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SATURDAY 26 APRIL 2025
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Good Afternoon everyone, and welcome to Jubilee Field for today's Isthmian South-East Division fixture between Three Bridges and Phoenix Sports. A warm welcome to the players, management, committee members and supporters of the away team; I hope you had a safe journey and please enjoy the facilities we have on offer.

Salon 12 and ManKind Barbershop are Matchball Sponsor's for today's game, meaning I will have the honour of choosing the final Man of the Match award for the season!

I am reliably informed that a win today will see us cement 7th place in the table and that this would be our third best league season performance in the history of the football club. Taking on board everything that Jamie, Joe, Ross and the players have had to deal with, that would be an excellent achievement.

This season started with a 2-1 defeat against Sheppey United at Chatham, in front of a small number of supporters, with a squad that needed semi-rebuilding after a pre-season exodus. We struggled for early season form, couldn't hold an advantage, played in front of just 38 supporters during one game, and many had already written us off.

Then came the return to Jubilee Field in December and the brand new 3G pitch facility. Key additions were made to the squad with the arrivals of Hayden Neathey and Sam Bull in defence, Noel Leighton returned to spearhead our attack, and since then our form and performance level has been that of a promotion chasing side. Sadly, the idea of play-off's got away from us, but I know certain eyes are already on the prospect of a strong campaign next season.

One aspect I am immensely proud of this season is our renowned Player Pathway. Billy Irving and Harvey Woollard, two players who came through our youth system, were made club captain's this season. There has been at least one U18 player in every matchday squad again. Elliott Hanslow, Connor Hayden-Pickering, George Falzon, Charlie Bradly and Harley Byrne have all received valuable minutes in the First Team. Trust the youth because they are the future!

I could personally say thank you to 100's of people for their commitment and loyalty to Three Bridges Football Club, and especially this season. To the players, management, committee, staff, sponsors and youth section – you have been nothing short of remarkable in a season that has seen so much upheaval and so many changes. We are now settled and the only way forward for this football club is up!

And lastly, to the supporters. The group that follows Three Bridges everywhere. From Crawley to Chatham, Ramsgate to Littlehampton, your unwavering support does not go unnoticed, and it is appreciated by everyone. As is your commitment to keeping our clubhouse in profit!

Enjoy today's game and have a relaxing summer break where Saturday's will unfortunately become boring for a short period. Fear not though, because we will be back in July with some exciting pre-season fixtures to be announced!

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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

Monday 21st April 2025

FT	Ashford United (3)	5	3	(3) Hythe Town	516
	<i>West (9'), Collins (28', 88'), Lockyer (41', 51') Splatt (8' pen, 27'), Brown (21')</i>				
FT	Beckenham Town (2)	3	0	(0) Erith Town	240
	<i>Bloomfield (13', 33'), Wood (70')</i>				
FT	Broadbridge Heath (3)	4	0	(0) Littlehampton Town	205
	<i>Goldson (28' pen, 36'), Doughty (39'), Evans (65')</i>				
FT	Burgess Hill Town (2)	4	0	(0) Three Bridges	883
	<i>Lawson (8', 79'), Vukojie (37', 55')</i>				
FT	East Grinstead Town (1)	1	3	(3) Eastbourne Town	161
	<i>Parker (12') Hover (33'), Ding (34', 35')</i>				
FT	Herne Bay (0)	0	3	(2) Deal Town	729
	<i>Hennessey (19'), Chapman (38'), Hatcher (90+4')</i>				
FT	Lancing (1)	1	1	(1) Steyning Town Community	228
	<i>Erskine (8') Rawlins (39')</i>				
FT	Merstham (1)	2	2	(0) Sevenoaks Town	551
	<i>Henry (24'), McKillop (82') Mfula (55'), Hanfrey (58')</i>				
FT	Phoenix Sports (1)	2	1	(1) AFC Croydon Athletic	130
	<i>Dos Santos (13'), Belford (73') Kirby (22')</i>				
FT	Ramsgate (1)	1	4	(2) Margate	3,300
	<i>Ajayi (45+3') Walsh (18'), Atkins (44'), Walters (58'), Allen (90+6')</i>				
FT	Sheppey United (0)	0	0	(0) Sittingbourne	992

