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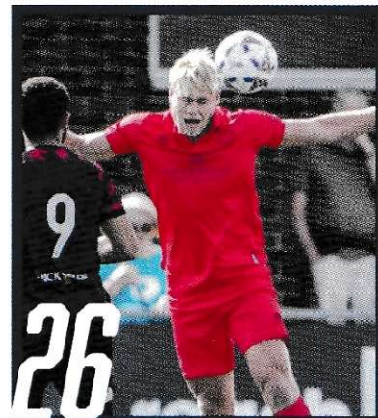
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ALAN WILLIAMS

The Borough Chief Executive writes for the matchday programme as we kick off our Emirates FA Cup campaign

Good afternoon everyone, and a very warm welcome to The ReachTV Stadium for today's Emirates FA Cup tie as we take on Epsom & Ewell.

As always, we extend a warm greeting to our visitors - their players, management team, officials, and travelling fans. We hope you enjoy your time with us and have a safe journey home afterwards.

There's something truly special about the FA Cup. From its qualifying rounds to the famous Final under the Wembley arch, the competition has a magic that can't quite be matched anywhere in the world.

Every season, new stories are written, new heroes are made, and dreams come alive.

For clubs at our level, the Cup provides not just the chance of progression, but also the opportunity to test ourselves, to showcase what we're about, and to dream of a little run that captures the imagination.

Today's opponents, Epsom & Ewell, will share those same hopes. They are a proud club with history and tradition of their own, and we know they will come here determined to make their mark.

As we've seen so many times in this competition, there are no easy games. The FA Cup has built its reputation on shocks, surprises, and the drama that unfolds when two clubs go toe-to-toe

with everything on the line. We will need to be at our very best from the first whistle to the last.

Matt, Jason and the squad have been working hard on the training pitch, and the players are determined to deliver a performance that makes all of us proud. Matches like this are about more than just ability - they are about desire, commitment, and togetherness. And that's where you, our fans, come in. The FA Cup has given us all countless memories over the years, and the atmosphere you create from the stands has always been such a huge part of that magic.

So today, we ask you once again to get right behind the lads. Encourage every run, every challenge, every chance. Let's make The ReachTV Stadium a place where the players feel inspired, and the opposition know they are in for a real contest. The louder and prouder you are, the stronger we will be out there on the pitch.

Whatever happens this afternoon, the FA Cup is about embracing the occasion. It's about community, pride, and the joy of the game we all love. Let's savour it together, and let's give everything we can to push the team towards the next round.

Thank you, as always, for your unwavering support. Enjoy the match, and let's make today another chapter in our FA Cup story.



FROM THE DUGOUT

MATT GRAY

The Sports boss reflects on last week before looking ahead to today's action at The ReachTV Stadium

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to The ReachTV Stadium as we face Epsom & Ewell in the Emirates FA Cup.

A warm welcome to Max Johnson, Craig Dundas and everyone associated with Epsom & Ewell - who have had to come through three rounds already to make it to this stage of the competition.

Craig was my player/fitness coach at Sutton - he was an invaluable part of my staff, and still called upon him in training and after a great non-league career, handed him his EFL debut at 40 years old. I managed a team in his testimonial in the summer, and wish him well in his first job as joint manager. I know Max and his family too - living in Epsom myself - and my godson plays for them but is out injured - so there will be a lot of familiar faces today!

Reflecting on Saturday, there was definite improvement once again. The effort, the desire, the hunger was there to see and we deserved our first clean sheet of the season.

We haven't had the rub of the green, and for me we certainly deserve to have more points on the board. Having not been able to capitalise on our chances, though, ultimately it was good to get a good.

There were a lot of pleasing performances, and was great to have George back. It was probably the

strongest bench we've had all season - it's been relentless with the fixture schedule, but it's great to see players coming back from injury. I don't think we're far away at all - we've been in every game, and we should have more points on the board.

The fixtures and the way they're scheduled take its toll on the group - not just us, but everyone in this league - but with no midweek game scheduled until the end of October, it will give us chance to continue our hard work in training and look at where we can improve.

I can't fault the lads' effort and desire, so I really appreciate your support through this tough time.

But as a club, we are really sticking together and I know we will come out the other side stronger and give you results to match improved performances.



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The latest news from around The ReachTV Stadium ahead of Eastbourne Borough's Emirates FA Cup Second Qualifying Round tie with Epsom & Ewell



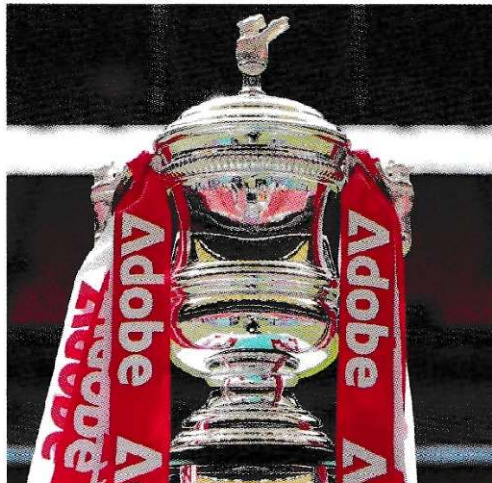
Eastbourne Borough Women will face Tooting BEC in the Second Qualifying Round of the Adobe Women's FA Cup.

In their first ever Women's FA Cup tie on Sunday, The Sports overcame fellow London & South East Division One side Hastings United – with an own goal and Lola Dulake sealing a 2-0 win.

The reward for Chris Day's side is a tie against Step Five opposition – with Tooting BEC playing in the Greater London Women's Football League Premier.

They beat Merstham 3-2 on Sunday to book their place in the Second Qualifying Round.

The tie will take place on Sunday 21 September at The ReachTV Stadium.



Borough Academy, in partnership with Bexhill College, got their National League U19 Alliance season off to a good start with a 1-0 win at Tonbridge on Wednesday.

The best chance of the first period came from a set piece when Anthony Thomas rose highest from a corner but his firm header was met by a super save from the keeper. Toby Whiteside in the Borough goal was an onlooker for the half as the teams went in level at the break.

The 2nd half started in a similar pattern with Borough on the front foot, and just 15 minutes into the half, the pressure told, and Borough gained the lead. Ash Latuske drove inside from the left-hand side and played a perfectly weighted pass in behind the defence for debutant Leo Ginger to run through on goal, and he finished with aplomb.

As the whistle blew for full time, Borough celebrated an opening day win and clean sheet, the perfect away win to start the season with 3 points as they bid to retain their status as league champions.

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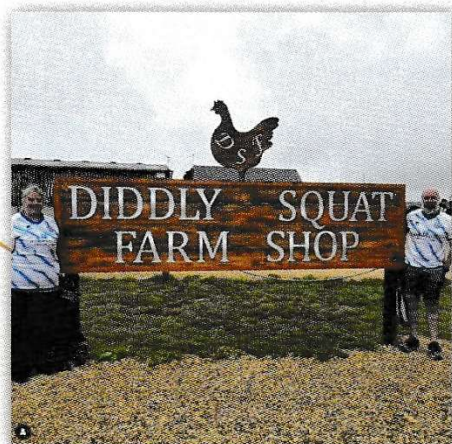
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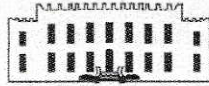
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LEAGUE REVIEW

One new manager made an instant impression as another club started life without theirs superbly in the National League last weekend



**WOKING WENT
ON THE GOAL
RAMPAGE,
AND PUT FIVE
PAST SHELL-
SHOCKED
GATESHEAD...**



It was a winning start for Stuart Maynard as York City left Yeovil Town 3-1 winners. Both the Ollie's - Pearce and Banks - were on target in the West Country.

