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THE CHERRY RED RECORDS COMBINED COUNTIES PREMIER DIVISION SOUTH

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Our History (Part 1)

Spelthorne Sports Club has been providing sports for the local community since 1922. We pride ourselves in providing football to all, within the right environment, to persons of all ages and abilities, so they can enjoy and learn playing football. All our coaches and managers provide this voluntarily.

In 2013–14, the Spelly won the Middlesex FA Intermediate Cup, beating Middlesex County Premier side Cricklewood Wanderers 3–0 in the Final. On 16 April 2014, Spelthorne Sports were crowned Combined Counties Division One Champions with a 2–1 win away to Epsom Athletic. They lifted the trophy 3 days later following an emphatic 7–0 win at home to local rivals Staines Lammas.

The Spelly also won the RPM Records Division One Challenge Cup against Staines Lammas at Windsor FC on 5 May 2014. A single second half Lee Staples goal was enough to make sure The Spelly lifted the trophy, winning the league and cup treble in the process. The team went on a phenomenal 46 game unbeaten run in all competitions that season, beating teams in cup competitions from higher divisions such as Frimley Green, Staines Town (on pens), Walton Casuals, Wembley, and Epsom & Ewell (on pens).

That unbeaten run finally came to an end on 7 May 2014 when they played Combined Counties Premier Division side Hanworth Villa in the Southern Combination Cup Final, losing 1–0. The game was played at home and marked the club's first ever game under the newly installed floodlights. The lads then suffered their second defeat of the season to the same opposition when the sides met again 3 days later in the Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup Final, again losing 1–0.

The 2013–14 season was extremely successful for Spelthorne Sports. Winning two cup finals, and finishing runners-up in another two cup finals. However the biggest achievement by far was winning the league without losing a single game in the process. Winning 22, drawing 8, losing 0, scoring 92, and conceding 23.







Our History (Part 2)

Season 2014–2015 saw us in action in the Combined Counties Premier Division where we finished in a very respectful 6th position. Our first experience of the FA Vase occurred in September of this season with a win against Langford followed by another win against Risborough Rangers.

Season 2015/16 saw our first appearance in the FA CUP with a 2-1 home win against Stotfold. We then travelled to Cogenhoe only to lose 3-0. The season continued with a change of management back under the control of Steve Flatman with support from Paul Burgess and Mark Harper.

Season 2016/17 saw us off to a great start in the FA Cup beating CCL Winners Hartley Wintney 4-3, only to fall at the next hurdle losing 2-3 at home to Andover Town. Season 2017/18 ended in us reaching our first Senior Cup Final against local rivals Hanworth Villa, only to narrowly lose 3-2 on the day.

Season 2018/19 saw our best ever FA Cup runs and our highest Premier Division finish (6th place), having finished 8th, 9th, and 10th in our first 3.

Season 2019/20 will be remembered as the one that wasn't! However, we shall remember it as being 2nd in the table with Mark Harper, Daren Bulman & Andy Viney at the helm. Following this, we again had to deal with the COVID pandemic, and another cut short season. That season saw a re-shuffle of step 5 leagues with Combined Counties now having North & South Premier Divisions. We are in the North Div and welcomed some new opponents to THE SPELLY! We also welcomed Jason Tucker to the coaching team.

At the end of the 2022/23 season, Manager Mark Harper accepted the offer to take over the vacant Manager position at Chertsey Town with Andrew Viney joining him. All of our support staff moved onto pastures new and so a new era has begun for Spelly in 2023/24. Myles Hook has taken over as First Team Manager, Dan Green as Assistant Manager and we welcomed Darren Bullen as First Team Coach. This season sees yet again a reshuffle of the league with Spelly transferring across Step 5 from the Combined Counties North Premier Division to the South Premier Division.







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Epsom & Ewell FC History (Part 1)

We were founded in March 1918 as Epsom Juniors Cricket Club and played throughout the summer. In the autumn, Epsom Juniors F.C. came into being and played a handful of games from what is now known as Alexandra Recreation Ground. Competitive football followed as we entered the Surrey Junior League in 1919, and became founder members of the Sutton & District League in 1920.

