Moatsiders won 3-2 in extra time after twice trailing.

At the 2008/09 was Merstham's first season in the Isthmian South and they had a good season finishing eighth, narrowly missing out the play-offs. Their defence of their Surrey Senior Cup title was ended by Woking in the semi-final. However, in May manager Mick Sullivan announced that, after eight seasons at the helm, he was leaving to manage Leatherhead. After a couple of indifferent seasons, in January 2012, the Board announced that former Bromley manager Hayden Bird would take charge. Bird rang the changes, bringing in several new players and Merstham finished a creditable ninth.

The 2012/13 was Bird's first full season in charge and it didn't quite live up to expectations with Merstham finishing 12th and without a noticeable run in any cup completion. Bird again rang the changes for the 2013/14 season bringing in more experienced players and Merstham attained their highest place in the club's history, finishing seventh with their highest tally of points and goals since gaining promotion to the Isthmian League

The 2014/15 season was to be the best in the club's history to date, gaining promotion to the Isthmian Premier Division by winning the play-offs in style and finishing runners up in the Surrey Senior Cup. Merstham's fourth place finish with 93 points and 107 goals put them into the play-offs. The play off semi-final went to penalties, which Merstham won 5-4 thanks to keeper Brannon Daly's save. In front of 1465 at Folkestone, Merstham gained promotion by beating the home side 3-0. Just four days later, a tired-looking Merstham lost 2-0 in the final of the Surrey Senior Cup to Met Police. The 2015/16 season saw the team attaining their highest-ever position in senior football finishing tenth in their first season in The Isthmian Premier League. This was in part due to 20 goals from Charlie Penny and 14 from Fabio Saraiva who were then both signed by Woking after dumping the National League side out in the semis of the Surrey Senior Cup. The final was very one-sided, as Godalming Town were thumped 4-1.

In Merstham's second season in the Isthmian Premier, the Moatsiders reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup for the first time in their history. They beat East Preston (4-1), Colliers Wood Utd (2-1 in a replay), Thamesmead Town (5-1) and Ebbsfleet Utd (2-1) on the way to a meeting with League One side Oxford United. A record-breaking crowd of 1,920 packed into the Moatside, but Merstham seemed a little over-awed and lost 5-0. After the euphoria of the cup run, the season spiralled downward, and the club narrowly avoided relegation on the last day of the season.

During the close season Bird made wholesale changes to his squad. The 2017/18 season saw the club celebrate its 125th anniversary, finish 12th in the league and for the second time in four years, win the Surrey Senior Cup, beating Leatherhead 3-1. The 2018/19 was Merstham's best-ever season in the topflight. At Christmas, the side were flirting with relegation, but a superb run saw the Moatsiders put themselves into the hunt for the play offs. They finished the season needing to win away to Worthing to get into the play offs. Amazingly the visitors went 3-0 up inside the first ten minutes and held on for a 4-2 win. In the play-off semi-final, away to Carshalton, the Moatsiders shocked the Robins with a 2-1 win, which set up a play-off final away to Tonbridge Angels in front of a crowd of 2,400. It turned out to be a physical and dour encounter marred by a double sending off just before the interval with Merstham's Ollie Cook given his marching orders. Tonbridge scored on 34' and the Moatsiders rarely looked like getting back on terms. A penalty in added time was largely irrelevant as the Angels clinched the play-off spot with a 2-0 win. Shortly after the play-off final, Bird left to join Kingstonian, taking the entire first-team squad with him. Former Tooting and Mitcham boss Frank Wilson was appointed in June 2019 and had to build a brand-new squad from scratch.

No one could have predicted the impact of Covid-19 as the pandemic swept the world just as the 2019/20 season neared its conclusion. Wilson had endured a real baptism of fire as his new team struggled to maintain their Premier

League status. As the pandemic surged throughout the UK, football was no longer a priority and when the season was finally curtailed, with all records being expunged, Merstham were fighting relegation and sat in 21st place, although with home games against relegation rivals to play, most were confident that the drop could be avoided. The 20/21 season lasted just 11 games before the surge in Covid cases brought the new season to an inevitable halt.

When football finally returned at the start of the 2021/22 season, the Moatsiders made a decent start in the league and progressed through two rounds of the FA Cup before losing at home to Hereford United. In November, the team had a purple patch of form with the front two of Korrey Henry and John Ufuah forming a lethal combination and the team playing some superb football. In the home game against Haringey, Merstham were 5-0 up at the interval! However, other clubs had taken note and Ufuah departed for the Welsh Premiership and Henry to Carshalton. Without their front two, the Moatsiders struggled to score goals and combined with a horrendous run of injuries that reduced the squad to the bare bones, Merstham began to slide down the table. The team lost their final 13 league games and relegation was confirmed on the final day of the season. Wilson departed and he was replaced for the 2022/23 season by former Carshalton boss and ex-Merstham midfielder, Peter Adeniyi.