Solihull Moors called time on Matt Taylor's eight months in charge this week and the team responded - a 2-1 win at Boston United was sealed by Jacob Wakeling's two goals.

It's as you were at the top of the Enterprise National League.

Kairo Mitchell proved to be the difference as Forest Green Rovers ended Hartlepool United's unbeaten run - and preserved their own in the process.

Rochdale remain second as Mani Dieseruvwe continued his incredible

scoring for with both goals as Braintree Town were beaten 2-0.

Luke Armstrong's early double helped Carlisle United make light work of Truro City, 3-0 it ended with Regan Linney also on target with a fine effort.

Matt Rush also added two to his Boreham Wood tally as Luke Garrard's side brushed Morecambe aside by the same scoreline.

It was also 3-0 as Southend United defeat FC Halifax Town. The points were made safe in time added on by Gus Scott Morriss and Ben Goodliffe.

Woking went on the goal rampage, and put five past shell-shocked Gateshead. Josh Osude was the pick of the bunch with two goals.





Manny Duku scored Tamworth's winner at home to Eastleigh as Jimmy Knowles and James Gale goals helped Altrincham beat Sutton.

Aldershot Town showed their fighting spirit again. After a nine-man comeback at Truro City in midweek, they took a point off Brackley with ten. Archy Taylor earned a 2-2 draw in the DAZN game.

AFC Fylde fired off a message to the rest of the **Enterprise National League North**.

Craig Mahon's men won 5-0 at Peterborough Sports to up the heat at the top. There were two goals apiece from Danny Ormerod and Danny Mayor.

The news was good from elsewhere as leaders South Shields were held to a goalless draw at Southport, and Kidderminster and Macclesfield drew 1-1 - Danny Elliott scored very, very late to level for the Silkmen.

Dylan Mottley-Henry also struck deep into time added on as Chester pinched a point against strong-starting Scarborough Athletic.

Ricardo Rees' double was good enough for Merthyr Town to defeat Worksop as Radcliffe put four past Marine.

Glen Taylor got under Leamington's skin, he scored twice in a 2-0 win as Tai Sodje was the Buxton hero at home to Oxford City.

The leaders in the **Enterprise National League South** also dropped points - but Harry Gibbs made sure it wasn't defeat as he earned Hornchurch a 1-1 draw at Ebbsfleet United.

Weston-super-Mare are just a point behind now, winger Sam Pearson's goal enough for another victory at Enfield Town.

Dagenham & Redbridge were beaten 5-2 at home to Worthing and now sit in the bottom four.

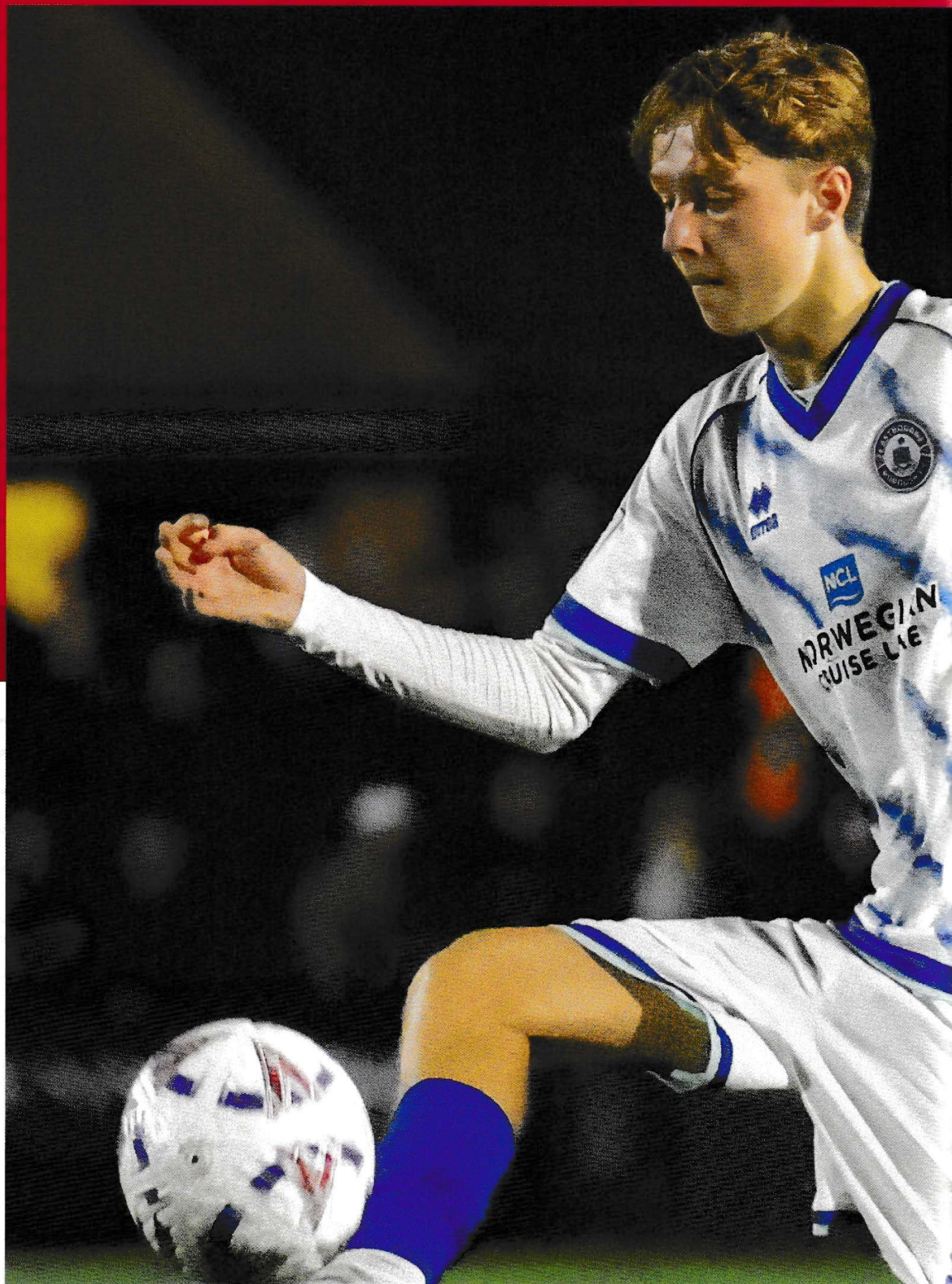
Another super showing from Joshua Popoola gave Maidenhead United a dramatic 2-1 victory at home to Chelmsford City, who thought they had done enough for a point after Jack Barham's 90th minute leveller.

Torquay United are great at home and they slayed Slough Town 4-2, Cody Cooke scored again with the game all-but wrapped up inside 32 minutes.

Newcomers Horsham know how to handle the big sides. They came away from Maidstone United 3-0 winners, Greg Luer made it safe against his old club.

Charlie Carter scored Dorking Wanderers' decisive goal at home to AFC Totton as Dover Athletic and George Nikaj's super start carries on - they won 2-1 at Farnborough.

Elsewhere, Tonbridge Angels left struggling Salisbury with a 3-1 success as all the other games ended all square.





BREAKING THROUGH

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Arthur Grout has broken into the first team under Matt Gray, and after back-to-back Player of the Match performances at home is looking forward to his first ever FA Cup tie as a player

Thank you for your time, Arthur! Let's rewind the clock - what first made you get into football when you were younger?

I think from watching my dad - I just enjoyed watching him, so I decided to give it a go. I started playing at Pevensey and Westham down the rec, and then from there I went to First Touch. Then I got picked up by Brighton - I was there for a year - then got released and then went to All Stars Eastbourne.

I played there until I was 16, then through All Stars joined Eastbourne United. I was also doing college at the time, and then through college I got an opportunity to go on trial here, and here I am now!

