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From the boardroom



A warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Worthing for this afternoon's Buildbase FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round fixture.

I suppose I need to start with last Saturday's game against Barnet in the FA Cup. I think everyone who attended the game will have left thinking that key decisions by the match referee had a big impact on the outcome. As a club, I think we can be very proud of the achievements of the team in their fantastic run to the 4th Qualifying Round. It was disappointing that we were not able to welcome visiting supporters to the game as I am sure the opposition would have been well supported, but it is necessary in these difficult times to try to ensure that matches are able to continue and this is one way that the FA are trying to ensure that this happens.

Our Under 18s also suffered defeat in the FA Youth Cup 3rd Qualifying Round away at Hertford Town last Wednesday. I am told that Hertford were a very good, well-organised team and that it was a very entertaining match. Again, they should be proud of their achievements in reaching this stage of the competition. Unfortunately for the vast majority of the team, they will not have the opportunity to participate in the competition again as they will be too old next season.

Cup competitions come thick and fast for all of our teams, with the Reserves having played in the Suffolk Senior Cup on Wednesday of this week; if successful, they will be playing the 2nd Round this afternoon away to Trimley Red Devils. I am having to write these notes before Wednesday evening's tie, so let's hope we were successful. As a team, the Reserves have put in some very impressive performances this season and currently sit 4th in the league table with their only defeats all being away from home against teams occupying the top three positions.

For the first time ever, we now have teams in all four age groups (U13-U16) in the EJA, and I would like to pay tribute to Dave Williams who has worked tirelessly to get the club into this position. As well as Dave, all of the respective managers and coaches put in many hours to field the teams every week. It has been pleasing to see some of the U16 players feature in the U18s and also in the A team on Saturdays. The U16s have to wait until they are 16 before they can play in the A team. So, as the season progresses, we should see more players make that transition into adult football.

Finally, can I ask you all to adhere to social distancing and adhere to face coverings wherever it is not possible to maintain the 2m when outside; of course, they are mandatory when inside.

I hope you enjoy this afternoon's game.

Trevor



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Leiston FC Honours

Suffolk & Ipswich League (Ipswich & District League) Senior Division Champions	1900, 1901, 1902
Suffolk & Ipswich League (Ipswich & District League) Senior Division Runners Up	1903, 1930
Suffolk & Ipswich League (Ipswich & District League) Division Two Section B Champions	1938
Suffolk & Ipswich League (Ipswich & District League) Premier Reserves Champions	1966
Suffolk & Ipswich League (Division One) Champions	1984
Suffolk & Ipswich League (Division Four) Champions	1984
Suffolk & Ipswich League Junior Club of the Year	1984
Ridgeons League (Eastern Counties) Premier Division Champions	2011
Ryman League (Isthmian) Division One (North) Champions	2012
Suffolk FA Premier Cup Winners	2018, 2019
Suffolk FA Premier Cup Runners Up	2006, 2007, 2008, 2016
Suffolk FA Senior Cup Winners	1913*
Suffolk FA Senior Cup Runners Up	1892, 1897, 1904, 1914*, 1949, 1966, 1986
Suffolk FA Junior Cup Winners	1895, 1909*^ 1983, 1984
Suffolk FA Junior Cup Runners Up	1890, 1912*^
East Anglian Cup Winners	2008
Jewson League (Eastern Counties) Division One KO Trophy Winners	2003
Ridgeons League (Eastern Counties) Challenge Cup Runners Up	2009
Ryman League (Isthmian) Premier Division Play-Off Semi-Finalists	2018
FA Cup First Round	2008
FA Trophy First Round	2014, 2016
FA Amateur Cup Second Round	1920
FA Vase Semi Finalists	2011
FA Youth Cup Second Round	1954



Chris Wigger

From the dugout...

Today, we welcome Worthing FC to the Watson & Hillhouse Stadium for what is sure to be a very close and hard-fought contest, with both sides eager to progress to the 1st Round proper of the FA Trophy, effectively the non-league FA Cup.

Worthing have started the season very strongly and currently head the Isthmian League Premier Division, so we will need to make sure we show our resilience and bounce back from a tough week in which we have received scant reward for our efforts, enduring a bitter defeat at St Ives Town on Tuesday, where we went down to a last-minute goal, having twice hit the woodwork, coupled with the huge disappointment of last Saturday's unmerited defeat to National League Barnet in our FA Cup 4th Qualifying fixture.

Looking back specifically at last weekend's game, it's difficult to find any fault or apply any criticism of the team's performance or their application of our instructions. In fact, all I can see are positives, the only negative being the result. Breaking it down, first and foremost, the players and squad approached the game in a professional manner; their work ethic and quality on the pitch was there for all to see, and I think anyone who attended would say that we more than matched Step One opposition. If we look further into it, I would go so far as to say that the fine lines between winning and losing were down to one individual amongst over 700 players, staff, volunteers and supporters. I'll leave it at that!

I think a point that also needs recognition from last weekend is the way the whole club came together to organise and put together the Cup tie at such relatively short notice. You need to remember that, traditionally, there are three weeks between FA Cup rounds, but we managed to prepare for the game with just ten days' notice, with much of the sterling work being performed by members of the various club committees and volunteer staff, all putting in a shift in their own time.

The organisation on match day itself was fantastic, and the support from Leiston fans was unlike anything I've experienced in non-league football. For that, myself, Darren, the coaching staff and players are hugely thankful. We will now do our best to take our brilliant cup form and the confidence we should have gained from that run into our upcoming league matches.

Finally, thank you to the brilliant fans that travelled to St Ives Town to support the team on Tuesday evening.

Chris Wigger

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Good afternoon, everyone, & welcome to Victory Road for more national Cup action. This time it's the FA Trophy as we welcome high-flying Worthing from our old stomping ground the Isthmian Premier League to this fine part of Suffolk. Hopefully, our visitors this afternoon have had a good journey up, & we welcome too any fans who have travelled to follow them this afternoon. As always, enjoy your short stay with us, guys, just not too much, eh!

