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**THREE BRIDGES
VS
EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN**



**SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2024
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Good afternoon everyone, and after a short break away, welcome back to The Bauvill Stadium in Chatham for today's game against East Grinstead Town.

Normally this fixture only requires a short trip down the A264 for either team, so it is appreciated the effort that both sets of management, players, committee members and supporters have made to watch what should be an exciting game of football.

In my last programme notes, I praised the Three Bridges team of management, players and volunteers on their commitment to travelling around Kent and Sussex in recent weeks. This has included visits to Lancing, Sevenoaks, Margate (on a Tuesday night!) and Broadbridge Heath, in a run of games which has seen us pick up 7 points from a possible 12 on offer, including 4-0 and 3-1 away wins. The team that Jamie Crellin is rebuilding is certainly coming together and the football at times has been brilliant to watch.

On that note I'd like to welcome a few new faces to the club. Ben Holden joined the club a few weeks ago and has slotted straight into roles in the midfield and defence. Ex-AFC Wimbledon player, and brother of Reece, Josh Hallard is an exciting addition and bolsters our options in the left-back position. And Saturday's game at Broadbridge Heath saw the introduction of Karim Kamhouri off the bench, who will no doubt add technical ability to the midfield.

That summarises current on-field matters, but what about off-field matters, and most importantly the pitch renovations at Jubilee Field. Well, there's been a hell of a lot of rain, and that has unfortunately delayed the schedule of works. We are however now at a point where drainage has been installed and the first layer of material has been laid, so the project is only going to move forward from now (and hopefully at pace!).

We expect that works should be completed by December and will keep supporters updated via our website and social media channels.

All that's left for me to say is enjoy today's game and Up The Bridges!

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A HISTORY OF THREE BRIDGES FOOTBALL CLUB

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.

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. 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. After losing 8 out of 12 League games by the end of November, as well as being knocked out of all four cup competitions, 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.



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ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH EAST FIXTURES & RESULTS

Saturday 26 October 2024

Isthmian League – South East Division

Beckenham Town		15:00		Deal Town
Erith Town		15:00		Broadbridge Heath
Herne Bay		15:00		Sheppey United
Hythe Town		15:00		Lancing
Margate		15:00		Eastbourne Town
Merstham		15:00		Phoenix Sports
Ramsgate		15:00		Burgess Hill Town
Steyping Town Community		15:00		Sevenoaks Town
Three Bridges		15:00		East Grinstead Town

Tuesday 29 October 2024

Isthmian League – South East Division

Ashford United		19:45		Beckenham Town
Eastbourne Town		19:45		Broadbridge Heath
Littlehampton Town		19:45		Deal Town
Ramsgate		19:45		Sevenoaks Town
Sheppey United		19:45		Burgess Hill Town
Sittingbourne		19:45		Steyping Town Community



2024/2025 FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Comp	H/A	Opposition	Res.	Scorers
10/08	LEAGUE	H	SHEPPEY UNITED	1-2	R Hallard
17/08	FA CUP	A	SALTDEAN UNITED	0-0	
20/08	FA CUP R	H	SALTDEAN UNITED	3-1	R Hallard x2, Irving
24/08	LEAGUE	A	PHOENIX SPORTS	2-2	Romain x2
26/08	LEAGUE	H	MERSTHAM	1-3	R Hallard
31/08	FA CUP	A	ASHFORD UNITED	1-6	Burnett (pen)
07/09	FA TROPHY	A	HYTHE TOWN	2-1	Romain, Rivera
14/09	LEAGUE	H	LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN	2-3	Burnett (pen), Bobomurodov
21/09	FA TROPHY	A	HERNE BAY	0-3	
24/09	LEAGUE	A	EASTBOURNE TOWN	2-2	R Hallard, Leighton
28/09	LEAGUE	H	AFC CROYDON ATHLETIC	1-1	Bobomurodov
01/10	SSC	A	LEWES	1-3	Leighton
05/10	LEAGUE	A	SEVENOAKS TOWN	4-0	R Hallard x2, Burnett x2 (1 pen)
08/10	LEAGUE	A	MARGATE	0-2	
19/10	LEAGUE	A	BROADBRIDGE HEATH	3-1	Rivera x2, R Hallard
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		
26/11	LEAGUE	A	HERNE BAY		
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		
21/04	LEAGUE	A	BURGESS HILL TOWN		
26/04	LEAGUE	H	PHOENIX SPORTS		



ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH EAST LEAGUE TABLE

Correct as of 23 October 2024
Courtesy of Football Web Pages

		Home				Away				Total							
		P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Beckenham Town	5	3	1	1	8	6	1	1	13	9	2	2	33	18	+15	29
	2 Ramsgate	4	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	8	8	0	0	22	4	+18	24
	3 Sittingbourne	5	5	0	0	5	2	2	1	10	7	2	1	32	11	+21	23
	4 Sheppey United	5	4	0	1	5	3	1	1	10	7	1	2	21	12	+9	22
	5 Margate	5	2	3	0	6	4	1	1	11	6	4	1	19	11	+8	22
	6 Burgess Hill Town	6	5	0	1	4	2	1	1	10	7	1	2	21	14	+7	22
	7 Erith Town	6	3	1	2	6	2	2	2	12	5	3	4	22	16	+6	18
	8 Merstham	5	1	3	1	6	3	1	2	11	4	4	3	18	19	-1	16
	9 Deal Town	6	3	0	3	4	2	0	2	10	5	0	5	24	21	+3	15
	10 AFC Croydon Athletic	6	2	3	1	5	1	2	2	11	3	5	3	19	18	+1	14
	11 Herne Bay	3	2	0	1	5	2	1	2	8	4	1	3	15	15	0	13
	12 Eastbourne Town	5	1	1	3	5	3	0	2	10	4	1	5	15	19	-4	13
	13 Broadbridge Heath	4	1	0	3	4	3	0	1	8	4	0	4	12	16	-4	12
	14 Sevenoaks Town	7	2	3	2	3	1	0	2	10	3	3	4	16	23	-7	12
	15 East Grinstead Town	5	1	0	4	5	2	2	1	10	3	2	5	14	17	-3	11
	16 Ashford United	3	1	1	1	5	2	1	2	8	3	2	3	14	18	-4	11
	17 Three Bridges	4	0	1	3	5	2	2	1	9	2	3	4	16	16	0	9
	18 Littlehampton Town	4	1	1	2	5	1	1	3	9	2	2	5	17	20	-3	8
	19 Steyning Town Community	5	1	0	4	5	1	0	4	10	2	0	8	11	19	-8	6
	20 Hythe Town	5	2	0	3	6	0	0	6	11	2	0	9	7	31	-24	6
	21 Lancing	6	1	0	5	4	0	1	3	10	1	1	8	8	17	-9	4
	22 Phoenix Sports	6	0	1	5	5	0	0	5	11	0	1	10	5	26	-21	1

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A HISTORY OF EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN

East Grinstead Town Football Club was formed on May 8, 1890, although it was another ten years before they played their first competitive matches as founder members of the Mid Sussex Football League. In those early days the club played in blue and white with the town's coat of arms on the breast pocket. It was some years before they adopted their current colours of amber and black and were nicknamed 'The Wasps,' both of which survive to this day.

They won the Mid Sussex League in 1902 and their first major honour followed seven years later when they shared the Sussex Junior Cup with Arundel. In 1909 they were awarded senior status which they have held ever since apart from two seasons when they were relegated to the intermediate third division of the Sussex County League in 1989.

In 1912 Grinstead reached the Sussex Senior Cup final for the only time in their history but lost 4-1 to St Leonards Amateurs in a ferocious snowstorm.

The Wasps were original members of the Sussex County League when it was founded in 1920, but they struggled to make any impact and after finishing bottom in 1927 they were not re-elected.

Rather than returning to the Mid Sussex League, they had four successful seasons in the Brighton League before stepping up to the Southern Amateur League. A fresh challenge reinvigorated the club and they won the Division Three title in 1932 with 15 victories out of 18. Three years later they played on the Test match cricket ground at Trent Bridge in Nottingham when they defeated Nottinghamshire Amateurs 6-0 in the old FA Amateur Cup.

Determined to regain their place in the Sussex County League, they were re-elected back in 1937 after winning the Mid Sussex League again and finished fifth in their first season.

In those halcyon days either side of the Second World War, four-figure crowds were the norm at their old ground in West Street, East Grinstead, which they shared with the town's cricketers. The club's record attendance is 2,006 for an FA Amateur Cup tie against Lancing in November 1947.

Success eluded Grinstead until 1952 when they won the Baldwin Cup, the forerunner of the Sussex County League Cup. That team is reckoned by many to be the finest the club has ever produced. It was certainly the most entertaining - 42 games that season in league and cup produced 222 goals!

Grinstead finished third in 1955, but their fortunes began to decline along with crowd numbers after that. They left West Street in 1959 but it wasn't until 1967 that they finally moved to their current home at East Court after a protracted battle to get the ground, which was prone to waterlogging, fit for football. In the meantime, they had a spell at King Georges Field in the town centre.

The club again finished third in 1973 in the Sussex County League but that was as good as it got for another 30 years although Grinstead did reach their first cup final since 1952 when they lost 4-1 to Haywards Heath in the RUR Cup in 1974 despite taking the lead. During the 1980s the club regularly hosted Crystal Palace and Brighton in charity fixtures watched by crowds of over 2,000.