A change of name in July 1922 to Epsom Town F.C. heralded the start of a very successful era. By now resident at the Horton Hospital Sports Ground, we were unfortunate to lose 2-1 after extra time at Dorking F.C.'s Pixham Lane ground to Caterham Mental Hospital in a replay of the Surrey Junior Cup Final. However, we won three other trophies that season, the Leatherhead Hospital Shield, the Sutton Hospital Cup, and the Epsom Hospital Cup. In addition, we also won the Sutton & District League, and under the forward-thinking of their visionary Chairman Hugh Bradley, took the step into Intermediate Football, where we won the Southern Suburban League without losing a match.

Senior football was granted as we were unanimously accepted into the Surrey Senior League for 1924/25, where we finished third. In September 1925, the club relocated to the old Ewell F.C. ground at West Street, which was purchased through the generosity of our future President Robert Bradshaw.

In 1925/26 the Championship of the Surrey Senior League was attained, and the following season, we defeated Egham 1-0 at Egham in the League Charity Cup to complete a League and Cup "double". Election to the London League followed, and the title was claimed in the first attempt in 1927/28. Unfortunately, we were unable to repeat this, instead of finishing runners-up in 1931/32, 1932/33, 1934/35, 1936/37 and 1937/38. Cup Honours were limited, although in 1929 Redhill defeated us 3-2 in front of 4,600 at Guildford in our first Surrey Senior Cup Final, having seen off Wimbledon 4-1 in the semi-final!

The thirties were a very successful era, and we won the Surrey Charity (Senior) Shield in 1933 with an impressive 5-0 win over Woking at Kingfield. However, the proudest moment of our pre-war history was an appearance in the First Round Proper of the F.A.Cup in 1933/34.







Epsom & Ewell FC History (Part 2)

Woking (after a replay), Nunhead, Tooting & Mitcham, Beddington Corner, and Leytonstone were defeated, and a crowd of 9,485 at the Lea Bridge Speedway Stadium witnessed a 4-2 loss against the hosts Clapton Orient. At the end of that season, we changed our name to Epsom F.C.

In 1939 a newly formed team, Epsom Town (no connection to the earlier name) shared the ground with Epsom F.C. However, this arrangement was suspended when war was declared, and we folded for the duration.

In the meantime, Club Chairman Charles Pettett threw in his lot with Epsom Town in an attempt to boost morale by keeping the football flag flying. It was successful, as that club competed continuously throughout the war years, winning the Surrey Combination in 1939/40, and reaching the Surrey Senior Cup Final in 1944, losing 3-1 to Tooting & Mitcham, at Sandy Lane. After the war, Epsom F.C. restarted, continuing in the London League and reclaimed West Street. Temporary homes were found for Epsom Town while they competed for a season in the newly created Corinthian League, but disbanded in 1946.

In 1949 we entered the Corinthian League ourselves, wherein in 1952 we reached the League Memorial Shield Final 1952, going down 2-1 to Champion's Hounslow at Eastbourne after leading at half-time. Things improved further with the signing of the former English Amateur International Pat Lynch from Hendon, finishing third in 1952/53, while in 1954 we reached the Surrey Senior Cup Final for the second time in our history, losing unluckily 2-0 to Corinthian@Casuals in front of 6,159 at Selhurst Park.

In 1955 we won the Surrey Senior Shield with a 1-0 win over Carshalton Athletic at West Street. We appointed our first ever Manager, Kingstonian legend Doug Whitehead in 1955 and the Corinthian League double was almost achieved in 1956/57, but two losses in the final week, along with a 2-0 defeat in the Cup Final to Maidenhead United at Dorking ensured that we ended with neither, finishing fourth.

However, in 1960, we finally raised the Shield with a 2-0 revenge win over Maidenhead at Vale Farm, home of Wembley F.C.







Epsom & Ewell FC History (Part 3)

In 1960 we changed our name once again to Epsom & Ewell F.C. This was not because of any merger with Ewell & Stoneleigh as is often quoted, but was an attempt to increase support across the whole of the Borough. In 1963 the Corinthian League merged with the Athenian and Delphian Leagues, and we were placed in Division One of the new structure, but the sixties were full of poor results and we were relegated in 1965. In Despite a string of managers, most notably ex-Leyton Orient winger Jimmy Smith, and Tony Williams, now famous for his creation of the F.A. Yearbooks, our fortunes did not improve significantly and further relegations were avoided in the early seventies by the benefit of re-election.

