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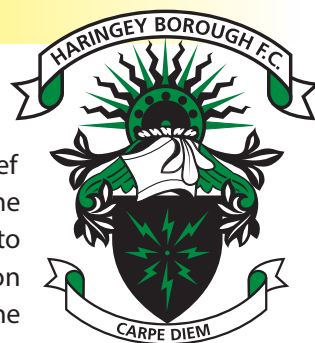
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HARINGEY BOROUGH FC - A BRIEF HISTORY



It was not until 1970 that a team competed under the name of Haringey Borough when WOOD GREEN TOWN who had played at Coles Park since 1930 changed their name to Haringey Borough. A merger with EDMONTON FC resulted in a brief change of name to Edmonton & Haringey FC until 1976 when the present name was re-adopted. The merged Club played in the Athenian League until it ceased to operate at the end of the 1983/84 season and then played for 4 seasons in Division 2 North of the Isthmian League. After a period of instability culminating in a year in the wilderness away from Senior football in 1988/89 they were admitted to the Spartan League in 1989/90 retaining Premier Division membership throughout until the South Midlands League merger in season 1997/98 when they finished 7th in the Premier Division South to secure membership of the new "combined" Premier Division for 1998/99 as well as being runners up in the League's Premier Division Cup. In 2004 after an unsuccessful attempt to move the Club to the nearby New River Sports stadium and a walk out of the existing Committee Aki Achillea who had commenced his association with the Club in 1995 was appointed to lead the Club forward and together with George Kilikita and Secretary John Bacon the club sought to engage more with the local community and tap into the talent locally.

The senior men's team having been relegated to Division One of the Spartan South Midlands League in 2006/7 bounced back with promotion at the very first attempt and a fine season ended with both promotion and the winning of the Division One Cup. Back in the Premier Division for the season 2008/09 the Club again quickly found itself among the relegation strugglers leading to the appointment of the current Manager – the vastly experienced Tom Loizou. Tom and his excellent loyal team of coaching staff have been instrumental in turning around the Club's fortunes in the intervening years. In 2011/12 a highest ever 5th place was achieved and the League Challenge Trophy won. After massive stadium improvements in the close season with the erection of a new Clubhouse and new dressing rooms hopes were high for 2012/13 but the poor weather and the problematic pitch led to a massive fixture backlog which negated any chance of a serious challenge for honours and the Club finished 9th. In 2013/14 the Club's challenge for promotion took place in the Essex Senior League following a sideways switch imposed by the FA. The Club had what was then its most successful season ever finishing runners up by just a solitary point to Great Wakering Rovers and ended the season with 20 wins and one draw from the final 21 League games. The League title was nevertheless secured at the second attempt in 2014/15 with a haul of 103 points from 38 games and with it promotion to Step 4 in which we were allocated to the Ryman League Division One North. The first season at the higher level was a baptism of fire when only 7 points were garnered from the first 17 games but by the close of the season a further 43 points had been amassed from the remaining 29 games and the Club finished in a comfortable 15th place. The first season in the FA Trophy produced two fine victories before a replay loss to Hitchin Town of the Evostik South Premier Division. The summer of 2016 saw yet further investment in the close season in the form of a 3G synthetic main pitch and added improvements to the perimeter, the spectator rails and the floodlights and has created a facility of which the Club can be proud; and has afforded a greater opportunity for the Club to move forward in all aspects. The first team in 2016/17 improved markedly on the previous season and had an excellent all round campaign although rather unfortunate not to finish the season on a high having ended with the "double heartbreak" of missing out on promotion through a 4-5 closely fought semi final play-off defeat at Maldon & Tiptree FC after finishing 5th in the Division and an odd goal 2-3 London Senior Cup semi-final loss at Metropolitan Police. But 2017/18 was to be the Club's best ever and culminated in promotion to Step 3 via the play-off route with a 3-1 win over Canvey Island after automatic promotion had been missed by just two points. And in FA Competitions the 4th and final round of the Qualifying rounds for the FA Cup was reached, although that ended in disappointment with a 2-4 home defeat by Heybridge Swifts who then enjoyed a visit to Exeter City in the First Round Proper. In the FA Trophy we went right through the qualifying campaign and were lucky enough to draw Leyton Orient in the First Round Proper which brought a record attendance of 1,133 to Coles Park and "The O's" left mightily relieved at having come back to win 2-1 after going a goal down in the fifth minute. 2018/19 was another great but ultimately disappointing season with an FA Cup run which took us into the First Round Proper

where it was ended rather cruelly by AFC Wimbledon's last minute goal at Coles Park in front of a record crowd of 2,710. Having led the Premier Division for several weeks in mid-season it was somewhat surprising that we dropped from 2nd to 3rd on the last day of the season after a poor late run but still enjoyed home advantage in the Play-Off Semi-final in which a 45 minute second half onslaught on the Tonbridge Angels goal produced only one goal in response to the two they had scored before the interval. The 2019/20 season's early termination was less of a disappointment for us than for most other Isthmian Premier Division Clubs as we were marooned in mid-table with no realistic prospect of entering either the promotion or relegation zones. The highlight of the season should have been the visit of National League Yeovil Town in the Final Qualifying Round of the Emirates FA Cup but, as is well known, appalling crowd behaviour brought that game to an early end and the second game seemed something of an anti-climax. In fact, without making excuses, that unpleasant episode seems to have adversely affected our players for some time for, whereas we had been well in the promotion places mix, thereafter we just drifted downwards. The early termination of League Fixtures for 2020/21 was more of a blow than was the previous seasons voiding as we were well placed to make a charge towards a play-off place at least. However the Buildbase FA Trophy continued and we enjoyed a run through to the 4th Round Proper when Oxford City of the National League South finally eliminated us 4-2 after we had been two up; en route we had overcome Faversham Town, Bishops Cleeve, Eastbourne Borough and Dartford, the last two also being National League South Clubs. The London Senior Cup also carried on and due to withdrawals, we reached the quarter-final without playing a game but lost a penalty shoot out to Hanwell Town after a 2-2 draw.

2016/17 saw the introduction of a much needed "second" team, formed to compete in the Ryman Development League it being basically intended for Under 21 players but with the facility to include up to 4 older players in every squad. The team held their own comfortably in the League finishing a very creditable 6th place and the benefits of the Club's participation were all too evident with the introduction of a number of players into the first team squad throughout the season and the opportunity for first team squad players to keep fresh and those who were returning from injury had a platform to get fit. Thereby proving the benefits of having such a side. The age restriction was amended to Under 23 for 2017/18 and the team has always been near the top of the table and continued to do well in the following seasons.