Saturday 26th April 2025

3pm	AFC Croydon Athletic	v	East Grinstead Town
3pm	Deal Town	v	Broadbridge Heath
3pm	Eastbourne Town	v	Merstham
3pm	Erith Town	v	Lancing
3pm	Hythe Town	v	Beckenham Town
3pm	Littlehampton Town	v	Burgess Hill Town
3pm	Margate	v	Ashford United
3pm	Sevenoaks Town	v	Sheppey United
3pm	Sittingbourne	v	Ramsgate
3pm	Steyning Town Community	v	Herne Bay
3pm	Three Bridges	v	Phoenix Sports



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	0-1	
02/11	LEAGUE	A	SITTINGBOURNE	0-3	
09/11	LEAGUE	A	LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN	3-4	R Hallard, Junior Ze, Holden (pen)
16/11	LEAGUE	H	MARGATE	1-3	Velvick
23/11	LEAGUE	A	AFC CROYDON ATHLETIC	1-0	Holden (pen)
26/11	LEAGUE	A	HERNE BAY	3-4	Holden (pen, Junior Ze, R Hallard
30/11	LEAGUE	A	STEYNING TOWN COMMUNITY	2-1	Bobomurodov, R Hallard
07/12	LEAGUE	H	HYTHE TOWN	3-0	R Hallard x2, Irving
26/12	LEAGUE	H	BURGESS HILL TOWN	1-2	Irving
28/12	LEAGUE	A	SHEPPEY UNITED	3-2	Irving, Velvick, R Hallard
04/01	LEAGUE	H	RAMSGATE	0-5	
11/01	LEAGUE	A	ASHFORD UNITED	3-2	Leighton, Holden (pen), Rivera
14/01	LEAGUE	H	EASTBOURNE TOWN	4-3	R.Hallard x3, Leighton
18/01	LEAGUE	H	DEAL TOWN	2-1	R.Hallard, Villavicencio
21/01	LEAGUE	H	LANCING	3-0	Holden, R.Hallard, Rivera
25/01	LEAGUE	H	STEYNING TOWN COMMUNITY	3-2	R.Hallard x3
01/02	LEAGUE	A	HYTHE TOWN	0-1	R.Hallard (pen)
05/02	LEAGUE	A	MERSTHAM	2-3	Velvick, Woollard
08/02	LEAGUE	H	SEVENOAKS TOWN	5-1	Holden x 2 (1 pen), Hallard (pen), Neathey, Leighton
15/02	LEAGUE	A	LANCING	2-0	R.Hallard 2
22/02	LEAGUE	H	BROADBRIDGE HEATH	0-1	
01/03	LEAGUE	A	EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN	1-0	Leighton
04/03	LEAGUE	A	BECKENHAM TOWN	2-2	Rivera, Woollard
08/03	LEAGUE	H	SITTINGBOURNE	3-2	Leighton x2, Holden (pen)
15/03	LEAGUE	H	ERITH TOWN	3-0	Rivera x2, Fisher
22/03	LEAGUE	H	BECKENHAM TOWN	6-2	Rivera x2, Fisher, Leighton x2, Holden (pen)
29/03	LEAGUE	A	DEAL TOWN	3-0	
01/04	LEAGUE	A	ERITH TOWN	0-1	R.Hallard
05/04	LEAGUE	H	ASHFORD UNITED	1-1	Velvick
12/04	LEAGUE	A	RAMSGATE	1-5	R. Hallard
19/04	LEAGUE	H	HERNE BAY	2-2	Holden (pen), Velvick
21/04	LEAGUE	A	BURGESS HILL TOWN	0-4	
26/04	LEAGUE	H	PHOENIX SPORTS		



ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH EAST LEAGUE TABLE

Correct as of 21 April 2025
Courtesy of Football Web Pages

		P	Home W	D	L	P	Away W	D	L	P	W	D	L	Total F	A	+/-	Pts
	C Ramsgate	21	19	1	1	20	16	2	2	41	35	3	3	124	35	+89	108
	2 Sittingbourne	20	18	2	0	21	13	5	3	41	31	7	3	114	26	+88	100
	3 Burgess Hill Town	21	16	3	2	20	11	6	3	41	27	9	5	86	39	+47	90
	4 Margate	20	9	9	2	21	15	3	3	41	24	12	5	88	50	+38	84
	5 Merstham	21	11	7	3	20	10	5	5	41	21	12	8	91	62	+29	75
	6 Beckenham Town	21	11	5	5	20	10	3	7	41	21	8	12	84	64	+20	71
	7 Three Bridges	20	9	3	8	21	10	3	8	41	19	6	16	78	75	+3	63
	8 Deal Town	20	11	1	8	21	9	1	11	41	20	2	19	87	81	+6	62
	9 Sheppey United	21	12	3	6	20	6	4	10	41	18	7	16	69	63	+6	61
	10 Sevenoaks Town	20	8	7	5	21	8	4	9	41	16	11	14	79	81	-2	59
	11 Ashford United	21	9	4	8	20	7	4	9	41	16	8	17	75	77	-2	56
	12 Broadbridge Heath	21	5	5	11	20	10	5	5	41	15	10	16	68	68	0	55
	13 Eastbourne Town	20	7	5	8	21	8	3	10	41	15	8	18	56	65	-9	53
	14 AFC Croydon Athletic	20	9	6	5	21	4	7	10	41	13	13	15	59	61	-2	52
	15 Erith Town	20	8	5	7	21	5	6	10	41	13	11	17	66	63	+3	50
	16 Herne Bay	21	8	4	9	20	4	5	11	41	12	9	20	62	75	-13	45
	17 East Grinstead Town	21	6	0	15	20	7	5	8	41	13	5	23	48	87	-39	44
	18 Littlehampton Town	20	6	3	11	21	5	4	12	41	11	7	23	63	86	-23	40
	R Phoenix Sports	21	7	3	11	20	3	2	15	41	10	5	26	40	85	-45	35
	R Steyning Town Community	20	2	3	15	21	4	2	15	41	6	5	30	50	102	-52	23
	R Hythe Town	20	5	2	13	21	1	2	18	41	6	4	31	38	104	-66	22
	R Lancing	21	5	2	14	20	1	2	17	41	6	4	31	36	112	-76	22

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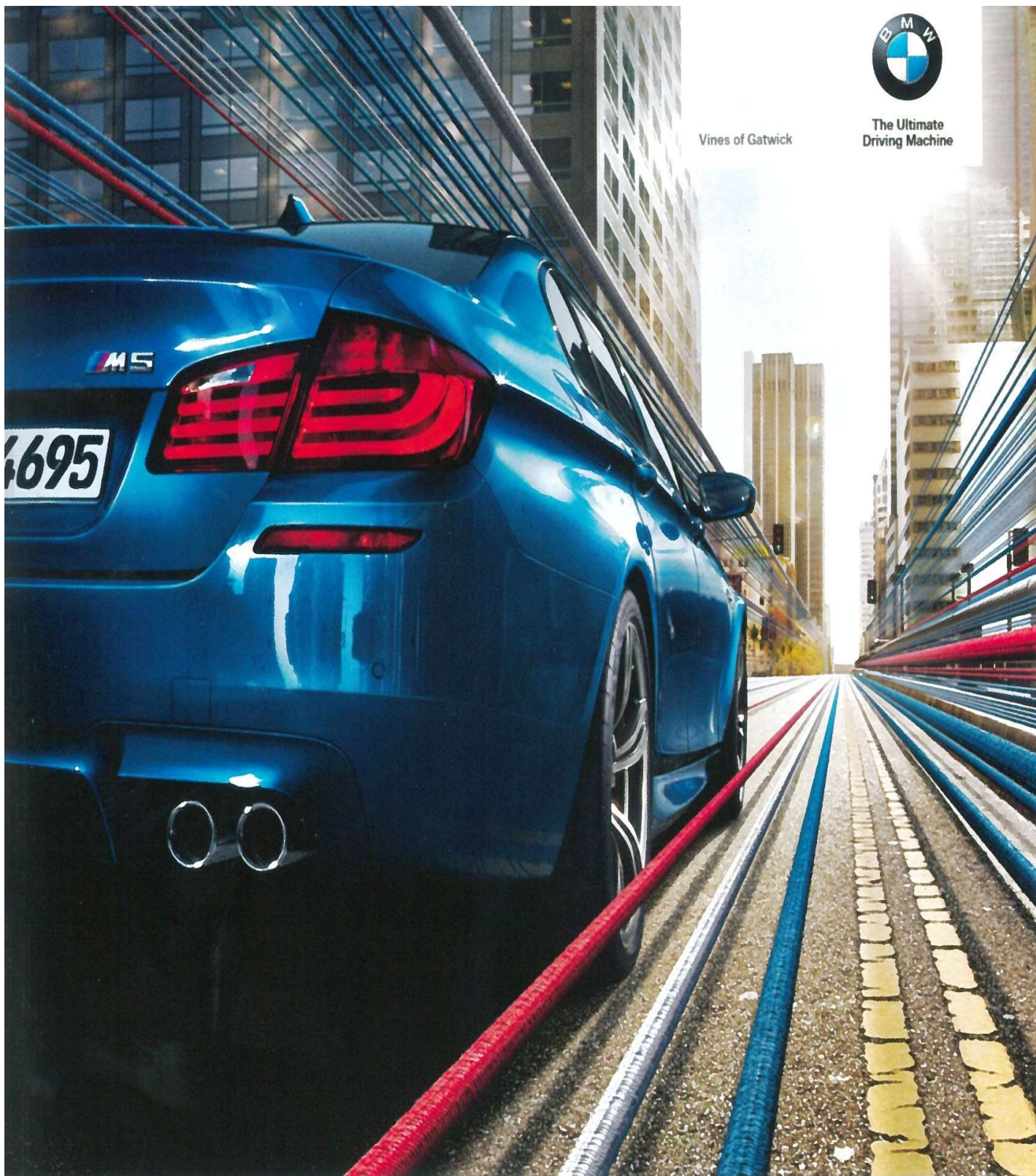
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A HISTORY OF PHOENIX SPORTS FC

