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FROM THE CHAIRMAN



CHAIRMAN'S PROGRAMME NOTES

Three Bridges vs Herne Bay

Welcome everyone to Jubilee Field for today's Isthmian League South East Division fixture against Herne Bay. After the recent frustrations of two postponements against Hastings United and Beckenham Town, it's great to finally get back to competitive action. Days like today really highlight how fortunate we are as a football club to have our 3G pitch, which so often allows us to get games on when others cannot. It's a huge asset and one that benefits every section of the football club.

Looking back on performances this season, one result that really stands out was our excellent 4–1 victory away at Herne Bay in the reverse fixture. That first-half display was, in my opinion, the best 45 minutes of football any team in this league will produce this season. The tempo, quality, and togetherness shown by the players that day was a real marker of what this squad is capable of when everything clicks.

Away from First Team matters, it's been another positive period for our U18's and Women's teams. The U18's continue to impress with some strong results and performances, showing the excellent work being done by Matt Calver and the coaching staff behind the scenes. They have a huge match coming up on Sunday, when they welcome Hastings United here at Jubilee Field in the County Cup semi-final's, and I'd encourage as many of you as possible to come down and support them.

Our Women's team have also enjoyed a run of encouraging results, remaining top of the league, continuing to build momentum and represent the club with real pride and professionalism. The growth of the Women's team in such a short space of time is something we are immensely proud of, and praise must go to Joe Clark and his team on their season so far.

Finally, I would like to place on record my continued thanks to everyone connected to Three Bridges Football Club for their ongoing support and commitment. From players and staff to volunteers, sponsors, and supporters, your dedication does not go unnoticed and is vital to everything we do.

Enjoy the game this afternoon and, as always, 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. The 2022/23 season saw Brannon O'Neill appointed as Assistant Manager following Danny Lee's departure to Whitehawk and Joe Kay joined 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 of 2024, so Joe Kay is now Jamie's Assistant Manager with Ross Ball in the role of Goalkeeping Coach.

The 2024/25 season was a monumental year for the football club, as the long planned 3G pitch facility development took place. This meant starting the season playing home games out of Chatham Town FC, but by Boxing Day the First Team were back home and by January 2025 the 3G pitch was in full use by men's, women's and youth teams of Three Bridges FC, as well as users from the local community, schools, colleges and charities. On the pitch, after being in the relegation zone in November, the team finished in a respectable 8th place after making a late but unsuccessful push for the play-offs.

The majority of the 2024/25 team have remained at the club, with Dan Perry returning during pre-season and further additions made in Sam Roberts, Charlie Bennett and Ade Adeyinka.



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FIXTURES & RESULTS

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH EAST DIVISION

Saturday 14 February 2026

Isthmian League – South East Division

AFC Whyteleafe		13:30		Jersey Bulls
AFC Croydon Athletic		15:00		Eastbourne Town
Ashford United		15:00		East Grinstead Town
Faversham Town		15:00		Sittingbourne
Hassocks FC		15:00		Erith Town
Hastings United		15:00		Merstham
Margate		15:00		Deal Town
Sevenoaks Town		15:00		Beckenham Town
Sheppey United		15:00		Broadbridge Heath
Three Bridges		15:00		Herne Bay
VCD Athletic		15:00		Crowborough Athletic

Tuesday 17 February 2026

Isthmian League – South East Division

East Grinstead Town		19:30		Erith Town
Broadbridge Heath		19:45		Sittingbourne
Deal Town		19:45		Herne Bay



FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Comp	H/A	Opposition	Res.	Scorers
02/08	FA CUP	H	SHOREHAM	5-2	R Hallard, OG, Bennet x2, Rivera
09/08	LEAGUE	H	EASTBOURNE TOWN	5-0	Adeyinka, Irving, R Hallard x3
12/08	LEAGUE	A	EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN	4-1	Velvick, Woollard, R Hallard, Fisher
16/08	FA CUP	H	HORSHAM YM	4-1	R Hallard x2, Adeyinka, Rivera
23/08	FA TROPHY	A	MARLOW	3-0	Ojo, Adeyinka, Bennett
25/08	LEAGUE	A	BROADBRIDGE HEATH	1-2	R Hallard
30/08	FA CUP	H	WALTON & HERSHAM	0-2	
05/09	FA TROPHY	A	ASCOT UNITED	0-2	
09/09	LEAGUE	H	SHEPPEY UNITED	7-1	Leighton x3, R Hallard x2, Velvick, Holden
13/09	LEAGUE	H	AFC WHYTELEAFE	3-2	Bennett x2, R Hallard
23/09	LEAGUE	A	ASHFORD UNITED	2-1	Bennett, Leighton
27/09	LEAGUE	H	HASTINGS UNITED	4-2	Villavicencio, Bennett, Leighton, Velvick
30/09	VELOCITY CUP	A	SOUTH PARK REIGATE	4-2	R Hallard, Holden x2, Ojo
04/10	LEAGUE	A	MERSTHAM	1-1	Leighton
07/10	COUNTY CUP	A	LITTLE COMMON	2-0	Rivera, Ojo
11/10	LEAGUE	H	DEAL TOWN	3-1	Velvick (2), Bennett
14/10	LEAGUE	H	JERSEY BULLS	2-2	Leighton, R Hallard
18/10	LEAGUE	A	HERNE BAY	4-1	R Hallard x3, Adeyinka
21/10	LEAGUE	A	VCD ATHLETIC	2-0	Adeyinka, R Hallard
25/10	LEAGUE	H	CROWBOROUGH ATHLETIC	1-0	Leighton
28/10	LEAGUE	A	JERSEY BULLS	1-1	Leighton
01/11	LEAGUE	A	ERITH TOWN	0-1	
05/11	VELOCITY CUP	A	KINGSTONIAN	1-4	Falzon
08/11	LEAGUE	H	SITTINGBOURNE	2-1	Villavicencio x2
11/11	LEAGUE	H	EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN	5-0	Leighton x2, Villavicencio, Adeyinka x2
15/11	LEAGUE	A	AFC CROYDON ATHLETIC	2-0	Leighton x 2
18/11	COUNTY CUP	H	WICK	10-0	R Hallard x2, Villavicencio, Ghannam, Rivera x2, Holden (pen), Velvick, Bennett x2
22/11	LEAGUE	H	FAVERSHAM TOWN	2-4	Bennett x2
29/11	LEAGUE	A	EASTBOURNE TOWN	5-0	Bennett (pen), R Hallard, Leighton x3
06/12	LEAGUE	H	MARGATE	3-0	Adeyinka x2, R Hallard
13/12	LEAGUE	A	SEVENOAKS TOWN	5-0	R Hallard, Neathey, Leighton, Velvick, Adeyinka
20/12	LEAGUE	H	ASHFORD UNITED	5-4	Leighton x2, R Hallard x2, Bennett (pen)
27/12	LEAGUE	A	HASSOCKS	5-1	R Hallard x2, Rivera, Bennett (pen), Adeyinka
03/01	LEAGUE	H	BROADBRIDGE HEATH	4-0	Bennett x2 (pen), Adeyinka, R.Hallard
13/01	COUNTY CUP	H	HORSHAM	1-1	Velvick (Bridges won 4-1 on penalties)
17/01	LEAGUE	H	VCD ATHLETIC	4-0	Bennett (pen), Hallard x2, Leighton
24/01	LEAGUE	A	DEAL TOWN	2-3	Leighton, Velvick
31/01	LEAGUE	H	MERSTHAM	5-0	Bennett x2, Velvick, Leighton, R Hallard
14/02	LEAGUE	H	HERNE BAY		
21/02	LEAGUE	A	CROWBOROUGH ATHLETIC		
28/02	LEAGUE	H	ERITH TOWN		
07/03	LEAGUE	A	SITTINGBOURNE		
14/03	LEAGUE	H	SEVENOAKS TOWN		
21/03	LEAGUE	A	MARGATE		
28/03	LEAGUE	H	BECKENHAM TOWN		
04/04	LEAGUE	A	SHEPPEY UNITED		
06/04	LEAGUE	H	HASSOCKS		
11/04	LEAGUE	A	AFC WHYTELEAFE		
18/04	LEAGUE	H	AFC CROYDON ATHLETIC		
25/04	LEAGUE	A	FAVERSHAM TOWN		