Youth teams were commenced and run successfully for many years at various age levels with some considerable success particularly at the older age groups including progress into the 2nd round proper of the FA Youth Cup in 2006/07. They were Divisional winners of the Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League in 2004/05 (and also winners of the League's Colwyn Cup competition) and 2009/10. After a few seasons absence from Youth football the Under 18s rejoined the Southern Counties competition in 2017/18, winning its Divisional Championship at the first attempt. This will again provide a pathway for talented local boys to make their way into the first team squad and ultimately the first team itself.

The Women's Team was formed in 1999 and competed in the Eastern Region Womens League winning promotion in its first season and then to its Premier Division for 2002/03; and there they have remained save for two seasons, the first being in 2011/12 following relegation to Division 1 from which they made an immediate Premier Division return as runners-up. Steady improvement began and we were extremely fortunate to have been approached midway through the 2014/15 season by renowned coach and former professional footballer Steve Browne who at the time was involved in the highly successful S & T Academy Girls football. Steve was duly appointed Manager and preserved the Women's Premier Division status. In 2015/16 a mid table position was easily secured from an uneven campaign which included convincing away wins at the top 2 Clubs and some surprisingly disappointing performances against lower placed teams. In 2017/18, by Christmas the team were runaway League leaders only to be thrown off course by the tragic early death of Steve on New Years Day but after a shaky period the Women re-asserted themselves to win the League Championship on the last day of the season and with it, promotion to the Women's Premier League and followed that up by adding the League Cup with a 5-1 win over Cambridge City to complete the double which was a fitting, lasting legacy for their Manager. The loss of many of the successful squad, several to American University Scholarships, proved too much of a handicap at the higher level and relegation back to the Eastern Regional League was an unsurprising outcome. Now under the stewardship of Bobby Cato significant steps forward seem certain and promotion is again a realistic prospect.

The foundations are in place for an eventual assault on the title to secure a National League place for the

men's senior side and an exciting season is in prospect in which a challenge for at least a Play-off position is a realistic prospect as we pursue our ambition to achieve promotion to the National League should be within the capabilities of our talented squad. The facilities and structures are in place for all the Club's teams to improve and enhance on recent successes.

The Directors and Committee of HARINGEY BOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB take pleasure in extending a warm welcome to all visitors to Coles Park and hope that they will make use of the bar and refreshment facilities available to increase their enjoyment of the occasion.

However, the Club reserves the right to refuse admission to any person and the right to remain within the ground is conditional upon compliance with directions given by Club Officials. Spectators and other visitors must not encroach upon the playing area, deface or damage Club premises or equipment, take any glasses, alcohol or bottles outside of the Clubhouse or use obscene or insulting language or gestures (and especially any of a racist nature).

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HISTORY OF CORINTHIAN-CASUALS FC



Hidden away in the suburbs of south-west London is King George's Field, home to one of the most significant clubs in the history of world football: Corinthian-Casuals. Today Corinthian-Casuals are the leading amateur club in English football, plying their trade in the otherwise semi-professional Isthmian League Premier Division – the seventh tier of English football. Yet they can lay claim to a heritage as impressive as almost any team in the land.

The club in its modern guise was formed in 1939 as the result of a merger between two grand old amateur clubs, Corinthian FC and Casuals FC, and it was the first of those famous teams that are often credited with popularising football around the world.

The Corinthians were founded in 1882, specifically with the England national team in mind. The FA suits were tired of seeing Scotland get the better of their team and, after noting that many of the Scottish internationals were taken from one particular side, Queens Park, they set about starting a team that could act as a launching pad for the England national side. In September 1882, an administrator called Nicholas Lane Jackson, known as 'Pa' to his players, gathered the best footballers in his contacts book in a small room on the third floor of Number 28 Paternoster Row, under gaslight in the shadow of St Pauls cathedral.

The plan worked: it wasn't long before England were handing out trouncings to Scotland on a regular basis. In fact, in those early days the Corinthians provided the entire England XI for two international matches, in 1894 and 1895. Yet they stood for much more than that. In 1884, the first-ever black international footballer – Scotland full-back Andrew Watson – chose to represent the Corinthians when he moved to England.

There were characters everywhere you looked at the club in those days. The team's captain during the late Victorian period was Charles Wreford-Brown, a charismatic centre-half who is often credited with having coined the term "soccer" when he used it as an abbreviation of "association football".

The Corinthian team didn't believe in professionalism or in entering league and cup competitions, but they often played the FA Cup winners in a forerunner of the Community Shield and they were the most popular opponents when the top professional teams were looking to bring the crowds through the gate. In a sense, they were the first global superstars of football. In 1904, for example, the Corinthians defeated Manchester United 11-3 in an exhibition match in Leyton, east London, which remains the Red Devils' record defeat. Corinthians played with a stylish swagger, so much so that Real Madrid decided to adopt white jerseys in their honour.

They also took football round the world, touring in South Africa, Canada, the United States, South America and across Europe, including Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Denmark and Germany. The Corinthians' most obvious stamp on modern football is a legacy of their 1910 tour of Brazil, during which their performances so impressed the locals in Sao Paulo that they formed their own club of the same name. Corinthians Paulista went on to become one of the best-supported and most successful clubs in Brazilian football, winning the World Club Championship as recently as 2012, when they defeated Chelsea in the final.

A further trip to Brazil was aborted upon the team's arrival in 1914, owing to the outbreak of the First World War. After hearing the news, the players made the decision to return home immediately. Devastatingly, more than 100 former players of the Corinthians and the Casuals lost their lives in the war.

In 1939, the Corinthians merged with Casuals FC to form Corinthian-Casuals, wearing the pink-and-chocolate shirts of the Casuals, who had their own proud history. They were a strong force in the early amateur game, runners up in the first FA Amateur Cup Final in 1894, founder members of the Isthmian League in 1905, first holders of the A.F.A Senior Cup in 1907 and winners of the Amateur Cup in 1936.

The newly merged Corinthian-Casuals reached the FA Amateur Cup final in 1956, with England cricket star Micky Stewart among their number, but after drawing at Wembley were defeated by Bishop Auckland in a replay at Middlesbrough. They reached the semi-final the following year, but after this high point, the club slipped into a long decline, a rare moment of success seeing them reach the FA Cup first round in 1965/66, where Watford won 5-1.

1988 was a truly historic year, as the club returned to Brazil, where they faced a Corinthians legends side featuring Brazilian greats Rivellino and Socrates. Indeed, Socrates played for both sides, pulling on the pink-and-brown of the Casuals midway through the second half, in a moment that has gone down in Corinthian folklore.