You were part of the Academy side who won the league last season - what was that like?

We had a good group of boys there, we had experience because we had third years, but we also had a lot of first years.

The coaching was good, and also I felt like the environment was good, we were all mates so we enjoyed it.

Today we look ahead to the FA Cup - what's your earliest memory growing up watching it?

I wouldn't say I have too many early memories, but I'd say a memory would be watching that Maidstone FA Cup run, how far they went. I feel like if we could replicate that it would be something special.

I remember I watched the Crystal Palace v Man United cup final, where Jesse Lingard scored. I remember watching that. It's fun, it's the FA Cup, anything can happen.

What's it like making the step into First Team football at this level at your age?

I think it definitely made me the player I am today, I think I am learning so much all the time.

I'm just really excited, I think this will be my first FA Cup game I'd ever play in, and hopefully I'll play more.

Obviously it's nice to have trust from the manager, but I feel like I've just got to keep building on the trust that he's given me and hopefully I can keep playing.

Obviously we haven't had the start to the season we would have wanted, what would you say needs to change for us to get results going our way?

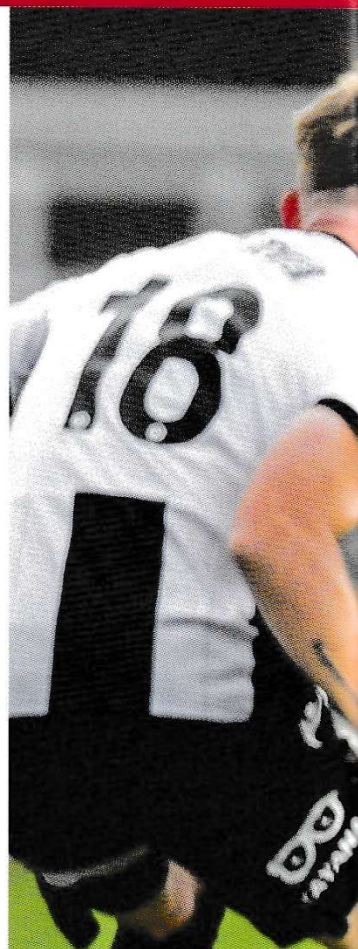
I think it's just goals. We play good football, we play very well as a team and sometimes we get into great areas - I feel like we just need that cutting edge.

Obviously George has been injured, so Pemi has had to play a lot of minutes, Jayden's obviously got injured at the start of the season, and he brings goals - so I feel like when everyone's back fit, I think we can do well.

Finally, what message do you have to give to the supporters?

I think they just need to bring the noise on Saturday, it really does help when they're singing.

Just keep believing in us - it may not come at first but hopefully it will come soon and when it does, I'm sure we will go on a great run and be very tough to beat.



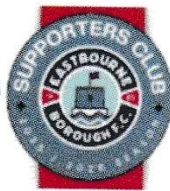


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MATCH PREVIEW

Ant Scott looks ahead to this afternoon's Emirates FA Cup Second Qualifying Round tie as The Sports look to avoid an upset against Step Five side Epsom & Ewell

“
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME EPSOM HAVE REACHED THE SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND SINCE 2000/01, WHERE THEY LOST TO HORSHAM...
”

The magic of the Emirates FA Cup comes to The ReachTV Stadium - and Eastbourne Borough will be out to make the headlines for the right reasons and avoid a banana skin.

Matt Gray's side welcome one of just 17 Step Five clubs left in the draw in Combined Counties Premier South outfit Epsom & Ewell.

The Salts have had a good start to the season, sitting in mid-table but with a number of games in hand on teams around them.

The Surrey side come into the game on the back of a goalless draw at Badshot Lea in midweek, and have had to come through three FA Cup ties already to get to this afternoon's Second Qualifying Round.

A 3-0 away win at Larkfield & New Hythe was followed by victory over South Park in the Preliminary Round - but only after a replay which Epsom won 2-1 away from home.

That set up a First Qualifying Round meeting with Risborough Rangers, where goals from skipper Adam Green and a late, late effort from Stefan Aiwone sealed a 2-1 success.

This is the first time Epsom have reached the Second Qualifying Round since 2000/01, where they lost to Horsham. You have to go back to 1984/85 for the last time they reach the Third Qualifying Round, so they will certainly be up for causing an

upset at The ReachTV Stadium this afternoon.

The FA Cup draws haven't been kind to The Sports in recent years - with ties against Worthing and then Boreham Wood at this stage over the last two seasons.

Borough are due a good cup run, and what The Sports would give to have one this time around.

The last time The Sports reached Round One was in 2020/21, where after victory over Dorking, Sheppey United and Dulwich they welcomed League One side Blackpool to the East Sussex coast - a tie broadcast live on BT Sport.

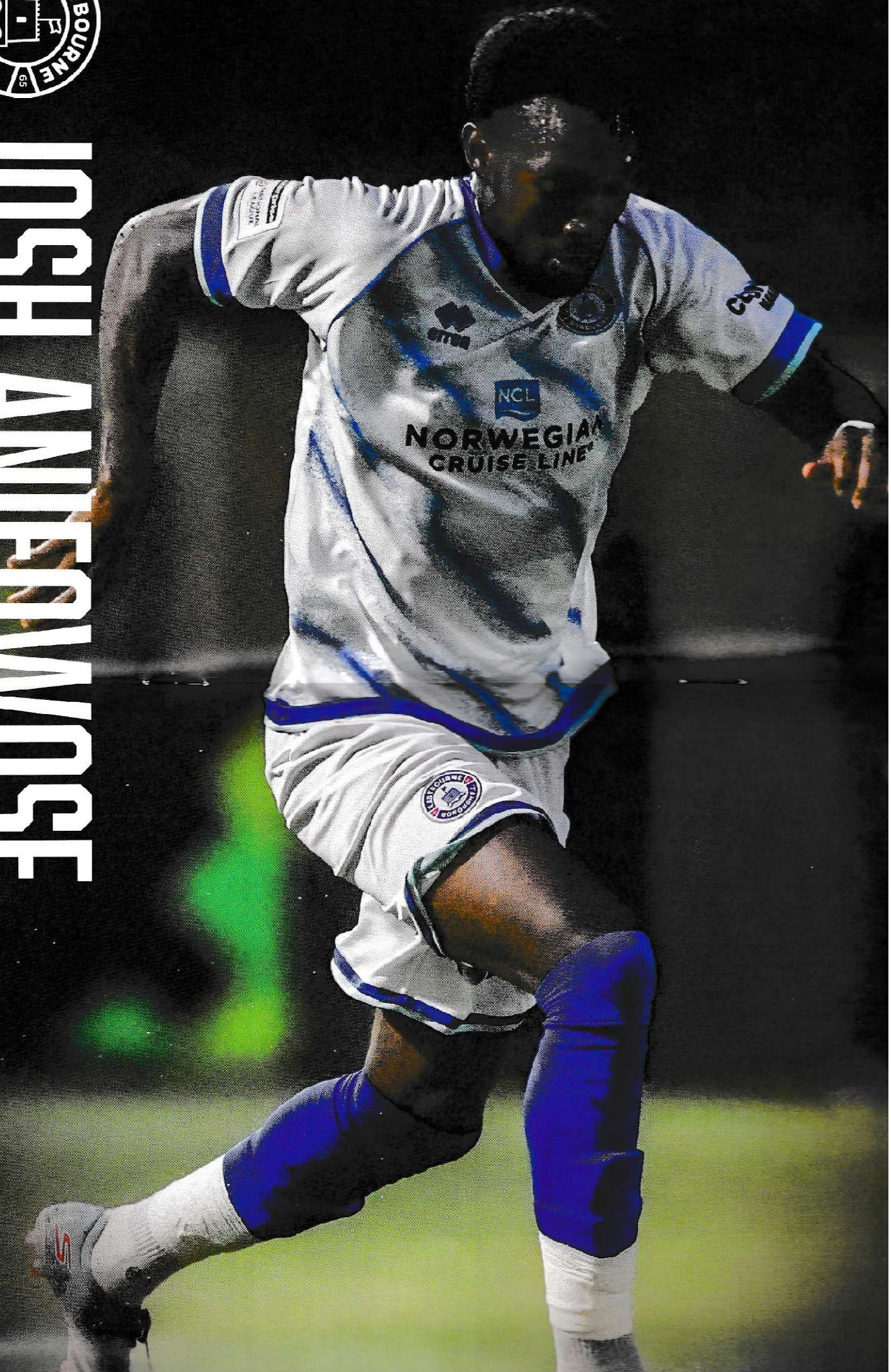
However, the game was played behind closed doors due to Covid restrictions, denying what would have been a packed house.