Well, last Saturday certainly was quite an occasion & one in which I went through the whole spectrum of emotions, from excitement, pride, belief, but ultimately through to disappointment, anger & then a sense of real frustration as I honestly think we missed an unbelievable opportunity, the sort that doesn't come round too often as well! Don't want to dwell on the negatives, but having seen the penalty that wasn't given online, I'm even more flabbergasted than when I saw it live from about ten yards away! But there you go. Guess you just have to take those on the chin & hope we get the rub of the green later in the season when it comes to an important decision! One thing is also clear, you certainly can't fault the effort put in by every player in a blue shirt against Barnet, & we certainly looked anything but a struggling side. That said, we really do need to start showing our Cup form in our League games to start moving up the table after today.

I feel we must also give Barnet a lot of credit after the week they had. With such unsettled preparations, they showed real character to come through what was a potential banana skin, & of course we wish all their staff & players all the best & a speedy recovery. Their celebrations at the end suggested either we've become a big scalp or they were just massively relieved to get through to the First Round proper; my guess would be the latter! Their reward for their win here last Saturday is a home tie against League One Burton Albion, so good luck to them!

Back to today's game, & Worthing play at the same level as we do & have made a very good start to the season. Last time I checked, they had scored 17 goals in their opening six games, so they are clearly no mugs in front of goal, but if they leave their shooting boots back on the South coast & we bring our Cup form into this game, then we've got to be in with a shout, I reckon! Come on you Blues!

Enjoy this afternoon's game, everyone.

A warm welcome to today's match officials:

TODAY'S REFEREE: MURRAY GRANT

REFEREE'S ASSISTANTS:

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WORTHING FOOTBALL CLUB

A HISTORY OF FOOTBALL



Worthing Association FC was founded in February 1886 and played home matches mostly in the People's (now Homefield) Park until the Club moved to Beach House Park in 1889.

The early years were spent playing friendlies and competing in the Sussex Senior Cup, in which our first tie on November 27th 1886 resulted in a 1-0 home win over Brighton Hornets. Worthing reached their 1st Senior Cup final in 1891-92 (losing 5-3 to Brighton Hornets) before winning the 1892-93 final 2-1 against Eastbourne at the County Ground, Hove. This was the first of a record 21 Senior Cup wins, the most recent being in 1999.

Worthing were founder members of the West Sussex Senior League in 1896, along with their local rivals Worthing Athletic (founded 1891). The first of seven championships was won in 1898-99, qualifying Worthing to play the East Sussex League champions Brighton Athletic in the Sussex Charity Cup donated by the Royal Irish Rifles. This match was lost 2-1, but we went on to win the RUR Cup (as it became known) 13 times (including twice jointly with Horsham).

In 1899-00 the name "Association" was dropped and we entered the FA Cup and FA Amateur Cup for the first time.

In May 1900, Worthing and Worthing Athletic merged, and in 1901 the Club moved to its current home, then known as the Sports Ground, now as Woodside Road. The team of 1903-04 contained 3 players who would become full internationals: S.S. Harris and E.G.D. Wright for England; and Charlie Webb for Ireland. Harris played for England while still a player for Worthing.

Worthing withdrew from the West Sussex League for the 1904-05 season so as not to be in competition with the newly promoted Worthing Rovers (founded 1901). We re-joined the League in 1905 after merging with Rovers during the summer. In 1907-08, Worthing reached the quarter-finals of the FA Amateur Cup, where we drew 1-1 away to the eventual winners Depot Battalion Royal Engineers, before losing the replay 1-0 before a then record crowd of over 3,100.

After World War I, in 1919-20, Worthing competed in 2 leagues, being founder members of the Senior Division of the Brighton, Hove & District League and re-joining the West Sussex League. The following year, we helped found the Sussex County League, and resigned from the West Sussex League in protest at a rule change. The County League Championship was won for the first 2 seasons; another 6 titles were won during our stay in this league. At the end of the 1921-22 season, we applied to join the Athenian League, but withdrew the application before the AGM.

The FA Cup 1st Round Proper was reached in 1936-37, Worthing losing 3-4 at Yeovil & Petters United. In the 4th Qualifying Round, we had beaten Wimbledon in front of our highest reported crowd of 3,600. This year also saw the first of 3 AFA Senior Cup finals reached, Worthing losing 7-1 to Harwich & Parkeston. The other 2 finals, in 1947 and 1949, were both lost to Cambridge Town.

In 1948-49, Worthing joined the Corinthian League. Little success was had in this league, finishing bottom 4 times. The best season was 1949-50, when a highest placing of 5th was achieved, along with reaching the Corinthian League Memorial Shield final for the only time (losing 2-1 to Erith & Belvedere).

The Corinthian League became Division 1 of the Athenian League in 1963 and Worthing enjoyed immediate success, being promoted as runners-up to Leatherhead as well as reaching the Athenian League Memorial Shield final (losing 1-2 to Chesham United on aggregate) and winning the AFA Invitation Cup (3-1 away to Harwich) for the first of 4 occasions. Three seasons were spent in the Athenian League Premier Division before two successive relegations saw us languishing in Division 2.

Worthing started their revival in 1971-72 by returning to Division 1 as runners-up to Staines Town, and the following season reached the Athenian League Cup final, losing 2-0 away to Amateur Cup finalists Slough Town after extra-time.

Worthing left the Athenian League in 1977 to become members of the newly-formed Isthmian League Division 2. Barry Lloyd was appointed manager in 1981 and the Division 2 title was won in 1981-82, with prolific goal-scorer Micky Edmonds scoring 53 goals. In 1982-83 we won the Division 1 title and reached the 2nd Round of the FA Cup, losing 4-0 at Oxford United. The next 2 seasons saw Worthing finish as runners-up in the Premier Division to Harrow Borough and Sutton United, respectively.

At the end of 1984-85, the Club's main stand burnt down. In 1985-86, we reached the last 16 of the FA Trophy. Then, Barry Lloyd left to join Brighton & Hove Albion, and the following year, Worthing were relegated from the Premier Division. Four years later, we had a disastrous season, finishing bottom of Division 1 with only 10 points and having conceded 157 goals.

Former Northern Ireland international Gerry Armstrong was appointed manager in 1991-92, and the following season Worthing became the first club to win Division 2 for a second time. Armstrong left in the summer of 1994 to be replaced by his coach John Robson. Premier Division status was regained as runners-up to Boreham Wood in his first season and the FA Cup 1st Round reached again (losing 3-1 at AFC Bournemouth after taking the lead). Worthing finished bottom in their first season back in the Premier and Robson was replaced as manager. Others followed before Brian Donnelly became manager at Christmas 1996. Under Donnelly's leadership, Worthing staged a remarkable late-season recovery, winning their last 5 games to escape relegation on the last day. "Sammy" was to remain manager until November 2001 when Barry Lloyd returned for his second spell in charge.