The new Millennium brought plenty more historic adventures for the Corinthian-Casuals. They visited Brazil again in 2001 and, in 2007, were invited to play at the newly reopened Wembley Stadium to celebrate 125 years of Corinthian football. Then, in 2015, they finally played the Corinthians Paulista first team for the only time in the two clubs' history. 30,000 people turned up for the momentous occasion in the Corinthians Arena after the English amateur side had been greeted at Sao Paulo airport by crowds of singing supporters. The game ended 3-0 to the Brazilian side, but there was great excitement when Jamie Byatt swapped jerseys with Corinthians captain Danilo and played the last few minutes of the game in the white and black jersey of our Paulista brothers.

It was a symbol of the rejuvenation of the Corinthian-Casuals, who have gone from strength to strength in recent years under the leadership of inspiring manager James Bracken. In 2018, after two years of pushing, they achieved promotion to the Isthmian Premier – the highest level the club has reached.

Some Amazing Facts About Corinthian-Casuals:

- Corinthians were founded in 1882 by the Football Association to develop a club capable of defeating Scotland. In essence, Corinthians were the first England team.
 - Between 1883 and 1890, 52 of the 88 caps awarded against Scotland went to Corinthian players. In fact, in 1894 and 1895, Corinthians fielded the full England side twice... the only club to ever manage this feat.
 - It's acknowledged that England wear white in homage to the Corinthian strip. It's also a fact that Real Madrid, inspired by Corinthians, adopted their white strip.
 - However, Corinthian's greatest contribution to the game was their missionary work; touring overseas across Europe, South Africa, USA, Canada and South America.
 - It was on a tour to Brazil in 1910 which inspired locals to found their own team in Corinthian's honour... that club has since gone on to be the largest in South America and the only team to win the FIFA World Club Championship twice (defeating Chelsea in 2011).
 - Corinthians were the English club to field the first ever Black International player.
 - The Corinthians were so good, they regularly defeated league and FA Cup winning opponents. In fact, in 1904, they defeated Manchester United 11-3 – their heaviest defeat to this day. The centenary of that match was played in 2004 with United claiming a 3-1 victory.
 - In 1939, Corinthians merged with another famous club, Casuals to become the club that, to this day, resides in Tolworth, Surrey.
 - Corinthian-Casuals are the only club to be honoured with a Royal Coat of Arms.
 - Corinthian-Casuals are the highest ranked fully amateur team in Senior football. We maintain our original ethos of fair play and good sportsmanship across all levels of football.
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THE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

This afternoon it is our pleasure to welcome the players, officials and supporters of CORINTHIAN CASUALS FC for what will be the 5th meeting of the Clubs in recent times. And we extend a warm welcome too, of course, to our Match officials who are Matthew Fletcher with the whistle assisted by Morgan Conn and Adam Buckley-Jones with the flags.

Both Clubs were promoted to the Premier Division of the Isthmian League in 2018/19 and the first meeting resulted in a 3-1 win for Casuals at St. George's Field. The Coles Park meeting ended 2-2. In 2019/20 the match at Coles Park was the season's League opener and we won it by the only goal. Covid was the winner of our away game as it was one of the matches unplayed at the time of the seasons early close-down. It was also the season opener in 2020/21 but this time at St. George's field from where we returned 2-1 winners with our home game never taking place due again to the early closure of the season. As Haringey Borough we met them 14 times in League matches when both Clubs were members of the Spartan League from 1989 until 1996 and the results were

1989/90	HB 1	CC 0	CC 1	HB 0	1990/91	HB 1	CC 1	CC 0	HB 1
1991/92	HB 2	CC 1	CC 6	HB 1	1992/93	HB 2	CC 0	CC 9	HB 0
1993/94	HB 0	CC 0	CC 4	HB 0	1994/95	HB 1	CC 3	CC 1	HB 0
1995/96	HB 3	CC 1	CC 4	HB 0					

The games in 1992/93 were particularly interesting in that we won 2-0 at home just one week after losing 0-9 away – a game in which we were reduced to 10 men early on through the dismissal of our 'keeper with no substitute 'keeper on the bench,

Before that there were also 14 Isthmian League matches between 1945 and 1952 against the Tufnell Park half of our merged club and the results were

1945/46	TP 4	CC 1	CC 4	TP 2	1946/47	TP 2	CC 1	CC 2	TP 3
1947/48	TP 3	CC 1	CC 3	TP 1	1948/49	TP 0	CC 1	CC 4	TP 0
1949/50	TP 3	CC 2	CC 1	TP 1	1950/51	TP 1	CC 2	CC 3	TP 1
1951/52	TP 1	CC 0	CC 7	TP 2					

Let no-one think that because our visitors only avoid arriving as table footers on the strength of goal difference that this is an "only got to turn up to win" encounter. The Casuals eliminated Worthing - a Team highly fancied by many for the Premier Division Championship – from the FA Cup last Tuesday with a 3-1 home replay win having drawn 1-1 at Worthing last Saturday. Anyone who underestimates them clearly does so at their peril. Whatever the outcome of today's match we hope everyone will witness an enjoyable afternoon's sport and have a safe journey home.

Our last Home match against Wingate and Finchley was not as one-sided as the 4-1 scoreline might suggest. 40 minutes had passed before we scored with the visitors having the better of the opening exchanges until we stepped up a gear and sustained pressure finally got its reward. A superb run down the left by Aron Gordon saw him roll a slide rule pass low across the goal and Tosin Olufemi steamed in to smash it home from just a yard or so. Three minutes later it was 2-0 thanks to a hard low Georgios Aresti drive from the edge of the area which cannoned off both posts before crossing the line. It looked like game over when Christos Djamas headed home a corner in the 60th minute but WinFin had other ideas and pulled one back with a fine low shot a few minutes later. At that point it seemed we might be in for a nervous finish as the visitors seized the initiative and only the cross bar prevented them from reducing the deficit to one goal. But with 5 minutes left Tosin sealed the win with his second goal and in so doing became the Club's leading scorer (with 3) and only a tremendous save by the visitors' keeper deprived him of a hat trick as he blasted a free kick towards the angle of post and cross bar.