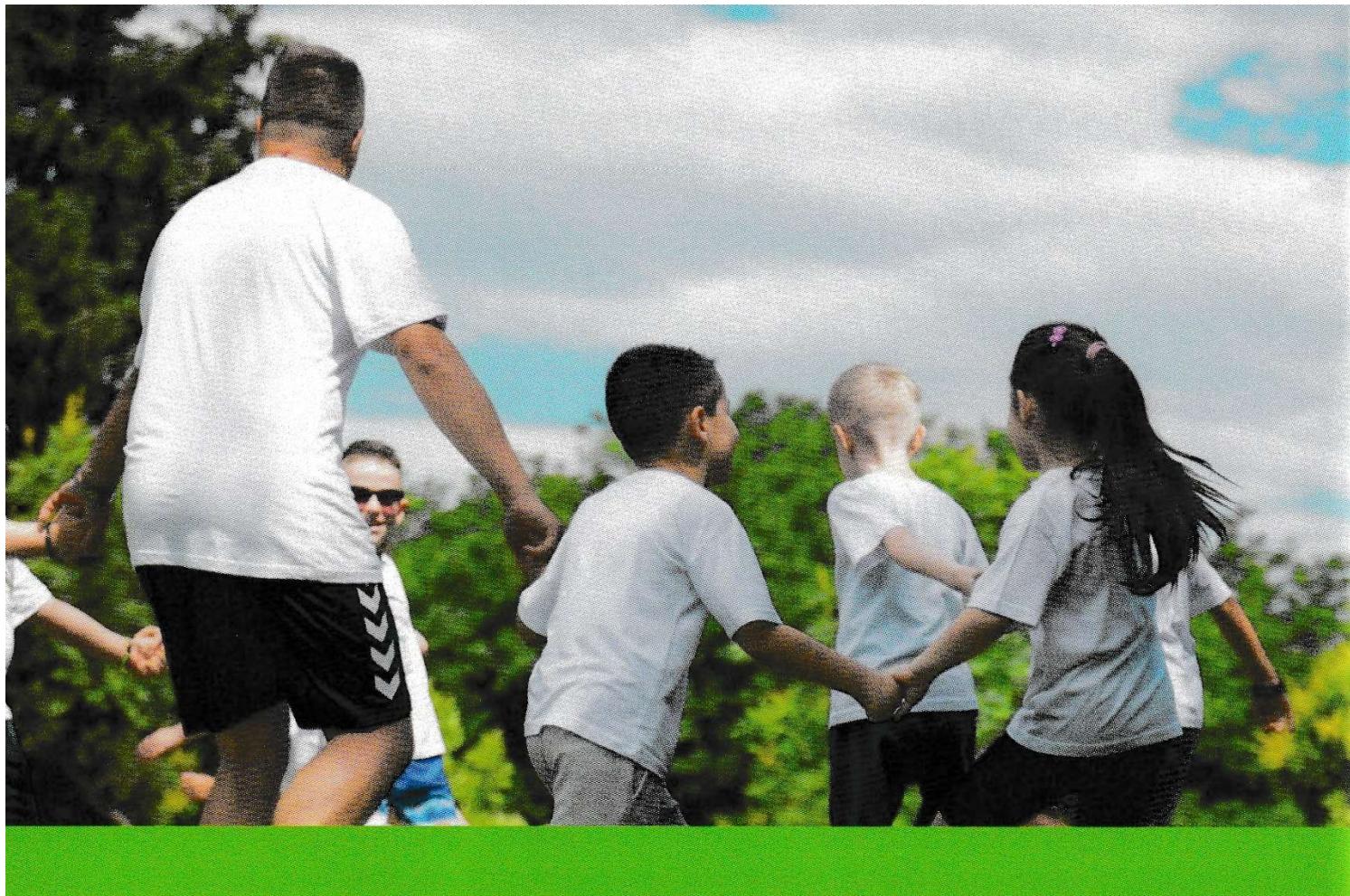
Before that, they have only reached the First Round on one other occasion over the last 15 years. After upsetting the odds to beat Aldershot in the Fourth Qualifying Round, Borough's reward was a rather forgettable trip to Braintree Town, which saw a 7-0 loss back in 2016/17.

But ties like these are exactly what the FA Cup is all about - and The Sports will be hoping to create some magic moments on their way to a memorable run. So often the underdogs, the tables have turned today, and they can't afford to slip up.



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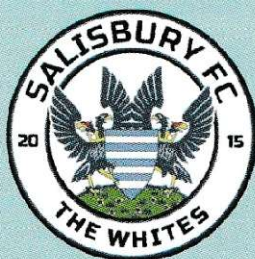
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Eastbourne Borough Under 18s bowed out of the Isthmian Youth League Cup – but only after a battling performance against Worthing.

Worthing – who were unbeaten on their way to winning last season's South division – started well, and went close when Will O'Brien played the ball through to Brean Plaku, but the leg of Toby Whiteside and then Archie Grant on the line prevented his effort from finding the net.

However, they were in front of 13 minutes. A corner swung in from the right picked out Cowdrey, who headed past Whiteside and into the bottom corner.

Borough grew into the game, and looked to get back on level terms. Sam Sharma had an effort saved by Archie Short after good work from Tarik Kadric and Lucas Foden.

Whiteside then produced a great save at the other end, turning Eddie Jimenez's strike over the bar after he was played through by Plaku, before Theo Coombs went close for Borough, but after winning possession he

fired off target from the edge of the area.

But two minutes before the break, Borough were level. A long ball from Dash Callen-Dickens sent Kennedy away, and one on one with Short he showed great composure to fire home.

The young Sports then looked to go in front shortly after the break. A questionable offside flag denied Kennedy another run at goal, before Coombs had an effort saved by Short.

Foden then cut the ball across goal to Sharma, but his effort was blocked for a corner – with Jimmy Holman unlucky not to get on the end of Kadric's resulting set-piece.

However, Mark Standen's side were dealt a sucker-punch as Worthing regained the lead against the run of play on 53 minutes when Renzulli was allowed a free header from a corner and he made no mistake.

Borough looked to get back level, with Kadric seeing a first-time effort saved by the diving Short after good work from Kennedy. Despite further pressure late on, the hosts fell to a narrow defeat.

EASTBOURNE BOROUGH UNDER 18

FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	H/A	OPPONENT	RES
AUGUST			
MON 18	H	HASTINGS UNITED	6-1
WED 27	A	CHICHESTER CITY	2-1
SEPTEMBER			
MON 8	H	WORTHING (ILYC R1)	1-2
MON 15	A	EASTBOURNE TOWN (FAYC Q1)	
TUE 23	A	WORTHING	
OCTOBER			
MON 6	H	HORSHAM	
SUN 12	A	CHICHESTER CITY (SCFA 2)	
MON 27	A	HORSHAM YM	
NOVEMBER			
MON 3	H	WORTHING	
THU 13	A	EASTBOURNE TOWN	
MON 24	H	CHICHESTER CITY	
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The latest news from the work of our Borough in the Community team as The Sports welcome Hemel Hempstead to The ReachTV Stadium



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First of all I would like to thank all the coaches who ran all our Development Centres over the course of the 2024/25 season.