In 1998-99, we were finalists in the Isthmian League Full Members' Cup and won the Sussex Senior Cup for the first time in 21 years. 1999-00 saw us reach the FA Cup 1st Round for a 4th time, losing at Rotherham United.

In 2001, Worthing celebrated 100 years of playing at Woodside Road, an event marked by the publication of the first book devoted to the Club. In 2003-04 we finished 2nd in the league and thus regained our Premier Division place. Cup runs saw us reach the Senior Cup final and the last 32 of the FA Trophy, being beaten by eventual winners Hednesford Town. In 2005-06, our youth team won their division and reached the 1st Round of the FA Youth Cup for the first time. Our first team had topped the Isthmian League at New Year 2006 but eventually just missed out on a play-off spot.

The following year we were relegated, but did reach the Senior Cup final for the 28th time. Our youth team were again champions and also captured the Isthmian Youth Cup for a second time. In 2007-08 they became founder-members of the Isthmian Youth League and won the Sussex FA Youth Cup for only the second time. The management partnership of Alan Pook and Danny Bloor resigned at the end of 2008-09 and Simon Colbran took over. He lasted just one season, at the end of which we lost in the play-off semi-final for the 3rd year in a row. Colbran resigned in the close season and was replaced by Chris White.

Chris's first season, Worthing's 125th, saw us field a completely new squad of players, and we managed to win some silverware, defeating Horsham in the last match of the season to secure the Brighton Charity Cup. The Club's next appointment was joint-managers, Lee Brace and Kieran Collins. More mid-table mediocrity and disappointing early cup exits saw the duo depart in October 2013, and after a period of caretaker management under Mick Fogden and Jon Meeney, Adam Hinshelwood took the reins on Christmas Day. The recently-retired, former Brighton & Hove Albion professional immediately went about re-building the side with young, hungry players.

The 2014-15 season was very much one of ups and downs, but despite all the uncertainty surrounding the club's future a sixth place finish was achieved, our highest for five years. This was a particularly impressive feat as the playing budget was scrapped after Christmas, but this only served to bring everyone at the club even closer together, with all the players and Management staying and, we were one of only two teams to beat runaway Champions, Burgess Hill Town. By this time, former youth team player George Dowell had become the new owner and Chairman of Worthing FC, investing heavily in not only wiping out all the club's debts, but also laying down a brand new 3G pitch, giving The Rebel's Tavern a complete makeover, converting it into The 7HQ Sports Bar and Cafe and continuing general improvements to Woodside Road, all this coming after his own career was ended by a serious car crash in 2010, which left him confined to a wheelchair and paralysed from the chest down.

George used his compensation money wisely, setting up Worthing Football Centre to help create a real community hub at The Photronix Stadium, with the new artificial surface available for hire to all teams and age groups seven days a week, all this coming after he had formed his own football team in the West Sussex League, Worthing Borough.

However, early on in pre-season, George and his fellow new directors were already looking for a new Manager, with

Hinshelwood's impressive fire-fighting skills attracting the attention of his old club, Brighton & Hove Albion, and a move back into the full-time game followed, with his appointment as Assistant Manager to their Under-18s. Jon Meeney was promoted to the role of Joint-Manager alongside new signing, Gary Elphick, who continued his playing career, both incumbents making their senior management bows. Former player Matt Piper returned to the club as player-coach, complementing the experience of the evergreen Mick Fogden, while Stuart Owens became the new goalkeeping coach, and Natalie Stenning followed Elphick from Lewes, to become our new physio.

Nobody could have predicted how the next nine months would unfold. The first team sealed promotion back to the Ryman League top flight for the first time since 2007 by winning the Division One South Play-Offs. An extraordinary semi-final at Woodside Road saw Hythe Town demolished 7-0, before a crowd of nearly 2,000 witnessed an equally decisive 3-0 triumph over Faversham Town in the Final, also played on The Rebel's 3G surface.

Three members of the squad, Will Hendon, Brannon O'Neill and Omar Bugiel were subsequently named in the Divisional Team of The Year the only disappointment coming in The Sussex Senior Cup Final, where Eastbourne Borough went home with a narrow 1-0 victory, although nobody could forget the semi-final penalty shoot-out win over the holders, Whitehawk. The Under-21s stormed to success, not only as South Division Champions of The Ryman Under-21 League, but also as overall winners, with a nail-biting triumph on penalties against The North Division Champions, Billericay Town at The Harlow Arena. Jazz Rance won the golden boot as top scorer in both the South Division and the League as a whole. Only a 2-1 defeat to Lewes in the final of The Sussex Intermediate Cup at SCFA HQ prevented them walking away with a clean sweep of trophies.

Not to be outdone, the youth team had several of their own make it into the first team, finished runners-up in the South Division of the Ryman Youth League, and enjoyed an epic run all the way to the third round proper of The FA Youth Cup. After tense wins at Sutton United and Biggleswade Town, the Young Rebel's adventure was eventually ended by the number one-ranked youth team in the country, Middlesbrough, in front of a crowd of over 1,100 at what has now become The Bibby Financial Services Stadium.

The following campaign saw us lead the embryonic league table with three straight wins from the opening day. Although cup runs and injuries to key players saw us eventually finish in fourteenth, by which time Jon Meeney had stepped down as Joint-Manager to leave Gary Elphick in sole charge. We did, however, enjoy our best run in The FA Trophy since 2003-2004 with an impressive win at National League play-off semi-finalists, Dagenham & Redbridge before finally bowing out - after extra time in a replay - at FA Cup heroes Sutton United, this bringing an end to a fourteen-match unbeaten run. We also reached the last eight of The Alan Turvey Trophy where we were knocked out by eventual winners, Billericay Town. February saw the departure of striker Omar Bugiel to Football League bound Forest Green Rovers, where he would taste victory in The National League Promotion Final against Tranmere Rovers at Wembley.