It is difficult to see how we could have received a tougher Emirates FA Cup draw than away to Peterborough Sports who led the Southern League, Premier Central Division with a 100% record after 5 games which included an 8-4 win. Before the season started they played 10 Friendlies, winning 8 and drawing 2 while scoring 45 times and conceding 10. Our extraordinary luck in seasons past which saw us secure 13 consecutive home draws, many against step 5 and 4 Clubs finally deserted us not only in the draw but on the field too for a superb match

was settled in the home side's favour in the 89th minute when a throw in was given the wrong way, quickly taken and with us wrong footed by the decision Sports took full advantage and swept home a cross shot winner. No one present could reasonably argue that anything other than a replay would have been unjust on the losers and unbeaten Peterborough made no bones about describing us as the best team they have played this season. Peterborough started strongly but we forced our way back into the game and certainly enjoyed the better of the remainder of the first half, so much so that the match sponsors nominated the Peterborough goalkeeper as their player of the match. A clever flick home by Sami Bessadi put us ahead on 51 minutes and as was to be expected after that we had to absorb much pressure and the Sports got their equaliser in the 66th minute when Jonathan Miles was lobbed. As the game drew to its close a draw looked highly probable as we were comfortably containing Peterborough's efforts and putting together some promising moves of our own without really giving the Peterborough custodian the chance to repeat his fine first half showing. That the home teams match Sponsors saw fit to award their player of the match award to the keeper must say something about the first half pressure we exerted. But sadly we were to be undone by a moments hesitancy brought about by a very dubious throw-in decision. I think we can assume that Peterborough were mightily relieved to have dodged the hurdle of a Coles Park replay last Tuesday. We wish them well in the next round when they will be travelling down to familiar opponents of ours - Great Wakering Rovers of the Isthmian Division One North - the team that pipped us to the Essex Senior League Championship in our first season in that League, 2013/14. It is also worth recording that our hosts are among the most agreeable of Clubs we have played and if both Clubs maintain the quality of the performances seen last Saturday then there is no reason why we should not both find ourselves in the National League next season although not in the same Division as Peterborough would obviously be allocated to the North. For us, I am sure that a play off place is there for the taking based on what was displayed last week - nor would it be over ambitious to dream of the Championship and automatic promotion. And this from someone (unfairly) branded a pessimist over the years. Realism is the currency I deal in.

As a result of our early exit from the FA Cup we will be without a game on next Saturday 18th September as our scheduled League game with Leatherhead will be postponed as they won their 1st Qualifying Round replay against Whitstable Town last Tuesday. Regrettably it will now necessitate a midweek trip.

And what about our other teams. The Under 23s will start their League campaign on Monday 13th with a visit from Bury Town after 3 wins from 4 Friendly games.

The Under 18s got off to a flying start with a 4-0 home win against Southend Manor in the Preliminary Round of the FA Cup on 31st August and will be playing away to Romford in the next round on Wednesday 15th September - at Mayesbrook Park, Lodge Avenue, Dagenham RM8 2 JR. They started their League campaign last Tuesday with a 12-0 demolition of Brimsdown at Coles Park.

Last but not least we have our Womens Team who have made their best start to a season for many a long year. They followed their 5 Friendly openers of the season (3 wins 2 defeats) with a hard fought victory away to Kings Lynn Town on 15th August and then had 2 very close games at Coles Park which were decided by penalty kicks. On 22nd August Wroxham left Coles Park 3-2 winners but on 29th Borough were 2-1 winners against Bowers & Pitsea - a remarkable achievement as they were a goal down at the interval and played most of the second half a player short as two players had to leave the field injured and only one substitute was available. But that achievement was surpassed last Sunday when they travelled to AFC Dunstable, a Club full of experienced and physically bigger players, with just 10 players - at least 5 of whom are only 16 years old - and gave as good as they got against opponents enjoying the benefit of a full complement of substitutes - and it's a roll on roll off League. Until the last 5 minutes when fatigue finally made its presence felt they looked likely to bring home the 3 points and never would the spoils have been harder earned and well deserved. We defended with 10 players when we had to and poured forward collectively when opportunities arose to give a real test to the opponents defence; and even in the fifteen first half minutes we had to make do with nine players following an injury we always seemed to have players in the right places at all the right times. It was no surprise when we took the lead early in the second half and only the crossbar denied us a second. But 90 minutes was just a little too much to survive against such odds and eventually a powerful striker unleashed a rocket from the edge of the area with our players just unable to reach her and close down her shooting opportunity as they had done so many times earlier in the game. The same player sent in a second blast and had it not smacked against the post defeat would have been a cruel fate on our valiant squad. The match ended interestingly as the referee blew the full-time whistle when what looked like a goal bound winner was in the air - so he owes a huge debt of gratitude to our keeper who against the odds sprawled full length and just managed to repel it. Not hard to imagine the outraged response of the home team if it had gone in!!

Even more pleasing than the playing performance was the way in which the team displayed 90 minutes of unshakeable togetherness and self-belief with every player giving absolutely everything to the cause with no hint of the shortage being used as an excuse for failure. Tremendous atmosphere for a game played in the spirit that sport should be played in. Those who have been around our Women's team for some time will know what I mean when I say that sweetness and light has not always been the prevailing ambience. Of course, such a sea change does not come about by accident so its authors deserve to be recognised and they are the joint Managers Bobby Cato and Karla Parker. Having watched the Eastern Region Womens Premier Division for some 20 years, let no one contradict me when I say that we now have the nucleus of a Championship winning team. Of course, we have lived dangerously for the last two games when fortune has favoured the brave but we cannot expect that alone to take us to the top. If we can just add a little extra strength in depth and put out full squads each week that should see us in a position to start putting opponents to the sword. The next home game is on Sunday week, 19th September 2pm, when Luton Town will be the visitors and we have some depressing past results against that Club to "avenge". Our chances look good as we should be able to field a full team and substitutes with injured players returning and maybe a couple of new signings. So I hope many readers will feel that such a dedicated squad deserve to be cheered on and have their endeavours witnessed by an appreciative audience. So take a bow you 10 heroines who did the Club so proud at Dunstable - Maisie SWANN, Tida YAKOMOTO, Victoria CAMPBELL, Cassandra RUKAT, Lucy ROWDING, Shayna CAMERON, Kylie MANKTELOW, Aaliyah BOYEA, Angel REID, Angel CRAIG-TAPPER

League fixtures for all our teams are shown on our supporters website www.haringeyboroughfc.com
This season, the First Team will be playing 42 League games against the same teams as were in the Premier Division last season, there having been no promotion, relegation or sideways movements.
The League highlight for all Clubs will probably be the two games against Hornchurch in the light of their fantastic achievement in winning the Buildbase FA Trophy and we congratulate them heartily.

You can see our remaining 18 home League games without admission charge as we are maintaining the Free Season Ticket offer for another season. To obtain one go to the Club's official website www.haringeyboroughfc.net and use the "Ticket Store" option. By becoming a Club Member for the sum of £50 (again via the "Ticket Store" option) many benefits will be bestowed upon you as per the details shown. We will, of course be competing in the FA Trophy competition in which we are exempt until the 3rd Qualifying Round on 30th October. Also in the London Senior Cup where we have an attractive looking fixture at home to AFC Wimbledon in the first round but they are unlikely to send their full first team. The Isthmian League have postponed a decision on whether to run a League Cup at all this season.