Wasps found themselves in Division Two for the first time in 1979 and even had two seasons in Division Three before regaining senior status. They were promoted back to Division One in 1993 but lasted just two years.

Bob Smith, a former player, led Wasps back to Division One in 2003 and they also won their first trophy for 52 years, beating Three Bridges 4-0 in the final of the RUR Cup.

Unfortunately, the club were relegated back to Division Two on the final day of the 2004-05 season and in October 2006 Smith, the longest-serving manager in the club's history, was replaced by another ex-player Steve Norris.

In his second season Wasps romped to the Second Division title by a massive 18 points, losing just twice all season. Their winning run of 14 successive league games at the start of the season meant they became the last senior non-league team in the country to drop points.

The club established itself in the top-flight over the next decade and their progress on the field was matched off it.

Floodlights were installed in 1997 and in 2008 two new stands and a pitch perimeter barrier were erected. In 2014, with East Court already meeting the requirements of the Isthmian Football League after installing additional seating, the club began work on a new dressing room and hospitality area, turnstile block and entrance and a resurfaced car park. More than £225,000 of the cost came from external grant-aid funding.

Simon Funnell's side finished the season in second place, their highest ever County League position, and in May 2014 the club were accepted into the Isthmian League for the first time in our history. In October 2014, Simon was replaced by Tony Beckingham, who returned for a second spell having previously been in charge between February 2010-October 2011. Tony managed to keep the club in the league for a second season despite finishing in 23rd place in the table but left to join Hythe Town in September 2015. Matt Longhurst was appointed manager in October 2015 and consolidated the Wasps at Step 4 for three seasons, despite a big turnover of players. In December 2019, Matt was replaced by the former Kingstonian and Whyteleafe manager Leigh Dynan.

The suspension of the league saved the club from relegation, as they were bottom of the table when Covid-19 forced the curtailment, but Leigh rebuilt the squad, and the club began the 2019-20 season with renewed confidence and were fourth when the campaign was abandoned because of the pandemic. Leigh had to step down at the start of 2021 due to work commitments and former Wasps' striker Tony Reid, who had enjoyed success with Westfield, was appointed in May 2021. But after a disappointing start to the season Reid left the club in November 2021 and Beckingham returned for a third spell as joint-manager alongside Drew Cooney, who has made more than 400 appearances for the Wasps. Cooney took over as permanent manager in March 2022 and the club celebrated ten seasons at Step 4 in 2024.

During the summer of 2020 the first major overhaul of the pitch since 2003 took place with new drainage and irrigation systems installed, most of the cost being met by grants. This project was completed in the summer of 2021 and further improvement work took place in 2024.

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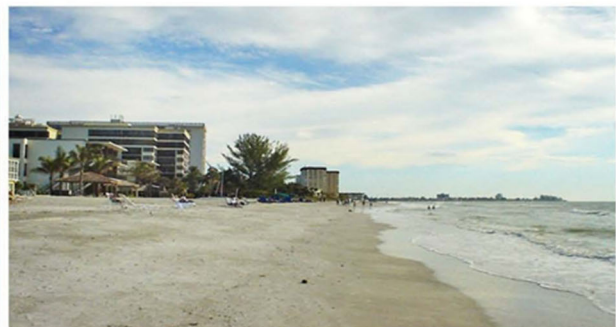
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MATCH REPORT **LEWES 3-1 THREE BRIDGES**

Tuesday 1st October 2024
Sussex Transport Senior Cup
By Tom Coleman Fry

Bridges suffered defeat and exited the Sussex Transport Senior Cup on Tuesday 1 October, but the scoreline doesn't reflect the performance in many ways, as Bridges had the Isthmian Premier Division league leaders worried throughout the game.

Unfortunately, Bridges had the worst start possible, going 2-0 down within the first 15 minutes of the game. Both MALIQ MORRIS and TOLU LADAPO pounced on defensive errors and it initially looked as if the home side were going to cruise to victory with a big scoreline.

But credit should be given to this Bridges side who picked themselves up after the early blows and decided to make a game of it. This effort was mainly led by midweek loanee NOEL LEIGHTON, who pulled a goal back on the half hour mark with a wonderfully taken effort from 20 yards out, curling the ball past Olds in the Lewes goal.

Olds then produced a fabulous save from a Leighton header just five minutes later to keep the home side ahead, whilst both Hallard and Rivera put efforts inches wide as the half-time break approached. Into the second-half and it was Bridges again creating the best chances and playing the better football. Bradley Campbell-Francis, filling in at right-back on the evening, had the best of these chances but his low drive went just wide of Olds right-hand post.

As can so often being the way in football, despite a team dominating for large periods, the other team are always a threat, and this ended up being the case as Lewes put the game to bed with 15 minutes to go and against the run of play. DANNY BASSETT won the aerial battle from a corner and headed past Glover in the Bridges goal to make it 3-1 to the home side.