An increased number of youth team alumni made first team appearances throughout the season while also managing to reach the first round proper of The FA Youth Cup, the run ended by Millwall at the intimidating New Den. The newly-absorbed Ladies team led the way on the trophy trail, winning the The South East Counties League Division One (West) title along with an emphatic victory over Lancing in the final of The Sussex Women's Trophy. They were only denied a clean sweep of silverware by Premier Division Champions, Parkwood, in the League Cup final at Maidstone and a semi-final defeat to Charlton Athletic in The Boux Avenue Women's Cup at Thamesmead Town.

Unfortunately, a twelve-game winless run extended into the following season. Although not helped by pitch problems at Woodside, which saw home games played at Bognor until October and the first five games of 2017-18 all away, an unwanted club record of eight straight defeats from the opening day saw the eventual resignation of Gary Elphick on the 9th of September.

Our first point finally came at home to Staines Town in match number ten, before the end of the month saw the return of Adam Hinshelwood to the Managerial hot seat. A number of new faces, along with one or two familiar ones were brought in by "Hinsh" as he set about the unenviable task of preserving the club's Premier Division status. A return to Woodside in October - and a first proper home point of the campaign against Met. Police - became the start of a potential great escape. Despite these positive results, there was still over half the season to play, and after a December defeat at Harlow increased the gap at the bottom to seven points behind our conquerors that day, with The Owls also having a game in hand, it looked very much like mission impossible.

However, undeterred, the management and squad completed a remarkable turnaround with an Easter Monday victory at

Woodside Road over Merstham sealing our place among the Bostik elite. Hinsh was rewarded with a new three-year contract and given the role of Academy Head as we increase our commitment to the local community with a new education and footballing programme. The youth team continue to be a vital source of talent for the Seniors and the Ladies, providing the pathway to league football most recently followed by Finn Stevens after departing this summer.

2018-19 started promisingly, but an unprecedented number of injuries and suspensions - eleven players were out at one stage - saw a play-off place slip away in the final five games to leave the team in ninth at the end of April, although it was still our highest finish since we came eighth in 2005-06, and teenage prospect, Kwame Poku signed for Colchester United after only joining us in February. Both major cup competitions were exited in the last qualifying round. The Women had a mid-table term as they struggled for consistency amid changes in the dugout, with the hugely experienced former Albion and Fulham Boss, Michelle Lawrence taking over in the close season. Our Academy lads finished fourth in their inaugural campaign, and many progressed into the Seniors, while the newly-introduced U14s, U15s and U16s all came third in their debut year. The U16s almost put a trophy in the cabinet, but were beaten in the League Cup Final.

The following campaign was unprecedented as Coronavirus spread around the world and ended all football in mid-March 2020. Many thousands lost their lives and our national sport concluded with a mixture of null and void and points per game. Our own Isthmian League went for the first of those options early and so we'll never truly know whether we'd have held on to become Champions or competed in the Play-Offs for a place in National South. We were, however, sitting 7 clear at the top before games were stopped. Ollie Pearce was leading the goalscoring charts with 13 league goals for the Reds last campaign & only an extra time defeat to the full-time pros of Brighton and Hove Albion denied us an appearance in the final of The Sussex Senior Cup, too.

Once again, one of our number progressed to the professional ranks as seventeen-year-old Finn Stevens moved to Championship side Brentford. Special mention must also go to the U18s, U16s, U15s, U14s and Women's teams, who were all top of their respective divisions when we suddenly stopped. In fact, the women had mathematically achieved promotion with a 100% record and had one hand on the title, only for everybody's results to be expunged, meaning they'll have to start all over again in 2020-21 to attain Premier status. The U18s were robbed of a potential double as they prepared to take on perennial rivals, Lewes, in the Dennis Probee Cup Final, but one piece of silverware did manage to find its way to Woodside thanks to the U16s coming from behind to beat Eastbourne-based Select Soccer 4-1 in the John Davey Cup Final.



Worthing FC's Woodside Road ground, home to the club since 1903.



Worthing FC Player Profiles

ADAM HINSHELWOOD (Manager) Well known in local circles after making his name at Brighton & Hove Albion in August 2002 just after he signed his first professional contract. Moved on to Aldershot Town in June 2009 before following Manager Gary Waddock to Wycombe Wanderers in January 2010. Unfortunately, his appearances were restricted at both The Shots and The Chairboys by an ongoing knee injury which eventually forced him to retire at the end of that season. Called up twice by England U21s in 2004 and comes from a footballing family with his grandfather, father and brothers as well as uncle, Martin, being ex-pros. Made the move into coaching as Manager of his local club, Selsey, either side of spells as Assistant Manager at Hastings United and Burgess Hill Town, where he took charge of his first game as Worthing boss after being appointed the day before, on Christmas Day 2013. Narrowly missed out on the Division One South Play-Offs in 2014/15 before he was enticed back into the full-time ranks as Manager of Brighton's U18s. Started the 2017/18 campaign at Hastings United, where he was also responsible for their Academy until he answered the call from Woodside Road that September.



ROCO REES (Goalkeeper) Former Brighton & Hove Albion U18s goalie who joined on a brief work experience at the start of last term. Kept a clean sheet on his debut in pre-season at Whyteleafe to add to the four in 17 appearances for The Seagulls youth, since he first played for them at Reading in February 2017. Captain against Chelsea and also featured three times in their run to the fifth round of The FA Youth Cup. Made the bench for The EFL Trophy tie with Peterborough United. Went straight into the side at Folkestone Invicta on the opening day of 2019-20 and collected his first competitive shut-out at home to Bognor Regis Town on Bank Holiday Monday. Returns to Woodside for the whole of the new campaign.



Daniel PAPPOE (Centre-Half) Rose through the youth ranks at Chelsea FC before moving to Crawley. Has plenty of experience at non-league level, plying his trade with Carshalton for a few seasons before making the move to Woodside. Made his debut away at Margate, and provides another option in defence for the Reds.

ALFIE YOUNG (Centre-Half) Former youth team Captain at Watford where he signed professional forms, but was released in August 2016 without quite breaking into the first team. Started the next campaign at Hendon before moving on to eventual play-off semi-finalists, Wingate & Finchley. Made his bow for us at Met. Police on the opening day of 2017-18 and scored a rasper against his former club, high-flying Hendon in late October. A likeable lad who was named Player of the Year by his teammates at the end of his debut season.