Formed in 1935, Phoenix Sports Club originally started out as St. Johns Welling, later changing its name to Lakeside, before renaming to Phoenix following the Second World War as it was seen to rise from the ashes of the previous two clubs amidst the destruction caused by the blitz.

Over the years the club has played at various locations in the local area, including Danson Park until 1950 when the local council offered them a piece of waste land in Mayplace Road East, Bexleyheath. Over time it evolved into the ground that we all know now as Phoenix Sports Club.

Both football and cricket have been played at Mayplace Road East, with many members, both past and present, representing the club in both sports. However, with the growth of junior football, cricket has now moved away.

After entering various leagues, including the Sidcup League, Kent Amateur League and the Dartford League, the club eventually settled in the Kent County League Division One West.

In the 1986/7 season, the club entered the Spartan League and competed there for six seasons. They then returned to the Kent County League - Division One - West, winning the Challenge Cup in 1993-94.

In 1999/2000 Phoenix won the league, gaining promotion to the Premier Division, however after two relegations ended up in Division Two West, finally returning to the first division in 2004/05, and then back to the Premier Division in 2007/08.

After three seasons in the Premier Division, the first team became founder members of the Kent Invicta League at Step 6 of the National League System (Step 10 of the English Football League System) – the highest level of football the club had ever played at. Phoenix went on to finish runners up, missing out by only two points to eventual champions Bly Spartans as well as reaching the League Cup Final, again losing out to Bly Spartans.

Unfortunately, the First Team and Reserve Team Management both resigned for personal reasons at the end of season 2011-2012. After an exhaustive process they appointed Steve O'Boyle and Tony Beckingham as Joint First Team Managers and John Hope as Manager for the Reserves assisted by Brian Magenis and John Barry.

Off the pitch Phoenix installed floodlights and a 108 seat stand and with further improvements around the ground we soon received an F Grade.

They had a successful first campaign under the new management structure, and after losing only two league games all season, Phoenix won the Kent Invicta League and gained promotion to the Kent League (now renamed the Southern Counties East Football League) to play at step 5 of the National League System.

They finished in sixth place in their inaugural season but had aimed to do even better the next year. They had a very good start to the campaign but unfortunately lost in their first ever appearance in the FA Cup - losing on penalties after a replay.

Then began an unbelievable run in both the League and FA Vase. The Vase journey was fantastic culminating in Phoenix reaching the 4th Round Proper, where they lost to the eventual winners North Shields.

In the League they managed to lose only 1 game all season and accumulated 30 clean sheets. Due to these great performances they managed to win the League quite comfortably. Following quick and necessary works done on the ground we gained a D Grade and promotion to Isthmian League North Division.