LEAGUE TABLE

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH EAST DIVISION

Correct as of 11 February 2026

		Home				Away				Total							
		P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Three Bridges	15	13	1	1	13	8	2	3	28	21	3	4	89	29	+60	66
	2 AFC Croydon Athletic	14	9	1	4	15	9	3	3	29	18	4	7	66	42	+24	58
	3 Faversham Town	15	9	3	3	12	7	4	1	27	16	7	4	62	37	+25	55
	4 AFC Whyteleafe	15	10	2	3	13	6	3	4	28	16	5	7	72	34	+38	53
	5 Jersey Bulls	15	8	5	2	15	6	5	4	30	14	10	6	54	32	+22	52
	6 Sittingbourne	13	9	3	1	13	6	3	4	26	15	6	5	48	28	+20	51
	7 Margate	15	8	2	5	15	5	7	3	30	13	9	8	65	52	+13	48
	8 Merstham	14	5	3	6	15	8	2	5	29	13	5	11	48	46	+2	44
	9 Herne Bay	15	5	5	5	13	7	2	4	28	12	7	9	46	43	+3	43
	10 Deal Town	13	7	2	4	14	6	1	7	27	13	3	11	53	48	+5	42
	11 Sevenoaks Town	15	7	1	7	15	6	1	8	30	13	2	15	48	61	-13	41
	12 Ashford United	15	5	5	5	14	6	0	8	29	11	5	13	59	55	+4	38
	13 Eastbourne Town	15	7	3	5	14	4	2	8	29	11	5	13	41	62	-21	38
	14 Broadbridge Heath	13	8	1	4	15	3	3	9	28	11	4	13	58	51	+7	37
	15 Sheppey United	15	7	4	4	14	3	2	9	29	10	6	13	47	57	-10	36
	16 Crowborough Athletic	13	5	3	5	14	5	2	7	27	10	5	12	40	51	-11	35
	17 Hastings United	14	4	3	7	15	5	2	8	29	9	5	15	41	50	-9	32
	18 Erith Town (-1)	13	3	3	7	14	4	5	5	27	7	8	12	37	51	-14	28
	19 Hassocks	14	3	3	8	15	3	5	7	29	6	8	15	33	52	-19	26
	20 VCD Athletic	15	4	3	8	15	2	3	10	30	6	6	18	38	69	-31	24
	21 Beckenham Town	12	3	3	6	14	1	4	9	26	4	7	15	34	59	-25	19
	22 East Grinstead Town	13	0	2	11	14	1	0	13	27	1	2	24	20	90	-70	5

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A HISTORY OF HERNE BAY FC

Herne Bay were formed in 1886 and began life in the East Kent League, then having a short period in the Kent League before winning the East Kent League in four successive years between 1902 and 1906 returning to the Kent League as a result.

In 1953 saw the move to Winch's Field. Over 1,000 spectators saw their first match at their new home; a 2 - 2 draw against Tunbridge Wells Reserves in Kent League Division 2. Within two years they lifted the Division 2 title, winning promotion to Division 1. In the 1957/58 season the club won The Kent Amateur Cup beating Bromley 2 - 0 in the final. The following season saw the Kent League fold and a move to the Aetolian League followed. The 1964/65 season saw another move to Division 2 of the Athenian League, where they enjoyed several successful seasons followed by promotion to Division 1 on winning Division 2 in 1970/71. A good run in the FA Cup saw the Bay reach the 4th qualifying round, where they lost to the then 'mighty' Margate in front of a record home attendance of 2,303.