NEXT AWAY FIRST TEAM GAME

TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

v ENFIELD TOWN 7 45pm

(Isthmian League - Premier Division)

at Queen Elizabeth II Stadium, Donkey Lane, Enfield EN1 3PL

Alight at junction of Great Cambridge Road and Carterhatch Lane frm bus 217 from terminus on Route 217 (from Turnpike Lane), 317 and 191

Other nearby bus routes – alight at Southbury Road Cineworld then 5 minute walk are 121, 231, 191, 307, 313

NEXT FIRST TEAM HOME GAME

SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 3pm v EAST THURROCK UNITED

OTHER GAMES AT COLES PARK BEFORE NEXT FIRST TEAM HOME GAME:

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MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER UNDER 23S

v BURY TOWN (League) 7.45pm

SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER WOMEN

v LUTON TOWN (League) 2pm

HARINGEY BOROUGH FIRST TEAM 2021/22 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Isthmian League Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

(All Saturday kick offs 3pm and midweek kick offs at 7.45pm unless otherwise indicated)

Sat 3 July	H	ROMFORD (Friendly)	L 1-2
Tues 6 July	H	ROYSTON TOWN (Friendly)	W 4-1
Sat 10 July	H	CHELMSFORD CITY (Friendly)	L 1-3
Sat 17 July	H	BILLERICAY TOWN (Friendly)	D 0-0
Tues 20 Jul	H	SUTTON UNITED (Friendly)	L 0-4
Sat 24 July	H	OXFORD CITY (Friendly)	L 0-4
Tues 27 Jul	H	ALDERSHOT TOWN (Friendly)	D 0-0
Sat 7 Aug	H	MARLOW (Friendly)	W 3-0
Sat 14 Aug	A	Kingstonian	L 0-1
Sat 21 Aug	H	HORSHAM	W 3-1
Sat 28 Aug	A	Bognor Regis Town	W 2-1
Mon 30 Aug	H	WINGATE & FINCHLEY	W 4-1
Sat 4 Sep	A	Peterborough Sports (FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round)	L 1-2
Sat 11 Sep	H	CORINTHIAN CASUALS	
Tues 14 Sep	A	Enfield Town	
Sat 25 Sep	H	EAST THURROCK UNITED	
Tues 28 Sep	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	
Sat 2 Oct	A	Hornchurch *	
Sat 9 Oct	H	CRAY WANDERERS	
Tues 12 Oct	A	Bishops Stortford	
Sat 16 Oct	A	Merstham *	
Tues 19 Oct	A	Leatherhead *	
Sat 23 Oct	H	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC	
Sat 30 Oct		FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round (draw not yet made)	
Sat 6 Nov	H	MARGATE *	
Sat 13 Nov	A	Lewes	
Sat 20 Nov	A	Bowers & Pitsea	
Sat 27 Nov	H	WORTHING	
Sat 4 Dec	H	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN *	
Sat 11 Dec	A	Folkestone Invicta	
Sat 18 Dec	H	KINGSTONIAN +	
Mon 27 Dec	A	Wingate & Finchley	
Sat 1 Jan	H	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	
Mon 3 Jan	A	Cheshunt	
Sat 8 Jan	A	Corinthian Casuals *	
Sat 15 Jan	H	ENFIELD TOWN +	
Sat 22 Jan	H	LEATHERHEAD	
Sat 29 Jan	A	East Thurrock United	
Sat 5 Feb	H	HORNCHURCH	
Sat 12 Feb	A	Potters Bar Town +	
Tues 15 Feb	H	BISHOPS STORTFORD	
Sat 19 Feb	A	Cray Wanderers	

Sat 26 Feb	H	MERSTHAM	
Sat 5 Mar	A	Carshalton Athletic	
Sat 12 Mar	H	LEWES +	
Sat 19 Mar	A	Margate	
Sat 26 Mar	H	BOWERS & PITSEA	
Sat 2 Apr	A	Worthing	
Sat 9 Apr	A	Horsham	
Sat 16 Apr	H	CHESHUNT	
Mon 18 Apr	A	Brightlingsea Regent	
Sat 23 Apr	H	FOLKESTONE INVICTA	
Undated	H	AFC WIMBLEDON (London Senior Cup)	

* Match would be postponed if either Club engaged in the FA Cup

+ Match would be postponed if either Club engaged in the FA Trophy

HARINGEY BOROUGH U 23 DEVELOPMENT TEAM 2021/22 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Isthmian League Development Division North Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

Mon Jul 19	H	COCKFOSTERS (Friendly)	W 5-4
Fri Jul 30	A	Barking (Friendly)	W 2-1
Mon Aug 23	H	JH Sports FC (Friendly match)	W 5-0
Mon Sep 13	H	BURY TOWN	
Mon Sep 27	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	
Thur 7 Oct	A	Tilbury	
Mon 11 Oct	H	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	
Mon 18 Oct	A	Barking	
Tues 26 Oct	A	Bowers & Pitsea	
Mon 1 Nov	A	Bury Town	
Thur 18 Nov	A	Potters Bar Town	
Mon 22 Nov	H	TILBURY	
Wed 1 Dec	A	Heybridge Swifts	
Mon 6 Dec	H	BARKING	
Mon 13 Dec	H	BOWERS & PITSEA	
Mon 10 Jan	A	Heybridge Swifts	
Mon 24 Jan	H	BARKING	
Mon 31 Jan	H	TILBURY	
Tue 8 Feb	A	Bowers & Pitsea	
Mon 14 Feb	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	
Mon 21 Feb	A	Bury Town	

HARINGEY BOROUGH UNDER 18 TEAM 2021/22 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League - Delphian Division Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

Tue 31 Aug	H	SOUTHEND MANOR (FA Youth Cup)	W 4-0
Tue 7 Sep	H	BRIMSDOWN	W 12-0
Thur 23 Sep	A	Langley	
Tue 5 Oct	H	EDGWARE TOWN	
Wed 13 Oct	A	Hammersmith	
Tue 19 Oct	H	BRIMSDOWN ROVERS	
Wed 27 Oct	A	Rayners Lane	
Wed 10 Nov	A	Hendon	
Mon 15 Nov	A	Brimsdown	
Tue 23 Nov	H	LANGLEY	
Tue 30 Nov	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	
Wed 8 Dec	A	Edgware Town	
Tue 14 Dec	H	HAMMERSMITH	
Thur 6 Jan	A	Brimsdown Rovers	
Tue 11 Jan	H	RAYNERS LANE	
Tue 25 Jan	H	HENDON	
Undated	A	Potters Bar Town	
Undated	H	WOODFORD TOWN	
Undated	A	Woodford Town	