SAM KEEFE (Centre-Half) Worked his way up from the U14s to U23s at Charlton Athletic, captaining the U18s along the way. Let go by The Valley-based club in February 2020, he dropped down to Isthmian League North Tilbury, where he scored on his debut against Brentwood. His attempts to return to a higher level during spells at Bromley and Eastbourne Borough unfortunately proved fruitless. Made his Worthing debut in the FA Cup at East Grinstead.

LEON MOORE (Left-Back) Makes the step up from South-East Division side, South Park, having also turned out at that level for Whyteleafe. Enjoyed a loan spell with our Southern Combination League neighbours, Worthing United a couple of seasons ago and, despite only training with us for a short while, went straight into the matchday squad at Folkestone, coming on for his debut late in the game. Handed his full debut three days later at East Grinstead in the FA Cup.

CAMERON TUTT (Left-Back) Started with Brighton's U18s, where he debuted for them at Southampton in November 2017. But it was the following campaign that he became a regular, making 24 appearances and captaining the side against Norwich City and Reading. Senior football came by way of a nine-game loan spell, beginning in March 2019, at Haywards Heath Town, helping them reach the South East play-offs and RUR Cup Final. Released from The Amex and made his bow for us in the summer sun at Selsey, but a broken foot at Whyteleafe meant a delayed competitive debut until October's visit to Cheshunt. Was a regular last season, but has been struggling with knee injuries of late.

MARVIN ARMSTRONG (Midfielder) Latest talent to emerge from 'The Croydon Collective' who only signed for Whyteleafe at the beginning of last term. Trialled with us last summer and immediately impressed on debut at Selsey. However, it was his stunning solo effort at Three Bridges that really made people sit up and take note and sealed a move to Woodside. Opened his

competitive account against local rivals, Bognor, on August Bank Holiday Monday.

JOEL COLBRAN (Right-Back) In his second spell at the club after playing for our U18s, then becoming a first team regular. Called up for Sussex U18s, and made two appearances for us in the League Cup at home to the Towns of Burgess Hill and Billericay in 2016/17. Came back for the first win of 2017/18 against Lancing in the Sussex Senior Cup, followed by an equally composed display in the FA Trophy win over Lowestoft Town in the same October week. Scored his first senior goal for the club - and the only goal of the game - against Needham Market in April 2018. Picked up the Manager's Player of the Year Award on Star Wars Day at the conclusion of that campaign. Turning into a cult hero & fan favourite at Woodside Road, reaching 100 appearances for the club vs Folkestone in Feb 2020.



JESSE STARKEY (Midfielder) Started his career with us during a loan spell that began at Harlow Town in early December 2017. Made the move permanent after the expiration of his contract with Gillingham a few weeks later, in mid-January. Started out as a young lad at Portsmouth before a move to Chelsea in 2006, where he earned a scholarship in 2012. Despite being a regular in their U18s, he wasn't offered professional terms, and subsequently joined hometown club, Brighton & Hove Albion in the Summer of 2013. After nearly four years with The Seagulls, he ventured west to Swindon Town and started the final game of 2016/17, at Charlton Athletic. Signed for Gillingham in September 2017, coming off the bench against Scunthorpe United a week later and scoring in the Kent Senior Cup against Phoenix Sports in October. Found the net for the first time in a red shirt at home to Folkestone Invicta on 10th February 2018. Has scored two seasons in a row away at our rivals Bognor Regis, including our third in a 3-0 away victory last season.

DANNY BARKER (Centre-Half/Midfielder) Began his career at Brighton & Hove Albion where he captained their U18s and was promoted to their U23s at the start of 2017/18. Unfortunately, after playing his first game against Newcastle United, injury cut short his time with The Seagulls and he joined us in the February, making his debut at Leiston. His full debut came a fortnight later at home to Harlow Town. Bagged the equaliser at Margate on Easter Saturday 2018 to rescue a point on the road. As of this season, has played 77 times for the club.

RICKY AGUIAR (Midfielder) An Under-18 with both Shoreham and Lewes, where he won Sussex and Isthmian Youth Cup honours as well as helping the young Rooks go all the way to the third round of the FA Youth Cup in 2017/18. Called up for both Sussex and Sussex Schools Under-18s, scoring in a man of the match performance for Worthing College as he picked up more silverware in the shape of the Men's First XI County Cup a year later. This impressive form also helped earn him a place in the English Colleges squad. Impressed in the previous pre-season with goals against South Park - on his debut - and Selsey, with his first competitive one coming at Harlow Town on August 18th. Ended his first full campaign in Men's football as Manager's and Player's Player of the Year in a four-goal total last campaign.



JASPER PATTENDEN (Midfielder) Teenage prodigy who shot to prominence after making his debut in the FA Trophy replay at Burgess Hill Town at the end of October 2018. Regularly found the back of the net for our academy side. Previously known to 'Hinsh' when he played for the then Brighton & Hove Albion U14s Manager, and was with the Seagulls from U8s up to U16s. Turned out a number of times for Sussex at Senior youth team level. Scored his first senior goal in our 9-1 demolition of Harlow Town at Woodside in February 2019.



DARREN BUDD (Midfielder) Experienced campaigner who made Woodside Road his home for a second time. Made his first debut for us back in 2011 after joining that summer from Whitehawk, his second coming against Lancing in the Sussex Senior Cup in October 2017. Known to score the odd beauty from long range, "Buddy" started his career at Brighton & Hove Albion with their youth and reserve teams. Moved on to play for Bognor Regis Town (twice) Eastbourne Borough, Horsham (twice) and Burgess Hill Town as well as The Hawks. Wore the captain's armband at The Hillians, and helped Bognor win promotion back to National League South in 2017 before starting the succeeding campaign with Horsham. Most appearances from the current squad, nearing 150.

REECE MYLES-MEEKUMS (Winger) A season-long loan originally, from our top-flight neighbours at The Albion, where he played his first game in their youth team at the tender age of sixteen. Moved up to the Under-23s in 2017-18 and turned out for us in the league, off the subs bench, against Staines Town, followed by his first start at Shoreham in the Velocity Trophy. Bagged his maiden goal at Harlow Town. His impressive form in a red shirt saw him sign for National League Bromley after his release by Brighton. Whipped the home crowd into a frenzy when he marked his temporary return with the 88th minute winner against Folkestone Invicta in November. Had further loan periods with Eastbourne Borough and Bognor in '18/'19.