However in 1973, despite "improving" to finish second from bottom, the Athenian League ran out of patience and cut us loose. This was unfortunate timing as we had just cleared all of our debts, and in addition to a virtually new Committee, former Fulham player Pat O'Connell had taken over as Manager. The Surréy Senior League took us in at the last minute, and the new squad, including young striker Tommy Tuite, won the League Cup, and the following season, 1974/75 achieved a second Surrey Senior League "double". However, the season would always be remembered for reaching the Final of the inaugural F.A. Vase, where 9,500 saw the Blues edged out 2-1 by Hoddesdon Town at Wembley Stadium. The Athenian League welcomed us back, and promotion was achieved in that first season.

In 1976/77 we reached the Athenian League Cup Final, losing 1-0 at Chalfont St Peter. By then, we knew that we had been invited to join the expanding Isthmian League for 1977/78, and were placed in the new Division Two. Our first match under floodlights took place against Met Police in August 1977, and the title was clinched the following April, securing a move to Division One. In 1979/80 we won the Southern Combination Cup 7-2 over Hampton on their pitch, where the opposition was blitzed by five goals from Tuite. The following season a new clubhouse opened at West Street, and we finally won the Surrey Senior Cup in 1981, defeating Woking 2-1 at Tooting & Mitcham, although we just missed out on promotion. O'Connell resigned in 1982, being replaced by Adrian Hill and in 1983/84 we clinched a spot in the Premier Division as runners-up, although this time we missed out in the Surrey Senior Cup, defeated 4-0 by Sutton United in the Einal at Imber Court.

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Epsom & Ewell FC History (Part 4)

We survived comfortably in our first season at the Isthmian Premier, but Hill's departure to Croydon in 1985 started a decline. Much of the squad left with Hill, and new Manager Alan Webb had too much to do. We were relegated in 1986, and also in 1987, by now under the Management of Ricky Kidd. Adrian Hill replaced Kidd for a second spell at the helm in 1990, but we were placed in the new Division Three in 1991 in league reorganisation following a finish one position below the required halfway mark.

In 1993 a large chapter in our history ended as we left West Street and moved in as tenants of Banstead Athletic. The decade was largely one of frustration, although we did reach the Final of the Associate Members Trophy in 1998, losing 2-0 to Bedford Town at Hendon's old Claremont Road ground.

In 2002 Adrian Hill took us back up to the newly created Division 1 South, where we topped the table for a month, eventually finishing 9th, but Hill's retirement at the end of the season led to relegation a year later and then in 2006 we were transferred into the Combined Counties League Premier Division. In October 2006 Lyndon Buckwell, a former player became our new Manager, and in his first full season (2007/08) we were back in the top ten.

In 2008/09 we exceeded this achievement and finished in fourth place after heading the table for a few months. In 2009/10 the club recovered from a slow start to finish fifth and also reached the last 32 of the F.A.Vase for the first time in 21 years, bowing out 3-2 in Northamptonshire to Long Buckby.

In April of 2010, we terminated our seventeen-year groundsharing agreement with Banstead Athletic and spent two unspectacular seasons at Merstham F.C. before relocating to High Road, home of Chipstead F.C. for the 2012/13 season, where we would spend eight seasons. The season brought significant playing success as a slow start was followed by a spectacular run of form, including a club record of 12 straight league wins, which put us at the top of the table for over a month, before a tricky run-in resulted in a final position of fifth. However, any disappointment there was tempered by the club's first silverware since 1981 when we defeated South Park 3-0 at Farnborough to win the Combined Counties League Cup.







Epsom & Ewell FC History (Part 5)

On a sadder note, 2012/13 also marked one thousand games since we left West Street. We carried our form into 2013/14 and led the league with eight straight wins, but couldn't hold on and had to settle for third place, our highest league finish since 1984, but the following September Lyndon Buckwell departed and Glyn Mandeville and new Assistant Matt Smith steered the club to seventh place and improved this to fourth in 2015/16.

