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FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Good Afternoon everyone, and welcome back to Jubilee Field for today's league fixture against Aveley Football Club.

Firstly, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the players, management, directors, officials and supporters of Aveley. Thank you to everyone who has made the journey to be with us today. I hope you enjoy your visit and the hospitality here at Three Bridges although, as always, I hope we enjoy the final result just a little more than you do!

We are now three games into our new season and, if we are being completely honest, seeing no points on the board is difficult for all of us to get our heads around, particularly after the extraordinary season we enjoyed in 2025/26. However, sometimes you have to look beyond the league table and consider the bigger picture.

Our opening three games have been against Dartford, Eastbourne Borough and Chatham Town. These are three excellent football clubs, all of whom will expect to be challenging for the league title or, at the very least, a place in the play-offs.

Unfortunately, our task does not become any easier today. Aveley finished as runners-up in this division last season and arrive at Jubilee Field with another fantastic squad. They are an established and ambitious Step 3 club, and we know exactly how difficult today's challenge will be.

You might assume that once this afternoon is over, the fixtures will begin to get a little kinder to us. On the contrary! Next week we travel to Dulwich Hamlet before welcoming the current league leaders, Carshalton Athletic, to Jubilee Field on Bank Holiday Monday. Welcome to Step 3!

Could our start have become any more challenging? Unfortunately, the answer is yes.

We have also lost several key players through injury. Noel and Reece, who between them were responsible for around 70 goals last season, have both been missing, while Hayden Neathey, a stalwart at the heart of our defence throughout last season, could be out for several months. Those are just a few of the injuries we are currently dealing with.

I appreciate that this may sound as though I am making excuses, but I genuinely am not. Every football club has injuries and every club faces difficult periods. That is part of the game, and it is something we must deal with together.

What gives me enormous confidence is that we have been losing games by the finest of margins. There have been spells in every match when some of our football has been outstanding. We have shown that we can compete at this level, and with a little more fortune at important moments, our results could have looked very different.

Most importantly, the players and management team remain in excellent spirits. There is no panic, no blame and no loss of belief. Everyone understands the challenge ahead and is determined to keep working, improving and fighting for that first result.

To help us in our cause, I am delighted that we have completed the signing of Scott Malone, who was with Crawley Town last season and Millwall before that. Keith Richardson, our Groundsman and Millwall supporter, will be very happy. Scott brings tremendous experience, ability and professionalism to our squad, and I am sure everyone will join me in welcoming him to Three Bridges Football Club.

One of the most remarkable things about our club continues to be our supporters. Despite the results, you have remained incredibly positive about the team. You have recognised the performances, encouraged the players and continued to believe in what we are trying to build. That support means more than you may realise, especially during a difficult run.

There is a phrase I often use:

“It is easy to sail a ship in calm waters, but true strength is shown by those who keep sailing through the storm.”

Last season, we enjoyed some wonderfully calm waters. We won promotion, lifted the Sussex Senior Cup and created memories that will stay with us forever.

This season, we may already be experiencing our first storm. But nobody at this football club is abandoning the ship.

We knew that moving up to Step 3 would bring tougher opposition, bigger clubs and new challenges. We worked incredibly hard to earn our place at this level, and we are not going to lose sight of that after three matches. Now is the time to stay calm, stay united and continue to believe in the people who gave us that unforgettable season. This is still the same management team, the same group of players and the same football club that made us all so incredibly proud.

To Jamie, his management team and every one of our players: you have the complete support of the Board, the staff and our supporters. Keep believing, keep playing and keep fighting. The results will come.

To our staff and volunteers, thank you once again for everything you do. Matchdays do not happen by themselves, and so much work takes place behind the scenes before the gates even open. Your dedication is never taken for granted.

To the Aveley supporters, thank you again for travelling to Jubilee Field today. You are very welcome at our football club, and I hope you have a safe journey home.

And finally, to our own magnificent supporters: keep singing, keep encouraging and keep standing behind the boys. Your positivity can make a genuine difference.

We enjoyed the celebrations together last season. Now we face this challenge together.