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DAYSHONNE GOLDING (Winger) Signed for us in the last few days of February this year, making his debut in the home draw with Potters Bar Town - a week after scoring the last of his eleven goals in 35 appearances this campaign for Lewes, and the day after his final game against Bognor - getting off the mark against Wingate & Finchley seven days further on. Started his football life at the academy of Dartford before attaining regular minutes at then Isthmian North side Phoenix Sports in 2016/17. Moved down to Sussex and linked up with their now divisional rivals Hastings United for the following season until the autumn of 2018, whereupon an initial loan move to The Dripping Pan became permanent.



OLLIE PEARCE (Forward) After several years at local rivals, Bognor Regis Town, Ollie made the move along the coast in last year's closed season. A home-grown Rock who made his first team debut at 17 before going on to enjoy a goal-laden career at Nyewood Lane. Around 80 goals in a little over 250 appearances, including four in four at the start of 2017/18, saw him feature in both promotion and relegation campaigns in a green and white shirt. Played his part in getting Bognor to the FA Trophy semi-finals in 2016. His only other club has been Midhurst & Easebourne while he also represented England Colleges. Made his long-awaited debut at Haringey Borough on 1st September 2019, and added his first goal for his new club at Lewes a month later. Scored 18 goals in all competitions for the Reds last campaign.

MO DIALLO (Forward) Started out as a youngster with both Arsenal and Stoke, progressing to the U23s at the latter. Moved into non-league football with Lewes in February 2019 and then onto Newhaven the following campaign. Signed for Bognor Regis Town back in January, though trialled with us pre-season and scored against Metropolitan Police. Stayed on the bench for the opening day win at Folkestone Invicta, but was in from the start in the FA Cup defeat at East Grinstead Town, where he bagged his maiden competitive goal in Red.

SHAQUILLE GWENGWE (Winger/Forward) An impressive tally of 15 in just 13 appearances - as part of a final total of 24 in 35 - for Wessex League (Step 5) Andover Town in 18-19 sealed a move up to then Southern Premier South side, Blackfield & Langley, by November of that term. Looking to stay at Step 3 after their decision to revert to Wessex Prem football, Shaq moved on to The Crucial Environmental Stadium nine months later. Scored on his pre-season debut at Met. Police, then started at Folkestone on the opening day of the 20-21 campaign.

MO JAMMEH (Winger/Forward) Joined the Academy side last season & has progressed into the first team set-up. Featured regularly in Adam Hinshelwood's side pre-season and still awaiting his league debut. A tricky winger who can play both sides of the field and who has an eye for a pass and a ferocious shot.



Omar KOROMA (Forward) An experienced striker who joined from Carshalton prior to our away victory at East Thurrock on 24th October. Scored on his debut from the penalty spot. Previous clubs include Norwich, Portsmouth, Forest Green, Wealdstone and Dulwich Hamlet as well as spending a year playing in Iceland. In September 2008, Koroma was called up to the Gambia senior squad for the 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifiers against Liberia and Senegal, making his international debut as a late substitute as Gambia ran out 3-0 victors

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Worthing's Originals

Although our FA Cup journey for 2020-21 is over, I feel we supporters should be heartened by these performances, and the players should be proud and gain confidence from them. We were well worthy of our penalties victory over Telford and were probably victims of Barnet receiving the benefit of doubt on three pivotal incidents.

These two matches full of free-flowing attacking football have for myself brought an added interest to our opening contest in the FA Trophy. Having been drawn at home to Worthing, it will be interesting to see how we compare against the current leaders of the Isthmian League, our geographical, traditional and rightful Step 3 home. Call us Southern Jessies, but pace, movement and skill is the style of football in Suffolk as opposed to the physical, defence-minded, attritional football that appears to be the staple diet of the Southern League Central Premier Division. For the FA to allow the relocation of three teams from one of the most rural areas of the country into a league centred on one of the most densely-populated conurbations located on the other side of the country smacks of, at best, total incompetence, and at worst, an act of discrimination with the intention to lead to the demise of the clubs involved.



Action from Leiston's Isthmian League fixture at Worthing in 2017. Picture: Stephen Goodger

The anticipation of this match has brought to mind Leiston's Isthmian League match at Worthing in February 2017. Leiston were riding very high in the table and Worthing themselves were challenging for a play-off spot. A frosty morning had seen a number of other games in the region called off causing the crowd to swell to well in excess of 800. As the match entered the final third, Leiston were under intense pressure, defending a 2 -1 lead. Worthing had a secret weapon in forward Omar Bugiel. Bugiel who would go down if anyone as much as breathed on him in the area, had gained many of the more than a dozen penalties awarded to his team in previous matches that season. On this day, however, he came up against young keeper Jacob Marsden, on loan from Ipswich, whose confidence and skill in the many times he was required to dive at the feet of Bugiel denied the forward the penalty he was desperately seeking and the partisan crowd were baying for. Entering the last five minutes and with Leiston hemmed in their own box, a lobbed clearance was pounced on by Matt Blake on the halfway line. Outpacing his marker he ran into the Worthing box, rounded the keeper and made it 3-1 - game over. A truly memorable victory and a brave referee in what was an extremely intimidating environment.

Leiston enjoyed a successful run in the FA Trophy in 2016-17, reaching the 1st round proper by way of wins against Hendon (H) 5-0 and Chippenham Town (A) 1-0, a match marred by Tom Bullard having his cheek bone fractured. As a result the team bus waited for an hour outside Swindon Hospital for our injured hero. I also recall talk of the after-match refreshment provided to the Leiston team as being a total of eight hot dogs. The 3rd Qualifying Round match against Eastbourne Borough turned out to be something of a marathon, starting with a 1-1 draw at Victory Road. The scheduled replay was postponed due to fog with Leiston already on the M25. Loyal fan Alan Crane, having left direct from his work in Essex, arrived at Eastbourne's ground unaware of the postponement. Eastbourne kindly provided him with sausage and chips to sustain him on his drive home. The replay resulted in a 2-2 draw, with Leiston winning a penalty shootout 5-3. The 1st Round proper saw the Blues away to Conference club Bromley. In a first half dominated by Bromley, Jacob Marsden proved almost unbeatable, producing a display of goalkeeping I rate as second only to that of Jim Montgomery for Sunderland in their Cup Final victory over Leeds. Bromley did manage to score in the 44th minute, however. In an improved second half, Matt Blake scored a 67th minute equaliser to set up a replay. Leiston were first to score, but lost a thrilling match 3-5.