It was great to see the progress of many players who made the transition into our youth setup.

Our restructured Development Centres launched this morning to continue and keep up the good work of what is being achieved in our community section. We are working towards a much improved and well structured programme - with our Future Sports Stars being the youngest players at the club.

A massive shoutout also goes to our new Under 7s for the 2025/26 season - all of these players came through our community sessions. I wish them all the best for the upcoming season and

look forward to seeing their progress throughout the year.

Schools Partnership

As the new school year begins it's back to normality for the community section here at Borough.

We are back in schools running PE lessons as well as After School Clubs which were all looking forward to helping participants improve their sports skills.

Football Camps

Over the past month or so we have been running our summer football camps here at the ReachTV Stadium coaching over 200 participants - which has been a great success.

Keep an eye out for our October Half-Term dates, to be announced soon!

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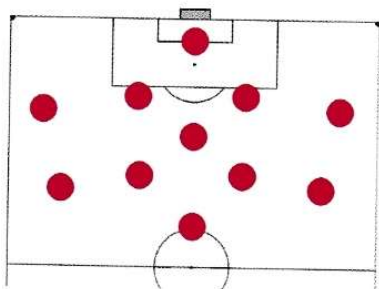
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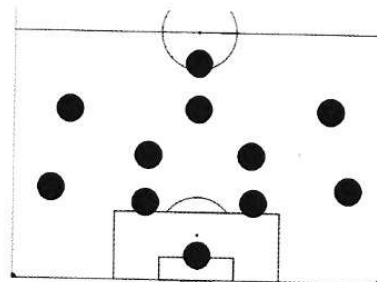


THE SPORTS

Sandford; Quick, Carter (Gbadebo 77), Fairnie, Ogungbo; Eastmond (Lanquedoc 85); Anifowose (Sagaf 77), Trusty, Grout, Uchegbulam; Alexander (Aderoju 57).

Not Used: Searle (GK), Ademola, Lintott.

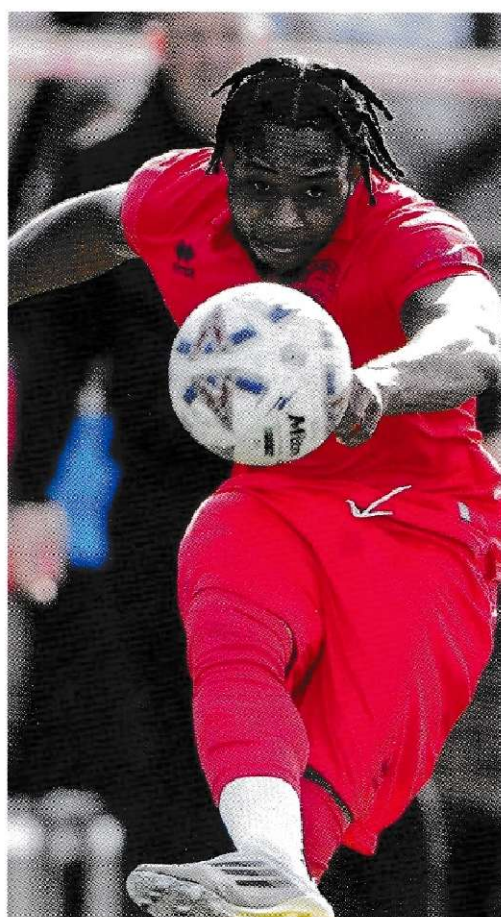
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3	CORNERS	2
12	FOULS CONCEDED	18
5	OFFSIDE	2



HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

Johnson; Adenola, Thompson, Ajayi, Dowrich (Semakula 85); Wiltshire, Achuba (Noel-Williams 52); Williams (Vilhete 78), White, Gray (Stanley 52); Matthews-Lewis (Wilkinson 71).

Not Used: Arnold (GK), Anderson.





EASTBOURNE BOROUGH

WOMEN



Sunday 7th September was a historic day for the club, as the women's team played their first ever Adobe Women's FA Cup game, with a home tie to fellow Tier 6 club Hastings United in the First Qualifying round.

A large crowd of over 200 saw the team battle out a tense game in the September sun.

With Hastings determined not to commit any player forwards, The Sports found attacking space hard

to come by and despite dominating possession, real chances were few and far between.

A tactical switch just before half time saw Abbie Tucker subbed off, with Izzy Payne moving out wide left, and Becky Simmons coming on to partner Molly Hill up top. Instantly this paid dividends, with a Payne cross deflecting in off a Hastings defender.

The second half started much the same as the first half, with Hastings camped in their own half, and looking

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EASTBOURNE BOROUGH WOMEN

FIXTURES & RESULTS

AUGUST

SUN 17	A	MONTPELIER VILLA	8 - 1	Moule	Ray	Dulake 1	Beck	Creese	Larkin	Gurr 4	Tucker	...
SUN 24	H	STEYNING TOWN	6 - 1	Moule	Taylor	Dulake	Beck	Creese	Larkin 1	Gurr	Tucker	...

SEPTEMBER

SUN 7	H	HASTINGS UNITED [FAC Q1]	2 - 0	Moule	Taylor	Dulake 1	Starkey	Creese	Larkin	Gurr	Tucker	...
SUN 14	H	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN										
SUN 21	H	TOOTING BEC [FAC Q2]										
SUN 28	A	FRIMLEY GREEN										

OCTOBER

SUN 5		FA CUP Q3										
SUN 12	A	BROMLEY [LSER LG 1]										
SUN 19	H	HASTINGS UNITED										
SUN 26	A	ASHMOUNT LEIGH										

NOVEMBER

SUN 2	H	BEXHILL UNITED										
SUN 9		LSER LEAGUE CUP 2										
SUN 30		LSER TROPHY 1										

DECEMBER

SUN 7	H	LEATHERHEAD										
SUN 21		NO FIXTURE										

to go long into their striker - however Borough made it 2-0 within minutes of the restart when an arrowed pass from captain Kellie Larkin found Dulake on the right, who skipped past her player and finished brilliantly inside the box.

Chris Day then brought on Megan Griffiths for Nicole Baitup, and made another late change with Phoebe Cram coming on to replace the industrious Molly Hill, with Charlotte Curr playing higher up the pitch.

Hastings creates a few half chances, but the game finished 2-0 to Borough.

The Women's reward for their debut Cup triumph is another home tie - this time against Tooting BEC from the Greater London League Premier (Step Five).

The tie takes place next Sunday (21st September) with free entry again - so get behind The Sports as they continue to make history.