At the start of the 1974/75 campaign the Club returned to the Kent League, and in the 1978/79 season they had good runs in the Cup competitions, winning the Kent Senior Trophy and losing to Sheppey United in the final of the Kent League Cup. The nineties were the glory years which saw the Club become the most successful and consistent side in the Kent League, winning four Kent League titles. The 1996/97 season was without equal in the history of Herne Bay and the Kent League. Within the space of four weeks the Club won the Kent Senior Trophy, The Kent League Division 1 Cup and The Kent League Championship. A unique treble at the time!

A complete change of management and playing staff took place after the 1997/98 season, with manager Tommy Sampson leaving the Club to take over the reins at Deal Town taking the majority of the established first team players with him. Nick Denly (father of England cricketer Joe Denly) received an unprecedented three manager of the month awards in his first full season at the helm.

A major grant was awarded to provide new perimeter fencing and refurbishment of the changing facilities and these works were complete prior to the start of the 2003/04 season when the club celebrated 50 years at Winch's Field. Jason Lillis took over the reins for the 2004/05 season which proved to be very successful as Bay finished runners up in both the League and League Cup. Both the 2005/06 and 2006/07 campaigns proved to be very disappointing with several senior players, and Lillis, leaving the Club during the 2007/08 season.

In came Barry Morgan and the Club turned to youth with the introduction of several very good young players into the squad who formed the basis of the first team for the 2008/09 season. There was a 6th place finish. The Club introduced some influential experienced players and had high hopes for a successful 2009/10 campaign. After some strange team selections Morgan left in October 2009, with assistant Simon Halsey taking over. Bay went on to finish as runners-up in the league and won the Kent League Premier Division League Cup. The following season there was another Kent League Premier Division League Cup win and Herne Bay missed out on the League title on goal difference in the last few minutes of the last match where an own goal at Tunbridge Wells gave Hythe Town the title.

In season 2011/12 Herne Bay swept all before them, narrowly missing out on a Wembley appearance in the FA Vase and capturing the Kent League Premier Division title and promotion to the Isthmian League. After struggling in the lower regions of Isthmian League Division One South for much of 2012/13 Halsey was relieved of his duties in April 2013.

The 2013/14 season saw another new start for Herne Bay with Sam Denly (son of former manager Nick Denly) taking up the managerial reins. Denly held the post for four seasons and used many local players who had come through the town's youth systems. There were finishes of 18th, 9th 8th and 17th. Denly resigned at the end of the 2016/17 campaign and the majority of the squad moved on and the Club lost individuals who had over 2,500 appearances between them.

For 2017/18 Jermaine Darlington and John Embury were handed their first senior management roles, at Herne Bay, and had the basis of a young team which played exciting, flowing football that was well received but had a tendency to be inconsistent. After a mid-table finish in their first season things became more difficult the next year when money problems led to the loss of some key players. After being in the relegation zone early in the campaign things were being turned around when Darlington and Embury quit with Bay safe and six games of the season remaining.

By this time, it was a struggle money-wise and some of the older directors offered to stand aside if suitable replacements could be found. This opened the door for a consortium to come in led by rookie-Chairman Stuart Fitchie who was surrounded by fellow Directors who had many years' experience of running a football club. He had appointed Ben Smith, who had led Canterbury City to mid-table finishes in the Kent League for the past four seasons, as manager. 2019/20 was terminated by Covid-19, with Bay in the final play-off position, and the following season was too ended by Covid, after just six league matches with Herne Bay in 10th place.

At the beginning of April 2022 Herne Bay were out of the play-off places but then a run of four victories and with fellow play-off contenders falling short Bay ended in third place and went on to win the play-offs and gain promotion to the Isthmian Premier.