Bridges though continued to huff and puff despite heading towards defeat. Olds yet again produced a brilliant save to deny a Leighton header, whilst Rivera, Adam and Hayden-Pickering all had good chances too, but couldn't find a consolation goal.

Despite defeat, huge credit should be given to 16 year-old Connor Hayden-Pickering who made his first team Bridges debut, having been with the club since the age of 7, and did not look out of place at all in the midfield.

Bridges: Glover, Ferreria, Splatt, Romain (Adam), Bobomurodov, Hallard, Campbell-Francis, Rivera (Falzon), Hayden-Pickering, Irving (c), Leighton
Unused Subs: Samson, Hanslow, Salaam
Booked: Splatt, Hayden-Pickering

Bridges Man of the Match – Noel Leighton



MATCH REPORT

SEVENOAKS TOWN 0-4 THREE BRIDGES

Saturday 5th October 2024
Isthmian League South East Division
By Alf Blackler

A first League win of the season for Bridges, and one that - apart from a few scares, notably at the start of the second half - they did in style.

Their opening goal after 14 minutes owed much to a failure to clear a cross by keeper Jordan Perrin, REECE HALLARD gratefully heading home. And after 21 minutes Perrin was again left red faced as a corner by ARCHIE BURNETT sailed over him into the far corner of the net.

Ayomide Majekodunmi and Jefferson Albangbee both fired just over as Sevenoaks tried to respond, whilst a free kick just before half time by Joshua Wisson hit the post with Luke Glover a helpless spectator.

Glover was certainly involved as the home side came out firing at the start of the second half, but Bridges' back line looked comfortable and newcomer Ben Holden was a solid presence in the centre of midfield.

The visitors then added to their tally ten minutes into the second period when good work by Kevin Rivera eventually saw the ball moved to the edge of the goal area for HALLARD to drill home.

Sevenoaks lost patience and composure in a mad fifteen minute spell with five players receiving yellow cards and Michael Sarpong seeing his upgraded to red for a comment made after his own side were awarded a free kick!

Bridges meanwhile made a flurry of substitutions, Adam Adam being the pick of the bunch with an eight minute cameo in which he saw a great drive blocked by Perrin and a penalty awarded when he was unceremoniously felled inside the area. BURNETT buried the added time spot kick and Bridges doubled their points tally in the process.

Bridges : L.Glover, D.Ferreira, H.Woollard, H.Velvick, N.Bobomurodov (B.Campbell-Francis, 84), R.Hallard (E.Romain, 89), K.Rivera, B.Holden (A.Adam, 87), J.Splatt (M.Samson, 84), B.Irving, A.Burnett.

Unused Sub. - C.Hayden-Pickering.

Booked - Holden (62).

Bridges Man of the Match - Harvey Woollard.



MATCH REPORT **BROADBRIDGE HEATH 1-3 THREE BRIDGES**

Saturday 19th October 2024
Isthmian League South East Division
By Alf Blackler

After a terrible start, Bridges were the better side for much of this local affair, with Kevin Rivera in sparkling form as he netted twice in a hectic first half.

The Bridges contingent had been warned about Kyle Sim's long throws before the kick off, but within forty seconds the defence was at sixes and sevens as Sim showed his prowess and MARK GOLDSOON applied the finishing touch.

Within eight minutes, however, Bridges were level, the home defence this time looking unsure as great work on the left by Nodirbek Bobomurodov finished with a cross wna an overhead kick by KEVIN RIVERA.

Although the game then became end to end, the visitors posed the biggest threat with Bobomurodov looking notably dangerous every time he got the ball. So, it was no surprise when, two minutes before half time, another cross by him was met brilliantly by REECE HALLARD, whose brother Josh was making his Bridges debut.

Just two minutes later Reece Hallard then supplied a cross from the right which was met by RIVERA for a crucial third goal.

With Harvey Woollard looking almost unbeatable in his preferred midfield position, Bridges were able to look in command without generating enough to worry the home defence, but equally Bridges' back line rarely looked threatened by an out of sorts home attack in a second half that proved something of a damp squib despite the glorious sunshine.

Karim Kamhoury came on for his debut and Rivera really should have made it a hat trick when he shot wide in the closing stages, but it was job done by a Bridges side that is starting to look a more accomplished outfit.

Bridges : L.Glover, D.Ferreira (B.Campbell-Francis, 71), H.Woollard, J.Hallard, N.Bobomurodov, R.Hallard, K.Rivera, B.Holden (K.Kamhoury, 80), H.Velvick (A.Adam, 84), B.Irving, A.Burnett
Unused Subs. - G.Falzon, M.Samson.
Booked - J.Hallard (57), Holden (75).

Bridges Man of the Match – Kevin Rivera



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