	Griffiths	Payne	Hill 1	Starkey	Simmons 2	Cram	Smith
	Griffiths	Hill 3	Starkey	Cram	Payne 2	Ray	Howard
	Payne	Hill	Carter	Beck	Cram	Simmons	Griffiths

LONDON & SOUTH EAST REGIONAL - DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
Eastbourne Borough	2	2	0	0	14	2	12	6
Bognor Regis Town	2	2	0	0	4	1	3	6
Steyning Town	3	2	0	1	9	8	1	6
Sevenoaks Town	3	2	0	1	6	5	1	6
Montpelier Villa	3	2	0	1	4	9	-5	6
Saltdean United Dev.	1	1	0	0	4	3	1	3
Ashmount Leigh	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
Hastings United	3	1	0	2	3	3	0	3
Leatherhead	2	0	0	2	3	6	-3	0
Bexhill United	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0
Frimley Green	3	0	0	3	1	7	-6	0

NEXT UP
BOROUGH WOMEN vs
BOGNOR REGIS TOWN

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER
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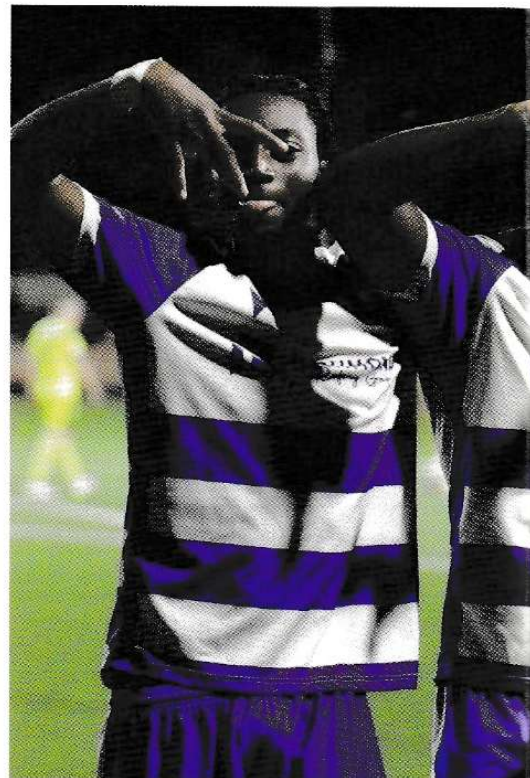
Last Season
**15th - Combined
Counties League
Premier South**

Last Friday night saw Epsom & Ewell settle for a point after a 2-2 draw with Knaphill - but they would have felt like they deserved more.

Epsom started the brighter of the two teams, and their first real chance came in the 11th minute when Kingsley Anoyke, playing against his former teammates, was brought down just outside the box on the right-hand side of the "D".

A couple of players stood over the ball, but it was Brendan Murphy-McVey who stepped up and forced a good save from Keogh.

The Salts played some really nice controlled passing around their box, and in the 19th minute Luke played Andrew Herring in, and he was brought down. Penalty to The Salts, which Captain Adam Green took, sending Harvey the wrong way.





Mitchell drilled the ball home to halve the deficit.

In the 43rd minute, a poor clearance from Harvey found Kingsley, who took the ball into the box, but a fine block tackle from Knaphill captain Dale Burnham took the ball out for a corner. Had Kingsley shot earlier we are sure he would have scored, with Keogh out of position trying to get back.

Stefan was forced off early in the second half with a shoulder injury, and that seemed to be the turning point of the game.

Knaphill started to pressurise Epsom with balls into the box, and then in the 58th minute Jack Carrod went on a run and carved his way through The Salts' defence. He hit a strong shot which Witter could only parry, but fortunately the follow-up shot cleared the bar.

Knaphill were starting to come back into the game, but Epsom still had a couple of chances to increase their lead. A great move by Kionte saw him reach the goal line, but his cut-back was cleared. The ball found its way to Kingsley, who tried an audacious shot from outside the left-hand corner of the box, but it went well wide.

In the 75th minute Knaphill had a good move outside our box. Adam had a tug of a shirt and when Nazareth made an excellent tackle, the ref called it back for the previous infringement. Hopwood stepped up to take the kick and hit a great shot to the top left of our goal, but a diving Witter managed to push it away.

In the 82nd minute Luke and Andrew were replaced by Obasanjo Akinniranye and Kallum Peart as both teams tried for another goal.

However, Knaphill drew level late on. Hopwood whipped in a free-kick and Knaphill captain Burnham got his head to the ball at the far post. A free header really, and he made no mistake to draw the visitors level.

After seven minutes of added time, the game ended 2-2 with what felt like a loss for The Salts.

That was his 5th penalty of the season, and it gave the hosts a deserved lead.

The Salts continued to put pressure on the visitors, but in the 29th minute they had their best chance of the first half. A good move found Elijah Hopwood, whose strong shot was matched by a fine save from Faebian in the Epsom & Ewell goal, tipping the ball over for a corner.

The Salts extended the lead in the 33rd minute. Another fine quick passing move found Anoyke in the box and, cutting back onto his right foot, he slotted the ball over Keogh in the Knaphill goal.

With The Salts really on top and wondering when we might score again, a pretty harmless ball into our box was dropped by Faebian and he brought down a Knaphill forward. After consulting with his assistant, the referee pointed to the spot and Ben

EPSOM & EWELL

OUR VISITORS

We look at our visitors as we prepare for
Emirates FA Cup action at The ReachTV Stadium



FAEBIAN WITTER
GOALKEEPER



BEN GRUMMITT
GOALKEEPER



STEFAN AIWONE
DEFENDER



LUIS OLIVEIRA
DEFENDER



ETHAN NELSON-ROBERTS
DEFENDER



CALLUM WILSON
DEFENDER



CRAIG DUNDAS
MIDFIELDER



KINGSLEY ANOKYE
FORWARD



BRENDAN MURPHY-MCVEY
MIDFIELDER



KIONTE GILLFILLIAN-WAUL
DEFENDER



EMMANUEL LIMPO
MIDFIELDER



ADAM GREEN
MIDFIELDER



LUKE MILLER
MIDFIELDER



KALLUM PEART
FORWARD



JASON BLOOR
FORWARD



TOBY YOUNG
DEFENDER



ANTONIOS NAZARETH
DEFENDER



ANDREW HERRING
DEFENDER



AYRAN KUGATHAS
DEFENDER



JACK TORBETT
FORWARD



RYAN SANDFORD

STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Borough goalkeeper Ryan Sandford believes luck will turn for The Sports after keeping our first clean sheet of the campaign.

Whilst the goalless draw with Hemel continued Borough's winless start to the campaign, it did secure the shut-out of the season.

He said after the game: "I think it's a step in the right direction. It's always nice to get a clean sheet as a back four and a goalkeeper.

"I think we've been due one - the performances have been great, it's just little things that need tweaking."

The draw at The ReachTV Stadium also saw the full debuts of Laiith Fairnie and Mazeed Ogungbo - both of whom impressed.

"Laiith has come in as a vocal, dominant centre half and the whole back four as a whole were very good," the goalkeeper added.

"I don't think anybody hasn't put a shift in, everyone has been really giving it a good go.

"No one has been sacking it off, I just genuinely think we've been unlucky."

Sandford joins the Sports on loan from EFL League Two side Crawley Town until January. The goalkeeper moved to Broadfield Stadium from AFC Wimbledon but is yet to make an appearance for Crawley.

Having come through the Academy at Millwall, Sandford had his first taste of men's football during a loan spell at Maidstone United, before short stints at Dover and Weymouth. After leaving Millwall in the summer of 2023, he joined AFC Wimbledon before dropping down to play for Dartford - where Crawley signed him from in January 2024.

He added: "We've all played football, we know what the manager wants, and we need to execute that in the final third.

"You never take games lightly - it can be a banana skin - but we want to get the first win. Whether it be the game before or the next game, you want to get the win as quickly as you can.

"It won't be easy - they'll be right up for it, so we have to do things right. No one has shirked from the task, we haven't had a lot of luck so hopefully we can really push on."