13 league matches into the 2022/23 season, with the team one place off the bottom and five points from safety, after eight points from a possible 39, having chopped and changed the team, using 26 different players, and losing to the only team below, Ben Smith resigned. By the time that ex-Cray Valley PM manager Kevin Watson came in it was too late to stop the rot and Herne Bay's brief flirtation with the Isthmian Premier was over. Fitchie had rarely consulted his more knowledgeable colleagues and whilst a new 3G pitch was laid many other ground improvements remained incomplete.

Chairman Stuart Fitchie left the club in March 2023, A new chairman, Matt Barman, and additions to the board were introduced at the end of the 23/24 season and they will now be taking the club forward, adding a new post 16 academy in partnership with Herne Bay High School to run from the 24/25 season.



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MATCH REPORT

THREE BRIDGES 5-0 MERSTHAM

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH EAST

SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 2026

Three Bridges bounced back from last week's disappointment in emphatic fashion, producing a ruthless first-half display to sweep aside Merstham 5-0 at Jubilee Field and extend their lead at the top of the Isthmian South East League.

After the frustration of a narrow defeat at Deal Town, Bridges were determined to make amends on home soil against a Merstham side sitting seventh in the table — and they wasted no time doing so.

The hosts started with real purpose and opened the scoring inside three minutes. A superb piece of slick, one-touch football involving Noel Leighton and Kevin Rivera carved open the Merstham defence, allowing Charlie Bennett to race through on goal and calmly finish to make it 1-0.

Bridges continued to move the ball with confidence and precision and doubled their lead just six minutes later. Another flowing team move ended with Hayden Velvick applying a beautifully placed finish across the goalkeeper to make it 2-0 in the ninth minute.

The goals kept coming. In the 11th minute, Leighton was played in behind the defence and showed great strength to hold off his marker before unleashing an unstoppable strike past Rob Tolfrey. Merstham's task became even more difficult in the 20th minute when Reece Hallard skipped past his defender and powered home a fine finish to put Bridges 4-0 ahead.

A bizarre moment followed shortly afterwards when Hallard was seemingly tripped by a member of the Merstham bench as he burst down the wing, though the incident went unnoticed by the officials.

The remainder of the first half settled slightly, with Bridges controlling possession. Merstham goalkeeper Tolfrey produced an outstanding save to deny Bennett late on, but the hosts went into the break firmly in control at 4-0.

The second half followed a similar pattern, with Bridges dominating proceedings. Leighton spurned a golden opportunity in the 53rd minute, dragging wide from close range after another excellent delivery from Velvick. What followed was an impressive individual display from Tolfrey, who denied Rivera on two occasions and also kept out efforts from Hallard and Bennett. At the other end, Theophanous struck the crossbar when it looked easier to score.

The fifth goal eventually arrived in the 73rd minute. Bennett was brought down in the box after beating two defenders, and although Tolfrey saved the resulting penalty, the forward reacted quickest to convert the rebound and complete his brace.

Further fine saves from the Merstham keeper prevented the scoreline from growing further, but Bridges comfortably saw out the contest to secure a dominant victory.

The result, combined with AFC Croydon's home defeat to Margate, means Bridges have now extended their lead at the top of the Isthmian South East League to eight points, with 66 points from 28 games.

Bridges Team: Roberts, Ferreira, J Hallard (Holden), Woollard (C), Bull, Neathey (Irving), Leighton, Rivera, R Hallard (Villavicencio), Velvick (Difika), Bennett

Unused Subs: Bryson

Booked: J Hallard

Man of the Match – Charlie Bennett

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FEBRUARY 2025	45	Tony Danser	09 Alan Bell
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APRIL 2025	28	Alan Ladd	50 Mick Yearwood
MAY 2025	62	Lyn Walls	72 Gordon Bennett
JUNE 2025	23	Bernie Jobson	01 Hazel Bell
JULY 2025	28	Alan Ladd	54 Richard Munn
AUGUST 2025	23	Bernie Jobson	42 Keith Cook
SEPTEMBER 2025	54	Richard Munn	21 Keith Richardson
OCTOBER 2025	01	Hazel Bell	04 Mike Denman
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APPEARANCES