The seas may be a little rough at the moment, but our ship is strong, our people are strong, and we will keep moving forward.

Enjoy the game and Up The Bridges!

Paul Faili
Chairman

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A HISTORY OF THREE BRIDGES FOOTBALL CLUB FOUNDED: 1901

Founded in 1901, Three Bridges joined the Mid Sussex Football League in 1902 and claimed their first league championship in the 1907/08 season. Their first significant triumph came in 1933/34 with a Sussex Junior Cup victory, followed by a series of minor honours before they entered the Sussex County Football League in 1952/53. Two years later, they were crowned Second Division Champions.

In 1962/63, they won the Division Two Invitation Cup, and were Second Division runners-up in 1968/69, 1973/74, and 1979/80. A notable achievement came in 1970/71 when they defied expectations to win the League's Invitation Cup against Southwick (3-2). The 1980s saw a string of successes, beginning with reaching the last 16 of the FA Vase in 1981/82, narrowly losing to Molesey (1-2). The following season, they reached the last 32 and captured the Sussex RUR Charity Cup for the first time, defeating Hastings Town 3-2. They finished runners-up in the Thorn EMI National six-a-side tournament the next year, earning a set of floodlights.

The mid-to-late 1980s were particularly strong: Division One runners-up in 1985/86, repeating the feat in 1987/88 (also winning the RUR Cup again) and 1988/89. A fire destroyed their clubhouse in 1993, which refocused club priorities and led to relegation in 1996/97. They bounced back by winning the Division 2 League Cup in 1997/98 and finishing as Division 2 runners-up to regain Division 1 status. RUR Cup runners-up in 2003/04, they claimed the trophy in 2007/08.

The 2010/11 season started strongly with nine consecutive league wins, though they ultimately finished 5th. However, they won the John O'Hara League Challenge Cup for the first time, defeating Rye United 2-1—a feat repeated in 2011/12 with a 2-1 victory over AFC Uckfield. After a rocky start in one season losing four of the first nine matches, they went on a 29-game stretch with just a single defeat, finishing as Sussex County Football League Champions after a decisive 1-0 win over rivals Rye United.

Their debut season in the Ryman Isthmian League South Division was challenging, but an 11-match run late in the season, including seven wins, secured survival and earned Team of the Month Awards in March and April. Subsequent seasons saw fluctuating results, with mid-season signings helping them avoid relegation and later achieving 7th place in 2014/15, though defensive issues remained. The 2015/16 season saw improved defence but fewer goals scored, leading to a 14th-place finish with 66 points—only six fewer than the previous season.

The 2016/17 campaign was hit hard by injuries, forcing reliance on U21, Academy, and U18 players. Despite squad reinforcements later, relegation could not be avoided. In 2017/18, a strengthened squad and management team, including ex-player Martin Dynan as Assistant Manager and UEFA 'A' licensed Coach Marc Wardley, helped Three Bridges finish second in the Southern Combination League Premier Division, earning promotion back to the Isthmian League.

After 25 years as manager, Paul Faili stepped down in 2018/19 to focus on his role as Club Chairman, handing management to Martin Dynan, assisted by Liam Collins and Keith George. Despite a poor start, a brief unbeaten run earned Dynan Manager of the Month, but he departed after continued struggles. Paul Faili returned for the final nine games, securing a 14th-place finish, 14 points clear of relegation.

Paul remained in charge as manager, supported by Keith George, with coaching duties undertaken by Jamie Crellin, who later retired through injury after making 164 appearances. For the 2021/22 season, Crellin stepped up to become First Team Manager, with Danny Lee appointed as his assistant. Ahead of 2022/23, Brannon O'Neill took on the role of Assistant Manager, while Joe Kay joined the staff as First Team Coach. That campaign proved a remarkable one, as Three Bridges recorded what was then their highest-ever league finish, securing fourth place, although they were ultimately beaten by Chichester City in the playoff final.