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HOME
AVAILABLE

AWAY
AVAILABLE

1 JAMIE SEARLE

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC
APP (S)	NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
GOALS	4			4	4 0



HOME
AVAILABLE

AWAY
AVAILABLE

2 DAN QUICK

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC
APP (S)	NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
GOALS	6			6	50 (22) 1



HOME
AVAILABLE

AWAY
AVAILABLE

3 ISAAC PITBLADO

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC
APP (S)	NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
GOALS	7			7	16 (2) 1



HOME
AVAILABLE

AWAY
AVAILABLE

4 CAMRON GBADEBO

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC
APP (S)	NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
GOALS	6 (1)			6 (1)	25 (4) 2



HOME
AVAILABLE

AWAY
AVAILABLE

5 LAIITH FAIRNIE

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC
APP (S)	NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
GOALS	1			1	1 0



HOME
 Lightning Fibre
AWAY
AVAILABLE

7 JOEY PHUTHI

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC
APP (S)	NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
GOALS	3 (2)			3 (2)	3 (2) 0



HOME
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8 MO SAGAF

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC
APP (S)	NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
GOALS	5 (3)			5 (3)	5 (3) 0



HOME
 VOICES POP CHOIR
AWAY
AVAILABLE

9 GEORGE ALEXANDER

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC
APP (S)	NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
GOALS	5			5	43 (7) 27



HOME & AWAY
 4Facilities

10 VICTOR AKINWALE

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC
APP (S)	NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
GOALS	2 (3)			2 (3)	2 (3) 0



HOME
AVAILABLE

AWAY
AVAILABLE

11 JOSH ANIFOWOSE

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC
APP (S)	NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
GOALS	2 (2)			2 (2)	5 (10) 1



HOME
AVAILABLE

AWAY
AVAILABLE

12 RYAN SANDFORD

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC
APP (S)	NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
GOALS	4			4	4 0



HOME
AVAILABLE

AWAY
AVAILABLE

13 ALEX HOBDEN

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC
APP (S)	NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
GOALS					0 0



HOME & AWAY

14 PEMI ADEROJU

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC TOTAL
NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL		
7 (1)			7 (1)		7 (1)
GOALS	2		2		2

HOME
ADVANCED BLOCKAGE CLEARANCE

AWAY

15 CRAIG EASTMOND

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC TOTAL
NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL		
5 (3)			5 (3)		5 (3)
GOALS			0		0



HOME & AWAY

**16 FREDDIE CARTER**

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC TOTAL
NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL		
6			6		55 (7)
GOALS	1		1		4

HOME
AVAILABLEAWAY
AVAILABLE**17 JAYDEN DAVIS**

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC TOTAL
NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL		
					23 (14)
GOALS					4

HOME
AVAILABLEAWAY
AVAILABLE**18 WILL HARLEY**

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC TOTAL
NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL		
					1 (4)
GOALS					2

HOME
EBFC SUPPORTERS CLUBAWAY
AVAILABLE**19 OLA ADEMOLA**

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC TOTAL
NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL		
1 (1)			1 (1)		0 (1)
GOALS					0

HOME
AVAILABLEAWAY
AVAILABLE**20 ARTHUR GROUT**

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC TOTAL
NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL		
3 (2)			3 (2)		0
GOALS					

HOME
ADVANCED BLOCKAGE CLEARANCEAWAY
AVAILABLE**21 JESURUN UCHEGBULAM**

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC TOTAL
NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL		
8			8		8
GOALS					0



HOME & AWAY

**22 HARVEY LINTOTT**

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC TOTAL
NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL		
4 (2)			4 (2)		4 (2)
GOALS					0

HOME
AVAILABLEAWAY
AVAILABLE**23 TAYT TRUSTY**

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC TOTAL
NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL		
7 (1)			7 (1)		0
GOALS					

HOME
AVAILABLEAWAY
AVAILABLE**30 IMANI LANQUEDOC**

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC TOTAL
NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL		
5			5		0 (5)
GOALS					0

HOME
AVAILABLEAWAY
AVAILABLE**33 MAZEED OGUNGBO**

2025/26 SEASON					EBFC TOTAL
NLS	FA	OTHER	TOTAL		
1 (1)			1 (1)		1 (1)
GOALS					0

HOME
EBFC SUPPORTERS CLUBAWAY
AVAILABLE**M MATT GRAY**HOME
AVAILABLEAWAY
AVAILABLE**AM JASON GOODLIFFE**

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AUGUST

SAT 9	A	FARNBOROUGH	1 - 1	1084	10
SAT 16	H	HORNCHURCH	1 - 2	969	16
TUE 19	H	DOVER ATHLETIC	0 - 1	1087	21
SAT 23	A	BATH CITY	0 - 2	919	21
MON 25	H	SLOUGH TOWN	1 - 1	1046	23
SAT 30	A	AFC TOTTON	1 - 2	1221	24

SEPTEMBER

TUE 2	A	HORSHAM	0 - 2	1166	24
SAT 6	H	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	0 - 0	953	24
SAT 13	H	EPSOM & EWELL [FAC Q2]			
SAT 20	H	SALISBURY			
SAT 27		[FAC Q3]			

OCTOBER

SAT 4	A	EBBSFLEET UNITED			
SAT 11	H	CHIPPENHAM TOWN			
SAT 18	A	MAIDENHEAD UNITED			
TUE 21	A	MAIDSTONE UNITED			
SAT 25	H	CHESHAM UNITED			

NOVEMBER

SAT 1	A	ENFIELD TOWN			
TUE 4	H	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE			
SAT 8	H	WESTON-SUPER-MARE			
SAT 15		[FAT 2]			
SAT 22	A	TORQUAY UNITED			
TUE 25	A	DORKING WANDERERS			
SAT 29	H	HAMPTON & RICHMOND			

DECEMBER

SAT 6	H	CHELMSFORD CITY			
SAT 13		[FAT 3]			
SAT 20	A	DOVER ATHLETIC			
FRI 26	H	WORTHING			
TUE 30	A	TONBRIDGE ANGELS			

JANUARY 2026

SAT 3	A	SLOUGH TOWN			
SAT 10	H	HORSHAM			
SAT 17	A	HORNCHURCH			
SAT 24	H	FARNBOROUGH			
TUE 27	A	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE			
SAT 31	H	ENFIELD TOWN			

FEBRUARY

SAT 7	A	CHESHAM UNITED			
TUE 10	H	MAIDSTONE UNITED			
SAT 14	A	WESTON-SUPER-MARE			
SAT 21	H	TORQUAY UNITED			
TUE 25	H	DORKING WANDERERS			
SAT 28	A	HAMPTON & RICHMOND			

MARCH

SAT 7	A	SALISBURY			
TUE 10	H	EBBSFLEET UNITED			
SAT 14	H	MAIDENHEAD UNITED			
SAT 21	A	CHIPPENHAM TOWN			
SAT 28	H	BATH CITY			