APPEARANCES	2025/26						Bridges First Team Career					
	League		Cup		Total		League		Cup		Total	
	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub
Ade Adeyinka	25		7	1	32	1	25		7	1	32	1
Charlie Bennett	21	3	6	4	27	7	21	3	6	4	27	7
Naythan Bryson			2		2		7		2		9	
Sam Bull	26		7	1	33	1	46		7	1	53	1
George Falzon		5		2		7		13		3		16
Dan Ferreira	24		8	1	32	1	125	15	25	3	150	18
Noel Fisher	3	4	3	4	6	8	15	5	3	4	18	9
Josh Hallard	24	1	6	1	30	2	50	2	6	1	56	3
Reece Hallard	22	2	8		30	2	70	4	13		83	4
Connor Hayden-Pickering		6		3		9	2	18	1	4	3	22
Ben Holden	4	18	4	2	8	20	34	18	4	2	38	20
Billy Irving	5	10	7	1	12	11	78	28	26	4	104	32
Noel Leighton	21	1	2	2	23	3	124	4	21	3	145	7
Shay Matthews		1		1		2	1	6		1	1	7
Hayden Neathey	25	1	7	1	32	2	47	1	7	1	54	2
Destiny Ojo		3	2	3	2	6		3	2	6	2	6
Dan Perry		1				1	29	4	5	1	34	5
Kevin Rivera	17	7	10		27	7	118	17	26	1	144	18
Sam Roberts	26		7		33		26		7		33	
Hayden Velvick	26		7	3	33	3	60	7	10	3	70	10
Bryan Villavicencio	15	9	4	3	19	12	101	21	22	4	123	25
Harvey Woollard	10	10	6	1	16	11	90	16	18	5	108	21



GOALSCORERS

GOAL SCORERS	2025/26			Bridges First Team Career		
	League	Cup	Total	League	Cup	Total
Ade Adeyinka	10	2	12	10	2	12
Charlie Bennett	14	5	19	14	5	19
Sam Bull				1		1
George Falzon		1	1	1	1	2
Dan Ferreira				3		3
Noel Fisher	1		1	3		3
Reece Hallard	24	6	30	51	8	59
Ben Holden	1	3	4	11	3	14
Billy Irving	1		1	7	4	11
Noel Leighton	22		22	79	11	90
Hayden Neathey	1		1	2		2
Destiny Ojo		3	3		3	3
Kevin Rivera	1	5	6	27	8	35
Hayden Velvick	8	2	10	13	2	15
Bryan Villavicencio	4	1	5	9	1	10
Harvey Woollard	1		1	6		6

THREE BRIDGES SQUAD FROM:		HERNE BAY SQUAD FROM:	
1	Sam ROBERTS (GK)		Joe COLEMAN (GK) (Capt.)
2	Dan FERREIRA		Matty HOLNESS
3	Josh HALLARD		Rhys WYBORN
4	Harvey WOOLLARD (Capt.)		Bode ANIDUGBE
5	Sam BULL		Liam FRIEND
6	Hayden NEATHEY (Vice Capt.)		Joe TYRIE
8	Bryan VILLAVICENCIO		Deese KASINGA MADIA
9	Noel LEIGHTON (Vice Capt.)		Hamilton ANTONIO
10	Kevin RIVERA		Johan CANEY-BRYAN
11	Reece HALLARD		Steven TOWNSEND
13	Naythan BRYSON (GK)		Zuriel OTSEH-TAIWO
14	Ade ADEYINKA		Louie PROCOPI
15	Tresor DIFIKA		Rushaar SAMUEL-SMIKLE
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17	Hayden VELVICK		James ROGERS
18	Billy IRVING		Zaid AL HUSSANI
19	George FALZON		
20	Charlie BENNETT		
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