In the summer of 2016, our club visited France and played a friendly against our twin town Chantilly, which was where the England team had been based before their Euro 2016 campaign. The players were able to meet Roy Hodgson and Gary Neville and performed admirably as ambassadors for our town.

In 2016/17 we started the season with an incredible 9-2 win at newly-promoted Bedfont & despite trailing 2-0 at halftime and went on to repeat our fourth¤place finish in the League. In addition, we reached the League Cup Final but were defeated 4-1 by Westfield at Windsor FC. However, in the summer of 2017, we suffered a large player exodus with a substantial number joining local rivals Sutton Common Rovers. Glyn was unable to replace them with enough players of real quality and three-quarters of the season were spent at the foot of the table. His resignation in January 2018 led to the club promoting our Coach Neil Grant into the Manager's role and although he managed to get us off the foot of the table, relegation was always likely and was confirmed in mid-April; not a great way to celebrate our Centenary!

The attempts at bouncing straight back did not start particularly well and Grant departed in October. He was replaced by Simon Funnell, who stepped up from his Assistant role and took us to the Division One League Cup Final at Meadowbank. Unfortunately, the new season of 2019/20 started poorly and Funnell resigned at Christmas. His Assistant Sam Morgan was appointed to the role and with his new Assistant Tim Moffatt, they oversaw an undefeated league run that took us up to the abandonment of the season. The 2020/21 season commenced with another ground move, this time to Leatherhead's Fetcham Grove ground, although another seasonal curtailment left us in seventh place and we remained at Step Six, being transferred to the Southern Combination for the new season.









Epsom & Ewell FC History (Part 6)

In August 2021, Sam Morgan was relieved of his duties after a slow start to the season. Barry Gartell was placed in interim charge while the club searched for a new manager. Barry and his brother Clive managed to get a good run of form under their belts. Winning 4 and drawing 1. Darren Anslow was appointed as our new manager in September 2021 and was immediately impressed with a comfortable 4–0 win against Mile Oak in the FA Vase 2nd Round Qualifying.

2022/23 season saw a complete change at the top with Ex Horley Town manager Anthony Jupp coming in as joint manager alongside Ex Croydon manager Liam Giles along with Ex Horley Town Manager and coach Matt Chapman as coach. Giles left before Christmas and Jupp stepped down before the end of the season. Coach Matt Chapman took over and lead the Club to the Runners up spot. In the play off semi final we drew one one with Selsey before going through in a nail biting penalty shoot out. In the final in front of almost 400 fans in our last game at Leatherhead F.C. We won two one against Wick. We were promoted back to step five.

We were also moved across the Non league Pyramid back into the Combined Counties League Premier South. 2023/24 Season The Club also started a new ground share agreement with Cobham F.C. on their brand new 3G pitch. The Club appointed James Scott as manager. He was previously with Balham and Assistant manager at Tonbridge and Margate. James left in October when the Club was bottom of the league and with no wins. He was replaced with Steve Springett as Interim manager Meanwhile, the search continues for a new ground back in the Borough.....

> Interim Manager: Steve Springett Interim Manager: Sam Groombridge Assistant Player Coach: Ash Snadden Goalkeeping Coach: Kevin Espinosa Physio: Alfie Wylid









Recent Results & Fixtures

THE CHERRY RED RECORDS COMBINED COUNTIES PREMIER DIVISION SOUTH

Туре	Date / Time Home Team			Away Team			
Сир	17/10/23	19:45	Rayners Lane	ö	7 - 2	۲	Spelthorne Sports
L	14/10/23	15:00	Camberley Town		0 - 0 (HT 0-0)	۲	Spelthorne Sports
L	07/10/23	15:00	Spelthorne Sports		2 - 2 (HT 1-1)	Ø	Guildford City
MSC	03/10/23	19:45	Spelthorne Sports		0 - 4	8	Rayners Lane
L	30/09/23	15:00	Colliers Wood United		2 - 3	۲	Spelthorne Sports
L	26/09/23	19:45	Spelthorne Sports		2 - 1	.	Cobham
L	23/09/23	15:00	Tooting & Mitcham United	۲	1-3	۲	Spelthorne Sports
L	16/09/23	12:30	Spelthorne Sports		0 - 4 (HT 0-2)		Jersey Bulls