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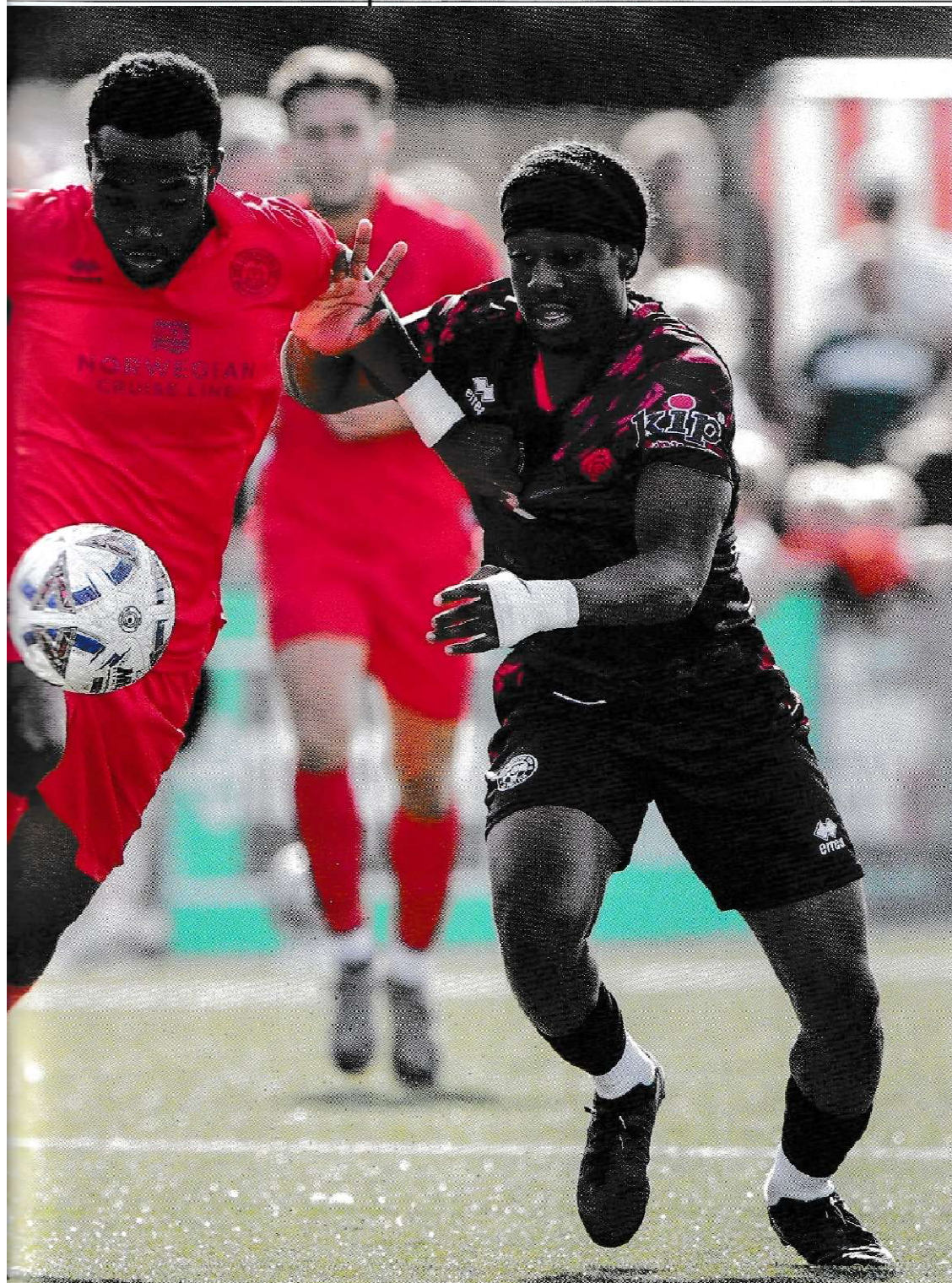
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SAT 11	A	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN			
SAT 18	H	AFC TOTTON			
SAT 25	A	CHELMSFORD CITY			



Searle	Pitblado	Gbadebo	Alexander	Akinwale	Aderoju	Eastmond ¹
Searle	Pitblado 1	Gbadebo	Alexander ¹	Akinwale ³	Aderoju	Eastmond ²
Searle	Quick	Pitblado	Gbadebo	Phuthi	Sagaf ¹	Alexander ²
Searle	Quick ⁴	Pitblado	Gbadebo	Phuthi ³	Sagaf ⁵	Alexander ¹
Sandford	Quick	Pitblado	Phuthi ¹	Sagaf	Aderoju 1	Carter
Sandford	Quick	Pitblado	Gbadebo	Sagaf	Aderoju 1	Eastmond ⁴



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FIXTURES & RESULTS 25/26

THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

NLP COLUMN

Matt Badcock pens the latest column from The Non-League Paper. Make sure to buy yours every Sunday from your local newsagent!



THE 22-YEAR-OLD SCORED 125 GOALS FOR THE NON-LEAGUERS WHILE VISA ISSUES WERE SORTED...



If you want to see some goals, it looks like Whitley Bay and Retford United are the places to be.

That was certainly the case in July and August. This season we're teaming up with the guys at Non-League HQ - find them on X - to bring monthly stats from across the Pyramid.

It promises to show a snapshot into how teams and players are performing each calendar month. Perhaps the table shows they're struggling but a deeper look may show a team is in fact one of the most in-form sides around.

Our first instalment shows Whitley Bay scored 27 times in the opening period of the season as did Retford at Step 6 - although Cranfield are just a goal behind them. Of course Steps 1-4 started a little after Steps 5 and 6 but it will be fascinating to see how things unfold throughout the campaign.

We'll also be highlighting the players. At the end of August, the top scorer across Non-League was Zak Khan.

The Route One Rovers man hit 13 goals including three hat-tricks for the Northern Counties East League Division One side.

He was closely followed by Alnwick's Euan Potts and Step 5's leading scorer from Penrith, Luke Hunter, who both ended August on 12. Potts has also grabbed two trebles, while Hunter led the way when it comes to consecutive

games he scored in with nine. The closest player to that sequence is Oxhey Jets' James Barnett with six games on the spin.

At Steps 1 to 4 - having not played as many games - National League North duo Michael Gyasi, the King's Lynn Town striker, and Scarborough's Stephen Walker were the most profitable in the opening month with seven goals each.

The stats will focus on different areas throughout the season but we can't wait to see how the Golden Boot races unfold.

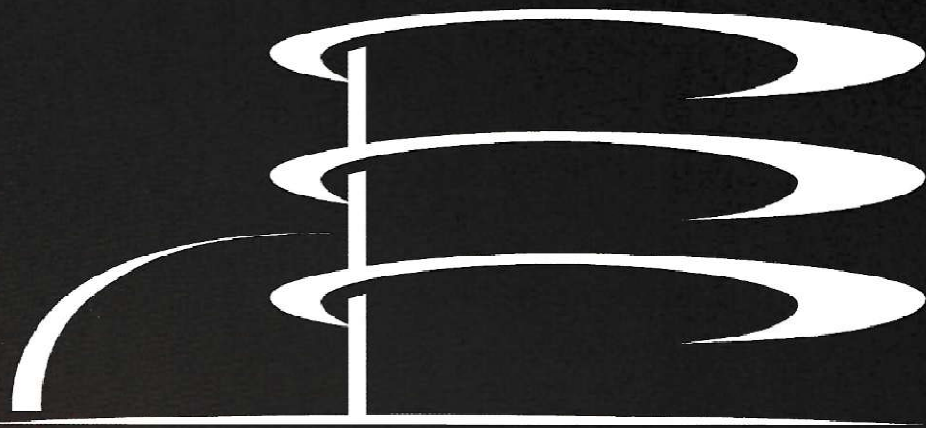
And who knows where these goal getters might end up. In last week's NLP, Tony Incenzo spoke to QPR's new signing Richard Kone.

It seems incredible the striker, who the Hoops recently signed from Wycombe Wanderers, was playing for Athletic Newham in the Essex Senior League a couple of years ago.

The 22-year-old scored 125 goals for the Non-Leaguers while visa issues were sorted to allow him to move into the full-time game.

"I was playing against tough men week in, week out," he said. "It helped me discover how to overcome physical defenders."

His rapid rise will be a real inspiration to so many. After all, goals pay the bills. And they also help draw in the crowds!



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- 1 ☐ JAMIE SEARLE
- 2 ☐ DAN QUICK
- 3 ☐ ISAAC PITBLADO
- 4 ☐ CAMRON GBADEBO
- 5 ☐ LAIITH FAIRNIE
- 7 ☐ JOEY PHUTHI
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Dagenham & Redbridge

Burgess Hill Town vs
Farnham Town

Chelmsford City vs
Hertford Town

Dorking Wanderers vs
Wingate & Finchley

Eastbourne Borough vs
Epsom & Ewell

Ebbsfleet United vs
Ashford Town

Enfield vs
Enfield Town

Farnborough vs
Dover Athletic

Gloucester City vs
Chippenham Town

Jersey Bulls vs
Worthing

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Faversham Town

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Laverstock & Ford

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