In May 2024, Brannon O'Neill departed for Burgess Hill Town, resulting in Joe Kay moving into the Assistant Manager role alongside Jamie Crellin, with Ross Ball joining the coaching setup as Goalkeeping Coach. The 2024/25 season represented a significant milestone with the unveiling of the club's new 3G pitch on 26 December 2024. During construction, home fixtures were temporarily staged at The Bauvill Stadium in Chatham between August and early December. By January 2025, the new facility was fully operational, providing a major boost for the Men's, Women's and youth sides, as well as the local community. On the pitch, despite sitting in the relegation places as late as November, a strong second half of the season saw the team climb to an impressive 8th-place finish.

Much of the 2024/25 squad carried over into the 2025/26 campaign, supplemented by the additions of Sam Roberts, Charlie Bennett and Ade Adeyinka, as the club embarked on a historic season celebrating its 125th Anniversary. The Men's First Team produced outstanding league form throughout, sweeping aside opponents and comfortably securing the Isthmian League South East Division title with 96 points, finishing 11 clear of second-placed Croydon Athletic. Noel Leighton was also crowned the league's top scorer, registering 31 goals.

Capping off a memorable season, the Men's First Team reached the Sussex Transport Senior Cup Final, overcoming National League South sides Horsham and Worthing along the way, before lifting the trophy on penalties against Brighton & Hove Albion's U21's at the Amex Stadium. The league and cup double was secured amid widespread celebrations. Across all competitions, the side scored over 150 goals, with Noel Leighton, Reece Hallard and Charlie Bennett contributing a remarkable, combined total of 95.

Success extended beyond the Men's side, with the Women's First Team completing a treble by winning the SCWGFL Premier Division, SCWGFL Challenge Cup and Combined Counties Trophy. The U18's also enjoyed their most successful league campaign to date in the Isthmian Youth League East Division, while reaching the County Cup Final for the first time. It was a truly exceptional 2025/26 season across the entire club, one that will be remembered fondly for many years to come.



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FIXTURES & RESULTS

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Saturday 22nd August 2026

3pm	Brentwood Town	v	Enfield Town
3pm	Cheshunt	v	Burgess Hill Town
3pm	Cray Wanderers	v	Eastbourne Borough
3pm	Dartford	v	Welling United
3pm	Leatherhead	v	Maldon & Tiptree
3pm	Lewes	v	AFC Whyteleafe
3pm	Ramsgate	v	St Albans City
3pm	Stanway Rovers	v	Carshalton Athletic
3pm	Three Bridges	v	Aveley
3pm	Whitehawk	v	Chatham Town
3pm	Wingate & Finchley	v	Dulwich Hamlet

Friday 28th August 2026

7.45pm	Burgess Hill Town	v	Dartford
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Saturday 29th August 2026

3pm	AFC Whyteleafe	v	Cheshunt
3pm	Aveley	v	Lewes
3pm	Carshalton Athletic	v	Brentwood Town
3pm	Chatham Town	v	Wingate & Finchley
3pm	Dulwich Hamlet	v	Three Bridges
3pm	Eastbourne Borough	v	Leatherhead
3pm	Enfield Town	v	Whitehawk
3pm	Maldon & Tiptree	v	Cray Wanderers
3pm	St Albans City	v	Stanway Rovers
3pm	Welling United	v	Ramsgate



FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Comp	H/A	Opposition	Res.	Scorers
29/07	COMMUNITY SHIELD	N	STEYNING TOWN COMMUNITY	3-2	Leighton, Velvick, Irving
08/08	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	DARTFORD	2-3	Bennett (pen) x2
11/08	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	2-3	Velvick, Rivera
15/08	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	CHATHAM TOWN	1-3	Rivera
22/08	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	AVELEY		
29/08	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	DULWICH HAMLET		
31/08	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC		
05/09	FA CUP	TBC	TBC		
12/09	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	ST ALBANS CITY		
15/09	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	WHITEHAWK		
19/09	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	LEATHERHEAD		
26/09	FA TROPHY	TBC	TBC		
03/10	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	CRAY WANDERERS		
06/10	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	LEWES		
10/10	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	STANWAY ROVERS		
17/10	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	ENFIELD TOWN		
20/10	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH		
24/10	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	DARTFORD		
31/10	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	MALDON & TIPTREE		
07/11	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	BRENTWOOD TOWN		
14/11	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	WELLING UNITED		
21/11	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	CHESHUNT		
28/11	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	WINGATE & FINCHLEY		
05/12	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	RAMSGATE		
12/12	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	DULWICH HAMLET		
19/12	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	AFC WHYTELEAFE		
28/12	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	BURGESS HILL TOWN		
02/01	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC		
09/01	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	MALDON & TIPTREE		
16/01	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	BRENTWOOD TOWN		
23/01	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	WELLING UNITED		
30/01	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	CHESHUNT		
06/02	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	WHITEHAWK		
09/02	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	LEWES		
13/02	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	LEATHERHEAD		
20/02	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	CRAY WANDERERS		
27/02	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	WINGATE & FINCHLEY		
06/03	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	RAMSGATE		
13/03	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	ST ALBANS CITY		
20/03	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	AVELEY		
27/03	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	AFC WHYTELEAFE		
29/03	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	BURGESS HILL TOWN		
03/04	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	CHATHAM TOWN		
10/04	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	H	STANWAY ROVERS		
17/04	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	A	ENFIELD TOWN		



LEAGUE TABLE

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION



Correct as of 16 August 2026

		Home				Away				Total							
		P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Carshalton Athletic	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	6	1	+5	9
	2 Dartford	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	3	3	0	0	6	3	+3	9
	3 Leatherhead	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	8	4	+4	7
	4 Eastbourne Borough	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	2	1	0	8	6	+2	7
	5 Dulwich Hamlet	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	0	1	9	3	+6	6
	6 Enfield Town	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	1	8	4	+4	6
	7 Welling United	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	0	1	7	4	+3	6
	8 Chatham Town	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	0	1	7	5	+2	6
	9 St Albans City	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	1	5	4	+1	6
	10 Burgess Hill Town	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	5	4	+1	4
	11 Aveley	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	5	5	0	4
	12 Lewes	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	3	1	1	1	2	4	-2	4
	13 Ramsgate	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	3	1	0	2	6	6	0	3
	14 Brentwood Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	1	0	2	4	4	0	3
	15 Maldon & Tiptree	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	2	2	8	-6	3
	16 Cray Wanderers	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	2
	17 Wingate & Finchley	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	3	0	2	1	3	5	-2	2
	18 Cheshunt	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	3	0	2	1	0	2	-2	2
	19 Whitehawk	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	1	2	2	5	-3	1
	20 AFC Whyteleafe	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	2	2	7	-5	1
	21 Stanway Rovers	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	3	0	1	2	1	7	-6	1
	22 Three Bridges	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	5	9	-4	0



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A HISTORY OF AVELEY FOOTBALL CLUB FOUNDED: 1927

AVELEY FOOTBALL CLUB was formed in 1927 and played in local leagues until 1939. Club activities were then suspended during the war years 1939/45. In 1946 the club was reformed and joined the Thurrock Combination. Aveley twice won the Essex Junior Cup, firstly in 1948, then retaining it the following year.

Aveley gained Senior League status in season 1949/50 and were elected into the London League, Division One. They were Division Champions in the 1951/52 season. In the same season they moved from Lodge Meadow to their present ground, Mill Field, and were promptly nicknamed The Millers. In season 1954/55 they were Division Champions once again which was followed by election to The Delphian League in 1955/56. They competed in this league until 1962/63 with little success.

1963/64 saw Millers join the Athenian League. Full membership of the Football Association was granted in 1964/65. Season 1970/71 was probably the clubs most successful one. The first-round proper of the FA Cup was reached along with the FA Amateur Cup quarter-finals, they were also Champions of the Athenian League.

Aveley were elected to the Isthmian League in season 1973/74. Here they competed without success in Division One until they were relegated to Division Two North at the end of the 1985/86 season. Millers did however achieve two cup successes during this time. The Essex Thames-Side Challenge Trophy was won in 1979/80 and the Hornchurch Charity Cup in 1982/83.