HARINGEY BOROUGH WOMENS TEAM TEAM 2021/22 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Eastern Region Womens League Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

Sun 11 July	H	BILLERICAY TOWN RESERVES (Friendly)	W 9-1
Sun 18 Jul	H	HUTTON (Friendly)	W 15-4
Fri 23 Jul	A	Derby County Academy (Friendly)	W 4-2
Sun 25 Jul	A	Long Eaton United (Friendly)	L 2-4
Sun 8 Aug	A	Hounslow (Friendly)	L 3-6
Sun 15 Aug	A	Kings Lynn Town	W 3-2
Sun 22 Aug	H	WROXHAM	L 2-3
Sun 29 Aug	H	BOWERS & PITSEA	W 2-1
Sun 5 Sep	A	AFC Dunstable	D 1-1
Sun 19 Sep	H	LUTON TOWN	
Sun 26 Sep	H	ST. IVES TOWN	
Wed 29 Sep	A	Royston Town	
Sun 3 Oct	H	CLAPTON COMMUNITY (WFA Cup)	
Sun 10 Oct	H	BEDFORD	
Sun 17 Oct	A	Colney Heath	
Sun 24 Oct	H	PETERBOROUGH NORTHERN STAR	

Isthmian League Premier Division 2020/21 - up to and including 10/9/2021

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Kingstonian	4	4	0	0	9	2	+7	12
2 Enfield Town	4	3	1	0	7	2	+5	10
3 Folkestone Invicta	4	3	1	0	6	1	+5	10
4 Haringey Borough	4	3	0	1	9	4	+5	9
5 Margate	4	2	2	0	4	2	+2	8
6 Carshalton Athletic	4	2	1	1	7	4	+3	7
7 Brightlingsea Regent	4	2	1	1	4	3	+1	7
8 Hornchurch	4	2	0	2	7	4	+3	6
9 Cray Wanderers	4	2	0	2	7	6	+1	6
10 Worthing	4	2	0	2	7	7	0	6
11 Cheshunt	4	1	2	1	6	4	+2	5
12 Bognor Regis Town	4	1	2	1	5	4	+1	5
13 Lewes	4	1	2	1	6	6	0	5
14 East Thurrock United	4	1	2	1	5	7	-2	5
15 Horsham	4	1	1	2	4	5	-1	4
16 Wingate & Finchley	4	1	1	2	5	8	-3	4
17 Leatherhead	4	1	0	3	4	8	-4	3
18 Potters Bar Town	4	1	0	3	4	9	-5	3
19 Merstham	4	1	0	3	1	7	-6	3
20 Bishop's Stortford	4	0	2	2	4	9	-5	2
21 Corinthian-Casuals	4	0	1	3	3	7	-4	1
22 Bowers & Pitsea	4	0	1	3	6	11	-5	1

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Respect



THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

THE BEAUTY of watching football is not knowing what's going to happen inside those 90 minutes. Unfortunately, for me, I was on the wrong end of that last weekend.

The National League went crazy with 50 goals flying in across 11 games. There were three 4-3s, two 3-2s, three 2-2s and a 3-3. There were comebacks galore, red cards, own-goals and more big attendances. The start of the National League season really has delivered a strong advert for Non-League football. However, on the same day in the division, there was also one 0-0, between Boreham Wood and Stockport County, which myself and 782 others attended. Groundhoppers especially will have had a moment like this, watching a drab stalemate as wild scores from around the country filter through. 'Why did I pick this game?'. It could even be happening right now as you read this! Sods law!

There was a spell last season when, in consecutive weeks, the games I went to finished: 1-0, 0-0, 0-0, 1-1, 1-0, 0-1, 1-0 before Hartlepool United ended my torrid run with a 7-2 victory at Wealdstone. I'd put in the hard yards. I can't complain too much, though. A month or so later, I was at Ashton Gate, watching Torquay United goalkeeper Lucas Covolan score a 95th minute equaliser against, coincidentally, Hartlepool in the National League play-off final. It's cliché but it was truly an unbelievable moment. My brain couldn't process what my eyes had just seen. It was the first time I'd attended a game in which a goalkeeper had scored and it made the arduous fixtures gone before all worthwhile. For every goalkeeper scoring a goal, there's several dozen 0-0s waiting around the corner! Besides, if we knew how every game would finish, who would score and in what way, then football wouldn't have made it this far

It's part of being a supporter too, each season different to the next, although usually with hopes of success often dashed as early as Christmas. Football happiness is rare and short-lived. Here on Saturday, gone by Tuesday. Another fixture ready and waiting to deliver a dose of sporting reality. In a strange way, however, as Boreham Wood and Stockport toiled to a goalless draw, it felt good, it felt normal, as the world continues to heal. NLP reader Neil David wrote in our letters page last week how nice it was to be back in Non-League grounds after attending Mildenhall Town's FA Cup victory over Yaxley. "The chatter among fans, having a beer watching the game, seeing how much the players are enjoying being back," he said, before delivering the crucial line, "I didn't think I'd miss live football as much I have. And that's exactly how I felt at Boreham Wood despite the outcome. I hope now we have learned not to take things, or football, for granted. Not even the 0-0s.

By David Richardson



HARINGEY PLAYER PROFILES 2021-22



GEORGIOS ARESTI – Cypriot International midfielder who numbers AEK Athens among his previous Clubs; 2017/18 deadline day signing and near automatic selection last season.

BOBSON BAWLING – attacking midfielder who joined us from Enfield Town at the start of this season having previously been with Crawley Town, Woking and St. Albans City

SAMI BESSADI – attacking midfielder who has come right through the ranks with the Under 18s and Under 23s and is now a challenger for a First Team berth.

ADEYINKA COLE – much travelled attacking midfielder signed from Heybridge Swifts a few weeks into the current season who has appeared for many other Isthmian Clubs including Grays Athletic, Enfield Town, Aveley, Romford and Leiston; as well as Clubs now in the National League - Dulwich Hamlet, Billericay Town, Hemel Hempstead Town and Braintree Town.

CHRISTOS DJAMAS – Cypriot Under 21 International signed in October 2020. Midfielder who was most recently on contract at Othello Athienoy and previously with Apoel Nicosia and Agia Napa

JORGE DJASSI-SAMBU – midfield powerhouse now in 7th season with Club; opponents know when they have been tackled by this non-stop box to box player. Dangerous in opponents box at set piece situations.

ARON GORDON – very speedy and tricky winger who joined just before the start of the current season. Was with Waltham Abbey last season. Numbers Grays Athletic among his former Clubs.