Merstham were one of the favourites for promotion from the Isthmian South Central in 2022/3. However, Adeniyi's young, new team failed to fire and after ten games, the team were bottom of the table and remained there for much of the season. A bad habit of drawing games that they should have won didn't help as the team eventually ended up with 17 draws from 38 games. A prime example was away to Southall when the Moatsiders were 3-1 up in added time but ended up drawing 3-3! The team seemed to have turned a corner around the New Year with an unbeaten run of 6 games, but only one of those was a win. As the season drew to a close, Merstham had their fate in their own hands with games against others around them in the relegation zone. But a damaging defeat at Sutton Common Rovers and a disappointing home draw with Bedfont Sports followed by a 6-0 thumping at Walton & Hersham put them back in trouble. A fighting performance and a 90th minute winner at Chertsey meant it was all to play for in the final league game of the season at home to Westfield. After 45 minutes the Moatsiders were 2-0 down and staring relegation in the face. However, a stirring second half display earned them a point with a 2-2 draw. It condemned Merstham to a relegation play off against an in-form Egham Town. In front of over 650 spectators, Merstham conceded first but on the stroke of half time, Aaron Goode powered home a header to make it 1-1. After the break it was all Merstham and two goals by Adam Adam guaranteed survival.

At the end of the season, Adeniyi announced he was returning to manage Carshalton and former Moatsider Tony Reid was appointed manager. The FA also decided (without any consultation) to move the team into the Isthmian South-East Division, thought by many to be a far tougher league. Reid got off to a poor start and when his side was dumped out of the Velocity Trophy with a 6-1 defeat, the Board decided a change was needed and appointed K's assistant manager, Jamie Decruz. Decruz's first match in charge saw the team go in at half time 3-0 down at home to Beckenham, but a stirring second half comeback saw the Moatsiders grab a dramatic 4-3 win. That game was a microcosm of the season, with the side consistently inconsistent. There were with some notable wins, for example 2-0 at league leaders Ramsgate, but losing to most of sides at the bottom of the table kept the team flirting with the relegation zone. The most bizarre game was a 6-6 draw at Broadbridge Heath, when the Moatsiders led 2-0, 4-2, 5-4 and then fell behind 6-5 before an equaliser in the 94th minute! It wasn't until a thumping 5-0 home win against Sevenoaks at the start of April that the club could finally breathe a sigh of relief and look forward to another season in the Isthmian SE.

LAST SEASON vs MERSTHAM

Plenty of goals between the two teams last season! Bridges were 3-1 up with just minutes remaining at Jubilee Field on August Bank Holiday Monday, but two goals at the death dragged Merstham back into the game and it finished 3-3.

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MATCH REPORT

Tuesday 20 August 2024

FA Cup Preliminary Round (Replay)

Three Bridges 3-1 Saltdean United

Bridges had been highly frustrated during Saturday's first game between the two sides, with Saltdean United goalkeeper Jordan Hawkins having the game of his life, including saving a Bobomurodov penalty, as the game finished 0-0 and meant a replay between the sides. The replay was also reversed, meaning Saltdean United had a second chance of glory on their own pitch.

Bridges started slowly during the replay game, with Saltdean United sticking to the same game plan as Saturday of sitting back in a compact shape and trying to frustrate. The first meaningful moment of the game didn't happen until the 21st minute when Hawkins was quick off his line to block Splatt's volley.

The 'away side' grew into the game though, and after having two penalty shouts turned down by the referee took the lead on the 40th minute. The ball was lost by Bridges in the midfield, Saltdean broke on the transition with a ball played through the defence to Middleton-Tozer, who fired his effort past Glover. Cue scenes of (premature) pandemonium.

Assistant Manager Joe Kay, deputising for the absent Jamie Crellin, was clearly annoyed at the break and changed the shape to a 3-2-4-1 at the break, with Adam Adam replacing Ridwan Euba.

The second-half was all Bridges as we started on the attack from the off and Reece Hallard saw two shots saved by Hawkins, before Romain poked an effort just wide on the hour mark.

Eventually the goal that had been coming did come and pure dominance paid off. Reece Hallard collected the ball on the edge of the box and curled a fabulous effort into the top corner of the net, with Hawkins simply watching the ball fly past him. 1-1 and game on.

It should have been 2-1 just moments later. Hallard pulled a cross back but neither Rivera nor Adam could get a pivotal touch, and from a resulting corner after a Saltdean defender had cleared, Jamie Splatt saw a close range eventually brilliantly smothered by Hawkins.

A second goal did finally come on the 78th minute and it was from a corner routine. Bobomurodov swang a ball in, Irving saw his first attempt cleared off the line, but his second attempt with a looping header went over Hawkins head and Bridges were in the lead.

The game was made safe just a few minutes later as Hallard put the result to bed with his second of the night, and the best goal of the lot. Rivera had tricked and toyed with the Saltdean right-back before delivering an excellent cross which Hallard applied the headed finish to. 3-1 and game over.

Bridges will now travel to fellow Isthmian South East Division side Ashford United in the First Qualifying Round of this season's FA Cup, with the game to be played on Saturday 31 August.

Three Bridges: Glover, Ferreria, Euba (Adam), Woollard, Villavicencio (Campbell-Francis), Splatt, Romain, Bobomurodov, Hallard, Rivera, Irving (C). Unused Subs: Southwell, Kabengele, Falzon. Booked: Romain

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