The 1989/90 campaign was a memorable one for The Millers. Promotion back to Division One was gained with a tremendous end of season run-in to finish second to Heybridge Swifts by two points. This was followed by a 3-0 victory over Premier Division St.Albans in the final of the AC Delco (League) Cup. This made Aveley the first team from the lowest division to win this competition. After this the club slipped down to Division Three and cup successes were limited to appearances in the finals of both the East Anglian Cup and the The Essex Thames-Side Challenge Trophy in 1997/98.

The 1999/2000 season started well with Aveley being un-beaten in the League at Christmas. However, a turn in fortunes saw them slip and eventually finish 9th. This was followed by 6th place in season 2000/01.

A roller-coaster season 2001/02 saw the club finish third behind Hornchurch and champions Croydon Athletic and gain promotion to Division 1 North.

An excellent season for the Millers in 2002/03. Good runs in the FA Cup and Bryco Cup were capped by an appearance in the Essex Senior Cup Final. This did not go Millers way however with Chelmsford City winning 5-0. The Third Qualifying Round of the FA Cup was reached, eventually losing out to Canvey Island 2-0. A good run-in saw Millers finish in sixth place in the League.

The 2003/04 campaign saw the club eventually finish in 14th place. Millers matched the previous season's performance and reached the final of the Essex Senior Cup. This time a much-improved display saw them go down 3-1 to local rivals Thurrock. The final game of the season was another cup final. This time in the East Anglian Cup, and a visit to Spalding United. This also finished in a 3-1 defeat for the Millers.

2004/05 was a disappointing one for Millers first season in the Southern League, the club finishing in 15th place. Compensation, however, came in the form of the Essex Thames-Side Challenge Trophy. Romford were beaten 1-0 in the final at The Mill Field. Simon Thomas scoring the only goal of the game. Another difficult season followed, on and off the pitch. Millers ended the season with their third manager, Steve Browne, steering them just clear of the relegation places.

A poor League season in 2006/07 was again compensated for by winning the Essex Thames-Side Challenge Trophy for the second time in three seasons.

After a disappointing start to the 2007/08 campaign, November saw the arrival of Rod Stringer as Manager, and fortunes turned with the Millers putting a string of impressive results together to finish the season in Mid-Table. 2008/09 saw the foundations that were laid the previous season, bare its fruit as the Ryman League Division One North Championship was won on the last day of the season in dramatic fashion at East Thurrock United. In a tense finish to the season, Millers created a club record of 11 straight away league wins, and Rod Stringer was duly judged as the Manager of the Season for the Division.

2009/10 our first in the Isthmian Premier Division saw a great finish to the season, with 12 wins from the last 14 games, taking us into 3rd position and a home semi-final play-off against Boreham Wood. Unfortunately, it was one step too far, and a 1-0 defeat saw the end of a fantastic season.

During the close season Rod Stringer departed for Braintree Town, taking with him his management team, and the whole playing squad. A difficult season was endured with a last day 3-2 win at Hastings being significant as he club survived relegation by virtue of a reprieve despite finishing 4th from bottom of the table.

2011/12 was much of the same, and relegation was confirmed after a poor season. Justin Gardner took over the reins in February of 2012, and has this season assembled a strong playing squad that is currently challenging for an immediate return to the Premier Division.

2012/13 was a successful season with the team occupying a play-off positions all season. Unfortunately, we lost out in the semi-final at Maldon & Tiptree.

After many years of trying, the Millers were granted the green light on the 13th May 2016 allowing the club to start building as soon as possible, with Parkside due to be completed for the 2017/18 season.

In 2018/19 season, the Millers had a successful season and finished 2nd, with a month left of the season to go manager James Webster resigned and Aveley moved quickly to bring in Danny Dafter who came in with five games left and won every game to help Aveley to finish 2nd, behind Bowers & Pitsea in the Bostik North. However, that winning run ended with defeat in the Play-Off Semi Final against Heybridge Swifts, 2-0.

In preparation for the 2019/20 season Danny Dafter was appointed as full-time manager. Two games in the 2019/20 season and Danny Dafter resigned as Aveley manager, and a few weeks later he was replaced by Keith Rowland, the former West Ham United defender and Northern Ireland international. Keith took The Millers to a historic 2019/20 which was cut short due to the Corona-Virus outbreak.