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Туре	Date / Time		Home				Team	Venue
L	21/10/23	15:00	Spelthorne Sports	۲	vs	٢	Epsom & Ewell	SPELTHORNE SPORTS CLUB
L	28/10/23	15:00	Spelthorne Sports	۲	VS	3	Sandhurst Town	SPELTHORNE SPORTS CLUB
L	04/11/23	15:00	Farnham Town		vs	۲	Spelthorne Sports	FARNHAM TOWN FC
мсс	07/11/23	19:45	Spelthorne Sports	۲	vs	۲	Harefield United	SPELTHORNE SPORTS CLUB
L	11/11/23	15:00	Speithorne Sports	۲	vs	. Se	Alton	SPELTHORNE SPORTS CLUB
L	18/11/23	15:00	Alton		vs	۲	Speithorne Sports	ANSTEY PARK
L	25/11/23	15:00	Spelthorne Sports	۲	vs	۲	Camberley Town	SPELTHORNE SPORTS CLUB
L	02/12/23	15:00	Knaphill	5	vs	۲	Speithorne Sports	BROOKWOOD COUNTRY PARK
L	09/12/23	15:00	Balham		VS	۲	Spelthorne Sports	AFC CROYDON ATHLETIC
ι	16/12/23	15:00	Spelthorne Sports	۲	vs	٢	Redhill	SPELTHORNE SPORTS CLUB

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League Table

THE CHERRY RED RECORDS COMBINED COUNTIES PREMIER DIVISION SOUTH

Pos	Team	Р	w	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Farnham Town	9	9	0	0	31	27
2	Jersey Bulls	12	8	1	3	14	25
3	Knaphill	9	7	1	1	14	22
4	Horley Town	11	5	4	2	8	19
5	Guildford City	11	6	1	4	-6	19
6	Redhill	9	6	0	3	12	18
7	Balham	12	6	0	6	-3	18
8	Tooting & Mitcham United	11	5	2	4	0	17
9	Spelthorne Sports	12	4	4	4	-5	16
10	Tadley Calleva	8	5	0	3	1	15
11	Abbey Rangers	9	4	3	2	-1	15
12	Fleet Town	11	4	1	6	-1	13
13	Alton	10	3	2	5	3	11
14	AFC Croydon Athletic	9	3	2	4	-6	11
15	Cobham	10	2	3	5	-1	9
16	Camberley Town	9	2	3	4	-6	9
17	Sandhurst Town	10	2	2	6	-8	8
18	Sheerwater	11	2	1	8	-21	7
19	Colliers Wood United	11	1	2	8	-17	5
20	Epsom & Ewell	8	1	0	7	-8	3

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League Goalscorers

LEAGUE AND CUP GAMES

Pos	Player Name	Team	Appearances	Overall Goals	Goals	Penalties
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1₩	Connor Young	Fleet Town	14	14	14	
2	Shay Brennan	Tooting & Mitcham United	9	13	13	
3	Shamal Edwards	Farnham Town	13	11	11	
4	Thomas Harland-Goddard	Redhill	15	9	9	
5	Lorne Bickley	💱 Jersey Bulls	13	8	8	
6	Harry Edward Cooksley	Farnham Town	14	8	3	5
7	Michael Coppinger	1 Guildford City	15	8	8	
8	Scott Walker	🤾 Horley Town	13	8	8	
9	Jake Hawker	🐯 Knaphill	13	7	6	1
10	Will May	1 Guildford City	15	7	7	
11	Charlie Postance	Farnham Town	15	7	7	
12	Kieran Rodgers	Tadley Calleva	11	7	7	
13	Reis Stanislaus	n Cobham	14	7	7	
14	Owen Dean	Farnham Town	15	6	6	
15	Lewis David Flatman	Farnham Town	12	6	6	
16	Jamie Fuller	Spelthorne Sports	15	6	6	
17	Cameron Gyeabour	資 Horley Town	14	6	6	
18	Zaccharlus Horkan	🐯 Knaphill	13	6	6	
19	Sebastian Karczewski	🐯 Knaphill	14	6	6	
20	Thomas Lanek Read	Balham	12	6	6	