Come on you Blues.



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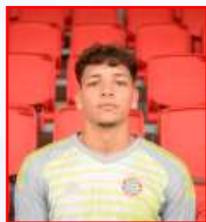
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Darren Eadie – Joint Manager. Made his name with Norwich City, making 204 1st team appearances between 1993-99, before a big money move to Leicester City. Unfortunately, injury curtailed his playing career. He made 10 appearances for England U21s. Joined Leiston in March 2020.

Chris Wigger – Joint Manager. A former Norwich City youth team product, Chris then went on to play for Wroxham. Took his first step on the management ladder with Cromer, before guiding Sheringham to two promotions in three seasons. Was appointed along with Darren Eadie as joint manager in March 2020.

Sam Donkin – Goalkeeper. Sam joined Leiston in November 2019 from fellow Southern Premier Central outfit Biggleswade Town, having also played for Corby Town. He signed a new contract in April 2020.

Joe Potter – Goalkeeper. Joe joined Leiston in February 2019 from Felixstowe & Walton United. Joe is highly rated.

Harry Knights – Defender. Harry joined Leiston in the summer of 2017 from Woodbridge Town. Made a big impact with impressive performances in the reserves. Now established as a first team regular, Harry signed a two-year extension to his contract in January 2020.

Kyle Hammond – Defender. Club captain for this coming season, Kyle joined from Maldon & Tiptree in the summer of 2017, where he was named in the Ryman One Division One North team of the year. A former Academy player at Portman Road, Kyle returned from injury to help Leiston secure their place in the 2018-19 Ryman League Premier Division play-offs.

George Keys – Defender. Joined Leiston in December 2018 from Isthmian League Brightlingsea Regent, having helped them to promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division the previous season, during which he was voted Young Player of the Season. A former Colchester United Academy player, George moved to Sweden in March 2019 for three months before returning to Leiston.

Matt Richardson – Defender. Matt joined Leiston in September having terminated his contract with Norwich City. He initially joined on loan for the season, with plans to go to university in the USA. Due to the ongoing pandemic, this has not materialised.

Ollie Saunders – Defender. Ollie joined Leiston in November 2019 on a permanent basis, having previously having a spell with the club on loan from Braintree Town. Was previously at Grimsby Town and Norwich City.

Matthew Weaire – Defender. Matthew joined Leiston on loan from Colchester United. Previously with Brighton & Hove Albion, Matthew has represented Denmark at U19 level, qualifying through his mother's nationality.

Mason Sinclair – Defender. Still only 17 years old, Mason is an outstanding prospect. He was a schoolboy at Ipswich Town and joined Leiston in March 2019 making his 1st team debut the same month v Biggleswade.

Robert Eagle – Midfielder. Born in Leiston, Robert was with Norwich City as a youngster and made 10 Football League appearances for them in 2006-7. He subsequently played for Inverness Caledonian Thistle and Grimsby Town, making over 50 appearances for the latter. Now in his third spell at Leiston, Robert has also made over 100 appearances for Lowestoft, as well as playing for AFC Sudbury.

Josh Hitter – Midfielder. A schoolboy at Colchester United, he linked up with Woodbridge Town and was part of the team that reached the 2015-2016 FA Youth Cup 2nd Round. He helped Whitton achieve promotion to the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division in 2017-18 before moving to Leiston.

Dylan Switters – Midfielder. A schoolboy with Norwich City, Dylan joined Stevenage and made his league debut against Exeter City in April 2018. He has recently been with Gottne IF in Sweden. Joined Leiston in September 2020.

Finlay Barnes – Midfielder. Joined Norwich City as a youngster, spending 10 years at the club before moving to Norwich United last season. In the last campaign, netted 16 goals whilst assisting 26 goals in the Thurlow Nunn Premier League.

Kyle Richardson – Midfielder. Kyle spent the 2019-20 season with Lowestoft Town. Prior to that, he spent two seasons with Grimsby Town, having been with both Ipswich Town and Norwich City as a schoolboy.

Marcus Wilkinson – Midfielder. Marcus joins Leiston from near neighbours Lowestoft Town. He joined Lowestoft from Wroxham in January 2019. Marcus is well known to manager Chris Wigger as they had worked together at Wroxham.

Harrison Bacon – Midfielder. Joined from Woodbridge Town in summer 2018. A regular scorer for the reserves and U18s in 2018-19, Harrison made his debut at home to St Neots Town in January 2019. Signed a two-year contract in summer 2019.

Louie Bloom – Striker. Louie rejoined the club in October 2019 from Debenham of the Thurlow Nunn League. He was a regular for the reserves in the 2018-19 season and made his first-team debut in the latter part of that season.

Will Davies – Striker. Will joined Leiston in summer 2018, having played for Coplestonians in the SIL. He scored 19 goals in 19 appearances for the reserves in Eastern Counties Division One before becoming a regular member of the first team squad.

Liam Jackson – Striker. Liam scored over 100 goals at Norwich United in four years at the club, with two of those seasons spent in the Isthmian Division One North (Step 4). Last season, Liam hit 33 goals in the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division and was the club's top scorer.