Aveley made it to the Quarter Final of the FA Trophy and were second in the Isthmian North, although PPG would've seen Aveley promoted, they were denied promotion after the season was decided and later announced to be null and void.

In 2021–22 Aveley were Division One North champions and were promoted to the Premier Division. The following season saw the club win the League Cup, defeating Potters Bar Town 3–0 in the final. They went on to finish fourth in the league, and after beating Canvey Island in the play-off semi-finals, defeated Hornchurch 1–0 in the final to earn a second consecutive promotion in the National South.

In the football club's first season in the Vanarama National South, Aveley defied all expectations and clinched a play-off place on the last day of the season. In the Play-Off Eliminator, Aveley were defeated 2-1 away at Maidstone United. The following season saw The Millers relegated from the National South and Manager Danny Scopes resign at the end of 2024/25.

Aveley appointed a new First Team Manager Brett Munyard in April 2025 to take over at the start of the coming 2025/26 season in the Isthmian Premier League. In Brett's first season he guided Aveley to a second placed finish, hosting Brentwood Town in the Play-Off Semi Final, but that match ended in defeat at Parkside.



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MATCH REPORT

CHATHAM TOWN 3-1 THREE BRIDGES

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST 2026

Three Bridges suffered their third consecutive Isthmian Premier defeat, falling to a 3–1 loss away at Chatham Town on Saturday afternoon. With an injury list seemingly growing by the day and a fixture list that has already thrown some of the toughest opponents in the division at them, Jamie Crellin's side are facing a mammoth task in their first taste of Step 3 football.

The hosts started brightly and Irving was forced to clear off the line following a Stevenson header in the seventh minute. Bridges were close to striking first on the counter just five minutes later, however, when Carlos Richards forced a smart save from Harvey in the Chatham goal.

The balance of the game was heavily influenced by a controversial decision midway through the first half. Hayden Velvick competed for a header with a Chatham winger just outside the penalty area and, to the bemusement of everyone in the away camp, the referee blew his whistle and pointed to the spot despite the contact appearing to take place outside the box.

Noel Leighton and Jamie Crellin were both shown yellow cards on the Bridges bench for their protests, and Chatham made the most of the opportunity as Stevenson converted the resulting penalty in the 26th minute. Chances were at a premium for the remainder of the first half, with the hosts looking good value for their lead going into the break.

Chatham continued to dictate the tempo after the restart and deservedly extended their advantage in the 57th minute following a sloppy clearance from the Bridges defence. Sam Roberts produced an excellent save to deny Wild's header, but Evans reacted quickest to turn home the rebound and make it 2–0.

Bridges were handed a way back into the contest by none other than **Kevin Rivera**, who has been a shining light during a difficult start to life at Step 3. The midfielder controlled a pass from Holden, twisted and turned his defender before dispatching a powerful low strike at the near post to reduce the deficit.

Chatham wasted little time in regaining control, but Roberts kept Bridges in the game with two very smart saves to deny Stevenson in the 74th minute and Oldfield seven minutes later.

The visitors' hopes then received a massive boost in the 83rd minute when a rash and forceful tackle from Garlinge on Velvick saw the Chatham player shown a straight red card without hesitation.

Sometimes, however, it is the hope that kills you, and in this case it lasted barely a minute. Ben Allen struck from outside the box and his effort took an unfortunate deflection off Billy Irving before wrong-footing the helpless Roberts and finding the net to make it 3–1 to the delight of the home supporters.

It was another encouraging performance from Bridges, but despite their efforts they remain without a point from their opening three matches and sit at the bottom of the table.

Given that Crellin's side have faced three clear favourites for promotion during a particularly difficult start to the season, there is no reason to raise the panic alarm. However, with the squad severely decimated by injuries, the remaining players will need to produce something special to turn performances into points.