CALLUM ISMAIL – skilful young full back previously with Bowers and Pitsea who joined us in September 2018 and after establishing himself in the Under 23s and on the bench made his first start in December 2019

ANTHONY McDONALD – fast tricky wide player entering his 9th season with us; excellent finisher with 13 League goals in an injury hit 2016/17; first team regular but appearances have been interrupted by injuries.

MEKHI LEACOCK-McLEOD – recent signing lastly with Romford. Wide attacker who numbers Halifax Town, Accrington Stanley and Eastleigh among his previous berths and Fulham, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Glasgow Rangers at Under 23 level.

ROMAN MICHAEL-PERCIL – our first signing of 2020 from Potters Bar Town; a winger who has been with several Isthmian Clubs after moving on from Tottenham Hotspurs Under 21s

JONATHAN MILES – December 2019 signing; goalkeeper most recently with Ramsgate whose other past Clubs include Ebbsfleet United and Margate after leaving Tottenham Hotspur Under 18s

SCOTT MITCHELL – a summer 2017 signing; 22 year old central defender who was previously with Dagenham & Redbridge. Almost an ever present in 2017/18 season and now an established member of the squad

JAMIE-LEE O'DONOGHUE – strong running striker re-joining us this season; was with Baldock Town last season and numbers Cleethorpes Town among his previous Clubs. Older brother of our full back, Michael

MICHAEL O'DONOGHUE – powerful full back rejoining us after a year away at National League side Concord Rangers. Formerly a professional with Colchester United.

DAVID "TOSIN" OLUFEMI – attack minded full back who rejoins us this season after a year away with National League side Concord Rangers. Also numbers Colchester United among his former Clubs.

CHIDUBEM ONOKWAI – strong, powerful centre forward now in his second spell at the Club. Was with St. Albans City last season and numbers Hayes & Yeading United among his previous Clubs.

TYRESE OWEN – Tall ball playing central defender or midfielder who was with National League South Hemel Hempstead Town last season. Numbers Potters Bar Town and Carshalton Athletic among his previous Clubs and spent a season in Sweden.

RAKIM RICHARDS – versatile player with us since 2010 and most usually to be found in a defensive role but quite at home in midfield and a menace in the opponents penalty area when corner kicks arrive.

MANAGEMENT

TOM LOIZOU (MANAGER) – a man with wealth of experience and knowledge of the game who is always running around for the club; his passion is there for everyone to see and he keeps everyone at the Club their toes - not just the players!

DAVID CUMBERBATCH (ASSISTANT MANAGER) Often sits in the main stand watching the game and recording bits for time to time known sometimes as 'Terry Connor or Howard the Halifax man' who gives you extra..."

JOHNNY FITSIU (COACH) his extensive knowledge and experience of conditioning has made the Borough players more aware of how to exert their power and pace game plan.

THOMAS O'DONOGHUE (COACH) known as 'Tucker' is an experienced coach who joined the coaching staff at the Borough in 2016. Having started with the first team. Father of players Michael and Jamie.

CORINTHIAN-CASUALS FC PLAYER PROFILES 2021-22



DANNY BRACKEN - Club Captain, goalkeeper and Casuals legend who has passed 440 competitive appearances since joining in 2010. Now Head of Computing at Micklefield School, Danny began his career at West Ham United before joining us from Tooting and Mitcham - originally on loan, but fell in love with the club and has stayed ever since. Was named Isthmian League South keeper of the year for three consecutive seasons amongst multiple club honours. Once attracted serious interest from Hoffenheim!

JACK TUCKER - Now in his fourth season with the Casuals, popular full-back Jack joined the Casuals from Eastbourne Town where he received Manager's and Player's player of the season plaudits before joining Corinth. Was a firm fan favourite at the Saffrons and is certainly the same here at King George's. You'll be hard pressed to find a more determined and hard-working player.

MICHAEL ABNETT - The 30 year old full back returns to King George's over the summer having been at Romford last year. Beginning with Crystal Palace as a pro, Michael has played for a number of clubs, including Dulwich Hamlet, Merstham and Margate. Brings real quality and experience to the back line.

WARREN MORGAN - In many supporter's eyes, Warren is the most impressive right-back to play for the club in years. Lightning pace, quick feet and a calm persona makes Warren a dangerous threat going forward yet a reliable defender when needed. Ridiculously laid back when not on the pitch. Previous clubs include Sutton United and Carshalton Athletic.

JACK STRANGE - Young defender matured beyond his years, becoming one of the very best defenders in the league. Scooped all of the player awards at the end of the last completed season. Fierce in the air at both ends of the pitch. Joined from Sutton United where he captained the Youth side under James Bracken to unprecedented success. A fine cricketer to boot.

OLA WILLIAMS - Always smiling, Ola is a wonderful addition to the squad this summer. A central defender with presence, Ola has previously played for Bromley and Tunbridge Wells. Described as 'having nice legs'. Loves his photo being taken.

ANDREW MILLS - Imposing centre-back Andy returned to the Casuals last year after originally playing at King George's under previous Manager Matt Howard back in 2015. A product of the Woking academy, Andy was named under-18 player of the season before going on to make several first team appearances for the Cards.

LEWIS TAYLOR - Though Lewis' natural position is in defence, once kept goal for Godalming in front of 1,700 Hereford fans at Edgar Street – and saved a penalty! Former captain of the G's, Lewis made his debut for the Casuals against Horsham in the 2019-20 season.

RICARDO THOMPSON - Whyteleaf's Manager's player of the season in 2019-20, Ricardo joins us over the summer as an exciting addition to the back line. Highly praised by Harry Hudson at Leaf for performances beyond his years, Thompson is touted to have great leadership qualities that'll hold him in good stead.

HAKEEM ADELAKUN - A former Crystal Palace youngster, Hakeem is a powerhouse midfielder who signed from Horsham in 2018. Hakeem has had spells at Margate, Whitehawk, Carshalton Athletic, Lewes and Havant & Waterlooville amongst others. Once scored from the halfway line at Brightlingsea Regent. Despite his imposing size, 'Hak' is alarmingly quick.

COSKUN EKIM - 'Tolworth's Iniesta', Coskun ('Josh') began his career at Tottenham Hotspur where he had a two-year contract before moving onto Turkish side Trabzonspor. Since returning to the UK, the midfielder has played for the likes of Hayes & Yeading and more recently, Bishop Stortford. An intelligent player who knows how to use both feet, Coskun has notched up over 150 competitive appearances for Casuals.