Their first season at this level saw them finish in 14th place, which was improved upon the next year when they came 8th.

Phoenix were then the subject of a lateral movement and competed in the newly sponsored Bostik League South, for the 2017-18 season. After a decent start and sitting in the play-off spots for a while, they were rocked by the departure of First Team Manager Steve O'Boyle. Paul Bryon came in and steadied the ship and they finished in a creditable 11th place. The following year they improved to a pleasing 9th position.

The early ends to the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, prevented Phoenix from again gaining top half finishes before a disappointing 2021/22 campaign saw them finish second bottom and get relegated down to SCEFL league.

They went into the 2022/23 season with Steve O'Boyle back in the dugout, leading a side hungry for a quick return to Step 4. A great season saw them finish as runners up and after a late dramatic play off at VCD a last-minute penalty saw them return to the Isthmian League. Sadly, Steve O'Boyle left the club at the end of 2023/2024 after a dramatic fight for survival. He managed to avoid relegation and keep us in the Isthmian league but felt that he couldn't carry on.

Six candidates applied for the position of 1st team manager role and Keith McMahon was appointed to take over in time for the start of season 2024/25. Keith McMahon however resigned his position as manager early in October 2024. He was replaced shortly afterwards by Darren Anslow, who took over the reins, joining Phoenix after resigning his position at Beckenham Town.

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MATCH REPORT **THREE BRIDGES 2-2 HERNE BAY**

Saturday 19th April
Isthmian League South East Division
By Alf Blackler

What many would describe as a typical end of season affair, although both teams tried their hardest to take all the points, particularly in the second half.

But it was a fairly turgid opening half hour with the nearest anyone came to a goal being when Noel Fisher's shot went wide after he'd got through a well-disciplined visiting defence.

It was Herne Bay who took the lead after 35 minutes when a corner was headed back across goal by Liam Friend for MICHAEL SALAKO to finish comfortably. Reece Hallard came close almost immediately before Bridges were awarded a penalty for a late challenge on Noel Fisher. Up stepped BEN HOLDEN, who gave keeper Kie Plumley no chance with a thumping spot kick after forty minutes.

The second half was livelier with Bridges creating openings but failing at the last moment, and they probably felt aggrieved to slip behind again after 74 minutes. This time a deep free kick from the right by Scott Heard couldn't be cleared by Will Tillman and his defenders, and FRIEND took advantage by stabbing home from close range.

Fisher made a great run but took too long with his final touch, whilst the returning Sam Bull almost caught out Plumley. But the visitors seemed to have completed a double over their hosts until the game ticked into four minutes of added time. Harvey Woollard, a relentless figure in Bridges' midfield, managed to touch the ball through for HAYDEN VELVICK, who nudged it home for a deserved share of the spoils.

Bridges: W.Tillman, D.Ferreira (G.Falzon, 88), S.Bull, H.Neathey, B.Holden, J.Hallard, G.Luer, H.Woollard, R.Hallard (C.Hayden-Pickering, 77), N.Fisher, H.Velvick.
Unused Subs: S.Matthews, B.Irving, C.Bradly.

Bridges Man of the Match – Daniel Ferreria



MATCH REPORT

BURGESS HILL TOWN 4-0 THREE BRIDGES

Monday 21st April
Isthmian League South East Division
By Tom Coleman Fry

Bridges suffered at Easter Monday humbling at Burgess Hill Town, as the hosts comfortably ran out 4-0 winners in front of a near 900 crowd at Leylands Park.

The hosts opened the scoring in the 8th minute. Hayden Neathey had miraculously cleared a goal bound shot off the line, but HARRY LAWSON followed up to power in the opener.

Bridges woke up from that early shock, with Reece Hallard having several first-half chances cutting in from the left-hand side, but Slav Huk in the Burgess Hill goal made a series of good saves to deny him.

It was Hill who got the second goal of the game in the 37th minute. The home side moved the ball nicely from left to right, Morrison crossed in low, and STEFAN VUKOJIE struck a fierce shot into the corner of the net.

The game was killed off as contest just ten minutes after half-time. STEFAN VUKOJIE capitalised on Will Tillman spilling a low cross and stabbed in at the back post to claim his second goal of the game.