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Pitching In Southern Premier Division Central fixtures 20-21

Date / KO	Opponents	H/A	Score	Attendance
Sat. 19 September 3pm	Rushall Olympic	H	0-1	213
Sat. 26 September 3pm	Coalville Town	A	1-4	281
Tues. 29 September 7.45pm	Biggleswade Town	A	4-7	110
Tues. 6 October 7.45pm	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	H	2-2	214
Sat. 10 October 3pm	Hitchin Town	A	2-2	523
Sat. 17 October 3pm	Peterborough Sports	H	1-4	226
TBA	Barwell	H		
Tues. 27 October 7.45pm	St Ives Town	A	0-1	156
Tues. 3 November 7.45pm	Kings Langley	H		
Sat. 7 November 3pm	Hednesford Town	A		
Sat. 14 November 3pm	Bromsgrove Sporting	A		
Tues. 17 November 7.45pm	Royston Town	H		
Sat. 21 November 3pm	Stratford Town	H		
Tues. 24 November 7.45 pm	Banbury United	A		
Sat. 28 November 3pm	Nuneaton Borough	A		
Sat. 5 December 3pm	Redditch United	H		
Tues. 8 December 7.45 pm	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	A		
Sat. 12 December 3pm	Stourbridge	H		
Sat. 19 December 3pm	Alvechurch	A		
Sat. 26 December 3pm	Lowestoft Town	H		
Sat. 2 January 3pm	Needham Market	A		
Sat. 9 January 3pm	Peterborough Sports	A		
Sat. 16 January 3pm	Hitchin Town	H		
Sat. 23 January 3pm	St Ives Town	H		
Sat. 30 January 3pm	Barwell	A		
Sat. 6 February 3pm	Hednesford Town	H		
Sat. 13 February 3pm	Kings Langley	A		
Sat. 20 February 3pm	Nuneaton Borough	H		
Sat. 27 February 3pm	Redditch United	A		
Tues. 2 March 7.45pm	Biggleswade Town	H		
Sat. 6 March 3pm	Rushall Olympic	A		
Sat. 13 March 3pm	Coalville Town	H		
Sat. 20 March 3pm	Stourbridge	A		
Sat. 27 March 3pm	Alvechurch	H		
Sat. 3 April 3pm	Tamworth	H		
Mon. 5 April 3pm	Lowestoft Town	A		
Sat. 10 April 3pm	Royston Town	A		
Sat. 17 April 3pm	Bromsgrove Sporting	H		
Sat. 24 April 3pm	Stratford Town	A		
Sat. 1 May 3pm	Banbury United	H		
Mon 3 May 3pm	Needham Market	H		
Sat. 8 May 3pm	Tamworth	A		



Leiston FC 1st Team appearances 20-21

	SLCP	FA CUP	FA TROPHY	SPC	TOTAL
Sam Donkin	7	5			12
Kyle Hammond	3 (1)	5			8 (1)
Ollie Saunders	7	5			12
Kyle Richardson	3 (2)	1 (2)			4 (4)
Harry Knights	5 (1)	3			8 (1)
Matthew Weaire	6	3			9
Finlay Barnes	7	5			12
Dylan Switters	7	5			12
Liam Jackson	4 (3)	2 (1)			6 (4)
Jamie Eaton-Collins	5 (2)	2 (3)			7 (5)
Marcus Wilkinson	5 (1)	5			10 (1)
Robert Eagle	5 (2)	4 (1)			9 (3)
Will Davies	6 (1)	4 (1)			10 (2)
Josh Hitter	(2)	(4)			(6)
Matt Richardson	2 (1)	3 (1)			5 (2)
George Keys	4(1)	2 (1)			6 (2)
Adam Bailey-Dennis	1	1			2
Oliver Godbold	(2)				(2)

Leiston FC 1st Team goalscorers 20-21

	SLCP	FA CUP	FA TROPHY	SPC	TOTAL
Will Davies	3	7			10
Liam Jackson	3	3			6
Jamie Eaton-Collins	1	2			3
Finlay Barnes	1				1
Rob Eagle		1			1
Dylan Switters	1				1
OG	1	1			2

The Emirates FA Cup fixtures and results 20-21

Date / KO	Opponents	H/A	Score	Attendance
Sat. 12 Sept. 3.00pm	Halstead Town (Preliminary Round)	H	5-0	174
Tues. 22 Sept. 7.45pm	Biggleswade Town (1Q)	H	5-1	175
Sat. 3 October 3.00pm	Leighton Town (2Q)	A	2-1	300
Tues. 13 Oct. 7.45pm	AFC Telford United (3Q)	H	0-0 (W 9-8 pens)	334
Sat. 24 Oct. 3.00pm	Barnet FC	H	2-3	600

The Buildbase FA Trophy fixtures and results 20-21

Date / KO	Opponents	H/A	Score	Attendance
Sat. 31 Oct. 3.00pm	Worthing FC (4Q)	H		

Reserves Round-Up



The Reserves have played 15 games (16 by the time you read this) so far this season. Six pre-season games saw an equal split of wins and losses, but a goal difference of -4. Pre-season is the opportunity to look at new players and re-assess those from the previous season. To that end, new manager Ryan Honeyman used 24 different players in the six games, and only in the last one at Holland were two of the four substitutes not used.



Defeat at March Town United

The season itself began well with two home wins against Diss Town & Needham Market Reserves. These were followed by two away defeats at March Town United and Fakenham Town. In neither game could a Leiston player get on the score sheet, and the goal difference took a bit of a hammering. A further two home wins followed, with Cornard United & Framlingham Town providing the opposition. Until late in both games, the damage to the goal difference had been significantly reduced, but conceding two late goals in both games lessened the impact. The late goal scored by Framlingham Town also threatened the win and only an even later home goal secured the three points.

After these two home wins, the first away win of the season was achieved in defeating Kings Lynn Town Reserves at Downham Town's ground. After conceding a very early goal, the team recovered well and responded with five of their own. A

Friday night defeat in a close game on the road at Ipswich Wanderers was bettered by another Friday night game resulting in a narrow win at Great Yarmouth Town. Another late goal conceded did not reflect the pattern of the game. The win saw the reserves sitting in fourth spot overnight in the Thurlow Nunn Division One North, a place they retained after Saturday's games were completed thanks to Lakenheath losing at Needham Market Reserves, who provided Senior Cup opposition this Wednesday (the 16th game) and will be hosting the Reserves next Tuesday evening in the return league fixture.

The success so far - 4th in the league for a reserve side is success - has much to do with Ryan and, latterly, Liam and the ability to field a relatively settled side for each game. The same eight players have started in more than 78% of the league games. Four players have started all nine league games, two more have started eight, and a further two have started seven. A further four players have featured in more than 66% of the league games. One player has been involved in eight games, starting four of them and coming on as a substitute in three others. Another has been involved in seven games, starting one, and coming on as a substitute in three. Finally, two players have either started in games or been used substitutes in six games.



Opening game of the season: a win v Diss Town

Who knows what the remainder of the season will hold? But with Ryan at the helm, with Liam assisting him, and with contributions from Shane & Victor, the signs are promising.



Action from last month's Reserves home fixture against Cornard United.

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