EMMANUEL MENSAH - Manny joins the Casuals in summer 2021 from Whyteleaf where he earned 'Player's Player of the Year' honours in 2020. The quick-footed midfielder was a mainstay of a successful AFC Wimbledon Youth side a couple of seasons ago before signing for Hastings United and the previously mentioned 'Leaf.

ROBERT PARATORE - Robbie joined the Casuals midway through 2019 and has added real quality to the midfield. An Ex-Leicester City player who represented the Foxes in the Hong Kong International Soccer Sevens, Robbie is a lawyer with interests in human rights, sports and commercial law. The 24 year old Australian also counts Serie C side ACR Messina and Telford Utd as former clubs.

KEVANT SERBONY - A mercurial talent – strong yet skilful, Kevant originally joined Corinth back in 2015 along with Manager James and immediately impressed with his combination of strength and dazzling footwork. Has notched up over 170 competitive appearances for the club. Scored a belter of a hat-trick against Redbridge in the FA Trophy. Had brief spells at Hastings United, Walton Casuals and Sutton Common Rovers.

ELLIOTT BOLTON - The 19 year old centre midfielder joins us on loan from AFC Wimbledon and has impressed so far. The young Don has risen through the ranks at Plough Lane and was actually AFC Wimbledon's mascot for their first ever league match against Chipstead in 2002. Elliott also played for Merstham last season.

ALFIE BENDLE - At just 16 years old, Alfie is already highly rated by his parent club AFC Wimbledon. Previously with Brighton's Academy and spending time with Lewes, the young midfielder has signed scholarship forms with the Dons, with boss Mark Robinson describing him as 'a very talented young man.'

BEN CHEKLIT - 'Cheks' is once again a fine addition to the squad. Starting life with Anderlecht and playing for several recognisable Belgium clubs, the pacey winger was with James Bracken at Sutton United before moving back to Belgium. Not only talented on the pitch but also with a mic in hand – a lyrical master.

KIERON CADOGAN - Joined Casuals back in 2020 and has made a real impact ever since. Played 21 times for Crystal Palace under Neil Warnock making his debut in 2009, scoring on his debut against Coventry City. After four seasons at Palace, he's since starred for Aldershot, Barnet (under Edgar Davids) and Sutton United amongst others.

NATHANIEL PINNEY - Now in his third season at the Casuals, 'Bozie' began his career at Crystal Palace where he made two senior appearances before eventually finding his feet in non-league. Wilfried Zaha once named Nat as the player he could not displace in the Palace youth set-up! Pinney has featured for several clubs, notably as player of the season at Eastbourne Borough. Certainly become a fan favourite since joining Corinth.

WARREN MFULA - Popular striker Warren is back after a two year absence. First signed for the Casuals from Dartford in our inaugural Isthmian Premier season in 2018, scoring our first ever goal at Step Three. Arsenal fan Mfula has also played for Burgess Hill, Cray Valley PM and Sheppey United before re-uniting with James Bracken at Casuals. Fans sing his name to the tune of 'Tequila' by The Champs.

OLLIE SITCH - Ollie joined Casuals in 2019, impressing in Budapest at the Egri Erbsstein Tournament. Another protégé of James from his time at Sutton United, the striker won multiple honours as a U's Youth player. Most recently played for his Birmingham University side from which he has since graduated as a Master of Engineering (MEng) with honours. Has questionable haircuts on occasion.

BOBBY MILLS - Bobby adds real tenacity to the front line and has already impressed in pre-season since joining in the summer. Bobby was part of an exciting AFC Wimbledon youth side before joining Bromley, Hampton and Richmond and most recently, Merstham.

WILL EFAMBE - Promising forward who joined us last season from Westfield and has impressed once again in pre-season. Has also played for Staines Town and Bedfont Sports amongst others.

MANAGEMENT

JAMES BRACKEN - James already has a fantastic managerial record which includes steering Sutton United reserves to three consecutive Suburban League Premier title wins. Bracken picked up no less than seven trophies in 2015 with the U's as well as picking up Ryman Youth 'Champion-of-Champions' in 2016. Since coming to Casuals, James has broken club records abound and steered the club to two playoff finals, a promotion and the highest level in the club's history! Was named as one of Non-League Paper's best young managers in the country.

DAN PRINGLE - Dan is very much a part of the success of recent years and integral to James' staff. Dan started his football career at Crystal Palace, regularly turning out for their youth sides and playing in the FA Youth Cup. Still in his mid-twenties, he's the youngest of the coaching set-up but with a serious knee injury preventing him competing, Dan has taken to a coaching role. Currently working with good friend and former Palace teammate Wilfred Zaha on a new Academy project.

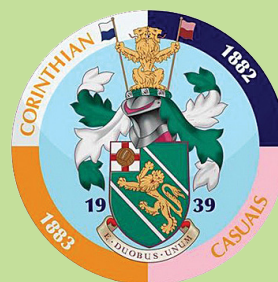
ALAN WINNETT - Goalkeeping Coach; Alan is a long serving member of the club having had involvement managing the reserves and then progressing to the first XI. Puts our keepers through real punishment during training sessions, pushing all of Casuals' stoppers to be the very best. Has a ridiculous tan!

JON WILLIAMS - Kit manager and coach. In a family of goalkeepers, Jon is the younger brother of Gareth Williams and is a fine stopper in his own right. Previously playing for Sutton United reserves, Williams is also registered as a deputy for Corinth. Proudly wore the captain's armband for ten minutes in the Egri Erbsstein Tournament over in Budapest last Summer. Also groundsman at King George's as well as Fulham's Craven Cottage amongst others.

CARLY DOYLE - Physio who works hard getting the players back to full fitness, Carly graduated in Sports Rehab at St Mary's in 2006 and has been with the club for more than a decade. In her spare time Carly enjoys long distance running and has completed the London Marathon in under 3 hours. Travels abroad more than Judith Chalmers. Always wears odd socks.



TODAYS TEAMS



From

Tiernan PARKER

David OLUFEMI

Michael O'DONOGHUE

Rakim RICHARDS

Scott MITCHELL

Tyrese OWEN

Georgios ARESTI

Chidubem ONOKWAI

Jorge DJASSI SAMBU

Christos DJAMAS

Sami BESSADI

Mekhi LEACOCK-McLEOD

Aron GORDON

Adeyinka COLE

Roman MICHAEL-PERCIL

Bobson BAWLING

Callum ISMAIL

Sidi HAIDARA

Manager: Tom Loizou

Assistant Manager: David Cumberbatch

Coaches: Johnny Fitsiou

Tucker O'Donoghue

Goalkeeping Coach: Robert Lewis

Physio: Montana Cameron

MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: Matthew Fletcher assisted by
Morgan Conn & Adam Buckley-Jones

From

Daniel BRACKEN

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