Bridges had to see out the last twenty minutes of the game with ten men after BEN HOLDEN was shown a straight red card. It was an off-the-ball incident that the referee didn't spot, but the linesman claimed to see a kick out from Holden, and he was sent for an early shower.

Hill made the man advantage count towards the end and extended their lead to 4-0. HARRY LAWSON grabbed his second goal of the game as the Bridges defence failed to clear.

One positive in defeat was the three U18's who finished the game on the pitch together, with Charlie Bradly, George Falzon and Connor Hayden-Pickering all getting valuable first-team minutes.

Bridges: Tillman, Ferreria (Hayden-Pickering 56), Bull (Bradly 80), Woollard (C), Luer, J Hallard, R Hallard, Neathey (Irving 87), Holden, Velvick (Falzon 69), Fisher (Matthews 72)

Booked: Holden 53, R Hallard 69

Sent-Off: Holden 71

Bridges Man of the Match – Hayden Velvick

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	League		Cup		Total		League		Cup		Total	
	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub
Adam Adam	2	11		6	2	17	2	21		6	2	27
Leo Anderson	1				1		45		12	1	57	1
Nordibek Bobomurodov	16		6		22		16		6		22	
Sam Bull	18				18		18				18	
Charlie Bradly		2				2		2				2
Harley Byrne		1				1		1				1
Nathan Bryson	4				4		7				7	
Archie Burnett	13		4		17		13		4		17	
Bradley Campbell Francis	4	9	1	2	5	11	4	9	1	2	5	11
Ridwan Euba	1	1	1		2	1	25	3	7		32	3
George Falzon		6		1		7		9		1		10
Dan Ferreira	33	2	6		39	2	101	14	17	2	118	16
Noel Fisher	11	1			11	1	11	1			11	1
Teegan Freeman	1	7			1	7	1	7			1	7
Luke Glover	17		6		23		17		6		23	
Josh Hallard	26	1			26	1	26	1			26	1
Reece Hallard	37	1	5		42	1	47	2	5		52	2
Elliott Hanslow	2	5	2	1	4	6	3	19	3	4	6	23
Connor Hayden-Pickering	2	13	1	1	3	14	2	13	1	1	3	14
Ben Holden	29				29		29				29	
Finn Holter	5				5		5				5	
Billy Irving	17	4	5		22	4	73	16	19	5	92	21
Israel Kabangele				1		1				1		1
Karim Kamhour	5	4			5	4	5	4			5	4
Noel Leighton	19		1		20		104	2	19	1	123	3
Greg Luer	4				4		4				4	
Shay Matthews	1	5			1	5	1	5			1	5
Hayden Neathey	21				21		21				21	
Iker Noguera Leon		9				9		9				9
Kevin Rivera	37		5		42		100	10	16	1	116	11
Elliott Romain	5	2	5	1	10	3	99	56	39	18	138	74
Boluwatito Salaam	1				1		1				1	
Michael Samson	1	2	2		3	2	1	2	2		3	2
Finley Southwell	1				1		1			1	1	1
Jamie Splatt	8		6		14		8		6		14	
Will Tillman	14				14		14				14	
Hayden Velvick	33	7	3		36	7	33	7	3		36	7
Bryan Villavicencio	12	2	2		14	2	85	12	19	1	104	13
Mason Williams		1				1		1				1
Harvey Woollard	41		5		46		79	7	12	4	91	11
Francis Junior Ze	9	2			9	2	9	2			9	2



GOALSCORERS

GOAL SCORERS	2024/25			Bridges First Team Career		
	League	Cup	Total	League	Cup	Total
Nordibek Bobomurodov	3		3	3		3
Archie Burnett	3	1	4	3	1	4
George Falzon				1		1
Dan Ferreira				3		3
Noel Fisher	2		2	2		2
Reece Hallard	27	2	29	27	2	29
Elliott Hanslow				1	1	2
Ben Holden	10		10	10		10
Billy Irving	3	1	4	6	4	10
Noel Leighton	9	1	10	58	11	69
Hayden Neathey	1		1	1		1
Kevin Rivera	9	1	10	25	3	28
Elliott Romain	2	1	3	49	28	77
Hayden Velvick	5		5	5		5
Bryan Villavicencio	1		1	5		5
Harvey Woollard	2		2	5		5
Francis Junior Ze	2		2	2		2



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