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Spelly Goalscorers

LEAGUE AND CUP GAMES

Pos	Player Name	Appearances	Overall Goals	Goals	Penalties
		▼ ▲	▼ ▲	▼ ▲	▼ ▲
1	Fuller, Jamie	15	6	6	
2	Karanja, Kelvin	12	4	2	2
3	Marques De Lima, Felipe	13	3	3	
4	lluobe, Leon	12	2	2	
5	Osunkoya, Frazier-IsaÃas	10	2		2
6	Azimi, Raphael	13	1	1	
7	Statham, Benedict	12	1	1	

8	Vodo, Brooklyn	6	1	1	
9	Watts, Daniel	1	1	1	

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2023/24 Squad



Name: Shay Honey Position: Goalkeeper Age: 19 Nickname: Paddy Previous Club: Windsor FC SPONSORED BY: JRH Bodywork



Name: Oliver Davison Position: Centre Back Age: 24 Nickname: Kos Previous Club: Spelly U18 SPONSORED BY: Jack Green (Spelly U11)

Name: Leon Iluobe Position: Centre Forward Age: 25 Nickname: Lulu Previous Club: Glossop North End SPONSORED BY: Paul Dennis



Name: Jamie Fuller Position: Centre Midfield Age: 22 Nickname: JF10 Previous Club: Hanworth Villa SPONSORED BY: Spelly Dreamteam





Name: Ben Statham Position: Centre Back Age: 25 Nickname: Cumberbatch Previous Club: Crawley Green SPONSORED BY: Marion & Dave Wildy



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Name: **Raphael Azimi** Position: **Centre Midfield** Age: 21 Nickname: **Rafaz** Previous Club: **Hartley Wintney** SPONSORED BY: **Copacabana Beach Speedo Club**



Name: **Kelvin Karanja** Position: **Winger** Age: **29** Nickname: **KK7** Previous Club: **Bedfont FC** SPONSORED BY: **Ryan Bifield**



Name: Olawale Garuba Position: **Right Back** Age: 23 Nickname: Uncle Previous Club: Tooting Bec SPONSORED BY: John Allchurch

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2023/24 Squad



Name: Bob Honey Position: Goalkeeper Age: 16 Nickname: Bomber Previous Club: Kingstonian U18 SPONSORED BY: JRH Bodywork



Name: Felipe Marques De Lima Position: Centre Midfield Age: 31 Nickname: Big Phil Previous Club: Westside SPONSORED BY: Floydy



Name: Darnell Lemar Position: Centre Back Age: 21 Age: 21 Nickname: D1 Previous Club: Spelly U23 SPONSORED BY: Sarah Butcher



Name: Jack Whittall Position: Centre Midfield Age: 24 Nickname: Whit Previous Club: Molesey SPONSORED BY:



Name: Ahmed El Hana Position: Right Back Age: 23 Age: 23 Nickname: Med Previous Club: Deportivo Galicia SPONSORED BY:



Name: Jenson Allchurch Position: Centre Midfield Age: 19 Nickname: Jens Previous Club: Chertsey Town U18 SPONSORED BY: John Allchurch



Name: **Tanaka Gabaza** Position: **Centre Midfield** Age: **24** Nickname: **Tinnie** Previous Club: **Spelly U18** SPONSORED BY:



Name: **Rian Patel** Position: **Forward** Age: **17** Nickname: **Ree** Previous Club: **Spelly U18** SPONSORED BY:







2023/24 Squad



Name: Jonathan Gjoshe Position: Right Back Age: 22 Nickname: Jonno Previous Club: Merstham FC SPONSORED BY:



Name: Michael Dapaah Position: Left Back Age: 23 Nickname: Dapaah Previous Club: Edgware & Kingsbury SPONSORED BY:



Name: Daniel Watts Position: Centre Back Age: 22 Nickname: Wattsy Previous Club: Chertsey Town SPONSORED BY:



Name: David Charalambous Position: Centre Midfield Age: 24 Age: 24 Nickname: Dave Previous Club: Chertsey Town SPONSORED BY:

Name: Billy White Saunders Position: Centre Midfield Age: 18 Age: 18 Nickname: Bill Previous Club: Met Police FC SPONSORED BY:



Name: George Onwusonye Position: Forward Age: 22 Nickname: Gio Previous Club: Bedfont FC SPONSORED BY:

Name: Finn Haughney Position: Winger Age: 18 Nickname: Finny Previous Club: Chertsey Town U18 SPONSORED BY:



Name: Brooklyn Vodo Position: Winger Age: 21 Nickname: Brooks Previous Club: Tooting & Mitcham SPONSORED BY:







2023/24 Squad



Name: Joseph Duddy Position: Forward Age: 19 Nickname: Duddy Previous Club: Manorcroft United SPONSORED BY:



Name: **Thomas Soares** Position: **Left Back** Age: **18** Nickname: **Thommo** Previous Club: **Wealdstone U23** SPONSORED BY:



Name: Luke Williams Position: Centre Back Age: 17 Age: 17 Nickname: Wills Previous Club: Dorking Wanderers SPONSORED BY:



Name: Mahijith Kumar Position: Centre Midfield Age: 20 Nickname: Maj Previous Club: Spelly U23 SPONSORED BY:

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Charles O'Hagan can best be described as peripatetic. He began his career in his native Ireland, turning out for St Columb's College and then Derry Athletic, before moving to Liverpool in 1903. When he signed for Everton, he was working at a Spanish grocers, and supplemented his income in the Toffees reserves. He only lasted a year though, before his taste for adventure got the better of him and he moved to London, signing for Tottenham. Here he first made his mark on English football. Spurs were at that time outside the Football League, but his form was impressive enough to be called up to the Ireland national side, along with his Tottenham teammate Jack Kirwan, with whom he formed a formidable strike partnership. He earned the first of his II caps in March 1905, and scored the following month against Wales. Settled and scoring, it seemed he had made his home in North London. But he seemed to be unable to make a home anywhere. In 1906, he made the surprising move to the north east, and signed with Middlesbrough.

That move would fail to yield results, and he lasted just a matter of months before he was on the move again, even further north, this time to Aberdeen. Scotland would prove to be his most settled home, spending four years at Pittodrie, the longest spell of his career at any club, and the longest spell in which he stayed in one city. He once again found his form and started scoring goals, earning himself a recall to the Ireland national side, and forming a great bond with winger Willie Lennie. As his career came to a close, he had short stints at Greenock Morton at Third Lanark, before finally calling time on his playing days. Only 31 and having not suffered any significant injuries, it seemed a short career. But as with everything O'Hagan did, he forged his own way.









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Here, the Irishman disappears from the record, until the First World War when he was registered as Second Lieutenant of the Leinster Regiment, and then the Highland Light Infantry. He survived the conflict and disappeared again, before accusing his Aberdeen teammates of accepting bribes to throw a Scottish Cup game in 1915 and quickly withdrawing the claims. In 1920, he was given his first managerial role, at Norwich. The club was in turmoil, and he lasted only until January 1921 before resigning, having won just four out of 21 games. He once again disappeared, for over two years, before Sevilla made their dubious announcement.

In Spain, he became the first true 'manager' of Sevilla, the second oldest club in the country, and took charge of by far the most successful club in Andalucia. With the national league system still nearly a decade away, regional bragging rights were the goal, and Sevilla won 17 of 20 Andalucian titles. O'Hagan continued this proud heritage, winning the cup in 1924, his first season, before once again moving on. Sevilla fans suggested that his love of wine was incompatible with running a football club.

This time, the Irishman headed home. He settled in the Irish seaside town of Portrush, briefly, before accepting a generous offer to go and manage in Berlin. This would prove to be fatal to his football career, however. O'Hagan's version was that he arrived in Germany and was quickly outcast for having fought for the British Army in the First World War. Within weeks he was asked to leave, making much of the journey under his own steam and returning to Ireland penniless.

His little sojourn to Berlin would prove to be his last in football, as far as anyone can tell. In 1928, he set sail from Derry to New York, to begin a new life in the United States. There are some unconfirmed rumours that he became a journalist, though nothing has turned up with his name on it. One final time, he disappeared from the record.

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