Bridges Team: Roberts, Ferreria, Adeyinka (C), Bull (Dupray), Richards, Rivera, Watson (Hayden-Pickering), Holden, Velvick, Irving, Bennett

Unused Subs: Retter, Leighton, Difika

Booked: Leighton, Holden, Irving

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AUGUST 2025	23	Bernie Jobson	42 Keith Cook
SEPTEMBER 2025	54	Richard Munn	21 Keith Richardson
OCTOBER 2025	01	Hazel Bell	04 Mike Denman
NOVEMBER 2025	96	Karl Mitchell	18 Chris Irving
DECEMBER 2025	07	Simon Rollings	75 Graham Weekes
JANUARY 2026	59	Mick Spencer	02 Peggy Yearwood
FEBRUARY 2026	25	Lorraine Bonner	38 Barry Munn
MARCH 2026	05	Peter Smithson	15 Gus Romain
APRIL 2026	76	Ken Crellin	36 Roger Cain
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APPEARANCES

APPEARANCES	2026/27						Three Bridges First Team Career					
	League		Cup		Total		League		Cup		Total	
	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub
Ade Adeyinka	3				3		40	1	9	1	49	2
Charlie Bennett	3		1		4		39	4	9	4	48	8
Naythan Bryson							7		2		9	
Sam Bull	3				3		62		9	1	71	1
Tresor Difika				1			32	10	6	5	38	15
William Dupray	2	1	1		3	1	3	2	1	1	4	3
George Falzon								13	1	2	1	15
Dan Ferreira	3		1		4		139	16	28	3	167	19
Sam Freeman			1				2		1		3	
Josh Hallard	1		1		2		64	2	8	1	72	4
Reece Hallard	1		1		2		83	4	16		99	4
Connor Hayden-Pickering		1				1	2	19	2	3	4	23
Ben Holden	1	2	1		2	2	36	29	6	3	42	32
Billy Irving	3		1		4		84	35	27	5	111	40
Noel Leighton			1				137	4	24	3	161	7
Hayden Neathey							62	1	9	1	71	2
Carlos Richards	2	1		1	2	2	6	4		2	6	6
Kevin Rivera	3		1		4		128	23	28	2	156	25
Sam Roberts	1	1			1	1	42	1	9		51	1
Hayden Velvick	3		1				77	9	14	3	91	12
Bryan Villavicencio							104	27	23	4	127	32
Jamie Watson	2	1			2	1	2	1			2	1
Harry White	2				2		2				2	



GOALSCORERS

GOAL SCORERS	2026/27			Three Bridges First Team Career		
	League	Cup	Total	League	Cup	Total
Ade Adeyinka				13	2	15
Charlie Bennett	2			25	7	32
Sam Bull				2		2
Tresor Difika				3	1	4
George Falzon				1	1	2
Dan Ferreira				3		3
Sam Freeman						
Noel Fisher				3		3
Reece Hallard				56	9	65
Ben Holden				11	3	14
Billy Irving		1		7	5	12
Noel Leighton		1		88	12	100
Hayden Neathey				2		2
Destiny Ojo					3	3
Carlos Richards				3		
Kevin Rivera	2			30	8	38
Sam Roberts						
Hayden Velvick	1	1		16	4	20
Bryan Villavicencio				9	1	10



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MANAGER: **JAMIE CRELLIN**

COLOUR: **AMBER & BLACK**

AVELEY FC

NICKNAME: **THE MILLERS**

MANAGER: **BRETT MUNYARD**

COLOUR: **BLUE**

- 1 SAM ROBERTS (GK)**
- 2 DAN FERREIRA**
- 3 JOSH HALLARD**
- 4 ADE ADEYINKA**
- 5 SAM BULL**
- 6 HAYDEN NEATHEY (VC)**
- 7 CARLOS RICHARDS**
- 8 BRYAN VILLAVICENCIO**
- 9 NOEL LEIGHTON (C)**
- 10 KEVIN RIVERA**
- 11 REECE HALLARD**
- 13 NAYTHAN BRYSON (GK)**
- 14 JAMIE WATSON**
- 15 CONNOR H-PICKERING**
- 16 BEN HOLDEN**
- 17 HAYDEN VELVICK**
- 18 BILLY IRVING**
- 19 WILL DUPRAY**
- 20 CHARLIE BENNETT**

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